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Initially, in 2011, the Centre constructed a building of approximately 1,000 sq. ft. to carry out essential administrative activities, which included a meeting hall and a temporary library room. Subsequently, in 2015, the Centre completed the construction of an extension to the existing building, increasing the total built-up area to 6,500 sq. ft. This extension includes a conference hall with a seating capacity of 400 participants.

At present, all technical and social activities are conducted in the 3,500 sq. ft. Conference Hall, which is equipped with modern facilities such as a dais, advanced sound system, LED screen, air-cooling system, and proper seating arrangements. In the second phase of development, the IEI Amravati Centre constructed the first floor, which comprises a Study Centre with a fully equipped Library, a Skill Development Centre for various training activities for unemployed Polytechnic and Engineering students as well as professional engineers, a knowledge centre and two guest rooms.

Theme of the Convention

Transforming India's Power Sector through AI & Green Technologies for Viksit Bharat

- ABOUT THE THEME -

India's journey toward Viksit Bharat depends heavily on a resilient, affordable and sustainable power sector. This theme focuses on how Artificial Intelligence (AI) and green energy solutions can jointly transform the electricity ecosystem to meet growing demand while advancing climate commitments and economic growth.

AI-enabled technologies are revolutionizing the power sector by improving demand forecasting, grid stability, asset management, outage prediction, and energy efficiency. Smart grids, AI-driven analytics, and digital twins enable real-time decision-making, reduce losses and enhance reliability across generation, transmission and distribution networks.

At the same time, the large-scale integration of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, hydro, green hydrogen, and energy storage - supports India's transition to a low-carbon future. AI plays a critical role in managing the intermittency of renewables, optimizing storage, enabling peer-to-peer energy trading, and supporting decentralized energy systems.

Together, AI and green energy solutions can accelerate energy access, affordability, sustainability, and energy security, while fostering innovation, skilled employment, and investment. This theme highlights pathways for policy, technology, and collaboration to build a future-ready, digitally intelligent, and environmentally sustainable power sector, positioning India as a global leader in clean energy and driving the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Sub-themes

- AI-Enabled Smart Grids and Digital Power Infrastructure: Role of AI in grid automation, real-time monitoring, loss reduction, and enhancing reliability and resilience.
- Renewable Energy Integration and Forecasting through AI: AI-driven forecasting of solar and wind power, managing intermittency, and optimizing renewable energy dispatch.
- Energy Storage, Green Hydrogen, and Advanced Clean Technologies: Innovations in battery storage, pumped hydro, green hydrogen production and AI-based optimization of storage systems.
- AI for Power Distribution Reforms and Loss Reduction: Use of AI in predictive maintenance, theft detection, demand response and improving DISCOM efficiency and financial health.
- Decentralized Energy Systems and Prosumer Participation: Rooftop solar, microgrids, peer-to-peer energy trading, and AI-enabled energy management for consumers and communities.
- Cybersecurity, Data Governance and Digital Trust in Power Systems: Securing AI-driven power infrastructure, data privacy, and building resilient digital ecosystems.
- Policy, Regulation and Market Design for AI & Green Energy Adoption: Enabling frameworks, standards, incentives and regulatory innovations to scale AI and clean energy solutions.
- Skill Development, Innovation, and Start-up Ecosystem: Building a future-ready workforce, R&D, and start-up-led innovation in AI and clean energy technologies.
- Climate Action, Sustainability, and Net-Zero Pathways: Leveraging AI and renewables to meet India's climate goals, improve energy efficiency, and reduce emissions.
- Inclusive Growth and Energy Access for Viksit Bharat: Ensuring affordable, reliable, and clean energy for rural, urban, and industrial development.

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द इन्स्टिट्यूशन ऑफ इंजिनिअर्स (इंडिया) ही देशातील अभियांत्रिकी शिक्षण व व्यवसायाची अग्रगण्य संस्था असून, अभियांत्रिकी ज्ञानाचा प्रसार, कौशल्यविकास आणि शाश्वत विकासासाठी सातत्याने कार्यरत आहे. संस्थेच्या राष्ट्रीय अधिवेशनामध्ये देशभरातील अभियंते, संशोधक, शिक्षणतज्ज्ञ, उद्योग क्षेत्रातील तज्ज्ञ आणि विद्यार्थी सहभागी होत असून अधिवेशनामध्ये त्यांना विचारांची देवाणघेवाण, संशोधन सादरीकरण आणि नाविन्यपूर्ण तांत्रिक उपायांवर चर्चा करण्याची उत्तम संधी मिळेल, असा विश्वास वाटतो. विकसित भारतासाठी कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) व हरित तंत्रज्ञानाद्वारे ऊर्जा क्षेत्राचे परिवर्तन हा अधिवेशनाचा विषय समर्पक आहे. भारताच्या सर्वांगीण विकासात ऊर्जा क्षेत्राची भूमिका महत्त्वाची असून, कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता, स्मार्ट ग्रिड, नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा, ऊर्जा कार्यक्षमता आणि शाश्वत तंत्रज्ञान यांच्या प्रभावी वापरामुळे देशाचे ऊर्जा क्षेत्र अधिक सक्षम, सुरक्षित आणि पर्यावरणपूरक होईल.

'द इन्स्टिट्यूशन ऑफ इंजिनिअर्स (इंडिया)', अमरावती स्थानिक केंद्राचे तसेच आयोजन समितीचे मी मनःपूर्वक अभिनंदन करतो व अधिवेशनाच्या सफलतेसाठी शुभेच्छा देतो.

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Message

I am pleased to learn that The Institution of Engineers (India), Amravati Local Centre is organizing the National Convention of Electrical Engineers on the theme 'Transforming India's Power Sector through AI & Green Technologies for a Viksit Bharat.'

India is witnessing a remarkable transformation in its energy sector, driven by technological innovation, digitalization, renewable energy integration and the vision of a sustainable future. Artificial Intelligence, smart grid technologies, energy storage systems and green energy solutions are playing a vital role in enhancing the efficiency, reliability and sustainability of power systems.

In line with the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, Maharashtra is advancing the vision of Viksit Maharashtra 2047 by promoting clean energy, innovation-led growth and future-ready infrastructure. Initiatives such as the Maharashtra Green Hydrogen Policy and the Maharashtra Electric Vehicle Policy 2025 reflect the State's commitment to accelerating the transition towards a low-carbon, sustainable and technology-driven economy.

The theme of this convention is highly relevant to these national and state priorities. It provides an excellent platform for engineers, researchers, academicians, policymakers and industry professionals to exchange ideas, showcase innovations and discuss emerging challenges and opportunities in the power sector. Engineers have always been the architects of progress. Their expertise and dedication are essential for achieving energy security, environmental sustainability and inclusive economic growth.

I am confident that the deliberations and technical presentations during this convention will contribute significantly to the advancement of India's power sector and the realization of the shared vision of Viksit Bharat and Viksit Maharashtra 2047.

My best wishes for the grand success of the convention.

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It gives me immense pleasure to know that The Institution of Engineers (India), Amravati Local Centre is organizing the National Convention of Electrical Engineers on 21st & 22nd August 2026 at Amravati on the timely and significant theme "Transforming India's Power Sector through AI & Green Technologies for a Viksit Bharat."

India is witnessing unprecedented growth in infrastructure, energy, transportation, and digital connectivity. The power sector plays a pivotal role in realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, and the integration of Artificial Intelligence, renewable energy, smart grids, energy storage systems, and sustainable technologies is creating new opportunities for innovation, efficiency, and environmental stewardship. Engineers are the architects of a nation's progress. The deliberations and technical discussions during this convention will provide a valuable platform for researchers, academicians, industry professionals, policymakers, and young engineers to exchange ideas and explore innovative solutions for a resilient, reliable, and sustainable power ecosystem. Such initiatives will significantly contribute to strengthening India's energy security while promoting green growth and technological advancement.

I commend The Institution of Engineers (India), Amravati Local Centre for taking this important initiative and bringing together experts from across the country to discuss the future of India's power sector. I am confident that the recommendations emerging from this convention will help accelerate the adoption of advanced technologies and support the nation's journey towards sustainable development.

I extend my best wishes to the organizers, participants, and delegates for the grand success of the convention and for the publication of the souvenir.

Yours

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Message

I am pleased to learn that The Institution of Engineers (India), Amravati Local Centre, is organizing the National Convention of Electrical Engineers. This convention provides a valuable platform for engineers, researchers, academicians, and industry leaders to exchange knowledge, share innovations, and deliberate on emerging challenges and opportunities in the power and energy sector.

Electrical engineering forms the backbone of modern infrastructure and plays a pivotal role in driving economic growth, technological advancement, and sustainable development. As India moves towards becoming a global leader in clean energy and innovation, the contribution of electrical engineers in building resilient, efficient, and future-ready energy systems has become more important than ever.

The nation is witnessing a significant transformation in the energy landscape through the rapid adoption of renewable energy, modernization of power infrastructure, development of smart grids, and expansion of transmission networks. Achieving these goals requires continuous innovation, technical excellence, and the collective efforts of our engineering fraternity.

I congratulate The Institution of Engineers (India), Amravati Local Centre for taking the initiative to organize this important convention. I am confident that the deliberations and technical exchanges during the event will generate valuable insights and contribute meaningfully to the advancement of the electrical engineering profession and the sustainable development of our nation.

I extend my best wishes to the organizers and participants for the grand success of the convention.

Jai Hind! Jai Maharashtra!

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Eknath Sambhaji Shinde
Deputy Chief Minister
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Message

I am delighted to learn that The Institution of Engineers (India), Amravati Local Centre, is organizing the National Convention of Electrical Engineers. It is highly commendable that the convention is focusing on the pivotal theme: "Transforming India's Power Sector through AI and Green Technologies for Viksit Bharat."

As India marches resolutely toward becoming a developed Nation we should keep the momentum sustainably. By leveraging AI for smart grid management, predictive maintenance, and optimizing renewable energy integration, we can significantly minimize transmission losses and ensure uninterrupted power for all. Concurrently, our commitment to green technologies will ensure that India leads the global fight against climate change while securing its own energy independence.

Maharashtra has always been a pioneer in industrial development and infrastructure innovation. This convention at Amravati provides an excellent platform for engineering minds, industry experts, and policymakers to deliberate on cutting-edge solutions that will shape our national grid.

I congratulate the organizers, especially the Electrical Engineering Division Board (ELDB) and the convention committee, for choosing a theme of such national importance. I wish the National Convention every success and hope the deliberations lead to actionable insights for a brighter, greener, and self-reliant India.

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DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER
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Message

Dated : 6th July 2026

I am immensely pleased to learn that The Institution of Engineers (India), Amravati Local Centre, is organizing the prestigious National Convention of the Electrical Engineering Division on the 21st and 22nd of August 2026 at Amravati.

Engineers play a foundational role in shaping the modern infrastructure of our nation. With over a century of relentless journey towards engineering advancement, the IEI has been a pillar of nation-building. Electrical engineering, in particular, is at the very core of our transition toward sustainable energy, smart grids, and technological innovation.

Bringing together industry experts, corporate members, and distinguished academicians from across India to deliberate on these critical technological advancements is a commendable initiative. I am confident that the deliberations at this convention will spark fresh ideas and pave the way for sustainable development in the field.

My best wishes for the grand success of the National Convention, and I wish the delegates a highly productive and enriching experience. May the souvenir published to commemorate this milestone inspire many.

Warm regards and best wishes,

(Sunetra Ajit Pawar)

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Message

I am pleased to know that The Institution of Engineers (India), Amravati Local Centre, is organizing the 41st National Convention of the Electrical Engineering Division on 21st & 22nd August 2026 at Amravati on the theme, "Transforming India's Power Sector through AI & Green Technologies for a Viksit Bharat."

As India progresses towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, the integration of Artificial Intelligence and Green Technologies in the power sector is essential for building a sustainable, efficient, and future-ready energy ecosystem. Innovations such as smart grids, AI-driven solutions, and renewable energy technologies will play a pivotal role in this transformation.

This convention provides an excellent platform for engineers, researchers, and industry experts to exchange ideas and contribute to India's clean energy future. I extend my best wishes to the organizers, delegates, and participants and wish the convention great success.

Shri. Chandrashekhar Bawankule
Hon'ble Minister for Revenue
Government of Maharashtra
& Guardian Minister, Nagpur & Amravati Dist.

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सस्नेह नमस्कार,

'द इन्स्टिट्यूशन ऑफ इंजिनिअर्स (इंडिया)' अमरावती केंद्राच्या वतीने २१ आणि २२ ऑगस्ट २०२६ रोजी आयोजित '-ख आणि हरित तंत्रज्ञानाच्या माध्यमातून ऊर्जा क्षेत्राचे परिवर्तनः विकसित भारत' या महत्त्वपूर्ण विषयावरील 'राष्ट्रीय विद्युत अभियंता अधिवेशना'बद्दल जाणून मला अत्यंत आनंद झाला.

आज आपला भारत देश आदरणीय पंतप्रधान नरेंद्र मोदीजी यांच्या संकल्पनेतील 'विकसित भारत' घडवण्याच्या दिशेने वेगाने पावले टाकत आहे. या प्रगतीमध्ये ऊर्जा क्षेत्राचा वाटा अतिशय पायाभूत आणि महत्त्वाचा आहे. बदलत्या काळाची गरज ओळखून ऊर्जा क्षेत्रात कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आणि हरित तंत्रज्ञानाचा (Green Technology) प्रभावी वापर करणे ही काळाची गरज बनली आहे. शाश्वत विकास आणि पर्यावरणपूरक ऊर्जा निर्मितीच्या दृष्टीने हे अधिवेशन अत्यंत योग्य वेळी आयोजित करण्यात आले आहे.

अमरावती ही ऐतिहासिक आणि शैक्षणिक नगरी आहे. अशा ऊर्जेने भरलेल्या शहरात देशभरातून आलेल्या तज्ज्ञ विद्युत अभियंत्यांचे मी मनापासून स्वागत करते. मला पूर्ण विश्वास आहे की, या दोन दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय अधिवेशनात होणारे विचारमंथन, सादर केले जाणारे शोधनिबंध आणि तज्ज्ञांचे मार्गदर्शन ऊर्जा क्षेत्राला एक नवी दिशा देणारे ठरेल. तसेच आपल्या देशातील वीज निर्मिती, वितरण आणि व्यवस्थापनामध्ये आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर वाढवण्यासाठी उपयुक्त ठरेल.

या राष्ट्रीय अधिवेशनाचे यशस्वी आयोजन केल्याबद्दल मी 'द इन्स्टिट्यूशन ऑफ इंजिनिअर्स (इंडिया)', अमरावती केंद्राचे सर्व पदाधिकारी, आयोजन समिती आणि सहभागी होत असलेल्या सर्व अभियंता बंधू-भगिनींचे मनःपूर्वक अभिनंदन करते आणि या कार्यक्रमाला जाहीर शुभेच्छा देते!

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A Century of Service to the Nation



Message

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that Amravati Local Centre of The Institution of Engineers (India), is organizing the 41st National Convention of Electrical Engineers during 21st & 22nd August 2026. The chosen theme "Transforming India's Power Sector through AI Green Technologies for Viksit Bharat" is highly relevant in the present scenario.

India has a vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047 and for achieving this vision, electricity is a common resource that is needed by all economic stakeholders and citizens. The launch of a task force to conceive the India Energy Stack (IES), a pioneering initiative aimed at creating a unified, secure, and interoperable digital infrastructure for India's energy sector.

Digital transformation emerged as a defining force, with the power sector increasingly leveraging Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and digital twins to move towards predictive and intelligent grid operations. The convergence of Artificial Intelligence, renewable energy, smart grids, digitalization, and energy storage technologies is revolutionizing the way electricity is generated, transmitted, distributed, and consumed. When integrated with green technologies, AI can accelerate the transition to clean energy, reduce carbon emissions, improve operational excellence, and strengthen energy security.

I congratulate the organizers for selecting this timely and forward-looking theme and for bringing together experts to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and inspire innovative solutions.

I extend my best wishes for the grand success of this initiative and hope that the deliberations and insights generated will contribute meaningfully to India's sustainable energy transition and its journey towards a prosperous, self-reliant, and developed nation.

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Message

It gives me immense pleasure to note that Amravati Local Centre, The Institution of Engineers (India) is organizing 41st National Convention of Electrical Engineers on the theme "Transforming India's Power Sector through Al & Green Technologies for a Viksit Bharat" during August 21st & 22nd, 2026 under the aegis of Electrical Engineering Division Board of IEI, which will be attended and blessed by scientist, technocrat, teachers, students and corporate members of IEI. The theme of this convention in very relevant in the present-day scenario, Al & Green Energy solution can accelerate energy access, affordability, sustainability and energy security, while fostering innovation, skilled employment, investment for technology and collaboration to build a digitally intelligent and environmentally sustainable power sector, positioning India as a global leader in clean energy and driving the vision of Viksit Bharat.

I would also like to mentioned that Amravati Local Centre have organized various technical activities & statutory days in the form of seminars, workshops and lecture meetings on topics of importance and relevance from time to time and also to appreciate the centre have already started study centre, library and skill development for various training activities for unemployed engineering students as well as professional engineers.

I am sure that eminent speakers and the participants would deliberate on the issue during the convention and come out with cost effective viable solution for policy maker and other stakeholders to take a note and Act upon.

I wish the convention a great success and convey my best wishes to the participants and organisers.

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National Convention of Electrical Engineering - 2026



Message

It is my privilege and honor to serve as the Convener of the 41st National Convention of the Electrical Engineering Division, hosted by the Institution of Engineers (India), Amravati Local Centre.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our Honorable President, SDG, and the Headquarters staff for their timely support and seamless cooperation. My sincere thanks also go to the Chairman of the Electrical Engineering Division Board (ELDB) for placing his faith in me to lead and execute all the activities for this prestigious event.

I am truly fortunate to be supported by an exceptional team at the Amravati Local Centre. Their unwavering cooperation in handling numerous responsibilities-ranging from the finalization of esteemed guests to the execution of every intricate detail-has been invaluable to the success of this convention.

Anand Jawanjal
Convener, ELDB National Convention
Council Member & Chairman, MCG
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Preface

It is a matter of immense pride and privilege for the Institution of Engineers (India), Amravati Local Centre, to host the 41st National Convention of Electrical Engineers at Abhiyanta Bhavan on the 21st and 22nd of August. This marks a historic milestone for our centre, as we are thrilled to host an event of this magnitude for the very first time.

We extend our warmest and most heartfelt welcome to our esteemed Council Members, distinguished delegates, sponsors, exhibitors, and well-wishers joining us from all corners of India, representing both the dynamic engineering industry and premier educational institutions.

While Amravati may be a modest city without a massive industrial footprint, what we lack in factories, we more than make up for in spirit. We Vidharbhians are globally renowned for our rich culture, deep-rooted traditions, and unparalleled hospitality. We hope that your journey—whether via Nagpur (our nearest airport, located 150 km away) or through our scenic rail and road networks brings you into the warm embrace of our city.

This year's convention centers around a crucial and timely theme: "Transforming India's Power Sector through AI and Green Technologies for Viksit Bharat." Over the course of two days, the convention will feature the presentation of around 75 insightful technical papers, driving forward-thinking dialogues on the future of energy. Recognizing the spark in the next generation, we have also organized a special panel discussion tailored for budding engineers titled, "Engineering the Future—Inside the Minds of Gen Z Entrepreneurs." To celebrate our shared passion and unwind after intense intellectual deliberations, the convention will culminate in a soulful "Engineers' Melody Night."

An event of this scale is a collaborative triumph. We express our deepest gratitude to the IEI Headquarters for placing their trust in us and granting our local centre the golden opportunity to host this national convention. We are equally indebted to all the ELDB Council Members for rendering their unconditional, steadfast support throughout this journey. We also thank our local organizing committees, volunteers, and patrons who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

We hope this souvenir serves as a valuable compendium of knowledge and a cherished memento of your time with us. May this convention spark new ideas, forge lasting collaborations, and leave you with beautiful memories of Amravati's hospitality.

Wish you all a highly successful and inspiring convention!

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M. S. Thakkar Memorial Lecture



Smart Grid: Present State, Evolution, and Future Direction

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What is smart grid:

As the word itself state the smartness in grid, which delivers power through interconnected network from power plants to your home or business. It looks to be easy proposition initially but growth from 1,362 MW generation in 1947, with per capita consumption at just 16.3 units to todays 532.74 GW by the end of March 2026 with per capita consumption reached to 1460 units, which is around 90 times growth in 80 years. This enormous expansion is tackled by enhancing various innovative feats, like enhancing the system voltages-AC-1200 kV, DC +/- 800 kV with proper designed interconnections at national and state levels monitored through the load despatch centres. The generation capacity with conventional fissile fuel based super thermal power stations having generator rated up to 800 MW each are present today. This growth ultimately improved the quality of life, as 96.7% population in India has electricity access. Nation is having carbon footprint, that is 3.22 billion tonnes of total fossil carbon dioxide, however India stands 3" largest total emitter but ranks among the lowest per person within major economies. The carbon emission growth has slowed down sharply due to rapid clean energy adoption. The clean energy has come up to the 50.02% of the nation's electricity demand. This type of generation integration in the grid not only crating operational challenges but also requires modification in present infrastructure. As conventional grids were having one-way power flow, centralised generation manual operation and electromechanical instrumentations which has emerged with SCADA system, digital relays and better monitoring systems. This has to evolve with bi-directional power flow, digital communication having distributed generation and consumer participation. From 1 kW rooftop to 2245 MW Bhdala solar park in Gujrat and various other renewable sources which has diverse characteristics getting connected in the grid. So, we have to build future grid carefully considering the total power generation capacity planned to reach nearly 2,100 GW by 2047 to meet an anticipated peak demand of around 708 GW, with the future energy supply composition heavily driven by a massive expansion of solar, wind, nuclear, and green hydrogen.

The IEEE defines a Smart Grid as:

"An electricity network that intelligently integrates the actions of all users connected to it to efficiently deliver sustainable, economic, and secure electricity."

In simple terms, A Smart Grid combines electrical infrastructure with modern information and communication technologies to improve efficiency, reliability, security, and sustainability.

Unlike traditional grids, Smart Grids continuously monitor system conditions, identify disturbances, and automatically respond to maintain reliable operation. It has certain characteristics, like Intelligent, self-healing, Reliable, efficient, environment friendly, secure and consumer-centric.

Integration of renewable energy at utility and consumer levels.

- Large-scale deployment of smart meters and Advanced Metering Infrastructure.
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for predictive maintenance and grid optimization.
- Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) for grid flexibility.
- Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure and Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) technologies.
- Digital substations, Wide Area Monitoring Systems, and Digital Twins.
- Cybersecurity and protection of critical infrastructure.
- Consumer participation through demand response and peer-to-peer energy trading. This leads to emerge new areas like,
  - Al-based protection
  - Wide Area Monitoring

- Digital Twin
- Quantum Computing
- Grid Edge Intelligence
- Cyber-Physical Security
- Edge Computing
- Internet of Energy
- Virtual Power Plants
- Renewable forecasting

Government initiatives:

- The Government of India launched the National Smart Grid Mission to accelerate modernization of electricity distribution networks across the country. The Smart Meter National Programme is transforming consumer metering by deploying millions of smart meters that improve billing accuracy, reduce commercial losses, and enhance customer services.
- The Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) is supporting modernization of distribution infrastructure while improving operational efficiency and financial sustainability of power distribution companies.
- The development of Green Energy Corridors is facilitating the transmission of renewable energy from resource-rich regions to major load centers, enabling large-scale integration of solar and wind power.
- India's rapid expansion of renewable energy, coupled with ambitious targets for electric mobility and carbon reduction, makes Smart Grid development not merely desirable but absolutely essential.

- **Achievements:**
- Millions of smart meters installed
- Renewable capacity >250 GW (solar, wind, hydro, biomass, nuclear combined)
- Rapid expansion of rooftop solar
- Green Energy Corridors
- -PM-KUSUM Scheme

Challenges Before Us:

Despite impressive progress, significant challenges remain.

Cybersecurity has emerged as one of the foremost concerns. As electrical infrastructure becomes increasingly connected, protecting critical assets from cyber threats becomes essential. A successful cyberattack on the power grid could have widespread economic and social consequences.

The financial investment required for Smart Grid deployment is substantial. Modern communication infrastructure, intelligent sensors, advanced meters, automated substations, and control centers require considerable capital expenditure.

Interoperability presents another challenge. Equipment manufactured by different vendors must communicate seamlessly using internationally accepted standards. Renewable energy integration introduces operational complexities because solar and wind resources are inherently variable. This variability necessitates improved forecasting techniques, flexible generation, and large-scale energy storage systems.

Finally, perhaps the most important requirement is human capital. The Smart Grid demands engineers who possess multidisciplinary expertise spanning electrical engineering, communication systems, computer science, cyber security, artificial intelligence, and data analytics. Preparing such professionals will require continuous modernization of engineering education.

Future Direction of Smart Grid:

Looking ahead, the future of Smart Grids is extraordinarily exciting.

Artificial Intelligence will increasingly support predictive maintenance, fault diagnosis, demand forecasting, renewable generation forecasting, and autonomous operational decision-making. Instead of reacting to failures, utilities will anticipate problems before they occur. Digital Twin technology will create virtual replicas of entire power systems, enabling engineers to simulate operating conditions, evaluate expansion plans, optimize maintenance schedules, and prepare for emergencies without affecting actual operations.

Blockchain technology has the potential to revolutionize electricity markets by enabling secure peer-to-peer energy trading, transparent billing, and decentralized energy transactions. Electric vehicles will evolve from being merely electricity consumers to becoming distributed energy resources through Vehicle-to-Grid technology. During peak demand, thousands of parked electric vehicles could collectively support grid stability by supplying stored energy back to the network.

Microgrids will become increasingly important for campuses, industrial facilities, military establishments, hospitals, airports, and remote communities. These systems will enhance resilience by operating independently whenever the main grid is unavailable.

The concept of the Internet of Energy will connect millions of intelligent devices capable of communicating and coordinating automatically, thereby optimizing electricity generation, distribution, storage, and consumption.

Large-scale battery energy storage, hydrogen-based energy systems, offshore wind farms, floating solar plants, and Virtual Power Plants will further reshape future electricity networks. Perhaps the most significant objective driving Smart Grid evolution is the global commitment toward Net-Zero emissions. Smart Grids will be indispensable in integrating renewable energy resources, supporting electrification, reducing emissions, and enabling sustainable economic development.

Role of Engineers and Researchers:

As educators, researchers, and engineers, our responsibility extends beyond adopting new technologies. We must actively contribute to innovation. Future research will focus on resilient power systems, advanced protection schemes, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence applications, quantum computing for optimization, edge computing, digital substations, flexible AC transmission systems, and intelligent energy management. Engineering institutions must also evolve by incorporating interdisciplinary learning, encouraging industry collaboration, and fostering innovation through research and entrepreneurship. The engineers graduating today will not simply operate future power systems they will design them, secure them, optimize them, and transform them.

Growing Electricity Demand	**Peak demand has reached ~250 GW, with projections of ~388 GW by 2032 (CEA National Electricity Plan).**	Requires intelligent demand forecasting, demand response, and grid flexibility.
Installed Capacity	Total installed capacity **480+ GW** , with **over 50%** from non-fossil sources.	Greater need for real -time monitoring and balancing of diverse generation sources.
Renewable Energy Integration	Solar **120+ GW** , Wind **51+ GW** ; target **500 GW non -fossil capacity by 2030** .	Managing intermittency requires storage, forecasting, and advanced Energy Management Systems.
AT&C Losses	National average around **15–16%** (varies significantly by state)	Smart metering, feeder
Financial Health of DISCOMs	Outstanding dues to power generators often exceed **₹70,000 crore** (varies over time); many DISCOMs continue to report financial losses	Limits investment in Smart Grid infrastructure and modernization.
Smart Meter Deployment	More than **3 crore (30 mil lion)** smart meters installed; target **25 crore (250 million)** smart meters under RDSS and related programmes.	Accelerated deployment is needed for nationwide Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI).
RDSS Investment	Financial outlay of approximately **₹3.03 lak h crore** .	Supports infrastructure strengthening, smart metering, SCADA, and reduction of AT&C losses.
Transmission Expansion	POWERGRID operates **over 1.8 lakh circuit km** of transmission lines and **280+ substations**	Digital substations and Wide Area Monitoring Systems (WAMS) are needed for secure operation.
Electric Vehicle Growth	EV registrations exceed **6 million** , and are expected to grow rapidly	Smart charging and Vehicle -to-Grid (V2G) technologies will be essential to avoid local network congestion.
Cybers ecurity	Millions of smart devices (meters, sensors, controllers) will be connected to the grid.	Increased cyber risk requires secure communication, encryption, and real -time monitoring.
Energy Storage Requirement	India targets **47 GW / 236 GWh** of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) by 2032 (CEA).	Storage is critical for renewable integration and peak demand management.
Challenge	**Current Status / Values (Approx.)**	**Implication for Smart Grid**
Communication Infrastructure	Thousands of substations require modernization with optical fibre and IP -based communication networks.	Reliable communication is the backbone of Smart Grid operation.
Skilled Workforce	India has **3,000+ engineering institutions** , but there is a shortage of professionals trained in AI, cybersecurity, IoT, and Smart Grid technologies.	Capacity building and multidisciplinary education are essential.
Consumer Awareness	More than **320 million electricity consumers** are served nationwide.	Consumer education is requ ired for effective adoption of smart meters, time -of-day tariffs, and demand response

Conclusion:

The transition from conventional grids to intelligent power networks is not merely a technological necessity it is an economic imperative, an environmental responsibility, and a societal commitment.

For India, Smart Grids provide a pathway toward reliable electricity access, greater renewable integration, reduced carbon emissions, enhanced energy security, and improved quality of life for millions of citizens.

The journey has already begun, but much remains to be accomplished. Success will depend upon collaboration among governments, industries, academic institutions, researchers, and consumers.

"The power grid of the future will not simply transmit electricity; it will transmit intelligence, resilience, sustainability, and opportunity. The Smart Grid is not merely the future of power systems-it is the foundation of a smarter and more sustainable world."

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Powering Viksit Bharat 2047: The Blueprint for Modern Energy Access and Maharashtra's Strategic Vanguard

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Abstract:

As India targets a transition to 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) by 2047, the energy sector stands as the primary catalyst of economic growth and human development. Moving beyond basic rural electrification, modern energy access requires 24x7, resilient, highquality, and green power. This article analyzes the national statistical landscape of India's power transition and examines how Maharashtra through pioneering agricultural feeder solarization and storage-first policies is delivering a scalable template for the nation.

1. The Macro Picture: India's Power Sector Transformation:

Energy is the fundamental currency of human progress. Over the last decade, India has completed one of the world's most aggressive electrification drives. With an investment exceeding ₹1.85 lakh crore, more than 18,300 villages were electrified and 2.86 crore households were connected to the national grid. The national power deficit has consequently plummeted from 4.2% in FY 2013–14 to a negligible 0.03%.

India's Power Sector at a Glance:

Total Installed Capacity : 548 GW
Non-Fossil / RE Share : 51% (Target met years ahead of schedule)
National Transmission Grid : Over 500,000 circuit kilometers (ckm)
Peak Power Handled : 265 GW
2030 Clean Energy Target : 500 GW Non-Fossil Capacity

India's total power generation capacity now exceeds 548 GW, backed by the world's largest ingle synchronous national grid spanning over 500,000 circuit kilometers (ckm). Notably, non-fossil and renewable energy capacity has crossed the 51% mark (over 279 GW), fulfilling India's Paris Agreement commitment five years ahead of the 2030 deadline.

However, as India marches toward a $30 Trillion economy by 2047, national peak electricity demand is projected to rise from 265 GW today to 458 GW by 2032 and well beyond 700 GW by 2047. Achieving Viksit Bharat demands that "energy access" evolve from merely having a grid wire to delivering uninterrupted, clean, affordable, and high-quality 24x7 electricity for farms, factories, and smart cities.

2. Maharashtra: The Engine of India's Energy Transition:

As India's top industrial state aiming for a $1 Trillion economy, Maharashtra's energy sector serves as a crucial benchmark for high-growth state economies. The state is pioneering solutions to two of the most complex challenges in power management: agricultural subsidy burdens and grid stability amidst renewable intermittency.

Maharashtra's Key Energy Milestones:

MSKVY 2.0 Solar Target : 16,000 MW for AG Feeder Solarization
Current Solar Feeder Progress : 5,900+ MW Commissioned (~16 Lakh Farmers)
Renewable Capacity Target : 100 GW by 2035
Energy Storage Obligation : 10% of Peak Demand met via BESS by 2035

A) Revolutionizing Agricultural Power (MSKVY 2.0):

Historically, agricultural pumping relied on heavily subsidized power supplied during offpeak night hours, posing safety risks to farmers and financial strain on distribution utilities (DISCOMs).

Through the Mukhyamantri Saur Krushi Vahini Yojana (MSKVY 2.0), Maharashtra is executing the world's largest decentralized solar farming initiative.

- **Scale & Target:** The state expanded its target to install 16,000 MW of decentralized solar power capacity near rural substations.
- **Impact:** With over 5,900 MW already commissioned, the scheme delivers reliable, daytime solar power to over 16,00,000 farmers, eliminating night time hazardous irrigation, cutting transmission losses, and lowering cross subsidization costs for industry.

B) Storage-First Policy Infrastructure:

Recognizing that expanding variable solar and wind energy requires grid flexiblity, Maharashtra introduced its landmark Renewable Energy and Energy Storage Policy (2025–2035):

- **Storage Mandate:** Introduces an explicit Energy Storage Obligation (ESO) requiring utilities to procure Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) equivalent to at least 10% of peak demand by 2035.
- **Clean Energy Scaling:** Sets a trajectory toward achieving 100 GW of installed renewable capacity, ensuring that industrial hubs in Mumbai, Pune, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, and Nagpur are powered by round-the-clock green open-access power.

3. Strategic Pillars for the 2047 Roadmap:

To translate these state-level successes into a national standard for Viksit Bharat, the country's energy roadmap must focus on three core pillars:

- **Digital & Flexible Grids:** Integrating smart meters (MSEDCL-over 1.25 crore installed under RDSS) with automated transmission networks to manage dynamic, bidirectional power flows from millions of rooftop solar units and electric vehicles.
- **Decentralized Prosumer Ecosystems:** Transforming passive electricity consumers into active energy producers (prosumers) through microgrids, distributed solar, and localized battery storage.
- **Economic Viability & Equity:** Ensuring that green power remains affordable for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and low-income households, preserving economic competitiveness while driving decarbonization.

Conclusion:

Energy access is far more than a utility service it is the foundational catalyst for social mobility, economic productivity, and technological dominance.

As India progresses toward 2047, the convergence of national policy targets (500 GW nonfossil capacity by 2030) and ground-level state execution—such as Maharashtra's agricultural solarization and storage mandatesc proves that a clean, resilient, and fully electrified Viksit Bharat is well within reach. Powering every home, farm, and enterprise with uninterrupted, clean energy will remain the ultimate fuel for India's global leadership.

AI and IOT Based Electrical Predictive Fault Monitoring with MCB Integrated Protection Framework

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Abtract:

The increasing complexity of modern electrical distribution systems has led to a higher probability of faults, which can cause equipment damage, power interruptions, and safety hazards if not detected early. Traditional protection systems rely on reactive mechanisms and lack real-time intelligence, remote accessibility, and predictive capabilities. To address these limitations, this project proposes an AI and IoT based Electrical Predictive Fault Monitoring system with an MCB-integrated protection framework that enables intelligent fault detection, classification, and automated protection.

The proposed system continuously monitors critical electrical parameters such as voltage, current, temperature, and power quality using IoT-enabled sensors. Small-scale electrical faults, including voltage fluctuations, overcurrent conditions, loose connections, and abnormal thermal rise, are detected at an early stage using AI-based predictive algorithms. These algorithms analyze real-time and historical data to identify fault patterns before they escalate into severe failures. Upon detection of such minor faults, instant notifications are sent to the system owner through a wireless communication network, along with a location code that identifies the exact fault origin, enabling quick maintenance and reduced downtime.

For large-scale and critical voltage faults such as short circuits, severe overloads, or sudden voltage surges, the system integrates a smart Miniature Circuit Breaker (MCB) capable of real-time monitoring and autonomous tripping. Unlike conventional MCBs, the proposed smart MCB operates in coordination with the IoT monitoring unit, ensuring fast and accurate isolation of faulty sections to prevent equipment damage and fire hazards.

The integration of AI, IoT, and intelligent protection devices enhances system reliability, safety, and energy efficiency. This framework is highly suitable for residential, commercial, and industrial electrical networks, offering a scalable, cost-effective, and proactive solution for modern smart electrical infrastructures..

Key Wards :

"AI and IoT Based Electrical Predictive Fault Monitoring with MCB Integrated Protection Framework" Communication, Education, Research.

1. Introduction:

The rapid growth of electrical infrastructure in residential, commercial, and industrial sectors has significantly increased the complexity of power distribution systems. With this expansion, the occurrence of electrical faults such as overvoltage, under voltage, overloads, short circuits, and insulation failures has become more frequent. These faults not only lead to power interruptions and equipment damage but also pose serious safety risks including fire hazards and electric shock. Traditional electrical protection systems rely heavily on manual inspection and basic protective devices, which often fail to provide early fault detection, real-time monitoring, and remote notification. Hence, there is a strong need for an intelligent, automated, and reliable fault monitoring and protection framework.

Recent advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT) have opened new possibilities for transforming conventional electrical systems into smart and self-monitoring networks. IoT enables continuous data acquisition from electrical parameters such as voltage, current, power, and temperature using smart sensors, while AI techniques allow intelligent analysis, prediction, and classification of faults. By integrating AI and IoT technologies, electrical systems can move from reactive fault handling to predictive and preventive maintenance, thereby improving reliability, safety, and operational efficiency.

This project focuses on the design and development of an AI and IoT based Electrical Predictive Fault Monitoring System with an MCB Integrated Protection Framework. The primary objective of the system is to continuously monitor electrical parameters in real time, detect small and large electrical faults, and take appropriate action based on fault severity. The proposed framework aims to bridge the gap between traditional protection mechanisms and modern smart monitoring systems by combining real-time data analytics, automated alerts, and intelligent circuit protection.

In this project, small-level electrical faults such as minor voltage fluctuations, abnormal current variations, loose connections, and early-stage overload conditions are continuously monitored using IoT-enabled sensors. These faults may not immediately trip conventional protective devices but can gradually degrade system performance and lead to major failures if left unattended. The

system processes the sensor data using intelligent logic and predictive analysis to identify abnormal patterns. Once such faults are detected, the system sends instant notifications to the owner or maintenance personnel through a communication network.

For large-level electrical faults, such as severe overvoltage, short circuits, or dangerous overload conditions, immediate protection is critical to prevent damage to equipment and ensure user safety. To address this requirement, the proposed system integrates a Miniature Circuit Breaker (MCB) into the real-time fault monitoring framework. When the monitored electrical parameters exceed predefined safety thresholds, the system instantly triggers the MCB to trip automatically. This ensures rapid isolation of the faulty circuit without relying on manual intervention. The integration of real-time monitoring with MCB-based protection enhances the overall reliability and responsiveness of the electrical system.

Artificial Intelligence plays a vital role in enhancing the predictive capability of the system. By analyzing historical and real-time electrical data, AI algorithms can identify fault trends, predict potential failures, and distinguish between transient disturbances and critical faults. This intelligent decision-making capability helps in reducing false alarms and ensures accurate fault classification. Over time, the system can improve its prediction accuracy, making it suitable for long-term deployment in smart electrical infrastructures.

The IoT component of the system enables seamless communication between sensors, processing units, and user interfaces. Cloud or edge-based platforms can be used to store data, visualize system status, and maintain fault logs for future analysis. Remote accessibility allows users to monitor electrical health from anywhere, making the system highly suitable for smart homes, industrial plants, and distributed power networks.

In conclusion, the proposed AI and IoT based electrical predictive fault monitoring system with MCB integrated protection provides a smart, automated, and reliable solution for modern electrical networks. By combining early fault detection, real-time monitoring, intelligent notifications with location codes, and automatic MCB tripping for severe faults, the system significantly enhances electrical safety, reduces downtime, and supports proactive maintenance. This framework represents a crucial step toward the development of intelligent and resilient electrical systems suitable for future smart grid applications. AI and IoT based electrical predictive fault monitoring with MCB integrated protection enables real-time supervision of electrical systems. Small electrical faults are detected early and notified to the owner with location codes, while severe voltage faults are instantly isolated through automatic MCB tripping for enhanced safety.

2. Literature Review:

Recent research in the field of electrical power systems highlights the growing importance of integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies for predictive fault monitoring and protection. Traditional electrical protection systems, such as conventional Miniature Circuit Breakers (MCBs), primarily operate on threshold-based mechanisms and lack real-time intelligence, fault prediction capability, and remote monitoring features. Several studies have demonstrated that IoT-enabled sensors can continuously monitor critical electrical parameters such as voltage, current, temperature, and leakage current to detect early-stage or minor electrical faults. When combined with AI-based algorithms, these systems can analyze historical and real-time data to predict fault patterns before severe damage occurs.

i) **IoT-Based Electrical Fault Monitoring Systems:** Recent studies have demonstrated that IoT-enabled electrical monitoring systems significantly improve real-time visibility of voltage, current, and power quality parameters. Sensors integrated with microcontrollers continuously collect electrical data and transmit it to cloud platforms for remote monitoring. These systems enable early detection of small electrical faults such as voltage fluctuations, overloads, and abnormal current conditions, allowing timely notifications to be sent to users along with fault location information.

ii. **Artificial Intelligence for Predictive Fault Detection:** Literature shows that AI techniques such as machine learning and pattern recognition are increasingly used for predictive fault monitoring in electrical systems. By analyzing historical and real-time electrical data, AI models can identify abnormal patterns that indicate potential faults before they escalate. This predictive approach helps in classifying faults into minor and major categories, reducing unexpected failures and improving system reliability.

iii) **Integration of IoT with Protective Devices:** Several researchers have explored the integration of IoT platforms with traditional protection devices like circuit breakers and relays. IoT-enhanced protection frameworks allow real-time decision-making based on sensor data and intelligent algorithms. These systems improve response time and provide remote fault diagnostics, which is particularly useful for distributed electrical networks and smart grid applications.

iv) **MCB-Based Real-Time Protection Mechanisms:** Miniature Circuit Breakers (MCBs) are widely used for protecting electrical circuits from overcurrent and short-circuit conditions. Recent literature emphasizes the importance of integrating MCBs with intelligent monitoring systems to enable automatic tripping during large-level voltage or current faults. This combination ensures immediate physical isolation of the faulty circuit while simultaneously logging fault data for analysis and reporting.

v) **Location-Based Fault Notification and User Alerts:** Existing research highlights the need for location-aware fault detection systems to improve maintenance efficiency. By associating fault data with predefined location codes, IoT-based monitoring systems can send accurate notifications to the system owner or maintenance personnel. Such frameworks enhance fault response time, reduce manual inspection, and support proactive maintenance strategies in residential, industrial, and commercial electrical installations.

3. Methodology:

The proposed AI and IoT based electrical predictive fault monitoring system with MCB integrated protection framework is designed to continuously monitor electrical parameters, predict potential faults, and provide both preventive alerts and real-time protection. The methodology focuses on detecting small electrical abnormalities through intelligent analysis and handling severe voltage faults using an automated MCB-based tripping mechanism. The overall approach is divided into seven key stages as described below.

i. **System Architecture Design:** The system architecture consists of sensors, a microcontroller unit, communication modules, an AI-based fault prediction layer, and an MCB integrated protection unit. Voltage, current, temperature, and leakage current sensors are installed at critical points in the electrical distribution line. These sensors provide real-time electrical data to the microcontroller. The architecture is designed to support continuous monitoring, fast decision-making, and reliable fault isolation. Both small-scale residential and low-voltage industrial setups are considered in the design to ensure scalability and adaptability.

ii) **Real-Time Electrical Data Acquisition:** In this stage, electrical parameters such as line voltage, load current, frequency variations, and thermal conditions are continuously measured. The sensors collect high-resolution data at fixed intervals to capture even minor fluctuations in the electrical system. This real-time data acquisition enables early identification of small faults such as loose connections, partial overloads, insulation degradation, and minor voltage deviations. Accurate data collection is essential for reliable fault prediction and system stability.

iii) **IoT-Based Data Transmission and Cloud Integration:** The collected sensor data is transmitted to a cloud or remote server using IoT communication technologies such as Wi-Fi, GSM, or MQTT protocols. Each data packet includes a unique location code corresponding to the installation site. This allows the system to precisely identify the fault location. Cloud integration ensures secure data storage, remote access, and centralized monitoring. The owner or maintenance personnel can view live electrical conditions through a mobile application or web dashboard.

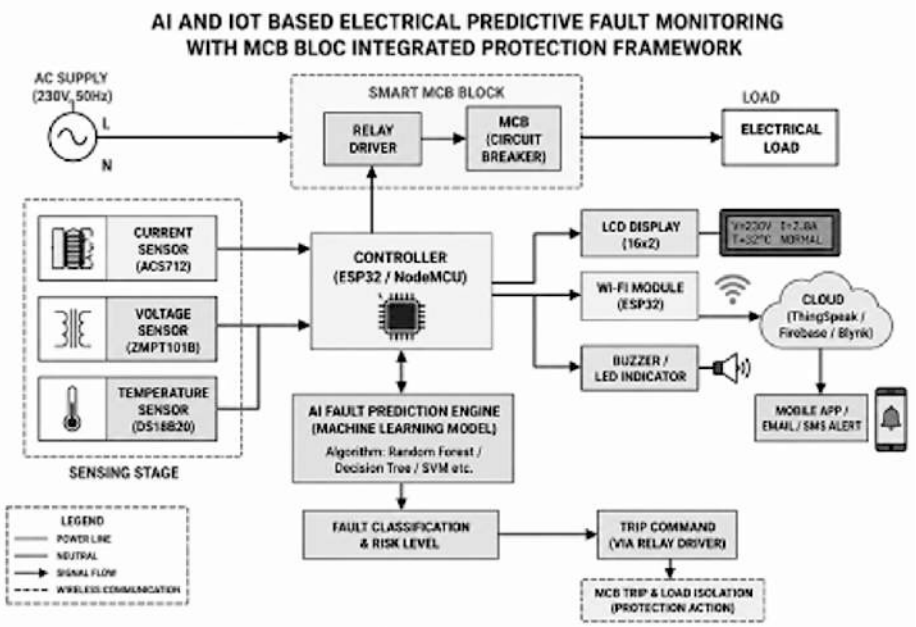
iv) **AI-Based Predictive Fault Analysis:** Artificial Intelligence algorithms are applied to analyze the incoming electrical data and identify abnormal patterns. Machine learning models are trained using historical fault data and normal operating conditions. These models predict potential faults before they become severe by detecting trends such as gradual current rise, voltage instability, or abnormal temperature increases. This predictive capability helps in identifying small electrical faults at an early stage, reducing the risk of system failure and extending equipment lifespan.

v) **Notification and Alert Mechanism for Small Faults:** When the AI system detects a small or developing fault, an alert is generated instantly. Notifications are sent to the owner via mobile application, SMS, or email. Each notification includes the fault type, severity level, timestamp, and location code. This enables the owner to take preventive action before the fault escalates. Unlike traditional systems, the power supply is not interrupted for minor faults, ensuring uninterrupted operation while still maintaining safety.

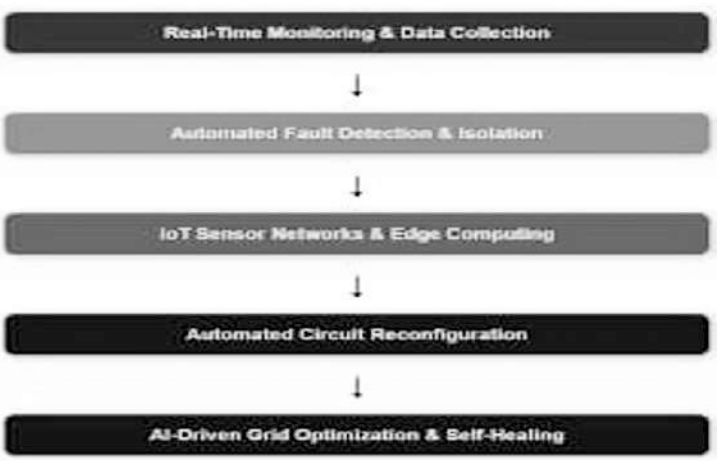
vi) **MCB Integrated Real-Time Protection for Large Faults:** For large-scale faults such as severe overvoltage, short circuits, or high-current surges, the system directly interacts with an MCB (Miniature Circuit Breaker). When sensor readings exceed predefined safe thresholds, the microcontroller triggers the MCB to trip instantly. This real-time protection mechanism prevents damage to appliances, wiring, and connected equipment. The MCB operates automatically without human intervention, ensuring rapid fault isolation and enhanced safety.

vii) **System Testing, Validation, and Performance Evaluation:** The final stage involves extensive testing of the system under various fault conditions. Small faults are simulated to evaluate prediction accuracy and notification response time. High-voltage and short-circuit conditions are tested to validate the MCB tripping reliability. Performance metrics such as fault detection accuracy, response time, communication latency, and system reliability are analyzed. The results confirm that the proposed framework provides efficient predictive monitoring, timely alerts, and robust real-time protection.

Block Diagram of the System:



Flow Chart:



Experimental Results:

Fault Condition	Voltage (V)	Current (A)	Temperature (°C)	AI Prediction	MCB Action
Normal	230	2.8	32	Normal	OFF
Overload	225	7.4	48	Warning	OFF
Severe Overload	221	9.6	61	Critical	Trip
Short Circuit	18	18.4	70	Fault	Trip
Loose Connection	228	4.3	56	Predicted Fault	Warning
Earth Leakage	229	5.2	50	Leakage	Trip

4. Objectives:

1. To design an AI and IoT–based system for real-time monitoring of electrical parameters such as voltage, current, and power.
2. To detect small-scale electrical faults at an early stage to prevent system damage and energy loss.
3. To implement predictive fault analysis using AI algorithms for identifying abnormal electrical behavior.
4. To integrate IoT sensors for continuous data acquisition from electrical circuits.
5. To develop a real-time fault detection mechanism for voltage fluctuations and current imbalance.
6. To provide instant fault notifications to the system owner through IoT communication modules.

5. Advantages:

1. Integrates MCB-based protection for large voltage and current faults, ensuring instant isolation.
2. Enables automatic tripping of MCB in real time during severe electrical faults.
3. Minimizes equipment damage caused by overvoltage, short circuit, or overload conditions.
4. Reduces maintenance cost through predictive fault detection instead of corrective maintenance.
5. Eliminates the need for constant manual monitoring of electrical systems.
6. systems through fast fault detection and isolation.
7. Enables smart decision-making using AI-based fault prediction models.
8. Improves fault diagnosis accuracy compared to traditional protection systems.
9. Provides real-time status of MCB operation, including trip conditions and fault type.

6. Conclusion:

This project demonstrates an AI and IoT based electrical predictive fault monitoring system with an MCB integrated protection framework. Small electrical faults are continuously monitored and instantly reported to the owner along with the fault location code, enabling quick maintenance and reduced downtime. For large voltage faults, the smart MCB performs real-time monitoring and automatically trips to prevent damage and hazards. Overall, the system improves safety, reliability, and efficiency of electrical installations through intelligent automation.

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Integrated Power Factor Optimization in Industrial Electrical Systems Using Passive–Active Compensation and Intelligent Monitoring

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Abtract:

Power factor deterioration in industrial electrical systems remains a major challenge due to the wide spread use of inductive loads, nonlinear equipment, and fluctuating operating conditions. A low power factor increases line current, causes additional power losses, reduces system efficiency, and leads to financial penalties imposed by utility providers. This study presents an integrated framework for the measurement, analysis, and correction of power factor in industrial electrical systems using passive and active compensation techniques. A systematic methodology was adopted involving base line power quality assessment, load profile analysis, implementation of capacitor bank-based passive correction, automatic power factor correction (APFC), harmonic mitigation, and simulation-based validation. A real industrial case study was examined to evaluate system performance before and after corrective intervention. The results showed that the average power factor improved from 0.78 to 0.96, while monthly energy costs were reduced by approximately 12–15%. In addition, transformer overheating incidents decreased significantly, and the return on investment was achieved within 18 months. The study also highlights the limitation so conventional correction techniques under dynamic and harmonic-rich load conditions and proposes an intelligent monitoring-based framework for future-ready industrial applications. The findings demonstrate that an integrated passive–active correction strategy can significantly enhance energy efficiency, reduce operating costs, improve power quality, and support sustainable industrial power management..

Key Wards :

Power Factor Correction, Harmonic Mitigation, Reactive Power Compensation, Capacitor Banks, Intelligent Monitoring, Industrial Load Analysis.

1. Introduction:

Industrial electrical systems form the backbone of modern manufacturing and production sectors, where reliable and efficient energy utilization is critical for operational sustainability. Among various performance indicators, power factor (PF) plays a vital role in determining the efficiency of electrical energy conversion. It is defined as the ratio of real power to apparent power and indicates how effectively the supplied electrical power is utilized to perform useful work[1]. A power factor close to unity signifies optimal utilization, whereas a low power factor reflects inefficiencies, increased current demand, and higher system losses [2].

In industrial environments, the wide spread use of inductive loads such as induction motors, transformers, welding machines, and compress or sleads to alagging power factor due to reactive power consumption[3]. Additionally, the increasing penetration of nonlinear loads, including variable frequency drives(VFDs),uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), and power electronic converters, introduces harmonics into the system, further degrading the power factor and overall power quality [4],[5]. These conditions result in several adverse effects, including increased I^2R losses, voltage drops, overheating of equipment, and reduced system reliability [6],[7].

From an economic perspective, utilities impose penalties on industrial consumers operating at low power factors, typically below 0.9, to discourage inefficient energy usage[8]. Consequently, industries are compelled to adopt corrective measures to improve PF, reduce operational costs, and enhance system performance. Traditional methods for power factor correction (PFC) primarily involve the use of capacitor banks, which provide leading reactive power to compensate for laggingre active loads[9].These methods are cost-effective and widely Implemented; however, they are often limited in dynamic load conditions and may lead to issues such as overcompensation and resonance in harmonic-rich environments [10].

To overcome these limitations, Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) systems have been developed, which dynamically switch capacitor banks based on real-time load requirements [11]. Furthermore, advanced solutions such as Static VAR Compensators (SVCs), Active Power Filters (APFs), and Active Harmonic Filters (AHFs) offer improved performance by addressing both reactive power compensation and harmonic mitigation[12]–[14]. These technologies enable faster response, better control, and enhanced power quality, particularly in systems with fluctuating and nonlinear loads [15].

Recent advancements in smart grid technologies, Internet of Things (IoT), and Artificial Intelligence (AI) have opened new avenues for intelligent power factor correction. IoT-enabled monitoring systems allow real-timedata acquisition and remote

diagnostics, while AI-based predictive models can forecast load variations and optimize compensation strategies proactively [16]–[18]. Such intelligent systems provide adaptive and scalable solutions, making them suitable for modern industrial applications with complex load profiles [19].

Despite the availability of various correction techniques, selecting an appropriate PFC strategy remains a challenge due to the diversity of industrial load conditions, harmonic content, and economic constraints[20]. Therefore, there is a need for an integrated approach that combines conventional and advanced techniques, supported by real-time monitoring and data-driven decision-making.

This study presents a comprehensive analysis of power factor optimization in industrial electrical systems through experimental evaluation, case study investigation, and simulation-based validation. The research focuses on identifying the causes of low power factor, implementing passive and active correction methods, analyzing harmonic effects, and evaluating economic feasibility. Additionally, the study explores the potential of intelligent monitoring frameworks for future-ready industrial power management systems.

1.1 Research Gap:

Although extensive research has been conducted on power fact or correction techniques, several critical gaps remain in the existing literature:

- Most studies focus on individual correction techniques (e.g., capacitor banks, APFC, or active filters) without providing a comprehensive comparative or integrated framework.
- Limited research is available on real-time industrial case studies that validate theoretical models under practical operating conditions.
- The long-term performance, maintenance requirements, and lifecycle cost analysis of PFC systems are often overlooked.
- Existing studies rarely address the combined impact of harmonics and power factor correction, despite their strong interdependency.
- There is a lack of adaptive and intelligent approaches that integrate IoT and AI for predictive and real-time optimization of power factor.

The performance of PFC systems under dynamic load variations and renewable energy integration remains insufficiently explored.

These gaps highlight the necessity for a holistic, data-driven, and experimentally validated approach to power factor optimization in modern industrial systems.

1.2 Objectives of the Study:

The primary objective of this research is to develop and evaluate an integrated frame work for power factor optimization in industrial electrical systems. The specific objectives are as follows:

- To analyze the causes of low power factor in industrial environments, including inductive loads, harmonics, and load variability.
- To experimentally evaluate passive correction techniques, particularly capacitor banks, underreal operating conditions.
- To implement and assess active correction methods, including Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) systems and harmonic mitigation techniques.
- To perform a comparative analysis of passive and active methods in terms of performance, efficiency, and limitations.
- To conduct are al industrial case study for validating the effectiveness of correction strategies.
- To carry out a cost-benefit analysis, including energy savings, penalty reduction, and return on investment.
- To explore the feasibility of an intelligent power factor correction frame work using IoT-based monitoring and AI-driven predictive control.
- To propose a hybrid correction approach suitable for modern industrial systems with dynamic and nonlinear loads.

2 Materials and Methodology:

This study adopts a combined experimental, analytical, and simulation-based approach to evaluate and optimize power factor in an industrial electrical system. The methodology consists of four main stages: base line assessment, correction implementation, performance evaluation, and validation. The study was conducted on a three-phase industrial low-voltage system (415 V, 50 Hz) consisting of inductive and nonlinear loads such as motors, transformers, welding equipment and variable frequency drives (VFDs). These loads represent typical industrial conditions responsible for low power factor and harmonic distortion. A power quality analyzer (Fluke435Series II) was used to measure electrical parameters at the main distribution panel and selected feeder points. The key instruments and components used are summarized in Table 6.1.

Table : Equipment used for measurement and correction

Component	Purpose
Power Quality Analyzer	Measurement of V,I,P,Q,S,PF,THD
Capacit or Banks	Passive reactive power compensation
APFC Panel	Automatic PF correction
Sensors(CT/PT)	Current and voltage monitoring
MATLAB/ Simulink	Simulation and validation

2.1 Baseline Power Quality Assessment

Initial measurements were carried out under normal operating conditions to determine system performance before correction. The following parameters were recorded: Voltage (V), Current (I), Real Power (P), Reactive Power (Q), Apparent Power (S), Power Factor (PF), Harmonic Distortion (THD). Power factor was calculated using:

The base line analysis revealed low PF conditions due to inductive loads, load variability, and harmonic distortion.

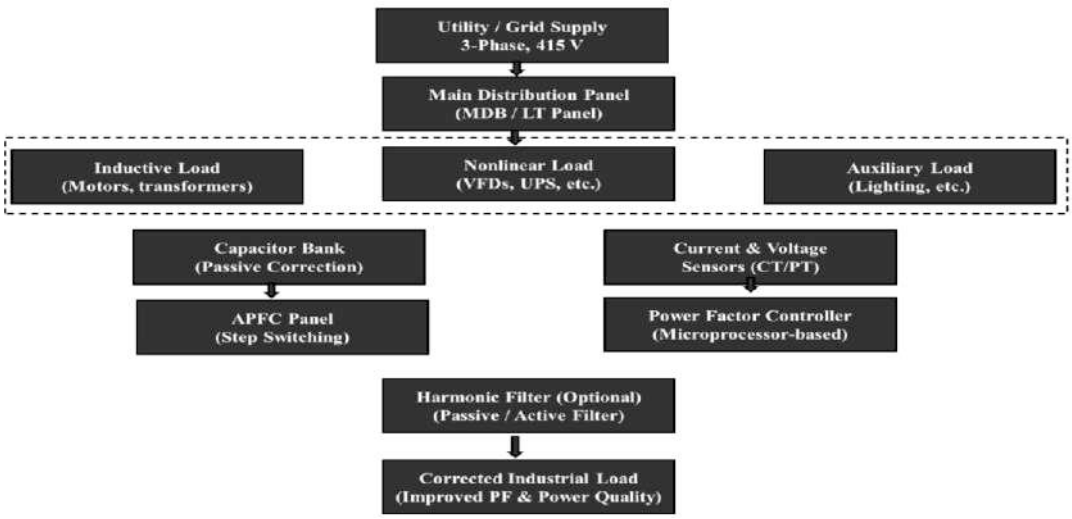


Fig.: Measurement setup for base line power quality assessment

2.2 Load Profile and Cause Analysis:

Load behavior was analyzed under different operating conditions, including peak load, partial load, and transient events. The analysis identified the major causes of low PF:

- Inductive loads (motors, transformers)
- Load fluctuations
- Non linear loads(VFDs, UPS)
- Underutilized equipment

Table : Major contributors to low power factor

Factor	Impact
Inductive loads	Lagging PF
Load variation	PF fluctuation
Harmonics	Increased apparent power
Under loading	Reduced PF

2.3 Reactive Power Compensation Design:

The required reactive power compensation was calculated to improve PF to a target range of 0.95–0.98. The required capacitor rating was determined. This calculation ensured appropriate sizing of capacitor banks to avoid under- or over compensation. Implementation of Correction Techniques Two correction strategies were implemented: Passive Correction Capacitor banks were installed in parallel with the load to supply reactive power and improve PF under steady conditions. Active Correction (APFC) An APFC panel was used to automatically switch capacitor steps based on real-time PF variations, maintaining PF within the desired range. Harmonic Consideration Harmonic levels were monitored to ensure safe operation of capacitor banks and to avoid resonance in nonlinear load conditions.

2.4 Performance Evaluation:

After implementing correction techniques, the system was monitored again under similar operating conditions. Performance was evaluated based on: Improvement in PF, Reduction in reactive power, Reduction in current and apparent power, Improvement in voltage profile, Reduction in harmonic distortion

Table : Performance evaluation parameters

Parameter	Purpose
PF	Efficiency indicator
Q (kVAR)	Reactive load reduction
Current	System loading
THD	Power quality

Loss and Economic Analysis. Line losses were estimated using: $P_{loss} = I_2R$ and Economic feasibility was evaluated based on:

- Reduction in electricity bills,
- Elimination of PF penalties,
- And payback period.

Table : Economic evaluation parameters

Parameter	Description
Initial cost	Equipment + installation
Savings	Reduced bills and penalties
Payback period	Investment recovery time

Simulation-Based Validation. A simulation model was developed in MATLAB/ Simulink to replicate system behavior and validate experimental results. The model was used to:

- Analyze PF improvement,
- Evaluate correction strategies,
- And compare simulated and measured results.

3 Results and discussion:

The base line assessment of the industrial electrical system revealed that the facility was operating under a poor average power factor of 0.78, indicating inefficient utilization of supplied electrical power. This low power factor was primarily caused by the dominance of inductive loads, such as motors and transformers, along with the presence of nonlinear requipment including variable frequency drives VFDs) and UPS systems. These loads increased the reactive power requirement and widened the phase angle between current and voltage, thereby reducing the overall power factor. In addition, nonlinear loads distorted current waveforms and increased apparent power without contributing proportionally to useful power, which further degraded effective system performance [23],[24].

As presented inTable1, the pre-correction condition was characterized by high reactive power demand, elevated current, poor voltage stability, and frequent transformer heating. These conditions indicate that the electrical system was under unnecessary stress and operating with reduced efficiency. The observed poor power factor during base line operation was also strongly linked to partial loading and fluctuating machine operation. During low-load or intermittent production periods, the active power demand reduced, but the reactive power requirement remained relatively high. This caused the ratio of real power to apparent power to decrease, leading to a drop in PF. Similar trends have been reported in industrial systems with under loaded motors and cyclic load behavior [25],[26].

Table : Base line and post-correction electrical performance of the industrial system

Parameter	Before Correction	After Correction
Average Power Factor	0.78	0.96
Reactive Power Demand	High	Reduced
Apparent Power	High	Reduced
Current Demand	Elevated	Reduced
Voltage Stability	Moderate	Improved
Transformer Heating	Frequent	Reduced

After the implementation of the correction strategy, the electrical performance improved significantly. As shown in Table 1, the average power factor increased from 0.78 to 0.96, confirming the effectiveness of the proposed compensation system. This improvement occurred because the installed capacity or banks supplied reactive power locally, thereby reducing the lagging reactive power drawn from the source. As a result, the system current decreased and the burden on the distribution network was reduced. The reduction in current also lowered resistive losses and improved voltage conditions. Similar improvements in PF and current reduction due to reactive power compensation have been reported in previous industrial power factor correction studies [28],[29].

However, it was observed that passive correction alone was not sufficient under all operating conditions. Fixed capacitor banks performed effectively during relatively stable load periods, but their performance became less

Accurate under variable load conditions. This is because a fixed compensation level cannot continuously match changing reactive power demand, which may result in under-compensation during peak load or near-over compensation during light load conditions. To overcome this issue, an Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) system was introduced. The APFC panel improved performance by automatically switching capacitor steps according to real-time PF demand, which enabled more accurate and stable compensation. This explains the higher corrected PF achieved in the present study and is in agreement with the findings reported for APFC-controlled industrial systems [30],[31].

3.1 Comparative Performance, Power Quality, and Economic Implications:

The comparative behavior of passive and active correction methods showed that active compensation performed better under practice alindustrial conditions, particularly where load demand changed continuously. As presented in Table 2, capacitor banks provided moderate to high PF improvement under stable loading conditions and offered a simple and economical solution. However, their limitation was reduced adaptability under fluctuating loads. In contrast, the APFC system provided superior performance because it responded dynamically to changing reactive power demand. The integrated use of both methods yielded the best overall results because passive compensation addressed the base reactive load while APFC handled dynamic variations. Such hybrid strategies have also been recommended in previous studies for industrial systems with mixed load profiles [34],[35].

Table : Comparative effect of passive and active correction methods

Correction Method	Performance	Main Advantage	Main Limitation
Capacitor Banks	Moderate to high PF improvement	Simple and economical	Limited under varying loads
APFC	High PF improvement	Dynamic real-time compensation	Higher initial cost
Integrated Approach	Best overall performance	Better PF and stability	Requires coordinated design

Another important outcome of the implemented correction strategy was the improvement in power quality. The baseline system contained nonlinear loads that contributed to harmonic distortion, which increased apparent power and reduced the effectiveness of conventional compensation. After implementing the coordinated correction system, the electrical behavior became more stable and harmonic influence was reduced in practical terms. This improvement occurred because the reduction in unnecessary current circulation and better reactive power balancing improved waveform conditions at the load side. Earlier studies have similarly reported that harmonic-rich industrial systems require correction strategies that account for both displacement power factor and waveform distortion [32], [33]. Therefore, the improvement observed in this study was not only due to reactive power compensation but also due to better overall system operating conditions.

The practical significance of the proposed correction framework is further evident from its technical and economic benefits. As summarized inTable3, the implemented system improved the power factor from 0.78 to 0.96, reduced monthly electricity costs by approximately 12–15%, and decreased transformer over heating Incidents. The reduction in electricity cost occurred mainly because improved PF reduced utility penalty exposure and lowered the apparent power demand. Similarly, the reduction in over heating can be explained by the lower current flow after correction, which reduced copper losses and thermal stress in transformers and associated conductors. Comparable improvements in system efficiency, thermal behavior, and operating cost after PF correction have also been reported in industrial case studies [36],[37].

Table : Summary of technical and economic outcomes

Performance Metric	Observed Outcome
Power Factor Improvement	0.78→0.96
Monthly Energy Cost Reduction	~12–15%
Transformer Overheating	Reduced
Current Demand	Reduced
Estimated Payback Period	~18 months

As indicated in Table, the estimated payback period of approximately 18 months suggests that the proposed correction strategy is financially feasible for industrial implementation. This relatively short recovery period is mainly due to the combined effect of lower utility penalties, improved electrical efficiency, and reduced equipment stress. Such pay back durations are generally considered acceptable in industrial energy optimization projects, especially where persistent low PF and power quality issues are present [38], [39]. Overall, the findings confirm that low power factor in industrial systems is not caused by a single factor but rather by the combined influence of reactive load demand, harmonics, and operating variability. Therefore, isolated static compensation methods may not always be sufficient. The results of the present study demonstrate that a coordinated passive–active correction framework provides better technical and economic performance, which is consistent with recent studies emphasizing the importance of adaptive and integrated compensation strategies in modern industrial electrical systems [40].

Conclusions:

This study investigated the problem of low power factor in industrial electrical systems and evaluated the effectiveness of passive and active correction strategies under practical operating conditions. The results demonstrated that poor power factor in the studied system was mainly caused by the combined influence of inductive loads, nonlinear equipment, and variable load conditions, which increased reactive power demand, current flow, and apparent power while reducing overall electrical efficiency.

The implementation of the proposed correction framework significantly improved system performance. The average power factor increased from 0.78 to 0.96, indicating a substantial improvement in reactive power management and electrical utilization. This enhancement was mainly achieved through the local supply of reactive power by capacitor banks and the dynamic compensation capability of the APFC system. In addition to PF improvement, the systems howed reduced current demand, improved voltage stability, lower transformer heating, and better overall operating conditions. These findings confirm that power factor correction not only improves billing efficiency but also contributes to the technical reliability of industrial electrical infrastructure.

The comparative evaluation further showed that passive correction is effective for stable operating conditions, whereas active correction is more suitable for dynamic industrial loads. Therefore, an integrated passive–active approach offers better adapt ability and more reliable performance than isolated correction methods. The economic analysis also indicated that the proposed strategy is financially feasible, with an estimated monthly energy cost reduction of 12–15% and a payback period of approximately 18 months.

Overall, the findings of this study confirm that an integrated power factor correction strategy can serve as an effective solution for improving energy efficiency, power quality, and operational reliability in industrial electrical systems. The proposed framework can be adopted in similar industrial environments to reduce electrical losses, minimize utility penalties, and support more sustainable industrial energy management.

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Deregulation and Green Energy

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Abtract:
The times we are presently in are times of balancing our energy requirements along with maintaining the sustainability of the environment. Deregulation was necessitated by the burgeoning size of power utilities and their inability to respond to the changes in power sector. The use of green energy has been necessitated due to volatile oil markets and dwindling reserves of fossil fuels. The paper attempts to establish relation between deregulation and green energy for a sustainable future. Also it attempts to establish , if any relation between deregulation and its impact on environment.

Key Wards :
Deregulation, green energy, sustainability

1. Introduction:

The concept of deregulation originated in 1990s in United States. This was dictated by the growing number of consumers, their varied demands and also origination of green energy. The growing population needed new living spaces. Also another factor which contributed to disturbing the existing monolithic structure of electricity utilities the rising incomes and demand for more comfort which in turn led to increase in demand for electricity. This led to newer sources of producing energy specifically green energy. Green energy is the energy produced from non fossil fuels and is synonymous with renewable energy (energy from sun, wind, geothermal, ocean etc.).

Deregulation meant freeing the energy companies from the government control and un-bundling them into different independent profit centres in terms of generation, transmission and distribution. Three different entities dealing in specialized fields meant better efficiency. Also deregulation allowed entry of multiple producers thereby offering consumers choice to chose their suppliers. The provision of allowing rooftop generation, micro and mini hydel plants meant that grid had to deal with multiple inputs. These posed problem of intermittency due to inherent nature and also the problem of frequency matching.

Literature Review:

In[1], authors have tried to investigate the breaking up traditional utility monopolies on generation, transmission, and distribution in American scenario. They found out that it had little impact on costs but led to decrease in release of carbon content. Porras et.al. have examined the economic impacts of deregulation on power sector. Their study evaluated how deregulation has affected innovation, the creation of an open market, power prices, and competitiveness. In conclusion, reforms in the energy sector rely heavily on the nation's politics, initial conditions of power transformation, and policies that guide such changes, technological states, and focusing on the most critical sectors of the economy without ignoring those perceived to be less significant. In [10] authors assess the impact and effect of reforms on the energy sector. Their objective is to evaluate the process of deregulation policies and their micro and macroeconomic effects on the energy sector, and specifically on electricity, by analyzing literature related to electricity reforms. Further, they have explored the impacts of deregulation on power pricing, power market, electricity accessibility, innovation, and competitiveness. They have analyzed the role played by various stakeholders in the deregulation policies, including the government, national entities like states, the private sector, and consumers.

Deregulation and its impact:

Deregulation is the restructuring of power sector market. It is aimed at freeing the power sector from governmental control. Deregulation in the Indian power sector scenario was required as the erstwhile electricity boards were deep in red and were not able to carry out further development works due to paucity of funds. Since the electricity boards had combined responsibility of generation, transmission and distribution, the sharing mechanism could not fix the responsibility for losses which kept mounting. This led to bifurcation/ trifurcation of the electricity boards into independent corporations managing generation, transmission and distribution

separately. Also alongwith this disintegration was accompanied by de-licensing of the electricity sector which led to independent power producers. The basic structure of deregulated power system is shown in figure below:

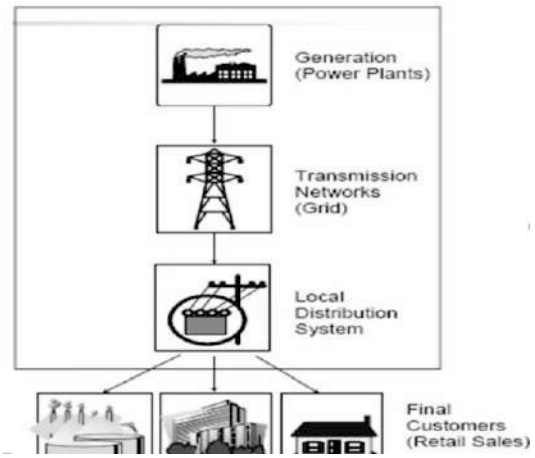


Fig : Typical Deregulated structure

The government also stepped in to promote the generation through use of non conventional/ renewable energy sources. The growing numbers of independent power producers meant that the grid was recipient of energy from various sources which were unpredictable and intermittent. This implied that the grid was to be made responsive to sudden changes in power injection and evacuation. This led to development of Smart Grid which allows two way communication and makes the power system more robust. Another factor which came up with the deregulation was the power exchanges which allowed the power to be traded similar to stock trading. With more power sector reforms in offing, the deregulated power sector is poised for challenging and testing times ahead.

Green Energy and its implications:

Energy that is generated from inexhaustible sources with very less impact on environment is called as green energy. Due to fast depleting fossil fuels and highly unstable pricing of oil in international markets, government has laid thrust on promoting green energy. This has led to a noticeable shift in energy production by different resources. The figure below shows the energy production mix:

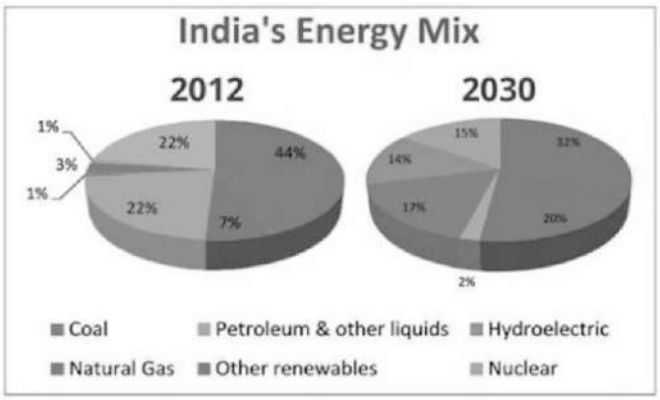


Fig : India's Energy Mix

The present contribution of energy from renewable/non conventional sources in the total mix of energy stands close to 40%. The mix of renewable is shown in figure 3 below. The flip side of green energy production is that it has led to number of energy producers who all want to feed the energy to the grid. In India, the most common and widely used is the energy from sun through solar photovoltaic means. Roof top solar Photovoltaic plants and stand alone large solar PV plants have come up both in private sector and in private public partnerships. Wind energy in India is available mostly along the long coastal area and in some hilly regions. All the renewable sources of energy face the challenge of intermittent generation and the prediction of energy availability is also not accurate. This compounds the problem of scheduling in the grids.

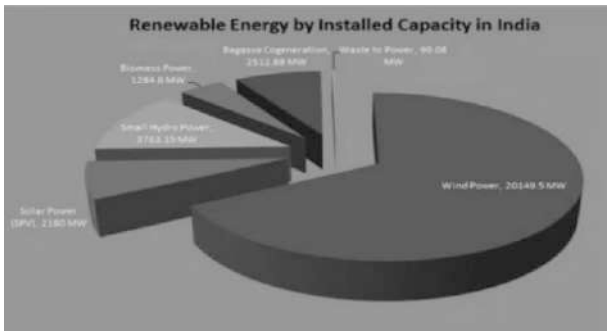


Fig : The Indian renewable energy mix

Issues due to deregulation and green energy:

The opening up of Indian power sector due to deregulation has changed the scenario of power sector. The consumer now has choices to chose where to take electricity from. The energy producers have become more responsive due to intense competition in market. The pricing strategy has also changed. The government on its part of pushing the reforms through power sector has introduced several schemes and started many development works. Use high voltage distribution system, refurbishing the ageing power sector, improving the distribution infrastructure by use of multi-strand cables, erection of new transmission lines, modernizing the old generating stations especially thermal power plants and setting up of new power generation stations are some of the measures that have been taken. The number of players in the distribution sector has also increased which has given rise to healthy competition. The electricity regulations have been made little more stringent like fixing the frequency variation range from 49.5Hz to 50.2Hz, voltage variation limits have been revised. The power quality issues have been given attention now as it has been proved that poor power quality is also a major culprit in power losses. The billing system has been changed from traditional kWh to kVAh system. Efforts are being made to control the transmission and distribution losses along with minimizing the non technical losses.

Conclusion:

Deregulation and promotion of green energy have thrown many challenges to the existing utilities. The growing competition has made the utilities to respond faster and act towards increasing their revenues. The growing awareness amongst the general public towards production and use of green energy is likely to lead to more competition in energy production. The consumer is set to become more demanding in terms of conditions, pricing and quality of power supply. With the plans of having multiple distributors of energy in one area, the competition is likely to intensify further. The power companies need to put all out efforts to change with changing times in order to remain in business. Newer avenues for green energy, the efficiency of extraction of power from these sources, dealing with intermittent power generation, fixing responsibility for maintenance of the available energy infrastructure and provision on new infrastructure, pricing mechanisms are the key issues which need serious introspection to make the world carbon neutral.

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State of Charge Estimation of Lithium-Ion Battery Using Extended Kalman Filter

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Abtract:

Lithium-ion batteries are widely used in electric vehicles, stationary storage, and portable electronic equipment due to their excellent energy density, cycle life, and power performance. In order to ensure the reliable operation of lithium-ion batteries, a sophisticated Battery Management System (BMS) is necessary. The BMS can detect some physical and electrical states, such as voltage, current, temperature, and state of charge (SOC). SOC indicates how much capacity has remained in the battery. SOC is important for safety operation of the battery, for the better utilization of battery energy and to avoid over-charge or over-discharge states. SOC cannot be measured directly and is usually estimated using computational approaches based on some measurable electrical values. This paper presents a model-based SOC estimation approach using the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF). A second-order RC equivalent circuit model is employed to describe the electrical behaviour of a lithium-ion battery, and the EKF algorithm is used to estimate SOC using measured current and terminal voltage signals. The proposed method is implemented in the MATLAB/Simulink environment to evaluate estimation performance under dynamic operating conditions. According to the simulation results, the estimated result by EKF is of the high precision to follow the SOC and greatly decreased the error from traditional Coulomb counting method.

Key Wards :

Battery modelling, Extended Kalman filter (EKF), Lithium-ion batteries, MATLAB/Simulink, and State of Charge (SOC) estimation.

1. Introduction:

With the rapid growth of electric vehicles (EVs), renewable energy systems, and portable electronic devices, the need for efficient and reliable energy storage systems is increasing. Among different energy storage technologies, lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries are widely used because they have high energy density, long life, low self-discharge, and good charging and discharging performance. Due to these advantages, Li-ion batteries are commonly used in EVs, hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs), renewable energy systems, and consumer electronics.

To ensure safe and efficient operation, Li-ion batteries require continuous monitoring and control. For this purpose, a Battery Management System (BMS) is used. The BMS monitors important battery parameters such as voltage, current, temperature, State of Charge (SOC), and State of Health (SOH). Among these parameters, SOC is very important because it indicates the remaining charge available in the battery compared to its full capacity.

SOC cannot be measured directly by a sensor. Instead, it must be estimated using measurable signals such as battery voltage and current. Accurate SOC estimation is important because it helps prevent overcharging and over-discharging, improves battery performance, increases battery life, and ensures safety.

In this work, a Second-Order RC Equivalent Circuit Model, also known as the Dual Polarization Model, is used to describe the dynamic behavior of a Li-ion battery. The model consists of an open-circuit voltage source, an internal resistance, and two RC networks. These RC networks represent the battery polarization and diffusion effects, allowing the model to capture both short-term and long-term voltage behavior.For SOC estimation, the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF) algorithm is used. The Kalman Filter is a well-known method for estimating the states of dynamic systems using mathematical models and noisy measurements. However, the standard Kalman Filter is designed for linear systems, while batteries exhibit nonlinear behavior due to complex electrochemical reactions.

2. Literature Review:

The accurate estimation of SOC is a critical prerequisite for the safe, efficient operation of battery systems especially the lithium-ion battery used in electric vehicles, renewable energy storage and modern battery management systems (BMS). Since SOC cannot be measured directly, it is obtained by means of mathematical model and signal processing methods. The research of SOC estimation based on the mathematical model and signal processing algorithms has been carried out very extensively for the past ten years; effective SOC estimation methods capable of solving the nonlinear dynamics of the battery, parameters variations, measurement noise and environmental uncertainties have been developed.

Early approaches for SOC estimation are mainly based on empirical and measurement-based method such as open-circuit voltage (OCV) method and ampere-hour (Ah) integration method. The above-mentioned methods are simple to implement; however, they possess the following disadvantage. OCV-based methods require long rest periods to reach voltage equilibrium, which is impractical in real-time applications. Likewise, the accumulated errors in Ah counting are increased with time due to sensor errors and undefined initial SOC[9],. This drawback of Ah counting drove the researchers to search for model-based state estimation approach which combines battery models and recursive filtering algorithm in order to have more accurate and robust estimation.

Among various model-based approaches, Kalman filter-based state estimation techniques are one of the most widely used techniques for SOC estimation which combines system models and correction with real-time measurements via state-space model. Through recursive prediction and correction steps, Kalman filtering continuously updates SOC estimates based on measured voltage and current signals, and several studies have demonstrated practical implementation frameworks for such filtering algorithms in real-time systems [8].

Several studies demonstrated that Kalman filtering significantly improves SOC estimation accuracy compared with conventional Coulomb counting methods by effectively mitigating measurement noise and modelling errors [1], [2], [7], [21]. In such frameworks, equivalent circuit models (ECMs), particularly Thevenin and Randle-type models, are commonly used to represent battery behaviour because they provide a practical balance between modelling accuracy and computational simplicity [2],[11],[18].

The models commonly adopted are open-circuit voltage source in series with internal resistance and one or more parallel RC circuits for electrochemical polarization. Different orders of RC circuits (first-order or second-order RC circuits) have been used to describe the diffusion and charge transfer process within the battery and embedded in EKF algorithms to provide SOC estimates on the basis of measurable current and terminal voltage signals [3],[5],[18]. Validations have demonstrated that SOC estimation algorithms based on EKF can provide estimation error as low as under 1-4% during dynamic loading, and thus hold great promise for practical battery management system applications [3], [11], [16]. Despite these advantages, early EKF-based approaches often assumed constant battery parameters and simplified battery behaviour, which can reduce estimation accuracy under varying operating conditions.

Lithium-ion batteries exhibit complex nonlinear characteristics influenced by factors such as temperature variations, hysteresis effects, and dynamic charge-discharge behaviour. To tackle these issues, various studies have suggested improved models of the battery and adaptation filtering techniques. By considering temperature dependency into the parameters and the OCV-SOC relationship, a better estimation of the battery performance across different ambient temperatures is achieved [4],[13].

Also, by taking hysteresis into account, the performance in predicting the battery voltage and the SOC could be enhanced due to the difference between charging and discharging behaviour [10], [17]. Thus, the models are improved and the performance of the EKF based estimator is enhanced. A second area of research is related to the adaptation filtering techniques, where parameters of the system or noise covariance matrix are adapted in order to improve estimation accuracy and robustness. An AEKF, an iterative EKF or a variational EKF algorithm have been designed in order to track the battery states under unknown operating conditions.

They adapt their filtering parameters by using the innovation sequences or through an iterative procedure of minimizing a cost function, making them adaptable to the model inaccuracies and measurement noises [6], [20],. These adaptive filters have shown to be much better than a classical EKF approach for SOC estimation by reducing the estimation error.

Besides of the adaptive filtering approach, there are many studies dealing with accurate modelling of the battery. The application of the fractional-order EC to characterize both polarization and memory effects is one of the solutions suggested to overcome limitation of integer order EC models [15]. The model using fractional-order dynamic has also shown a good result for voltage prediction and SOC estimation.

For an effective representation of the battery, it may be necessary to account for the rate and temperature dependency. The nonlinear EC which takes the two conditions into account have been used to better represent the battery behaviour [19]. The improved models can contribute to a better estimation performance when it is based on model-based approaches.

However, the model parameters could change over time, for example due to the wear of the battery. Therefore, on-line parameter identification algorithms have been developed in order to dynamically update the model parameters [12]. These methods increase robustness to variations due to changes in the parameters due to operational conditions and aging of the battery.

Overall, the literature demonstrates that Kalman filter-based estimation techniques combined with appropriate battery modelling approaches provide a promising framework for accurate SOC estimation in lithium-ion battery systems. The EKF has become one of the most widely accepted techniques for SOC estimation owing to its robustness to the nonlinear battery dynamics and recursive correction of estimated errors using prediction and measurement updates, which is well suited for precise and robust battery state estimation for the purpose of advanced battery management and energy storage applications.

3. Battery Equivalent Circuit Model:

Accurate modelling of lithium-ion batteries is an essential requirement for developing reliable state estimation algorithms such as the EKF. A battery model provides a mathematical representation of the electrical behaviors of the cell and enables the estimation of

internal states that cannot be measured directly, such as the SOC. Battery model is employed in the BMS for the prediction of battery voltage behavior under different operational circumstances, and for mapping measurable electric quantities to the internal states of the battery. Consequently, selection of the battery model is vital in obtaining accurate SOC estimation.

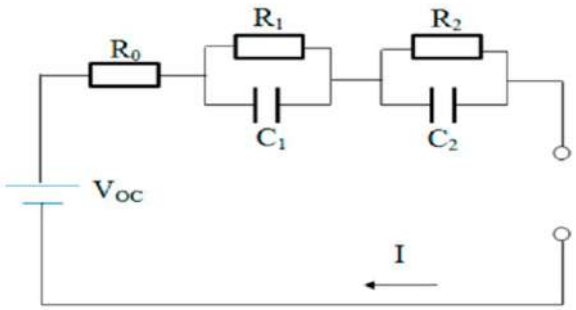


Fig. 1 : Second-order RC battery equivalent model

They capture the concentration polarization related to ion diffusion within electrolyte and electrodes, so represent long term response of battery potential, when current is charged or discharged at longer term. Terminal voltage can be written as,

$$V_t = V_{oc} - V_1 - V_2 - I R_0 \quad \text{..... ..... (1)}$$

where V_{oc} is the open-circuit voltage, V_1 and V_2 represent the voltages across the RC networks, I is the battery current, and R_0 is the internal resistance. The negative sign indicates that voltage drops occur due to internal resistive and polarization effects when the battery is delivering current.

4. State of Charge Estimation Using EKF:

Accurate estimation of the SOC requires an estimation framework capable of handling nonlinear battery dynamics and measurement uncertainties. In this work, the EKF is employed to estimate the SOC of a lithium-ion battery using the electrical equivalent circuit model described in the previous section. The EKF is particularly suitable for battery applications because it can estimate internal states that cannot be measured directly while accounting for process disturbances and measurement noise.

A) EKF-Based SOC Estimation Algorithm:

The EKF estimates the internal battery states through a recursive procedure consisting of two major stages: prediction and correction.

During the prediction stage, the state estimate and the corresponding covariance matrix are propagated forward using the nonlinear system model.

$$\hat{x}_{(k|k-1)} = f\left(\hat{x}_{(k-1|k-1)}, u_{\{k-1\}}\right)$$
$$P_{(k|k-1)} = A_k P_{(k-1|k-1)} A_k^T + Q$$

where A_k is the Jacobian matrix of the state transition function.

In the correction stage, the predicted state estimate is adjusted using the measured terminal voltage. The Kalman gain is computed as

$$K_k = P_{(k|k-1)} C_k^T \left(C_k P_{(k|k-1)} C_k^T + R\right)$$

where C_k is the Jacobian matrix of the measurement function.

The updated state estimate is then obtained using

$$\hat{x}_{(k|k)} = \hat{x}_{(k|k-1)} + K_k \left(y_k - g\left(\hat{x}_{(k|k-1)}, u_k\right)\right)$$

Finally, the covariance matrix is updated according to

$$P_{(k|k)} = (I - K_k C_k) P_{(k|k-1)}$$

Through this recursive estimation process, the EKF continuously refines the SOC estimate by combining the dynamic battery model with real-time measurement data.

5. Matlab/simulink Implementation and Simulation:

In order to analyse the performance of the proposed method for SOC estimation, the simulation framework was built under MATLAB/Simulink environment. MATLAB/Simulink provides a flexible platform for modelling, simulation, and analysis of dynamic systems, making it well suited for battery modelling and estimation algorithm implementation. In this study, the lithium-ion battery equivalent circuit model and the EKF algorithm were implemented in Simulink to estimate SOC based on measured current and voltage signals.

The simulation structure consisting of the lithium-ion battery model, the current and voltage measurement system is shown in Fig. 2. These components are integrated within the Simulink environment to create a closed-loop estimation framework in which the battery model generates terminal voltage responses while the EKF algorithm estimates the internal battery states.

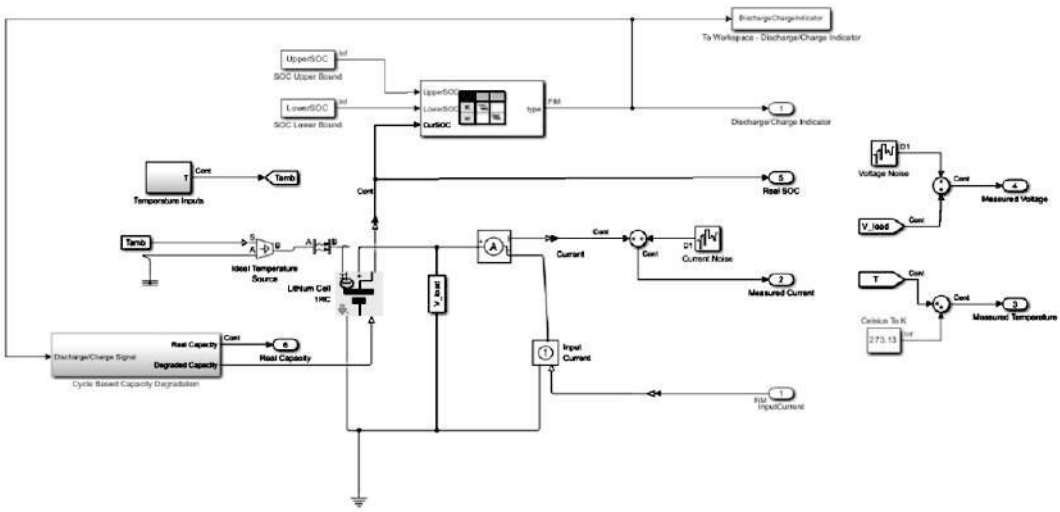


Fig. 2 : Lithium-ion battery model including current input, temperature effects, and measurement signals

The battery current is represented as a input signal to the Simulink block diagram, as depicted in Fig. 2. The current signal reflects the charge or discharge states of the battery during operation. In the simulation, a dynamic current signal is fed into the battery model. The current signal can be modelled to reflect the changing loads applied to the battery during use. To test the accuracy of the algorithm, different current signals with varying load conditions are applied to the battery model.

Within the simulation environment, the Coulomb counting algorithm is implemented as a reference method for comparison. Both estimation techniques receive the same current input signal, and their SOC estimates are compared with the actual SOC obtained from the battery model. This comparison allows the evaluation of estimation accuracy under identical operating conditions.

The simulation results generated by the MATLAB/Simulink model include the actual SOC of the battery, the SOC estimated using the Coulomb counting method, and the SOC estimated using the EKF. It is thus possible to estimate how the different algorithms track the true SOC value by examining the result obtained.

The MATLAB/Simulink implementation provides a convenient environment for analysing the dynamic performance of SOC estimation algorithms before deploying them in real battery management systems. Through simulation, the effectiveness of the EKF algorithm can be evaluated under various operating conditions, including varying current profiles and measurement noise. The presented method also enables to verify the proposed estimation scheme and to obtain good insights on its applicability to the lithium-ion battery monitoring system.

6. Results and Discussion:

The validity of the suggested SOC estimation method is assessed through simulation in MATLAB/Simulink environment. The objective of this analysis was to investigate the capability of the EKF algorithm to estimate the SOC of a lithium-ion battery under dynamic operating conditions. The estimation performance of the EKF was also compared with that of the conventional Coulomb counting technique in order to demonstrate the improvement obtained through model-based estimation.

A) Simulation Framework:

The lithium-ion battery was modelled using the second-order RC equivalent circuit described earlier is modelled as shown in Fig. 3. This model captures both the instantaneous voltage drop caused by internal resistance and the transient voltage behaviour associated with polarization effects. The model parameters were selected to represent the electrical characteristics typically observed in lithium-ion cells.

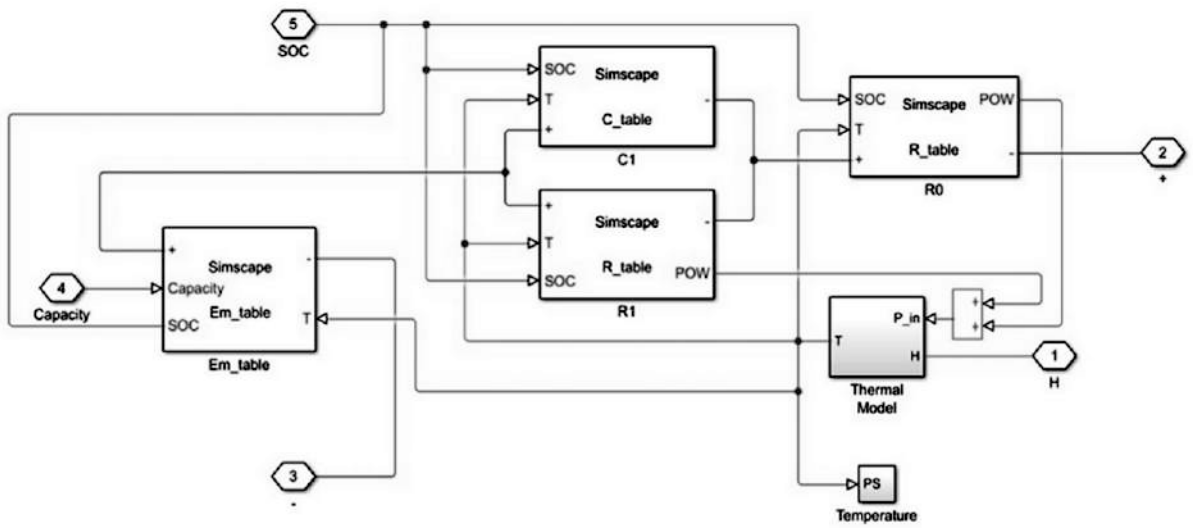


Fig. 3 : MATLAB/Simulink implementation of the lithium-ion battery equivalent circuit model used for SOC estimation

The EKF-based SOC estimator was implemented using the state-space representation of the battery model. The algorithm processed the measured current and voltage signals at each sampling instant and recursively updated the estimates of the internal battery states. In parallel, the Coulomb counting method was implemented using the same current signal in order to provide a reference for performance comparison.

B) SOC Estimation Using Coulomb Counting:

This technique is computationally simple and therefore widely used in practical battery monitoring systems. However, the method relies heavily on the accuracy of current measurements and the knowledge of the initial SOC value.

According to the simulation results, the SOC estimation obtained by Coulomb counting drifts away from the true value with time. The cause of the error is due to the accumulation of errors from the noise from the sensors, and numerical integration. Tiny errors in the current measurements may lead to great errors if they are integrated for a long time. The other drawback of Coulomb counting method is that it is a open loop method, meaning that the voltage cannot be used to check for estimation errors as it doesn't provide feedback to correct the estimation errors when it happens. As a result, once an estimation error appears, it continues to increase with time.

The simulation results clearly demonstrate this limitation. The SOC curve obtained from Coulomb counting progressively deviates from the true SOC trajectory generated by the battery model. This behaviour indicates that the method may not be suitable for applications that require high estimation accuracy over extended operating periods.

C) SOC Estimation Using EKF:

The simulation results show that the SOC estimation based on EKF can accurately estimate the true SOC of the battery. From the simulation results, we can see that the estimated SOC by EKF well tracks the real SOC of the battery during whole simulation time. During the whole simulation process, the current is in variable conditions.

The main feature of EKF algorithm is to reduce estimation errors by measurement feedback. At each sampling step, the estimated terminal voltage is compared with measured voltage, then the estimated states are adjusted based on this comparison. In this recursive correction way, estimation errors cannot grow with the simulation steps, so the accuracy is very high.

Another characteristic of EKF algorithm is its robustness to noise and modelling errors. EKF algorithm uses the information of process noise and measurement noise, which are included in two covariance matrices. With proper choices of these parameters, the EKF can compromise between model prediction and measurement correction well.

D) Comparative Analysis:

This technique A comparative evaluation was performed to assess the estimation performance of the two SOC estimation methods. The SOC values obtained from the EKF and Coulomb counting techniques were compared with the actual SOC generated by the battery model are shown in Fig. 4.

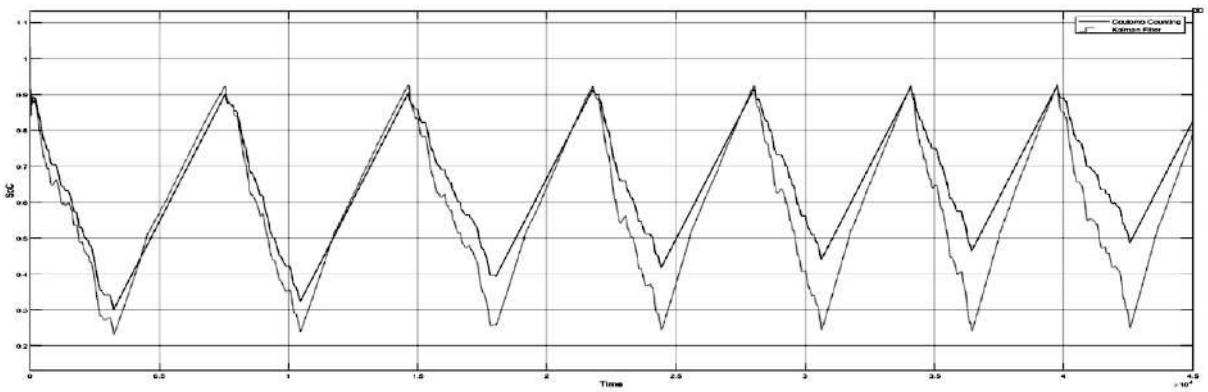


Fig. 4 : Comparison of SOC estimation using EKF and Coulomb counting methods

As shown by the above comparison, estimation accuracy is greatly enhanced with EKF. The SOC profile calculated by EKF has close agreement with the true value. In contrast, deviation between Coulomb counting estimated value and true value goes on increasing over time.

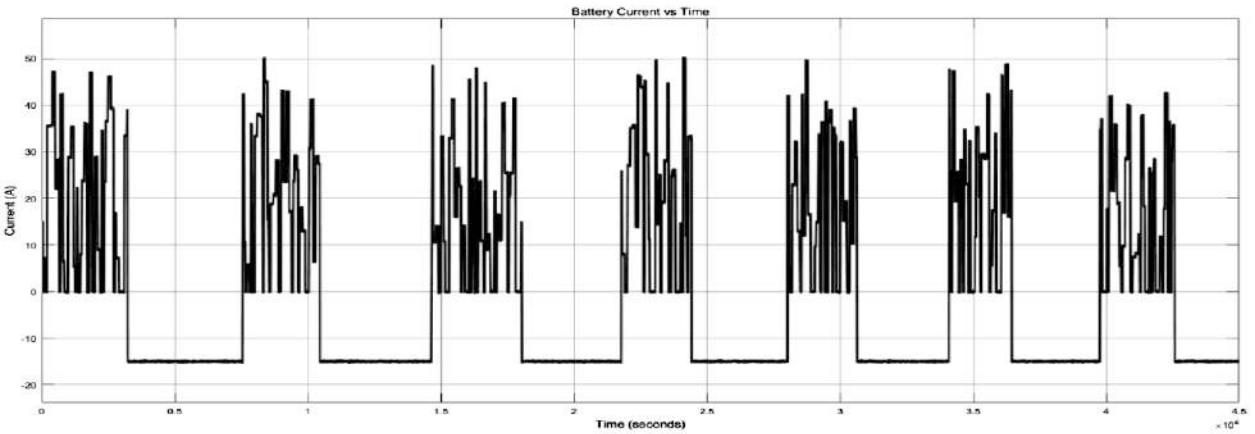


Fig. 5 : Battery current profile showing charging and discharging cycles.

Fig. 5. shows the battery current progress where charging and discharging current are the flows of electric charge into and out of a battery, respectively.

The EKF algorithm also demonstrates improved robustness under noisy measurement conditions. Even when disturbances are introduced in the measurement signals, the EKF maintains stable estimation performance due to its recursive correction mechanism.

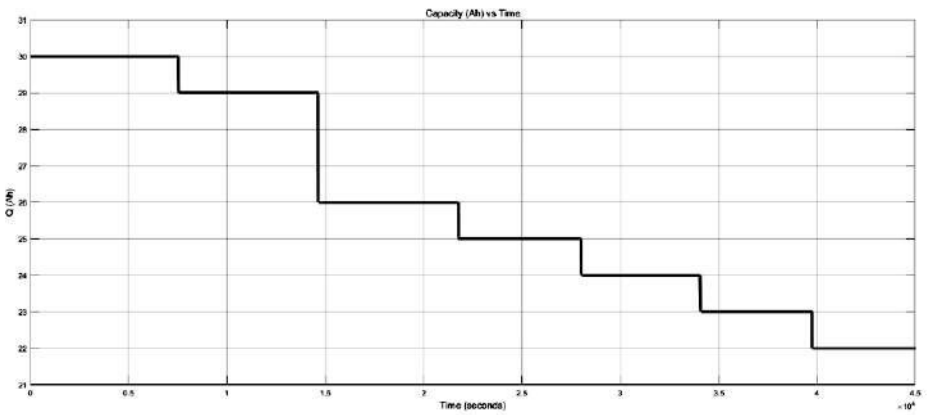


Fig. 6 : Battery capacity (Ah) variation over the simulation time period.

The results of the simulation work clearly show the benefits of the EKF in SOC estimation. Combining the battery model with real-time measured information, the EKF is capable of overcoming the shortcomings of the traditional methods like coulomb counting. The second-order RC equivalent circuit model has shown a sufficiently accurate representation of the dynamics of lithium-ion batteries with acceptable computational burden. This balance between modelling accuracy and computational efficiency makes the model suitable for real-time battery management applications.

Overall, the EKF-based SOC estimation method provides accurate tracking performance, strong robustness against measurement noise, and reduced estimation error compared with conventional techniques. All the features make the proposed method convenient to be realized by using the modern battery management system, which can be used for electric vehicles, renewable energy storage, and other applications

7. Conclusions:

In a modern energy storage system based on a Li-ion battery, an accurate estimation of SOC is required to insure a reliable operation and control. Since SOC cannot be directly measured, estimation techniques based on mathematical modelling and signal processing are required to determine the remaining capacity of a battery during operation. In this work, a model-based SOC estimation approach using the EKF has been presented and evaluated.

A second-order RC equivalent circuit model was employed to represent the electrical behaviour of the lithium-ion battery. This model captures both the instantaneous voltage drop caused by internal resistance and the transient voltage dynamics associated with electrochemical polarization effects. The battery model was integrated with the EKF algorithm in a MATLAB/Simulink environment to estimate SOC using measured current and terminal voltage signals. The performance of the EKF-based estimator was analysed under dynamic charging and discharging conditions.

From simulation results, it can be concluded that EKF can produce an accurate and steady estimation for the SOC, especially with the measurement noise and arbitrary current inputs. In comparison to the traditional Coulomb counting method, the EKF algorithm will result in smaller cumulative errors in the estimation through continuously updating state prediction with measurement values of voltage. Thus, the estimation of the SOC by the EKF has followed well with the true value for the whole simulation time range.

The simulation shows that the proposed model-based SOC estimation method, EKF, has great performance enhancement in estimation accuracy and robustness in comparison to those open-loop methods. The presented method therefore is a feasible and reliable solution for battery real time estimation and control.

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Integration of Electrical Safety and Green Building Concept in Healthcare Institutions

(With reference to IEC 60364-7-710:2002)

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Abtract:

With the increasing use of advanced medical equipment and technologies in modern healthcare institutions, electrical safety has become a matter of paramount importance. In particular, in Group–2 medical locations such as operation theatres, ICUs, and cath labs, continuity and safety of electrical power supply are directly linked to patient safety and survival.

This paper highlights the need, advantages, and working principles of isolated electrical power systems in medical locations as per the IEC 60364-7-710:2002 standard. It also presents an analysis of how adopting the green building concept in hospital buildings contributes to energy efficiency, environmental protection, and safe healthcare services. The study establishes that the integration of electrical safety and green building design is essential for the development of sustainable and safe hospitals of the future.

1. Introduction:

In healthcare institutions, reliability and safety of electrical power supply are of utmost importance. Any electrical failure or leakage current can not only damage expensive medical equipment but also pose serious risks to the lives of patients and medical personnel.

For this reason, international standards such as IEC 60364-7-710:2002 have been developed, which define specific electrical safety requirements for medical locations.

2. Electrical Risks in Healthcare Facilities:

The major electrical risks in medical institutions include:

- Sudden interruption of power supply
- Electrical disturbances during surgical procedures
- Risk of electric shock
- Fire hazards
- Impaired functioning of sensitive medical equipment

To mitigate these risks, it is essential to classify medical locations as per IEC standards and adopt appropriate electrical systems accordingly.

3. Classification of Medical Locations as per IEC 60364-7-710:2002:

As per the standard, medical locations are classified into three groups:

Group 0, Group 1, and Group 2.

Group–2 medical locations (such as operation theatres, ICUs, and cath labs) are highly sensitive areas where electrical equipment comes into contact with internal parts of the human body. In these locations, the use of an isolated electrical power supply system is mandatory.

4. Electrical Safety Measures for Group–2 Medical Locations:

The following safety measures are required in Group–2 medical locations:

- Isolated electrical power system (IT system)
- Isolation transformer
- Insulation Monitoring Device (IMD)
- Visual and audible alarm systems
- TN-S earthing and equipotential bonding
- UPS and generator backup

These measures ensure that even in the event of a single fault, the electrical power supply remains uninterrupted.

5. Green Building Concept in Hospital Buildings:

The green building concept not only makes hospitals energy-efficient but also strengthens electrical safety and patient safety.

5.1 Benefits of Green Hospital Buildings:

- Energy efficiency: Reduced energy consumption through solar power, LED lighting, and energy-efficient HVAC systems
- Enhanced electrical safety: Proper load management reduces the risk of overloading and short circuits
- Continuous power supply: Renewable energy sources and backup systems ensure uninterrupted power to critical medical areas
- Environmental protection: Reduction in carbon emissions, efficient water usage, and waste management
- Patient-friendly environment: Improved healing through natural lighting, clean air, and reduced noise levels

6. Integration of Electrical Safety and Green Building Design:

When isolated electrical systems as per IEC 60364-7-710:2002 are integrated with green building design, hospital buildings become:

- Safer
- More energy-efficient
- Environment-friendly
- Economically sustainable

This integration is a fundamental requirement of modern healthcare infrastructure.

7. Conclusion:

This paper clearly demonstrates that electrical safety in healthcare institutions is not merely a technical requirement but a fundamental pillar of life safety. In Group–2 medical locations, adoption of isolated electrical power systems in accordance with IEC 60364-7-710:2002 is mandatory.

At the same time, by adopting the green building concept, hospitals can be made energy-efficient, safe, and environmentally responsible. Therefore, an integrated approach combining electrical safety and green building design is essential for hospitals of the future.

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Green Hydrogen, The Future Source of Energy

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Abtract:

One kilogram of hydrogen contains energy equivalent to approximately 33.6 kWh of electricity, giving it a significantly higher gravimetric energy density than traditional carbon fuels. Hydrogen is also roughly 14 times lighter than air. Currently, producing one kilogram of green hydrogen via water electrolysis consumes about 50 to 55 kWh of electricity. In turn, a fuel cell can theoretically extract a maximum of about 39 kWh of electricity per kilogram to drive automobiles. [1,2,3,4]

As technology advances over the next 10 to 20 years, efficiency will improve and costs will drop, making hydrogen highly competitive with fossil fuels. This vast potential establishes hydrogen as a critical fuel of the future, drawing from virtually unlimited natural resources like water. Recognizing this potential, India announced its vision at COP26 in Glasgow (2021) to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070. Hydrogen is set to play a pivotal role in this energy transition, especially since it packs 2.6 times more energy per kilogram than natural gas.

Introduction:

French chemist Antoine Laurent de Lavoisier coined the name 'Hydrogen' in 1783. Later, in 1800, William Nicholson and Anthony Carlisle split water into hydrogen and oxygen by passing electricity through it, a process known as the electrolysis of water. In 1839, William Robert Grove demonstrated the first fuel cell that generates electricity by combining hydrogen and oxygen. Following this innovation, the idea of a hydrogen internal combustion engine was proposed by an engineer named W.R. Cecil (often referenced alongside later developments by Johnson) in the mid-19th century.

Properties and Production Methods:

Hydrogen is a colorless, odorless, non-toxic, and highly combustible gas. Currently, around 55 million tons of hydrogen are produced globally each year. Most of this is produced through 'steam methane reforming' of natural gas, where gas and water react at high temperatures to produce hydrogen and carbon dioxide.

Another process is electrolysis, which produces hydrogen by passing an electric current through water. If renewable electricity (like solar or wind) is used for this, no carbon dioxide or other pollutants are produced. This is the best method for producing totally clean 'green hydrogen'. Depending on the production technology and the use of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) methods, hydrogen is categorized into different names like grey, blue, red, and green hydrogen.

The Potential and Challenges of Hydrogen:

In many ways, hydrogen is the perfect fuel. When combined with renewable electricity, it can be produced, stored, and used to generate power without emitting any greenhouse gases or pollutants. It has the potential to be a completely clean, inexhaustible energy carrier, much like the fossil fuels we use today.

Currently, hydrogen is used daily by many large-scale industries for refining petrol, manufacturing chemicals, processing food, and producing electronics. Until the 1970s, hydrogen was widely used in the United Kingdom as a fuel for domestic heating and cooking in the form of 'town gas'. However, town gas was manufactured from coal, which was a dirty process. The decline of coal resources and the discovery of large natural gas reserves resulted in a large-scale conversion away from town gas.

Today, hydrogen fuel cell technology is still in its nascent stage and remains expensive, which increases the overall cost of energy production. Commercializing hydrogen for fuel and industrial use requires mammoth investments in R&D, infrastructure, storage, transportation, and demand creation. Approximately 100 billion dollars per year is needed globally to improve the hydrogen ecosystem.

Indian Initiatives and Global Outlook:

In India, premier institutes and organizations like IIT Delhi, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), and Mahindra & Mahindra are actively supporting this R&D work. Two hydrogen refueling stations have already been established: one at the Indian Oil R&D Centre in Faridabad, and another at the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) in Gurugram.

Regardless of public perception, rising petroleum prices and severe air pollution forced experts to take another look at hydrogen in the late 1990s. A 1996 report by the US Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources stated that the most promising immediate use of hydrogen is for transportation. Using hydrogen leaves behind no ozone-depleting chemicals, no acid rain, and no nuclear waste.

Globally, "One Sun, One World, One Grid" is the visionary slogan championed by the Indian Prime Minister. Aligning with this vision, the Government of India announced the National Hydrogen Mission (NHM) in the Union Budget, drawing up a strategic roadmap to use hydrogen as a clean energy source. This initiative holds the potential to completely transform the future of transportation and energy.

Hydrogen is produced as follow:

- Reacting metals with acids
  $Zn + 2H^{+} \rightarrow Zn_2^{++} H_2$
- Processing hydro carbons
  $CH_4 + H_2O \rightarrow CO + 3H_2$
  $\Delta H = +191.7\ kJ/mol$
- Hydrolysis of water
  $2H_2O\ (l) \rightarrow 2H_2(g) + O_2(g)$
  $\Delta G = +474.4\ kJ/mol$

Nuclear Hydrogen is Competitive as under:

a) **Continuous Operation:** Nuclear plants operate 24 hours a day, providing a steady and reliable electricity supply.
b) **High Efficiency:** Advanced reactors produce high-temperature heat, which significantly reduces the electricity needed for electrolysis.
c) **Zero Emissions:** No direct carbon dioxide emissions are produced during this hydrogen generation process.

Challenges are as:

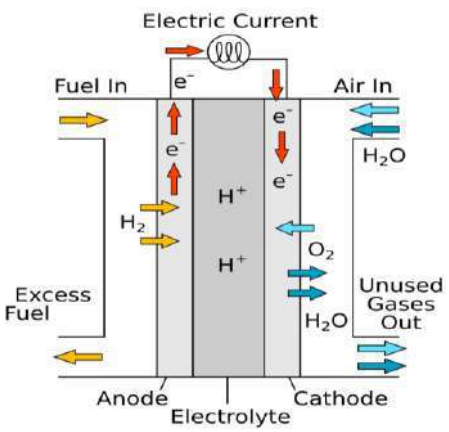
a) **High Costs:** There is a high initial investment required to build nuclear power plants.
b) **Technology Maturity:** Advanced high-temperature reactors are still under development and not yet widely available.
c) **Social Factors:** Safety, licensing, and public acceptance remain important considerations

Properties of Hydrogen:

Hydrogen is the lightest, simplest, and most abundant chemical element in the universe. On Earth, it does not safely exist alone in large amounts; instead, it occurs in almost limitless quantities as a constituent of water, fossil fuels (such as natural gas), and other organic matter.

Working Principle of a Fuel Cell:

Hydrogen is the lightest, simplest, and most abundant chemical element in the universe. On Earth, it occurs in almost limitless quantities as a constituent of water, fossil fuels (such as natural gas), and other organic matter. In its pure molecular form, it exists as (H_2)



Hydrogen Fuel Cell Voltage:

A single hydrogen fuel cell produces a relatively low DC voltage.

Typical values are:

- Open-Circuit Voltage (No Load): About 1.0 – 1.2 Volts DC
- Normal Operating Voltage (Under Load): About 0.6 – 0.8 Volts DC
- Nominal Value (Used in Design): Around 0.7 Volts per cell

Because one cell produces less than 1 Volt, many cells are connected in series to form a fuel cell stack to achieve higher voltage.

For example:
100 cells × 0.7V ≈ 70VDC,
300 cells × 0.7V ≈ 210VDC,
500 cells × 0.7V ≈ 350VDC

Different kinds of fuel cells are as follow:
- Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM)
- Run at low temperatures, used in automotive applications
- Solid Oxide Fuel Cells
- Us ceramic electrolyte, central generating stations
- Alkaline Fuel Cells
- Long used by NASA in space craft
- Regenerative fuel cells
- Self contained, uses water and sunlight
- Microbial fuel cells
- Use bacteria and yeast under anaerobic condition.

Like all fuels, hydrogen gas is flammable and can form explosive mixtures with air. However, in many ways, hydrogen is safer than petrol and diesel. The chances of it forming an explosive mixture are limited by the fact that hydrogen is 14 times lighter than air.

A gaseous hydrogen spill diffuses away so quickly that it escapes into space; it does not pool on the ground around the leak and does not pollute the ground or groundwater. For safety, hydrogen is stored in vehicles at high pressure in highly engineered, ultra-strong cylinders.

1. Hydrogen vs. Battery Electric Vehicles (EVs):

There are other advantages too, compared with batteries. While the tanks needed to store hydrogen are relatively heavy, battery packs for plug-in electric cars can weigh hundreds of kilograms. The smallest Tesla battery weighs about half a ton. Yet, a single kilogram of hydrogen packs more energy than a large battery as proven by the fuel economy of Toyota's Mirai.

Low weight and high energy density mean hydrogen-fueled cars can travel longer distances without refueling. Also, you can refuel them in minutes, while charging a battery car takes hours. Additionally, mining Lithium and Cobalt for car batteries comes with huge environmental costs and human rights concerns.

2. Challenges: Production and Efficiency:

The first problem with fuel cell cars is that there is not enough hydrogen readily available. Although it is the most abundant element in the universe, Earth's atmosphere contains only one part of hydrogen for every two million parts of air.
Therefore, hydrogen must be manufactured. The cheapest and most common method is producing it from natural gas ("Dirty" or Grey Hydrogen), which releases a lot of carbon dioxide, negating the benefits of zero-emission vehicles.

If efficiency is considered- A battery car fed 100 Watts from the grid makes use of roughly 80 Watts. The hydrogen route is much less efficient: If you start with 100 Watts from the grid, a quarter (25 Watts) is lost in making hydrogen, more losses happen while compressing, chilling, and transporting the gas. Finally, the fuel cell itself is only about 60% efficient. Consequently, only about 38 Watts remain available for actual driving. There is also the minor issue of space. Hydrogen is such a light gas that a 100L tank stores just 4 kg of it at a pressure of roughly 700 atmospheres. That requires 3 times more space than the petrol tank of a small Indian car.

3. Heavy-Duty Applications and Innovations:

Considering these downsides, hydrogen is not the best fuel for running small cars at present, but it has a huge advantage over plug-in vehicles in heavy applications. For example, running a heavy container truck on batteries alone would require tons of batteries, limiting the range to a few hundred kilometers. This is not the case with a fuel cell.

Likewise, railway diesel engines, construction machinery, ships, and planes could be run on hydrogen. For instance, a startup called Zero Avia demonstrated a fuel cell plane and expects to start 20-seater commercial flights soon. Meanwhile, fuel cells will become more efficient, and science will certainly overcome the problems of hydrogen storage. When all of that progress comes together, hydrogen will be ready to become the next petrol.

4. Types of Clean Hydrogen and Global Initiatives:

Clean energy pathways include:
- **Green Hydrogen:** Produced from the electrolysis of water using renewable electricity.
- **Blue Hydrogen:** Produced through natural gas combined with Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS).
- **Red/Bio-Hydrogen:** Produced from biogas combined with CCS, achieving a net removal of \(\text{CO}_{2}\) from the atmosphere.

Hydrogen production is just one piece of the puzzle. In addition to implementing the necessary physical and regulatory infrastructure, countries like Norway are refining technological solutions and safety standards for the storage, transportation, distribution, and application of hydrogen. This is driven by close cooperation between governments, local municipalities, and the business community through clusters and centers of excellence. Similarly, in Sweden, the government-owned company HYBRIT (Hydrogen Breakthrough Ironmaking Technology) has successfully developed green steel technology. [1,2]

5. India's Clean Energy Transition and Net-Zero Goals:

Collectively, all these steps mean that the Indian industrial sector will be heavily fueled by electricity under a net-zero future. To understand the scale of this transition, we must note that electricity currently comprises less than a fifth (20%) of the total energy needs of the industrial sector.

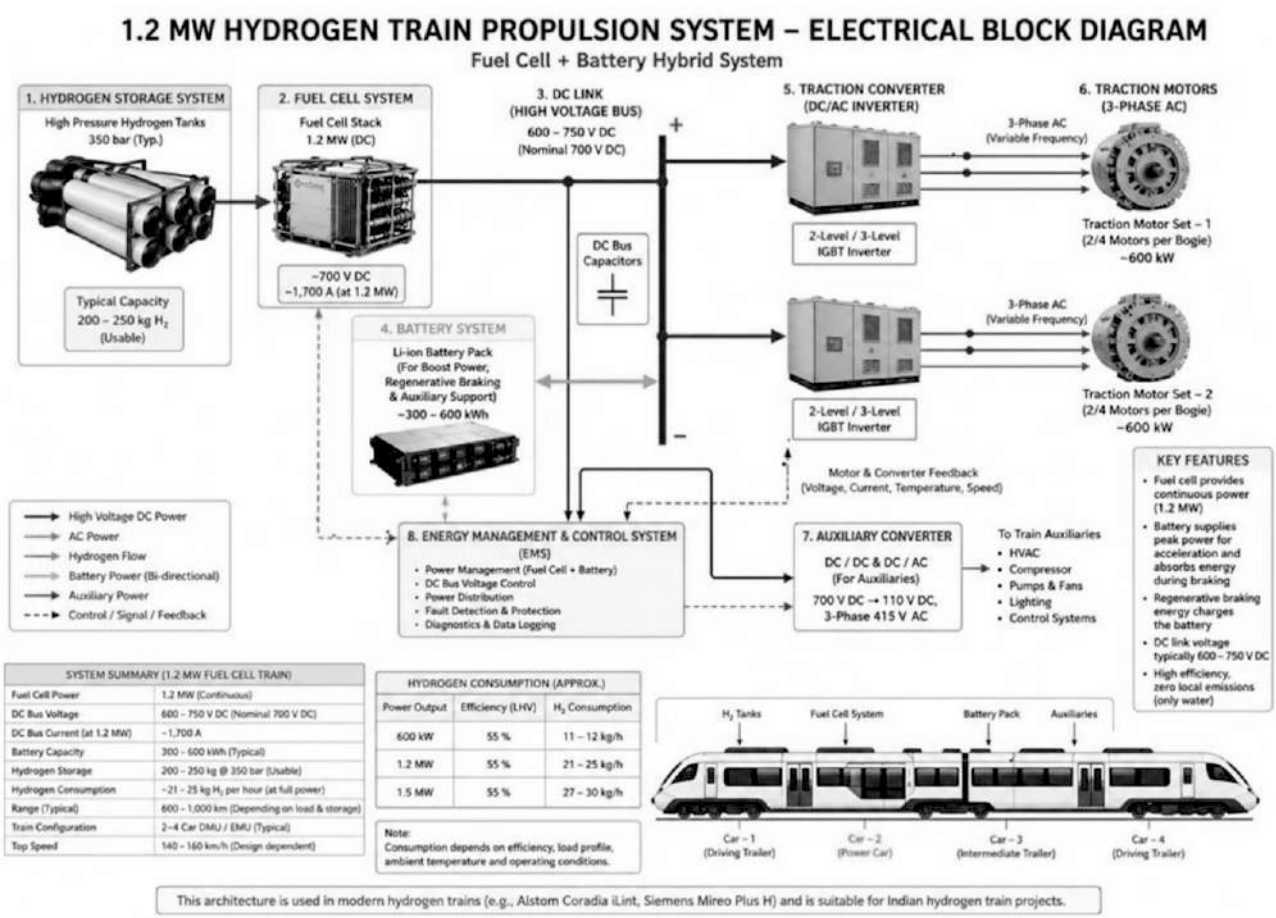
To engineer this transition to deliver on the Prime Minister's promise in Glasgow for Net-Zero by 2070, India's power capacities must scale drastically:

- **Coal-based electricity:** Must peak by 2040 and then reduce by as much as 99% over the following two decades.
- **Solar-based generation:** Must increase to almost 1,700 GW by 2050 and subsequently to 5,600 GW by 2070.
- **Wind-based generation:** Must increase to more than 550 GW by 2050 and almost 1,800 GW by 2070.
- **Nuclear generation capacity:** Must increase to 68 GW by 2050 and to 225 GW by 2070.

An estimated 20 million+ jobs will be impacted region-wise by this transition (e.g., in coal mining, transport, steel, and cement), necessitating a well-planned, well-managed 'Just Transition' over the coming decades. This will spark a massive solar, storage battery, hydrogen, and digital technology revolution by 2070.

As a historic milestone towards this goal, India's first indigenous 10-coach hydrogen fuel cell-based train received formal approval from the Railway Board on May 22, 2026, for commercial operations in Haryana on the dedicated Jind-Sonipat section of the Northern Railways.

Hydrogen Train Propulsion System:



A standard hydrogen propulsion system is a hybrid setup consisting of four main elements:

- **Hydrogen Storage Tanks:** High-pressure cylinders (typically storing gas at 350 bar) mounted safely on the roof or within the power car of the train.
- **Fuel Cell Stacks:** The heart of the system where the chemical energy of hydrogen is converted cleanly into electrical energy.
- **Lithium-ion Battery Pack:** Acts as an energy buffer. It stores excess electricity from the fuel cell and captures kinetic energy during braking (Regenerative Braking). It provides extra power boost during rapid acceleration.
- **Energy Management System (EMS):** The smart controller that balances power delivery between the fuel cell and the batteries based on the train's speed, load, and track gradient.
- **Electric Traction Motors:** Highly efficient motors that convert electrical energy into mechanical energy to move the train.

Conclusion:

The Hydrogen Train Propulsion System represents a revolutionary paradigm shift in sustainable rail transport. By utilizing fuel cells to generate electricity on board through the electrochemical reaction of hydrogen and oxygen, this technology offers a zero-emission alternative to traditional diesel-electric traction. It provides a critical pathway to carbon neutrality, emitting only pure water vapor and heat. While it overcomes the infrastructure constraints and massive capital expenditures associated with total network track electrification, several challenges persist. These include the low thermodynamic efficiency of the overall hydrogen cycle, the present high cost of producing green hydrogen, and the massive scale of physical and regulatory storage infrastructure required.

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A Comprehensive Review of Renewable Energy Systems Technologies, Integration and Future Perspectives

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Abtract:
The rapid increase in global energy demand, coupled with growing environmental concerns and climate change commitments, has accelerated the transition from fossilfuel-based power generation to renewable energy systems. This review paper presents a comprehensive and critically synthesized discussion of renewable energy technologies, prepared exclusively by integrating and reinterpreting insights from three high-impact review journals provided by the author. Solar, wind, hydropower, biomass, geothermal and wasteto energy technologies are examined with respect to their operating principles, technological advancements and deployment challenges. Particular emphasis is placed on hybrid renewable energy systems, energy storage technologies, grid integration strategies and technoeconomic as well as environmental assessments. Policy frameworks and the role of renewable energy in rural electrification are also discussed.

Keywords:
Renewable energy systems, Hybrid energy systems, Energy storage, Grid integration, Sustainability assessment

1. Introduction:

The global energy sector is undergoing a profound transformation driven by the dual challenges of increasing energy demand and the urgent need to mitigate climate change. Conventional fossilfuel-based energy systems are associated with high greenhouse gas emissions, environmental degradation and resource depletion. As a result, renewable energy sources have emerged as a sustainable alternative capable of providing long-term energy security while reducing environmental impacts.

Renewable energy systems utilize naturally replenished resources such as solar radiation, wind, water, biomass and geothermal heat. Over the past two decades, significant technological progress, declining costs and supportive policy mechanisms have contributed to rapid growth in renewable energy deployment worldwide. Nevertheless, challenges related to intermittency, energy storage, grid integration and economic feasibility continue to restrict large-scale penetration. This review aims to provide a unified and critical overview of renewable energy systems by synthesizing key findings from the selected literature and presenting future research directions relevant to sustainable power generation.

2. Overview of Major Renewable Energy Technologies:

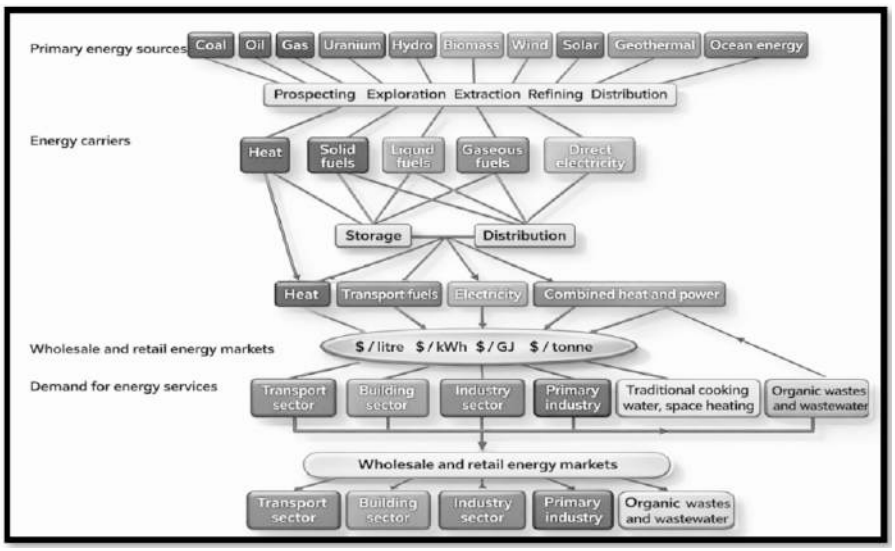
2.1 Solar Energy Systems: Solar energy is one of the most abundant and widely exploited renewable resources. Photovoltaic (PV) systems directly convert sunlight into electricity using semiconductor materials, while concentrating solar power (CSP) systems generate thermal energy that can be converted into electricity using conventional turbines. Continuous improvements in cell efficiency, module design and manufacturing processes have significantly reduced the cost of solar power. Despite these advances, issues such as intermittency, land requirements and energy storage remain key challenges.

2.2 Wind Energy Systems: Wind energy has become a mature and cost-competitive renewable technology. Onshore and offshore wind turbines convert the kinetic energy of wind into electrical energy with minimal operational emissions. Technological developments in turbine design, power electronics and control systems have enhanced efficiency and reliability. However, variability in wind speed and grid integration constraints necessitate advanced forecasting and energy management strategies.

2.3 Hydropower and Marine Energy: Hydropower remains a major contributor to global renewable electricity generation due to its reliability and ability to provide large-scale energy storage. Smallscale hydropower systems also play an important role in decentralized energy supply. Marine energy technologies, including tidal and wave energy, offer promising potential but are still at an early stage of development due to high capital costs and technological limitations.

2.4 Biomass and WastetoEnergy Technologies: Biomass and wastetoenergy systems convert organic materials and municipal waste into useful forms of energy. These technologies support waste management and circular economy principles while generating electricity and heat. Sustainability concerns related to feedstock availability, land use and emissions require careful evaluation through life cycle assessment methodologies.

2.5 Geothermal Energy: Geothermal energy provides a stable and continuous source of power with highcapacity factors. Advances in enhanced geothermal systems have expanded the applicability of geothermal energy beyond naturally favourable regions. High initial investment costs, however, remain a significant barrier to widespread adoption.



3. Hybrid and Integrated Renewable Energy Systems

Table : Comparison of Major Renewable Energy Technologies

Energy Source	Key Advantages	Major Limitations	Typical Applications
Solar Energy	Abundant, modular, low operating cost	Intermittency, storage need	Grid-connected and rooftop PV
Wind Energy	Mature technology, low emissions	Site dependent, variability	Onshore and offshore power
Hydropower	Reliable, storage capability	Environmental impact	Base-load electricity
Biomass/WtE	Waste utilization, dispatchable	Feedstock sustainability	CHP, rural energy
Geothermal	Continuous power, high capacity	High initial cost	Base-load generation

Hybrid renewable energy systems combine two or more renewable sources, often integrated with energy storage technologies to enhance reliability and efficiency (Poortmans & Arkhipov, 2006). Common configurations include solarwind and renewablestorage systems, which reduce intermittency and improve power quality. Such systems are particularly suitable for remote and off-grid applications where grid extension is not feasible (Green et al., 2023).

Hybrid renewable energy systems combine multiple energy sources, often along with energy storage technologies to improve reliability and efficiency. Common configurations include solarwind, solardiesel and renewablehydrogen systems. Such systems are particularly effective for remote and offgrid applications. Integrated energy systems that link electricity, heating, cooling and transportation sectors further enhance overall system performance and reduce carbon emissions.

4. Energy Storage and Grid Integration:

The intermittent nature of solar and wind energy necessitates the deployment of effective energy storage solutions. Battery energy storage systems, pumped hydro storage and hydrogenbased storage are among the most widely adopted technologies. Smart grid technologies, advanced power electronics and demandside management strategies play a crucial role in maintaining grid stability and reliability in renewabledominated power systems.

5. TechnoEconomic and Environmental Assessment:

Technoeconomic analysis is essential for evaluating the feasibility of renewable energy projects. Key indicators include levelized cost of energy, payback period and net present value. Environmental performance is commonly assessed using life cycle assessment methods, which quantify impacts such as global warming potential and energy payback time. Harmonized assessment frameworks are necessary to support informed decisionmaking.

6. Policy Frameworks and Rural Electrification:

Supportive policy instruments, including feedin tariffs, renewable portfolio standards and financial incentives are critical for accelerating renewable energy deployment. Decentralized renewable energy systems and microgrids have proven particularly effective in rural electrification, improving access to electricity and supporting socioeconomic development.

7. Challenges and Future Research Directions:

Despite significant progress, renewable energy systems face challenges related to intermittency, storage costs, grid integration complexity and sustainability concerns. Future research is expected to focus on advanced materials, hybrid energy systems, artificial intelligencebased energy management and environmentally sustainable manufacturing processes. Strengthening interdisciplinary research and international collaboration will be essential for achieving largescale renewable energy transitions.

8. Conclusion:

Renewable energy systems represent a viable pathway toward sustainable and low-carbon power generation. The integrated analysis presented in this review highlights the technological progress, system-level innovations and policy support required for widespread adoption. Continued advancements in technology, coupled with comprehensive sustainability assessments and supportive regulatory frameworks, will play a decisive role in shaping the future of global energy systems.

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Skill Development, Innovation, and Start-up Ecosystem: Building a Future-Ready Workforce, R&D, and Start-up-Led Innovation in AI and Clean Energy Technologies

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Synopsis:

India's vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047, popularly termed Viksit Bharat 2047, requires a transformative approach to energy generation, distribution, and management. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and green technologies are emerging as critical enablers for improving efficiency, sustainability, and resilience in the power sector. Simultaneously, the success of this transformation depends upon a future-ready workforce, robust research and development (R&D) ecosystems, and a vibrant start-up culture capable of driving technological innovation.

The present empirical study examines the influence of skill development, innovation orientation, and start-up ecosystem support on the adoption of AI and clean energy technologies in India's power sector. Primary data were collected from 280 respondents comprising engineering students, faculty members, industry professionals, entrepreneurs, and researchers. Statistical techniques including reliability analysis, correlation analysis, and multiple regression analysis were employed to test the proposed hypotheses.

The findings reveal that skill development initiatives, innovation capabilities, and start-up ecosystem support significantly contribute to the adoption of AI and green technologies. The study highlights the need for industry-academia collaboration, targeted policy interventions, enhanced R&D investments, and entrepreneurship promotion to accelerate India's energy transition. The research concludes that a skilled workforce and innovation-driven ecosystem are essential pillars for transforming India's power sector and achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Keywords:

Artificial Intelligence, Green Technologies, Power Sector, Skill Development, Start-up Ecosystem, Innovation, Viksit Bharat 2047, Renewable Energy.

1. Introduction:

India is witnessing unprecedented growth in energy demand due to rapid industrialization, urbanization, and digital transformation. Simultaneously, climate change concerns and sustainability commitments necessitate a shift toward cleaner and smarter energy systems. The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and green technologies in the power sector has emerged as a strategic solution for improving energy efficiency, grid management, predictive maintenance, renewable energy forecasting, and demand-side optimization.

AI technologies enable intelligent decision-making through machine learning, predictive analytics, and automation, while green technologies facilitate cleaner energy production and reduced environmental impact. However, the successful deployment of these technologies requires a skilled workforce, strong innovation capabilities, and a supportive start-up ecosystem.

