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IOT Enabled Battery Management System for Electric Vehicles with Charge Monitoring and Fire Safety Features

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ABSTRACT-:
This project introduces an advanced monitoring system tailored to manage and optimize the performance of electric vehicle (EV) batteries. The system is equipped with sensors that continuously track essential parameters such as voltage, current, temperature, and charge levels. By analyzing these real-time metrics, the system can proactively identify and address any deviations from safe operating conditions. For example, if the battery temperature exceeds a predefined threshold, a cooling fan is automatically activated to prevent overheating. Similarly, when the battery voltage drops below a critical level, the system initiates charging to maintain optimal performance. These automated safety mechanisms ensure reliable battery operation while minimizing risks associated with overheating, overcurrent, or undercharging.

In addition to monitoring and safety features, the system is designed to enhance user accessibility and operational efficiency. Locally, data is displayed in real-time to provide immediate insights into battery performance. For remote monitoring, the system transmits the collected data to a cloud platform, allowing users or operators to track battery health from virtually anywhere. The integration of these features ensures not only the safety of the EV battery but also the reliability and longevity of its operation. By focusing on comprehensive battery health management, this model contributes to improving EV performance, preventing damage, and promoting sustainable electric mobility.

Keywords: Monitoring, Battery Health, EV Management.

INTRODUCTION--
Electric vehicles (EVs) are rapidly transforming the transportation sector, offering a sustainable alternative to traditional fossil-fuel-powered vehicles. However, the efficient operation of EVs heavily relies on the health and performance of their batteries, which serve as the core energy source. Proper monitoring and management of battery parameters, such as voltage, current, temperature, and charge level, are essential to ensure safety, reliability, and longevity. Without effective monitoring, issues like overheating, overcurrent, or low charge levels can lead to performance degradation, safety hazards, or even permanent damage to the battery system. As EV adoption continues to rise, developing intelligent systems to safeguard and optimize battery operation becomes increasingly critical.

This project focuses on designing an advanced battery monitoring and management system that addresses these challenges by integrating real-time data collection, automated safety features, and remote monitoring capabilities. Equipped with a range of sensors, the system continuously tracks key battery parameters and takes proactive actions, such as activating cooling mechanisms or initiating charging when needed. By transmitting data to a cloud platform and displaying it locally, the system ensures comprehensive monitoring for both immediate and remote access. The proposed system not only enhances the safety and reliability of EV batteries but also supports sustainable and efficient electric vehicle usage by preventing potential issues and improving overall performance.

The proposed system represents a significant advancement in electric vehicle battery management by combining real-time monitoring with intelligent automation. By addressing critical parameters such as voltage, current, temperature, and charge levels, the system ensures that the battery operates within safe and optimal conditions at all times. Its ability to respond automatically to abnormal scenarios—such as overheating or low voltage—enhances the safety and reliability of EVs while reducing the need for manual intervention. Additionally, the integration of cloud-based data transmission allows users to monitor battery health remotely, enabling timely decision-making and preventive maintenance. This approach not only extends the lifespan of EV batteries but also contributes to the overall efficiency and sustainability of electric transportation.

I. RELATED WORKS-

Smart Battery Management System with Charge Monitoring and Fire Safety for Electric Vehicles *Authors: R. S. Arunraj*, P. Karthick, M. Vignesh, L. Chandran As electric vehicles (EVs) gain widespread popularity among manufacturers and consumers alike, the importance of efficient battery management has become paramount. Batteries, being the core component of EVs, require advanced systems to monitor their charge capacity and prevent risks associated with overcharging or deep discharging. Ensuring accurate state-of-charge (SoC) estimation is crucial for reducing damage risks, extending battery lifespan, and protecting the electronics powered by these systems. This project proposes a real-time Battery Management System (BMS) that utilizes advanced SoC estimation methods while monitoring critical parameters like voltage, temperature, and charge levels. Built using an Arduino-based hardware platform, the system integrates state-of-the-art sensing technology, a central processor, and intuitive interface devices to provide accurate and reliable data. By preventing unsafe conditions and enhancing battery performance, this system supports the development of safer, more efficient EVs, ensuring their long-term sustainability in the automotive industry.

