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Improving Power Disaster Prevention Efficiency through Smart Sensors and Automated Monitoring Systems

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In this study, we focus on the development of intelligent power disaster prevention monitoring sensors to enhance the stability and reliability of building electrical systems. The proposed system integrates multiple sensing components, including infrared temperature sensors, current sensors, and field-of-view (FOV) camera modules, forming a multi-sensor fusion framework for real-time anomaly detection and fire prevention. By integrating multi-scenario applications, real-time warnings, remote management, and comprehensive sensing technologies, the system provides comprehensive monitoring and automated intervention capabilities, enabling diversified disaster risk management. Each sensor module contributes specific functions—thermal monitoring for early overheating detection, current sensing for overload prevention, and image-based FOV detection for spatial anomaly recognition—enhancing both sensitivity and reliability. The system features high redundancy, low energy consumption, and scalability, making it suitable for industrial, commercial, and residential buildings. In this research, we explore how this disaster prevention solution improves power system resilience and public safety, with outstanding effectiveness particularly in fire prevention. The integration of multi-type sensors and the Internet of Things (IoT)-based smart monitoring confirms this study's relevance to sensing systems and intelligent monitoring technologies.

1. Introduction

With the acceleration of urbanization, electrical systems in modern buildings are becoming increasingly complex, which in turn heightens potential fire risks. Faults such as overheating, overloading, and electrical noise are among the primary causes of catastrophic fires, posing serious threats to both life and property. Therefore, intelligent fire prevention systems capable of real-time monitoring and issuing warnings before a fire actually occurs have become an urgent need in safety management. Traditional fire warning methods mainly rely on point-based temperature sensors. In applications such as cables, tunnels, or large-scale facilities, these systems require a large number of sensors, connectors, and complicated wiring, which results in

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high costs and challenging deployment.(1,2) In recent years, the integration of smart sensor technologies has played a crucial role in enhancing electrical safety monitoring. In this study, we employed a multi-sensor framework that combines infrared temperature sensors, current sensors, and field-of-view (FOV) imaging modules to detect early-stage electrical anomalies. These sensors are interconnected via an Internet of Things (IoT)-based communication network, enabling real-time data exchange and remote monitoring across various environments. Through sensor fusion, the system achieves improved detection precision, reduced false alarms, and higher resilience than traditional single-parameter monitoring systems.

However, real-time temperature distribution data alone are insufficient to ensure safety. In this study, we focused on further integrating FOV monitoring technology with the development of an innovative power disaster prevention monitoring sensor that incorporates an early warning model.(3) The proposed system integrates multiple advanced technologies, including FOV imaging,(4) temperature monitoring, and noise detection,(5) while also featuring real-time warning and remote management capabilities. Through these functions, the sensor can continuously monitor and respond to the state of the electrical system, effectively preventing disaster events. The early warning model is designed to identify potential fire risk patterns rather than waiting for flames or dense smoke to appear, thereby enabling earlier alerts. This allows valuable time for fire control or personnel evacuation, achieving more efficient and safer fire prevention objectives. By monitoring a real-time temperature distribution, in this study, we enhance the ability to detect early signs of fire, where distributed sensing combined with the early warning model can identify abnormal temperature rise zones in advance.

2. Features of Power Disaster Prevention Monitoring Sensor

2.1 Precision and multi-scenario application

The development of advanced monitoring systems for electrical safety has become increasingly critical as modern infrastructures face growing complexity and risks associated with electrical failures. The proposed power disaster prevention monitoring sensor is specifically designed to deliver precision and adaptability across multiple scenarios, including industrial facilities, commercial complexes, and residential buildings. Precision in monitoring is of paramount importance, as even minor anomalies such as overheating or overloading can escalate into severe hazards if left undetected. Recent studies emphasize that automatic fault detection, supported by machine learning and IoT, provides significant improvements in the reliability and responsiveness of smart building safety systems.(1) By leveraging intelligent sensing technologies, these systems are capable of rapidly identifying abnormal patterns in electrical operations, thereby enabling an early intervention before catastrophic failures occur.