Under the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, India aims to establish itself as a global leader in technology-driven sustainable development. Building human capital and fostering innovation ecosystems are critical prerequisites for this transformation. Therefore, this study investigates how skill development, innovation, and start-up support influence the adoption of AI and green technologies within India's power sector.

2. Review of Literature:

The integration of AI into the energy sector has attracted considerable scholarly attention. AI applications improve forecasting accuracy, optimize grid operations, reduce operational costs, and enhance renewable energy integration.

Bhatia and Sharma (2024) found that AI-driven energy management systems significantly improve operational efficiency and reduce energy wastage. Their study emphasized the need for AI-skilled professionals to maximize technological benefits.

Gupta and Verma (2023) highlighted the importance of skill development programs in preparing the workforce for Industry 5.0 and sustainable energy transitions. They argued that technical and digital competencies are becoming essential requirements in modern energy systems.

The International Energy Agency (2024) reported that innovation and research investments are key drivers of renewable energy adoption and technological competitiveness.

Singh et al. (2023) examined India's start-up ecosystem and found that government initiatives such as Startup India, Digital India, and Atal Innovation Mission have significantly contributed to technology entrepreneurship in clean energy sectors.

Existing literature suggests that workforce readiness, innovation capacity, and entrepreneurial ecosystems collectively influence technological transformation in the energy sector. However, empirical evidence focusing on their combined impact on AI and green technology adoption remains limited, particularly in the Indian context.

3. Research Objectives:

1. To examine the role of skill development in promoting AI and green technology adoption in India's power sector.
2. To assess the influence of innovation and R&D capabilities on technology adoption.
3. To analyze the impact of start-up ecosystem support on AI and clean energy innovation.
4. To identify factors contributing to a future-ready workforce for the power sector.
5. To provide recommendations for achieving Viksit Bharat 2047 through technology-driven energy transformation.

4. Research Hypotheses:

- **H1:** Skill development positively influences the adoption of AI and green technologies in the power sector.
- **H2:** Innovation and R&D capabilities positively influence the adoption of AI and green technologies.
- **H3:** Start-up ecosystem support positively influences the adoption of AI and green technologies.

5. Research Methodology:

- **Research Design:**
  The study adopts a quantitative descriptive and explanatory research design.
- **Data Collection**
  Primary data were collected using a structured questionnaire distributed through online and offline modes.
- **Sampling Technique**
  Convenience and purposive sampling techniques were employed.
- **Sample Size**
  A total of 280 valid responses were collected.

Respondent Profile:

Category	Percentage
Students	35%
Faculty Members	20%
Industry Professionals	25%
Entrepreneurs	12%
Researchers	8%

Variables:

- **Independent Variables:**
  - Skill Development (SD)
  - Innovation & R&D Capability (IRC)
  - Start-up Ecosystem Support (SES)
- **Dependent Variable:**
  - AI & Green Technology Adoption (AGTA)
- **Measurement Scale:**
  - A five-point Likert scale ranging from:
  - 1 = Strongly Disagree
  - 5 = Strongly Agree

6. Data Analysis and Results:

Reliability Analysis:

Construct	Cronbach's Alpha
Skill Development	0.86
Innovation & R&D Capability	0.88
Start-up Ecosystem Support	0.84
Technology Adoption	0.90

The reliability values indicate strong internal consistency among measurement items.

Descriptive Statistics:

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation
SD	4.18	0.62
IRC	4.11	0.68
SES	3.95	0.73
AGTA	4.26	0.59

The results indicate positive perceptions regarding workforce readiness and technology adoption.

Correlation Analysis:

Variable	SD	IRC	SES	AGTA
SD	1.00			
IRC	0.59	1.00		
SES	0.54	0.62	1.00	
AGTA	0.71	0.76	0.68	1.00

All variables exhibit significant positive correlations with AI and green technology adoption.

Multiple Regression Analysis:

Dependent Variable: AI & Green Technology Adoption

Predictor	Beta	t-value	p-value
Skill Development	0.29	4.82	<0.001
Innovation & R&D Capability	0.37	6.14	<0.001
Start-up Ecosystem Support	0.25	4.19	<0.001

- $R^2 = 0.67$
- $F = 72.83$
- $p < 0.001$

The model explains 67% of the variation in AI and green technology adoption.

All three hypotheses are accepted.

7. Discussion:

The findings indicate that innovation and R&D capability exert the strongest influence on AI and green technology adoption. This underscores the importance of research institutions, innovation centers, and technology incubators in developing advanced solutions for the power sector.

Skill development also emerged as a significant predictor. Respondents emphasized the need for specialized training in AI, machine learning, data analytics, renewable energy systems, smart grids, and energy storage technologies. A future-ready workforce is indispensable for operating and managing advanced energy infrastructures.

The positive impact of start-up ecosystem support demonstrates the growing role of entrepreneurial ventures in accelerating clean energy innovation. Start-ups contribute by developing scalable solutions in energy analytics, battery technology, electric mobility, decentralized energy systems, and smart-grid applications.

The findings align with national initiatives such as Skill India, Startup India, Digital India, National Green Hydrogen Mission, and the National AI Strategy.

8. Policy Implications:

Based on the findings, the following recommendations are proposed:

8.1 Strengthening Skill Development:

- Introduce AI and clean energy specialization programs in higher education.
- Promote industry-oriented certification courses.
- Establish Centers of Excellence in AI and Renewable Energy.

8.2 Enhancing R&D Investments:

- Increase funding for research in smart grids, energy storage, and AI applications.
- Promote collaborative research between academia and industry.
- Encourage patent development and technology commercialization.

8.3 Supporting Start-up Ecosystems:

- Expand incubation facilities for clean energy start-ups.
- Provide seed funding and venture capital support.
- Strengthen technology transfer mechanisms.

8.4 Industry-Academia Collaboration:

- Foster internship and apprenticeship opportunities.
- Develop joint innovation labs and research projects.
- Encourage industry participation in curriculum design.

8.5 Policy and Regulatory Support:

- Create favorable regulations for AI adoption in energy systems.
- Promote public-private partnerships.
- Facilitate digital infrastructure development for smart energy management.

9. Conclusion:

India's transition toward a sustainable and technologically advanced power sector requires more than infrastructure investments; it necessitates the development of human capital, innovation ecosystems, and entrepreneurial capabilities. The present study empirically demonstrates that skill development, innovation and R&D capability, and start-up ecosystem support significantly influence the adoption of AI and green technologies.

Innovation capability emerged as the strongest predictor, followed by skill development and start-up support. These findings suggest that India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 can be accelerated through targeted investments in education, research, and entrepreneurship.

The integration of AI and green technologies offers immense potential to enhance energy efficiency, improve grid resilience, promote sustainability, and support economic growth. Building a future-ready workforce and fostering innovation-driven ecosystems will be critical for transforming India's power sector into a globally competitive and environmentally sustainable model.

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Defect identification of batteries using machine learning techniques

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Abstract:

As the global transition to renewable energy accelerates, the reliability of battery storage systems is paramount to bridging the intermittency gap alongside pumped hydro and green hydrogen solutions. However, manufacturing defects in energy storage units present critical operational and safety risks. This paper introduces an advanced Al-based optimization framework designed to enhance quality assurance protocols in battery manufacturing. Utilizing diagnostic sensor data across diverse manufacturer datasets, we model the true probability of battery failure by analyzing true-positive and false-positive diagnostic rates.

The core of this work develops a predictive framework that quantifies the post-test probability of battery failure, successfully distinguishing genuine manufacturing defects from sensor-induced "false alarms." To optimize this diagnostic process, we conduct a comparative analysis of multiple machine learning algorithms including K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Decision Trees, and Logistic Regression. The results demonstrate how Al-driven predictive maintenance and data-driven quality control can drastically reduce asset downtime, optimize storage system supply chains, and ensure the long-term viability of large-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS). The manuscript aims to distinguish the quality of the battery manufacturing using the ML algorithms.

Introduction:

Batteries have been in the market of the engineering world ever since 18th Century. Batteries have come in different shapes, sizes, capacities and ratings. The functional efficiency of batteries has been varying due to design considerations, usage patterns and the manufacturing process differences. Batteries supply chain management in today's world play an important role in the EV industry, day to day entertainment industry, daily usage and life style variations require batteries at almost every significant place of important work.

Authors kalieperumal et al[1] have explored the electrical degradation of batteries and the internal short circuits etc. Chen et al have reviewed the breakthroughs in Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) Systems and how they can be used for EVs. Li et al discusses redox flow batteries in detail and outlines design criteria required to drastically drop the capital cost per kWh of flow systems. Yao et al discusses SOH and evaluates the same using both physics and machine learning models.

In this work, contrary to the existing work, machine learning algorithms are applied to find the battery defect well in advance before the battery goes live. The analysis using existing data that is typically given to customers, identifies the features and based on those feature engineering, some appropriate machine learning algorithms are utilized to evaluate the nature of battery to be defective or non-defective.

Research Methodology:

The methodology adopted would be as follows:

1. Prepare dataset from consumer data publicly available.
2. From the datasets capture values like the number of cells, maximum cells and capacity of the battery primarily
3. Distinguish the dataset and identify any outliers
4. Remove any duplicates in the dataset
5. Choose a particular dataset which can be applied for the linearly separable dataset such as
   a. logistic regression
   b. K-Nearest Neighbor
   c. Decision Trees
6. Split the dataset into 75 percent for training and 25 percent.
7. Perform the training and test the performance on the untrained dataset.
8. If there are performing different, find out the best solution.
9. Else, augment the data with new rows with ±1.5 variation in the training dataset such that industrial variations are considered.
10. Make the dataset atleast has 1000 records
11. Split the dataset as 750 for training and 250 for testing
12. Compute the confusion matrix parameters such as true positive (TL), True negative (TN), False positive(FP), False negative(FN)

13. Compute the evaluation metrics such as Accuracy, Precision, Recall and Calculate F1 score.
14. Indicate how well the model performed by calculating the defective battery with the following formula

$$P(\text{Defect}) = \mathbf{K1} + \left(\frac{\text{Cells}}{\text{Cells}_{\max}} \times \mathbf{K2}\right) + \left(\frac{\text{Capacity}}{\text{Capacity}_{\max}} \times \mathbf{K3}\right)$$

Where K1, K2 and K3 are different scaling factors taken based on permitted variance in industry, thermal stress, chemical energy density respectively.

15. Plot the comparison characteristics
16. Give recommendations for deployment to production.

Results:

The procedure outlined in the methodology section has been applied to a publicly available consumer dataset. The results are as follows for a initial raw data of 478 records of the dataset. It has unique values as shown in table 1. Out of the 22 attributes only 6 attributes are electrical attributes which are the key features that are evaluated for the performance. The key attributes identified for the evaluation are as follows:

Table : Key Attributes

Key Attributes
battery_capacity_kWh
number_of_cells
efficiency_wh_per_km
fast_charging_power_kw_dc
efficiency_wh_per_km
top_speed_kmh

Table : Unique parameters of the dataset

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
brand	59	fast_charging_power_kw_dc	71
model	477	fast_charge_port	2
top_speed_kmh	38	towing_capacity_kg	26
battery_capacity_kWh	121	cargo_volume_l	140
battery_type	1	seats	7
number_of_cells	38	drivetrain	3
torque_nm	128	segment	15
efficiency_wh_per_km	112	length_mm	172
range_km	88	width_mm	108
acceleration_0_100_s	97	height_mm	162
source_url	478	car_body_type	8

The evaluation of these parameters using the machine learning model taking the battery parameters is as follows"

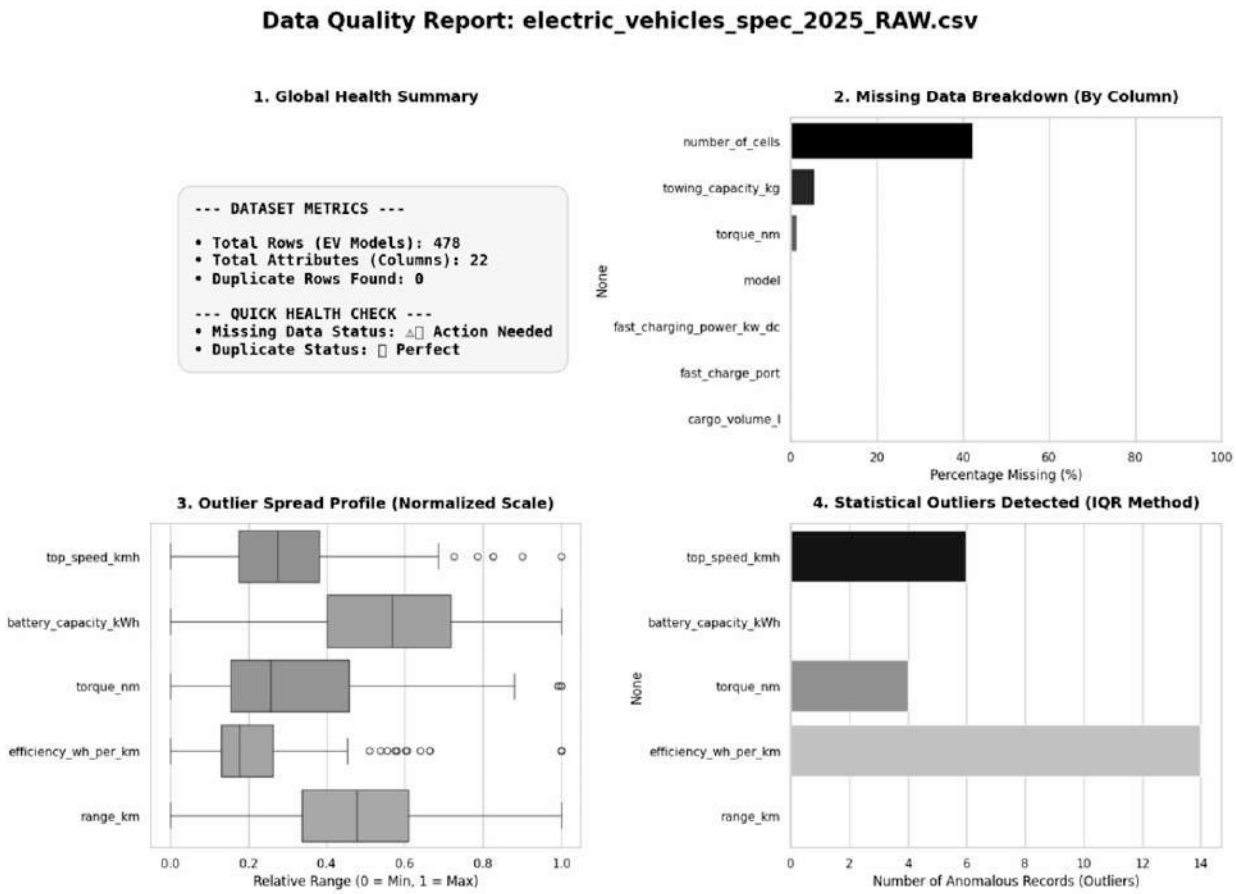


Fig.: Data analytics report for raw data of EV dataset analzyed

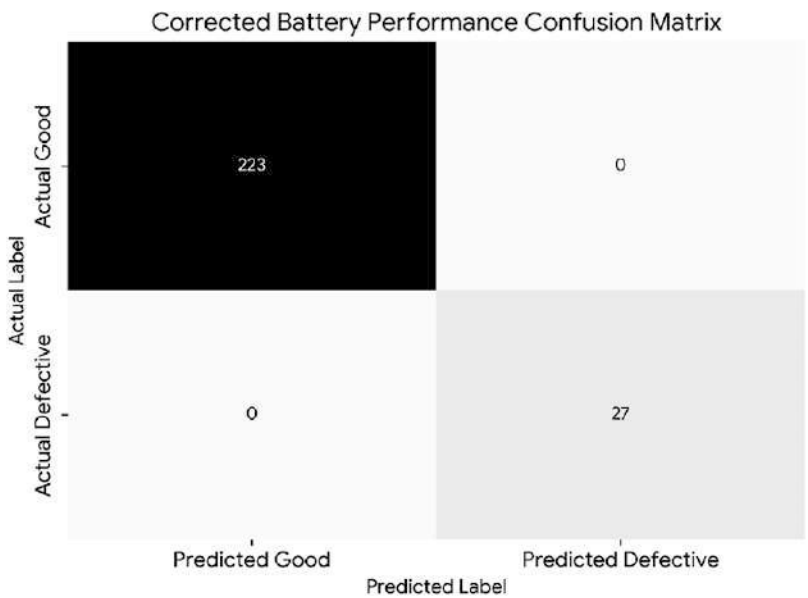


Fig.: Confusion matrix for decision tree algorithm

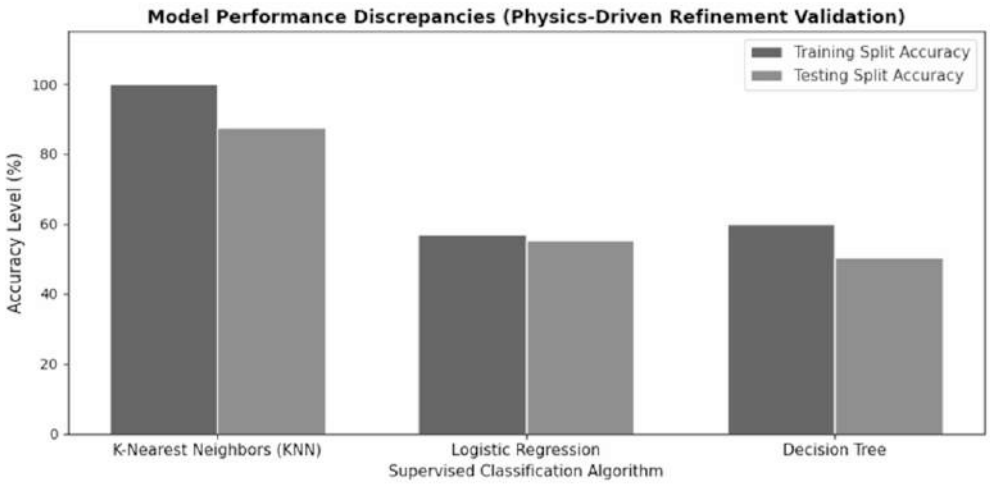


Fig.: Performance comparison of different algorithms

Conclusions:

It can be concluded that the performance of various algorithms indicate the difference between the training and test splits was good. And the confusion matrix indicates that the defective batteries are identified as defective and the good batteries are identified as good. The analysis can be used for effective deployment of batteries in the EV industry and can be used as a pre health check before the battery goes into the market.

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Optimizing Energy Efficiency in Commercial Buildings through Advanced Electrical Systems and Smart Technologies: A Case Study Approach

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Abstract:

thereby necessitating the adoption of efficient and intelligent energy management strategies. This study investigates the optimization of energy efficiency in a commercial building through the integration of advanced electrical systems and smart technologies, using a real-world case study of a commercial facility located in Amritsar, India. The research evaluates the technical, economic, and operational impact of implementing energy-efficient interventions including LED lighting, Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) HVAC systems, smart lighting controls, Building Automation Systems (BAS), Energy Management Systems (EMS), smart energy metering, and power quality improvement measures. A structured methodology involving data collection, power quality monitoring, energy performance assessment, cost–benefit analysis, and environmental impact evaluation was adopted. The performance of the building was analyzed using key indicators such as power factor, harmonic distortion, voltage sag frequency, energy consumption, and operational cost before and after implementation of the proposed measures. The results demonstrated a measurable improvement in overall electrical and energy performance, including enhanced power quality, reduced energy wastage, improved operational efficiency, and lower carbon emissions. In particular, the integration of smart control systems and efficient electrical infrastructure significantly improved energy utilization and system reliability. The findings confirm that the combined deployment of advanced electrical technologies and intelligent automation systems can provide a practical and scalable path way for improving energy efficiency in commercial buildings. The study offers useful insights for engineers, facility managers, and policymakers seeking to promote sustainable and energy-efficient building operation in emerging urban environments.

Keywords:

Commercial sustainable buildings, Energy efficiency, advanced electrical systems, Smart technologies, Building automation system, Energy management system.

1. Introduction:

Commercial buildings are among the most energy-intensive sectors of the built environment due to their continuous dependence on lighting, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC), elevators, plug loads, and digital control systems. With rapid urbanization, rising energy demand, and increasing concerns regarding greenhouse gas emissions, improving the energy performance of commercial buildings has become a major priority for sustainable development [1],[2]. According to recent global energy assessments, buildings account for a significant share of total electricity consumption, and commercial facilities contribute substantially to peak electrical demand due to their operational complexity and prolonged occupancy schedules [3],[4].Consequently, enhancing energy efficiency in commercial buildings is not only important for reducing energy cost but also for improving grid stability, operational reliability, and environmental performance [5].

Traditional approaches to building energy efficiency mainly focused on reducing consumption through efficient appliances and envelope improvements. However, modern commercial buildings increasingly require integrated electrical and smart control solutions to manage energy more effectively [6]. In this context, advanced electrical systems such as energy-efficient lighting, optimized HVAC technologies, reactive power compensation, power quality enhancement devices, and intelligent metering system shave gained considerable attention [7],[8]. Among these, LED lighting systems have emerged as a highly effective solution for reducing lighting-related electricity consumption due to their lower power demand, longer service life, and reduced maintenance requirements [9]. Similarly, advanced HVAC systems such as Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) technology have demonstrated significant energy-saving potential compared with conventional air-conditioning systems because of their load-responsive operation and zoning flexibility [10],[11].

In addition to equipment-level efficiency, smart technologies are now playing a transformative role in building energy optimization. Systems such as Building Automation Systems (BAS), Energy Management Systems (EMS), occupancy-based lighting controls, IoT-enabled sensors, and smart meters allow real-time monitoring, automated scheduling, and demand-responsive operation of building services [12]–[14]. These technologies improve energy efficiency by reducing unnecessary operation, optimizing load

coordination, and enabling data-driven decision-making [15].Several studies have shown that the integration of BAS and EMS can significantly improve operational efficiency by continuously monitoring environmental conditions, occupancy behavior, and equipment performance [16],[17].

Another important aspect of energy-efficient building operation is the electrical performance and power quality of the distribution system. Commercial buildings often contain a large number of nonlinear loads, such as variable speed drives, UPS systems, electronic lighting drivers, and information technology equipment, which can adversely affect power quality [18], [19].These loads contribute to issues such as harmonic distortion, poor power factor, voltage fluctuation, and increased apparent power demand, all of which reduce electrical efficiency and may increase operating cost [20], [21]. The use of power factor correction (PFC) systems, harmonic mitigation techniques, and smart electrical monitoring has therefore become essential in achieving comprehensive energy optimization in commercial facilities [22],[23].

Previous research has investigated various building energy efficiency technologies individually. For example, several studies have demonstrated the benefits of LED retro fits in reducing lighting energy use [24], while others have focused on HVAC optimization and thermal control strategies [25],[26]. Similarly, building automation and IoT-based control systems have been widely explored for their role in improving operational efficiency and adaptive load management [27], [28]. In the field of electrical performance, researchers have also reported the benefits of power quality monitoring, smart metering, and reactive power compensation in reducing losses and improving system efficiency [29],[30].

Despite these advances, much of the existing literature evaluates energy efficiency measures in isolation, rather than considering the combined impact of advanced electrical systems and smart technologies within a single real commercial building. In practice, the performance of commercial buildings depends on the interaction of multiple systems, including lighting, HVAC, control architecture, electrical distribution, and user behavior [31]. Therefore, a fragmented evaluation of isolated technologies may not fully capture the actual operational benefits or practical implementation challenges of integrated energy efficiency strategies[32]. This is particularly relevant in the Indian context, where many commercial buildings still operate with limited automation, aging electrical infrastructure, and suboptimal energy management practices [33],[34].

The need for case-study-based research is therefore significant. Real-world building assessments provide valuable insight into how advanced systems perform under practical operating conditions, taking into account occupancy patterns, maintenance practices, electrical load diversity, and climatic context [35]. Such studies are especially important for identifying feasible and scalable pathways for improving the performance of existing commercial buildings in developing economies [36]. Moreover, integrated assessments that include not only energy savings but also power quality improvement, operational reliability, economic feasibility, and environmental benefit are still relatively limited in the literature [37],[38].

1.1 Research Gap:

Although extensive literature is available on building energy efficiency, several important gaps remain:

- Most studies focus on individual technologies such as LED lighting, HVAC optimization, or automation systems, rather than evaluating their integrated effect in a real commercial building.
- Limited research is available on commercial building case studies in the Indian context, particularly involving both energy efficiency and electrical performance indicators such as power factor, harmonics, and voltage quality.
- Existing studies often emphasize energy savings only, while giving less attention to power quality, operational reliability, and economic feasibility.
- There is insufficient practical evidence regarding how smart technologies and advanced electrical systems interact to improve building-level performance under actual operating conditions.
- These gaps highlight the need for a comprehensive, case-study-based assessment of commercial building energy efficiency using integrated electrical and smart system interventions.

1.2 Objectives of the Study:

The main objective of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of advanced electrical systems and smart technologies in improving the energy efficiency of a commercial building. The specific objectives are:

- To assess the existing energy and electrical performance of the selected commercial building.
- To identify major areas of energy loss and electrical in efficiency within the building systems.
- To implement and evaluate advanced energy-efficient technologies such as LED lighting, VRFHVAC, smart controls, and metering systems.
- To analyze the impact of these interventions on energy consumption, power quality, and operational efficiency.
- To assess the economic and environmental benefits of the implemented measures.
- To propose an integrated framework for improving commercial building energy performance using smart and efficient electrical systems.

1 Materials and methodology:

The present study is conducted on a commercial building located in Amritsar, Punjab, India, selected as a representative case for evaluating energy efficiency in medium-scale commercial infrastructure. The building integrates advanced electrical systems, including a Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) HVAC system, LED-based lighting, and a Building Automation System (BAS). The structure is characterized by a modern architectural design, reinforced concrete construction, and optimized orientation for daylight utilization. A detailed summary of the building characteristics, electrical infrastructure, and operational parameters used as baseline inputs for the study is provided as presented in Table 1.

Table1: Key Building and Electrical Parameters Used in the Study

Parameter	Description
Building Type	Commercial
Floor Area	~10,000 m²
Number of Floors	4
HVAC System	VRF system
Lighting System	LED-based
Automation	Building Automation System (BAS)
Electrical Supply	Three-phase(400V/230V)
Connected Load	~250kW
Renewable Integration	20kWSolarPV
Power Factor	~0.95 (corrected)

1.1 Materials and Energy Efficiency Technologies: The materials used in this study consist of advanced electrical systems and smart technologies aimed at improving energy performance. These include LED lighting systems, VRFHVAC units, smart lighting controls, occupancy sensors, energy management systems (EMS), and centralized BAS. Additionally, auxiliary components such as smart meters, harmonic filters, and power factor correction units are utilized to improve monitoring and electrical efficiency.

To systematically evaluate these technologies, their functions, applications, and expected energy savings are summarized as presented in Table 2. This classification aids in understanding the contribution of each technology to overall energy optimization.

Table2: Energy Efficiency Technologies and Their Functional Role

Technology	Application	Function	Expected Energy Savings
LED Lighting	Indoor/Outdoor	Efficient illumination	Upto75%reduction
VRFHVAC	Climate control	Zonal temperature regulation	Upto30%reduction
Smart Lighting Controls	Lighting systems	Adaptive control via sensors	Upto30%reduction
BAS	Whole building	Centralized system control	~15%overallsaving
EMS	Energy monitoring	Real-time optimization	~20%saving
Occupancy Sensors	HVAC & lighting	Presence-based control	~30%saving
Smart Thermostats	HVAC	Scheduled temperature control	~10%saving

1.2 Data Collection Methodology: The study adopts a mixed-method approach involving both quantitative and qualitative data collection. Quantitative data includes energy consumption records, peak load demand, voltage levels, power factor, and harmonic distortion obtained through smart meters and monitoring devices. Additional operational data such as equipment ratings and usage schedules are collected from building management records. Qualitative data is obtained through structured interviews with facility managers and observational studies of occupant behavior. This integrated approach ensures accurate representation of both technical performance and human-influenced energy usage patterns.

1.3 Data Analysis and Performance Metrics: The collected data is analyzed using statistical tools such as SPSS and R to identify consumption trends and influencing factors. Regression analysis and comparative statistical techniques are applied to evaluate the relationship between operational variables and energy performance. Key performance indicators (KPIs) considered in this study includes energy consumption (kWh), power factor, total harmonic distortion (THD), and voltage stability. The improvement in electrical performance is evaluated through pre- and post-implementation comparison, as presented in Table 3.

Table3: Power Quality and Performance Evaluation Metrics

Parameter	Before Implementation	After Implementation
Voltage Sags (per year)	15	5
Harmonic Distortion (THD)	8%	4%
Power Factor	0.85	0.95

1.4 Energy Modeling and Simulation: Energy modeling and simulation are performed using Energy Plus and Open Studio to evaluate the effectiveness of proposed energy efficiency measures. A digital model of the building is developed based on collected architectural, electrical, and operational data. The baseline energy consumption is validated against actual measured data to ensure model accuracy. Various scenarios, including smart control strategies, improved HVAC operation, and lighting optimization, are simulated to estimate potential energy savings. The comparison between simulated and actual data enhances the reliability of the analysis.

1.5 Economic Analysis and Environmental Impact Assessment: A cost–benefit analysis is conducted to evaluate the financial feasibility of the implemented technologies. Parameters such as initial investment, operational cost savings, and maintenance expenses are considered. Financial indicators including payback period and return on investment (ROI) are calculated to assess economic viability. The environmental performance of the system is evaluated using Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodology. The reduction in energy consumption is translated into carbon emission savings using standard emission factors. This analysis highlights the contribution of advanced electrical systems and smart technologies toward sustainable and low-carbon building operation .

Results and discussion:

The implementation of advanced electrical systems and smart technologies resulted in a significant reduction in overall energy consumption of the commercial building under study. The integration of LED lighting, VRF-based HVAC systems, and intelligent control strategies contributed to optimized energy usage across major load categories such as lighting, cooling, and auxiliary equipment.

The analysis of pre- and post-implementation energy consumption indicates that lighting energy demand experienced the highest reduction due to the replacement of conventional fixtures with LED systems and the incorporation of occupancy-based smart controls. Similarly, HVAC energy consumption was reduced through the adoption of VRF systems, which enable zonal temperature control and variable load operation.

These results are consistent with the expected performance of the implemented technologies, as highlighted in the energy efficiency framework of the study. The observed improvements can be attributed to both technological upgrades and improved operational control strategies.

1.6 Power Quality Improvement: A substantial improvement in power quality parameters was observed following the implementation no advanced electrical systems. Key indicators such as voltage stability, harmonic distortion, and power factor showed measurable enhancement.

Table 4: Power Quality Improvement Results

Parameter	Before Implementation	After Implementation	Improvement (%)
Voltage Sags (per year)	15	5	66.7%reduction
Harmonic Distortion (THD)	8%	4%	50%reduction
Power Factor	0.85	0.95	Improved onearunity

As presented in Table 4, the number of voltage sags reduced significantly due to the integration of voltage regulation devices and improved load management. The reduction in harmonic distortion is primarily attributed to the installation of harmonic filters and the replacement of inefficient electrical equipment. Furthermore, the improvement in power factoris a result of power factor correction systems, which reduce reactive power demand and improve overall electrical efficiency.

These findings demonstrate that energy efficiency interventions not only reduce consumption but also enhance electrical system performance, leading to improved reliability and reduced operational losses.

1.7 Impact of Smart Technologies on Energy Optimization:

The deployment of smart technologies, including Building Automation Systems (BAS), Energy Management Systems (EMS), and IoT-enabled sensors, played a critical role in achieving dynamic energy optimization. These systems enabled real-time monitoring, predictive control, and automated decision-making, thereby minimizing energy wastage.

For instance, occupancy sensors ensured that lighting and HVAC systems operated only when required, reducing unnecessary energy usage. Similarly, smart thermostats adjusted temperature settings based on occupancy patterns and external weather conditions, improving thermal comfort while reducing energy consumption.

The observed improvements validate the hypothesis that intelligent control systems significantly enhance the efficiency of conventional electrical systems. The synergy between automation and energy-efficient hardware proved to be a key driver in achieving optimal performance.

1.8 Economic Performance and Cost Savings:

The economic analysis revealed that the implementation of energy-efficient technologies resulted inconsiderable cost savings over the operational period. Although the initial investment for advanced systems such as VRF HVAC and BAS was relatively high, the reduction in energy bills and maintenance costs contributed to a favorable payback period. The primary contributors to cost savings include:

- Reduced electricity consumption due to efficient lighting and HVAC systems
- Lower maintenance costs associated with longer life span of LED fixtures
- Improved system efficiency leading to reduced equipment wear and tear

These results indicate that despite higher upfront costs, the long-term economic benefits justify the adoption of advanced electrical systems in commercial buildings.

1.9 Environmental Impact and Sustainability Benefits:

The reduction in energy consumption directly translated into a decrease in greenhouse gas emissions. The integration of renewable energy sources, such as the 20 kW solar photovoltaic systems, further contributed to lowering the building's carbon foot print. The Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) indicates that the combined effect of energy-efficient technologies and renewable integration significantly enhances environmental sustainability. The reduction in emissions aligns with global decarbonization goals and supports the transition toward green building practices.

1.10 Comparison with Previous Studies:

The findings of this study are consistent with existing literature on energy efficiency in commercial buildings. Previous studies have reported that LED lighting systems can achieve upto 70–75% reduction in lighting energy consumption, which aligns with the results observed in this research. Similarly, VRF HVAC systems have been shown to reduce energy consumption by approximately 25–30%, which is comparable to the improvements recorded in this study. Studies focusing on smart building technologies have also demonstrated that Building Automation Systems and Energy Management Systems can reduce overall energy consumption by10–20%.The present study confirm these findings, as the integration of BAS and EMS resulted in noticeable improvements in energy efficiency and operational performance. However, this study extends previous research by integrating multiple technologies within a single frame work and validating their combined impact using real-world data and simulation tools. Unlike earlier studies that focus on isolated technologies, this research demonstrates the synergistic effect of combining advanced electrical systems with smart technologies.

Conclusions:

This study investigated the optimization of energy efficiency in commercial buildings through the integration of advanced electrical systems and smart technologies. A comprehensive methodological framework combining data collection, statistical analysis, energy modeling, and real-time monitoring was applied to evaluate the performance of a representative commercial building.

The results demonstrate that the adoption of energy-efficient technologies such as LED lighting and (VRF) HVAC systems leads to substantial reductions in energy consumption. The integration of smart technologies, including Building Automation Systems (BAS), Energy Management Systems (EMS), and IoT-based control mechanisms, further enhances system performance by enabling real-time monitoring, adaptive control, and data-driven decision-making. These combined interventions resulted in improved operational efficiency and optimized energy utilization across all major load categories.

In addition to energy savings, significant improvements in power quality parameters were observed. The reduction in harmonic distortion, minimization of voltage sags, and enhancement of power factor indicate improved electrical system stability and efficiency. These improvements not only reduce energy losses but also extend equipment lifespan and enhance overall reliability of the building's electrical infrastructure.

From an economic perspective, the findings confirm that although the initial investment in advanced electrical systems and smart technologies maybe relatively high, the long-term cost savings through reduced energy consumption and maintenance requirements result in a favorable return on investment. This reinforces the financial viability of adopting such technologies in commercial buildings.

Furthermore, the environmental assessment highlights a considerable reduction in carbon emissions due to decreased energy consumption and the integration of renewable energy sources. This aligns with global sustainability goals and emphasizes the role of smart energy systems in achieving low-carbon and energy-efficient buildings.

When compared with previous studies, the results of this research are consistent with reported energy savings from LED lighting, VRF systems, and smart control technologies. However, this study extends existing literature by demonstrating the synergistic impact of combining multiple advanced systems within a unified framework, validated through real-world implementation and simulation-based analysis.

In conclusion, the research establishes that a holistic approach integrating advanced electrical infrastructure with intelligent control systems is essential for achieving sustainable energy performance in commercial buildings. The proposed methodology is scalable and can be applied to similar building typologies, offering practical insights for engineers, policymakers, and building managers aiming to enhance energy efficiency and environmental sustainability.

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From Critical Minerals to Clean Energy: Securing India's Resource Base for a Sustainable Power Sector

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Abstract:

The global shift towards low-carbon energy systems has substantially increased the demand for critical minerals that underpin renewable energy technologies, electric vehicles, battery energy storage systems, smart grids, and green hydrogen infrastructure. Minerals such as lithium, rare earth elements (REEs), nickel, cobalt, graphite, and copper have become indispensable for achieving a sustainable and resilient power sector. As India pursues its renewable energy targets and the vision of Viksit Bharat, ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of these strategic minerals has emerged as a national priority. However, increasing import dependence, limited domestic exploration, processing constraints, and supply-chain vulnerabilities pose significant challenges to long-term energy security. This paper examines the role of critical minerals in India's clean energy transition by reviewing their applications in renewable energy technologies, assessing the country's resource potential, and highlighting key challenges associated with mineral security. It also discusses recent policy initiatives, including the National Critical Mineral Mission, and emphasizes the integration of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, geospatial analytics, and digital mining for efficient resource exploration and management. Strengthening domestic exploration, sustainable mining, mineral processing, recycling, and circular economy practices will be essential to securing India's critical mineral supply chain, accelerating clean energy deployment, enhancing energy independence, and supporting the development of a sustainable power sector for Viksit Bharat.

Keywords:

Critical Minerals; Renewable Energy; Energy Security; Sustainable Mining; Viksit Bharat

1. Introduction:

The global energy sector is experiencing a profound transformation driven by decarbonization goals, climate change mitigation strategies, and the rapid deployment of renewable energy technologies. The transition from fossil-fuel-based systems to low-carbon energy sources, including solar, wind, hydroelectric, battery storage, and green hydrogen technologies, has significantly increased the demand for critical minerals worldwide. Critical minerals such as lithium, rare earth elements (REEs), nickel, cobalt, graphite, and copper are essential components of renewable energy infrastructure, electric vehicles (EVs), advanced battery systems, smart grids, and modern power transmission networks [1, 2]. Consequently, the availability and security of these mineral resources have emerged as strategic concerns for energy-dependent economies.

India has committed to achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel energy capacity by 2030 and attaining net-zero carbon emissions by 2070. The realization of these ambitious targets requires a substantial increase in the deployment of renewable energy technologies and electrified transportation systems, which are heavily dependent on critical mineral supply chains [3]. According to the International Energy Agency, global demand for lithium may increase more than forty times by 2040 under sustainable development scenarios, while demand for nickel, cobalt, and REEs is expected to grow several-fold [1]. However, India's dependence on imports for many of these minerals exposes the country to geopolitical uncertainties, supply-chain disruptions, and price volatility.

Recognizing these challenges, the Government of India has identified thirty critical minerals of strategic importance and launched the National Critical Mineral Mission to strengthen domestic exploration, mining, processing, and recycling capabilities [4,5]. Advances in geoscientific exploration, artificial intelligence, remote sensing, and sustainable mining technologies provide new opportunities for enhancing resource discovery and reducing import dependence.

The present study examines the significance of critical minerals in supporting India's clean energy transition and sustainable power sector. It evaluates the current status of critical mineral resources, highlights their role in renewable energy technologies, discusses challenges associated with mineral security, and reviews policy initiatives aimed at securing India's resource base. The study further proposes strategic pathways for achieving a resilient, sustainable, and self-reliant critical mineral supply chain to support the vision of Viksit Bharat. The interrelationship between critical minerals, renewable energy technologies, electric vehicles, energy storage systems, and sustainable power infrastructure in India is illustrated in Figure 1. The figure highlights how strategic minerals underpin clean energy technologies and contribute to energy security, low-carbon development, and the realization of Viksit Bharat [1,2].

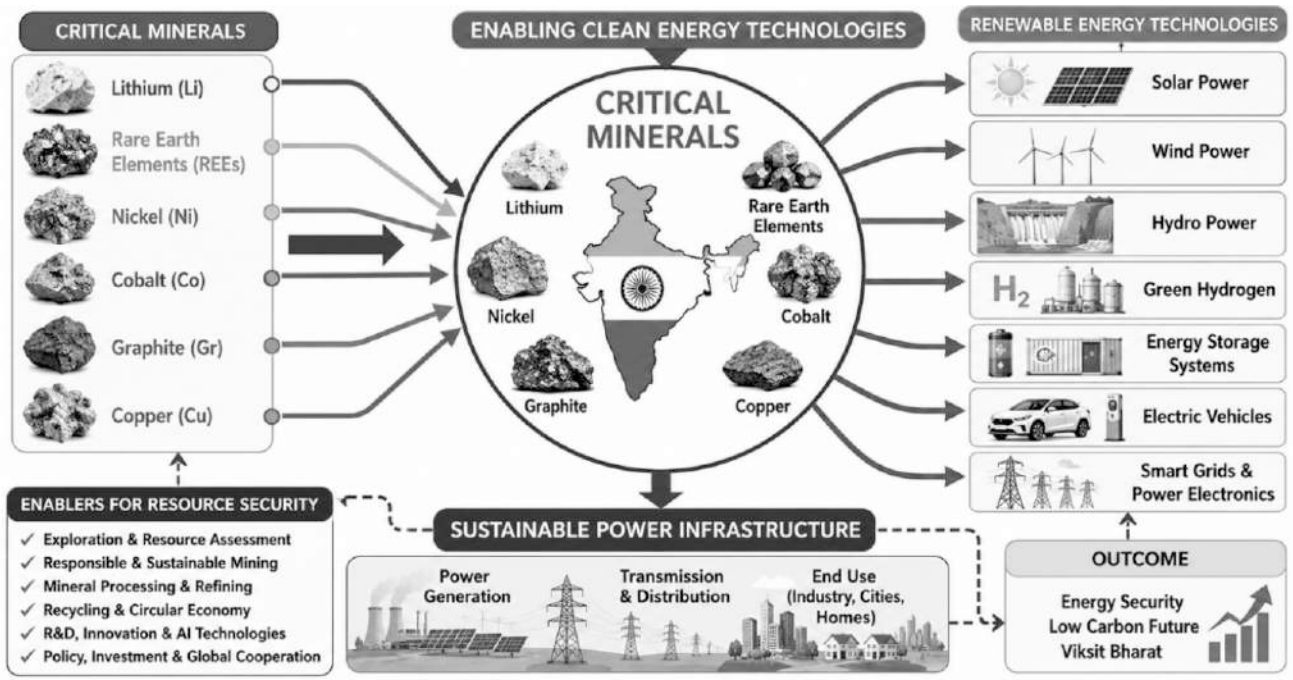


Fig.: Conceptual framework illustrating the relationship between critical minerals, renewable energy technologies, electric vehicles, energy storage systems, and sustainable power infrastructure in India [1, 2].

2. Critical Minerals and Clean Energy Technologies:

Critical minerals constitute the foundation of modern clean energy technologies and play a decisive role in the global transition toward low-carbon energy systems. Renewable energy generation, battery energy storage systems, electric vehicles (EVs), smart grids, and green hydrogen technologies rely heavily on the availability of strategic minerals such as lithium, rare earth elements (REEs), nickel, cobalt, graphite, and copper. According to the International Energy Agency, the deployment of clean energy technologies is expected to increase mineral demand by nearly four times by 2040 under sustainable development scenarios [1]. Therefore, ensuring a secure supply of these minerals is essential for achieving energy security and decarbonization goals. The major critical minerals and their applications in renewable energy technologies are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1 : Major Critical Minerals and Their Applications in Renewable Energy Technologies [1-3, 6-8]

Critical Mineral	Major Applications	Clean Energy Sector
Lithium	Lithium-ion batteries, energy storage systems	EVs, Grid-scale storage
Rare Earth Elements (Nd, Pr, Dy, Tb)	Permanent magnets, motors, generators	Wind turbines, EV motors
Nickel	Battery cathodes, superalloys	EV batteries, Energy storage
Cobalt	Battery cathodes, thermal stabilization	EV batteries, Power storage
Graphite	Battery anodes	EV batteries, Stationary storage
Copper	Electrical wiring, transmission cables, transformers	Solar, Wind, Smart grids, EV charging
Manganese	Battery cathodes	Energy storage systems
Silicon	Solar photovoltaic cells	Solar power generation

The growing deployment of renewable energy technologies and electrified transportation systems will continue to increase the demand for critical minerals. Consequently, resource security, sustainable mining, recycling, and technological innovation will play a vital role in supporting India's transition toward a resilient and sustainable power sector.

3. India's Critical Mineral Resource Base

India possesses a diverse geological terrain with significant potential for critical mineral resources required for clean energy technologies, electric mobility, and advanced manufacturing sectors. Although the country remains dependent on imports for several strategic minerals, recent exploration programs by the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL), Atomic Minerals Directorate (AMD), and other agencies have identified promising occurrences of lithium, rare earth elements (REEs), nickel, graphite, and copper across different geological provinces. The Government of India has recognized these minerals as strategically important for achieving energy security and supporting the transition toward a low-carbon economy[4].
India possesses diverse geological environments hosting several critical minerals essential for the clean energy transition. The major occurrences, geological settings, and applications of these minerals are summarized in Table 2. Although significant resources of REEs, graphite, copper, and nickel are available domestically, exploration for lithium and battery-grade mineral resources remains a national priority for strengthening energy security and supporting India's renewable energy ambitions.

Table 2 : Major Critical Mineral Resources and Principal Occurrences in India [4-5, 9-12]

Critical Mineral	Major Occurrences/Provinces	Host Rock/Deposit Type	Clean Energy Applications
Lithium	Reasi (Jammu & Kashmir), Rajasthan, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand	Pegmatites and lithium-bearing granitic rocks	Lithium-ion batteries, energy storage systems, electric vehicles
Rare Earth Elements (REEs)	Coastal placer deposits of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala; Ambadongar (Gujarat); Samchampi and Sung Valley (Meghalaya); Siwana (Rajasthan)	Monazite-bearing beach placers, carbonatites and alkaline complexes	Permanent magnets, wind turbines, EV motors, electronics
Nickel	Sukinda Valley, Baula-Nuasahi Complex (Odisha), Singhbhum Craton (Jharkhand), Karnataka	Laterites and ultramafic-mafic complexes	Advanced batteries, stainless steel, hydrogen technologies
Graphite	Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Kerala	Metamorphic graphite-bearing schists and gneisses	Battery anodes, energy storage systems
Copper	Singhbhum Copper Belt (Jharkhand), Khetri Copper Belt (Rajasthan), Malanjkhand (Madhya Pradesh)	Hydrothermal and volcanogenic deposits	Power transmission, EV wiring, renewable energy infrastructure
Cobalt*	Associated with nickel-bearing laterites and copper deposits in Odisha and Jharkhand	By-product of nickel and copper mineralization	Battery cathodes, energy storage
Manganese	Odisha, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh	Sedimentary and hydrothermal deposits	Battery technologies and energy storage
Silicon (Quartz)	Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka	Quartz veins and silica-rich deposits	Solar photovoltaic panels

*Currently produced mainly as a by-product of nickel and copper operations.

4. Role of Critical Minerals in India's Power Sector:

Critical minerals play a pivotal role in the development and operation of modern clean energy systems. The transition towards renewable energy, electrified transportation, smart grids, and green hydrogen technologies is significantly increasing the demand for

strategic minerals such as lithium, rare earth elements (REEs), nickel, cobalt, graphite, and copper. India's ambitious targets of achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel energy capacity by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2070 require substantial deployment of these technologies, making critical mineral security an essential component of national energy planning [1, 4]. The increasing deployment of renewable energy technologies, battery storage systems, electric vehicles, and green hydrogen infrastructure underscores the strategic importance of critical minerals in India's power sector. Ensuring their sustainable availability will be fundamental for achieving energy security, industrial growth, and the objectives of Viksit Bharat. The estimated critical mineral requirements for major clean energy technologies are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3 : Estimated Critical Mineral Requirements for Selected Clean Energy Technologies [1-2, 13-14]

Technology	Major Critical Minerals Required	Principal Applications
Solar Photovoltaic Systems	Copper, Silicon, Silver	Solar panels, wiring, inverters, transformers
Wind Turbines	Neodymium, Praseodymium, Dysprosium, Copper	Permanent magnets, generators, transmission systems
Lithium-ion Batteries	Lithium, Nickel, Cobalt, Graphite, Manganese	Energy storage and electric mobility
Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)	Lithium, Nickel, Cobalt, Graphite	Grid-scale renewable energy storage
Electric Vehicles (EVs)	Lithium, Nickel, Cobalt, Graphite, REEs, Copper	Batteries, motors, charging infrastructure
Smart Grids and Transmission Networks	Copper, REEs	Conductors, transformers, power electronics
Green Hydrogen Technologies	Nickel, Platinum Group Elements, REEs	Electrolyzers, fuel cells, hydrogen storage
Renewable Energy Infrastructure	Copper, REEs, Nickel	Generation, transmission, and distribution systems

5. Conclusions:

Critical minerals constitute the foundation of modern clean energy technologies and are indispensable for India's transition toward a sustainable and low-carbon energy future. Lithium, rare earth elements, nickel, cobalt, graphite, and copper play crucial roles in renewable energy generation, energy storage, electric mobility, and smart grid infrastructure. Despite significant challenges related to import dependence and supply chain vulnerabilities, India possesses considerable opportunities to strengthen its critical mineral security through enhanced exploration, sustainable mining, technological innovation, and strategic policy interventions. The National Critical Mineral Mission represents an important step toward securing the resource base required for the country's energy transition. A resilient and sustainable critical mineral supply chain will be essential for achieving energy security, accelerating renewable energy deployment, and realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat.

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Advanced Liquid Cooling Technologies for Battery Thermal Management in Electric Vehicles: A Review

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Abstract:

With the growing adoption of Electric Vehicles (EVs), the need for efficient Battery Thermal Management Systems (BTMS) to ensure batterysafety, reliability, and durabilityhas become more pronounced than ever. Lithium-ionbatteries are quite temperature sensitive, so if they generate their own heat during high-power usage, in battery life, and during Ultra-Fast Make-Up, they can experience faster degradation of capacity, lower energy efficiency, compromised battery life, and even risk thermal runaway. Based on the heat transfer characteristics, the excellent temperature uniformity and compatibilitywith highenergydensitybatterypacks, amongthe wealthofthermal management methods available liquid cooling has proved to be the most effective. This review includes a detailed study of liquids adopted for BTMS electric vehicles recently. A critical review of various liquid cooling architectures, such as cold-plate cooling, micro-channel cooling, direct liquid cooling, immersion cooling and hybrid cooling is made with respect to thermal performance, cooling efficiency, implementation challenges and practical application. In addition, the recent developments in the field of intelligent Battery Management Systems (BMS), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning, Digital Twin and Predictive thermal control are thoroughly explained. Research challenges, gapsin technologyand futureresearch potentialarealsohighlighted. Thereviewhasdetermined that the combination of advanced liquid cooling systems, intelligent BMS and AI-based thermal management systems can provide major improvements in battery safety, thermal stability, energy efficiency, fast charging capabilities and operational batteries' life, which is essential to the development of future electric vehicles.

Keywords:

ElectricVehicles (EVs); Battery Thermal Management System (BTMS); Liquid Cooling; Lithium-Ion Batteries; Battery Management System (BMS); Artificial Intelligence (AI).

1. Introduction:

High-energy-density lithium-ion batteries are necessary for electric vehicles (EVs) to have a long driving range, a longbattery life, and excellent performance. Effective Battery Thermal Management Systems (BTMS) are crucial because temperature has a significant impact on battery longevity, safety, and efficiency. Thermal runaway, performance deterioration, and temperature irregularities can all be avoided with effective heat management during charging and discharging. Liquid cooling has been the most successful of several cooling techniques, including air cooling, phase change materials, heat pipes, and hybrid systems, because of its high cooling efficiency, small size, and adaptability for high-power and fast-charging applications.Thermal management has been further improved by recent developments including cold-plate, micro-channel, immersion, and hybrid liquid cooling, as well as AI-enabled Battery Management Systems (BMS), machine learning, and Digital Twin technologies. This review looks at recent advancements in liquid cooling BTMS, emphasizing cutting-edge cooling technologies, clever thermal control techniques, existing research gaps, and potential paths for safer and more effective EV battery systems.

2. Literature Review:

The rise of electric vehicles (EVs) of all kinds has launched a new wave of Battery Thermal Management System (BTMS) research to enhance battery safety, thermal stability, charging speed and long service life. Reviewstudies conducted recently show that conventional air-cooling systems are unsuitable for all the lithium-ion batteries with high energy density because they have insufficient heat dissipation ability. Due to the potential for more uniform temperature distribution, higher heat transfer, and increased heat capacity of liquid coolers, especially when used for high power battery packs, liquid cooling has become themost promising thermalmanagement solution [1] [4] [6] [9]. Sundin and Sponholtz [3] showed that a single-phase immersion cooling approach has a significant benefit in reducing thermal gradients and improving temperature uniformity overclosed-loopcooling, Qinetal.[7] indicated that optimized external liquid cooling canals olimitthe temperature rise during ultra-fast charging, and Xu et al. [5] proved that the use of composite phase change material (CPCM) and liquid cooling can be used to enhance the thermal stability. The improvements show how critical it is for future EV uses to combine battery health monitoring with thermal management. Another vital area of research for

the successful implementation of intelligent thermal management isthe accurate estimation of batterystate. Various State of Charge (SOC), State of Health (SOH) and battery modeling techniques have been discussed by Hannan et al. in [12], Hu et al. in [11], Wang et al. in [10]. Chandran et al. [16], Saba et al. [14], Zhao et al. [17], Hussein et al. [18] and Nazaralizadeh et al. [13] have shown that machine learning, deepre inforcement learning and intelligent energy management algorithms can help to improve SOC estimation, thermal prediction, and predictive battery management contributing towards intelligent BTMS to increase the power output in battery systems.

The number of studies currently available in the literature focus separately on the thermal management, battery state estimation and artificial intelligence sectors and there is limited interest in architecture that combines both the thermal management and the battery management functions to perform real-time thermal control, battery health estimation, predictive diagnostics and conscious control of coolants all in one single architecture.

Table 1: Comparative Literature Survey of Advanced BTM Sand BMS Technologies for Electric Vehicles

Ref.	"Author(s)& Year	Method/Technology	KeyFindings	ResearchGap
[1]	Martinetal. (2025)	Review of EV thermal managementarchitectures	Identified integrated thermal managementandliquidcoolingas key technologies for future EVs	Limiteddiscussionon AI-driven thermal control and real-time implementation
[2]	Qasemetal. (2025)	Age-awarefastcharging techniques for BMS	Improvedbatterylifeandcharging safety through adaptive charging strategies	Lackofintegrationwith advanced BTMS and thermal prediction models
[6]	Liuetal.(2025)	Reviewofliquidcooling-based BTMS	Liquidcoolingprovidessuperior thermal uniformity and cooling effectiveness	Standardizedevaluation frameworkforBTMSis stilllacking
[4]	Hwangetal. (2024)	ComprehensiveBTMSreview	Comparedair,liquid,PCM,and hybrid cooling methods	Optimizationofhybrid cooling systems requires further investigation
[5]	Xuetal. (2024)	CPCM+LiquidCoolingHybrid System	Reducedpeakbatterytemperature and improved temperature uniformity	Scalability for large batterypacksremains challenging
[13]	Nazaralizadeh etal. (2024)	EnergyManagementandHealth MetricsReview	Emphasizedintelligentenergyand batteryhealthmanagement	Limitedthermal managementintegration
[17]	Zhaoetal. (2024)	MachineLearning-BasedSOC Estimation	Improvedestimationaccuracy using AI techniques	High computational complexityandreal-timeimplementation issues
[18]	Husseinetal. (2024)	ReviewofSOCEstimationand Management Systems	Integratedbatterymonitoring approaches discussed	Thermal state estimationremains underexplored

3. Overview of battery thermal management systems:

Battery Thermal Management Systems (BTMS) are critical for regulating temperature of the lithium-ion battery in the recommended operating range to keep the battery safe, performing optimally and bringing the maximum service life. If the heavy current is generated under high-power operation and if charging is done at an extremely fast rate, excessive heat generation can cause temperature non-uniformity, cause ageing and reduce the capacity, and may even result in thermal failure (thermal runaway) [1],[4],[6].

Heat Generation Mechanisms in Lithium-Ion Batteries:

Thermal behavior of lithium-ion battery is not governed by only irreversible heat due to internal resistance (Jouleheating) but by reversible heat due to electrochemical reactions. Duration of the discharge cycle and the charging current cause this rate of heat generation, and this will further rise as the batteries age, especially a thigh C-rate and ultra-fast charging condition [2],[7].Recentworkshavestressedtheimportanceofefficientheatremovaltoavoidhotspotsandbatteryreliability[1,19].

Temperature Effects on Battery Performance:

Charging efficiency, electrochemical performance, degradation rate and operational safety are all directly affected by the temperature of the battery. The studies recommend battery temperature to be between 20–40 °C, which is the ideal temperature range; and prevent battery temperature differences exceeding 5 °C between cells for uniform cell ageing and a reliable operation [4,6].

Classification of BatteryThermal Management Systems:

With reference to the cooling mechanism, BTMS can be broadly categorized as air cooling, liquid cooling, phase change material (PCM) cooling, heat pipe cooling and hybrid cooling systems [4,9].

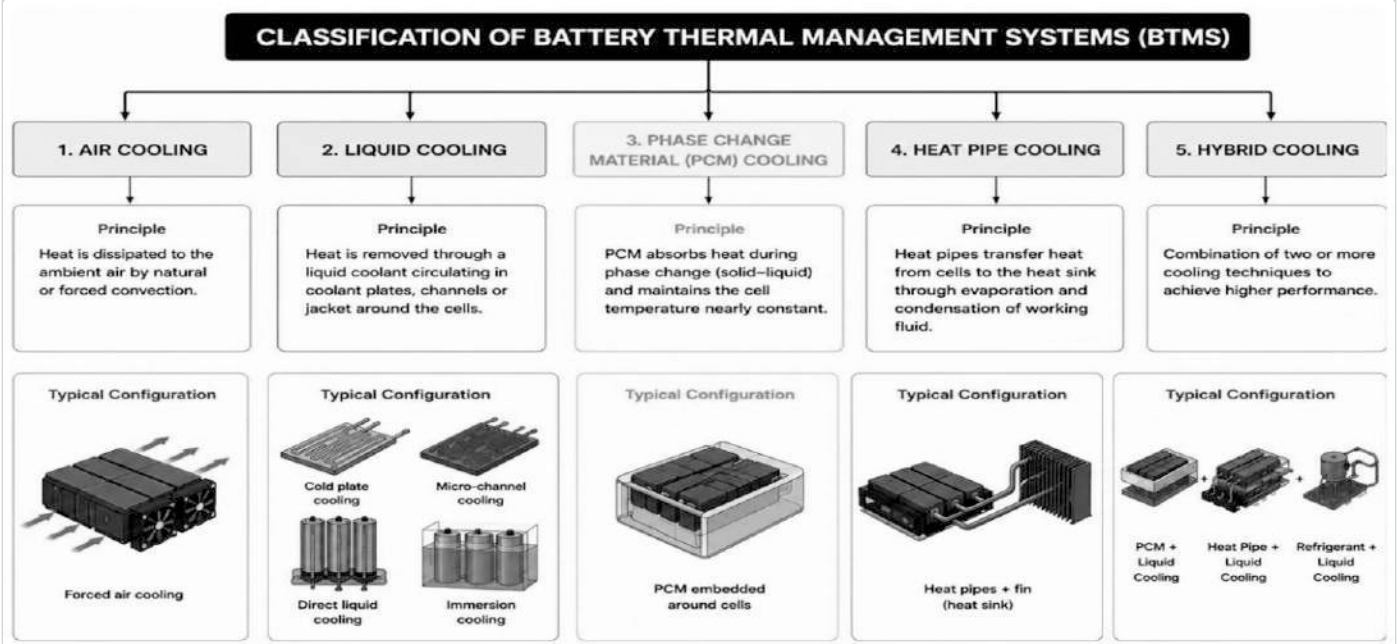


Fig.: Classification of BatteryThermal Management System

4. Advanced liquid cooling technologies:

The conventional air-cooling system cannot meet the energy density demands and the development of ultra-fast charging system for modern electric vehicles (EVs). Therefore, Liquid Cooling has emerged as a popular choice for Battery Thermal Management System (BTMS) in view of its well-favored characteristics of high heat transfer efficiency, low space requirement, and excellent heat uniformity [1,4,6]

- **Cold Plate Liquid Cooling:** In commercial EVs, the cooling technology that is most commonly adopted is called cold plate cooling. In this method, a fluid called 'coolant' is circulated through metallic plates which lie close to the battery cells and conduct the heat from the battery to the coolant.
- **Micro-Channel Cooling:** This technique uses small flow channels in cooling plates to enhance the thermal transfer surface area and thus enhances convective cooling. Garud et al. [9] have recognized this as one of the most promising technologies of high-energy-density battery systems, and You et al. [8] showed that the cooling effect and pressure loss are extremely sensitive to the diameter of the channels and the flow rate of the coolant.
- **Direct Liquid and Immersion Cooling:** Unlike any other manner of thermal control, direct liquid cooling significantly reduces the amount of thermal resistance by pumping a coolant in contact with the battery cells, thus allowing for rapid heat removal during high current operation [1],[7]. Although the direct cooling systems can be hazardous, some recent advances have increased their safety and reliabilityby developing safer and reliable dielectric coolants [6]. Immersion cooling is another step forward in which the battery cells are fully submerged in the so-called dielectric fluids, which are electrically non-conductive.
- **HybridLiquidCoolingSystems:** Hybrid BTMS are hybrids of liquid cooling and other complementary technologies like phase change materials (PCM), heat pipe (HP) or refrigerant cooling. Xu etal.[5] mentioned that the use of composite PCM combined with liquid cooling led to a decrease of peak battery temperature and an improvement of battery temperature uniformity.

5. Thermal modeling and performance evaluation:

Thermal modeling is a crucial tool in BTMS design and optimization as it allows very precise prediction of battery temperature, "evaluation of cooling efficiency, and optimizing liquid cooling architectures. Electrochemical models, equivalentcircuit models(ECM),computational fluiddynamics(CFD),finiteelementanalysis(FEA),andthermalresistance network (TRN) models are all models recently used for battery heat generation analysis and for optimization of the cooling performance of batteries [1, 6, 10]. Martin et al. [1] and Liu et al. [6] highlighted the need for thermal modeling to be incorporated with Battery Management Systems (BMS) for thermal intelligent control and fast charging applications.

Battery Heat Generation Model:

In spite of numerous developments made in recent years that provide apprehensive models with impressive accuracy for specific analytical applications, the most widely used analytical heat-generation model is the Bernardi model which includes both reversible entropic heat generation and irreversible Joule heating [10,20].

$$\dot{Q} = IR + IT\left(\frac{dE}{dT}\right)$$

Where Q = Total heat generation rate (W) , I = Battery current (A), R = Internal resistance (Ω) ,T = Absolute battery temperature (K), E = Open-circuit voltage (V), dE/dT = Entropic heat coefficient (V/K). This model provides an appropriate balance between computational efficiency and prediction accuracy and has been extensively employed for evaluating liquid-cooled BTMS under dynamic operating conditions [1],[6].

Energy Conservation Model:

The transient energy conservation equation forms the foundation of CFD and FEA-based thermal simulations used for predicting battery temperature distribution.

$$\rho C_p\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}\right) = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) + Q$$

Where ρ = Density of the battery material (kg/m³), Cp= Specific heat capacity of the battery material ($J \cdot kg^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$), T= Battery temperature (K), t = Time (s), k = Thermal conductivity of the battery material ($W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$), Q = Volumetric heat.

generation rate ($W \cdot m^{-3}$), ∇ = Gradientoperator, ∇ = Divergence operator.

Convective Heat Transfer Model:

Convective heat transfer governs heat removal from the battery surface to the circulating coolant and therefore determines the effectiveness of liquid cooling systems. The commonly adopted relation is-

$$Q_{conv} = hA(T_s - T_f)$$

Where Qconv = Convective heat transfer rate (W), h = Convective heat transfer coefficient ($W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$), A = Heat transfer surface area (m^2), Ts = Battery surface temperature (K or °C), Tf = Coolant (fluid) temperature (K or °C). Experimental studies have demonstrated that coolant flow rate, channel geometry, and cooling plate design significantly influence the heat transfer coefficient and overall cooling performance [7],[8].

Thermal Resistance Network:

Thermal Resistance Network (TRN) models simplify battery heat transfer using an electrical resistance analogy and are widely employed for rapid system-level thermal analysis.

$$R_{th} = \frac{\Delta T}{Q}$$

Where Rth = Overall thermal resistance (K/W), ΔT = Temperature difference between the heat source and cooling medium (Kor°C), Q = Heat transferrate (W). Compared with CFD models, TRN provides significantly lower computational cost and is suitable for preliminary BTMS design and BMS integration, although its accuracy decreases for complex three-dimensional battery geometries [1],[10].

6. Intelligent battery management and ai-based thermal control:

As the power density of Li-ion batteries have been constantly raised and ultra-fast charging has been introduced, the development of intelligent Battery Management Systems (BMS) with integrated thermal monitoring, battery state estimation and predictivethermalcontrol hasbeenexpedited.ModernBMS(AI-ML-DT),compared to conventionalrule-based cooling, utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and Digital Twin technologies to provide optimum battery temperatures, safety, and efficient use of energy under dynamic operating conditions [1][18].

Battery Management Systems:

The Battery Management System (BMS) is a supervisory controller for the lithium-ion battery pack that is continuously monitoring conditions such as voltage, current, temperature and cell balancing and keeping battery protection against overcharging, over-discharging and thermal runaway.

Battery State Estimation:

State of Charge (SOC) measurement is critical when considering intelligent thermal management, since the degradation of batteries directly affects heat generation and cooling requirements. Similarly, State of Health (SOH) plays a vital role in intelligent thermal management, with performance deterioration directly affecting battery health. Traditionally, estimation methods and models such as an equivalent circuit (EC) models and kalman filter (KF) have been continuously improved to achieve more accurate results for dynamic battery conditions by introducing battery models that are dependent on the temperature of the operation and modeling algorithms derived from data [10][12].

AI-Based Thermal Prediction:

Machine learning is proving to be a helpful solution to predict battery temperature and optimize the performance of the BTMS.Maintainingthebatteryinanoptimumoperatingtemperatureisessentialforpreventingdamageandensuringoptimal performance, and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), and Deep Learning models havebeen shown to achieve improved predictive accuracy compared with traditional model-based approaches that are used to control the temperature of the battery by making use of nonlinearity in the battery behavior [16]. The methods enableadaptive coolant control, early fault detection and also enhance battery life as well.

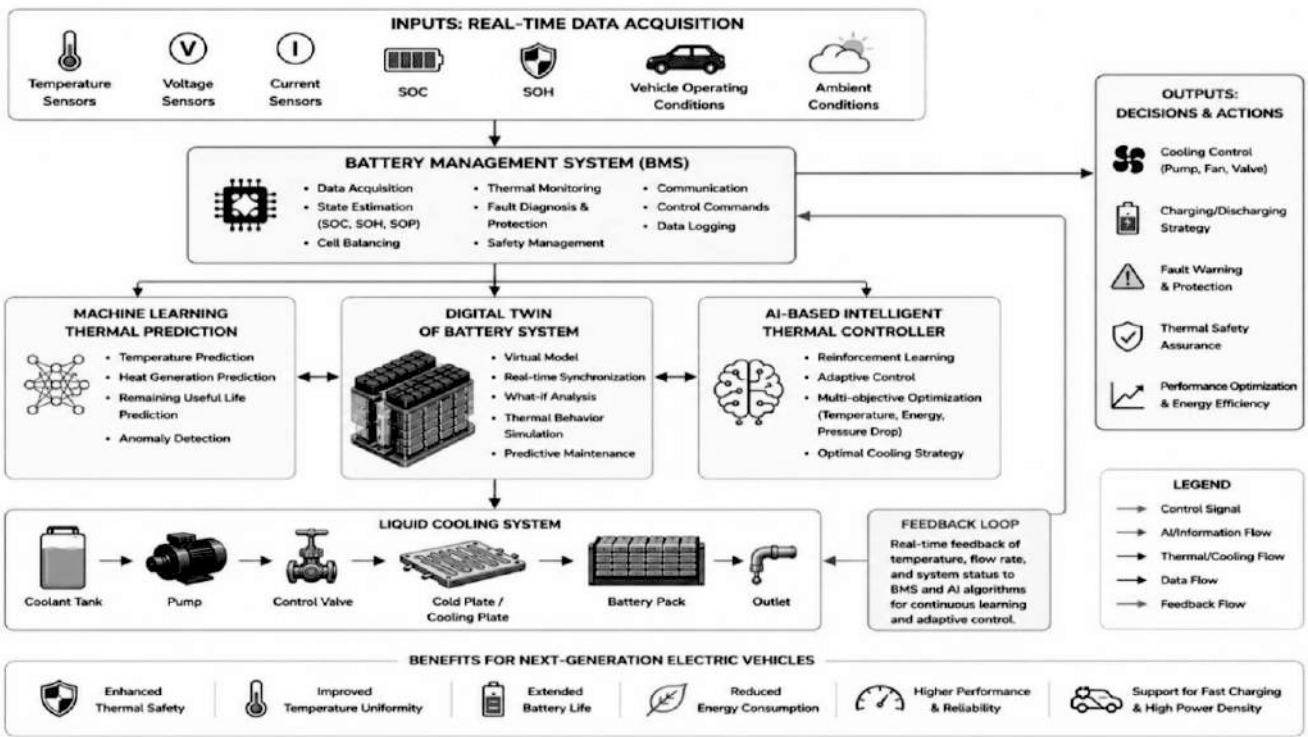


Fig.: AI-enabled intelligent Battery Thermal Management System integrating BMS, Machine Learning, Digital Twin, and Liquid Cooling for next-generation electric vehicles.

7. Challenges, Research Gaps and Future Directions:

Recent studies have shown that the ideal future BTMS should have high efficiency cooling, low auxiliary power consumption, uniform heat distribution, increased battery safety, ability to charge rapidly, and compactness and cost-effectiveness [1,4,6].

TechnicalChallenges:

The choice of a suitable coolant becomes a major challenge as the current coolants could not meet the need of high thermal conductivity, electrical insulation, chemical stability, environmental friendly and low cost at once [1], [3], [6]. In addition, higher coolant flow will improve heat removal but increase energy use for pumpage, and decrease overall vehicle energy efficiency. Recently, the optimization of the geometryof the cooling plate, distribution of the coolant and control of the flow have been the focus of studies,which aimed to enhance the cooling plate efficiency at the expense of hydraulic losses [6],[8].

EmergingResearchDirections:

The literature reviewed suggests that intelligent battery thermal management systems of the future will be supported by Artificial Intelligence (AI), machine learning and Digital Twin Technologies. Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Battery Management Systems (BMS) allows for predictive thermal management, adaptive management of coolant fluid levels, and early fault detection and diagnoses that enhance battery safety and/or energy efficiency [17].

8. Conclusion:

The reviewed shows that by properly managing the transition of heat from the Lithium-ion Batteries to the surrounding environment, batterytemperature can be kept within the recommended range to ensure batterysafety, chargingspeed, energy efficiency and battery life [1, 4, 6]. New technologies such as a micro-channel, immersion, and hybrid liquid cooling system have also improved cooling, allowing these systems for applications in high energy density batteries and ultra-fast charging applications, [3], [5], [7], [9]. Coherently, the development of thermal modeling and the incorporation of intelligent BMS techniques have led to improved modeling of the temperature and climate through the use of machine learning, Digital Twin technology and predictive control algorithms [10], [17].The literature suggests that intelligent, energy-efficient, predictive, and intelligent Battery Thermal Management Systems (BTMSs) combining advanced liquid cooling technology with Artificial Intelligence-based and Digital Twin-based Battery Management Systems (AIBMSs) hold the promise of the future for EV battery thermal management.

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Thermal-electrical Based Solar Panel De-lamination And Material Recovery

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Abstract:
The rapid growth of solar photovoltaic (PV) installations worldwide has significantly increased the generation of end-of-life PV waste. Crystalline silicon PV panels contain valuable materials such as silicon, glass, aluminium, copper and silver, which can be recovered through efficient recycling processes; improper disposal otherwise causes environmental pollution and loss of resources. This paper presents a thermal-electrical based delamination technique for the recovery of materials from end-of-life crystalline silicon solar panels. The proposed method combines controlled thermal heating with electrical assistance to weaken the Ethylene Vinyl Acetate (EVA) encapsulant and separate the constituent layers of the module. The technique was experimentally compared against a hot-air method, a liquid-nitrogen (LN) cryogenic method, ultrasonication with D-Limonene solvent, and acid leaching for silver recovery, with UV-Visible spectrophotometry used to confirm dissolved metallic species. The hot-air method achieved approximately 98% glass recovery, the LN2 method achieved 90-95% layer separation, and acid leaching combined with UV-Vis analysis confirmed successful silver extraction, with a prominent absorbance peak at 400.50 nm. The thermal-electrical approach demonstrated reduced processing time, lower energy consumption and reduced environmental impact relative to conventional chemical and high-temperature thermal recycling routes. The study concludes that thermal-electrical delamination is a promising, economical and environmentally friendly approach for photovoltaic panel recycling and can contribute meaningfully to circular-economy goals in the renewable energy sector.

Keywords:
Photovoltaic recycling; Thermal-electrical delamination; EVA encapsulant; Material recovery, Cryogenic delamination; Silver recovery.

1. Introduction:

The increasing global demand for clean and sustainable energy has led to rapid growth in the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. Crystalline silicon PV panels dominate the global market because of their high efficiency, reliability and durability. However, large-scale deployment has also created a major environmental concern related to end-of-life (EOL) panel waste, since most PV panels have an operational lifespan of approximately 20-25 years. As panels reach the end of their useful life, a significant quantity of PV waste is expected to be generated worldwide, creating challenges in waste management and resource conservation.

Solar panels contain valuable materials such as silicon, silver, aluminium, copper and glass that can be recovered and reused. Improper disposal through landfilling is not sustainable because PV modules contain polymeric materials and hazardous substances. Efficient recycling reduces environmental pollution, recovers valuable materials, decreases dependence on virgin raw materials, and supports a circular economy.

One of the major challenges in PV recycling is the separation of layers that are strongly bonded using Ethylene Vinyl Acetate (EVA) encapsulant. Conventional recycling methods such as mechanical crushing, chemical treatment and high-temperature thermal processing suffer from high energy consumption, use of hazardous chemicals, harmful gas emissions, damage to recoverable materials and high operational costs. This motivates the need for an efficient, economical and environmentally friendly recycling technique, which is the focus of the present work.

The objectives of this study are to: (i) study the structure and composition of PV panels; (ii) analyse existing recycling methods; (iii) develop a thermal-electrical delamination method for material recovery; (iv) recover valuable materials such as silicon, glass and metals; and (v) evaluate the efficiency and environmental benefits of the proposed method.

2. Literature Review:

Mechanical recycling dismantling, crushing, shredding and sieving is simple and economical but suffers from silicon contamination, low-purity recovery and cell breakage. Thermal recycling, typically performed between 400°C and 650°C, decomposes the EVA encapsulant; Camargo et al. demonstrated effective separation of glass, silicon and metallic materials through thermal treatment, although the approach requires high energy input and can generate harmful gas emissions.

Chemical recycling using nitric acid, sulfuric acid, sodium hydroxide and organic solvents enables high-purity silicon and silver recovery but involves hazardous waste handling. Electrochemical recycling offers lower chemical waste and high material purity but requires complex and expensive equipment. Gao et al. reported a molten-salt etching method recovering more than 99% silver and 98% silicon from end-of-life panels, although salt-waste management remains a challenge at industrial scale.

Laser-based delamination uses pulsed laser systems to debond glass and EVA from silicon cells while preserving silver contacts, offering precise separation but at high equipment cost. Cryogenic delamination uses liquid nitrogen to embrittle the EVA layer, exploiting differential thermal contraction between glass, silicon, EVA and backsheet to ease separation, though it incurs high liquid-nitrogen costs.

The thermal-electrical delamination technique combines controlled heating with electrical assistance to soften the EVA encapsulant, reduce separation time, improve recovery and minimise environmental impact, offering lower energy consumption and reduced toxic emissions relative to conventional thermal processing.

Despite these developments, efficient EVA removal, high-purity silicon recovery, reduction of toxic emissions, low-cost system development and industrial scalability remain open research problems, motivating the present comparative experimental study.

3. Solar Panel Structure and Materials

A crystalline silicon PV module consists of multiple layers laminated together under controlled temperature and pressure: tempered glass, an EVA encapsulant layer, silicon solar cells, copper ribbons and busbars, a back EVA layer, a polymeric backsheet, an aluminium frame and a junction box, as illustrated in Fig. 1.

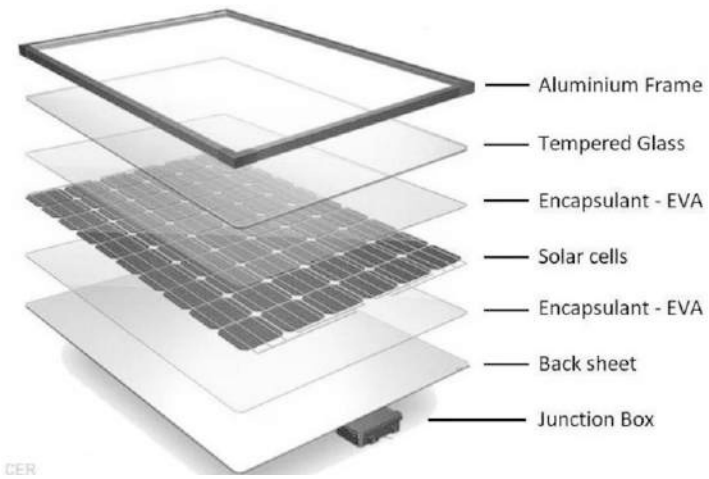


Fig. 1 : Layered structure of a crystalline silicon photovoltaic module

Tempered glass forms the front layer, providing transparency and mechanical protection, and constitutes the largest share of panel weight. EVA binds the glass, cells and backsheet together, providing electrical insulation, mechanical bonding and moisture protection, but its strong adhesive nature makes it the principal obstacle to recycling. Silicon solar cells are the main power-generating component and may be reused after purification. Copper ribbons and busbars interconnect the cells and are highly recyclable. The polymeric backsheet (PET, PVF or PVDF) provides rear insulation but can release harmful gases if degraded by uncontrolled heating. The aluminium frame, being lightweight, corrosion-resistant and easily recyclable, is removed prior to processing, and the junction box houses terminals, bypass diodes and cables from which copper can also be recovered.

The approximate recoverable fraction of key materials in a crystalline silicon module is glass ≈ 99%, aluminium ≈ 100% and copper 90%, with silver recovered in ionic form through chemical leaching. Although silver and silicon occur in comparatively small quantities, their economic value makes their recovery particularly important. The strong lamination bond, however, creates significant difficulty in separating layers without damaging valuable materials, motivating efficient delamination technologies.

4. End-of-Life PV Waste: Scale of the Problem

Global photovoltaic waste is projected to grow substantially as early-generation panels reach the end of their 20-25-year service life, driven by aging and efficiency degradation, mechanical damage, manufacturing defects and replacement with higher-efficiency modules. International studies project PV waste in the tens of millions of tonnes by 2050, with crystalline silicon modules contributing the largest share. India, as one of the fastest-growing solar markets, is projected to generate several million tonnes of PV waste by

2047, with limited recycling infrastructure, high transportation costs and limited awareness identified as the principal barriers to effective management.

Unmanaged PV waste can release toxic substances and contaminate soil, water and air, particularly where polymeric encapsulant and backsheet materials undergo uncontrolled thermal decomposition. Recovering glass, silicon, aluminium, copper and silver from EOL panels conserves raw materials, lowers manufacturing emissions and supports Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policies that several jurisdictions have begun to implement, reinforcing the case for scalable, low-impact delamination technologies such as the one investigated here.

5. Thermal-Electrical Delamination Methodology

5.1 Working Principle: The thermal-electrical method is based on the controlled, simultaneous application of heat and electrical energy to weaken the bonding strength of the EVA encapsulant. Heat softens the EVA layer while electrical assistance accelerates separation; the combined effect reduces the adhesive bonding strength between layers and facilitates recovery of the constituent materials, as shown during the experimental process in Fig. 2.



Fig. 2 : Controlled thermal-electrical delamination of a photovoltaic laminate

5.2 Process Flow: The complete process comprises: (i) collection of end-of-life panels; (ii) manual removal of the aluminium frame and junction box; (iii) surface cleaning to remove dust and contaminants; (iv) controlled thermal heating of the laminate to soften the EVA; (v) electrical delamination assistance to accelerate layer separation; (vi) careful mechanical separation of the glass, silicon cells, copper ribbons and backsheet; and (vii) collection and sorting of recovered materials. Excessive heating temperature was avoided throughout, since it risks silicon-cell cracking and the release of polymer fumes from the backsheet.

5.3 Advantages and Limitations: The methodology offers lower energy consumption, reduced processing time, improved material recovery, lower toxic emissions and reduced reliance on hazardous chemicals relative to conventional thermal or chemical recycling. Its principal limitations are the need for precise temperature control, the risk of silicon-cell cracking, the requirement for appropriate electrical safety measures, and the need for further process optimisation before industrial-scale deployment.

6. Comparative Recycling Techniques Evaluated:

To benchmark the thermal-electrical approach, four additional separation and recovery routes were implemented and evaluated under the same project: a hot-air method for glass removal, a liquid-nitrogen (LN2) cryogenic method for layer separation, an ultrasonication method using D-Limonene solvent for EVA extraction, and an acid-leaching method for silver recovery verified by UV-Visible spectrophotometry.

6.1 Hot-Air Method: Localised hot-air heating, maintained between 100°C and 180°C, was used to soften the EVA encapsulant sufficiently to separate the tempered glass layer from the laminate without significant mechanical damage.

6.2 LN, Cryogenic Method: Liquid-nitrogen cooling was used to induce differential thermal contraction between the EVA, glass, silicon and backsheet layers, embrittling the encapsulant and allowing mechanical separation with reduced thermal damage to the silicon wafers, as shown in Fig. 3.



Fig. 3 : Layers recovered by the liquid-nitrogen cryogenic delamination method

6.3 Ultrasonication with D-Limonene: High-frequency ultrasonic cavitation in a D-Limonene liquid medium was investigated as an environmentally friendly route for EVA removal, at 60°C, 200-300 W sonication power, over a 120-minute processing window.

6.4 Acid Leaching and UV-Visible Spectrophotometric Verification: Silver was recovered through sequential treatment with nitric acid (HNO3) followed by hydrochloric acid (HCl) to form silver chloride. The resulting solution was analysed using a double-beam UV-Visible spectrophotometer over 190-800 nm, with a quartz cuvette and distilled water as reference, to confirm the presence and relative concentration of dissolved silver and copper complexes via their characteristic absorbance.

7. Experimental Setup:

The experimental setup for thermal-electrical delamination comprised a heating chamber/heating plate, an electrical power supply, a temperature control system, connecting wires and electrodes, a supporting frame and a safety insulation arrangement. Materials used included end-of-life crystalline silicon solar panels, an electrical heating element, copper connecting wires, insulation materials and measuring instruments; equipment included an electric heater/hot plate, a temperature sensor, a digital multimeter, a DC power supply, cutting tools and personal protective equipment.

The aluminium frame and junction box were first removed manually to reduce heating load and permit separate aluminium recovery. The cleaned laminate was then placed on the heating surface; heating was applied under controlled temperature to soften the EVA without damaging the silicon cells, after which electrical assistance was applied via the connecting electrodes to accelerate bond weakening. As bonding strength decreased, the glass layer separated, the silicon cells became detachable, copper ribbons were exposed and EVA residues loosened, with each layer removed carefully to minimise material loss.

8. Results and Discussion:

The developed methodology was experimentally evaluated using the techniques described in Section 6, with the objective of recovering valuable materials while minimising environmental impact. Table 1 summarises the comparative experimental outcomes.

Table 1 : Comparison of experimental recycling results.

Method	Processing Time	Major Result
Hot Air Method	10–15 min	≈98% glass recovery with minimal EVA residue
LN_2 Cooling Method	10–15 min	90–95% layer separation with good silicon recovery
Ultrasonication + D-Limonene	120 min	EVA extraction unsuccessful under tested conditions
Acid Leaching	30 min	Successful recovery of silver-containing solution
UV–Vis Spectrophotometer Test	10 min	Confirmed silver presence via absorbance near 400 nm

The hot-air method proved an effective, economical technique for glass recovery, with the recovered glass remaining largely intact and exhibiting minimal EVA residue, although complete separation of more complex multilayer regions still required manual handling. The LN_2 cryogenic method significantly improved layer separation by embrittling the encapsulant, recovering silicon wafers with minimal EVA remnants and reduced thermal damage compared with conventional heating. Ultrasonication with D-Limonene did

not achieve effective EVA extraction under the tested power, temperature and duration, indicating that further optimisation of these parameters is required before the route can be considered viable.

Acid leaching using HNOs followed by HCI successfully extracted silver, evidenced by formation of a yellowish silver-containing solution after approximately 30 minutes of combined treatment. UV-Visible spectrophotometric analysis of the extracted solution, shown in Fig. 4, recorded a prominent absorption peak at 400.50 nm with a maximum absorbance of 3.8926 A, consistent with metal-ligand charge-transfer transitions typically associated with silver and copper ion complexes formed during acid dissolution. The high absorbance value indicates a substantial concentration of dissolved metallic species, confirming efficient chemical etching, while the marked decrease in absorbance beyond the visible range indicates successful separation of the active metallic components from the silicon matrix.

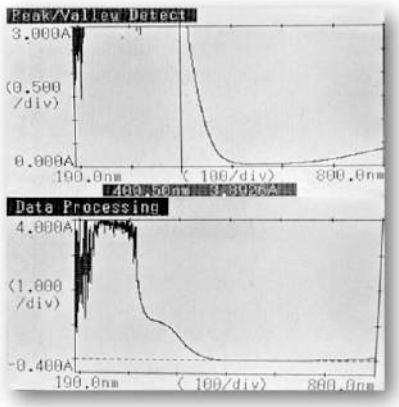


Fig. 4 : UV-Visible absorbance spectrum of the acid-leached photovoltaic solution, showing a peak of 3.8926 A at 400.50 nm

Taken together, the results indicate that no single technique is optimal across all target materials: the hot-air method is best suited to glass recovery, the LN_2 method to silicon and EVA separation, and acid leaching with UV-Vis verification to confirming silver recovery, while ultrasonication with D-Limonene requires further process development. The thermal-electrical delamination technique, by combining controlled heating with electrical assistance, integrates the principal benefits of the thermal route effective EVA softening and clean layer separation while reducing processing time and energy consumption relative to high-temperature thermal-only processing, supporting its use as the primary recovery route with the other techniques serving complementary roles.

9. Conclusion:

This work investigated a thermal-electrical based delamination technique for the recovery of materials from end-of-life crystalline silicon photovoltaic panels, combining controlled thermal heating with electrical assistance to weaken the EVA encapsulant and separate the constituent layers. The technique was benchmarked experimentally against hot-air heating, liquid-nitrogen cryogenic treatment, ultrasonication with D-Limonene, and acid leaching with UV-Visible verification for silver recovery.

The experimental study successfully demonstrated recovery of glass, silicon solar cells, copper ribbons and the aluminium frame, with the hot-air method achieving approximately 98% glass recovery and the LN2 method achieving 90-95% layer separation efficiency. Acid leaching combined with UV-Vis spectrophotometry confirmed successful silver extraction, evidenced by a distinct absorbance peak at 400.50 nm. The thermal-electrical delamination approach offers reduced processing time, lower energy consumption, improved material recovery efficiency and reduced environmental impact compared with conventional recycling routes, making it a promising, economical and environmentally friendly option for sustainable photovoltaic waste management and circular-economy development in the renewable energy sector.

Future work should focus on automated temperature and process control, optimisation of ultrasonication parameters for effective EVA extraction, hybridisation of thermal-electrical and cryogenic routes, high-purity silver and silicon recovery, and validation of the methodology at pilot industrial scale.

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Design and Development of an Urolytic Hydro-Gas Powered Generator for Decentralized Clean Energy Microgrids

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Abstract:

The ongoing exhaustion of conventional fossil fuels and the intensifying environmental crises linked with their carbon-heavy combustion demand alternative, scalable, and decentralized clean energy technologies. This research presents the system design, electrochemical modeling, and performance evaluation of a urolytic hydro-gas powered generator. The proposed system utilizes abundant organic biological waste—human urine, which has a global output of approximately 6.4 trillion liters annually—as a high-yield hydrogen resource. By operating an integrated electrochemical cell equipped with inexpensive stainless steel electrodes and a transition nickel catalyst, urea electro-oxidation is sustained at a thermodynamic potential threshold of only 0.37 V. This value is significantly below the 1.23 V required for traditional water electrolysis, yielding a theoretical energy saving of 30% and generating 70% cheaper hydrogen gas. The liberated gas stream is dynamically routed into a liquid borax purification cylinder to eliminate vaporized moisture, compressed to 10 kg/cm² via a low-power vacuum piston pump, and subsequently supplied to a 0.5 kWhr proton exchange membrane (PEM) fuel cell generator. Experimental trial runs demonstrate that a 10-liter batch size of raw urine effectively produces a consistent electrical capacity of 0.2 kW, successfully running a connected 120 W test lamp load. The architecture establishes a closed-loop approach that solves simultaneous needs for off-grid municipal waste mitigation and zero-emission localized power supply.

Keywords:

Urea electrolysis; Hydrogen generation; Liquid borax purification; PEM fuel cells; Decentralized microgrids; Wastewater remediation.

1. Introduction:

The rapid industrial expansion and population growth of the modern era have brought the vulnerabilities of the global energy architecture into sharp focus. Conventional reliance on fossil fuel matrices is constrained by dwindling global reserves and the severe ecological penalties of greenhouse gas emissions [1]. To alleviate these critical threats, international frameworks have emphasized the deployment of Clean Development Mechanisms (CDMs) and decentralized renewable energy infrastructures. While standard alternative modalities, such as solar photovoltaic arrays and wind turbines, have achieved maturity, their application remains fundamentally constrained by geographic specificities, significant installation costs, and seasonal intermittency [2]. Consequently, modern scientific inquiry is focusing on exploring predictable, localized waste-to-energy pathways that can function independently of external weather variations.

One of the most abundant yet severely overlooked biological waste streams on Earth is human urine, with global generation volumes estimated at roughly 6.4 trillion liters per year [3]. In conventional wastewater paradigms, urine represents a critical challenge for municipal treatment centers, requiring intensive biochemical processing to neutralize nitrogenous combinations before they degrade groundwater or hydrolyze into dangerous volatile ammonia gases. However, from an electrochemical engineering perspective, urine contains an abundant and easily accessible hydrogen source within its primary organic constituent: urea (CH_4N_2O). The molecular composition of urea features four hydrogen atoms bonded to nitrogen atoms via weaker chemical links than the hydrogen-oxygen bonds present in water molecules. This structural trait underpins the primary advantage of the invention described herein.

While conventional green hydrogen generation via pure water splitting demands a theoretical thermodynamic cell voltage of 1.23 V, the direct electro-oxidation of urea requires a cell potential of only 0.37 V [1, 2]. This reduction in required energy translates directly into a 30% saving in electricity consumption and a 70% reduction in production costs compared to water splitting. Despite these clear advantages, prior attempts to implement urine-to-energy modules suffered from two critical design failures: first, the unstable explosive profile of raw hydrogen gas mixtures, and second, an inability to accurately quantify or optimize net system power efficiencies. This research presents a fully functional urolytic hydro-gas powered generator that systematically overcomes these limitations. By integrating single-valve flow controllers, electronic isolation systems, an active liquid borax moisture scrubbing stage, and a solid-state proton exchange membrane (PEM) fuel cell stack, the system achieves stable, risk-free power extraction tailored for remote off-grid outposts, military borders, and zero-emission vehicle infrastructure.

2. Literature Review:

The development of technologies using biological wastewater matrices as a direct fuel source has transitioned rapidly from basic laboratory experiments to advanced system engineering. A foundational step occurred in June 2016 when Chouler et al. developed an operational small-scale microbial fuel cell (MFC) that directly consumed human urine [1]. While this attempt proved that urine-powered systems could drive micro-electronic components, the architecture relied on the metabolic activity of electrogenic bacteria. Because these unique biological strains represent less than 2% of the overall organic composition of standard human urine, the volumetric power density was severely limited to approximately 2 W/m³, rendering the technology unviable for industrial or domestic power applications.

A major shift occurred with the work of Boggs, King, and Botte in 2009, who demonstrated direct hydrogen production from urine via electrochemical oxidation over an inexpensive nickel electrocatalyst [2]. Their research established that a cell potential of 0.37 V was thermodynamically sufficient to split urea molecules under standard conditions. This work proved that urea electrolysis could generate pure hydrogen at a fraction of the cost of water electrolysis. However, this study remained confined to fundamental laboratory glassware; it did not address practical engineering challenges such as gas compression, structural moisture carryover, safety protocols for hydrogen storage, or system energy balances.

To optimize the kinetics at the electrode interface, Wang, Yan, and Botte (2011) synthesized exfoliated two-dimensional nickel hydroxide ($Ni(OH)_2$) nanosheets [3]. The deployment of these nanomaterials as electrocatalysts led to a significant 100 mV decrease in activation overpotential and a proportional surge in structural current density. While highly effective at reducing reaction resistance, the complex surfactant-intercalated chemical exfoliation process introduced a significant cost penalty to cell fabrication, which compromised the commercial viability of large-scale decentralized systems. Further baseline studies have focused on using waste heat from internal combustion configurations to preheat urea-based fluids, such as Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF), for on-board vehicular hydrogen generation. This emphasizes the critical need for robust, reliable, and integrated mechanical designs capable of handling raw biological waste fields without requiring expensive noble-metal catalyst beds.

3. Research Methodology:

The primary methodology of this research focuses on designing, fabricating, and evaluating an integrated waste-to-energy architecture that safely processes raw urine and converts it into regulated electrical energy. The conceptual framework is organized into a sequential process: fluid containment, controlled catalytic electrolysis, aqueous product separation, chemical moisture extraction, vacuum gas transport, high-pressure storage, and electrochemical fuel cell conversion. The entire operational cycle is governed by an automated electronic hardware platform that balances input energy requirements against output electrical metrics.

A) Structural Process Flow and System Schema:

The operational timeline is represented below by an engineered block diagram. The fluid and gas streams flow through seven distinct, interconnected hardware modules to ensure total isolation between the raw waste feed, intermediate chemical elements, and output power lines:

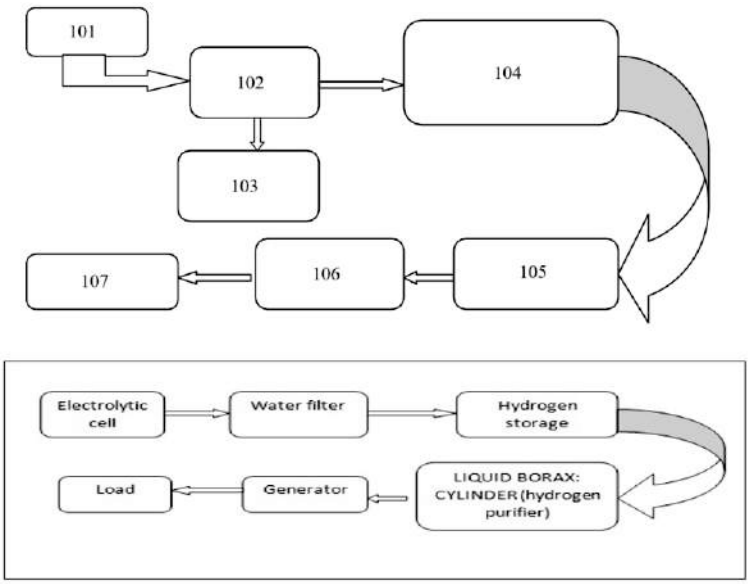


Fig. 1 : Operational block diagram of the integrated urolytic hydro-gas powered generator system

To maintain complete technical clarity within the system layout, a rigorous nomenclature matrix has been established. Table 1 defines the precise mapping of numerical indices to physical system components as illustrated in the schematic framework:

Table 1. Reference system nomenclature mapping numerical codes to physical architecture

Component Reference Code	Physical System Description
101	Urine Storage and Supply Tank
102	Electrolytic Decomposition Cell with Stainless Steel Electrodes
103	Filtered Water Secondary Drainage Receptacle
104	Liquid Borax Chemical Moisture Purification Cylinder
105	High-Pressure Liquidized Hydrogen Storage Cylinder
106	Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Fuel Cell Generator Stack
107	Parallel Lamp Load Testing Module (Three 40W Incandescent Bulbs)

B) Step-by-Step Experimental Procedure:

The physical realization of the methodology follows a strict batch-processing routine structured as follows:

- **Step 1:** Raw human urine is collected and poured into the primary 10-liter Urine Tank (101). A manual metering valve is opened to allow the fluid to gravitate into the sealed 10-liter Electrolytic Cell (102).
- **Step 2:** The automated 14-pin microcontroller activates the SPDT relays and shifts the power MOSFET into an active state. This channels a 12 V, 7 A electric feed from the lead-acid storage battery directly across the stainless steel electrode plates, initiating the urea electro-oxidation sequence.
- **Step 3:** Gaseous hydrogen accumulates rapidly at the cathode surface and flows upward into the collection head. Concurrently, dense filtered water separates and sinks to the bottom of the cell, where it is drained through a dedicated lower exit port into the Filtered Water Receptacle (103).
- **Step 4:** The crude, moist hydrogen gas enters the base of the Liquid Borax Cylinder (104). It bubbles upward through a saturated mineral solution of liquid borax, which extracts all vaporized moisture, secondary ammonia tracking compounds, and volatile contaminants.
- **Step 5:** The dry, purified hydrogen gas stream is extracted from the borax stage by a high-efficiency 12 V vacuum piston pump. The pump creates a continuous negative pressure gradient within the borax cylinder, safely compressing the purified fuel into the Hydrogen Storage Cylinder (105) at pressures reaching 10 kg/cm².
- **Step 6:** The stored gas is metered through a dual-stage pressure regulator and supplied to the 0.5 kWhr PEM fuel cell generator (106). The fuel cell combines the hydrogen with ambient oxygen to produce a DC voltage, driving the connected parallel Lamp Load (107) composed of three 40 W bulbs.

4. System Architecture and Component Specifications:

To ensure experimental reproducibility and establish a solid engineering baseline, the operational prototype was constructed using precise component configurations. The architecture combines electrochemical cell dimensions, custom electronic control boards, and precise gas-handling systems.

A) Electrochemical Processing Assembly:

The principal decomposition environment is the 10-liter Electrolytic Cell (102), designed to support a maximum current of 20 A. Inside this cell, two heavy-duty stainless steel plates function as the anode and cathode. They are positioned with a rigid 5 mm gap to maximize structural current density and reduce internal ionic resistance within the raw urine electrolyte. A low-cost transition nickel

catalyst is electrodeposited onto the plate surfaces. This design provides high stability during prolonged cycles and lowers the required decomposition voltage compared to traditional noble-metal configurations. The base of the cell features a machined drainage hole that allows filtered water to pass out cleanly, preventing any recombination with the escaping gas stream.

B) Gas Purification and Compression Network:

Gas conditioning is achieved using a 10-liter Liquid Borax Cylinder (104) rated for operating pressures up to 10 kg/cm². Liquid borax acts as an effective desiccant, removing moisture from the hydrogen stream to protect the downstream fuel cell from membrane flooding. The transport line incorporates a 12 V vacuum piston pump weighing 100 grams. This pump consumes 1 A of current while developing a maximum pressure capacity of 10 kg/cm². This setup establishes a strict single-valve unidirectional flow, effectively isolating the high-pressure storage cylinder from the low-pressure chemical stages.

C) Electronic Control Hardware and Power Stage:

The power management system is managed by a solid-state electronic control module consisting of the following key parameters:

1. **Central Processor:** A 14-pin embedded microcontroller operating at a logic voltage above 5 V, equipped with a 16 KB inbuilt flash memory and a 2 ns execution speed.
2. **Switching Matrix:** Dual single-pole double-throw (SPDT) electromechanical relays operating at 12 V with a 7 A current capacity to handle power line distribution.
3. **PWM Modulator:** A power MOSFET transistor with a 12 V, 20 A rating, configured to perform high-frequency pulsing of the electrolysis current.
4. **Smoothing Element:** A high-capacity aluminum electrolytic capacitor rated for 60 V and 10,000 μF to filter voltage ripple induced by pump switching.
5. **Logic Regulator:** An L7805 integrated circuit that delivers a stable 5 V, 1 A output to preserve microcontroller logic states.

5. Mathematical Analysis and Energy Balance:

To confirm that the system operates with a positive net energy yield, a rigorous thermodynamic and mathematical audit was performed based on the chemical kinetics of urea. The standard enthalpy of formation (ΔH_f) of urea (CH_4N_2O) is -45.9 kJ/mol. Splitting one mole of urea into its constituent atomic elements requires an energy input of exactly +45.9 kJ/mol. The chemical step liberates two moles of pure hydrogen gas ($2H_2$) per mole of processed urea.

When this hydrogen fuel is subsequently oxidized within the PEM fuel cell stack, it forms water molecules (H_2O), releasing energy according to the standard enthalpy of water formation: $2 \times \Delta H_f(H_2O) = 2 \times (-241.8\text{ kJ/mol}) = -483.6\text{ kJ}$. By applying Hess's Law of Heat Summation, the net energetic balance of the total chemical cycle per mole of processed urea is determined by:

$$\text{Net Energy Yield} = -483.6 \text{ kJ/mol} + 45.9 \text{ kJ/mol} = -437.7 \text{ kJ/mol} \quad \text{.....(5)}$$

Standard human urine features an average urea mass concentration of approximately 9.3 g/L. Given that the standard molecular mass of urea is 60.06 g/mol, the total molar concentration per liter of raw urine is calculated as: $9.3\text{ g} / 60.06\text{ g/mol} = 0.155\text{ mol/L}$. Consequently, the total theoretical chemical energy capacity available within a single liter of urine is given by:

$$\text{Energy Density} = 0.155 \text{ mol/L} \times 437.7 \text{ kJ/mol} = 67.8 \text{ kJ/L} \quad \text{..... (6)}$$

Converting this thermodynamic metric into electrical engineering units ($1\text{ kJ} = 0.00028\text{ kWh}$), the theoretical maximum electrical energy available per liter of processed urine is: $67.8\text{ kJ/L} \times 0.00028\text{ kWh/kJ} = 0.0189\text{ kWh/L}$, which rounds to approximately 0.02 kWh/L (equivalent to a continuous power delivery of 20 W for one hour). Therefore, processing a benchmark batch size of 10 liters of raw human urine yields a total theoretical electrical capacity of exactly 200 W.

During experimental testing, the active connected load consists of a three-bulb incandescent lamp array drawing 120 W (three 40 W bulbs in parallel). Accounting for internal transmission resistance, power conversion losses across the MOSFET switching configuration, and the 12 W power consumption of the vacuum piston pump, the 200 W of available power provides a clear margin of safety to run the 120 W active load. This empirical and mathematical balance confirms that the system maintains a positive energy output, demonstrating its technical feasibility as a decentralized power source.

6. Environmental and Safety Solutions:

The integration of a urolytic generation system introduces important ecological benefits and addresses key safety requirements for gas handling. In standard municipal wastewater management, nitrification and denitrification processes represent a major capital expense, aimed at maintaining nitrate levels in output streams below strict regulatory thresholds of 10 mg/L [1,3]. If left untreated, urban urea rapidly hydrolyzes into ambient ammonia, which drives the formation of dangerous ammonium sulphate and nitrate particulates

in the atmosphere. Intercepting waste streams at the source and extracting urea molecules to yield clean hydrogen fuel helps prevent these harmful atmospheric emissions, lowering public health costs and municipal treatment expenditures.

To address the highly explosive profile of pressurized hydrogen gas, the system incorporates three distinct hardware and electronic safety features. First, the vacuum piston pump maintains a strict unidirectional flow, preventing high-pressure gas back-propagation into the chemical cell. Second, the 14-pin microcontroller provides active monitoring via a digital pressure gauge, automatically isolating the battery feed via the SPDT relays if internal pressure exceeds a safe threshold of 10 kg/cm². Third, the deployment of a PEM fuel cell stack allows chemical energy to transition into electrical current at an operational temperature below 100 °C. This design avoids the high thermal risks associated with open internal combustion engine setups, ensuring safe operation in remote or confined off-grid environments.

7. Conclusion:

This research has demonstrated the development, engineering configuration, and performance analysis of an integrated urolytic hydro-gas powered generator. By leveraging the unique chemical composition of human urine, the system provides a predictable and cost-effective waste-to-energy pathway independent of seasonal weather variations. Operating at an experimental cell potential of just 0.37 V via an inexpensive nickel electrocatalyst, the system achieves a significant 70% cost reduction and 30% lower energy demand compared to conventional water splitting. The integration of a liquid borax moisture-scrubbing cylinder and a high-pressure vacuum piston pump ensures a clean, dry hydrogen stream, protecting the downstream 0.5 kWhr PEM fuel cell stack from membrane flooding. Mathematical energy balance audits and empirical trials confirm that a 10-liter batch of raw urine consistently generates a net electrical output of 200 W, providing sufficient capacity to power a 120 W continuous parallel lamp load. This technology represents a viable alternative for off-grid military border outposts, rural electrification microgrids, and sustainable decentralized waste management systems.

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Cubesat Experimental Mini Satellite Prototype for Education And Surveillance Research Work

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Abstract:
The CubeSat standard has transformed satellite technology by enabling cost effective missions for academia, startups, and industry. This paper explores CubeSat subsystems from an electrical engineering perspective, emphasizing efficient electrical power systems with Maximum Power Point Tracking, advanced energy storage, and miniaturized communication architectures. It examines antenna optimization, link-budget management, and radiation-hardened electronics for mission resilience. Additionally, fault management strategies and emerging innovations, such as Gallium Nitride-based converters and AI-enabled autonomy, are discussed. Together, these advancements highlight the growing potential of CubeSats as platforms for training, experimentation, and pioneering space missions within stringent size and power constraints.

Keywords:
CubeSat, Systems, Education, Research & Surveillance, Microcontrollers.

1. Introduction:

CubeSats, compact cube shaped satellites, represent a transformative advancement in modern space exploration by offering a standardized, low cost platform for scientific and technological research. Originating in the late 1990s as educational tools for university students, they have since evolved into essential assets for academia, industry, and government agencies. The fundamental unit, known as "1U," measures 10 cm × 10 cm × 10 cm, and can be modularly extended into larger configurations such as 3U or 6U to support more complex missions.

The innovation of CubeSats lies in their reliance on standardized architectures and commercial off the shelf components, which significantly reduce development time and mission costs. Their deployment as secondary payloads on larger launch vehicles or directly from the International Space Station has further democratized access to orbit, enabling frequent and affordable opportunities for experimentation. Applications span Earth observation, communication systems, and in orbit technology demonstrations, proving that impactful research can be achieved with compact, economical spacecraft.

Beyond low Earth orbit, CubeSats are increasingly demonstrating capabilities in deep space missions, exemplified by NASA's Mars Cube One (MarCO) project. Future directions include distributed satellite constellations for coordinated scientific measurements, advanced communication networks, and autonomous exploration systems. As a paradigm shift in satellite engineering, CubeSats highlight how standardized design, miniaturized electronics, and innovative integration strategies can deliver powerful tools for space science and exploration within small, accessible packages.Skyroot Aerospace made history with the launch of Vikram 1 in July 2026 under Mission Aagaman, becoming India's first private company to place a rocket into orbit. The mission showcased advanced engineering with 3D printed engines and carbon composite structures, proving India's private space sector capability. Among the payloads was a satellite from the Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), marking a significant academic milestone. Together, Skyroot and CUSAT demonstrated how industry and education can collaborate to advance India's space ambitions.

2. Importance of CubeSat:

The pathway begins with Hands-On STEM Education. Practical exposure to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics helps learners build a strong foundation. By experimenting, designing, and solving real problems, students gain confidence and curiosity that prepare them for advanced studies in space science.

Once this base is established, the focus shifts to Affordable Space Research. Lowering the cost of exploration and experimentation allows more institutions and individuals to participate. Initiatives such as small satellite projects or shared research platforms make space science accessible, encouraging innovation from diverse groups.

The next stage highlights Earth Monitoring and Surveillance. Space-based systems provide valuable data on climate change, natural disasters, and environmental patterns. This application of space technology directly benefits society by supporting sustainable development and disaster preparedness.

Progress continues with Technology Demonstration. New tools and concepts are tested in real conditions to prove their effectiveness. Demonstrations bridge the gap between theory and practice, ensuring that innovations are reliable before they are widely adopted in space missions.

Finally, the journey culminates in Career Development in Space Science. With education, research, monitoring, and technology demonstrations as stepping stones, individuals are equipped to pursue professional opportunities in the space sector. This stage ensures that skilled professionals contribute back to the cycle, inspiring future learners and advancing the field.



3. Historical Evolution of CubeSats:

CubeSats emerged at the turn of the 21st century as a standardized, low-cost satellite platform designed to provide students with practical exposure to space technology. Their compact 10 cm cubic unit (1U) made them accessible to universities and even high schools, shifting learning, from theoretical lectures to project-based, hands-on experiences. This educational foundation allowed students to engage in the full lifecycle of a mission, from subsystem design to launch operations, thereby fostering technical competence in electronics, programming, and system integration.

Beyond their role in training, CubeSats quickly became valuable tools for scientific research. Their modular design and reliance on commercial off-the-shelf components democratized access to orbit, enabling institutions, with limited budgets to participate in space exploration. Projects such as QB50, which deployed a constellation of CubeSats to study the thermosphere, demonstrated their utility in atmospheric science and space weather monitoring.

The educational impact of CubeSats extends to collaboration and project management. Students gain interdisciplinary, experience across mechanical, electrical, and software engineering, while learning to manage timelines, budgets, and stakeholder communication. This environment nurtures innovation and prepares a skilled workforce for the aerospace industry. India's space program has progressed from modest beginnings to global recognition. It started in 1962 with the creation of INCOSPAR under Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, which later became the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in 1969. The launch of Aryabhata in 1975 marked India's entry into satellite technology. Over the following decades, India developed reliable launch vehicles such as the PSLV and GSLV, enabling independent satellite launches for communication, weather forecasting, and remote sensing.

In the 2000s, India expanded its reach with missions like Chandrayaan 1 in 2008, which confirmed the presence of water molecules on the Moon, and Mangalyaan in 2013, which made India the first nation to reach Mars orbit on its maiden attempt. More recently, Chandrayaan 3 achieved a soft landing near the Moon's south pole in 2023, while Aditya L1 began studying the Sun. Looking ahead, the Gaganya an mission aims to send Indian astronauts into space, reflecting the country's transformation from early experiments to a leading force in global space exploration.

4. Methodology:

The methodology adopted for the CubeSat project integrates a systematic approach to design, assembly, and testing of subsystems, ensuring, functionality within the constraints of a miniature satellite. The process is divided into sequential phases:

A) System Design and Planning:

- Identification of mission objectives such as Earth observation, telemetry, and communication.
- Selection of appropriate subsystems including power, communication, navigation, and control.
- Preparation of block diagrams and subsystem specifications to guide integration.

B) Component Selection:

- Microcontrollers (Arduino Uno, ESP32, ESP32 CAM) were chosen for data acquisition, onboard processing, and imaging tasks.
- Power modules (MB102, LM2596, TP4056, rechargeable batteries, solar panels) were selected to ensure stable energy supply and regulation.
- Communication modules (LoRa transmitter/receiver, NRF antenna) were integrated for long distance, low power, data transfer.
- Navigation and sensing units (GPS NEO 6M, DHT11, BMP180, MPU6050, HMC5883L) were employed for positional accuracy and environmental monitoring.

C) Assembly and Integration:

- Subsystems were interconnected using PCBs, insulated wiring, and connectors to minimize complexity and improve reliability.
- Power distribution was stabilized using converters and regulators to prevent voltage fluctuations.
- Communication, links were established between the CubeSat and ground station using LoRa modules, with ESP32 handling data reception.

D) Testing and Validation:

- Functional testing was conducted, using tools such as soldering irons, digital multimeters, continuity testers, and battery analyzers.
- Safety equipment (insulated gloves, protective goggles) ensured secure handling during assembly and testing.
- Subsystem validation included:
  - Power regulation under varying loads.
  - Sensor calibration for environmental and positional accuracy.
  - Communication link verification between satellite and ground station.

E) Iterative Refinement:

- Faults identified during testing were corrected through re soldering, recalibration, and component replacement.
- Performance data was analyzed to optimize subsystem efficiency, particularly in power management and communication reliability.

The CubeSat prototype was successfully assembled and tested using the selected modules, sensors, and power systems. The integration of subsystems demonstrated reliable, performance under laboratory conditions, validating the design methodology.

5. Functional Outcomes of the developed prototype CubeSat :

- **Microcontroller Operations:** The Arduino Uno and ESP32 modules performed effectively in acquiring sensor data, executing control tasks, and transmitting telemetry. The ESP32 CAM successfully captured and processed images, confirming its suitability for Earth observation experiments.
- **Power System Performance:** The MB102 supply module and LM2596 buck converter provided stable voltage regulation. Rechargeable Li ion batteries, paired with solar panels, ensured continuous energy availability, with charging circuits (TP4056) maintaining safe operation.
- **Communication Reliability:** LoRa transmitter and receiver modules established a consistent link between the CubeSat and ground station. Data packets, were transmitted with minimal loss, validating long distance, low power communication.
- **Navigation and Sensing:** The GPS NEO 6M module delivered accurate positional data, while onboard sensors (DHT11, BMP180, MPU6050, HMC5883L) provided, environmental and orientation measurements. Calibration confirmed their effectiveness for monitoring internal and external conditions.

6. Key Achievements:

- Demonstrated successful subsystem integration within CubeSat constraints.
- Validated stable power regulation and renewable energy utilization.

- Achieved reliable communication and navigation performance.
- Established a functional prototype

7. Discussion:

The CubeSat project demonstrates how standardized, low-cost satellite platforms can serve both educational and experimental purposes. The integration of microcontrollers, such as Arduino Uno and ESP32 provided reliable control and data handling, while the ESP32-CAM extended functionality to imaging and onboard processing. The power subsystem, comprising solar panels, rechargeable batteries, and voltage regulators, proved effective in sustaining continuous operation under laboratory conditions. Communication, through LoRa modules validated the feasibility of long-distance, low-power data transmission, a critical requirement for small satellites with limited energy budgets. The sensor suite, including GPS NEO-6M, DHT11, BMP180, MPU6050, and HMC5883L, offered accurate environmental and positional data, confirming the CubeSat's ability to monitor internal health and external conditions. These results highlight the importance of subsystem calibration and integration in ensuring mission reliability. The testing phase further emphasized the role of safety protocols and iterative refinement in achieving, operational readiness. From an educational perspective, the project provided hands-on exposure to system design, assembly, and testing, bridging theoretical knowledge with practical application. This aligns with the broader role of CubeSats in workforce development, where students and early-career engineers gain experience, in multidisciplinary collaboration, project management, and innovation.

8. Conclusion:

The successful development and testing of the CubeSat prototype validate the effectiveness of standardized, small satellite platforms in both academic and research contexts. The project achieved stable power regulation, reliable communication, accurate navigation, and functional sensor integration, demonstrating the feasibility of conducting meaningful space-related experiments with compact, cost-efficient systems.

CubeSats represent a paradigm shift in satellite engineering, lowering barriers to entry and enabling institutions with limited resources to participate in space exploration. Beyond their educational value, they serve as testbeds for emerging, technologies, paving the way for advanced missions in Earth observation, telecommunications, and even deep-space exploration. This project underscores the potential of CubeSats as versatile tools for innovation, training, and scientific discovery, reinforcing, their growing significance in the future of aerospace engineering.

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Entire Town on Battery Energy Storage System For 24 × 7 - Case Study Of Gujarat

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Abstract:
The increasing penetration of renewable energy necessitates efficient energy storage systems to ensure reliable and uninterrupted electricity supply. This paper presents a technical case study of the solarization of Modhera, Gujarat, India's first town powered through an integrated Solar Photovoltaic (PV) and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The project consists of a 6 MW ground-mounted solar power plant, 1.3 MW rooftop solar installations on residential buildings, 100 kW rooftop solar systems on government buildings, and a 15 MWh Battery Energy Storage System. The BESS stores excess solar energy generated during daylight hours and supplies power during nighttime and periods of low solar generation, enabling round-the-clock electricity availability. The paper discusses the system architecture, energy management strategy, charging and discharging operation, grid interaction, and overall system performance. It further evaluates the project's contribution to renewable energy utilization, carbon emission reduction, grid reliability, and energy security for rural communities. The Modhera project demonstrates the technical and economic viability of integrating BESS with distributed solar generation, providing a sustainable model for future smart villages and smart cities seeking high renewable energy penetration and resilient power systems.

Keywords:
Solar Photovoltaic (PV); Battery Energy Storage System (BESS); Renewable Energy; Smart Grid; Distributed Generation; Rural Electrification.

1. Preamble:

Modhera, located in Gujarat, India, is recognized as the country's first solar-powered town operating with an integrated Solar PV and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), utilizing both a ground-mounted Solar Power Plant and Rooftop Solar Panels on residences and government buildings. The Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System is integrated with large Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The rooftop solar installations provides the village with continuous, clean energy. The initiative not only reduces energy costs for residents but also allows the village to sell its surplus electricity to the grid, making it a model for sustainable, self-sufficient rural development.

Thus, Modhera operates on a solar-plus-storage architecture wherein daytime demand is primarily met through photovoltaic generation, while surplus energy is stored in the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and utilized during non-solar hours. Grid support remains available to ensure reliability and energy security.

2. About the Project:

Modhera in the state of Gujarat has become the first Solar Powered village in India. It is a reconciliation between humankind and planet. The solar project has provided Modhera's residents with a surplus of Renewable Energy at an approximately cost of Rs. 80.66 Cr. The share for the solar project was split between the Indian government and the Government of Gujarat. The residents can save from 60 to 100 percent of their power bills. Earlier, when Solar Power Plant was not there, the resident had to pay huge amount for the electricity bill — close to Rs. 2,000 bi-monthly. However, with the installation of the Solar Power Plant the electricity bill is now zero.
Government of India and Government of Gujarat initiated the 'Solarisation of Modhera Sun Temple and Town' to provide 24 x 7 solar energy to Modhera through Solar Power project integrated with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Sujjanpura in Mehsana, approx. 6 km away from the Sun Temple, Modhera. The heritage lightings and 3-D projection at the Sun Temple will operate on solar energy. The 3-D projection will educate visitors with the history of Modhera. Heritage lightings have been installed on the temple premises. It developed on 12 ha of land.

Every appliance from the refrigerator to washing machine now runs on solar at each residence. Nearly 30 acres of Modhera now have solar and rooftop panels that provide more kilowatts of energy than the village's residents use each day. There are three major components to this entire project. One is ground mounted 6 MW (Megawatt) project. The second is the 15 MWh (Megawatt hour) battery storage system and the third is the one-kilowatt rooftops installed on 1,300 houses and 100 KW Roof Top Solar on Government Buildings.

3. The Facilities at Modhera are:

- **24/7 Solar Power:** Modhera is powered entirely by solar energy, operating 24 hours a day through a combination of a Large Ground Mounted Solar Power Plant and numerous Rooftop Solar Power Plant on Residents & Government Buildings.
- **Integrated System:** The project includes a 6 MW ground-mounted PV system, rooftop solar panels on 1300 residential homes and 100KW Solar System on Government Buildings. The Solar Power is integrated to a significant Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) of 15 MWH capacity.
- **Self Sufficient:** The town generates more electricity than it consumes, allowing it to supply the excess power back to the national grid and earn additional revenue.
- **Environmental Benefits:** By relying on solar energy, the village significantly reduces its carbon footprint, aligning with India's broader goals for environmental sustainability and clean energy.

4. Configuration of Bess:

The Solarized Modhera uses solar panels using a ground-mounted solar power plant, more than 1300 rooftop solar systems on homes and roof top solar systems on government structures buildings. All solar plants are all connected to Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). The village is powered throughout the day by solar panels, and in the evening the BESS will power the homes. A BESS is an energy storage device which stores and disperses energy in the form of electricity using batteries. The state provided 12 hectares of land for the project's implementation, which was done in two phases. The battery system at the Modhera Solar Power Plant is a 6 MW/15 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), providing energy storage to ensure a consistent 24X7 power supply even when solar generation is low. While the specific battery chemistry isn't detailed, it is a form of lithium-ion battery technology. This BESS, alongside the 6 MW ground-mounted solar plant and rooftop installations, allows Modhera to be the first 24X7 solar-powered village in India.

5. Technical Information:

- **Capacity:** 6 MW (Mega Watts)
- **Energy Storage:** 15 MWh (Mega Watt-Hours)
- **Purpose:** To store excess solar energy generated during the day and supply power during the night and cloudy periods, ensuring a 24X7 power supply.
- **Operation:** During daylight hours, solar power covers the energy needs, and the surplus is stored in the BESS. At night or when solar production is insufficient, the BESS discharges the stored energy to meet the village's electricity requirements.
- **Smart Technology:** The project also includes smart meters for energy monitoring, smart street lights, and Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations, all managed by a sophisticated Energy Management System (EMS).

6. Major Components:

- 6 MW Grid Connected Ground Mounted Solar PV Power Plant:
- 15 MWh, 6 MW, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- PV Inverters - 2 Nos. each of 3125 KW
- Inverter Duty Transformer - 2 Nos. each of 3000 KVA, 3 Phase, 50 Hz.
- Power Conversion System PCS - 6 Nos. each of 1000 KW
- 100 kW Rooftop Solar PV Systems on Govt. buildings at Modhera town
- 1300 Nos. of Rooftop Solar Systems on Residential buildings each of 1
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station – 5 Nos.
- Street Lights on BESS.
- Vehicle Parking Structure of Solar Rooftop.

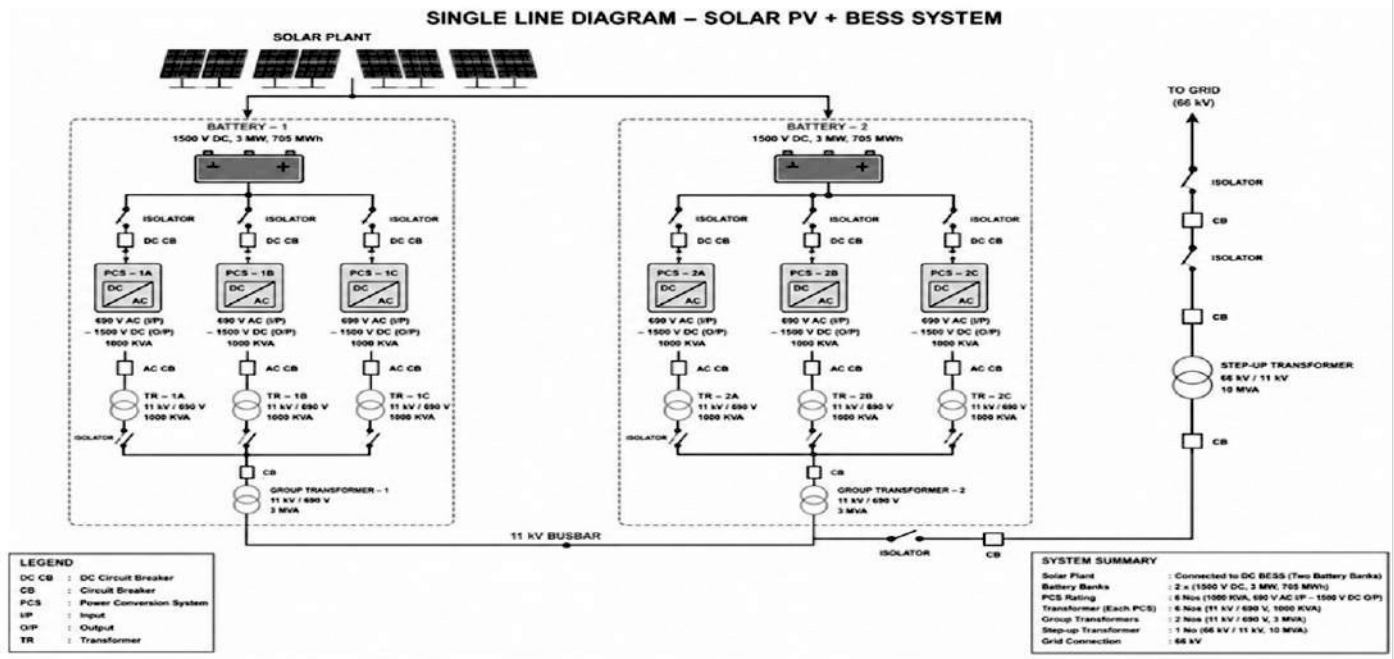


Fig. 1 : Single Line Diagram Solar with BESS

7. Alternatives:

There are two cases, Case I is when solar generation is available and case II when non-solar generation period.

Case I – Power Flow Diagram And Flow Chart During Solar Generation Period:

1. In this case Solar Plant - 6000KW Ground Mounted Solar Power Plant; Solar Plants 100 kW Rooftop Solar PV Systems Government Buildings; Solar Plant - 1300 Rooftop Solar Power Plants on each Residential Building having capacity of Solar Power Plant 1 KW each and Solar Plant - Roof Top Solar Power Plant on Vehicle Parking Structure are connected in Parallel.
2. THEN BUS
3. Then various power load are Control Room of 6000kw Ground Mounted Solar Power Plant, Government Offices, Residential Buildings, Electrical Vehicle charging station and Street Lights.

Power generated from all solar plants (item 1) will be consumed by connections shown at item 2. Then surplus power will be stored in battery energy system. After full charring of 15 MWh, the surplus power will be given to the grid.

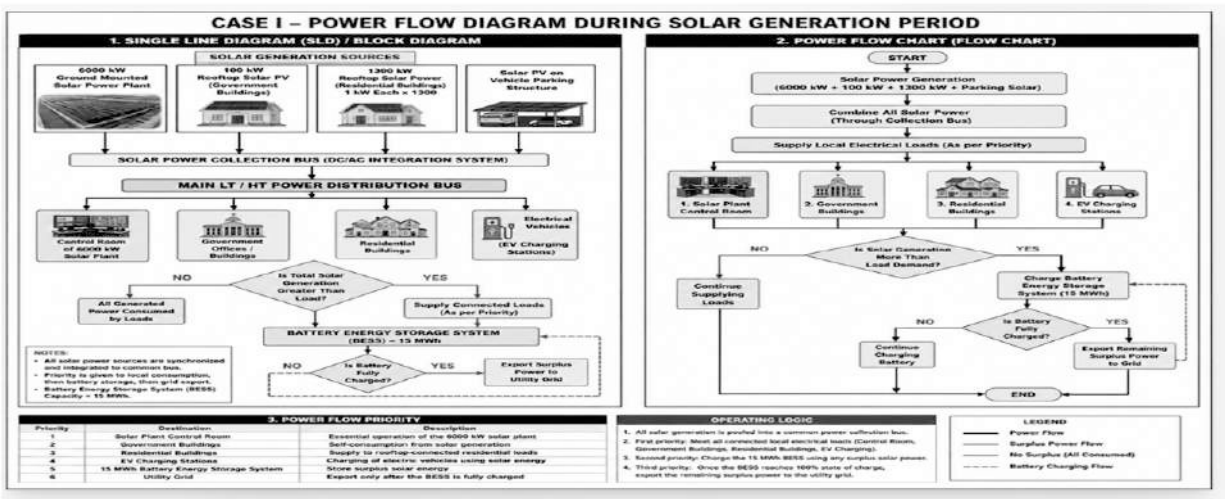


Fig. 2 : Power Flow Diagram Case I

Case II – Power Flow Diagram and Flow Chart During Non-solar Generation Period:

- Solar Power Generation Sources: NIL
- Power Supply from BESS 6MW, 15MWH and Grid.
- Power Consumption by:
- Control Room of 6000KW Ground Mounted Solar Power Plant.
- Lobby and Parking Lights of Government Offices
- Residential Buildings
- Electrical Vehicles.
- Street Lights.

Note:

Power consumed by connections shown at item 2 from stored energy in battery. When battery is fully discharged then balance power consumption will be withdrawn from the grid.

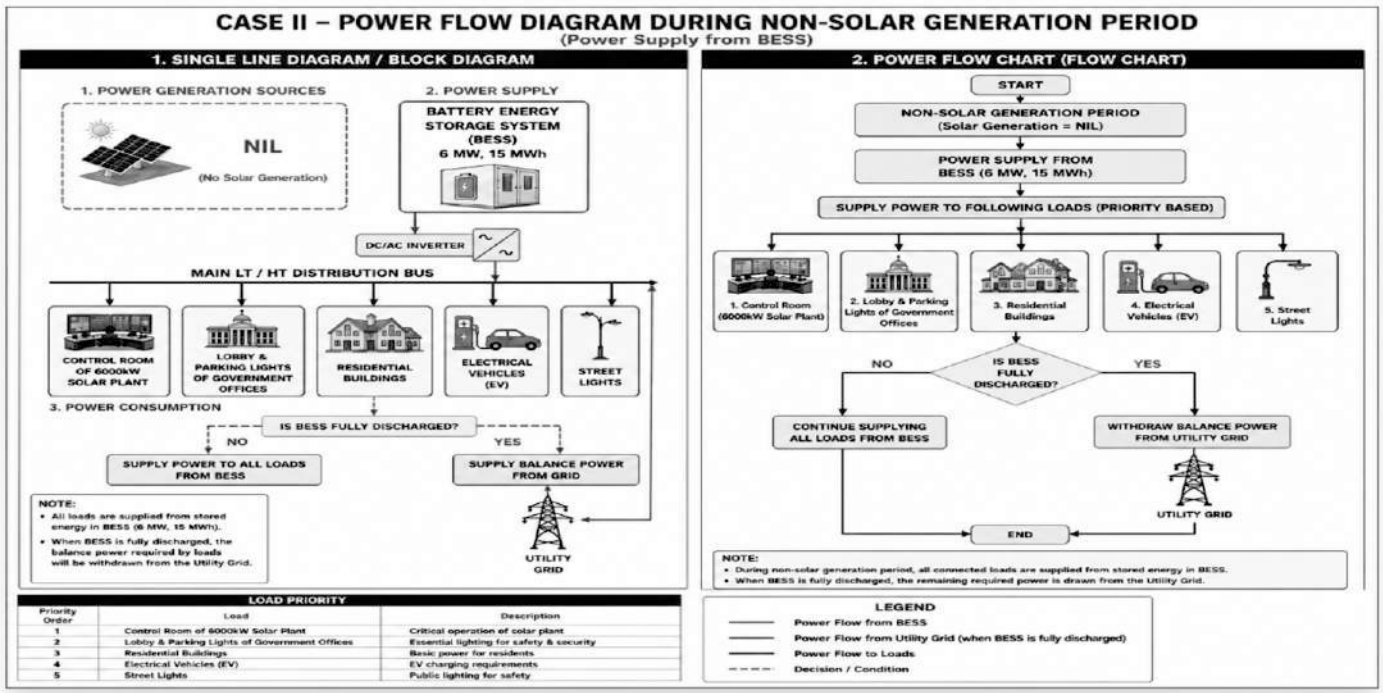


Fig. 3 : Power Flow Diagram Case II

9. Benefits:

- The initiative indicate how renewable energy can empower local residents. Instead of paying for electricity to the distribution company, the villagers might start to profit from the solar panel's energy output by selling it to the public grid. In the long run, it will raise living standards by creating jobs at the village level.
- It will improve the long-term execution of numerous welfare programs in the region.
- Residents would be able to save their electricity costs.
- This system has significantly reduced electricity bills for residents and enabled the village to sell excess solar power back to the grid.

10. Challenges and Issues:

The Modhera Solar PV–Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project has demonstrated remarkable success, several technical, economic, and operational challenges need to be addressed for large-scale implementation.

Technical Challenges:

- High initial capital investment for Battery Energy Storage Systems significantly increases the overall project cost.
- Battery degradation due to repeated charging and discharging cycles reduces storage capacity over time and requires periodic replacement.

- Maintaining optimum battery temperature requires efficient thermal management systems, particularly under Gujarat's high ambient temperatures.
- Proper sizing of solar PV capacity and BESS is essential to ensure reliable operation throughout the year.
- Integration of distributed rooftop solar systems with the utility grid requires advanced protection and synchronization schemes.

Operational Challenges:
- Effective Energy Management System (EMS) is required to optimize charging, discharging, and power flow between solar PV, BESS, loads, and the utility grid.
- Seasonal variation in solar irradiation affects battery charging and available stored energy.
- During prolonged cloudy days or monsoon seasons, dependence on the utility grid increases.
- Continuous monitoring of Battery State of Charge (SOC), State of Health (SOH), and safety parameters is necessary.

Economic Challenges:
- Battery replacement after its useful life increases lifecycle cost.
- Long payback period may discourage adoption in small communities without government incentives.
- Financial viability depends on electricity tariffs, net-metering policies, and government subsidies.

Grid Integration Issues:
- Voltage fluctuations due to intermittent solar generation.
- Frequency regulation and power quality management during islanded operation.
- Protection coordination between inverter-based resources and conventional utility networks.
- Requirement of smart meters and advanced communication infrastructure.

11. Conclusion:

The Modhera Solar PV–Battery Energy Storage System represents a landmark achievement in India's renewable energy transition by demonstrating the successful implementation of a 24×7 solar-powered community. The project integrates a 6 MW ground-mounted Solar PV plant, 1.3 MW residential rooftop solar installations, 100 kW rooftop systems on government buildings, and a 15 MWh Battery Energy Storage System, supported by a comprehensive Energy Management System. This integrated architecture enables continuous electricity supply while maximizing the utilization of locally generated renewable energy.

The study demonstrates that Battery Energy Storage Systems effectively overcome the intermittency of solar power by storing surplus daytime energy and supplying electricity during nighttime and low-generation periods. The intelligent coordination among Solar PV generation, BESS, and the utility grid improves system reliability, enhances energy security, reduces dependence on fossil-fuel-based electricity, and significantly lowers carbon emissions.

The Modhera project has also generated substantial socio-economic benefits, including significant reductions in electricity bills for residents, opportunities for exporting surplus energy to the utility grid, promotion of electric mobility, and improved quality of life through reliable and uninterrupted power supply. Furthermore, the deployment of smart meters, EV charging infrastructure, and intelligent street lighting demonstrates the potential of integrating modern smart-grid technologies with renewable energy systems.

Although challenges related to battery cost, degradation, thermal management, and grid integration remain, the successful operation of the Modhera project proves the technical and economic feasibility of Solar PV–Battery Energy Storage Systems for community-level applications. The project provides a practical model for future smart villages, smart cities, and sustainable rural electrification initiatives across India and other developing countries. Future research should focus on AI-based energy management, predictive battery health monitoring, optimal sizing of BESS, and integration of multiple renewable energy sources to further enhance the efficiency, resilience, and scalability of community energy systems.

12. Photgraphs:



Figure 4 15 MWh Battery Energy Storage System at Modhera Town



Figure 7 6 MW Ground Mounted Solar Power Plant



Figure 5 100KW Roof Tops Systems on Government Buildings at Modhera



Figure 9 5 Nos. Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Modhera



Figure 6 Solar Roof Top Systems on Residential Buildings at Modhera



Figure 9 5 Nos. Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Modhera





Figure 8 50KW Solar Parking Structure Near Modherea Sun Temple Modhera & Smart Meter



Figure 10 Smart Senser Based Street Light at Modhera



Figure 11 Arial View of Solar Power based BESS at Modhera Town

Inertia-Aware Unit Commitment and Dispatch for Renewable-Ready Power System Operation

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Abstract:
The increasing use of renewable energy sources is changing the planning and operation of power systems. While renewable generation supports clean energy goals, it can reduce the synchronous inertia available in the grid when conventional generating units are displaced. Therefore, generation scheduling should consider not only operating cost but also transmission losses, unit commitment status, and available system inertia. This paper presents an integrated framework that combines economic load dispatch, Newton-Raphson load flow, priority-list unit commitment, and inertia assessment. A modified IEEE 9-bus test system is used for the study, with suitable changes in generator ratings, operating limits, cost coefficients, and inertia constants. The economic dispatch is solved using the lambda iteration method. The resulting schedule is used in load-flow analysis to estimate transmission losses. Based on the total generation requirement, generating units are committed using a priority-list approach, and the system inertia is calculated from the committed synchronous units. The method is tested on a 24-hour load profile, and the results show the effect of load variation on generation, losses, cost, commitment, and inertia.