Advanced Battery Management System for Electric Vehicles with Charge Monitoring and Fire Safety

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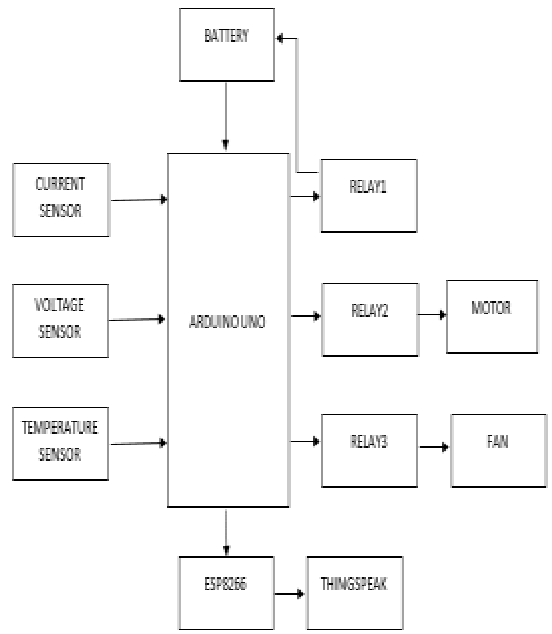
This project focuses on the development of a sophisticated Battery Management System (BMS) for electric vehicles, incorporating features such as real-time charge monitoring and integrated fire protection. Designed specifically for lithium-ion battery packs, the system employs a combination of advanced hardware and software, including microcontrollers, sensors, and LCD displays, to ensure continuous monitoring and safety. The charge monitoring system prevents issues related to overcharging and deep discharging, enhancing battery longevity and reliability. Fire safety mechanisms leverage advanced sensors and algorithms to detect potential hazards and implement timely countermeasures. The use of user-friendly interfaces and microcontroller-based controls provides a seamless and efficient way to track and manage battery performance. By addressing key challenges in EV battery management, this project offers a robust solution that improves safety, efficiency, and the overall sustainability of electric vehicles.

--PROPOSED METHOD--

The proposed method for implementing the Transformer Protection System involves several interconnected steps to ensure comprehensive monitoring and safeguarding of transformers. Initially, the system will be assembled using readily available components, including the Arduino Uno microcontroller, current sensor, voltage sensor with a potentiometer for calibration, Dallas temperature sensor, ultrasonic sensor, and additional components such as an LCD display and indicator bulbs for overload conditions. Once the hardware setup is complete, programming the Arduino Uno will involve designing algorithms to collect data from each sensor, analyze it in real-time, and trigger appropriate responses based on predefined thresholds. This entails configuring the Arduino to continuously monitor current and voltage levels, temperature variations, and oil levels, while also integrating feedback mechanisms to trigger alarms or shutdowns when abnormal conditions are detected. Calibration procedures will be established to ensure the accuracy and reliability of sensor readings, with particular attention paid to temperature and voltage thresholds to prevent false alarms or shutdowns. Finally, the system's performance will be evaluated through rigorous testing under simulated operating conditions to validate its effectiveness in enhancing transformer protection and facilitating predictive maintenance strategies.

Implementation of the proposed method for the Transformer Protection System will involve a systematic approach to hardware assembly, software programming, calibration, and testing. Initially, the hardware components will be assembled according to the system's design specifications, with particular attention paid to sensor placement and connectivity to the Arduino Uno microcontroller. Once the hardware setup is complete, the Arduino Uno will be programmed using a combination of C/C++ language and Arduino-specific libraries to establish communication with each sensor, collect data streams, and execute decision-making algorithms for real-time analysis. Specialized functions will be developed to handle sensor calibration, ensuring accurate and reliable readings for current, voltage, temperature, and oil level measurements. Additionally, algorithms will be designed to interpret sensor data and trigger appropriate responses, such as activating alarms or initiating shutdown procedures when abnormal conditions are detected. The system will undergo extensive testing under various operational scenarios to validate its performance and reliability in enhancing transformer protection and facilitating predictive maintenance strategies. This iterative process will involve refining hardware configurations, optimizing software algorithms, and fine-tuning calibration parameters to achieve optimal system performance and robustness in real-world applications.

Block Diagram:



Methodology

Hardware components:

Arduino Uno:

In this project, the Arduino Uno serves as the central microcontroller that drives the monitoring and control systems for the electric vehicle (EV) battery management. The Arduino Uno is chosen for its versatility, ease of use, and wide compatibility with various sensors and peripherals. It is equipped with an ATmega328P microprocessor, which allows it to handle the processing of data from the battery's sensors, such as voltage, current, and temperature. The Arduino Uno reads sensor inputs in real-time and uses this data to make decisions, such as activating the cooling fan when the temperature exceeds a set threshold or initiating charging when the voltage drops too low. Its digital and analog I/O pins enable seamless integration with various sensors and actuators, making it an ideal choice for real-time system control in battery management applications.