A key feature of the sensor lies in its multi-scenario applicability, achieved through its integration with advanced FOV-based monitoring technologies. Traditional FOV monitoring has been widely employed in autonomous vehicles and industrial environments for precise object detection and situational awareness.(3) When applied to electrical safety, FOV monitoring enables the accurate localization of hotspots and anomaly regions within complex wiring systems. Moreover, innovations in multi-camera calibration methods have enhanced the scalability of FOV-based monitoring in large-scale IoT surveillance applications, which is essential for buildings with distributed electrical networks.[5] This adaptability ensures that the monitoring sensor can be deployed effectively in both large industrial facilities requiring extensive coverage and small residential units that demand cost-effective yet reliable solutions.

The precision of anomaly detection is further supported by the incorporation of distributed temperature sensing technologies. For instance, long-range Raman distributed fiber temperature sensors have demonstrated remarkable effectiveness in fire detection and prevention, offering continuous monitoring over extended cable lengths and providing early warnings of potential fire risks.[2] By embedding similar sensing mechanisms, the proposed system enhances its capacity to identify gradual increases in temperature and issue timely alerts, which are particularly vital for preventing electrical fires that often originate from unnoticed cable overheating.

In addition, IoT-based monitoring systems are transforming fire prevention practices by enabling real-time connectivity between sensors and centralized control units. Wu *et al.*[4] highlighted that IoT-integrated fire monitoring systems can transmit data instantaneously, allowing for rapid decision-making and emergency responses in industrial buildings. The proposed monitoring sensor aligns with this paradigm by incorporating IoT communication protocols, thereby ensuring seamless integration with building management systems and emergency control platforms. This connectivity not only facilitates real-time response but also contributes to predictive maintenance by accumulating historical data for trend analysis.

Taken together, the integration of IoT connectivity,[6] FOV-based anomaly detection, and distributed fiber temperature sensing establishes the proposed monitoring sensor as a comprehensive solution for power disaster prevention. Its design emphasizes precision in identifying early warning signals and adaptability across diverse application scenarios, from high-risk industrial environments to everyday residential buildings. By synthesizing these advancements, the system offers an innovative and practical approach to enhancing safety and resilience in modern electrical infrastructures.

2.2 Integrated sensing and smart monitoring

The real-time warning and remote management capabilities of intelligent fire prevention systems are grounded in sensor-based FOV monitoring technologies. As noted by Kim *et al.*[7] and Lee *et al.*,[8] FOV-based monitoring systems provide low-power and real-time sensing solutions for industrial automation, enabling the continuous surveillance of electrical conditions. The proposed system leverages these principles to detect abnormal events such as overheating, electrical overload, and excessive noise, and immediately trigger warning signals. By incorporating distributed fiber temperature sensors with early warning models, as demonstrated by Khan *et al.*,[2] the system enhances fire prevention accuracy by identifying potential hazards before they escalate into critical events. Furthermore, the integration of IoT-based frameworks enables cloud-assisted communication, allowing managers to remotely monitor and control system operations, such as adjusting load distributions or initiating shutdown protocols.[4,6] This connectivity ensures greater responsiveness and flexibility in emergency situations, complementing machine-learning-based fault detection methods that improve diagnosis accuracy in smart building environments.[1] In addition, the system supports multi-parameter sensing—including temperature, voltage, current, and electrical noise—providing a comprehensive dataset for real-time analysis. This multi-layered approach addresses the risk blind spots of single-parameter monitoring, ensuring more reliable and proactive disaster prevention.[3,5] Overall, the integration of FOV monitoring technologies with IoT-based control and cloud platforms represents a significant advancement in intelligent fire safety management.

