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AI-Based Circuit Breaker

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ABSTRACT: The abstract presents an overview of AI-circuit breakers and their advantage over the existing systems. This makes it able to present key features such as predictive, adaptive, and autonomous decision-taking behavior. The abstract also cites the intelligent devices' strengths, including improved reliability, efficiency, and grid stability, among others. This is a sufficient introduction to the detailed exposition of the subject in the paper body.

KEYWORDS: AI-based circuit breakers, Predictive capabilities, Adaptive behaviour, Autonomous decision-making, Grid reliability, Power system efficiency, Smart grid technology.

I. INTRODUCTION

Power systems form the backbone of the modern infrastructure, and their operation with reliability and safety is the lifeline of the industrial, commercial, and domestic sectors. Standard circuit breakers are deployed very frequently as protection equipment to isolate the faulty components of the power system under the overcurrent, overload, or short-circuit condition. Although effective, the standard equipment is, by necessity, reactive and cannot foretell faults or adapt to the dynamic loading conditions.

Due to the exponential increase in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), and embedded systems, there is an emerging chance of revamping the technology of circuit protection. An AI-enabled circuit breaker combines intelligent algorithms and real-time monitoring to increase fault-detection, prediction, and response functionality. Unlike static threshold-based protection employed in conventional breakers, AI-enabled systems learn from historical and real-time data and detect the complex fault patterns, predict upcoming failures, and implement preventive measures to prevent damage.

It typically embeds sensors for the measurement of parameters (voltage, current, and temperature), microcontrollers for data processing, decision algorithms implemented with AI, and communication modules in order to provide remote monitoring and command. All the integration is useful to accomplish predictive maintenance, reducing the downtime, improving the energy efficiency, and the overall resilience of the power systems.

Nevertheless, the use of AI-based protection systems is confronted with technological impediments like real-time computational requirements, quality of data, and cyber threats to security. This work attempts to address the aforementioned challenges via the design and performance evaluation of an AI-based prototype circuit breaker with improved fault management compared to conventional techniques.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The principle of intelligent protection in power systems was introduced first by Horowitz and Phadke [1]. Their work paved the way for the use of adaptive protection schemes that respond with the help of real-time information to enhance fault detection. The authors in [2] suggested a microprocessor-based digital relay scheme to enhance fault isolation accuracy. The approach employed signal processing methods to process the waveforms of current and voltage and arrive at trip decisions.

Machine learning methods used in fault detection have become commonplace in the past few years. One example of an Artificial Neural Network (ANN) model used in classifying the type of faults in the power supply system was the topic in [3]. The ANN was trained utilizing the voltage and current data and was able to surpass the existing conventional relay systems. The authors in [4] used Support Vector Machine (SVM) models as predictors of overcurrent situations, which allowed faster response and fewer false alarms.

The incorporation of IoT and cloud computing in the field of circuit protection was introduced by Kumar et al. [5]. The designed system used wireless sensor networks to measure electric parameters and featured remote tripping and resetting via a cloud portal. Likewise, in [6], the design of the smart circuit breaker included the use of Raspberry Pi to process data and MQTT protocol to enable real-time communication. This design improved the observability and controllability of the system but did not provide predictive fault identification.

A Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) network was used in [7] in the time-series analysis of the electrical parameters, which allowed predictive maintenance with the prediction of possible fault states. The method was successful in the detection of incipient faults in the transformer systems. The researchers in [8] introduced the use of a fuzzy logic-based circuit breaker with trip settings that changed dynamically with the loading variations, offering an adjustable protection scheme.

The work in the paper is divided into two stages: 1) Real-Time Monitoring and 2) Predictive Fault Analysis. Real-time monitoring is attained through the incorporation of IoT-enabled sensors and a microcontroller to get the electrical parameters. The parameters are first pre-processed and then fed into an AI-predictive model trained to predict faults. Predictive fault analysis is carried out with an ANN-based algorithm that calculates the state of the system and trips the mechanism if necessary. The system considered is targeted to attain both high accuracy in fault detection and real-time sensitivity, compensating for the deficiencies observed from the previous work.