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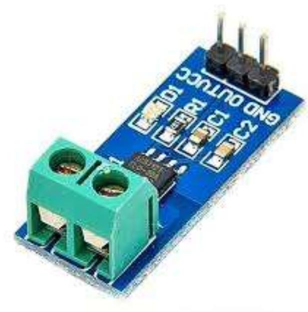
Moreover, the Arduino Uno provides flexibility and expandability for future enhancements. It supports both wired and wireless communication, which allows for local display and remote monitoring of battery health. The microcontroller can easily interface with an LCD for immediate feedback to users or operators. Additionally, its ability to connect to external communication modules, such as Wi-Fi or GSM, makes it possible to upload real-time data to cloud platforms for remote monitoring. This ensures that users or maintenance personnel can track the health and status of the EV battery from anywhere. By using the Arduino Uno, this project achieves both efficient processing and user-friendly interaction, ensuring the system operates effectively while also providing important insights into battery performance.

Current Sensor:

The current sensor used in this project plays a crucial role in monitoring the electric vehicle (EV) battery's health by continuously measuring the amount of current flowing through the system. It provides real-time data on the battery’s current consumption and charging patterns, which is essential for maintaining the optimal performance of the battery. Accurate current measurements help to detect irregularities such as overcurrent or undercurrent conditions that could potentially damage the battery or other components. In this system, the current sensor ensures that the battery operates within safe limits by triggering automated safety measures when deviations are detected, such as shutting down the system in the event of an overcurrent situation, or activating a charging mechanism when current levels are too low. This monitoring mechanism not only helps to protect the battery but also ensures that the EV operates efficiently, preventing damage that could result in costly repairs or decreased performance.



The specific type of current sensor used in this project is designed to offer precise and real-time feedback, making it an essential component for accurate battery management. These sensors are often based on Hall effect technology, which provides galvanic isolation and ensures that the sensor does not interfere with the electrical circuit being monitored. By detecting the magnetic field generated by the current flow, Hall effect sensors provide accurate current measurements without direct contact with the high-voltage components. This non-invasive approach enhances safety and reduces the risk of electrical shorts or other hazards. Furthermore, the current sensor’s data is transmitted to the central processing unit, which uses it to manage the charging and discharging cycles effectively, contributing to the overall safety, efficiency, and longevity of the EV’s battery.

Voltage Sensor:

The voltage sensor in this project plays a crucial role in monitoring the battery’s voltage levels to ensure safe and efficient operation of the electric vehicle (EV). It continuously measures the battery's output voltage and sends this data to the system for analysis. By monitoring the voltage in real time, the sensor helps detect any fluctuations or abnormalities that could indicate potential issues such as overcharging, undercharging, or excessive drain. These irregularities can be harmful to the battery, leading to reduced performance, shorter lifespan, or even damage. The voltage sensor thus acts as a critical safeguard, allowing the system to automatically trigger appropriate actions like initiating charging when the voltage dips below a predefined threshold, ensuring that the battery remains within safe operational limits.

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In addition to its primary function of voltage monitoring, the sensor contributes to the overall efficiency of the Battery Management System (BMS). It aids in optimizing battery usage by providing accurate data that can be used to calculate the state of charge (SoC), which is vital for predicting battery life and remaining charge. By detecting and preventing unsafe voltage levels, the voltage sensor not only protects the battery but also improves the overall performance of the EV. Furthermore, it helps in maintaining the system's reliability by ensuring that all power-consuming components are operating within safe voltage ranges, thereby preventing any component from being damaged due to electrical stress.

DS18B20 (Dallas Temperature Sensor):

The DS18B20, also known as the Dallas Temperature Sensor, plays a pivotal role in this project by providing precise and reliable temperature measurements for monitoring electric vehicle (EV) battery health. This digital temperature sensor uses the One-Wire communication protocol, allowing multiple sensors to be connected in a single data line, which simplifies wiring and reduces complexity in the system. With a wide operating temperature range of -55°C to +125°C, the DS18B20 ensures that the EV battery's temperature is accurately monitored under various operating conditions. The sensor's high resolution of up to 12 bits ensures that even slight fluctuations in temperature can be detected, which is crucial for maintaining optimal battery performance and preventing overheating or excessive cooling.

In the context of this project, the DS18B20 is integrated to provide continuous temperature readings, which are essential for the system's safety mechanisms. When the sensor detects that the battery temperature exceeds a predefined threshold, the system can automatically activate cooling systems or adjust charging parameters to prevent thermal damage to the battery. By using the DS18B20, the project benefits from a low-cost, accurate, and easy-to-use solution for temperature sensing, making it an ideal choice for real-time battery management in electric vehicles. Its compact size, digital output, and simplicity in integration make it a perfect fit for this comprehensive battery monitoring system, contributing significantly to the safety, efficiency, and longevity of EV batteries.

