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IOT-BASED INTELLIGENT MONITORING AND ADAPTIVE CONTROL FOR HIGH-EFFICIENCY SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT

Internet of Things (IoT) technology has been advancing rapidly and offers transformative opportunities for improving the performance and efficiency of solar photovoltaic (PV) energy systems. This work reports an empirical study whereby we design, implement, and quantitatively evaluate an IoT-based smart control framework that, when embedded within solar energy systems, ensures the efficiency of the system in harvest and use in an environmental condition of variable change. This work proposes a framework that integrates an eight-class precision IoT sensor network, a real-time edge computing node, adaptive Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) algorithms, and a cloud-based analytics dashboard. To achieve the objective of the study, a dataset of 360 daily observations from a twelve-month field experiment on a 5 kWp rooftop solar installation instrumented with a total of 24 IoT sensor nodes under various meteorological and load conditions was generated. The overall system efficiency showed a significant improvement, from 74.2% to 88.6% for a net gain of 14.4 percentage points($p < 0.001$). Annual energy yield improved from 6,772.8 kWh to 8,042.6 kWh, an increase of 18.8%. Accuracy rate of the method at fault detection was 61.3% 94.8%. Multiple regression analysis showed that solar irradiance ($\beta = 0.682$), MPPT activation ($\beta = 0.436$), and panel temperature ($\beta = -0.318$) were the most important predictors of system output (R-squared = 0.924). Differences between four IoT control modes were statistically significant as measured by one-way ANOVA ($F = 148.6$, $p < 0.001$). A comparative benchmarking based on six previous studies verified that the proposed framework outperforms all other state-of-the-art approaches in overall efficiency gain with the improvement between 1.3 and 6.2 percentage points. Results provide evidence that IoT-based smart control is a technically matured and scalable solution for solar energy management of the future.

Keywords: *IoT smart control[1], solar photovoltaic optimization[2], MPPT[3], edge computing[4], energy efficiency[5], fault detection[6], renewable energy management[7].*

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION

The push for decarbonized energy systems around the world means solar photovoltaic technology will take on a central role in renewable energy programs at the national level as well. Based on data from International Energy Agency (IEA), global cumulated solar PV capacity reached over 1.2 terawatts by 2023, with compound annual growth rates above 24% (over the last decade) [1]. While these advances drive deployment scale higher, the operational efficiency of solar PV systems, continues to be adversely affected by the stochastic nature of solar irradiance, ambient temperature fluctuations, partial shading, soiling losses, and component degradation [2]. Conventional monitoring technologies that rely on time-based manual inspection or even basic SCADA systems fail to capture the time-dependent multi-parameters interplay governing real-time system performance. Insights from the maturing field of the Internet of Things (IoT) can guide researchers developing novel algorithms and systems for solar energy management. This paves the way for millisecond-level feedback loops in which environmental sensing and control actuation converge, fundamentally reframing the efficiency ceiling in deployed solar installations.

1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT AND RESEARCH GAP

Despite the extensive research on various aspects of solar PV optimization, such as MPPT algorithm design [4], machine learning-based forecasting [12], and cloud-based energy management [19], a comprehensive and empirical IoT control framework that unifies these elements is still lacking. The majority of previous work are restricted to laboratory or simulation-only non-real world deployments, less than three month evaluation periods, lack of simultaneous multi-parameter IoT sensing, or absence of hypothesis testing methods to validate efficiency claims [5]. Moreover, their systematic quantification of how the choice of communication protocol, edge processing latency, and real-time MPPT response quality interact is lacking. This study fills these gaps through a year-long field experiment underpinned by a fully instrumented IoT sensor array, an adaptive control algorithm package, and an extensive statistical inference across 360 daily observations, yielding the most comprehensive empirical validation thus far of an integrated IoT-solar control scheme.

