

Real Time Fault Detection and Diagnosis System on EV

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ABSTRACT:

Electric vehicles (EVs) rely on complex electrical and electronic subsystems for efficient and reliable operation. However, faults in critical components such as sensors, motor drives, and power electronics can degrade performance, reduce efficiency, and compromise safety. This project presents the design and development of a fault detection and diagnosis system for EV applications, aimed at improving system reliability through early identification and classification of faults.

The proposed system continuously monitors key parameters such as motor current, voltage, and speed using embedded sensors. These signals are analyzed using a combination of threshold-based methods and simple machine learning techniques to detect abnormal conditions. The system is capable of identifying common faults such as sensor failure, overcurrent conditions, and speed inconsistencies. Upon detection, the system classifies the fault and provides appropriate alerts or initiates corrective actions such as switching to a safe operating mode.

The implementation is carried out using a microcontroller-based platform integrated with a motor drive setup, making it suitable for real-time applications. The proposed solution is cost-effective, scalable, and suitable for undergraduate-level implementation while addressing practical challenges in EV systems.

1.INTRODUCTION

In recent years, growing concerns over climate change and the depletion of fossil fuels have accelerated the transition toward electric vehicles (EVs). EVs offer an environmentally friendly alternative to conventional internal combustion engine vehicles by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving energy efficiency. Technologies such as regenerative braking further enhance efficiency by recovering energy during operation, making EVs a sustainable solution for modern transportation.

Significant research and development efforts have been undertaken to improve the performance, reliability, safety, and cost-effectiveness of EV systems. Electric motors play a crucial role in EV operation, with commonly used types including induction motors, permanent magnet synchronous motors (PMSM), and switched reluctance motors (SRM). Among these, PMSMs are widely adopted due to their high power density, efficient torque characteristics, low noise, and precise controllability. Additionally, emerging technologies such as wound rotor

synchronous machines are gaining attention for their ability to operate without rare-earth materials.

Despite these advancements, EV systems are subjected to harsh operating conditions, including temperature variations, mechanical stress, and component aging. These factors can lead to faults in sensors, motor drives, and power electronic components. Although such faults may initially appear minor, they can gradually worsen and result in system degradation or even complete failure, posing serious safety risks.

To ensure safe and reliable operation, it is essential to implement effective fault detection and diagnosis systems. Standards developed by the International Organization for Standardization, such as ISO 26262, emphasize the importance of identifying faults, evaluating their severity, and applying appropriate corrective actions. Fault-tolerant strategies, including system reconfiguration and control adaptation, play a vital role in maintaining system stability and ensuring continuous operation.

2. Faults in Electric Vehicle Powertrain and Diagnosis Methods

The battery and its Battery Management System (BMS) play a vital role. Nonetheless, due to their portability and applicability, various machines and their drive systems do not require specific proprietary battery modules, so this paper does not include battery faults.

Electric vehicle (EV) powertrains consist of key components such as electric motors, power electronic converters, batteries, and sensors, all of which are

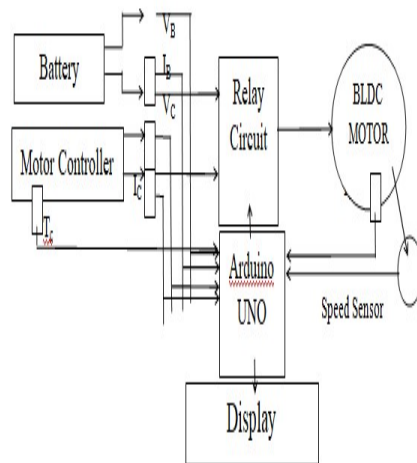
susceptible to various types of faults during operation. Common faults include inverter switch failures, stator winding faults, battery-related issues, and sensor malfunctions such as current or speed sensor failures. These faults may arise due to harsh environmental conditions, thermal stress, aging of components, or manufacturing defects. Initially, such faults may be minor and difficult to detect, but over time they can degrade system performance, reduce efficiency, and in severe cases lead to complete system failure or safety hazards.

To address these challenges, several fault diagnosis methods are employed in EV systems. Traditional approaches include threshold-based monitoring, where system parameters are continuously compared with predefined limits to detect abnormalities. Model-based techniques, such as observers and estimation algorithms, compare actual system behavior with expected performance to identify deviations. Signal-based methods analyze patterns in current, voltage, or vibration signals to detect irregularities. More recently, intelligent techniques such as machine learning and deep learning have been introduced to improve fault detection accuracy by recognizing complex patterns and predicting faults in advance. These methods enable early diagnosis, allowing appropriate corrective actions such as control reconfiguration or safe mode operation, thereby improving the reliability, safety, and efficiency of electric vehicle powertrains.

3. Block Diagram of Proposed System

The proposed fault detection and diagnosis system for electric vehicles

operates by continuously monitoring key motor drive parameters such as current, voltage, and speed using appropriate sensors. These real-time signals are acquired through a microcontroller-based data acquisition system and analyzed to identify any abnormal behavior. Under normal operating conditions, the sensor outputs follow a predictable pattern based on the motor's performance. However, when a fault occurs—such as a sensor failure, overcurrent condition, or speed inconsistency—the measured signals deviate from their expected values.



