

# IOT BASED STREET LIGHT SHORT CIRCUIT DETECTION

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**Abstract** - The project outlines a cutting-edge system that integrates short circuit detection, fire accident detection, and light intensity optimization features into street lighting infrastructure. The system utilizes IoT and an Arduino Uno microcontroller to enhance safety, efficiency, and sustainability. The system's core feature is its ability to identify short circuits and the exact location of short circuit and alert authorities promptly. Additionally, the system incorporates fire sensors to detect fire accidents and optimizes light intensity based on environmental conditions. Overall, the system offers a comprehensive solution for enhancing street lighting infrastructure.

**Key Words:** Short circuits, Fault detection, Power distribution lines, Microcontroller, GSM mobile, IoT devices and sensors, Voice alert.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Street lighting is a very crucial aspect of public safety and security as it provides adequate illumination during nighttime. However, various issues like short circuits and fire accidents can pose significant risks to both infrastructure and public safety. Inefficient energy usage in street lighting systems also contributes to environmental concerns and operational costs. To address these challenges, the project proposes a comprehensive Street Light Short Circuit Detection and Optimization System that makes use of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies.

The proposed system integrates various sensors, including switches that detect short circuits, Light Dependent Resistors (LDR sensors), and flame sensors, to monitor and detect potential hazards in street lighting infrastructure. The short circuit detector switches detect electrical faults such as short circuits in street lights. Whenever a short circuit is detected, the system initiates an alert mechanism that notifies designated authoritative personnel, enabling prompt intervention to mitigate the issue and ensure public safety.

In order to detect fire accidents in the vicinity of street lights, the system contains fire sensors. Detecting the fire hazards allows for timely response measures, reducing the risk of property damage and ensuring the safety of nearby residents.

The system utilizes LDR sensors to vary the intensity of street lights based on ambient light conditions, optimizing energy usage and promoting sustainability. During nighttime, when ambient light is low, the system automatically increases the intensity of street lights to maintain adequate illumination for safe navigation. Conversely, during daytime, the system reduces the intensity of street lights to conserve energy without compromising safety.

Apart from the hardware components, the project includes development of a mobile application using the Java programming language. This application serves as a user interface for authoritative personnel to receive alert messages and take necessary actions, such as shutting down power lines to specific street lights in the case of fault or hazard.

Overall, the proposed Street Light Short Circuit Detection and Optimization System offers a proactive approach to enhancing the safety, efficiency, and sustainability of the infrastructure of the street lights through real-time monitoring, detection, and responsive control mechanisms. The system has the ability to significantly decrease the risks associated with street lighting infrastructure while promoting sustainable practices, making it an ideal and effective solution for modern cities.

### 1.1 PROJECT IDEA

Our project endeavors to craft an IoT-powered smart street lighting management system by integrating sensors like short circuit detectors, LDR sensors, and flame sensors, with a mobile application that enables remote supervising and control. This system is designed to bolster safety measures, optimize energy consumption, and make urban lighting infrastructure maintenance more efficient.

### 1.2 MOTIVATION OF THE PROJECT

This project is being undertaken because power distribution networks are becoming more and more complex. There's an urgent need for creative ways to boost the degree of dependability and efficiency of power networks because of the growing amount of electricity consumed and the frequent service disruptions caused by distribution breakdowns.

### 1.3 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Design an intelligent IoT-based system for managing street lights:

- The system must employ IoT technology to monitor and regulate street lights.

2. Detect electrical faults and fire hazards:

- Integrate Short Circuit Detector Switches and Flame Sensors to quickly identify electrical faults and fire incidents.

3. Optimize lighting intensity:

- Use LDR sensors to dynamically adjust street light intensity, ensuring optimal illumination levels at night and conserving energy during the day.

4. Enable real-time alerting:

- Develop a mobile application using Java to alert relevant personnel of any incidents detected, allowing for swift intervention.

5. Allow for remote control:

- Provide authorities with the ability to remotely manage street lights, including the option to turn off power to specific lights in the event of an emergency.

6. Enhance safety and efficiency:

- Improve safety on the streets by identifying and addressing electrical faults and fire hazards while encouraging energy conservation to promote sustainable urban development.

### 1.4 RELATED WORK

1: The paper titled "Street light controller with sg technology" was published in 2020. The paper outlines a system for streetlight monitoring with modules for lamp switching, sensor integration, and GSM-based control. It is developed to achieve efficient and effective street lighting management.

2: In 2020, a technical paper titled "IoT Based Automatic Street Light Control and Fault Detection System" was authored by M. Vasantha Lakshmi and others. The paper presents a system that utilizes Raspberry Pi3 and LDR sensors for automated day/night streetlight control, enhancing energy efficiency while reducing costs. The IoT-based system integrates Raspberry Pi3 and LDR sensors for streetlight control and fault detection, enabling real-time monitoring of light intensity and prompt detection of faults.