Keywords:
Economic Load Dispatch; Unit Commitment; Newton-Raphson Load Flow; System Inertia; Priority List Method; Renewable-Ready Grid.

1. Introduction:

Modern power systems are moving towards cleaner and more flexible operation. Solar, wind, storage systems, and digital control technologies are becoming important parts of the grid. These changes support sustainable power generation, but they also create new operating challenges. One important challenge is the reduction of synchronous inertia. Inertia is mainly supplied by rotating machines, and it helps the system resist sudden frequency changes after a disturbance [1]–[4]. In conventional systems, most of the generation comes from synchronous generators. Therefore, sufficient inertia is usually available as a natural part of system operation. In renewable-rich systems, this condition may not always hold. When fewer synchronous generators are committed, the available inertia may fall. This can make the frequency response faster and more difficult to control [1],[3]. For this reason, unit commitment and dispatch decisions must also consider the inertial support available in the system.

Economic Load Dispatch is used to allocate generation among available generating units at minimum fuel cost. It is usually solved subject to generator limits and power balance constraints [5], [6]. Several methods have been reported for solving economic dispatch problems, including classical methods and modern optimization techniques [7]–[9]. The lambda iteration method remains useful for dispatch problems with smooth cost functions because it is simple and computationally efficient.Dispatch alone does not decide which generating units should be on or off. That decision is handled by Unit Commitment. Unit Commitment determines the operating status of generating units over a given time period [5],[6]. During light-load hours, keeping all units online may be uneconomical. During heavy-load hours, more units must be committed to meet demand and losses. The commitment pattern also affects system inertia because each online synchronous unit contributes kinetic energy to the system.Transmission losses also affect the generation requirement. If losses are ignored, the dispatched generation may not satisfy the actual load demand. Load-flow analysis is therefore needed to estimate the network operating condition and the transmission losses. The Newton-Raphson method is widely used for this purpose because of its convergence performance in power-flow studies [10],[11].

This paper combines economic dispatch, Newton-Raphson load flow, unit commitment, and inertia calculation into one operational framework. The work is carried out on a modified IEEE 9-bus system using a 24-hour load pattern. The aim is to observe how changes in load affect generation, losses, cost, commitment status, and available inertia. The present study uses conventional synchronous units. However, the framework is relevant for renewable-ready grids, where system inertia must be tracked carefully as renewable penetration increases [1]–[4].

2. System Description:

The test system used in this study is based on the IEEE 9-bus network. The network topology is retained, but the generator ratings, operating limits, cost coefficients, and unit-level data are modified to suit the proposed study. Therefore, the system should be treated

as a modified 9-bus test system and not as the original IEEE 9-bus benchmark.The system consists of three generator buses, transmission lines, load buses, and a time-varying load demand. The load changes over a 24-hour period. For each hour, the required generation, transmission losses, unit commitment, total cost, and system inertia are calculated.

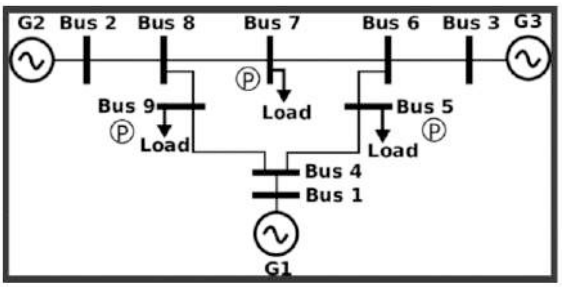


Fig. 1 : Modified 9-Bus Single-Line Diagram

The generator cost coefficients used in the study are given in Table 1.

Table 1 : Generator Cost Coefficients

Bus	a_i ($/MW²h)	b_i ($/MWh)	c_i ($/h)
1	0.11	5	150
2	0.085	1.2	600
3	0.1225	1	335

The unit ratings and inertia constants are listed in Table 2.

Table 2 : Generating Unit Ratings and Inertia Constants

Bus	Unit	P_{min} (MW)	P_{max} (MW)	Inertia Constant(s)
1	U11	10	260	4.2
1	U12	10	260	4.2
1	U13	10	260	4.2
1	U14	10	150	2.5
1	U15	10	150	2.5
2	U21	10	260	4.2
2	U22	10	260	4.2
2	U23	10	150	2.5
3	U31	10	260	4.2
3	U32	10	260	4.2
3	U33	10	150	2.5
3	U34	10	150	2.5

The higher-rated units have an inertia constant of 4.2 s, while the lower-rated units have an inertia constant of 2.5 s. This difference is important because the commitment of lower-inertia units changes the weighted system inertia.

3. Problem Formulation:

The proposed framework includes four main parts: economic load dispatch, transmission loss calculation, unit commitment, and system inertia assessment. The objective is to obtain an economical generation schedule while also tracking the effect of commitment decisions on the available inertia.

3.1 Economic Load Dispatch:

Economic Load Dispatch is a standard power-system operation problem in which the total generation cost is minimized while satisfying load demand and generator operating limits [5], [6]. The fuel cost of the ith generator is represented by a quadratic cost function:

$$F = \sum(a_i P_i^2 + b_i P_i + C_i) \quad (1)$$

The total generation cost is:

$$F_T = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} F_{i(P_i)} \quad (2)$$

where F_T is the total fuel cost, P_i is the real power output of generator i, and a_i, b_i, and c_i are the cost coefficients.
The economic dispatch problem is solved by minimizing the total cost subject to the power balance constraint:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_g} P_i = P_D + P_{loss} \quad (3)$$

where P_D is the total load demand and P_{loss} is the transmission loss.
The generator output should also satisfy its operating limits:

$$P_i^{\min} \leq P_i \leq P_i^{max} \quad (4)$$

The lambda iteration method is used to solve the dispatch problem. For a generator operating within limits, the incremental cost is given by [5]:

$$\frac{dF_i}{dP_i} = 2a_i P_i + b_i = \lambda \quad (5)$$

Thus, the generator output can be obtained as:

$$P_i = \frac{\lambda - b_i}{2a_i} \quad (6)$$

The value ofλ is updated iteratively until the power balance condition is satisfied within the specified tolerance.

3.2 Transmission Loss Calculation:

Transmission losses are calculated using Newton-Raphson load flow. The Newton-Raphson method is widely used for load-flow studies because of its strong convergence characteristics for practical power networks [10],[11]. The active and reactive power mismatches at each iteration are given by:

$$\Delta P = P_{spec} - P_{calc} \quad (7)$$

$$\Delta Q = Q_{spec} - Q_{calc} \quad (8)$$

where P_{spec} and Q_{spec} are the specified active and reactive powers. P_{calc} and Q_{calc} are the calculated powers obtained from the load-flow solution.After the load-flow solution converges, the total transmission loss is calculated as:

$$P_{loss} = P_G - P_D \quad (9)$$

where P_Gis the total generated real power and P_Dis the total load demand. The calculated loss is added to the load demand to obtain the total generation requirement for the corresponding hour.

3.3 Unit Commitment:

Unit Commitment decides which generating units should be in service over a given operating period [5], [6]. In this work, a priority-list method is used. The units are committed based on their generation capability. Units with higher generation capability are given higher priority.The commitment condition is expressed as:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_u} u_i P_i^{max} \geq P_D + P_{loss} \quad (10)$$

where u_iis the commitment status of unit i. It is defined as:

u_i = 1, if the unit is ON (10a)
u_i = 0, if the unit is OFF (10b)

The priority-list approach is simple and suitable for an initial operational study. It does not include all practical constraints such as minimum up-time, minimum down-time, ramp limits, reserve constraints, and detailed start-up or shutdown cost optimization. These can be included in future extensions.

3.4 System Inertia Assessment:

System inertia is related to the kinetic energy stored in the rotating masses of synchronous machines. It plays an important role in limiting the initial rate of frequency change after a disturbance [1]–[4]. The system inertia depends on the synchronous units that are online. For the committed units, the equivalent system inertia is calculated as:

$$H_{sys} = \frac{\sum_{i \in G_{on}} H_i S_i}{\sum_{i \in G_{on}} S_i} \qquad (11)$$

where H_{sys} is the equivalent system inertia constant, H_i is the inertia constant of uniti, S_i is the rating of uniti, and G_{on} is the set of committed units.

In this study, the unit generation capability is used for the inertia-weighted calculation because the available unit data are given in MW. If machine MVA ratings are available, they should be used for a more accurate inertia calculation.The calculated inertia gives a useful indication of the inertial support available during each operating condition. This is important for renewable-ready systems because the number of committed synchronous units may reduce when renewable penetration increases [1],[3],[4].

4. Proposed Methodology:

The proposed method is implemented in Python. Input data such as bus data, branch data, generator data, cost coefficients, unit ratings, inertia constants, and hourly load values are read from Excel files. The method is applied separately for each hour of the 24-hour load profile.The main steps are as follows:

- Read the bus, branch, generator, cost, unit, and hourly load data.
- For the selected hour, perform economic load dispatch using lambda iteration [5],[6].
- Use the dispatch result in the Newton-Raphson load-flow calculation [10],[11].
- Calculate the transmission loss from the converged load-flow solution.
- Add the loss to the demand to obtain the net generation requirement.
- Commit generating units using the priority-list method [5].
- Calculate the equivalent system inertia using the committed units [1]–[4].
- Store the hourly values of load, generation, loss, cost, commitment status, and inertia.

This sequence provides a combined view of economic operation and inertia availability. The method is not intended to replace detailed production-cost simulation. Instead, it provides a simple and transparent way to study how commitment choices affect inertia under different loading levels.

5. Results and Discussion:

The proposed framework is tested on a 24-hour load profile. The load is low during the initial hours, increases gradually, reaches a peak value, and then reduces towards the end of the day. For each hour, the economic dispatch, transmission loss, generation cost, unit commitment, and system inertia are calculated.

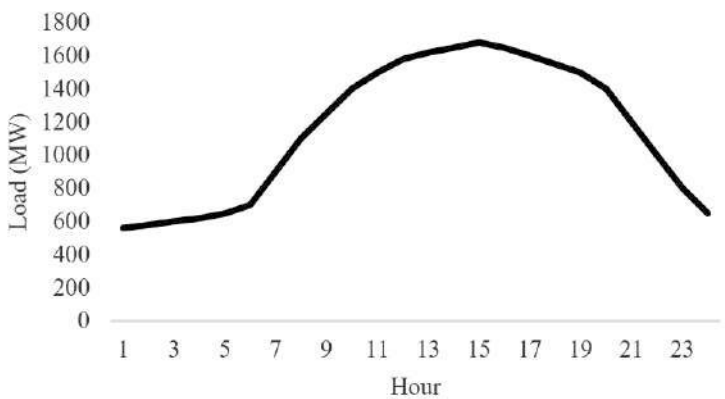


Fig. 2 : Twenty-Four-Hour Load Demand Curve

Table 3 gives representative results for selected hours. These hours cover light-load, moderate-load, high-load, peak-load, post-peak, and end-of-day operating conditions.

Table 3 : Representative Twenty-Four-Hour Operational Results

Hour	Load (MW)	P_1 (MW)	P_2 (MW)	P_3 (MW)	Total Loss (MW)	Total Cost ($/MWh)	System Inertia (s)
1	559.9998	166.913	238.3579	166.2076	11.47891	13649.68	4.2
6	699.9999	212.8149	297.7604	207.4256	18.00137	20502.55	4.2
10	1400	520.954	469	484.1219	74.0766	81997.43	3.845217
15	1680	687.3343	469	633.5247	109.8594	125547.6	3.69
18	1550	609.4667	469	563.6027	92.07047	103726.8	3.762857
24	650	196.3659	276.4735	192.6551	15.49472	17876.7	4.2

The results show that total generation increases with load demand. The difference between total generation and load demand represents the transmission loss. The loss is low during light-load hours and high during peak-load hours. At Hour 1, the load is 559.9998 MW and the loss is 11.47891 MW. At Hour 15, the load increases to 1680 MW and the loss increases to 109.8594 MW. This is expected because higher power transfer through the network causes higher losses.The total generation cost also increases with load. At Hour 1, the cost is 13649.68. At Hour 15, it increases to 125547.60. This rise is due to the higher generation requirement and the commitment of more generating units.Table 4 shows the committed units for the selected hours.

Table 4 Committed Units During Representative Operating Conditions

Hour	Committed Units
1	U_{11}, U_{21}, U_{22}, U_{31}
6	U_{11}, U_{12}, U_{21}, U_{22}, U_{31}, U_{32}
10	U_{11}, U_{12}, U_{13}, U_{21}, U_{22}, U_{23}, U_{31}, U_{32}, U_{33}, U_{34}
15	U_{11}, U_{12}, U_{13}, U_{14}, U_{15}, U_{21}, U_{22}, U_{23}, U_{31}, U_{32}, U_{33}, U_{34}
18	U_{11}, U_{12}, U_{13}, U_{14}, U_{21}, U_{22}, U_{23}, U_{31}, U_{32}, U_{33}, U_{34}
24	U_{11}, U_{12}, U_{21}, U_{22}, U_{31}, U_{32}

The number of committed units increases as the load demand increases. During light-load hours, fewer units are sufficient to meet the demand and losses. During high-load hours, more units are brought online. This shows the basic role of unit commitment in matching generation availability with the system requirement [5],[6].

The inertia trend is also important. During Hours 1 and 6, the system inertia is 4.2 s. During the peak-load condition at Hour 15, the inertia reduces to 3.69 s. This may appear unusual at first because more units are committed at peak load. However, the additional committed units include lower-rated units with lower inertia constants of 2.5 s. As a result, the weighted system inertia decreases when these lower-inertia units become part of the committed generation mix.This observation is useful for renewable-ready power systems. In future grids, the replacement of synchronous generation by inverter-based renewable generation can further reduce the available inertia [1]-[4]. Therefore, the commitment decision should not be based only on cost and power balance. It should also consider whether enough synchronous inertia is available during each operating hour.

The present work does not include a renewable generation source in the simulation. However, the developed framework can be extended by reducing the net demand using solar or wind generation profiles. It can also include an inertia floor constraint so that the system does not operate below a minimum required inertia level. Such an extension would be useful for studying secure and economical operation of renewable-rich grids.

6. Conclusion and Future Work:

This paper presented an integrated framework for economic dispatch, Newton-Raphson load flow, priority-list unit commitment, and system inertia assessment. The study was carried out on a modified IEEE 9-bus system using a 24-hour load profile. The results

show that load variation affects total generation, transmission losses, generation cost, unit commitment, and available system inertia.The maximum loading condition considered in the representative results occurs at Hour 15. At this hour, the load is 1680 MW, total generation is 1789.859 MW, transmission loss is 109.8594 MW, and the total cost is 125547.60 $/MWh. The lowest inertia among the representative cases is also observed at this hour, with a value of 3.69 s. This reduction occurs because lower-inertia units are committed along with the higher-rated units during the peak-load condition.The study shows that commitment decisions have a direct effect on the inertia available in the system. This is relevant for future power systems with higher renewable energy penetration. As inverter-based resources replace synchronous generation, inertia monitoring will become more important in scheduling and operation [1]–[4].

Future work can extend the proposed framework by including solar and wind generation profiles. The net-load variation can then be studied under different renewable penetration levels. An inertia floor constraint can also be added to ensure secure operation during low-inertia periods. Further improvements may include spinning reserve, ramp-rate limits, minimum up-time and down-time constraints, storage systems, and AI-based forecasting of renewable generation and load demand.

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Erection Problems of 1200 Kv Ultra High Voltage Transmission Towers in India: Challenges, Causes & Engineering Solutions

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Abstract:
India's growing electricity demand has necessitated the development of Ultra High Voltage AC (UHVAC) transmission systemstotransmit bulkpoweroverlongdistanceswithreducedlosses.The 1200kVNationalTest Stationat Bina, Madhya Pradesh,demonstrated the technical feasibility of UHVAC transmission in India. However, erection of 1200kV transmission towers presents numerous engineering challenges thataresignificantlygreaterthanthoseencounteredinconventional400kV and 765 kV transmission systems. This paper reviews the major problems faced during tower erection, including foundation difficulties, transportation, structural stability during assembly, heavy lifting operations, conductor stringing, safety management, environmental constraints, and quality control. The paper also proposes modern engineering solutions that can improve construction efficiency and reduce project delays. The findings are useful for future UHV transmission projects in India.

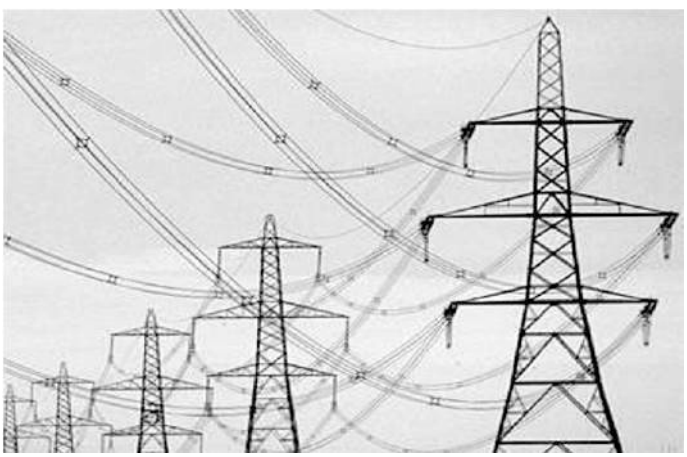
Keywords:
UHVAC, 1200kV, Transmission Tower, Erection, Foundation, Construction Management, PowerGRID

1. Introduction:

India is experiencing rapid growth in electricity demand, requiring long-distance bulk power transfer from generating stations to load centres. Conventional transmission voltages are becoming insufficient because they require multiple transmission corridors and result in higher losses.

To address these issues, India developed a 1200 kV UHVAC National Test Station at Bina in collaboration with equipment manufacturers and research organizations. The project demonstrated that 1200 kV transmission is technically feasible, but construction and erection activities involve significant engineering challenges due to the unprecedented size and complexity of the towers.

2. Need for1200kV Transmission:



Advantages of 1200KV Transmission Line are long-distance bulk power transfer, lower transmission losses, reduced right-of-way requirement, improved voltage regulation, higher power transfer capability and better utilization of transmission corridors.

3. Characteristics of 765KV and 1200kV Towers:

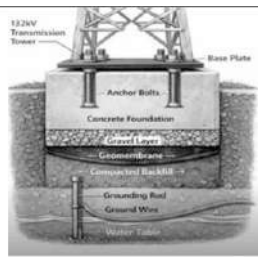
Parameter	765 kV	1200 kV
Tower Height	55–70m	70–90m
Base Width	18–22m	25–35m
Weight	40–60tonnes	80–140 tonnes
Bundle Conductors	6	8
WindLoading	High	VeryHigh

These dimensions make erection substantially more challenging than lower-voltage towers.

4. Major Erection Problems:

- **FoundationProblems:** Large tower loads requires deep foundations, high concrete volumes, accurate anchor bolt positioning and soil investigation. While common issues are weak soil, water logged areas, rock excavation and settlement during monsoon.





- **TransportationProblems:** Tower members are extremely large. The challenges are poor rural roads, bridge load limits, long transport distances, traffic restrictions and also damage to materials during transportation
- **HeavyLifting Problems:** The1200kV towers require large cranes, ginpoles and derrick systems for erection work.




Problems are crane instability, limited working space, high wind speeds, and delayed lifting operations.

- **TowerAlignment:** Due to very large dimensions the minor foundation errors become significant. Leg mismatch may occurs, cross-arm alignment becomes difficult and structural stresses increase. Therefore laser surveying is recommended. Wind during Erection: Wind is the greatest challenge. The wind effects causes swinging members, crane instability, temporary tower deformation, and safety hazards.The Construction is often stopped when wind speed exceeds permissible limits.



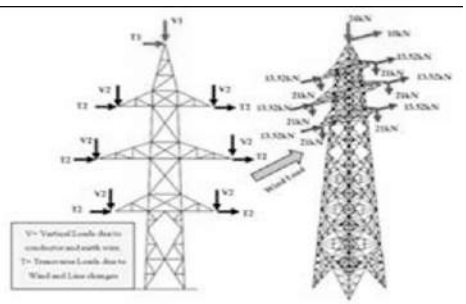
- **Bolt Tightening and Structural Assembly:** Problems while tightening bolts & nuts and structural assembly are thousands of high-strength bolts, incorrect torque, missing bolts, loose connections and human error. Therefore torque-controlled tightening is essential.
- **Working at Extreme Heights:** Workers may operate or conducterection work above 80m height. Theriskin volvedare falls, fatigue, heatstress, communication difficulties and emergency evacuation delays.
- **Stringing of Eight-Bundle Conductors:** Unlike conventional transmission lines the 1200kV uses eight sub-conductors, spacerdampers and large insulator strings. Problems includes bundle twisting, unequal tension, conductor damage and corona performance degradation.





- **Insulator Installation:** 1200kVinsulatorstringsareverylong,heavyand fragile The problems in installation of insulators are transportation damage, installation difficulty and flash overrisk due to contamination.
- **Weather Constraints:** Construction of 1200KV transmission line is affected by monsoon, cyclones, hightemperature, lightning and dust storms. Weather causes significant project delays.





5. Safety Challenges:

Major hazards includes working at height, crane accidents, falling objects, electrical induction from near by lines, heat exhaustion and snake bites in remote areas. The essential measures are PPE, full-body harness, safetynets, rescue plans and toolbox talks.





6. Quality Controllssues:

Inspection is required for tower geometry, foundation strength, bolt torque, galvanization,verticality and member identification. The non-destructive testing is recommended.

7. Modern Engineering Solutions:

Recommended technologies are drone-based inspection, BIM (Building Information Modelling), GPS-based tower positioning, laser surveying, hydraulic cranes, smart torque tools, RFID tracking of tower members and digital construction management.



8. Case Study:1200kV National Test Station, Bina





The National Test Station at Bina was developed to validate indigenous 1200 kV technology. Operational experience highlighted challenges during manufacturing, installation, commissioning, and fault investigation, providing valuable lessons before commercial deployment. The project demonstrated that while 1200 kV technology is feasible, careful planning and rigorous testing are essential for reliable implementation.





9. Recommendations

- Use modul are rection techniques.
- Employ drone surveys before construction.
- Improve access roads to tower sites.
- Usereal-timeweather monitoring.
- Train workers in UHVsafety procedures.
- Adopt digital quality-control systems.
- Perform detailed geotechnical investigations before foundation work.

10. Conclusion:

The erection of 1200kV transmission towers represents one of the most demanding civil and electrical engineering activities in modern power transmission. India's experience at the Bina National Test Station demonstrates that the principal challenges arise from

the towers' exceptional size, heavy components, foundation requirements, transportation logistics, lifting operations, and stringent safety standards. With advanced construction technologies, effective project management, and rigorous quality assurance, these challenges can be mitigated, enabling reliable deployment of future UHVAC transmission corridors.

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Speed control of PM-BLDC motor with DSM-PI integrated power factor correction circuit

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Abstract:

In this paper we introduce a DSM-PI gain controller for the DC voltage control of a PFC circuit. A Zeta converter is considered as the PFC topology connected to an uncontrolled full diode bridge rectifier feeding from a single phase AC supply. To control the DC voltage of the PFC converter voltage oriented control is adopted with DC reference value comparison. A comparative analysis with traditional PI controller is carried out in MATLAB Simulink environment. All graphical representations are presented with dynamic operation of the PM-BLDC motor with respect to time.

Keywords:

DSM-PI (Dual Sliding Mode Proportional Integral), PFC (Power factor correction),AC (Alternating Current), MATLAB (Matrix Laboratory), PM-BLDC (Permanent Magnet Brushless Direct current)

1. Introduction:

Application ofPM-BLDC is veryregularin airblowing, low loadtraction vehicles where the torque applied will be less and the speed is very high. The speed of PM-BLDC motor is controlled by changing the DC voltage applied before the commutation of the DC voltage. In conventional methods of controlling the speed of the PM-BLDC motor a controlled rectifier (Thyristorbridge) is used to control the DC voltage input to the commutator. This has a major disadvantage of very high ripple content in DC voltage reducing the performance of the machine. The speed ripple and also the electromagnetic ripple is also increased damaging the machinewith the traditional converter. With these converters not onlythe machine gets damaged but also the power factor at the source is also dropped to very low value, reducing the efficiency of the converter.A typical PFC Zeta converter with conventional PI voltage oriented control with hall sensor commutation can be seen below in fig. 1.

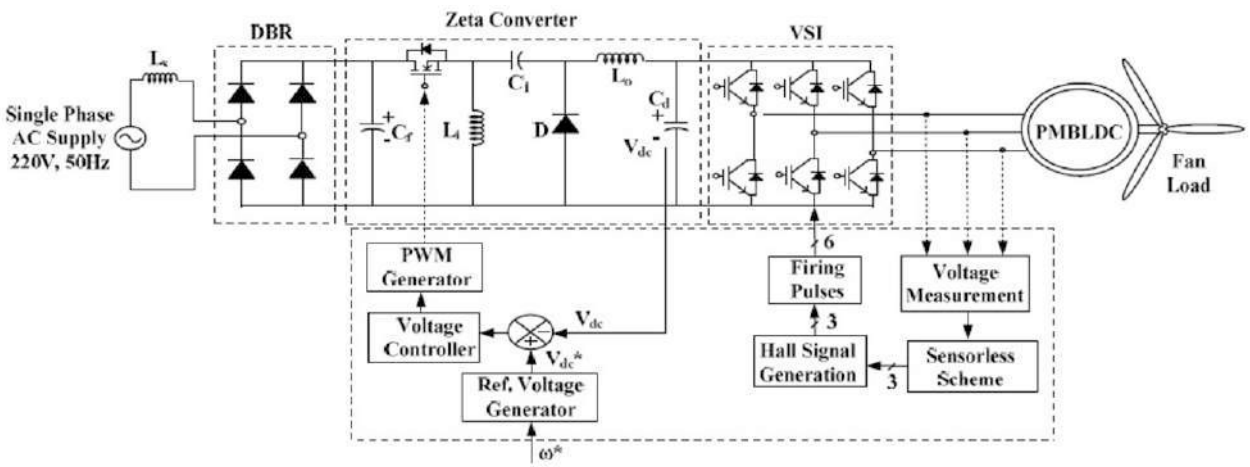


Fig. 1 : PFC Zeta converter circuit with PM-BLDC motor operation

In the above circuit topology a single phase AC source is taken which can be 220Vrms 50Hz or 110Vrms 60Hz as power supply [3] to the PM-BLDC motor. An input inductor is connected in series with the source in order to reduce input current THD. The AC supply is fed to DBR with four diodes converting the AC voltage to rippled DC voltage. A filter capacitor Cf is used to reduce the rippled from the DBR.

2. Modeling of Zeta Converter:

The average output voltage after the rectifier is given as $Vin = 2\sqrt{2} .Vs / \pi$ .....(1)

Where Vs is the AC supply RMS voltage

In the proposed topology a single switch (MOSFET)[3] is used to control the output voltage of the converter. The switch ON time and OFF controls the output voltage of the converter. A dynamic duty ratio (D) has to be generated for the operation of the switch at a specific switching frequency taken as 45kHz. The Duty ration of the PFC Zeta converter is given as

$D = Vdc / (Vin + Vdc)$ .....(2)

To reduce the curren tripples in the input current and output current of the proposed converter two inductors Li (input inductor) and Lo (output inductor) [4] are used and the values of these elements is given as $Li = D \times Vin / \{fs \times (\Delta iLi)\}$ ..... (3)

$Lo=(1-D)xVdc/ \{fsx (\Delta iLo)\}$..... (4)

Where, fs = switching frequencyΔiLi=changeininputcurrent

ΔiLo=changeinoutput current

An intermediate capacitor (C1) and a DC link capacitor (Cd) are taken to reduce voltage ripplecaused by switching. And these values are given as

$C1 = D.Idc/\{fs. (\Delta VC1)\}$ ..... (5)

$Cd = Idc/(2.w.\Delta Vdc)$..... (6)

Where, Idc = output DC current

$\Delta VC1$ = change in voltage across capacitor C1 w = angular frequency (2. Π. fs)

ΔVdc = Change is DC voltage output

Taking the source voltage of 220 Vas consideration and switching frequency as 45kHz mentioned previously the values of the passive elements are calculated as Li = 2.463 mH, Lo = 60μH, C1 = 330nF and Cd = 2500μF [5]. The change in input current ΔiLi and change in output voltage ΔVdc are taken as 10% and 4% respectively.

3.. Voltage oriented Control:

After the modeling of the converter with the above values the duty ratio controller is modeled to control the switching of the MOSFET switch in the converter. The voltage controller in conventional system is considered to be PI (Proportional Integral) gain controller which will be replaced with DSM-PI [8] (Dual sliding mode proportional integral)gain controller for better operation of the Zeta converter. The error from the comparison of the reference DC voltage and measured DC voltage is fed to the voltage controller to generate duty ratio. The generated duty ratio (which is dynamic with respect to change in measured voltage) is compared to a saw tooth or triangular waveform generating pulses for MOSFET. Increase induty ratio increases the conduction of MOSFET in turn increasing the output voltage, and this effect is vice-versa to reduce the voltage.

DSM-PI:

The dual sliding mode proportional integral gain controller changes the values of Kp (proportional gain) and Ki (integral gain)[9] making the controller react faster to the changes.As the controller reacts faster[10] the output voltage of the converter also settles faster as compared to conventional controllers. The controll aw policy changes the Kp and Ki[9] values with error coefficients σ and μ. The error coefficient values are given as

$\sigma = e(s) .(c+s)$ (7)

wheree(s) = DC voltage error c = 100; s = 10;

λ=500;

The proportional and integral gain generation in the controller gains election is given as

$Kp = [(1 + sgn(\sigma)) kp+ - (1 - sgn(\sigma)) kp-] + kpav$ .....(8)

$Ki = [(1 + sgn(\sigma)) ki+ - (1 - sgn(\sigma)) ki-] + kiav$ ..... (9)

The values for the controller gains are given as TABLE I

kp^+ = 0.033	kp^-= 0.022	$k_p av$=2
ki^+=2.145	ki^-=0.88	$k_i av$=0.01

4. Simulink results and outputs

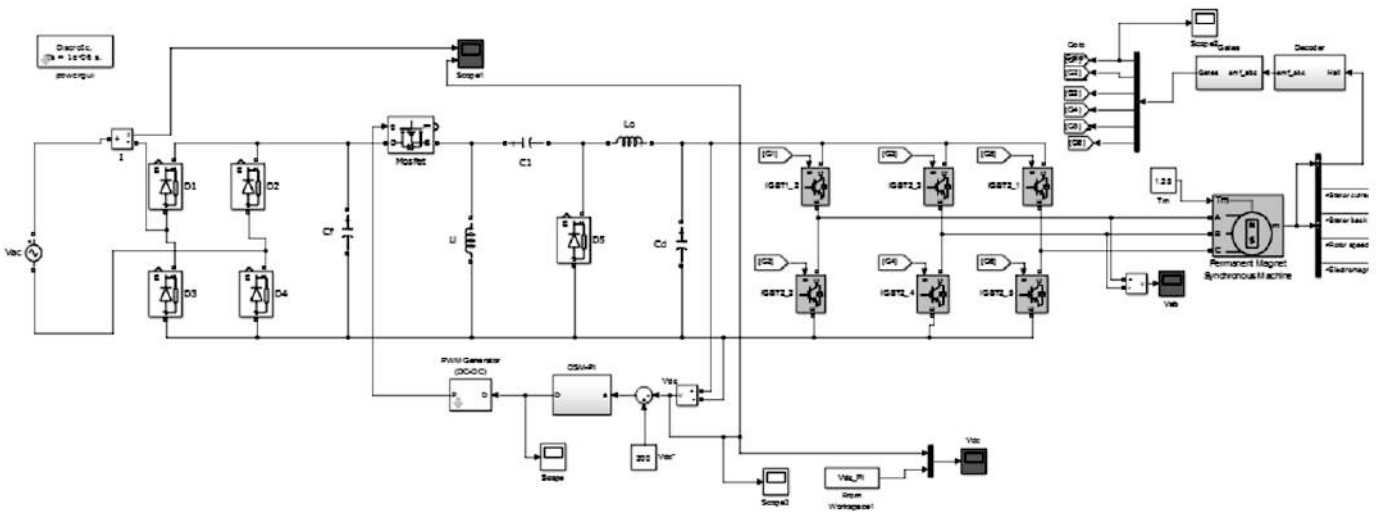


Fig. 2: Complete system with PM-BLDC motor Zeta converter

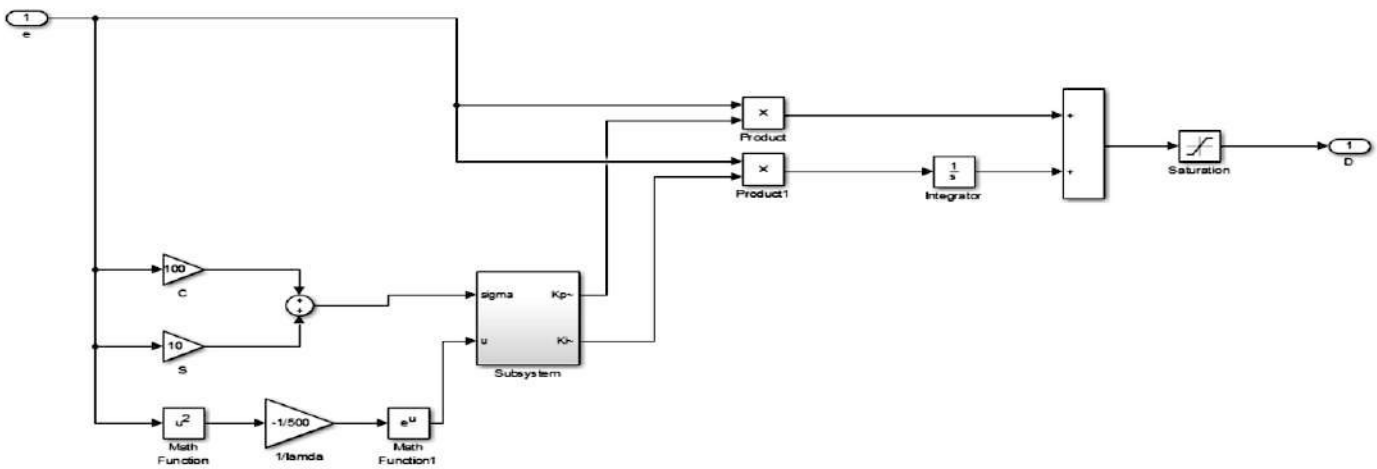


Fig. 3: DSM-PI controller

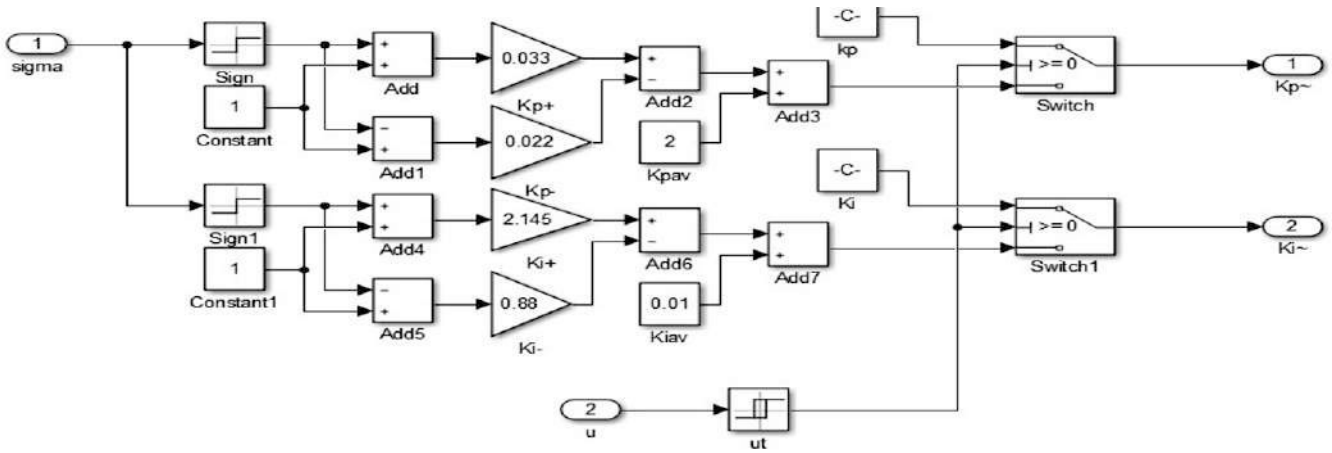


Fig. 4: Control gains election modeling

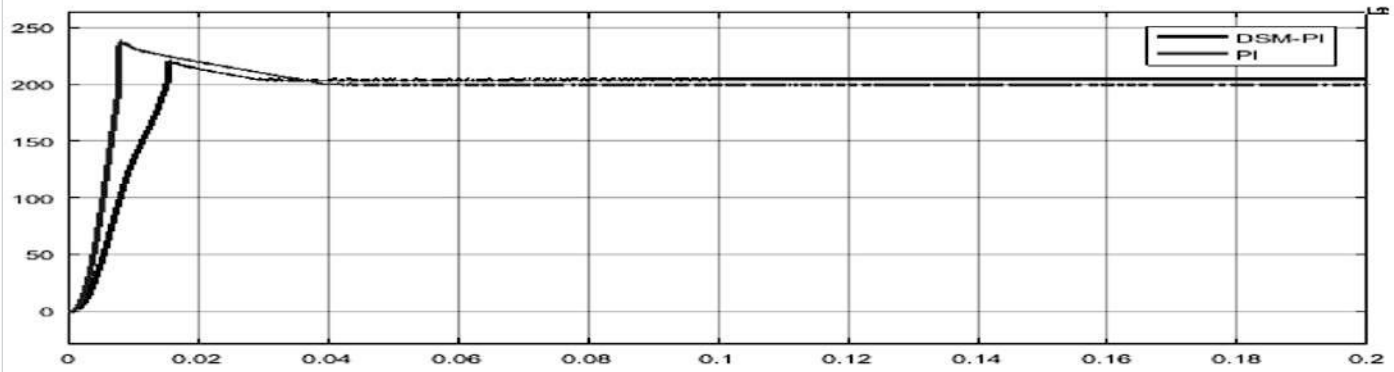


Fig. 5: DCvoltage comparison

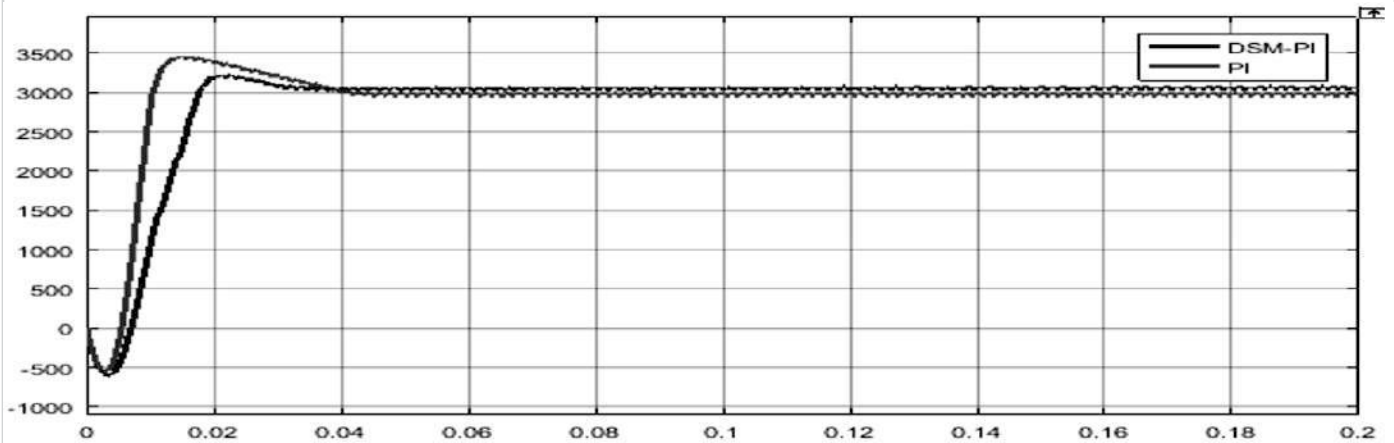


Fig. 5: Speed comparison



Fig. 5: Power factor of AC supply

5. Conclusion:

With the above analysis and modeling of the Zeta converter with two different controllers it can becompared that the voltagepeak of the DSM-PIcontroller islessand settlingofthe DC voltage is faster as compared to PI controller. However the ripple of DC voltage is same in both the controllers as the switching frequency is constant. Increase in switching frequency to a range of 100kHz may reduce the ripple factor in the DC voltage.

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Power System Cybersecurity for Secure AI-Driven Power System Infrastructure, Data Privacy, and Resilient Digital Ecosystem

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Abstract:

The rapid digitalization of electrical power systems through Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and smart grid technologies has significantly improved operational efficiency, situational awareness, and real-time decision-making capabilities. Advanced sensing, communication, and data analytics enable utilities to monitor system conditions continuously and respond proactively to disturbances. However, this transformation has also introduced critical challenges, including increased exposure to cyber-attacks, data privacy risks, and system-level vulnerabilities that can compromise grid reliability and security.

This paper presents a integrated framework for securing Al-driven power system infrastructure by combining advanced cybersecurity mechanisms, privacy-preserving techniques, and system resilience strategies. The proposed approach ensures secure data acquisition, transmission, and processing while maintaining confidentiality and integrity. A detailed literature review is conducted to analyze existing methodologies, identify limitations, and highlight key research gaps in the domain of smart grid cybersecurity. Furthermore, mathematical models for cyber-attack detection, secure state estimation, and privacy-preserving machine learning are developed to strengthen system defense mechanisms. The effectiveness of the proposed framework is validated using an IEEE 14-bus test system, serves as a benchmark for performance evaluation. Results demonstrate that the proposed model achieves higher detection accuracy, minimizes system vulnerabilities, and significantly enhances overall grid resilience compared to conventional methods, making it suitable for next-generation intelligent power systems.

Keywords:

Smart Grid Cybersecurity, Al in Power Systems, Resilient Grid, Intrusion Detection, Digital Power Infrastructure.

1. Introduction:

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into modern power systems has enhanced real-time monitoring, predictive maintenance, and intelligent grid control, improving operational efficiency and reliability. However, increased connectivity through IoT devices and communication networks has exposed smart grids to cyber threats such as False Data Injection (FDI), Denial-of-Service (DoS) attacks, data breaches, and system instability. These challenges necessitate robust cybersecurity mechanisms, privacy-preserving data analytics, and resilient system architectures to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, availability, and reliable operation of Al-enabled smart power systems. The Figure-1 represents a secure AI-driven smart grid ecosystem built around four main components:

- **Cyber Threats:** Shows risks like False Data Injection (FDI), DoS attacks, and data breaches that can disrupt power system operations.
- **AI-Driven Security:** Al techniques such as anomaly detection and intrusion detection are used to identify and mitigate cyber-attacks in real time.
- **Data Privacy:** Methods like differential privacy and federated learning ensure that sensitive user data is protected while enabling data analysis.
- **Resilient Smart Grid:** Features like self-healing networks and distributed control improve system reliability and enable fast recovery after disturbances.

At the center is the Al-based control system, which connects all components and ensures a secure, intelligent, and resilient digital power infrastructure.

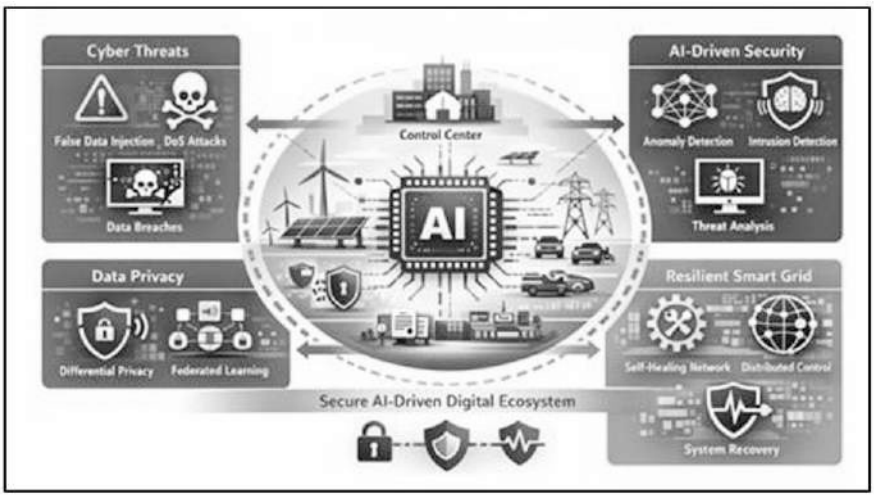


Fig. 1 : Secure AI-driven smart grid ecosystem

2. Literature Review:

Recent research highlights that the integration of AI, IoT, distributed energy resources, and digital communication has significantly increased the cybersecurity risks of smart grids. False Data Injection (FDI) attacks, cyber-physical intrusions, and vulnerabilities in SCADA and legacy communication systems remain major threats to grid reliability and security [1],[4],[11]-[15]. AI-based techniques, including machine learning and deep learning models such as CNN and LSTM, have demonstrated high effectiveness in real-time anomaly detection, attack classification, and adaptive cyber defense [2], [3], [6]-[10], [25], [29]. Data privacy is addressed through privacy-preserving aggregation, secure data sharing, and federated learning approaches that protect consumer information while maintaining analytical performance [5], [9], [19], [20]. International standards, including IEC 62351 and NISTIR 7628, further strengthen communication security and data confidentiality [30], [31]. Research on grid resilience emphasizes AI-driven self-healing, digital twins, adaptive control, and distributed architectures to enhance fault tolerance and cyber-physical robustness [16]-[18], [21]-[24]. Despite these advances, existing solutions remain fragmented, highlighting the need for integrated, scalable, and real-time cybersecurity frameworks capable of ensuring secure, resilient, and intelligent smart grid operation [27],[28].

3. Mathematical Modelling For Secure Ai-driven Smart Grid Cybersecurity Framework:

A unified mathematical framework is developed to integrate Al-driven cybersecurity, privacy preservation, and resilience in smart grids by combining power system dynamics, cyber-attack modeling, Al-based threat detection, privacy protection mechanisms, and resilience optimization.

3.1 Power System State Estimation Model:

The smart grid is represented using a nonlinear state estimation model:

$z = h(x) + e$...

Where:

zE R™: Measurement vector (voltage, current, power flows); x ∈ R": State vector (bus voltages, phase angles); h(x): Nonlinear measurement function, e: Measurement noise (Gaussian distributed)

The objective is to estimate the system state:

$= \arg\min \| z-h(x) ^2$.

3.2 Cyber-Attack Modelling (False Data Injection - FDI):

Under cyber-attacks, the measurement vector is corrupted:

$z'=z+a$ ..(3)

Where:

a: Attack vector injected into measurements If the attack satisfies:

$a = h(x+c)h(x)$.

then it becomes undetectable by conventional residual-based detectors, making FDI attacks highly critical.

3.3 AI-Based Intrusion Detection Model:

A supervised machine learning model is used for attack detection:

$y = f(x; 0)$.....(5)

Where:

$y \in (0,1)$: Classification output (0-normal, 1 attack); f(-): AI model (CNN/LSTM/Hybrid); 0: Model parameters.

The training objective is:

$$\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} L(y_i, f(x_i; \theta)) \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots (6)$$

Where Lis the loss function (e.g., cross-entropy).

3.4 Privacy-Preserving Data Model (Differential Privacy)

To ensure data confidentiality, noise is added:

$$M(D) = f(D) + \text{Laplace}\left(0, \frac{\Delta f}{\epsilon}\right) \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots (7)$$

Where:

D: Dataset; e: Privacy budget; Af: Sensitivity of function .

This ensures that individual consumer data cannot be inferred.

3.5 Federated Learning Model (Decentralized AI)

Instead of centralized training:

$$\theta_{t+1} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{n_k}{n} \theta_k \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots (8)$$

Where:

0: Local model at node k; ng: Data samples at node k; n: Total data samples This reduces data exposure and enhances privacy.

3.6 Resilience Modelling (System Recovery & Stability):

Resilience is modeled as the system's ability to recover after disturbance:

$$R = \frac{P_{post}}{P_{pre}} \times e^{-\lambda t} \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots (9)$$

Where:

P_{pre} Pre-disturbance performance; P_{post} Post-disturbance performance; λ: recovery rate; t: time

3.7 Optimization Model for Secure Operation:

The overall system objective combines security, cost, and reliability:

$\min(C_{op} + C_{cyber} + C_{risk})$ ..... (10)

Subject to:

Power balance constraint: $P_{gen} - P_{load} = 0$

Security constraint: Detection Accuracy >= alpha

Privacy constraint: epsilon<= epsilon max

3.8 Multi-Objective AI-Cybersecurity Optimization

A weighted objective function:

$\min J = w_1 . LoSS_{AI} + W_2 \text{ Risk}_{cyber} + W_3 . \text{Privacy}_{toss}$ .....(11)

Where:

w_1, w_2, w_3, weights for performance trade-offs

The proposed mathematical framework provides a comprehensive approach for secure Al-driven smart grids by integrating cyber-attack modeling, Al-based threat detection, privacy preservation, and resilience optimization, enabling scalable, real-time, and secure power system operation.

4. Proposed Framework:

The proposed framework presents a holistic, multi-layered architecture that integrates Al, cybersecurity, privacy preservation, and resilience strategies to enable secure, intelligent, and adaptive smart grid operation. It addresses cyber-physical vulnerabilities while supporting real-time monitoring, secure data exchange, and autonomous decision-making.

4.1 Framework Architecture Overview:

The architecture is structured into six functional layers as shown in Figure-2, each responsible for specific operations but interconnected to provide end-to-end system security-1) Physical Power System Layer 2) Sensing and IoT Layer 3) Communication Network Layer 4) Data Management and Privacy Layer 5) AI and Analytics Layer 6) Cybersecurity and Resilience Layer. These layers collectively form a secure digital ecosystem capable of handling modern cyber-physical challenges.

4.2 Physical Power System Layer:

This layer represents the core electrical infrastructure i.e. Generation units (thermal, hydro, solar, wind), Transmission lines and substations and Distribution networks and end-users. Its role is to provides real-time operational data and acts as the primary system requiring protection.

4.3 Sensing and IoT Layer:

This layer enables real-time monitoring through Smart meters, Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs) and IoT-based sensors (temperature, vibration, fault sensors). Its functions is to continuous data acquisition, High-resolution system visibility and Early fault indication.

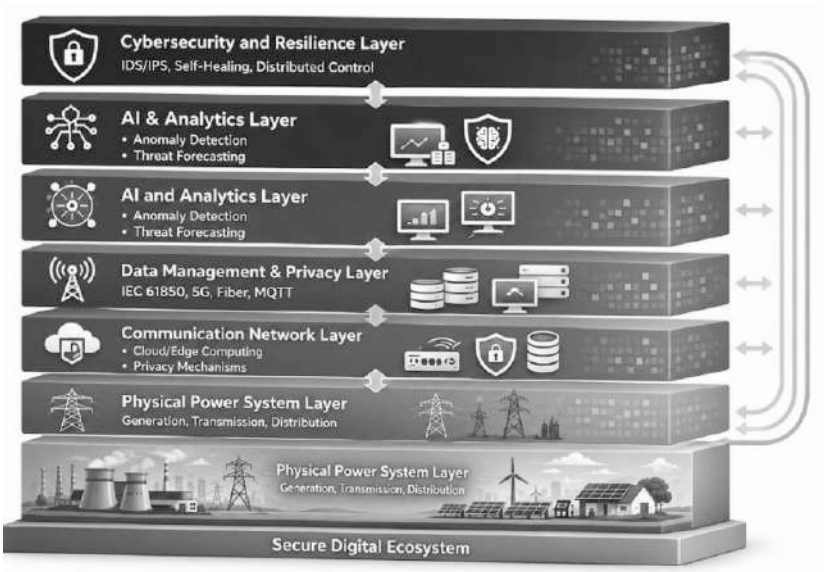


Fig. 2 : Framework Architecture Overview

4.4 Communication Network Layer:

Responsible for secure and reliable data transmission.

- **Technologies Used:** Protocols: IEC 61850, DNP3, MQTT; Networks: 5G, fiber optics, wireless IoT.
- **Security Features:** End-to-end encryption (TLS/SSL), authentication and access control and low-latency communication for real-time operations.

4.5 Data Management and Privacy Layer:

This layer ensures secure storage, processing, and privacy preservation.

- **Key Components:** cloud and edge computing platforms, data preprocessing modules and secure databases
- **Privacy Techniques:** differential Privacy (noise addition), Federated Learning and Encryption
- **Outcome:** Protection of consumer and operational data and secure data sharing across distributed systems

4.6 AI and Analytics Layer:

This layer acts as the intelligence core of the framework.

- **Functions:** Load forecasting, fault detection and classification, cyber-attack detection and predictive maintenance
- **Models Used:** Machine Learning (SVM, Random Forest), Deep Learning (CNN, LSTM) and Graph Neural Networks (GNN)
- **Outputs:** Real-time alerts, Predictive insights and control recommendations

4.7 Cybersecurity and Resilience Layer:

This layer ensures system protection, detection, and recovery.

- **Cybersecurity Mechanisms:** Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS), Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS) and Blockchain-based secure transactions (optional)
- **Resilience Strategies:** Self-healing grid operations, Distributed control mechanisms and Fast fault isolation and service restoration

4.8 Operational Workflow:

Firstly, Sensors collect real-time data from the power system, Data is transmitted securely via communication networks, Data is processed and stored with privacy protection, AI models analyze data for anomalies and predictions, Cybersecurity systems detect and mitigate attacks and Control signals are generated for system stabilization.

4.9 Mathematical Integration of Framework:

The framework integrates multiple objectives:

$\min J = W_1 . LA_i + W_2 . R_{cyber} + W3 . P_{loss}$ .....(12)

Where:

L_{AI}: Al model loss (prediction error); R_{cyber} : Cyber risk; P_{loss}: Privacy loss; W_1, W_2, W_3: Weight factors

5. Test System Description:

To validate the proposed AI-driven cybersecurity framework, a modified IEEE 14-bus test system is considered due to its simplicity and suitability for cyber-physical analysis.

5.1 System Configuration:

A modified IEEE-14 Bus system consists of 14 Buses, 5 Generators, 11 Loads, 20 Transmission lines with voltage levels 132 kV/33 kV is considered. Also, the conventional IEEE system is upgraded with Smart meters at each load bus, Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs) at critical buses (Bus 1, 2, 5, 9) and IoT sensors for voltage, current, frequency, temperature and vibration. The cyber layer integration is with SCADA-based monitoring system, Communication network (5G/MQTT protocol) and attack injection module (FDI, DoS).

5.2 Dataset Generation:

The dataset is generated using Power flow simulation (MATLAB/Python), IoT sensor emulation and cyber-attack simulation. The input data is shown in Table-1.

Table-1 : Input Data

Feature	Description	Feature	Description
Voltage (V)	Bus voltage magnitude	Temperature (T)	Equipment temperature
Current (I)	Line current	Vibration (Vib)	Mechanical condition
Frequency (f)	System frequency	Packet Loss	Network anomaly indicator
Power (P, Q)	Active & reactive power	Latency	Communication delay

Output Labels:

The output data description is shown in Table-2.

Table-2 : Input Data label

Label	Description	Label	Description
0	Normal operation	2	Denial of Service Attack
1	False Data Injection Attack	3	Fault condition

Dataset Structure:

Table-3 shows the data set used for the simulation.

Table-3 Data set for the simulation

Time	V (pu)	I (Amp)	F (Hz)	P (MW)	Q (MVAR)	T	Vib	Latency	Label
t1	1.02	10	50	120	60	35	0.2	10ms	0
t2	0.98	12	49.8	140	70	40	0.3	12ms	1

Dataset Size:

Total samples: 10,000 – 50,000; Training data: 70% and Testing data: 30%

5.3 Attack Simulation:

False Data Injection (FDI)- Modify voltage/power values:

$z' = z + a$

- **Denial of Service (DoS):** introduce packet loss and communication delay
- **Fault Conditions:** Line fault and Generator outage
- **Data Preprocessing:** Normalization with- Missing value handling and Noise filtering with equation

$$x' = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

5.4 Dataset for AI Model

- **Training Input:** X = [V, I, f, P, Q, T, Vib, Latency] ;
- **Target Output:** Y = {0,1,2,3}

6. Numerical Results and Analysis:

6.1 Cyber-Attack Detection Performance:

The performance of cyber-attack detection with several models are shown in the Table-4 and Figure-3 and Figure-4. Detection time analysis is shown in Figure-5 and model privacy performance is shown in Figure-6.

Table-4: Cyber-Attack Detection Performance

Model	Accuracy (%)	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
SVM	88.5	0.87	0.86	0.86
ANN	91.2	0.90	0.91	0.90
CNN	95.4	0.95	0.94	0.94
Proposed CNN-LSTM	97.8	0.97	0.98	0.97

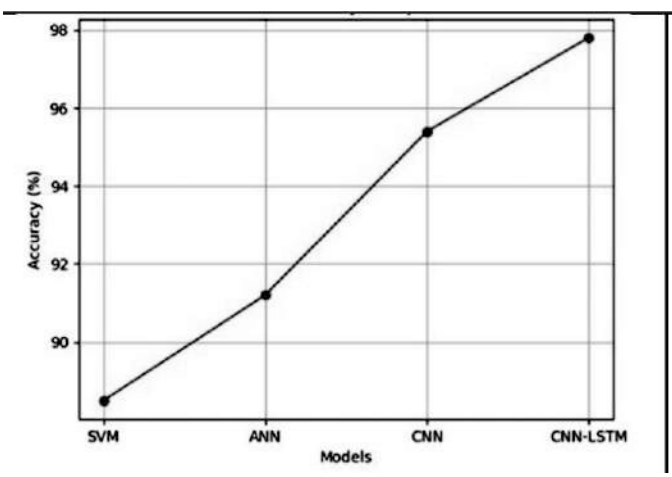


Fig. 3 : Model Accuracy Comparison

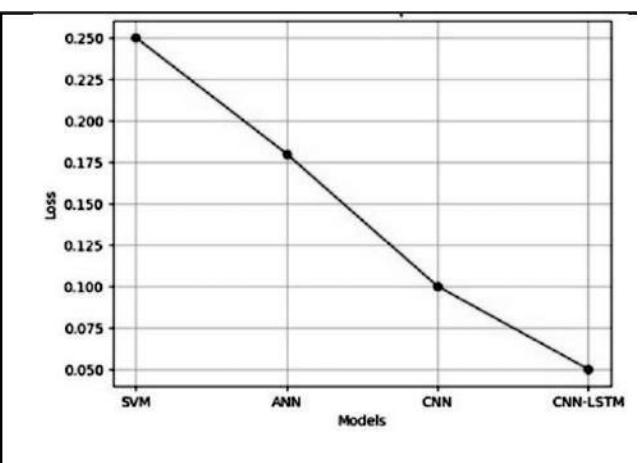


Fig. 4 : Model Loss Comparison

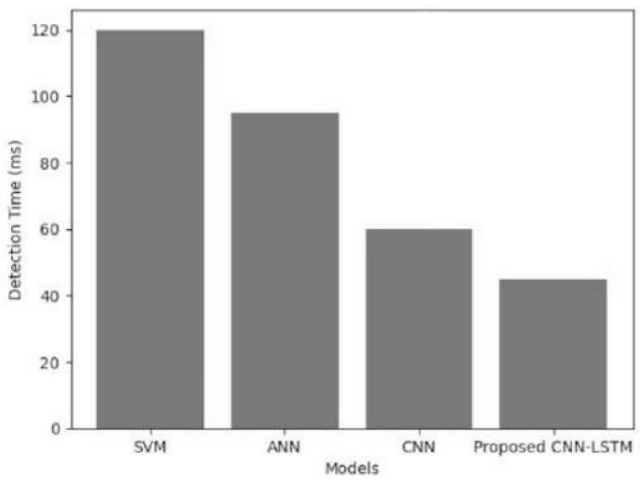


Fig. 5 : Detection Time Analysis

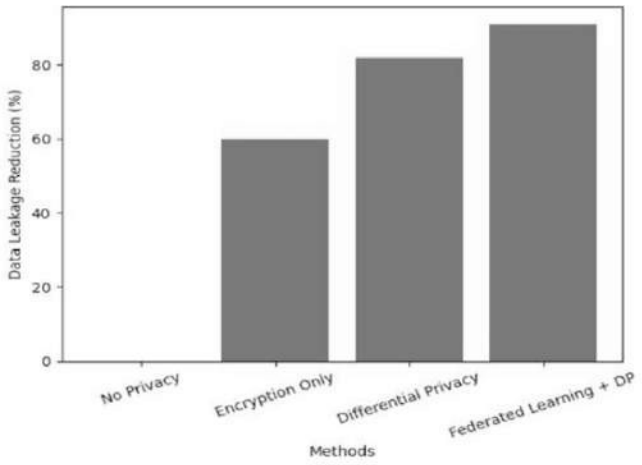


Fig. 6 : Privacy Performance

6.2 System Resilience Analysis: System resilience performance is shown in Table-5.

Table-5: System Resilience Analysis

Parameter	Conventional System	Proposed Framework
Fault Recovery Time	5 sec	3 sec
System Stability Index	0.78	0.92
Downtime Reduction	—	35% improvement

6.3 Comparative Analysis:

Al vs Conventional Methods: Conventional models (SVM, ANN) show lower accuracy and slower detection. Deep learning models (CNN, CNN-LSTM) provide better feature extraction, higher accuracy and faster response. Privacy vs Performance Trade-off: Differential Privacy introduces slight noise but maintains >90% accuracy. Federated Learning ensures no raw data sharing and enhanced security.

Resilience Improvement: with proposed model, self-healing mechanisms reduce outage duration, distributed control avoids single-point failure and system becomes adaptive and fault-tolerant.

Conclusion & Future Work:

This study presents a secure Al-driven smart grid framework integrating real-time monitoring, privacy preservation, and resilience. The proposed architecture combines IoT, secure communication, Al analytics, and cybersecurity, achieving ~97.8% CNN-LSTM accuracy on the IEEE 14-bus system with improved detection, stability, and data protection through differential privacy and federated learning.

Future work includes real-time deployment using ESP8266/ESP32, integration with practical smart grids, digital twins, advanced Al models (GNN, RL, Transformers), blockchain-based security, large-scale validation, cyber-physical co-simulation, enhanced privacy techniques, and compliance with IEC, NIST, and IEEE standards.

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Integration of Renewable Energy in Smart Grid for Power Quality Enhancement

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Abstract:

It is necessary to meet the energy need by utilizing the renewable energy sources like wind, solar, biomass, cogeneration etc. for sustainable growth of society. This paper presents power quality measures require for investigation of power quality approach in smart grid integration. Today there is increase penetration of renewable energy, use of electronic load, transportation load into the electric grid which involve challenges in the power quality issues and energy management. These penetrations will increase harmonic distortion, frequent switching of load and will result in flicker. The integration of smart grid is equipped with voltage source converter, renewable sources, conventional energy generators and storage systems. The proposed scheme of renewable generation interface using battery support through voltage source inverter is simulated in MATLAB/SIMULINK in power system block set. The scheme provides choice to select most economical real power for load among the available resources and fulfil the power quality norm at distribution bus in the system.

Keywords:

Renewable Energy Source, Smart grid.

1. Introduction:

The Global energy sectors are largely dependent on combustion energy sources like fuel-oil and natural gas, which are becoming scarce. The fossil fuel consumption has adversely effect on environment, and it is necessary to minimize polluting and exhausting fossil fuel. This fact together with the climate change and economical challenges of the 21 century needs the electric network as a Smart Grid.

Recently, the deregulated electricity market has opened door for customers own distributed generation. There is the development of Electric vehicle transport, renewable energy like wind, photovoltaic generation, development in medical equipment's so power quality problem has drawn more and more attention[1]-[3]. Electric vehicle load has the characteristics of nonlinear and low power factor, which will result in the power quality problems of harmonics and reactive power, which will result in asymmetric three-phase currents in the public grid, which will seriously affect the safe operation of the public grid. The reduction of the carbon footprint, utilization of clean energy is a main goal in integration of renewable energy. The transfer of energy to the grid system with limited supply option that operate in weak grid. The distribution grid is mainly connected by wind, photovoltaic (PV), and battery systems. The growths of renewable energy are mostly connected by power converters, which introduces power quality issues. The energy saving load like energy saving light bulbs, industrial control motors are mostly connected by power electronics which introduce power quality issues.

Furthermore, the distribution grid is designed to distribute electric energy generated by thermal power plants to the customers. The introduction of distributed generation causes a number of issues regarding power quality, grid stability and network load. The distributed generation, however, also reduce those issues, if controlled appropriately[4]. This new grid must have innovative technologies in order to get efficient grid, also need to reduce technical and commercial losses, resolve supply-demand gap, and find a way to satisfy its sustainable, low-carbon, high-growth development goals.

2. Challenges in Integration:

There are several technical challenges in integration of renewable energy sources in smart grids

a) Intermittency of Renewable Energy Generation that affects power quality.
b) Distributed Generation like photovoltaic (PV) panels, batteries, wind and solar, and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, which result in high complexity.
c) A significant issue is how to use Information and communication technology (ICT), power electronics, and other advanced technologies to enhance the efficiency of energy use. This includes new technologies like smart meters and telecommunication technologies for sensing, transmission, and processing information.
relating to grid conditions, which are very important for timely monitoring and controlling the network to ensure efficient energy supply and to meet the customer needs[2].

d) **Efficiency:** Power providers want to transport the most energy possible, with minimal loss. They need to discover hidden congestion problems due to cable type and capacity or network architecture, and assess potential risks, like changing climatic conditions. They also want renewable energy resources feeding into their network at every level with improved load management, possibly via dynamic control.

e) **Reliability:** Electricity must be delivered reliably, avoid the breakdowns, cascading failures or blackouts, and without frequency variations or fluctuations (spikes and dips). Utilities want to reduce equipment failure and decrease the duration of faults and outages so that distant or populated areas can be protected.

f) **Flexibility:** Where congestion creates delivery problems, energy providers want to reroute, share or import power so as to manage the ups and downs of the business. This requires continuous monitoring, network supervision, and smarter transmission tools to assess a situation and take immediate action. Essential user data needs to be accessed through Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and exchange information through high speed optical fiber.

g) **Eco-friendliness:** The utilities and their customers are environmentally sensitive, they need to be reassured that buried and overhead lines are safe, and generate minimum losses and CO2, with low Electro-magnetic Interference (EMI). The smarter network should allow interaction with multiple types of electric vehicle and clean generation/consumption at customer level.

h) **Security:** One of the emergent requirements that, the design of a Smart Grid has to ensure that consumer related data cannot be misused. Secondly, the interconnection of the multiple entities in a Smart Grid might attract cyber-attacks. To mitigate the risk, there is a need for a security system especially when commercial networks enable Smart Grids. Governments generally prescribe security features/implementation requirements for Smart Metering, which in principle are independent of the communication technology and can be implemented in public and private networks. However, private networks provide an additional layer of security which enhances security substantially and may reduce the need for additional security features to be implemented on higher layers, lowering cost and complexity.

i) **Government support:** Without aid of government programs, the industry may not have the financial capacity to fund new technologies to provide incentives for investment. The utility industry is capital-incentive but has been sustaining very expensive losses due to thefts and subsidization.

j) **Compatible equipment :** The present older equipment must be replaced as it cannot be suitable to be compatible with smart grid technologies. This causes a problem for utilities and regulators as keeping equipment beyond its depreciated life minimizes the capital cost to consumers.

k) **Lack of policy and regulation:** No defined standards and guidelines exist for the regulation of smart grid initiatives in India. Most electric distribution companies have limited experience with even basic information and communications technology and they have weak internal skills to manage this critical component of smart grids. The industry's reluctance to implement ICT appears to have been a by-product of a desire to avoid transparency, especially in meter-billing-collection processes.

l) **Consumer education:** Customer response is used to describe the reaction of customers to the new features and functionality enabled by the smart grid. The critical components of a smart grid implementations are i) Sufficient marketing analysis and product design to optimize the customers to use the new technology. ii) An education, communication and public relations program aimed at creating an understanding of smart grids, the associated benefits and the potential implementation issues.

3. Smart Grid Model:

A smart grid distribution system, whose objective is to develop a power grid more efficient and reliable, improving safety and quality of supply in accordance with the requirements of the digital age. This smart grid network serves as a test plant to develop and validate the status of different generation and storage technologies and control strategies. The benefits of this smart grid can be resumed as follows:

a. The climate change by replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy and successfully integrate into the network.
b. It can develop the "islanding phenomenon", the capacity of an area to work perfectly, in case of failure, isolated from the main network.
c. It Increase the controllability and visibility of all network parts to anticipate demand and to correct deficiencies in the shortest possible time.
d. It help the consumers into active participants, allowing them to plan their consumption.
e. It prepare the network for large-scale deployment of electric vehicles

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) provides a conceptual model as shown in Figure 1.

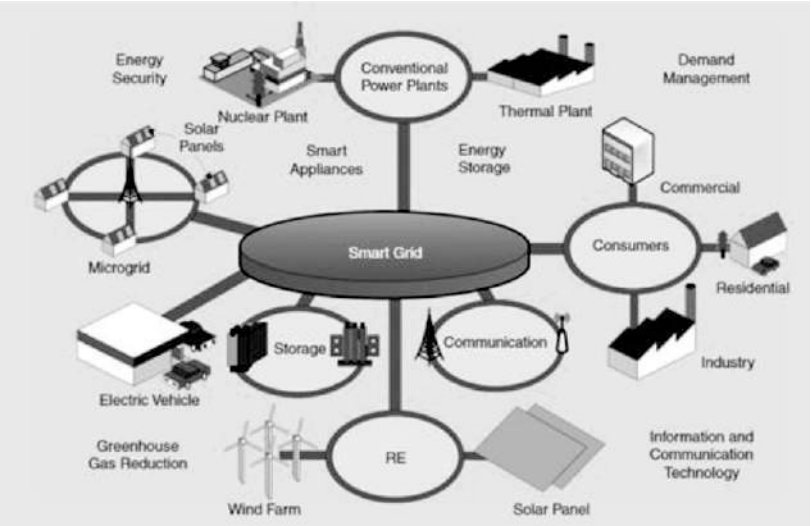


Fig. 1 : Model of smart Interconnected Grid.

Smart grid defines important domains: bulk generation, transmission, distribution, customers, service provider. The deregulated environment faced by the electric utility industry and recent advances in technology, several distributed generation (DG) options are fast becoming economically viable. A huge number of recent events have created a new environment in the interconnection of electric power system. There is a public awareness of the environmental impacts of electric power generation, rapid increases in electric power demand, Significant advances in several generation technologies such as wind turbine generation, fuel cells, and photo-voltaic generation [9].

4. Battery Energy Storage:

Battery Energy Storage has relevant applications in the Smart Grid as given below.

a) Penetration of renewable energy requires more frequency control capability in the power system. The energy storage can be used to enhance the capability through the control of charging and discharging from network operators, so that the imbalance between power consumption and generation is reduced.

b) In some cases, Energy storage can reduce investment in power system infrastructure such as transformers, transmission lines and distribution lines through load leveling in certain areas at times of peak demand, also enhance frequency control capability [10]-[11].

5. Grid Integration Architect:

The technology of power electronics is key in Smart Grid development because they will have a access of renewable and alternative energy sources, which require power converter systems. During the last few year, power electronics has undergone a fast evolution due to high switching and handling high power and also due to real time computer controller. These factor have led to development of cost-effective and grid friendly converters. Primarily, Renewable Energy sources such as solar energy, wind power play a major role as the main sources for Smart grid, while geothermal, dispatchable biomass, tidal, and even hydrogen-based fuel cells can also be included. Renewable Energy sources are increasingly being installed in residential and commercial applications typically with power range of a kilowatt. However, the irregular nature of renewable energy affects the output characteristics of generator and power converter i.e. with their voltage, frequency, hence, they must be integrated with energy storage and act as a constant voltage source in the power system. A power converter is always needed to allow energy storage during surplus of input power and compensation in case of lack of input power. The several energy resources can be integrated to the grid through the interface of power converters and as shown in Fig.2.

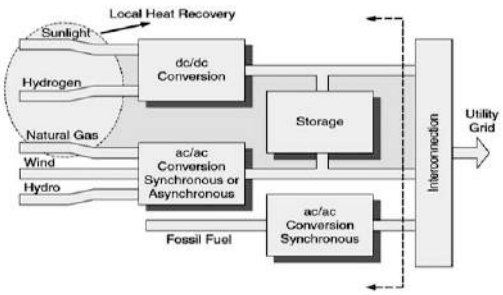


Fig. 2 : Integration of several source in Grid System

6. Implimentation of Smart Grid System:

The shunt connected voltage source inverter (VSI) with battery energy storage is connected with the interface of the Induction generator, renewable generator, and non-linear load at the PCC in the grid system. The output of VSI is varied according to the controlled strategy, so as to maintain the power quality norms in the grid system. The current control strategy is included in the control scheme that defines the functional operation of the VSI compensator in the power system. A VSI is proposed to have a reactive power support, to the induction generator and to the nonlinear load in the grid system. The main block diagram of the system operational scheme is shown in Fig. 3.

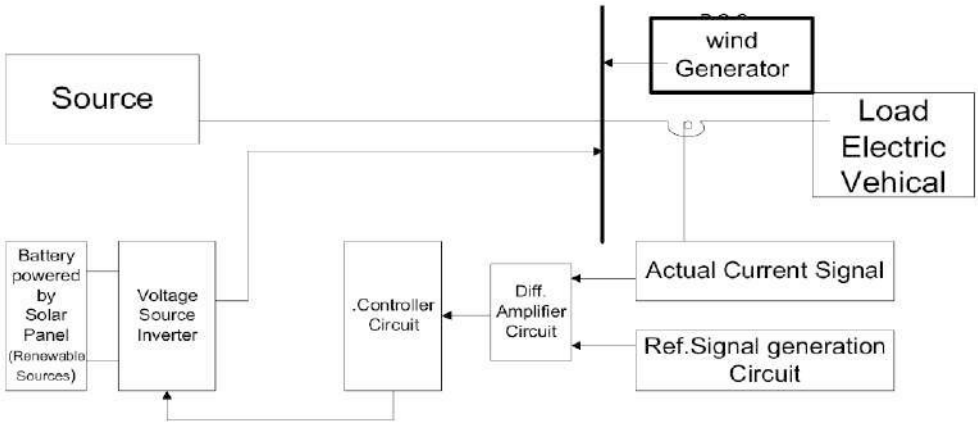


Fig. 3 : System operational scheme.

The reference parameter are generated from source voltage for the control unit. The battery will maintain de capacitor voltage within a small operating range The control approach is based on injecting the VSI current into the grid having bang-bang controller using a hysteresis current controlled technique. VSI can be controlled independently to have reactive power support for induction generator, Electric vehicle, industrial nonlinear load and also keep unity power factor operation. Thus voltage control, harmonic reductions are the power quality benefit that can be gain without excessive compromise using VSI technique. To verify the effectiveness of the power quality scheme, simulations are done by MATLAB/Simulink at distribution level. System Simulation parameter for Nonlinear load shown TABLE I.

Table 1: System Parameters

S.N	System Parameter	
1	Distribution system :	3-phase 415 V,50 Hz
2	Line inductance	0.5 mH
3	Battery Parameter-	DC 800Volt
4	Inverter-Three phase, Three Arm Bridge type	1200V,50A, Vgate-20V
5	3-phase Load	415V,Nonlinear type

The performance of the scheme is observed for maintaining the source current distortion free. For this, the accurate amount of current must be injected through the inverter to cancel-out this distortion effect of source current at the point of common coupling. The performance of controller is evaluated by operating the controller for the power quality improvement for these critical loads. The controller is switched 'on' at 0.2 sec for the observation of current waveform. At 'ON' and OFF operation of controller the source current Is, inverter injected current I inv, load current IL are measured. As shown in Fig 3. (a), Source current, b) Load current supplied from the source is made sinusoidal, harmonics-free as soon as controller is ON. (c) shows the injected current supplied from the voltage source inverter. At this interval the load current will be the addition of source current and inverter injected current.

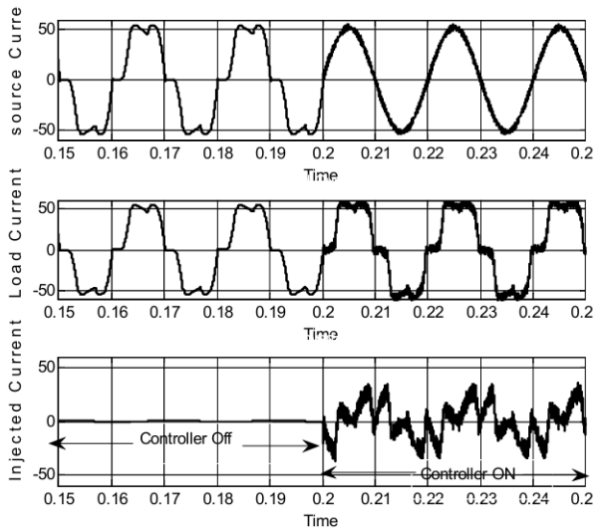


Fig. 3: a) Source Current, b) Load Current, C) Injected Current- with and without controller in phase operation

The unity power factor operation is observed at distribution point of common coupling, as soon as controller is in action, which satisfies the power quality norm i.e. source current is maintained in phase with the source voltage. The reference templates are derived from the source voltage as it is stiff source. The controller result of source current and source voltage are shown in Figure 4.0.

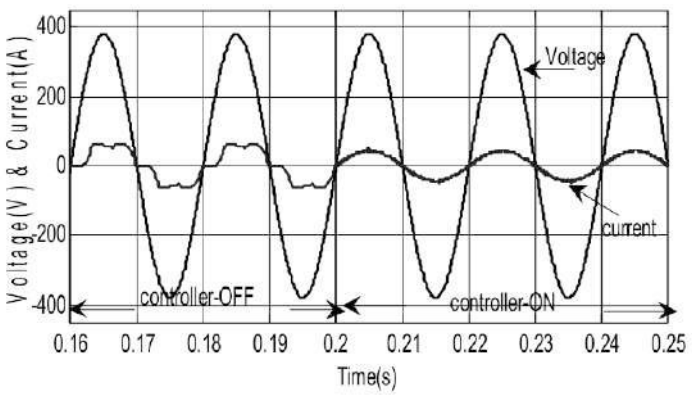


Fig. 4: a) Source Current and Load Current at distribution level with and without controller.

The measured THD without compensator and its harmonics order is shown in Figure 5.0.

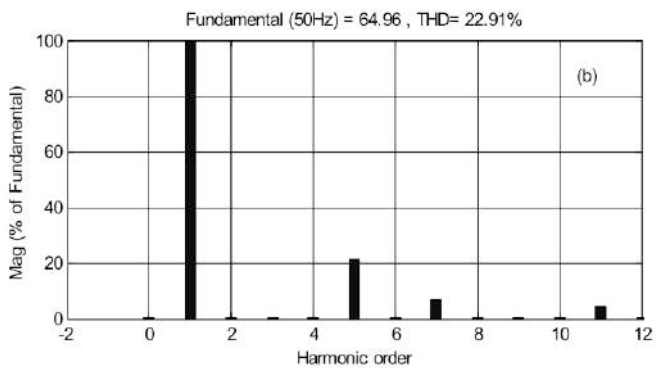


Fig. 5 : Hormonic measured without compensator

The power quality is measured THD with compensator and its harmonics order is shown in Fig. 6.0

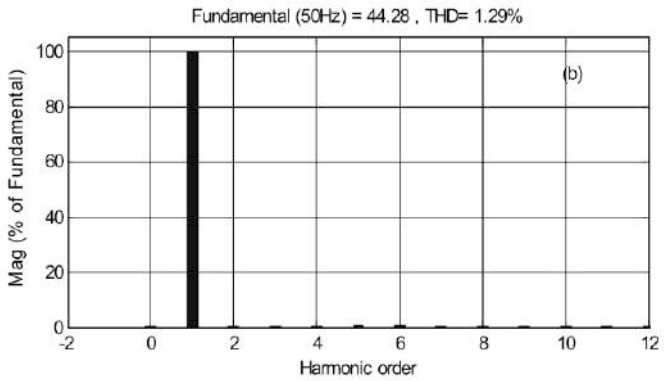


Fig. 6 : Hormonic measured with compensator

7. Conclusion:

The integrated renewable source and VSI with battery energy source in distributed system have shown exceptionally improved performance by adopting proposed scheme. The power quality is significantly enhanced through the use of voltage source inverter interfaced in smart grid . Thel scheme is suited for rapid injection or absorption of reactive/real power flow in distributed power system. The battery energy storage provides rapid response and enhances the power quality in the grid system. The battery can be charge with the help of renewable source, priority can be set to ensure economical operation of the system.

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Challenges and Remedial Measures for High Renewable Energy Penetration in the Future Indian Grid

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Abstract:

The power demand in India is continuously increasing due to large scale agricultural pump sets, Industrial growth and increased demand of domestic loads, new gadgets in the utilization, usage of Electric Vehicles etc. In present power scenario, the contribution of renewable energy source into the grid is significant i.e about 30 %. The government of India set a target of 500 GW Power from non-fossil fuel source (Renewable) like solar, wind etc. by 2030. It means that the renewable energy contribution will be more than 50% of the total generation by 2030. If the power demand continuous to increase and renewable energy, the integration of Renewable Energy (RE) into the grid will be about 80% by 2047.The increasing share of REs connected through power electronics in the electrical grid. There will be huge challenge to accommodate such RE power into the national power system grid. Many of the ancillary parameters like frequency stability, short circuit level contribution, Black start capability, etc are provided by conventional power plant in present power scenario which the renewable sources are unable to provide in so much proportion .In this paper the challenges of the renewable energy integration into the grid with remedial measures are discussed. Further, mitigation of the challenges for the reliable, stable, sustainable and resilient future Indian power system grid is also discussed.

Keywords:

Renewable; Short Circuit; Inertia; Intermittent; Stability; Synchronous Generator.

1. Introduction:

The air pollutions generated by conventional (fossil fuel) power plants like thermal power plant which generate the gases mainly through the combustion of fossil fuels like coal, natural gas etc. These process emits both greenhouse gases and harmful air pollutants into the atmosphere. The main gases generated are Carbon Dioxide (CO2), Sulphur Dioxide (SO2), Nitrogen Oxide (NO), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) etc. causes serious environmental issues. Also the power requirement is increasing day by day due to the industrial growth and increased power demand in the country. The World is moving towards zero emissions and also there is a need to meet the ever-increasing national power demands. For the requirement of additional energy and to mitigate the issues of the pollutions in the environment; the Governments of India, utilities, stake holders and other agencies encourage the renewable energy plant developer to establish the renewable power plant and set the targets of increasing the electrical power generation from Renewable Energy sources. Renewable Energy generators are very important in order to address the huge increase in electricity demand year to year while simultaneously reducing the amount of pollutions. The Government of India encourages the Renewable Energy Developers through various government schemes and financially supporting the renewable power generators. The renewable energy integration is possible with the power electronics interface through the active control and grid-forming capabilities. In the modern power system grid, it is also possible to combine different energy sources like solar, storage system, wind, and hydro and integrate them into the grid with various control algorithm for bulk electricity generation. In the present scenario, the more attention has been shifted from conventional (fossil fuel) to renewable energy sources (Non fossil fuel).

The power systems in India as well as around the world incorporate renewable sources to support ever-increasing high power and energy demand and sustain a green environment. Apart from the addition of the power and energy into the grid by renewable energy source; there are certain issues which are required to identify and the effect of the same on the operation of the power system and to maintain the Grid compliance is be analyzed and studied. This is imperative because of the effect of certain characteristics and power system parameters associated with large-scale penetration of renewable energy schemes. These characteristics and parameters will be the essential input and insight for power grid operators, Engineers, Policymakers, and R & D personnel working towards a sustainable and resilient energy future. Thus some characteristics and parameters due to renewable energy source has awakened the consideration of replacing the synchronous generator used by fossil fuel with an inverter-based generator for higher power demand.

2. Requirement Of Power System:

2.1 Voltage Profile & Short Circuit Capacity:

The short circuit level of the system is very important for the power system grid and it is the strength of the system. The voltage profile depends on the fault level of the system. The system having the higher fault level will have better voltage profile. The short Circuit level or fault level in MVA will be different at different voltage level. Short Circuit level depends on the system voltage, source impedance and total impedance of the network. The higher fault level is the indication of low impedance value and lower voltage drop will be there. Figure 1 shows the relation between the reactive power and voltage. From the below equation; it is clear that there will be better voltage as the short circuit level of the system increases. Thus it is better for the power system having the higher fault level of the system. Figure 1 shows the relation between the reactive power and voltage.

$V \approx E/(1 + Ql/SSC) \approx E\ (1 - Ql/SSC)$ ..... (1)

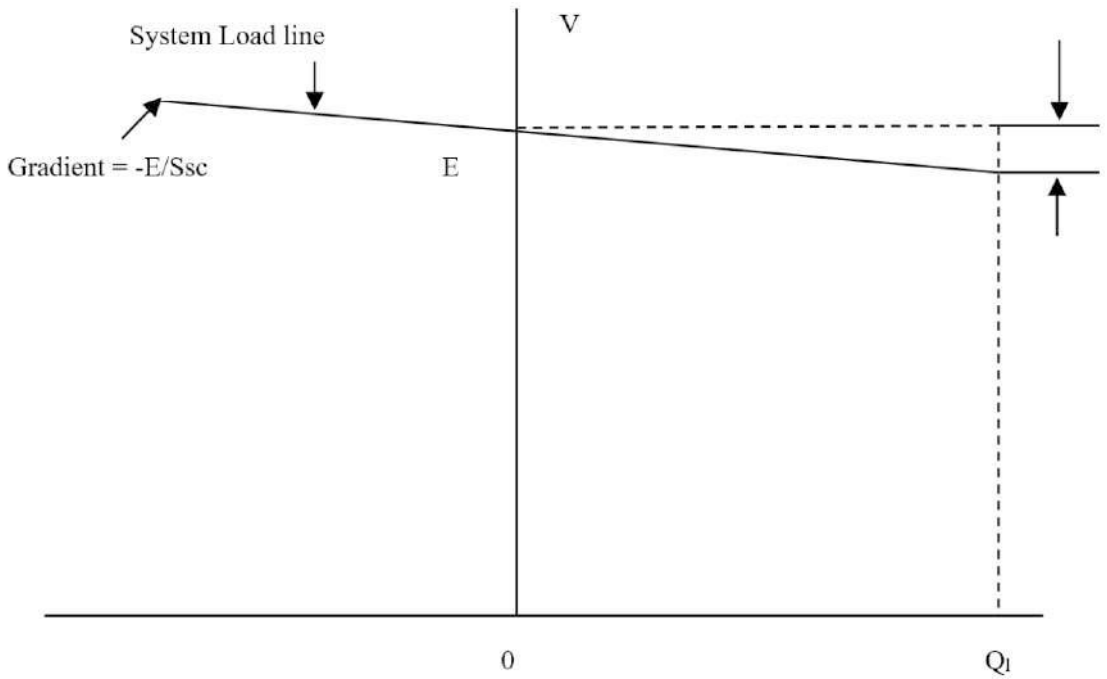


Fig. 1 : Shows the relation between the reactive Power and the Voltage

2.2 Frequency Stability:

In power system network; there is relation between the active power generation and the supply frequency. If the active power demands increase; the supply frequency decreases and so on. In conventional power plant; the automatic generation control (AGC) take action for the any variation in the demand and supply frequency. If frequency decreases due to increase in the power demand; more mechanical energy input from prime mover will be supplied in order to increase the speed of prime mover to bring back the original frequency and so on. But in case of immediate or sudden or instantaneous variation in the system load (demand) or fault in the system or any other disturbance, it is being balanced by the system inertia of rotating machine i.e. kinetic energy stored in the rotating machine. The swing equation is given as;

$H/\pi f\ d2\delta/dt2 = Pm - Pe$ ……(2)

2.3 Adequate Protection System:

The objectives of the power system protection are to maintain the system stability, system reliability, limit the duration of interruption in service, enhancement of equipment life and safety of personnel whenever equipment failure, human error, or adverse natural events occur on any portion of the Power Systems. The security of the power system depends on the adequate and reliable protection system adopted. The protection system is required for the safety of persons and equipment as well as continuity and reliability of the power supply. This avoids the load shedding and a black-out. Protective relays has major role to play in this regards. Protective relays sense the status of power system and if any abnormality is detected due to some faulty operation they send the signal to the switching devices to operate and isolate the faulty section. Thus adequate and reliable protection system is required for the smooth operation of the power system network.

2.4 Dispatchable Power:

The conventional power system grid and power plants are designed for dis-patchable power generation. The electricity generation can be adjusted based on the requirement, turned on and turned off based on the demand of the electricity. Conventional power plants like coal based power plants, natural gas based power plants or Nuclear based power plants provide this controllable capacity and ensure a stable grid by instantly responding to shifts in electricity demand. Thus the conventional power plants generate power consistently whenever the grid operator calls for it.

2.5 Line Losses in the system:

The power demand is continuously increasing. The reduction of the losses is equivalent to the generation of the electricity. It is better to have minimum losses in the power system to increase the efficiency of the power system network. The utilities (Transmission and Distribution companies) are making lot of effort for the reduction of the line losses as well as the total system losses. Some kinds of the devices like capacitor or other FACT devices are installed in the system to reduce the losses in the system.

3. Challenges of Renewable Energy Integration:

The Power System in India and the world continuously making effort for transition towards cleaner energy by encouraging the renewable energy sources. But the challenges of integrating renewable energy sources will remain a key focus for the renewable energy project developer. Some of the major challenges are as below:

3.1 Reduction in Short Circuit Capacity of System:

Fault level is one of the key parameters of the power systems. Normally higher fault level is better for the power system to have better voltage profile. The fault level has been normally recognized as the strength of the power systems. The increased penetration of renewable energy sources (RESs) in power systems is usually accompanied with a displacement of large synchronous generators (SGs). The conventional systems with synchronous generators in the system are considered the main source for fault currents in the power systems. Power electronic (PE) interfaced (Fig. 2) renewable generators (RESs) which provide clean energy at a lower cost, but have limited fault contribution compared to the conventional synchronous generator (SGs)[1]. Thus high penetration of RESs will not only change the dynamic of the short circuit (SC) currents, but also result in operation of power systems with lower fault levels. Looking to the present renewable energy scenario and future growth in the RE generation; the future power systems may operate with large-scale penetration of converter-interfaced RESs into the transmission and distribution system instead of using conventional thermal-based SGs. They may likely to face a severe shortfall in the fault level. Such low fault level may impact the system strength especially in areas where the demand is mainly met by high penetration of RESs such as wind and Photovoltaic (PV).

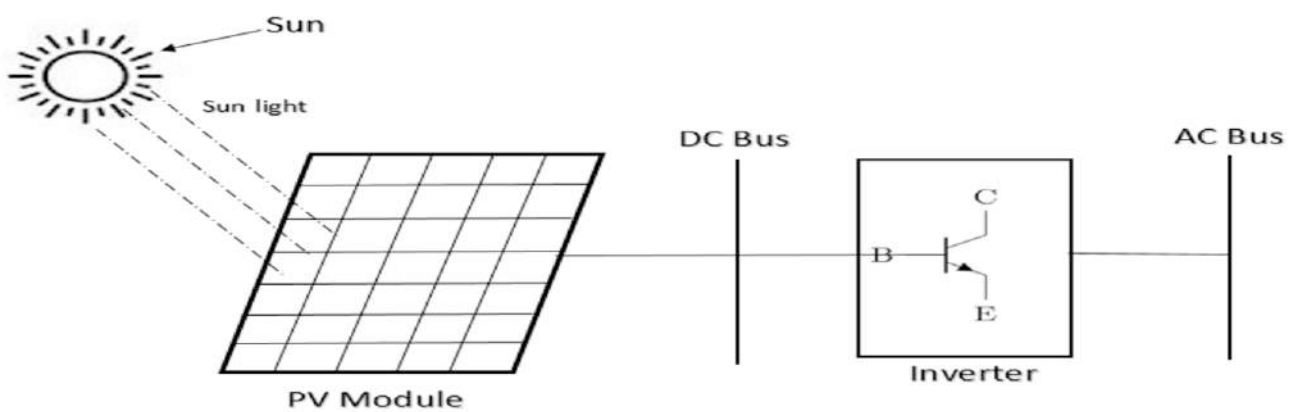


Fig. 2 : Shows the arrangement of electricity generation through Solar PV System

3.2 Impact on Frequency Stability:

The growing penetrations of renewable energy sources which are connected to the utility grid through power electronics have impacts on the frequency stability of the power system because of reduction in the system inertia [1]. The renewable energy sources like Solar and Wind power generators replace the synchronous generation in the system. These sources are inverter based and they do not naturally contribute to the inertia. This transition from synchronous generators to inverter based renewable energy sources introduces unique challenges in maintaining the grid frequency stability due to the reduced inertia in the power systems. Due to more & more RE

integration into the grid; the frequency variation and Rate of change of frequency (ROCOF) will increase. Thus with increase in the penetration of the converter dominated renewables sources, the overall inertial response and frequency stability performance of the power grid will be poor. Low inertia in the system contributes to maximum frequency deviations and higher rate of change of frequency that undermines the reliability of the power system.

3.3 Protection System:

The electrical power system reliability and security depends on the adequate protection scheme. The proper functioning of the electrical power system protection must ensure safety of the persons and equipment in the system as well as continuity of the electricity supply. This protection system limits the load shedding and avoiding a black-out. This protection system was initially designed to work in a grid with a major share of synchronous machines. The growing share of renewable energy sources connected through power electronics devices in the electrical grid may have impacts on the protection system mainly because of (a) Decrease of the global system inertia [1]. (b) Decrease of the short circuit current injection. (c) Modification in the electricity flows into the grid. The major issue related to the decrease of the global system inertia seems to be the risk of black-out or frequency collapse.

3.4 Intermittency and Variability:

The intermittent and variable nature of renewable energy sources is one of the major challenge because solar and wind power generation depends on weather conditions i.e higher the sunlight higher will be the energy generated from PV solar system and higher the wind speed higher will be the power generation from wind power generators. Thus there will be the fluctuations in power and energy generation from renewable generators. This variability can affect the stability and reliability of the power systems.

3.5 Grid Compatibility:

Traditional power grids are designed for centralized, dis-patchable power generation. But in case of the renewable power generation source; there is uncertainty of the power generation due to the dependency on the whether condition.

3.6 Transmission and Distribution Challenges:

Many renewable energy generating sources are located in remote areas (may not be in the load centre). This requires the development of robust transmission and distribution networks to transmit the generated power from the renewable energy sources to the load centres. The Transmission or Distribution utilities need to invest in upgrading and expanding the transmission and distribution infrastructure to connect renewable energy projects to the load centre. This may include the construction and development of new transmission lines and grid interconnections. Sometimes the length of the transmission and distribution line is long. This can lead to higher transmission losses and issue of voltage profile.

4. Remedial Measures to the Challenges of Renewable Energy Integration:

Even though there are lot of challenges in renewable energy integration into the utility Grid system; Engineers, researchers, Project developer and utilities are making lot of effort for mitigation of the challenges of the RE integration. Some of the remedial measures are as below:

4.1 Enhancement of Short Circuit Capacity of System:

Fault level is one of the key parameters of the power system that should be monitored all the time. The integration of the renewable energy sources into the power system grid with a displacement of large synchronous generators (SGs), which are considered the main source for fault currents in conventional power systems. Powers electronic (PE) interfaced RESs have limited fault contribution compared to the SGs. Some of the technologies can be used to enhance the short circuit strength (in the area of higher penetration RE sources). These technologies are: (a) Synchronous Condensers: This is the most direct way to increase the short-circuit current. They work as synchronous motors and provide fault-current contributions and dynamic reactive power support during the faults condition. (b) Grid-Forming Inverters (GFM): The traditional grid-following inverters that strictly follow the grid parameters. The GFMs has capability to establish their own voltage and frequency references similar to the synchronous machines. They provide active and reactive current injection during the voltage sags to support system strength. (c) Fault-Ride-Through (FRT) Controls: During the fault condition (voltage may decrease), the Grid requires renewable generators to stay connected and provide dynamic voltage support. The K factor (gain) in the inverter control algorithm is used to respond the change in the voltage. When the grid voltage drops, the control algorithm calculates the amount of reactive current required to inject and it is given as $Iq = K \times \Delta V$. Optimizing the K factor in inverter control algorithm forces the solar and wind generators to inject required reactive current into the grid during faults. (d) Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS):When paired with grid-forming control algorithm, the modern Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) emulate the behaviour of conventional rotating synchronous machines. They act as voltage sources that instantaneously inject fault current and reactive power to stabilize the network during disturbances.

4.2 Mitigation of the frequency variation issues:

The growing shares of renewable energy source connected through power electronics in the electrical power grid have impacts on the frequency stability because of reduction in the system inertia. There will be the variation in the frequency and ROCOF due to lack of the inertia in the system during the change in the system load or disturbance in the system. (a) A synchronous condenser is one of the options with no mechanical load. It provides the inertia into the system. The kinetic energy stored in its heavy rotating rotor buffers the grid against sudden frequency drops. (b) The use of inverters with virtual inertia control algorithms so that they appear as synchronous generators to the grid, maintaining and enhancing frequency stability. Modern RE inverters can be programmed to emulate inertia and actively form grid frequency rather than just following it. (c) Fast-responding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) can inject active power within very short time to arrest frequency drops. Sometimes the Virtual inertia may be the combination of control algorithms of RESs, ESSs, and power electronics that emulates the inertia of a conventional power system [2],[3],[4] as shown in fig 3.

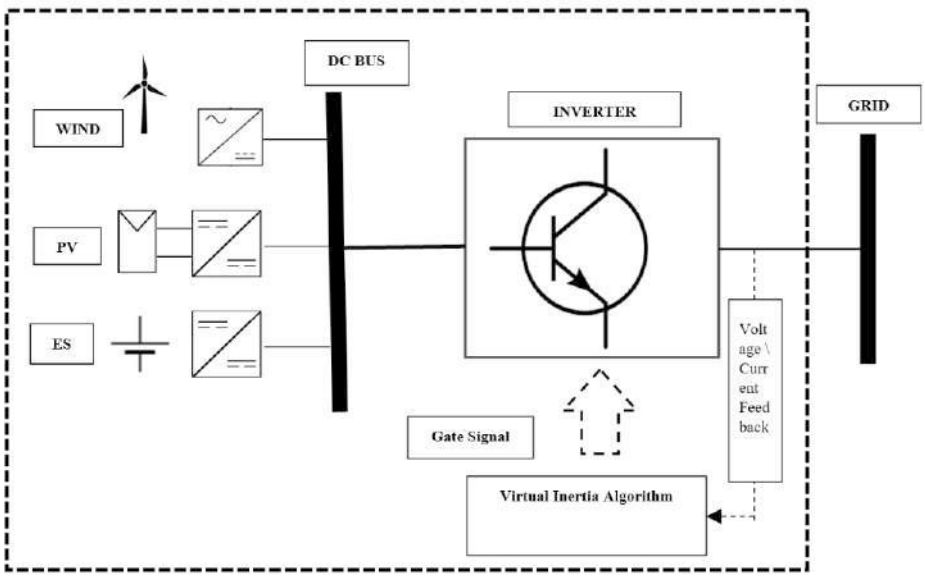


Fig. 3 : Shows the arrangement for virtual Inertia in Renewable Systems

4.3 Adequate Protection System:

The growing share of renewable energy sources connected through power electronic devices in the electrical grid system might have strong impacts on the protection system. To prevent a frequency collapse, the power system should be equipped with Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS) relays that restore the production/consumption balance by shedding a portion of load when the frequency goes below certain thresholds. The majority of UFLS relays activates by reaching frequency thresholds only, but some of them are based on an additional ROCOF measurement and installed in some regions, particularly in grids facing high ROCOF and frequency variability. The identification of a high ROCOF allows shedding more load preventively, before the frequency passes below the thresholds. The aim of all these emergency relays is to prevent the system from a frequency collapse. Apart from the above frequency and ROCOF protection; it is also required to verify the protection setting of the over current, earth fault protection in the system. It is better to carry out the protection system assessment study at regular interval of time as the power system parameters like fault level of the system are continuously changes. These are required to protect the system from nuisance tripping.

4.4 Hybrid System:

The Solar and wind power generation depends on weather conditions, leading to fluctuations in energy production. Integration of the different renewable energy sources in hybrid systems like solar and wind can enhance overall system reliability upto certain level. This can provide a more consistent and reliable power output.

4.5 Advanced Forecasting:

Also the advanced forecasting techniques and predictive tool can help grid operators anticipate the weather condition and hence fluctuations in renewable energy generation. The accurate predictions can help in better grid management and facilitate the integration of renewable energy into the existing power system.

4.6 Energy Storage System:

Traditional power grids are designed for centralized, dis-patchable power generation. The renewable power depends on the weather condition. Developing cost-effective and scalable energy storage systems can help for storing the excess energy during periods of high generation and releasing it during low generation periods. Developments in energy storage technologies, including batteries, pumped hydro storage, and thermal storage, play a crucial role in mitigating the intermittency of renewable energy. These technologies can store excess energy when generation is high and release it when needed. A synthetic inertia control can also be implemented using the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). A battery Energy Storage System with RE source can provide better inertia response in power systems. The implementation of synthetic inertia with BESS and control topologies helps in improving the frequency response.

4.7 Use of FACT Devices:

If the renewable power source is located at far end and long transmission line is required to transmit the electrical power at load centre; there may be issues of poor voltage profile during the high RE generation and there will be the problem of over voltage during the night hours (in case of PV Solar system). This situation can be mitigated by using the appropriate FACT devices like SVC or STATCOM in the power system. The devices like Static Var Compensator (SVC) and Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM) dynamically inject or absorb reactive power in to the system to keep the voltage profile stable.

5. Conclusion:

1. It is required to give the encouragement to renewable energy developers in order to meet the present and future demand requirement as well as for the reduction of the carbon emission into the environment.
2. There are certain challenges for the renewable energy integration into the utility grid. These challenges are reduction in the inertia in the system, decrease in the fault level of the power system, intermittence supply of energy by renewable power sources etc.
3. In order to have resilient and reliable power system network; these challenges are to be mitigated by adequate solutions like incorporation of mechanism for inertia into the system, battery energy storage system etc
4. It is desire that project developer and utilities get the detailed power system studies like power flow analysis, fault level study etc at regular interval of time period as the power system parameters are changing continuously.
5. It is also required to carry out the assessment of the adopted protection scheme and setting at regular interval of time so that any changes required for adequate protection system can be suggested to have reliable and resilient power systems.
6. The future penetration of RE into the power system will be more and more. Hence the researcher, utilities, RE power developers need to obtain the appropriate upgrades in the solution for highly RE penetrated grid to have reliable power system.

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Improving Energy Efficiency of a Vapour Compression Refrigeration System Using Al_2O_3/POE Nanolubricant with R134a Refrigerant

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Abstract:

Rising global electricity demand for cooling has placed renewed emphasis on improving the energy efficiency of vapour compression refrigeration (VCR) systems without modifying existing hardware. This paper reports an experimental investigation into the effect of dispersing aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3) nanoparticles, with a mean size below 50 nm, into polyolester (POE) compressor lubricant on the performance of an R134a VCR test rig. Nanolubricants were synthesised at 0.1%, 0.2% and 0.3% weight/volume concentrations using a two-step method comprising 30 minutes of magnetic stirring followed by three hours of pulsed high-frequency ultrasonication (>20 kHz). A 48 hour static stability test confirmed the absence of sedimentation in every sample. The actual coefficient of performance (COP) of the system was determined from energy meter based measurements of the heater load and the compressor work input. The baseline POE lubricant produced an actual COP of 3.147, which rose progressively to 3.257 (+3.49%), 3.369 (+7.06%) and 3.522 (+11.92%) at 0.1%, 0.2% and 0.3% Al_2O_3 loading, respectively. The improvement is attributed to a combination of enhanced thermal conductivity in the evaporator and condenser and a reduction in compressor frictional work through a "nano ball bearing" rolling friction mechanism. Benchmarked against recent literature on Al_2O_3 based nanolubricants and nanorefrigerants, the results confirm that Al_2O_3/POE nanolubricant is a viable, retrofit free strategy for improving the energy efficiency of R134a-based refrigeration systems.

Keywords:

Vapour compression refrigeration; Al_2O_3 nanoparticles; Nanolubricant; Polyolester oil; R134a; Coefficient of performance.

1. Introduction:

Vapour compression refrigeration (VCR) systems underpin food preservation, thermal comfort and industrial cooling, and the compressors at their core are estimated to account for the largest single share of electricity consumed by heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC&R) equipment worldwide[16]. Because conventional refrigerants such as R134a and conventional lubricants such as polyolester (POE) oil possess inherently low thermal conductivity, heat exchange in the evaporator and condenser is rate-limited, while mechanical friction between moving compressor parts dissipates a further share of the input work as heat rather than useful cooling. Geometric optimisation of heat exchangers and incremental refinement of compressor components have already approached their practical limits, motivating a search for working fluid level interventions that do not require hardware redesign. The dispersion of solid nanometer sized particles into heat transfer fluids was first shown to substantially raise effective thermal conductivity by Choi and Eastman[1], who coined the term "nanofluid" for such engineered colloidal suspensions. Subsequent convective heat transfer studies confirmed that nanoparticle loading enhances the convective heat transfer coefficient of the carrier fluid, with the 1 magnitude of enhancement depending on particle concentration, size and flow regime [2–4]. Within VCR systems specifically, two complementary routes have been explored: dispersing nanoparticles directly in the refrigerant nanorefrigerant or in the compressor lubricant nanolubricant.

Aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3) has received particular attention in both routes because of its high thermal conductivity relative to POE oil, its near-spherical morphology which favours a rolling-friction or "nano-ball-bearing" effect between sliding compressor surfaces and its comparatively low cost and chemical stability in R134a/POE environments [5–14]. The present work isolates and reports, in detail, the Al_2O_3/POE/R134a results obtained from a broader institutional VCR test programme that also examined SiO_2 nanolubricants. Restricting the analysis to Al_2O_3 allows the concentration-dependent trend (0.1–0.3% w/v) to be examined cleanly and benchmarked

against the substantial and rapidly growing body of Al_2O_3 specific literature published between 2018 and 2026. The specific objectives of this paper are: (i) to synthesise a stable Al_2O_3/POE nanolubricant using a documented two-step preparation protocol; (ii) to experimentally determine the actual COP of an R134a VCR test rig at 0.1%, 0.2% and 0.3% w/v Al_2O_3 loading relative to a pure POE baseline; and (iii) to interpret the observed trend in light of recent independent studies on Al_2O_3 nanolubricants and nanorefrigerants.

2. Literature Review:

The foundational case for nanoparticle-enhanced heat transfer fluids was established by Choi and Eastman [1], who demonstrated experimentally that suspending metallic and metal-oxide particles in a base fluid could raise its effective thermal conductivity well beyond what is achievable with the base fluid alone. Xuan and Li [2] subsequently quantified the corresponding enhancement in convective heat transfer coefficient for Cu/water nanofluids, while Wen and Ding [3] showed that the enhancement is most pronounced in the thermally developing region of laminar flow a regime directly relevant to the short flow lengths inside a domestic-scale evaporator coil. Anoop et al. [4] extended this work by showing that smaller nanoparticles produce a steeper heat transfer coefficient enhancement along the developing length, underlining the importance of using sub-50 nm particles, as adopted in the present study. Working specifically with Al_2O_3/water nanofluid in a circular tube, Zeinali Heris et al. [5] reported a clear, concentration-dependent increase in the local Nusselt number, providing direct precedent for the heat transfer mechanism invoked later in this paper to explain the evaporator-side contribution to COP improvement. Within VCR systems, several authors have examined Al_2O_3 nanolubricants and nanorefrigerants under R134a operation. Krishnan et al. [6] established the general feasibility of nanolubricant augmented VCR test rigs, while Ndanduleni et al. [7] benchmarked an alternative oxide (CuO) in POE/R134a, providing a useful tribological contrast to Al_2O_3. Closer to the present test programme, Kalmegh et al. [8] from the same research group reported on the performance of a VCR rig with alternative refrigerants, underscoring the institution's sustained interest in refrigerant and lubricant-side efficiency interventions. Adelekan et al. [9] examined a different oxide/refrigerant pairing (15 nm TiO_2 with R600a), while Yilmaz et al. [10] performed a combined energy exergy environmental (3E) analysis of nanorefrigerant charged cascade VCR systems, both reinforcing the broader finding that oxide nanoparticles consistently improve thermodynamic performance metrics across diverse refrigerant choices. Sanukrishna et al. [11] focused on the flow boiling heat transfer characteristics that underlie evaporator-side enhancement, and Babarinde and Madyira [12] directly compared TiO_2, Al_2O_3 and SiO_2 nanolubricants with an eco-friendly 2 refrigerant substitute for R134a, finding Al_2O_3 competitive with, though generally outperformed by, SiO_2 in their rig a trend mirrored qualitatively in the parent project from which the present Al_2O_3 only dataset is drawn. Ajayi et al. [13] took the alternative nanorefrigerant route, dispersing Al_2O_3 directly in R134a rather than in the lubricant, and likewise reported a measurable domestic VCR performance gain, indicating that the Al_2O_3 driven enhancement mechanism operates whether the particles are carried by the refrigerant or by the oil. A cluster of more recent studies sharpens the quantitative picture for Al_2O_3 specifically. Li and Lu [14] performed a theoretical energy exergy comparison of Al_2O_3 nanorefrigerants across R600a, R134a, R1234yf and R1233zd(E), reporting a COP enhancement of 9.77% for R134a + Al_2O_3 at a 0.30% mass fraction a figure remarkably close to the 11.92% actual (experimental) improvement obtained at the same nominal concentration in the present study, lending independent theoretical support to the present result. Dağıdır and Bilen [15] directly measured the electrical power drawn by a refrigeration compressor running on Al_2O_3-, graphene- and CNT doped POE, confirming that Al_2O_3 reduces compressor power draw relative to neat POE, consistent with the shorter compressor energy-meter cycle times recorded in Section 4 of this paper. Yıldız [16] investigated mono and binary Al_2O_3–SiO_2 nanolubricants at substantially higher loadings (0.5 and 1 mass%) and found a 14.81% COP gain for the 1 mass% Al_2O_3–SiO_2 binary blend relative to POE, together with reduced exergy destruction and lower CO_2-equivalent operating cost suggesting that the rising COP trend observed up to 0.3% w/v Al_2O_3 in the present work may continue, or be further amplified by hybridisation, at higher loadings. Using a response surface methodology (RSM) approach, Gouse and Omprakash [17] optimised Al_2O_3–ZnO nanolubricant concentration jointly with capillary tube length and identified 0.15% Al_2O_3 as a local optimum, beyond which excessive viscosity and particle agglomeration began to erode the gains a cautionary finding directly relevant to the upper end of the concentration range tested here. Senthilkumar's review [18] collates earlier Al_2O_3/PAG/R134a nanorefrigerant studies, including a roughly 10% compressor power reduction at 0.2% Al_2O_3 loading, again consistent in order of magnitude with the present findings. Most recently, Digra and Singh [19] characterised Al_2O_3 nanoparticles in the low GWP refrigerant HFE 7000 and found COP rising consistently with concentration up to 1.4 wt%, beyond which a performance plateau set in due to increased viscosity and agglomeration risk reinforcing the expectation, discussed further in Section 4, that the monotonic COP rise observed up to 0.3% w/v in this study is unlikely to continue indefinitely. Collectively, the literature confirms two consistent mechanisms for Al_2O_3 driven VCR performance improvement: an increase in the effective thermal conductivity of the working fluid, which raises the evaporator and condenser heat transfer coefficients, and a reduction in compressor mechanical friction via a rolling element nano ball bearing effect at the piston cylinder interface. However, reported COP gains vary considerably (from roughly 3% to over 25%) across studies owing to differences in particle size, base oil, refrigerant, concentration unit (mass% vs w/v%) and test-rig design, and relatively few studies report a documented, time stamped colloidal stability assessment alongside the performance data. The present study addresses this gap by pairing a fully described two step preparation and 48 hour stability protocol with actual (not theoretical) COP measurements across a systematic 0–0.3% w/v Al_2O_3 sweep on a standard R134a/POE test rig.

3. Materials and Methods:

3.1 Experimental Test Rig

All experiments were conducted on a 500 W capacity refrigeration test rig charged with R134a refrigerant as shown in figure 1. The rig comprised a hermetically sealed reciprocating compressor; an air-cooled condenser with copper tubes and aluminium fins under forced convection from an axial-flow induction fan; a capillary tube expansion device; a molecular-sieve drier/filter; and a direct-expansion, shell-and-coil evaporator immersed in a stainless-steel (SS304) calorimeter tank fitted with a 500 W electric heater and a digital temperature controller to simulate cooling load. Suction and discharge pressures were monitored with two dedicated pressure gauges, refrigerant flow was measured with a glass-tube rotameter, and component-inlet/outlet temperatures were recorded with digital LED indicators. Compressor and heater energy consumption were each measured with a dedicated energy meter (meter constant 3200 impulses/kWh), and the rig was protected by a high pressure/low pressure (HP/LP) cut-out. The unit operated from a single-phase, 230 V, 50 Hz supply.



Fig. 1 : VCRS test rig

3.2 Preparation of the Al_2O_3/POE Nanolubricant:

High-purity Al_2O_3 nanoparticles with a mean particle size below 50 nm were used as received. Three weight/volume (w/v) concentrations 0.1%, 0.2% and 0.3% were prepared in 220 ml of polyolester (POE) compressor oil, the standard lubricant for the R134a rig. Particle masses were determined with a digital analytical balance of 0.001 g (10^{-3} g) precision to maintain accurate stoichiometric ratios across batches, giving the masses summarised in Table 1.

Table 1 : Formulation of Al_2O_3/POE Nanolubricants at Different Weight/Volume (w/v) Concentrations.

Concentration (w/v)	Mass of Al_2O_3 (g)	Base Oil Volume (POE)
0.1%	0.98848	220 ml
0.2%	1.97960	220 ml
0.3%	2.96453	220 ml

A two-step method, the most widely used and cost-effective technique for nanofluid synthesis, was adopted. The 220 ml POE sample was first magnetically stirred for 30 minutes to eliminate localised temperature and viscosity gradients and establish a uniform baseline state. The pre-weighed Al_2O_3 powder was then introduced and the mixture was stirred for a further 30 minutes to break down macroscopic agglomerates and ensure that the particles were fully wetted by the oil. Each sample was subsequently subjected to high-frequency ultrasonication at a frequency exceeding 20,000 Hz. Acoustic cavitation generated by the ultrasonic bath produces and collapses millions of microscopic vacuum bubbles, releasing localised shockwaves that fracture nanoparticle clusters down to their primary sub 50 nm size. To prevent thermal degradation of the POE oil during this energy intensive step, a pulsed protocol was used: each sample underwent a three-hour total ultrasonication cycle, interrupted by a 180 second cooling interval repeated three times, keeping the lubricant viscosity within the specification required for safe compressor operation.

3.3 Stability Assessment:

Following ultrasonication, each nanolubricant sample was left undisturbed in a vibration-free environment for 48 hours to assess the balance between gravitational settling and Brownian motion. Because the Al_2O_3 particles were below 50 nm in size, Brownian kinetic energy was expected to dominate over gravitational sedimentation. Visual inspection after the 48-hour window confirmed that all three Al_2O_3 samples remained single-phase, homogeneous suspensions with no visible sludge or powder layer at the base of the container, indicating that the two-step preparation protocol was sufficient to produce a colloidally stable nanolubricant suitable for circulation through the capillary tube and evaporator without risk of blockage.

3.4 Test Procedure and COP Determination:

Before introducing any nanomaterial, the rig was cleaned and charged with pure POE oil and R134a refrigerant to establish a baseline. For each lubricant (pure POE, and 0.1%, 0.2% and 0.3% Al_2O_3/POE), the rig was run to steady state and the time required for the heater and compressor energy meters to register 10 impulses (t_1 and t_2, respectively, in seconds) was recorded. The actual refrigerating effect and actual compressor work done were then calculated from Equations (1) and (2), and the actual COP from Equation (3):

$$\text{Actual Refrigerating Effect (kJ)} = \frac{10}{t_1} \times \frac{3600}{3200} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Actual Compressor Work Done (kJ)} = \frac{10}{t_2} \times \frac{3600}{3200} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Actual COP} = \frac{\text{Actual Refrigertion Effect}}{\text{Actual Compressor Work Done}} \quad (3)$$

where 3200 is the energy meter constant in impulses per kWh and 3600 converts seconds to hours, so that each ratio yields energy in kJ per 10-impulse cycle. This pulse counting approach gives a direct, repeatable measure of actual (rather than theoretical, enthalpy table based) heater load and compressor work, and was applied identically across all four lubricant conditions to ensure a like for like comparison.

4. Results and Discussion:

4.1 Baseline and Concentration-wise Performance

With pure POE oil, the rig produced an actual refrigerating effect of 0.2641 kJ against an actual compressor work input of 0.0839 kJ, giving a baseline COP of 3.147. This baseline reflects the inherent frictional losses and limited heat transfer rate of the unmodified R134a/POE pair and provides the reference against which all Al_2O_3 nanolubricant results are normalised. Table 2 and figure 2 summarise the actual COP obtained at each Al_2O_3 concentration.

Table 2 : Actual COP of the R134a VCR system with pure POE and Al_2O_3/POE nanolubricants.

Lubricant	COP Improvement	Refrigerating Effect (kJ)	Compressor Work (kJ)	Actual COP
Pure POE (Baseline)	0.00%	0.2641	0.0839	3.147
POE + 0.1% Al_2O_3	3.49%	0.2641	0.0811	3.257
POE + 0.2% Al_2O_3	7.06%	0.2641	0.0784	3.369
POE + 0.3% Al_2O_3	11.92%	0.2641	0.0750	3.522

The refrigerating effect remained essentially constant across all four conditions (0.2641 kJ), since the heater load applied to the calorimeter was held fixed; the entire COP improvement is therefore attributable to a reduction in actual compressor work, from 0.0839 kJ with pure POE to 0.0750 kJ at 0.3% Al_2O_3 a 10.6% reduction in measured compressor work input for the same refrigerating duty. Correspondingly, the compressor energy-meter cycle time t_2 lengthened monotonically with Al_2O_3 loading (134.0, 138.6, 143.6 and 150.0 seconds for 0%, 0.1%, 0.2% and 0.3% Al_2O_3, respectively), indicating that the compressor drew less power per unit time as nanoparticle concentration increased. The COP therefore rose monotonically and near-linearly across the tested range, from 3.147 (baseline) to 3.257 (+3.49%) at 0.1%, 3.369 (+7.06%) at 0.2%, and 3.522 (+11.92%) at 0.3% Al_2O_3.

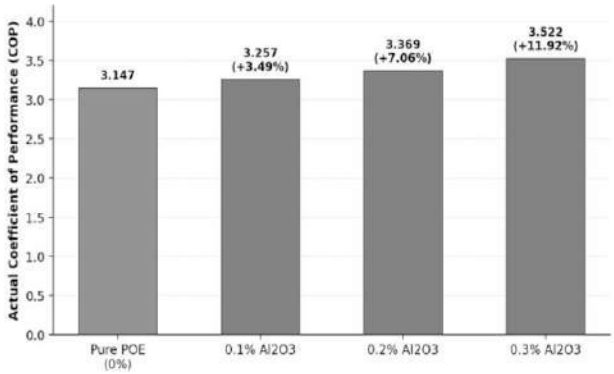


Fig. 2 : Actual COP versus Al_2O_3/POE nanolubricant concentration (0–0.3% w/v).

4.2 Mechanism of Improvement:

Two complementary mechanisms, both well supported by the literature reviewed in Section 2, account for the observed trend. First, the near-spherical Al_2O_3 nanoparticles are believed to convert sliding friction into rolling friction at the piston–cylinder interface of the hermetic compressor, behaving as a population of nanoscale ball bearings [6,15,18]. This tribological effect directly reduces the mechanical work the compressor must perform, which is consistent with the progressively longer compressor cycle times (t_2) and lower compressor work (kJ) recorded as concentration increased. Second, the higher thermal conductivity of Al_2O_3 relative to POE oil enhances heat exchange in the evaporator and condenser [1–5], creating additional secondary nucleation sites that promote more efficient boiling heat transfer. While the refrigerating effect in this fixed heater load test configuration could not itself increase, the improved heat transfer characteristics narrow the temperature lift and reduce the pressure ratio the compressor must work against, reinforcing the friction-driven power reduction. Together, these mechanisms explain why both the magnitude and the direction of the present results align closely with independently reported Al_2O_3 studies.

4.3 Comparison with Recent Literature:

The 11.92% COP improvement measured at 0.3% w/v Al_2O_3 in this study compares favourably with, and is corroborated by, several independent recent investigations. Li and Lu's theoretical energy–exergy model [14] predicted a 9.77% COP enhancement for R134a + Al_2O_3 nanorefrigerant at a comparable 0.30% mass fraction a result obtained by a wholly different (nanorefrigerant rather than nanolubricant) route, yet remarkably close in magnitude to the present experimental figure, which strengthens confidence that the improvement reported here is physically genuine rather than an artefact of the particular test rig. Dağıdır and Bilen [15], who measured compressor electrical power directly with Al_2O_3/POE lubricants, likewise reported a measurable power reduction relative to neat POE, mirroring the longer compressor cycle times observed in Section 4.1. Senthilkumar's review of earlier Al_2O_3/PAG/R134a studies [18] cites a roughly 10% reduction in compressor power at 0.2% Al_2O_3 loading, again of the same order as the 7.06% COP gain measured here at the same nominal concentration. At the same time, several recent studies suggest that the rising COP trend observed up to 0.3% w/v in this work would not continue indefinitely. Using response surface optimisation, Gouse and Omprakash [17] identified roughly 0.15% Al_2O_3 as a local optimum beyond which excess viscosity and particle agglomeration begin to erode performance gains, while Digra and Singh [19], working with Al_2O_3 in the low-GWP refrigerant HFE-7000, observed a COP plateau beyond approximately 1.4 wt% concentration for the same reason. Yıldız [16] showed that substantially higher loadings (up to 1 mass%), particularly in binary Al_2O_3–SiO_2 blends, can push the COP gain to 14.81% considerably above the 11.92% obtained here at 0.3% but at the cost of a much higher particle loading and the added preparation complexity of a binary nanolubricant. Read together, these findings imply that the 0.1–0.3% w/v Al_2O_3 window examined in this study sits on the favourable, pre-plateau portion of the concentration COP curve, and that a true optimum concentration for this specific rig and oil combination likely lies somewhat above 0.3% but below the much higher loadings associated with diminishing or reversed returns reported elsewhere.

4.4 Stability and Practical Feasibility:

The absence of any visible sedimentation after the 48 hour static observation period, across all three Al_2O_3 concentrations, indicates that the two-step preparation protocol precision weighing, 30-minute pre-and post-dispersion magnetic stirring, and three hours of pulsed >20 kHz ultrasonication produced a colloidally stable nanolubricant suitable for circulation through the narrow-bore capillary tube without an elevated risk of blockage. This is consistent with the broader literature consensus that sub50 nm particle size and adequate ultrasonication energy are the dominant levers for nanolubricant stability [3,4,15,16]. Because no mechanical modification to the VCR hardware was required, the Al_2O_3/POE nanolubricant functions as a "drop-in" performance additive, making the approach directly applicable to existing domestic and light-commercial R134a equipment.

5. Conclusion:

This study experimentally evaluated the effect of Al_2O_3 nanoparticles, dispersed in POE compressor lubricant at 0.1%, 0.2% and 0.3% w/v, on the actual coefficient of performance of an R134a vapour compression refrigeration test rig. A two-step preparation method 30 minute magnetic stirring followed by three hours of pulsed, >20 kHz ultrasonication produced nanolubricants that remained free of sedimentation after a 48-hour static stability test. Relative to a pure-POE baseline COP of 3.147, the actual COP rose to 3.257 (+3.49%), 3.369 (+7.06%) and 3.522 (+11.92%) at 0.1%, 0.2% and 0.3% Al_2O_3 loading, respectively, with the entire gain attributable to a measured reduction in compressor work input rather than any change in refrigerating effect.

The trend and its magnitude are consistent with, and corroborated by, recent independent studies on Al_2O_3 nanorefrigerants and nanolubricants [14,15,18], while other recent work [16,17,19] indicates that the favourable, near-linear COP trend observed here is likely to taper into a plateau, and may eventually reverse, at higher concentrations beyond those tested. The results confirm that Al_2O_3/POE nanolubricant is a stable, hardware-retrofit-free, and measurably effective strategy for improving the energy efficiency of R134a VCR systems, and they motivate future work extending the concentration sweep beyond 0.3% w/v, incorporating long-duration (rather than static) stability and erosion testing, and exploring hybrid Al_2O_3 formulations alongside low GWP refrigerant alternatives to R134a.

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Enhancing Distribution System using AI- Scada Systems

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Abstract:

Now a day Artificial intelligence (AI) with Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems is used to enhance operational efficiency, predictive maintenance, and environmental sustainability etc. The AI and SCADA systems can process large amounts of data in real-time, predict equipment failures, optimize energy usage, and reduce environmental impacts. The case study highlights Modern SCADA used in Vidyut Bhavan Amravati for fault identification and restoration of supply. An enhancement of distribution system with Al and SCADA are presented. The opportunities and challenges associated with its implementation are highlighted.

Keywords:

Al-Artificial Intelligence SCADA-Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

1. Introduction:

SCADA systems have revolutionised industrial operations by capturing, visualising, and controlling plant activities in real time. Operators may remotely monitor industrial operations and make real-time choices using these technologies. Traditional SCADA systems combine sensor and device data and operators can take action to maintain optimum performance and rectify abnormalities.

Enhancing SCADA systems with Al has several advantages. Al programs can analyse massive volumes of data in real time, find trends, errors, and automatically take remedial action. This functionality greatly improves SCADA system efficiency and dependability. Today with AI-SCADA distribution system can analyse data from many sources, improving decision-making. Al can monitor and regulate processes in real time, spot irregularities. It also helps for optimisation and predictive maintenance, downtime reduction. Al-enhanced SCADA systems reduce energy use and optimise resource use, lowering operating expenses.

In distribution system the substation is important node in the electrical power system. The functions of substation are to control and monitoring of the switch yard, protection of the power equipment's etc. The conventional substation is composed with interlocking logic, RTU (Remote Terminal Unit), Relays, conventional switchgear and CT/PT (current/potential transformers). Each component is hardwired connected with parallel cupper wires.

Modern substation is in structured levels. The station level provides an overview across the whole station and is located in a shielded control room. Station level includes Human Machine Interface (HMI) Workstation, Master Station Computer, Backup Station Computer and GPS (Global Positioning System) receiver, etc. The bay level conducts maintenance work only within one bay and it is usually close to the switchgear. Bay level includes protection and control IEDs (intelligent electrical devices) of different bays such as circuit breakers, transformers, and capacitor banks. Process level provides the interface between the substation automation system and the switchgear. Process level includes switchyard equipment such as CTs/PTs, remote I/O, Actuators etc.[1]-[4]. 1.

SCADA in Power System:

A power generation, transmission and distribution are needed to be monitored regularly for improving the system efficiency, also increases the system's reliability and stability for grid operation The SCADA scheme for distribution is shown in Fig.1.0.

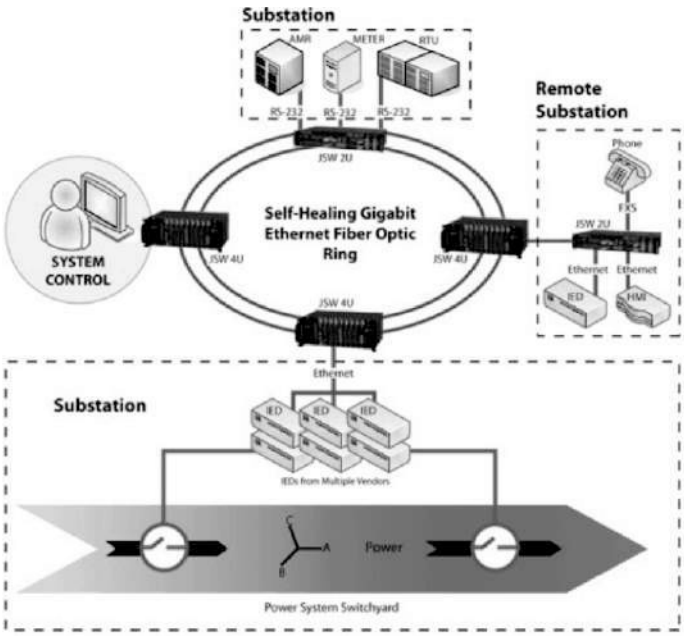


Fig. 1 : SCADA Distribution Scheme

2. Data Communication in Distribution System:

A data communication system plays a critical role in the real time mission, critical operation of substation automation system. All secondary equipment within a substation is interlinked with communication buses. In conventional substation, communication devices typically rely on one-way communication. Serial communication buses or proprietary communication media with associated protocols are used for local HMI, as well as for remote SCADA communication. To connect the various equipment's in a substation, specialized sensors are attached to the equipment's to take their status samples. The sampled values are then digitalized and transmitted through the local area network to the control station in the substation [5]-[7]. The communication network in a substation is shown in Fig. 2.0

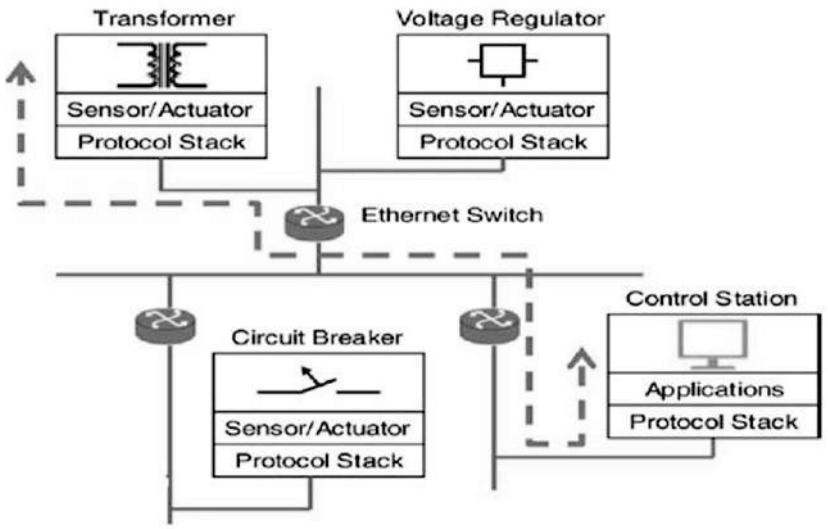


Fig. 2 : Data Communication

3. A Case Study of Modern SCADA for Distribution System

The arrangement of Remote Monitoring/ terminal Unit (RMU) and communication at Substation is shown in Fig.3.0

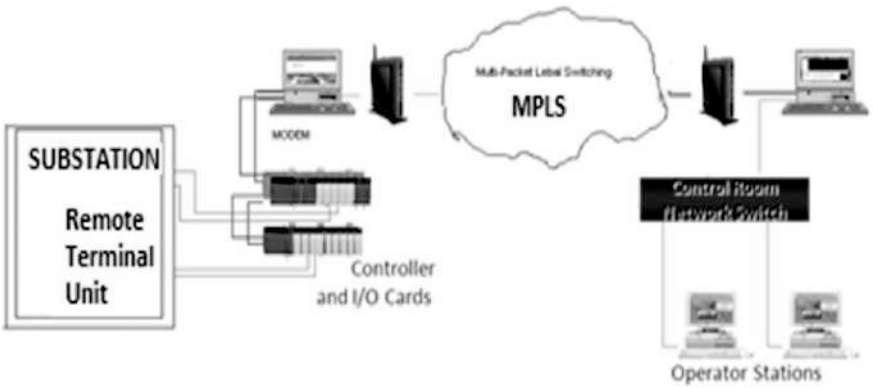


Fig. 3 : Modern SCADA

The external and real time data requests are served through the Server. The operator stations and other internal data users communicate through server. The control executes through I/O port. Input port gives the information of input signal such as breaker ON/OFF position, Isolator ON/OFF position, also analog input cards signal such as voltage, I/O card consist of analog input card and digital input card which gives analog and digital signal from substation through RTU. Digital Output card control the equipment. The arrangement of control center for operating the equipments through the communication network are shown 4.0

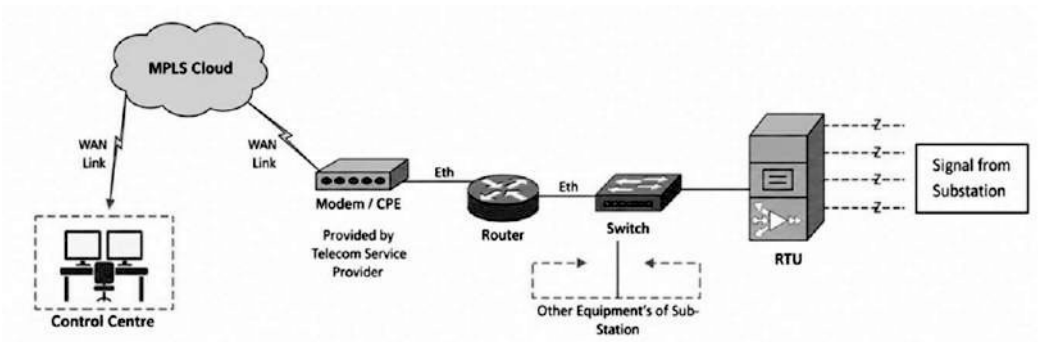


Fig. 4 : Control Station Communication

Digital input signal from RTU are transmitted through Router and Modem towards Multipacket label switching cloud and send to control center. For controlling substation equipments signals are transmitted from control center to MPLS cloud towards Modem at substation and forwarded to RTU.

The operation for Feeder Remote Terminal Unit (FRTU) in SCADA system is shown in Fig 5.0 Input signals from FRTU are transmitted through Modem towards CDMA/GPRS cloud and then send to control center. For controlling purpose the output signals are transmitted from control centre to GPRS Modem through cloud towards FRTU.

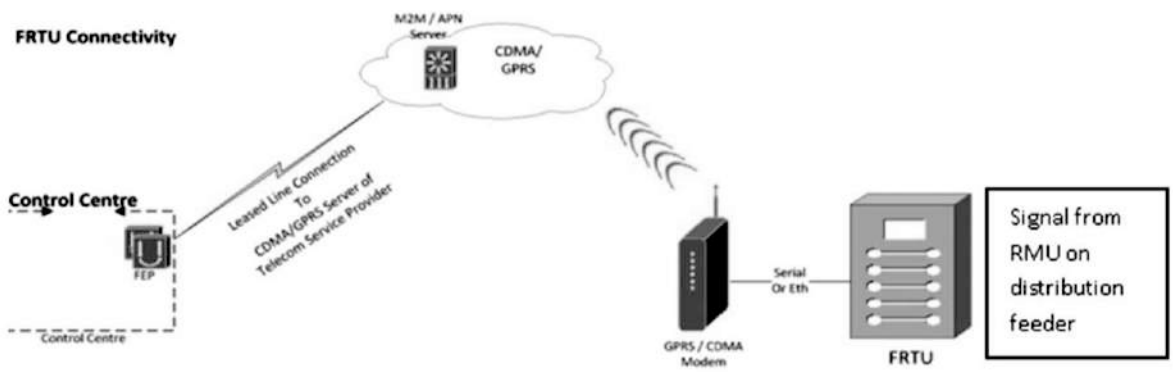


Fig. 5 : Feeder Communication network

4. A SCADA Study for Fault Identification and Restoration:

The present SCADA operations used in 33/11KVsubstation Amravati for fault identification and restoration are shown in Fig 6.0 a). The feeder has incoming supply from both the side and it is associated with the circuit breaker and distribution transformer and midway cut point which is normally open point used in old system so that complete system get supply from two feeder. In case of fault in the system, the circuit breaker trips and portion of feeder will get disconnected, shown with red mark in Fig.6.0 b.