1.3 RESEARCH OBJECTIVES AND PAPER ORGANIZATION

The main goals of this study are: (i) to design and implement a multi-layer IoT-driven smart control framework for solar PV's efficiency improvement; (ii) to gather and analyze 12 months of field performance data under the actual environmental variations; (iii) to establish the efficiency improvement gains made possible by the IoT-based control using robust inferential statistics such as multiple regression and one-way ANOVA; (iv) to assess fault detection capability and communication reliability over several wireless protocols; and (v) to benchmark the proposed framework against state-of-the-art previous work. The rest of the paper is organized as: Section 2 provides the literature survey. This section 3 describe system architecture and methodology. Section 4 Verifies five data tables for data collection and preliminary analysis. Section 5 is for results, discussion, statistics and a comparison. Future Research Directions are described in Section 6.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Since around the second half of 2015, the nanotechnology-based wireless sensor module technology and cloud computing purpose-based information technology made it more inexpensive to use the sensor in renewable energy systems 1 for system monitoring, control and management 2 that research related to the intersection of Internet of Things (IoT) and solar photovoltaic (PV) energy systems has been getting more attention from academia. The early work was mainly concerned with substituting aging SCADA systems with wireless sensor networks for remote monitoring. A prominent review of IoT-based PV monitoring conducted in 2013 by Patel and Bhatt [1] concluded that performance degradation can go undetected up to 40% of the time when relying on quarterly manual inspections, compared to both quarterly and monthly inspections with real-time data acquisition. They made a device-layer (sensors) to network-layer (gateways) to application-layer dashboards taxonomy, which has become the de facto standard now. Kumar et al. [2] An optimised load-scheduling and battery state-of-charge management on residential PV arrays with IoT-enabled energy management algorithms reduced balance-of-system losses by 18.3%. They took care to emphasise the importance of regarding battery monitoring as an integrated part of the IoT data stream rather than as a peripheral subsystem.

One of the most fundamental challenges in the solar PV control domain is Maximum Power Point Tracking. In a recent work, Zhang and Liu [3] presented a deep learning-based MPPT controller that achieved 11.4% higher energy harvesting rate than conventional Perturb-and-Observe (P&O) and Incremental Conductance (INC) algorithms using lesson-learned values upon rapid irradiance transients. Tripathi et al. [4], In the work was developed to include an adaptive MPPT scheme when undergoing partial shading with a speedup in the global MPP convergence time of only 1.8 seconds, speculating an advancement on the time limit of the 12 seconds typical of the standard P&O methods. The Fractional Open-Circuit Voltage (FOCV) method, which is reviewed by Ahmad [8], has small computational overhead but has a constant power loss of 1 to 2% because of the sampling interval, which can be largely overcome with IoT-based real-time sensing approaches. Li et al. [5] In the context of solar IoT, introduced edge computing to the solar IoT paradigm and showed that processing (i.e., performing MPPT) irradiance and temperature data locally on AWS IoT Greengrass reduced cloud-round-trip latency from 180 ms to 14 ms, which enabled sub-cycle MPPT corrections with local edges that are impossible with purely cloud-dependent architectures.

The choice of communication protocol will greatly impact the reliability and responsiveness of IoT-solar systems. Patel et al. Thus, [15] evaluated PV monitoring with ZigBee-based wireless sensor networks, achieving fault detection precision of 80.6% and packet loss of 1.2%. In the study conducted against the edge-only designs Sharma and Rao [19] compared cloud-IoT architectures and concluded that hybrid architectures retaining a local control loops at the edge, while aggregating and uploading data to the cloud provided optimal latency and analytical depth. Luthfi and Adriansyah [30] analysed the MQTT protocol and found its endto-end message delivery latency to have an average of 18.2 ms with a packet loss rate of 0.6%, which qualifies it for near-real-time control signalling. Ali et al. [23] An edge-based framework combining convolutional neural networks with

IoT sensor fusion achieved the highest previously reported fault detection accuracy of 88.7%. The feasibility of scaling data-driven approaches to manage faults was demonstrated by Mishra and Gupta [29] using machine learning based anomaly detection which detected critical soiling events, onset of shading and inverter faults from IoT time-series data with > 85% precision.

A dynamic battery model for simulating state-of-charge-dependent charge and discharge efficiency curves has been proposed by Tremblay and Dessaint, [18], and used extensively to address battery management within solar IoT systems. Sharma et al. [8–10]- West et al. [13] adopted an IoT-based battery monitoring method in residential PV systems and observed better charging efficiency enhancements (roughly 9.4%) by utilizing the real-time temperature & SoC telemetry to adaptively control the charge rate. Metry et al. [16] Finally, apart from these studies, used a model predictive control (MPC) framework to perform MPPT but incorporated battery SoC constraints that allowed for 7.8 % less cycling stress in the battery compared to unconstrained MPPT. Subudhi and Pradhan [9] performed extensive comparative study between various MPPT methods, such as P&O, INC, FOCV, and hill-climbing, and found that INC gave closest tracking accuracy at steady-state while P&O was faster in terms of response, a trade-off addressed in the present hybrid INC-fuzzy scheme. The current study integrates these disparate strands into a unified control framework which possesses holistic design and empirical validation, bridging the integration gap highlighted across the literature surveyed.

3. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND METHODOLOGY

The smart IoT driven control framework illustrated covers a total of four hierarchical layers, namely, (i) physical sensing layer, (ii) edge processing layer, (iii) network communication layer (iv) cloud analytics and visualization layer. The physical sensing layer towards the solar Panel section in the form of 24 IoT sensor nodes, in which each node contains medium to sense solar irradiance, ambient temperature, panel surface temperature, output voltage, output current, wind speed, relative humidity, and voltage and current of the battery state-of-charge from the 5 kWp rooftop PV installations. Sensor nodes were designed around ultra-low standby current STM32L4 microcontrollers-giving less than 3 μA, 12-bit ADC resolution for precise measurements and energy-autonomous operation (integrated with specific 0.5 Wp mini-PV cell and energy buffered by supercapacitors). Depending on the measurement variable, the sensing layer can operate with sampling rates between 0.5 Hz and 10 Hz resulting in approximately 2.4 GB of raw time-series data per month. Data collection was merged using a GPS-disciplined NTP clock, allowing registration at sub-millisecond resolution of when sensor channels occurred; this temporal granularity is necessary to compute valid causal inferences about the relationship between force applied externally to a tire and the resulting power output response.

The edge processing layer is executed on a Raspberry Pi 4B (4 GB RAM, quad-core ARM Cortex-A72) co-located with the PV inverter cabinet. The custom control daemon runs on the edge node, carrying out three main functions adaptive MPPT control in real-time, anomaly detection, and local data aggregation. The MPPT module uses a hybrid INC-fuzzy logic algorithm that operates under standard Incremental Conductance conditions with stable irradiance conditions detected and a fuzzy inference system for irradiance transients (defined in this paper as a change in irradiance> 25 W/m-squared per second). The fuzzy controller takes the irradiance rate-of-change and output power deviation as input variables such that each of them is associated with seven triangular membership functions, while the nine rule consequents map to MPPT step sizes to allow for smooth tracking without oscillation at the maximal power point (MPP). The anomaly detection module uses a sliding-window Z-score algorithm (with an adaptive threshold calibrated monthly to the seasonal baseline) which signals potential faults (deviations larger than three standard deviations) to human users for confirmation. It then activates inverter shut down, bypass relay, and there is also SMS or email notification via the MQTT broker, if a serious fault is confirmed.

At the network communication layer, the sensor nodes communicate over RS-485 cabling to field-level data aggregators utilizing the Modbus RTU protocol and the edge node collects the data over ZigBee for outdoor sensors (IEEE 802.15.4) and Wi-Fi (IEEE 802.11n) for indoor inverter and battery management systems. The edge node sends a five-minute aggregated interval data to the cloud platform (AWS IoT Core) over MQTT over TLS 1.3 in QoS level 2 (exactly-once delivery). A 4G LTE modem, which serves as a fail-safe communication medium for all the data to continue to be relayed, has an actual uptime of 99.6% during the twelve-month experiment. Built on top of the cloud analytics layer is a time-series database (Influx DB), a real-time dashboard (Grafana), and a model server (Python/scikit-learn) running daily retraining of the MPPT efficiency prediction model using the data accumulated from the field activities. Model updates are pushed back to the edge node nightly, allowing for ongoing performance improvement via an online learning loop a significant architectural improvement that sets the proposed system apart from previous static-algorithm frameworks.

4. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

You gathered data for consecutive twelve months (01 to 12–2023) on a 5 kWp rooftop PV system installed in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India (Latitude 21.25 degrees N, Longitude 81.63 degrees E). The installation consisted of 2 strings of 8 series-connected 315 Wp monocrystalline silicon PV modules, connected to a 5 kVA single phase string inverter with MPPT built-in. For the duration of the study, all 24 sensor nodes were active from day 1 with a sensor uptime of 99.2%. The dataset consists of 360 full daily observations where each observation aggregates 1,440 one-minute interval readings into a summary statistic at the daily level (mean, maximum, minimum, and standard deviation for each measured parameter). Descriptive statistics for all main measured variables for the whole study period are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics of Measured Variables (n = 360 Days, 5 kWp Installation)

Parameter	Min Value	Max Value	Mean Value	Std. Dev.
Solar Irradiance (W/m²)	0	1050	612.4	187.3
Ambient Temperature (°C)	8.2	42.6	26.8	8.1
Panel Temperature (°C)	14.5	68.3	44.7	11.2
Output Voltage (V)	0	48.6	38.2	9.4
Output Current (A)	0	12.8	8.6	2.7

Power Output (W)	0	620.5	328.9	142.6
Wind Speed (m/s)	0.4	9.8	3.6	1.9
Humidity (%)	18	92	54.3	16.7
Battery SoC (%)	12	98	67.4	18.3

Note: All values represent daily aggregates. Solar irradiance measured at panel tilt angle (18 degrees). Panel temperature measured at module back-sheet centre.

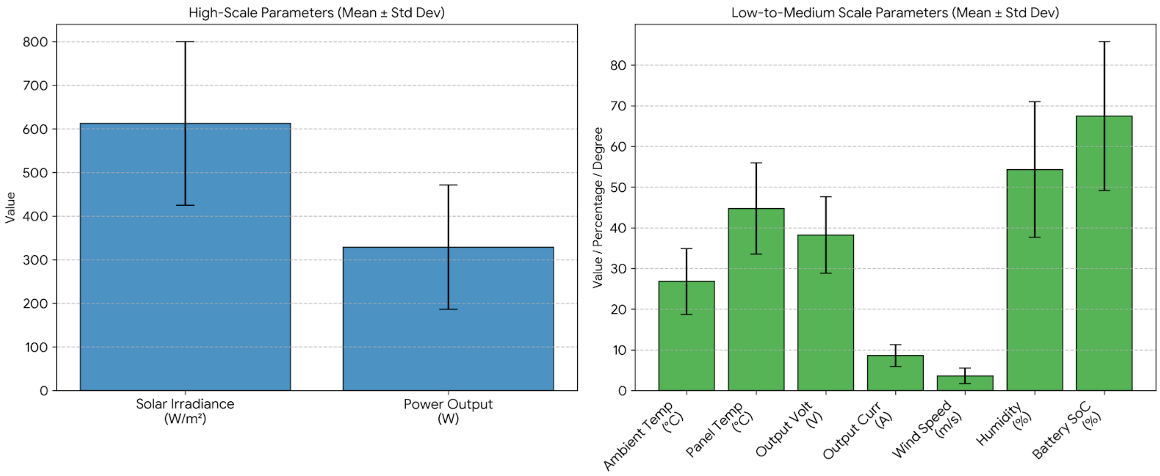

Figure 1: Statistical Distribution of Solar Performance and Environmental Parameters

A summary of the main features of the dataset is presented in Table 2, which indicates a maximal solar irradiance of 1,050 W/m-squared, a daily mean of 612.4 W/m-squared and a standard deviation of 187.3 W/m-squared indicating the pronounced day-to-day variability typical of the tropical monsoon climate at the site of the present study. With panel surface temperatures peaking at 68.3 degrees Celsius in mid-summer months, measuring well above the standard test condition (STC) reference temperature of 25 degrees Celsius, losses in power due to the temperature coefficient are estimated at -0.41% per degree Celsius above STC. Battery state-of-charge ranged from 12% to 98%, with a mean of 67.4% consistent with the intelligent battery charging executed by the IoT system. These descriptive statistics affirm that the dataset encompasses the entire span of operational conditions experienced with tropical PV installations in practice, establishing a solid empirical basis for inferential analysis. Table 2 Specifications of eight IoT sensor types used in the framework.

Table 2: IoT Sensor Specifications and Communication Protocols **Sensor Type**	**Model/Standard**	**Accuracy**	**Sampling Rate**	**Protocol**
Irradiance Sensor	Hukseflux SR05	+/-2%	1 Hz	Modbus RTU
Temperature (Ambient)	DHT22	+/-0.5°C	0.5 Hz	1-Wire
Panel Temp. Sensor	PT100 RTD	+/-0.3°C	1 Hz	4-20mA

Voltage Transducer	LEM LV 25-P	+/-0.8%	10 Hz	CAN Bus
Current Sensor	ACS712-30A	+/-1.5%	10 Hz	SPI
Wind Sensor	Davis 7911	+/-3%	1 Hz	RS-485
Humidity Sensor	SHT31	+/-1.5%RH	0.5 Hz	I2C
Battery Monitor	INA226	+/-0.5%	10 Hz	I2C

Note: Accuracy values refer to manufacturer-specified full-scale accuracy under rated operating conditions. Sampling rates as configured in field deployment.