3: A new system was introduced in 2021, which uses an IR sensor and an LDR to control the brightness of streetlights. Its purpose is to improve energy efficiency and security. Automated streetlights are equipped with an LDR for control, built-in fault detection mechanisms, and instant alerts to authorized personnel during faults. These IoT-based streetlights are a cost-effective and low-maintenance solution for sustainable urban lighting.

4: In 2021, Krunal Khobragade, Kundan Gaikwad, Pravin Bhiogade, Akshay Pardhi, and Sonali Kharwade published a technical paper on "GSM Based Automatic Street Light Control System". The innovative system uses light-dependent resistors (LDRs) to switch off streetlights in bright light and turn them on in darkness. It also includes adaptable LEDs that adjust intensity based on inputs from passive infrared (PIR) sensors. The system communicates via GSM, making maintenance easier, and provides status updates. The paper gives a presentation of smart lighting solution that aims to conserve energy, enhance urban lighting infrastructure, and improve safety.

5: "Smart Street Light Monitoring System Based on Internet of Things, Using GSM for Monitoring" is an academic article published in 2022. The system leverages IoT and GSM technology to provide flexibility light, problem tracking, and user-friendly light failure alerting. It can adjust the brightness according to the environment to save energy and sound the alarm when the light does not work, promoting energy saving and good maintenance

6: The article titled "Internet of Things Based Automatic Broken Street Light Fault Detection and Management System" describes a process that uses IoT and GSM technology to adjust the brightness of smart street lights, search for problems, and notify mobile phones to save energy. and good care. . The Raspberry Pi program controls street lights, uses cloud storage to detect faults, and provides effective control by controlling on/off based on the weather measured by the LDR.

### 2. PROPOSED SYSTEM

Identifying a short circuit in a power distribution line is one of the complex and critical issue in the power system. Our solution, designed with a microcontroller, GSM mobile, driver circuit, control circuit interfaced with a GSM modem and advanced IoT devices, enables remote supervising and overseeing of multiple stand-alone distribution transformer plants. Under normal conditions, the system records and periodically reports overall performance. However, if incorrect behavior is detected, the operators are immediately informed. Users can also modify plant elements and measurement system settings with appropriate instructions. To cater specific operative conditions, various communication means and plant configurations are available. Our microcontroller-based protection of electric distribution system offers effective

monitoring and sends information related the distribution system, allowing for exact location of the disorder. For general, flexible, and cost-effective implementation, the remote communications could be done through powerful GSM networking. In case of interruption such as short circuit, the microcontroller provides an immediate indication through the GSM modem and IoT Devices. The GSM modem receives the signal and data is sent from the distribution side to the substation and to the line patrol staff as a message. A voice alert is also made to alert the staff, who can subsequently find the exact location of fault or damage.

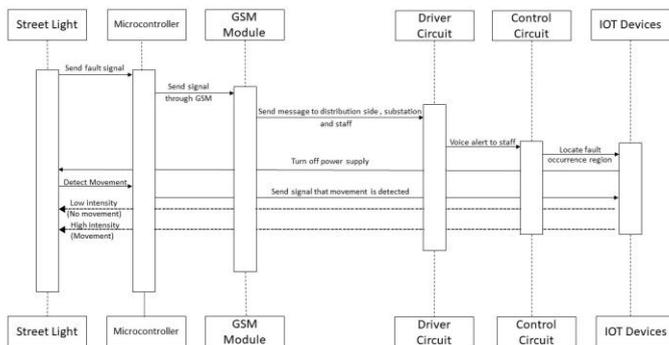


Fig 1: Sequence Diagram

### 3. WORKING PRINCIPLE

The distribution line fault detector, which utilizes GSM technology, operates through a microcontroller. As the distribution line has a voltage of 220v, 50Hz power supply, it is not viable to directly connect it to the working kit. Instead, switch devices are used to generate a short circuit in the line when a fault occurs. An immediate signal is sent to the microcontroller, which then generates a message and sends it to the Electricity Board Authority via GSM. If suppose the authorized person's mobile phone is in silent mode and the message alert automatically converts it to general mode and the person is alerted. The GPRS system, along with an IoT application, helps the authorized person determine the exact location of the short circuit. The same process is followed when detecting a fire in Power Transmission Lines or near transformers. Furthermore, the Optimized Street light short circuit detection system, which operates based on intensity or vehicle movements, is also integrated into the same system.