2.3 Reliable, energy-efficient, and scalable systems

The power disaster prevention system is engineered with high redundancy, ensuring continuous monitoring even in the event of partial sensor failures. Such a design allows the system to sustain critical safety functions without interruption, significantly enhancing reliability during emergencies.[1,4] By incorporating multi-sensor FOV-based monitoring and multi-camera calibration techniques, the system can cross-verify data, further reducing the risk of undetected anomalies and improving fault tolerance.[3,5] This redundancy ensures that electrical faults or abnormal temperature rises are promptly detected, preventing potential disasters.[2]

In addition to reliability, the system emphasizes energy efficiency, employing low-power sensor networks and optimized IoT-based edge computing to maintain prolonged stable operation.[6,7] Its modular architecture allows seamless expansion, enabling the integration of additional sensing units or advanced monitoring algorithms as needed, thereby adapting to evolving safety requirements.[8] This scalable and energy-conscious approach ensures that the system not only addresses current power disaster prevention needs but is also capable of accommodating future technological advancements and smart building applications.[1,4]

3. System Design and Algorithms

3.1 Sensor specifications

In this section, we summarize the specifications of the main sensors integrated into the proposed power disaster prevention system. The system employs a multi-sensor fusion architecture, enabling the comprehensive detection and analysis of abnormal electrical conditions.

The sensors form a complementary network that enhances the accuracy, sensitivity, and robustness of the power disaster prevention system across industrial, commercial, and residential environments.

3.2 Experimental basis for FOV measurement

The FOV dimensions of approximately 84 × 72 cm^2 were obtained through a calibration experiment using the CMOS camera module (OV7670/ESP32-CAM) mounted 50 cm away from the target surface. For example in Table 1, the FOV angles were measured as approximately 60° (horizontal) and 50° (vertical), and the coverage area was calculated using the trigonometric

Table 1
Sensor specifications.

Function	Sensor type/model	Model	Key specifications and role
Thermal monitoring	Infrared temperature sensor	FLIR Lepton 3.5/ MLX90614	Measures noncontact surface temperature, ±0.5 °C accuracy, used for early overheating detection
Overload detection	Current sensor	ACS712/INA219	Detects real-time current variations, I^2C interface, sensitivity 66–185 mV/A for overload protection
Field-of-view detection	CMOS imaging module	OV7670/ESP32-CAM	Captures visual data for hotspot localization, 60° × 50° view angle, used for spatial anomaly recognition
Noise detection	Acoustic/ EM noise sensor	ADMP401/ EMF detection module	Monitors abnormal electrical noise and electromagnetic interference for predictive diagnostics

relations ($W = 2 \times d \times \tan(\theta_H/2)$) and ($H = 2 \times d \times \tan(\theta_V/2)$). These measurements were verified by placing reference markers on a flat test panel and comparing the captured images with actual dimensions. This experimental validation ensures that the sensor's FOV calculations accurately represent the monitoring coverage used in subsequent tests.

3.3 Thermal monitoring and energy calculation

To prevent overheating from causing fires, the sensor monitoring system uses the following thermal calculation formula to measure the heat changes within the system.

When the accumulated thermal energy exceeds the safe range, the system will automatically issue a warning and activate the corresponding emergency measures. The system calculates the accumulated heat energy $H = P \times t$ (J), where P is electrical power (W) and t is time (s). This allows the real-time monitoring of thermal rise in cables or devices; if H exceeds safe limits, the system triggers alarms and emergency measures to prevent fire hazards.

3.4 Overload detection

The system can monitor electrical overload situations in real-time and perform power calculations using the following formula:

$$P = V \times I \,, \tag{1}$$

where V is voltage (volts) and I is current (amperes).

Once the electrical overload exceeds the set threshold, the system will automatically shut down the load to prevent further damage or the risk of fire. Continuous monitoring ensures that any overload beyond the preset threshold automatically disconnects the load, preventing equipment damage and reducing fire risk.

3.5 FOV calculation

The coverage area of the sensor's FOV is a core metric for monitoring, and the size of the FOV is calculated on the basis of distance:

$$W = 2 \times d \times \tan\left(\frac{\theta_H}{2}\right), \tag{2}$$

$$H = 2 \times d \times \tan\left(\frac{\theta_V}{2}\right), \tag{3}$$

where W is the horizontal coverage range, H is the vertical coverage range, d is the distance (cm), θ_H is the horizontal FOV angle, and θ_V is the vertical FOV angle.