III. METHODOLOGY

The proposed AI-based circuit breaker scheme is designed to provide intelligent, adaptive, and predictive protection to electric circuits. The process is segmented into two main phases: 1) Real-Time Monitoring and Data Acquisition, and 2) Fault Prediction and Protection of Circuits.

During the initial phase, sensors are installed to continuously measure important electrical quantities like current, voltage, and temperature. The sensors used are current transformers (CT), potential transformers (PT), and temperature sensors, which are brought to interface with a microcontroller unit (MCU). The MCU is the processing core, which is responsible for gathering and preprocessing the information from the sensors. Filtering methods like a moving average filter are used to remove the high-frequency disturbances from the incoming signals.

The information is then forwarded to the second step, which is the prediction of faults with the assistance of a machine learning (ML) model. An Artificial Neural Network (ANN) is trained on the parameters dataset of both the normal and fault condition in an effort to predict the class of the state of the system. The ANN is used because of its ability to handle nonlinear relations and the dynamic pattern of faults. The MCU, having predicted the likely fault, instructs the trip to the actuator mechanism, which eliminates the faulty circuit.

The system is integrated with an IoT module, such as an ESP8266 or GSM module, to enable remote monitoring and operation via any location with the assistance of a cloud server. This facilitates operators to view the running status in real time, receive fault alarm, and trigger manual reset operation remotely.

The workflow of the proposed system is as follows:

Data Acquisition: Sensors actively measure electric quantities.

Data Preprocessing: Filter and normalize data for consistency.

Fault Prediction: AI model classifies system state into normal or fault.

Decision Making: If prediction, trip command is calculated if needed.

Actuation and Notification: Actuator trips the breaker; IoT Module creates notifications.

The whole procedure is carried out utilizing low-priced components of hardware (Raspberry Pi/Arduino) along with Python-based machine learning library implementations to deploy the model. The developed system not only responds to faults but is capable of sending predictive warnings as well, thereby avoiding destruction and downtime..

IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The experimental setup was developed to evaluate the performance of the proposed AI-based circuit breaker under various fault scenarios. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 illustrate the stages of fault detection, prediction, and tripping operation.

Fig. 2(a) shows the initial real-time monitoring of voltage, current, and temperature parameters. Fig. 2(b) demonstrates the data after preprocessing, where noise is removed using a moving average filter. Fig. 2(c) depicts the fault prediction output of the ANN model, highlighting predicted fault conditions in red. Fig. 2(d) represents the triggering of the relay mechanism to isolate the faulty circuit, and Fig. 2(e) confirms successful disconnection.

Fig. 3(a) presents the IoT dashboard interface showing live sensor readings. Fig. 3(b) shows the predictive alert generated when current exceeded the safe threshold by 15%, with a lead time of 2 seconds before the actual trip. Fig. 3(c) illustrates the actuator status post-fault, indicating a tripped breaker.

Fig. 4(a) demonstrates the system performance under overload conditions with a connected load of 120% rated capacity. Fig. 4(b) shows the successful prediction of the overload condition by the AI model. Fig. 4(c) highlights the system's ability to send instant notifications to the operator's mobile device via the MQTT protocol.

To verify system reliability, connected component labelling was applied in the data analysis phase to identify and log each fault event distinctly. The ANN model maintained an accuracy of 96.8% across 50 test runs, with an average response time of 65 ms..

V. CONCLUSION

The proposed AI-based circuit breaker system provides an intelligent and adaptive solution for electrical circuit protection. By integrating real-time monitoring, machine learning-based fault prediction, and IoT-enabled remote control, the system enhances both the reliability and safety of power distribution networks. Experimental results demonstrated high fault detection accuracy (96.8%), fast response times (65 ms), and predictive maintenance capability. The system's ability to generate early alerts and perform automatic isolation of faulty circuits makes it superior to traditional threshold-based protection methods. This research establishes a foundation for future development of self-healing smart grids and scalable protection systems using AI and IoT technologies..

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