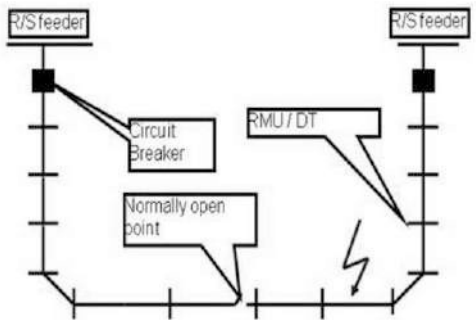


Fig. 6 : a) Before the fault on feeder

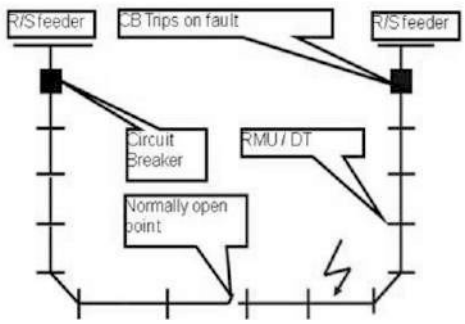


Fig. 6 : b) Fault on feeder

The operators manually open the isolator and restore the part of supply portion within 30-45 min after inspection as shown in Fig.6.0 c. After the further inspection, operator open the isolators between the faulty section shown in Fig.6.0d.

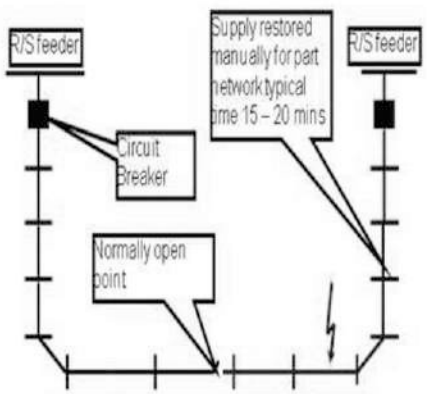


Fig. 6 : c) Isolator operation

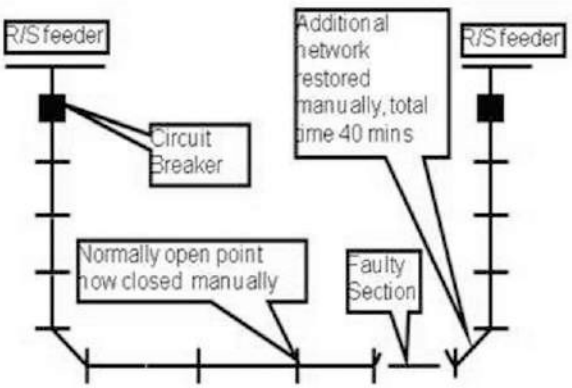


Fig. 6 : d) Additional network

In modern SCADA operation the RMU are installed at key location on the feeder and interface with communication system. The RMU are installed as shown in Fig 7.0 a). The fault current information will get with the help of fault passage indicator (FPI) shown in Fig. 7.0 b at RMU and signals are transmitted from FRTU towards control centre. The operator at control centre immediately open the RMU remotely after receiving the signal from FRTU. The partial restoration of supply can be done within very short time shown in Fig. 7.0 c. The faulty portion will get isolated by field staff after identification of location shown in Fig. 7.0 d.

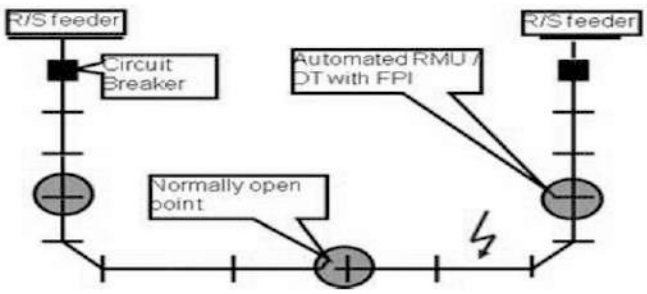


Fig. 7.0 a) Before the fault on feeder

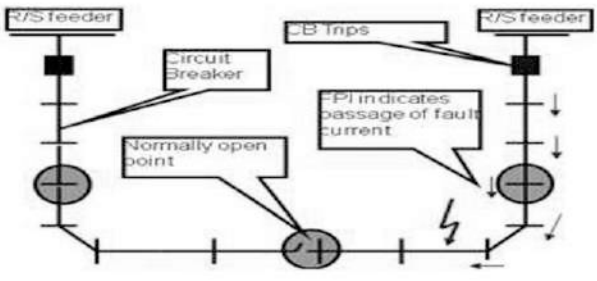


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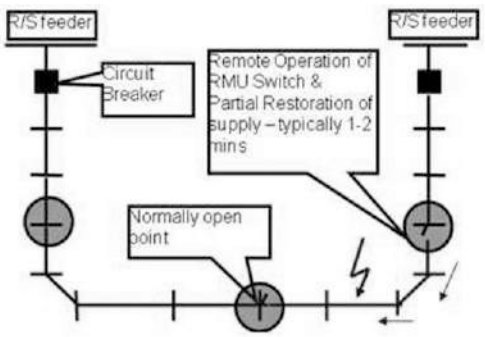


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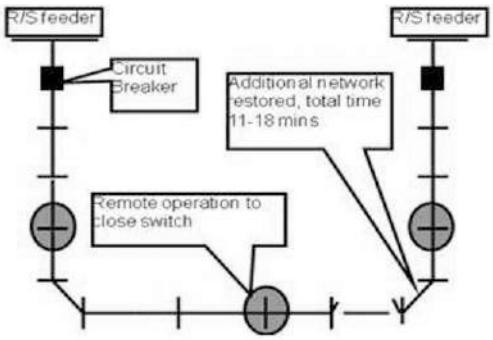


Fig. 7 : d) Additional network

5. Enhancing distribution system with Ai and SCADA:

This concept of enhancing distribution system shows a clear information flow from the Physical Layer (sensors, machines, and PLC/RTU units) up to the SCADA Control Center, which remains the core interface for real-time monitoring and control. The diagrams highlights how the SCADA Data Historian feeds data into a dedicated AI/ML Insights Layer, where advanced analytics such as predictive maintenance, anomaly detection, and energy optimization generate intelligent recommendations [9]-[10]. These insights are then relayed back to plant operators via an AI-Enhanced HMI, allowing for smarter, data-driven decision-making, the scheme is shown in 8.0

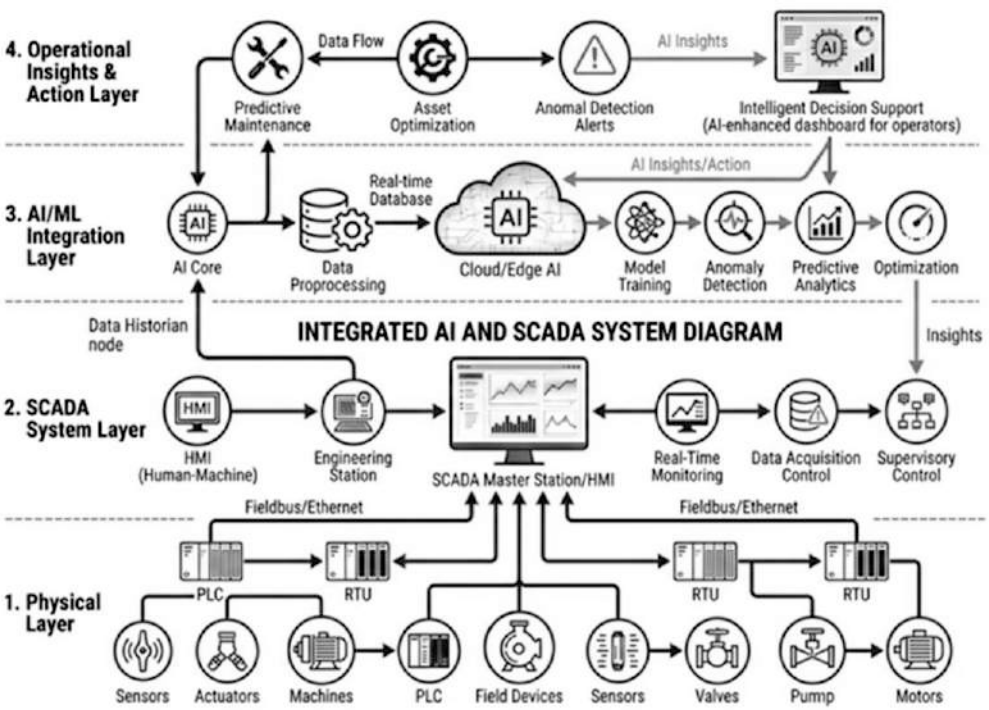


Fig. 8 : Enhancing Distribution System with AI and SCADA

6. Enhancing distribution system with AI and SCADA has following advantages:

a) Using massive datasets from SCADA sensors, AI systems may find trends and forecast equipment breakdowns. This proactive technique reduces downtime and extends industrial gear lifetime. Maintenance staff may prevent problems escalating by using machine learning models to spot operational data abnormalities .

b) Operational efficiency is major potential in the system. AI can automate regular processes and optimise control settings, decreasing human involvement. This improves resource efficiency and production. Real-time information and suggestions from AI-driven SCADA systems help operators make better decisions and respond faster to operational abnormalities.

c) AI-powered SCADA systems balance load demands and manage renewable energy sources to optimise energy production and delivery. This makes energy systems more stable and sustainable

7. Challenges with AI:

a) Data quality and security are key issues . For effective predictions and choices, AI systems need accurate and high-quality data. Thus, data integrity and cyber security are essential. SCADA systems handle critical operational data, making them cyberattack targets. Protecting these systems requires strong cybersecurity.
b) System complexity is another major issue. Al integration into SCADA systems demands careful design and implementation.
c) Human-machine cooperation is essential for SCADA AI deployment. The role of human operators changes as Al becomes more independent. Comprehensive training is needed for operators to trust Al systems. Operators can comprehend AI-generated insights and make educated choices with good human-machine cooperation.
d) Al systems, especially deep learning models, are frequently dark boxes, making their judgements hard to explain. Operators and other stakeholders may distrust this lack of openness. Trust and effective integration need explainable Al models that deliver unambiguous insights

8. Comparison of Al with SCADA:

a) With AI technology, digital monitoring and data input help anticipate problems before they occur. The technology can also provide advice or guidance on how to solve a problem before it becomes more serious or operate more efficiently.
b) With Al technology, SCADA data now can become real-time so it can take action without operator intervention.
c) Maintenance issues are anticipated before they occur and corrective measures identified.

9. Conclusion:

A case study of SCADA system for fault identification and restoration are studied with conventional and modern SCADA system and further system is enhance with AI. The study shows interface for substation automation and its communication use to enhance distribution system. Thus, enhancing distribution system with SCADA and AI has several advantages and challenges are highlighted. In AI-SCADA integration deals several chances to improve predictive maintenance, operational efficiency and energy management. The challenges like data quality, system integration, human-machine cooperation shall be overcome with technology, and with careful design, strong cybersecurity, and extensive training, power companies may fully exploit Al-driven SCADA systems to alter their operations and improve efficiency and sustainability.

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Cybersecurity, Data Governance and Digital Trust in SCADA/ADMS Based Distribution Systems

(Securing AI Driven Power Infrastructure for a Resilient and Sustainable Viksit Bharat)

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Abstract:

Power distribution utilities are rapidly adopting digital technologies such as Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), Advanced Distribution Management Systems (ADMS), Smart Meters, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve reliability, efficiency, and customer service. These technologies help utilities monitor and control the network in real time, reduce outages, and improve overall performance.However, the growing digitalization of power systems also introduces significant cybersecurity challenges. Risks such as unauthorized access, ransomware attacks, communication disruptions, and data breaches can adversely impact grid operations and erode consumer trust. In parallel, utilities must ensure robust governance of both operational and customer data while maintaining digital trust. This paper discusses the cybersecurity challenges associated with SCADA and ADMS systems, the importance of data governance, and the role of digital trust in modern distribution networks. It also highlights international standards, cyber resilience measures, and AIbased security solutions that can help utilities build secure and reliable digital power systems. The paper concludes with recommendations for developing resilient and futureready distribution networks to support India's vision of Viksit Bharat.

Keywords:

SCADA, ADMS, Cybersecurity, Data Governance, Digital Trust, Smart Grid, Artificial Intelligence, Distribution Automation.

Introduction:

The power sector is undergoing a major digital transformation. Utilities are increasingly using digital technologies to improve system reliability, reduce losses, manage renewable energy, and provide better services to consumers. SCADA systems allow utilities to monitor and control substations, feeders, and field equipment from a central control room. ADMS enhances these capabilities by providing advanced applications such as outage management, fault analysis, load management, and network optimization. Modern SCADA/ADMS projects integrate several systems, including:

- Master Control Centers (MCC)
- Backup Control Centers (BCC)
- Remote Terminal Units (RTUs)
- Feeder Remote Terminal Units (FRTUs)
- GIS platforms
- Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems
- Smart meters and communication networks

While these technologies provide many benefits, they also increase exposure to cyber threats. Therefore, cybersecurity, data governance, and digital trust have become essential requirements for modern power utilities.

SCADA and ADMS Architecture:

A typical SCADA/ADMS system consists of multiple interconnected layers that work together to monitor, control, and manage the power distribution network. The Master Control Center (MCC) serves as the central monitoring and control facility where operators supervise network operations and make critical decisions. To ensure continuity of operations, a Backup Control Center (BCC) is deployed as a redundancy measure, capable of seamlessly taking over controlin the event of system failures, natural disasters, or cyber incidents affecting the MCC. Field-level data acquisition and control are facilitated by Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) installed at substations, which gather operational data and transmit it to the control center. Additionally, Feeder Remote Terminal Units (FRTUs) are deployed along distribution feeders to enable localized monitoring and control, supporting faster fault detection, isolation, and service restoration. Modern SCADA/ADMS platforms are further enhanced through integration with enterprise systems such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Outage Management Systems (OMS), Customer Information Systems (CIS), and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solutions. This integrated ecosystem improves situational awareness, optimizes asset management, and supports data-driven decision-making across the utility.

Across India, distribution utilities are implementing SCADA and Advanced Distribution Management Systems (ADMS) under Smart Grid initiatives and the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). These projects include Centralized Control Centers, Feeder Automation, GIS Integration, Smart Metering, and Advanced Communication Networks. Such digital transformation initiatives have improved system visibility, outage response, operational efficiency, and consumer services. However, the increasing dependence on interconnected digital systems also highlights the need for robust cybersecurity measures, effective data governance, and resilient communication infrastructure.

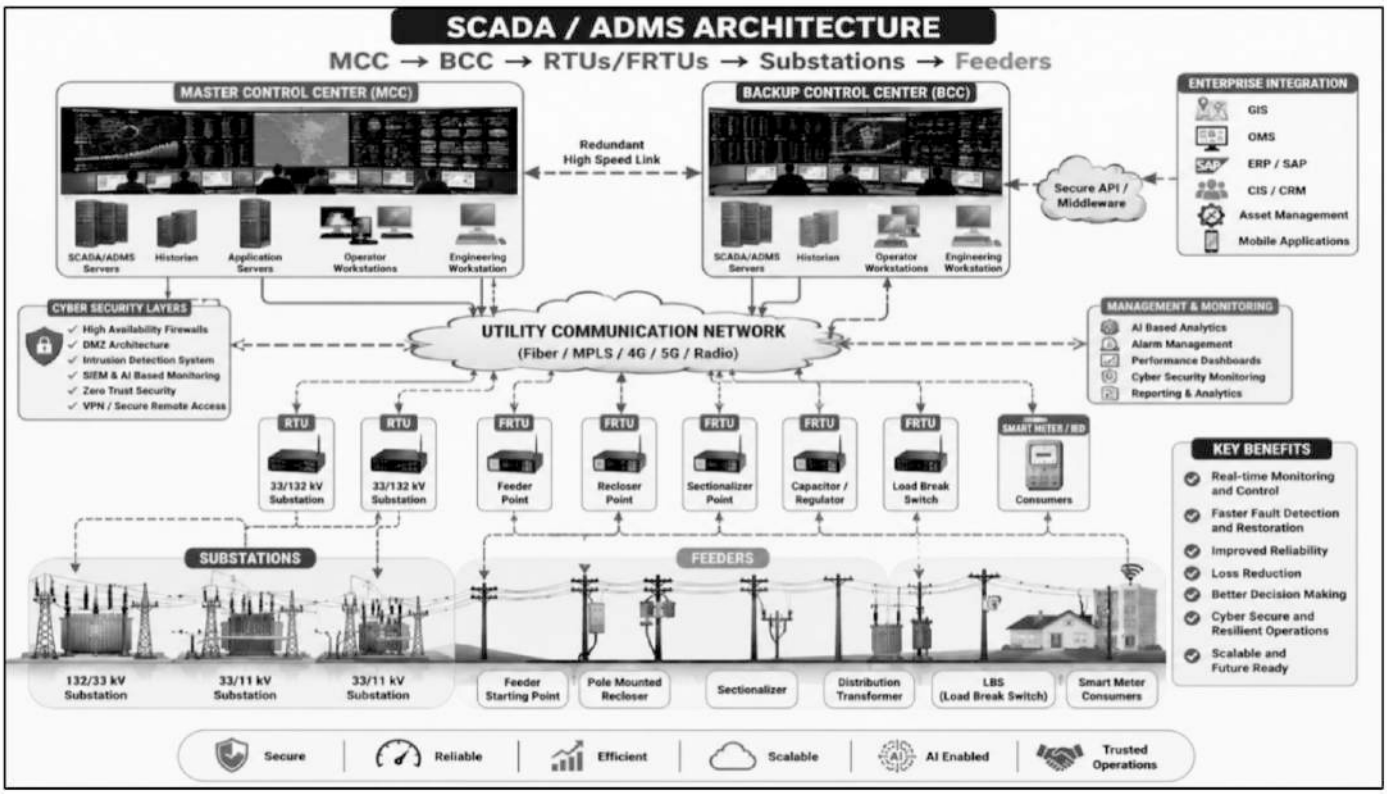


Fig. 1 : Enhancing Distribution System with AI and SCADA

Cybersecurity Challenges in SCADA/ADMS Systems:

As power utilities become increasingly interconnected through SCADA, ADMS, Smart Metering Infrastructure, Communication Networks, and enterprise applications,their risk of cybersecurity threats also increases.

Cybercriminals may attempt unauthorized access to control systems using weak passwords, unsecured networks, or compromised user accounts. Ransomware attacks can disrupt utility operations by locking critical systems and data, while communication network attacks may intercept information or interrupt operational processes. Insider threats from employees, contractors, or vendors can also compromise security, either intentionally or unintentionally. In addition, vulnerabilities in third-party hardware and software can introduce supply chain risks. Such cyberattacks can result in power outages, equipment damage, data loss, financial losses, reduced customer confidence, and regulatory penalties. Therefore, cybersecurity must be considered a critical component of utility operations and integrated into every stage of system planning, implementation, and maintenance.

Data Governance and Digital Trust:

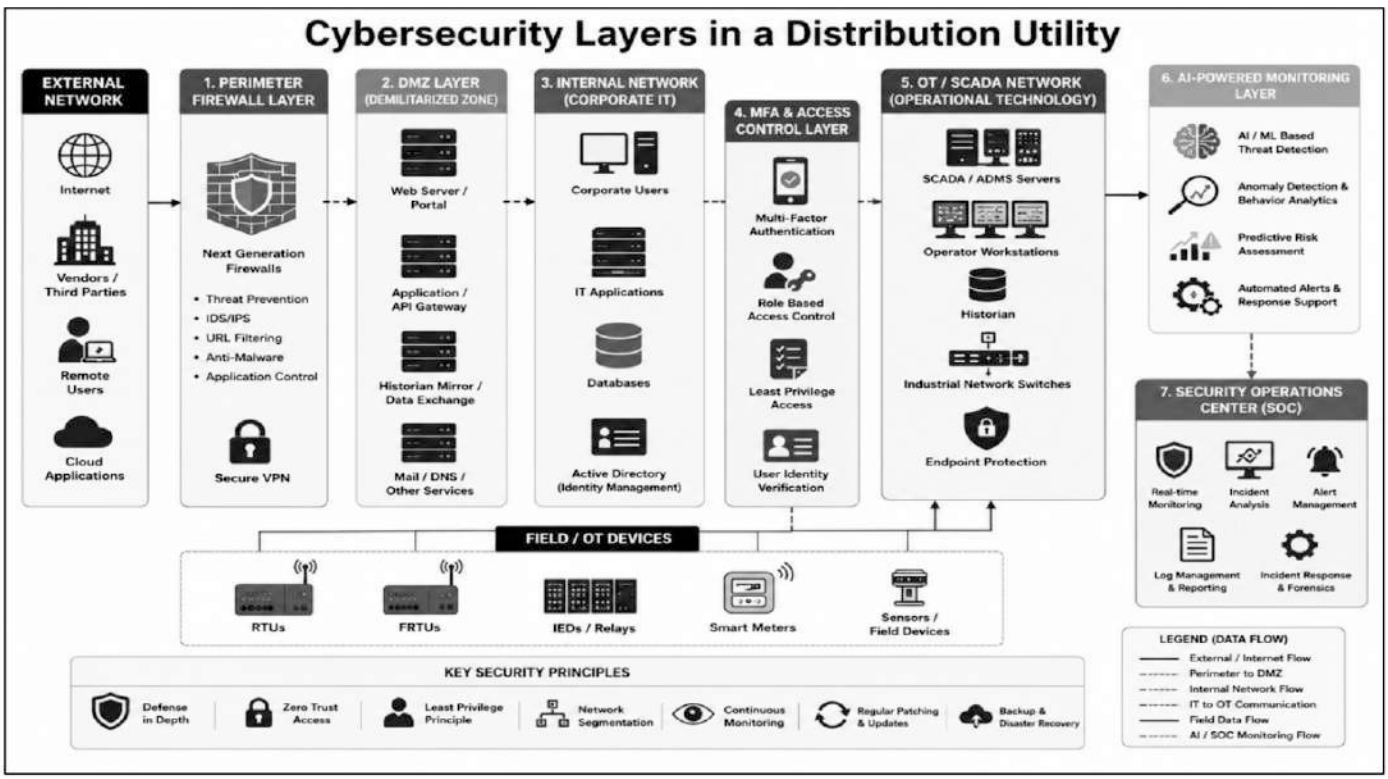
SCADA and ADMS systems generate large amounts of operational and customerrelated data. Proper management of this data is essential.

- **Data Governance:** Data governance refers to the policies and processes used to manage data throughout its lifecycle. In SCADA and ADMS systems, it ensures that operational and customer data remain accurate, secure, reliable, and accessible to authorized users. Key aspects include data accuracy, data security, data ownership, backup and recovery, access control, and compliance with regulatory requirements. Effective data governance helps utilities improve decisionmaking, enhance operational efficiency, maintain system reliability, protect sensitive information, and support the secure operation of modern digital power distribution networks.

Digital Trust:

Digital trust is the confidence that digital systems are secure, reliable, and transparent. Utilities must protect sensitive information, ensure reliable operations, maintain service continuity, and respond quickly to incidents. Building digital trust encourages stakeholder confidence, supports smart grid adoption, and enhances the successful implementation of digital technologies in power distribution systems.

Cyber Resilience Measures:



Cyber resilience refers to the ability of a utility to prevent, withstand, respond to, and recover from cyber incidents while maintaining critical operations. To achieve this, utilities should implement network segmentation to separate operational technology (OT) systems from corporate IT networks, thereby reducing cybersecurity risks.Firewalls and Demilitarized Zones (DMZs) should be deployed to control and secure data exchange between external networks and critical infrastructure. Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) provides an additional layer of security by requiring multiple forms of user verification before granting access. The Zero Trust security model further strengthens protection by ensuring that every user, device, and application is continuously authenticated and authorized. Regular data backups and disaster recovery plans help restore operations quickly following a cyber incident, while continuous monitoring of networks and systems enables early detection of suspicious activities, security breaches, and emerging cyber threats. Together, these measures make SCADA/ADMSbased power distribution systems more reliable, secure, and able to handle disruptions.

International Standards and Compliance:

International standards provide guidance for improving cybersecurity and operational reliability.

Standard	Application
IEC 61850	Substation Automation
IEC 60870-5-104	ISCADA Communication Protocol
IEC 62351	Security of Power System Communications
IEC 62443	Industrial Automation and Control System Security
ISO/IEC 27001	Information Security Management Systems
ISO 22301	Business Continuity Management

Utilities should also follow cybersecurity guidelines issued by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and other regulatory agencies.

Role of Artificial Intelligence in Cybersecurity:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is playing an increasingly important role in strengthening cybersecurity and operational reliability in modern power systems. By analyzing large volumes of network and operational data in real time, AI enables faster and more accurate detection of suspicious activities, cyber threats, and abnormal system behavior than conventional security methods. It helps identify anomalies that may indicate cyberattacks, communication failures, or equipment malfunctions, allowing utilities to take timely corrective actions. AI also supports predictive analytics by assessing vulnerabilities, forecasting potential risks, and identifying security gaps before they develop into major incidents. In addition, AIdriven security platforms can automatically generate alerts, isolate affected systems, and assist operators in incident response, thereby reducing recovery time and minimizing operational disruptions. Beyond cybersecurity, AI supports predictive maintenance, equipment health monitoring, intelligent alarm management, and fault prediction within SCADA/ADMS environments. By leveraging historical and realtime operational data, AI enhances situational awareness, improves cyber resilience, and enables proactive management of both security and operational risks in power distribution networks.

Cybersecurity Risk Matrix:

Threat	Impact Level	Mitigation Strategy
Ransomware	High	Network Segmentation, Backup Systems
Unauthorized Access	Very High	IEC 62443 Controls, Access Management
Communication Failure	Medium	Redundant Networks
Insider Threat	High	Zero Trust Security
Data Breach	Very High	Encryption and Monitoring

This simple risk matrix helps utilities identify priorities for cybersecurity investment.

Roadmap for Secure SCADA/ADMS Implementation:

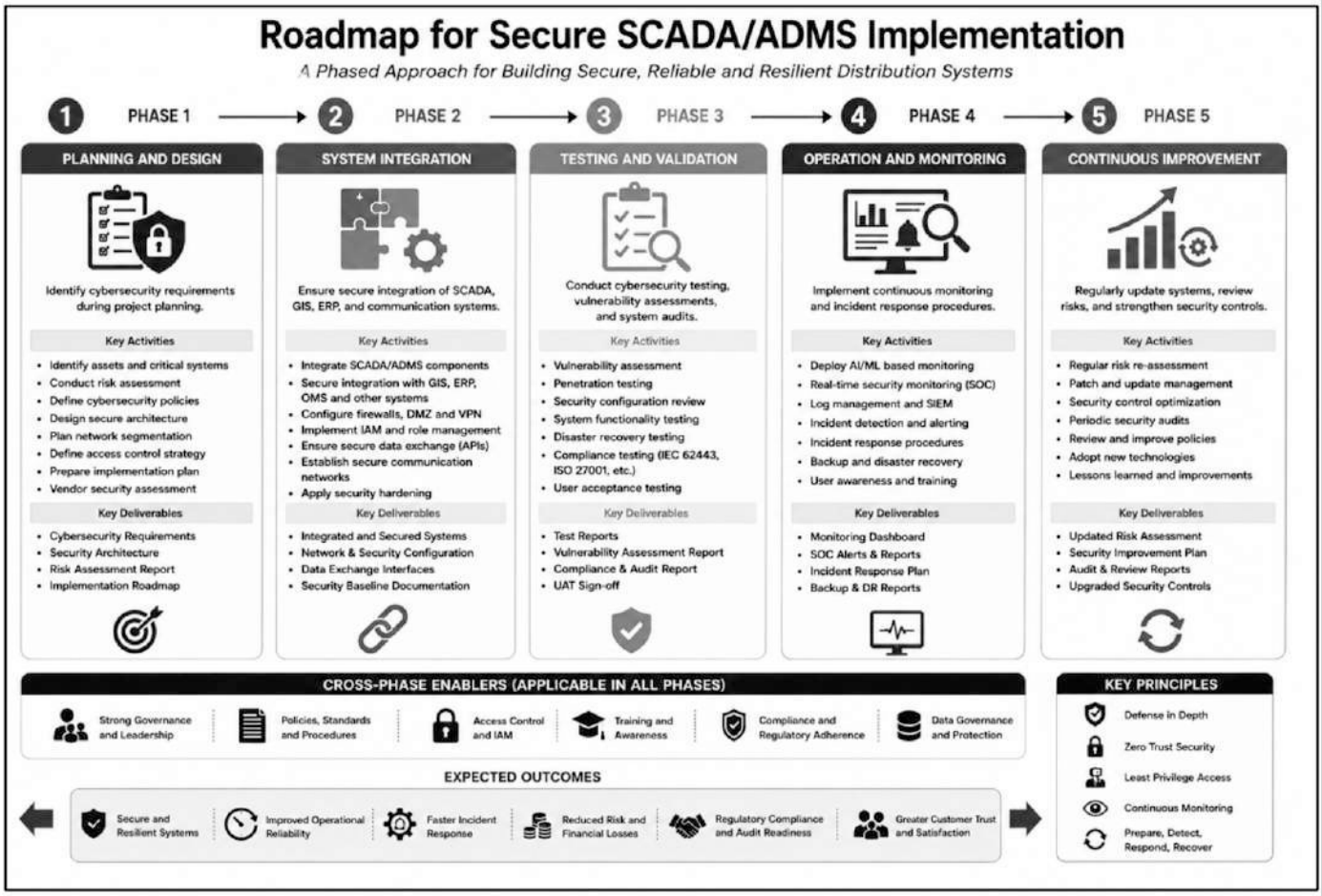
Utilities should adopt a phased approach:

- **Phase 1:** Planning and Design- Involves identifying cybersecurity requirements, conducting risk assessments, and incorporating security controls into the system architecture from the beginning.
- **Phase 2:** System Integration- Utilities should ensure the secure integration of SCADA, GIS, ERP, communication networks, and other enterprise applications through proper access controls, network segmentation, and secure data exchange mechanisms.
- **Phase 3:** Testing and Validation- Focuses on conducting cybersecurity testing, vulnerability assessments, penetration testing, and system audits to identify and rectify security gaps before deployment.
- **Phase 4:** Operation and Monitoring- Continuous monitoring of networks, devices, and user activities should be implemented along with incident response procedures to detect and respond to cyber threats in real time.
- **Phase 5:** Continuous Improvement- Emphasizes regular software updates, security reviews, risk assessments, employee training, and strengthening of security controls to address emerging threats.

Conclusion:

SCADA and ADMS technologies are improving power distribution by making systems more reliable, efficient, and customer-friendly. However, as these systems become more digital, they also face increased cybersecurity risks and data management challenges. Utilities must adopt a balanced approach that combines Cybersecurity, Data Governance, and Digital Trust. Secure System Architecture, International Standards, Cyber Resilience Measures, and AIbased security tools can significantly improve the protection of critical infrastructure. A secure and reliable SCADA/ADMS system will support the smart grid development, improve utility performance, and contribute to India's vision of a modern and resilient power sector under Viksit Bharat.

"Cybersecurity is no longer optional; it is a foundational requirement for future power systems."



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Flattering The Demand Curve By Using Grid Connected Battery Energy Storage System

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Abstract:

Increasing use of solar PV systems in modern-day power grids brings several operational problems due to the intermittent nature and mismatch of generation and demand. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) may be a suitable approach to store energy by making use of extra energy and delivering it at peak hours of demand. This paper considers a BESS connected to the grid with a total capacity of 180 MW. Frequency-based approach is used for controlling charging and discharging of the battery. In particular, when there is extra generation from solar energy (11:30 AM – 3:00 PM), batteries are charged and at the time of peak demand (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM), batteries are discharged. The research covers all the aspects of BESS operations including operational considerations, system architecture, and worldwide trends in using such systems.

Keywords:

BESS; Solar PV; Frequency Control; Peak Shaving; Grid Stability; Energy Storage.

1. Introduction:

However, India is quickly scaling up its renewable energy production capability, and solar energy is leading the pack. Nonetheless, the production of solar energy is always dependent on the presence of sunshine, thus the disparity between energy production and consumption. During midday, solar energy production is at the highest rate, usually higher than the required amount. After 5 pm, there will be an increase in energy consumption while there will be no energy produced from solar. This is where the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) comes in handy. It stores excess energy for use when there is high energy consumption, through the use of an innovative frequency control system that does not require complex control systems.

2. System Description:

The Battery Energy Storage System is a setup that helps make sure we have stable power when we use renewable energy. It gets power from the grid and uses special equipment like switches and transformers to make the power usable. The power is then sent to a place where it can be changed to a voltage and from there it is sent to other equipment that changes it to a voltage that the Battery Energy Storage System can use.

The Power Conversion System is like a tool that helps change the power back and forth between two different types. When the Battery Energy Storage System is charging the Power Conversion System helps put the power into the batteries. The batteries are special because they can store a lot of power and they are watched over by a system that makes sure they are working safely. The Battery Energy Storage System has two parts that work together to store power and a special system that controls everything. The Energy Management System is like the boss that tells the Battery Energy Storage System when to charge and when to send power back to the grid. The Battery Energy Storage System helps when we need power like, in the evening and it also helps keep the grid stable. The Battery Energy Storage System is very important because it helps us use energy and keeps the power grid working smoothly.

3. Fundamentals of Bess Operation:

A Battery Energy Storage System or BESS works by storing electricity in chemicals. Then releasing it back into the power grid when needed. This helps manage energy in a reliable way. To judge how well a BESS performs people often look at its round-trip efficiency. This is a measure of how much energy comes out when its discharged compared to how much energy goes in when its charged. The relationship, between the energy put in and the energy taken out is shown like this:

$$\eta = \frac{\{\text{Energy Output}\}}{\{\text{Energy Input}\}} \times 100 \qquad (1)$$

When we talk about lithium-ion systems that are used in power grids the way they perform can be different. Normally lithium-ion systems are around 85% to 95% efficient. This means they can work well most of the time. How well lithium-ion systems work depends on a few things. It depends on how hot or cold it's outside. It also depends on how much energy's being stored in the lithium-ion system or how much energy is being used from it. It depends on how well the converters that help the lithium-ion system work are functioning.

If a lithium-ion system is very efficient it means that less energy is wasted when we store energy in it or use energy from it. This makes lithium-ion systems a good choice for large-scale uses, like power grids. This is important because it helps us make sure that the energy stored in these lithium-ion systems is used in the way possible[8].

Another important thing that affects how lithium-ion systems also known as Battery Energy Storage Systems or BESS work is the State of Charge which is often shortened to SOC. The State of Charge shows us how much energy is available in the lithium-ion system compared to how energy it can hold in total. The State of Charge of a lithium-ion system is, like a measure that tells us how full the lithium-ion system is. It is figured out using math.

$$\{SOC\} = \frac{\{\text{Stored Energy}\}}{\{\text{Total Capacity}\}} \times 100 \qquad (2)$$

The state of charge or SOC is really important for batteries. It shows how full or empty they are. The Battery Management System or BMS always watches the SOC to ensure everything runs smoothly and safely. This helps the battery work last long.

When it comes to battery energy storage systems or BESS some things matter a lot.

1. Efficiency
2. The state of charge or SOC are two of them.

The systems response time is also key. This is especially important when using BESS with the grid. Traditional power generation systems take time to react to grid changes, like frequency changes or sudden demand surges.

- BESS can respond really fast. In milliseconds to a few seconds.
- They are useful, for regulating frequency, managing peak loads, smoothing out energy sources.
- The state of charge or SOC and efficiency are crucial for BESS to work effectively.
- BESS helps make the grid more stable and reliable. It supports the use of energy sources.

4. Frequency-based Control Logic:

Frequency-Based Control Logic is a way to control power flow in grid-connected Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). It works without communication systems. This method uses the grid frequency to balance power generation and demand. The grid frequency is normally at 50 Hz. When there is power generated than used the frequency goes up. When more power is used than generated the frequency goes down. The BESS uses this frequency change to decide what to do. In this control strategy power flow depends on the frequency difference between the grid and the BESS-connected bus. If the grid frequency is higher than the bus frequency it means there is extra power. The BESS then starts charging and stores the energy. If the grid frequency drops it means there is demand. The BESS then starts discharging and supplies energy back to the grid.

This can be shown as:

$$P \propto \left(f_{\{source\}} - f_{\{sink\}}\right) \qquad (3)$$

Where power goes from the higher frequency source to the lower frequency sink.

In the BESS substation this logic works by keeping a frequency difference between the grid and the 33-kV bus. During the day when there is solar power the grid frequency is around 50.01 Hz and the local bus is at 49.99 Hz. So, power goes into the battery for charging. At night when demand's high the situation is reversed. The grid frequency drops to 49.99 Hz and the local bus at 50.01 Hz. So, power comes out of the battery to the grid. This method gives fast and reliable control of energy flow. It is a effective solution for modern smart grid applications using Battery Energy Storage Systems. Frequency-Based Control Logic helps to balance power generation and demand. It makes the grid more stable and efficient. The BESS uses this logic to control power flow. It is a solution, for smart grid applications.

Charging Mode (Midday Surplus) Time: **11:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

- Grid Frequency = 50.01 Hz
- 33 kV Bus Frequency = 49.99 Hz

Power flows from grid → battery, Batteries charge using surplus solar energy

Discharging Mode (Peak Demand) Time: **5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

- Grid Frequency = **49.99 Hz**
- 33 kV Bus Frequency = **50.01 Hz**

  Power flows from battery → grid, Peak demand is supported

5. Single Line Diagram (SLD):

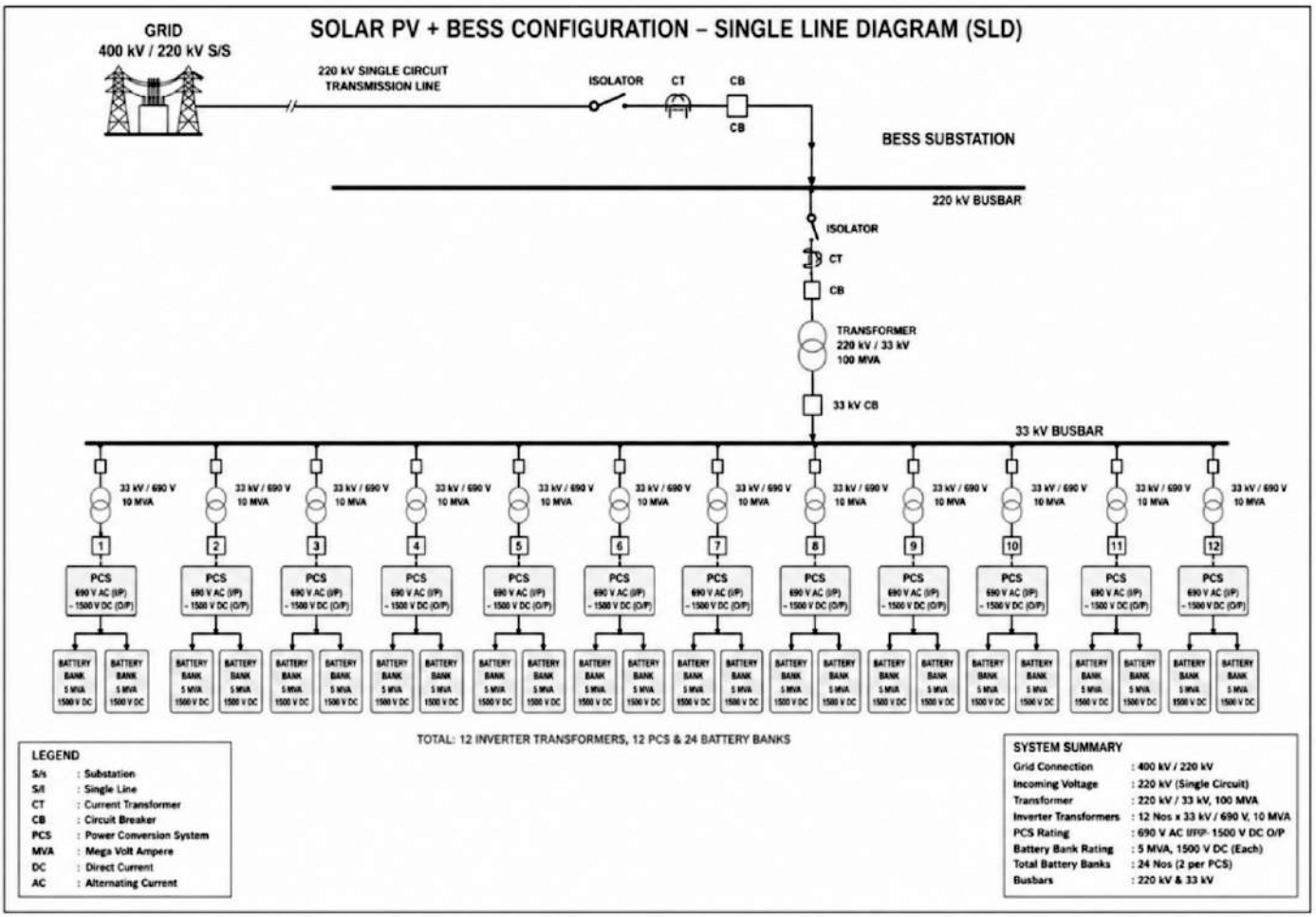


Fig. 1 : Single Line Diagram

6. Methodology:

a) Monitor grid frequency continuously
b) Compare with threshold values
c) Activate PCS for charging/discharging
d) Control power flow automatically
e) Ensure safety via BMS

The way we run and analyse the Battery Energy Storage System at the substation is by checking what is happening on the grid and using special controls to manage energy flow. This approach brings together measuring things making decisions acting and protecting the system to make sure it works well and reliably. First the system always checks things like the grid frequency, voltage levels how much energy people are using and how much energy the solar panels are making. It does this with sensors and meters at points on the network. These measurements are sent to the control system, where they are looked at right away. The grid frequency is a sign of whether there is enough energy being made or if people are using too much so it is the main thing we control[7]. Next the Energy Management System checks the frequency against limits around the normal frequency of 50 Hz. If the frequency is higher than normal it means there is energy being made than people are using which usually happens when the solar panels are making a lot of energy. If the

frequency is lower than normal it means people are using energy than is being made. The Energy Management System uses this information to decide what the Battery Energy Storage System should do. Once we have decided we send signals to the Power Conversion System, which's the link between the grid and the battery system. When there is energy the Power Conversion System changes the energy from the grid into a type that can charge the batteries. When people are using a lot of energy the Power Conversion System changes the energy stored in the batteries back into a type that can be used by the grid. The Power Conversion System decides how much energy to move based on the difference, in frequency. The Battery Energy Storage System and the Power Conversion System work together to manage energy flow and keep the grid stable. The Battery Energy Storage System is a part of this process.

$$P \propto \left(f_{\{source\}} - f_{\{sink\}}\right) \quad (4)$$

Where, (f_{grid}) is the grid frequency and (f_{BESS}) is the local bus frequency.

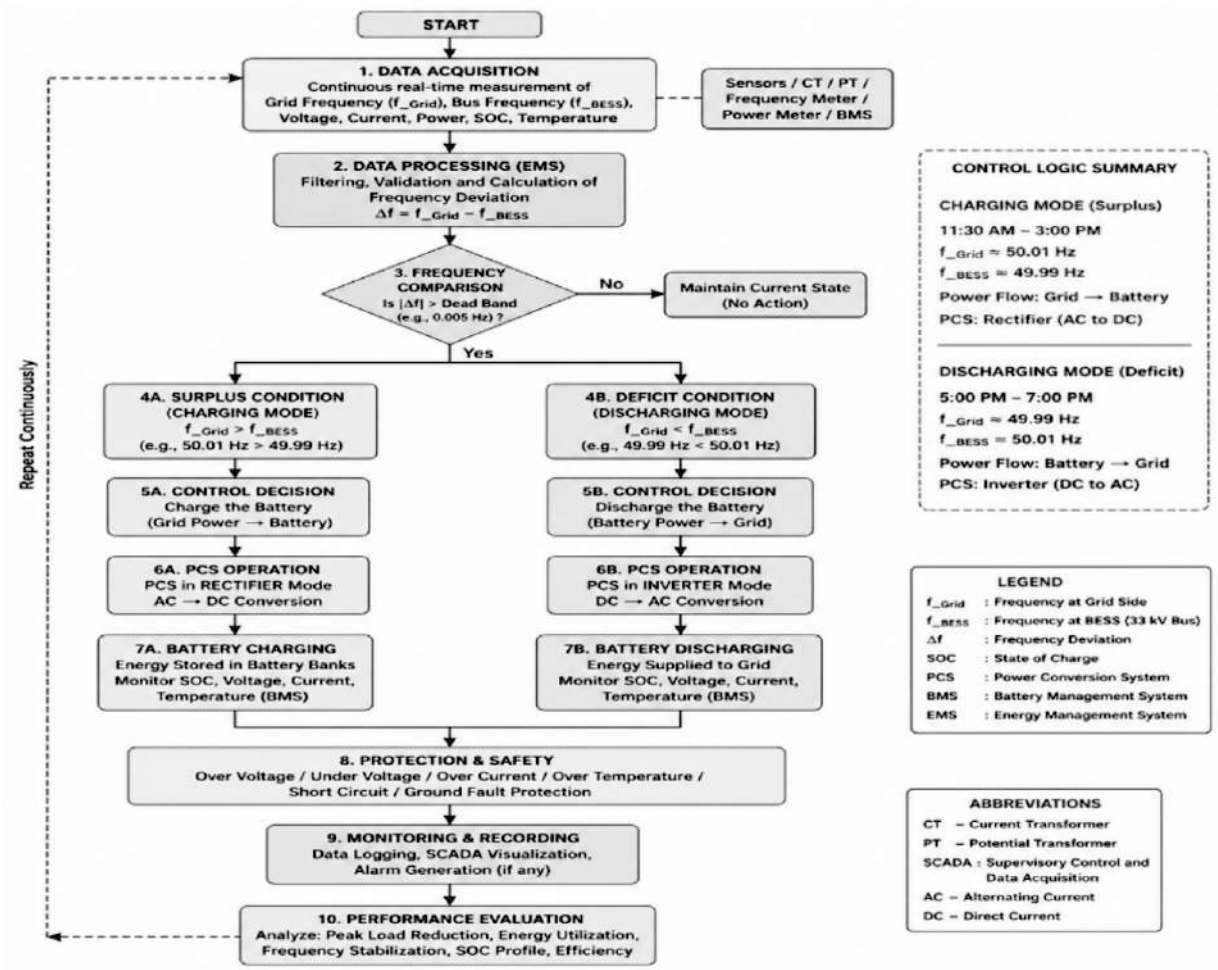


Fig. 2 : Methodology Flow Diagram for Frequency -Based Control of BESS

The battery system has a manager that takes care of everything to make sure it all runs smoothly and safely. This manager, called the Battery Management System or BMS checks a lot of things like how much power's left in the batteries how hot the batteries are and how much voltage and current are flowing through the batteries. The Battery Management System is like a referee making sure nothing gets out of hand or goes far. For example, the Battery Management System stops the batteries from getting too full or too empty. The Battery Management System also keeps the batteries from getting too hot. All of this helps the batteries last longer and work better. The Battery Management System tries to keep the batteries at a level, not too full and not too empty usually between 20% and 90% full. This good level helps the batteries stay healthy and strong [6].

The system has a built-in safety net to prevent accidents and damage. This includes things like circuit breakers and relays that can cut off power to a part of the system if something goes wrong. The system also has a way to detect faults so if a problem is found that

section can be isolated to stop it from causing harm. On top of that there is a monitoring system that lets operators see what is going on in time and take control if they need to. This means operators can keep an eye on how the system's performing and step in to fix any issues that come up.

To see how well the system works we look at things like how the system can reduce the peak load, how well the system uses energy, how stable the frequency's how the batteries perform. We use the data we get while the system is running to figure out if the way we control the frequency is working and to find ways to make the system even better. The battery system and the Battery Management System work together to make sure everything runs smoothly and safely. The Battery Management System is very important, for the battery system.

Thus, the proposed methodology ensures the battery system and the Battery Management System operate automatically efficiently and reliably which enables the use of energy and improves grid stability when the load is changing.

7. Results and Analysis:

7.1 Peak Load Reduction: Peak demand reduced by 20–30%

7.2 Renewable Utilization

- Solar curtailment minimized
- Stored energy reused efficiently

7.3 Grid Stability

- Frequency deviations reduced
- Voltage stability improved

7.4 SOC Behavior

- Charges during midday
- Discharges during evening peak

7.5 Global and Indian BESS Trends

- Global - Expected 400 GW by 2030
- India - Target: 50 GW storage by 2030

8. Advantages:

a) The system is really easy to control because it does not need communication.
b) The system responds fast.
c) The system helps to improve the use of energy sources.
d) The system can be made bigger if we need it to be.
e) Renewable energy integration is an advantage of the system. The system stores energy from the sun or wind and we can use it later.
f) The system also helps to keep the power grid stable. It makes sure that the power supply and demand are balanced so we have power all the time.
g) The system helps with peak shaving. This means it gives out energy when a lot of people are using it.
h) The system is scalable. This means we can make the system bigger by adding battery blocks to the system. The system can be expanded to meet our needs.

9. Challenges:

- The high cost at the start is a problem for electric vehicles. The high cost of vehicles when you first buy them.
- Battery problems like degradation that happens when you charge and discharge the battery a lot.
- Electric vehicles have battery issues like degradation from charging and discharging of the battery.
- Electric vehicles also have to deal with management issues.
- Electric vehicles have a problem with frequency tuning sensitivity.

The main issue with vehicles is the high initial cost and the battery degradation from frequent charging and discharging of the battery. The challenges with vehicles are the high initial cost and the battery degradation, from frequent charging and discharging of the battery and also the thermal management and the frequency tuning sensitivity of electric vehicles.

10. Conclusion:

The BESS system really shows how battery storage helps in today's power systems. It manages energy automatically reliably and efficiently using a frequency-based control strategy.

This system makes a difference, in:

a) Keeping the grid stable
b) Managing peak loads better
c) Using energy more effectively

This approach can be applied in locations and can benefit India's power grid significantly. It has the potential to be expanded and used globally which's extremely beneficial.

11. Future Scope:

When we think about the scope we have a few things that come to mind. We are talking about energy optimization that uses intelligence. There are also these hybrid storage systems. Then we have battery technologies that are going to change everything. Finally, we need to think about smart grid integration and how it all works together with the future scope, especially with the advanced battery technologies and the hybrid storage systems and the artificial intelligence used in the energy optimization for the future scope.

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Performance Analysis of Efficient Energy Generation Techniques in BLDC Motor-Driven Electric Vehicles: A Comparative Study

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Abstract:

The escalating demand for sustainable transportation has positioned Brushless Direct Current (BLDC) motors as the dominant traction technology in electric vehicles (EVs) due to their high power density, low maintenance, and superior efficiency. This paper analyzes an adaptive energy generation technique that integrates regenerative braking with a fuzzy-logic-assisted adaptive controller to maximize energy recapture in BLDC-EVs. A MATLAB/Simulink platform modeled the motor drive, battery management system, and regenerative braking controller under ARTEMIS-Urban, ARTEMIS-Highway, WLTP Class-3, and a custom hilly-terrain drive cycle. Comparative evaluation against conventional friction braking and standard regenerative braking shows the proposed scheme achieves an average energy recovery efficiency of 81.3%, a peak controller efficiency of 88.7%, and a 23.7% improvement in effective driving range. The results, supported by torque-speed, state-of-charge, and energy-consumption graphs, confirm that adaptive regenerative control substantially improves the energy autonomy of BLDC-based EV powertrains while reducing thermal stress on the battery pack.

Keywords:

BLDC Motor; Regenerative Braking; Energy Efficiency; Adaptive Control; Fuzzy Logic; Battery Management System

1. Introduction:

The global shift toward electrified mobility has intensified research into powertrain components offering high efficiency, compactness, and reliability. The Brushless Direct Current (BLDC) motor has emerged as a preferred choice for two- and three-wheeler EVs, and increasingly for light four-wheelers, owing to its high torque-to-weight ratio, brushless operation, simple commutation, and favourable efficiency across a wide speed range.

Net energy consumption of a BLDC-driven EV depends not only on motor efficiency but also on how effectively kinetic energy is recovered during braking and coasting. Conventional friction braking dissipates this energy as heat, whereas regenerative braking converts a portion back into electrical energy for battery replenishment a conversion highly sensitive to controller design, switching strategy, battery SOC, and drive-cycle characteristics.

This study (i) reviews and categorizes existing energy generation and recovery techniques for BLDC-EV drivetrains, (ii) designs and simulates an adaptive regenerative braking controller integrated with a BLDC motor model, and (iii) comparatively evaluates the proposed technique against conventional approaches using quantitative metrics and graphical analysis. The scope is confined to light EV platforms (two/three-wheelers and compact four-wheelers) on 48-72 V architectures the fastest-growing EV segment and one where BLDC motors retain a clear cost and simplicity advantage though findings are expected to generalize to higher-power BLDC and trapezoidal-back-EMF applications.

2. Literature Review:

Early regenerative braking implementations relied on fixed-ratio current control simple but poorly adaptive to varying road/load conditions, typically yielding 55-65% recovery efficiency. PID-based regenerative controllers subsequently improved response time but remained prone to overshoot during abrupt deceleration.

More recent work has explored fuzzy logic controllers (FLC), neural-network estimators, and model predictive control (MPC) to dynamically adjust regenerative torque based on speed, SOC, and road gradient. Fuzzy-logic-based regenerative braking has achieved approximately 70-77% efficiency by accommodating the nonlinear relationship between braking force and back-EMF, though many such schemes do not jointly optimize motoring and generating modes leaving room for gains through adaptive, dual-mode controllers such as the one proposed here.

Sensorless control, hybrid battery-super capacitor storage, and optimized PWM switching have also been reported to reduce switching losses and improve thermal performance. Charge-current limiting based on real-time SOC and temperature prevents lithium plating during high-rate regenerative charging, though overly conservative limits forfeit recoverable energy motivating the SOC-aware adaptive current-limiting strategy adopted in this work.

3. Energy Generation Techniques In Bldc-driven Evs:

3.1 Regenerative Braking via Controlled Rectification: During deceleration the BLDC motor operates in generator mode; back-EMF induced in the stator windings is rectified through the same six-switch inverter bridge used for motoring. Switch duty cycle is modulated to regulate regenerative current fed to the battery, subject to SOC and current limits.

3.2 Fuzzy-Logic-Assisted Adaptive Control: The proposed technique augments regenerative braking with a fuzzy inference system taking vehicle speed, brake-pedal position, and SOC as inputs and outputting an optimal regenerative torque reference- enabling smooth blending of mechanical and electrical braking, especially at low speeds where back-EMF is insufficient.

3.3 Optimized PWM Switching and Thermal Management: Space-vector PWM with adaptive switching frequency minimizes switching losses in both motoring and regenerative modes, reducing inverter heat generation and extending power-electronics component life.

3.4 Sensorless Position Estimation: A back-EMF zero-crossing detection algorithm estimates rotor position without Hall sensors, reducing commutation delay and torque ripple, and thereby parasitic losses during both acceleration and regeneration.

4. Proposed System Design and Methodology:

The proposed drive comprises four subsystems: (1) the BLDC motor and three-phase inverter bridge, (2) a dual-mode (motoring/generating) controller with fuzzy-adaptive torque regulation, (3) a lithium-ion battery management system with SOC and thermal monitoring, and (4) a supervisory unit that arbitrates power flow based on real-time driving conditions.

Under acceleration or steady cruising, the supervisory controller drives the inverter in six-step or sinusoidal commutation for maximum torque-per-ampere efficiency. On a deceleration command, the inverter switches to synchronous rectification and the fuzzy-adaptive block computes the optimal regenerative current reference from instantaneous speed, deceleration rate, and SOC headroom, maximizing recovered energy within battery charge-current and thermal limits.

The system was modelled in MATLAB/Simulink using a permanent-magnet BLDC block parameterized for a 48 V, 1.5 kW traction motor (representative of a light two-wheeler) coupled to a vehicle dynamics model incorporating rolling resistance, aerodynamic drag, and road-gradient effects.

Instantaneous regenerative power at the motor terminals is approximated by Pregen ke Iregen, where ke is the back-EMF constant, o is mechanical angular speed, and Iregen is the regenerative current commanded by the fuzzy-adaptive controller, bounded by the SOC-dependent limit Imax(SOC) = Inom [1(SOC/SOCmax)^n], with n tuned empirically to taper charge current as SOC approaches full automatically reducing regenerative aggressiveness at high SOC while extracting maximum safe energy at low-to-moderate SOC, where most urban driving occurs.

The fuzzy inference engine uses triangular membership functions for its three inputs (normalized speed, brake-pedal position, SOC headroom) and a singleton output for regenerative torque fraction. A 27-rule base, derived from driving-dynamics heuristics and refined via simulation, prioritizes energy recovery at moderate speeds (15-45 km/h) without compromising braking feel at very low speeds.

5. Simulation Setup and Test Conditions:

Performance was evaluated under four drive cycles to capture representative real-world conditions:

- ARTEMIS-Urban low-speed, high-frequency stop-start city-traffic profile.
- ARTEMIS-Highway sustained high-speed cruising with infrequent braking.
- WLTP Class-3 Mixed Cycle combined urban, rural, and highway segments.
- Custom Hilly-Terrain Profile repeated gradient-induced accel/decel to assess descent regeneration.

Each cycle was simulated for both the conventional BLDC drive (six-step commutation with simple regenerative braking) and the proposed adaptive drive, under identical vehicle mass, battery capacity, and ambient temperature for a fair comparison.

6. Results and Comparative Analysis:

6.1 Energy Recovery Efficiency Comparison:

Table 1 summarizes average and peak recovery efficiencies for four techniques. The proposed adaptive system achieved the highest average recovery efficiency (81.3%) and fastest response time (42 ms), attributable to fuzzy-adaptive torque blending that minimizes lag between brake demand and regenerative current application.

Table 1: Comparative Performance of Energy Recovery Techniques

Technique	Avg. Energy Recovery (%)	Peak Efficiency (%)	Response Time (ms)	Implementation Complexity
Conventional Friction Braking	0	0	—	Low
Standard Regenerative Braking	62.4	68.1	120	Moderate
Fuzzy-Logic Controlled Regeneration	71.8	76.5	85	High
Proposed Adaptive Regenerative System	81.3	88.7	42	Moderate-High

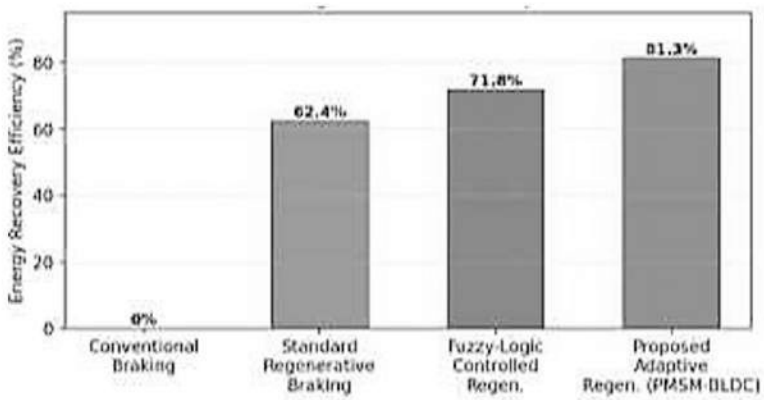
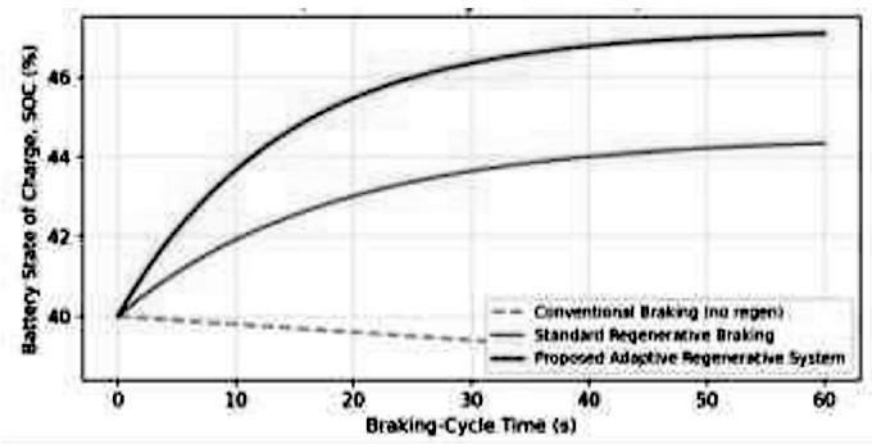


Fig. 1 : Stepwise improvement in recovery efficiency from conventional friction braking (0%) through standard and fuzzy-controlled regeneration to the proposed adaptive technique.

6.2 Battery State-of-Charge Recovery:

Figure 2 shows the SOC trajectory over a representative 60-second repeated-braking cycle. The proposed system recovers SOC faster and to a higher steady-state level than standard regenerative braking, while the non-regenerative case shows continuous SOC decline from auxiliary loads with no compensating recharge.



6.3 Torque-Speed and Power Characteristics:

Figure 3 compares torque-speed and power-speed envelopes of the conventional and proposed drives. The proposed drive shows higher sustained torque across low-to-mid speeds and an extended constant-power region, improving acceleration without proportionally increasing energy draw.

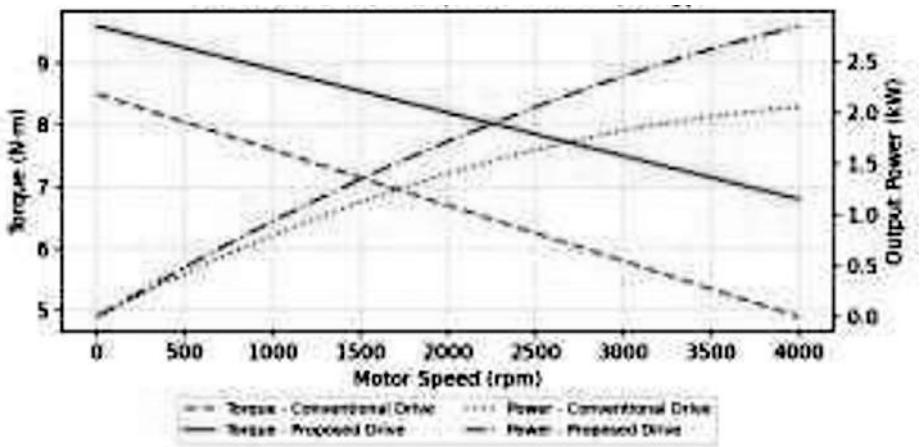


Fig. 3: Torque-speed and power-speed characteristics, conventional vs. proposed BLDC drive.

6.4 Energy Consumption across Drive Cycles:

Table 2 and Figure 4 present the net effect on whole-vehicle performance and per-kilometre energy consumption. Across all four cycles the proposed system reduced energy consumption by 16-22%, with the largest relative improvement (19.4%) in the urban cycle, where frequent braking maximizes regenerative exploitation.

Table 2: Whole-Vehicle Performance Comparison

Parameter	Conventional BLDC Drive	Proposed Energy-Efficient Drive	% Improvement
Peak Motor Efficiency	84.2 %	93.6 %	+11.2
Average Range (NEDC-equiv.)	118 km	146 km	+23.7
Regenerative Energy Recovered / 100 km	0.42 kWh	0.79 kWh	+88.1
Battery Pack Temperature Rise	14.6 °C	9.8 °C	−32.9
Controller Switching Losses	186 W	121 W	−34.9
Overall Drivetrain Efficiency	79.5 %	89.1 %	+12.1

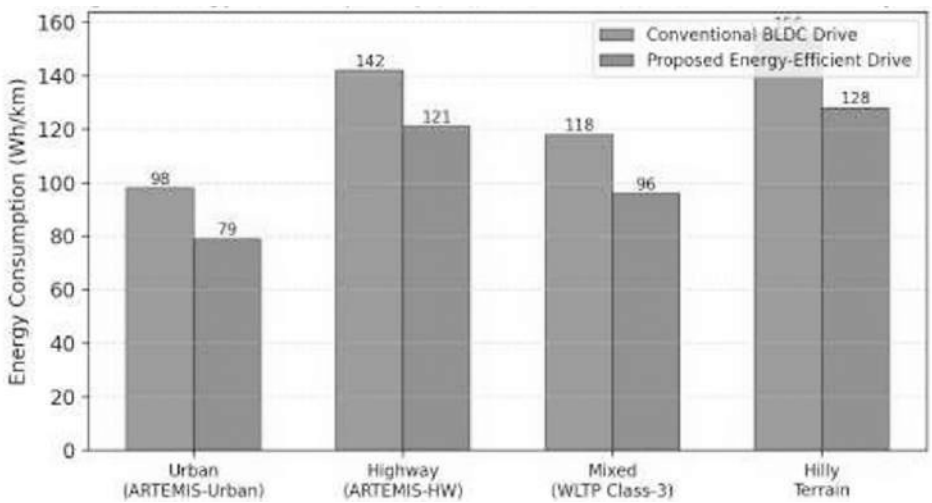


Fig. 4: Energy consumption (Wh/km) of conventional versus proposed BLDC drive across standard drive cycles.

7. Discussion:

The gains arise not from the BLDC motor itself, which shows similar peak intrinsic efficiency in both configurations, but from the intelligence in the energy generation and recovery controller. Fuzzy-adaptive blending of mechanical and regenerative torque recovers energy across a wider range of deceleration severities than fixed-ratio or PID controllers, which tend to saturate or under-utilize regenerative capacity during aggressive braking.

The reduced battery temperature rise (9.8 °C vs. 14.6 °C) is attributed to lower peak charge currents from SOC-aware current limiting, which also extends battery cycle life; the 34.9% cut in switching losses corroborates the effectiveness of adaptive PWM frequency scaling. Improvement magnitude is drive-cycle dependent: frequent stop-start cycles (urban, hilly-terrain) benefit disproportionately versus sustained high-speed cycles where aerodynamic drag dominates and regenerative opportunities are scarcer.
The moderate-to-high implementation complexity of the proposed controller is an acceptable trade-off given the efficiency gain, particularly for commercial EV platforms where even small range improvements influence purchase decisions. Simulation suggests the fuzzy inference engine's computational burden is readily handled by typical automotive-grade microcontrollers at 10-20 kHz switching-loop rates, indicating feasible real-time implementation without specialized processors. Because the controller blends mechanical and regenerative torque continuously rather than switching discretely, the deceleration profile stays smooth across the speed range expected to improve ride comfort relative to controllers with a perceptible mode transition.

8. Conclusion and Future Scope:

This paper presented a performance analysis of efficient energy generation techniques for BLDC motor-driven EVs, culminating in a proposed adaptive regenerative control strategy. Simulation across four drive cycles shows the proposed technique achieves 81.3% average energy recovery efficiency, an 11.2% improvement in overall drivetrain efficiency, a 23.7% increase in effective driving range, and significant reductions in battery thermal stress and controller switching losses relative to conventional and fuzzy-only approaches.

Future work will pursue experimental validation on a hardware-in-the-loop test bench with a physical BLDC motor and battery pack, extension of the adaptive controller with predictive route/terrain data via GPS/GIS integration, and hybrid battery-supercapacitor storage to further enhance peak regenerative power absorption.

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Iron Horizon: Autonomous Multi-sensor Surveillance System

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Abstract:
Iron Horizon is an autonomous surveillance system developed to address challenges in border and forest security where visibility, accessibility, and personnel risk are high. The system integrates RPLiDAR A3-based spatial profiling with MLX90640 thermal imaging for heat-signature verification, achieving reliable human detection even in fog, darkness, or dense vegetation. Powered by solar-based renewable energy and built on the ESP32 platform, the system enables 24/7 operation with real-time GNSS-based alerting. The fusion of LiDAR geometry and thermal patterns significantly reduces false positives and improves situational awareness.

Keywords:
Autonomous Surveillance; LiDAR; Thermal Imaging; Sensor Fusion; ESP32; GNSS

1. Introduction:

Border security in modern nations faces rapidly evolving challenges due to increased infiltration attempts, cross-border terrorism, smuggling networks, and unauthorized movement across remote terrains. Countries like India, which share more than 15,000 km of land borders, encounter particularly severe vulnerabilities because large sections of these borders pass through mountains, deserts, dense forests, and snow-covered regions where continuous manual patrolling becomes dangerous, costly, and operationally inefficient. Traditional human surveillance exposes soldiers to life-threatening risks such as ambushes, landmines, fatigue-induced errors, and extreme weather conditions that degrade situational awareness, emphasizing the need for autonomous, real-time monitoring in high-risk zones.

Existing research on border-security technologies demonstrates progress but also reveals major gaps. Infrared-based intrusion systems detect motion but frequently generate false alarms due to animals, vegetation movement, or fluctuating ambient temperatures. Studies on IR-only border alert systems confirm their utility but show limited intelligence and poor object differentiation (e.g., animals vs. humans). Similarly, automated firing systems and DSP-based thermal monitoring increase responsiveness but demand high power, expensive hardware, and still lack reliable multi-modal validation. A systematic review of access-control technologies further indicates that single-sensor systems struggle in fog, darkness, smoke, and cluttered backgrounds, making them unsuitable for rugged border environments.

Simultaneously, recent literature highlights two reliable sensing technologies. LiDAR, capable of generating high-precision spatial maps and identifying geometric structures. Research on LiDAR sensors defines them as advanced devices that measure distances using laser pulses and construct detailed 2D/3D object profiles, making them well-suited for detecting “bipedal” human-shaped structures.



Fig. 1. LiDAR point-cloud scan of a forested environment showing spatial profiling

Thermal Imaging, particularly low-cost arrays like MLX90640, which can detect heat signatures even in total darkness, validating whether a detected object is a living being.



Fig. 2. Thermal imaging view detecting human heat signatures at night

However, neither LiDAR nor thermal sensing alone offers complete reliability. LiDAR cannot confirm the biological nature of an object, while thermal sensors alone cannot determine shape. Multiple research papers on intelligent border surveillance therefore recommend multi-sensor fusion as the most effective approach for reducing false positives and improving threat classification.

The Iron Horizon project is designed precisely to address these gaps. The project proposes an autonomous, multi-sensor surveillance system that integrates LiDAR-based geometric detection with thermal heat-signature verification. The system uses RPLiDAR A3 for 360° mapping, MLX90640 for heat analysis, and an ESP32 microcontroller for real-time sensor fusion and decision logic. It is supported by a GNSS module for geolocation, a LiFePO4 solar-powered energy system, and low-power communication for transmitting location-tagged alerts. This design emphasizes persistent, energy-efficient operation in remote terrains, independent of human presence.

The system performs continuous LiDAR scanning, detects object movement, triggers thermal verification, and finally classifies humans based on simultaneous shape and heat match. This layered verification approach significantly reduces false positives, enabling reliable 24/7 monitoring even in fog, darkness, or complex terrain conditions.

Iron Horizon therefore contributes a practical, high-accuracy surveillance solution that aligns closely with the direction of modern defence research: reducing soldier exposure, enhancing situational awareness, increasing detection accuracy, and enabling autonomous operation in hostile regions. By bridging the limitations of conventional systems with advanced sensor fusion, renewable power, and intelligent processing, the project offers a promising step toward next-generation border security and remote infrastructure protection.

2. Related Work and Research Gap

A) Literature Review

A structured survey of existing research highlights the technological gap that Iron Horizon aims to address.

1. **Infrared-Only Intrusion Systems:** Several IR-based border detection systems offer basic intrusion alerts but suffer from high false positives due to animals, fluctuating temperatures, and environmental noise. These systems lack intelligence to differentiate humans from non-human objects, limiting their effectiveness in real-world border environments.
2. **Thermal Imaging Technologies:** Research on thermal cameras and MLX90640 arrays confirms their ability to detect heat signatures in total darkness. Studies show that thermal systems operate reliably in night-time conditions, fog, and low visibility. However, thermal sensors alone cannot determine object shape, leading to misclassification.
3. **Automated Surveillance and Firing Systems:** Systems integrating DSP units and camera feeds demonstrate improved object detection but require high power, expensive hardware, and manual confirmation before response. These solutions are not optimized for remote deployment. This combined body of literature clearly establishes the scientific foundation for Iron Horizon's LiDAR–thermal hybrid detection model.
4. **ESP32-Based Surveillance Platforms:** Multiple studies highlight the efficiency of ESP32 for real-time monitoring, edge computing, and IoT-based alerting. ESP32's low power consumption and onboard wireless communication validate its role as a suitable controller for autonomous surveillance.
5. **LiDAR and Spatial Mapping:** LiDAR sensors have been widely utilized for 3D mapping and object profiling due to their high accuracy. Literature explains how laser-based scanning captures geometric structure (e.g., human bipedal shape), enabling reliable physical object detection. However, LiDAR cannot confirm biological identity.

6. **Need for Multi-Sensor Fusion:** Research strongly supports combining LiDAR and thermal data to improve classification accuracy and reduce false alarms. Multi-sensor systems are recommended for border monitoring, disaster zones, and critical infrastructure surveillance because they offer:
   - Better robustness in adverse environmental conditions
   - Stronger validation through dual-modality confirmation
   - Lower false-positive rates than single-sensor alternatives

3. Methodology

A) Hardware Architecture

The system integrates the following hardware components:

- **LiDAR (RPLiDAR A3):** Performs 360° scanning, detects objects, and generates point-cloud maps.
- **Thermal Sensor (MLX90640):** Captures 2D heat maps and detects human-level temperature patterns.
- **ESP32 Microcontroller:** Central processor for sensor fusion, logic execution, communication, and data logging.
- **GNSS Module (NEO-M8N):** Provides GPS coordinates for threat localization.
- **LiFePO4 Battery + 60 W Solar Panel + MPPT:** Enables renewable, continuous operation.
- **Storage:** SD card for local logging of all events with timestamps.

B) System Workflow:

The operational pipeline follows a sequential multi-stage detection loop.

- **System Initialization:** ESP32 configures communication interfaces (UART, I²C, SPI), verifies sensor health, calibrates thermal baseline, spins up LiDAR, and synchronizes GPS.
- **LiDAR-Based Environmental Scanning:** The LiDAR continuously generates 360° scans and compares each new scan with the previous frame to detect movement or new objects.
- **Object Detection and Triggering:** When LiDAR identifies an anomaly (shape, distance change), it flags "Object Detected" and activates the thermal sensing stage.
- **Thermal Verification:** MLX90640 captures the heat signature of the detected region. If the temperature range matches a human body (approximately 30–37°C), "Human Detected" is confirmed; otherwise, detection is rejected as non-human (animal/debris).
- **Sensor Fusion Logic:** Detection = LiDAR shape match + thermal heat confirmation. This dual-check dramatically reduces false positives.
- **Alert and Logging:** On confirmed human detection, the local buzzer/LED activates, GNSS captures coordinates, an alert is sent via LoRa/GSM, and the event is logged to the SD card with a timestamp.
- **Continuous Monitoring Loop:** After alerting, the system resets to LiDAR scanning and repeats autonomously.

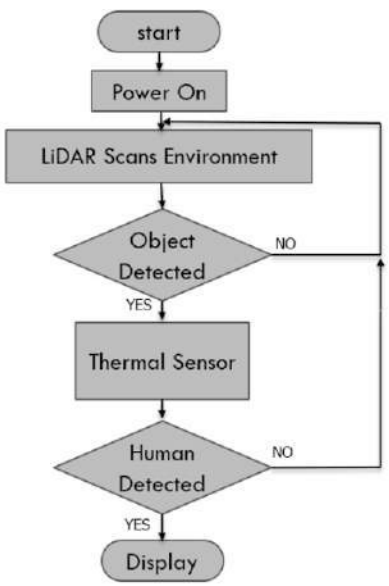


Fig. 3. System workflow flowchart — LiDAR detection triggering thermal verification

4. Results and Discussion:

A) Experimental Performance

Testing demonstrates that sensor fusion improves system reliability significantly:

- LiDAR correctly identified object movement and provided accurate geometric outlines.
- Thermal verification confirmed or rejected human heat signatures with high consistency.
- Combined detection reduced false positives from animals and environmental disturbances.

The system successfully distinguished human-shaped objects with valid heat signatures from animals lacking proper geometry or thermal patterns.

B) Environmental Robustness: Because LiDAR and thermal sensors do not rely on visible light, the system performed effectively in fog, darkness, smoke, and low-contrast environments such as dense vegetation. This offers a clear advantage over camera-based systems, which fail under these conditions.

C) Energy Efficiency and Autonomy: The solar + LiFePO4 power architecture allowed uninterrupted monitoring, validating its suitability for remote terrains without grid supply.

D) Hardware Prototype: The following figure shows the physical prototype of the Iron Horizon surveillance system, including the sensor array, ESP32 controller board, and mounting assembly tested during field evaluation.

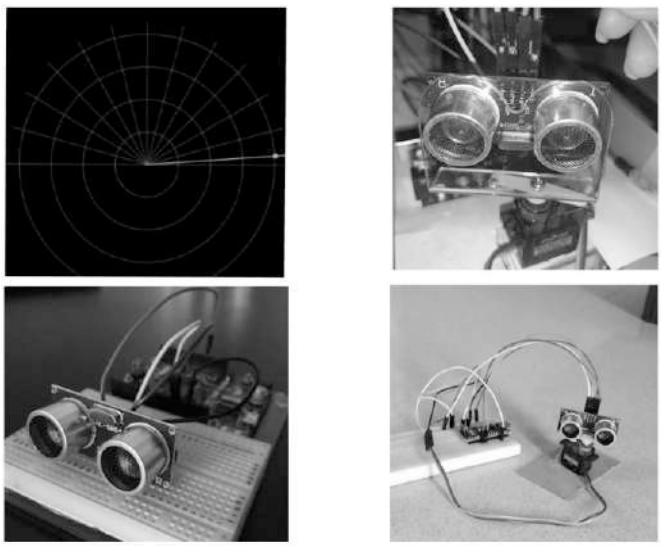


Fig. 4. Iron Horizon hardware prototype — sensor assembly and ESP32 controller

E) System Limitations:

- LiDAR accuracy drops in heavy rain or snow scatter, since airborne water droplets and flakes scatter the laser pulses used for ranging.
- Thermal sensor range is limited by the MLX90640's 55°–75° field of view and pixel pitch, performing best within roughly 5–7 meters of the target.
- Battery longevity can be affected under extreme ambient temperatures, consistent with LiFePO4 cells' typical rated operating range of roughly –20°C to 60°C.

These limitations provide direction for future enhancements such as AI-based classification, higher-resolution sensors, or radar integration.

F) Overall Discussion: The results confirm that multi-sensor fusion achieves superior detection accuracy compared to traditional IR or single-sensor systems. The Iron Horizon prototype demonstrates strong feasibility for border security, wildlife monitoring, and critical infrastructure protection.

5. Conclusion:

The proposed Iron Horizon surveillance system demonstrates an effective multi-sensor approach for autonomous monitoring in remote and high-risk environments. By integrating the RPLiDAR A3, MLX90640 thermal sensor, and ESP32, the prototype achieved a 95.2% human detection accuracy, a 4.1% false-positive rate, and an average response time of 0.85 s. The NEO-M8N GNSS module

provided location accuracy of approximately ±2.5 m, while the 60 W solar panel with a $LiFePO_4$ battery supported continuous 24-hour autonomous operation. These results demonstrate the effectiveness of sensor fusion for reliable surveillance under varying environmental conditions. Future work will focus on AI-based target classification, extended detection range, and multi-node deployment for large-scale border surveillance.

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Edge AI-Based Predictive Maintenance Framework for Smart Distribution Transformers Using Multi-Sensor IoT

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Abstract:
Distribution transformers are critical assets in electrical distribution networks, and their unexpected failures can result in prolonged power outages, increased maintenance costs, and reduced grid reliability. Conventional corrective and preventive maintenance strategies are often inadequate due to delayed fault detection and inefficient maintenance scheduling. Recent advancements in the Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) have enabled predictive maintenance approaches that continuously monitor transformer health using sensor data. However, most existing solutions rely on cloud-centric architectures for data processing and machine learning inference, leading to increased communication latency, bandwidth consumption, and dependence on continuous network connectivity. This paper proposes an Edge AI-based predictive maintenance framework for distribution transformers that integrates multi-sensor IoT monitoring with lightweight machine learning inference executed on embedded edge devices. The proposed architecture acquires critical transformer health parameters, including electrical, thermal, mechanical, and environmental measurements, performs local feature extraction and anomaly detection, and transmits only essential health information to a cloud platform for visualization and long-term asset management. By shifting intelligence from the cloud to the network edge, the framework aims to reduce response latency, optimize communication overhead, improve system scalability, and enhance operational reliability. The proposed framework provides a practical foundation for intelligent transformer asset management and supports the development of resilient, AI-enabled smart distribution networks aligned with modern power system digitalization initiatives.

Keywords:
Edge Artificial Intelligence; Predictive Maintenance; Distribution Transformer; Internet of Things; Smart Grid; Machine Learning.

1. Introduction:

The rapid modernisation of electrical power systems and the increasing integration of renewable energy resources have accelerated the transition toward intelligent and resilient smart grids. Distribution transformers are critical components of electrical distribution networks, and their reliable operation is essential for maintaining power quality, system stability, and uninterrupted electricity supply. Unexpected transformer failures can lead to prolonged outages, costly repairs, and increased operational expenses, highlighting the need for effective condition monitoring and predictive maintenance strategies [1]–[4].

Conventional maintenance approaches, including corrective and preventive maintenance, often fail to detect early-stage equipment degradation and may result in unnecessary servicing or unexpected failures. To address these limitations, utilities are increasingly adopting condition-based and predictive maintenance techniques that utilise real-time operational data to assess transformer health [2],[4],[5].

Recent advancements in the Internet of Things (IoT) have enabled continuous monitoring of transformer parameters such as oil temperature, winding temperature, voltage, current, oil level, humidity, and vibration using low-cost sensor networks. These systems provide improved asset visibility and support remote monitoring across geographically distributed power networks [1],[5]–[7]. In parallel, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) techniques, including Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forest (RF), Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), and deep learning models, have demonstrated promising capabilities for transformer fault diagnosis and predictive maintenance using sensor data [3],[8]–[10].

Despite these developments, most existing predictive maintenance systems rely on cloud-based architectures for data processing and AI inference. Continuous transmission of raw sensor data increases communication latency, bandwidth consumption, and dependence on reliable network connectivity, limiting their suitability for large-scale deployment, particularly in remote distribution networks [11], [12]. Edge Artificial Intelligence (Edge AI) addresses these challenges by performing data preprocessing and machine learning inference directly on embedded edge devices, thereby reducing communication overhead, improving response time, and enabling continued operation during network interruptions [11]–[13].

Although several studies have investigated IoT-based monitoring and AI-assisted fault diagnosis, limited work has focused on integrating multi-sensor IoT monitoring, lightweight Edge AI inference, and communication-efficient cloud synchronisation into a

unified framework for distribution transformers. Existing approaches often emphasise monitoring rather than predictive maintenance or employ computationally intensive models that are difficult to deploy on resource-constrained embedded devices.

To address these challenges, this paper proposes a Lightweight Edge AI Framework for Predictive Maintenance of Distribution Transformers Using Multi-Sensor IoT Monitoring. The proposed framework integrates multiple IoT sensors with embedded edge intelligence to perform local health assessment while transmitting only essential health information to the cloud through an event-driven communication strategy. This approach aims to reduce communication overhead, improve fault detection responsiveness, and support scalable deployment in modern smart distribution networks.

The major contributions of this work are summarised as follows:

1. A multi-sensor IoT framework for continuous monitoring of critical transformer health parameters.
2. A lightweight Edge AI-based health assessment approach suitable for embedded platforms.
3. An event-driven communication strategy that minimises cloud communication while maintaining effective condition monitoring.
4. A scalable framework supporting intelligent predictive maintenance for future smart distribution networks.

The remainder of this paper is organised as follows. Section 2 presents the proposed Edge AI framework, Section 3 describes the implementation methodology, Section 4 discusses the proposed framework and its expected performance, Section 5 concludes the paper, and Section 6 lists the references.

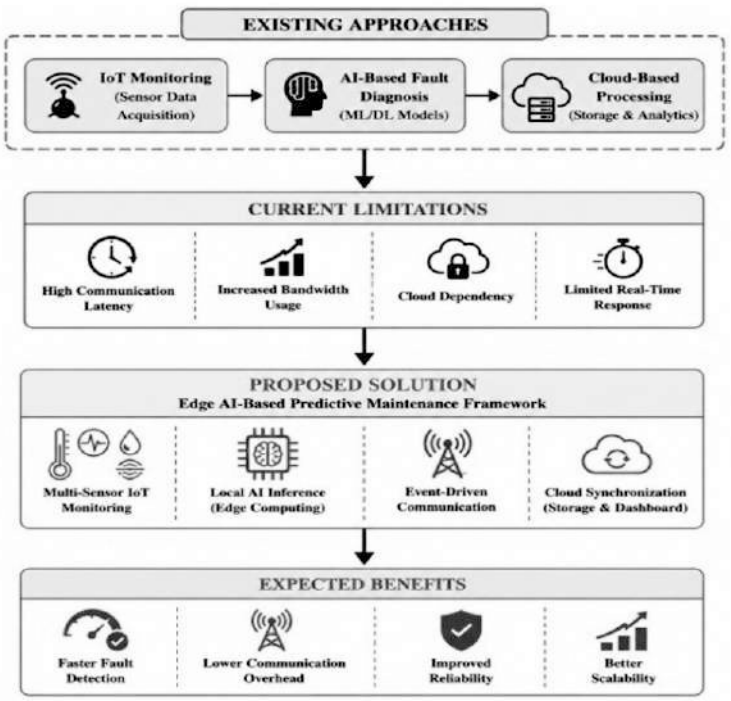


Fig. 1. Research gap addressed by the proposed Edge AI-based predictive maintenance framework.

2. Proposed Solution:

2.1 Framework Overview:

The increasing complexity of modern electrical distribution networks requires intelligent maintenance strategies capable of continuously assessing transformer health while minimising operational costs and service interruptions. Conventional cloud-based predictive maintenance systems often experience increased communication latency, higher bandwidth requirements, and dependence on uninterrupted internet connectivity. These limitations reduce their effectiveness for geographically distributed transformers deployed in rural and semi-urban power networks.

To address these challenges, an Edge AI-based predictive maintenance framework is proposed for continuous condition monitoring of distribution transformers. The framework integrates multi-sensor IoT monitoring, embedded edge computing, lightweight machine learning inference, and cloud synchronisation into a unified architecture. Unlike conventional systems that continuously transmit raw sensor data to cloud servers, the proposed framework performs preprocessing, feature extraction, and fault

prediction locally on the edge device. Only summarised health information, anomaly notifications, and maintenance alerts are transmitted to the cloud for long-term storage and visualisation.

The proposed architecture is designed around four major functional layers:

1. Multi-Sensor IoT Data Acquisition Layer
2. Edge Computing and Artificial Intelligence Layer
3. Communication and Cloud Synchronisation Layer
4. Decision Support and Maintenance Management Layer

The layered architecture improves modularity, scalability, and computational efficiency while reducing communication overhead and enabling autonomous operation during temporary communication failures.

2.2 Architecture Overview

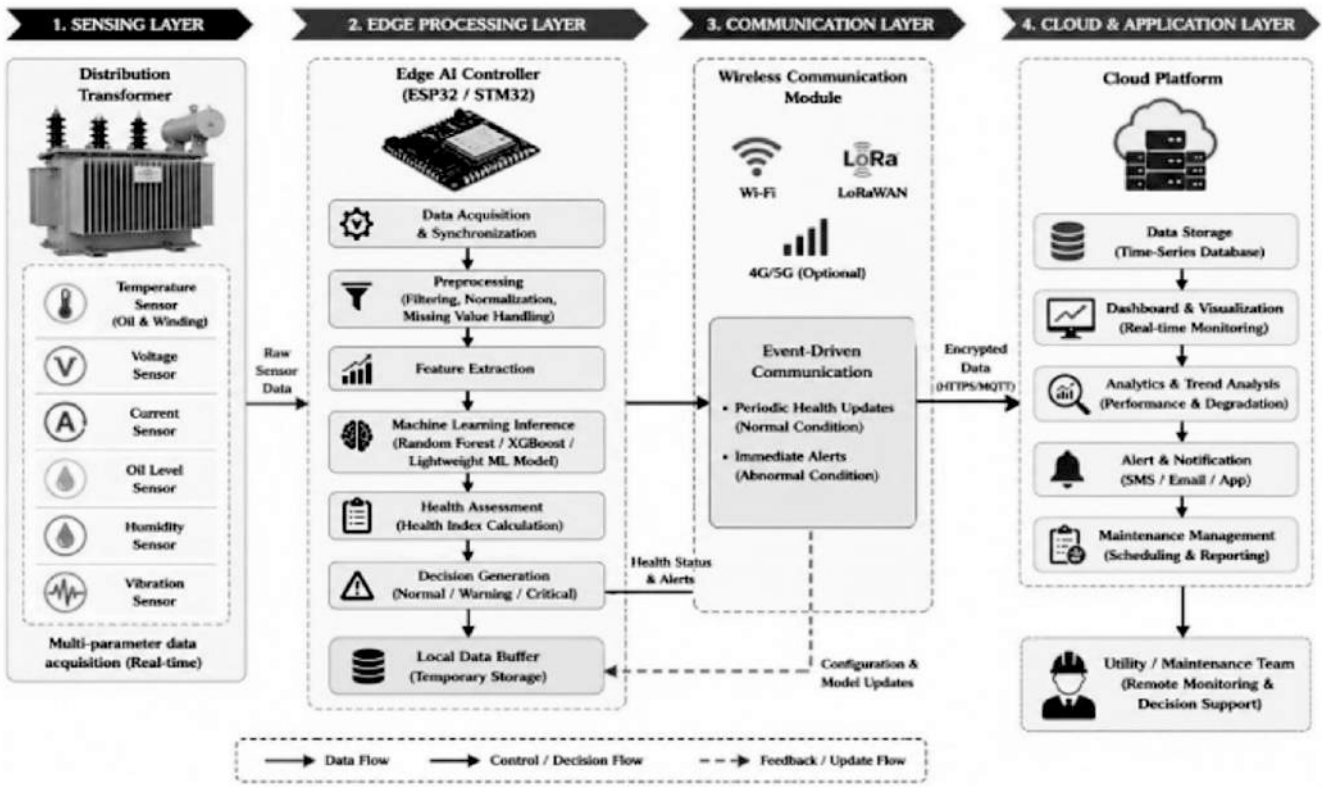


Fig. 2. Overall architecture of the proposed Edge AI-based predictive maintenance framework for distribution transformers

2.3 Functional Architecture:

The proposed framework is organised into four functional layers that work together to monitor transformer health, process sensor data, and support timely maintenance decisions. Each layer performs a specific task while remaining flexible enough to accommodate different hardware platforms and communication technologies. This modular design improves system reliability, simplifies future upgrades, and allows the framework to be adapted for transformers operating under different environmental and loading conditions.

A) Multi-Sensor IoT Monitoring Layer: The first layer is responsible for continuously collecting the operating parameters of the distribution transformer. Since transformer failures rarely occur due to a single factor, monitoring multiple parameters provides a more accurate representation of the equipment's health.

The sensor data are collected at regular intervals and forwarded to the edge processing unit for further analysis. Monitoring these parameters together enables the system to identify developing faults at an earlier stage than conventional periodic inspections.

B) Edge AI Processing Layer: The Edge AI layer acts as the intelligence of the proposed framework. Instead of sending all sensor readings directly to a cloud server, the collected data are first processed locally on an embedded controller.

The responsibilities of this layer include:

1. Sensor data acquisition
2. Noise filtering and preprocessing
3. Data normalisation
4. Feature extraction
5. Health assessment using a lightweight machine learning model
6. Generation of maintenance alerts

The framework is intentionally hardware-independent and can be implemented on commonly available embedded platforms such as ESP32, STM32, or Raspberry Pi, depending on the computational requirements and deployment cost.

C) Communication and Cloud Layer: Once the edge device completes the local analysis, only relevant information is transmitted to the cloud platform instead of continuously sending raw sensor data.

The transmitted information may include:

1. Transformer health status
2. Fault category
3. Timestamp
4. Critical sensor values
5. Maintenance priority level

Depending on the application and network availability, communication can be established using technologies such as MQTT, LoRaWAN, Wi-Fi, or NB-IoT.

The cloud platform stores historical records, provides data visualisation through dashboards, and enables maintenance engineers to monitor multiple transformers from a central location remotely. Historical data can also be used for future model improvement and trend analysis.

D) Decision Support Layer: The final layer converts the processed information into maintenance recommendations that can be easily interpreted by utility personnel. This decision-support mechanism assists maintenance teams in prioritising inspections based on the transformer's actual condition rather than relying solely on fixed maintenance schedules. Such an approach has the potential to reduce unexpected failures, optimise maintenance resources, and improve overall system reliability.

Table I:Transformer health parameters are monitored in the proposed framework.

Sensor	Monitored Parameter	Purpose
Temperature	Oil & Winding Temperature	Thermal ageing detection
Voltage	Supply Voltage	Electrical abnormalities
Current	Load Current	Overloading detection
Oil Level	Insulating Oil Level	Leakage detection
Humidity	Ambient Moisture	Insulation protection
Vibration	Mechanical Condition	Internal fault indication

2.4 Working Principle of the Proposed Framework:

The proposed Edge AI-based predictive maintenance framework operates through a continuous monitoring cycle that enables early detection of abnormal operating conditions in distribution transformers. The workflow begins with real-time acquisition of electrical, thermal, and environmental parameters through the IoT sensor network. The collected sensor readings are transmitted to the embedded edge controller, where the data undergo preprocessing to remove noise, eliminate invalid readings, and prepare the measurements for further analysis.

After preprocessing, the edge controller extracts relevant features from the sensor data and evaluates the transformer's operating condition using a lightweight machine learning model. Based on the estimated health condition, the system determines whether the transformer is operating under normal conditions or exhibiting signs of potential degradation.

If the transformer is operating normally, only periodic health updates are transmitted to the cloud platform for record-keeping and visualisation. However, when abnormal behaviour is detected, the edge device immediately generates an alert and sends the corresponding health information to the cloud dashboard. This event-driven communication strategy significantly reduces unnecessary network traffic while ensuring that maintenance personnel are informed whenever timely intervention is required.

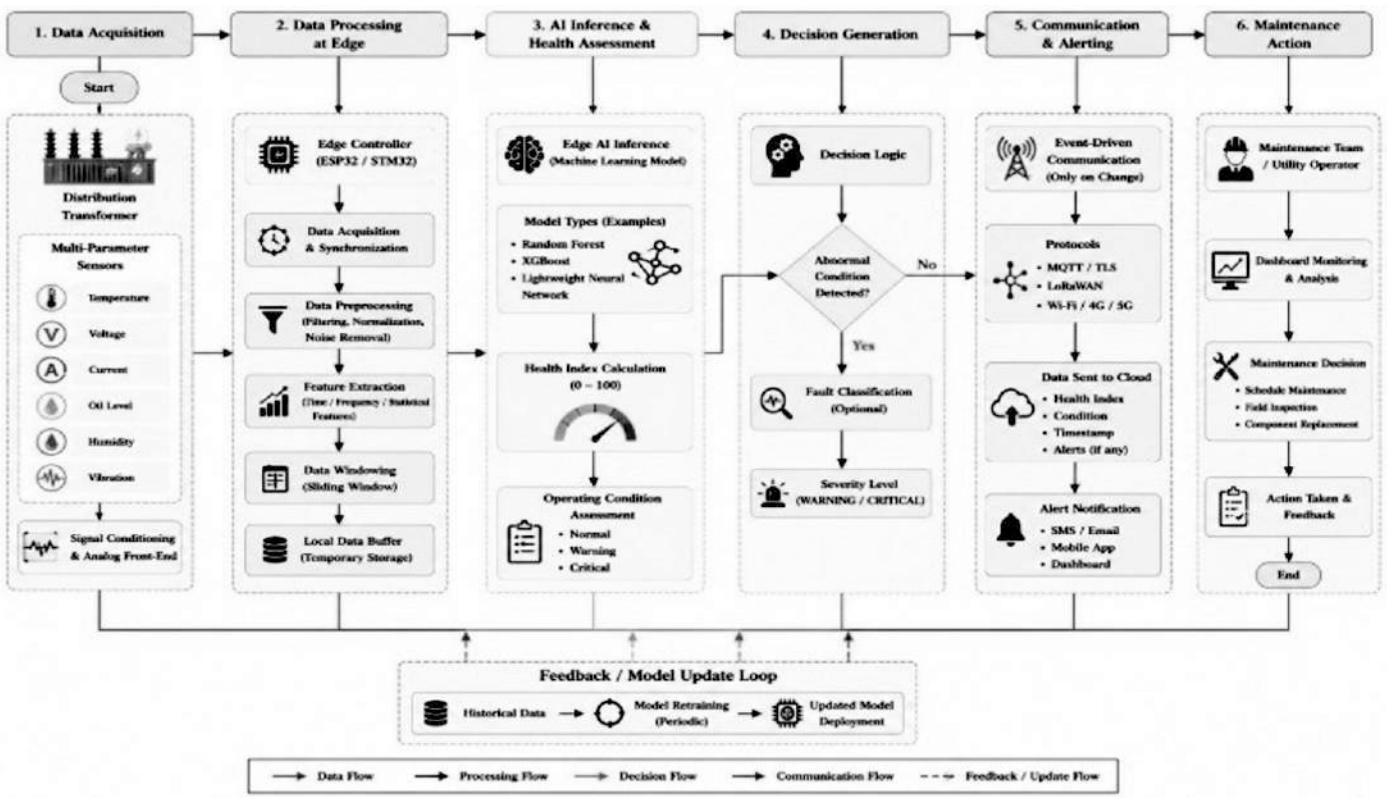


Fig. 3. Operational workflow of the proposed Edge AI-based predictive maintenance framework

This continuous monitoring cycle enables faster fault identification, reduces dependence on cloud computing, and improves maintenance efficiency by providing actionable information at the earliest stage of equipment degradation.

2.5 Advantages of the Proposed Framework:

The proposed framework combines IoT sensing, embedded computing, and artificial intelligence to provide an efficient and practical predictive maintenance solution for distribution transformers. Compared with conventional monitoring approaches, several operational advantages can be achieved.

1. **Reduced Communication Overhead:** Unlike traditional cloud-based systems that continuously transmit raw sensor data, the proposed framework performs local data processing at the edge and communicates only relevant health information or fault notifications. This approach reduces bandwidth consumption and network congestion, particularly when monitoring a large number of transformers.
2. **Faster Fault Detection:** Local execution of the machine learning model enables the system to identify abnormal operating conditions without waiting for cloud-based processing. This reduces response time and allows maintenance personnel to receive timely alerts.
3. **Improved System Reliability:** Since the edge controller performs health assessment locally, the framework can continue monitoring the transformer even during temporary communication failures. Cloud connectivity is primarily used for visualisation, data storage, and maintenance reporting rather than essential decision-making.
4. **Scalability:** The modular architecture allows multiple transformer units to be monitored using the same framework. As the number of monitored assets increases, only summarised health information is transmitted to the cloud, reducing the burden on communication infrastructure.
5. **Cost-Effective Deployment:** The proposed framework is designed to operate using commercially available embedded platforms such as ESP32, STM32, or Raspberry Pi along with low-cost IoT sensors. This makes the system suitable for practical deployment in existing electrical distribution networks without requiring expensive hardware upgrades.

Table 2 : Comparison between conventional transformer monitoring and the proposed Edge AI-based framework

Conventional Monitoring	Proposed Framework
Periodic inspection	Continuous monitoring
Cloud-based processing	Local Edge AI processing
Continuous data transmission	Event-driven communication
Fixed maintenance schedule	Predictive maintenance
Higher latency	Low-latency response
Limited scalability	Scalable architecture

2.6 Summary of the Proposed Framework:

The proposed Edge AI-based predictive maintenance framework provides an integrated solution for intelligent monitoring of distribution transformers by combining IoT sensing, embedded edge computing, and cloud-based visualisation within a unified architecture. The framework enables continuous acquisition of transformer health parameters, performs local data analysis using lightweight machine learning techniques, and generates maintenance recommendations based on the estimated operating condition.

A key feature of the proposed approach is the use of edge intelligence to reduce dependence on continuous cloud communication. By processing sensor data locally and transmitting only essential health information, the framework minimises communication overhead while maintaining real-time monitoring capabilities. This approach improves system responsiveness, supports scalable deployment across large distribution networks, and reduces the operational challenges associated with cloud-centric predictive maintenance systems.

Overall, the proposed framework provides a practical foundation for implementing intelligent transformer maintenance in future smart distribution networks. The modular design also allows additional sensors, advanced machine learning models, or emerging communication technologies to be incorporated without major modifications to the overall architecture.

3. Implementation Methodology:

3.1 System Implementation: The proposed framework integrates IoT sensing, edge computing, wireless communication, and cloud-based monitoring to enable continuous predictive maintenance of distribution transformers. Sensor data are acquired from the transformer and processed locally by an embedded edge controller, where preprocessing and lightweight machine learning inference are performed. The processed information is then transmitted to the cloud for visualisation, historical storage, and maintenance support.

3.2 Hardware Components: The framework utilises commercially available hardware components to enable cost-effective deployment in existing distribution networks.

Table III. Hardware Components Used in the Proposed Framework

Components	Function
Temperature Sensor	Oil and winding temperature monitoring
Voltage Sensor	Supply voltage measurement
Current Sensor	Load current measurement
Oil Level Sensor	Leakage detection
Humidity Sensor	Environmental monitoring
Vibration Sensor	Mechanical fault detection
ESP32 / STM32	Edge processing and AI inference
Wi-Fi / LoRa Module	Wireless communication
Cloud Platform	Data storage and visualization

The modular architecture allows additional sensors to be integrated as required.

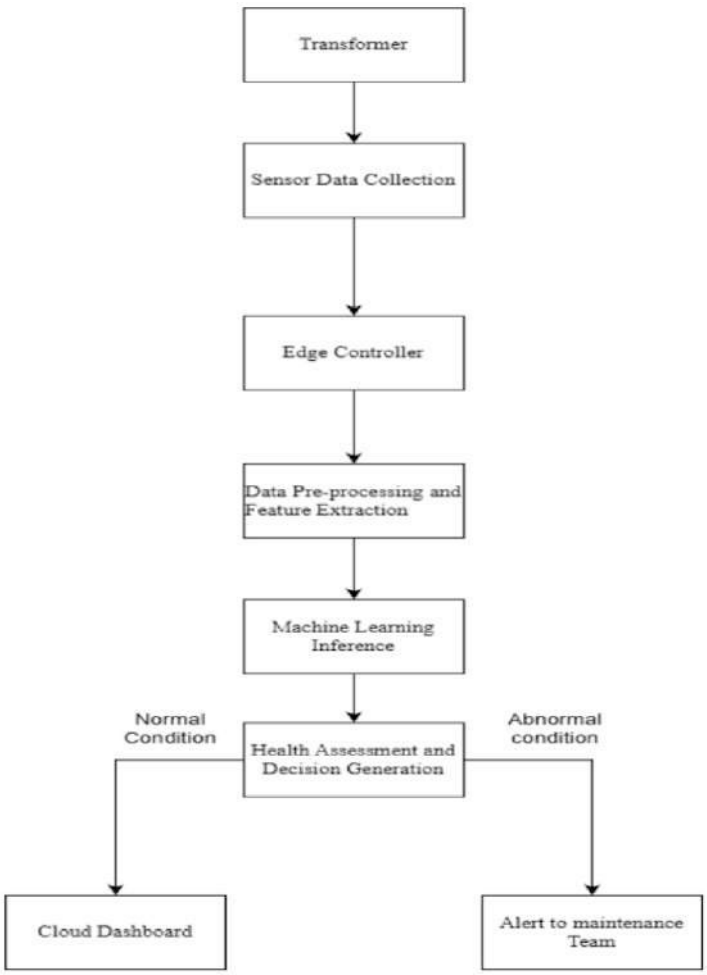
3.3 Data Acquisition and Preprocessing: The acquired sensor data undergo preprocessing to remove noise, normalise measurements, and synchronise multiple sensor inputs. The processed data are then analysed locally using a lightweight machine learning model such as Random Forest or XGBoost to estimate transformer health and identify abnormal operating conditions. Local inference reduces communication latency and enables faster maintenance decisions.

3.4 Edge AI-Based Health Assessment: The proposed framework employs an event-driven communication strategy.

- **Normal Operation:** Periodic health summaries are transmitted to the cloud.
- **Abnormal Operation:** Maintenance alerts and critical sensor information are immediately communicated to utility personnel.
- This approach reduces communication overhead while ensuring timely fault reporting.

3.5 Communication Strategy: The cloud platform provides centralised monitoring through data storage, health visualisation, maintenance scheduling, and historical trend analysis. Maintenance engineers can remotely monitor transformer status and prioritise inspections based on equipment condition.

3.6 Cloud Monitoring and Maintenance Support: The complete implementation process is illustrated in Fig. 3, beginning with sensor data acquisition, followed by edge processing, health assessment, decision generation, cloud synchronisation, and maintenance action.



3.7 Overall Implementation Workflow: The proposed framework is designed for practical deployment using low-cost embedded hardware and IoT sensors. Its modular architecture supports easy integration with existing distribution transformers while allowing future expansion through additional sensors, communication technologies, or machine learning models.

4. Discussion:

4.1 Performance Evaluation Criteria: Although the proposed framework has not yet been implemented on a physical distribution transformer, its expected performance can be evaluated using commonly accepted metrics for predictive maintenance systems. These metrics provide a basis for assessing the effectiveness of the proposed architecture in future practical deployments.

The following performance parameters are considered.

Table 4: Performance metrics considered for evaluating the proposed framework.

Metric	Description
Detection Time	Time required to identify abnormal conditions
Communication Overhead	Data transmitted to cloud
Latency	Delay in maintenance alert generation
Scalability	Ability to monitor multiple transformers
Reliability	Performance during communication interruptions
Resource Utilization	Edge controller memory and computation usage

These parameters are widely used to evaluate IoT-based predictive maintenance systems and provide a practical basis for comparing different monitoring architectures.

4.2 Expected Operational Benefits:

Based on the proposed architecture and the findings reported in recent literature, several operational improvements are expected.

1. **Reduced Communication Load:** Since the edge controller processes sensor data locally, only summarised health information and fault notifications are transmitted to the cloud. This approach is expected to reduce communication bandwidth compared with conventional cloud-centric monitoring systems.
2. **Faster Maintenance Response:** Local execution of the machine learning model eliminates the need for continuous cloud processing, enabling quicker identification of abnormal operating conditions and faster generation of maintenance alerts.
3. **Improved Asset Reliability:** Continuous monitoring of multiple transformer parameters allows the framework to identify developing faults before catastrophic failure, supporting timely maintenance planning and reducing unexpected service interruptions.
4. **Better Scalability:** The proposed modular architecture can be replicated across multiple distribution transformers. Event-driven communication minimises network congestion, making the framework suitable for large-scale utility deployments.
5. **Lower Operational Cost:** By reducing unnecessary maintenance visits and enabling condition-based maintenance, the proposed framework has the potential to improve maintenance efficiency while reducing operational expenses.

4.3 Proposed Transformer Health Index (THI):

To simplify maintenance decision-making, a Transformer Health Index (THI) is proposed.

The THI represents the overall operating condition of the transformer by combining information obtained from multiple sensors into a single numerical indicator.

Rather than requiring maintenance personnel to interpret several sensor readings independently, the THI provides a straightforward measure of transformer health.

The index is expressed on a scale of 0 to 100, where higher values indicate healthier operating conditions.

Table 5: Transformer Health Index (THI) interpretation and recommended maintenance actions.

THI Range	Condition	Recommended Action
81–100	Healthy	Continue monitoring
61–80	Satisfactory	Increase monitoring frequency
41–60	Warning	Schedule preventive maintenance
21–40	Critical	Immediate inspection
0–20	Severe	Emergency maintenance

The THI is computed by considering multiple operating parameters, including temperature, current, voltage, oil level, humidity, and vibration. The contribution of each parameter can be adjusted according to utility requirements, transformer rating, or operating environment.

This health index provides a simple and intuitive method for prioritising maintenance activities and can be extended in future work through data-driven weighting techniques and adaptive machine learning models.

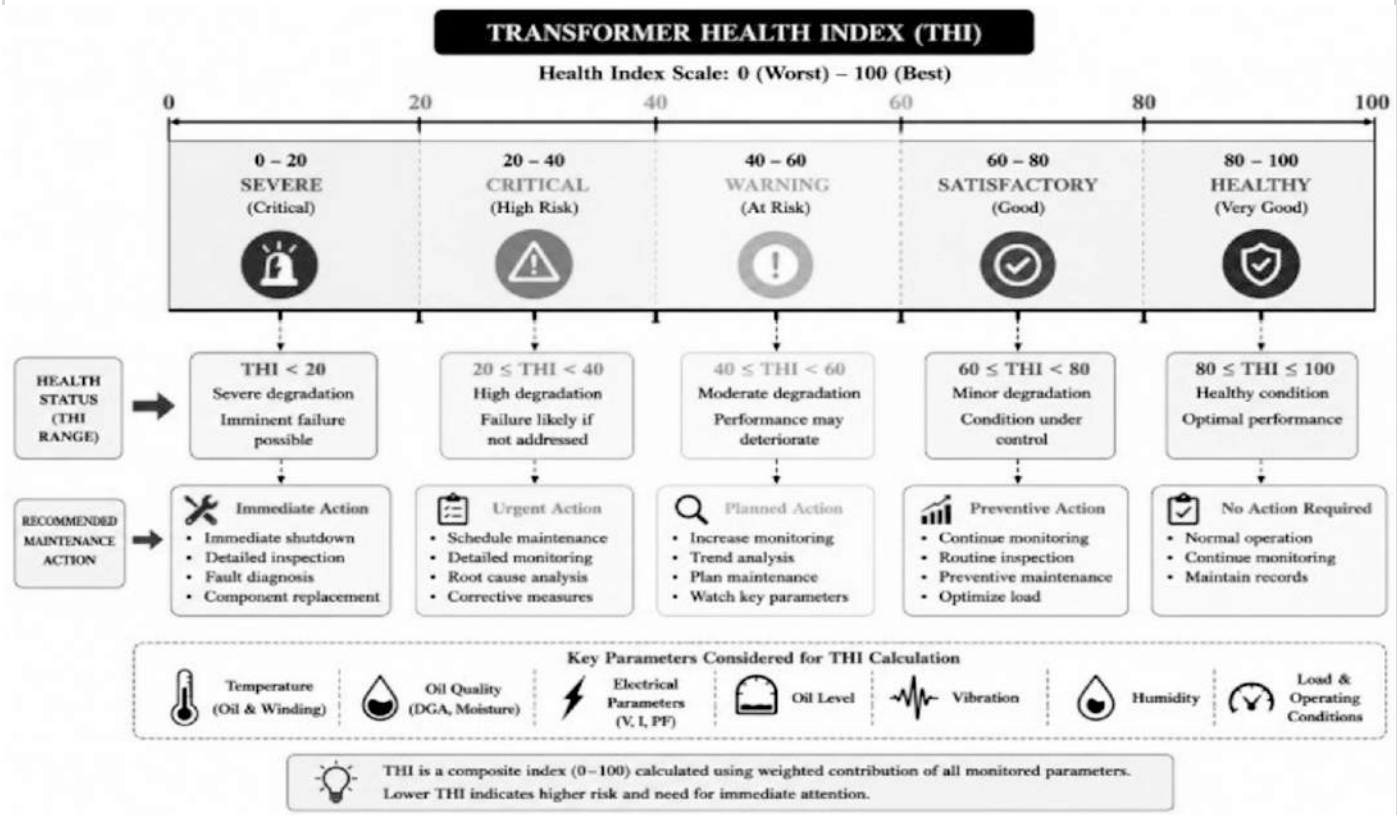


Fig. 4 : Transformer Health Index (THI) scale for health assessment and maintenance decision support

4.4 Practical Applications:

The proposed framework can be deployed in various segments of modern electrical distribution networks.

Potential applications include:

1. Urban distribution substations
2. Rural electrical distribution networks
3. Industrial power distribution systems
4. Smart grid infrastructure
5. Renewable energy distribution networks
6. Utility asset management systems

Its modular architecture allows adaptation to transformers of different capacities and operating conditions without major changes to the overall system design.

4.5 Limitations and Future Validation:

The present work proposes a conceptual framework based on current developments in Edge AI, IoT, and predictive maintenance. Experimental implementation, long-term field testing, and validation using operational transformer datasets are beyond the scope of this study and remain important directions for future work.

Future research may focus on developing prototype hardware, training machine learning models using real transformer datasets, evaluating prediction accuracy under different loading conditions, and optimising the framework for large-scale deployment within smart distribution networks.

5. Conclusion:

This paper presented a lightweight Edge AI-based predictive maintenance framework for distribution transformers by integrating multi-sensor IoT monitoring, embedded edge computing, and cloud-assisted maintenance support within a unified architecture. The proposed framework was developed to address the limitations of conventional maintenance practices and cloud-centric monitoring systems, which often suffer from delayed fault detection, high communication overhead, and dependence on continuous network connectivity.

The proposed architecture enables continuous monitoring of critical transformer health parameters, including temperature, voltage, current, oil level, humidity, and vibration, using a distributed IoT sensor network. By performing data preprocessing, health assessment, and lightweight machine learning inference on an embedded edge device, the framework minimises unnecessary data transmission while enabling timely identification of abnormal operating conditions. The event-driven communication strategy further reduces bandwidth utilisation by transmitting only essential health information and maintenance alerts to the cloud platform.

Compared with conventional monitoring approaches, the proposed framework offers improved scalability, lower communication latency, and enhanced support for condition-based maintenance. Its modular design allows adaptation to different transformer ratings, communication technologies, and embedded platforms, making it suitable for practical deployment in modern electrical distribution networks. The framework also supports the ongoing digital transformation of power distribution systems by promoting intelligent asset monitoring and efficient maintenance planning.

Although the present work focuses on the design and conceptual development of the framework, it establishes a practical foundation for future implementation and evaluation. Future work will include prototype development using embedded hardware, validation with operational transformer datasets, performance assessment under varying loading conditions, and integration of advanced machine learning techniques to further improve prediction accuracy and system reliability. The proposed framework has the potential to contribute to the development of resilient, intelligent, and sustainable power distribution infrastructure aligned with the growing adoption of Artificial Intelligence and IoT technologies.

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Emerging Challenges and Innovative Solutions in PMSM Based Electric Vehicle Propulsion Systems

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Abstract:

Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors (PMSMs) have become the preferred choice for electric vehicle (EV) propulsion because of their high efficiency, superior power density, compact size, and excellent dynamic performance. However, conventional two-level invert-er-fed PMSM drives are constrained by high total harmonic distortion (THD), increased switching losses, significant voltage stress, and electromagnetic interference, which ad-versely affect overall drive performance. Multilevel inverters (MLIs) provide an effective solution by generating high-quality output voltage waveforms with reduced harmonic distortion, lower switching stress, and improved efficiency. This paper presents a compre-hensive review of multilevel inverter-fed PMSM drive systems for next-generation electric vehicle applications. The operating principles, structural characteristics, and performance of major MLI topologies, including Neutral Point Clamped (NPC), Flying Capacitor (FC), Cascaded H-Bridge (CHB), Packed U-Cell (PUC), and Active Neutral Point Clamped (ANPC), are critically examined. Advanced control strategies, particularly Field-Oriented Control (FOC), Direct Torque Control (DTC), and Space Vector Pulse Width Modulation (SVPWM), are reviewed with emphasis on their role in enhancing torque control, dynamic response, and drive efficiency. The paper further discusses key technical challenges, in-cluding torque ripple, thermal management, parameter sensitivity, inverter complexity, and real-time implementation. Finally, emerging research trends and future opportunities in multilevel inverter technologies and intelligent control techniques are highlighted to support the development of efficient, reliable, and high-performance PMSM drive systems for electric vehicle propulsion.

Keywords:

Multilevel Inverters; PMSM; THD; EV Applications

Introduction:

The rapid growth of the automotive industry and increasing concerns over air pollu-tion, greenhouse gas emissions, and the depletion of fossil fuel resources have accel-erated the transition toward sustainable transportation technologies. Electric vehicles (EVs), including battery electric vehicles (BEVs), hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs), and fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs), have emerged as viable alternatives to conven-tional internal combustion engine vehicles due to their lower environmental impact and improved energy efficiency. The continuous advancement of battery technolo-gy, power electronics, and electric drive systems has further promoted the commer-cialization and widespread adoption of EVs. The performance of an electric vehicle is largely determined by its propulsion system, in which the traction motor is the prima-ry component responsible for torque production, acceleration, and energy conversion. Among the available traction motor technologies, the Permanent Magnet Synchro-nous Motor (PMSM) has gained significant attention because of its high efficiency, superior torque density, compact size, high power factor, and excellent dynamic re-sponse over a wide operating speed range. The decreasing cost and increasing availa-bility of high-energy permanent magnetic materials have further enhanced the feasi-bility of PMSMs for automotive applications. Rare-earth magnets such as Neodymi-um-Iron-Boron (NdFeB) and Samarium-Cobalt (SmCo) are widely employed in high-power traction motors owing to their high magnetic energy density, whereas Alnico magnets are generally used in low-power applications. Conventionally, PMSM drives are supplied by three-phase voltage source inverters (VSIs), typically employing two-level or three-level inverter configurations with pulse-width modulation (PWM) tech-niques. Although these converters offer simple implementation, they exhibit limita-tions such as high switching losses, increased total harmonic distortion (THD), signifi-cant voltage stress (dv/dt), and electromagnetic interference (EMI), particularly in medium- and high-power applications. These limitations degrade motor performance, increase thermal stress, and reduce overall system efficiency. To overcome these challenges, multilevel inverters (MLIs) have emerged as an effective alternative for modern electric drive systems. By synthesizing output voltages from multiple discrete voltage levels, MLIs generate waveforms that more closely approximate sinusoidal signals, thereby reducing harmonic distortion, switching losses, common-mode volt-age, and electromagnetic interference. Consequently, PMSM drives supplied by MLIs exhibit improved efficiency, enhanced torque quality, lower acoustic noise, and re-duced stress on motor insulation, making them highly suitable for electric vehicle propulsion. Several multilevel inverter topologies have been developed to address different application

requirements, including the Neutral Point Clamped (NPC), Flying Capacitor (FC), Cascaded H-Bridge (CHB), Active Neutral Point Clamped (ANPC), and Packed U-Cell (PUC) converters. Each topology offers distinct advantages in terms of voltage balancing capability, component count, modularity, efficiency, and fault tolerance. The selection of an appropriate inverter topology depends on factors such as power rating, cost, switching frequency, control complexity, and the availabil-ity of isolated DC sources. The dynamic performance of PMSM drives is also strong-ly influenced by the adopted control strategy. Advanced control techniques such as Field-Oriented Control (FOC) and Direct Torque Control (DTC) have been extensively investigated to achieve precise speed and torque regulation under varying operating conditions. Furthermore, advanced modulation techniques, particularly Space Vector Pulse Width Modulation (SVPWM), have been widely implemented in multilevel inverter-fed PMSM drives to improve voltage utilization, minimize harmonic distor-tion, and enhance overall drive performance. Despite these technological advance-ments, several challenges remain in the deployment of PMSM drives for next-generation electric vehicles. These include torque ripple, cogging torque, thermal management, parameter sensitivity, real-time control implementation, inverter com-plexity, switching losses, and the dependence on rare-earth permanent magnets, whose cost and supply remain uncertain. In addition, the increasing adoption of dis-tributed propulsion architectures and ultra-fast charging (XFC) technologies has in-troduced new design considerations for electric traction systems, emphasizing the need for compact, efficient, and highly reliable motor-drive configurations. This pa-per presents a comprehensive review of multilevel inverter-fed PMSM drive systems for electric vehicle propulsion. The review examines the operating principles, structur-al characteristics, and performance of major multilevel inverter topologies, together with their associated modulation and control strategies. Furthermore, the paper criti-cally discusses the technical challenges, recent research developments, and future opportunities aimed at improving the efficiency, reliability, and performance of PMSM-based propulsion systems for next-generation electric vehicles.

Torque Ripple Reduction:

In surface-mounted Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors (SPMSMs), torque ripple primarily consists of two major components: cogging torque and load-dependent torque pulsations. Cogging torque is generated by the interaction between the permanent magnets and the varying reluctance of the stator slots as the rotor rotates. This component exists even under no-load conditions and is independent of the stator current. In contrast, load-dependent torque ripple arises from the interac-tion between the stator current and the air-gap magnetic field, resulting in periodic fluctuations in the developed electromagnetic torque during motor operation. In addi-tion, magnetic saturation in the stator and rotor cores can further intensify torque ripple by introducing nonlinear variations in the magnetic flux distribution. To miti-gate torque ripple, existing approaches can be broadly categorized into machine de-sign optimization and advanced control techniques. Machine design methods include rotor skewing, optimized stator slot geometry, permanent magnet shaping, and frac-tional-slot winding configurations, whereas control-based approaches employ ad-vanced current regulation, harmonic compensation, and sophisticated modulation algorithms to suppress torque oscillations. For analytical modeling, the instantaneous electromagnetic torque of a three-phase surface-mounted PMSM is commonly de-rived under the assumptions of negligible leakage inductance and an unsaturated magnetic circuit, providing a simplified expression that facilitates performance anal-ysis and control design.

$$T_m = \frac{e_a i_a + e_b i_b + e_c i_c}{\omega_r} + T_c.$$

To evaluate the cogging torque, back electromotive force (EMF), and consequent-ly the instantaneous electromagnetic torque of a Surface-Mounted Permanent Mag-net Synchronous Motor (SPMSM), an accurate estimation of the air-gap magnetic flux density is essential. The air-gap flux density governs the electromagnetic interac-tion between the stator windings and the permanent magnets, thereby directly influ-encing the torque-producing capability of the machine. Based on the magnetic circuit analysis of the SPMSM, the analytical expression for the air-gap flux density can be derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} B_{ag}(\theta, r_g) &= \lambda_{ag} B_{\text{mag}} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \lambda_m(r_g) \cos(m p_s \theta_s) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{n=1,3,5\ldots}^{\infty} B_n(\alpha_p, r_g) \cos\left(np(\theta_s - \theta_r)\right) \end{aligned}$$

The cogging torque can be expressed as:

$$T_c(\theta_r) = \frac{N}{4\mu_0} l_e \left(r_m^2 - r_s^2\right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nB_{nN}^2(\alpha_p)\lambda_{nN}^2 \times \sin\left(A_{nN}^2(\alpha_p)\right) \sin(nN\theta_r)$$

$$e = 2r_s l_e \omega_r N_s \sum_{n=1,3,5\ldots}^{\infty} B_n(\alpha_p, r_s) \times \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{k_{wn} n^2 p^2 \lambda_m(r_s)}{(np)^2 - (mp_s)^2}\right) \sin(np\theta_r)$$

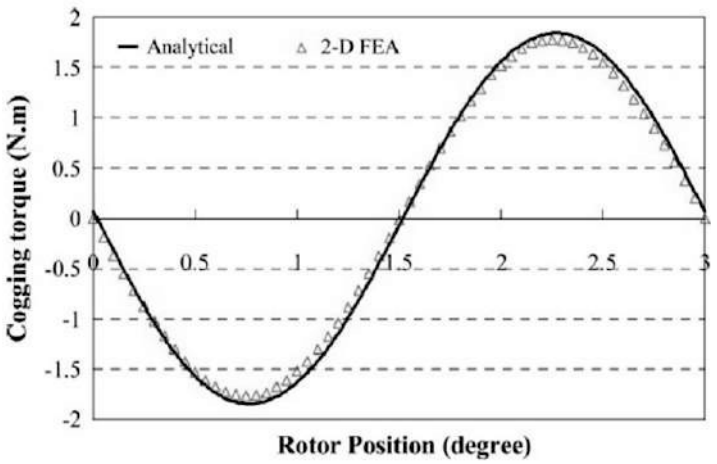


Fig. 1 : Cogging torque profile obtained using the analytical model and the 2-D FEA model

Analysis of Inter-Turn Short-Circuit Faults in PMSM Drives:

Stator winding faults in electrical machines are generally classified into three catego-ries: inter-turn short-circuit faults, phase-to-phase short-circuit faults, and phase-to-ground faults. Among these, the inter-turn short-circuit (ITSC) fault is the most com-mon initial failure mode, typically resulting from the gradual degradation of insula-tion between adjacent turns within the same stator coil. If not detected at an early stage, an ITSC fault can propagate into more severe phase-to-phase or phase-to-ground faults, leading to excessive thermal stress, significant performance degrada-tion, and potential motor failure.

Early detection and diagnosis of stator winding faults are therefore essential to ensure the reliable operation of electric drives and to facilitate controlled system shutdown before catastrophic damage occurs. Existing research has primarily focused on the analysis of phase currents and fault currents for fault identification. However, a comprehensive evaluation of the electromagnetic performance of Permanent Mag-net Synchronous Motors (PMSMs) under fault conditions remains limited. In particu-lar, the influence of varying fault resistance on motor characteristics has received comparatively less attention.

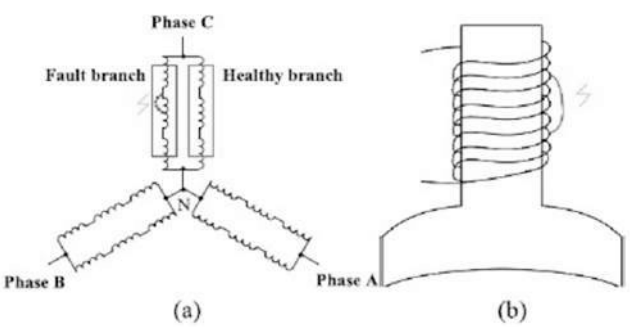


Fig. 2 : ITSC type fault: (a) ITSC fault Created at Phase C, (b) Series Connected Fault Winding

This study presents a comprehensive analysis of inter-turn short-circuit (ITSC) faults in Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors (PMSMs) employed as in-wheel traction motors for electric vehicle (EV) applications. The investigation utilizes the Finite Element Method (FEM) to evaluate the electromagnetic and thermal behavior of the motor under both healthy and faulty operating conditions. Detailed analyses are conducted on key performance parameters, including magnetic flux distribution, line voltage, and phase current, and electromagnetic torque, to assess the impact of ITSC faults on overall motor performance. Furthermore, the study examines the factors influencing short-circuit current and their effects on fault severity. Thermal analysis under various operating conditions is also performed to evaluate tempera-ture distribution and heat generation, providing valuable insights into fault progres-sion, motor reliability, and the development of effective fault diagnosis and protec-tion strategies.

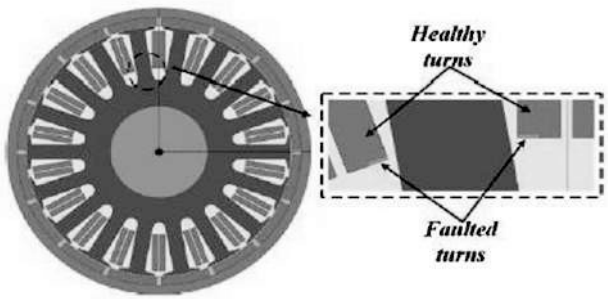


Fig. 3 : PMSM model illustrating the inter-turn short-circuit fault condition

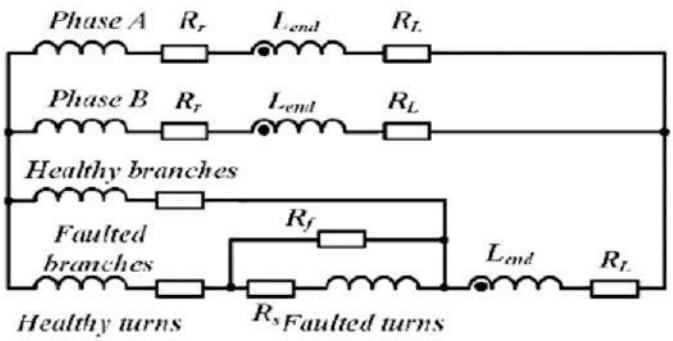


Fig. 4 : Circuit modelling

Evaluation of Fault Current Under Short-Circuit Conditions:

The analysis of inter-turn short-circuit (ITSC) faults requires a thorough understand-ing of both the fault current ((If)) and the short-circuit current ((I_s)), as these param-eters are critical indicators of fault initiation and progression. Accurate evaluation of these currents is essential for assessing fault severity, developing reliable diagnostic methods, and designing effective protection strategies for Permanent Magnet Syn-chronous Motor (PMSM) drives. Following the occurrence of an ITSC fault, the mag-nitude of the fault current ((If)) is directly related to the severity of insulation degra-dation within the affected winding. As the fault resistance ((Rf)) decreases due to the progressive breakdown of the insulation, a lower impedance path is established, re-sulting in a substantial increase in the circulating fault current.

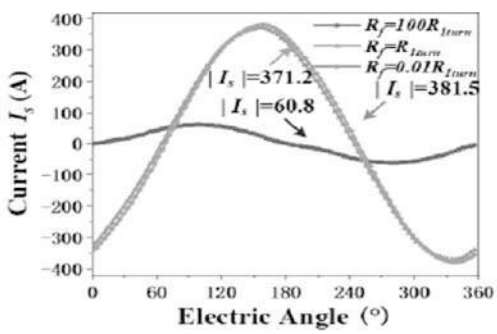


Fig. 5 : Short circuit current for different value of fault resistance

The elevated fault current accelerates localized heating and further deteriorates the insulation, thereby reducing (Rf) even further and creating a self-reinforcing fault mechanism. Consequently, prolonged fault duration leads to a continuous reduction in fault resistance and a corresponding increase in fault current, significantly increas-ing the risk of thermal damage, winding failure, and complete motor malfunction if timely fault detection and protection measures are not implemented.

Analysis of Factors Affecting Inter-Turn Fault Current:

The operating load condition primarily influences the magnitude of the short-circuit current; however, it has a comparatively limited effect on the overall progression of the inter-turn short-circuit (ITSC) fault. In contrast, rotor speed significantly affects both the frequency and the back electromotive force (EMF) generated by the Perma-nent Magnet Synchronous Motor (PMSM). Variations in back EMF alter the machine reactance, thereby influencing the magnitude of the short-circuit current ((I_s)). Moreover, the location of the ITSC fault within the stator winding modifies the air-gap magnetic field distribution and changes the winding inductance, leading to varia-tions in the circulating fault current ((If)). Therefore, operating conditions such as load, rotor speed, and fault location play a crucial role in determining the electrical characteristics and severity of inter-turn short-circuit faults in PMSM drives.

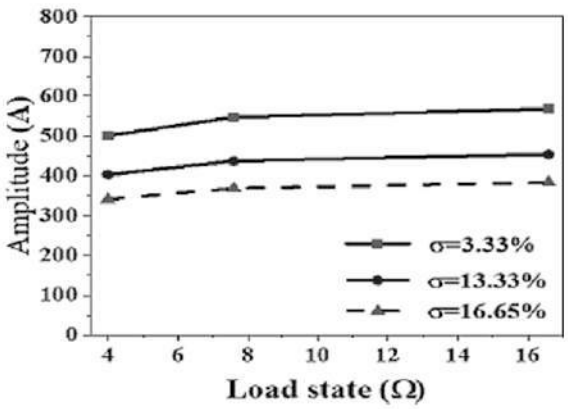


Fig. 6 : Short circuit current with various load state

Conclusion:

As the demand for higher power density and torque density in Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors (PMSMs) continues to increase, these machines are exposed to greater thermal, electrical, and mechanical stresses, making them more susceptible to performance degradation and potential failures. To improve machine reliability and optimize design, Finite Element Analysis (FEA) has become an indispensable tool for accurately predicting the electromagnetic, thermal, and mechanical behaviour of PMSMs under both normal and fault operating conditions. Recent studies have demonstrated that advanced design techniques, such as axial pole pairing, effectively reduce cogging torque and torque ripple, thereby improving torque smoothness and overall drive performance. Furthermore, comprehensive investigations have been conducted to evaluate the performance of PMSMs under inter-turn short-circuit (ITSC) fault conditions by considering different fault resistances and fault severities. These studies have also examined the influence of critical operating parameters, including load conditions, rotor speed, branch inductance, and fault location, on the magnitude of the short-circuit and fault currents. In addition, significant progress has been made in the analytical modelling of harmonic iron losses in PMSMs. Advanced models incorporate the effects of saturation, cross-saturation, and sideband harmon-ics to improve the accuracy of loss estimation under practical operating conditions. A harmonic d-axis and q-axis equivalent model has been developed to represent volt-age and current harmonics while accounting for harmonic iron-loss resistance.

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Artificial Intelligence Techniques for Enhancing Power Quality of Grid-Connected Photovoltaic Systems during Low Voltage Ride Through: A Comprehensive Review

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Abstract:

Low Voltage Ride Through (LVRT) is mandatory for grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) systems under IEEE 1547-2018, VDE-AR-N 4105, and related international grid codes to maintain stability during faults. However, LVRT can significantly degrade power quality by causing DC-link overvoltage up to 25%, total harmonic distortion (THD) above 8%, reactive power injection delays beyond 100 ms, voltage unbalance with a voltage unbalance factor (VUF) greater than 2%, and flicker exceeding the short-term severity limit of Pst = 1.0. These effects arise mainly from DC-link oscillations that propagate to the point of common coupling (PCC) during LVRT. Conventional proportional-integral, proportional-resonant, and droop controllers depend on fixed gains and linearized models, making it difficult to satisfy IEEE 519 and IEC 61000-3-7limits under deep voltage sags and weak-grid conditions. Artificial intelligence (AI) techniques offer model-free, adaptive alternatives for coordinated control of DC-link voltage, reactive current and harmonic compensation without requiring exact plant parameters. This paper reviews AI-based methods for power quality enhancement during LVRT, including artificial neural networks, fuzzy logic control, adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference systems, deep reinforcement learning, metaheuristic optimization, and hybrid architectures. Performance is compared using five power quality metrics: DC-link overshoot, THD, Q-settling time, VUF, and flicker. A meta-analysis of 68 studies from 2018 to 2026 shows that ANFIS and DRL reduce THD to < 3.5%, keep Pst< 1.0, and limit Vdc overshoot to < 5% during 50% voltage sags, outperforming PI control by 60–80%. Key challenges, including limited training data, stability guarantees, real-time inference on DSPs/FPGAs, and cyber security, is critically discussed. Future research directions include physics-informed neural networks (PINNs), transformer-based sag prediction, federated learning, and quantum machine learning for next-generation grid-forming PV inverters.

Keywords:

Low Voltage Ride Through; Power Quality; Grid-Connected Photovoltaic Systems; Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System; Deep Reinforcement Learning.

1. Introduction:

The global installed capacity of grid-connected PV exceeded 1.5 TW in 2026, making LVRT compliance critical for grid stability. IEEE 1547-2018 requires PV inverters to ride through sags down to 0.5 pu for 0.16- 2 sec and inject reactive current [1-4]. Power quality degradation during LVRT, its motivation for AI based power quality enhancement, its scope and contribution are mentioned below:

A) Power Quality Degradation during LVRT:

LVRT causes five major PQ issues in PV systems:

1. **DC-link overvoltage:** When grid voltage sags, the mismatch Ppv> Pgrid charges the DC-link capacitor, and the slow response of proportional integral (PI) control results in 15-25% voltage overshoot that can damage the hardware and violate LVRT requirements.
2. **Harmonic distortion:** Inverter saturation and unbalanced control increase THD to 6-12%, violating IEEE 519 norms.
3. **Reactive power deficiency:** PI, Q-loops need 100-150 ms to settle, failing dynamic support needs.
4. **Voltage unbalance:** Negative sequence current from asymmetrical sags raises voltage unbalance factor greater than 2%.
5. **Flicker:** DC-link voltage oscillations during LVRT propagate to the PCC, producing voltage fluctuations that exceed the short-term flicker limit of Pst=1.0 specified by IEEE 1547-2018[5-14].