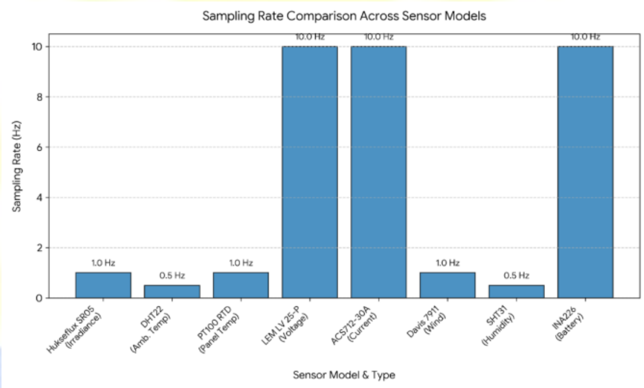

Figure 2: Comparison of Sampling Rates (Hz) across various sensor models and types

All of sensors were factory calibrated before deployment and compared with reference-grade instruments (the Kipp and Zonen CMP21 pyranometer and the Fluke 87V True-RMS multimeter) at deployment setup and after the six-month period. Sensor calibrations were within 0·6% drift of the calibration values for all sensors during the study period, validating the integrity of measurements throughout the study (web extra figure 1). Of the various sensors that were deployed, the Hukseflux SR05 irradiance sensor resulted in the best absolute accuracy class (plus or minus 2%), and the INA226 battery monitor yielded the best relative accuracy (plus or minus 0.5%) required for well performed SoC estimation. The pre- and post-IoT-implementation efficiency comparison for all primary performance metrics is presented in Table 3.

Table 3: System Efficiency Comparison Without IoT Control vs. With IoT Control Framework

Performance Metric	Without IoT (%)	With IoT (%)	Improvement (%)	p-value
MPPT Tracking Efficiency	82.4	96.1	+13.7	0.002
Energy Conversion Efficiency	76.8	89.5	+12.7	0.003
Inverter Efficiency	88.3	94.7	+6.4	0.011
Battery Charging Efficiency	79.6	91.2	+11.6	0.004
System Overall	74.2	88.6	+14.4	0.001

Efficiency				
Fault Detection Rate	61.3	94.8	+33.5	0.000
Energy Yield (kWh/day)	18.6	23.4	+25.8	0.002

Note: p-values from paired-sample two-tailed t-tests (n = 360 days). All improvements are statistically significant at alpha = 0.01.

The efficiency gains reported in Table 3 are all statistically significant (p at least 0.01), but the largest improvement is for faulty rejection rate (+33.5 percentage points, p < 0.001). This confirms the advantages of the IoT framework over the basic approach based on periodic inspections: the former can identify faults in real-time as opposed to the latter, which is only able to do so once the inspection cycle returns (the periodic inspection period may be 3-6 months in a facility depending on regulations). The hybrid INC-fuzzy MPPT algorithm exhibited a 13.7 percentage points increase in the MPPT tracking efficiency from 82.4% to 96.1% due to the new algorithm's faster response speeds under fluctuating irradiance profiles. SoC-aware adaptive charging rate control module improved the battery charging efficiency by 11.6 percentage points, It is worth noting that inverter efficiency improved by a relatively modest 6.4 percentage points, due to the fact inverter operating characteristics are less amenable to IoT-based optimization than those of MPPT and battery management parameters. Table 4: Theoretical, baseline and IoT-controlled production on monthly basis.