DC Motor:

The DC motor used in this project plays a crucial role in the overall functioning of the electric vehicle (EV) system, providing the necessary mechanical power for driving the vehicle. DC motors are widely chosen in EV applications due to their ability to offer precise control over speed and torque, which is essential for the smooth operation of the vehicle. In this project, the DC motor is responsible for converting electrical energy from the battery into mechanical motion, propelling the vehicle forward. The motor's performance is closely linked to the battery's charge levels, making it essential for the battery management system (BMS) to continuously monitor and manage the power supplied to the motor to avoid issues like overloading or underpowering.

To ensure the efficient and safe operation of the DC motor, the project integrates the motor with the battery management system, which controls power flow based on real-time data from sensors monitoring battery voltage, current, and temperature. This integration helps in maintaining optimal performance, as it allows the motor to operate within safe parameters while preventing potential damage to

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both the motor and the battery. Additionally, the system can automatically adjust the motor's power input based on the vehicle's operational conditions, such as driving speed or terrain, contributing to energy efficiency and prolonging the battery's lifespan. The use of the DC motor, in conjunction with an intelligent monitoring system, ensures smooth and reliable vehicle movement while optimizing battery performance.

Relay:

In this project, the relay serves as a crucial component for controlling various electrical devices based on the monitoring system's outputs. A relay is an electrically operated switch that allows the system to control high-voltage or high-current components, such as the cooling fan or charging circuit, with the low-voltage signals provided by the monitoring system. When the system detects a temperature or voltage parameter outside the predefined safe range, the relay is triggered to activate or deactivate these critical components automatically. For instance, if the battery temperature exceeds a safe threshold, the relay engages the cooling fan to prevent overheating. Similarly, if the voltage drops too low, the relay can initiate the charging process to restore the battery's charge, ensuring its optimal performance and safety.

The use of the relay enhances the automation and reliability of the battery management system by enabling precise control over the actions taken in response to real-time data. By using the relay, the system can perform necessary adjustments without requiring manual intervention, ensuring that the battery is consistently operating within safe limits. Furthermore, relays are ideal for protecting sensitive components and circuits, as they can isolate high-power devices from the low-power control system, preventing damage to the microcontroller or other delicate parts. Overall, the relay plays a pivotal role in ensuring that the monitoring system effectively responds to changes in battery parameters, improving safety and efficiency in the operation of electric vehicles.

Potentiometer:

In this project, a potentiometer is utilized as a key component for varying the voltage to specific parts of the system, allowing precise adjustments to various operating conditions. The potentiometer functions as a variable resistor, with its resistance changing as the user adjusts the knob. This enables real-time control of voltage levels, which is crucial for applications such as tuning power to different devices, controlling charging voltages, or adjusting signal levels in the monitoring system. By varying the resistance, the potentiometer helps fine-tune the voltage to ensure that the system operates within its optimal range, preventing overvoltage or undervoltage situations that could potentially harm sensitive components.

The potentiometer's versatility allows for easy integration into the battery management system, providing a manual or automated means of adjusting voltage depending on the battery's performance and external conditions. In conjunction with sensors and the microcontroller, the potentiometer aids in the system's ability to maintain safe operating voltages. For instance, when the system detects that the voltage is either too high or too low, the potentiometer can be adjusted to bring it back within a safe range, thus ensuring that the battery operates efficiently. This adaptability makes the potentiometer a valuable tool in achieving fine-grained control over the voltage within the EV's battery management system, contributing to overall system stability and performance.

ESP8266:

In this project, the ESP8266 module plays a crucial role in providing wireless communication capabilities for real-time data transmission and remote monitoring. The ESP8266 is a low-cost Wi-Fi microchip with built-in TCP/IP networking, which allows the system to send and receive data over the internet. By integrating the ESP8266, the system can transmit critical battery parameters such as voltage, current, temperature, and charge levels to a cloud platform for remote access. This feature enables users or operators to monitor the health of the EV battery from any location, enhancing convenience and the ability to make timely decisions regarding battery maintenance or issues. The ESP8266 ensures seamless communication between the local monitoring system and the cloud, providing a robust network infrastructure for the project.