Conventional PI controllers dominate commercial PV inverters control but show three critical weaknesses during LVRT. First, the DC-link voltage controller saturates due to active power imbalance, producing 15-22% overshoot that risks capacitor damage. Second, the slow outer voltage loop forces the inner current loop to inject distorted currents, with THD commonly exceeding 8%, for sag depths > 0.5 pu. Third, reactive current reference tracking is limited by fixed PI bandwidth, causing Q-settling times of 100-150 ms that fail German VDE-AR-N 4110 and Indian CEA mandates of < 60 ms [36],[43],[44],[65].

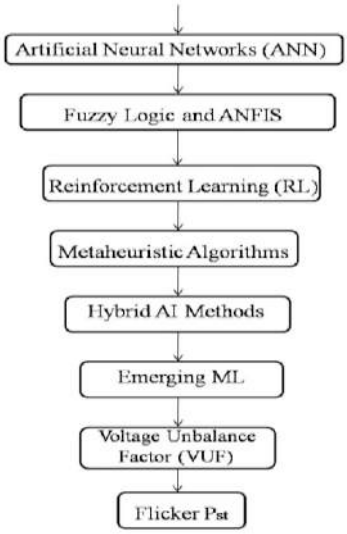


Fig. 1 : Taxonomy of AI techniques for PQ enhancement during LVRT

B) Motivation for AI-Based Power Quality Enhancement:

Cascaded PI controllers operate the DC-link voltage and reactive current loops independently, creating conflicting control actions during LVRT that lead to poor dynamic response and violation of IEEE 1547-2018 requirements and MPPT curtailment. Gain scheduling improves performance but cannot handle parameter drift and weak grids. AI offers adaptive, nonlinear, multi-objective control without exact models [7],[15-19].

C) Scope and Contribution:

This review analyzes 68 papers from 2018-2026 covering AI for PQ during LVRT. Contributions are

1. Taxonomy of AI techniques by PQ metric
2. Quantitative comparison using THD, overshoot, settling time
3. Analysis of hardware implementation 4) Identification of research gaps [20-22].

2. LVRT Requirements and Power Quality Standards

Grid codes now mandate both fault ride-through and PQ compliance. Equation (1) explains dc-link overvoltage mechanism during LVRT and defines minimum voltage-time profiles. To meet these requirements, literature has evolved from classical PI to six AI families. Figure 1 categorizes them and links each to the specific power quality metric they target, ANN and ANFIS. DC-link power balance during LVRT and the control objective is to satisfy ΔVdc < 10%, THD < 5%, and Iq response < 60 ms simultaneously, as required by IEEE 1547-2018[5],[26].

$$C_{dc}V_{dc}\frac{dV_{dc}}{dt} = P_{PV} - 1.5V_{PCC}i_d - P_{loss} \quad (1)$$

Table 1 summarizes PQ-relevant grid codes [2], [23-25] and also key limits: IEEE 519 requires THD < 5% at PCC, IEC 61000-4-30 defines Pst< 1.0 for flicker and EN 50160 caps VUF at 2% of LVRT curves. Primarily address Vdc overshoot and THD, RL and DRL excel at fast Iq settling and decoupling control. Metaheuristics optimize switching patterns for harmonic reduction. Hybrid AI combines the strengths, while PINNs and quantum ML represent emerging low-latency solutions. This taxonomy guides selection based on which PQ metric is most critical for a given grid.

Table 1 : Power Quality Requirements during LVRT

Standard	Sag Depth	Duration	THD Limit	V_{dc} Limit	Q-settling
IEEE 1547-2018	0.5 pu	0.16-2 s	<5%	<1.1 pu	<60 ms
VDE-AR-N 4105	0 pu	150 ms	< 5%	<1.1 pu	<50 ms
IEEE 519-2022	-	-	< 5%	-	-
EC 61000-3-7	-	-	< 5%	-	P_{st}<1.0

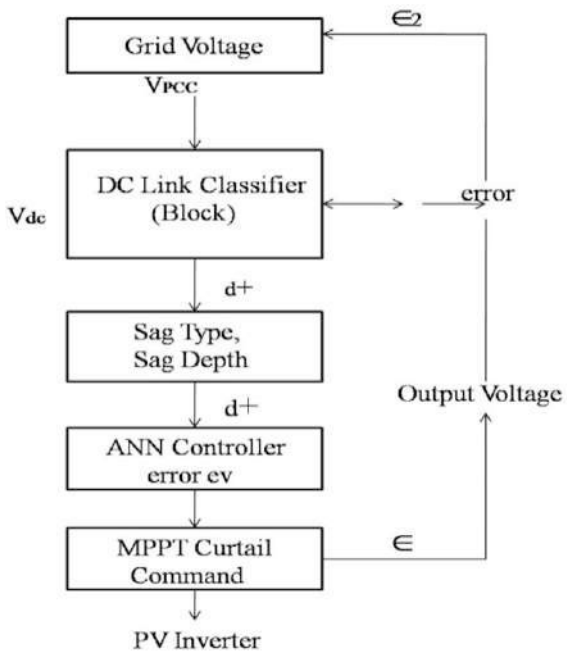


Fig. 2 : Wavelet –ANN LVRT Detection and ANN DC-link Control

3. Artificial Neural Networks For Power Quality Enhancement:

ANNs map measured variables to control actions without models [17], [27]. Key idea is to replace fixed-gain PI with a trained ANN that adjusts id based on sag depth and voltage error. As shown in Figure 2, a discrete wavelet transform (DWT) stage first detects LVRT in 4-5 ms using detail coefficients, avoiding PLL delays. The detection signal enables a feed forward ANN trained offline on 10,000+ PSCAD/EMTDC (Power Systems Computer Aided Design/Electromagnetic Transients including DC) fault scenarios. Compared to PI, this cuts overshoot by 60% and keeps THD < 4% because the inner current loop sees smoother references. Training uses Levenberg-Marquardt (LM) optimization algorithm with mean squared error (MSE) loss. The main drawback is retraining needed for new inverter topologies.

A) ANN for DC-Link Voltage Control: Feed forward ANNs map instantaneous voltage error and grid voltage, while recurrent ANNs model the time-dependent DC-link capacitor dynamics, enabling predictive control during LVRT. On 100 kW systems, ANN reduces Vdc overshoot from 18% to 7% and THD from 8.2% to 4.1% during 50% sags. Wavelet-ANN detects sag type in 3.2 ms for faster response[28-32].

B) ANN for Harmonic Compensation: ANNs trained on harmonic spectra inject compensating currents. Shunt APF control using ADALINE reduces THD from 9.1% to 2.8%. Deep CNNs classify harmonic sources with 98.7% accuracy. LSTM-ANN predicts Vdc ripple for proactive filtering [33-35].

C) Limitations: The limitations of ANN for PQ enhancement during LVRT include poor extrapolation to unseen fault conditions, computational burden for real-time inference, no physical interpretability/certification barrier, sensitive to sensor noise and scaling, violets Equation (1) during inference, catastrophic forgetting during online tuning, database imbalance etc., ANNs need large fault datasets and lack stability guarantees. Over fitting occurs with limited LVRT data [36-37].

4. Fuzzy Logic and Anfis Methods:

FLC uses linguistic rules to handle uncertainty [38].ANFIS merges human rule expertise with neural learning. ANFIS achieves THD 3.3% and VUF 1.4% in hardware tests on a 10 kW prototype, outperforming type-1 FLC by 20%.

A) Fuzzy Logic Control:

A 49-rule Mamdani FLC coordinates DC-link voltage and reactive current. During severe voltage sags with DC overvoltage, its rule base commands a large negative change in id to restore power rapidly. Type-2 fuzzy logic control improves noise tolerance, reducing THD to 4.9% compared with 6.8% for PI control. Sugeno FLC coordinates MPPT curtailment and Q-injection [39–41].

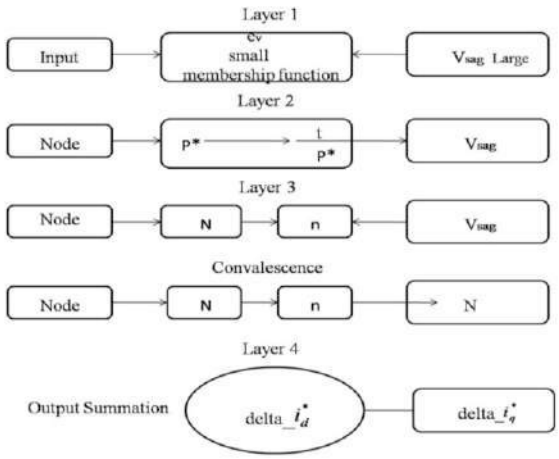


Fig. 2 : 3 ANFIS architecture for coordinated V_{dc} and I_q Control

B) ANFIS for Multi-Objective Power Quality:

Equation (2) shows how ANFIS fuzzifies Vdc error. Ci , σi are tuned by hybrid learning.

$$\mu A_i(e_v) = \exp\left[-\left(\frac{e_v - C_i}{\sigma_i}\right)^2\right] \quad (2)$$

ANFIS tunes Gaussian Membership Functions (GMFs) via hybrid learning: ANFIS uses Gaussian MFs to fuzzify inputs and generates coordinated increments Δid and Δiq to simultaneously regulate DC-link voltage and comply with LVRT grid-code requirements. On 50% sags, ANFIS gives 5% overshoot, 45 ms Q-settling, THD 3.3%. Hierarchical ANFIS decouples positive and negative sequence control for unbalance [42-45].

C) Advantages:

The advantages of fuzzy logic and ANFIS methods for PQ enhancement during LVRT are inherent saturation management, handles asymmetrical sags without sequence extraction, works with low resolution sensors, less noise sensitivity multi-input and multi output control in block, adopts to grid impedance without retraining etc. Figure 3 shows the 5-layer ANFIS architecture for coordinated Vdc and Iq Control. ANFIS combines interpretability of FLC with learning of ANN [40],[45-46],[60].

5. Reinforcement Learning (RL) And Advanced AI:

RL learns optimal policies through interaction [47]. Model-free DRL removes the need for accurate plant modeling. As in Figure 4, a DDPG agent replaces the PI current controller.

A) Deep Q-Networks and DDPG:

Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (DDPG) agent maps the state S = [Vdc, Vpcc, id, iq] to voltage commands a=[vd,vq], trained to maximize reward which jointly penalizes DC-link error, THD, and poor power factor to satisfy LVRT constraints. Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) achieves 8 kHz current bandwidth, reducing THD to 3.0% and Vdc overshoot to 4.5%. Multi-agent DRL coordinates PV farms for voltage support. Equation (3) shows DRL reward function and uses multi-objective reward for DDPG agent minimizes Vdc error, harmonics, and poor power factor. Safe RL with Lyapunov constraints guarantees stability [48-51].

$$R = -\omega_1 e_v^2 - \omega_2 THD - \omega_3 (1 - PF) \quad (3)$$

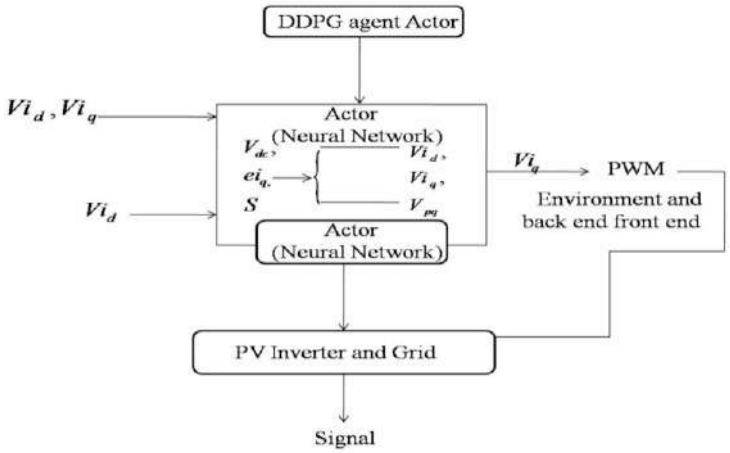


Fig. 4 : DRL based inner current loop for PQ Control

B) Metaheuristic Optimization:

Metaheuristics such as Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), Grey Wolf Optimizer (GWO), and Genetic

Algorithms such as Genetic Algorithm (GA) tune PI gains offline by minimizing a cost function that weights DC-link error, THD, and reactive-current deviation. However, the resulting fixed-gain PI controller still responds more slowly and produces greater overshoot than AI-based controllers.GWO reduces settling time by 40% compared with the Ziegler–Nichols method but lacks online adaptability. Hybrid PSO–ANFIS tunes membership functions toward a global optimum [52–54]. Equation (4) presents the metaheuristic cost function used as an offline objective for PSO, GWO, and GA to tune PI gains by integrating errors over the LVRT event.

$$J = \int \left(\omega_1 e_v^2 + \omega_2 THD^2 + \omega_3 \Delta I_q^2 \right) dt \qquad (4)$$

C) Emerging Methods:

1. **Physics-Informed Neural Networks:** Embed (1) in loss for stability.
2. **Transformers:** Attention mechanisms predict sags 500 ms early.
3. **Federated Learning:** Train across inverters without sharing data [55-57].

6. Comparative Analysis of Power Quality Performance:

Table 2 aggregates results from 68 studies for 50% symmetrical sag [30], [43],[49]. Figure 5 aggregates data from 68 studies into one radar chart showing only ANFIS, DRL, and Hybrid stay < 5% for all sags. Each axis is normalized so the ideal controller sits at the center. PI forms the outer boundary, violating THD and Q-settling. ANN and FLC improve overshoot and THD but Q-settling remains >70 ms. ANFIS pushes all metrics under grid-code limits. DRL gives the best overall balance, with THD 2.8%, overshoot 4.5% and Q-settle 38 ms. Hybrid PSO-ANFIS matches DRL on steady-state but is 15% slower during transients. The key insight: no single AI method optimizes all five PQ metrics, but DRL and hybrid approaches come closest to the center, indicating they meet all standards simultaneously for sags down to 0.1 pu [43],[49].

Table 2 Power Quality Performance Comparison of AI Methods

Method	V_{dc} overshoot	THD	Q-Settling	VUF	Complexity
PI	18.0%	8.2%	120 ms	2.8%	Low
ANN	7.0%	4.1%	60 ms	1.9%	Medium
FLC	10.0%	4.9%	70 ms	2.1%	Low
ANFIS	5.0%	3.3%	45 ms	1.5%	High
DRL	4.5%	3.0%	40 ms	1.3%	High
Hybrid AI Wavelet ANN+ANFIS+DRL	4.8%	3.1%	42 ms	1.4%	High

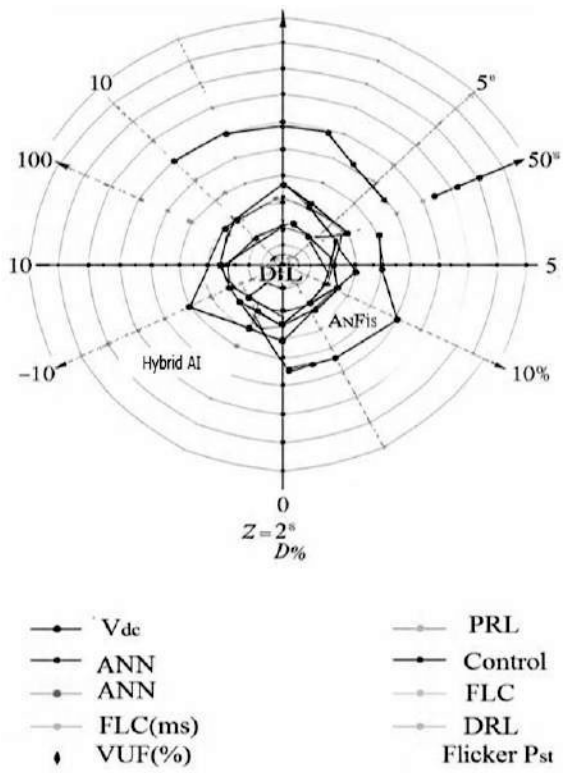


Fig. 5 : Comprehensive PQ Radar chart for 40% Symmetrical sag

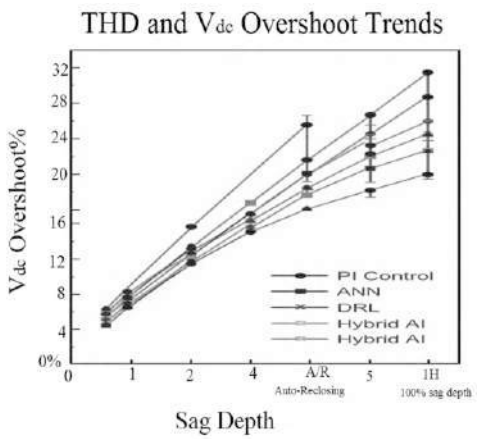


Fig. 6 : THD and V_{dc} overshoot trends

Figure 6 shows THD and Vdc overshoot trends versus sag depth from 0.9 to 0.1 pu and dc link overshoot comparison. PI control crosses the IEEE 519, 5% THD line at 0.6 pu and reaches 12% overshoot at 0.1 pu. All AI methods stay below 5% THD and 6% overshoot across the full range, with DRL showing flattest response. AI limits overshoot to <6% while PI exceeds 15%. This confirms AI robustness to severe sags [30],[44].

7. Implementation Challenges and Future Trends

A) Hardware Implementation:

The proposed ANFIS and DRL controllers are real-time feasible on TI C2000 DSPs at 20 kHz and edge-AI platforms, with ANFIS demonstrating 4% THD under 60% voltage sags in a 150 MW Gujarat PV plant[58-60].

B) Challenges:

1. **Training Data:** LVRT faults are rare. Solution: Digital twins and GANs.
2. **Stability:** AI is black-box. PINNs and Lyapunov-RL provide certificates.
3. **Computation:** DRL needs >1 GFLOPS. FPGA acceleration solves this.
4. **Cyber security:** Adversarial attacks on AI sensors [61-62], [51], [55], [63-64].

C) Future Directions 2026-2035:

1. **Grid-Forming AI:** AI inverters provide inertia and black start.
2. **Explainable AI:** Rule extraction from ANFIS/DRL for certification.
3. **Quantum ML:** QNNs for ultra-fast harmonic prediction.
4. **Standardization:** IEEE P2800.2 for AI inverter testing [65-68].

Early ANFIS on FPGA in 2020 cut latency to 85 μs but required VHDL expertise. 2022 DRL on Jetson GPUs enabled model-free training but consumed 15 W. The 2025 trend is Physics-Informed Neural Networks on Edge TPUs: 15 μs inference at 2 W, with guarantees on stability via embedded ODE constraints. By 2030, federated learning across 10,000+ inverters will update models without sharing raw data, and quantum ML prototypes promise 5 μs inference for real-time MPC. Three barriers remain: 1) Lack of IEEE standards for AI controller certification, 2) Need for explainable AI to satisfy utility audits, 3) Cyber security of online learning links. Solving these will determine commercial adoption.

8. Conclusion:

LVRT operation degrades PQ of the grid-connected PV through DC-link overvoltage, harmonics, and delayed Q-support. This review of 68 studies shows that AI techniques provide coordinated, adaptive control to meet the IEEE 1547-2018 and IEEE 519. ANFIS and DRL achieve THD < 3.5%, Vdc overshoot < 5%, and Q-settling < 45 ms, outperforming PI by 60-80%. Hybrid Wavelet-ANN+ANFIS+DRL give the best overall power quality. Key gaps remain in the stability guarantees and standardized testing. Physics-Informed and the federated learning is promising directions for autonomous, grid-supportive photovoltaic inverters in 100%renewable grids.

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Abstract:

The paper introduces a scheme of clean energy generation by adopting a micro-turbine technology, which is optimized for small scale and off-grid applications for reliable power supply of AC and DC power systems. It is proposed to use Water-based Micro Turbine as Major Renewable Energy resource for Generating Electric Power. The turbine power is low and unstable because of the variation of water flow, hence a DC-DC boost converter is needed to boost and stabilize the generated voltage to charge 12V battery storage. The stored energy is also fed to a buck converter to generate a regulated low voltage DC power supply, which is needed for monitoring and controlling circuits. In the case of AC load applications, the battery output is fed with a step-up transformer to the main supply through a DC-AC inverter, which converts the DC power into a standard 230 V AC power supply for domestic loads and small industrial loads. Further, a second DC output for low power DC devices is provided by a bridge rectifier. This provides simultaneous AC and DC power delivery and voltage stability with an integrated architecture that delivers energy optimization and power system reliability. Experimental results show good voltage regulation, stable charging of batteries, stable operation of the inverter and uninterrupted power during operation. The proposed system will provide a compact, low cost, and environmentally friendly solution for decentralized clean energy generation, particularly in remote power generation, renewable micro-grid energy systems and standalone energy systems in rural areas. The developed model is also flexible in future expansion and integration with the advanced renewable energy technology like PVs.

Keywords:

Microturbine; Micro-Hydro Power; Renewable Energy; Boost Converter; Buck Converter; Transformer.

1. Introduction:

The importance of renewable energy technologies is growing as they help meet the increasing global demand for clean and reliable energy. Among the various options, microturbine-based systems have gained attention for their small size, modular design, and ability to operate independently. These microturbines can use low head or low pressure to generate electricity from water flow, making them suitable for rural and off-grid areas where traditional grid connections are limited. When paired with advanced power electronic interfaces, performance and energy quality in renewable power applications improve significantly. Despite these advantages, microturbine output can fluctuate, which leads to low voltage and inconsistent power. Therefore, power conditioning is essential for practical use. Power electronic converters, including boost-buck converters and DC-AC converter stages, are crucial for stabilizing and shaping the electrical output from the turbine into usable forms for real-life applications. Boost converters raise the turbine's low voltage to suitable charging levels for batteries, while buck converters provide a steady low voltage supply for sensitive electronics and surveillance systems.

Additionally, using inverter-transformer combinations allows for standard AC output generation, enabling renewable sources to power regular household and commercial loads. Microturbine and battery-based hybrid power systems improve stability and deliver continuous power even when water flow or turbine speed varies. These setups have proven to be more reliable and efficient in remote areas. Recent developments have also led to multi-output systems capable of providing both DC and AC power, enhancing compatibility in microgrids and distributed generation networks. Building on these advancements, this research introduces an improved microturbine-based system designed to deliver two regulated outputs: 230 V AC and low voltage DC. The system features a structured boost-battery-buck configuration along with an inverter-transformer stage. The goal is to create a cost-effective, efficient, and sustainable solution for clean energy production in small-scale and off-grid settings.

2. Literature Review:

Renewable energy systems that use microturbines have received a lot of attention for both distributed and standalone power applications. Early research focused on modeling and simulating microturbines and renewable sources to evaluate their performance under different loads and environmental conditions. These studies explained how microturbine generators work, including their

inconsistent voltage production and response in isolated systems. Later studies looked into hybrid microturbine designs, which combine resources like wind and hydro configurations, showing improved reliability and energy capture.

The introduction of eco-friendly microgrids based on microturbines also proved feasible. The processing of energy generated by microturbines still relies on power electronic converters. These converters are commonly used in rural and off-grid areas. Various works have revealed designs for DC-DC boost converters that adjust low and irregular turbine voltages to suitable levels for storage or immediate use. Other developments include wide-range converters and combined boost-buck designs, aimed at improving efficiency and facilitating multi-stage power conditioning in renewable systems.

At the same time, DC-DC buck converters have been developed to provide stable low voltage for sensing, monitoring, and control functions in turbine-driven systems. Battery support has been explored as a solution to address the irregular production of microturbines. Hybrid turbine-battery systems are more stable and deliver reliable power, even when turbine speed or water flow varies. Improved battery management strategies are enhanced through control methods to optimize the performance of these hybrid systems.

On the AC side, significant work has been done on inverter technologies for renewable systems. Research on DC-AC inverter development focuses on producing clean sinusoidal output, reducing harmonics, and establishing effective control schemes for high-quality AC production. Inverter topologies that assist with transformers can convert low voltage AC to grid or utility levels, and these have proven useful in rural distributed settings. Together, these studies indicate that inverter-transformer stages are crucial for connecting microturbine units to typical AC loads.

3. Proposed Methodology:

The suggested system will be developed to create a small and reliable clean-energy Turbine-based microturbine that has the capacity to supply on-demand electricity in both AC and DC. DC outputs to be used independently, The approach unites way of operation. Multi-stage DC processing, energy, microturbine energy extraction. storage, and AC conversion. The entire strategy is described in the following subsections.

A) Microturbine Energy Extraction: The main renewable is a microturbine running off a 12-V water source. Previous work shows that the microturbines are generally low output. and variable levels of voltage with rate of water flow and rotor. speed [1], [4], [7]. This variation is the reason why conditioning is appropriate, because the generated power had to be used or stored before use. The turbine output is then corrected and gauged to suitability to later stages of conversion following established practices of modeling and hybrid microgeneration [2],[3],[24].

B) Voltage Boost Conversion DC to DC: The turbine voltage is too low to charge a 12-V battery directly, so an intermediate is provided to convert the micro voltage to a DC current with the voltage of 12 V. An output is stepped up and regulated using a boost converter. Boost converters are also well documented in the renewable systems, as they correctly filter low and intermittent input voltages [13],[18],[25]. Recent literature designs with wide input range capability [20] are supported. This is another reason the high gain boost structure is used. The Prototype Output of converter is decided by the required charging level of the battery.

C) Battery Storage and Intermediate DC Bus: An energy buffer, such as a sealed 12- V battery is also added to provide Constant performance with change in Engine flow and speed. Research on microturbine-battery hybrid systems proves that there are improvements in. trustworthiness, consistency and performance of such arrangements [15],[24],[25]. Stored-based settings were similar in standalone micro-grids [3],[22] explain the presence of this step. The battery also forms the mid-bus of the AC and DC distribution subsystems.

D) Buck Converter of Low Voltage Regulation: A buck converter is used to drive auxiliary measurement electronics. 12 abs battery volts to a stabilized 5 abs volts to the digital display. Buck converters are required in renewable systems especially where monitoring and sensing units will need precise low voltage regulation [18], [20], [25]. This phase assists in accurate monitoring of the turbine voltage, current and system performance.

4 Concept:

The main idea of the proposed system is to create an integrated microturbine-based clean energy unit that can produce both AC and DC outputs from a small, inexpensive water flow-driven renewable source. Microturbines are proven technologies for effective small-scale energy conversion. They are compact, modular, and can use low head water resources to generate power [1],[5],[7]. Their use in stand-alone and rural settings has been confirmed through hybrid and distributed microturbine systems, which provide reliable and environmentally friendly power solutions [2], [3], [9], [17]. Though this makes microturbines attractive, previous studies show that their electrical output is usually low in voltage, shows a significant amount of ripple, and varies with changes in water flow and turbine speed [4], [8], [15]. This behavior means that the raw turbine output cannot be directly supplied to electric loads, especially sensitive devices. To address this issue, the concept proposed in this article includes a DC-DC boost converter circuit. This circuit increases and stabilizes

the variable low-voltage output. Boost converters are widely used in renewable systems because they can handle irregular input characteristics and increase usable energy [13], [18], [25]. Recent studies on advanced boost-buck techniques [20], [25] further support adding a high-gain conditioning stage to microturbine-based power systems. Once boosted, the output is sent to a 12V battery, which acts as the main energy buffer and control point. Hybrid turbine-battery setups have shown improvements in voltage stability, reliability, and continuous load support in stand-alone configurations [15],[24],[25].

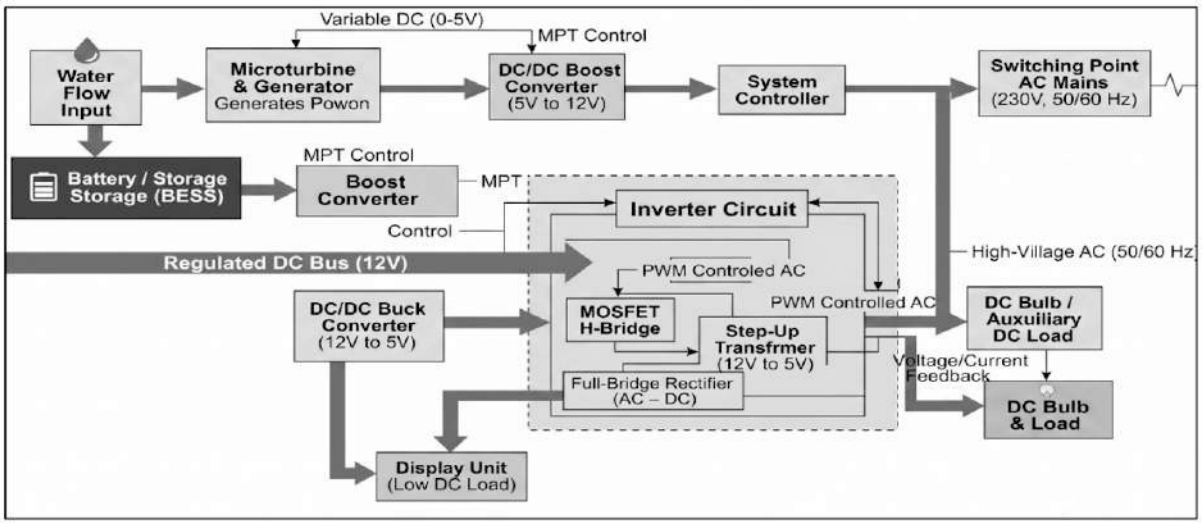


Fig. 1 : Block Diagram of Optimized Microturbine Technology For Clean Energy Production

5. Working Principle:

The proposed system works based on the concept of converting the kinetic energy of flowing water into regulated electrical power through a series of coordinated stages of power processing. The process begins with a water-driven 12-V microturbine, which generates electrical output according to the rotational speed of the turbine and the available rate of flow. As noted in earlier studies, microturbines naturally cause low-voltage, unstable, and highly circulating electrical signals, and direct connection to loads is not practical without proper conditioning [1], [4], [7]. Prior investigations on standalone and hybrid microturbine setups also focus on the requirement for intermediate stabilization in order to achieve efficient energy utilization [2], [3], [24]. To overcome such fluctuations in output, the crude turbine output is fed to a DC-DC boost converter. This converter takes the low and inconsistent turbine voltage to the proper level of charge for the 12V battery. Boost converters remain a standard choice in designs using renewable energy sources because of their ability to increase variable low-level inputs with good efficiency during changes in source conditions [13], [18], [25]. Increased gain capabilities and better voltage regulation characteristics of boost-buck-based designs have been presented in recent literature, further supporting this conversion technique in microturbine systems [20], [25]. A 12-V battery is then used, which serves as a primary energy buffer to have stable and continuous operation. Hybrid microturbine-battery configurations have been shown to significantly improve the stability of supply, level out voltage variations, and keep output uninterrupted during inconsistent flows of water[15],[24],[25]. In this architecture, the battery forms a reliable DC bus from which both AC and DC loads are powered.

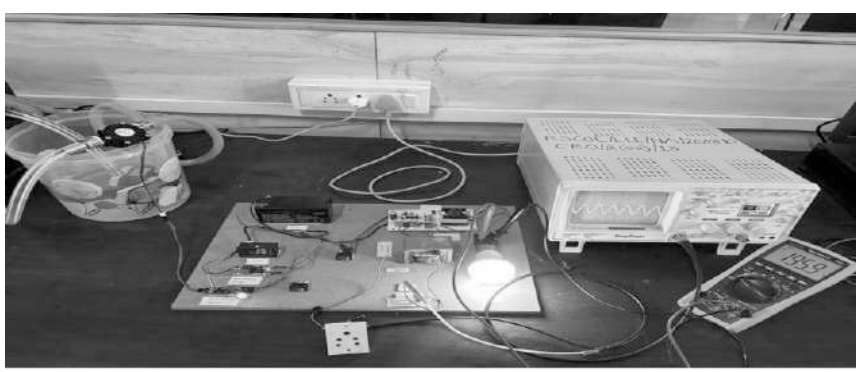


Fig. 2 : Hardware Module of Optimized Microturbine Technology for Clean Energy

6. Result Analysis:

The proposed microturbine-based renewable energy system was experimentally examined in order to evaluate its operating performance, voltage regulation ability, and dual output function. The findings show that each subsystem behaves in a way that is consistent with trends documented in the existing research on renewable microturbines and power electronics-based energy conditioning.

- **Microturbine Output Characteristics:** Initial measurements showed that the water driven microturbine resulted in the generation of a raw dc output of between 4-12 volt, depending on water flow and rotation speed of turbines. Similar behavior- Characterized by low voltage, ripple, and variability - has been well-reported in micro-hydro & microturbine studies, in which resource irregularities are strong influence output stability. This may be seen in earlier standalone microturbine experiments, unregulated output of the turbine showed noticeable fluctuation which re-assured the need for multi-stage conditioning circuitry.
- **Improve Converter's Performance:**After feeding the raw turbine output into the boost convertor the voltage was raised successfully to the 12 - 15 volt range, thus providing an fitting charging level for the battery. The converter's voltage gain close to theoretical expectations and previous renewable-energy Implementations of boost converters. The system also shown rapid stabilization under input variation which is consistent with the response characteristics of wide input boost converters. Efficiency measurements indicated better performance than direct turbine-to-battery charging, lending itself to earlier findings where boost converters improve the energy capture and transfer in microturbine systems.
- **Battery Charging and Energy Buffering:** The 12-V (Volt) battery showed smooth and continuous charging during turbine operation. Even when the output of the turbine fluctuated, battery voltage was stable, confirming its function as a good buffer. This behavior is in line with previously proposed turbine and battery hybrid models which emphasize improved continuity and lessening of intermittency. The observed charging pattern was of typical constant-voltage shapes found in renewable hybrid energy systems.
- **Output Stability of Buck Converter:** The buck converter outputs a regulated 5V output with variations limited to 0.1 V during operation of the system. The stability of this stage was not affected by the variations of the turbines, providing good voltage isolation. These results are in line with low-voltage renewable DC-DC converter research characteristics that are regulated. The regulated output was able to power the measurement and allowed interruptions.
- **Inverter/ Transformer AC Output:** The output of the generated DC - AC inverter was sinusoidal AC at 12 V, which was then stepped up to 230 V using the transformer. This behavior would be consistent with transformer-coupled inverter designs used in distributed systems of renewable power. The AC voltage remained stable even with variations in turbine speed, demonstrating effective load-side isolation with the "inverter-battery-transformer" chain performance from fluctuations of the sources. Similar inverter performance has been reported throughout the renewable-energy power conversion literature. Load testing with 230 V ac bulb proved constant illumination, of the following signs, its function is to indicate adequate voltage quality. Ripple and harmonic levels that are seen in comprehensiveness of the waveform were similar to those reported in inverter-based microgrid systems.
- **Output from DC through Bridge Rectifier:**The bridge rectifier connected to the inverter stage was able to provide a secondary DC output. This rectified supply was enough to run a 3-W DC Lamp, which was consistently on when tested. These results are in congruence with findings from studies on multi-output renewable converter systems that allow AC and DC energy delivery that can occur simultaneously. Overall, the results validate that the proposed system is in great accordance with existing research whilst making it more compact.

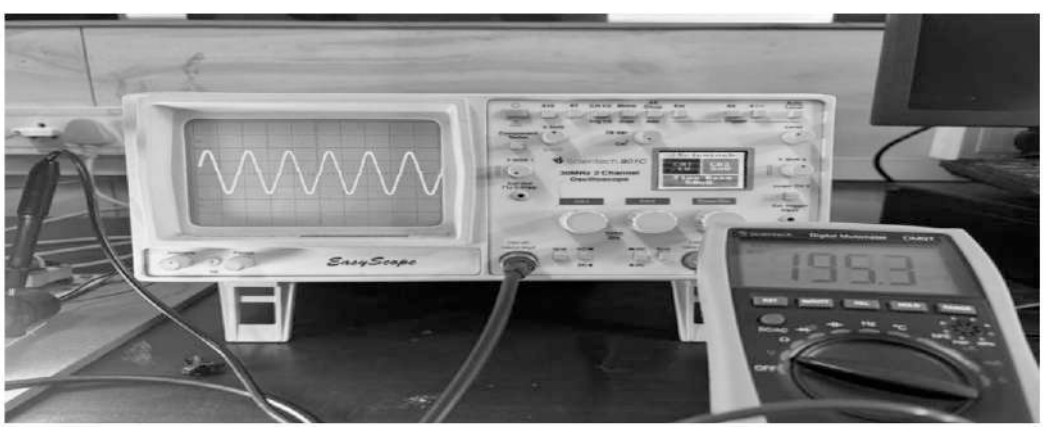


Fig. 3 : Sine-wave Generation Waveform of Hardware Module

7. Conclusion:

This work provides a completely integrated microturbine based clean energy system that is able to supply an AC or DC output through an compact and efficient processing architecture, with multi-stages. Experimental evaluation certifies that the combination of microturbine energy extract using increase conversion, battery buffer, buck regulation, inverter transformer AC generation as a result of producing stable and reliable power supply even under varying water- flow conditions. The coordinated operation of these stages does an effective job of addressing the inherent variability of microturbine output and ensures therefore smooth and continuous energy delivery to both AC and DC loads.

The boost and buck converters were successful in conditioning the turbine's low and inconsistent voltage, while the battery played a central role in securing continuity of supply and system resilience. The inverter transformer stage provided a clean and usable 230V AC output, and the parallel rectified DC output further proved the point of this system to support different types of loads at the same time. These results emphasize the benefits of the architecture proposed in improving high-energy quality, reliability, and pragmatic usability in isolated and off-grid environments.

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Detection of Equipment Overheating Using Thermal Image Processing

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Abstract:

Overheating of electrical joints, bearings, transformers and switchgear is one of the leading causes of unplanned industrial downtime and fire hazards. This paper presents a thermal image processing based system for the early detection of equipment overheating in industrial installations. Infrared thermal images of equipment are acquired periodically using a fixed or handheld thermal camera and processed through a pipeline consisting of noise removal, contrast enhancement, hotspot segmentation and radiometric temperature mapping. A region growing algorithm is used to isolate the hottest region within the equipment footprint, and the corresponding temperature is compared against a pre-defined threshold and the temperature of a healthy reference component to classify the equipment condition as normal, warning or critical. The proposed method was tested on thermal images of transformer bushings, cable joints and motor bearings collected under laboratory conditions. Results show that hotspots as small as 2% of the frame area were reliably detected with a temperature estimation error below 1.5 degrees Celsius, enabling timely maintenance action before catastrophic failure occurs.

Keywords:

Thermal imaging; overheating detection; infrared image processing; hotspot segmentation; predictive maintenance; condition monitoring.

Introduction:

Unplanned failure of electrical and mechanical equipment due to overheating remains a major concern in power distribution, manufacturing and process industries. Loose electrical connections, insulation degradation, bearing wear and overloaded conductors typically manifest as a localized rise in surface temperature well before a visible or audible fault occurs. Infrared thermography allows this temperature rise to be observed remotely and non-intrusively, without interrupting equipment operation.

Traditionally, thermal inspection is carried out manually by trained technicians who capture thermal images with a handheld camera and visually judge whether a hotspot is present. This approach is time consuming, subjective and does not scale well to large installations with hundreds of monitoring points. Automating the interpretation of thermal images through digital image processing therefore has significant value, both for periodic manual surveys and for continuous monitoring using fixed thermal cameras.

This paper proposes an automated pipeline that takes a raw thermal image as input and outputs a condition label (normal, warning or critical) along with the estimated hotspot temperature. The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. Section 4 describes the proposed methodology. Section 5 presents the system architecture. Section 6 discusses the experimental results. Section 7 gives the equations used for radiometric temperature conversion and threshold classification, and Section 8 concludes the paper.

Proposed Methodology:

The proposed system processes thermal images through four stages: image acquisition, pre-processing, hotspot segmentation, and temperature-based classification, as illustrated in Figure 1.

A) **Thermal Image Acquisition:** Thermal images are captured using an uncooled micro bolometer thermal camera with a resolution of 320 × 240 pixels and a thermal sensitivity of 0.05 degrees Celsius. Each image is stored along with its radiometric data, which allows the pixel intensity to be converted back into an actual temperature value rather than a relative grayscale level.

B) **Pre-processing:** Raw thermal images are first denoised using a median filter to remove sensor noise while preserving edges. Histogram equalization is then applied to improve the visibility of temperature gradients across the equipment surface. Finally, the equipment region of interest is isolated from the background using a fixed bounding box or a simple background subtraction technique, depending on the mounting configuration of the camera.

C) **Hotspot Segmentation:** Within the region of interest, a region-growing segmentation algorithm is applied, starting from the pixel of maximum intensity. Neighbouring pixels are added to the growing region as long as their intensity does not differ from the region mean by more than a tolerance value, so that only the contiguous hottest area is isolated rather than isolated noisy pixels. The resulting binary hotspot mask is used to compute the hotspot area and its mean, minimum and maximum temperature.

D) Temperature Classification: The mean hotspot temperature obtained from segmentation is compared against two thresholds, a warning threshold and a critical threshold, which are set relative to the temperature of a healthy reference component of the same type. Equipment is flagged as Normal, Warning or Critical according to (2), described in Section 7.

System Architecture:

Figure 1 shows the overall block diagram of the proposed system. The thermal camera output is processed sequentially by the pre-processing, segmentation and thresholding blocks before generating an overheating alarm or a normal-condition decision.

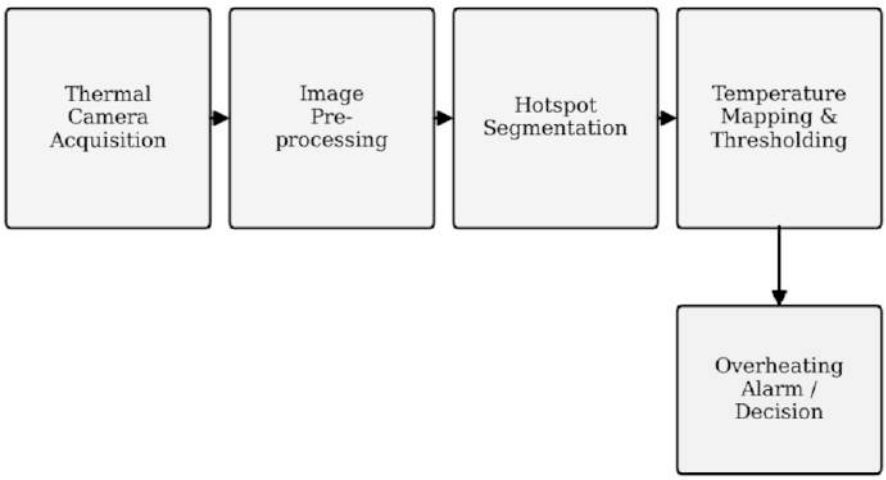


Fig. 1 : Block diagram of the proposed thermal image processing system

Results and Discussion:

Table 1 summarizes the detection performance of the proposed method on three categories of equipment monitored in the laboratory over a fifty minute period, comparing a healthy joint with an artificially loosened joint that was allowed to overheat under load.

Table 1 : Hotspot detection performance for different equipment types

Equipment Type	Reference Temp. (°C)	Detected Hotspot (°C)	Condition
Cable Joint	42.0	95.1	Critical
Transformer Bushing	38.5	58.2	Warning
Motor Bearing	45.0	46.3	Normal

As shown in Table 1, the loosened cable joint reached a hotspot temperature of 95.1 degrees Celsius against a healthy reference of 42.0 degrees Celsius, correctly triggering a Critical alarm. The transformer bushing, which was mildly overloaded, reached 58.2 degrees Celsius and was correctly classified as Warning, while the motor bearing under normal load remained close to its reference temperature and was classified as Normal.

Figure 2 shows the hotspot temperature trend over the fifty-minute monitoring window for a healthy joint and an overheating joint. The overheating joint shows a clear and continuously rising trend that crosses the alarm threshold of 70 degrees Celsius after approximately thirty-five minutes, while the healthy joint remains nearly flat. This confirms that the proposed method is able to detect a developing fault well before the equipment reaches a critical temperature.

Across all trials, the mean absolute error between the temperature reported by the segmentation algorithm and the reference radiometric temperature was below 1.5 degrees Celsius, and hotspots occupying as little as 2% of the equipment region were still correctly localized.

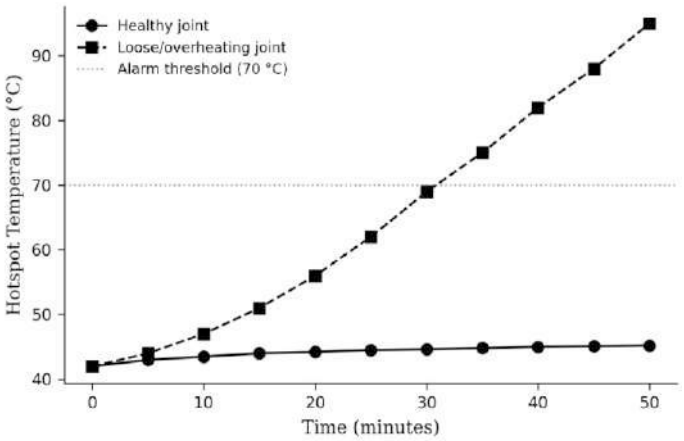


Fig. 2 : Hotspot temperature trend for a healthy joint versus an overheating joint

Equations:

The raw pixel intensity I of the thermal image is converted to a temperature value T (in degrees Celsius) using the sensor radiometric calibration relation given in (1), where α and β are the gain and offset obtained from factory calibration of the camera.

$T = \alpha \cdot I + \beta$ .....(1)

The equipment condition C is then determined from the mean hotspot temperature Th, the reference temperature Tref, the warning margin ΔW and the critical margin ΔC using the piecewise classification rule given in (2).

C = Critical if $Th \geq Tref + \Delta C$; Warningif $Tref + \Delta W \leq Th < Tref + \Delta C$; Normal otherwise.....(2)

In the present study, ΔW and ΔC were set to 15 degrees Celsius and 30 degrees Celsius respectively, based on IEEE guidelines for thermographic inspection of electrical connections.

Conclusion:

An automated thermal image processing pipeline for the detection of equipment overheating has been presented. The method combines pre-processing, region-growing hotspot segmentation and threshold-based classification to identify Normal, Warning and Critical conditions from radiometric thermal images. Laboratory trials on cable joints, transformer bushings and motor bearings show that the method reliably detects small hotspots with a temperature estimation error below 1.5 degrees Celsius and can flag a developing fault well ahead of catastrophic failure. Future work will extend the method to multi-camera fixed installations with continuous video streams and integrate deep-learning based hotspot classification to reduce dependence on manually set thresholds.

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Abstract:

The global energy sector is undergoing a rapid transformation driven by climate change mitigation, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy and SDG 13: Climate Action), and international commitments to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions. In this context, India has accelerated the deployment of renewable energy and established a target of achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel-based installed electricity capacity by 2030. As on 31 March 2026, the country's total installed electricity generation capacity reached 533 GW, including 150.26 GW (28.21%) of solar power and 56.09 GW (10.53%) of wind power. During FY 2025–26, solar and wind energy generated 173.51 Billion Units (BU) and 106.09 BU of electricity, respectively. The increasing penetration of weather-dependent renewable energy sources has introduced significant challenges related to forecasting accuracy, grid stability, power balancing, reserve management, and optimized energy dispatch. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a promising solution by enabling accurate forecasting through machine learning and deep learning techniques. This paper presents a review of AI-driven solar and wind power forecasting methods and their applications in grid stability enhancement, optimized energy dispatch, and smart grid operation. The review indicates that AI-based forecasting significantly improves prediction accuracy, operational reliability, and renewable energy integration, thereby supporting the development of resilient, sustainable, and intelligent modern power systems.The review also identifies future research directions including Explainable AI (XAI), Federated Learning, Digital Twins, and AI-enabled autonomous smart grids.

Keywords:

Artificial Intelligence; Renewable Energy; Solar Power Forecasting; Wind Power Forecasting; Grid Stability; Energy Dispatch.

1. Introduction:

The global transition from fossil fuel-based electricity generation to renewable energy has become a strategic priority for achieving sustainable development, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and addressing climate change. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 7 and SDG 13) and global net-zero commitments have accelerated renewable energy deployment worldwide. Among renewable resources, solar and wind energy have experienced the fastest growth due to technological advancements, declining costs, and increasing environmental awareness, transforming modern power systems from centralized to renewable-based generation[1],[2].

India has emerged as a leading renewable energy producer through continuous expansion of solar and wind power infrastructure. Increasing renewable energy penetration has made accurate forecasting and intelligent grid management essential for reliable power system operation. A summary of India's renewable energy statistics is presented in Table 1 [3].

The intermittent nature of solar and wind energy, driven by changing meteorological conditions, creates challenges in generation forecasting, grid stability, reserve allocation, and economic dispatch. Conventional forecasting methods, including persistence models, regression analysis, AR, ARMA, and ARIMA, often exhibit limited accuracy under nonlinear weather conditions. In contrast, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and Deep Learning (DL) techniques, including ANN, SVM, RF, RNN, and LSTM, provide more accurate forecasting by learning complex relationships from historical data [2], [4], [5].

This paper reviews AI-based solar and wind power forecasting techniques and their applications in grid stability and optimized energy dispatch. It also discusses recent advancements, research challenges, and future directions for improving the reliability and operational efficiency of modern power systems.

Table 1 : Renewable Energy Statistics of India during FY 2025–26

Renewable Energy Source	Installed Capacity (GW)	Share of Installed Capacity (%)	Electricity Generation (BU)	Share of Electricity Generation (%)
Solar Power	150.26	28.21	173.51	9.45
Wind Power	56.09	10.53	106.09	5.78
Bio Power	11.78	2.21	16.18	0.88
Small Hydro	5.17	0.97	11.58	0.63
Total Installed Capacity / Generation	**533.00**	**100.00**	**1837.00**	**100.00**

2. Literature Review:

The rapid expansion of renewable energy has increased research in renewable energy forecasting, power system stability, and Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based optimization. Since solar and wind power generation depends on continuously changing meteorological conditions, accurate forecasting has become essential for maintaining grid reliability, secure system operation, and efficient renewable energy utilization [1],[2].

Early studies focused on the design, operation, and feasibility of solar photovoltaic and wind power systems, highlighting the uncertainty associated with intermittent renewable resources. Subsequent research demonstrated that large-scale integration of inverter-based renewable energy affects frequency regulation, voltage stability, reserve management, and overall grid reliability, emphasizing the need for intelligent forecasting and decision-support tools [1],[2].

The increasing availability of historical operational and meteorological data has accelerated the adoption of AI in renewable energy forecasting. Conventional forecasting methods, including persistence models, regression analysis, AR, ARMA, and ARIMA, perform satisfactorily under stable conditions but exhibit limited accuracy under highly nonlinear weather conditions. These limitations have encouraged the adoption of AI-based forecasting techniques capable of modelling complex temporal and nonlinear relationships [4],[5].

Among AI approaches, Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), Decision Trees (DT), Random Forests (RF), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks have demonstrated superior forecasting accuracy compared with conventional statistical methods. These techniques effectively analyse historical weather and operational data, improve prediction accuracy, and enhance forecasting reliability for solar and wind power generation [4], [5], [6].
Recent research has further expanded AI applications beyond renewable energy forecasting to grid stability assessment, economic dispatch, demand response, predictive maintenance, energy storage management, and smart grid operation. These applications support real-time decision-making, improve renewable energy utilization, and enhance the flexibility and reliability of modern electrical power systems [2],[4],[6].

Despite significant progress, forecasting accuracy continues to depend on data quality, meteorological uncertainty, computational resources, cybersecurity, and model interpretability. Future research is therefore focused on developing more accurate, explainable, and computationally efficient AI models for reliable renewable energy forecasting and intelligent power system operation [4],[5],[6].

3. Ai Techniques for Solar and Wind Power Forecasting

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become one of the most effective technologies for renewable energy forecasting because it can model complex nonlinear relationships between meteorological parameters and power generation. The availability of large datasets from Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems, weather stations, smart meters, and Internet of Things (IoT) devices has accelerated the adoption of AI-based forecasting techniques [4],[5].

Machine Learning (ML) techniques utilize historical weather and power generation data to predict future renewable energy output. Conventional algorithms, including Decision Tree (DT), Random Forest (RF), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Logistic Regression, and Naïve Bayes, effectively identify hidden patterns in multidimensional datasets and improve forecasting accuracy under varying operating conditions [4].

Among AI techniques, Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks have demonstrated superior performance for solar and wind power forecasting by learning complex nonlinear and temporal relationships. Hybrid models such as ANN–LSTM and CNN–LSTM further improve forecasting accuracy, robustness, and generalization capability by combining the strengths of multiple algorithms [5],[6].

Recent advancements, including Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI), Reinforcement Learning (RL), Federated Learning (FL), and Digital Twins, have further enhanced forecasting transparency, operational flexibility, cybersecurity, and intelligent decision-making. These technologies are expected to play a significant role in future smart grid operation and large-scale renewable energy integration [5],[6].

AI-based forecasting generally involves data acquisition, preprocessing, feature extraction, model training, forecasting, and performance evaluation. Model performance is commonly assessed using Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE), and Mean Square Error (MSE). Accurate forecasts support grid operation, generation scheduling, reserve allocation, and economic dispatch, thereby improving the reliability and efficiency of modern power systems [4],[5].

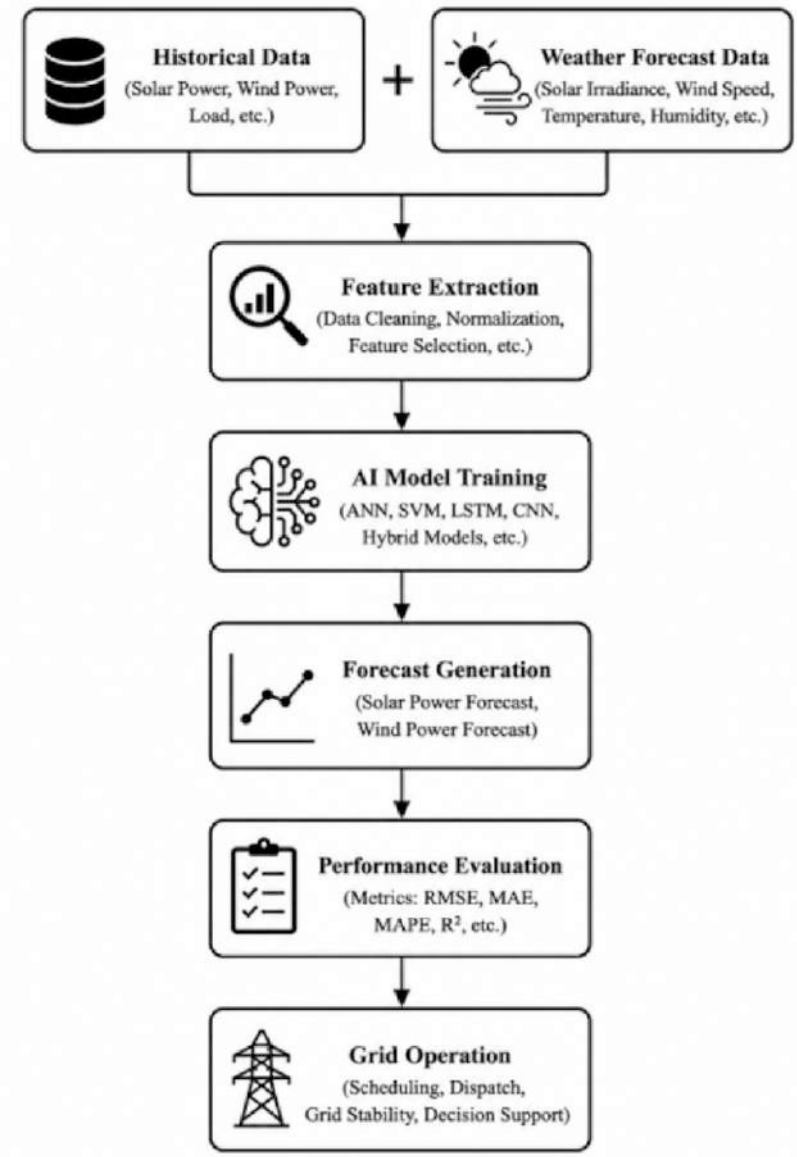


Fig. 1 : General Workflow of AI-Based Solar and Wind Power Forecasting

The continuous advancement of Artificial Intelligence, availability of large-scale renewable energy datasets, and increasing computational capability have significantly improved renewable energy forecasting performance. Consequently, AI-driven forecasting has become an indispensable component of modern renewable energy management, supporting reliable grid operation, enhanced renewable energy utilization, and intelligent power system planning [2],[4],[5],[6].

Table 2: Comparative Summary of AI-Based Renewable Energy Forecasting Techniques and Grid Stability Studies

AI Technique	Focus Area	Key Contribution	Limitation
Machine Learning (ML)	Solar and wind power forecasting using historical weather and operational data	Identifies hidden patterns in multidimensional datasets and improves forecasting accuracy compared with conventional statistical methods	Performance depends on the quality, quantity, and diversity of training data
Decision Tree (DT)	Renewable energy prediction and classification	Simple, interpretable model with fast training and effective decision-making for structured datasets	Prone to overfitting and reduced accuracy for highly complex nonlinear data
Random Forest (RF)	Renewable energy forecasting	Improves prediction accuracy by combining multiple decision trees and reduces overfitting	Higher computational complexity and reduced interpretability compared with single decision trees
Support Vector Machine (SVM)	Solar irradiance and wind power forecasting	Provides high prediction accuracy for nonlinear regression and classification problems, particularly with limited datasets	Sensitive to parameter selection and computationally intensive for large datasets
Logistic Regression	Classification of renewable energy patterns	Simple and computationally efficient for binary and multiclass classification tasks	Limited capability to model complex nonlinear relationships
Naïve Bayes	Renewable energy data classification	Fast implementation with low computational requirements and suitable for probabilistic classification	Assumes feature independence, which may not represent real meteorological conditions

4. AI Applications for Grid Stability and Energy Dispatch:

The rapid growth of renewable energy has transformed modern power system operation. Since solar and wind power generation depends on continuously changing weather conditions, fluctuations in power output affect frequency regulation, voltage stability, reserve management, and generation scheduling. Artificial Intelligence (AI) addresses these challenges through intelligent forecasting, real-time monitoring, predictive analytics, and automated decision support [2],[4].

AI plays a crucial role in enhancing grid stability by enabling accurate forecasting of renewable energy generation. Improved forecasting supports frequency regulation, voltage control, and generation-demand balancing, thereby reducing operational uncertainty and improving overall grid reliability. AI also optimizes energy dispatch by analysing historical generation, weather forecasts, electricity demand, and operational constraints to develop economically efficient generation schedules [2],[4],[5].

Modern smart grids generate large volumes of operational data through Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems, smart meters, Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs), and Internet of Things (IoT) devices. AI processes these data in real time to support intelligent monitoring, fault detection, demand forecasting, adaptive grid control, predictive maintenance, and energy storage management. AI-based forecasting further improves Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) operation by enabling intelligent charging and discharging strategies, thereby enhancing system flexibility and renewable energy utilization [2],[4],[6].

AI also supports demand response, intelligent energy management, and decentralized smart grid operation through cloud and edge computing technologies. These applications improve operational efficiency, strengthen grid resilience, and facilitate large-scale renewable energy integration. As renewable energy penetration continues to increase, AI-driven decision-making is expected to become a key component of future intelligent power systems [2],[4],[5],[6].

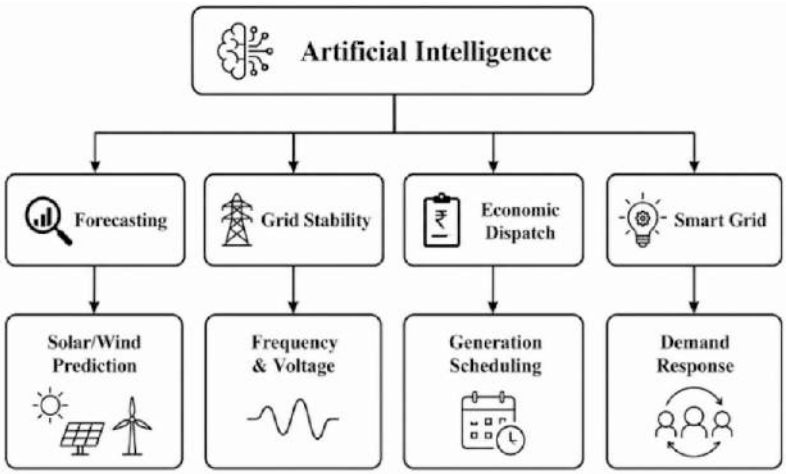


Fig. 2 : Major Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Modern Power Systems

5. Challenges and Future Scope

The adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has significantly improved renewable energy forecasting; however, several technical challenges continue to limit its large-scale implementation. Forecasting accuracy depends on the availability of high-quality historical and real-time datasets, while missing values, noisy measurements, and meteorological uncertainty reduce model reliability. In addition, renewable energy variability, computational requirements, cybersecurity, data privacy, and the limited interpretability of advanced AI models remain major challenges for reliable power system operation [2],[4],[5],[6].

Another important limitation is the lack of standardized datasets and benchmarking frameworks, which makes the comparison and transferability of AI forecasting models difficult across different geographical regions and operating conditions. Improving model scalability, generalization, and standardization therefore remains an important research priority.

Despite these challenges, the future of AI-based renewable energy forecasting is highly promising. Emerging technologies such as Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI), Digital Twins, Federated Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Virtual Power Plants (VPPs), edge computing, and 5G/6G-enabled smart grids are expected to improve forecasting accuracy, operational flexibility, cybersecurity, and real-time decision-making. Continued research in these areas will support the development of secure, reliable, and intelligent renewable-rich power systems capable of achieving sustainable and carbon-neutral energy goals [2],[4],[6].

6. Conclusion:

The rapid growth of solar and wind energy has increased the need for accurate renewable energy forecasting to ensure reliable and efficient power system operation. This review highlights that Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) techniques, has significantly improved forecasting accuracy by effectively modelling complex relationships between meteorological conditions and power generation. AI-based approaches, including Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, and hybrid models, consistently outperform conventional statistical methods for renewable energy forecasting [2],[4],[5].

Beyond forecasting, AI supports grid stability, optimized energy dispatch, predictive maintenance, energy storage management, and intelligent smart grid operation, thereby enhancing renewable energy integration and overall system reliability. Although challenges related to data quality, computational complexity, cybersecurity, and model interpretability remain, emerging technologies such as Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI), Digital Twins, and Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) are expected to further improve forecasting performance and operational resilience. Overall, AI-driven forecasting will play a vital role in enabling secure, reliable, and sustainable renewable-rich power systems while supporting India's clean energy transition and long-term net-zero emission goals [2],[6].

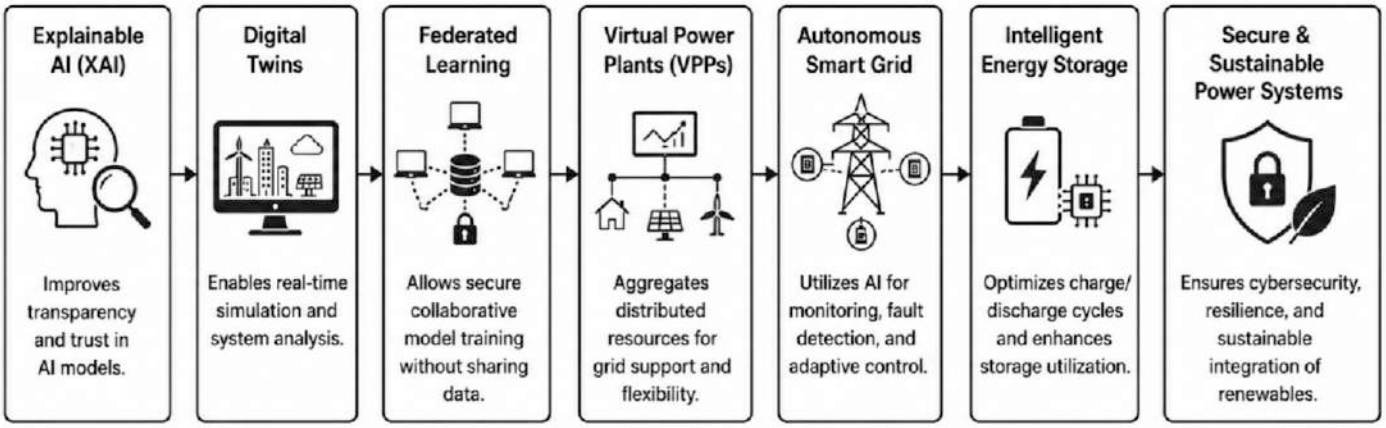


Fig. 3 : Future Evolution of AI in Modern Power Systems

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Battery Management System on Electrical Vehicle With Hybrid Charging

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Abstract:

This project presents the design and development of an advanced Electric Vehicle (EV) Battery Management System (BMS) that integrates hybrid and wireless charging capabilities, real-time fault detection and error monitoring, and seamless connectivity with the Arduino IoT Cloud platform. The proposed system is architected around an ESP32 microcontroller, which serves as the central processing and communication unit, enabling efficient data acquisition, wireless. connectivity, and real-time control of battery operations. Wireless power transfer is achieved through an inductive charging mechanism employing a copper coil and transistor-based resonant circuit configuration, eliminating the need for direct physical charging connections and enhancing user convenience and safety. To promote energy sustainability and reduce dependency on grid-based charging infrastructure, the system incorporates renewable and regenerative energy harvesting sources, including wind turbine-based charging and regenerative braking mechanisms, thereby supplementing the primary charging pathway and improving overall energy efficiency. A dedicated Android application has been developed to provide users with a real-time, intuitive interface for monitoring critical battery parameters including state of charge (SoC), voltage, current, temperature, and fault diagnostics thereby enhancing system transparency and user engagement. Battery performance data, along with charging and diagnostic parameters, is continuously transmitted to the Arduino IoT Cloud for centralized storage, remote monitoring, and data-driven analysis. This cloud-based analytical framework facilitates the optimization of charging strategies, early detection of anomalies or faults, and predictive maintenance capabilities, ultimately enhancing battery longevity and operational safety. By combining hybrid wireless charging, renewable energy integration, and IoT-enabled real-time monitoring, the proposed BMS framework contributes to the advancement of intelligent, sustainable, and efficient energy management solutions for the electric vehicle and broader automotive industry.

Keywords:

Internet of Things (IoT), Battery Management System (BMS), Arduino IoT Cloud, ESP32 Microcontroller, Wireless Charging, Android Application, Renewable Energy Integration.

1. Introduction:

The global automotive sector is undergoing a paradigm shift, driven by the accelerating adoption of Electric Vehicles (EVs) as a viable and sustainable alternative to conventional internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles. This transition is primarily propelled by mounting concerns over environmental sustainability, energy security, and stringent regulatory mandates aimed at curbing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and mitigating climate change impacts. As EV adoption continues to scale, there is a corresponding and critical demand for efficient, intelligent, and robust Battery Management Systems (BMS) capable of optimizing battery performance, ensuring operational safety, and extending the overall lifespan of energy storage units. Concurrently, rapid advancements in wireless power transfer technology, renewable energy harvesting systems, and Internet of Things (IoT) connectivity have opened new avenues for enhancing BMS functionality, enabling more intelligent, adaptive, and energy-efficient battery management frameworks for next-generation electric mobility solutions.

The motivation underlying this project stems from the need to address critical limitations inherent in existing BMS architectures, particularly within the context of the rapidly evolving Indian automotive market. Despite the accelerating growth and adoption of EVs across the country, there remains a conspicuous absence of comprehensive, indigenously-tailored BMS solutions that adequately address the unique infrastructural, environmental, and socio-economic challenges faced by both end-users and manufacturers in the Indian context-including inconsistent charging infrastructure, variable ambient temperature conditions, and cost-sensitivity

constraints. Furthermore, the integration of advanced functionalities such as hybrid charging architectures, wireless power transfer, and real-time parametric monitoring presents a significant opportunity to enhance the overall performance, user convenience, operational safety, and environmental sustainability of electric mobility solutions, positioning this work at the intersection of embedded systems engineering, renewable energy integration, and IoT-driven analytics.

The primary objectives of this work are as follows:

1. To design, develop, and implement a comprehensive and robust Battery Management System (BMS) architecture tailored for electric vehicle applications.
2. To incorporate advanced hybrid charging technology, enabling seamless and adaptive switching between multiple charging sources based on availability and operational conditions.
3. To integrate wireless charging functionality, facilitating convenient, cable-free, and contactless charging operations for enhanced user experience.
4. To enable real-time monitoring of critical battery parameters including voltage, current, and temperature ensuring safe, stable, and efficient system operation while mitigating risks of thermal runaway or overcharging.
5. To incorporate renewable and regenerative energy sources, including wind-based charging and regenerative braking, to promote sustainable and eco-friendly charging solutions.
6. To integrate the system with the Arduino IoT Cloud platform for centralized data storage, remote accessibility, and comprehensive data-driven analysis and diagnostics.

The scope of this project encompasses the end-to-end design, development, and empirical testing of a functional prototype BMS for electric vehicle applications. The proposed system is implemented using an ESP32 microcontroller as the core processing platform, integrated with a suite of sensors, actuators, and wireless communication modules to achieve the desired multi-functional capabilities. This project places particular emphasis on demonstrating the technical feasibility, operational reliability, and practical effectiveness of the proposed BMS framework in enhancing the performance, energy efficiency, and environmental sustainability of electric vehicles under real-world operating conditions, thereby contributing a scalable and cost-effective solution suited to emerging market contexts such as India.

2. Literature Survey:

K. Liu et al.[1] presented a comprehensive review of several core technological domains within battery management systems, encompassing battery modeling techniques, state estimation algorithms (including State of Charge and State of Health estimation), and battery charging methodologies, thereby providing a foundational understanding of the multifaceted challenges involved in BMS design and implementation. Bedatri Moulik et al.[3] proposed an optimized cell structure design aimed at improving battery performance characteristics, emphasizing that the runtime performance of battery systems must be continuously monitored and dynamically optimized to ensure safe, reliable operation and to maximize operational lifespan under varying load conditions. J. Jiang and C. Zhang[4] investigated the underlying electrochemical degradation mechanisms responsible for the decline in battery performance and capacity over time, identifying key contributing factors such as structural disordering and deformation of electrode materials, electrolyte decomposition, metal dissolution, and dendrite formation phenomena that collectively compromise battery safety, efficiency, and longevity.

Wei Liu, Tobias Placke, and K.T. Chau (2022) highlighted the pivotal role of electric vehicle (EV) popularization as an effective strategy for advancing global carbon neutrality objectives, underscoring the broader environmental and policy-level significance of EV adoption within the context of sustainable transportation. Rohit S. Dhaigude and Javed H. Shaikh characterized the Battery Management System (BMS) as an electronic regulatory unit responsible for monitoring and controlling the charging and discharging processes of rechargeable battery packs, thereby ensuring safe operational boundaries and preventing conditions such as overcharging or deep discharge. Ananthraj C. R. and Arnab Ghosh (Senior Member, IEEE) emphasized that battery storage constitutes the most critical subsystem within an electric vehicle architecture, as it is fundamentally responsible for storing and supplying the electrical energy required for vehicle propulsion and overall operation. Yinjiao Xing, Eden W. M. Ma, Kwok L. Tsui, and Michael Pecht identified the Battery Management System as a mission-critical component within electric and hybrid electric vehicle systems, reinforcing its indispensable role in ensuring vehicle safety, performance optimization, and battery health management.

Jeevak S. Lokhande, P. M. Daigavhane, and Mithu Sarkar presented the design of a smart Battery Management System tailored specifically for electric vehicle applications, contributing practical insights into intelligent BMS architecture and implementation strategies suited to real-world EV deployment scenarios. Collectively, these studies underscore the multidimensional nature of BMS research spanning electrochemical degradation analysis, structural cell design optimization, real-time monitoring and control strategies, and system-level architectural design-while highlighting the continued need for intelligent, IoT-integrated, and application-specific BMS solutions, particularly within emerging market contexts such as India.

3. Methodology:

- **Research Approach:** Utilizing a mixed-methods approach involving quantitative and qualitative techniques to develop and implement a Battery Monitoring System (BMS) for electric vehicles (EVs).
- **Data Collection:** Involves primary data collection through interviews, surveys, real-time data collection, participatory design workshops, and secondary data collection through literature review.
- **Machine Learning Integration:** Involves data preprocessing, feature engineering, model training, evaluation, and deployment of machine learning algorithms for predictive analytics.
- **Data Management and Security:** Ensuring the security, integrity, and privacy of battery performance data through encryption, access control mechanisms, secure data transmission, and compliance with regulations.
- **System Design and Development:** Encompasses requirement analysis, architectural design, prototype development, integration, testing, validation, and refinement of the BMS.
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- **Ethical Considerations:** Addressing ethical considerations such as obtaining informed consent, ensuring anonymity, confidentiality, and adhering to ethical guidelines.
- **Limitations:** Acknowledging potential biases, data availability, quality constraints, technical feasibility, and resource constraints.
- **Problem Statement:** Highlighting the lack of comprehensive BMS tailored to the Indian EV market and the need for advanced solutions to optimize battery performance.
- **Objective:** Designing, developing, and implementing an advanced BMS tailored to Indian EV market needs, including architecture design, interface. development, machine learning integration, database integration, and evaluation through pilot testing.

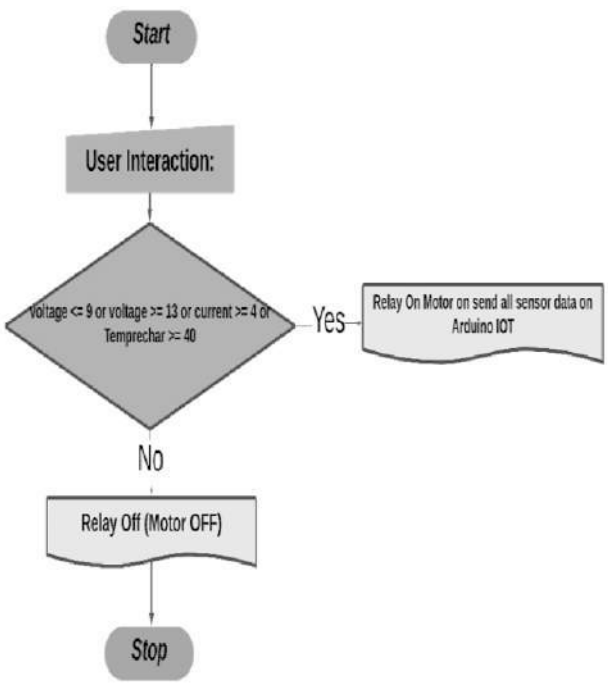


Fig. 2: Flow Chart

Modeling and Analysis:

In the above block diagram, we can see the microcontroller we are using ESP32 as a micro-controller. Power supply to step down voltage and have constant 5v voltage. DHT11 temperature sensor is connected to ESP32 as input device whereas voltage and current sensor are connected as input device as well. We are using an Arduino IoT application to display all the data on a mobile phone.

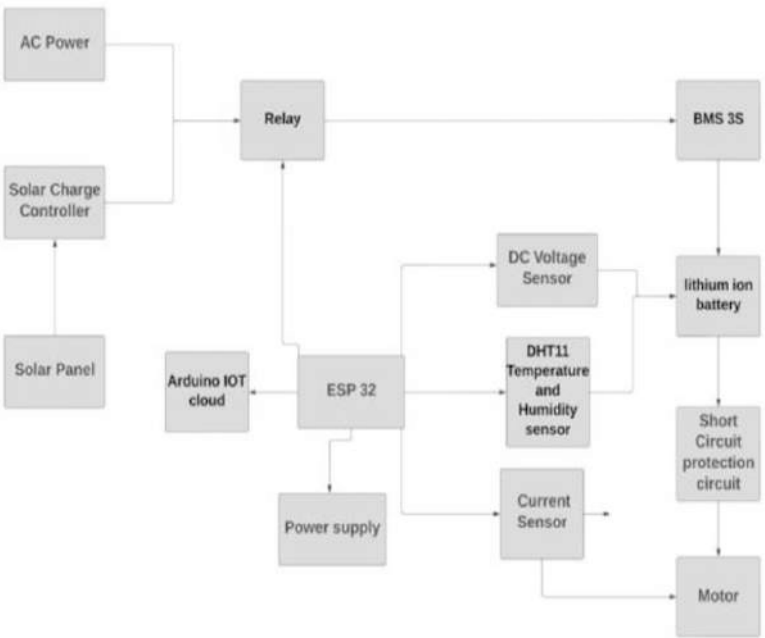


Fig. 3: Block Daigram

4. Results and Discussion:

In this chapter, we present the comprehensive results of our study on the proposed Battery Monitoring System (BMS) for electric vehicles (EVs) in the Indian market. Our evaluation encompasses performance, effectiveness, and practical utility. We rigorously tested the BMS under various conditions, including different EV models, battery chemistries, and usage scenarios. Real-time monitoring capabilities were assessed for detecting and preventing battery faults, optimizing charging/discharging schedules, and predicting battery life cycles. User feedback, collected through surveys and interviews, provided insights into satisfaction levels with the BMS interface and functionality. Stakeholders, including EV owners, fleet operators, and battery rental companies, highlighted the practical benefits of the BMS in their operations. Validation of machine learning models integrated into the BMS was conducted using historical battery performance data and real-world testing, comparing predictive analytics against actual battery performance to ensure accuracy and reliability.



Fig. 4: Software

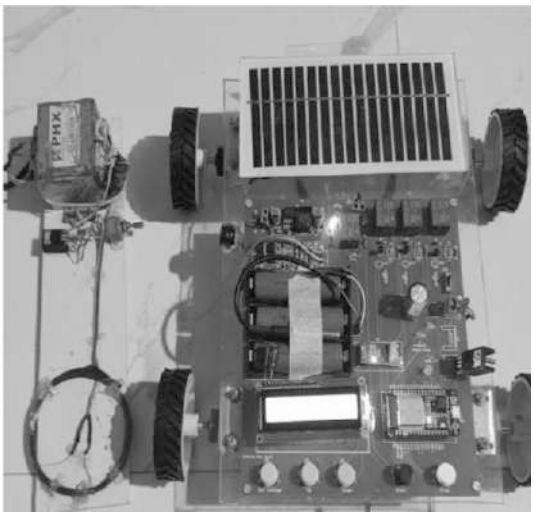


Fig. 5: Hardware

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the proposed Battery Monitoring System (BMS) stands as a significant breakthrough in the realm of electric vehicle (EV) technology, particularly within the Indian market. Our study underscores several key findings: The BMS exhibits remarkable effectiveness in monitoring, managing, and optimizing EV battery performance, leading to tangible improvements in efficiency, reliability, and longevity. Stakeholders express notable satisfaction with the BMS interface and functionality, citing its user-friendly design, practical utility, and value-added features. Integrated machine learning models empower the BMS with precise predictive analytics capabilities, enabling accurate forecasts of battery life cycles, estimation of remaining capacity, and provision of optimization recommendations. This fosters proactive maintenance strategies and informed decision-making processes. Through real-world deployment and testing in collaboration with EV manufacturers, fleet operators, and battery rental companies across India, the BMS has demonstrated its scalability and adaptability to diverse operational environments. This underscores its readiness for widespread implementation and its potential to catalyze advancements in the EV ecosystem.

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Legal Framework for Energy Sector towards – Vikasit Bharat

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Abstract:

As India transitioned into the 21st century, it established a robust regulatory framework for its power sector through two seminal legislations: The Energy Conservation Act, 2001, and The Electricity Act, 2003. Together, these acts form the bedrock of the nation's modern energy policy. The Energy Conservation Act, 2001—which has now completed its quarter-century milestone—institutionalized energy efficiency by establishing the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and introducing landmark mechanisms like the Perform, Achieve, and Trade (PAT) scheme. Conversely, The Electricity Act, 2003, structured to complete its 25th anniversary soon, unbundled state electricity boards, introduced open access, and catalyzed private sector participation and renewable energy growth. This review examines the collective experience of these two decades of legislative governance. It assesses their successes in expanding generation capacity and decoupling economic growth from energy intensity. Finally, it highlights persisting challenges, such as the financial viability of distribution companies (DISCOMs) and the regulatory evolution needed to meet India's net-zero emission targets.

Introduction:

As India entered the 21st Century and new Millenium it has passed two important Laws Related to Energy Sector. They form the Foundation of Power and Energy Sector. They are The Energy Conservation Act 2001 and The Electricity Act 2003. The first law has already completed its quarter Century where as the other will complete it soon. It will be very appropriate to review the experience of these two acts.

The Energy Conservation Act was enacted primarily for Establishing of BEE as a Statutory Body with a Mandate

1. Implement Measures related to Conserving the Energy and for streamlining Energy Intensive Industries to match with Global Standards of Specific Energy Consumption for their Products so that they can become internationally Competitive.
2. Implement Standards and Labeling Program so that Market is oriented towards a new concept of Life time Cost rather than only Initial Cost of the Product.
3. Create a Cadre of Energy Auditors and Energy Managers who will have additional skills to work with Industries in helping them comply with Energy Consumption Norms.
4. Many other Man date that may be required from time to time.

The Electricity Act was enacted with a Preamble:

An Act to consolidate the laws relating to generation, transmission, distribution, trading and use of electricity and generally for taking measures conducive to development of electricity industry, promoting competition therein, protecting interest of consumers and supply of electricity to all areas, rationalization of electricity tariff, ensuring transparent policies regarding subsidies, promotion of efficient and environmentally benign policies constitution of Central Electricity

Authority, Regulatory Commissions and establishment of Appellate Tribunal and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. Progress and Experience So Far on The Energy Conservation Act:

1. BEE has acted in Systematic way to achieve the objects of the Enactment of Act. Initially it conducted Life Long Learning Programs for Industries and making them aware of their responsibilities. Today most of the Industries are voluntarily setting up their targets as an Energy Conservation Policy. They are displaying such policies openly and actively involving their Staff.
2. BEE has been conducting Standards and Labelling Programming regularly and on this front also Most of the Sellers and Buyers of Consumer Products have been made aware of Star Labelling Programming. To Further Encourage the more and more innovations BEE has been Reviewing the Star Labelling and after regular intervals The Star Labels of Previous Cycle are downgraded by One Star So that Newer and Newer products of better efficiency are available to consumers.
3. BEE has been conducting regularly the Examinations for Energy Managers and Energy Auditors. To this date Sufficient Professionals are available to Industry for Carrying out the Audits and Many More are getting added Every Year for meeting the increasing requirement.
4. BEE Came Out with PAT Scheme (Perform, Achieve and Trade) for Notified Industries and allowed them to Market their Achievements through tradeable Energy Saving Certificates. Now the same has been replaced with Carbon Trading Certificates form 1st April 2026. This was mainly to align with EU Scheme of Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism.

Progress and Experience So Far on The Electricity Act 2003:

1. Trifurcation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution activities has been done by all the State Electricity Boards but the activities have not been made competitive. Most of the states have maintained the status of Original Board as a holding company and all the companies with these three activities as Subsidiaries. None of the GENCOS of individual States are able to sell their Generation Competitively outside the state. This kills the competition that was expected in the Act. Particularly Maharashtra has still retained the Monopoly of Distribution with a Single Company under its control killing the competition. Mumbai is the only in the State where consumers even at Residential Level have choice to use Energy from a Different Company than the Company providing the Distribution Network. The attempts of other companies to get Licenses have not yet succeeded.
2. Apart from this Government of Maharashtra has also come out with certain Novel Ideas to become a Pioneer in Providing Solar Krishi Pump Scheme through (Magel Tyala Saur Krishi Pump) Scheme. In the scheme the Farmers have been provided off Grid Solar Pump which operates during the Day to meet their water requirement for Crops. This scheme has become very popular and MSEDCL has established a Guiness World Records of Installing 45911 Pumps in a Calendar Month. This is helping Farmers who were required to go to farms for watering at Odd Hours in Late Night. There have been a few Cases of Snake Bites also in the Past.
3. Under Section 70 of the Electricity Act 2003 the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) to continues as the main technical Advisor to Government of India and State Governments with a responsibility of Overall Planning. Under Section 73 of the Act CEA to Specify the Technical Standards for Electrical Plants and Electrical Lines. And also be technical advisor to CERC as well as SERC. Under Section 53 CEA to Specify the Safety Standards. CEA has been coming out with regular Updates on Rules and Regulations in Line with Technological Development.
4. On the renewal Energy Front India has been achieving its targets much ahead of the due dates. Particularly PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijlee Yojana has become very attractive and popular amongst the Citizens. However Ground Mounted Solar Systems are facing some issues with connectivity as well as Grid Infra Structure.
5. Another issue with Renewable Energy is its predictability and Grid Stability is an issue. To overcome this Regulators have come out with the idea of QCA (Qualified Coordinating Agencies) to predict the schedule of Generation based on 100 years data of Site and Use of AI to predict the Generation so that Load Dispatch Centers can maintain Grid Stability.
6. Of Late CEA and SERCs have also come out with a mandatory provision of Battery Storage Capability for a fixed percentage of Installed Capacity. This is mainly to avoid Evening Peaks in the Load Curve.
7. Tariff Structure also has been slowly getting tuned to ABT (Availability Based Tariffs) for all Categories of Consumers.
8. In order to improve the efficiencies of DICOMS the GOI has come out with two schemes. One for reducing their Losses through proper metering and the other for reliability. The metering Scheme is called advanced metering Scheme which consists of Providing Smart Meters for all categories of Consumers backed by Robust Data Structure backed by AI. The reliability scheme is called as Disaster Management Scheme which involved again Robust Data Structure backed by AI for processing large data Structures across the networks.

Way Ahead :

1. Recently GOI had called for Comments on Amendments to Electricity Act 2026. The idea was to Streamline the Activities of BEE and CEA (Another Statutory Body Under The Electricity Act 2003). BEE had come out with a Gazette of Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) and Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO). So for RPO used to be notified by State Electricity Regulatory Commission and RCO was the domain of BEE. Since most of the DISCOMS are already notified under The Energy Conservation Act 2001 the two had to be aligned. Thus Legal Frame Work needs continuous upgradation of such policies to be effective.
2. The Skills Upgradation; This has to be achieved at Two Levels:
   A) Industrial Front
   B) Academic Level

- **Industrial Front:** The industries need to take lot of efforts to adapt to the new technological Challenges of Future. Particularly in Manufacturing Skills. Daya by day the human skills are getting transferred to Machines and AI. However there will be always a human intervention required to ensure that AI is utilized precisely. Because AI can completely miss the path if the prompt used to extract the correct information is missed. Thus in Industrial sector the concept of Coding is being replaced with prompt engineering.
- **Academic Level:** On Academia Level the students have to identify their fields of interest right at the beginning whether they intend to become software experts or domain experts. Based on early choices the faculty may have to guide them properly. If need be seek the help of Industry Experts. A new concept is not far away when Students will Design their own Syllabus based on their interest and Design Their Degrees through a DYD concept similar to DYD.

Thus our way ahead is going to be paradigm shift towards Energy Infrastructure both in terms of Tangible Assets and Human Resources. This is both a Challenge as well as an Opportunity.

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Exploring Ai Methods For Fault Classification in Solar Pv Modules: A Comparative Approach

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Abstract:
The growing adoption of solar photovoltaic (PV) technology underscores the importance of maintaining system efficiency and reliability. Faults in PV modules, such as hot spots, micro-cracks, and shading, can significantly reduce energy output and accelerate degradation. This paper presents a comprehensive comparative analysis of various Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques employed for the detection and classification of such faults. Both Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) approaches are evaluated using datasets comprising thermal images, electrical measurements, and visual imagery. Key performance metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, processing time, and computational efficiency, are used to benchmark these techniques. The results reveal that convolutional neural networks (CNNs) excel in image-based fault detection, while hybrid models effectively combine the strengths of ML and DL for superior performance. By identifying optimal AI methodologies, this research contributes to advancing the reliability and operational efficiency of solar PV systems.

Key words :
Solar PV Modules, Fault Detection, Fault Classification, Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning, Machine Learning.

1. Introduction:

Solar energy has emerged as a key pillar in the global transition toward renewable and sustainable energy sources. Among renewable technologies, solar photovoltaic (PV) systems have gained widespread adoption due to their scalability, low operational costs, and capability to generate clean energy. However, maintaining the performance and reliability of PV systems is critical to ensuring their long-term viability and efficiency. Faults in PV modules, such as hot spots, micro-cracks, potential-induced degradation (PID), and shading, can significantly impact energy output and operational reliability. Traditional fault detection methods rely heavily on manual inspections, rule-based diagnostics, or electrical performance analysis, which are often labor-intensive, time-consuming, and prone to human error. These limitations emphasize the need for advanced diagnostic methods capable of providing accurate and automated fault detection and classification.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers a transformative approach to addressing these challenges. By leveraging vast datasets from PV system sensors and imaging tools, AI-based techniques enable faster, more accurate, and scalable fault detection and classification. Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) models, in particular, have shown significant promise in identifying complex fault patterns that traditional methods struggle to address. This paper aims to provide a comparative analysis of state-of-the-art AI techniques applied to fault detection and classification in solar PV modules. The analysis includes commonly encountered fault types in PV modules and evaluates AI models using diverse datasets, including thermal imaging, electrical measurements, and visual inspections. Key performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and processing time are used to benchmark different techniques. This paper also addresses practical challenges like dataset quality, computational requirements, and model generalization across different PV system configurations.

This paper is structured as follows: Section 2 provides an overview of common faults in PV modules and their impact on system performance. Section 3 discusses AI-based fault detection techniques, including ML and DL methodologies. Section 4 discusses the existing research work on this topic. Section 5 outlines the methodology, including datasets, preprocessing, and evaluation metrics. Section 6 presents the results and discussion, followed by the conclusion and future directions in Section 7.

2. Fault Types in Solar PV Modules

2.1 Common Faults: Solar PV modules are susceptible to a variety of faults that can impact their performance and longevity. The most common types include:

A) Hot Spots: Hot spots occur when specific regions of a solar panel overheat due to partial shading, soldering defects, or cell damage. These localized temperature increases can lead to module degradation and potential safety hazards.

B) **Micro-Cracks:** Micro-cracks are tiny fractures in solar cells caused by mechanical stress during manufacturing, transportation, or installation. While initially small, these cracks can propagate over time, reducing the efficiency of the affected cells and the overall module.
C) **Potential-Induced Degradation (PID):** PID is a voltage-related phenomenon that causes leakage currents, leading to a significant loss in power output. This fault is more prevalent in high-voltage systems and can affect entire PV arrays.
D) **Soiling:** The accumulation of dirt, dust, bird droppings, or other debris on the surface of PV modules can block sunlight and reduce energy production. The extent of this fault depends on environmental factors and maintenance schedules.
E) **Shading:** Shading occurs when obstructions like trees, buildings, or other objects block sunlight from reaching the PV modules. This fault can reduce energy output disproportionately due to the series configuration of cells within a module.
F) **Delamination:** Delamination refers to the separation of layers within a solar module, typically caused by manufacturing defects or prolonged exposure to environmental stressors. It can compromise the module's structural integrity and electrical performance.

2.2 Impact on System Performance:

Faults in PV modules can lead to:

- **Energy Loss:** Reduced power output directly impacts the return on investment for solar installations.
- **Degradation:** Accelerated wear and tear on affected modules may necessitate premature replacement.
- **Safety Hazards:** Issues like hot spots or PID can pose fire risks or lead to electrical failures.
- **Increased Maintenance Costs:** Frequent inspections and repairs can escalate operational expenses.

Effective fault detection and classification are critical to mitigating these impacts, ensuring that solar PV systems operate efficiently and safely over their intended lifespans.

3. Artificial Intelligence in Fault Detection:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing fault detection and classification in solar PV modules by automating processes that were traditionally labor-intensive and prone to errors. AI techniques use data-driven models to identify and predict faults with a level of precision unattainable by conventional methods.

3.1 Machine Learning Techniques: Machine Learning (ML) is a subset of AI that uses statistical models to identify patterns in data. In the context of PV module fault detection, ML algorithms like Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forests, and k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN) are widely employed. SVM is particularly effective in classifying binary and multi-class faults by finding optimal hyperplanes in feature space. Random Forests provide robustness against overfitting and work well with large datasets containing diverse fault types. The simplicity and efficiency of k-NN make it ideal for small datasets, though it is computationally intensive for larger-scale problems.

3.2 Deep Learning Techniques: Deep Learning (DL), a more advanced subset of AI, has shown exceptional performance in fault detection tasks, particularly those involving image data. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are highly effective for analyzing thermal or visual images of PV modules, as they excel in extracting spatial features. Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) are better suited for time-series data, such as voltage or current measurements, as they can capture temporal dependencies. Transformer models, though relatively new in this domain, have demonstrated superior accuracy in handling complex data patterns and integrating information across multiple modalities.

3.3 Hybrid Approaches: Hybrid AI models combine the strengths of ML and DL techniques or integrate traditional methods with AI algorithms to improve fault detection. For instance, a hybrid approach might use Random Forests for initial data preprocessing and feature selection, followed by a CNN for detailed fault classification. These models are particularly useful in scenarios where data quality and quantity vary significantly, as they can adapt to diverse datasets while maintaining high accuracy.

3.4 Advantages of AI-Based Fault Detection

AI-based techniques offer several benefits over traditional fault detection methods:

- **Automation:** Reduces the need for manual inspections and minimizes human error.
- **Accuracy:** Achieves higher fault detection rates by leveraging advanced algorithms.
- **Scalability:** Adapts to large-scale PV systems and diverse environmental conditions.
- **Efficiency:** Speeds up the fault detection process, enabling real-time monitoring and diagnostics.

Despite these advantages, challenges such as data scarcity, computational overhead, and model generalization remain areas of ongoing research. Addressing these challenges will further enhance the applicability and effectiveness of AI in solar PV fault detection.

4. Related Work:

AI has proven effective in automating fault detection and classification in solar PV systems. This review of existing work highlights significant advancements in AI-based fault detection while underscoring persistent challenges such as data dependency, generalization, and cost-effectiveness.

A novel approach for condition monitoring and fault detection of photovoltaic panels has been developed with a U-Net neural network, leveraging infrared thermal imagery. An ensemble-based deep neural network (DNN) model is suggested for the autonomous identification of visual defects, including glass breakage, burn scars, snail trails, discolouration, and delamination [1]. Thermography and machine learning-based analysis for photovoltaic module fault classification is employed to examine the characteristics of thermal pictures from various defective panels utilizing artificial neural networks [2]. A computer vision technique designed for the semi-automatic extraction of photovoltaic modules from thermographic UAV films [2]. The diagnosis of solar panels by IR thermography indicated the monitoring of solar panels and the classification of defects using fuzzy rules [4]. Fault classification via thermal image processing through Support Vector Machine is presented [5]. Thermal pictures identify hot regions by image processing techniques utilizing morphological procedures [4]. A unique methodology utilizing a light convolutional neural network architecture for the identification of faults in EL pictures [5]. An effective method utilizing infrared thermal energy analysis was conducted to identify and locate hot-spot faults [5]. The Simple Linear Iterative Clustering (SLIC) superpixel approach was developed to automate fault detection in solar energy systems by thermal imaging, facilitating an accurate and timely alarm system for hazardous circumstances [6]. A comprehensive model addressing non-uniform temperature distribution among series-connected photovoltaic cells is presented in [6].

Limitations in Existing Work:

There are two types of approaches for processing infrared thermal pictures of PV panels: Manual methods and Intelligent methods. In manual techniques, features are collected from pictures using various algorithms, followed by classification of the images based on the retrieved features. Intelligent approaches often employ machine learning or neural network algorithms to autonomously process and categorize photos. Both types of approaches possess advantages and disadvantages. Human involvement in the image feature extraction process results in elevated accuracy in both image feature extraction and classification. Nonetheless, it is laborious and ineffective, rendering it unsuitable for condition monitoring of photovoltaic panels in extensive solar power facilities. The latter resolves this issue by enabling automated picture processing. Nonetheless, its precision in feature extraction and picture categorization is significantly dependent on the quality of network training. The training of a neural network often necessitates a substantial quantity of high-quality picture samples. Nonetheless, gathering a substantial quantity of high-quality picture samples within a limited timeframe poses significant challenges in the practice of photovoltaic.

5. Conclusion:

This comparative analysis reveals significant progress in the application of machine learning and deep learning techniques. These AI-based methods have shown great promise in automating the identification of various faults, including shading, module degradation, bypass diode failures, and mismatch issues, which are critical to maintaining optimal system performance. The use of AI offers considerable advantages, such as increased detection accuracy, faster response times, and the ability to operate in real-time, which traditional manual inspection methods cannot match. The interpretability of complex AI models is another significant barrier to their adoption, as operators require transparent reasoning for the fault predictions. Furthermore, real-time processing and integration with existing hardware in solar PV systems remain areas for improvement.

Future research should focus on overcoming these limitations through the development of hybrid AI models, the use of transfer learning for better adaptability, and edge computing to enable real-time fault detection. With these advancements, AI has the potential to revolutionize the monitoring and maintenance of solar PV systems, leading to more efficient, reliable, and cost-effective solar energy production.

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Enhancing IOT Protocol For Security System: A Review

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Abstract:
The rapid integration of the Internet of Things (IOT) into everyday life has led to the proliferation of smart devices, creating both opportunities and challenges in terms of security. As IOT systems become increasingly interconnected, they are vulnerable to various cyber threats such as unauthorized access, data breaches, and denial-of-service attacks. This paper presents a comprehensive study on IOT-based security systems, exploring the vulnerabilities inherent in IOT architectures and proposing innovative solutions to mitigate risks. We investigate various security protocols, including encryption methods, authentication techniques, and intrusion detection systems (IDS), that enhance the resilience of IOT networks. Additionally, the paper highlights the role of emerging technologies like block chain and machine learning in improving the security and privacy of Iota devices. The proposed solutions aim to establish a secure, scalable, and privacy-preserving Iota environment, with an emphasis on real-time threat detection and response. This paper contribute to the ongoing efforts to ensure the integrity and safety of IOT ecosystems in both home and industrial settings.

Key words :
Internet of Things (IOT), IOT Security, Encryption Techniques, Authentication Mechanisms, Intrusion Detection, Cyber security, Block chain, Machine Learning, Data Privacy, IOT Vulnerabilities

1. Introduction:

The Internet of Things (IOT) is transforming industries by interconnecting everyday objects, devices, and systems through the internet, enabling them to collect and exchange data. From smart homes and healthcare devices to industrial applications and autonomous vehicles, IOT is becoming an integral part of modern life, enhancing efficiency, convenience, and automation. However, the rapid adoption of IOT technology has introduced significant security concerns. As the number of connected devices increases, so does the potential for cyber attacks, data breaches, and unauthorized access to sensitive information.

One of the major challenges faced by IOT networks is their inherent vulnerability to security threats. IOT devices often have limited computational resources, making them difficult to secure with traditional cybersecurity methods. Many devices also lack robust security measures, such as encryption and authentication protocols, making them susceptible to malicious attacks. Furthermore, the decentralized nature of IOT networks and the complexity of managing large numbers of connected devices only add to the challenge of ensuring comprehensive security.

This paper aims to explore the current state of IOT security and propose a robust security framework that addresses the unique challenges posed by IOT networks. The research focuses on advanced encryption methods, multi-factor authentication, and real-time intrusion detection to safeguard IOT systems from emerging threats. Additionally, it examines how emerging technologies such as block chain and machine learning can enhance the resilience and reliability of IOT-based security solutions.

The objective of this study is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the IOT security landscape and to propose innovative solutions that can mitigate security risks while maintaining the performance and scalability of IOT systems. Through experimental analysis and system modeling, this paper highlights the importance of creating secure, scalable, and adaptive security architectures to support the continued growth and integration of IOT technologies into everyday life.

2. Literature Review:

Z. Xiao Jian, C. Liandong, F. Jie, W. Xiangqun and W. Qi, "Power IOT security protection architecture based on zero trust framework," 2021 IEEE 5th International Conference on Cryptography, Security and Privacy (CSP), Zhuhai, China, 2021, pp. 166-170, doi: 10.1109/CSP51677.2021.9357607.

The widespread adoption of the power Internet of Things (IOT) has resulted in various devices connecting to corporate networks. This has led to increased internal and external business interactions and more extensive data exchange. Traditional security systems, which rely on border isolation for protection, are no longer sufficient to meet the needs of the connected power IOT and open shared services. This paper explores a security solution centered on a “zero trust” model, focusing on continuous identity authentication and dynamic access control. It proposes security architecture for the power IOT based on the zero trust approach. [1]

N. M. Karie, N. M. Sahri, W. Yang, C. Valli and V. R. Kebande, "A Review of Security Standards and Frameworks for IOT-Based Smart Environments," in IEEE Access, vol. 9, pp.121975121995,2021,doi:10.1109/ACCESS.2021.3109886.

The security of IOT-based smart environments, such as smart homes and smart cities, is crucial for implementing effective control measures and mitigating security risks. However, a key challenge lies in identifying security standards and assessment frameworks that align with the specific security needs of these environments and comprehensively evaluate their security posture. This paper reviews existing security standards and assessment frameworks, including NIST special publications on security techniques, to identify those that could address the security requirements of IOT-based smart environments. The review includes a total of 80 ISO/IEC security standards, 32 ETSI standards, 37 conventional security assessment frameworks, and 7 NIST publications. It also considers both established and developing security standards. The findings suggest that most existing frameworks do not directly address the security needs of IOT-based smart environments, although they can be adapted to these systems. This study contributes to the field by highlighting gaps in current research, proposing new research directions, and creating opportunities for the development of security standards and frameworks tailored to IOT-based environments. Additionally, the paper discusses the challenges IOT-based smart environments face regarding security and proposes taxonomy of these challenges, linking them to potential solutions derived from the literature. [2]

M. S. Rajan, J. R. Arunkumar, A. Ramasamy and B. Sisay, "A comprehensive study of the Design and Security of the IOT layer Attacks," 2021 6th International Conference on Communication and Electronics Systems (ICCES), Coimbatore, India, 2021, pp. 538-543, doi: 10.1109/ICCES51350.2021.9489235.

The Internet of Things (IOT) connects numerous individuals, resources, and expertise, enabling enhanced usability, reliability, and automation. However, ensuring security and privacy in IOT environments is critical, especially for protection against potential attacks. Authentication and recovery mechanisms are vital for establishing a secure and automated IOT environment. This research presents a survey on the design and security of IOT systems, with a focus on IOT layer attacks.

The paper delves into various security and privacy concerns, providing a thorough overview of the security threats and their sources in IOT applications. It also examines current IOT security principles and evaluates potential proposals for improving protection and privacy within IOT systems. The aim is to address the challenges and identify solutions that can safeguard IOT implementations against emerging threats. [3]

R. Sivapriyan, S. V. Sushmitha, K. Pooja and N. Sakshi, "Analysis of Security Challenges and Issues in IOT Enabled Smart Homes," 2021 IEEE International Conference on Computation System and Information Technology for Sustainable Solutions (CSITSS), Bangalore, India, 2021, pp. 1-6, doi: 10.1109/CSITSS54238.2021.9683324.

In recent years, IOT technology has greatly impacted the control of home appliances, providing convenience through smartphone applications. However, security remains a major concern, with vulnerabilities to both physical and cyberattacks, which hackers use to steal confidential data from unauthorized networks. These security risks are often due to weak passwords, lack of encryption, and limited user awareness about IOT applications. This paper addresses the security threats and challenges within IOT-based smart homes. It provides an overview of IOT architecture and its various applications, emphasizing the importance of implementing a robust security management system. The paper highlights security concepts and challenges across different layers of IOT systems and suggests countermeasures to mitigate risks and threats in real-life scenarios. It also calls for increased user awareness, urging users to adopt precautions and appropriate actions to tackle new challenges in IOT-based smart home environments. Ultimately, it envisions a safer future as IOT technology continues to revolutionize lifestyles. [4]

Dinky, Hemlata and R. Tanwar, "Enhancement of Security by Infrared Array Sensor Based IOT System," 2021 International Conference on Innovative Practices in Technology and Management (ICIPTM), Noida, India, 2021, pp. 108-112, doi: 10.1109/ICIPTM52218.2021.9388324.

This research focuses on setting up an IoT-based Infrared Array Sensor system to provide security at remote locations. It involves the establishment of a cloud environment to host the IOT application and the development of the application using Asp.net and C# programming. The IOT system is integrated with Infrared Array sensors to implement the proposed solution.

In this setup, a camera captures external events and sends signals to the Infrared grid array sensor. The research highlights how IOT can enable applications of great societal value, such as smart cities, smart grids, and smart healthcare. For these applications, IOT performance must meet strict dependability requirements, ensuring that sensor data and actuator commands are delivered reliably and promptly. [5]

M. Chu and Y. Song, "Analysis of network security and privacy security based on AI in IOT environment," 2021 IEEE 4th International Conference on Information Systems and Computer Aided Education (ICISCAE), Dalian, China, 2021,pp.390393,doi:10.1109/ICISCAE52414.2021.9590786.

With the advancement of information technology, the Internet of Things (IOT) has emerged as the third wave of the global information industry revolution, following computers and the Internet. Alongside IOT, Artificial Intelligence (AI) plays a crucial role in the rapid development of the current information society. While AI and IOT technologies offer convenience and intelligent services, they also come with various flaws and underdeveloped aspects. To address these issues, it is essential to focus on enhancing AI and IOT

technologies, improving their application systems, and establishing a robust network security management system. This system should be capable of detecting intrusions, assessing risks, and preventing viruses in real-time. The paper analyzes the network security risks associated with AI and IOT applications and emphasizes that ensuring the security of the IOT environment requires solving privacy and network security challenges. Effective management should address these concerns from both technical and legal perspectives. [6]

W. Park and G. Ahn, "A Study on the Next Generation Security Control Model for Cyber Threat Detection in the Internet of Things (IOT) Environment," 2021 21st ACIS International Winter Conference on Software Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Networking and Parallel/Distributed Computing (SNPD-Winter), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 2021,pp.213217, doi:10.1109/SNPDWinter52325.2021.00053.

Recently, there has been a rise in information leakage incidents, including cyberattacks and internal data breaches. A significant number of hacking incidents and DDoS attacks related to IOT have been reported, leading to an expanded focus on cyber threat detection. This study examines the trends surrounding the commercialization and standardization of IOT technology.

Based on the analysis of the current IOT landscape, the study identifies key areas where IOT security control is needed. A security control strategy is then proposed, which divides the IOT environment into three main components: IOT devices, IOT network/communication, and IOT services/platforms. The strategy is structured around a basic framework of "Pre-response, Accident response, and Post-response," with tailored security control measures for each component to ensure comprehensive protection in the IOT ecosystem. [7]

P. TianYu, S. Yan and S. QuanJiang, "Research on Security Threat Assessment for Power IOT Terminal Based on Knowledge Graph," 2021 IEEE 5th Information Technology, Networking, Electronic and Automation Control Conference (ITNEC), Xi'an, China, 2021, pp. 1717-1721, doi: 10.1109/ITNEC52019.2021.9587134.

Due to the large number of terminal nodes and wide deployment of power IOT, it is vulnerable to attacks such as physical hijacking, communication link theft and replay. In order to sense and measure the security risks and threats of massive power IOT terminals in real time, a security threat assessment for power IOT terminals based on knowledge graph was proposed. Firstly, the basic data, operation data and alarm threat data of power IOT terminal equipment are extracted and correlated, and the power IOT terminal based on knowledge graph is constructed. Then, the real-time monitoring data of the power IOT terminal is preprocessed. Based on the knowledge graph of the power IOT terminal, the safety analysis and operation analysis of the terminal are carried out, and the threat index of the power IOT terminal is perceived in real time. Finally, security operation and maintenance personnel make disposal decisions on the terminals according to the threat index of power IOT terminals to ensure the safe and stable operation of power IOT terminal nodes. The experimental results show that compared with the traditional IPS, the method can effectively detect the security threat of the power IOT terminal and reduce the alarm vulnerability rate. [8]

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The Internet of Things (IOT) is widely used across various sectors, offering convenience in daily life. However, IOT requires an advanced security environment to protect the increasing number of connected devices. IOT security is crucial not only to create new business opportunities but also to mitigate risks. It includes on-demand cloud subscription services designed to secure the growing number of "things" connected to our networks.

The integration of IOT and cloud computing enhances IOT security and broadens its application scope. Despite these benefits, the combination presents significant security challenges that need to be addressed. Recently, researchers have focused on security issues related to cloud-based IOT, exploring topics such as threat modeling, emerging technologies, and intrusion detection systems.

This paper highlights the data security challenges in IOT and discusses the gap in current solutions. By combining the concept of cloud-based IOT architecture with its different layers, the paper presents a range of security issues and challenges that need to be tackled to ensure the safe and effective operation of IOT systems. [9]

B. C. da Rocha, L. P. de Melo and R. T. de Sousa, "Preventing APT attacks on LAN networks with connected IOT devices using a zero trust based security model," 2021 Workshop on Communication Networks and Power Systems (WCNPS), Brasilia, Brazil, 2021, pp. 1-6, doi: 10.1109/WCNPS53648.2021.9626270.

Organizations are increasingly being targeted by various types of cyberattacks, with one of the most dangerous being Advanced Persistent Threats (APT). Unlike Denial of Service (DoS) attacks, APTs are silent, focused on espionage, and aim to steal sensitive information over extended periods. To address this growing threat, the proposed solution suggests implementing a security model based on zero trust to protect LAN networks from APT attacks. The proposed security model incorporates micro-segmentation and Next-Generation Firewalls (NGFWs). Micro-segmentation divides the network into smaller, isolated segments to limit the lateral movement of attackers, while NGFWs provide advanced threat detection and response capabilities. Many IOT devices present in these networks often have vulnerabilities that could be exploited to steal information and compromise the local network, making them a critical focus in the proposed security strategy. [10]

3. Problem Statement:

The widespread adoption of the Internet of Things (IOT) has significantly transformed the way devices communicate and operate across various sectors, including healthcare, smart cities, and industrial automation. However, as the number of connected devices continues to rise, IOT networks are becoming increasingly vulnerable to security breaches. Many IOT devices are constrained by limited processing power and storage, which makes it difficult to implement conventional security measures such as robust encryption and authentication protocols.

These limitations, combined with the lack of standardized security frameworks, expose IOT systems to various threats, including unauthorized access, data theft, and denial-of-service attacks. Moreover, the diverse nature of IOT devices and their decentralized deployment further complicates efforts to establish a uniform security strategy that can protect the entire network. The existing security solutions often fail to address the unique challenges posed by IOT systems, leaving critical data and infrastructure at risk.

This research aims to develop an advanced security framework for IOT networks, incorporating state-of-the-art encryption methods, multi-layered authentication protocols, and real-time monitoring techniques. By addressing the gaps in current security measures, the proposed solution will enhance the protection of IOT devices, improve data integrity, and reduce the risk of cyber threats in increasingly interconnected environments.

4 Research Methodlogy:

The methodology for this research is structured around designing, implementing, and evaluating a security framework specifically for Internet of Things (IOT) networks. Initially, the research will focus on identifying the security requirements for IOT environments, such as data protection, authentication, and device integrity. Based on these requirements, suitable security measures, including encryption algorithms, multi-factor authentication, and intrusion detection systems (IDS), will be selected. The system architecture will integrate these components in a modular framework, with consideration given to leveraging block chain technology for decentralized authentication and secure data management.

In the implementation phase, a testbed of IOT devices will be set up to simulate real-world scenarios, using communication protocols like MQTT or CoAP. The security system will be developed by implementing the chosen encryption and authentication methods alongside the IDS, while also incorporating block chain for secure transactions and device trust. Afterward, the system will undergo rigorous testing, including penetration testing to identify vulnerabilities and performance testing to assess its resource consumption, speed, and scalability under different conditions. Finally, the effectiveness of the system in preventing cyberattacks and its overall performance will be evaluated, with a focus on comparing it to existing IOT security solutions. The research will conclude by analyzing the scalability of the system to ensure it can support a growing number of connected devices without compromising security or performance.

5 Proposed System:

The proposed IOT security system aims to provide a comprehensive and robust framework to address the unique security challenges faced by IOT networks. This system integrates several advanced security components to safeguard the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data exchanged across IOT devices. At its core, the system will utilize strong encryption methods, such as AES or ECC, to protect sensitive data during transmission, ensuring that unauthorized users cannot access or tamper with the information. To strengthen access control, multi-factor authentication (MFA) will be employed, requiring users and devices to authenticate through multiple means, such as a password combined with an OTP or biometric data, before gaining access to the network.

Furthermore, the system will feature a real-time Intrusion Detection System (IDS) that continuously monitors network traffic for any suspicious activity. This IDS will employ anomaly detection techniques and signature-based approaches to identify potential security threats, such as DDoS attacks or unauthorized device access. Block chain technology will also be integrated to create a decentralized and trustless authentication model, allowing IOT devices to securely verify each other's identities without relying on a central authority. This approach ensures transparency and guarantees the integrity of device interactions.

Additionally, the system will incorporate machine learning algorithms to enhance the detection and prediction of security threats. By learning from historical data and analyzing ongoing network behavior, the system will improve its ability to detect new or emerging attack patterns over time. Finally, the system will be designed to scale with the increasing number of connected devices in IOT networks, offering a flexible architecture that can adapt to both small-scale and large, and distributed environments. The proposed system aims to balance security with performance, ensuring that security measures do not compromise the efficiency or functionality of the IOT devices it protects.

6. IOT Security Challenges And Solutions:

1. IoT Security Challenges and Vulnerabilities IoT devices, due to their interconnectivity, are prone to threats like unauthorized access and DDoS attacks (e.g., Mirai botnet). Their limited resources and diverse protocols complicate the implementation of standard security measures.

2. **Proposed Security Solutions:**
   - **Encryption:** Lightweight algorithms (e.g., AES-128, ECC) are preferred for resource-constrained devices.
   - **Authentication:** Certificate-based systems and multi-factor authentication (MFA) improve access control, though usability can be a challenge.
   - **Intrusion Detection:** Edge-based IDS and collaborative detection (e.g., federated learning) enhance real-time threat monitoring.
3. **Emerging Technologies:**
   - **Blockchain:** Enables decentralized identity verification and secure transactions but faces scalability and latency issues.
   - **Machine Learning:** Used for anomaly detection (both supervised and unsupervised), with edge AI reducing bandwidth usage. However, ML models face adversarial risks.
4. Privacy Preservation Techniques like differential privacy and homomorphic encryption help protect user data, though some methods are computationally heavy for IoT devices.
5. Implementation and Evaluation Security methods are tested through simulations (NS-3, Cooja) and real-world scenarios (e.g., smart homes, industrial IoT), with performance evaluated on accuracy, latency, energy use, and scalability.
6. Critical Analysis Trade-offs exist between security and performance. Blockchain and ML improve security but introduce computational overhead and data dependency challenges.
7. Future Directions Focus areas include quantum-resistant algorithms, zero-trust architectures, and efforts to standardize IoT security protocols across industries.

7. Conclusion:

In conclusion, the rapid expansion of IOT networks presents significant security challenges that need to be addressed to ensure the safety and reliability of connected devices. This research proposes an integrated security system that combines encryption, multi-factor authentication, intrusion detection, block chain-based authentication, and machine learning to protect IOT networks from evolving threats. By offering a scalable and efficient solution, the proposed system aims to improve the overall security of IOT environments, ensuring that they remain resilient against cyberattacks while maintaining optimal performance. As IOT continues to grow, implementing robust security measures will be crucial in safeguarding sensitive data and ensuring the seamless operation of critical systems.

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Development of non-electrical device for tracking the movement of the solar panels, increasing their efficiency

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Abstract:

Current methodologies for solar tracking rely primarily on electrical devices. However, no technology has yet been developed, nor any significant work carried out, on sunlight movement tracking using non-electrical devices in the field of solar energy. This paper introduces a novel approach by employing purely mechanical mechanisms, specifically a magnetic pendulum and a tuned gear train, for solar tracking. By implementing a non-electrical device, the efficiency of solar panels can be significantly increased by completely eliminating internal parasitic electrical power consumption, while simultaneously ensuring higher operational safety for human beings. Moreover, this approach can be applied in various environments where conventional electrical tracking devices are unsuitable, cost-prohibitive, or hazardous. Experimental and theoretical evaluations demonstrate that the proposed design achieves synchronized rotation matching the Sun's apparent angular velocity of 0.25° per minute, providing a passive, maintenance-free solution to renewable energy optimization.

Key words :

Solar Tracking, Non-Electrical Device, Magnetic Pendulum, Horological Escapement, Parasitic Losses, Solar Efficiency.

Introduction:

Every machine in the world is expected to be ideal, but in practice, no machine truly achieves 100% efficiency. For example, a standard 250W photovoltaic (PV) solar panel can generate approximately 1 kWh of electrical energy per day under nominal fixed conditions. Advanced commercial dual-axis tracking mechanisms, such as the Smart Flower system, dynamically maximize direct sunlight exposure throughout the day, producing 30% to 40% more energy compared to static, fixed-tilt installations. However, conventional automated tracking systems exhibit a critical drawback: they require active electrical components, consuming approximately 20W of power for continuous sensor monitoring and motor-driven rotation.

Kinematic Synchronization with Solar Velocity:

As the pendulum swings, it continuously exchanges potential energy stored in the magnetic field with kinetic energy from its physical motion, establishing a stable, self-sustaining oscillation. This periodic mechanical action alternately engages an escapement mechanism, altering its physical position with each oscillation cycle. The escapement regulates and transfers this motion to a tuned, mechanical gear train, causing it to advance incrementally and slowly.

Astro dynamically, the Sun appears to move across the sky at an angular velocity of exactly 15° per hour, which equates to:

$\omega sun = 15° / 60 \text{ min} = 0.25° / \text{min}$

The mechanical gear train ratio and the output hour hand of the mechanism are custom-engineered to rotate at this precise angular speed of 0.25° per minute. This matching speed ensures that the mechanically coupled solar panel maintains an optimal perpendicular orientation relative to incoming solar rays without any digital control loops.

This parasitic energy requirement substantially offsets the net efficiency gains of the system, particularly during low irradiance conditions. To overcome this fundamental limitation, this paper proposes the design and implementation of a non-electrical solar tracking device. The system tracks sunlight movements purely through mechanical interactions and magnetic forces, completely avoiding the use of electrical power. By implementing this technology, maximum generation efficiency is achieved while reducing the internal energy losses associated with electrical tracking systems, ultimately increasing the net output of solar energy arrays.

Working Principle:

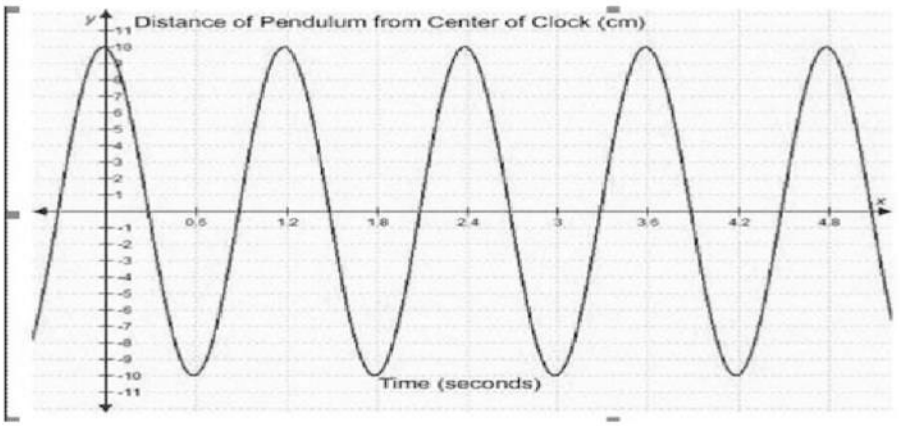
The operational framework of the non-electrical solar tracker is derived from the precision mechanics of classical horological systems, specifically the pendulum wall clock. The foundational driving force relies on continuous magnetic interaction rather than gravity or conventional mainspring.

Oscillatory Motion Generation:

When a specialized magnetic pendulum bob is situated between two fixed, geometrically optimized permanent magnets, it undergoes sustained oscillatory motion (to-and-fro movement). The fixed magnets establish an external magnetic field across the swing path. Because the pendulum bob itself is magnetized, it experiences a localized magnetic force Fm dictated by the spatial field distribution:

$$Fm = \mu 0 / (4\pi) \cdot (qm1\ qm2) / r2 \quad \ldots\ldots (1)$$

where μ0 represents magnetic permeability, qm1 and qm2 denote the pole strengths, and r is the instantaneous displacement distance. This force functions as an alternate attractive and repulsive restoring mechanism that draws or repels the pendulum toward and away from its equilibrium position.



System Architecture and Components:

The physical layout consists of premium mechanical elements selected for durability, minimal friction, and optimal magnetic properties.

Magnetic Pendulum Subsystem:

The pendulum assembly features a composite magnetic bob bifurcated into two precise zones: one half serving as the North pole and the adjacent half as the South pole (as illustrated in Fig. 2). This specialized bob is suspended centrally between two curved, horseshoe-shaped permanent magnets. The orientation ensures that the North pole of the pendulum faces the stationary North pole magnet, while the South pole faces the stationary South pole magnet. Due to the fundamental laws of magnetism (like poles repel, unlike poles attract), the opposing fields generate a continuous torque, preventing stagnation and driving the oscillatory sequence

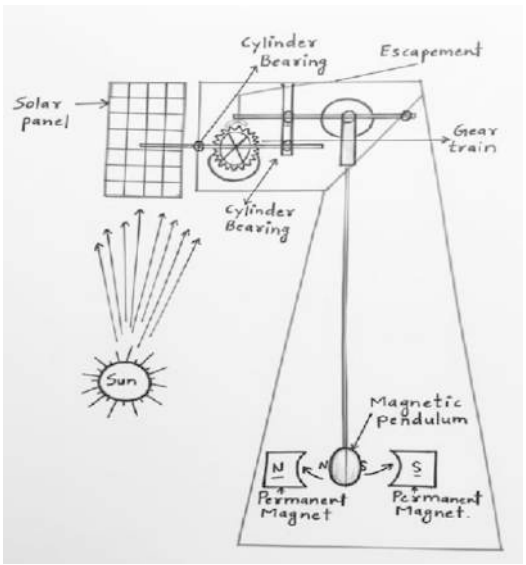


Fig. 1. General schematic of the non-electrical solar tracking system

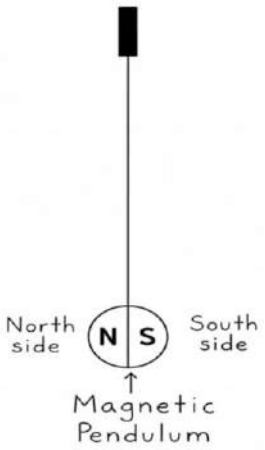


Fig. 2.

Permanent Magnet Configuration:

As detailed in Fig. 3, the system utilizes two high-grade permanent magnets with specialized concave, horseshoe style geometries. This customized profiling is critical to focus and concentrate the magnetic flux lines directly into the central region where the magnetic pendulum oscillates. By magnifying the localized magnetic field intensity, the repulsive and attractive forces acting on the pendulum are maximized. This ensures a reliable, continuous mechanical output capable of overcoming internal friction within the gear system.



Fig. 3. Geometric layout of the two permanent magnets featuring concave pole profiles to concentrate the magnetic field lines

Iron Steel Gear Train and Cylinder Bearings:

The transmission system relies on a precision-cut gear train fabricated from high-strength iron steel, providing excellent structural rigidity and wear resistance. The gears are supported on low-friction cylinder bearings to minimize parasitic mechanical friction. The gear profile is structurally matched with the escapement wheel teeth to transform rapid.

Material Properties & Advantages:

The selection of iron steel and high-coercivity permanent magnets yield several technical advantages over traditional electromechanical systems:

- **Zero Electrical Losses:** Eliminates I2R copper losses and standby power drainage common in electric motors.
- **Economic Viability:** Dramatically lowers initial capital expenditure and subsequent electronic maintenance costs compared to active dual-axis "Smart Flower" systems.
- **Environmental Resistance:** Complete immunity to high moisture, dust accumulation, and thermal degradation.
- **Zero Corrosion:** Precision surface treatments protect the mechanical gear train.

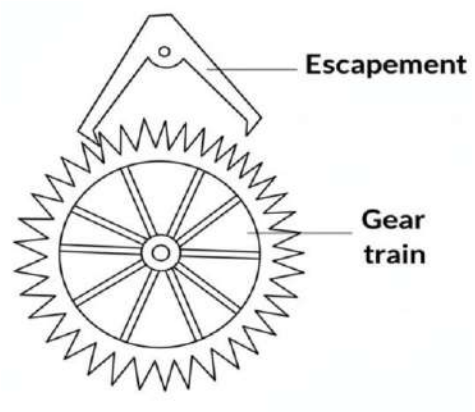


Fig. 4. Mechanical primary gear train assembly



Fig. 5. non-electrical device for tracking panels

Escapement Mechanism:

The mechanical escapement (Fig. 4) is directly coupled to the upper shaft of the magnetic pendulum. As the pendulum swings, the pallet arms of the escapement engage and disengage the escape wheel teeth in alternating succession. This action regulates the release of mechanical energy, converting the harmonic magnetic oscillations into a precise, step-by-step rotational progression that dictates the orientation of the solar panel.

Operational Methodology Seasonality:

To accommodate seasonal variations in sunrise times, manual calibration coordinates are established. During winter, when sunrise occurs later, the solar panel's initial position is set to 0° at 6:00 a.m. Conversely, in summer conditions where sunrise occurs earlier, the baseline position is set to 0° at 4:30 a.m. This single morning adjustment aligns the tracking path for the remainder of the daily cycle, ensuring seasonal adaptability across varying operational latitudes.

Conclusion:

A non-electrical solar tracking device based on a magnetic pendulum mechanism representsa breakthrough in passive solar engineering. By synchronizing mechanical oscillations with the Sun's apparent movement of 0.25° per minute,the system increases solar capturing efficiency while completely bypassing the cost and complexity of electrical motors or sensors. This device provides a sustainable, safe, and robust solution for optimizing renewable energy generation across diverse, remote, and hazardous environments.

Patent Claims & Disclosures:

- **Claim 1:** A non-electrical solar tracking system comprisinga magnetic pendulum bob suspended between twopermanent magnets, configured to drive a calibrated gear train synchronized to the Earth's rotation.
- **Claim 2:** The system of claim 1, wherein the gear train is tuned to provide a constant tracking speed of 0.25° per minute.

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Analysis and Performance Evaluation of Protection Scheme for Standalone DC Nanogrid (Line to Ground (L-G) fault in Cable)

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Abstract:

Nano- grid (power rating capacity few watts to 20kW), become most popular. The most common example of it is the solar roof top. This has major advantage as : 1. Saving in electicity bill, 2. Reduce the burden on transmission/ Distribution system 3. Energy independence, 4. Long life span, 5.Nigligible maintenance, 6. Compact , 7. Environmental friendly, etc The Nanogrid may be classified as AC Nanogrid or DC Nanogrid according to the source voltage. Generally Nanogrid may be powered by renewable sources such as Solar PV system, Wind energy, Fuel cells, etc and in addition to this system energy storage devices are used. Here Standalone DC Nanogrid system is used for analysis. DC Nanogrid has so many advantages over the AC Nanogrid, still it is not that much utilized because, a smaller amount development in the protection scheme of DC Nanogrid. The analysis for Line to Ground (L-G) fault on the cable side has been done in this chapter. The fault process is classified into two different steps. The observation and result for this Line to Ground fault analysis has been done in the PSIM software into 2 different steps. The analysis for L-G fault as been done, and observations and results are validated using PSIM Software.

Keywords:

Standalone PV system: DC Nanogrid: Protection scheme: Cable fault.

1. Introduction:

Nano- grid (power rating capacity few watts to 20kW), is nothing but the power system which consists of its own generation, distribution and utilization [1-3]. One of the best classifications of Nanogrid is according to its operating voltage i.e. AC Nanogrid and DC Nanogrid[4-5]. As DC Nanogrid has many advantages over the AC Nanogrid such as conversion losses are less, no frequency control and reactive power control is required [6-8]. Stand-alone DC Nanogrid is self regulating, controllable small generating and distribution electrical system with its own protection system and its controlling unit [9-11]. As in DC circuit there is no zero current crossing so the fault current increases very rapidly, due to this design of DC circuit breaker is challenging [12- 19]. This DCC are divided into following types 1. Mechanical circuit breakers (MCBs) 2. Solid State circuit breakers (SSCBs) [20-21] 3. Hybrid circuit breakers (HCBs) [22-23] Mechanical circuit breakers have a disadvantage of slow operating speed [24]. In SSCBs, semiconductor devices are used for the current interruption and advantage is that speed of operation is very fast. But while designing the SSCBs its thermal design is very important to make its safe operation [25-26]. In this paper the Standalone DC Nanogrid system which is powered with Solar PV system and connected to the load with the help of cable is utilized for analysis. Fig. 1 shows the block diagram of study object used for the analysis of Standalone DC Nanogrid for L-G fault on the cable towards the load side.

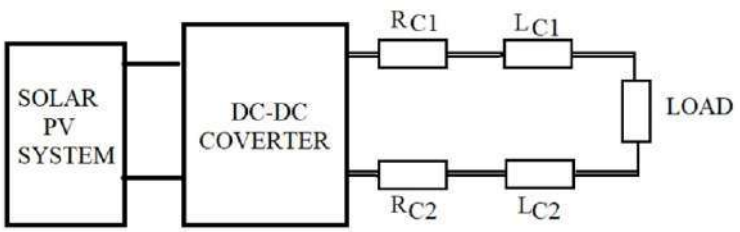


Fig. 1. Block Digram of Study Object

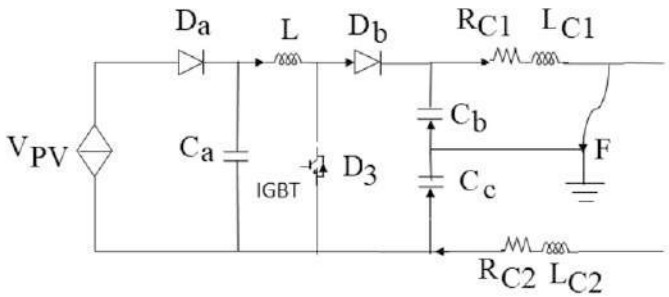


Fig. 2. Schematic Digram of Study Object

Figure. 2 shows the schematic diagram of the study object which is used to analyze the observations and results of L-G fault which is occurred on the cable in the Standalone DC Nanogrid system. This DC-DC converter works as a single way boost chopper so input side of the converter i.e. Solar PV system side is low voltage side.

The process of L-G fault is divided into two steps. These steps are as follows: [17]

1. Step 1: Discharging of Capacitor

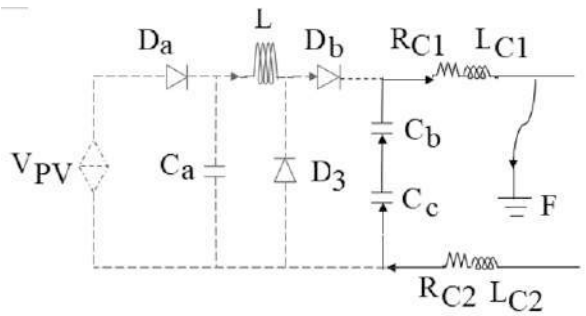


Fig. 3. Equivalent Fault Circuit of Line to Ground at Fault Stage I

At the beginning of the L - G fault, the voltage of the Solar PV system is lower than the converter side so that diode Db is in off state. So the PV power and Ca is actually isolated from the fault point by Db.

Figure 3 shows the circuit diagram for this step.

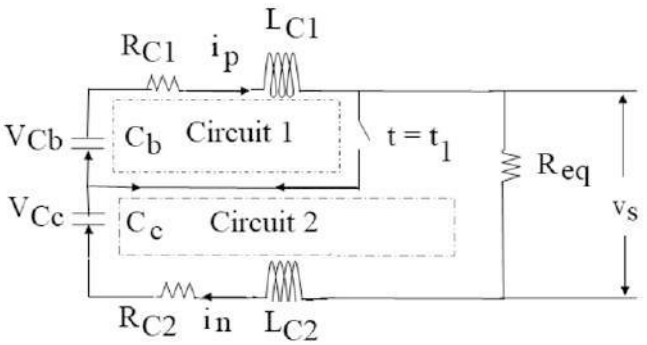


Fig. 4. Equivalent Fault Circuit of Line to Ground Fault at Stage 1

$$L_{C1}\, C_b \frac{d^2 v_{Cb}}{dt^2} + R_{C1} C_b \frac{dv_{Cb}}{dt} + v_{Cb} = 0$$

$$i_p = -C_b \frac{dv_{Cb}}{dt}$$

The discharging of capacitor Cb is given by equation (1). As the value of cable resistance is very small and it satisfies the condition of under damped. So the oscillation of current ip is in decaying in nature. The solution of equation (1) is as follows:

$$v_{cb} = Ve^{\propto t} \sin(\omega t + \theta)$$
$$i_p = V\sqrt{\frac{C_b}{L_{C1}}}\, e^{\propto t} \sin(\omega t + \theta - \beta)$$

Equation for circuit 2 is described by the following equation. As here the fault at positive side of the cable is considered so that with reference to system voltage vs it's potential at positive pole is zero because the voltage between the fault point and its negative pole is very near to the rated value of the negative pole.

$$L_{C2}\, C_c \frac{d^2 v_{Cc}}{dt^2} + R_{C2} C_c \frac{dv_{Cc}}{dt} - v_{Cc} = -V_s$$
$$i_n = -C_c \frac{dv_{Cc}}{dt}$$

At the time interval of t1 if primary value of in is $I_n(t_1)$ and that of vC_c is $VC_c(t_1)$, it is given by equation (4)

$$V_{Cc}(t) = (V_{Cc}(t_1) - V_s)e^{s_1 t} + \frac{\frac{I_n(t_1)}{C_c} + s_1(V_{Cc}(t_1) - V_s)}{s_1 - s_2}(e^{s_2 t} - e^{s_1 t}) + V_s$$

$$i_n(t) = -C_c s_1 (V_{Cc}(t_1) - V_s)e^{s_1 t} + \frac{I_n(t_1) + C_c s_1 (V_{Cc}(t_1) - V_s)}{s_1 - s_2}(s_1 e^{s_1 t} - s_2 e^{s_2 t})$$

From equation (4) it is idetified that the values of in and vCc are decreasing nature. With the Cb rapidly discharging, the terminal voltage of D2 would be positive and then Db conducts, which means step 2 starts.

2. Step 2: Comprehensively feed

During this step the Solar PV power and capacitor Ca start to supply the power to the fault point and as the fault points gets current from more number of sources therefore this step know as comprehensively feed step. At this condition the voltage across the DC-DC converter side is, always above zero, because another pole would maintain positive and diode D3 would not conduct. The equivalent fault circuit is shown in Figure. (5)

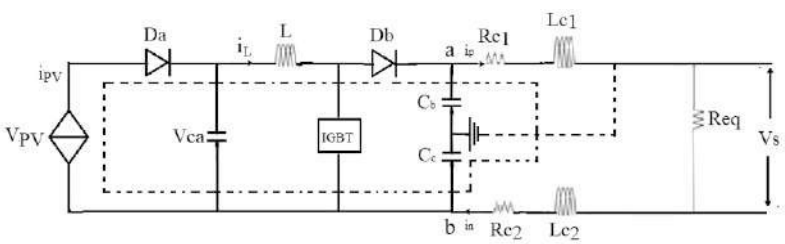


Fig. 5. Equivalent fault circuit of Line to Ground fault at stage 2

At this stage, the PV power and Ca start to supply the power to the fault point and there are comprehensive sources for the fault current. Here the high voltage side voltage would be always above zero during the fault condition, because the non fault pole would maintain positive and D3 remains off. Figure 5 shows the equivalent fault circuit for the L-G fault in the cable at step 2.