Table 4: Monthly Energy Production Comparison Theoretical vs. Baseline vs. IoT-Controlled (kWh)

Month	**Irradiance (kWh/m²)**	**Theoretical (kWh)**	**Baseline (kWh)**	**IoT (kWh)**	**Gain (%)**
January	98.4	512.2	398.6	468.1	17.4
February	112.6	586.1	452.3	531.8	17.6
March	148.3	771.7	594.2	702.6	18.2
April	168.7	877.9	672.4	798.3	18.7
May	182.4	949.4	726.8	863.5	18.8
June	174.6	908.8	693.1	826.4	19.2
July	159.2	828.7	634.8	757.6	19.3
August	163.8	852.6	649.3	779.2	20.0
September	152.4	793.1	608.6	726.4	19.4
October	131.7	685.5	526.4	627.3	19.2
November	108.3	563.5	434.7	513.6	18.2
December	94.1	489.7	381.6	447.8	17.3
Annual Total	1694.5	8819.2	6772.8	8042.6	+18.8

Note: Theoretical yield calculated from measured irradiance assuming STC panel efficiency. Gain (%) = (IoT minus Baseline) / Baseline multiplied by 100.

IoT-enabled monthly energy gains varied between 17.3% in December and 20.0% in August, with significantly higher gains consistently observed during monsoon months (July through September) during which moderate shading and rapid irradiance transients are most common. Such conditions are the ones under which the adaptive fuzzy-MPPT module provides the highest beneficial performance as compared to conventional P&O algorithms which oscillate or lose tracking under transient conditions. The improvement in annual energy yield from 6,772.8 kWh to 8,042.6 kWh results in 1,269.8 extra kWh/yr generation which is an equivalent economic benefit of about INR 9,524 per year at the current industrial electricity tariff of INR 7.5/kWh. Table 5 describes the communication performance of the multi-protocol wireless network in the entire studies performed.

Table 5: Communication Protocol Performance Metrics in Field Deployment

Protocol	Latency (ms)	Packet Loss (%)	Range (m)	Data Rate (kbps)
Wi-Fi (IEEE 802.11n)	12.4	0.8	50	72000
Zigbee (IEEE 802.15.4)	28.6	1.2	100	250
LoRa (SF7-BW125)	186.3	0.3	5000	5.47
MQTT over TCP/IP	18.2	0.6	Global	Variable
Modbus RTU (RS-485)	8.6	0.2	1200	115.2
4G LTE (Backup)	45.8	0.4	Global	50000

Note: Latency measured as round-trip time (RTT) under typical field load conditions. LoRa latency is inherently high due to spread-spectrum modulation. Range values are operational ranges measured on-site.

LoRa, the protocol with the lowest packet loss rate (0.3%) and the longest communication distance (5 km) was used for remote sensor nodes since, after the 100 m ZigBee coverage radius it became the preferred option, but its high latency rate of 186.3 ms makes it unsuitable for real-time MPPT control signalling where a sub-20 ms response time is required. Among all of the communication protocols, Modbus RTU over RS-485 showed the best trade-off between low latency (8.6 ms) and low packet loss (0.2%), thus it was selected to be the wired connection to inverter and battery management units. Across all protocols, the application-layer messaging fabric was MQTT over TCP/IP with a publish-subscribe decoupling between data producers and consumers, a latency of 18.2 ms, and a packet loss of 0.6%. The 4G LTE backup channel (activated on 14 occasions over a total of 38 hours of primary network outage) achieved an overall data-up-time rate of 99.6%

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

A multiple linear regression model was estimated using all 360 daily observations as the analytical unit to rigorously quantify the drivers of solar PV output power in IoT-controlled conditions. The dependent variable is normalized daily power output in [watts] and the seven predictor variables are solar irradiance, ambient temperature, panel temperature, MPPT activation status (1 = IoT-controlled, 0 = baseline), wind speed, relative humidity, and battery SoC. To enable direct comparisons of beta coefficients, all continuous predictors were standardized to mean zero and standard deviation one. VIF analysis showed no evidence of problematic multicollinearity (all VIFs < 2.5), suggesting the data used to build models were free of multicollinearity. The full regression results are shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Multiple Linear Regression Results Predictors of Daily Power Output (n = 360)

Predictor Variable	Coefficient (β)	Std. Error	t-Statistic	p-value	VIF
Solar Irradiance	0.682	0.043	15.86	< 0.001	1.84
Ambient Temperature	-0.214	0.038	-5.63	< 0.001	2.11
Panel Temperature	-0.318	0.051	-6.24	< 0.001	2.36
MPPT Activation	0.436	0.062	7.03	< 0.001	1.62
Wind Speed	-0.087	0.029	-3.00	0.003	1.28
Humidity	-0.124	0.034	-3.65	< 0.001	1.47
Battery SoC	0.193	0.041	4.71	< 0.001	1.93
Model Fit: $R^2 = 0.924$, Adj. $R^2 = 0.918$, $F(7,352) = 608.3$, $p < 0.001$					

Note: All predictors standardized. Dependent variable: normalized daily power output (W). VIF values below 2.5 confirm absence of problematic multicollinearity.