Furthermore, the ESP8266 module supports the integration of additional IoT features such as alerts and notifications. In case of abnormal battery conditions, the system can send instant alerts via email or SMS, ensuring that operators or vehicle owners are promptly informed about any potential issues. The versatility and ease of use of the ESP8266 make it an ideal choice for this project, as it allows for smooth integration with the existing hardware and software components. By enabling remote monitoring and control, the ESP8266 enhances the efficiency of battery management, supporting the overall goal of improving the safety and longevity of electric vehicle batteries while contributing to the sustainability of electric mobility.

LCD:

In this project, the Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) plays a crucial role in providing real-time data on the battery's performance. The LCD serves as the primary local interface for users to easily monitor key parameters such as voltage, current, temperature, and charge levels of the electric vehicle (EV) battery. By displaying this information in a clear and accessible format, the LCD enables users to visually track the battery's health and operational status at a glance. The intuitive display helps users quickly identify if the system is functioning within optimal parameters or if any anomalies need immediate attention, such as overheating or low voltage. This direct interaction with the system ensures efficient and immediate monitoring without requiring external devices.

Moreover, the use of an LCD enhances the overall user experience by providing constant feedback on the battery's condition. It helps operators or maintenance personnel ensure that safety measures, such as activating cooling fans or initiating charging, are properly triggered and functioning. The real-time display can also be configured to show system alerts or warnings, ensuring that users are notified of any critical issues. The integration of an LCD into the monitoring system ensures that essential information is always readily available, which is vital for maintaining the battery's longevity, safety, and optimal performance throughout its lifecycle.

CPU Fan:

In this project, a CPU fan is utilized as a critical component for maintaining the temperature of the electric vehicle (EV) battery within safe operating limits. Since battery performance can degrade significantly when exposed to high temperatures, the CPU fan acts as a cooling mechanism to prevent overheating. The fan is triggered automatically when the temperature sensor detects that the battery's temperature has surpassed a predefined threshold. By dissipating the excess heat, the CPU fan ensures that the battery remains within its optimal temperature range, thereby protecting it from thermal damage and improving its longevity. The fan operates in sync with other system components, ensuring that the cooling process is both efficient and responsive to real-time changes in temperature.

The inclusion of a CPU fan in the battery management system (BMS) adds an essential layer of safety, ensuring that temperature-related issues do not affect the EV’s performance. As the system continuously monitors battery parameters, the fan's activation helps to regulate the heat generated during charging or high-performance driving scenarios. The fan is designed for efficient energy consumption, ensuring that it does not drain significant power from the battery while providing optimal cooling when necessary. By maintaining an ideal operating temperature, the CPU fan not only protects the battery but also contributes to the overall efficiency and reliability of the electric vehicle's battery management system.

Power supply:

In our system design, the power supply plays a crucial role in providing a stable and reliable electrical environment, which is vital for the proper functioning of all system components. To achieve this, we have integrated a DC to DC converter that includes both a voltage regulator and a bridge rectifier. The bridge rectifier is responsible for converting incoming alternating current (AC) into a steady direct current (DC), ensuring a consistent flow of electricity. This conversion is critical for maintaining the stability of the power input. Following this, the voltage regulator refines the pulsating DC output to deliver a stable, smooth voltage, preventing fluctuations that could negatively impact the performance of sensitive electronic components.

Additionally, the voltage regulator is essential for ensuring a consistent and stable power supply across the entire system. By managing the voltage within specific limits, it protects the various components from fluctuations in power, thereby improving the system’s overall dependability. When paired with a bridge rectifier, the voltage regulator not only converts the incoming electrical signal into an appropriate form but also ensures a steady power output to the system's components. This stable power flow is key to maintaining optimal functionality and helps prolong the lifespan of the electronic system.

Advantages and Applications

ADVANTAGES

- Safety
- Accessibility
- Affordability
- Automation
- Visibility
- Reliability
- Alerting

APPLICATIONS

- Electric Vehicles
- Battery Systems
- Solar Storage
- E-bikes/Scooters
- Smart Homes
- UPS Systems

II. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this project presents an advanced battery monitoring system that enhances the safety, performance, and longevity of electric vehicle (EV) batteries. Through continuous real-time tracking of essential parameters such as voltage, current, temperature, and charge levels, the system can proactively detect and address any deviations, ensuring safe operation. The integration of automated safety measures, including temperature control and charging management, protects the battery from overheating, overcurrent, and undercharging. Additionally, the system offers user-friendly accessibility, with both local and remote monitoring capabilities, ensuring that battery health can be tracked anytime, anywhere. Overall, this model significantly contributes to improving EV performance, reducing risks, and supporting the transition to sustainable electric mobility.

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