### 4. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

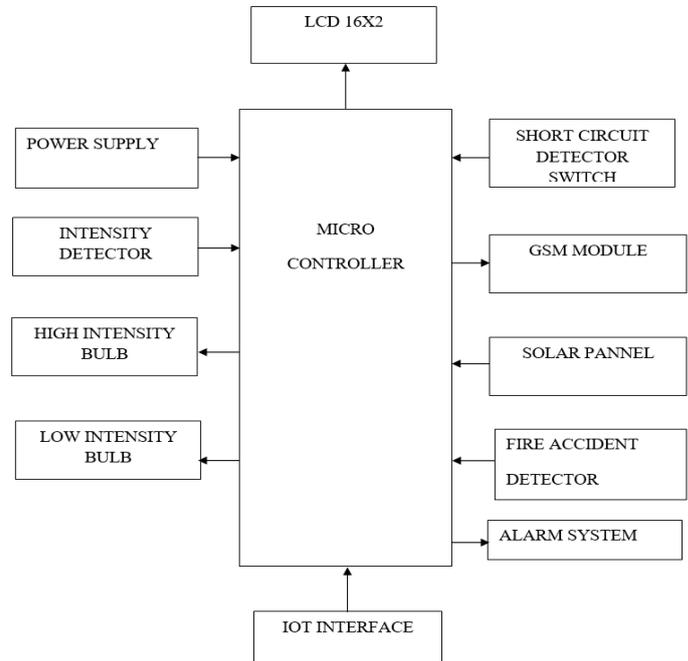


Fig 2: System Architecture

A network of interconnected components, such as flame detectors, light intensity sensors, and short circuit detector switches, are all combined with microcontrollers for real-time processing in Internet of Things systems. In addition to having flame detectors to detect fire incidents, these sensors are fitted in street lights to detect short circuits and adjust their intensity based on ambient light levels. GSM modules are used to transfer data from these sensors to an Internet of Things interface, allowing for remote monitoring and control for effective street lighting management and quick reaction to possible threats.

### 5. IMPLEMENTATION

A street light monitoring system requires a number of steps and considerations to be taken. Here is a general outline of the implementation process:

1. Select sensors that are suitable for the desired data collection parameters and install them in each street light, ensuring proper placement and connectivity.
2. Build a communication network to link the street lights and make data transmission simpler. Select the appropriate network technology (e.g., wireless or wired) in accordance with the coverage area, available infrastructure, and data transfer requirements. Make sure all the network elements, such as gateways, routers, or access points, are set up.
3. Assemble the on-premises or cloud-based central monitoring system. To collect, store, analyze, and manage data from the street lights, install the necessary hardware

and software components. Set up the system to analyze and handle data in real time.

4. Develop or configure the control and management features of the system. This includes the ability to remotely monitor the operational status of street lights, receive notifications or alerts for faults authentication and access control mechanisms for system administrators.

5. Thoroughly test the street light monitoring system before deployment to ensure proper functionality and performance. Only then deploy the system in the target area. Establish a maintenance plan to monitor the system's performance, conduct regular updates, and address any issues that may arise.

## 6. PERFORMANCE

The following presumptions must be made in order to conduct a comparative study:

### Assumptions:

1. Assume 500 street lights are located along a 10-kilometer one-way street, and the normal range of all
2. There are 20 meters of street lighting.
3. After 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., for a duration of 12 hours, the street lights are intended to shine.
4. One street light should use one kilowatt-hour (kWh) of power for an hour when it shines at its brightest, for a total of up to 12kWh of energy usage every day.
5. Therefore, the maximum daily power consumption for 500 street lights is  $L2kwh * 500 = 6000kwh$ .
6. If any of the IR sensors are obstructed, two street lights will glow.

**Case-1:** If one car is moving at night, two street lights will glow for every IR sensor when movement is detected. Then, two street lights use  $2 * 1 kWh = 2 kWh$  of power. Two street lights at most should glow when there is a single vehicle movement is observed on the road. Thus, the total power used in a 12-hour period is equal to  $2kWh * 12 = 24 kWh$ .

$6000kWh - 24kwh = 5976 kWh$  is the total power saved.

**Case 2:** If 10 cars pass a street light one after the other between the hours of five in the morning and twelve at night and one in the morning, a total of twenty street lights will glow for every ten IR sensors. Consequently, 20 Street Lights x 20kWh of power 12 hours' worth of power used totals  $20 kWh * 12 = 240kwh$ . Thus, the total electricity saved is equal to  $6000kWh - 240 kWh$ , or 5760 kWh.

**Case 3:** Between 10 p.m. and 12 a.m., if only 100 cars are moving if 100 cars pass each street light individually, 200 street lights will glow for every 100 IR sensor in the street lighting infrastructure. Consequently, 200 street lights use 200 kWh of power. Twelve hours' worth of power used is  $200 kWh * 12 = 2400kwh$ . Therefore,  $6000kWh - 2400 kWh = 3600 kWh$  is the total power saved.