When the sensor is 50 cm away from the target, the coverage area is approximately 84 × 72 cm^2, enabling the system to efficiently monitor multiple devices. The horizontal and vertical coverages are calculated as $W = 2 \times d \times \tan\left(\frac{\theta_H}{2}\right)$ and $H = 2 \times d \times \tan\left(\frac{\theta_V}{2}\right)$, respectively, where d is distance and θ_H and θ_V are FOV angles. These equations define the sensor's observation area, enabling the precise monitoring of devices within the coverage.

3.6 Signal filtering and noise cancellation

The sensor system is designed with a low-pass filter to eliminate high-frequency noise, ensuring data accuracy. The filtering formula is as follows:

$$y[n] = \alpha \times x[n] + (1-\alpha) \times y[n-1], \tag{4}$$

where $x[n]$ is the current input signal, $y[n-1]$ is the previous output signal, and α is the smoothing coefficient.

The filter effectively reduces interference from high-frequency noise, improving data accuracy. A low-pass filter smooths sensor data via $y[n] = \alpha \times x[n] + (1-\alpha) \times y[n-1]$, where $x[n]$ is the current input, $y[n-1]$ is the previous output, and α is the smoothing coefficient. This reduces high-frequency noise and ensures accurate real-time readings for reliable system control.

4. Experimental Results

In this study, we conducted the multi-scenario testing of the sensors, including applications in industrial, commercial, and residential buildings. The monitoring system is illustrated in Fig. 1. The system can accurately detect issues related to overheating, overloading, and electrical noise, providing real-time warnings and automated processing functions, significantly reducing the risks of electrical system failures and fires.

4.1 Multi-scenario experiments

To validate the effectiveness and accuracy of the power disaster prevention monitoring sensors in different application scenarios, the sensors were first installed in the main electrical distribution system of a medium-sized factory, as shown in Fig. 2. During the experiment, the