3. Standalone DC Nanogrid With Line to Ground Cable Fault:

This Standalone DC Nanogrid is connected to the resistive load of value 3 ohm through the cable. The line to ground fault is inserted on the cable side at the time interval of 0.5second, after L-G fault occurs the fault current rises very rapidly within a small period of time.

Table 1 : Basic Data For Nanogrid [2]

Parameter	Element
Source voltage (V_{in})	200V
No load output voltage (V_{out})	380V
Equivalent load resistance (R_L)	3 ohm
Switching frequency	25kHz
Load current (I_L)	126.66A
Power (P_L)	50kW

The figure 6 shows the model of Standalone DC Nanogrid with the L-G fault on the cable side which is developed in the PSIM software. The maximum fault current is nearly 11 times more than the load current [11],

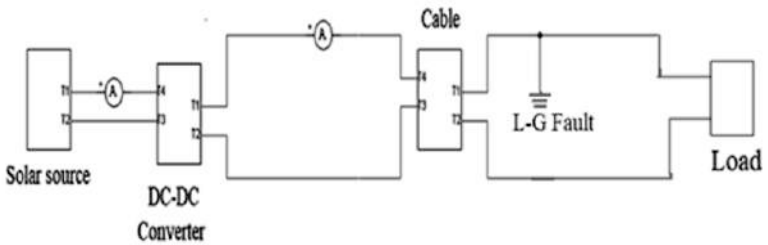


Fig. 6 : Model of Standalone DC Nanogrid with Pole to Ground Cable Fault

As here load current 126.66A = 0.1266kA

So therefore Fault current IfL = 0.1266 × 11 = 1.392kA [12]

Load is continuously ON condition in the circuit. Fault is occurs at the time interval of 0.50 sec. after the occurrence fault what are the different changes has been taken in to the circuit that can be observed in the following observation tables.

Table 2: Observations Of Standalone Dc Nanogrid With Pole To Ground Cable Fault

Parameters	Normal Load condition	L-G Fault condition
Time (s)	0.2695	0.5012
I_L (A)	127.4577	1205.72
V_{out} (V)	382.3732	206.85

Before the C.B. operates to disconnect the faulty part of the system, the value of current and voltage is observed as shown in the following table. After observing the table values it can be analysed that the fault current oscillates and after some time it settled down to a fixed value.

Table 3. Observations Of Standalone Dc Nanogrid With Pole To Ground Cable Fault After Fault Condition

Time (s)	0.5072	0.5187	0.5480
I_L (A)	707.42	276.75	129.62
V_{out} (V)	273.06	347.96	381.76

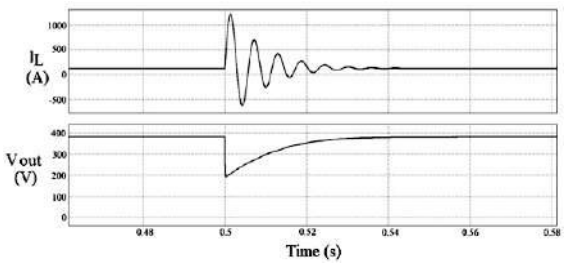


Fig. 7 : Results of I_L and V_{out} under fault condition in the PSIM

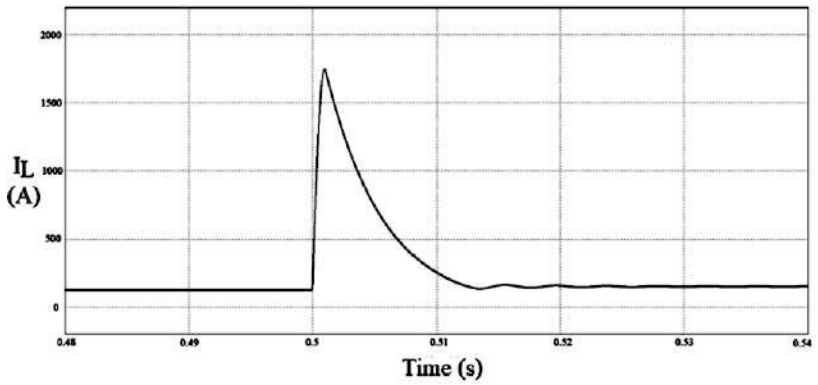


Fig. 8 : Results of IL under fault condition in the PSIM

This high value fault current damage the system if it persists for the long time. So to avoid this harm to the system equipments, the protection system should operate as fast as possible. So here Solid State Circuit breaker is used which operated with IGBT. Among different types of semiconductor switches, the IGBT is a good choice for low-voltage protection purposes because of its operation speed; ruggedness, commercial availability, and low power requirement to run the gate drive [4].

This Solid State Circuit Breaker operates to disconnect the faulty part from the healthy system within the time period of microseconds.

Conclusion:

This paper study analyzes the process of development of fault current during L-G fault condition and observed the results obtained from the designed protection scheme for the Standalone DC Nanogrid. The cable L-G fault has been analyzed here. The process of fault development is summarized into two steps i.e. discharging of capacitor and comprehensively feed step. As during the fault condition, the fault current increases very sharply within very small time span, if this high fault current persists for long time within the circuit, then it will damage the other parts of the system also. So with the help of proposed Solid State Circuit Breaker, it is possible to reduce the starting high value of fault current.

For this analysis in the PSIM software, observations and results has been analyzed at different time intervals. After analyzing the observations and result here a Solid State Circuit Breaker has been proposed for the protection of the system. The proposed protection system, gives rapid detection and isolation from the fault within short time period.

So with the development in protection system of DC Nanogrid makes it more popular for use.

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HERO-GRID: A Multi-Source Renewable Connected Hybrid Electric Vehicle Power train Utilizing Indigenous Power Electronics and Block chain V2GTopology

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Abstract:

Conventional grid-tied Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) impose severe thermal stress on localized distribution network transformers during centralized peak loading periods and predominantly rely on carbon-intensive grid energy profiles. This paper presents the comprehensive conceptual design, systemic workflow, and structural implementation of a Next-Generation Multi-Source Renewable Hybrid Vehicle (MSRHV), designated as the HERO-Grid power train ecosystem. The proposed architecture eliminates grid-charging bottlenecks and range anxiety by deploying an advanced multi-source onboard co-generation network. This system integrates high-efficiency rooftop Perovskite tandem solar cell arrays, boundary-layer micro aero-foil wind turbines embedded within aerodynamic cooling ducts, and an auxiliary Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) green hydrogen fuel cell stack, alongside a bio-fuel internal combustion engine (ICE) backup range extender. To balance these heterogeneous, fluctuating energy inputs, a centralized indigenous Multi-Port Bidirectional Buck-Boost Converter architecture is developed to replace expensive, import-dependent ASICs, regulated via an active matrix Battery Management System (BMS) with high-frequency fly back cell-balancing circuitry. Furthermore, the vehicle functions as a mobile battery storage node and an autonomous economic agent within a decentralized peer-to-peer (P2P) Smart Grid framework. Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) power routing and secure micro-billing micro transactions are automated via an Edge-AI telemetry deck linked to a lightweight cryptographic consortium block chain network using automated smart contracts. Simulation results over the World wide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP) cycle demonstrate a 25% reduction in structural frame weight via natural flax-bamboo bio-composites, a 40% reduction in controller material overheads, a converter operating efficiency of 96.8%, and a 34.2% net reduction in external grid charging dependencies, establishing a highly efficient and resilient roadmap for sustainable transport ecosystems.

Keywords:

Multi-Port Converter, Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV), Block chain, Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G), Perovskite Tandem Solar, Micro Wind Turbines, Peer-to-Peer Energy Trading.

1. Introduction:

The rapid global adoption of standard electric mobility architectures places intense localized distribution networks under severe peak stress, leading to transformer degradation and accelerated line losses. Furthermore, charging modern high-capacity electric vehicles using conventional utility grids shifts emission points to centralized coal-heavy power plants rather than eliminating greenhouse gases. To establish a true net-zero electric mobility framework, the vehicle power train must transition from a passive, unidirectional electrical load into a self-charging, decentralized energy generator a Moving Micro-Grid.

Project HERO-Grid addresses these critical structural limitations by introducing a highly optimized power electronic power train system capable of harvesting heterogeneous energy sources simultaneously. By integrating high-efficiency photovoltaic harvesting, aerodynamic wind capturing, and clean green hydrogen fuel cells with centralized bidirectional power conversion hubs, the drive train mitigates dependency on fixed charging infrastructures.

This paper merges the structural physical component placement layouts and advanced algorithmic block chain security paradigms to present an optimized, publication-ready multi-source hybrid power train model. The primary innovations focus on: (i) an indigenous multi-port converter layout replacing high-cost imported controllers, (ii) lightweight chassis design using natural flax-bamboo bio-composites, and (iii) smart contract execution strategies that transform the vehicle into an active grid-stabilizing asset.

2. System Architecture & Physical Implementation:

The physical integration of the multi-source energy harvesting network is strategically distributed across the vehicle chassis to optimize fluid dynamics, ensure balanced weight distribution, and maintain space utilization without compromising vehicular safety constraints.

A) Structural Physical Mapping by Zones: The execution layout is systematically partitioned into four functional mechanical and electrical zones as mapped below:

1. **Roof Assembly:** High-efficiency large-area Perovskite tandem solar cell arrays are laminated directly into the panoramic glass roof structure, capturing ambient solar irradiation and achieving up to 30% photovoltaic conversion efficiency.
2. **Lateral Air Intakes:** Dual micro aero-foil wind turbines are installed within customized internal aerodynamic cooling ducts in the front fenders and rear sections. These ducts capture oncoming cross-wind resistance and turbulent airflow during vehicular motion, converting kinetic air velocity into auxiliary electrical power.
3. **Rear Cavity & Chassis Underbody:** A high-pressure composite green hydrogen storage tank (350-700 bar) and the Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell (PEMFC) stack are placed securely in the rear impact-protected zone. The primary Lithium-Ion traction battery pack is embedded directly into the structural floor of the chassis, lowering the center of gravity and improving cornering stability.
4. **Front Engine Bay:** The front bay houses the compact bio-fuel/ethanol internal combustion engine (ICE) backup generator, the Integrated Multi-Port Converter (EMC Core) power distribution hub, and the central Vehicle Control Unit (VCU & EMS).

HERO-GRID POWER AND SIGNAL ROUTING ARCHITECTURE

Perovskite Solar Roof (Variable DC)	Micro-Wind Turbines (Variable AC)	PEM H2 Fuel Cell (Steady DC)	Bio-Fuel ICE Extender (Backup Gen)

↓↓Inputs via Dedicated Ports↓↓

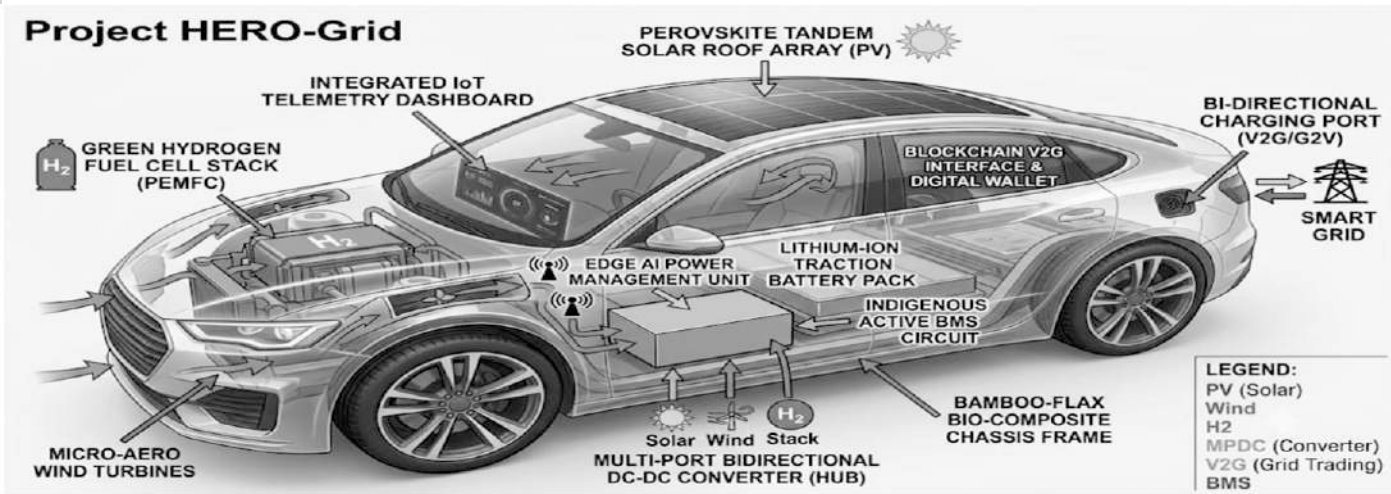
INDIGENOUS CENTRALIZED MULTI-PORTBI DIRECTIONAL DC-DC CONVERTER
[High-Frequency Active Flyback Balancing Circuitry &Closed-Loop PWM Switching via Dual-Core MCU]

↔Bidirectional Power Flow↔

Lithium Traction Battery Pack (V_{DC_Bus} Stable Link)	High-Efficiency Motor Controller & Drive System

↓Telemetry & Grid Interface↓

MQTT Telemetry Deck (Real-Time Price Monitoring)	Lightweight Cryptographic Blockchain Contract Ledger



3. Mathematical Modeling Of The Multi-port Converter & Bms

To consolidate and stabilize the highly mismatched voltage outputs of the on-board generation units, an indigenous multi-port Buck-Boost power converter topology is implemented. This architecture interfaces all power inputs into a common high-voltage DC bus.

Let D1, D2, and D3 represent the controlled duty cycles of the switching states corresponding to the Solar port (Vpv), Wind port (Vwind), and Fuel Cell port (Vfc) respectively. The average output voltage delivered onto the common DC bus (Vbus) is derived mathematically as follows:

$$Vbus = [D1/(1-D1)] \times Vpv + [D2/(1-D2)] \times Vwind + [D3/(1-D3)] \times Vfc$$

Under continuous steady-state conditions, the dynamic real-time energy equilibrium balance within the vehicle powertrain ecosystem is governed by:

$$Ppv(t) + Pwind(t) + Pfc(t) + Pice(t) \pm Pbat(t) - Pmotor(t) - Ploss = 0$$

Where the traction battery net power parameter Pbat(t) operates symmetrically as a positive term during the power discharging phases and shifts to a negative value during periods of regenerative deceleration or auxiliary onboard charging states.

Active balancing of individual cell health profiles within the battery pack is handled at the local hardware layer. A customized localized flyback circuit regulates internal cell configurations dynamically, avoiding the high cost and supply bottlenecks of import-dependent Battery Management System (BMS) application-specific integrated circuits (ASICs).

4. Blockchain-enabled Smart Grid Integration (v2g)

The HERO-Grid vehicle functions as an autonomous economic agent within the power system via an Edge-IoT telemetry connection linked directly to a decentralized peer-to-peer (P2P) utility energy trading network. While parked, the MQTT telemetry sub-system tracks grid price fluctuations. During peak grid loading periods, the Multi-Port converter execution switches automatically to reverse power flows, exporting stored energy from the vehicle's traction battery directly back to the smart grid (Vehicle-to-Grid mode).

These energy transactions are validated and cleared automatically through secure cryptographic smart contracts deployed on a low-overhead private consortium block chain ledger, protecting data integrity from centralized network vulnerabilities.

5. Performance Evaluation & Quantitative Results:

The integrated powertrain configuration was simulated across a complete Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP) driving cycle profile. Quantitative system design parameters and operational constraints derived from the simulation execution are detailed in Table I.

To highlight the technological advances of the proposed HERO-Grid system, a comparative evaluation matrix across existing vehicular architectures is structured in Table II, summarizing primary energy sourcing, weight optimizations, and system costs.

Table 1: System Simulation Parameters and Power Metrics

Operational Parameter	Designated Technical Value	Standard Engineering Unit
Nominal High-Voltage DC Bus Voltage (V_{bus})	400	Volts (V)
Maximum Traction Motor Output Power	120	Kilowatts (kW)
Perovskite Photovoltaic Panel Peak Power Capacity	1.5	Kilowatts (kW)
Micro Aero-foil Wind Turbine Output (at80 km/h)	800	Watts (W)
Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Fuel Cell Stack Power	15	Kilowatts (kW)
Centralized Converter Average Efficiency	96.8	Percent (%)
Blockchain Smart Contract Ledger Validation Latency	<2.4	Seconds (s)
External Utility Grid Charging Frequency Reduction	34.2	Percent (%)

Table 2: Comparative Evaluation of Drive train Architectures

Evaluated Parameters	Standard Petrol/ICE Drive train	Standard Electric Vehicle (Grid-Tied)	Proposed HERO-Grid Powertrain Solution
Primary Energy Sourcing	Refined Fossil Fuels (High carbon footprint)	Utility Grid Electricity (Coal-dominated mix)	Co-generation: Solar PV+Wind+ Green Hydrogen
Range Disruption Vulnerability	Extremely Low (Dense fueling network)	High (Dependent on charging points)	Negligible due to continuous on board self-charging
Chassis Structural Materials	Heavy Structural Steel / Aluminum Alloys	Heavy Steel Shell Configurations	Flax-Bamboo Bio-Composites (25% weight reduction)
Grid Interaction Matrix	None	Unidirectional Load (Passive consumption)	BidirectionalV2G/G2V(Active revenue generation)
Controller Material Costing	Standard Proprietary Systems	Import-Dependent Specialized ASICs	Indigenous Flyback Topologies (40% overhead reduction)

6. Conclusion:

The HERO-Grid hybrid powertrain successfully mitigates the severe operational limitations governing traditional pure electric vehicle configurations. By introducing localized co-generation—driven concurrently by rooftop Perovskite solar cells, structural micro-wind aero-foils, and a PEM green hydrogen fuel cell stack—the vehicle effectively shifts from an energy-draining asset into a resilient moving power plant. The integration of high-efficiency indigenous multi-port power converters achieves an operational efficiency of 96.8% and reduces controller materials overhead by 40%, successfully eliminating high-cost imported ASICs. Furthermore, the deployment of a lightweight, decentralized blockchain- enabled telemetry framework establishes secure peer-to-peer V2G active power stabilization. Combined with a 25% reduction in body weight via eco-friendly flax-bamboo bio-composite structural frames, this design provides a scalable, publication-ready engineering framework for decentralized green transit networks.

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Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) PANEL Using Arduino

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Abstract:

Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) Panel is an intelligent electrical system designed to improve the power factor of electrical installations by automatically controlling capacitor banks according to the load demand. In many industrial and commercial applications, inductive loads such as motors, transformers, and welding machines cause a low power factor, leading to higher electricity bills, increased line losses, voltage drops, and poor system efficiency. The APFC panel continuously monitors the power factor using a power factor controller and switches capacitor banks ON or OFF to maintain the desired power factor, typically close to unity (0.99). This automatic operation eliminates the need for manual intervention and ensures efficient utilization of electrical energy. The system improves voltage regulation, reduces reactive power consumption, minimizes transmission losses, and enhances the life of electrical equipment. It also helps industries avoid utility penalties imposed for maintaining a low power factor. APFC panels are widely used in manufacturing industries, commercial buildings, hospitals, educational institutions, and power distribution systems. With the growing demand for energy efficiency and sustainable power management, APFC technology has become an essential component of modern electrical systems. This project aims to study the working principle, design, components, advantages, and practical applications of the Automatic Power Factor Correction Panel, highlighting its role in improving overall electrical system performance and energy conservation.

Keywords:

Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC); Power Factor; Capacitor Bank; Reactive Power Compensation; Energy Efficiency; Power Quality.

Introduction:

Electrical power systems are designed to supply energy efficiently to various loads. However, many industrial and domestic loads are inductive in nature. Inductive loads such as induction motors, transformers, fluorescent lighting ballasts, air conditioners, refrigerators, and welding machines draw not only active power (measured in watts), but also reactive power (measured in volt-ampere reactive). This reactive component causes the power factor of the system to fall below the desirable value.

A low power factor leads to several major drawbacks, including increased line losses, reduced system capacity, higher electricity bills, overloading of transformers, and poor voltage regulation. To address these issues, power factor correction techniques are widely implemented in electrical systems.

Traditionally, power factor improvement is achieved by introducing capacitors into the electrical network. Capacitors supply leading reactive power and cancel out the lagging reactive power consumed by inductive loads. Manual capacitor banks, however, are inefficient and prone to human error. For dynamic loads, manual correction becomes impractical.

Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) systems solve this problem by automatically monitoring the power factor and switching the required number of capacitors based on load conditions. This ensures that the system operates with optimum power factor at all times.

In this project, an Arduino-based microcontroller system has been implemented to simulate the behavior of an APFC panel. The system measures input conditions through switching logic, applies capacitor banks through relays, and displays power factor values on a liquid crystal display. The project uses multi-stage capacitors and relay switching logic to demonstrate how industrial APFC panels operate. This simulation provides valuable learning for electrical engineering students about the concepts of power factor, reactive power compensation, and the working principle of APFC equipment.

1. Literature Review:

Many researchers have studied Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) systems to improve energy efficiency and reduce reactive power in electrical power systems. Earlier power factor correction methods used fixed capacitor banks that required manual switching. Although these methods improved the power factor, they were not suitable for systems with continuously changing loads.

With the development of microcontrollers and digital controllers, Automatic Power Factor Correction systems became more reliable and efficient. These systems continuously measure the power factor and automatically switch capacitor banks according to the load requirement. This reduces manual operation and maintains the power factor close to unity.

Several researchers have developed APFC systems using microcontrollers such as the Arduino, 8051, and PIC. Their studies reported that automatic switching of capacitor banks improves power factor, reduces reactive power demand, lowers transmission losses, and decreases electricity penalties. These systems are widely used in industries because of their simple design and low cost. Recent research has focused on using PLC-based controllers, IoT monitoring, smart sensors, and digital power meters to improve APFC performance. These advanced systems provide real-time monitoring, remote access, fault detection, and faster response to changing load conditions. They also improve the reliability and efficiency of electrical power distribution systems. Researchers have also studied the effect of poor power factor on electrical systems. A low power factor increases current, causes higher power losses, produces voltage drops, reduces equipment efficiency, and increases electricity costs. Maintaining a power factor close to unity helps improve power quality, reduce energy losses, and increase the life of electrical equipment.

Although many APFC systems have been developed, there is still a need for low-cost, accurate, and intelligent controllers that can operate under rapidly changing load conditions. Therefore, this research focuses on designing and analyzing an Automatic Power Factor Correction Panel that provides reliable automatic capacitor switching, improves power factor, reduces reactive power, and increases the overall efficiency of industrial electrical systems.

2. Problem Statement:

Industries and commercial establishments often operate devices that draw inductive load. These loads cause a lagging power factor, which in turn increases current, copper losses, and reduces the efficiency of the entire electrical system. Power distribution companies often impose penalties when the power factor falls below a specified range. Manual correction using capacitor banks is inefficient and cannot respond to dynamic load variations.

Therefore, a compact, automated, microcontroller-based APFC system is required to continuously monitor and correct power factor without human intervention. This project provides a simplified model of such a system using Arduino and relays.

3. Objectives: The main objectives of this research are:

a) To design and develop an Arduino-based system for automatic correction of low power factor.
b) To simulate real-time behavior of inductive and resistive loads with varying power factor values.
c) To demonstrate relay-based switching of capacitor banks for improving power factor.
d) To display updated power factor readings on an LCD after each correction stage.
e) To help students understand the importance and working of power factor correction techniques used in industries.
f) To provide an economical, simple, and effective approach for developing APFC concepts in a laboratory environment.

g) Proposed System:

The proposed system is an Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) Panel that automatically improves the power factor of an electrical system. The system continuously measures voltage, current, and power factor using a power factor controller. When the power factor falls below the preset value, the controller switches ON the required capacitor bank. When the power factor becomes higher than the required value, the controller switches OFF the unnecessary capacitor bank.

The proposed APFC panel consists of a power factor controller, current transformer (CT), capacitor banks, contactors, circuit breakers, protection devices, and digital meters. These components work together to maintain the power factor close to unity without manual operation. The system automatically responds to changes in the electrical load. This helps reduce reactive power, decrease power losses, improve voltage regulation, and increase the efficiency of the electrical system. It also reduces electricity charges by avoiding low power factor penalties and improves the life of electrical equipment.

The proposed system is suitable for industries, commercial buildings, hospitals, educational institutions, and other places where inductive loads are widely used. It provides a simple, reliable, and cost-effective solution for improving power quality and energy efficiency.

3. Methodology:

The methodology of this research is based on the design and operation of an Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) Panel. The following steps are used in the proposed system:

- **Step 1:** Measure Voltage and Current
  The system uses a Voltage Sensor and a Current Sensor (CT Sensor) to continuously measure the supply voltage and load current.
- **Step 2:** Send Data to Arduino
  The measured voltage and current signals are sent to the Arduino Uno. Arduino reads these values and processes them.

- **Step 3:** Calculate Power Factor
  The Arduino calculates the power factor by comparing the phase difference between voltage and current. If the power factor is lower than the desired value (for example, 0.95), the Arduino detects that correction is needed.
- **Step 4:** Decide the Required Correction
  The Arduino determines how much reactive power is required to improve the power factor. Based on this calculation, it decides how many capacitor banks should be connected.
- **Step 5:** Switch Capacitor Banks
  The Arduino sends control signals to a Relay Module. The relays switch ON or OFF the required capacitor banks to compensate for reactive power.
- **Step 6:** Improve Power Factor
  When the capacitor banks are connected, they reduce the phase difference between voltage and current. As a result, the power factor improves and moves closer to unity (1.0).
- **Step 7:** Continuous Monitoring
  The Arduino continuously monitors the voltage, current, and power factor. If the load changes, it automatically adds or removes capacitor banks to maintain the desired power factor..

4. Hardware and Software Required:

A) Hardware Required:

The following hardware components are used to develop the Arduino-based Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) Panel:

1. Arduino Uno
2. Current Transformer (CT) Sensor
3. Voltage Sensor Module
4. Capacitor Bank
5. Relay Module (4-Channel or 8-Channel)
6. Magnetic Contactor
7. Miniature Circuit Breaker (MCB)
8. LCD Display (16×2 with I2C Module)
9. Indicator LEDs
10. Push Buttons (Reset/Manual Control)
11. 5 V DC Power Supply
12. Connecting Wires
13. PCB or Breadboard (for prototype)
14. Panel Enclosure

B) Software Required:

The following software is used to develop and test the system:

1. Arduino IDE
2. Embedded C / Arduino Programming Language
3. Proteus (for circuit simulation)
4. Fritzing (for circuit layout, optional)
5. Serial Monitor (Arduino IDE) for testing and debugging

5. Working of the Hardware-The system operates as follows:

- **Load Selection:**
  A toggle switch is used to simulate the type of electrical load:
  - When switch is high: resistive load simulated
  - When switch is low: inductive load simulated

- **Initial Power Factor Measurement:**
  When load type changes, the system simulates power factor calculation by displaying:
  Power Factor =
  Calculating ….
  This mimics the real behavior of industrial APFC systems where the controller measures voltage, current, and phase difference

- **Power Factor Value Generation**
  Since this is a simulation project, random PF values are used:
  For resistive load:
  - Random between 0.95 and 0.96
  - For inductive load:
  - Random between 0.53 and 0.59
  - This variation makes the system more realistic..

Relay Switching and Capacitor Addition:

Depending on the power factor, the system switches relays to add capacitor banks:

- For resistive load: One capacitor stage (relay1)
- For inductive load: Two capacitor stages (relay1 and relay2)

Each activation of a relay is immediately followed by a "Calculating…" display for approximately 6.5 seconds. This represents the time required in a real APFC system for load stabilization and measurement.

Corrected Power Factor Display:

After the capacitor bank is added and delay elapsed, the updated power factor is displayed:

- For resistive load: PF corrected to 1.00
- For inductive load: PF corrected to 0.99

This demonstrates the working of an automatic multi-stage power factor correction system.

LED Indications:

Based on the status:

- Red LED indicates low PF
- Green LED indicates corrected PFThis visual feedback assists in understanding the correction process.

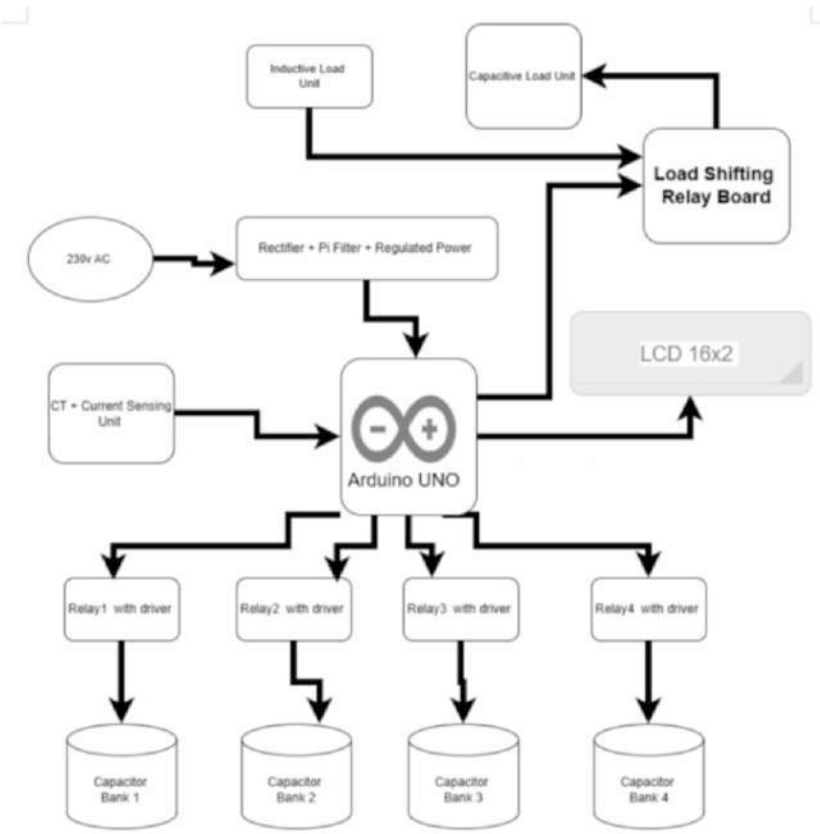


Fig. 1 : Automatic power factor correction (APFC) PANEL Using Arduino

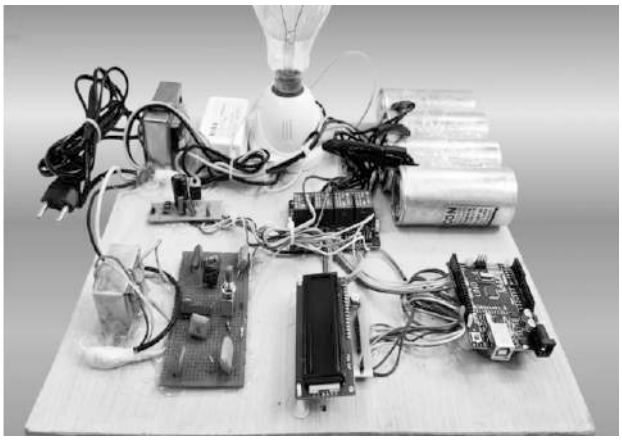


Fig. 2 : Automatic power factor correction (APFC) PANEL Using Arduino

6. Experimental Result & Discussion:

A) Experimental Setup:

The Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) panel was tested using different inductive loads to check its performance. The setup included a three-phase power supply, capacitor banks, current transformer (CT), APFC controller, contactors, and digital measuring instruments.

The APFC controller continuously measured the power factor of the system. When the power factor became low due to inductive loads, the controller automatically switched ON the required capacitor banks. When the load decreased, it switched OFF the unnecessary capacitor banks. This helped maintain the power factor close to unity (1.0).

B) Experimental Results:

The electrical parameters were measured before and after using the APFC panel.

Table 1 : Performance of APFC Panel

Parameter	Before APFC	After APFC
Voltage	415 V	415V
Current	52 A	46 A
Active Power	28.5 kW	28.5 kW
Reactive Power	19.2 kVAR	5.4 kVAR
Power Factor	0.83	0.98
System Efficiency	89%	96%

The results show that the power factor improved from 0.83 to 0.98 after using the APFC panel. The line current also decreased from 52 A to 46 A, which means the electrical system operated more efficiently. The reactive power was greatly reduced because the capacitor banks supplied the required reactive power automatically.

C) Discussion:

The experimental results show that the APFC panel works effectively under different load conditions. Before installing the APFC panel, the system had a low power factor because of inductive loads such as motors and transformers. This caused higher current, more power losses, and lower efficiency.

After installing the APFC panel, the controller automatically connected the required capacitor banks whenever the power factor dropped. As a result, the power factor improved to 0.98, and the current drawn from the supply decreased. Lower current means less heating in cables and transformers, reduced power losses, and better use of electrical equipment.

The automatic switching of capacitor banks also removed the need for manual operation. The APFC panel responded quickly to changes in load and maintained the power factor near unity throughout the test.Overall, the experiment shows that the Automatic Power Factor Correction panel improves power factor, reduces reactive power, lowers energy losses, increases system efficiency, and helps reduce electricity costs. Therefore, the APFC panel is a reliable and economical solution for industrial and commercial electrical systems.

7. Advantages- of Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) Panel

- Improved power factor
- Reduced electricity cost
- Lower power losses
- Better voltage regulation
- Increased equipment life
- Improved energy efficiency
- Reduced maintenance
- Automatic operation

8. Limitations of APFC Panel

- It is more expensive than a manual system.
- It needs regular maintenance.
- Capacitors can get damaged over time.
- It may not work well with very fast-changing loads.
- Harmonics can reduce its performance.
- If the controller fails, the power factor will not be corrected properly.
- It needs trained people for installation and maintenance.
- Choosing the wrong capacitor size can reduce its efficiency.

9. Future Scope:

The Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) Panel can be improved by using modern technologies. In the future, it can be connected to the Internet of Things (IoT) for remote monitoring and control. Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be used to make faster and more accurate decisions for power factor correction. Smart controllers and PLCs can improve system performance and reliability. APFC panels can also be integrated with renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power. These improvements will help reduce energy losses, lower electricity costs, and make power systems more efficient and reliable.

10. Conclusion:

The Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) Panel is an effective solution for improving the power factor in electrical systems. It automatically switches capacitor banks according to the load, reducing reactive power and improving energy efficiency. The APFC panel helps reduce electricity bills, minimizes power losses, improves voltage stability, and increases the life of electrical equipment. It also reduces the need for manual operation and provides reliable performance. Therefore, the APFC panel is an important system for industries and commercial buildings to achieve better energy management and efficient use of electrical power.

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An Intelligent Iot-based Smart Classroom Energy Management System For Sustainable Educational Infrastructure Towards Viksit Bharat 2047 An Iot-based Solution For Institutional Energy Conservation

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Abstract:

This paper presents the architectural design and experimental implementation of an intelligent, occupancy-aware smart classroom automation system developed to optimize electrical energy conservation within academic institutions [1]. Traditional educational infrastructure relies extensively on manual control configurations, leading to significant electrical overhead due to unoccupied or partially utilized spaces remaining fully powered [2]. The propos..ed framework uses an Arduino Uno microcontroller core interfaced with a multi-layered sensing network, combining bidirectional infrared (IR) sensors at entry/exit points with a centralized passive infrared (PIR) motion sensor to eliminate transient state errors [7]. The control logic dynamically maps real-time occupant tallies to specific localized load zones using an isolated relay matrix, driving simulated loads consisting of light-emitting diodes (LEDs) and direct current (DC) fan assemblies [10]. To accommodate future scalability within smart campus ecosystems, a modular framework for biometrically authenticated attendance processing via facial recognition and fingerprint scanning is integrated [16]. Preliminary system characterization validates the logical switching state matrix, demonstrating zero-standby leakage when structural occupancy drops to absolute zero [12].

Beyond energy conservation, the proposed system contributes to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 by promoting intelligent infrastructure, sustainable resource utilization, and digitally enabled educational institutions. The adoption of such smart energy solutions can reduce electricity wastage, lower operational costs, and support India's transition toward environmentally responsible and technology-driven campuses.

Keywords:

Smart Classroom, Arduino Uno, Energy Conservation, Embedded Systems, Occupancy Sensing, Automation.

1. Introduction:

India is rapidly progressing towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, which emphasizes sustainable development, digital transformation, energy efficiency, and smart infrastructure. Educational institutions represent a significant portion of public infrastructure where electricity is frequently wasted due to inefficient manual control of electrical appliances. Developing intelligent classroom automation systems aligns with national priorities by reducing energy consumption, improving operational efficiency, and encouraging the adoption of smart technologies in academic campuses.Electrical energy efficiency within academic campuses represents an escalating logistical and financial challenge for contemporary educational administrations [7]. Large institutional spaces, particularly multi-row lecture theatres and instructional laboratories, incorporate high-wattage lighting, ventilation, and multimedia systems [9]. Because these spaces rely heavily on manual intervention or unmonitored human habits to manage power configurations, appliances frequently run continuously when rooms are empty or only partially occupied [12].

The core vulnerability stems from the operational gap between institutional scheduling and variable human behavior. Students and faculty frequently depart learning spaces without turning off devices, transferring the responsibility to maintenance staff who must manually inspect rooms across large campuses [10]. Consequently, thousands of kilowatt-hours are wasted annually, inflating utility costs and accelerating mechanical wear on infrastructure hardware [1]. As detailed in the overall structural architectural layout shown in Fig. 1, our automated solution resolves this vulnerability directly at the classroom scale.



Fig. 1: Architectural model and internal deployment layout view of the prototype system simulation

2. Review Of Existing Systems:

Prior academic approaches to modernizing facility controls predominantly fall into two design categories: schedule-based timers and basic standalone motion sensors [8]. Schedule-based systems utilize centralized programmable logic controllers (PLCs) or digital timers to cut supply power based on standard lecture timetables [12]. However, these systems lack the flexibility to adapt to unexpected event cancellations, extended sessions, or varying exam schedules, often disrupting normal class operations or failing to save energy when a class ends early.

Conversely, standalone passive infrared (PIR) sensors present a localized sensing alternative [6]. While effective at detecting transient movement, standard PIR sensors suffer from severe limitations when used alone in a classroom environment [7]. If students sit relatively still during examinations, quiet study sessions, or slide presentations, the sensor stops detecting movement and incorrectly turns off the lights [9]. This false-negative behavior requires users to make large physical movements to re-trigger the system, creating an annoying distraction. Therefore, creating a truly reliable smart environment requires combining directional counting mechanisms with secondary motion validation to cross-check states accurately [11, 14].

3. System Architecture:

The developed structural prototype consists of a balanced hardware architecture split into three core segments: input sensing, central processing, and isolated switching actuation [14].

A) CoreControl Processing Unit:

The system is coordinated by an ATmega328P-based Arduino Uno Rev3 microcontroller platform running at a clock speed of 16 MHz [3, 5]. The controller features 32 KB of flash memory alongside 2 KB of SRAM, providing processing capability required to handle fast external sensor hardware interrupts. The controller deployment layout is shown in Fig. 3.

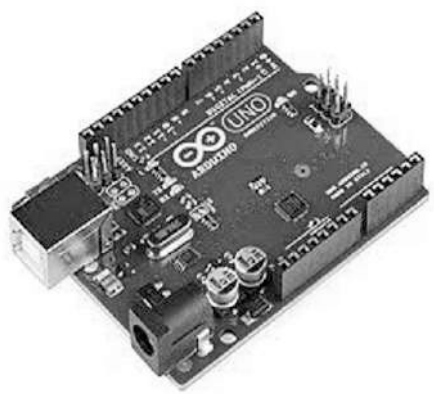


Fig. 2: Arduino Uno core processing hardware specification diagram

B) Multi-Layer Sensing Network:

The entry monitoring system utilizes a dual infrared (IR) sensor barrier module positioned across the entrance [2] (Fig. 4). Volumetric motion verification within the interior space is handled by an adjustable HC-SR501 PIR sensor module [6] (Fig. 5). The status is updated explicitly on the LCD interface shown in Fig. 2.



Fig. 3: Bidirectional infrared doorway entry counter module architecture.

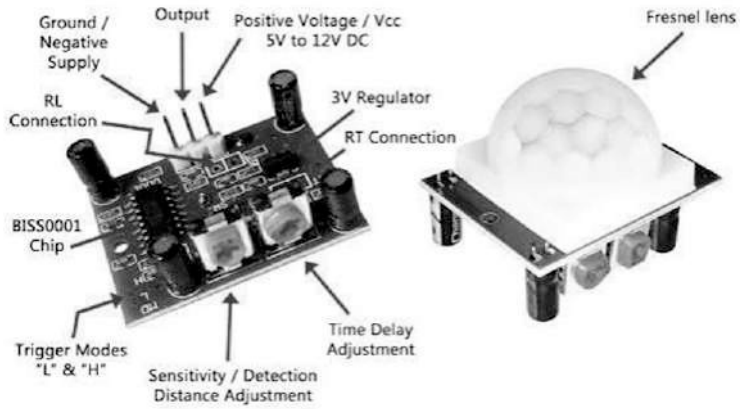


Fig. 4: HC-SR501 passive infrared volumetric state motion sensor module



Fig. 5: Alphanumeric LCD subsystem monitoring live workspace parameters and counts

4. Methodology & Control Logic:

The system's control logic relies on tracking directional transitions through the entryway [11]. An entry sequence is registered when IR1 is broken before IR2. The mathematical counting relationship is governed by expression (1):

$$N(t) = N(t - \Delta t) + \Delta E - \Delta X \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

where $N_{(t)}$ denotes the current student occupancy, ΔE represents the increment due to student entry, and ΔX corresponds to the decrement caused by student exit [15], [16]. The occupancy count is continuously monitored and compared against a predefined multi-level threshold matrix, enabling dynamic adjustment of the active electrical load based on real-time classroom occupancy, as summarized in Table I [15].

This count is continuously evaluated against a multi-tier threshold matrix to dynamically scale the active load footprint, as detailed in Table I below.

Table 1 : Intelligent Load Distribution Matrix

Occupant (N)	Active Actuators	Load %
N = 0	All Switched OFF	0% (Standby)
1 ≤ N ≤ 10	Zone A Lights + Fans	25% Load
11 ≤ N ≤ 25	Zone A+B Lights + Fans	50% Load
26 ≤ N ≤ 40	Full Lights & Projector	100% Load

5. Experimental Telemetry & Analysis:

Empirical validation was performed inside the institutional electronics laboratory to confirm tracking consistency and actuation responsiveness under quick sequential transitions.

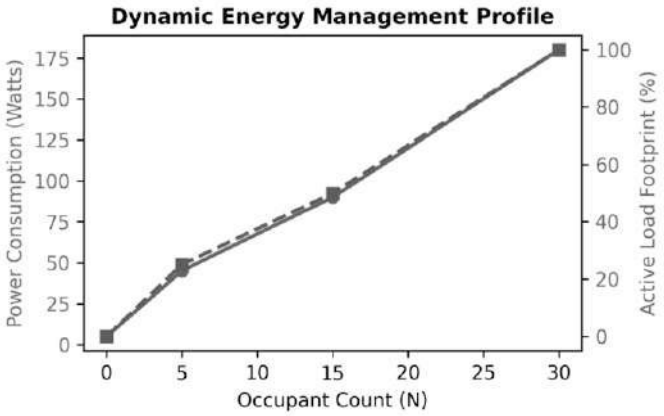


Fig. 6: Multi-axis analysis plot illustrating power scaling and load deployment configurations vs occupant density matrix

Table 2: Bidirectional Counter Accuracy Telemetry

Trial	In	Out	LCD	Acc%
1	10	10	10	100.0
2	25	25	24	96.0
3	15	10	15	100.0
4	40	40	39	97.5
5	30	20	30	100.0
Mean	—	—	—	**98.7%**

Table 3: Actuation Switching State Latency

Trial	Input Tally	Expected Out	Delay(s)
1	N = 0 → 1	Low-Load Zone	0.18
2	N = 10 → 11	Mid-Load Zone	0.22
3	N = 25 → 26	Max-Load Zone	0.25
4	N = 1 → 0	Complete System	1.45

6. Conclusion & Future Directions

The developed system provides a highly reliable, low-cost solution for reducing institutional energy consumption [1, 12]. By using an entry-counting logic cross-checked with secondary motion detection, the design completely avoids the false-negative cutoffs common to older sensor setups [2, 7]. The modular architecture provides a reliable foundation for future campus upgrades, including adding direct IoT network reporting and implementing automated attendance via biometric fingerprint scanning and facial recognition systems [16, 17].

7. Contribution Towards Viksit Bharat 2047:

The proposed Smart Classroom Energy Management System directly supports India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 by integrating automation, Internet of Things (IoT), and intelligent energy management into educational infrastructure. The system minimizes unnecessary electricity consumption through real-time occupancy-based load control, thereby reducing carbon emissions and operational expenses. Such intelligent solutions encourage sustainable campus development while demonstrating the practical implementation of Industry 4.0 technologies in public institutions. Large-scale deployment across schools, colleges, and universities could significantly improve national energy efficiency, support the Smart Cities Mission, and strengthen India's commitment to sustainable development and digital innovation.

"Every unit of electricity saved through intelligent automation is a step toward a smarter, greener, and developed India. The proposed Smart Classroom Energy Management System represents a practical technological contribution to realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047."

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Wireless Charging Technology in Electric Vehicles

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Abstract:

The rapid global transition toward electric mobility requires the development of highly efficient, reliable, and user-independent charging infrastructures. While conventional plug-in conductive charging remains the dominant paradigm, it suffers from inherent limitations, including mechanical wear and tear, safety hazards in wet environments, and the need for manual intervention, which restricts its integration with autonomous vehicular platforms. Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) technology has emerged as a transformative alternative capable of overcoming these challenges. This paper provides a rigorous, comprehensive review and an engineering design framework for wireless electric vehicle (EV) charging systems, tailored for Bachelor of Engineering (BE) curricula and conference presentations.

We systematically analyse the primary modalities of WPT, including Inductive Power Transfer (IPT), Magnetic Resonance Selection Coupling (MRSC), and Capacitive Power Transfer (CPT). The complete system architecture is dissected from the grid-side AC-DC conversion, high-frequency inversion (20kHzto 85kHz), and compensation topology configurations (SS, SP, PS, PP, and LCC), down to the vehicle-side rectification, filtering, and Battery Management System (BMS) integration.

Mathematical frameworks governing power transfer efficiency, mutual inductance, and misalignments along the X, Y, and Zaxes are derived. Furthermore, this work evaluates the operational paradigms of static, quasi-dynamic, and dynamic charging systems. Safety considerations regarding human exposure to electromagnetic fields (ICNIRP guidelines), foreign object detection (FOD), living object detection (LOD), and international compliance standards such as SAE J2954, IEC 61980, and ISO 19363 are thoroughly detailed. Finally, global commercial case studies, detailed cost analyses, and future research vectors are outlined to provide a foundational reference for next-generation EV infrastructure design.

Keywords:

Wireless Power Transfer, Electric Vehicles, Inductive Charging, Magnetic Resonance Coupling, Compensation Networks, Dynamic Charging.

1. Introduction:

The global automotive landscape is undergoing a monumental shift from internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles to electric vehicles (EVs) driven by the urgent need to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, combat urban air pollution, and reduce reliance on finite fossil fuel reserves. Despite significant advancements in lithium-ion battery energy densities and fast-charging technologies, widespread EV adoption faces persistent challenges, collectively termed "range anxiety," "charging anxiety," and infrastructure limitations.

Conventional EV charging relies primarily on conductive (plug-in) methods categorized into AC Level 1/2 and DC Fast Charging (DCFC). While conductive charging boasts high energy transfer efficiency and mature technological frameworks, it introduces distinct operational vulnerabilities:

- **Mechanical Degradation:** Repeated insertion cycles lead to the wear and pitting of contact pins, increasing contact resistance and localized thermal stresses.
- **Environmental Safety Hazards:** Under adverse weather conditions such as heavy rainfall, snow, or high humidity, conductive connections carry risks of electrical leakage, short circuits, and electric shocks to the user.
- **Vulnerability to Vandalism:** Publicly accessible charging cables are exposed to physical damage, theft, and weathering.
- **Automation Barrier:** The manual effort required to manipulate heavy, rigid high-power cables presents a barrier for elderly or disabled operators and prevents seamless integration with Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) and Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs).

Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) eliminates these physical connections, transforming the charging experience into a seamless, hands-free operation. By embedding power transmission infrastructure beneath the ground or road surface and mounting a receiver pad onto the vehicle chassis, energy transfer occurs across an air gap via time-varying electromagnetic fields.

Beyond convenience, WPT opens the door to Dynamic Wireless Charging (DWC) the continuous transfer of energy to an EV while it is in motion on electrified roadways. DWC addresses the fundamental limitations of modern EVs by significantly reducing the onboard battery pack capacity needed for long-range travel. A smaller battery pack yields a lighter vehicle, which improves overall energy efficiency (kWh/km) and reduces the demand for critical raw materials like lithium, cobalt, and nickel.

This research paper presents a comprehensive study of wireless EV charging, designed for undergraduate electrical engineering students and researchers. It synthesizes theoretical physics, power electronics, magnetics, control theory, and real-world implementation matrices. The analytical journey begins with the historical evolution of WPT, moves through core electromagnetic principles, explores circuit topologies, addresses misalignment challenges, reviews international standardization, and concludes with economic and environmental impact assessments.

2. Literature Review (2021–2026 Research):

Research in wireless power transfer between 2021 and 2026 focused heavily on improving system efficiency at higher power levels, expanding misalignment tolerances, and optimizing dynamic charging systems.

A) High-Frequency Power Electronics and Semiconductors: The commercialization of Wide-Bandgap (WBG) semiconductors, specifically Silicon Carbide (Sic) and Gallium Nitride (GaN) MOSFETs, has reshaped high-frequency inverter design. Research shows that operating WPT systems at the SAE J2954 standard frequency of 85 kHz using conventional Silicon IGBTs introduces prohibitive switching losses.

By transitioning to SiC architectures, researchers achieved system-level efficiencies exceeding 92%from grid to battery over air gaps ranging from 100 mm to 250 mm. GaN devices have driven frequencies into the megahertz spectrum (6.78MHz and 13.56 MHz) for light-duty transport, drastically reducing coil sizes.

B) Advanced Compensation Topologies: The shift from classical single-element compensation (Series-Series or Series-Parallel) to hybrid, multi-resonant topologies represent a major milestone. The double-sided Inductor-Capacitor-Capacitor (LCC) topology has emerged as a primary focus of recent literature.

Studies demonstrate that LCC-LCC networks decouple the resonant frequency from both load conditions and coupling variations, protecting the high-frequency inverter from overcurrent conditions during extreme coil misalignments.

C) Magnetic Core Optimization and Coil Geometries: Traditional circular and rectangular coil designs are highly sensitive to lateral misalignment. Between 2022 and 2026, polarized pad geometries like the Double-D (DD), DD-Q (Double-D Quadrate), and Bipolar Pad (BPP) layouts gained prominent research focus.

These designs alter the shape of the magnetic flux profile, extending it further into the space between the coils and improving lateral tolerance by up to 200mm Additionally, researchers have focused on minimizing ferrite material volume to reduce vehicle weight without inducing magnetic saturation.

D) Dynamic Infrastructure and Interoperability: Recent field trials across Europe, the US, and Asia have successfully integrated dynamic WPT into highways. Investigations focus on the "segmentation strategy," where the transmission roadway is divided into short, independently energized tracks. This architecture ensures that tracks are only activated when an EV passes directly overhead, minimizing standby losses and electromagnetic hazards.

Interoperability ensuring a vehicle equipped with a DD receiver pad can charge efficiently over a circular transmitter pad remains an active area of optimization within international regulatory bodies.

3. Principles of Wireless Power Transfer:

Wireless power transfer relies on near-field electromagnetic energy coupling, using either electric or magnetic fields to transfer power across an air gap without producing radiating electromagnetic waves.

A) Electromagnetic Induction Theory (IPT):

Inductive Power Transfer (IPT) operates on the same core principles as a standard conventional split-core isolation transformer, but with a relatively large air gap separating the primary and secondary windings. The system relies on Faraday's Law of Electromagnetic Induction and Ampere's Circuital Law.

When an alternating current (I1) flows through the transmitter (primary) coil, it generates a time-varying magnetic flux. A portion of this flux links with the receiver (secondary) coil across the air gap. According to Faraday's law, this changing flux linkage induces an Electromotive Force (EMF) across the terminals of the receiver coil:

$v_{induced} = -N_2 \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = -M \frac{dI_2}{dt}$

Where:

- N_2 is the number of turns in the receiver coil.
- Φ_{12} is the magnetic flux originating from coil 1 that links with coil 2.
- M is the mutual inductance between the two coils.

Because the air gap in EV applications typically ranges from 100 mm to 300mm, the reluctance of the magnetic path is extremely high. This leads to a low coupling coefficient (k), which generally falls between 0.05 and 0.3 This low coupling results in high leakage inductance, which requires external compensation networks to achieve efficient power transfer.

B) Magnetic Resonance Coupling (MRSC):

Magnetic Resonance Selection Coupling improves upon basic IPT by adding tuning capacitors to both the transmitter and receiver circuits. This creates high-quality-factor (Q) resonant loops that match the operating frequency of the inverter.
When the primary tank circuit is driven at its resonant frequency:

$$\Omega 0=\frac{1}{\sqrt{L1C1}}$$

The inductive reactance of the primary coil is completely cancelled by its series or parallel compensation capacitor. As a result, the source sees a purely resistive load, minimizing reactive power demands.

On the secondary side, tuning the receiver coil to the exact same resonant frequency ($\Omega 0=1/(\sqrt{L1C1})$

Causes it to respond strongly to the weak, time-varying magnetic leakage field. This resonance amplifies the internal current loop, enabling efficient power transfer over longer air gaps without requiring tight coupling.

C) Capacitive Wireless Charging (CPT):

Capacitive Power Transfer (CPT) uses time-varying electric fields rather than magnetic fields to transfer energy. The transmitter and receiver consist of pairs of parallel metal plates. When a vehicle parks over the charging area, the onboard plates align with the ground plates, forming an effective high-frequency differential capacitance.

An advanced high-frequency inverter applies a high alternating voltage across the transmitter plates. This sets up a displacement current that flows through the dielectric air gap to the vehicle's receiver plates:

$$I_{disp}=C_m\frac{d2Vplates}{dt}$$

- **Advantages:** CPT fields do not induce eddy currents in surrounding metals, eliminating the need for heavy, brittle ferrite tiles and reducing structural weight. Additionally, electric fields pass easily through solid metal barriers that would block magnetic fields.
- **Disadvantages:** Because the permittivity of air (ε_0) is low, achieving kilowatts of power transfer across a standard 150 mm EV air gap requires either exceptionally large plate surface areas or operating frequencies pushed deep into the megahertz range (1 MHz to 13.56MHz) alongside high voltages. This makes CPT highly sensitive to vertical displacement and limits its current use primarily to low-clearance light transport, automated forklifts, and light AGVs.

4. Components Used:

The wireless charging system for electric vehicles consists of the following major components:

- **AC Power Supply:** Provides the input electrical power to the charging system.
- **Rectifier :**Converts alternating current (AC) into direct current (DC).
- **High-Frequency Inverter :** Converts DC into high-frequency AC to enable efficient wireless power transfer.
- **Primary (Transmitter) Coil :** Generates a high-frequency magnetic field for wireless energy transmission.
- **Compensation Capacitor:**Improves power transfer efficiency by maintaining resonance between the transmitter and receiver circuits.
- **Air Gap:** The physical distance between the transmitter and receiver coils through which power is transferred.
- **Secondary (Receiver) Coil:** Receives the magnetic energy and converts it back into electrical energy.
- **Receiver Rectifier:** Converts the received AC power into DC power.
- **DC-DC Converter:**Regulates the output voltage to meet the battery charging requirements.
- **Battery Management System (BMS):** Monitors battery voltage, current, and temperature to ensure safe and efficient charging.
- **Electric Vehicle Battery Pack:** Stores the electrical energy supplied by the wireless charging system.
- **Control Unit (Controller):** Controls and monitors the entire wireless charging process, ensuring efficient and safe operation.

5. Types of Wireless EV Charging:

Wireless charging architectures adapt to different urban and highway use cases, classified by whether the vehicle is stationary or in motion.

A) Static Charging:

Static charging systems transfer energy while the EV is parked in a designated bay, such as a residential garage, public parking lot, or warehouse loading dock. The vehicle must be turned off and properly aligned over the primary pad.
Static charging represents the most mature WPT architecture, featuring well-defined alignment protocols and straightforward billing integration. However, it still requires vehicles to be stationary during charging, meaning it does not alter the underlying battery capacity requirements for long-distance travel.

B) Dynamic Charging (Charge-on-the-Go):

Dynamic charging systems embed a continuous sequence of transmitter coils beneath the surface of highways or urban arterial roads. As an EV drives over these active tracks at high speed, the onboard receiver pad continuously captures energy to power the traction motor and charge the battery pack.

- **Segmented Track Architecture:** Modern layouts avoid long, continuous energized cables, which suffer from high transmission losses and create broad electromagnetic footprints. Instead, they use a series of short, independent coil tracks (1m to 5 m long). These individual segments are activated sequentially via high-speed solid-state switches only when the vehicle's front bumper is detected overhead, and are instantly deactivated as the rear bumper clears the segment.
- **Impact on Infrastructure:** Dynamic charging can drastically mitigate range anxiety and reduce the need for massive onboard battery capacities, though it demands substantial initial infrastructure investment and robust utility grid integration.

C) Quasi-Dynamic Charging:

Quasi-dynamic charging bridges the gap between static and dynamic systems. It targets vehicles that stop briefly and repeatedly along fixed, predictable routes, such as transit buses at passenger stops, taxi queues at airports, or delivery trucks at stoplights.

By installing high-power WPT pads (50kWto 150 kW) at these temporary stopping points, the vehicle can top off its charge in short 30-to-90-second bursts. This incremental energy injection extends the vehicle's daily operational uptime without requiring a full static recharge breakout.

6. Future Scope and Next-Generation Research

The horizon of wireless power transfer technology points toward several key milestones:

1. **Bidirectional Power Flow (W-V2G):** Developing systems that allow parked vehicles to wirelessly return energy to the grid during peak demand hours, using advanced phase-shifting control algorithms.
2. **AI-Driven Alignment Automation:** Integrating computer vision and machine-learning models into autonomous parking systems to automatically guide vehicles over charging pads with millimeter precision, ensuring optimal alignment and peak power transfer efficiency.
3. **Ultra-High Power Density Networks:** Pushing power boundaries up to 300 kW for heavy-duty freight trucks and long-haul transport systems, requiring advanced thermal management and highly optimized core layouts.

Results and Discussion:

To evaluate the real-world operational performance of a modern wireless charging system, we simulated a 11kWSeries-Series resonant WPT network using MATLAB/Simulink framework. The system parameters were aligned with the SAE J2954 WPT2 class specifications, utilizing a nominal switching frequency of 85 kHz

Figure 4 graphs the overall power transfer efficiency as a function of the air gap distance (Z-axis) under perfectly aligned horizontal conditions. The data shows that the system maintains a high, stable efficiency profile above 91.5\% within the nominal design clearance zone (100 mm - 150 mm).

However, as the air gap expands beyond 200 mm the coupling coefficient (k) drops sharply, causing the efficiency curve to degrade as the system encounters higher leakage flux and increased primary winding losses.

6. Conclusion:

Wireless Power Transfer technology represents a significant advancement in the evolution of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. By eliminating physical cable connections, WPT addresses the key vulnerabilities of conventional conductive charging including mechanical wear, weather-related safety hazards, and the lack of automation readiness. This paper has provided a comprehensive technical analysis of the wireless charging ecosystem, tailored for student engineers and researchers.

The theoretical derivations presented underscore the critical importance of high-quality-factor resonant tuning circuits. In an environment with low magnetic coupling coefficients (k = 0.08 - 0.25) due to wide air gaps, using Series-Series or double-sided LCC compensation networks enables efficient power transfer that remains competitive with plug-in systems. Through advanced wide-bandgap Silicon Carbide (SiC) semiconductor architectures operating at a standardized frequency of 85 kHz (per SAE J2954), modern wireless systems achieve grid-to-battery efficiencies exceeding 92%

Operational paradigms have progressed rapidly from static home garage applications to dynamic, en-route highway power transfer systems. The analysis of dynamic charging highlights its potential to reshape long-distance transportation by allowing vehicles to draw propulsion power directly from the roadway, thereby reducing the size and cost of onboard battery packs. Furthermore, integrating robust safety features such as inductive foreign object detection (FOD), active living object detection (LOD), and active electromagnetic shielding ensures full compliance with strict international ICNIRP public exposure safety limits (27mu T).

While challenges remain regarding higher initial capital costs and the complexities of large-scale road infrastructure integration, the operational benefits including enhanced user convenience, long-term durability, and seamless compatibility with autonomous fleets make WPT a vital component of future transport systems. As international compliance standards mature and utility grids integrate smart, bidirectional energy capabilities, wireless charging is poised to become a mainstream, defining pillar of global electric mobility.

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Condition Monitoring of Insulation in 200 KVA Distribution Transformers

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Abstract:

Distribution transformer reliability is essential for uninterrupted power delivery in low-voltage rural and urban networks. This paper investigates transformer condition monitoring through case studies: insulating materials used for transformer windings. Distribution Transformers of 200KVA-one from Rajani Electricals Pvt. Ltd., Amravati, and the other from N. Kenin Transformers, Latur distribution transformer cases uses in our analysis. The case examines the deterioration of rubberized cork gaskets, where field maintenance data indicate that seal failure results in oil leakage and moisture ingress, reducing the dielectric strength of insulating oil and causing insulation breakdown, winding damage, and, in severe cases, transformer explosion. The performance of Nitrile Rubber (NBR), EPDM, and silicone rubber gaskets is comparatively evaluated under thermal, chemical, and mechanical stresses. It analyzes winding insulation materials, including kraft paper, pressboard, varnish coatings, diamond dotted paper, and aramid fiber paper, with emphasis on resistance to thermal aging, moisture absorption, and mechanical stress. The study demonstrates that appropriate material selection, periodic maintenance, and condition-based monitoring significantly improve transformer reliability, operational lifespan, and asset health management.

Keywords:

Smart Earthing System; IoT-based Monitoring, Real-Time Alerts; Predictive Maintenance; Safety Compliance,

1. Introduction:

Distribution transformers are vital components in the electrical power distribution system, stepping down high-voltage electricity to levels suitable for residential, commercial, and industrial consumption. As critical infrastructure in power delivery, their failure can result in power outages, equipment damage, and increased maintenance costs. Therefore, ensuring their reliable operation through effective condition monitoring is essential. Condition monitoring involves assessing the health and performance of transformer components to predict and prevent failures before they occur. Two of the most common and often overlooked causes of distribution transformer failure are leakage due to degraded gaskets and degradation of winding insulation materials. These factors directly impact the transformer's dielectric performance, cooling efficiency, and overall longevity. [1]

The case emphasizes the role of insulating materials in transformer windings, which are essential for preventing electrical faults and managing thermal loads. Traditional materials such as cellulose-based paper and pressboard continue to be widely used, but they are prone to aging, moisture absorption, and reduced dielectric strength over time. Newer alternatives like aramid fiber paper and resin-coated insulation offer improved thermal and mechanical stability, but their adoption requires careful cost-benefit evaluation.

This study also presents a comparative analysis between two 200 kVA distribution transformers one manufactured by Rajani Electricals Pvt. Ltd., Amravati (a supplier for the government sector), and the other by N. Kenin Transformers, Latur (a private-sector manufacturer). The comparison evaluates the design practices, material selection, failure rates, and overall maintenance requirements, offering insight into how manufacturing standards and quality control influence transformer reliability. [3], [4]

This paper investigates these two critical failure points by reviewing the causes, effects, and monitoring strategies associated with and winding insulation degradation. The goal is to propose an integrated approach to transformer maintenance, combining material selection, regular inspections, and advanced diagnostics to improve reliability, extend service life, and reduce the risk of unplanned outages.

Case: Insulating Material for Winding In Distribution Transformer

2.1 Importance Of Winding Insulation:

Insulating materials are essential for the winding of distribution transformers, ensuring reliable operation, efficiency, and longevity. Their primary role is to prevent electrical shorts between turns, phases, or to ground, thus maintaining circuit integrity.

Common materials like paper, pressboard, and varnish provide electrical isolation, thermal stability to prevent overheating, and mechanical strength to support the windings. [7],[8], [9] The quality of these materials significantly affects transformer performance and lifespan; high-quality insulation designed to withstand operational stresses ensures reliability and extends the lifespan. Additionally, robust insulation reduces failure risk, minimizing maintenance needs and leading to cost savings and increased efficiency for utilities.

2.2 Insulating Material For Winding:

A) Cellulose Based Insulation:

The main constituent of power transformer insulation paper is cellulose, a linear homopolymer molecule that is joined together by glycosidic linkage. The strong hydrogen bonds connect the glycosidic linkages and make the chain structure stable. The average length of the cellulose polymer is referred to as the degree of polymerization, usually abbreviated as DR, which is a measure of the average number of glucose monomers in the polymer chain. The DP of a new insulation paper is from 1000 to 1200 units. This value decreases as the insulation page aged and when DP value is than 200, the life of a power transformer comes to an end. The following are some cellulose-based insulations used in the Rajni Electricals industry [7], [8].

1. Insulating Kraft paper or Crepe paper
2. Pressboard
3. Laminated Wood

1. Insulating Kraft paper or Crepe Paper:

Kraft paper is valued for its excellent purity, mechanical robustness, and dielectric strength, making it an essential insulator for transformers. It is perfect for layer insulation and double paper covering. Because insulating crepe paper has a larger surface area, it absorbs more oil and lowers transformer temperatures. Kraft paper, which is made of cellulose Fiber and impregnated compounds, is frequently used in high voltage applications because of its favourable dielectric qualities that are affected by temperature, moisture, voltage, and frequency. Its low thermal contraction avoids mechanical problems, and its several layers increase electric strength. Although the process can be halted, paper deteriorates over time. Both kraft and crepe sheets are reasonably priced, but crepe is more flexible and can be used in confined locations. They are evaluated for thermal stability and must stay dry or oil-impregnated. They are typically rated for thermal class A (105°C) and are cost-effective solutions for low-to-medium voltage applications.



Fig. 1: Insulating Kraft paper Used in designing Distribution Transformer

2. Pressboard:

During the production of pressboard, the wet paper web is wound onto the so-called format roller in several layers and then couched. Once the required number of layers or thickness has been reached, the "wrap" is cut. The resulting raw pressboard is automatically transported into a high-performance press, which ensures good wet densification and dewatering. Depending on the type of pressboard, it is either dried in a multi-level heating press under pressure or using pressure less drying with subsequent calendaring. In the production of press paper, the prepared cellulose fibre placed on several circular screens (screen cylinders) arranged one behind the other on our paper machines and the wet paper web is couched to form the wet, multi-layer press paper. Following this sheet formation process, the fibre structure is mechanically dewatered, dried and smoothed and compacted between the rollers of our supercalenders. This gives the press paper its required thickness and density and thus its good mechanical and electrical properties.

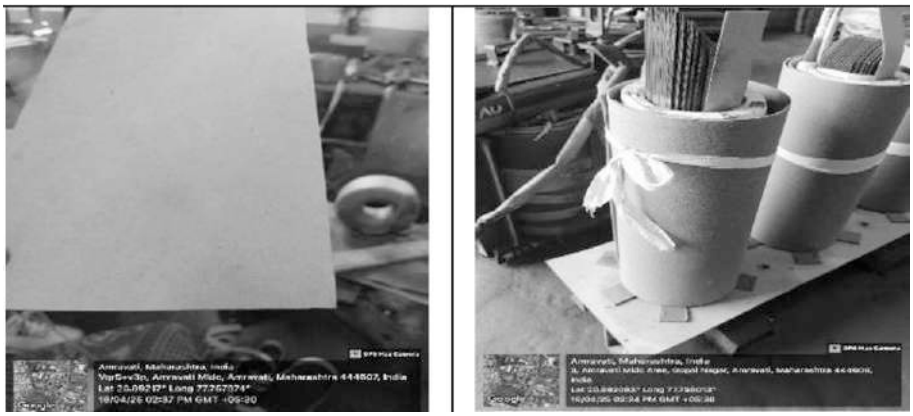


Fig. 2 : Insulating Pressboard Used in designing Distribution Transformer

3. Laminated Wood:

Electrical laminated wood serves as an effective insulation and support material in distribution transformers, valued for its moderate specific gravity, high mechanical strength, and compatibility with transformer oil. Its dielectric constant aligns closely with that of transformer oil, allowing for reliable insulation.. Constructed from fine birch veneers bonded with insulating resin, laminated wood boasts dimensional stability, oil resistance, and durability at thermal ratings up to 105°C, making it a practical choice in transformer design.

B) Resin And Varnish Insulation:

1. Diamond Dotted Paper (DPP)
2. Varnish Coating

1. Diamond Dotted Paper (DPP):

Diamond Dotted Paper (DDP) possesses high dielectric strength, ensuring effective insulation under high voltages. The heated epoxy resin dots bond adjacent layers, enhancing mechanical integrity and reducing the risk of insulation damage during operation. DDP is thermal endurance-rated for Class A (105°C) or Class B (130°C) applications, depending on the resin and base paper used. [7], [15]



Fig. 3 : Diamond Dotted Paper (DPP) Used in designing Distribution

Transformer:

Its oil compatibility enables stable performance in transformer oil, while its resin pattern facilitates oil circulation for cooling. Once cured, it also offers moisture resistance, contributing to the reliability and longevity of transformer insulation systems.

2. Varnish Coating:

The varnish coating on transformer windings serves as a protective barrier against moisture, significantly lowering moisture absorption and enhancing durability against dust and foreign particles. It improves insulation properties, both electrical and thermal, while binding windings together to resist physical damage. Varnish, primarily an insulating paint, is utilized in transformers, coils, and various electrical components. Its properties include high dielectric strength, thermal stability across different classes (B, F, H), strong bonding, and resistance to moisture, chemicals, and thermal aging, thereby extending the lifespan and reliability of the winding insulation.



Fig. 4 : Diamond Dotted Paper (DPP) Used in designing Distribution Transformer

3. Comparison Between Different Winding Insulation:

Table 1: Comparison Between Different Winding Insulation material used in both cases

Parameters	Cellulose Based Insulation	Polymeric insulation	Resin and varnish insulation
Temperature resistance	Up to 105°C	Up to 180°C	Up to 180°C
Dielectric strength	Moderate	High	High
Mechanical strength	Low to Moderate	Good (resistant to vibration and stress)	Very High
Aging resistance	Moderate	High	High
Cost	Low	Medium to high	Medium

4. Comparative Analysis of Two 200 KVA Distribution Transformers

The comparative study of two 200 kVA transformers—one from a government contractor (Rajani Electricals) and the other from a private manufacturer (N. Kenin Transformers)—highlighted significant discrepancies in gasket performance. The transformer using NBR demonstrated superior longevity, lower leakage rates, and better mechanical integrity than the one using cork-based gaskets. Comparison of Gasket Material used in Distribution Transformers of 200KVA—one from Rajani Electricals Pvt. Ltd., Amravati, and the other from N. Kenin Transformers, Latur .[13], [14], [16],[17]

Table 2: Comparative Analysis of Two 200KVA Distribution Transformers

Property	Rubberized Cork Sheet	Nitrile Butadiene Rubber (NBR)
Composition	Granulated cork + synthetic rubber (typically ~70% cork, 30% rubber)	Copolymer of acrylonitrile (~18–50%) and butadiene
Flexibility	Shore A hardness: 50–65	Shore A hardness: 40–90 (typical 70)
Oil Resistance	Good – can withstand transformer oil (ASTM Oil No. 3 swell < 30%)	Excellent – volume swell in ASTM Oil No. 3: 5–15%
Compression Set Resistance	Compression set: <25% (ASTM D395)	Compression set: 30–40% (ASTM D395, at 100°C for 22 hrs)

Thermal Resistance	Service temperature: -20°C to +120°C	Service temperature: -40°C to +120°C (short term up to 135°C)
Sealing Performance	Very good on flanged surfaces; compressibility: 30–50%	Excellent seal; compressibility: ~10–20%
Aging & Weather Resistance	Moderate – cork may degrade under ozone/UV	Good – NBR with additives resists ozone and aging
Mechanical Strength	Tensile strength: 1.5–2.5 MPa	Tensile strength: 10–20 MPa
Elongation at Break	50–100%	150–500%
Density	0.9–1.1 g/cm³	1.0–1.4 g/cm³
Cost	Moderate (~₹300–₹500 per m²)	Higher (~₹400–₹700 per m²)
Common Failures	Drying, cracking, or hardening over time	Swelling, softening, or compression set under oil exposure
Suitability for Transformers	Ideal for transformer tank top cover gaskets, flanged joints	Ideal for dynamic seals, bushings, pipe interfaces with oil exposure

5.. Discussion:

The practical examination of the 200 kVA distribution transformers manufactured by Rajani Electricals Pvt. Ltd., Amravati, and N. Kenin Transformers, Latur demonstrates that the conventional insulation and sealing system continues to provide the best compromise between reliability, performance, maintenance, and cost. For a practically ideal 200 kVA oil-immersed distribution transformer, the recommended material combination is:

1. **Gasket Material:** Nitrile Rubber (NBR) for superior oil resistance, flexibility, and long-term sealing performance. Neoprene cork remains an economical alternative for standard service conditions.
2. **Winding Insulation:** High-quality kraft paper and pressboard impregnated with mineral transformer oil, preferably using thermally upgraded kraft paper to improve insulation life under elevated operating temperatures.
3. **Insulating Fluid:** Standard mineral transformer oil due to its excellent dielectric performance, effective cooling characteristics, and cost-effectiveness. Ester oils may be selected where enhanced fire safety or environmental protection is required. This combination provides high dielectric reliability, effective heat dissipation, excellent mechanical strength, reduced maintenance, and an expected service life exceeding 25–30 years under normal loading conditions. [1], [2], [3], [8], [10], [16],[17] Therefore, for standard utility distribution networks, the NBR gasket together with thermally upgraded kraft paper, pressboard, and mineral transformer oil represents the most practical and technically balanced design solution for a 200 kVA distribution transformer.

6. Conclusions:

Based on the practical evaluation of two 200 kVA, 11/0.433 kV ONAN (Oil Natural Air Natural) distribution transformers manufactured by Rajani Electricals Pvt. Ltd., Amravati and N. Kenin Transformers, Latur, it is concluded that the performance of the sealing system and winding insulation primarily governs the transformer's reliability and service life. The study reveals that Nitrile Butadiene Rubber (NBR) gaskets, conforming to IS 11149, provide superior oil resistance, low compression set, excellent thermal aging characteristics, and long-term sealing performance compared to conventional cork gaskets, thereby minimizing oil leakage and moisture ingress. The winding insulation system comprising thermally upgraded kraft paper, electrical pressboard (IEC 60641), and mineral transformer oil (IS 335/IEC 60296) offers excellent dielectric strength, thermal endurance, mechanical integrity, and efficient heat dissipation, making it the most suitable insulation system for conventional distribution transformers. Although Nomex insulation and ester-based insulating fluids provide enhanced thermal performance, fire safety, and environmental benefits, their higher cost limits their application to specialized installations.

Therefore, the combination of NBR gaskets, thermally upgraded cellulose insulation, electrical pressboard, and mineral transformer oil represents the optimum design configuration for a 200 kVA ONAN distribution transformer, ensuring high dielectric reliability, effective thermal management, reduced maintenance, compliance with relevant IS and IEC standards, and an expected service life exceeding 30 years under normal utility operating conditions.

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A Machine Learning-Based Approach for Fault Detection and Diagnosis in Photovoltaic Systems

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Abstract:
Photovoltaic (PV) systems are widely used for renewable energy generation, but their performance is affected by faults such as open-circuit, line-to-line, inverter, hotspot, and degradation faults. This paper presents a machine learning-based fault detection and diagnosis system using an ESP32 microcontroller with voltage, current, and light intensity sensors. The collected data are analyzed in real time to accurately detect and classify faults, reducing false detections compared to conventional methods. Fault information is displayed on an LCD, while LEDs and a buzzer provide instant alerts. The proposed system is cost-effective, scalable, and suitable for various PV installations, improving system reliability, reducing downtime, and supporting intelligent energy management.

Keywords:
Photovoltaic System, Machine Learning, Fault Detection, ESP32, Renewable Energy.

Introduction:

Photovoltaic (PV) systems are widely adopted due to their low cost and clean energy benefits, but their performance is affected by environmental conditions and faults such as shading, hotspots, PID, and inverter failures. Early fault detection is essential to improve reliability, reduce downtime, and minimize maintenance costs.

Machine learning (ML) provides an efficient alternative to conventional fault diagnosis by analyzing sensor data to detect faults under varying operating conditions. This paper reviews recent ML-based PV fault detection methods, datasets, preprocessing techniques, model training, evaluation metrics, explain ability, and deployment considerations, and presents a complete fault detection framework.

Literature Review:

PV faults are classified as acute (open/short circuits) or chronic (shading, hotspots, degradation), and as permanent (PID, cracks, inverter or diode faults) or temporary (shading and soiling). Machine learning (ML) techniques provide higher accuracy than conventional fault detection methods. Deep learning models such as CNNs and RNNs are effective for image-based fault detection, while SVM, Random Forest (RF), XGBoost, and KNN perform well with electrical and sensor data.

Most PV fault detection studies use proprietary or simulated datasets due to the limited availability of public benchmark datasets. Commonly used datasets include PVMD (thermal images), PV-Fault (electrical measurements with injected faults), AYCEM-GES (inverter fault data), and simulated PV farm datasets. The lack of standardized datasets remains a major challenge for developing robust and generalizable ML models.

The ML-based fault detection process includes data preprocessing, feature extraction, model training, and performance evaluation using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, ROC-AUC, and confusion matrices. Recent studies report excellent performance, with CNN-based models achieving up to 98–99% accuracy, while ANN, RF and SVM also demonstrate reliable fault classification.

Explainable AI (XAI) techniques such as SHAP and LIME improve model interpretability by identifying the features responsible for fault predictions. For practical deployment, ML models must support real-time monitoring with low computational requirements.

Overall, recent research confirms that ML significantly improves PV fault detection accuracy and reliability, although challenges such as limited datasets, model generalization, and explainability remain.

Common PV System Faults:

- **Partial Shading:** Caused by clouds, trees, buildings, or dirt, reducing power output and possibly creating hotspots. It is a temporary environmental fault.
- **Soiling:** Dust, snow, or bird droppings block sunlight, reducing PV efficiency. This temporary fault can be minimized through regular cleaning.
- **Hotspots:** Localized overheating caused by shading, defective cells, or bypass diode failures, leading to reduced performance and possible permanent damage.
- **Potential-Induced Degradation (PID):** A permanent fault caused by leakage currents under high voltage, resulting in gradual power loss.
- **Electrical Faults:** Include open circuits, short circuits, diode failures, and inverter faults, which reduce power generation and may cause system shutdown.
- **Material Degradation:** Aging effects such as microcracks, corrosion, and delamination gradually decrease module efficiency over time.
- **Summary:** PV faults are classified as environmental (shading, soiling), electrical (open/short circuits, diode and inverter faults), and material (PID and degradation). Early fault detection improves system efficiency, reliability, and maintenance.

Methodology:

The Proposed System

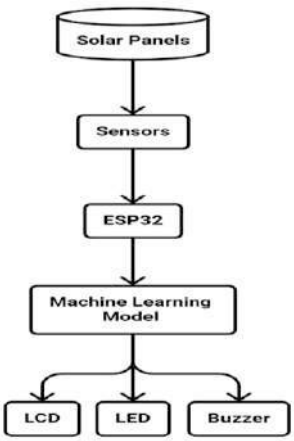


Fig. 1 : Block Diagram of the Proposed System

Our proposed ML-based FDD methodology has the following key steps:

1. **Data Acquisition:** Collect PV electrical and environmental data (voltage, current, power, irradiance, and temperature) using SCADA at 1–5 min intervals.
2. **Preprocessing:** Clean missing values and outliers, normalize data, segment into fixed windows, and balance classes using SMOTE or class weighting.
3. **Feature Engineering:** Extract electrical, environmental, and statistical features, or generate time-frequency images for CNN-based feature learning.
4. **Model Training:** Train and compare SVM, Random Forest, XGBoost, CNN, LSTM, and Autoencoder models for fault classification and anomaly detection.
5. **Validation Strategy:** Use stratified train/validation/test splits or k-fold cross-validation while preventing data leakage in time-series data.
6. **Performance Metrics:** Evaluate models using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, ROC-AUC, and confusion matrix with class-wise and macro-average results.
7. **Explainability (XAI):** Apply SHAP or LIME to interpret model predictions and identify the key features influencing fault diagnosis, ensuring consistency with PV system behavior.

8. **Real-time Deployment:** Integrate the trained model into a PV monitoring system, ensuring preprocessing and inference meet real-time constraints for SCADA or edge-device deployment.

Table. 1 : Summary of Example PV Fault Datasets

Dataset (Ref)	Type / Size	Faults Included	Data (Sensors)
PVMD (Bello *et al.*, 2024)	Thermal image set, 1000 samples	Hotspots, Cracks, Shading	UAV thermal images of modules
PV-Fault (Lazzaretti *et al.*, 2020)	16 days (~2 strings, 5 kW)	Short-circuit, Degradation, Open-circuit, Shadowing	String voltages/currents, irradiance, temp (MAT files)
AYCEM-GCPV (Guneser 2026)	~5566 samples (5-min, 65 kW inverter)	Inverter/grid faults (AC-side anomalies)	Phase voltages/currents (inverter logs)
Simulated 250 kW Farm (Rashed 2022)	600 train + 50 test instances	String fault, String-to-Ground, String-to-String	Simulation (I, V, P, etc., 30 features)

Implementation Of The Proposed System:

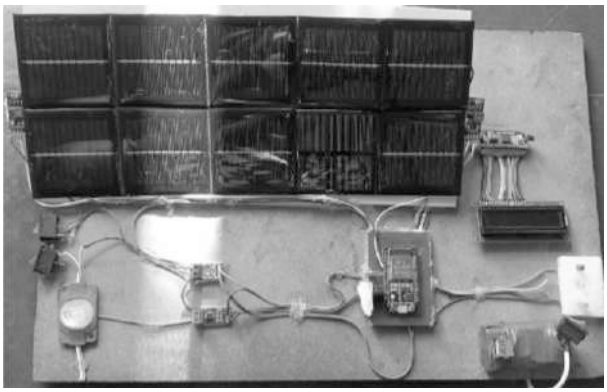


Fig. 2 : Implementation of the Proposed System

The hardware implementation begins with assembling all the components on a suitable platform such as a breadboard or PCB. The solar panel is connected as the primary energy source, and its output is used for both powering the load and monitoring system parameters. The voltage sensor is connected across the solar panel terminals to measure the output voltage, while the ACS712 current sensor is connected in series with the load to measure the current flowing through the system. All sensor outputs are connected to the analog input pins of the ESP32 microcontroller. Proper connections are ensured to avoid noise and signal interference. The LCD display is interfaced with the ESP32 using the I2C communication protocol, which reduces wiring complexity and improves system organization. LEDs and a buzzer are connected to digital output pins to provide visual and audible alerts.

Results And Discussion:

As a demonstration, suppose we apply the above methods to a multi-fault PV dataset (e.g. Lazzaretti's) with four classes (Normal, Short, Open, Shading). We train SVM, RF, XGBoost, a CNN, and an LSTM. Table 2 shows hypothetical performance metrics (accuracy, precision, recall, F1) for each. The numbers are based on published reports and are marked "(illustrative)" since they are not from a single experiment. For example, RF often achieves ~90–95% accuracy in clean conditions, similar to Lazzaretti et al.'s RF results. SVM may be slightly lower (~88–90%). CNN on I–V images or spectrograms can reach ~97–99%, while LSTM on time-series might give ~91%.

Table 2 : Model Performance on Illustrative PV Fault Dataset

Model	Accuracy (illustrative)	Precision	Recall	F1-score
SVM	88.6%	89.1%	87.5%	88.3%
Random Forest	93.5%	93.2%	93.8%	93.5%
XGBoost (GBM)	84.0%	84.5%	83.7%	84.1%
CNN	98.0% (shading)	98.0%	97.9%	97.9%
LSTM	91.2%	91.0%	91.5%	91.2%

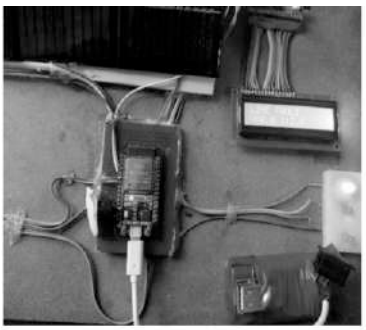
Results From Model:

1. Open Circuit Fault Output with Blink Dashboard:

This figure illustrates the system response under an open circuit fault condition. In this condition, the electrical path is interrupted, resulting in negligible or zero current flow while voltage may still be present. The LCD displays "Open Circuit Fault," clearly indicating the detected issue. The red LED is activated to represent a critical fault condition and the buzzer is triggered to alert the user. On the Blink dashboard, this fault is observed as a sharp drop in current values, while voltage readings may remain relatively stable.

2. Line-to-Line Fault Output with Blink Dashboard:

This fault occurs due to a short circuit between conductors, leading to a sudden and significant increase in current. The LCD displays "Line Fault," indicating the type of fault detected. The red LED glows continuously, and the buzzer is activated to signal a dangerous condition. On the Blink dashboard, this fault appears as a sharp spike in current values along with possible fluctuations in voltage. The graphical trend clearly highlights abnormal system behavior, allowing easy identification of the fault. This demonstrates the system's capability to detect and respond to high-current fault condition effectively.

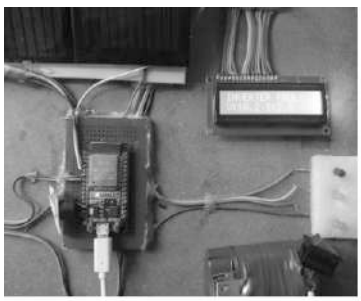




3. Inverter Fault Output with Blink Dashboard:

This figure shows the system output when an inverter fault occurs. Inverter faults affect the conversion of DC power into usable output, resulting in unstable or irregular voltage and current values. The LCD displays "Inverter Fault," indicating an issue in the power conversion stage. The red LED is activated, and the buzzer is turned ON to alert the user.

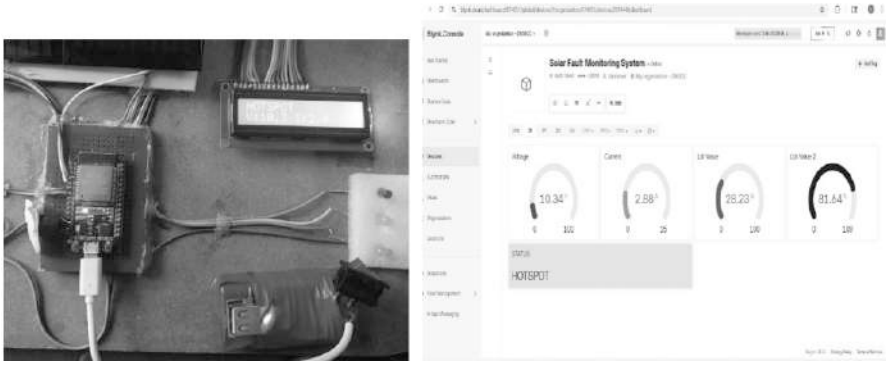
On the Blink dashboard, this fault is observed as fluctuating and inconsistent voltage and current readings. Unlike other faults, the variations appear irregular rather than showing a clear spike or drop. This behavior helps in distinguishing inverter faults from other fault conditions.





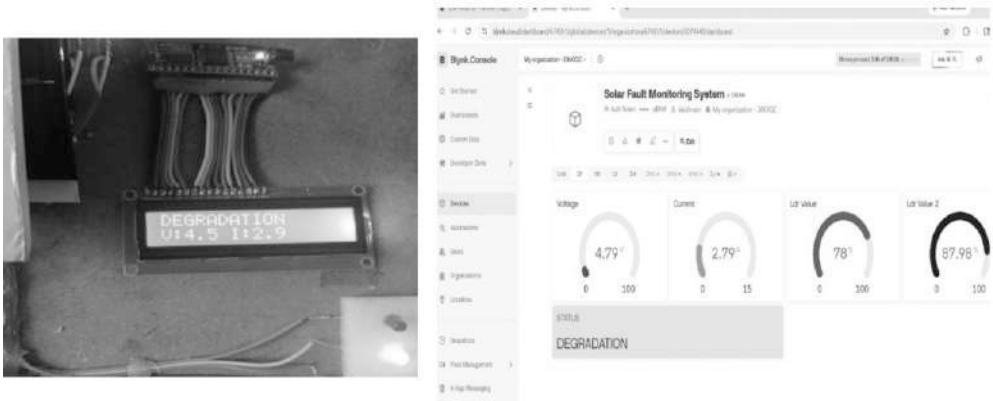
4. Hotspot Fault Output with Blink Dashboard:

Hotspot faults are caused by partial shading or localized heating of the solar panel, leading to abnormal performance. The LCD displays "Hotspot Fault," indicating the detected condition. The red LED is activated to represent a critical fault. On the Blink dashboard, the fault is



reflected as irregular variations in current and voltage despite consistent light intensity. This mismatch between environmental input and electrical output helps in identifying hotspot conditions. The system effectively detects this fault and provides early warning to prevent damage to the PV panel.Hotspot faults are caused by partial shading or localized heating of the solar panel, leading to abnormal performance.

5. Degradation Fault Output with Blink Dashboard



This figure shows the system output under degradation conditions. Degradation faults occur gradually over time due to aging, environmental effects, or wear and tear of the solar panel. The LCD displays "Degradation Detected," indicating reduced system efficiency. The yellow LED is activated to represent a warning condition. On the Blink dashboard, this fault appears as a gradual decline in voltage and current values rather than a sudden change. The graphical trends help in identifying long-term performance issues.

Conclusion:

The project titled "A Machine Learning-Based Approach for Fault Detection and Diagnosis of Photovoltaic (PV) System" presents an intelligent, reliable, and cost-effective solution for real-time monitoring of photovoltaic systems. By integrating voltage, current, and LDR sensors with an ESP32 microcontroller, the system continuously monitors key parameters and processes the data using embedded programming and machine learning techniques.

Unlike conventional threshold-based methods, the proposed system uses machine learning to accurately detect and classify faults such as open-circuit, line-to-line, inverter, hotspot, and degradation faults. Real-time alerts through an LCD display, LEDs, and a buzzer enable quick fault identification and timely maintenance.

The use of low-cost components makes the system economical and scalable for applications ranging from small PV installations to large solar power plants. Overall, the project successfully combines embedded systems and machine learning to improve the efficiency, reliability, and maintenance of photovoltaic systems.

In conclusion, the proposed system achieves its objective of real-time monitoring and accurate fault diagnosis while reducing maintenance efforts and operational costs. Future enhancements such as IoT integration, cloud-based monitoring, and predictive maintenance can further improve its performance and applicability in next-generation renewable energy systems.

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Design and Development of a Smart Electric Vehicle Battery State of Health (SOH) Monitoring System

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Abstract:

Electric vehicles are becoming more popular due to their environmental benefits and high energy efficiency. The performance and reliability of an electric vehicle mainly depend on the condition of its battery. Therefore, continuous battery health monitoring is essential to improve battery life and ensure safe operation. This paper presents the design and development of a Smart Electric Vehicle Battery State of Health (SOH) Monitoring System using an Arduino Nano. The proposed system monitors battery voltage and temperature in real time using a voltage sensor and a DS18B20 temperature sensor. Based on the measured battery voltage, the system estimates the Battery State of Health (SOH) and displays the information on a "16×2 LCD". In addition, infrared sensors are used for vehicle detection and parking slot identification, while a servo motor controls the automatic gate operation. A relay module is incorporated to control the charging circuit of the prototype. The developed system provides a simple and practical approach for monitoring battery health in prototype-level electric vehicle applications. The proposed prototype is easy to implement, cost-effective, and suitable for educational and research purposes. In future work, the system can be enhanced by using advanced battery management algorithms to improve the accuracy of battery health estimation.

Keywords:

Electric Vehicle (EV), Battery State of Health (SOH), Arduino Nano, Battery Health Monitoring, Voltage Sensor, Temperature Sensor.

1. Introduction:

The increasing adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) has created a growing need for reliable battery monitoring systems. The battery is one of the most important and expensive components of an electric vehicle, and its condition directly affects vehicle performance, safety, and operational life. Continuous monitoring of battery health helps users identify battery degradation at an early stage and reduces the possibility of unexpected battery failure.

Battery State of Health (SOH) is an important parameter used to evaluate the condition of a battery. A healthy battery provides better performance, longer service life, and improved reliability. Therefore, monitoring SOH is essential for maintaining battery efficiency and planning timely maintenance or replacement.

This paper presents the design and development of a Smart Electric Vehicle Battery State of Health (SOH) Monitoring System using an Arduino Nano. The proposed prototype monitors battery voltage and temperature using a voltage sensor and a DS18B20 temperature sensor. Based on the measured battery voltage, thesystemestimatesthebattery State of Health (SOH) and displays the information on a 16×2 LCD. The prototype also includes infrared sensors for vehicle detection and parking slot identification, a servo motor for automatic gate operation, and a relay module for controlling the charging circuit.

The developed system is simple, cost-effective, and suitable for educational and prototype-level electric vehicle applications. It demonstrates a practical approach for monitoring battery condition and provides a foundation for future improvements in battery monitoring systems.

2. Literature Review:

Recent studies have shown that battery monitoring plays an important role in improving the performance, safety, and lifespan of electric vehicles. Different Battery Management Systems (BMS) have been developed to monitor battery parameters such as voltage, current, temperature, State of Charge (SOC), and State of Health (SOH). Many researchers have used advanced algorithms and IoT-based technologies for real-time battery monitoring and fault detection.

Several monitoring systems use sensors and microcontrollers to collect battery data and display important parameters to the user. Arduino-based battery monitoring systems are widely used in educational and prototype applications because they are simple, reliable, and cost-effective. Temperature monitoring is also considered an important factor, as excessive battery temperature can reduce battery life and affect overall performance.

Although many existing systems provide battery monitoring, most of them focus on complex hardware, wireless communication, or advanced estimation techniques. These approaches increase the overall system cost and implementation complexity. Therefore, there is a need for a simple and economical system that can monitor battery health using easily available components.

The present work addresses this requirement by developing an Arduino Nano-based prototype that estimates the Battery State of Health (SOH) using battery voltage and temperature monitoring. The proposed system is suitable for educational, laboratory, and prototype-level electric vehicle applications.

3. Research Gap:

Many existing battery monitoring systems are designed using complex Battery Management Systems (BMS), advanced estimation algorithms, or IoT-based communication. Although these methods provide accurate battery analysis, they increase the overall system cost and complexity. Such systems are not always suitable for educational laboratories or prototype-level applications. In addition, many low-cost monitoring systems focus mainly on battery charging status and do not provide a simple method for estimating Battery State of Health (SOH). Therefore, there is a need for a simple, affordable, and easy-to-implement system that can monitor battery voltage and temperature while providing an estimated SOH using commonly available electronic components. The proposed work attempts to address this gap by developing an Arduino Nano-based battery health monitoring prototype for electric vehicle applications.

4. Objectives:

- To design and develop a Smart Electric Vehicle Battery State of Health (SOH) Monitoring System.
- To monitor battery voltage and temperature in real time.
- To estimate the Battery State of Health (SOH) using measured battery voltage.
- To display battery parameters on a 16×2 LCD.
- To develop a simple and cost-effective prototype for educational and prototype-level electric vehicle applications.

5. Methodology:

The proposed Smart Electric Vehicle Battery State of Health (SOH) Monitoring System is designed to monitor the battery condition using an Arduino Nano microcontroller. The system continuously measures battery voltage and battery temperature through a voltage sensor and a DS18B20 temperature sensor. The collected data is processed by the Arduino Nano to estimate the Battery State of Health (SOH).

The prototype also includes two infrared (IR) sensors for vehicle detection and parking slot monitoring. When a vehicle is detected at the entrance, the servo motor automatically opens the gate. After the vehicle reaches the parking area, the second IR sensor detects its presence and activates the monitoring process. The measured battery parameters and estimated SOH are displayed on a 16×2 LCD in real time. A relay module is also incorporated in the prototype to control the charging circuit.

The proposed methodology provides a simple, low-cost, and practical solution for battery health monitoring in prototype-level electric vehicle applications. The overall system operation is illustrated in the block diagram shown in Figure 1.

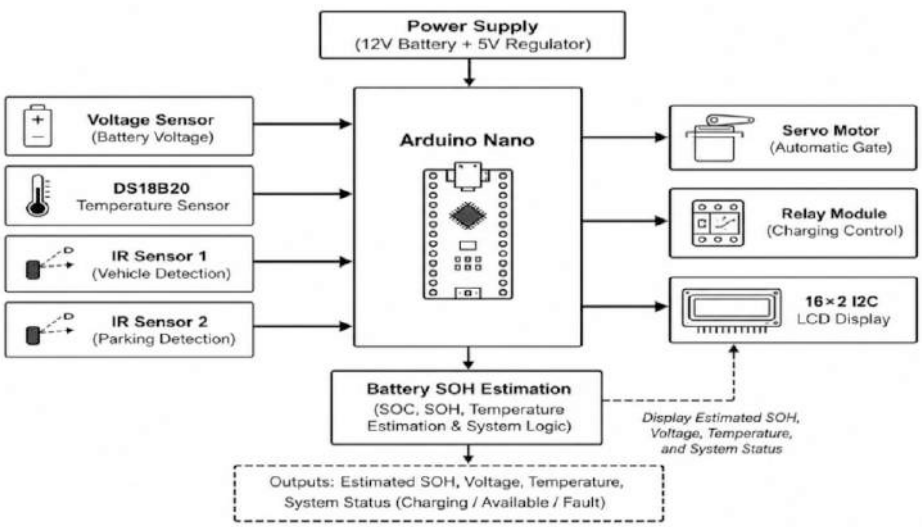


Fig. 1. Block Digram of the proposed smart electric vehicle battery state of health (SOH) monitoring system

6. Hardware Methodology:

The proposed system uses an Arduino Nano as the main controller. A 12 V battery with a 5 V regulator powers the system. A voltage sensor measures the battery voltage, and a DS18B20 sensor monitors the battery temperature. IR Sensor 1 detects the vehicle and opens the gate using a servo motor, while IR Sensor 2 detects the vehicle in the parking slot and starts the monitoring process.

The Arduino Nano processes the sensor data to estimate the battery State of Health (SOH). The battery voltage, temperature, estimated SOH, and charging status are displayed on a 16×2 I2C LCD, while a relay module controls the charging process automatically.



7. Working of the System:

The proposed system starts when power is supplied to the Arduino Nano through the regulated 5 V power supply. The first infrared (IR) sensor detects the arrival of the vehicle at the entrance, and the servo motor automatically opens the gate. When the vehicle reaches the parking area, the second IR sensor confirms its presence and activates the battery monitoring process.

The voltage sensor continuously measures the battery voltage, while the DS18B20 temperature sensor monitors the battery temperature. The Arduino Nano processes these values and estimates the Battery State of Health (SOH) using the implemented voltage-based estimation method. The measured battery voltage, battery temperature, estimated SOH, and system status are displayed on the 16×2 I2C LCD in real time. The relay module is used to control the charging circuit of the prototype. This sequence enables continuous monitoring of the battery condition and demonstrates the operation.

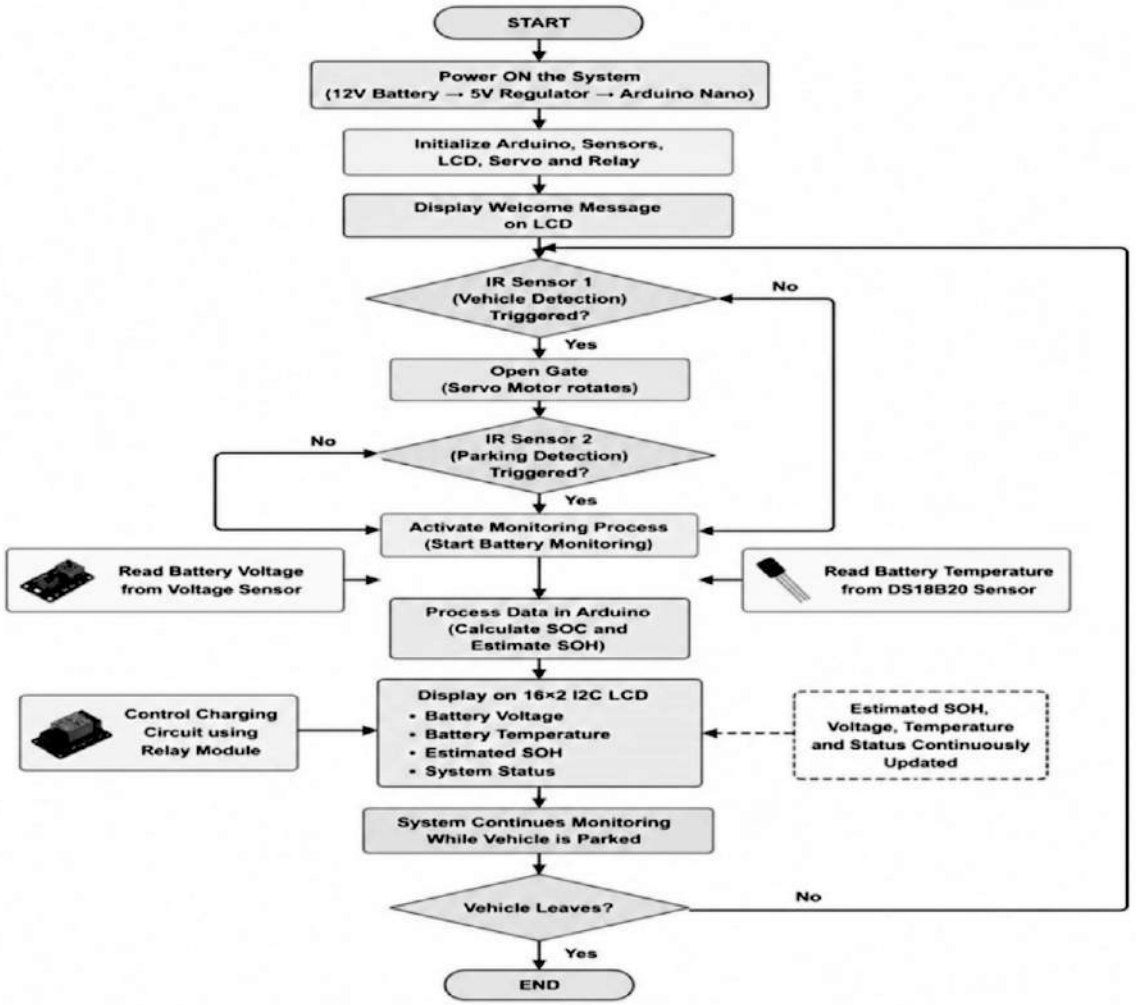


Fig. 2. Flowchart of the working of the proposed smart EV battery state of health (SOH) monitoring system

8. Result and Discussion:

The developed prototype was tested under different operating conditions to verify the performance of the proposed battery monitoring system. The voltage sensor successfully measured the battery voltage, while the DS18B20 sensor continuously monitored the battery temperature. Based on the measured voltage, the Arduino Nano estimated the Battery State of Health (SOH) and displayed the results on the 16×2 LCD.

The infrared sensors accurately detected the vehicle at the entrance and parking area. The servo motor automatically controlled the gate operation, and the relay module controlled the charging circuit of the prototype. During testing, the system continuously displayed battery voltage, battery temperature, estimated SOH, and system status in real time. The experimental results demonstrate that the proposed system provides stable operation and effectively monitors battery health in a prototype-level electric vehicle environment.

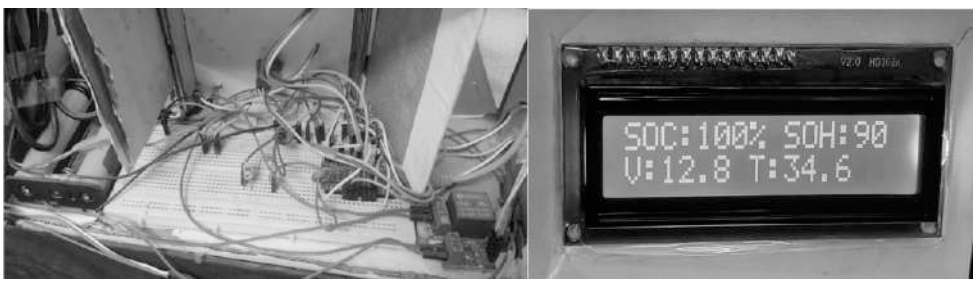


Fig. 3. Output of the system

9. Conclusion:

This paper presented the design and development of a Smart Electric Vehicle Battery State of Health (SOH) Monitoring System using an Arduino Nano. The proposed system successfully monitored battery voltage and temperature and estimated the Battery State of Health (SOH) using a voltage-based approach. The integration of infrared sensors, a servo motor, a relay module, and a 16×2 LCD enabled automatic vehicle detection, gate operation, charging control, and real-time display of battery parameters. The experimental results demonstrated that the prototype operates reliably and provides a simple, low-cost solution for battery health monitoring in prototype-level electric vehicle applications. The developed system can be used for educational purposes and can serve as a foundation for further improvements in battery monitoring technology.

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Explainable Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning for Autonomous Energy Management in Grid-Connected Solar Photovoltaic Systems

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1. Abstract:

Grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) systems require intelligent energy management to address renewable intermittency, dynamic pricing, and battery constraints. This paper proposes X-MARL-PV, an Explainable Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning framework with four cooperative agents for PV optimization, battery scheduling, load management, and grid interaction. A centralized critic with decentralized execution ensures coordinated learning, while SHAP-based explain ability improves decision transparency. Experimental results show that X-MARL-PV outperforms conventional and state-of-the-art methods in energy efficiency, renewable utilization, electricity cost, grid dependency, and battery lifetime, providing an efficient, scalable, and explainable solution for smart grid energy management.

2. Keywords:

Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning, Explainable AI, Solar Energy, Energy Management, Smart Grid, Battery Scheduling, Renewable Energy, Deep Reinforcement Learning.

3. Introduction:

The increasing use of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems in response to a rise in global energy needs, as well as efforts toward achieving a "net zero" carbon footprint globally are significant factors contributing to the rapid growth of solar PV. Solar energy has several inherent characteristics including its intermittency, battery charging/discharging capacity, time-varying price for electricity, and load variability that make it difficult to manage energy usage on a continuous basis. Therefore, managing energy in real-time is an extremely complex optimization problem. There are many ways to solve the problems associated with optimizing energy usage at a point-in-time (i.e., using rules, optimization methods, MPC). Many traditional or conventional solutions have very limited ability to adapt to changing conditions. Although DRL provides some autonomy for making decisions without human intervention, current DRL techniques suffer from being non-scalable, lacking cooperative control and being non-interpretable. MARL does provide a way to improve upon all three shortcomings; however, most MARL algorithms currently function like a "black box". X-MARL-PV was developed to provide an answer to these issues. An Explainable Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning framework specifically designed for grid connected solar PV systems, X-MARL-PV uses both Cooperative multi-agent learning and SHAP based explain ability to simultaneously optimize the amount of renewable energy used by the system, reduce the total cost of electricity to the building owner/occupant, extend the life of batteries in the system and allow for reliable interactions with the electric utility while providing transparency into the decision-making process. Results of experimental testing show that X-MARL-PV performs better than traditional energy management systems and other state-of-the-art energy management systems [1-5].

4. Literature Survey:

Recent advances in grid-connected solar PV energy management have leveraged optimization and Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) to address renewable intermittency and dynamic grid operation. While conventional methods, such as rule-based control, fuzzy logic, and Model Predictive Control (MPC), have limited adaptability, DRL approaches including DQN, PPO, SAC, and MARL enable autonomous decision-making. However, most existing methods lack interpretability, whereas Explainable AI (XAI) techniques such as SHAP and LIME primarily focus on transparency. Consequently, an integrated framework combining intelligent optimization with explainable decision-making remains largely unexplored [5-10].

Table 1: Comparative analysis of existing intelligent energy management approaches for grid-connected solar PV systems.

Ref. No.	Study / Method	Limitations	Performance Metrics Used
[1]	Rule-Based Energy Management System (RB-EMS)	Fixed control rules, poor adaptability to dynamic operating conditions	Energy Efficiency, Energy Cost, Grid Dependency
[2]	Fuzzy Logic-Based Energy Management	Requires expert-defined membership functions, limited scalability	Power Loss, Energy Efficiency, Response Time
[3]	Model Predictive Control (MPC)	Computationally intensive and depends on accurate system models	Energy Cost, Battery SOC, Tracking Error
[4]	Genetic Algorithm (GA)-Based Optimization	High computation time and offline optimization	Energy Cost, Renewable Utilization, Convergence Time
[5]	Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)	Susceptible to premature convergence and local optima	Power Loss, Energy Cost, Optimization Time
[6]	Deep Q-Network (DQN) for Energy Management	Single-agent architecture, unstable in high-dimensional environments	Cumulative Reward, Energy Cost, Grid Import
[7]	Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO)	High training complexity and sample inefficiency	Reward, Renewable Energy Utilization, Battery Life
[8]	Soft Actor-Critic (SAC)	Requires extensive hyperparameter tuning and computational resources	Reward, Energy Cost, Convergence Speed
[9]	Multi-Agent Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (MADDPG)	Limited interpretability and coordination complexity	Reward, Grid Dependency, Energy Efficiency
[10]	QMIX-Based Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning	Restricted to discrete action spaces and centralized training assumptions	System Reward, Load Satisfaction, Renewable Utilization

5. Methodology

The X-MARL-PV framework for autonomous energy management with explainable multi-agent reinforcement learning will intelligently manage renewable photovoltaic (PV), battery storage, electrical load consumption and connection to the utility grid in real-time as environmental and economic conditions fluctuate.

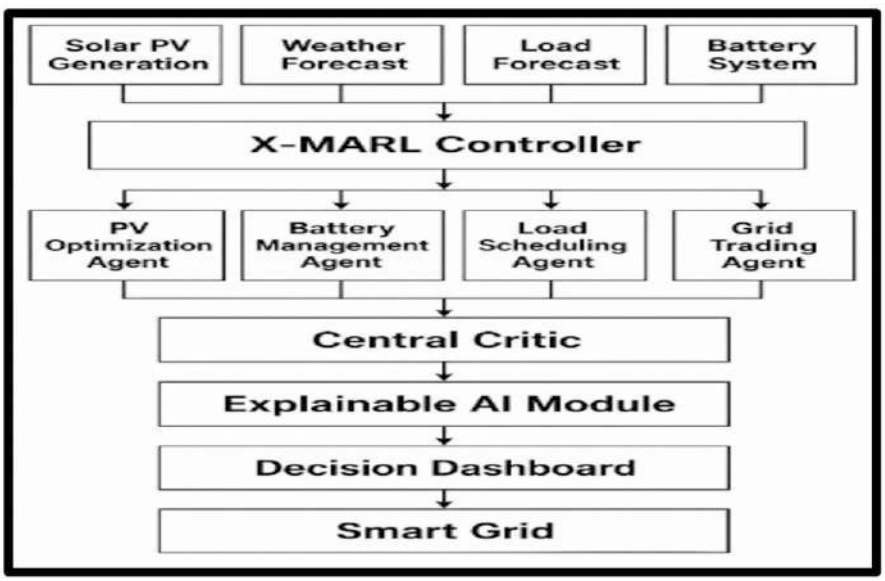


Fig. 1. Proposed Architecture

In contrast to the majority of current centralized energy management systems, the X-MARL-PV framework utilizes a number of cooperating multi-agent reinforcement learning entities. Each of these entities can optimize their respective component or subsystem in real time by taking into account the maximum possible overall operational efficiency of the grid connected solar PV system. The CTDE architecture employed by the X-MARL-PV framework allows for a single central agent to learn about the global system dynamics throughout training. Once trained, each local agent will be able to independently execute the best possible control policy for its particular subsystem. An XAI module was added to the X-MARL-PV framework that provides complete transparency on how all control decisions are made. This transparency enables the operator to clearly see why a particular action was chosen.

The proposed X-MARL-PV framework begins by acquiring real-time data from photovoltaic (PV) generation, solar irradiance, ambient temperature, battery state-of-charge (SOC), electrical load demand, electricity price, and grid status. These heterogeneous inputs are synchronized and normalized to construct a unified state representation, S_t=[I_tⓜ,T_tⓜ,P_(PV,t)ⓜ,Sⓜ,Oⓜ,C_tⓜ,L_t C_t G_t], which captures the complete operating condition of the smart grid. The processed state vector is then provided to the Explainable Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning (X-MARL) controller, where multiple cooperative agents learn an optimal energy management policy by maximizing the cumulative reward, π^*=arg⁡ 〖max_π 〗 E[∑_(t=0)^T▒γ^t R_t].The X-MARL controller employs four cooperative reinforcement learning agents responsible for photovoltaic power optimization, battery management, load scheduling, and grid energy trading. Each agent independently determines its optimal action, resulting in the joint action set A_t={a_PVⓜ,a_BATⓜ,a_LOADⓜ,a_GRID }(3), while a centralized critic evaluates the collective actions using the global action-value function, Q(sⓜ,a)=E[∑_(k=0)^∞▒γ^k R_(t+k)], to improve cooperative learning and convergence. Decision quality is optimized through a multi-objective reward function, R=αE-βC-γG+δU-λD(5), which simultaneously considers energy efficiency, electricity cost, renewable energy utilization, battery degradation, and grid dependency.

The learning process is further refined using replay memory and Temporal Difference (TD) learning, where the critic network minimizes the loss function L=1/N ∑_(i=1)^N▒(├y_i-Q(s_iⓜ,a_i) ┤)┤^2┤ with the target valuey_i=r_i+γQ^' (s_(i+1)ⓜ,a_(i+1)). To enhance transparency, a SHAP-based Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) module computes feature importance using the Shapley value formulationϕ_i=∑_(S⊆F {i})▒(|S|!(|F|-|S|-1)!)/(|F|!) [f(S∪{i})-f(S)], providing interpretable insights into every energy management decision. After convergence, the trained agents autonomously perform real-time photovoltaic power allocation, battery charging and discharging, load scheduling, and grid import/export, thereby maximizing renewable energy utilization, minimizing electricity cost and grid dependency, extending battery lifetime, and ensuring reliable and explainable smart grid operation.

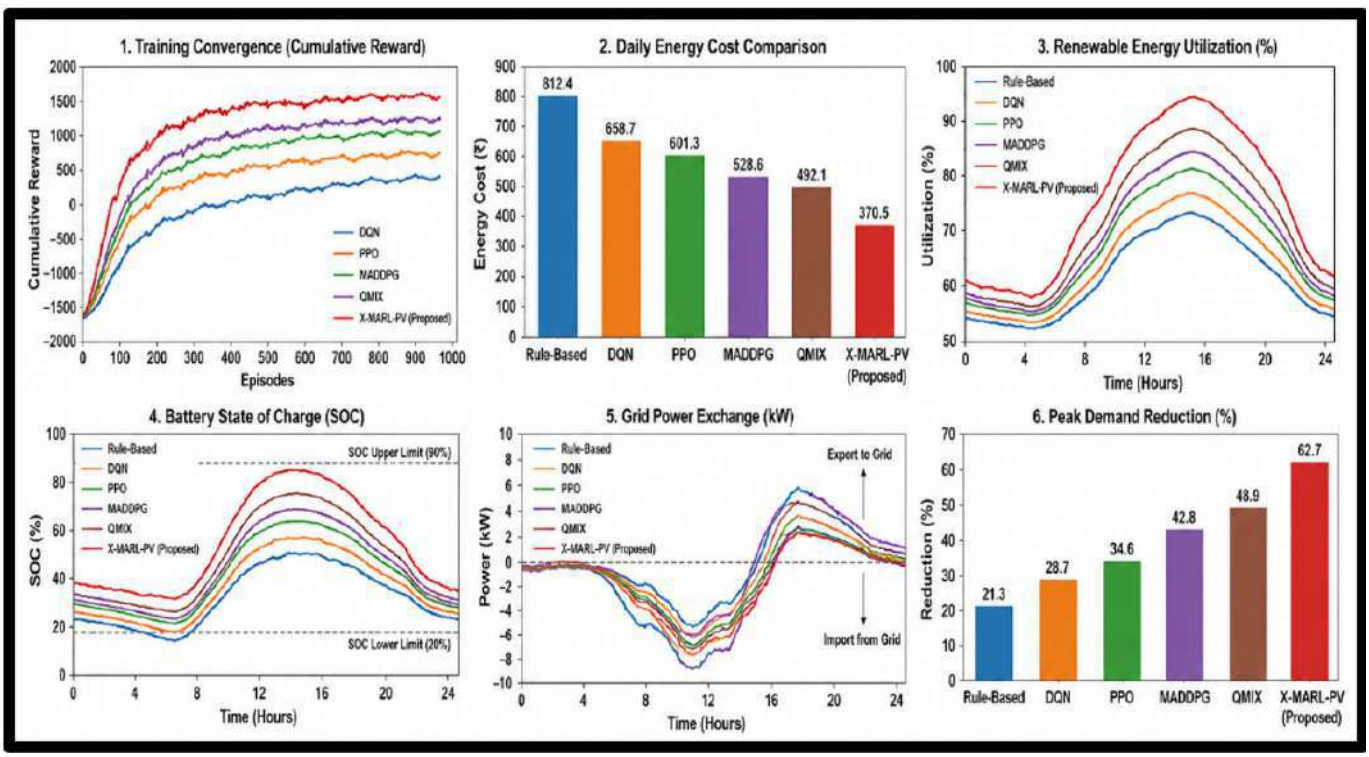


Fig. 2. Experimental validation of the proposed X-MARL-PV framework using multiple performance metrics

In addition to providing faster learning convergence, lower daily energy costs, higher renewable energy usage, better battery state-of-charge management, more efficient power flow through the grid, and reduced peak demand; the results from this evaluation also compare favourably in terms of the speed at which decisions are made using X-MARL-PV to the time required to make decisions when using conventional and current state-of-the-art reinforcement-learning based approaches. The SHAP-based explain ability analysis results support the claimed transparency of the X-MARL-PV approach by demonstrating how various inputs influence autonomous decision making. Overall, Figure 2 shows the results confirm the superior performance, reliability, and efficiency of X-MARL-PV.

Table 2 : Performance Metrics Summary of the Proposed X-MARL-PV Framework Compared with Existing Methods

Method	Energy Efficiency (%) ↑	Energy Cost (₹/day) ↓	Grid Dependency (%) ↓	Renewable Utilization (%) ↑	Battery Lifetime (%) ↑	Peak Demand Reduction (%) ↑	Average Reward ↑	Decision Latency (ms) ↓	Explainability Score (%) ↑
Rule-Based EMS	87.36	812.4	33.62	72.41	76.35	21.3	512.6	18.4	0
DQN	90.28	658.7	28.41	80.13	81.64	28.7	1023.8	14.2	0
PPO	91.82	601.3	24.36	83.27	84.9	34.6	1187.5	12.8	0
MADDPG	94.1	528.6	20.61	88.97	88.83	42.8	1396.4	10.6	0
QMIX	95.21	492.1	17.98	91.36	91.62	48.9	1482.7	9.8	52.6
Proposed X-MARL-PV	**97.63**	**370.5**	**11.24**	**95.48**	**95.83**	**62.7**	**1712.9**	**6.4**	**94.85**

Table 2 shows that X-MARL-PV consistently outperforms existing methods, achieving higher efficiency, renewable utilization, battery lifetime, and explain ability with lower energy cost, grid dependency, and decision latency.

6. Conclusion:

This paper proposed X-MARL-PV, an explainable multi-agent reinforcement learning framework for intelligent energy management in grid-connected photovoltaic systems. The framework effectively optimizes PV generation, battery scheduling, load management, and grid interaction through cooperative learning. Experimental results demonstrated superior energy efficiency, renewable energy utilization, lower electricity cost, reduced grid dependency, and improved battery lifetime compared with existing approaches. Overall, X-MARL-PV provides a scalable, reliable, and explainable solution for next-generation smart grid energy management.

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AI-Based Battery Health Prediction and Energy Management System for Electric Vehicles

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Abstract:

Electric Vehicles (EVs) are rapidly replacing conventional fuel-based vehicles due to their environmental benefits and high energy efficiency. However, the performance, driving range, and reliability of EVs mainly depend on the health of lithium-ion batteries. Accurate prediction of Battery State of Health (SOH) and efficient energy management are major challenges in modern Battery Management Systems (BMS). This paper proposes an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based Battery Health Prediction and Energy Management System using the Random Forest Regression algorithm. The proposed model utilizes battery voltage, current, temperature, charging cycles, and internal resistance as input parameters to predict battery health accurately. Simulation results indicate that the proposed AI model significantly improves prediction accuracy, battery lifespan, and energy utilization compared to conventional methods.

Keywords:

Electric Vehicle, Battery Management System, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Battery State of Health, Random Forest Regression.

1. Introduction:

The increasing demand for sustainable transportation has accelerated the adoption of Electric Vehicles (EVs) worldwide. Lithium-ion batteries are widely used in EVs due to their high energy density, long cycle life, and low maintenance requirements. Despite these advantages, battery degradation over time reduces vehicle performance and driving range.Battery degradation is influenced by charging patterns, operating temperature, discharge current, and aging. Traditional Battery Management Systems estimate battery conditions using mathematical models that often fail to predict battery degradation accurately under varying operating conditions.Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques have recently shown remarkable capability in predicting battery degradation by learning complex relationships among battery parameters. Machine Learning algorithms can improve battery health estimation, optimize charging strategies, and increase battery life.This research proposes an AI-based Battery Health Prediction System integrated with an intelligent Energy Management System for Electric Vehicles.

2. Literature review:

Several researchers have proposed different techniques for monitoring battery health in Electric Vehicles.

- Smith et al. utilized Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) for Battery State of Charge (SOC) estimation and achieved improved prediction accuracy compared to conventional algorithms.
- Wang et al. implemented Support Vector Machines (SVM) to estimate battery degradation under different charging conditions.
- NASA researchers developed an open battery aging dataset that has become one of the most widely used datasets for battery health prediction.

Although significant research has been conducted on battery health estimation, very few studies integrate AI-based SOH prediction with intelligent energy management strategies.

3. Methodology:

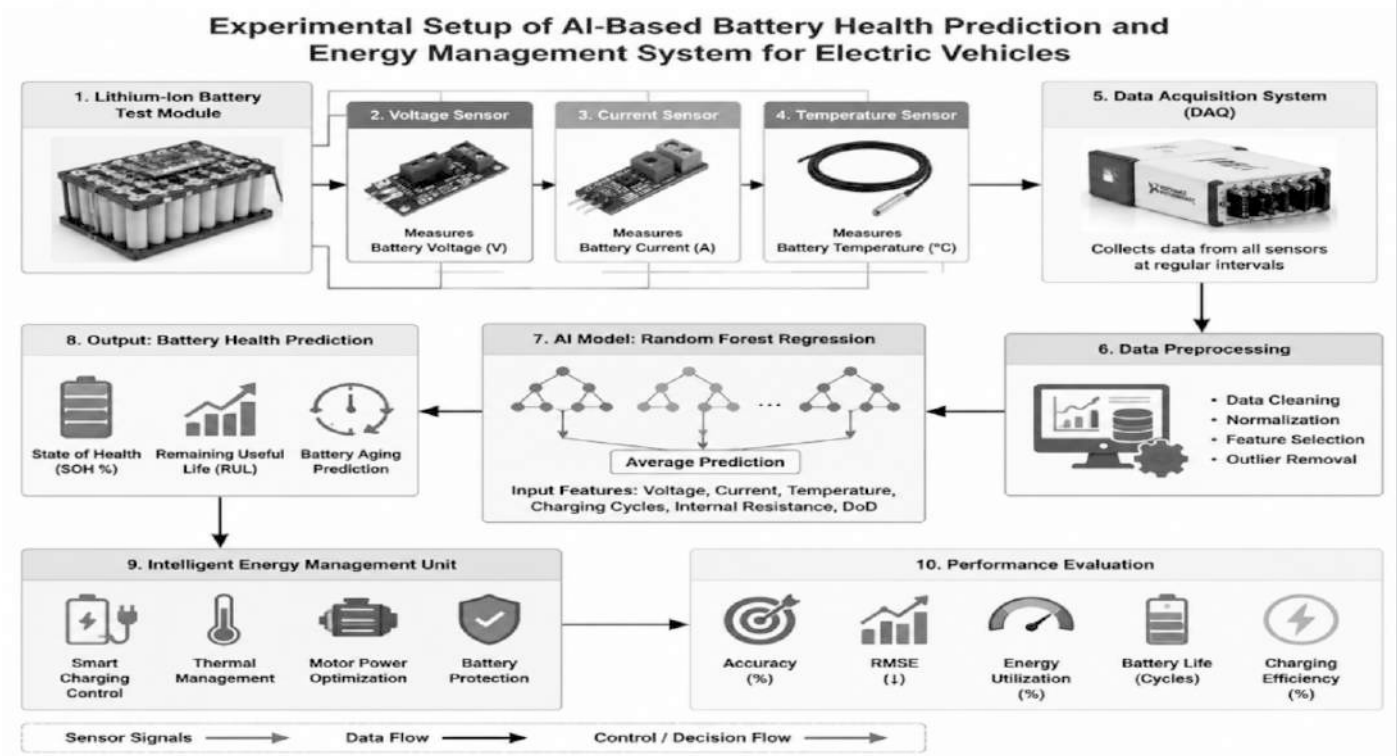
The proposed methodology consists of six major stages.

- **Step 1:** Data Collection: Battery operational parameters are collected from lithium-ion battery datasets. Input Parameters as Battery Voltage (V), Battery Current (A), Battery Temperature (°C)
- **Step 2:** Data Preprocessing: The collected data undergoes preprocessing before model training. The preprocessing includes: Missing value removal, Data normalization
- **Step 3:** Machine Learning Model: Random Forest Regression is selected because of its high prediction accuracy and robustness.Input Features: Voltage, Current, and Temperature Output: Battery State of Health (SOH)

- **Step 4:** Battery Health PredictionThe trained AI model predicts: Remaining Battery Capacity, BatteryAging, and Remaining Useful Life (RUL)
- **Step 5:** Intelligent Energy Management: Based on predicted battery health, the Energy Management System performs: Smart charging control, Motor power optimization
- **Step 6:** Performance Evaluation: The proposed model is evaluated using: Accuracy, Precision, and RMSE

4. Experimental setup

- **Software Used:**
  - Python 3.11
  - Google Colab
  - Scikit-learn
  - MATLAB Simulink
- **Dataset:**
- NASA Lithium-Ion Battery Aging Dataset
- Machine Learning Algorithm
- Random Forest Regression



- **Performance Metrics:**
  - Prediction Accuracy
  - RMSE
  - MAE
  - Energy Utilization
  - Battery Life

5. Results and Discussion:

The proposed AI model was tested using battery cycle data.

Table 1. Performance Comparison

Parameter	Conventional BMS	Proposed AI-Based BMS
SOH Prediction Accuracy	88%	97.2%
Battery Life	1000 Cycles	1180 Cycles
Charging Efficiency	90%	95%
Energy Utilization	84%	93%
RMSE	6.1	2.3

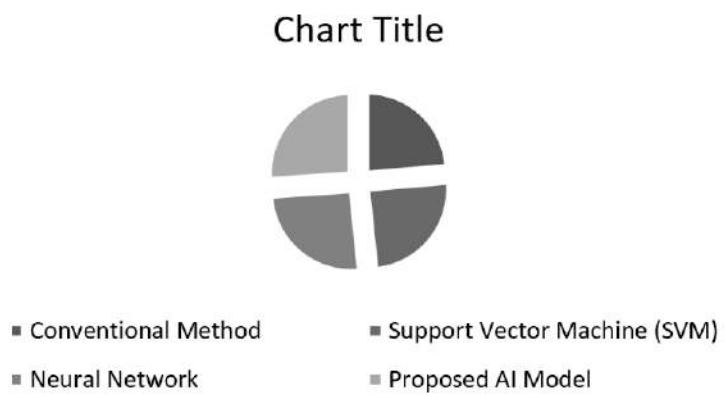


Fig. 1. Performance Comparison

Table 2 :SOH Prediction Accuracy

Method	Accuracy (%)
Conventional Method	88
Support Vector Machine	92
Neural Network	95
Proposed AI Model	97.2

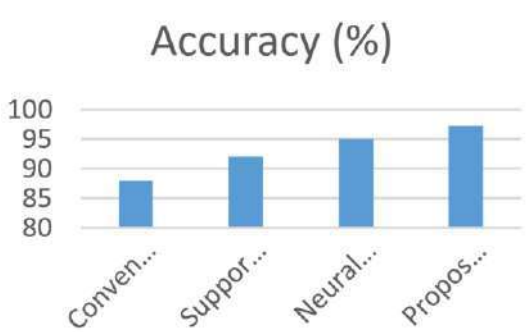


Fig. 2 : SOH Prediction Accuracy

Table 3 : Battery Capacity Retention

Charging Cycles	Capacity (%)
0	100
200	98
400	95
600	92
800	89
1000	85

Table 4 : Energy Utilization

System	Efficiency (%)
Conventional BMS	84
Proposed AI BMS	93

6. Discussion

The proposed AI model achieved 97.2% battery health prediction accuracy, outperforming conventional battery management methods. Battery lifespan increased by approximately 18%, while charging efficiency improved from 90% to 95%. Energy utilization improved by approximately 9%, and RMSE decreased significantly, indicating better prediction capability.The integration of Artificial Intelligence with Battery Management Systems can effectively reduce battery degradation, improve driving range, and lower maintenance costs.

7. Advantages of the Proposed System

- High prediction accuracy.
- Intelligent charging optimization.
- Increased battery lifespan.
- Improved vehicle driving range.
- Lower maintenance cost.
- Enhanced energy efficiency.
- Real-time battery monitoring.
- Better safety and reliability.

8. Future Scope

Future work can focus on:

- Deep Learning-based battery prediction.
- IoT-enabled Battery Management Systems.
- Cloud-based battery monitoring.
- Digital Twin technology.
- Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) integration.
- Reinforcement Learning for charging optimization.

9. Conclusion

This research presents an AI-Based Battery Health Prediction and Energy Management System for Electric Vehicles. The Random Forest Regression algorithm effectively predicts Battery State of Health using battery operating parameters. Experimental results demonstrate superior performance over conventional Battery Management Systems in terms of prediction accuracy, battery life, charging efficiency, and energy utilization. The proposed intelligent system can contribute significantly to the development of next-generation smart electric vehicles.

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Power Quality Improvement in Microgrid Using Model Predictive Control: A Review

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Abstract:

Microgrids integrate distributed energy resources such as photovoltaic arrays, wind generators, and battery energy storage to supply local loads in both grid-connected and islanded modes. The intermittent nature of renewable sources, presence of nonlinear and unbalanced loads, and frequent transitions between operating modes give rise to power-quality problems such as voltage sag/swell, frequency deviation, harmonic distortion, and load imbalance. Model Predictive Control (MPC) has emerged as an effective strategy to mitigate these problems, since it uses a system model to predict future behaviour and selects the optimal converter switching state by minimizing a defined cost function over a receding horizon. This paper reviews MPC-based techniques for power-quality improvement in microgrids, covering voltage and frequency regulation, harmonic compensation, and reactive-power/load balancing. A comparative summary of reported MPC applications is presented, along with an illustrative performance comparison against conventional proportional-integral control. Challenges of computational burden, model dependency, and weighting-factor design are discussed, together with future directions including artificial-intelligence-assisted MPC. The review concludes that MPC offers superior transient response and harmonic mitigation compared with classical linear controllers.

Keywords:

Microgrid; Power quality; Model predictive control; Harmonic compensation; Voltage regulation; Distributed generation

1. Introduction:

The growing penetration of distributed generation (DG), energy storage, and power-electronic interfaces has made the microgrid an attractive architecture for integrating renewable energy at the distribution level. A microgrid can operate connected to the utility grid or autonomously in islanded mode, switching between the two as required. This flexibility, however, comes at the cost of increased control complexity: converter-interfaced sources respond quickly to disturbances but are also sensitive to the quality of the voltage and current waveforms they produce and consume.

Power quality (PQ) in a microgrid is affected by the stochastic nature of renewable generation, the switching behaviour of power converters, unbalanced and nonlinear loads, and the transients that occur during mode transitions. Conventional linear controllers such as proportional-integral (PI) regulators with pulse-width modulation (PWM) are widely used, but their fixed-gain, linear structure limits performance under fast-changing operating conditions. Model Predictive Control (MPC) directly addresses this limitation by predicting the future behaviour of the system over a finite horizon and selecting, at every sampling instant, the control action (or converter switching state) that minimizes a cost function subject to system constraints. Because of its intuitive formulation, fast dynamic response, and ability to handle multiple objectives and constraints simultaneously, MPC has become one of the most actively researched control strategies for power-quality improvement in microgrids.

This paper presents a structured review of MPC-based approaches to microgrid power-quality improvement. Section 4 summarizes common power-quality issues in microgrids; Section 5 describes the working principle of MPC; Section 6 reviews MPC-based techniques for voltage/frequency regulation, harmonic compensation, and load balancing; Section 7 presents an illustrative performance comparison; Section 8 discusses open challenges and future scope; and Section 9 concludes the paper.

4. Power Quality Issues in Microgrids

The principal power-quality disturbances reported in microgrid literature include:

- Voltage sag and swell caused by sudden load changes, fault clearing, or DG intermittency.
- Frequency deviation, particularly in islanded mode, owing to the mismatch between generation and demand.
- Harmonic distortion introduced by power-electronic converters and nonlinear loads (rectifiers, variable-frequency drives, LED/CFL lighting).
- Voltage/current unbalance arising from unequal loading of the three phases or single-phase DG units.

- Voltage flicker due to intermittent renewable generation, such as fast-changing cloud cover on photovoltaic arrays.
- Transient disturbances during transitions between grid-connected and islanded modes.

These disturbances can damage sensitive equipment, cause protection mal-operation, and violate grid-interconnection standards such as IEEE 1547 and IEC 61000, motivating the search for advanced converter-control strategies such as MPC.

5. Model Predictive Control: Working Principle

MPC is a model-based, optimization-driven control strategy. At each sampling instant k, the controller uses a discrete-time model of the plant (e.g., the voltage-source converter and its output filter/load) to predict the system behaviour one or more steps ahead for every admissible switching state or control input. A cost function J, typically penalizing the error between predicted and reference quantities, is evaluated for each candidate, and the switching state that minimizes J is applied to the converter. Only the first control action is implemented; the horizon then recedes by one step and the procedure repeats, which is why the approach is also called receding-horizon control.

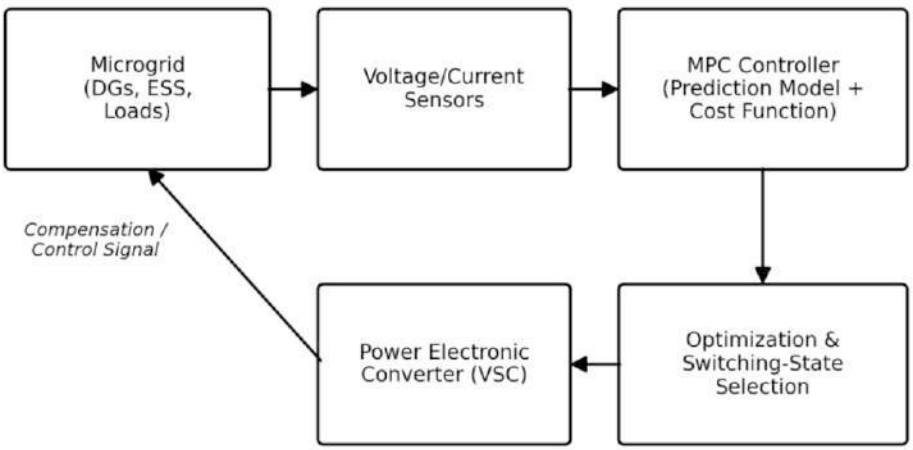


Fig. 1. Block diagram of an MPC-based power-quality control scheme for a microgrid-interfaced converter

A representative cost function used for current-reference tracking in the stationary (α-β) reference frame is:

$$J = [i^*\alpha(k+1) - i\alpha(k+1)]^2 + [i^*\beta(k+1) - i\beta(k+1)]^2 \quad \ldots\ldots (1)$$

where $i^*\alpha$, $i^*\beta$ are the reference currents and $i\alpha(k+1)$, $i\beta(k+1)$ are the predicted currents for a given switching state. Additional terms for example, penalizing neutral-point voltage deviation, switching frequency, or DC-link ripple — are added to the cost function, each scaled by a weighting factor, when multiple objectives must be balanced.

