

REAL TIME EFFICIENCY MONITORING OF INDUCTION MOTOR

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ABSTRACT -

Because of their ease of use, dependability, and little maintenance needs, induction motors are frequently utilized in commercial and industrial settings. However, their efficiency and performance can be greatly impacted by changes in supply, voltage, and load circumstances. To guarantee the best possible use of energy, avoid malfunctions, and save operating expenses, motor efficiency must be continuously monitored. This project offers an Internet of Things-based real-time efficiency monitoring solution for induction motors. The system uses sensors (ZMPT101B and ACS712) to detect electrical characteristics like voltage, current, and power factor, and a tachometer or infrared sensor to assess mechanical parameters like speed. Real-time calculations of the input and output power are used to determine the motor's efficiency. The sensor data is processed by an Arduino/ESP32 microcontroller, which then shows the results on an LCD and sends the data to an Internet of Things platform like Blynk or Thing Speak for remote monitoring and analysis.

The suggested method allows users to plan predictive maintenance, identify performance decline, and enhance energy management by offering precise and ongoing efficiency data. The implementation shows an efficient, affordable, and scalable method for sustainable power use in electrical motor systems and intelligent industrial monitoring.

I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Modern industrial and commercial applications rely heavily on electric motors, of which induction motors are the most popular because of their straightforward construction, durability, affordability, and low maintenance needs. They are widely used in many different industries, including manufacturing, transportation, water pumping, and home appliances. Electric motors are thought to use about 70% of industrial electrical energy, with induction motors using a significant amount of this energy. Therefore, one of the main goals of contemporary energy management and industrial automation systems is to monitor and enhance their efficiency.

An induction motor's efficiency is a measure of how well it transforms electrical energy into mechanical output. Numerous variables, including supply voltage, load fluctuation, frequency, temperature, and power factor, affect efficiency. A motor's efficiency can be lowered over time by problems such as winding deterioration, bearing wear, and supply irregularities, which can result in excessive energy consumption, overheating, and early failure. Therefore, maintaining optimal motor performance, cutting down on energy waste, and putting predictive maintenance plans into practice all depend on ongoing efficiency monitoring.

Historically, laboratory-based techniques including the no-load test, blocked rotor test, and direct input-output method have been used to determine motor efficiency. These methods cannot be used with motors operating continuously in an industrial setting and require specific test rigs. Additionally, they are unable to offer real-time information about motor performance under various operating circumstances. Because of this restriction, a real-time efficiency monitoring system that can function without interfering with the motor's operation is required.

An Internet of Things-based real-time efficiency monitoring system for induction motors is offered by the suggested system. Using the proper sensors (such as the ZMPT101B voltage sensor and ACS712 current sensor), it continually detects important electrical characteristics including voltage, current, and power factor. A tachometer or infrared (IR) speed sensor are used to detect mechanical characteristics like speed. A microcontroller (Arduino or ESP32) processes these measured data and determines the input and output power of the motor. The output power and input power are then compared in real time to ascertain the efficiency.

1.2 Problem Statement

Because of their durability and ease of use, induction motors are the most used electrical devices in commercial and industrial settings. However, the efficiency and effectiveness of these motors are greatly impacted by the many load circumstances, voltage variations, and environmental elements that they frequently work under. Energy waste, shorter motor lifespans, and unplanned breakdowns result from most industries' failure to regularly check efficiency throughout operation.

Conventional techniques for calculating motor efficiency, such as offline measurements or laboratory testing, are expensive, time-consuming, and unsuitable for ongoing industrial usage. These techniques

are inappropriate for real-time applications because they need disconnecting the motor from its load, which results in production downtime. Because of this, companies frequently fail to recognize the true operating efficiency of their motors, which may progressively deteriorate over time as a consequence of wear, rising temperatures, or inadequate maintenance. An ineffective real-time monitoring system makes it difficult to identify performance decline early on, which leads to needless power losses and increased maintenance expenses. A low-cost, Internet of Things-enabled device that can precisely measure, compute, and track the efficiency of induction motors in real time while they are operating is therefore desperately needed. Predictive maintenance, improved energy efficiency, and smart industrial automation projects would all be made possible by such a system.

II. OBJECTIVES & SIGNIFICANCE

This project's primary goal is to use Internet of Things technology to build and deploy a real-time efficiency monitoring system for induction motors. The system should compute motor efficiency, measure electrical and mechanical parameters precisely, and offer continuous monitoring via local display and cloud platforms

To achieve this, the project focuses on the following specific objectives:

- To accurately calculate input power by measuring electrical characteristics including voltage, current, and power factor in real time using the right sensors.
- To determine the output power by measuring mechanical characteristics like motor speed with an IR sensor or tachometer.to dynamically determine the motor's efficiency using the ratio of input to output power while it is operating.to show voltage, current, power, speed, efficiency, and other real-time statistics locally on an LCD panel.
- To integrate IoT functionality using NodeMCU or ESP32 for wireless data transmission to cloud platforms like Blynk or ThingSpeak for remote monitoring and data logging.
- To examine trends in efficiency over time for predictive maintenance and performance enhancement
- .To create a scalable, affordable technology that can be used in both industrial and educational settings.to aid in energy saving by making it possible to identify operational flaws and efficiency declines early on.

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

It is clear from the aforementioned research that ongoing real-time monitoring of induction motor characteristics including voltage, current, power factor, and speed is essential for assessing efficiency and guaranteeing preventative maintenance. Data visualization, remote monitoring, and energy optimization decision-making are made possible by the integration of IoT systems. In order to improve motor performance, dependability, and energy management in industrial applications, the proposed project focuses on creating an affordable IoT-enabled real-time efficiency monitoring system.