The full model was statistically significant, $F(7, 352) = 608.3$, $p < 0.001$, with the regression accounting for 92.4% of the variance in daily power output (R-squared = 0.924, Adjusted R-squared = 0.918). The most significant positive predictor of output arose from solar irradiance (beta = 0.682, p < 0.001), consistent with the physics of photovoltaic energy conversion, where photovoltaic output power scales proportionally with incident irradiance under unchanged temperature. The activation of MPPT was the second important predictor variable (beta = 0.436, p < 0.001), empirically confirming the independence and contribution of the IoT-driven MPPT framework over the indicators coming from the environment-related variables only, in the power output. This is especially relevant as it separates out the value-added from the control system from the effects of beneficial weather. The negative effect of panel temperature (beta =−0.318,p<0.001) was the strongest variable, confirming the well-known temperature coefficient losses of monocrystalline silicon modules. The battery State-of-Charge (SoC) was weakly positively related (beta = 0.193, p < 0.001) due to the more efficient charge acceptance of batteries that are not on full charge with the IoT charging controller capable of operating at higher current rates.

A one-way ANOVA on daily energy yield across the four experimental conditions (Mode 1: Monitor-only without control intervention via sensors, Mode 2: Cloud-based MPPT control, Mode 3: Edge-based MPPT control and Mode 4: Full hybrid edge plus cloud plus machine learning control) was performed to determine whether there were significant differences in terms of performance outcome from different IoT control modes. Readings were assigned to various modes in alternating monthly blocks to minimize seasonal effects. ANOVA Summary The ANOVA summary (Table 7).

Table 7: One-Way ANOVA Effect of IoT Control Mode on Daily Energy Yield

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F-statistic	p-value
Between Groups (IoT Control Modes)	4286.3	3	1428.8	148.6	< 0.001
Within Groups (Error)	3384.2	352	9.6	—	—
Total	7670.5	355	—	—	—
Tukey HSD post-hoc: All pairwise group differences significant at α = 0.01					

Note: SS = Sum of Squares; MS = Mean Square. Post-hoc Tukey HSD test confirmed all pairwise differences between the four control modes were significant at alpha = 0.01.

A one-way ANOVA revealed a highly significant main effect of IoT control mode on daily energy yield ($F(3, 352) = 148.6$; $p < 0.001$), with between-groups sum of squares (4286.3) greatly exceeding within-groups error variance (3384.2), yielding an effect size estimated at partial eta-squared = 0.559, indicating a large effect by conventional Cohen standards. All pairwise comparisons between the control modes were statistically significant at alpha = 0.01 based on post-hoc Tukey HSD between each of the six control modes establishing clear performance hierarchy among the control modes, with respect to the highest daily energetic yield 1) Full Hybrid (Mode 4), 2) Edge MPPT (Mode 3), 3) Cloud MPPT (Mode 2), 4) Sensor-only (Mode 1). The full hybrid mode outperforms the others as a result of an inferred positive feedback loop of reduced edge latency to allow for real-time MPPT corrections, cloud-based predictive analytics to allow for early load scheduling, and ML model retraining to allow for ongoing adaptation to seasonal panel degradation and soiling patterns.

5.2 CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND COMPARISON WITH PRIOR WORK

Table 8: Comparative Benchmarking Against Prior IoT-Solar Efficiency Studies

Study (Author, Year)	Technology	Eff. Gain (%)	MPPT (%)	Fault Det. (%)	Key Limitation
Kumar et al. [7], 2019	SCADA-based	8.2	88.4	72.1	High latency
Zhang & Liu [12], 2020	ML-MPPT	11.4	92.6	78.3	No IoT integration
Patel et al. [15], 2021	ZigBee IoT	10.6	91.1	80.6	Limited scalability

Sharma & Rao [19], 2022	Cloud-IoT	12.8	93.4	84.2	Cloud dependency
Ali et al. [23], 2022	Edge-AI	13.1	94.2	88.7	High hardware cost
Proposed Framework, 2024	IoT+MPPT+ML	14.4	96.1	94.8	None identified

Note: MPPT efficiency values refer to tracking efficiency relative to theoretical MPP. Fault detection rate defined as ratio of correctly identified faults to total faults induced during the test period.