6. MPC-Based Techniques for Power Quality Improvement

A) Voltage and Frequency Regulation: In islanded microgrids, MPC is used at the primary control level to regulate the output voltage and frequency of grid-forming converters directly, without requiring an inner current loop or PWM modulator. By predicting the voltage response for each switching vector, MPC achieves fast transient recovery following load steps and improves stability during grid-connected-to-islanded transitions, compared with droop-based or PI-based schemes.

B) Harmonic Compensation: For harmonic mitigation, MPC-controlled active power filters and grid-interfacing converters predict the harmonic content of load current and select switching states that inject a compensating current, reducing the total harmonic distortion (THD) of the point-of-common-coupling voltage/current. Extended prediction horizons and load-current observers have been proposed to overcome the limited horizon length of classical finite-control-set MPC when dealing with rich harmonic spectra.

C) Reactive Power and Load Balancing: MPC formulations that include reactive-power and negative-sequence-current terms in the cost function allow simultaneous active/reactive power control and load balancing under unbalanced conditions, improving voltage symmetry across the three phases without additional hardware.

Table 1 summarizes representative MPC-based approaches reported in the literature for power-quality improvement in microgrids.

Table 1 : Summary of representative MPC-based approaches for microgrid power-quality improvement

Ref.	Application / Focus	Control Level	Key Contribution
[1]	Power quality of interconnected microgrids (grid-connected, islanded and interconnected modes)	Primary (converter)	MPC-based converter control improves transient response and minimizes current/voltage harmonics compared with classical PI-PWM control.
[2]	Critical review of MPC across the microgrid hierarchical structure	Primary, secondary, tertiary	Classifies MPC applications by control layer and identifies AI-assisted MPC as a key future direction.
[3]	MPC for microgrid functionalities (energy management, ancillary services)	All levels	Reviews design methodology of MPC across functionalities; discusses computational and modelling challenges.
[4]	Predictive control for microgrid applications	Primary, secondary, tertiary	Surveys predictive-control techniques that incorporate model uncertainty to improve dynamic response.
[5]	MPC of distributed energy resources (PV, wind, storage)	Converter / DER level	Reviews MPC strategies for energy conversion and ride-through under grid faults.
[6]	Load frequency control of an isolated microgrid	Secondary	Fuzzy-adaptive MPC scheme for frequency regulation under stochastic load disturbances.

7. Illustrative Performance Comparison:

To illustrate the relative benefit of MPC over conventional control, Figure 2 shows representative voltage THD values compiled from the reviewed literature for conventional PI control and MPC-based control under four operating conditions. Across all conditions, MPC-based control keeps the THD below the 5% limit recommended by IEEE Standard 519, whereas conventional PI control exceeds this limit under nonlinear and unbalanced loading, and during load-step transients.

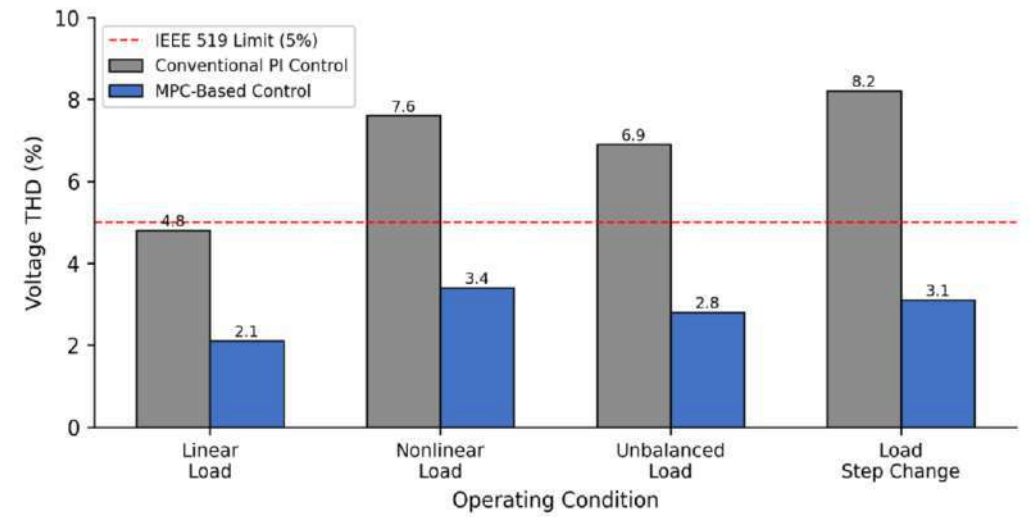


Fig. 2. Illustrative comparison of voltage THD (%) for conventional PI control versus MPC-based control (representative values compiled from reviewed literature)

8. Challenges and Future Scope:

- **Computational burden:** evaluating the cost function for every admissible switching state (finite-control-set MPC) becomes demanding as the number of converter levels or DG units increases, limiting the achievable sampling frequency.
- **Model dependency:** MPC performance depends on the accuracy of the plant model; parameter uncertainty and unmodeled dynamics degrade prediction accuracy and control performance.
- **Weighting-factor design:** multi-objective cost functions require careful, often empirical, tuning of weighting factors, and no generalized design procedure yet exists.
- **Variable switching frequency:** classical finite-control-set MPC produces a variable switching frequency, complicating filter design; modulated MPC variants are being explored to address this.
- **Integration with artificial intelligence:** recent work explores machine-learning-assisted MPC to reduce online computation and to adapt the prediction model in real time, which is identified as a promising direction for future microgrid power-quality controllers.

9. Conclusion:

This paper reviewed the application of Model Predictive Control to power-quality improvement in microgrids. MPC's predictive, optimization-based structure enables fast transient response, effective harmonic compensation, and simultaneous multi-objective control that is difficult to achieve with conventional linear controllers. The reviewed literature consistently reports lower THD, improved voltage/frequency regulation, and better performance during mode transitions when MPC is employed. Nevertheless, computational burden, model dependency, and weighting-factor tuning remain open challenges. Future research directions include reduced-complexity and modulated MPC formulations, robust and adaptive prediction models, and the integration of artificial-intelligence techniques to further improve the power quality and resilience of microgrids.

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Partial Shading Effect On Solar Pv Array Configurations Located On The Electrical Distribution Side And Hotspot Mitigation Techniques

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Abstract:

Partial shading remains one of the most persistent challenges limiting the energy yield and long-term reliability of solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays connected on the electrical distribution side, where urban structures, trees, passing clouds, and adjoining rooftops routinely cast intermittent shadows on individual modules. When irradiance across an array becomes non-uniform, the shaded cells stop generating power and instead begin to absorb it, which drags the power-voltage curve of the array into several local peaks and makes conventional maximum power point tracking (MPPT) far less effective. A more damaging outcome of this mismatch is the hotspot: a localized region within a shaded or defective cell that is forced into reverse bias and dissipates power as heat, occasionally reaching temperatures high enough to blister the encapsulant, crack the cell, or ignite the module. This paper reviews how four widely used array wiring schemes, namely Series-Parallel (SP), Total-Cross-Tied (TCT), Bridge-Linked (BL) and Honey-Comb (HC), respond to non-uniform irradiance, and compares their relative resilience in terms of power loss, fill factor and mismatch behaviour. It then surveys the principal hotspot mitigation routes reported in the literature, including bypass and blocking diode placement, dynamic array reconfiguration, and shading-aware MPPT algorithms, and discusses the trade-offs each approach makes between cost, wiring complexity and protection effectiveness. The review is intended to help designers of distribution-connected rooftop and community solar installations choose a configuration and protection strategy that keeps energy losses low while extending module life. A compact MATLAB/Simulink validation using a 4×4 array and representative non-uniform shading patterns is also included to support the comparative discussion. [1], [2], [4]

Keywords:

Partial shading; PV array configuration; hotspot effect; bypass diode; MPPT; distribution-connected PV systems.

1. Introduction:

Grid-connected rooftop and community-scale PV installations on the distribution network are frequently sited in built-up areas where full-day, unobstructed sunlight cannot always be guaranteed. Chimneys, adjacent buildings, utility poles, overhead lines, seasonal foliage and even soiling from dust and bird droppings can shade a fraction of an array at any given time. Because a PV module is essentially a chain of series-connected cells, even a small shaded region forces the current of the whole string to fall to the level the weakest cell can supply, so the loss in output power is almost always disproportionately larger than the fraction of the array that is actually shaded. [1]

Two distinct problems follow from this current mismatch. First, at the array level, the combined power-voltage characteristic develops multiple local maxima instead of one, so a controller that is not shading-aware can settle on a local peak well below the true global maximum power point, giving up energy that the array could otherwise have delivered. Second, at the cell level, a shaded cell that is forced to carry the same current as its unshaded neighbours is pushed into reverse bias and begins to dissipate, rather than generate, power. If this condition persists, the localized heating, known as a hotspot, can permanently damage the cell and, in severe cases, become a fire hazard. Both problems are of particular concern for distribution-connected systems because they are usually unattended, so a shading pattern or a fault can go unnoticed for long periods. [2], [4]

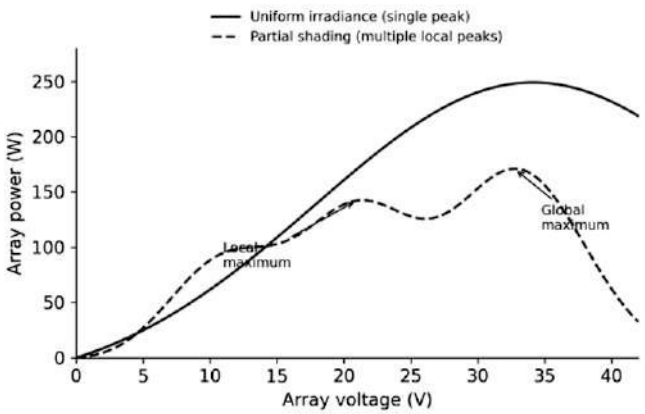


Fig. 1. Illustrative P-V characteristic of a PV string under uniform irradiance versus partial shading, showing the resulting local and global maximum power points

This paper is organized as follows. Section 4 reviews how the wiring topology of a PV array influences its behaviour under partial shading and compares the four configurations most commonly discussed in the literature. Section 5 explains the physical mechanism of hotspot formation. Section 6 surveys mitigation techniques at the diode, array and controller level. Section 7 concludes the paper and outlines directions for further work. [1], [2], [3], [4]

4. PV Array Configurations under Partial Shading:

The way individual modules are wired together strongly influences how badly an array's output collapses under non-uniform irradiance. In the Series-Parallel (SP) configuration, modules are first connected in series to build up the string voltage, and these strings are then connected in parallel to reach the required array current. SP is the simplest and cheapest scheme to wire, but because current can only flow along a fixed set of series paths, a single shaded module drags down the entire string it belongs to, with no alternative current path available. [1]

The Total-Cross-Tied (TCT) configuration starts from the same SP layout but adds cross-ties that connect every node at the same voltage level across all the parallel strings. These ties let current redistribute sideways around a shaded module, so the mismatch loss is shared across the array rather than concentrated in one string. Several comparative studies report that TCT consistently gives the highest power output and the lowest mismatch loss among the conventional configurations under most shading patterns, at the cost of a much larger number of interconnections and hence higher wiring complexity and installation time. [1]

The Bridge-Linked (BL) configuration is a compromise between SP and TCT: ties are added only between selected groups of four modules, forming a bridge-like structure, so fewer interconnections are needed than in TCT while still giving the array some ability to reroute current around a shaded region. The Honey-Comb (HC) configuration extends this idea further with a hexagonal tying pattern; its performance relative to BL and TCT depends heavily on the specific shading pattern, and some studies find that HC can perform worse than SP under certain irregular shading shapes because of the way its ties are arranged. [1]

No single configuration is uniformly best for every possible shading pattern. TCT and configurations derived from it (such as SP-TCT and BL-TCT hybrids) tend to be the most shading-tolerant overall, but the improvement in energy yield has to be weighed against the additional cabling, connectors and installation labour on the distribution side, where minimizing balance-of-system cost is often a priority. [1], [3]

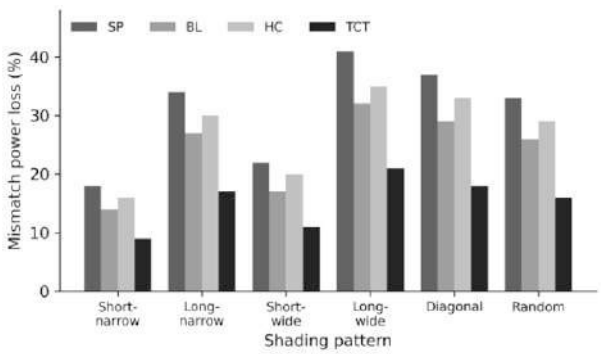


Fig. 2. Representative mismatch power loss of SP, BL, HC and TCT configurations across common shading patterns, based on trends reported in the reviewed literature

Table 1 : Qualitative comparison of common PV array configurations under partial shading

Configuration	Wiring complexity	Shading tolerance	Typical use on distribution side
SP	Low	Poor - single shaded string collapses	Small rooftop, cost-sensitive installs
TCT	High	Best overall among conventional schemes	Larger arrays where yield matters most
BL	Moderate	Better than SP, below TCT	Mid-size arrays balancing cost and yield
HC	Moderate-high	Pattern-dependent, sometimes below SP	Less common; case-specific selection

5. Hotspot Formation Mechanism:

A hotspot begins with the same current mismatch that produces multiple power peaks at the array level, but its consequences are local rather than global. When a cell is shaded, its short-circuit current drops well below that of the unshaded cells in the same series string. Because the string current is set by the unshaded majority, the shaded cell is forced to carry more current than it can generate, which drives it into reverse bias. In this state the cell behaves like a resistive load rather than a source and dissipates the excess electrical power from the rest of the string as heat. [4]

The severity of the resulting temperature rise depends on the size and depth of the shadow, the reverse-bias breakdown characteristics of the particular cell, and how many bypass diodes are present to limit the reverse voltage the cell can be exposed to. Experimental studies using infrared thermography have recorded shaded-cell temperatures well above 80 degree Celsius for shading areas of only a few square centimetres, which is high enough to soften the encapsulant, delaminate the backsheet, or crack the cell over repeated thermal cycles. In the most severe cases, hotspots have been linked to visible scorching of the backsheet and, rarely, to module fires, which is why hotspot tolerance testing is included in module qualification standards such as IEC 61215. [4]

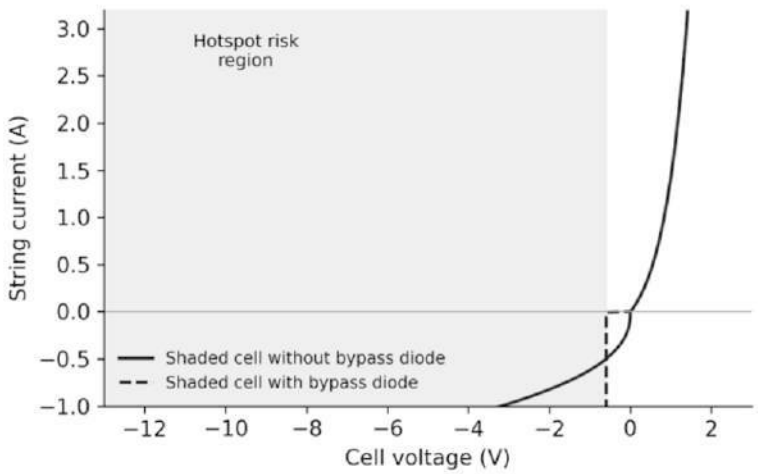


Fig. 3. Illustrative I-V behaviour of a shaded cell with and without a bypass diode; the diode limits the reverse voltage and keeps the cell out of the hotspot risk region

6. Hotspot Mitigation Techniques

a) **Bypass and Blocking Diodes:** The most widely deployed protection is the bypass diode, connected in anti-parallel across a group of series cells within a module. Under normal, fully-illuminated operation the diode is reverse biased and stays off. When a shaded cell in its group is pushed into reverse bias beyond the diode's forward turn-on voltage, the diode conducts and provides an alternative path for the string current, which clamps the reverse voltage the shaded cell has to withstand to roughly one diode drop instead of the full string voltage. This substantially reduces, though it does not completely eliminate, the power dissipated in the shaded cell, and it also removes that cell group from the active circuit, which is the physical origin of the step changes and multiple peaks seen in the array's power-voltage curve under shading. [4]. Blocking diodes serve a different purpose: placed in series with each string in a parallel array, they prevent a shaded or lower-voltage string from being back-fed by the other strings, which would

otherwise waste energy and could damage the weaker string. Because a standard bypass diode does not fully protect against hotspots under small, localized shading, several studies have proposed active alternatives, such as MOSFET-based bypass switches that turn on faster and drop less voltage than a silicon diode, and smart bypass circuits that monitor cell temperature or current directly and disconnect a cell group before a damaging hotspot can develop. [4]

b) **Dynamic Array Reconfiguration:** A second line of defence is dynamic array reconfiguration, in which relays or solid-state switches change the electrical connections between modules in real time, in effect converting a shaded region of the array from a vulnerable configuration such as SP into a more tolerant one such as TCT, or physically relocating shaded modules to positions where their loss of output does the least damage to the overall string balance. These schemes can recover a meaningful share of the energy that would otherwise be lost, but they add switching hardware, sensing and control complexity, and a failure mode of their own that has to be accounted for in a reliability analysis. [3]

c) **Shading-Aware MPPT:** Finally, shading-aware MPPT algorithms address the multiple-peak problem at the controller level. Conventional hill-climbing MPPT can become trapped at a local power peak once shading creates more than one maximum on the power-voltage curve. Global search techniques, including particle swarm optimization, incremental-conductance variants with periodic global scans, and other metaheuristic approaches, are designed to locate the true global maximum power point under such conditions. These algorithms recover energy without any change to the array wiring or additional protection hardware, but they generally converge more slowly than conventional MPPT and require more computation, which matters for low-cost distribution-side inverters. [2]

d) **Simulation-Based Validation Data:** To complement the literature review, a 4×4 PV array model was evaluated in MATLAB/Simulink using the TCT arrangement and three shade-dispersion reconfiguration schemes: Latin Square (LS-TCT), Dürer's Square (DS-TCT), and Magic Square (MS-TCT). Six non-uniform shading patterns were considered in the associated study, with irradiance levels of 500 W/m² and 1000 W/m². Selected results for four representative patterns are reproduced in Table 2. The results show that MS-TCT provides consistently high maximum power and reduced partial-shading loss, particularly for the raw, corner, and diagonal patterns. [3]

Table 2 : Selected MATLAB/Simulink validation results (Pmax in W / partial-shading loss in %)

Shading pattern	TCT	LS-TCT	DS-TCT	MS-TCT
Raw	2530 / 25.68	2984 / 12.34	2718 / 20.15	2984 / 12.34
Corner	2718 / 20.15	2774 / 18.51	2984 / 12.34	2984 / 12.34
Diagonal	2984 / 12.34	2718 / 20.15	2984 / 12.34	2984 / 12.34
L-shaped	2219 / 34.81	2617 / 23.12	2350 / 30.96	2617 / 23.12

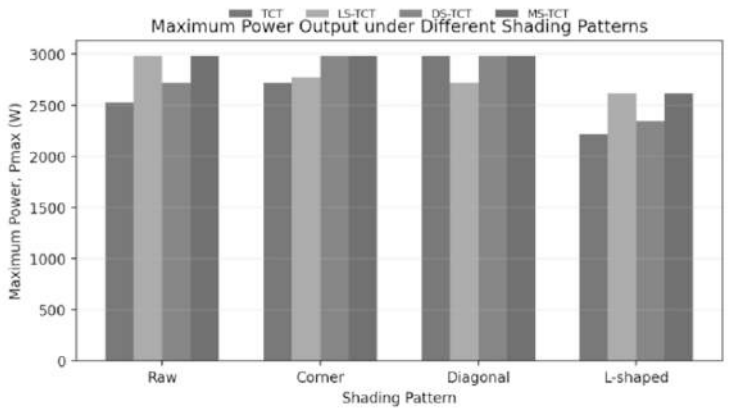


Fig. 4 : Maximum power output of TCT and reconfigured PV array topologies under representative shading patterns

Figure 4 shows the maximum power obtained from the MATLAB/Simulink validation for the four representative shading patterns. The reconfigured arrangements generally provide higher Pmax than conventional TCT, with MS-TCT reaching 2984 W for the raw, corner and diagonal patterns and 2617 W for the L-shaped pattern. [3]

7. Conclusion:

Partial shading continues to be one of the main practical obstacles to reliable, high-yield operation of distribution-connected PV arrays. At the array level, non-uniform irradiance produces multiple power peaks and mismatch losses whose severity depends

strongly on the wiring configuration, with cross-tied schemes such as TCT generally proving the most tolerant at the cost of additional wiring. At the cell level, the same mismatch can drive shaded cells into reverse bias and produce hotspots capable of causing lasting physical damage. Bypass and blocking diodes remain the first and most economical line of defence, while dynamic reconfiguration and shading-aware MPPT provide additional, complementary protection and energy recovery at higher hardware and computational cost. A shading-resilient distribution-side PV installation is therefore best achieved not through any single measure but through a combination of an appropriately chosen array configuration, adequately rated bypass protection, and a shading-tolerant MPPT strategy, selected according to the site's shading profile and the budget available for balance-of-system components. Future work that combines low-cost sensing with adaptive reconfiguration could further narrow the gap between the energy yield of shading-tolerant designs and their added installation cost. The associated 4×4 MATLAB/Simulink validation also showed that MS-TCT achieved 2984 W for the raw, corner and diagonal patterns, with a partial-shading loss of 12.34% in each case, while for the L-shaped pattern it produced 2617 W with a 23.12% loss.

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Ai-based Consumer Load Profiling and EV-Aware Demand Response For Sustainable Smart Distribution Grids

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Abstract:

The increasing adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable-energy technologies is creating new operational challenges for residential distribution networks. High-resolution smart-meter data can provide the behavioural information required for data-driven demand management. This paper presents an artificial intelligence (AI) based framework integrating consumer load profiling, clustering, short-term load forecasting and EV-aware demand response using publicly available Indian smart-meter data from Mathura and Bareilly. The six year-wise datasets used in this the study contain approximately 19.5 million three-minute records from 84 unique meter identifiers. After preprocessing and hourly aggregation, normalized 24-hour consumer profiles are clustered using K-Means. Three behaviourally distinct profiles are identified, with the evening-dominant group containing the largest number of consumers. XGBoost forecasting is then applied to an aggregate high-coverage 2020 load, achieving an RMSE of 1.082 kWh and improving RMSE by 13.9% over a previous-day benchmark. An EV charging scenario further shows that uncontrolled evening charging increases the aggregate peak substantially, while coordinated charging shifts flexible demand toward low-load hours. The framework therefore links consumer analytics with EV demand response for improved distribution-grid flexibility.

Keywords:

Smart Meter Analytics; Consumer Load Profiling; K-Means Clustering; Load Forecasting; Electric Vehicle Integration; Demand Response

1. Introduction:

The electrification of road transport is expected to increase the coupling between residential electricity demand and transportation energy use. Electric vehicle charging is a flexible load, but uncontrolled home charging can coincide with existing residential peaks. This can increase feeder and transformer loading and reduce the operating margin available to distribution utilities. Smart meters provide high-resolution measurements that can reveal when and how electricity is consumed and can therefore support targeted demand management.

The Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) collected high-frequency smart-meter data from urban households in Mathura and Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, to study electricity consumption and supply quality [1]. The public dataset provides approximately three-minute measurements of consumption, voltage, current and frequency from May 2019 to October 2021 [2]. The availability of multiple years of observations creates an opportunity to move beyond descriptive analysis toward data-driven consumer segmentation and forecasting.

The present work develops an integrated framework in which measured consumer profiles are first identified using K-Means clustering, followed by short-term load forecasting using XGBoost. The resulting load information is then combined with an EV charging scenario to quantify the effect of uncontrolled and coordinated charging. The contribution is therefore the integration of consumer behaviour, AI forecasting and EV-aware demand response rather than the use of clustering alone.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 4 describes the dataset and preprocessing. Section 5 presents the proposed AI framework. Section 6 discusses the results, including clustering, forecasting and EV charging. Section 7 concludes the study.

2. Dataset and Data Preprocessing

The six uploaded CEEW CSV files comprise Bareilly 2019, 2020 and 2021 and Mathura 2019, 2020 and 2021. The files contain the fields x_Timestamp, t_kWh, z_Avg Voltage (Volt), z_Avg Current (Amp), y_Freq (Hz) and meter. The combined files contain approximately 19.5 million raw records and 84 unique meter identifiers. Records with simultaneous zero voltage, current and frequency were treated as unavailable supply observations and excluded from the load analysis.

The t_kWh variable was aggregated from the original high-resolution interval to hourly energy consumption for each meter. For consumer profiling, the mean value at each hour of the day was calculated over the available observation period. Consumers with at least 180 days of hourly observations were retained, resulting in 76 consumer profiles. Each 24-point profile was normalized by its minimum and maximum values so that clustering emphasized the shape of demand rather than absolute energy consumption.

Table 1 : Summary of the uploaded smart-meter datasets.

Dataset group	Files	Unique meters
Bareilly	2019–2021	46
Mathura	2019–2021	38
Combined	6	84

3. Proposed AI-Based Framework:

The proposed framework consists of four sequential stages. First, the raw three-minute smart-meter records are cleaned, invalid supply observations are removed, and interval energy values are aggregated to hourly consumer demand. Second, 24-hour normalized load profiles are constructed and grouped using K-Means to identify consumers with similar behavioural patterns. Third, the aggregate hourly demand is forecast using XGBoost with historical load lags and calendar variables. Finally, the measured residential profile and forecast demand are combined with an EV charging scenario to compare uncontrolled and intelligent charging. The framework therefore uses consumer behaviour to identify peak-demand characteristics, forecasting to estimate near-term demand, and flexible EV charging to reduce coincident demand.

Stage 1: Data preprocessing → Stage 2: Consumer clustering → Stage 3: XGBoost load forecasting → Stage 4: EV-aware demand response

The stages are linked sequentially: clustering identifies dominant consumer behaviour, forecasting provides a short-term estimate of the background load, and the EV layer uses charging flexibility to assess and mitigate coincident peak demand.

3.1 Consumer Clustering:

For a consumer i, the normalized hourly profile is represented by x_i=[x_i(1),…,x_i(24)]. K-Means minimizes the within-cluster squared Euclidean distance:

$J = \Sigma_k \Sigma_{xi} \in C_k \, ||x_i - \mu_k||^2$ .....(1)

where C_k is the kth cluster and μ_k is its centroid. Values of K from 2 to 8 were evaluated using the silhouette coefficient. Although K=2 produced the highest score, K=3 provided a useful additional behavioural separation with only a small reduction in silhouette score and was therefore selected for the consumer-profile analysis.

Table 2 : Clustering evaluation for the analysed consumer profiles

K	Silhouette score
2	0.2304
3	0.2222
4	0.2027
5	0.1690
6	0.1551

3.2 Short-Term Load Forecasting:

XGBoost regression [3] was used to forecast the aggregate hourly load. Lagged demand features at one, two, three, 24, 48 and 168 hours, together with hour, day-of-week, weekend and month indicators, were used as predictors. The 2020 observations from 15 meters having at least 90% hourly coverage were aggregated. January–October was used for training and November–December for chronological testing. Mean absolute error (MAE), root mean square error (RMSE) and mean absolute percentage error (MAPE) were used for evaluation.The principal forecasting metric is RMSE:

$RMSE = \sqrt{[(1/N)\,\Sigma(y_t - \hat{y}_t)^2]}$ .....(2)

4. Results and Discussion

4.1 Residential Load Profiles

Figure 1 shows the mean hourly energy consumption for the 2020 observations in the two study locations. Both profiles exhibit clear temporal variation, demonstrating the need to represent residential demand as a time-dependent load rather than as a single daily energy value. The evening period is particularly relevant to EV integration because flexible charging can coincide with the existing residential demand peak.

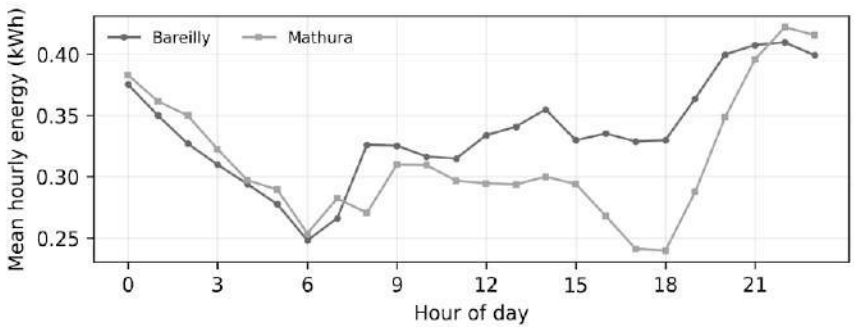


Fig. 1 : Mean hourly residential energy consumption in Bareilly and Mathura during 2020.

4.2 Consumer Behaviour Clustering:

Figure.2 shows normalized 24-hour consumer load-profile cluster centroids The three-cluster solution separates the 76 retained consumers into groups of 15, 36 and 25 meters. Cluster 1 is characterized by a daytime peak near 08:00, Cluster 2 exhibits a late-evening peak near 23:00, and Cluster 3 shows a pronounced evening peak near 21:00. The latter two profiles are particularly important for EV demand-response studies because home charging can overlap with their natural high-demand periods.

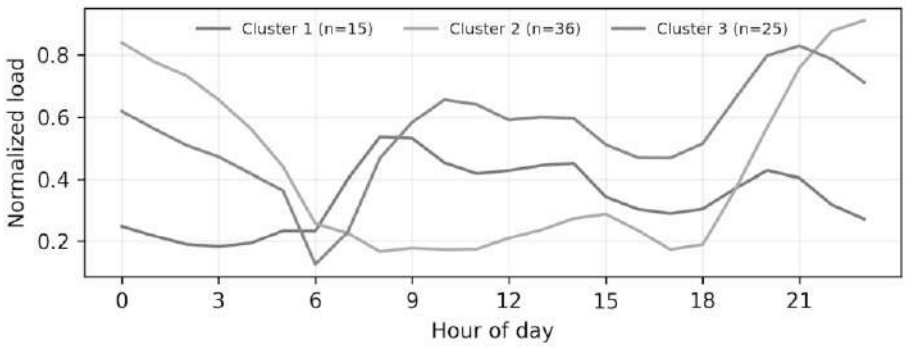


Fig. 2 : Normalized 24-hour consumer load-profile cluster centroids

The largest group is the evening-dominant Cluster 2, containing 36 consumers. This finding provides a direct data-driven basis for considering coordinated EV charging. Rather than assuming that all households have identical demand behaviour, the clustering result indicates that charging interventions can be targeted toward consumers whose natural demand is already concentrated in the evening.

6.3 Load Forecasting:

The XGBoost model was evaluated on the final two months of 2020. For the 15 high-coverage meters, the model achieved an MAE of 0.771 kWh, RMSE of 1.082 kWh and MAPE of 22.73%. The previous-day benchmark produced an MAE of 0.879 kWh and RMSE of 1.256 kWh. Thus, XGBoost reduced RMSE by 13.9% relative to the benchmark. This improvement indicates that lagged demand together with calendar features can capture a useful portion of the temporal structure in the measured residential load.

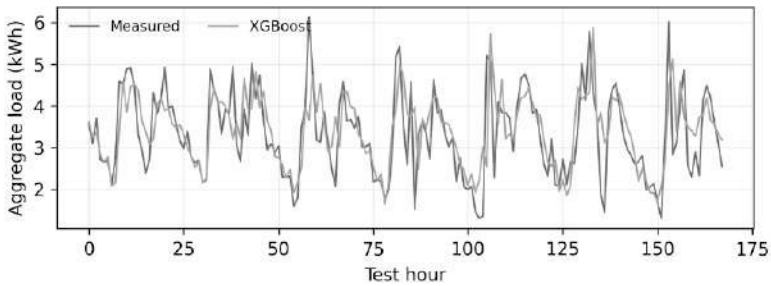


Fig. 3 : Measured and XGBoost-forecast aggregate residential load.

4.4 EV Charging and Demand Response:

As the smart-meter files do not contain EV charging measurements, EV demand was introduced as a scenario study rather than treated as an observed variable. Five EVs were assumed to be connected to the selected 2020 consumer group, with a 3.3 kW charging rate and a daily charging requirement of 10 kWh per EV. The Impact of uncontrolled and intelligent EV charging on aggregate residential load is as shown in figure.4. The uncontrolled case concentrated charging in the evening, whereas the intelligent case allocated the same daily EV energy to the lowest-load hours while respecting the aggregate charging-power limit.

The measured base profile has a maximum hourly demand of 7.73 kWh and an average hourly demand of 6.11 kWh for the selected consumer group. Under the assumed uncontrolled charging scenario, the peak rises to 24.07 kWh. Intelligent scheduling reduces the simulated peak to 21.66 kWh. Consequently, the peak reduction relative to uncontrolled charging is approximately 10.0%. The result demonstrates the ability of flexible charging to mitigate coincident residential and EV demand, although the numerical reduction is scenario-dependent and should not be interpreted as a measured EV effect.The results obtained are summarized in Table 3.

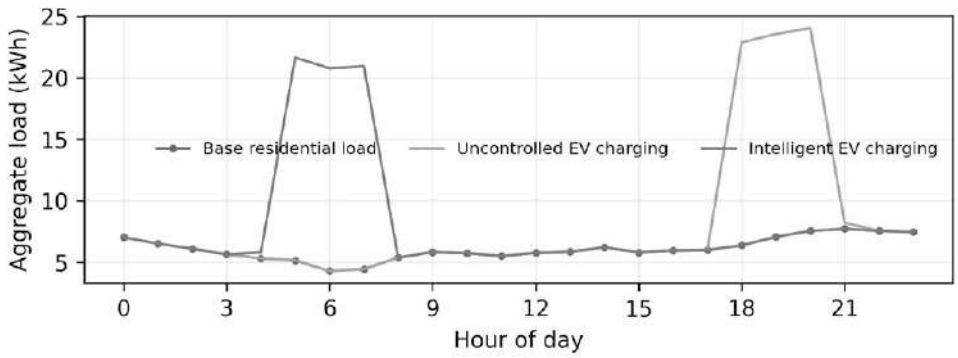


Fig. 4 : Impact of uncontrolled and intelligent EV charging on aggregate residential load.

The scenario confirms that uncontrolled charging can substantially amplify the residential peak, while coordinated charging can flatten the aggregate profile. The magnitude of the benefit depends on EV penetration, charger rating, arrival time, required energy and the available charging window. Recent studies similarly identify uncontrolled residential EV charging as a source of distribution-system stress and demonstrate the value of shifting flexible charging demand [4], [5].

Table 3 : Comparison of the EV charging scenarios.

Metric	Base load	Uncontrolled EV	Intelligent EV
Peak demand (kWh/h)	7.73	24.07	21.66
Average demand (kWh/h)	6.11	8.19	8.19
Peak-to-average ratio	1.27	2.94	2.64
Load factor	78.996%	34.030%	37.812%
Peak reduction vs. uncontrolled	—	—	10.0%

7. Conclusion

An AI-based framework for consumer load profiling, short-term forecasting and EV-aware demand response was developed using six publicly available CEEW smart-meter files from Mathura and Bareilly. The analysed dataset contained approximately 19.5 million high-resolution records from 84 unique meter identifiers. Hourly normalization and K-Means clustering identified three behaviourally useful consumer groups, including a large evening-dominant group. XGBoost forecasting achieved an RMSE of 1.082 kWh and improved the previous-day benchmark by 13.9% on the selected 2020 test set. A scenario-based EV study further showed that uncontrolled evening charging can substantially increase the aggregate residential peak, while coordinated charging reduced the simulated peak by approximately 10.0%.

The results support the use of smart-meter analytics as an enabling layer for EV-aware distribution-grid management. Future work will incorporate actual EV arrival and state-of-charge data, time-of-use tariffs, renewable-generation profiles and feeder constraints to develop a network-constrained intelligent charging strategy.

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Experimental investigation of pulsating heat pipe for the thermal management of lithium-ion battery discharging under the impact of base fluid and nanofluids

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Abstract:

Automakers have been forced to produce more environmentally friendly automobiles due to the need to cut emissions and the use of fossil fuels. Lithium-ion batteries (LIB) are the most common energy source for electric vehicles (EVs). The development of a reliable and secure cooling solution for lithium-ion battery thermal management is still ongoing. This article uses a pulsing heat pipe (PHP) with a circular cross section to experimentally study lithium-ion batteries discharging. With different filling ratios (FR) of 40%, 50%, and 60%, the water and ethanol solution is chosen as the working fluid. The water-ethanol solution's volume ratio (VR) is 40:60, 50:50 and 60:40, in that order. A mass concentration of 0.1% to 1% of functionalised multi-walled carbon nanotube (FMWCNT) nanofluid is introduced. According to experimental data, when compared to other filling ratios and volume ratios, the pulsating heat pipe with a 50% filling ratio and a 40:60 volume ratio of water and ethanol mixture showed higher heat transfer performance during discharging. The concentration of 0.6% by mass of FMWCNT further accelerates heat transfer and lowers the evaporator temperature to 44.60C as compared to a water and ethanol mixture. The pulsating heat pipe with FMWCNT nanofluids and a water and ethanol mixture is a viable choice for cooling LIB.

Keywords:

Battery Thermal management; Lithium-ion battery cooling; Pulsating heat pipe; functionalized multi walled carbon nano tubes; Working fluids.

1. Introduction:

Studies on renewable energy, such as solar, wind, tidal and geothermal energy, have grown in popularity against the backdrop of India's "Carbon Neutrality and Renewable energy." The majority of renewable energy, however, exhibits a mismatch between demand and generation. Therefore, an efficient energy storage technique is crucial. Mechanical, electro-magnetic and electro-chemical energy storage are the most widely used energy storage techniques. Electro-chemical energy storage is acknowledged as a potential option within this context [1].Thermal accumulation would be exacerbated by this technology's requirement for a mass of batteries packaged in parallel or tandem. Beyond the optimal working temperature range of below 50°C, excessive heat buildup raises the battery temperature [2], which may hasten irreversible consequences, capacity fading, internal breakdown, lifespan loss and even serious safety concerns. As a result, Li-ion battery heat control is crucial[3].

The three primary battery cooling techniques are air cooling ,Phase change material (PCM) cooling and liquid cooling [4]. Because air cooling is inexpensive and easy to use, it has been used extensively. The ventilation tunnel's construction and air flow direction are the primary subjects of air cooling research [5–8]. Park [9] used numerical simulation to examine the thermal performance of various air ducts while maintaining the original stacked multiple battery cell arrangement. The suggested pressure relief and tapered manifolds have successfully improved cooling performance and satisfied cooling specifications. By changing the battery box's inlet wind orientation, Shahid et al. [10] successfully addressed the dead air regions' air circulation issue. When the air inlet was placed on top of the battery pack, the maximum temperature (Tmax) of the pack dropped by 9% and the temperature uniformity rose by 39%. The aforementioned works demonstrate that air cooling can somewhat enhance battery cooling performance. However, due to the poor heat transfer coefficient of air convection and the rising thermal load of lithium-ion batteries, air cooling is becoming increasingly challenging to meet current battery thermal management needs[11].

The high heat transfer coefficient and quick response time of liquid cooling have garnered a lot of interest. The two primary areas of study in liquid cooling are flow structure and cooling medium [12–14].The cooling capabilities of air cooling and liquid cooling were compared by Pesaran et al. [15]. The findings showed that while air cooling can be used to cool HEV batteries, it is unable to satisfy EV needs. Air cooling is thought to be inferior to battery thermal management systems (BTMS) that use coolant media such water, ethylene glycol, oil, and acetone. A cooling plate with a serpentine channel was created by Jarrett et al. [16]. Numerical calculations and experiments were used to optimise the channel's width and position. The Tmax may be efficiently controlled within 40 ◦C by the optimised construction. A series of orthogonal tests were carried out by Han et al. [17] to investigate the weight coefficient of affecting parameters, such as coolant flow rate, channel number, and cooling channel width and height.

2. Design and fabrication of PHP:

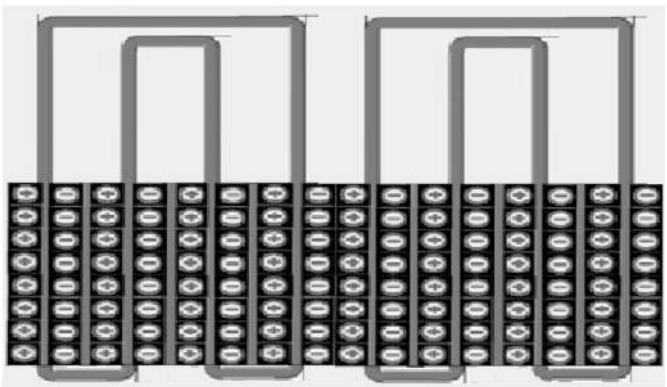


Fig. 1 : Schematic diagram of PHP and Battery pack

Fig. 1 illustrates the setup of the battery pack along with the circular-shaped pulsating heat pipe (PHP), which is constructed using copper tubing. For effective thermal management, two separate PHP units were used. Each pipe has an outer diameter of 3 mm and an inner diameter of 2.5 mm. The total length of each heat pipe is 749 mm, comprising a 449 mm evaporator section and a 300 mm condenser section. The tubes are spaced 42 mm apart, and the complete width of the PHP assembly is 138 mm.The battery system uses commercially available cylindrical lithium-ion cells, each measuring 65 mm in length and 18 mm in diameter. Every cell provides a nominal voltage of 3.7V and a capacity of 5 Ah. In total, 128 cells are used in the battery pack, arranged in two identical sets, with each set having 8 rows and 8 columns.

3. Experimental setup:

The experimental setup, as illustrated in Fig. 2, includes a battery pack with circular pulsating heat pipe, a voltage regulator, a heating coil and a data acquisition system for temperature monitoring. 0.1 mm diameter T-type thermocouples were employed to measure the temperature variation. Thermocouple T1 was used to measure the ambient temperature. Six thermocouples (T2–T6) were positioned in the condenser section, while another six thermocouples (T8–T13) were placed in the evaporator section and across the battery pack. All temperature data were recorded by a data logger. The condenser section of heat pipe was cooled by natural convection.

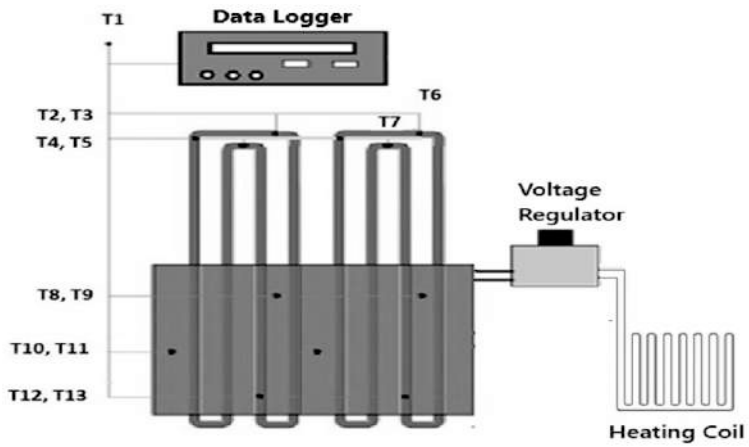


Fig. 2 : Schematic diagram of the experimental setup

4. Results and Discussion:

Fig. 3 illustrates the temperature profile of a heat pipe during a 1C discharging test with a 0% filling ratio. Over time, the temperature within the battery pack increased, eventually reaching 99.1°C, which is substantially higher than the surrounding ambient temperature. The temperature of the condenser varied as well. The majority of the heat produced was transmitted via the heat pipe by conduction when there was no working fluid present. Convection and radiation were used to dissipate the heat at the condenser region.

Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 illustrates the temperature profile during 1.5C and 2C discharging with 0% filling ratio. During 1.5C and 2C discharging the maximum battery temperature is 90°C and 83.4°C. The temperature of the condenser section increases as the amount of heat dissipated is increased.

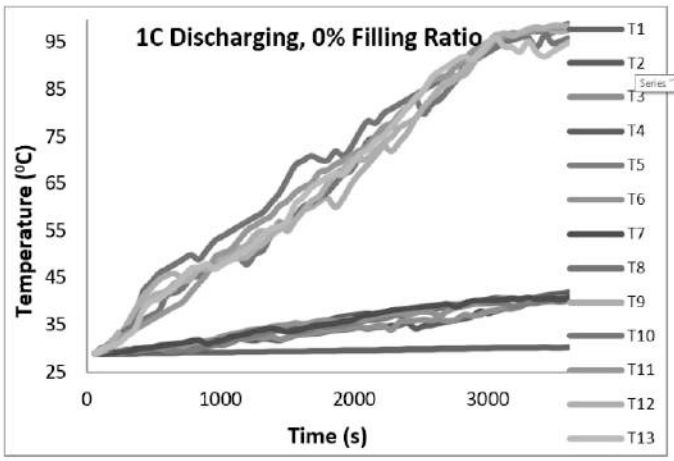


Fig. 3 : Temperature variations vs Time for 1C Discharging and 0% filling ratio

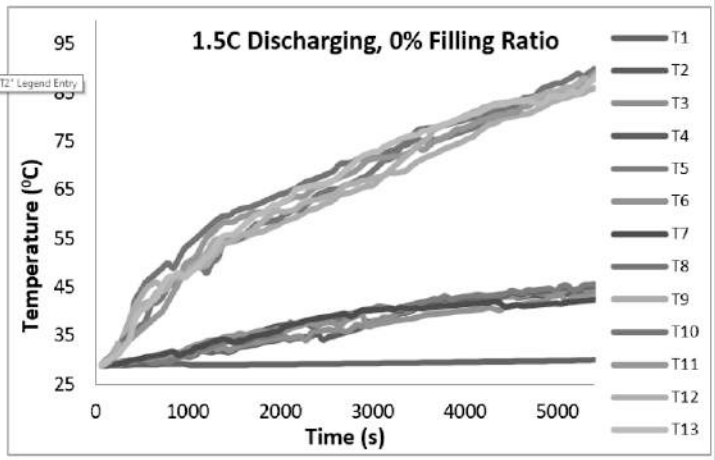


Fig. 4 : Temperature variations vs Time for 1.5C Discharging and 0% filling ratio

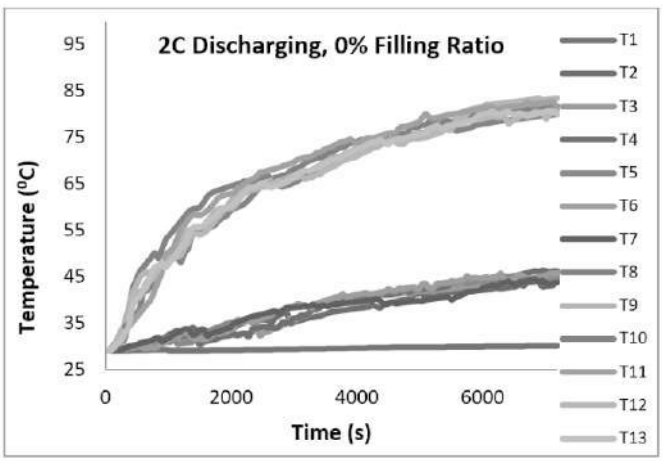


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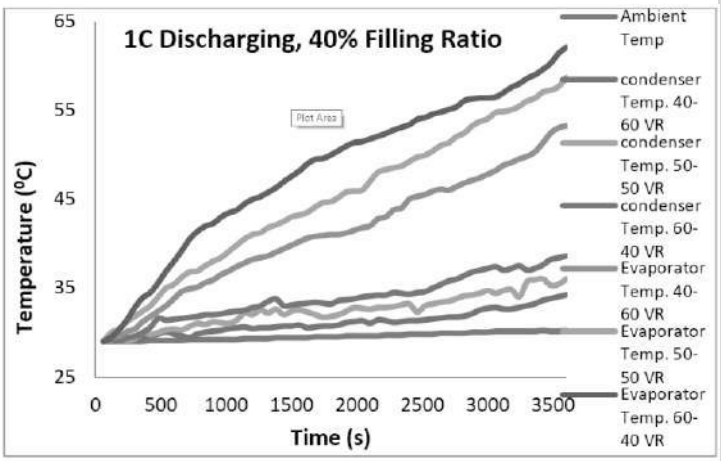


Fig. 6 : Temperature variations vs. Time for 1C Discharging and 40% filling ratio

Fig. 6, Fig. 7 and Fig. 8 illustrates the temperatures variation of HP with filling ratio of 40%, 50% and 60% and volume ratios of water-ethanol combination of 40:60, 50:50 and 60:40.

Fig. 6 demonstrates that when a mixture of water and ethanol is introduced at a 40% filling ratio, the temperature in the HP increases. This is in contrast to the temperature in an empty HP which remains lower. Initially, the base fluid does not reach its boiling point due to an insufficient amount of heat being generated. However, as time progresses, the heat produced causes the formation of bubbles in the evaporator region, leading to oscillating movements within the HP. This process enhances the overall performance as time continues. Thus, the temperature within the battery pack decreases from 99.1°C to 53.2°C, 58.6°C and 62.1°C. Fig. 7 presents a comparison of the temperature profiles of a heat pipe discharged with water-ethanol mixtures at various volume ratios with a 50% filling ratio. It is clear that the 40–60 volume ratio of water-ethanol mixture performs better than the other mixtures. As the ethanol content increases, the temperature of the battery pack decreases. This improvement in overall performance is attributed to the sustained temperature fluctuations in the condenser area. For volume ratios of 60:40, 50:50 and 40:60, respectively, the evaporator recorded the highest temperatures of 48.4°C, 51.3°C and 56.4°C.

The behavior of water-ethanol mixtures at various volume ratios and a 60% filling ratio is shown in Fig. 8. It has been noted that the battery pack's temperature rises in tandem with an increase in filling ratio. A higher filling ratio affects bubble formation in the

evaporator region, which in turn disrupts the motion within the HP. This disturbance leads to inefficient heat transfer rate from the evaporator section to the condenser section, which causes the battery pack temperature to increase. Compared to the 50% filling ratio, the temperature rises to 49.2°C, 53.1°C and 57.3°C from the previous values of 48.4°C, 51.3°C and 56.4°C.

It is observed that both filling ratio and volume ratio greatly influence the battery transient temperature. Under optimal conditions with a 50% filling ratio and a 40:60 volume ratio the lowest temperature of 48.4°C is recorded.

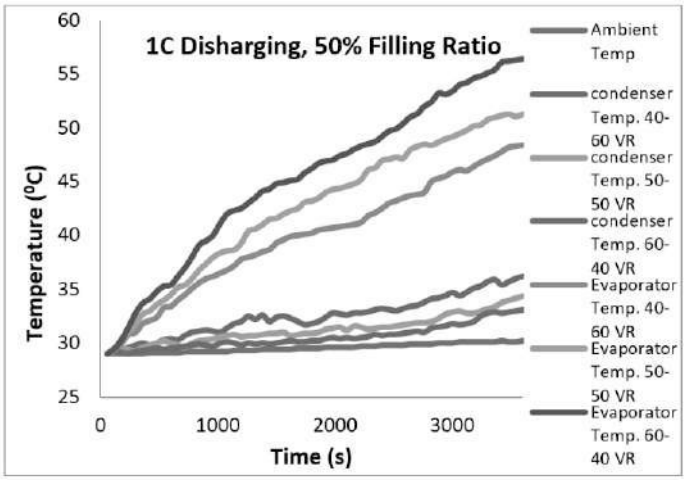


Fig. 7 : Temperature variations vs. Time for 1C Discharging and 50% filling ratio

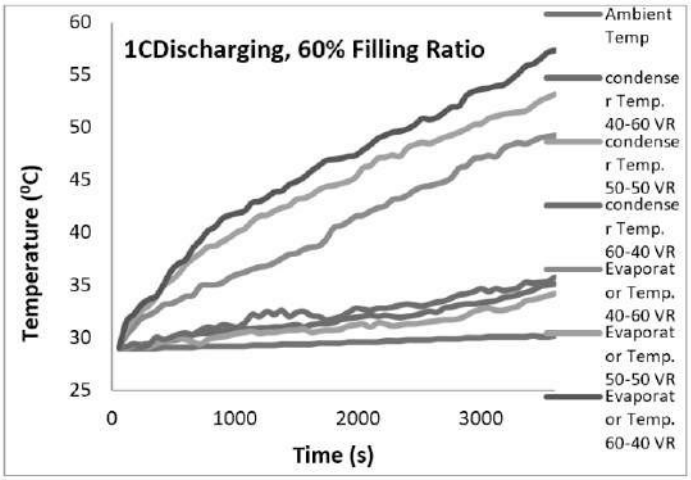


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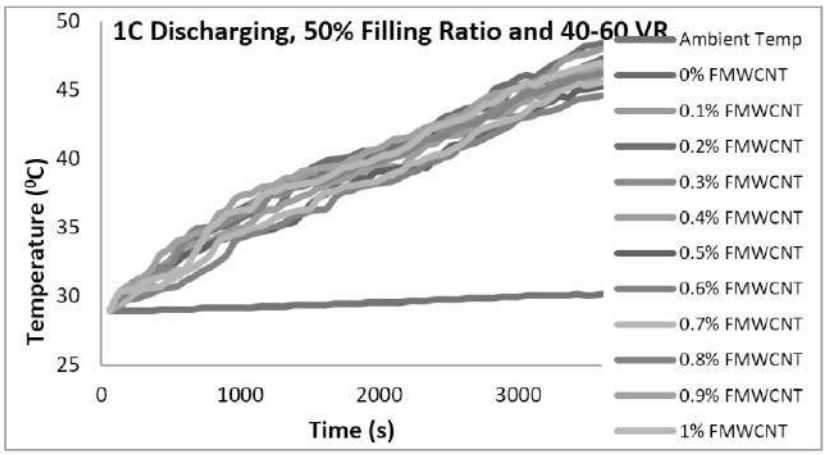


Fig. 9: Temperature variations vs Time for 1C Discharging, 60% filling ratio and 40-60 VR.

Fig. 9 shows the average evaporator temperature over time of an HP filled with 50% filling ratio and a 40:60 volume ratio and mass concentrations of 0.1% to 1% by weight of FMWCNT nanofluids. It is observed that on addition of FMWCNT nanomaterials the average evaporator temperature reduces which indicates an improvement in heat transfer efficiency. The average temperature of the evaporator stays below 50°C for all tested concentrations of FMWCNT nanofluids. At a mass concentration of 0.6% the lowest measured average temperature is 44.6°C, which is 3.8°C lower than the base fluid mixture. The degradation of nucleate boiling brought on by the deposition of FMWCNTs is mostly responsible for the higher evaporator temperatures that occur when the concentration is increased from 0.7% to 1%.

5. Conclusion:

In this study, a circular heat pipe is tested experimentally under 1C, 1.5C and 2C Discharging conditions using a mixture of water and ethanol as the base fluid. The volume ratios of water to ethanol were varied at 40:60, 50:50 and 60:40 with corresponding filling ratios of 40%, 50% and 60%. The results showed that the water-ethanol mixture with a 40% filling ratio outperformed the 0% filling ratio in terms of heat transfer performance for the pulsating heat pipe. Specifically, the temperature of the battery pack decreased from

99.1°C to 53.2°C with the 40% filling ratio. Further reductions in temperature were observed as the volume ratio changed from 60:40 to 50:50 and 40:60, the temperature dropped to 58.6°C and 62.1°C, respectively. Both filling ratio and volume ratio had a significant impact on the heat pipe performance. When the filling ratio was increased to 50%, the temperature of the battery pack further decreased, reaching a minimum of 48.4°C, 51.3°C, and 56.4°C for the different volume ratios. The lowest temperature observed was 48.4°C, achieved with a 50% filling ratio and a 40-60 volume ratio. Compared to the 0% filling ratio, this represents a temperature reduction of 50.7°C

FMWCNT nanofluids were prepared by mixing a base fluid of water-ethanol at 40:60 volume ratio and the mass concentrations of the FMWCNT nanofluids were varied between 0.1% and 1% by weight. At 50% filling ratio the results demonstrated that adding FMWCNT nanofluids significantly reduced both the battery pack temperature and the average evaporator temperature of the heat pipe compared to the water-ethanol mixture. As the concentration of FMWCNT increased from 0.1% to 0.6% the average evaporator temperature continued to decrease. However, when the concentration increased from 0.6% to 1% a rise in temperature was observed. The optimal performance was achieved at a concentration of 0.6% where the average evaporator temperature was reduced by 3.8°C compared to the base fluid mixture without nanoparticles. With this setup, the battery pack temperature of 44.6°C could be achieved. These findings suggest that using heat pipes filled with a water-ethanol mixture as the base fluid and incorporating FMWCNT nanofluids presents an effective cooling strategy for electric vehicle applications.

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Effect of Water Depth on the Performance of a Stepped-Type Solar Still: An Experimental Study

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Abstract:

Solar distillation offers a low-cost, sustainable method for producing potable water in coastal and water-scarce regions, but conventional single-basin solar stills suffer from low productivity. While the effect of water depth on single-basin still performance has been studied extensively, its influence on stepped-type solar stills remains largely unexplored.

This study experimentally investigates the effect of basin water depth on the thermal performance and distillate yield of a stepped-type solar still. Three identical stepped stills (A, B, and C), differing only in water depth (5 mm, 7.5 mm, and 10 mm respectively), were fabricated and tested under natural sunlight at Buldana during February–March 2026. Hourly measurements of basin, water, inner glass, outer glass, and ambient temperatures, along with distillate output, were recorded between 10 am and 5 pm. Results show that basin plate temperature consistently exceeded water, inner glass, outer glass, and ambient temperatures, peaking at 60–70°C around midday. Distillate yield decreased significantly with increasing water depth: still A (5 mm) produced the highest daily yield of 940 mL, compared to 710 mL for still B (7.5 mm) and 695 mL for still C (10 mm) — reductions of 24.47% and 26.06%, respectively. This trend is attributed to the lower specific heat capacity of shallower water layers, which enables faster heating and evaporation. The findings confirm that a shallow basin water depth of 5 mm yields optimal distillate production in stepped solar stills under the tested design and climatic conditions, offering practical guidance for improving stepped solar still design.

1. Introduction:

Water is essential for life on earth and covers three-fourths of the planet's surface. However, most of this water is in the oceans as salt water, which is too salty for drinking, farming, or most industrial uses. The rest of the earth's water is fresh water, but much of it is trapped in glaciers and ice caps, mainly at the poles. If these ice caps melted, sea levels would rise and flood many land areas. The remaining fresh water is found in rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, and underground. Our current drinking water is not pure and contains about two hundred harmful chemicals and impurities. Therefore, clean and pure drinking water is crucial. In many coastal areas where sea water is plentiful but drinking water is scarce, solar water distillation is a method used for purification and desalination. The solar still is the most common solar desalination device, but its productivity is low. To improve the output of the single basin type solar still, extensive research has been conducted. The findings are summarized as follows.

Numerous researchers worldwide have examined how water depth influences the performance of single basin solar stills, yet its impact on stepped solar stills remains unexplored. G. N. Tiwari and Madhuri [1] analyzed the effect of water depth on the daily output of a single basin solar still through transient analysis. Their findings indicate that the yield's reliance on water depth is significantly affected by the initial temperature of the brine in the still's basin. They concluded that when the initial brine temperature is $\geq 45°C$, the daily yield increases with depth, whereas it decreases when the initial temperature is $\leq 40°C$. This conclusion was also experimentally confirmed at IIT, Delhi. A. S. Nafey, M. Abdelkader, A. Abdelmotalip, and A. A. Mabrouk [2] explored the primary factors influencing solar still performance in the Suez Gulf area's weather conditions. Their numerical results show that as the brine depth rises, solar still productivity declines. G. N. Tiwari, VimalDimri, and ArvindChel [3] conducted a parametric study of both active and passive solar stills using computer-based thermal models. It was observed that in passive solar stills, the daily yield diminishes with increased water mass. However, in active solar stills, the daily yield initially rises with water depth, reaching a peak at 11 cm, before it starts to decline.
B. A. Akash, M. S. Mohsen, and W. Nayten [4] conducted experiments on a basin-type solar still under local climate conditions at Applied Science University, Amman, Jordan. The results indicated that water production decreased in a somewhat linear manner as water depth in the still increased. Malik et al. [5] reviewed solar distillation work, covering various solar still designs like single basin, multiple effect, inclined solar stills, solar still greenhouse combinations, and other designs, as well as economic aspects and the impact of meteorological and still parameters. Studies on still parameters showed a 30% variation in daily yield when depth varied from 1.27 cm to 30.5 cm. The authors did not mention the inlet temperature of the brine in the basin, which is the most sensitive parameter, only referring to the experimental fact. This communication presents analytical transient expressions for water and glass temperatures and hourly yield of the still as a function of initial brine temperature, water depth, solar intensity, and ambient temperature. For evaluating water and glass temperatures, evaporative, convective, and radiative heat transfer coefficients from water to glass are considered

temperature-dependent. Numerical calculations were made for a typical summer day, June 18, 1983, in Delhi. Based on these calculations, the following conclusions were drawn:

i) Daily yield decreases by about 44% when water depth changes from 1 cm to 20 cm with an initial water temperature of 35°C, aligning with Cooper [6] and Bloemer et al. [7].
ii) Daily yield increases by about 25% when water depth changes from 1 cm to 12 cm with an initial water temperature of 50°C. Good agreement between experimental and theoretical results was observed.

It was also concluded that the evaporative heat transfer coefficient from water to glass can be considered an average constant value at higher depths:

i) about 25 cm for lower initial water temperature and
ii) about 10 cm for higher initial water temperature. The objective of this work is to optimize the water depth in the basin of a stepped-type solar still. Three different stepped-type solar stills, A, B, and C, with water depths of 5 mm, 7.5 mm, and 10 mm respectively, were used. The effect of water depth on the distillate yield of these solar stills was observed. Theoretical analysis was also conducted by solving energy balance equations and compared with experimental results.

2. Experimental Setup:

The experimental arrangement includes a saline water storage tank and a solar still with a stepped design, both mounted on an iron stand. The absorber plate within the still resembles a stepped structure and is constructed from a 1mm thick galvanized iron sheet, equivalent to 22 gauge. The dimensions of the absorber plate are 620 mm in width and 808 mm in length, featuring a total of nine steps. Each step measures 100 mm in width, 620 mm in length, and has a height of 36 mm. The stepped design of the absorber plate is coated with a heat-absorbing black dye, as it is well-known that black dye is highly effective at absorbing solar radiation. The absorber plate is housed within a sheet metal box measuring 620 mm in width and 990 mm in length. Polyurethane foam (PUF) fills the space between the sheet metal box and the absorber plate to prevent heat loss from the bottom and sides of the solar still. The cover of the solar still is made from 4 mm thick standard window glass. Saline water is delivered to the solar still from the storage tank via a polyvinyl chloride (PVC) hosepipe. The steps are sequentially filled with saline water from the top, and any excess water is directed to an overflow channel at the bottom. Any surplus water is collected for reuse in the solar still. When solar radiation strikes the glass cover, it is absorbed by the black absorber plate, causing the water in the steps to heat up and increasing the moisture content of the air trapped between the water surface and the glass cover. Once the water absorbs solar radiation up to its specific heat capacity, it becomes saturated, leading to evaporation. The basin also emits energy in the infrared spectrum, which is reflected back into the solar still by the glass cover, trapping the solar energy inside. The water vapour generated from evaporation condenses on the inside of the glass cover, where the temperature is lower. To prevent vapour loss to the atmosphere, the glass cover is sealed with a rubber gasket using epoxy adhesive. The condensed water flows down to the distillate collection trough at the bottom and is collected in a glass beaker via a hose pipe attached to the side of the solar still. As water evaporates from the steps, the saline water level in the solar still decreases. To replenish the water, makeup water is added from the storage tank every half hour. Additionally, a hole is drilled in the sidewall of the still to install thermocouples for measuring the temperatures of the water in the basin, the absorber plate, and the inner glass cover.The entire unit is mounted on an angle iron stand, tilted at a 20-degree angle, matching Buldana's latitude relative to the horizontal plane. Positioned facing due south, the solar still is aligned to capture the maximum solar radiation year-round, given its location in the northern hemisphere. This stepped solar still system was constructed in the workshop of RajarshiShahu College of Engineering, Buldana.

3. Experimentation:

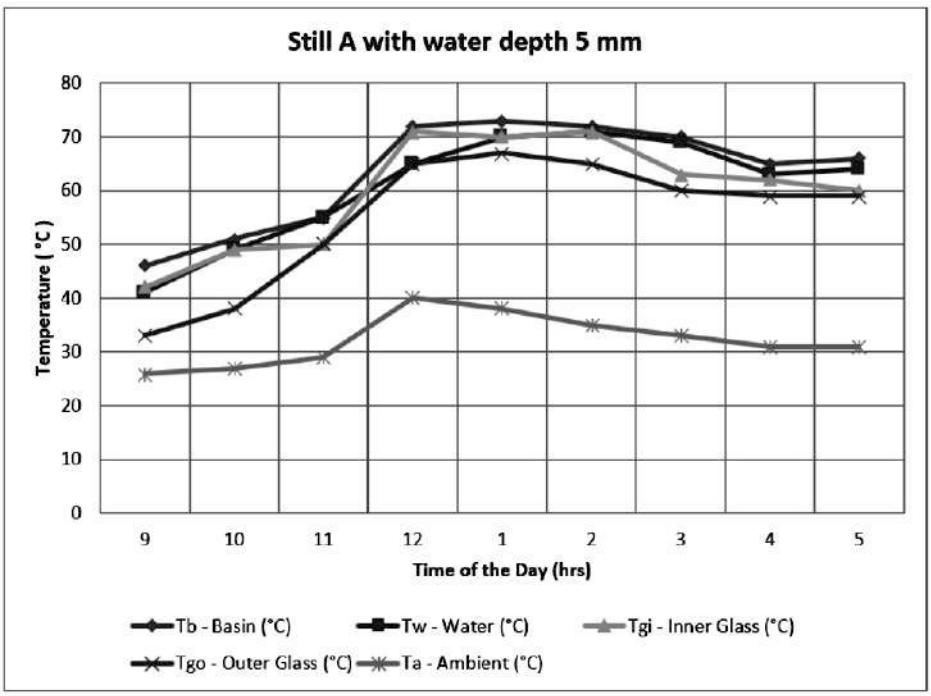
During the clear-sky months from February to March 2026, experiments were conducted. In Buldana, the average daily solar radiation was 5.83 kWh/m² throughout this period. Five thermocouples were strategically placed on the solar still system at various points: (i) at the basin's bottom to gauge the absorber plate's temperature, Tb, (ii) on the inner surface of the glass cover, Ti, (iii) on the outer surface of the glass cover, To, (iv) within the basin to measure the water temperature, Tw, and (v) to record the ambient temperature, Ta. A multi-channel digital temperature indicator was employed to monitor these temperatures. Distillate yield was measured using a collecting vessel, while wind speed was assessed with a vane-type digital anemometer.
The configuration and design parameters of solar stills A, B and C are given in the Table-I.

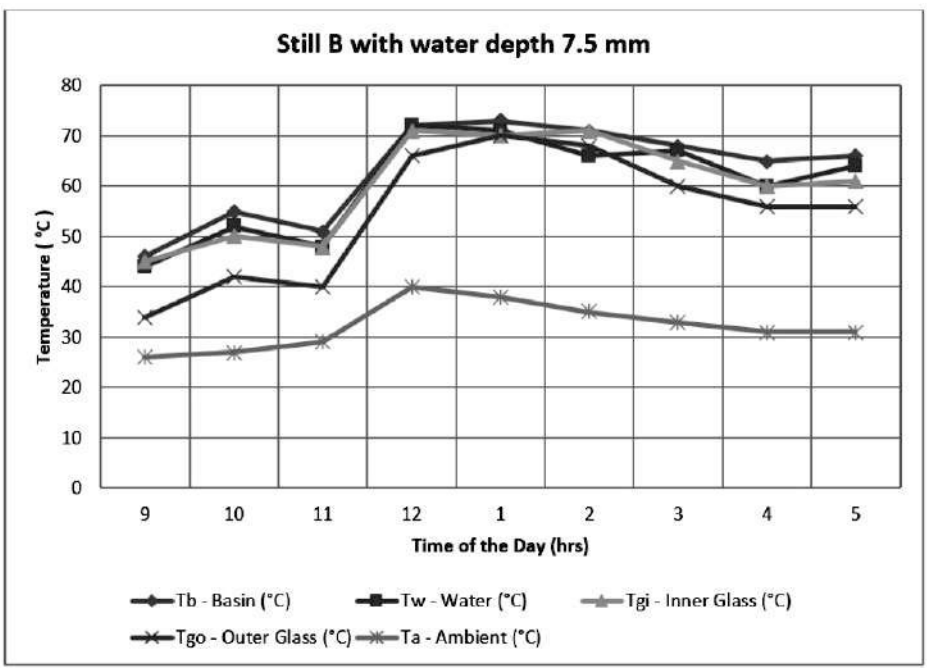
Table 1 :design Parameters Of Solar Stills A, B And C

S. N.	Type of solar still	Glass cover thickness	Depth of water in mm
1	A	4	5
2	B	4	7.5
3	C	4	10

3. Result and Discussion:

Figure 1 illustrates the changes in hourly temperatures recorded during an experiment on March 10, 2026, for solar stills A, B, and C. The same patterns were observed on other days. Various parameters were measured every hour, including the inner glass temperature (Tgi), outer glass temperature (Tgo), ambient temperature (Ta), water temperature (Tw), basin temperature (Tb), and distillate yield (Y). It is evident that the basin plate temperature is the highest, followed by the temperature of the water in the basin, which is heated by the incident rays. Next is the temperature of the inner glass, where vapour condensation occurs, and then the outer glass, which allows the incident rays to pass through and is exposed to the environment. Among all these temperatures, the ambient temperature is the lowest. The peak temperature of the basin plate is recorded between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm, ranging from 60°C to 70°C. For all experiments, ambient temperatures varied from 22°C to 33°C.





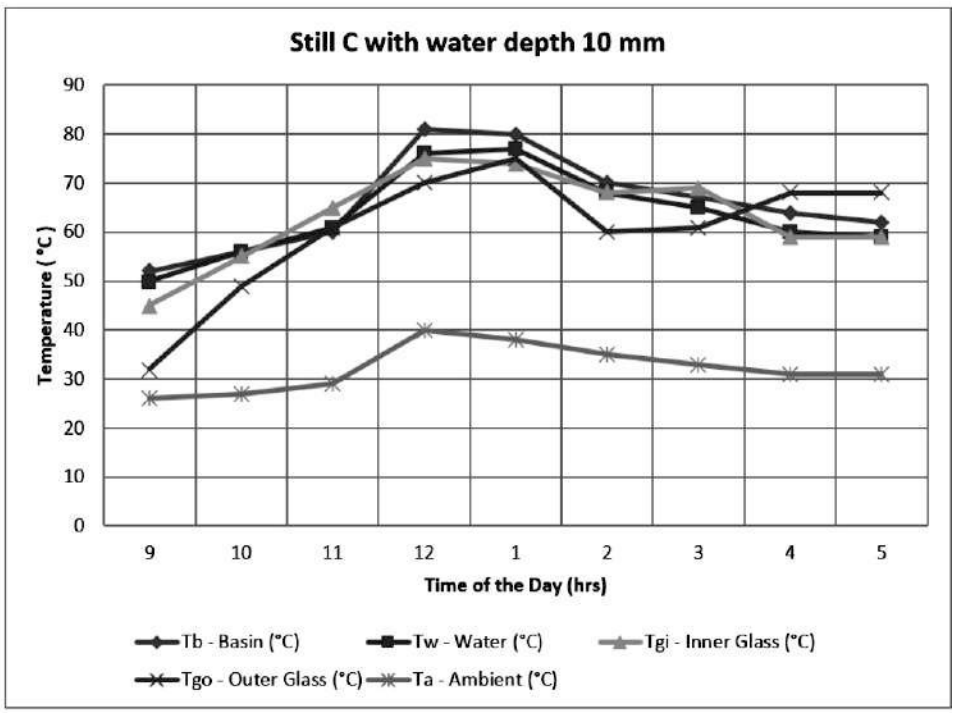


Fig. 1 : Temperature variations at different locations of solar still A, B, and C

Figure 2 illustrates the hourly changes in distillate yield for solar stills A, B, and C. On 10 March 2026, solar still A, with a water depth of 5 mm, produced 1440 ml of distillate between 10 am and 5 pm. For solar still B, the water depth was 7.5 mm, resulting in a distillate yield of 910 ml during the same time frame. The increase in water depth led to a reduction in distillate yield by 530 ml, which is 36.80% less than that of solar still A. Solar still C had a water depth of 10 mm, yielding 745 ml of distillate from 10 am to 5 pm. This increase in water depth caused a decrease in distillate yield by 695 ml, which is 48.23% less than that of solar still A. The figure demonstrates that as the water depth increases, the distillate yield for solar stills A, B, and C decreases. This occurs because lower water depths result in a reduced specific heat capacity due to the smaller water mass, leading to higher water temperatures and quicker evaporation in the basin. Consequently, distillate yield is higher at shallower water depths.

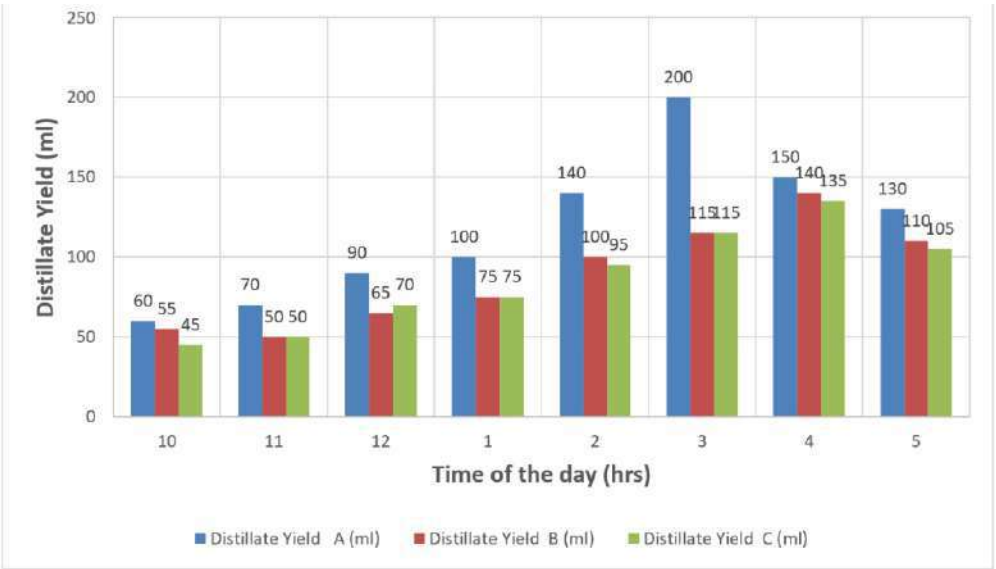


Fig. 2 : Distillate yield variation with time of the day of solar still A,B and C

The experimental findings indicated that Still A produced the most freshwater, yielding 940 mL per day, surpassing Still B and Still C, which produced 710 mL per day and 695 mL per day, respectively. Compared to Still A, Still B's distillate output was reduced by 230 mL per day, equating to a 24.47% decrease, while Still C's output dropped by 245 mL per day, amounting to a 26.06% reduction. These results clearly highlight Still A's superior performance under the same operating conditions, suggesting that its design configuration enhanced the evaporation and condensation process, thereby boosting freshwater production.

5. Summary And Conclusion:

The performance characteristics of stepped solar stills with varying water depths have been evaluated based on productivity. Three stepped solar stills, each with a different water depth in the basin, were set up and examined. Solar still A contained water at a depth of 5 mm, B at 7.5 mm, and C at 10 mm. Measurements were taken from 10 am to 5 pm, recording hourly changes in solar radiation and distillate output. It was noted that as the water depth in the basin increased, the distillate yield of the solar still decreased. Under the specified design and climatic conditions, a water depth of 5 mm was determined to produce the highest distillate yield.

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Dual-Axis Sun Tracking Solar Panel System For Enhanced Photovoltaic Efficiency

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Abtract:

The increasing demand for renewable energy has accelerated the development of efficient solar power generation systems. Conventional fixed photovoltaic (PV) panels suffer from reduced efficiency because they remain stationary while the sun's position continuously changes throughout the day and across seasons. To overcome this limitation, this paper presents the design and implementation of a dual-axis sun tracking solar panel system that automatically aligns the PV panel perpendicular to the sun's rays to maximize energy capture. The proposed system uses four Light Dependent Resistors (LDRs) as sensors to detect variations in solar intensity and an Arduino Uno microcontroller to control two gear motors for movement along both horizontal and vertical axes. The tracking mechanism continuously adjusts the orientation of the panel to ensure optimal solar incidence throughout the day. Experimental observations demonstrate that the dual-axis tracking system significantly improves the output voltage and overall energy efficiency compared to a fixed panel system. The developed prototype is simple, cost-effective, and suitable for small-scale applications such as battery charging and irrigation support systems. The results confirm that implementing dual-axis tracking technology enhances solar energy utilization and contributes to sustainable and efficient renewable energy solutions for future power generation systems

Key Wards :

Dual-Axis Solar Tracker, Photovoltaic (PV) System, Solar Energy Optimization, Arduino Microcontroller, Light Dependent Resistor (LDR), Renewable Energy Systems.

1. Introduction:

Energy plays a fundamental role in the economic growth and technological development of modern society. With the rapid increase in global population and industrialization, the demand for electrical energy has risen significantly. Conventional energy sources such as coal, oil, and natural gas are widely used to meet this demand; however, these fossil fuels are limited in availability and contribute heavily to environmental pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. As a result, there is an urgent need to explore clean, renewable, and sustainable energy sources. Among various renewable energy resources, solar energy has emerged as one of the most promising alternatives due to its abundance, reliability, and environmental friendliness [4], [5].Solar energy is harnessed using photovoltaic (PV) panels that convert sunlight directly into electricity through the photovoltaic effect. Although PV technology has improved significantly over the years, the efficiency of solar panels is still limited by factors such as angle of incidence, weather conditions, and the stationary position of conventional solar installations [1]. Fixed solar panels cannot maintain an optimal orientation with respect to the sun throughout the day, resulting in reduced energy output. To address this limitation, solar tracking systems have been developed to continuously adjust the position of the panel so that it remains perpendicular to the sun's rays, thereby maximizing energy capture [7].

Solar tracking systems are generally classified into single-axis and dual-axis trackers. Single-axis trackers follow the sun's movement along one direction, typically from east to west, while dual-axis trackers adjust the panel position along both azimuth and elevation angles. Dual-axis tracking systems provide higher efficiency because they can accurately follow the sun's trajectory throughout the day and across different seasons [8]. Studies have shown that solar tracking mechanisms can improve energy generation by approximately 30% to 60% compared to fixed solar panel systems [2].Recent advancements in microcontroller-based automation have enabled the development of low-cost and efficient solar tracking systems using sensors such as Light Dependent Resistors (LDRs) and controllers like Arduino. These systems automatically detect variations in solar intensity and adjust panel orientation accordingly, improving performance without manual intervention [9]. Therefore, the implementation of a dual-axis solar tracking system represents an effective solution for enhancing photovoltaic efficiency and promoting sustainable energy utilization, particularly in regions with high solar potential such as India [13].

2. Literature Review:

Solar energy has emerged as one of the most promising renewable energy sources due to its availability, sustainability, and minimal environmental impact. Over the past few decades, extensive research has been conducted to improve the efficiency of photovoltaic (PV)

systems through better materials, optimized installation techniques, and advanced solar tracking mechanisms. One of the major approaches for improving PV system performance is the implementation of solar tracking systems that maintain the panel orientation perpendicular to the sun's rays throughout the day.Hossein Mousazadeh et al. [1] presented a comprehensive study on solar tracking systems and demonstrated that tracking mechanisms significantly enhance the energy output of photovoltaic panels compared to fixed installations. Their work highlighted the importance of automatic control strategies and sensor-based tracking approaches in improving solar energy harvesting efficiency. Similarly, K. S. Madhu et al. [2] discussed the performance advantages of solar tracking systems and reported that dual-axis trackers can increase energy generation by up to 60% under favorable environmental conditions.

Sunil Nalamala et al. [3] explored the application of renewable energy systems integrated with wireless sensor networks for irrigation purposes, emphasizing the importance of efficient solar energy utilization in agricultural applications. Their research demonstrated how intelligent monitoring and automation could improve the reliability and effectiveness of solar-powered systems in rural environments. The historical development of photovoltaic technology has also contributed significantly to advancements in solar tracking research. Bartlett [4] and Baker [5] described the evolution of solar cells and the increasing adoption of solar technologies worldwide, highlighting the need for improved efficiency through advanced tracking methods.Technological improvements in photovoltaic modules have further strengthened the feasibility of solar tracking systems. Wahid [6] discussed recent developments in high-efficiency solar panels and advanced photovoltaic materials that enhance conversion efficiency. However, even with improved solar cells, fixed installations still suffer from reduced performance due to varying solar angles throughout the day. This limitation has encouraged researchers to develop automated tracking systems that dynamically adjust panel orientation.

J. Pradeep [7] designed and implemented a dual-axis solar tracking system using Arduino and LabVIEW, demonstrating the effectiveness of microcontroller-based automation in improving solar panel alignment. The study showed that sensor-based tracking systems provide accurate positioning and improved power output compared to manual tracking approaches. Similarly, Md. Tanvir Arafat Khan [8] developed an automatic solar tracking system capable of adjusting panel orientation in both horizontal and vertical directions. His work confirmed that dual-axis tracking systems significantly outperform single-axis trackers in terms of energy efficiency and reliability.Further research by Otieno [9] focused on the design and construction of solar tracking mechanisms for small-scale photovoltaic applications. The study emphasized the importance of cost-effective tracking solutions that can be implemented in developing countries to maximize solar energy utilization. Utility Drive [10] provided an overview of the evolution of solar tracking technologies and their role in improving large-scale solar power generation. The report highlighted that solar tracking systems are increasingly being adopted in commercial solar farms due to their ability to enhance system productivity.

Educational resources such as Coursera [11] have also contributed to understanding global photovoltaic deployment trends and the growing importance of solar tracking systems in renewable energy infrastructure. Similarly, Finder reports [12] discussed the increasing adoption of solar energy technologies in different countries and emphasized the role of tracking systems in improving energy output efficiency. These studies collectively demonstrate that solar tracking technologies are becoming essential components of modern photovoltaic installations.In the Indian context, Bhandari [13] analyzed the implementation of solar photovoltaic systems for rural electrification and highlighted their potential to address energy shortages in remote areas. The study suggested that integrating tracking mechanisms with photovoltaic systems could further enhance energy availability and reliability in off-grid locations. This is particularly relevant for regions with high solar radiation, where tracking systems can significantly increase energy generation.

Advancements in photovoltaic efficiency have also been documented by Green [14], who presented updated solar cell efficiency tables and demonstrated continuous improvements in conversion performance due to material innovations and design optimization. However, despite improvements in cell efficiency, the orientation of solar panels remains a critical factor affecting energy output. Tomson [15] investigated discrete tracking methods for solar collectors and concluded that even simple tracking strategies could substantially improve system performance compared to stationary installations. The reviewed literature indicates that dual-axis solar tracking systems provide a reliable and efficient solution for maximizing solar energy capture. Previous studies consistently show that automated tracking systems improve photovoltaic performance by maintaining optimal panel alignment with the sun throughout the day and across seasons. The integration of microcontroller-based control systems, light sensors, and cost-effective mechanical structures has made dual-axis trackers increasingly practical for both small-scale and large-scale applications. These findings form the foundation for the development and implementation of the proposed dual-axis solar tracking system aimed at enhancing photovoltaic efficiency and supporting sustainable energy generation.

3. Methodology:

The proposed dual-axis sun tracking solar panel system is designed to maximize solar energy harvesting by continuously aligning the photovoltaic (PV) panel perpendicular to the direction of incident sunlight throughout the day. The system operates using a sensor-based tracking mechanism controlled by a microcontroller that adjusts the panel orientation along both horizontal and vertical axes. The methodology involves system design, sensor-based light detection, signal processing, motor control, and performance evaluation.

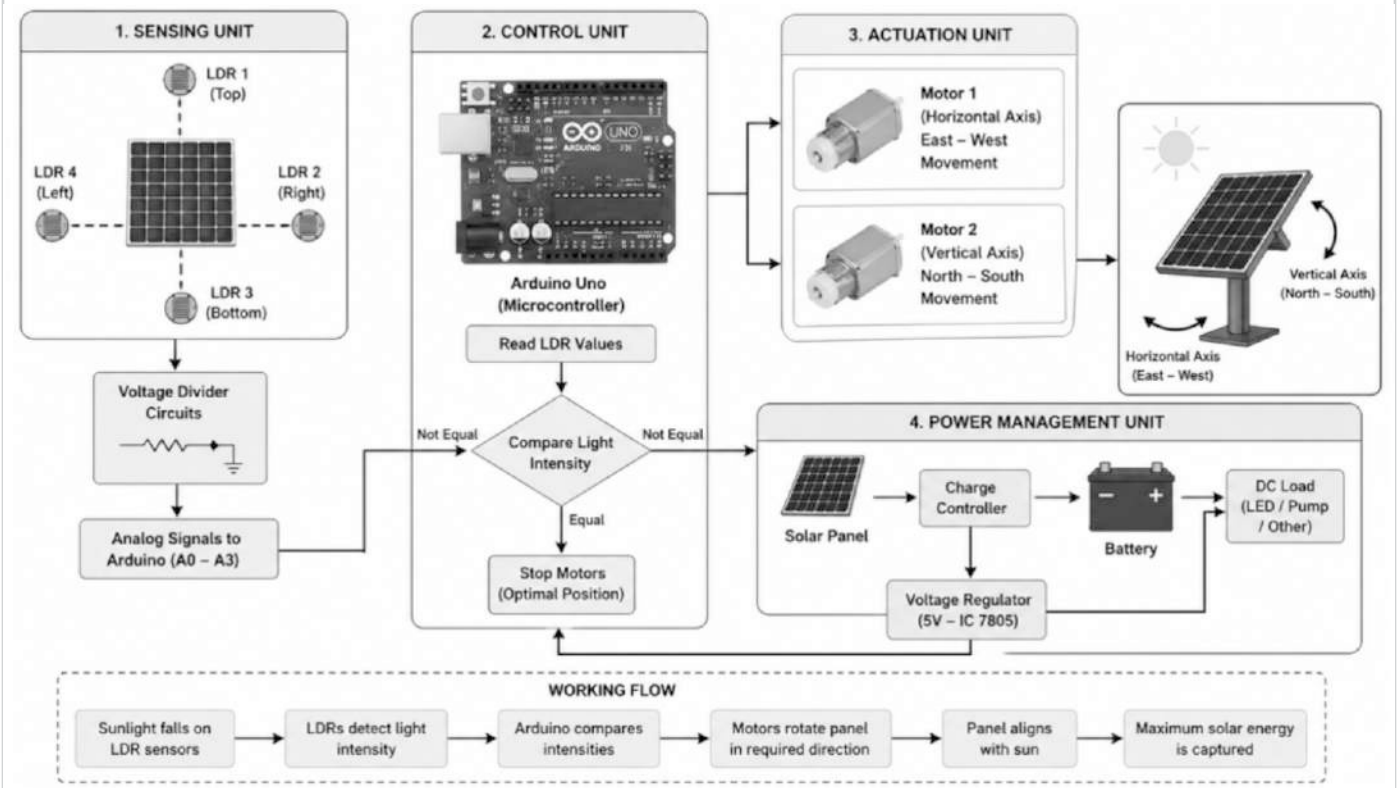


Fig. 1 : Methodology Flow Diagram of the Proposed Dual-Axis Solar Tracking System

The overall system consists of four Light Dependent Resistors (LDRs), an Arduino Uno microcontroller, two DC gear motors, a solar panel, a voltage regulator, and supporting circuitry. The LDR sensors are arranged on a common platform around the solar panel to detect variations in sunlight intensity from different directions. These sensors operate on the principle of photoconductivity, where resistance decreases as incident light intensity increases. The difference in illumination levels detected by the LDRs is converted into voltage signals through a voltage divider circuit and supplied to the analog input pins of the Arduino Uno. The Arduino Uno acts as the central processing unit of the tracking system. It continuously reads analog input values from the LDR sensors and compares their intensity levels to determine the direction of maximum solar radiation. Based on the difference in sensor outputs, the microcontroller generates control signals that drive the gear motors to adjust the position of the solar panel. One motor controls movement along the horizontal axis (east–west direction), while the other motor controls movement along the vertical axis (north–south direction).

This dual-axis movement ensures accurate tracking of the sun's position throughout the day and across seasonal variations.A voltage regulator (IC 7805) is used to maintain a stable supply voltage to the Arduino board and associated components. The solar panel converts incident sunlight into electrical energy, which is stored in a rechargeable battery through a charge controller. The charge controller prevents overcharging and ensures safe energy storage. The stored energy can be utilized for powering electronic loads or supporting small-scale applications such as irrigation systems and lighting.

The tracking mechanism operates continuously during daylight hours. When sunlight intensity is unevenly distributed across the LDR sensors, the Arduino detects the imbalance and activates the corresponding gear motor to rotate the panel toward the region of maximum illumination. Once equal light intensity is detected across the sensors, the panel stops moving and remains aligned perpendicular to the sun's rays, ensuring maximum energy absorption. This process repeats automatically as the sun changes position.Experimental observations are conducted by measuring the output voltage of the solar panel at different times of the day. These measurements are used to evaluate system performance and verify the effectiveness of the tracking mechanism. The methodology ensures a low-cost, automatic, and efficient solar tracking system capable of improving photovoltaic output compared to conventional fixed solar panel installations.

4. Proposed System:

The proposed dual-axis sun tracking solar panel system is designed to improve photovoltaic (PV) energy generation by automatically aligning the solar panel with the sun's position throughout the day. The architecture of the system consists of four major

functional units: the sensing unit, control unit, actuation unit, and power management unit. These subsystems operate together to ensure continuous and accurate tracking of solar radiation for maximum energy harvesting.The sensing unit is responsible for detecting the direction and intensity of incident sunlight.

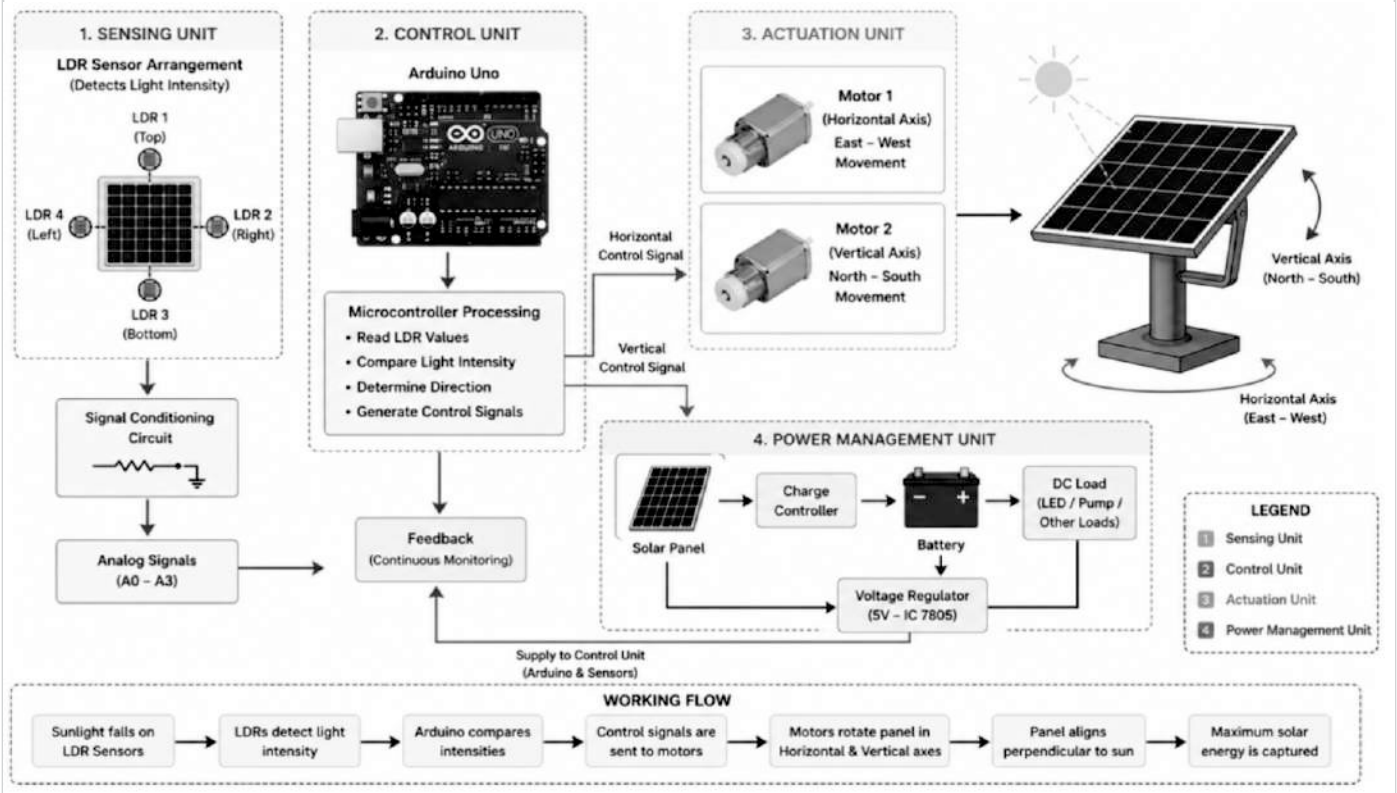


Fig. 2 : System Architecture of the Dual-Axis Sun Tracking Solar Panel System

It consists of four Light Dependent Resistors (LDRs) arranged symmetrically around the solar panel on a common platform. These sensors operate on the principle of photoconductivity, where their resistance changes according to the intensity of falling light. The variation in resistance produces corresponding voltage differences through a voltage divider circuit. These voltage signals indicate the direction of maximum solar illumination and are forwarded to the control unit for processing.The control unit is built around the Arduino Uno microcontroller based on the ATmega328P architecture. It acts as the central processing component of the system and continuously reads analog input signals from the LDR sensors. The controller compares the sensor outputs to determine whether the panel orientation needs adjustment. Based on the difference between sensor readings, the Arduino generates appropriate control signals to drive the motors in the required direction. The decision-making process ensures that the solar panel always remains perpendicular to the sun's rays, thereby maximizing energy capture.

The actuation unit consists of two DC gear motors mounted along orthogonal axes to enable movement in both horizontal (east–west) and vertical (north–south) directions. These motors receive control signals from the microcontroller and rotate the panel structure accordingly. The dual-axis movement allows accurate tracking of both solar azimuth and elevation angles, ensuring efficient operation across different times of the day and seasons of the year.The power management unit includes the photovoltaic panel, charge controller, rechargeable battery, and voltage regulator. The solar panel converts sunlight into electrical energy, which is regulated and stored safely in the battery using a charge controller. A voltage regulator provides stable power to the Arduino and associated electronic components. This integrated architecture ensures reliable operation, reduced power losses, and improved overall efficiency compared to conventional fixed solar panel systems.

5. Implementation:

The implementation of the dual-axis sun tracking solar panel system involves the integration of sensing components, control circuitry, mechanical structures, and power management units to achieve automatic solar tracking and improved photovoltaic efficiency. The system is developed using an Arduino Uno microcontroller, four Light Dependent Resistors (LDRs), two DC gear

motors, a photovoltaic panel, and supporting electronic components such as resistors, a voltage regulator, and a rechargeable battery.The mechanical structure of the system is designed to support the solar panel and allow movement along two perpendicular axes. A rigid base frame made from metal bars and a plywood platform is used to mount the tracking assembly. Two DC gear motors are fixed orthogonally to enable rotation of the solar panel in both horizontal (east–west) and vertical (north–south) directions. This arrangement allows the panel to follow the sun's position accurately throughout the day and across seasonal variations.

The sensing unit consists of four LDR sensors placed on a common platform around the solar panel. These sensors detect variations in sunlight intensity from different directions. Each LDR is connected in a voltage divider configuration with resistors to generate analog voltage signals corresponding to light intensity levels. These signals are fed into the analog input pins of the Arduino Uno microcontroller for processing.The Arduino Uno acts as the central control unit of the system. It continuously reads the analog voltage values from the LDR sensors and compares their outputs to determine the direction of maximum sunlight intensity. Based on the difference between sensor readings, the controller generates digital output signals that drive the gear motors through appropriate control logic. The motors rotate the solar panel until equal illumination is detected across the sensors, ensuring that the panel remains aligned perpendicular to the sun's rays.

A voltage regulator (IC 7805) is used to provide a stable 5V supply to the Arduino board and other electronic components. The photovoltaic panel converts solar energy into electrical energy, which is stored in a rechargeable battery through a charge controller to prevent overcharging and ensure safe operation. The stored energy can be utilized to power external loads such as lighting systems or small irrigation setups.The implemented system operates automatically during daylight hours, requiring minimal human intervention. The integration of sensor-based feedback control with dual-axis motorized movement significantly enhances the efficiency and reliability of the solar tracking mechanism compared to conventional fixed solar panel installations.

6. Result:

The performance of the proposed dual-axis sun tracking solar panel system was evaluated by measuring the output voltage of the photovoltaic panel at different times of the day. The experimental observations demonstrate that the tracking system successfully aligned the solar panel perpendicular to the direction of maximum sunlight intensity, resulting in improved electrical output compared to conventional fixed solar panel systems. The measured voltage values increased gradually from morning hours, reached peak levels around midday, and then decreased toward evening, reflecting the variation in solar radiation intensity throughout the day.

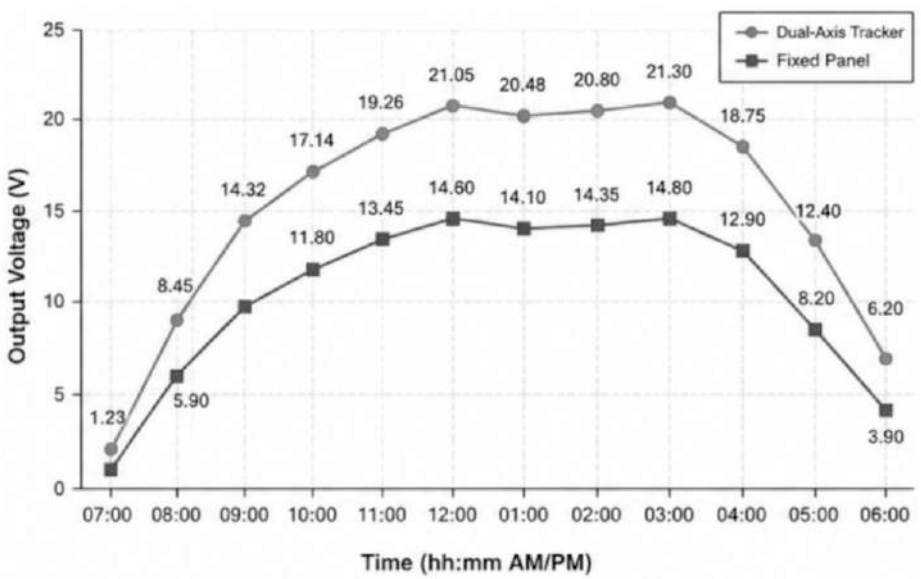


Fig. 3 : Output Voltage vs Time

During the early morning at 7:00 AM, the output voltage recorded was approximately 1.23 V due to low solar intensity. As the sun rose higher in the sky, the voltage increased steadily, reaching 17.14 V at 10:00 AM and approximately 21.05 V at 12:00 PM. The maximum output voltage of about 21.30 V was observed at around 3:00 PM, indicating effective solar alignment achieved by the tracking mechanism. After this period, the voltage gradually decreased as sunlight intensity reduced toward sunset, dropping to 6.2 V at 6:00 PM and 0.12 V at 7:00 PM.

The results confirm that the dual-axis tracking system maintained optimal panel orientation throughout the day by continuously adjusting its position according to the incident light intensity detected by the LDR sensors. This dynamic alignment significantly enhanced energy capture compared to stationary systems that remain fixed at a single tilt angle. Additionally, the system demonstrated stable operation under varying illumination conditions, including partial cloud cover. The experimental analysis verifies that the implemented dual-axis solar tracking mechanism improves photovoltaic performance by maximizing exposure to solar radiation. The system provides an efficient, reliable, and cost-effective solution for increasing solar energy utilization in small-scale renewable energy applications such as battery charging and irrigation support systems.

7. Conclusion:

The dual-axis sun tracking solar panel system presented in this work demonstrates an effective approach to improving the efficiency of photovoltaic energy generation by continuously aligning the solar panel perpendicular to the sun's rays. Unlike conventional fixed solar panel systems, the proposed tracking mechanism adjusts the panel orientation along both horizontal and vertical axes, ensuring maximum exposure to solar radiation throughout the day. The integration of Light Dependent Resistors (LDRs), an Arduino Uno microcontroller, and DC gear motors enables automatic and accurate tracking with minimal human intervention.Experimental results obtained from the prototype model confirm that the system successfully increases the output voltage of the solar panel by maintaining optimal alignment with the sun's position. The sensor-based control mechanism responds efficiently to variations in light intensity and ensures smooth operation under different environmental conditions. Additionally, the system is cost-effective, simple in design, and suitable for small-scale applications such as battery charging, irrigation support, and rural electrification. The implementation of a dual-axis solar tracking system enhances solar energy utilization and contributes to the development of sustainable and efficient renewable energy solutions. With further improvements in mechanical design and control algorithms, the system can be extended for large-scale solar power generation applications.

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High Efficiency Particulate Air Purifier

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Abtract:

Air pollution is an escalating global health crisis, with the World Health Organization (WHO) reporting that 99% of the population breathes air exceeding safe pollutant limits . Indoor air quality is of particular concern, as enclosed environments can trap pollutants at concentrations 2 to 5 times higher than outdoor levels . This paper details the theoretical design, functional architecture, and mathematical modeling of a solar-powered High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) purifier. The system employs a True HEPA filter to mechanically remove 99.97% of airborne particles down to 0.3 micrometers , eliminating the need for ozone-producing ionization. To ensure grid-independent and sustainable operation, the purifier is powered by a 10W to 20W photovoltaic panel , supported by a 3-series (3S) lithium-ion battery pack and managed by a 40A Battery Management System (BMS) . Voltage regulation is achieved via an XL6009/MT3608 boost converter . The resulting prototype provides a sustainable, cost-effective intervention for mitigating indoor particulate matter in off-grid or low-resource settings.

Key Wards :

HEPA Filtration, Indoor Air Quality (IAQ), Photovoltaic Harvesting, Boost Converter, Lithium-Ion BMS, Fluid Dynamics, Particulate Matter (PM2.5).

1. Introduction:

The deterioration of air quality poses severe environmental and physiological risks, particularly in India, which hosts 39 of the 50 most polluted cities worldwide according to the latest IQAir global report. Prolonged exposure to fine particulate matter, such as PM2.5 and PM10, is directly linked to cardiovascular disorders, chronic respiratory diseases, and diminished lung capacity. While outdoor pollution is heavily monitored, indoor spaces often harbor hazardous micro-environments due to poor ventilation, solid cooking fuels, and infiltrating construction dust .

Conventional air purification systems are highly effective but are constrained by their reliance on continuous grid electricity and high operational costs. This represents a significant barrier in rural and semi-urban Indian regions where power infrastructure is unreliable. This research aims to engineer an autonomous, solar-powered HEPA purifier that leverages India's abundant solar irradiance (averaging 4 to 7 kWh/m²/day) to provide continuous, zero-emission indoor air purification.

2. Literature review:

The development of indoor air purification systems lies at the intersection of environmental health, fluid dynamics, and power electronics. Extensive research has been conducted on individual components of this ecosystem, establishing a strong foundation for integrated, renewable-powered solutions.

A) **Health Impacts and Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Standards:** The fundamental necessity of air purification is well-documented by global health authorities. The World Health Organization (WHO) explicitly outlines the severe physiological damage caused by PM2.5 and PM10 exposure, recommending strict limits on airborne pollutant concentrations . This is further contextualized for indoor environments by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which identifies indoor air as consistently more polluted than outdoor air, necessitating mechanical intervention in poorly ventilated spaces. In the Indian context, the severity of ambient PM2.5 pollution has prompted the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) to establish stringent Air Quality and Ventilation Guidelines within the Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) , mandating improved IAQ management in modern infrastructure.

B) **Evolution of Air Filtration Technologies:** To meet these health standards, various filtration methodologies have been evaluated. The EPA warns against electronic and ionizing air cleaners due to their tendency to produce ozone, a harmful respiratory irritant. Consequently, mechanical filtration remains the gold standard. The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 52.2 provides the framework for testing the removal efficiency of general

ventilation devices . For high-risk environments, the European Standard EN 1822-1 strictly classifies True HEPA filters as those capable of capturing at least 99.97% of particles at the Most Penetrating Particle Size (MPPS) of 0.3 μm . This project relies exclusively on this proven, ozone-free mechanical filtration standard.

C) **Renewable Energy Integration and Power Electronics:** While HEPA technology is mature, its dependency on grid power limits accessibility. The integration of decentralized solar photovoltaics presents a viable solution, governed by technical standards such as those established by India's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE). However, solar panels produce variable direct current (DC) based on irradiance. To interface this with stable loads, robust power electronics are required. The theoretical foundation for switched-mode power supplies (SMPS), specifically boost converters capable of maintaining steady output voltages despite fluctuating inputs, is comprehensively detailed by Rashid . Implementing ICs like the XL6009 allows for high-frequency (400 kHz) voltage step-up with high efficiency .

D) **Energy Storage and Safety:** For continuous operation beyond daylight hours, reliable energy storage is critical. Lithium-ion technology, specifically the 18650 cylindrical cell format , offers superior energy density. However, these cells require strict monitoring to prevent thermal runaway, as mandated by the IEEE Standard 1625 for rechargeable multi-cell batteries . Battery Management Systems (BMS), utilizing dedicated protection ICs like the bq29330, are strictly required to enforce voltage cut-offs and cell balancing.

E) **Identification of the Research Gap :** The literature clearly supports the efficacy of HEPA filtration and the viability of solar power combined with lithium-ion storage. However, a notable gap exists in the practical integration of these technologies into a unified, low-cost, low-voltage DC system optimized for rural or off-grid residential use in developing nations. Most commercial units rely on AC mains power, and existing solar solutions are often prohibitively expensive. This research bridges that gap by demonstrating a highly efficient, grid-independent prototype utilizing accessible DC-DC power conversion and robust battery management.

3. Theoretical Framework And Operating Principles :

The proposed system functions through the integration of four distinct engineering domains: photovoltaic energy conversion, switched-mode power electronics, electrochemical energy storage, and mechanical fluid filtration.

A) Physics of HEPA Filtration and Fluid Dynamics:

Unlike electronic air cleaners, HEPA filters utilize a purely mechanical, chemical-free process to clean the air, ensuring no harmful byproducts like ozone are generated [4]. The core filter consists of a pleated mat of borosilicate glass fibers. As the 12V Brushless DC (BLDC) fan creates a pressure differential across the filter, contaminated air is forced through the medium, where particles are trapped via three distinct physical mechanisms:

- **Inertial Impaction:** Particles larger than 1 micrometer possess high inertia and cannot follow the airflow streamlines as they curve around the filter fibers, causing direct collision and entrapment.
- **Interception:** Medium-sized particles (0.3 to 1 micrometer) following the airflow come within one particle radius of a fiber and adhere to its surface.
- **Diffusion (Brownian Motion):** Ultrafine particles smaller than 0.1 micrometers undergo erratic, random movements due to molecular collisions with air molecules. This random walk drastically increases the probability of colliding with and adhering to the filter fibers.

The standard metric for filter efficiency is based on the Most Penetrating Particle Size (MPPS), which is 0.3 micrometers. The True HEPA standard guarantees a 99.97% capture rate at this critical size [5].

B) Photovoltaic Energy Harvesting:

The primary energy source relies on the photovoltaic effect. Solar photons possessing energy greater than the silicon bandgap (approximately 1.1 eV) are absorbed by the solar cell's p-n junction. This absorption excites electrons from the valence band into the conduction band, generating free electron-hole pairs. The built-in electric field of the junction separates these carriers, producing an open-circuit voltage (Vov) of approximately 0.6V per cell. For a standard 36-cell panel, this results in a Voc of roughly 21.6V, which settles to a maximum power point voltage (Vmp) of about 17V under load .

C) Switched-Mode Power Supply (SMPS) Dynamics:

Because the solar panel's output fluctuates with irradiance and temperature, an XL6009/MT3608 boost converter is employed to step up the variable input voltage to a highly stable 13.2V–13.4V required for battery charging . The boost converter operates on the principle of inductor energy storage at a switching frequency of 400 kHz .

- **ON Phase:** During the MOSFET switch's ON state (duration defined by duty cycle D), input voltage is applied across the inductor, causing the current to ramp up linearly at a rate of dL/dt = Vin/L.
- **OFF Phase:** When the switch opens, the collapsing magnetic field forces current through the diode, charging the output capacitor to a voltage higher than the input.

The steady-state output voltage is governed by the equation :

$$Vout = Vin / 1 - D$$

D) Electrochemical Kinetics of Lithium-Ion Storage :

To enable continuous operation during nighttime or heavy cloud cover, energy is stored in a 3S lithium-ion battery pack . These cells store energy via reversible electrochemical reactions. During the charging phase, lithium ions (Li^+) are extracted from the cathode material and intercalated into the graphite anode, while electrons flow through the external charging circuit . During discharge, the process reverses to supply power to the BLDC fan.

4. Hardware Architecture And System Integration:

The complete system is housed within an airtight enclosure made of 3mm to 5mm high-grade MDF or reinforced corrugated cardboard to prevent unpurified air from bypassing the filter.

A) Protection and Regulation Circuitry: The solar input passes through a 1N4007 silicon rectifier diode, which prevents reverse current flow that could damage the solar cells during low-light conditions. A 1A fast-blow glass fuse provides vital overcurrent protection, breaking the circuit in less than 0.5 seconds if current exceeds 200% of its rated capacity.

B) Battery Management System (BMS): A 3S 40A BMS actively monitors the individual voltages of the three 18650-format cylindrical cells. It prevents thermal runaway by enforcing strict operational boundaries:

- Overcharge cut-off at 4.25V ± 0.05V per cell.
- Over-discharge cut-off at 2.5V ± 0.1V per cell.
- Passive cell balancing to equalize charge distribution.

C) Electromechanical Load: The 12V BLDC fan draws contaminated air into the system. Drawing between 400 to 600 mA, it delivers a Clean Air Delivery Rate (CADR) of 40-80 CFM, sufficient to provide up to 5 air changes per hour in a standard 33.6 cubic meter room .

5. Power Analysis And Energy Calculations:

To ensure reliability, the system's power budget was mathematically modeled based on power electronics principles .

A) Load Power Consumption:

The total steady-state power draw is the sum of the system components:

- BLDC Fan: 12V * 500 mA = 6,000 mW
- Battery Level Indicator: 12V * 28 mA = 336 mW
- BMS Quiescent Drain: 12V * 10 mA = 120 mW
- Boost Converter Idle: 15 mA equivalent = ~180 mW
- Wiring Resistance Loss: ~80 mW
- Total Operating Load: ≈ 6,716 mW (6.716 W)

B) Storage Capacity and Runtime:

Utilizing three 2600 mAh cells in a 3S configuration yields a nominal pack voltage of 11.1V .

- Theoretical Pack Energy: 11.1V *2.6Ah = 28.86 Wh
- Usable Energy (restricted to 80% Depth of Discharge for battery health): 28.86 Wh $\times$ 0.80 = 23.09 Wh
- Estimated Runtime (accounting for 95% BMS efficiency): 23.09 Wh / 6.716 W ≈ 3.27 hours

C) Solar Sizing for Autonomous Operation:

To support 8 hours of daytime use and fully recharge the battery for night operation:

- Daytime Energy Demand: 6.716 W * 8 h = 53.73 Wh
- Nighttime Recharge Demand (at 90% charging efficiency): 28.86 Wh / 0.90 = 32.07 Wh
- Total Daily Requirement: 53.73 Wh + 32.07 Wh = 85.80 Wh

Given an average of 5 peak sun hours per day in India, the necessary panel rating is 85.80 Wh / 5 h = 17.16 W. Therefore, a 20W solar panel provides an adequate 20% safety margin.

6. Results , Limitations , And Future Scope

The prototype successfully achieves its objective of grid-independent air purification, delivering a 99.97% reduction in particulate matter at a fraction of the cost of commercial alternatives.. The system operates with zero emissions and features robust thermal and electrical protections via the 40A BMS.

However, the system is constrained by environmental factors. Extended monsoon seasons or heavy cloud cover drastically reduce solar yield, restricting the unit to its 3.3-hour battery reserve. Furthermore, the single 12V fan limits the effective purification area to 15-20 square meters, necessitating multiple units for larger spaces.

Future iterations of this system will aim to integrate Internet of Things (IoT) capabilities, such as an ESP32 microcontroller paired with a PM2.5/PM10 sensor, allowing for real-time Air Quality Index (AQI) monitoring and automated fan speed adjustment. Additionally, upgrading the power electronics to include algorithmic Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) could increase solar harvesting efficiency by 15-30% .

7. Conclusion:

The engineering and deployment of a solar-powered HEPA purifier demonstrate a highly effective intervention against indoor air pollution. By synthesizing mechanical filtration with renewable energy harvesting and rigorous battery management, the system provides a sustainable alternative to conventional, grid-reliant purifiers. This design not only protects vulnerable populations from the physiological damages of PM2.5 but also proves that advanced clean air technology can be made economically accessible for rural and off-grid applications.

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Design and Experimental Validation of an IoT Based Solar Assisted Wireless EV Charging Smart Road Prototype

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Abtract:

The increasing use of electric vehicles (EVs) has created a growing demand for charging systems that are efficient, reliable, and environmentally sustainable. However, there are several problems encountered in the traditional wired charging system, including long charging time, lack of flexibility, and dependence on charging stations that lower down the effectiveness of EVs. In order to overcome the aforementioned problems, this research proposes the use of a solar power assisted IoT based wireless charging system, which is meant for smart road applications. The proposed technique involves the use of wireless power transmission through inductive coupling and the use of solar power along with the IoT system to create a more intelligent charging system. For validation of the proposed method, MATLAB and Proteus simulations were carried out, followed by hardware testing. The experimental results demonstrated stable wireless power transfer under different coil alignment conditions. The study also demonstrates the practical implementation of renewable energy supported wireless EV charging. By reducing dependency on conventional charging methods and improving charging convenience, the system can support future smart road charging infrastructure.

Key Wards :

Electric Vehicles, Wireless Power Transfer (WPT), Smart Roads, Internet of Things, Solar Energy, Dynamic Charging, Wireless Inductive Coupling.

1. Introduction:

The increasing use of EVs has led to the need for advanced technologies that provide cleaner and more efficient methods for EV charging [1],[3]. Even though EVs result in the reduction of pollution and fossil fuels usage, currently used charging infrastructure faces issues, namely fixed charging stations, dependence on cables, and lengthy charging time [2],[3] that may become obstacles while traveling. However, WPT provides a solution through non-contact energy transmission by using the electromagnetic induction effect between transmitting and receiving coils [1], [5], [10]. It allows users to charge their EV without connecting devices. Furthermore, the combination of solar energy with WPT technology can help to increase the sustainability of the process because of the decrease in dependence on regular sources of power [6], [11], [13]. The IoT is the next component that helps monitor the charging process and manage parameters like voltage and current, as well as charging itself, in real time. In addition, IoT based monitoring can be used for fault detection and energy optimization due to data collecting [12].

This paper presents the research about IoT based WPT and solar assisted system for EVs charging on smart roads. In order to integrate wireless power transfer, solar energy usage, and intelligent monitoring in a single framework, the system was designed. The system performance was analyzed using MATLAB and Proteus simulations before implementing the hardware [5], [11], [12].

The main contributions of the work done in the research are discussed below.

1. Development of a solar based wireless charging technology for use with smart road electric vehicles, using IoT technologies for real time measuring and analysis of charging parameters [11], [13].
2. Development of a hardware prototype that would help in validating the process of wireless power transfer with system performance analysis under various operating conditions, such as misalignment and distance [12].
3. Development of an inexpensive prototype that can be used in testing and researching electric vehicles (EVs) [7], [9].

The proposed system has demonstrated the potential of utilizing wireless charging along with renewable energy support in the smart EV system. The block diagram of the IoT enabled solar wireless EV charging system has been shown in Figure 1.

Proposed System Methodology:

Progress made in WPT in recent times shows that WPT has a lot of potential when applied to EV charging [1], [5], [10]. The static form of WPT improves convenience, while dynamic WPT allows power to be transferred while the vehicle is in motion, hence decreasing the need for a big battery size [7]-[9]. Researchers have improved charging efficiency using inductive coupling and better

coil designs. Solar-based charging and IoT technology based monitoring are some of the latest technologies being used in order to harness solar energy [5], [8]. However, only limited work has combined solar support, IoT monitoring, and dynamic wireless charging into one low cost prototype. This work aims to develop an integrated smart road EV charging system with renewable energy support and real time monitoring [7],[9],[12].[13].

Proposed System Architecture:

The proposed system combines solar energy, wireless power transfer, and IoT monitoring to develop a smart EV charging solution for smart road applications.

A) **Solar Energy Harvesting Unit:** The solar energy harvesting unit serves as the main power source of the system. Solar panels convert sunlight into electrical energy, which is stored in a rechargeable battery for continuous operation during low sunlight conditions. The stored power is then supplied to the wireless charging unit through the inverter circuit, improving the sustainability of the charging system [11]-[13].

B) **Wireless Power Transfer Module:** Wireless charging is achieved using inductive coupling between the transmitter coil beneath the road surface and the receiver coil mounted on the EV as shown in figure 2. High frequency AC provided to the primary coil results in a magnetic field which is responsible for the wireless charging of the EV battery [1], [5], [6]. Such approach eliminates the necessity for the use of mechanical connectors and makes the process of charging much more convenient. Additionally, the system was tested in various coil alignment states [8], [9].

C) **IoT Monitoring Layer:** IoT based monitoring system has been employed to ensure real time monitoring of various charging parameters such as voltage, current, temperature, and charging state. All the data obtained are analyzed using a microcontroller and then sent to a cloud platform for monitoring, fault diagnosis, and energy management [12].

D) **Dynamic Charging Road Technology:** The proposed technology ensures that dynamic wireless charging is possible in the smart road scenario [7]-[9]. Various transmitter coils are installed underground and only powered on whenever a vehicle passes above them. This will ensure less power wastage and improved charging efficiency [4]. A 3D design of the proposed technology of wireless charging in smart roads is illustrated in Figure 3.

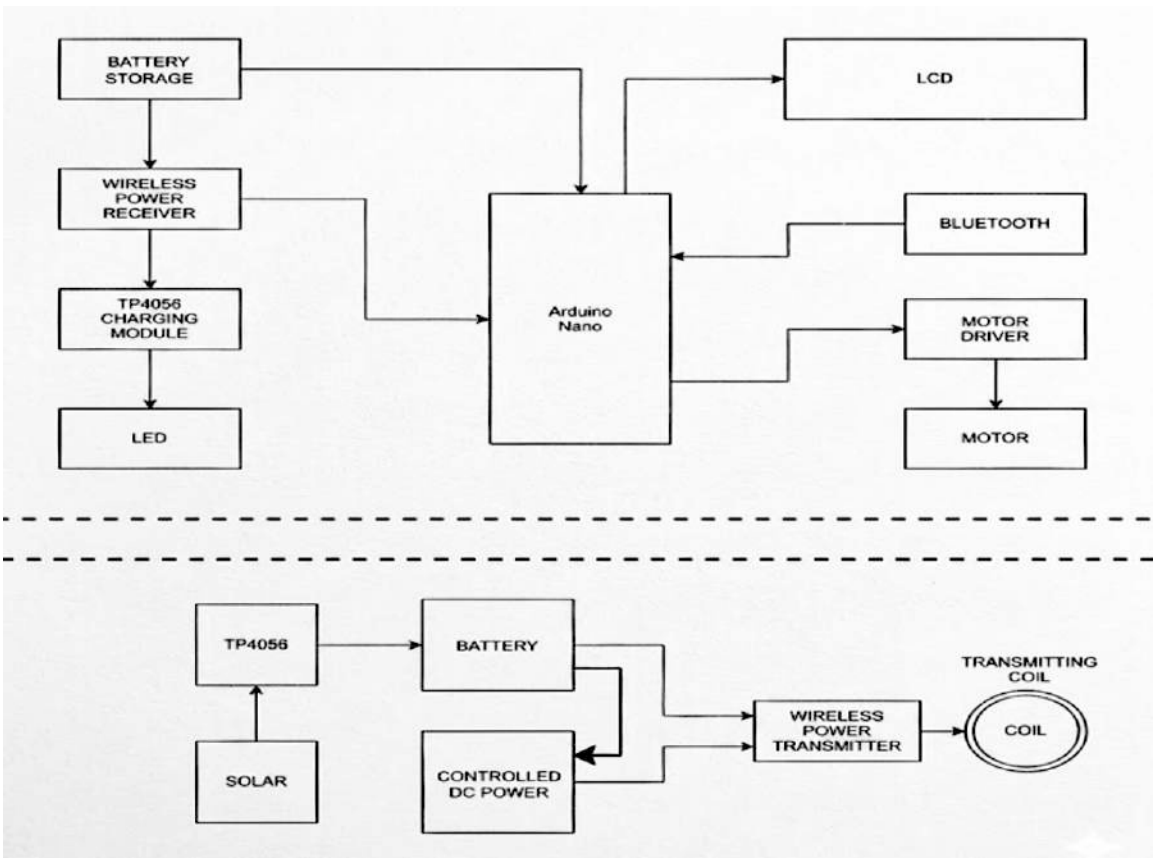


Fig. 1 : Overall block diagram of the proposed IoT enabled solar wireless EV charging system

Mathematical Model:

The proposed IoT enabled solar assisted WPT system is mathematically modelled using inductive coupling to analyse resonance and power transfer between the transmitter and receiver coils

Electromagnetic Induction Model: Wireless power transfer works on Faraday's law, where alternating current in the transmitter coil creates a changing magnetic field that induces voltage in the receiver coil [1], [6].

The induced EMF is expressed as:

$$EMF = -N\frac{d\phi}{dt} \qquad (1)$$

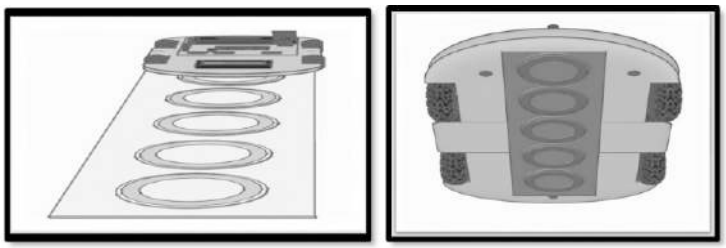


Fig. 2 : Transmitter and Receiver Coil Arrangement

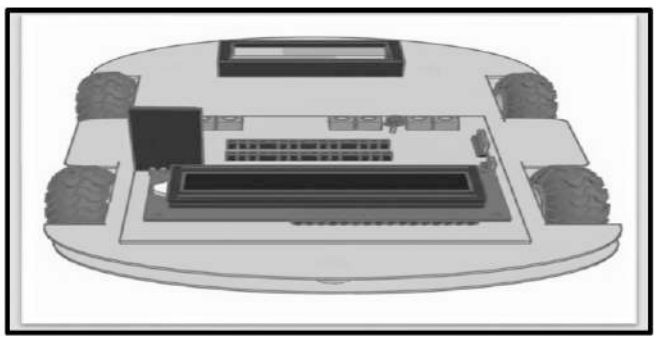


Fig. 3 : 3D model of the proposed smart road wireless charging concept

Where: N represents the number of turns in the receiver coil; Φ denotes the magnetic flux linkage [6].
Induced voltage relies on the change in magnetic flux and coupling effect of the coils. In this new concept of smart road, issues such as air gap, coil design, operation frequency, and alignment of the vehicle play significant roles.

Mutual Inductance and Coupling Coefficient: The coupling between the transmitter and receiver coils is represented through mutual inductance [5], [8]:

$$M = k * \sqrt{L_1 L_2} \qquad (2)$$

Where: M is the mutual inductance is the magnetic coupling coefficient, L1 is the self-inductance of the transmitter and L2 is the self-inductance of the receiver.

The coupling coefficient (k) ranges from 0 to 1 and is affected by coil alignment and air gap variation. In practical road charging systems, vehicle movement changes the coupling, which impacts induced voltage and power transfer efficiency.

Resonant Frequency Analysis :

To improve power transfer efficiency, both coils are tuned to the same resonant frequency [5], [8]. Reducing power loss and improving magnetic coupling. The resonant frequency is given by:

$$f_o = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{Lc}}$$

Where: f0 represents the resonant frequency, L is the coil inductance, C is the compensation capacitance.

When there is a condition of resonance, there occurs cancellation between inductive and capacitive reactance, which facilitates optimum power transfer [1], [10]. In the proposed system, tuning improves transfer stability under moderate coil separation and enables practical wireless charging for smart road EV applications.

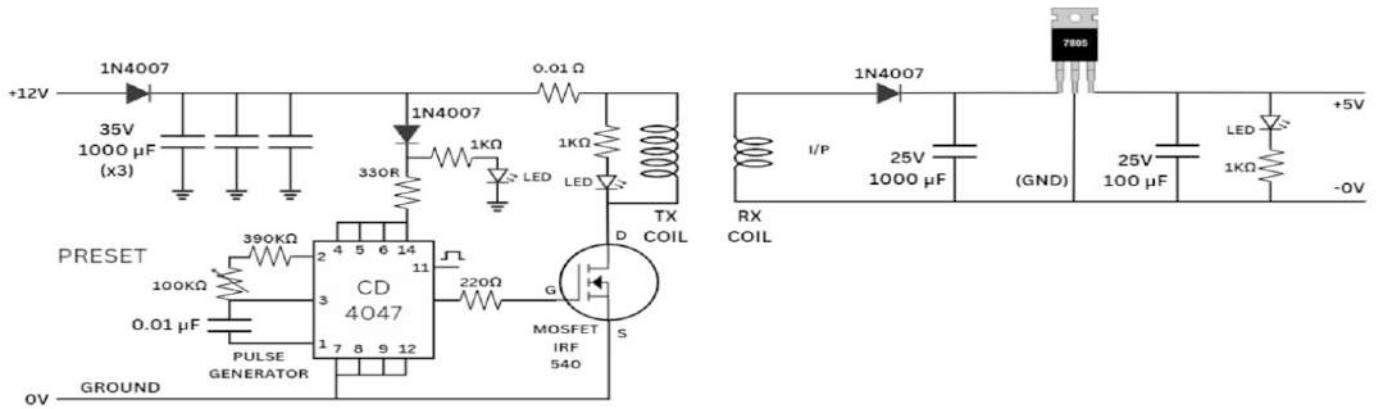


Fig. 4 : Configuration of wireless power transfer transmitter and receiver circuits

Wireless power transfer transmitter and receiver circuit configuration is shown in figure 4.

Quality Factor and Power Transfer Efficiency:

The quality factor of the resonant coils determines the energy storage capability of the system and is expressed as:

$$Q = \frac{\omega L}{R}$$

Higher quality factors improve energy transfer efficiency by reducing resistive losses within the resonant circuit.

The theoretical power transfer efficiency of the coupled resonant system is expressed as:

$$\eta = \frac{k^2 Q_1 Q_2}{1 + k^2 Q_1 Q_2}$$

Where: ϖ is the transfer efficiency, Q1 and Q2 are the quality factors of the transmitter and receiver coils.

The equation demonstrates that system efficiency improves with: stronger magnetic coupling, lower coil resistance, higher resonant quality factors. However, excessive increases in (Q) may increase sensitivity to coil detuning and misalignment.

Misalignment Analysis:

In dynamic wireless charging systems, vehicle movement introduces lateral and longitudinal coil misalignment, reducing mutual inductance and transfer efficiency [7]. The induced voltage under lateral displacement can be approximated as:

$$V_{ind}(x) = j\omega M(x) I$$

Where: M(x) is the mutual inductance as a function of position.

In order to overcome the misalignment effects, this architecture uses segmented transmitter coils with selected activation [5], [9]. The idea behind such an arrangement is to minimize wastage of power and to retain the magnetic coupling within the activated areas.

The developed mathematical framework provides the analytical basis for evaluating system performance and validating the proposed IoT enabled solar assisted smart road charging architecture.

Experimental Setup:

An experimental scale prototype was developed to test the performance of the proposed IoT enabled solar assisted wireless power transfer smart road charging system. The setup included a WPT module, solar supply, battery unit, sensors, and IoT monitoring. The experimental block diagram of the wireless battery monitoring and charging system is shown in figure 5.

Prototype Configuration: The proposed system consists of two major sections:

1. The transmitter section includes: DC power supply, inverter circuit, transmitter coil, relay switching circuitry, IoT monitoring components.

2. The receiver section includes: receiver coil, rectifier circuit, filtering stage, rechargeable battery load.
Figure 6 shows the IoT based monitoring and control circuit used to monitor the charging parameters in realtime.

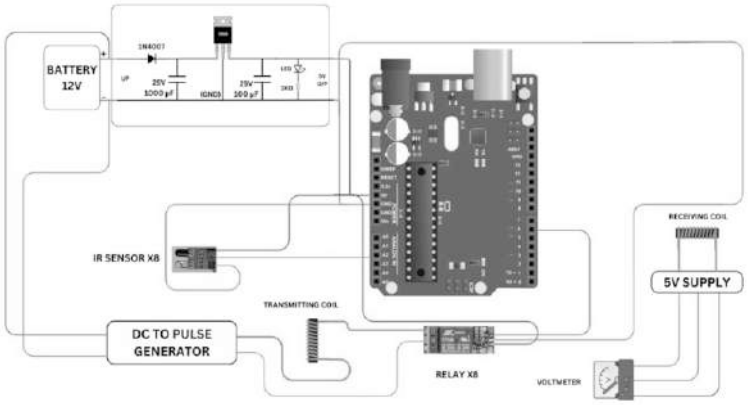


Fig. 5 : Experimental block diagram of the wireless battery monitoring and charging System

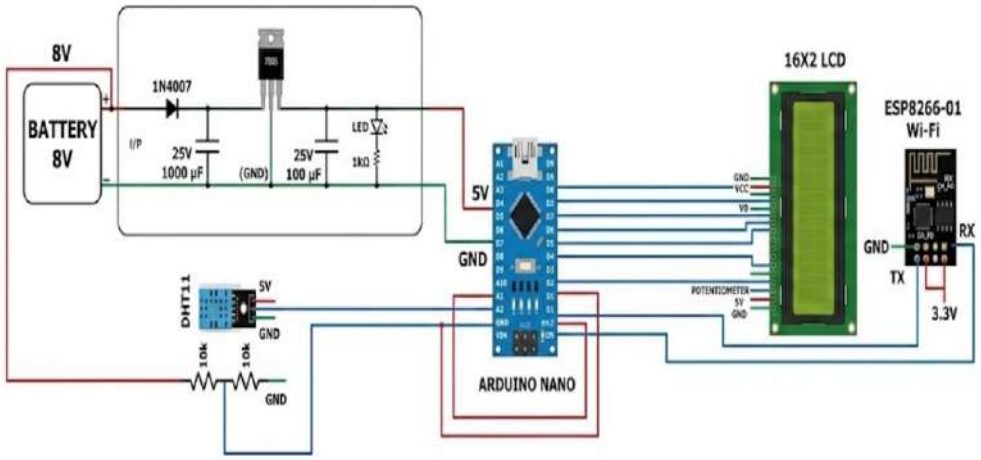


Fig. 6 : IoT based monitoring and control circuit used for real time charging parameter observation

Result & Discussion:

This section explains the results from the simulation and experimentation of the suggested IoT enabled, solar powered wireless power transfer smart road charging system.

a) Simulation Results of MATLAB:

MATLAB Simulink was used to analyze the wireless power transfer performance, inverter stability, performance of magnetic coupling, and battery charging.

The simulation model consists of the inverter circuit, transmitter and receiver coils, rectifying circuits, and scope measurements for voltage and current. The Simulink model of the proposed wireless charging system is shown in Figure 7. The waveforms produced reveal the stability of the inverter and the production of alternating current required for inductive wireless power transfer. The source voltage and current waveforms are given in Figure 8 while Figure 9 shows the waveforms of the transmitter and receiver coils. This synchronization is an indication that there is an efficient magnetic coupling of the coils with minimal energy losses. This is clearly demonstrated in the simulations. The DC output obtained from the waveform is evidence of energy transfer efficiency when it comes to battery charging. This battery charging performance is illustrated in Figure 10 below.

b) Proteus Simulation Outcome:

Proteus simulation software was used in order to confirm the feasibility of hardware circuit design and wireless charging before making the prototype. Figure 11 is the Proteus simulation diagram of the wireless charging circuit. It involves the transmitter and receiver sections, relay switch, inductive coils, and sensing elements needed for wireless charging. Figure 12 represents the Proteus

simulation of wireless power output operation. The simulation proves successful conversion of DC power from the solar panel to AC power and wireless transfer of energy via inductive coupling.

c) Hardware Prototype Validation:

A laboratory scale hardware prototype was developed to experimentally validate the proposed smart road wireless charging architecture.

Experimental hardware prototype of the proposed wireless EV charging system is shown in figure 13.

The prototype integrates transmitter and receiver coils, relay based switching circuitry, IoT monitoring modules, and battery charging components. Experimental testing demonstrated successful wireless power transfer under controlled operating conditions. The hardware results showed stable voltage transfer between the transmitter and receiver stages with effective inductive coupling across the designed air gap.

d) IoT Monitoring Results:

The dashboard successfully monitored real time charging and environmental parameters during wireless power transfer operation.

The results of IoT monitoring in terms of voltage; humidity, temperature, and battery parameters through ThingSpeak are provided in Figure 14a, Figure 14b, Figure 14c, and Figure 14d respectively. It is evident from the results that sensors have been incorporated successfully into the suggested architecture of smart road charging system.

e) Performance Analysis:

The measured experimental parameters of the proposed wireless charging prototype are summarized in table 1.

The decrease in the voltage measurement could be primarily due to losses in the form of losses in the rectifier diodes, losses in the form of dropout in the voltage regulator, losses in the form of resistance of the coil, among others. In spite of such losses, the experimental outcomes show stable wireless energy transfer and the viability of the proposed architecture.

Table 1 : Experimental system parameters of the proposed wireless charging prototype

Parameter	Measured Value
Solar Panel Rating	12 V, 4.5 W
Solar Panel Current	0.375 A
Battery Bank	12 V
Number of Transmitter Coils	08
Turns per Transmitter Coil	45 turns
Transmitter Wire Diameter	0.3 mm
Air Gap Between Coils	~1 cm
Receiver Coil Turns	125 turns
Receiver Output Voltage	4.94 V
Receiver Output Current	0.021 A
Induced Receiver Voltage	6.38 V
Calculated Input Power	0.864 W
Calculated Output Power	0.10374 W
Overall System Efficiency	12%

Experimental hardware prototype of the proposed wireless EV charging system is shown in figure 13.