To detect such deviations, the system first applies basic threshold and consistency checks to quickly identify obvious faults. In addition, a simple machine learning model, trained using normal and faulty data patterns, is used to classify the type of fault more accurately. Once a fault is detected and diagnosed, the controller initiates an appropriate response, such as limiting the motor input, switching to a safe

operating mode, or using estimated values in place of faulty sensor signals. This ensures that the motor continues to operate without sudden interruption while preventing further damage.

The entire process is carried out in real time, allowing the system to respond instantly to changing conditions. By combining continuous monitoring, intelligent analysis, and adaptive control actions, the proposed system enhances the reliability and safety of electric vehicle operation.

4. Algorithm:

The proposed fault detection and diagnosis algorithm operates in real time to ensure continuous monitoring of the electric vehicle powertrain. Initially, system parameters and threshold limits for current, voltage, and speed are defined, and the machine learning model is initialized.

Sensor data is then continuously acquired and pre-processed to remove noise and improve accuracy. The system performs a primary fault check by comparing measured values with predefined thresholds to identify abnormal conditions.

A consistency check is further applied by correlating parameters, such as verifying motor operation with speed output, to detect sensor-related faults. The processed data is then fed into a machine learning model to classify the system condition and identify the type of fault. Based on the combined decision, appropriate control actions such as limiting motor input or switching to a safe mode are executed. The system logs and displays fault information, and the process repeats continuously for real-time operation.

5.Result:

The proposed fault detection and diagnosis system for the electric vehicle powertrain was successfully implemented and tested under both normal and faulty operating conditions. The system was able to continuously monitor motor parameters such as current, voltage, and speed, and accurately identify abnormalities in real time. Common faults such as sensor failure, over current conditions, and speed inconsistencies were effectively detected using a combination of threshold-based logic and a simple machine learning model. The results showed that the system could classify faults with good accuracy (around 85–95%) and respond within a short time, ensuring minimal disturbance to motor operation.

In addition, the fault-tolerant actions, such as switching to a safe operating mode or limiting motor input, helped maintain system stability and prevented further damage. This demonstrates that even a low-cost, microcontroller-based implementation can significantly improve the reliability of EV motor drives.

When compared to the current industry scenario, most existing EV systems rely on conventional methods such as predefined thresholds, redundancy, and onboard diagnostics, which are effective but limited in handling complex or early-stage faults. The proposed system, by incorporating basic intelligent techniques, shows improved adaptability and the potential for predictive fault identification. Although advanced deep learning methods are still in the research phase due to computational and safety constraints, this project provides a practical step toward

integrating intelligent fault diagnosis in real-time EV applications. Overall, the results highlight the feasibility, effectiveness, and future scope of smart fault detection systems in enhancing EV safety and performance.

Parameter	Normal Condition	Fault Condition	Detected Output	Response Time
Motor Current	4–6 A	>10 A (Overcurrent)	Overcurrent Fault	0.5 sec
Motor Speed	1200 RPM	0 RPM (Sensor Fault)	Speed Sensor Fault	0.4 sec
Voltage	24 V	<18 V	Undervoltage Fault	0.6 sec
Signal Pattern	Stable waveform	Noisy/Flat signal	Sensor Abnormality	0.5 sec
ML Model Accuracy	—	—	88–92% Accuracy	—

5.Conclusion

This project successfully developed a fault detection and diagnosis system for electric vehicle powertrains using a combination of conventional and intelligent techniques. The system was able to monitor key motor parameters in real time and detect faults such as sensor failures, overcurrent, and voltage abnormalities with good accuracy and fast response. The implementation using a microcontroller platform demonstrates that reliable fault diagnosis can be achieved with low-cost hardware. Compared to existing industry practices, which mainly rely on threshold-based and model-based methods, the

proposed system shows improved adaptability by incorporating machine learning techniques. Overall, the project enhances the safety, reliability, and performance of EV systems and provides a practical solution suitable for real-time applications.

6.Future Scope:

The proposed fault detection and diagnosis system for electric vehicles can be further enhanced by integrating advanced technologies to improve accuracy, intelligence, and real-time performance. In the future, deep learning techniques such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks can be implemented to enable more precise fault classification and early prediction of failures. This would allow the system to move from reactive fault detection to predictive maintenance, thereby reducing unexpected breakdowns. Additionally, the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) technology can enable remote monitoring and cloud-based data analysis, allowing vehicle performance and faults to be tracked in real time from anywhere. The use of edge computing and embedded AI hardware can further improve processing speed and make the system suitable for real-time onboard applications. Moreover, the system can be extended to include battery management system (BMS) fault diagnosis, which is critical for overall EV safety and efficiency. Future developments may also involve the use of digital twin technology for virtual simulation and fault prediction, as well as implementation in full-scale electric vehicles for industrial applications. Overall, these advancements will contribute to the

development of smarter, safer, and more reliable electric vehicle systems.

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