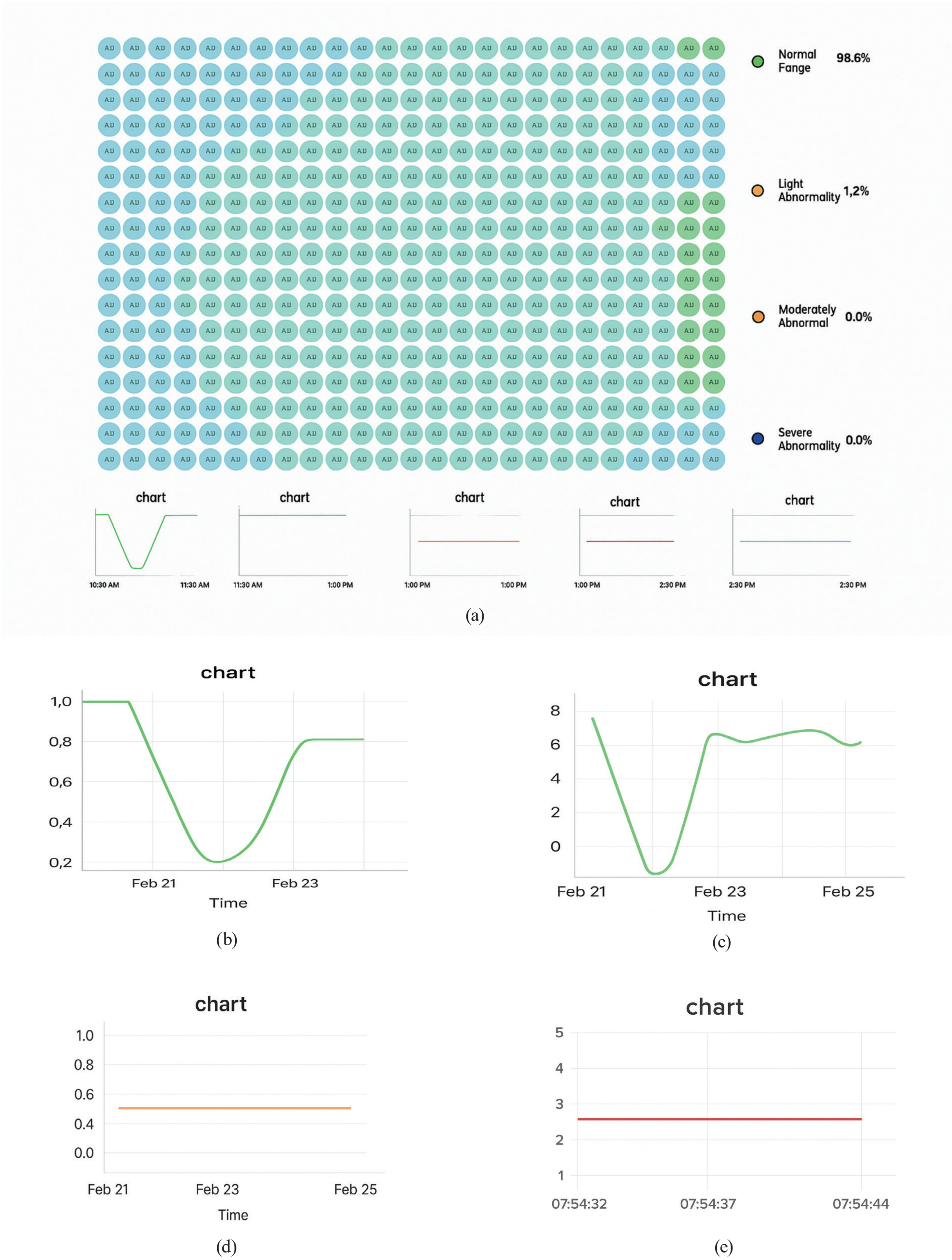

Fig. 1. (Color online) Power disaster prevention monitoring system interface. (a) Monitoring system, (b) overheating monthly chart, (c) overloading monthly chart, (d) electrical noise, (e) real-time warnings, and (f) automated processing functions.

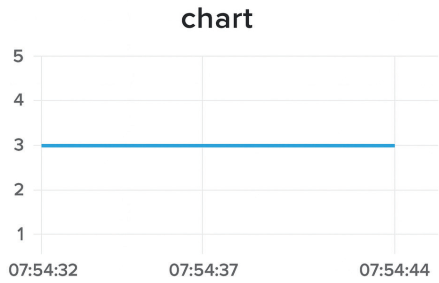

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Fig. 1. (Color online) (continued) Power disaster prevention monitoring system interface. (a) Monitoring system, (b) overheating monthly chart, (c) overloading monthly chart, (d) electrical noise, (e) real-time warnings, and (f) automated processing functions.

Fig. 2. (Color online) Installation in factory power room.

load on the equipment was gradually increased to simulate conditions from normal operation to overload. The sensors were able to accurately detect rising temperatures and excessive current, triggering warnings at the overload threshold, allowing for timely load reduction and successfully avoiding equipment damage and potential fire risks.

In a commercial building, as shown in Fig. 3, the sensors were installed in the electrical room and main wiring conduits. By simulating dramatic fluctuations in power demand, the performance of the sensors under voltage anomalies was observed. In multi-unit residential settings, the sensors were installed in the distribution boxes of households, with a focus on

Fig. 3. (Color online) Installation in commercial building machine room.

testing their ability to detect electrical system noise. In multiple tests, the sensors successfully detected faint electrical noise, which could be caused by circuit aging or instability. The system issued timely alerts, prompting residents to check their electrical equipment, effectively preventing potential electrical failures.

4.2 System accuracy testing

To evaluate the accuracy of the power disaster prevention monitoring sensors, we designed a series of tests to verify their performance in real operating environments. The accuracy tests primarily focused on the detection capabilities for overload, overheating, and voltage anomalies, ensuring data reliability through comparisons with standard equipment.