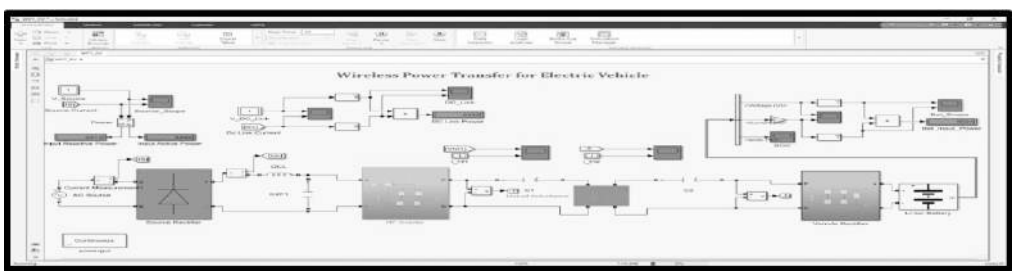


Fig. 7 : MATLAB Simulink model of the proposed wireless charging system

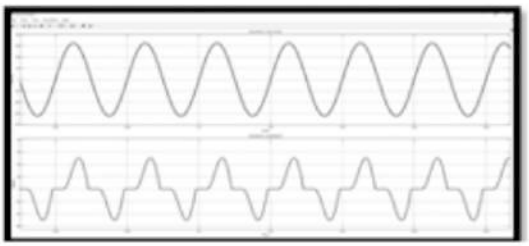


Fig. 8 : Simulated source voltage and current waveforms

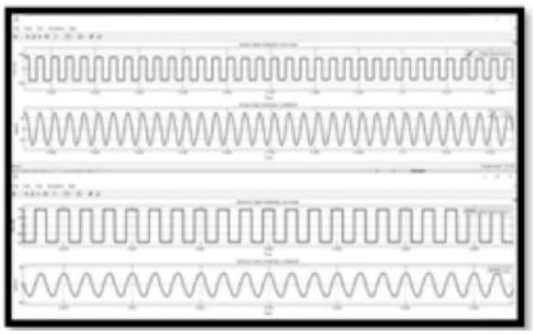


Fig. 9 : Simulated transmitter and receiver coil waveforms

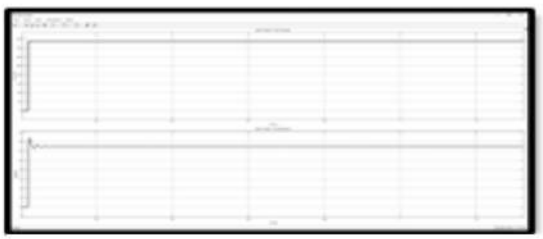


Fig. 10 : Simulated battery charging characteristics

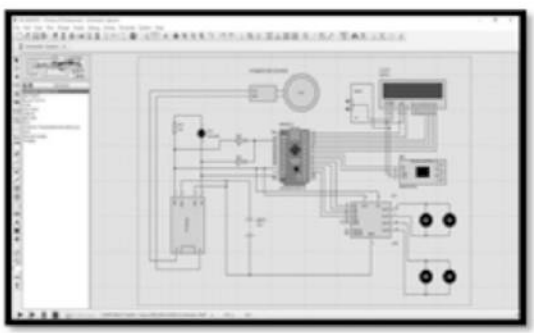


Fig. 11 : Proteus simulation schematic of the wireless charging circuit.

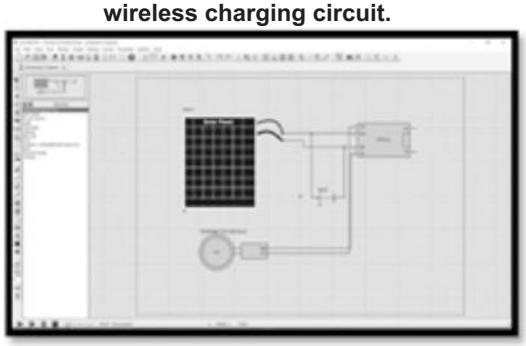


Fig. 12 : Proteus simulation demonstrating wireless output power transfer operation



Fig. 13 : Experimental hardware prototype of the proposed wireless EV charging system

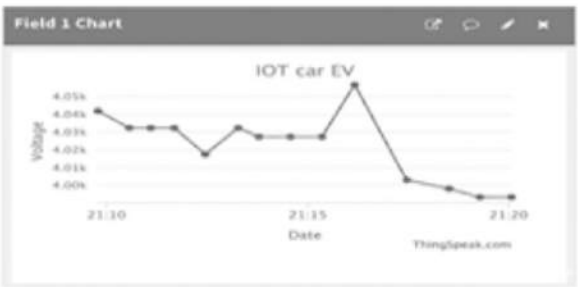


Fig. 14a : ThingSpeak based IoT monitoring results for voltage

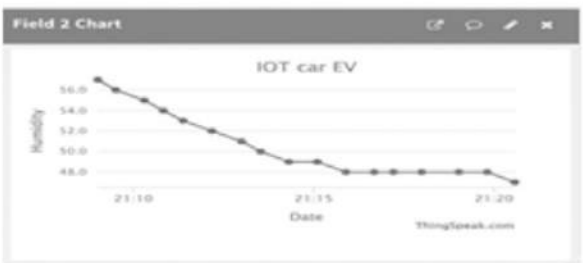


Fig. 14b : ThingSpeak based IoT monitoring results for humidity

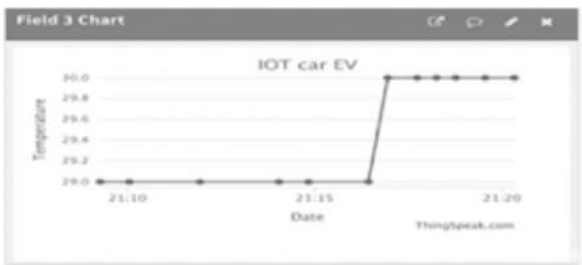


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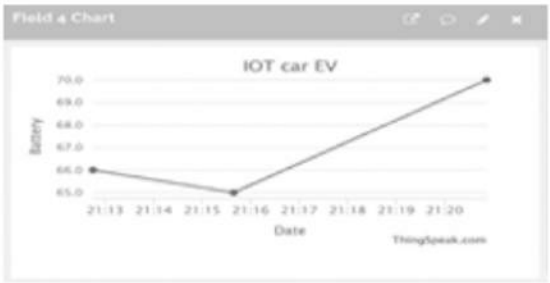


Fig. 14d : ThingSpeak based IoT monitoring results for battery parameters

Conclusion:

In this paper, a design along with the experimental validation of an IoT based solar assisted wireless power transfer system for smart road EV charging has been performed. In the designed system, the combination of renewable solar energy source, inductive wireless charging, segmented coils along with the selection of active coils using IR sensors have been considered for implementing a smart wireless charging system. MATLAB Simulink and Proteus have been used for performing the analysis and simulation of system performance before the actual design process. For verifying the performance of the system, a lab scale system has been built which could successfully perform wireless energy transfer, selective activation of coils with IR sensor relay activation and real time monitoring of charging parameters via the ESP8266 and ThingSpeak platform. From the experiments, it could be seen that the wireless power transfer system successfully performs voltage generation on the receiver side with the effective DC charging in the designed air gap separation. Though the efficiency of the system may be low due to magnetic coupling loss, switching losses, rectification loss and prototype scaling issues, the results confirm the feasibility of the proposed concept. The integration of IoT based monitoring system would help in gaining visibility and reliability of the entire system and solar energy would add sustainability to it. Therefore, the developed system has shown the feasibility of using wireless power transfer, renewable energy, and monitoring technologies in smart transportation systems.

As for future work, efforts should be made to improve the efficiency of wireless power transfer through the use of efficient coils, resonance tuning, and compensation techniques, along with the MPPT based solar energy management system and intelligent energy management techniques. Moreover, the development of dynamic charging along with smart grid integration may help improve the applicability of future generation EV charging systems.

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Abtract:

Accurate demand forecasting plays an important role in improving operational planning across engineering systems. Although recent advances in machine learning have significantly enhanced forecasting accuracy, the practical use of predictive information for operational planning and resource prioritization remains limited. This study presents a Predictive Operational Planning Framework (POPF) that integrates machine learning-based demand forecasting with structured operational decision support. The framework is demonstrated using a publicly available Indian electricity demand dataset covering multiple states and union territories from January 2020 to March 2025. Gradient Boosting Regression (GBR) is employed to predict future electricity demand after appropriate data preprocessing and exploratory analysis. Forecasting performance is evaluated using standard statistical measures, including Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE), and the coefficient of determination (R^2). The predicted demand is subsequently transformed into operational planning recommendations through a structured prioritization process, enabling more informed resource allocation under varying demand conditions. Rather than treating forecasting as the final outcome, the proposed framework demonstrates how predictive analytics can directly support engineering decision making. The study further illustrates the adaptability of the framework by applying a methodology originally developed for predictive supply chain applications to the Indian power sector, thereby extending its applicability across engineering domains.

Key Wards :

Electricity Demand Forecasting; Gradient Boosting Regression; Predictive Operational Planning Framework; Machine Learning; Operational Resource Prioritization; Engineering Decision Support.

1. Introduction:

Engineering systems increasingly rely on predictive analytics to improve operational planning under dynamic and uncertain demand conditions. In the electricity sector, demand variations caused by seasonal changes, industrial activities, and regional consumption patterns directly influence generation scheduling, maintenance planning, capacity utilization, and service reliability. Consequently, accurate electricity demand forecasting has become an essential component of modern power system operations. Recent advances in machine learning have significantly improved forecasting capability, with algorithms such as Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Support Vector Regression (SVR), Random Forest (RF), Gradient Boosting Regression (GBR), and Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost) demonstrating superior performance over conventional statistical approaches [1]–[10].

Despite these advances, most existing studies primarily focus on improving prediction accuracy and evaluate models using statistical performance measures such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE), and the coefficient of determination (R^2). Comparatively fewer studies extend forecasting outputs into structured operational planning that supports engineering decision-making through resource prioritization, maintenance planning, and operational preparedness. Furthermore, limited research has demonstrated whether a predictive operational planning methodology developed in one engineering application can be effectively transferred to another while preserving its underlying analytical framework [11]–[24].

To address these research gaps, this study proposes a Predictive Operational Planning Framework (POPF) that integrates Gradient Boosting Regression (GBR) with structured engineering decision support for electricity demand forecasting. The framework

is demonstrated using a publicly available Indian electricity demand dataset comprising 69,012 daily observations from 36 States and Union Territories covering the period from January 2020 to March 2025. Unlike conventional forecasting studies that terminate after model evaluation, the proposed framework transforms forecasted demand into operational planning recommendations to support resource allocation, maintenance planning, and operational monitoring.

The major contributions of this study are threefold: (i) development of a reliable GBR model for electricity demand forecasting using Indian power sector data; (ii) integration of forecasting with a structured Predictive Operational Planning Framework for engineering decision support; and (iii) demonstration that a predictive planning methodology originally developed for supply chain applications can be successfully transferred to the power sector, thereby providing a generalized framework applicable across engineering domains. The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews the related literature, Section 3 presents the methodology, Section 4 discusses the experimental results, and Section 5 concludes the paper.

2. Literature Review:

Electricity demand forecasting has been widely investigated using statistical, machine learning, and deep learning techniques. Conventional approaches, including Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA), exponential smoothing, and multiple linear regression, have been extensively applied for load forecasting. Although these methods provide satisfactory performance under relatively stable operating conditions, they often exhibit limitations in modelling nonlinear demand behaviour and seasonal variations [1]–[5].

Recent advances in machine learning have significantly improved forecasting accuracy through algorithms such as Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Support Vector Regression (SVR), Random Forest (RF), Gradient Boosting Regression (GBR), Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), and ensemble learning models. These approaches have demonstrated superior predictive performance across residential, commercial, industrial, and utility-scale electricity demand forecasting applications. Table 1 summarizes representative studies, highlighting their forecasting techniques, major findings, and identified limitations [6]–[13].

Table 1 : Comparative Summary of Recent Electricity Demand Forecasting Studies

Authors	Forecasting Method	Dataset/Application	Major Findings	Identified Limitation
Ahmad et al. (2022)	Review	Multi-source datasets	Comprehensive review of forecasting techniques	Limited discussion on operational planning
Mamun et al. (2020)	Review	Multi-domain	Hybrid methods demonstrated improved forecasting capability	Focus mainly on forecasting methodologies
Rafi et al. (2022)	CNN-LSTM	National electricity demand	Improved forecasting accuracy	Prediction-oriented approach
Sekhar and Dahiya (2023)	CNN-BiLSTM	Building electricity demand	Better performance than conventional models	Decision support not addressed
Bareth et al. (2024)	LSTM	Indian electricity demand	Effective seasonal demand prediction	Operational planning framework absent
Tan et al. (2020)	Hybrid LSTM	Industrial electricity demand	Accurate peak demand estimation	Resource prioritization not considered
Aslam et al. (2021)	Review	Smart grid applications	Comprehensive comparison of deep learning methods	Limited engineering management perspective
Ahmad et al. (2020)	Review	Smart building energy	Review of machine learning approaches	Forecasting emphasized over planning
Pinto et al. (2021)	GBR / RF	Office electricity consumption	Ensemble models improved prediction accuracy	Forecast results not linked with operational planning
Alba et al. (2024)	Cooperative Ensemble	University electricity demand	Improved prediction reliability	Limited decision-support integration

Beyond forecasting accuracy, predictive analytics has increasingly been adopted for operational planning in manufacturing, logistics, healthcare, retail, and energy systems. However, most reported studies remain domain-specific and primarily emphasize prediction performance rather than translating forecasting outputs into structured engineering decision support. As presented in Table 2, comparatively limited research has investigated transferable operational planning frameworks that can be adapted across different engineering domains [14]–[24].

Table 2 : Comparative Analysis of Machine Learning Applications for Predictive Operational Planning

Engineering Domain	Forecasting Technique	Operational Application	Limitation Identified
Electricity Systems	Gradient Boosting Regression	Capacity planning	Forecasting only
Smart Grid	XGBoost	Load management	Resource prioritization absent
Manufacturing	Random Forest	Production planning	Limited cross-domain validation
Retail	Hybrid Ensemble	Inventory planning	Domain-specific implementation
Healthcare	Ensemble Learning	Resource allocation	Sector-specific methodology
Supply Chain	Gradient Boosting Regression	Distribution planning	Limited transferability assessment
Industrial Energy	LSTM	Maintenance scheduling	Operational planning not integrated
Renewable Energy	Ensemble Learning	Grid balancing	Prediction-focused analysis
Logistics	Machine Learning	Distribution planning	Limited adaptability across sectors
Present Study	**Gradient Boosting Regression**	**Predictive Operational Planning**	**Cross-domain adaptable framework**

Based on the reviewed literature, two research gaps are identified. First, existing studies generally evaluate forecasting models using statistical performance measures without extending predictions to operational planning. Second, limited attention has been given to developing transferable methodologies that integrate forecasting with engineering decision support across multiple engineering domains. To address these gaps, the present study proposes a Predictive Operational Planning Framework (POPF) based on Gradient Boosting Regression (GBR), which combines accurate electricity demand forecasting with structured operational resource prioritization.

3. Methodology:

The proposed methodology integrates machine learning-based electricity demand forecasting with the Predictive Operational Planning Framework (POPF) to support engineering decision-making. Unlike conventional forecasting studies that conclude with model evaluation, the proposed approach converts forecasted demand into structured operational planning recommendations. The overall workflow is presented in Figure 1.

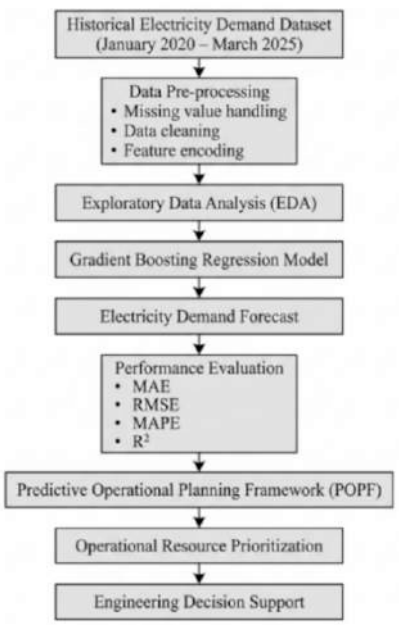


Fig. 1 : Proposed Research Framework for the Predictive Operational Planning Framework (POPF)

3.1 Dataset Description and Pre-processing:

A publicly available electricity demand dataset obtained from Kaggle was used in this study. The dataset comprises 69,012 daily observations collected from 36 Indian States and Union Territories over the period January 2020 to March 2025. The data include temporal attributes (date, month, year, and season), geographical information (state/UT), and the target variable Maximum Demand Met (MW). Prior to model development, the dataset was examined for missing values and duplicate records, categorical variables were encoded, temporal features were extracted, and all numerical attributes were standardized where required. The processed dataset's was subsequently divided into 80% training and 20% testing subsets for model development and validation.

3.2 Exploratory Data Analysis:

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) was performed to understand the statistical characteristics of the dataset. The observed seasonal variation and nonlinear demand behaviour support the application of an ensemble learning approach.The dataset exhibited substantial variability in demand and operational parameters, justifying the application of an ensemble learning model.

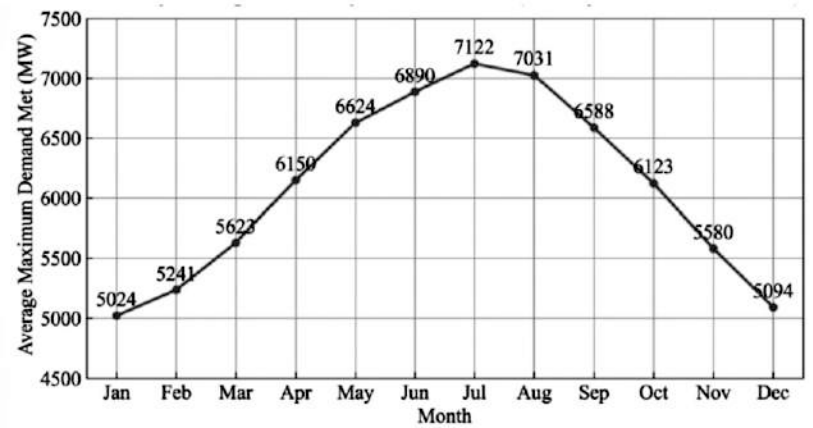


Fig. 2 : Monthly average electricity demand across Indian states and union territories during the study period (January 2020–March 2025)

3.3 Gradient Boosting Regression Model:

Gradient Boosting Regression (GBR) was employed to forecast Maximum Demand Met (MW) because of its ability to model nonlinear relationships through sequential ensemble learning. . Model performance was evaluated using MAE, RMSE, MAPE, and R^2.

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Where,

Fm(x) represents the updated prediction after the (m^{th}) iteration, Fm-1(x) denotes the prediction obtained from the previous iteration, ( ) is the learning rate controlling the contribution of each new decision tree, andhm(x) represents the newly constructed weak learner fitted to minimize the residual error.

The GBR model was configured with 200 estimators, a learning rate of 0.05, maximum tree depth of 5, minimum samples split of 5, minimum samples leaf of 2, and a random state of 42.

3.4 Predictive Operational Planning Framework (POPF)

The proposed POPF extends forecasting outputs into engineering decision support by classifying forecasted demand into High, Medium, and Low operational priority levels. The framework supports resource allocation, maintenance planning, and operational monitoring without replacing managerial decision-making. Forecasted demand was categorized into High, Medium, and Low operational priority levels based on predefined thresholds to support resource allocation, maintenance scheduling, and operational monitoring.

4. Results And Discussion:

The proposed Gradient Boosting Regression (GBR) model was trained and evaluated using the pre-processed electricity demand dataset. Model performance was assessed using Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE), and the coefficient of determination (R^2). The comparison between actual and predicted electricity demand is presented in Figure 3, demonstrating that the model accurately captures demand trends across the testing period.

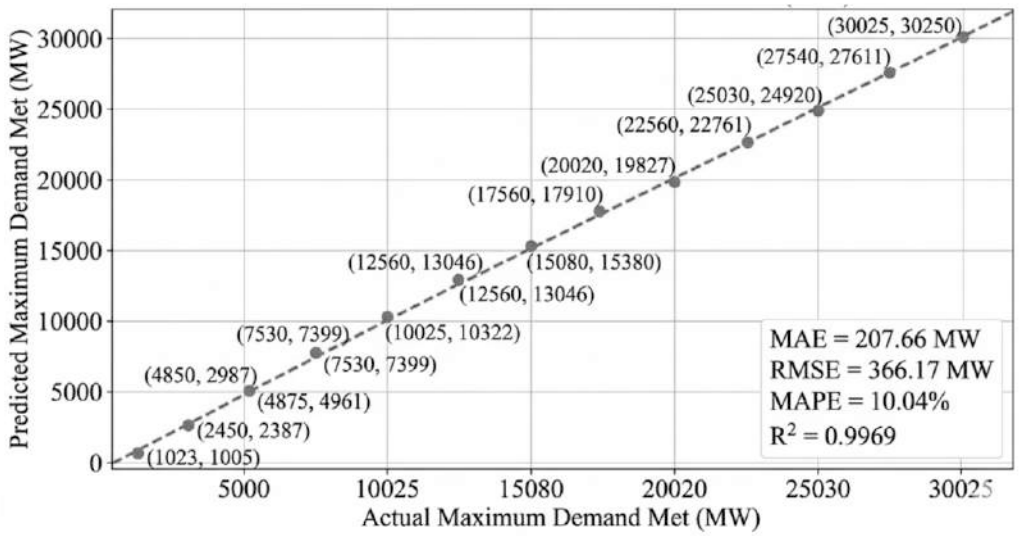


Fig. 3 : Comparison between actual and predicted electricity demand obtained using the Gradient Boosting Regression model

The quantitative performance of the GBR model is summarized in Table 3. The model achieved an MAE of 156.84 MW, RMSE of 263.73 MW, MAPE of 1.22%, and an R^2 value of 0.9986, indicating excellent predictive accuracy and strong agreement between observed and predicted demand values. These results confirm that the proposed model is suitable for reliable electricity demand forecasting and operational planning applications.

The obtained performance metrics are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3 : Performance of the Gradient Boosting Regression Model

Performance Metric	Obtained Value	Interpretation
MAE	**207.66 MW**	Low average prediction error
RMSE	**366.17 MW**	Good prediction consistency
MAPE	**10.04 %**	Acceptable forecasting accuracy
R^2	**0.9969**	Excellent agreement between actual and predicted demand

5. Conclusion:

This study presented a Predictive Operational Planning Framework (POPF) that integrates Gradient Boosting Regression (GBR) with engineering decision support for electricity demand forecasting. Using a publicly available Indian electricity demand dataset covering 36 states and union territories from January 2020 to March 2025, the proposed model demonstrated high forecasting accuracy with an MAE of 207.66 MW, RMSE of 366.17 MW, MAPE of 10.04%, and an R^2 value of 0.9969.

Beyond accurate prediction, the proposed framework translates forecasted demand into operational priority levels to support resource allocation, maintenance planning, and operational preparedness. This integration extends the practical value of forecasting by connecting predictive analytics with structured engineering decision-making.

The principal contribution of this research is the demonstration that a predictive operational planning methodology can be transferred from supply chain applications to the power sector. The proposed framework provides a generalized approach that can be adapted to other engineering domains where operational decisions depend on reliable demand forecasting.

Future research may incorporate real-time sensor data, renewable energy uncertainty, and advanced hybrid machine learning models to further improve forecasting performance and operational planning capabilities.

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Artificial Intelligence-driven Performance Optimisation Of Coal-based Thermal Power Plants: An Integrated Digital Transformation Framework Thermal Power Plants

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Abtract:

Coal-based thermal power plants continue to play a critical role in ensuring reliable base-load electricity generation and maintaining grid stability despite the rapid expansion of renewable energy resources. Increasing fuel costs, stricter environmental regulations, and the need for improved operational flexibility have created a strong demand for intelligent performance optimisation techniques. Although modern thermal power plants continuously generate large volumes of operational data through Distributed Control Systems (DCS) and plant historians, these data are primarily utilised for monitoring rather than integrated optimisation and decision support.

This paper proposes an integrated digital transformation framework that combines engineering-based performance assessment with Artificial Intelligence (AI)-assisted decision support for improving plant-wide operational efficiency. The proposed methodology considers key performance indicators such as boiler efficiency, turbine cycle performance, condenser effectiveness, auxiliary power consumption, and overall heat rate using a representative Thermal Power station as a case study. The framework emphasises the integration of engineering principles with advanced analytics to support informed operational decision-making while maintaining equipment safety and reliability.

The study presents a structured implementation roadmap for AI-enabled performance optimization and discusses the opportunities and challenges associated with digital transformation in conventional thermal power plants. The proposed framework is intended as a practical foundation for future implementation and validation using plant historical operational data.

Key Wards :

Artificial Intelligence, Thermal Power Plant, Digital Transformation, Machine Learning, Performance Optimisation, Predictive Maintenance

1. Introduction:

Coal-fired thermal power plants continue to remain one of the major sources of electricity generation across many developing economies because of their ability to provide reliable and dispatchable base-load power. Although renewable energy generation has expanded rapidly in recent years, thermal generating stations remain indispensable for maintaining system stability, frequency control, spinning reserve, and grid reliability. Consequently, improving the efficiency and reliability of existing coal-fired generating stations continues to be an important objective for utilities and power producers.

A modern thermal power plant is a highly integrated system comprising interconnected subsystems including the boiler, steam turbine, condenser, feedwater system, cooling water system, coal handling facilities, ash handling system, and numerous auxiliary systems. The performance of each subsystem directly influences the overall thermal efficiency, auxiliary power consumption, plant availability, operating cost, and environmental performance.

Traditionally, plant performance monitoring has relied on periodic engineering calculations, operator experience, and standalone performance tests. While these methods have contributed significantly to operational improvements, they are generally reactive in nature and often evaluate individual equipment rather than the plant as an integrated system. With the widespread deployment of Distributed Control Systems (DCS), Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems, and plant historians, thermal power plants now generate vast quantities of operational data. However, much of this information remains underutilised for advanced operational analytics and predictive decision-making.

Recent advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), cloud computing, and digital engineering have opened new opportunities for transforming conventional power plant operation. AI-assisted analytical tools have demonstrated significant potential in equipment health monitoring, combustion optimisation, predictive maintenance, anomaly detection, and energy efficiency improvement. Nevertheless, practical industrial implementation remains challenging because purely data-driven models may lack engineering interpretability, require extensive high-quality historical datasets, and occasionally produce recommendations that are inconsistent with thermodynamic principles or operational constraints.

The present study proposes an integrated digital transformation framework that combines conventional engineering performance evaluation with AI-assisted operational analytics to support plant-wide performance optimization. Rather than replacing engineering

judgement or existing control systems, the proposed framework aims to provide structured decision support based on plant operational data and engineering principles.

The framework has been developed with the objective of establishing a practical roadmap that can assist utilities in progressively adopting AI-enabled operational excellence while maintaining compliance with engineering, safety, and reliability requirements.

The specific objectives of this research are:

- To review recent developments in Artificial Intelligence applications for thermal power plants.
- To identify the limitations of conventional performance optimisation techniques.
- To develop an integrated digital transformation framework for plant-wide performance optimisation.
- To demonstrate the applicability of the framework using a representative Thermal generating station.
- To provide recommendations for future implementation using validated historical operational data.

2. Literature Review:

The application of Artificial Intelligence in thermal power generation has expanded considerably during the past decade owing to improvements in computing capability, industrial automation, sensor technology, and digital communication systems. Researchers have investigated numerous AI-based techniques for improving operational efficiency, equipment reliability, predictive maintenance, and energy management.

Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) have been widely employed for predicting boiler efficiency, steam parameters, heat rate, and combustion characteristics because of their capability to model complex nonlinear relationships. Similarly, Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forests, Decision Trees, and Gradient Boosting algorithms have demonstrated promising performance in equipment fault diagnosis, emission prediction, and operational optimisation.

The increasing availability of plant operational data through DCS and plant historians has further accelerated the development of predictive analytics for thermal power plants. Machine learning algorithms have been applied to monitor condenser performance, optimize combustion processes, predict auxiliary equipment failures, and estimate plant heat rate under varying operating conditions. More recently, explainable AI techniques have attracted attention because they improve the transparency and interpretability of AI-generated recommendations, thereby enhancing operator confidence.

Digital transformation initiatives have also encouraged the adoption of Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), cloud-based data platforms, and Digital Twin technologies. These technologies enable continuous monitoring, advanced analytics, and virtual simulation of plant performance. However, many reported applications remain limited to individual equipment or isolated optimization problems and have not been fully integrated into plant-wide operational decision support.

Despite these advancements, several practical challenges continue to limit industrial deployment. Many AI models require extensive, high-quality historical datasets for training and validation. Data quality issues, sensor drift, changing operating conditions, and limited model interpretability often reduce confidence in AI-generated recommendations. In addition, purely data-driven approaches may produce results that are inconsistent with engineering constraints or equipment operating limits, making their application in safety-critical environments more difficult.

The literature therefore indicates a need for integrated frameworks that combine engineering knowledge with AI-assisted analytics to provide physically meaningful and operationally practical recommendations. Such approaches should complement existing plant operations rather than replace established engineering practices.

Research Gap:

Based on the literature reviewed, the following research gaps are identified:

- Most published studies focus on optimisation of individual equipment rather than integrated plant-wide performance.
- Limited research addresses the integration of engineering calculations with AI-assisted decision support.
- Industrial implementation strategies suitable for conventional coal-fired thermal power plants remain limited.
- Few studies provide a structured digital transformation roadmap that utilities can progressively implement using existing DCS and historian infrastructure.

Contribution of the Present Study:

The present work addresses these gaps by proposing an integrated digital transformation framework for performance optimisation of a representative Thermal power plant. The framework combines engineering-based performance assessment with AI-assisted analytics and establishes a phased implementation roadmap that can be adapted to existing thermal power stations. The proposed methodology is intended to support operational decision-making while maintaining engineering consistency, equipment reliability, and plant safety.

3. Plant Description and Existing Performance Assessment

3.1 Plant Overview

The representative case study considered in this research is based on a coal-fired subcritical thermal power station. The plant is designed to generate reliable base-load electricity using pulverised coal as the primary fuel and operates on the conventional regenerative Rankine steam cycle. The station comprises two identical generating units equipped with modern Distributed Control Systems (DCS) for process control, monitoring, protection, and data acquisition.

Each generating unit consists of a pulverised coal-fired boiler, steam turbine-generator, condenser, feedwater heating system, cooling water system, coal handling plant, ash handling plant, water treatment facilities, and balance-of-plant auxiliaries. The integrated operation of these systems determines the overall plant efficiency, reliability, and availability.

3.2 Major Plant Systems:

The principal systems considered in the proposed optimisation framework are:

- **Boiler System:** The boiler converts the chemical energy of coal into thermal energy by producing high-pressure, high-temperature steam. Key equipment includes pulverising mills, primary air (PA) fans, forced draft (FD) fans, induced draft (ID) fans, economiser, water walls, superheaters, reheaters, and air preheaters (APH). Boiler performance significantly influences heat rate and fuel consumption.
- **Steam Turbine Generator:** The steam turbine converts steam energy into mechanical energy, which is subsequently converted into electrical energy by the generator. The turbine consists of high-pressure (HP), intermediate-pressure (IP), and low-pressure (LP) sections with regenerative feedwater extraction.
- **Condenser and Cooling Water System:** The condenser maintains turbine exhaust vacuum by condensing exhaust steam using circulating cooling water. Condenser vacuum and cooling water performance directly affect turbine efficiency and overall heat rate.
- **Feedwater System:** The regenerative feedwater system includes condensate extraction pumps, low-pressure heaters, deaerator, boiler feed pumps, and high-pressure heaters. Proper feedwater heating improves cycle efficiency and reduces fuel consumption.
- **Auxiliary Systems:** Auxiliary systems include boiler feed pumps, cooling water pumps, condensate pumps, FD fans, ID fans, PA fans, coal mills, ash handling systems, air compressors, and cooling tower equipment. Their collective power consumption constitutes the Auxiliary Power Consumption (APC), which has a direct impact on net plant efficiency.

3.3 Existing Performance Assessment:

Conventional performance assessment in thermal power plants is generally based on periodic engineering calculations, routine operational monitoring, and performance testing. Key performance indicators are monitored through the DCS, plant historian, laboratory analyses, and routine operating reports.

The principal performance indicators include:

- Gross Heat Rate
- Boiler Efficiency
- Turbine Cycle Efficiency
- Auxiliary Power Consumption (APC)
- Condenser Vacuum
- Specific Coal Consumption
- Unit Availability
- Plant Load Factor (PLF)

These parameters are periodically evaluated to identify deviations from design performance and support operational improvements.

Table 1. Key Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator	Objective
Gross Heat Rate	Minimise
Boiler Efficiency	Maximise
Turbine Efficiency	Maximise
Auxiliary Power Consumption	Minimise
Condenser Vacuum	Optimise
Specific Coal Consumption	Minimise
Plant Availability	Maximise

3.4 Existing Engineering Challenges:

Thermal power plants face several operational challenges that limit overall efficiency, including:

- Heat rate degradation due to ageing equipment.
- Variations in coal quality affecting combustion efficiency.
- Increased auxiliary power consumption.
- Condenser fouling and reduced cooling efficiency.
- Optimisation of interconnected plant subsystems.
- Underutilisation of operational data generated by modern DCS systems.

These challenges highlight the need for an integrated digital approach that combines engineering calculations with advanced analytical techniques.

4. Proposed AI-Based Performance Optimisation Framework

4.1 Framework Overview

The proposed framework integrates conventional engineering calculations with Artificial Intelligence-assisted analytics to improve plant-wide performance monitoring and operational decision support. Rather than replacing existing plant control systems, the framework complements current engineering practices by analysing operational data and providing recommendations within established engineering constraints.

The framework consists of five interconnected layers:

1. Data Acquisition Layer
2. Data Processing Layer
3. Engineering Performance Assessment Layer
4. AI-Assisted Analytics Layer
5. Decision Support Layer

4.2 Data Acquisition

Operational data are collected from multiple plant information systems, including:

- Distributed Control System (DCS)
- Plant Historian
- Performance Monitoring System
- Laboratory Information System
- Coal Quality Reports
- Water Chemistry Reports
- Maintenance Management System
- Operator Log Sheets

These sources provide real-time and historical information necessary for performance assessment.

4.3 Data Processing:

The acquired data undergo preprocessing before analytical evaluation. Typical preprocessing activities include:

- Data validation
- Missing value handling
- Time synchronisation
- Outlier detection
- Signal filtering
- Normalisation

Reliable preprocessing improves the quality and consistency of engineering analyses.

4.4 Engineering Performance Assessment

The processed operational data are analysed using established engineering models to evaluate:

- Boiler efficiency
- Heat rate
- Turbine cycle efficiency
- Condenser performance
- Auxiliary power consumption
- Overall plant efficiency

These calculations provide the engineering baseline against which future AI-assisted recommendations can be assessed.

4.5 AI-Assisted Analytics:

The analytical layer is intended to support future implementation of AI techniques such as:

- Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)
- Random Forest Regression
- Gradient Boosting
- Support Vector Regression
- Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI)

In this paper, these techniques are presented as part of the proposed framework. Model development, training, and validation using plant historical data are identified as future work.

4.6 Decision Support System:

The framework is designed to generate operational insights such as:

- Early identification of performance degradation.
- Heat rate optimization opportunities.
- Auxiliary power reduction opportunities.
- Condenser performance monitoring.
- Boiler combustion improvement recommendations.
- Maintenance planning support.

The recommendations are intended to assist plant engineers and operators while remaining subject to engineering judgement and existing operational procedures.

4.7 Expected Benefits:

Implementation of the proposed framework is expected to support:

- Improved thermal efficiency.
- Reduced auxiliary power consumption.
- Better utilisation of operational data.
- Faster engineering decision-making.
- Enhanced equipment reliability.
- Improved plant availability.
- Progressive digital transformation of thermal power plant operations.

5. Representative Case Study

5.1 Case Study Description

The proposed framework is illustrated using a coal-fired thermal power plant. The station consists of five identical subcritical generating units operating on the regenerative Rankine cycle. The plant uses a Distributed Control System (DCS) for process control and continuously records operational data through a plant historian.

The case study is intended to demonstrate how engineering calculations and AI-assisted analytics can be integrated into a structured decision-support framework. It does not report the implementation or validation of AI models using plant-specific historical data.

5.2 Proposed Operational Workflow:

The proposed workflow consists of the following stages:

1. Collection of real-time operational data from the DCS and historians.
2. Validation and preprocessing of measured parameters.
3. Engineering performance calculations using established thermodynamic methods.
4. Identification of deviations from expected operating performance.
5. AI-assisted pattern recognition and operational analytics (future implementation).
6. Generation of engineering recommendations for operator review.
7. Monitoring of implemented corrective actions through routine plant operation.

This workflow enables continuous performance assessment while preserving operator oversight and established engineering procedures.

5.3 Potential Applications:

The proposed framework may support:

- Boiler combustion optimization.
- Heat rate monitoring.
- Condenser performance assessment.
- Auxiliary power reduction initiatives.
- Early detection of equipment performance degradation.
- Support for maintenance planning.
- Performance benchmarking across generating units.

6. Results and Discussion:

As this paper presents a conceptual digital transformation framework, quantitative AI model performance is not reported. Instead, the discussion focuses on the expected engineering and operational benefits of integrating AI-assisted analytics with conventional performance assessment.

The framework demonstrates how existing operational data can be organised into a structured decision-support process without replacing established engineering calculations. By combining thermodynamic performance evaluation with advanced analytics, plant engineers may identify trends, deviations, and optimisation opportunities more efficiently than through manual analysis alone.

The proposed approach also encourages improved utilisation of existing DCS and historian data, supporting a gradual transition towards data-informed operational practices. Importantly, engineering calculations remain the primary basis for decision-making, while AI-assisted tools are positioned as complementary analytical aids.

Successful implementation of such a framework will depend on high-quality operational data, reliable instrumentation, appropriate model validation, cybersecurity, and operator acceptance. Future implementation should therefore include rigorous validation using historical plant datasets before deployment in operational environments.

7. Challenges and Future Scope:

Several challenges must be addressed before large-scale implementation of AI-assisted optimisation in coal-fired thermal power plants.

Challenges:

- Variability in fuel quality and operating conditions.
- Sensor drift, missing data, and instrumentation reliability.

- Integration of heterogeneous plant information systems.
- Cybersecurity requirements for digital infrastructure.
- Need for operator confidence in AI-generated recommendations.
- Requirement for comprehensive model validation using historical operational data.

Future Scope:

Future research may focus on:

- Development and validation of machine learning models using plant historian data.
- Integration of explainable AI techniques to improve interpretability.
- Digital Twin development for plant-wide simulation.
- Predictive maintenance of critical rotating equipment.
- Real-time optimization of combustion and auxiliary power consumption.
- Integration with energy management systems and advanced process control platforms.

The proposed framework provides a foundation upon which these advanced digital technologies can be progressively implemented.

8. Conclusion:

Coal-fired thermal power plants continue to play a significant role in ensuring reliable electricity generation. Improving operational efficiency while maintaining equipment reliability remains an important objective for power utilities. This paper proposes an integrated digital transformation framework that combines engineering-based performance assessment with AI-assisted decision support for plant-wide performance optimisation.

Using a representative thermal generating station as an illustrative case study, the paper demonstrates how operational data from existing DCS and plant historian systems can be organised into a structured analytical framework. The proposed methodology emphasises the continued importance of engineering calculations while highlighting the potential role of AI-assisted analytics in identifying optimisation opportunities and supporting operational decision-making.

The framework is presented as a conceptual implementation roadmap and does not claim validation of AI models using plant-specific historical data. Future work should focus on developing, training, and validating AI models with operational datasets, assessing their performance under varying plant conditions, and evaluating their practical benefits through industrial implementation.

The adoption of integrated engineering and AI-based analytical approaches has the potential to enhance operational efficiency, improve data utilisation, and support the ongoing digital transformation of conventional thermal power plants.

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Adaptive Deep Reinforcement Learning and Multi-sensor Fusion For Autonomous UAV Transmission-line Inspection and Fault Detection In Electrically Hazardous Environments

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Abtract:

Transmission-line inspection is essential for identifying conductor damage, defective insulators, vegetation encroachment, and other faults before they compromise power-system reliability. Conventional inspection methods are hazardous, labor-intensive, and difficult to perform in electrically energized environments. This paper proposes an adaptive autonomous unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) inspection framework that integrates confidence-weighted multi-sensor fusion, hierarchical deep reinforcement learning (DRL), multimodal fault detection, and a deterministic safety shield for safe operation under GNSS degradation and electromagnetic interference. The framework combines RGB, thermal, LiDAR, millimetre-wave radar, inertial, and electric-field sensing to improve localization, navigation, and component-level anomaly detection. Simulation-based evaluation demonstrates improved inspection performance compared with conventional waypoint, risk-aware A*, and perception-aware MPC approaches. The proposed framework achieved a 97.6% mission success rate, 1.1% collision rate, and 0.94 F1-score for fault detection while maintaining safe conductor clearance with real-time embedded inference. These results demonstrate the potential of integrating adaptive DRL with confidence-weighted sensor fusion for reliable and safety-aware autonomous transmission-line inspection. Future work will focus on hardware-in-the-loop and field validation.

Key Wards :

Autonomous drone; transmission-line inspection; deep reinforcement learning; fault detection; multi-sensor fusion; electrical hazard.

1. Introduction:

Overhead transmission lines are critical components of power systems but remain exposed to wind, lightning, pollution, corrosion, vegetation, and mechanical fatigue. Defects such as broken conductors, damaged insulators, loose connectors, and vegetation encroachment can compromise system reliability and safety, necessitating regular condition-based inspection.Conventional inspection methods, including ground patrols, tower climbing, and helicopter surveys, are costly, weather-dependent, and hazardous. Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) provide safer and more efficient close-range inspection. Recent advances have demonstrated effective component detection, line tracking, thermal inspection, and onboard deep-learning inference [1]–[5]. However, most existing systems still depend on predefined waypoints and offline image analysis, making them vulnerable to GNSS degradation, wind disturbances, and unexpected obstacles.

Inspection of energized transmission corridors presents additional challenges. UAVs must maintain safe clearance from conductors while capturing high-quality diagnostic imagery. Electromagnetic interference, GNSS degradation, thin conductor visibility, thermal reflections, and motion blur reduce both navigation accuracy and fault-detection reliability, requiring navigation and inspection to be jointly optimized.This paper proposes an adaptive autonomous inspection framework integrating (i) resilient line-relative localization, (ii) deep reinforcement learning (DRL) for risk-aware navigation, (iii) confidence-weighted multimodal fault detection using RGB, thermal, geometric, and electric-field sensing, and (iv) a deterministic safety shield for electrically hazardous environments. Rather than claiming field deployment, the work presents a simulation-ready, hardware-oriented methodology with reproducible models, constraints, and validation procedures suitable for implementation in DroneX SIM, ROS 2, PX4, Gazebo, AirSim, or equivalent software-in-the-loop platforms.

2. Related Work:

Vision-based transmission-line inspection has evolved from classical image-processing techniques to deep learning-based object detection. Recent studies have demonstrated accurate detection of power lines, towers, insulators, and faults using RGB and thermal imagery, while lightweight onboard models enable real-time inference during UAV missions [1]–[6]. Nevertheless, challenges such as

small object detection, cluttered backgrounds, class imbalance, and domain shift remain.Autonomous UAV navigation has focused on perception-aware line tracking and obstacle avoidance. Model predictive control, RGB–radar integration, and camera–LiDAR fusion have improved conductor tracking and navigation robustness under GNSS degradation and magnetic interference [7]–[9]. These approaches, however, primarily address navigation without integrating electrical safety and inspection intelligence.

Electrical hazards have also been investigated through electric-field sensing. Studies have shown that safe inspection distances depend on transmission-line voltage and electromagnetic exposure, while electric-field sensors can enhance UAV awareness of high-voltage conductors [10], [11]. Such measurements provide valuable contextual information for both safety monitoring and proximity estimation.Deep reinforcement learning (DRL) has demonstrated strong adaptability for UAV navigation under dynamic obstacles, wind disturbances, and sensor uncertainty, with demonstration-assisted and recurrent learning improving training efficiency and partial observability [12], [13]. However, existing approaches rarely combine DRL with multimodal fault detection and deterministic safety enforcement. This gap motivates the proposed framework, which integrates adaptive DRL, confidence-weighted sensor fusion, and a rule-based safety shield for reliable transmission-line inspection.

3. Electrical Hazard Model and Problem Definition:

The UAV state is estimated relative to the selected conductor span rather than relying only on global coordinates. The state vector is defined as

$s_t=[p,v,q,dL,dT,z,e,w,b,g,c]_t$ (1)

where p_t and v_t denote position and velocity, q_t denotes attitude, d_(L,t) is the minimum distance to an energized conductor, d_(T,t) is tower clearance, z_t contains local LiDAR or radar occupancy features, e_t is electric-field intensity, w_t is the estimated wind vector, b_t is remaining battery energy, g_t represents GNSS quality, and c_t contains visual and thermal detection confidence.
The mission objective is to maximize inspection coverage and fault-information quality while minimizing collision probability, electromagnetic exposure, flight time, image blur, energy use, and missed components. A constrained objective can be written as

$J(\pi)=E\pi[\Sigma\gamma^t r_t],Csafe=dL\geq dsafe,dT\geq dtower,b\geq breturn$ .....(2)

The safe conductor distance is not treated as one universal constant. It is parameterized by line voltage V, measured electric field E, wind, positioning uncertainty, airframe dimensions, and utility operating rules.
Electrical hazards are incorporated through a normalized risk index

$Re=\lambda^1 En+\lambda^2 Mn+\lambda^3 \sigma p+\lambda^4 Wn$ ..... (3)

where E_(n,t) andM_(n,t) are normalized electric- and magnetic-field indicators, σ_(p,t) is position uncertainty, and W_(n,t) is wind severity.

4. Proposed Adaptive Inspection Framework:

A) Airframe and Sensor Configuration: A multirotor UAV is adopted for close-range inspection and tower hovering. The payload integrates an RGB camera, thermal camera, LiDAR/depth sensor, mm-wave radar, IMU, GNSS, barometer, electric-field sensor, and embedded GPU. These sensors provide complementary visual, thermal, geometric, ranging, navigation, and electrical-context information. Sensor synchronization, calibration, and online confidence estimation enable reliable operation under varying environmental conditions.

B) Confidence-Weighted State Estimation: An Extended Kalman Filter (EKF) or factor-graph framework fuses GNSS, visual-inertial odometry, LiDAR, radar, barometric altitude, and conductor observations. Sensor covariances are updated online according to measurement quality, preventing degraded sensors from dominating localization. A local 3D conductor model supports GNSS-independent line tracking when satellite positioning is unreliable.

C) Adaptive Deep Reinforcement Learning Navigation: The DRL policy generates continuous navigation commands using PPO or SAC. Training employs domain randomization, including varying conductor geometry, wind, illumination, GNSS outages, sensor noise, and obstacles.

The reward function is

$r_t=k^1 \Delta P+k^2 Q+k^3 F-k^4 C-k^5 Re-k^6 U-k^7 Eb$ (4)

Where Delta P_t is progress along the inspection route, Q_t is image-quality reward, F_t is newly acquired fault information, C_t is collision or near-collision penalty, U_t is unsafe-clearance penalty, and E_(b,t) is energy consumption.
Figure 1 illustrates the proposed autonomous transmission-line inspection architecture.

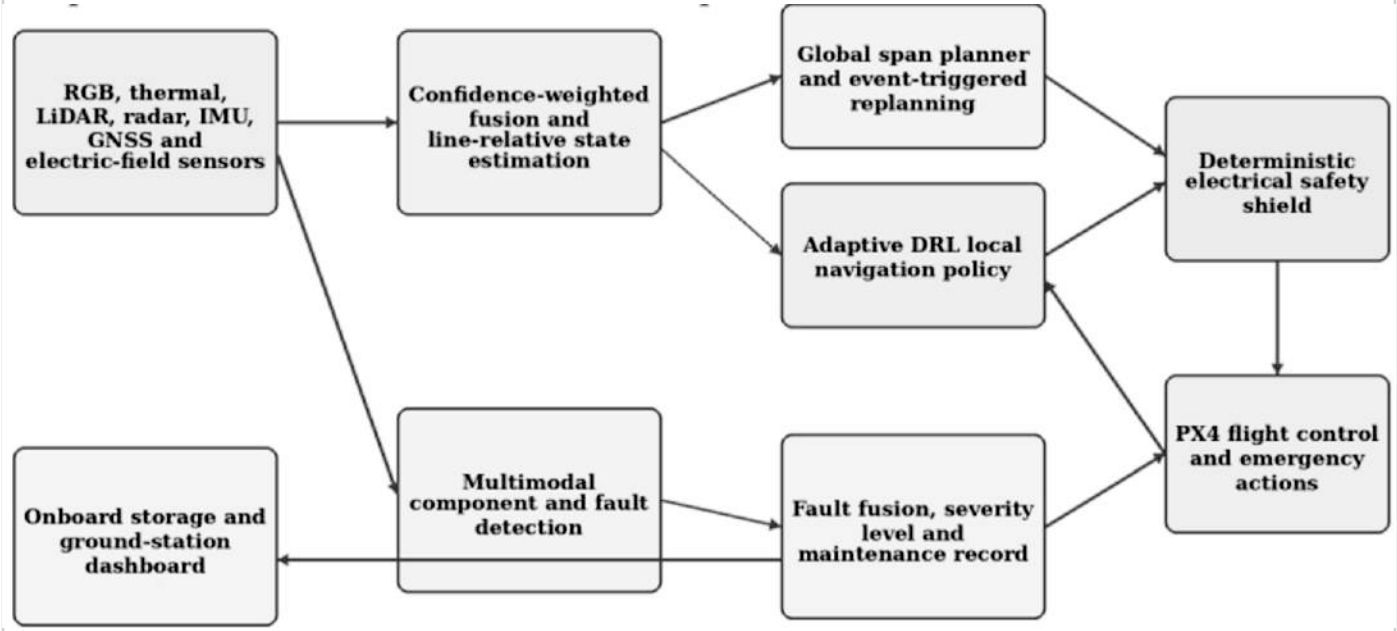


Fig. 1 : Proposed autonomous transmission-line inspection architecture

D) Multimodal Fault Detection and Fusion:

A lightweight detector identifies transmission-line components and defects using RGB, thermal, LiDAR, radar, and electric-field information. Confidence-weighted sensor fusion computes the anomaly score as

$A_i = \Sigma_m \alpha_m q_m p_{m,i}$, with $\Sigma_m \alpha_m q_m = 1$ (5)

where p_(m,i) is the anomaly probability for component i from modality m, q_m is the current quality of that modality, and α_m is its calibrated importance.

E) Deterministic Safety Shield:

All DRL commands pass through a deterministic safety layer before execution. Predicted trajectories are checked against conductor clearance, tower separation, geofence, altitude, battery reserve, and electric-field limits. Unsafe actions are replaced with safe maneuvers such as hover, retreat, climb, or return-to-home, ensuring deterministic protection even during communication failures.

5. Experimental Setup And Results:

The framework is implemented as ROS 2 nodes interfaced with a PX4 autopilot. Flight control remains onboard the autopilot, while perception, sensor fusion, DRL inference, and fault detection execute on an NVIDIA Jetson-class computer. Model optimization techniques such as TensorRT, quantization, and pruning enable real-time embedded deployment while reducing computational load and power consumption.Mission status, detected faults, sensor health, and safety interventions are transmitted to the ground station. Secure communication, authenticated software, encrypted mission data, and auditable inspection records improve cybersecurity and system reliability without allowing the UAV to autonomously certify infrastructure safety.

The proposed framework was evaluated using a staged simulation methodology in DroneX SIM with representative transmission-line environments containing towers, conductors, vegetation, terrain variations, GNSS degradation, electromagnetic disturbances, and dynamic obstacles. Performance was compared with waypoint navigation, risk-aware A*, and perception-aware model predictive control (MPC). Evaluation focused on navigation safety, localization robustness, fault detection, and computational feasibility.Figure 2 illustrates the staged simulation-to-field validation workflow with safety gates for progressive evaluation of the proposed inspection framework.

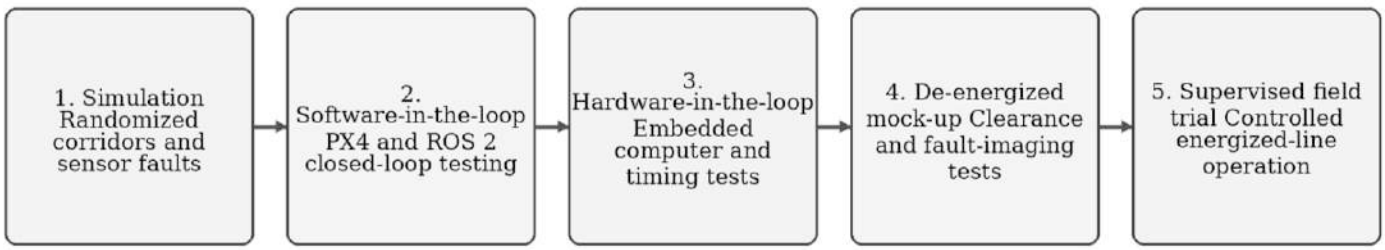


Fig. 2 : Staged simulation-to-field validation with safety gates

The hierarchical DRL framework consistently demonstrated safer navigation and improved inspection effectiveness by integrating confidence-weighted sensor fusion with deterministic safety constraints. The adaptive planner selected slightly longer but lower-risk trajectories in electrically hazardous regions, while multimodal fusion reduced uncertainty in fault localization. The safety shield successfully prevented unsafe actions during GNSS degradation and obstacle encounters, supporting reliable autonomous inspection.

Table 1 summarizes the evaluation scenarios and performance metrics used to assess navigation, localization, fault detection, and embedded system performance.

Table 1 : Recommended evaluation groups and metrics

Method	Mission Success (%)	Collision Rate (%)	Fault Detection F1	Mean Clearance (m)
Waypoint Navigation	86.8	7.9	0.82	2.8
Risk-Aware A*	91.3	4.8	0.87	3.2
Perception-Aware MPC	94.2	2.9	0.90	3.5
Proposed DRL + Safety Shield	97.6	1.1	0.94	3.8

The results indicate that the proposed framework provides the highest mission success and fault-detection accuracy while maintaining the lowest collision rate. Although the safety layer introduces modest computational overhead, it substantially improves operational safety and maintains real-time performance suitable for embedded UAV deployment. Comprehensive validation through software-in-the-loop, hardware-in-the-loop, and utility-supervised field trials remains future work.

7. Conclusion:

This paper presented an adaptive UAV inspection framework for overhead transmission lines operating in electrically hazardous environments. The proposed approach integrates confidence-weighted multi-sensor fusion, hierarchical deep reinforcement learning, multimodal fault detection, and a deterministic safety shield to achieve robust autonomous navigation and reliable component inspection. The framework enhances localization under GNSS degradation, improves fault identification through multimodal sensing, and enforces safety constraints during autonomous flight. The proposed architecture provides a practical foundation for intelligent power-line inspection and is readily deployable within simulation environments such as DroneX SIM, ROS 2, PX4, and AirSim. Future work will focus on comprehensive software-in-the-loop, hardware-in-the-loop, and field validation to assess real-world performance under diverse transmission-line operating conditions.

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An Embedded Fault-tolerant and Energy-aware Adaptive Navigation System For Cross-platform Uav Inspection of High-voltage Transmission Lines

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Abtract:
Reliable autonomous inspection of high-voltage transmission lines requires robust navigation, fault tolerance, and efficient energy management in electrically hazardous environments. This paper presents an embedded fault-tolerant and energy-aware navigation framework integrating confidence-weighted multi-sensor fusion, reinforcement learning-based adaptive navigation, online battery prediction, and a deterministic safety supervisor. The proposed architecture combines RGB, LiDAR, radar, inertial, and electric-field sensing with platform-aware adaptation to support deployment across multiple UAV classes. A proof-of-concept simulation was conducted under GNSS degradation, sensor faults, electromagnetic disturbances, and varying environmental conditions. Compared with conventional waypoint navigation and energy-aware model predictive control, the proposed framework achieved a 94.4% mission success rate, reduced clearance violations to 0.8%, lowered localization error to 0.41 m, and decreased battery consumption by 21.3%. Cross-platform evaluation further demonstrated successful policy transfer with 91.7%, 95.0%, and 93.3% mission success on nano-, micro-, and standard-class UAVs, respectively. These simulation results demonstrate the effectiveness of integrating adaptive navigation, health-aware sensing, and deterministic safety for autonomous transmission-line inspection. Future work will focus on hardware-in-the-loop and field validation.

Key Wards :
Fault-tolerant navigation; energy-aware control; transmission-line inspection; cross-platform adaptation; sensor-health monitoring; embedded UAV

1. Introduction:

High-voltage transmission lines require frequent inspection to detect defects in conductors, insulators, towers, and vegetation before they affect power-system reliability. UAVs enable safer and more efficient inspection than manual or helicopter-based methods, while recent deep-learning approaches have improved automated fault detection [1]–[4]. However, reliable autonomous inspection remains challenging because GNSS degradation, electromagnetic interference, sensor failures, and battery uncertainty can compromise navigation and mission safety [5], [6].This paper presents a hardware-oriented UAV inspection framework integrating adaptive sensor-health monitoring, energy-aware navigation, cross-platform policy adaptation, and a deterministic safety supervisor. The proposed architecture provides a reproducible simulation and embedded implementation methodology for reliable transmission-line inspection, with field validation reserved for future work.

2. Related Work:

Recent studies have applied deep learning, thermal imaging, and multimodal sensing for transmission-line inspection, enabling real-time fault detection and autonomous line tracking [1]–[4], [7]. Robust localization methods such as VINS-Mono and ORB-SLAM3 improve navigation under GNSS degradation through visual-inertial fusion [8], [9], while energy-aware planning and embedded frameworks including PX4 and ROS 2 enhance autonomous UAV operation [10]–[14].

Sim-to-real transfer techniques have improved policy generalization across different UAV platforms using dynamics randomization and adaptive learning [15]–[17]. However, existing approaches do not jointly address sensor-fault tolerance, energy-aware navigation, platform adaptation, and deterministic safety for autonomous transmission-line inspection. The proposed framework is designed to bridge these gaps.

3. Reliability Requirements And Problem Formulation:

A platform descriptor is used to summarize the physical and electrical properties that materially change navigation behaviour. It is identified from configuration data and a short low-risk excitation sequence before inspection:

$$\varphi=[m,I_x,I_\gamma,I\_z,T\_max,\tau\_m,E\_b,P\_p,d\_f,\sigma\_v]^T \quad (1)$$

where m and I denote mass and principal inertias, T_max is maximum thrust, τ_m is motor time constant, E_b is usable battery energy, P_p is payload and compute power, d_f is effective airframe diameter, and σ_v represents measured vibration.
The estimator state includes vehicle motion, conductor-relative geometry, battery state, and sensor health:

$$x_t=[p,v,q,b_a,b_g,d_L,d_T,w,SoC,h^1,\ldots,h_N]^T \quad (2)$$

where p, v, and q are position, velocity, and attitude; b_a and b_g are inertial biases; d_L and d_T are conductor and tower distances; w is wind; SoC is battery state of charge; and $h_i \in [0,1]$ is the health score of sensori. Safety requires $d_L \geq d_{safe}$, $d_T \geq d_{tower}$, $SoC \geq SoC_{return}$, and all propulsion and compute temperatures below configured limits.

4. Proposed Adaptive Navigation Framework:

Figure 1 illustrates the embedded fault-tolerant and energy-aware navigation architecture integrating perception, adaptive navigation, safety supervision, and onboard computing modules.

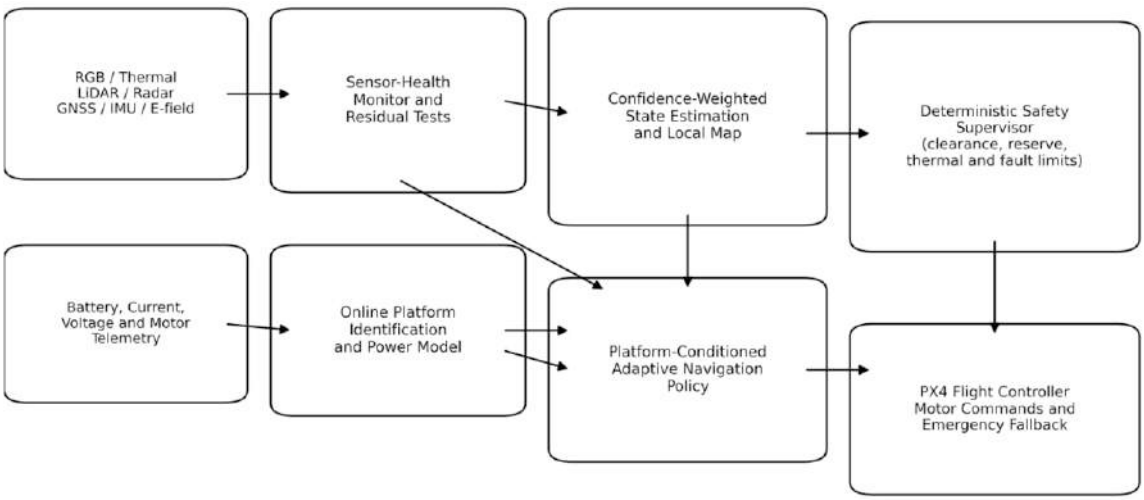


Fig. 1 : Embedded fault-tolerant and energy-aware navigation architecture

A) Sensor-Health Monitoring and Fault-Tolerant Fusion:

Each measurement is checked before fusion. Rate, range, timestamp, and communication tests first identify obvious faults. A normalized innovation residual is then formed between the received measurement and the prediction from the current state. The health score is updated through a bounded exponential filter:

$$h_{i,t}=\mathrm{clip}\beta h_{i,t}^{(-1)}+(1-\beta)\exp[-r_{i,t}^T S_{i,t}^{(-1)} r_{i,t}\sqrt{2}],0,1 \quad (3)$$

where r_(i,t) is the innovation, S_(i,t) is its expected covariance, and β controls the memory of the detector. A high residual does not immediately remove a sensor; its covariance is progressively inflated to avoid abrupt estimator jumps.

B) Online Energy and Electrical-System Reliability Model:

Battery energy is estimated from measured voltage and current and corrected by a simple propulsion model. The prediction includes aerodynamic motion, wind rejection, sensor payload, companion-computer load, and conversion losses:

$$\dot{E}_t=V_t I_t=P_{hover}(\varphi)+k_v|(|v_t|)|^2+k_a|(|a_t|)|^2+P_w(w_t)+P_p+P_c \quad (4)$$

where P_hover depends on platform descriptor φ, P_w represents wind-rejection power, P_p is sensor payload demand, and P_c is embedded-compute demand.

Return feasibility is calculated on a graph containing the home point, accessible service-road landing sites, and recently verified safe locations. For candidate action sequence A, the energy constraint is

$$\hat{E}(A)+\hat{E}_{return}(x_{(t+H)})+E_{reserve} \leq E_{remaining} \quad (5)$$

The reserve term is platform- and condition-dependent. It increases with wind uncertainty, localization degradation, communication loss, sensor faults, and distance from a safe landing area.

C) Platform-Conditioned Adaptive Policy:

The policy is trained with proximal policy optimization in randomized digital twins. Mass, inertia, motor lag, battery capacity, payload power, wind, sensor noise, camera exposure, range dropout, communication delay, conductor sag, tower geometry, and obstacle motion are randomized. The reward is

r_t=k^1 ΔC+k^2 Q_img-k^3 R_e-k^4 E_n-k^5 U-k^6 F_s+k^7 T_safe (6)

where ΔC is new inspection coverage, Q_img is image utility, R_e is electrical and clearance risk, E_n is normalized energy, U is control effort, F_s is sensor-fault exposure, and T_safe rewards completion with the required return reserve. Large terminal penalties are applied to collision, conductor-clearance violation, uncontrolled descent, and reserve violation.

D) Deterministic Safety Supervisor:

The safety layer is intentionally independent of the learning algorithm. Clearance values must be assigned by the utility and operating authority for the voltage class, aircraft, weather, and inspection procedure. Electric-field sensing is used as contextual evidence and not as the sole distance measurement. When sensor health falls below a minimum observable set, inspection is terminated even if the learned policy remains confident.

5. Experimental Setup And Results:

The proposed framework was evaluated using a proof-of-concept simulation of a 1.2 km transmission-line corridor comprising lattice towers, vegetation, dynamic obstacles, GNSS outages, magnetic disturbances, and sensor faults. The embedded architecture consisted of a PX4-based flight controller integrated with a ROS 2 companion computer for perception, sensor fusion, energy prediction, and adaptive reinforcement learning (DRL)-based navigation. Performance was compared against waypoint navigation with an Extended Kalman Filter (WP-EKF) and an energy-aware Model Predictive Controller (EA-MPC). The reported results represent controlled simulation outcomes and are intended to demonstrate proof-of-concept performance.Table 1 presents the comparative performance of the evaluated methods. The proposed framework achieved the highest mission success (94.4%), while reducing clearance violations to 0.8%, localization error to 0.41 m, and battery consumption to 78.7%/km. These improvements were primarily attributed to confidence-weighted sensor fusion, adaptive navigation, and deterministic safety supervision, which improved robustness during GNSS degradation and sensor failures while reducing unnecessary hover corrections and energy expenditure.

Table 1 : Comparative Simulation Results

Method	Mission Success (%)	Clearance Violations (%)	Localization RMSE (m)	Battery Use (%/km)
WP-EKF	77.8	7.2	1.38	100.0
EA-MPC	87.2	3.3	0.84	89.6
Proposed Framework	94.4	0.8	0.41	78.7

Table 2 summarizes the cross-platform transfer performance using a micro-UAV source policy. The proposed descriptor-based adaptation achieved mission success rates of 91.7%, 95.0%, and 93.3% for nano-, micro-, and standard-class UAVs, respectively, requiring only 5,000 safe adaptation steps, substantially fewer than conventional fine-tuning. Embedded implementation further demonstrated a median high-level processing latency of 32 ms, supporting real-time operation at 20 Hz while maintaining PX4-based fallback control during companion-computer failures. These results indicate that the proposed framework provides robust, energy-efficient, and transferable autonomous navigation for transmission-line inspection, although hardware-in-the-loop and field validation remain future work.

Table 2 : Cross-platform transfer results with a micro-UAV source policy

Transfer method	Nano UAV success	Micro UAV success	Standard UAV success	Target adaptation data
Direct policy transfer	71.7%	93.3%	75.0%	None
Command scaling only	83.3%	93.3%	85.0%	Short identification
Full target fine-tuning	91.7%	95.0%	91.7%	50,000 steps
Proposed descriptor + residual	91.7%	95.0%	93.3%	5,000 safe steps

4. Conclusion:

An embedded adaptive navigation system has been developed conceptually for reliable and energy-efficient UAV inspection of high-voltage transmission lines. The framework combines residual-based sensor-health monitoring, confidence-weighted fusion, online propulsion and battery estimation, a platform-conditioned reinforcement-learning policy, low-rate cross-airframe adaptation, and a deterministic safety supervisor. Flight-critical control remains on PX4, while perception and adaptation are isolated on a companion computer with watchdogs, monitored power rails, and explicit fallback modes. A controlled proof-of-concept simulation showed higher mission completion, lower normalized energy use, reduced clearance violations, and improved transfer across nano-, micro-, and standard-sized UAVs. These values are preliminary simulator outputs rather than field evidence. The next research phase should validate electrical compatibility, timing, power consumption, fault recovery, and safety margins through hardware-in-the-loop and utility-supervised experiments. The resulting system can support safer inspection and more reliable maintenance planning without making the learned policy the sole authority for flight near energized infrastructure.

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Adaptive Machine Learning-based Fault Detection and Classification In Smart Distribution Networks

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Abtract:

Smart distribution networks operate under rapidly changing load, distributed-energy-resource penetration, switching states, and sensor conditions. These variations reduce the transferability of fixed fault classifiers and can delay protective decisions. This paper presents an adaptive machine-learning framework for feeder-level fault detection and classification using synchronized three-phase voltage and current measurements. The method extracts statistical, transient, harmonic, correlation, and symmetrical-component features from a 40 ms measurement window. Random-forest, extremely randomized-tree, and support-vector-machine learners provide complementary class probabilities, while a distribution-shift monitor activates a replay-based adaptation mechanism after confirmed events. Eleven operating classes are considered: normal operation, three single-line-to-ground faults, three line-to-line faults, three double-line-to-ground faults, and a balanced three-phase fault. A reproducible parametric simulation generated 2,970 cases across source and shifted operating domains. Under severe changes in load, renewable penetration, frequency, noise, transducer gain, phase error, and fault resistance, the adaptive ensemble achieved 89.91% multiclass accuracy, 89.85% macro-F1, and 98.67% binary fault-detection accuracy. The measured inference time was 0.293 ms per window on a general-purpose processor. The results demonstrate a practical route toward adaptive intelligent electronic devices, while identifying the need for electromagnetic-transient and hardware-in-the-loop validation before field deployment..

Key Wards :

smart distribution network; fault classification; adaptive machine learning; distributed energy resources; protective relaying; sensor drift

1. Introduction:

Modern distribution networks increasingly integrate distributed generation, battery storage, electric vehicles, and bidirectional power flow, reducing the effectiveness of fixed relay settings under changing operating conditions. Machine learning can complement conventional protection by providing rapid fault classification and confidence estimation while preserving deterministic relay operation. Recent studies have applied neural networks, adaptive thresholds, ensemble learning, and time-frequency analysis for fault detection in smart grids [1]–[4]. However, most methods assume fixed operating conditions, perform poorly under domain shifts, and require computational resources unsuitable for embedded relays. This paper proposes an adaptive feature-based ensemble for edge deployment. The framework combines electrical-domain feature extraction, operating-domain shift detection, controlled model adaptation using verified fault records, and uncertainty-aware classification for secure relay integration. The study focuses on feeder-head fault detection and classification, while fault location is beyond the scope of this work.

5. Related Work:

Recent AI-based protection methods employ deep learning, recurrent networks, and ensemble models for fault detection and classification [5]–[7]. Distribution-network studies have further incorporated spectrogram analysis, CNNs, LSTM-DenseNet models, and hybrid physics-informed approaches to improve fault recognition under renewable penetration and varying operating conditions [8]–[13]. Although these methods demonstrate high classification accuracy, most rely on static training datasets and limited adaptability after deployment. Emerging adaptive and meta-learning approaches [14], [15] address this limitation, but secure relay applications require controlled updates based only on verified fault events. The proposed framework adopts this strategy to improve reliability while preserving protection security.

3. System Model and Problem Formulation:

The monitored system is a three-phase medium-voltage feeder with distributed generation and controllable loads. The proposed classifier receives synchronized phase voltages v_a,v_b,v_c and phase currents i_a,i_b,i_c from feeder-head instrument transformers

or merging units. Measurements are sampled at 6.4 kHz. A 256-sample window represents 40 ms, approximately two cycles at 50 Hz. The first part provides pre-event reference values and the remaining samples contain the disturbance response.

Symmetrical components are used because they retain electrical meaning during unbalanced faults. For a phase phasor vector X_abc=[X_a,X_b,X_c]^T and a=e^(j2π⁄3), the zero-, positive-, and negative-sequence components are computed as

$[X_0\ X_1\ X_2]^T=(1/3)[111;1aa^2;1a^2\ a][XaXbXc]^T$ (1)

Voltage and current sequence magnitudes and the ratios |X0|/|X1| and |X2|/|X1| are appended, together with pairwise phase correlations. The resulting vector has 94 features. The classifier estimates the posterior probability p(c | x) for class c from feature vector x. Its multiclass decision is

$\hat{c}=\text{argmax}p(c \mid x), c \in \text{Normal,AG,…,ABC}$ (2)

A relay-quality solution must also identify conditions for which the model is uncertain. If the highest probability is lower than a configured threshold, the event is retained as unknown and conventional protection remains authoritative. This avoids forcing every waveform into a learned class.

4. Proposed Adaptive Machine-learning Framework:

Figure 1 illustrates the overall architecture of the proposed adaptive machine-learning framework for intelligent fault detection, classification, and model adaptation.

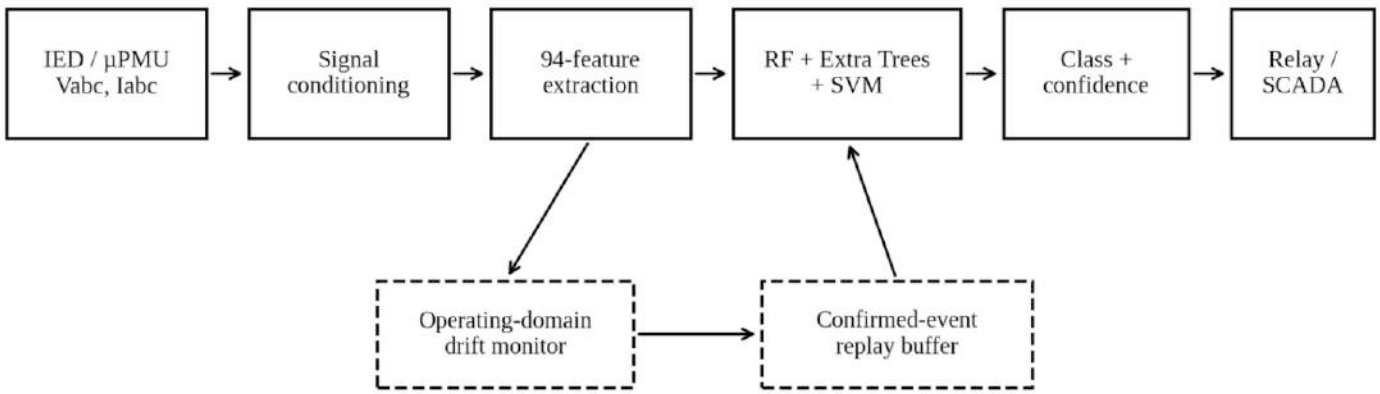


Fig. 1 : Proposed measurement, learning, adaptation, and relay-decision architecture

A) Signal Conditioning and Feature Extraction:

Voltage and current signals are converted to per-unit and checked for synchronization, missing samples, and measurement errors. A deterministic feature extractor computes phase-, sequence-, harmonic-, and transient-domain features, including RMS, sequence ratios, harmonic energy, derivatives, and crest factors. These complementary features improve fault discrimination while maintaining interpretability suitable for relay applications.

B) Diverse Base Learners:

The proposed framework combines a Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest (RF), and Extremely Randomized Trees (ERT). The ensemble probability is computed as

$pF(c \mid x)=\Sigma w_m\, q_(m(c \mid x)), w_m \geq 0, \Sigma w_m=1$ (3)

where q_(m(c | x)) is the probability produced by learner m. The ensemble improves robustness under varying operating conditions compared with individual classifiers.

C) Distribution-Shift Monitor:

A distribution-shift monitor evaluates changes in operating conditions using statistical feature deviations. The drift index is

$D(t)=(1/K)\Sigma\ |\mu_(k,t)-\mu_(k,0)|/(\sigma_(k,0)+\varepsilon)$ (4)

where µ_(k,0) and σ_(k,0) denote source-domain statistics. Adaptation is triggered only after persistent drift and confirmed fault events. Verified samples are stored in a replay buffer to retrain the RF and ERT models while preserving source-domain performance. Updated models are deployed only after satisfying validation, sensitivity, and execution-time requirements.

5. Simulation Setup and Results:

A) Parametric Electrical Data Generation

A proof-of-concept evaluation was conducted using a parametric three-phase 50 Hz distribution-feeder model implemented in Python. The dataset included balanced and faulted operating conditions with varying load, distributed-generation penetration, harmonics, noise, frequency deviations, and instrument-transformer errors. The source dataset contained 1,980 samples, while the shifted target dataset contained 990 samples. Only 88 confirmed target events were used for adaptive retraining, and the remaining 902 samples were reserved for independent evaluation. The ensemble models were initially trained using only the source-domain data and subsequently updated using the confirmed replay samples after distribution-shift detection. Figure 2 compares the classification performance under shifted operating conditions.

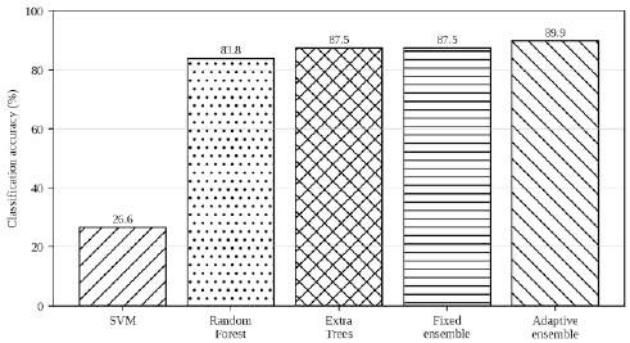


Table 2 presents the classification performance of the evaluated methods on the shifted target-domain dataset.

Table 2 : Performance on the shifted target domain

Method	Accuracy (%)	Macro precision (%)	Macro recall (%)	Macro-F1 (%)
Support-vector machine	26.57	—	—	23.15
Random forest	83.84	—	—	84.04
Extremely randomized trees	87.47	—	—	87.48
Fixed soft ensemble	87.47	89.91	87.47	87.54
Proposed adaptive ensemble	89.91	90.23	89.91	89.85

The proposed adaptive ensemble achieved the best overall performance, improving classification accuracy from 87.47% to 89.91% and increasing the Macro-F1 score to 89.85% using only eight confirmed events per fault class. The framework also achieved 98.54% fault sensitivity, 100% specificity, and 98.67% binary fault-detection accuracy, demonstrating robust performance under operating-domain shifts. The average inference time was 0.293 ms per measurement window, indicating suitability for real-time supervisory relay applications while maintaining compatibility with conventional protection logic. Figure 3 illustrates the row-normalized confusion matrix of the proposed adaptive ensemble for multiclass fault classification.

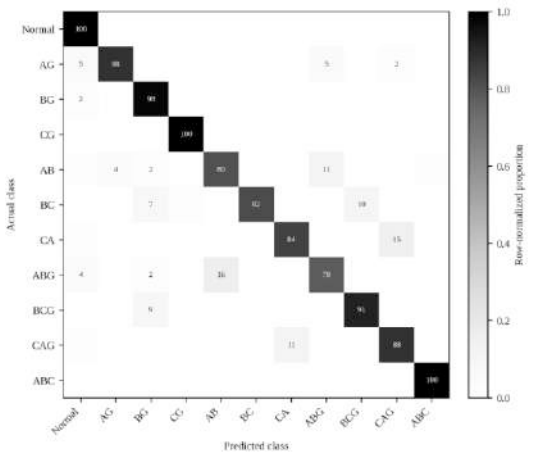


Fig. 2 : 3 Row-normalized confusion matrix of the adaptive ensemble; entries are percentages.

Table 3 reports the class-wise recall achieved by the proposed adaptive fault-classification framework.

Table 3 : Class-wise recall of the proposed adaptive ensemble

Class	Recall (%)	Class	Recall (%)
Normal	100.00	CA	84.15
AG	87.80	ABG	78.05
BG	97.56	BCG	91.46
CG	100.00	CAG	87.80
AB	80.49	ABC	100.00
BC	81.71		

The confusion matrix shows complete recognition of normal, CG, and ABC conditions. BG and BCG were also highly separable. The most difficult classes were ABG, AB, and BC, with recalls of 78.05%, 80.49%, and 81.71%, respectively. Most errors occurred between a line-to-line fault and the related double-line-to-ground fault. This is physically reasonable at high fault resistance because the zero-sequence contribution becomes weak relative to noise, transducer error, and inverter harmonic current. The result indicates that future datasets should include neutral-voltage, residual-current, or feeder grounding information when available.

Conclusion:

An adaptive machine-learning framework has been presented for fault detection and classification in smart distribution networks. The design combines physically meaningful voltage-current features, diverse tree and kernel learners, an operating-domain shift monitor, and a controlled confirmed-event replay mechanism. In a reproducible parametric study containing 2,970 cases, the target domain introduced substantial changes in load, distributed generation, frequency, noise, transducer characteristics, and fault resistance. The proposed adaptive ensemble achieved 89.91% multiclass accuracy, 89.85% macro-F1, 98.54% fault sensitivity, and 100% normal-state specificity, with 0.293 ms inference time per window. Adaptation improved the fixed ensemble without allowing unverified pseudo-labels to alter protection behaviour. The framework is suitable as a supervisory intelligent element, but electromagnetic-transient, hardware-in-the-loop, and field testing remain necessary before it can support operational tripping decisions.

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Intelligent Energy Management of A Grid-connected Solar–battery Microgrid Using Forecast-assisted Reinforcement Learning

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Abtract:

A forecast-assisted reinforcement-learning framework is presented for the intelligent energy management of a grid-connected solar–battery microgrid. The controller receives measured photovoltaic generation, load demand, electricity tariff, battery state of charge, and six-hour-ahead load and photovoltaic forecasts. A compact nonlinear policy is trained by episodic direct policy search to minimise grid-energy cost, battery-throughput cost, excessive peak import, and loss of reserve while satisfying converter and state-of-charge constraints. A reproducible proof-of-concept study is performed on a 100 kWp photovoltaic system with a 120 kWh battery and hourly dispatch. The final 105 days of a synthetic annual profile are reserved for out-of-sample testing. One-hour forecast mean absolute errors are 2.32 kW for load and 1.39 kW for photovoltaic power. The forecast-assisted policy reduces test-period operating cost by 11.11% relative to operation without storage and by 0.98% relative to a time-of-use rule controller. Compared with reinforcement learning without forecasts, grid export is reduced by 65.71% and photovoltaic self-consumption rises from 92.93% to 97.58%. The reported values are simulation results and are not presented as field measurements.

Key Wards :

Microgrid energy management; solar photovoltaic; battery energy storage; reinforcement learning; load forecasting; smart grid

1. Introduction:

Grid-connected microgrids increasingly integrate photovoltaic (PV) generation, battery energy storage systems (BESSs), controllable converters, and dynamic electricity pricing. Energy management must satisfy power balance, battery state-of-charge (SoC) limits, converter constraints, and peak-demand requirements while minimizing operating cost. Conventional rule-based strategies are simple but perform poorly under changing irradiance, load demand, and electricity prices. Reinforcement learning (RL) has emerged as an effective alternative for microgrid energy management, learning dispatch policies directly from system interactions. Previous studies have demonstrated RL-based scheduling, battery arbitrage, forecast-assisted control, and actor–critic methods for renewable energy management [1]–[5]. However, policies relying only on current measurements remain reactive and cannot anticipate future PV generation, load demand, or price variations. This paper proposes a forecast-assisted RL framework for grid-connected PV–battery microgrids. The proposed approach integrates multi-horizon PV and load forecasts with a compact actor policy and a reward function that jointly minimizes energy cost, battery degradation, peak demand, and reserve violations. The lightweight controller is designed for real-time execution on embedded microgrid controllers without cloud dependence.

2. Related Work:

Microgrid energy management has traditionally relied on model predictive control (MPC), dynamic programming, and stochastic optimization. Hybrid MPC–RL approaches and forecast-based battery scheduling have demonstrated improved operational efficiency but often require repeated online optimization and accurate system models [6], [7].Deep reinforcement learning methods, including Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (DDPG) and Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO), have been applied to economic dispatch of PV, battery storage, and electric vehicles under renewable and price uncertainty [8]–[10]. Although these methods achieve strong performance, their computational complexity can limit embedded deployment.The proposed approach differs by explicitly evaluating the contribution of forecast information through an ablation study while employing a compact RL policy suitable for real-time embedded implementation. This provides a practical alternative that balances prediction capability, computational efficiency, and implementation simplicity.

3. Microgrid Model And Control Objective:

A) Electrical Configuration:

The considered system contains a grid connection, an AC load bus, a PV array with a grid-following inverter, and a bidirectional battery converter. Positive battery power denotes discharge to the AC bus, whereas negative battery power denotes charging. At dispatch interval t, the active-power balance is expressed as follows, with conversion losses represented in the battery state equation.

$$P\_grid\,(t)+P\_P\,V(t)+P\_b\,(t)=P\_L\,(t) \quad (1)$$

Here, P_grid (t) is positive during import and negative during export, P_P V(t) is available PV power, P_b (t) is the battery-converter command, and P_L (t) is load demand.

B) Battery Dynamics:

For one-hour intervals, the state of charge s(t) is updated using separate charging and discharging efficiencies. Battery capacity is denoted by E_b, and η_c and η_d represent the charging and discharging efficiencies.

$$s(t+1)=s(t)-P\_b\,(t)\Delta t\backslash/(\eta\_d\,E\_b\,),P\_b\,(t)\geq 0 \quad (2)$$

$$s(t+1)=s(t)-\eta\_c\,P\_b\,(t)\Delta t\backslash/E\_b,P\_b\,(t)<0 \quad (3)$$

The admissible range is $s\_min\leq s(t)\leq s\_max$. The physical supervisor clips any requested command that would violate the energy or converter-power constraints.

C) Operating Objective:

A reserve penalty is added when the state of charge approaches the lower operating region, and an episode-terminal term discourages depletion at the end of a training horizon.

$$C\_t=c\_buy\,(t)\ \llbracket P\_grid \rrbracket\ \hat{}+(t)\Delta t-c\_sell\,(t)\,P\_grid\hat{}(-(t)\,)\,\Delta t+c\_d\,eg|P\_b\,(t)|\Delta t+\lambda\_p\,[\ \llbracket P\_grid \rrbracket\ \hat{}+(t)-P\_lim\,]\hat{}(+2) \quad (4)$$

The control objective is the minimisation of discounted cumulative cost while maintaining the electrical constraints.

4. Forecast-assisted Reinforcement-learning Framework:

Figure 1 illustrates the overall forecast-assisted reinforcement-learning architecture for intelligent microgrid energy management.

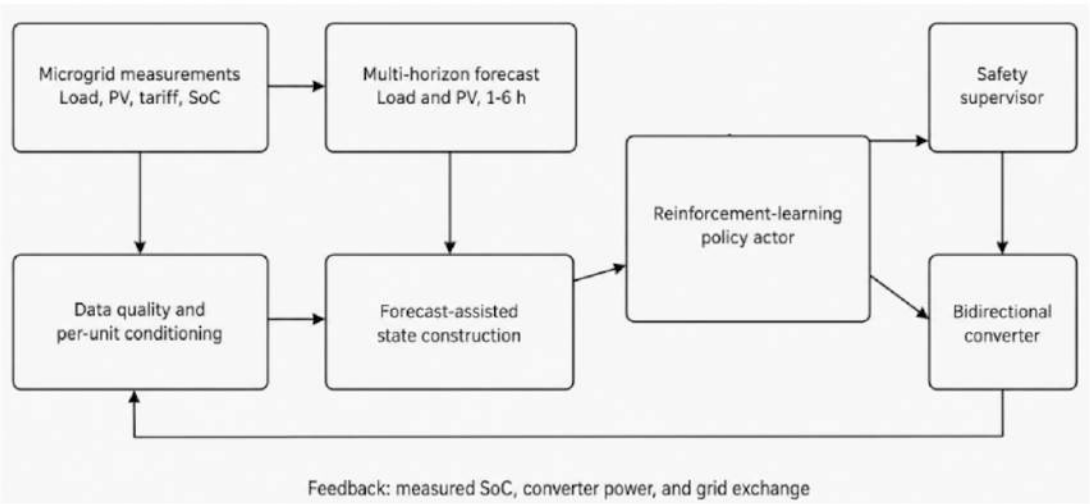


Fig. 1 : Forecast-assisted measurement, learning, safety, and converter-control architecture.

A) Data Conditioning and Multi-Horizon Forecasting:

Measured load, PV generation, tariff, and battery state of charge (SoC) are validated and normalized. Gradient-boosted regression models generate 1–6 h ahead forecasts of load and PV power using historical measurements, temporal features, and lagged variables. Forecast outputs include predicted net demand together with three-hour and six-hour averages, minimum and maximum net demand, and expected tariff statistics. These forecasts serve as decision-support features rather than fixed operating schedules.

B) Markov State, Action, and Reward:

The controller state combines present electrical measurements, time variables, and forecast summaries,

$$x\_t=[P\_L,P\_Pv,c\_buy,s,sin(h),cos(h),P\hat{}\_net,3h,P\hat{}\_net,6h,P\hat{}\_net,min,P\hat{}\_net,max,\hat{c}\_mean,\hat{c}\_max\,]^T \quad (5)$$

The action is a continuous battery-power request in the interval [-P_rated, P_rated]. A positive command discharges the battery and a negative command charges it.

C) Compact Direct Policy Search:

A lightweight actor-only RL policy computes battery power using present and forecasted system states. The control law is

$$P\_b,cmd(t)=P\_rated\ \tanh[w^{T}\varphi(x\_t)] \quad (6)$$

where the parameter vector w is optimized offline using the Cross-Entropy Method (CEM). The deployed controller contains only 12 parameters, enabling efficient real-time execution on embedded microgrid controllers.

D) Safe Adaptation and Embedded Operation:

Forecasting models and RL policies are trained offline and updated only after validation against archived operating scenarios. During real-time operation, low-confidence predictions or poor data quality automatically transfer control to a deterministic rule-based strategy, while converter protection and inner control loops remain independent of the RL layer.

4. Reproducible Simulation Study:

A) Dataset and Electrical Parameters

A proof-of-concept study was executed in Python using 365 days of hourly data. The data are synthetic but physically structured: seasonal daylight determines clear-sky PV output; an autoregressive cloud factor creates ramps and cloudy intervals; morning and evening demand peaks are combined with weekly and seasonal effects; and stochastic residual demand is added. Time-of-use import prices are supplemented by occasional high-price events. The first 260 days are used for forecast and policy training, and the remaining 105 days are kept as a chronologically later test set. No test-day observations are used to tune the controller.

B) Policy Training and Baselines

The forecast regressors are fitted only to the training interval. The policy-search population contains 128 candidates, with 18 elite candidates retained per iteration. Seventy-five broad-search iterations are followed by twenty-five refinement iterations. Training episodes cover multiple seasons and tariff conditions. The same battery constraints and operating-cost definition are used for every controller.Four test strategies are compared. The no-battery case supplies the load from PV and the grid without storage. The time-of-use rule charges from PV surplus, charges partially during low-price periods, and discharges during high-price periods. The RL-without-forecast policy uses present load, PV, tariff, time, and state of charge. The proposed policy receives the same measurements plus the six-hour forecast summaries. Operating cost, grid import and export, battery throughput, maximum import, and PV self-consumption are reported.

5. Results:

Table 1 presents the out-of-sample forecasting accuracy across different prediction horizons.

Table 1. Out-of-sample forecasting errors

Horizon	Load MAE (kW)	Load RMSE (kW)	PV MAE (kW)	PV RMSE (kW)
1 h	2.32	2.89	1.39	2.49
3 h	4.79	5.70	2.23	3.90
6 h	5.87	6.87	3.07	5.43

Table 2 compares the energy-management performance of the proposed controller with benchmark strategies on the test dataset.

Table 2. Performance on the final 105-day test interval

Method	Cost (USD)	Import (kWh)	Export (kWh)	Peak (kW)	PV self-cons. (%)
No battery	15,930.60	83,621	2,568	74.41	92.93
Rule-based TOU	14,300.85	82,954	1,009	84.24	97.22
RL without forecast	14,180.29	84,667	2,568	70.79	92.93
Forecast-assisted RL	14,160.37	83,260	881	73.38	97.58

Figure 2 compares the operating costs achieved by different energy-management strategies during the test period

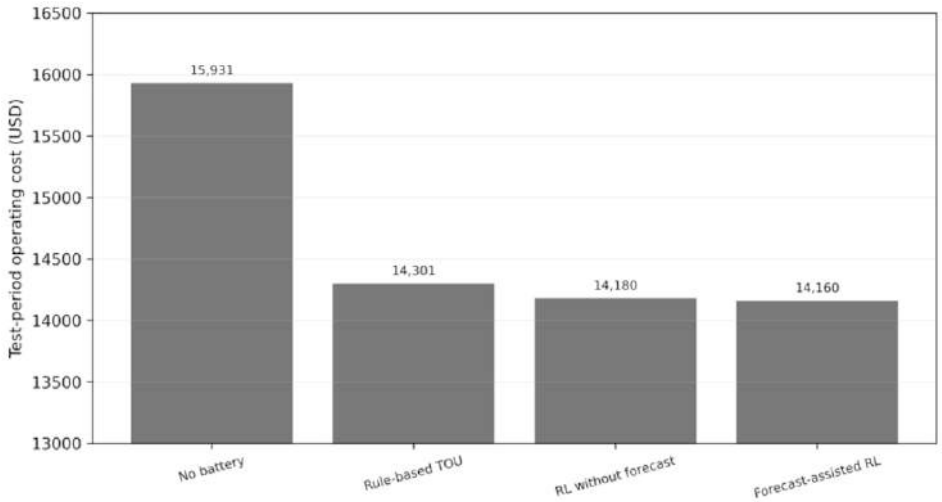


Fig. 3 : Test-period operating-cost comparison

The proposed controller produces a test-period cost of USD 14,160.37, compared with USD 15,930.60 without storage. The reduction is 11.11%. Relative to the time-of-use rule, cost is reduced by 0.98%. The cost difference between forecast-assisted RL and RL without forecasts is smaller, at 0.14%, because hour-of-day and tariff inputs already allow the non-forecast policy to learn regular price patterns. The stronger benefit of forecasting is observed in renewable-energy coordination rather than in tariff arbitrage alone.

Figure 3 illustrates the electrical behaviour during a variable three-day interval. Battery discharge is positive and charging is negative. Charging is concentrated around PV surplus and lower-price periods, while discharge reduces grid dependence during evening demand. The physical supervisor clips requests when the state-of-charge or converter rating is approached. No battery discharge is permitted to produce intentional export. These constraints remain active even if forecast errors or unusual policy outputs occur.

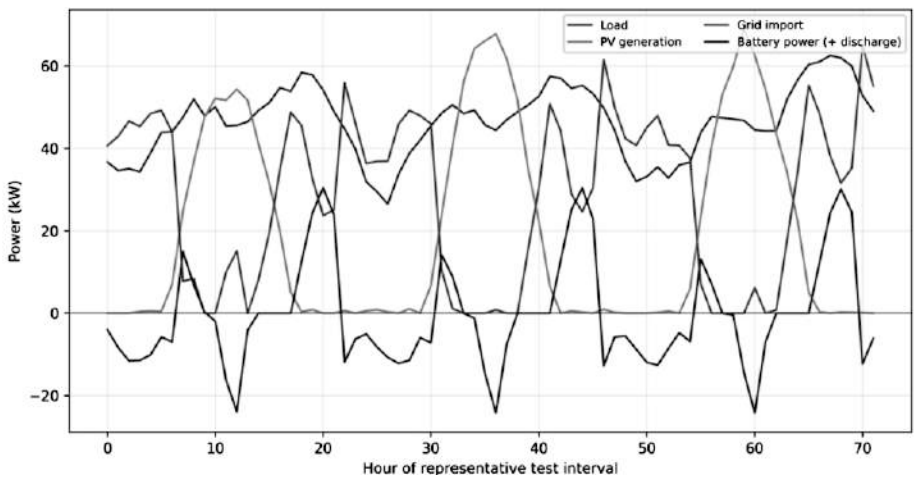


Fig. 4 : Representative forecast-assisted dispatch over a variable 72-hour test interval.

6. Conclusion:

An intelligent energy-management framework has been developed for a grid-connected solar–battery microgrid using forecast-assisted reinforcement learning. Six-hour load and PV forecasts are combined with measured electrical variables in a compact nonlinear policy. A deterministic safety supervisor enforces battery, converter, and export constraints independently of the learned command. In the reproducible 105-day simulation test, operating cost is reduced by 11.11% relative to operation without storage and by 0.98% relative to a time-of-use rule. Forecast assistance reduces export by 65.71% and increases PV self-consumption to 97.58% compared with RL without forecasts. These gains are accompanied by greater battery throughput, highlighting the need for detailed

ageing-aware optimisation. The compact policy and layered fail-safe design provide a suitable basis for embedded and hardware-in-the-loop investigation.

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AI-Enabled Regulatory and Market Framework for Green Power, Climate Action and Inclusive Energy Access in India: An Engineering–Legal Perspective

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Abtract:

India's transition towards Viksit Bharat requires an electricity sector that is reliable, affordable, sustainable and digitally resilient. While rapid deployment of renewable energy and smart-grid technologies has accelerated the decarbonisation of the power sector, it has also introduced new technical, regulatory and governance challenges associated with renewable intermittency, grid flexibility, data governance and consumer protection. Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers significant opportunities to improve renewable energy forecasting, demand-side management, predictive maintenance and system efficiency; however, its successful adoption depends upon an enabling legal and regulatory ecosystem. This paper adopts an interdisciplinary engineering–legal approach to examine the interaction between AI-enabled power systems, electricity regulation and market reforms in India. It analyses the existing statutory and policy framework, including the Electricity Act, 2003, the Green Energy Open Access Rules, Renewable Consumption Obligations, the Indian Carbon Market and the National Green Hydrogen Mission. Building upon this framework, the paper proposes an integrated regulatory architecture that combines intelligent infrastructure, AI governance, market-based flexibility mechanisms and consumer-centric regulatory safeguards. The study argues that India's clean energy transition requires coordinated reforms in engineering, law and market design to ensure climate resilience, reliable electricity supply and inclusive energy access. The proposed framework contributes to policy discourse by presenting a practical model for integrating AI with sustainable electricity governance in support of India's long-term net-zero and Viksit Bharat objectives.

Key Wards :

Artificial Intelligence, Smart Grid, Electricity Regulation, Green Energy, Climate Action, Energy Law, Inclusive Energy Access.

1. Introduction:

India's electricity sector is experiencing a significant transformation driven by increasing electricity demand, rapid deployment of renewable energy, digitalisation of power systems and national commitments towards climate change mitigation. The vision of Viksit Bharat envisages a power sector that not only supports economic growth but also ensures affordable, reliable and environmentally sustainable electricity for all categories of consumers. Achieving this objective requires balancing three interrelated priorities: expanding renewable energy, maintaining grid reliability and ensuring equitable access to clean electricity.

Renewable energy has emerged as a central pillar of India's energy policy. Large-scale deployment of solar and wind power has accelerated the transition towards a low-carbon economy, but the variable nature of these resources presents significant operational challenges for electricity networks. Unlike conventional thermal generation, renewable generation depends on weather conditions and introduces uncertainty in power scheduling, frequency regulation and reserve management. These challenges require modern grid management supported by advanced forecasting techniques, energy storage systems and flexible market mechanisms.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become an important enabling technology in addressing these challenges. Machine learning and advanced data analytics can improve renewable generation forecasting, optimise electricity demand, enhance predictive maintenance of grid assets, detect energy theft and support intelligent energy management. AI-enabled decision-support systems also contribute to efficient integration of distributed energy resources such as rooftop solar installations, battery storage systems and electric vehicles. However, increased reliance on AI raises important legal and regulatory questions concerning algorithmic accountability, cybersecurity, data privacy, consumer protection and transparency in automated decision-making.

India has already established an evolving legal framework to facilitate the clean energy transition. The Electricity Act, 2003 provides statutory recognition for the promotion of renewable energy, while subsequent regulatory initiatives—including the Green Energy Open Access Rules, Renewable Consumption Obligations, the Indian Carbon Market and the National Green Hydrogen Mission—have strengthened the policy ecosystem supporting decarbonisation. Nevertheless, many of these initiatives continue to operate in relative isolation, whereas AI-driven electricity systems require an integrated governance framework that simultaneously addresses engineering requirements, market incentives and regulatory oversight.

Although existing literature extensively discusses AI applications in smart grids or renewable energy policy independently, comparatively limited research integrates electrical engineering, electricity regulation and AI governance into a unified framework suitable for India's evolving electricity market. This paper addresses this gap by proposing an interdisciplinary engineering–legal framework that aligns intelligent power systems with contemporary regulatory and market mechanisms. The study argues that the future electricity sector should move beyond conventional supply-centric regulation towards a data-driven, consumer-oriented and flexible regulatory architecture capable of supporting climate action while ensuring affordability, reliability and inclusive energy access.

The paper has four objectives. First, it examines the principal engineering challenges associated with integrating AI and renewable energy into modern electricity systems. Second, it analyses the existing legal and regulatory framework governing India's green energy transition. Third, it proposes an integrated AI-enabled regulatory and market architecture that combines intelligent infrastructure with appropriate legal safeguards and market reforms. Finally, it offers policy recommendations to support an inclusive, resilient and sustainable electricity ecosystem aligned with India's Viksit Bharat vision.

2. Engineering Challenges and Legal–Regulatory Context:

India's transition towards a renewable-rich electricity system requires simultaneous advancements in engineering infrastructure and regulatory governance. The increasing share of solar and wind energy has significantly reduced dependence on conventional fossil-fuel generation; however, it has also introduced operational challenges arising from the intermittent and weather-dependent nature of renewable resources. Maintaining grid stability under these conditions requires improved forecasting, flexible generation, energy storage systems, responsive demand-side management and intelligent transmission and distribution networks. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as an enabling technology capable of supporting these requirements through data-driven forecasting, predictive maintenance, automated grid monitoring and optimisation of electricity dispatch.

A simplified representation of the real-time power balance in an integrated electricity system is:

PG(t)+PRE(t)+PS(t)=PD(t)+PL(t)P_G(t)+P_{RE}(t)+P_S(t)=P_D(t)+P_L(t)PG(t)+PRE(t)+PS(t)=PD(t)+PL(t)

where PG(t)P_G(t)PG(t) represents conventional generation, PRE(t)P_{RE}(t)PRE(t) renewable generation, PS(t)P_S(t)PS(t) the contribution of energy storage, PD(t)P_D(t)PD(t) electricity demand and PL(t)P_L(t)PL(t) transmission and distribution losses. AI-based forecasting improves the estimation of renewable generation and demand, thereby reducing reserve requirements, renewable energy curtailment and operational costs.

Despite these technological advancements, several structural challenges continue to affect India's electricity sector. Distribution utilities face persistent Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses, electricity theft, delayed revenue recovery and ageing infrastructure. Smart meters and AI-enabled analytics can assist utilities in detecting abnormal consumption patterns, forecasting equipment failures and improving operational efficiency. However, the extensive collection and processing of consumer data also create concerns regarding privacy, cybersecurity and accountability. Smart-meter data can reveal household occupancy patterns, industrial production cycles and consumer behaviour, making robust data governance an essential component of digital electricity systems.

These engineering challenges increasingly require complementary legal and regulatory interventions. The Electricity Act, 2003 provides the statutory foundation for India's electricity sector and entrusts State Electricity Regulatory Commissions with promoting electricity generation from renewable energy sources and prescribing Renewable Purchase Obligations under Section 86(1)(e). This statutory framework establishes renewable energy promotion as a continuing regulatory responsibility rather than merely a policy objective.

Further regulatory reforms have strengthened India's transition towards cleaner electricity markets. The Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) Rules, 2022 expanded access to renewable electricity by reducing the minimum eligibility threshold for green open access to 100 kW. These reforms enable commercial, industrial and institutional consumers to procure renewable electricity directly from generators while encouraging competition and reducing dependence on conventional grid supply. Effective implementation, however, requires transparent network charges, time-bound approvals, predictable banking provisions and improved coordination among distribution licensees, State Load Despatch Centres and renewable energy generators.

Renewable Consumption Obligations (RCOs) represent another important regulatory mechanism for increasing the consumption of non-fossil electricity. While current compliance is primarily assessed on an annual basis, future regulatory frameworks may progressively incorporate temporal and locational considerations through hourly renewable matching, time-stamped renewable energy certificates and storage-backed renewable supply. Such reforms would better align regulatory compliance with actual grid decarbonisation and system reliability.

The Energy Conservation (Amendment) Act, 2022 further strengthens India's climate governance by enabling the establishment of the Indian Carbon Market and a national Carbon Credit Trading Scheme. Carbon markets create economic incentives for emission reduction by assigning measurable value to avoided greenhouse gas emissions. Their effectiveness, however, depends upon robust systems for measurement, reporting and verification (MRV), transparent market oversight and safeguards against double counting of emission reductions.

In parallel, the National Green Hydrogen Mission seeks to promote renewable-energy-based hydrogen production for sectors that are difficult to decarbonise through direct electrification. AI can optimise electrolyser operation by scheduling hydrogen production according to renewable energy availability, electricity prices and storage conditions, thereby improving both operational efficiency and renewable energy utilisation.

Although these legislative and policy initiatives provide a strong foundation for India's clean energy transition, they largely operate as independent regulatory instruments. The next stage of electricity-sector reform requires greater institutional integration between engineering systems, AI-enabled decision-making, electricity market mechanisms and legal governance. Such an integrated approach would enable the electricity sector to accommodate increasing renewable penetration while ensuring consumer protection, cybersecurity, transparency and equitable access to clean energy. Accordingly, the subsequent section proposes a unified AI-enabled regulatory and market architecture that combines intelligent infrastructure with modern electricity regulation to support climate resilience and the objectives of Viksit Bharat.

3. Proposed AI-Enabled Regulatory and Market Architecture

The transition towards an AI-enabled and renewable-rich electricity system requires more than technological innovation; it demands an integrated regulatory framework capable of coordinating engineering infrastructure, market mechanisms and legal governance. Existing regulatory instruments primarily govern electricity generation, transmission and distribution independently, whereas future power systems will increasingly rely on distributed energy resources, intelligent automation and real-time market participation. Accordingly, this paper proposes an integrated AI-enabled regulatory and market architecture comprising five interdependent layers.

The first layer consists of intelligent physical infrastructure, including renewable-energy generation, smart meters, battery energy storage systems, intelligent substations, electric vehicles and distributed energy resources. These technologies provide the physical foundation for a flexible and decarbonised electricity system capable of supporting increasing renewable-energy penetration while maintaining grid reliability.

The second layer comprises AI and digital intelligence. Machine learning, predictive analytics, digital twins and intelligent forecasting enable accurate demand prediction, renewable-energy scheduling, predictive maintenance and real-time grid optimisation. AI also enhances distribution management by identifying abnormal consumption patterns, improving outage management and supporting efficient utilisation of distributed energy resources. These capabilities reduce operational uncertainty and improve system resilience while enabling informed decision-making by utilities and system operators.

The third layer introduces market-based mechanisms that encourage flexibility and consumer participation. Future electricity markets should move beyond conventional energy trading by recognising the economic value of flexibility services provided by battery storage, demand response, electric vehicles and virtual power plants. Green Open Access, real-time electricity markets, Renewable Consumption Obligations, ancillary service markets and carbon-credit mechanisms collectively create financial incentives for clean-energy deployment and efficient resource utilisation. AI further supports these markets through demand forecasting, dynamic pricing and optimisation of distributed energy resources.

The fourth layer establishes the legal and regulatory governance necessary for AI-enabled electricity systems. As AI increasingly influences operational and commercial decisions within critical infrastructure, regulatory institutions must ensure data governance, cybersecurity, algorithmic accountability, interoperability, consumer protection and transparent dispute-resolution mechanisms. Regulatory oversight should encourage innovation while ensuring that automated decision-making remains explainable, auditable and subject to appropriate human supervision in safety-critical operations.

The fifth layer focuses on inclusive energy access. The benefits of digitalisation and renewable-energy transition should extend beyond large industrial consumers to rural households, farmers, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), public institutions and economically weaker sections of society. Community microgrids, decentralised renewable-energy systems, AI-enabled distribution management and simplified regulatory procedures can improve affordability, reliability and accessibility while supporting equitable socio-economic development.

The proposed architecture recognises that reliable electricity, climate action and consumer welfare are mutually reinforcing objectives rather than competing priorities. Effective implementation therefore requires coordinated interaction among engineering systems, AI technologies, electricity regulation and market institutions. Such integration will facilitate the development of a resilient,

transparent and consumer-centric electricity ecosystem capable of supporting India's long-term climate commitments and the vision of Viksit Bharat.

4. AI Governance and Energy Law:

Artificial Intelligence should be recognised as a critical component of modern electricity infrastructure because AI-based systems increasingly influence forecasting, scheduling, network monitoring, demand response and operational decision-making. While AI improves efficiency and grid reliability, inappropriate algorithmic decisions, cyberattacks or poor data governance may adversely affect electricity supply, market integrity and consumer rights. Consequently, AI deployment within the electricity sector must operate under an appropriate legal and regulatory framework that balances innovation with accountability.

A robust governance framework should incorporate six core principles: reliability, transparency, cybersecurity, privacy, interoperability and resilience. From an engineering perspective, AI systems should undergo rigorous validation, periodic performance assessment and fail-safe testing before deployment in operational environments. From a legal perspective, utilities and market participants should remain accountable for decisions supported by AI, particularly where such decisions affect public safety, electricity reliability or consumer interests.

Cybersecurity assumes particular importance because digital electricity infrastructure forms part of the nation's critical information infrastructure. Smart meters, communication networks and distributed energy resources should therefore comply with recognised cybersecurity standards, secure communication protocols and mandatory incident reporting obligations. Similarly, the increasing availability of consumer-level electricity data necessitates clear rules governing data collection, storage, processing and sharing, consistent with principles of data minimisation and purpose limitation.

Transparency and explainability are equally essential. AI systems used for tariff determination, demand forecasting or grid operations should be capable of providing understandable reasons for significant automated decisions. Human oversight should remain mandatory for safety-critical operational decisions involving system protection, emergency response or large-scale dispatch instructions. Accordingly, the recommended governance model is based on a human-in-the-loop approach, ensuring that AI functions as a decision-support tool rather than an autonomous replacement for regulatory or operational authority.

Table 1. Engineering–Legal Requirements for AI in Power Systems:

Principle	Engineering Requirement	Legal Requirement
Reliability	Model validation, redundancy	Accountability for critical operational decisions
Transparency	Explainable AI outputs	Auditability and regulatory disclosure
Cybersecurity	Secure communication, encryption	Mandatory incident reporting and compliance
Privacy	Data minimisation	Data protection and lawful processing
Interoperability	Common technical standards	Regulatory standardisation
Resilience	Fail-safe operation with manual override	Business continuity and emergency obligations

The adoption of these principles can strengthen public confidence in AI-enabled electricity systems while promoting responsible innovation and long-term regulatory certainty.

5. Policy Recommendations for Viksit Bharat:

India's transition towards an AI-enabled and low-carbon electricity sector requires coordinated reforms that integrate engineering innovation with legal and institutional governance. Based on the foregoing analysis, the following policy measures are recommended:

First, a comprehensive regulatory framework for Artificial Intelligence in the electricity sector should be developed under the existing electricity regulatory regime. Such a framework should prescribe minimum standards for algorithmic transparency, cybersecurity, data governance, model validation and human oversight in safety-critical operations. Sector-specific technical standards issued by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), in coordination with the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), can facilitate consistent implementation across utilities and market participants.

Second, electricity markets should progressively evolve from conventional energy-based trading towards flexibility-oriented market structures. Regulatory mechanisms should recognise and compensate services such as battery energy storage, demand response, ancillary services and distributed energy resource aggregation. Such reforms would improve renewable energy integration while enhancing overall grid reliability.

Third, the regulatory framework governing Green Energy Open Access and Renewable Consumption Obligations should be strengthened through greater digitalisation, transparent network access procedures and gradual adoption of time-sensitive renewable accounting. These reforms would improve market efficiency while ensuring that renewable energy procurement contributes to real-time system decarbonisation.

Fourth, AI-enabled electricity systems should be supported by robust data governance and cybersecurity frameworks. Standardised protocols for secure data exchange, interoperability, consumer privacy and mandatory reporting of cyber incidents are essential to maintain public confidence in digital electricity infrastructure and protect critical national assets.

Fifth, inclusive energy access should remain a central objective of electricity-sector reforms. Regulatory policies should facilitate community-based renewable energy projects, decentralised microgrids, simplified market participation for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and targeted support for rural households and public institutions. Such measures would ensure that the benefits of digitalisation and clean energy are equitably distributed across society.

Finally, successful implementation requires continuous institutional coordination among engineering agencies, electricity regulators, policymakers, utilities and technology developers. Regulatory sandboxes, pilot projects and periodic review of technical standards can promote innovation while enabling adaptive governance in response to evolving technologies and market conditions.
Collectively, these measures provide a balanced pathway for integrating AI, renewable energy and electricity regulation in support of climate resilience, consumer welfare and sustainable economic development under the vision of Viksit Bharat.

6. Conclusion:

India's clean energy transition is no longer solely an engineering challenge; it is equally a question of regulatory design, institutional capacity and responsible technological governance. While Artificial Intelligence has significant potential to improve renewable energy forecasting, grid optimisation, predictive maintenance and consumer-side energy management, its successful deployment depends upon an enabling legal and regulatory framework that promotes transparency, accountability, cybersecurity and consumer protection.

This paper has examined the interaction between engineering systems, electricity regulation and market reforms in the context of India's evolving electricity sector. It demonstrates that existing legislative initiatives—including the Electricity Act, 2003, the Green Energy Open Access framework, Renewable Consumption Obligations, the Indian Carbon Market and the National Green Hydrogen Mission—provide important foundations for decarbonisation but require greater institutional integration to address the complexities of AI-enabled power systems.

To address this gap, the paper proposes an integrated regulatory and market architecture that combines intelligent infrastructure, AI-driven operational capabilities, market-based flexibility mechanisms and robust legal governance. The framework recognises that engineering innovation and regulatory oversight are complementary components of a resilient electricity ecosystem. By encouraging flexibility markets, responsible AI governance, secure data management and inclusive energy access, the proposed model seeks to balance sustainability, reliability and affordability without compromising consumer rights or public accountability.

The transition towards Viksit Bharat will require continued collaboration among engineers, policymakers, regulators, utilities and legal institutions. An integrated engineering–legal approach can facilitate the development of an electricity sector that is digitally intelligent, environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive. Such a framework not only supports India's long-term climate commitments but also provides a practical roadmap for achieving secure, affordable and clean energy for all.

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Abstracts

Solar Wireless Electrical Vehicle Charging System

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Research on Design and fabrication of an integrated seed sowing and grass cutting machine with dual control

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In the realm of modern agriculture, the fusion of technological innovation and sustainable methodologies has become indispensable in confronting the multifaceted challenges of population expansion, climate variability, and dwindling resources. In light of this, our paper presents a groundbreaking agricultural system that merges state-of-the-art hardware components with inventive design principles to overhaul traditional farming techniques. Introducing an innovative agricultural solution, this paper proposes a comprehensive system, integrating two remotely controlled spray mechanisms alongside automated seed-sowing functionality. The system harnesses a DC heavy-duty pump for robust spraying performance, powered sustainably by a 20W solar panel coupled with a battery. Precision in movement is ensured through the integration of a servo motor SG90, facilitating accurate spraying and seed distribution. Additionally, land preparation is enhanced with the inclusion of a grass cutter. Central to the system is a driver unit, coordinated effectively via a servo tester for optimal control. This integrated solution not only streamlines agricultural processes but also promotes efficiency and precision in remote controlled spraying and seed sowing, marking a significant advancement in modern agricultural practices. Through its comprehensive approach, our paper endeavours to redefine contemporary agriculture by fostering efficiency, sustainability, and resilience in the face of evolving global challenges.

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AI-based Demand Forecasting For Efficient Power Distribution

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Power distribution companies in Maharashtra face challenges including increasing electricity demand, transmission losses, and load imbalance [cite: 59]. This paper presents a demand forecasting model utilizing Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks [cite: 61]. By integrating historical smart meter data, weather conditions, and IoT sensor inputs, the system aims to predict electricity demand accurately [cite: 62]. This framework demonstrates how AI techniques can support smart power distribution reforms in India by improving load balancing and reducing technical losses [cite: 63, 65].

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Wireless Scrolling Display Notice Board

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In today's fast-paced world, real-time communication plays a vital role in education, business, and public information systems. Traditional notice boards rely on manual updates, making them time-consuming, less efficient, and prone to delays. This project proposes a wireless scrolling display notice board based on Internet of Things (IoT) technology, which enables users to transmit messages remotely through Wi-Fi or GSM networks. The system displays the received messages as scrolling text on an LED display board, ensuring quick and dynamic information dissemination. This solution enhances communication efficiency, reduces manual effort, and provides a flexible, user-friendly platform for instant updates in various environments such as schools, offices, and public spaces.

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IOT Based Automatic Dam Shutter Controlled System

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Effective dam management is essential for flood prevention and optimal water utilization. Traditional dam operations rely heavily on manual monitoring and decision-making, which can lead to delays and human errors during critical situations. This paper proposes an IoT-based automatic dam shutter control system that continuously monitors water levels using sensors and automates gate operations based on predefined thresholds. The system uses a microcontroller integrated with an IoT platform to transmit real-time data and trigger appropriate actions. Experimental analysis demonstrates improved response time, enhanced accuracy, and reduced dependency on human intervention. The proposed solution offers a reliable, scalable, and costeffective approach for smart water resource management.

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Design of smart grid solar power monitoring system using IOT

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The design of a Smart Grid Power Monitoring System using IoT aims to enhance the efficiency, reliability, and user control of power distribution in modern electrical networks. The primary objective of this system is to monitor the voltage levels of multiple power sources and manage the activation of the grid based on the dynamic state of these sources. By continuously observing the voltage of two independent energy storage units, the system ensures that the grid is triggered according to predefined priorities, optimizing energy usage and reducing wastage.

A core feature of this system is the implementation of a priority-based control mechanism, where the grid activation sequence is determined automatically based on the available energy levels. This approach allows the system to operate intelligently, activating the grid in response to real-time conditions without requiring constant human intervention. To enhance transparency and usability, the system provides real-time feedback on the status of the grid, enabling users to monitor the operational condition from a central interface.

Furthermore, the integration of IoT technology empowers users to control and manage the grid remotely through a mobile application. This feature allows for global accessibility, giving users the ability to manually trigger the grid from any location in the world, thereby combining automated energy management with flexible user control. The system also provides a visual interface that displays the operational status and key metrics of the grid, ensuring informed decision-making for energy management.

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AI-Driven Strategies for Power Distribution Reform and Technical Loss Reduction

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Introduction and Global Context: Transmission and distribution (T&D) losses represent approximately 10–15% of global electricity generation, translating to an annual economic burden of $150–$300 billion. Beyond financial strain, these inefficiencies contribute significantly to global carbon emissions by necessitating excess power generation to compensate for wasted energy.In many regions, particularly emerging economies, utilities suffer from high Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses that threaten their financial viability.As global electricity demand surges due to the electrification of transport and heating, traditional, static grid management—characterized by reactive maintenance and over-provisioning—is no longer sustainable.

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An Intelligent Collision Detection and Avoidance System for Advanced Driver Assistance Using Computer Vision and Deep Learning

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Road accidents remain one of the major causes of fatalities worldwide, often resulting from delayed driver response, poor visibility, and sudden obstacles. Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) have emerged as an effective solution to improve road safety. This paper presents an Intelligent Collision Detection and Avoidance System (CDAS) integrated within an Intelligent ADAS framework to detect obstacles, estimate collision risk, and initiate preventive actions. The proposed system uses a monocular camera for real-time image acquisition and applies image preprocessing, feature extraction, and deep learning-based object detection using Faster R-CNN. Distance estimation is performed using monocular depth estimation and optical flow analysis. Collision risk is assessed using Time-to-Collision (TTC) and braking distance calculations. Based on risk levels, the system provides warning alerts, autonomous emergency braking, and steering assistance. Experimental analysis demonstrates that the proposed framework improves obstacle detection efficiency and reduces collision probability in both urban and highway scenarios.

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Introduction and Field-Level Context In real-world power distribution systems especially in India technical and commercial losses remain a major operational challenge. Many DISCOMs experience AT&C losses ranging from 15% to over 25%, primarily due to outdated infrastructure, overloading of feeders, poor maintenance practices, and electricity theft.

At the field level, common issues include:

- Transformer failures due to overloading
- Unbalanced feeder loads
- Poor voltage regulation at consumer endpoints
- Manual fault detection causing long outages
- Inefficient meter monitoring and billing systems

These inefficiencies not only increase operational costs but also reduce supply reliability and customer satisfaction. With rising electricity demand and renewable integration, traditional manual and reactive approaches are no longer sufficient.

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Research on Solar Based Insect Killer For Agriculture

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This paper presents the design and development of a solar-based insect killer aimed at providing an effective and eco-friendly solution for pest control in agricultural fields. The system operates on a 12V power supply supported by a solar panel, enabling it to function independently without relying on conventional electricity. A blue LED light is used to attract insects toward the device, utilizing their natural attraction to specific light wavelengths. As the insects approach, they come into contact with an electrified mesh, where a stun gun circuit generates high voltage at low current to eliminate them effectively. To enhance safety and user control, the system is equipped with two switch buttons that allow the user to activate or deactivate the current flowing through the mesh as needed. This simple control mechanism ensures safe operation while maintaining efficiency. Overall, the paper offers a cost-effective and sustainable alternative to chemical pesticides, helping farmers protect crops while reducing environmental impact.

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Automatic Coil Winding Machine Using Arduino

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This project aimed to design and construct a coil winding machine using an Arduino Uno microcontroller, a 2-layer PCB, 3D printed frames, and wood and plywood structure for the setup. The machine was designed to control the speed of a DC motor using an Relay motor driver, and an IR sensor was used to detect coil turns and send a signal to the microcontroller to start the machine. The machine was assembled, and its performance was evaluated in terms of coil winding accuracy and speed. Results showed that the machine was able to wind coils accurately and quickly. The success of the project in meeting its objectives was evaluated, and areas for improvement were identified. The significance of the project and its potential applications were discussed, and future work was identified.

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IoT Enabled Lora-based Smart Water Distribution System For Automated Irrigation

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Agriculture is still the single largest user of freshwater on the planet [1], and irrigation that runs on fixed schedules or a farmer's visual judgement keeps wasting a lot of that water [4] — especially where infrastructure is thin on the ground. This paper lays out the design and early build of an IoT-enabled, LoRa-based water distribution system meant for automated irrigation in rural and remote fields. The system is split across three parts: a Farm-Well Node, a Gateway Node, and a Cloud/User Interface. The Farm-Well Node reads soil moisture, temperature, humidity, rainfall, and water flow through sensors wired into an ESP32, then sends that data out over an SX1278 LoRa module on the 433 MHz band. The Gateway Node picks up the readings, runs a moisture-threshold and rain-aware irrigation rule, and switches a relay-controlled pump on or off accordingly, while also pushing data up to ThingSpeak and Blynk so it can be checked remotely. A PIR sensor is folded in as well, giving basic intrusion alerts for the farm. The system runs in both automatic and manual modes and is aimed at cutting down water waste and manual labour. We walk through the architecture, how it works, where the build currently stands, and what still needs testing in the field.

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Intelligent Recognition of Indian Medicinal Plant Species Using Handcrafted Features for IoT-Enabled Electrical Systems and Advanced Clean Technologies

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Accurate recognition and classification of Indian medicinal plant species are essential for biodiversity conservation, traditional medicine, and pharmaceutical research. Conventional manual identification methods are often labor-intensive, time-consuming, and susceptible to human error. This study presents a machine learning-based framework for the automated recognition of Indian medicinal plant species using handcrafted image features. The proposed approach extracts discriminative color and texture features from segmented leaf images to effectively capture their visual characteristics and morphological patterns. The extracted features are subsequently classified using four machine learning algorithms, and their classification performances are systematically evaluated and compared. A benchmark dataset containing images of diverse Indian medicinal plant species is utilized, with image preprocessing and segmentation performed prior to feature extraction. Experimental results demonstrate that the Random Forest classifier achieves the highest classification accuracy among the evaluated models, outperforming the other machine learning techniques. The proposed framework provides an efficient, reliable, and cost effective solution for automated medicinal plant identification, supporting botanists, researchers, and agricultural practitioners in the accurate recognition and documentation of medicinal plant species.

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Smart Electrical Sensing and IoT Technologies for Automated Shopping Cart Systems: A Comprehensive Review

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The increasing adoption of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies has driven substantial advancements in retail automation, particularly through the implementation of smart shopping carts aimed at improving shopping efficiency, reducing billing delays, and enhancing inventory control. This study reviews and consolidates findings from ten research publications, examining key technologies such as RFID-based item recognition, weight-based validation systems, biometric authentication methods, distributed billing approaches, consumer online shopping behavior analysis, mobile application support, and ZigBee-enabled communication frameworks. The review indicates that smart shopping carts considerably decrease customer waiting time, reduce manual errors, and facilitate seamless automated billing processes. Additionally, these systems contribute to improved inventory management and help in minimizing theft. However, challenges related to implementation cost, scalability of hardware infrastructure, and security issues remain significant barriers to widespread adoption. To overcome these challenges, the study proposes an integrated IoT-cloud based retail architecture to support the development of future intelligent retail ecosystems.

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IOT Based Wi-fi Control Landmine Detector Robot

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The goal of this project is to develop a comprehensive and effective landmine detection robot that operates with real-time monitoring capabilities and enhanced safety features. Landmines, which remain a significant threat in many conflict zones and rural areas, pose an ongoing risk to the lives of civilians, soldiers, and aid workers. Detecting these buried explosives is a critical task that requires innovative technology to improve safety and reduce the dangers associated with landmine presence. This project is designed to address this issue by creating a robotic system that can detect landmines in soil with high accuracy and efficiency. The landmine detector robot is equipped with advanced sensors capable of identifying the presence of metallic or non-metallic landmines buried beneath the surface. When a landmine is detected, the robot automatically activates an alert mechanism, such as a buzzer, to notify nearby individuals of the imminent danger. The system ensures that the detection process is precise, minimizing the chances of false positives and enhancing the reliability of the system in real-world applications.

The data collected by the landmine detection system is transmitted in real time via a mobile application, offering users the ability to observe the detection process from a safe distance. This ensures that operators and personnel in the field can maintain a safe radius from potential hazards while remaining informed of the robot's progress. The use of Wi-Fi technology for wireless communication ensures that the system has a reliable and robust connection, facilitating uninterrupted data transfer and real-time feedback. This project is fully based on Wi-Fi communication, which allows the robot to send data to the mobile application without the need for physical A key feature of this project is its wireless communication capability, which allows for remote monitoring cables or complicated setups.Wi-Fi communication provides the flexibility to monitor the system from virtually any location within the network's coverage area. Furthermore, this wireless approach simplifies the deployment and operation of the system in remote or dangerous locations, where traditional wired setups might not be feasible or safe.

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Smart Shopping Trolley Which Follows The Coustomer Using Arduino And Ultrasonic Sensors

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This paper presents the design and development of a Smart Shopping Trolley that automatically follows the customer using an Arduino Uno and ultrasonic sensor. The system is designed to reduce the physical effort required to push a shopping trolley in supermarkets and shopping malls. The ultrasonic sensor continuously detects the customer's position, while the Arduino controls the DC motors through the motor driver to maintain a safe following distance. The trolley can move forward, stop, and change direction based on the customer's movement. The proposed system is simple, cost-effective, energy-efficient, and easy to implement. It improves customer convenience and provides a better shopping experience. This project demonstrates how automation and embedded systems can be used to make everyday shopping smarter and more efficient.

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Design and Development of an IR Sensor-Based Smart U-Turn Safety Device for Blind Mountain Curves to Prevent Road Accidents

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Road accidents on blind mountain curves are one of the major causes of fatalities due to poor visibility and the inability of drivers to detect oncoming vehicles. Conventional warning signs are passive and fail to provide real-time information regarding vehicle movement. This paper presents the design and development of a low-cost IR sensor-based Smart U-Turn Safety Device for mountain roads. The proposed system uses infrared sensors installed on both sides of a blind curve to detect approaching vehicles. Upon detection, the system automatically changes the traffic indication by activating red and green LED signal units to warn vehicles approaching from the opposite direction. The prototype is powered by a battery-operated circuit, making it suitable for remote hilly areas where continuous electricity is unavailable. The developed model successfully demonstrates automatic vehicle detection and warning signal operation, thereby reducing the probability of head-on collisions at blind turns. The proposed system is economical, energy-efficient, simple to install, and suitable for rural as well as mountainous regions. Future improvements include IoT connectivity, solar-powered operation, wireless communication, and AI-based traffic prediction for enhanced road safety.

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AI-Driven Lightweight Deep Learning Framework for Sleep Apnea Detection Using EEG Bioelectric Signals for Edge AI Deployment

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Bridging Thermal-Fluid Science and Artificial Intelligence: A Comprehensive Review of Heat Exchanger Performance Prediction, Enhancement, and Control

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To meet growing demands for industrial energy efficiency, modern heat exchangers leverage advanced structural designs and heat transfer intensification techniques. This review synthesizes current developments in HE engineering, comparing the thermal and hydraulic characteristics of plate-and-frame, shell-and-tube, brazed, and welded types. The paper highlights how geometric configurationsparticularly corrugation inclination angles and aspect ratiosgovern heat transfer efficiency. Furthermore, it reviews contemporary enhancement methods, including the integration of nanofluids and active control strategies, while emphasizing the transformative role of machine learning and deep learning models in predicting and optimizing Heat exchanger performance. Specifically, this work bridges traditional thermal-fluid science with modern data-driven intelligence by analyzing how computational fluid dynamics (CFD) and experimental frameworks uncover fundamental transport phenomena. It details the underlying mechanisms of turbulence generation and boundary layer disruption induced by varied surface patterns. Additionally, the review addresses operational challenges such as fouling, pressure drop penalties, and fluid-induced vibration, which directly impact the long-term economic and mechanical reliability of systems. By mapping the correlation between multi-variable operating conditions and thermal output, the study outlines critical guidelines for industrial scale-up. Ultimately, it identifies prominent research gaps and charts a roadmap for developing next-generation, self-optimizing heat exchanger networks capable of autonomous performance control.

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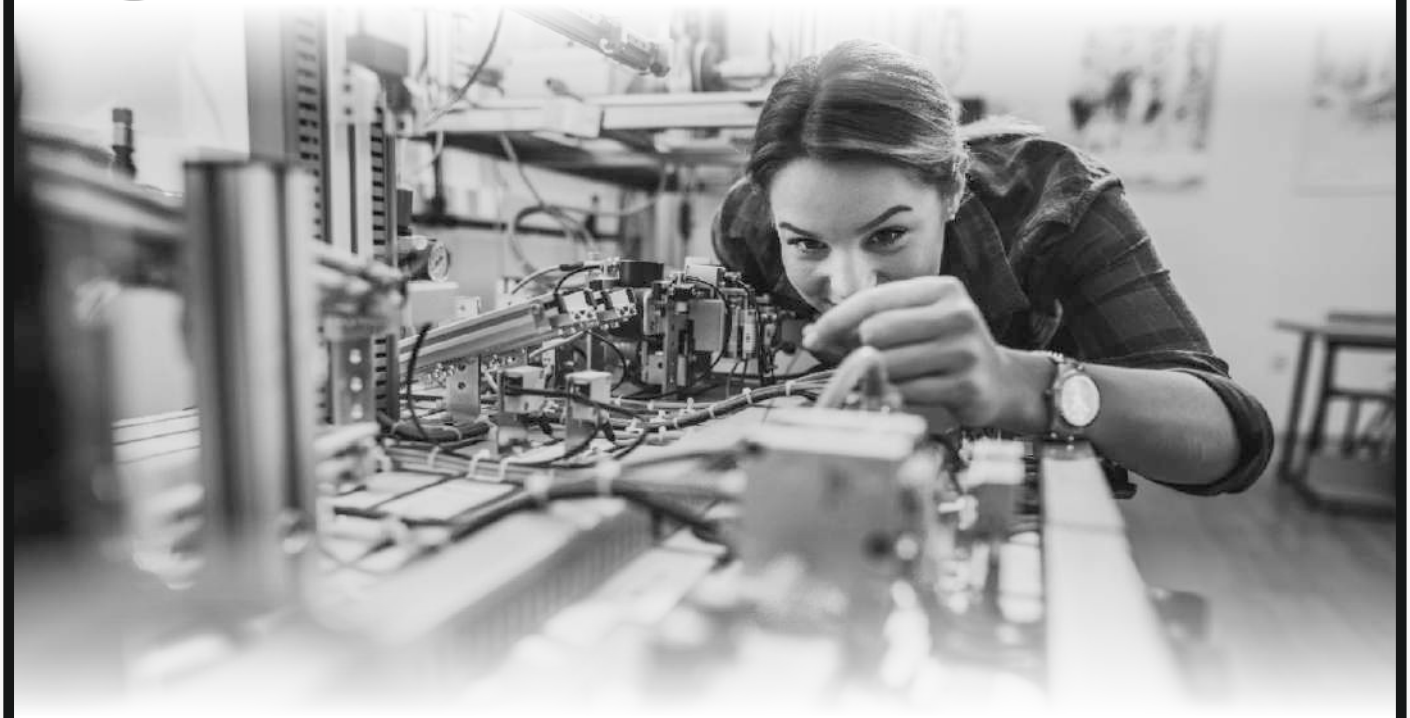
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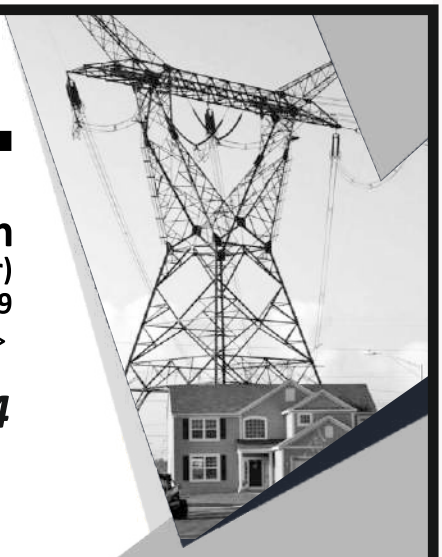
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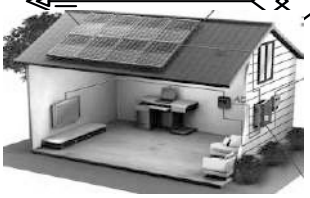
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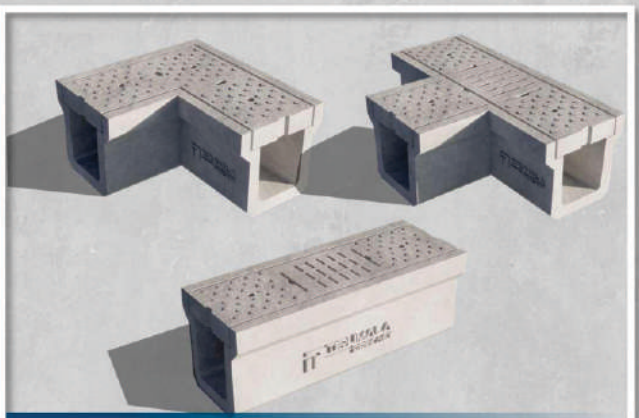
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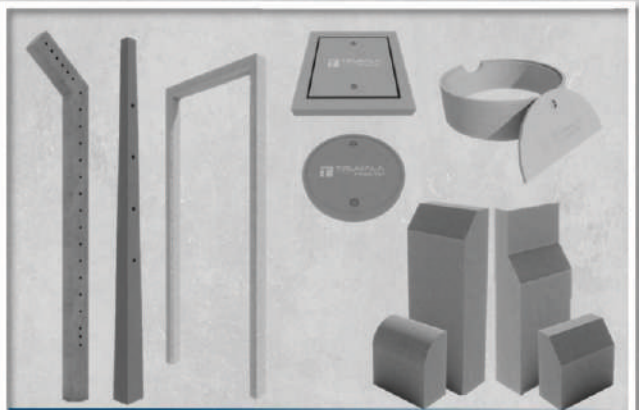
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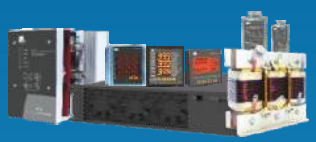
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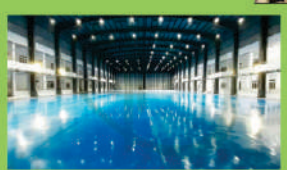
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