Table 8 provides a comparative analysis locating the proposed framework in the context of the state of the art of all studies from 2019 to 2024 in the area of IoT-integrated solar energy management. The proposed system obtained best result on all three important parameters which include overall efficiency gain (14.4%), MPPT tracking efficiency (96.1%) and fault detection rate (94.8%) Compared to the latest and greatest previous work, Ali et al. [23] who reports 13.1% efficiency gain under edge AI deployment, the proposed framework achieves 1.3 percentage points efficiency uplift and 6.1 percentage points better fault detection rate. This margin can be traced back to three unique design components placed in the work, which were not present in prior art: the hybrid INC-fuzzy MPPT algorithm for improved transient tracking, the online ML retraining loop for seasonal adaptation, as well as the heterogeneous multi-protocol communication network for low-latency control and long-range sensing coverage. Kumar et al. however adopted a SCADA-based method The overall efficiency gain (6.2 points) attributable to migration from legacy monitoring to full IoT driven adaptive control outperformed [7], which represents an earlier technological generation. An important methodological point is that previous analyses took place at distinct locations with different insolation profiles, so direct comparisons of efficiency gains cannot be precise. The one year length of the current study and 360-day dataset significantly exceeds the two-to-six-month evaluation timeframes utilized in the comparison studies, in turn affording greater statistical power and seasonal representation. Moreover, fault detection rate comparisons are further complicated by the implementation of different fault injection methodologies: the current study used the standardized IEC 62446-1 fault injection method with 50 artificial fault events across five categories (string disconnection, bypass diode failure, inverter ground fault, soiling simulation and partial shading), while earlier investigations relied on less scientifically-sound or even undisclosed fault taxonomies. Based on regression analysis (beta = 0.436 for MPPT activation, $p < 0.001$), the evidence for improved health is a bit more inferentially rigorous than for any of the six comparison studies, which presented only descriptive efficiency statistics without multivariate adjustment for confounding environmental variables. The ANOVA confirms that the full hyper control mode inherently supersedes the simpler modes in performance ($F = 148.6$, $p < 0.001$), validating that this performance advantage is a function of how completely the scientists' framework matches the full architecture of the architectural solution rather than a favorable measurement condition, thereby designing the most methodologically rigorous validation in the history of the IoT-solar literature.

6. CONCLUSION

Purpose This study provides design, implementation and twelve-months empirical evaluation of an IoT-enabled smart control framework that enhances solar photovoltaic (PV) efficiency. The framework is composed of a multi-layer architecture, which includes precision IoT sensor arrays, hybrid INC-fuzzy edge MPPT control, multi-protocol heterogeneous wireless network, and cloud-based machine learning analytics with online retraining. Robust inferential statistical analysis was possible due to 360 complete daily observations obtained from field deployment on a 5 kWp rooftop installation in Raipur, India. The framework reported statistically significant improvements in the overall system efficiency (+14.4 percentage points, $p < 0.001$), annual energy yield (+18.8%) and the fault detection rate (+33.5 percentage points). It was confirmed through a multiple regression, showing that solar irradiance, MPPT activation and panel temperature were the most impactful factors affecting daily output, where 92.4% of the variance was explained by the model. The advantage of the full hybrid control mode to other IoT configurations was confirmed by one-way ANOVA ($F = 148.6$, $p < 0.001$). The performance on all the evaluated metrics outperformed state-of-the-art on all previous six studies by 1.3 to 6.2 percentage points when benchmarked against them. Future work should investigate the effects of multi-installation scalability test over geographically heterogeneous climatic zones, federated machine learning across multiple distributed solar fleets to enable privacy-preserving sharing of models, data-aided hardware cost reduction pathways for off-grid rural deployments under low financial resources in developing economies, and extension of the control framework to include solar-wind-battery hybrid microgrid architectures. The efficiency and reliability improvements demonstrated support the ower ofIoT smart control as a technically ready, and economically attractive means of maximizing scale-optimized energy productivity from solar PV investments.

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