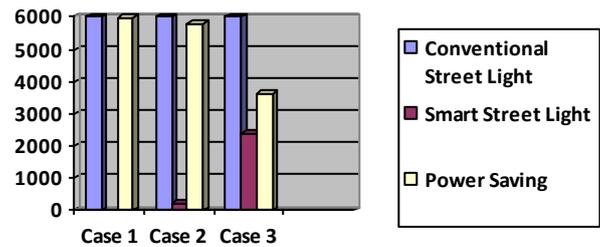


Fig 3: Performance Analysis

## 7. RESULT

IoT-based automated streetlight infrastructure is a cost-effective solution. With consistent monitoring, staff or routine inspections are no longer necessary, which effectively minimizes problems like delayed short circuit detection and prolonged downtimes. This system optimizes the intensity of the street light to reduce energy wastage, resulting in accurate and reliable outcomes within the specific field.

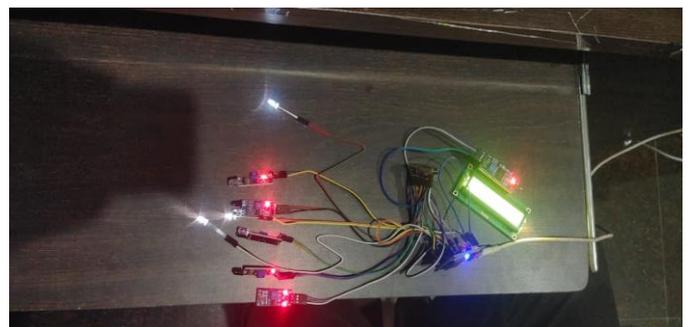


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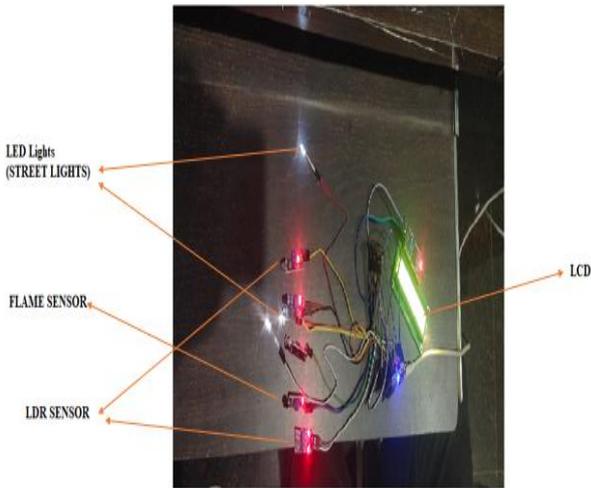


Fig 4 (i) and Fig 4(ii): Street Light Infrastructure

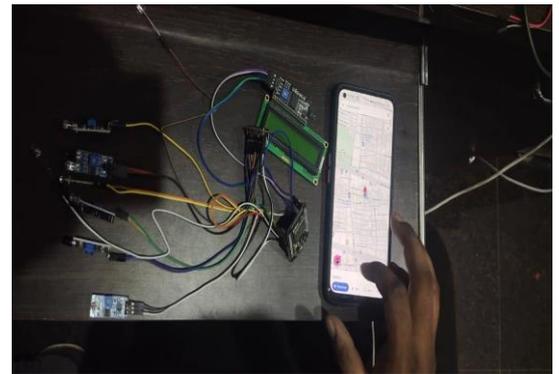


Fig 7: Obtaining the location of fault

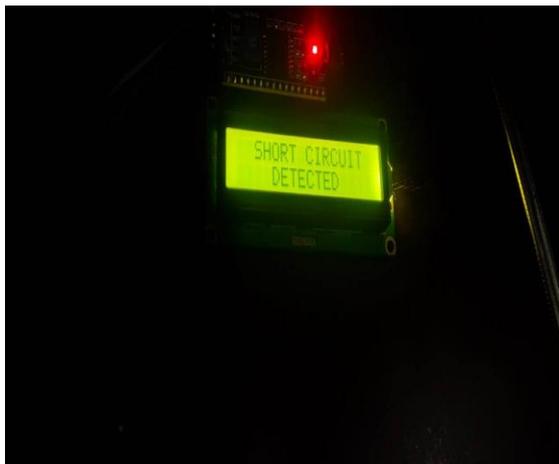


Fig 5: Detection of Short Circuit



Fig 8: Exact location of fault.



Fig 6: Application for locating short circuit

## 8. CONCLUSION

The suggested approach for identifying faults in power lines involves incorporating IoT devices such as microcontrollers and GSM-based systems. This method enables swift recognition of short circuits and their prompt rectification of faults in power lines without manual power. Instead, the GSM system transmits real-time messages to the relevant personnel and power station. The enhancement of fault detection and rectification is not the only benefit of this system it also improves the intelligence of street lights by leveraging natural light and vehicle movements to control their illumination.

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