1. **A. Nandi, H.A. Toliyat, and X. Li (2005)**

In their paper “*Condition Monitoring and Fault Diagnosis of Electrical Motors – A Review*” the writers spoke about many ways to keep an eye on electrical motors. To find operational flaws and efficiency loss, they examined vibration, voltage, and current signals. According to the study's findings, problem detection and motor efficiency may be greatly enhanced by real-time electrical parameter monitoring.

M. R. S. Ahamed et al. (2018)

2. An "IoT-Based Real-Time Condition Monitoring of Induction Motor" solution was introduced by the authors. For remote data transmission, they employed voltage and current sensors coupled to an ESP8266 module. Predictive maintenance and increased energy efficiency were made possible by the system's constant performance tracking via a cloud interface.

3. **R. K. Sharma and P. K. Behera (2019)**

4. MATLAB simulation and load testing techniques were used to examine energy performance in their work, "Energy Efficiency Analysis of Three-Phase Induction Motor." According to their research, induction motor efficiency is increased and energy losses are decreased by maintaining an ideal load and power factor.

5. **S. Mahapatra et al. (2020)**

The paper “*Development of Smart Monitoring System for Industrial Induction Motors*”

6. presented an Arduino-based system for measuring temperature, voltage, and current. The authors highlighted the significance of smart embedded systems in industrial monitoring by reporting a 30% decrease in motor downtime through predictive failure detection.

7. **A. Singh and S. K. Verma (2021)**

The authors used NodeMCU, an ACS712 current sensor, a DHT11 temperature sensor, and the Blynk IoT platform to create a "IoT-Based Real-Time Energy Monitoring System for Induction Motor." Through online and mobile dashboards, their solution effectively illustrated efficient energy use and real-time data visualization.

IV. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

4.1 System Architecture

The Real-Time Efficiency Monitoring of Induction Motors project's system architecture is made to monitor, process, and analyze important electrical characteristics in real time, allowing for ongoing assessment of motor efficiency and performance. To accomplish intelligent monitoring and data transfer, the design combines a number of hardware and software elements, including as sensors, microcontrollers, an Internet of Things platform, and display modules.

The system consists of three major functional units:

- **Data Acquisition Unit**
- **Data Processing and Efficiency Computation Unit**
- **Display and IoT Communication Unit**

Each of these units plays a specific role in ensuring accurate measurement, efficient computation, and user-friendly data presentation.

4.2 Data Acquisition Unit

This unit collects real-time electrical parameters from the induction motor. It includes:

- **Voltage Sensor (ZMPT101B or Potential Transformer):**

Measures the supply voltage of the motor and converts it to a suitable analog voltage level for the microcontroller.

- **Current Sensor (ACS712 or CT Sensor):**

Measures the load current drawn by the motor. The analog output signal is sent to the microcontroller's ADC pin.

- **Power Factor Measurement Circuit:**

To determine the actual power used, the power factor is computed using the phase difference between voltage and current. Speed Sensor (Optional: Hall Effect Sensor or IR Sensor): Determines mechanical output power by measuring the motor shaft's rotating speed. As the system's front end, these sensors provide precise and noise-free data collecting.

4.3 Data Processing and Efficiency Computation Unit

This is the core of the system, where all measurements are processed. It includes:

- The central processing unit is a microcontroller, such as the Arduino Uno or ATmega328P. In order to compute several electrical characteristics such as RMS voltage, RMS current, apparent power, actual power, and efficiency, it reads analog data from the sensors, converts them to digital, and analyzes them.

➤ **Computation Algorithms:**

Electrical Power = Voltage $\times$ Current $\times$ Power Factor

Efficiency (%) = (Output Power / Input Power) $\times$ 100

These computations are carried out in real time and updated periodically.

➤ **Fault Detection Logic:**

The system also checks for abnormal conditions such as low power factor, overcurrent, or unbalanced voltage and triggers an alert signal if detected.

Display and IoT Communication Unit

Once processed, the data is displayed and transmitted for monitoring:

➤ **LCD Display (16 $\times$ 2 or 20 $\times$ 4):**

Shows real-time readings of voltage, current, power factor, and efficiency locally on-site.

➤ **IoT Communication (ESP8266 / NodeMCU):**

Sends the computed data to an IoT cloud platform such as Blynk, ThingSpeak, or Firebase, where it can be viewed remotely through a web or mobile dashboard.

➤ **Wireless Data Logging:**

Enables long-term trend analysis and maintenance planning by storing readings on the cloud for later retrieval.

➤ **Alert System:**

When efficiency drops below a threshold, a notification or alert message is sent to the user.

V. CONCLUSION

The project, "Real-Time Efficiency Monitoring of Induction Motors," effectively illustrates an intelligent system that uses Internet of Things technology to continually monitor the efficiency, performance, and energy consumption of induction motors. The system offers precise real-time insights into motor health and operating characteristics including voltage, current, power factor, temperature, and speed by combining sensors, microcontrollers, and cloud-based data analytics.

This method not only improves motors' operational efficiency but also makes predictive maintenance possible, which lowers unplanned downtime and expensive repairs. IoT connectivity helps enterprises move toward smart manufacturing and energy-efficient operations by enabling remote monitoring and data visualization through dashboards or mobile applications. Additionally, the technology helps prolong motor life, optimize energy use, and support sustainable energy management techniques. The suggested system may be improved in the future with machine learning-based efficiency prediction models, automated control actions, and AI-driven problem detection, making it a crucial tool for Industry 4.0 applications.

In summary, this initiative opens the door to more intelligent, effective, and ecologically responsible

industrial systems by bridging the gap between traditional motor monitoring and contemporary digital solutions.

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