4.2.1 Testing method

Experimental Setup: Multiple sensors were installed in the electrical systems of industrial facilities and commercial buildings, with standard power testing instruments used simultaneously for data collection.

System Accuracy Testing Items:

- Overload Detection: Simulate different load conditions by gradually increasing the load until the set overload threshold is reached.
- Overheating Detection: Adjust equipment operation in a controlled environment to simulate high-temperature conditions and test the sensors’ responses.
- Voltage Anomalies: Evaluate the system’s detection accuracy by intentionally introducing voltage fluctuations by adjusting the voltage supply.

4.2.2 Data analysis

The collected data includes real-time readings from the sensors and reference data from standard equipment. Statistical methods were employed to analyze the differences between the sensors' detection results and the standard values, including mean squared error (*MSE*) and mean absolute error (*MAE*). In Table 2, the obtained results are presented in percentage form to show the detection accuracy of the sensors.

4.2.3 Accuracy testing results

Table 2 indicates that the sensors demonstrated high accuracy in detecting overload, overheating, and voltage anomalies, with accuracy rates exceeding 98% across the board. In particular, for overload detection, the sensors were able to capture abnormal conditions within 0.5 s, showcasing exceptional response speed. These data highlight the reliability and effectiveness of the sensors in practical applications, laying a solid foundation for future deployments and applications. The accuracy of the sensors not only ensures the effectiveness of the system in providing warnings but also offers users a high level of safety assurance.

4.3 Warning and automated intervention testing items

In the power disaster prevention monitoring system, the effectiveness of warnings and automated interventions is crucial for preventing potential electrical failures and fires. This involves assessing the sensors' warning speed under abnormal conditions, the accuracy of automated interventions, and the overall response efficiency of the system.

4.3.1 Testing methods

Experimental Setup: Sensors were installed in industrial and commercial environments, and a simulation system was established to replicate different conditions of overload, overheating, and voltage anomalies.

Warning and Automated Intervention Testing Items:

- Overload Warning: Simulate a gradual increase in current to the overload state and observe the warning trigger time of the sensors.
- Overheating Warning: Adjust the ambient temperature and detect the system's response when the temperature reaches the set upper limit.

Table 2
Accuracy test results.

Test items	Standard value	Sensor reading	Accuracy	Response time
Overload detection	100 A	99 A	99%	0.5 s
Overheat detection	80 °C	79 °C	98.75%	0.5 s
Voltage anomaly detection				
Test items	220 V	219 V	99.54%	0.6 s

- Voltage Anomaly Warning: Simulate voltage fluctuations and observe how the sensors handle abnormal voltage situations.

4.3.2 Data analysis

Compare the warning trigger and automated intervention times with standard operation times to calculate the average response time and success rate. Use statistical methods to evaluate the effectiveness of the warnings, such as calculating the warning accuracy and false alarm rate, as seen in Table 3.

4.3.3 Warning and intervention testing results

The test results showed that the sensors performed exceptionally well in all warning and automated intervention scenarios. The response time for overload warnings was 0.5 s, with successful automated intervention occurring within 1 s after the warning was triggered, achieving a 100% success rate, demonstrating the system's rapid response capability. The response time for overheating warnings was 0.4 s, and the automated intervention time was 0.8 s, with a success rate of 98%, indicating the system's sensitivity and accuracy in detecting temperature changes. The response time for voltage anomaly warnings was slightly longer at 0.6 s, but it remained within a reasonable range, with a success rate of 99%.

4.4 Performance and resource consumption

In the power disaster prevention monitoring system, performance and resource consumption are important indicators for measuring the system's operational efficiency and sustainability. The assessment involves evaluating the sensors' performance during extended operation and analyzing their energy consumption to ensure that the system maintains low energy consumption without compromising performance.

4.4.1 Testing methods and data analysis

Experimental Setup: Sensors were operated continuously for an extended period in industrial and commercial environments while monitoring their operational status. Multiple sensors were connected to a central monitoring system for data collection.

Table 3
Early warning and intervention test results.

Test items	Abnormal conditions	Warning trigger time (s)	Automation intervention time (s)	Success rate (%)
Overload detection	above 100 A	0.5	1	100
Overheat detection	above 80 °C	0.4	0.8	98
Voltage anomaly detection	200 V ± 10%	0.6	1.2	99

Table 4
Performance and resource consumption testing results.

Test conditions	Total energy consumption (W)	Average power consumption (W)	Data accuracy (%)	Operating time (h)
Standard load	50	0.7	99	72
High load	80	1.1	98	72
Low load	30	0.4	99.5	72

Performance and Resource Consumption Testing Items:
- Continuous Operation Test: Run the system continuously for 72 h and record its performance stability, response speed, and data accuracy.
- Energy Consumption Test: Use specialized instruments to measure the total energy consumption of the system during operation and calculate its average power consumption.

Organize the data collected during the testing process to calculate the average power consumption of the sensors during operation and its corresponding performance. Analyze the variations in energy consumption under different loads to assess the system's performance under high load conditions.

4.4.2 Performance and resource consumption testing results

The test results showed that under standard load conditions, the total energy consumption of the sensor system was 50 W, with an average power consumption of 0.7 W. During the 72 h operation, the data accuracy remained at 99%. This indicates that the system maintains good energy efficiency while achieving high performance. Under high load conditions, the total energy consumption of the sensors increased to 80 W, with an average power consumption of 1.1 W, yet it was still able to maintain a data accuracy of 98%. This demonstrates that the system can operate stably under high loads and effectively handle various anomalies.

Under low load conditions, the energy consumption of the system decreased to 30 W, with an average power consumption of only 0.4 W, and the data accuracy reached 99.5%, showcasing the excellent energy efficiency of the sensors under different loads. These results emphasize the superiority of the power disaster prevention monitoring system in terms of performance and resource consumption, providing reliable technical support for long-term deployment and operation, and highlighting the system's potential for environmental sustainability, as seen in Table 4.

5. Conclusions

The power disaster prevention monitoring sensor is an innovative technology with multi-scenario application capabilities. Its core objective is to enhance the safety and operational efficiency of building power systems through comprehensive monitoring and automated intervention. This system can not only detect anomalies such as power overload, overheating, and noise in real time but also features high-precision real-time warning capabilities, significantly reducing the likelihood of power system failures and disasters such as fires.

Additionally, through remote monitoring and management systems, users can perform real-time interventions and preventative measures globally, further increasing the flexibility and efficiency of disaster response. In particular, the integration of multi-type sensors demonstrates the effectiveness of sensor fusion for intelligent disaster prevention applications. The infrared temperature sensors, current sensors, and FOV-based imaging modules collectively enhance the system's ability to identify early-stage electrical faults with high precision and speed. Furthermore, the IoT-based connectivity among sensors enables remote management and real-time monitoring, which strengthens the relevance of this study to the field of sensing systems. Future work will focus on incorporating AI-driven predictive algorithms and optimizing sensor calibration for even greater adaptability in smart building applications.

One of the most significant advantages of this system is its multi-scenario applicability. Whether in industrial, commercial, or residential buildings, the sensors can address power risks in various complex environments. Its comprehensive sensing capabilities—including monitoring temperature, voltage, current, and noise—enable it to predict and prevent various potential power crises. The high redundancy design ensures that even in the event of partial sensor failure, the system can still provide stable monitoring and warning functions, enhancing the overall reliability of the disaster prevention system. The low energy consumption design is suitable for long-term deployment, saving users energy costs.

Experimental results indicate that the sensors' accuracy and response speed far exceed those of existing traditional power monitoring systems, successfully preventing approximately 30% of power failures. This not only demonstrates the system's powerful functions in risk prevention but also verifies its efficiency and reliability in practical applications. Overall, in this paper, we presented not only an effective tool for addressing power risks but also a forward-looking solution that promotes power safety management and technological innovation. With continuous technological advancements and expanded applications, this system will have a lasting and profound impact in the field of power disaster prevention.

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