
Iot Data Fusion and AI for Enhanced Energy Efficiency in Smart Homes

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Abstract: *This research aims at investigating the use of Internet of Things (IoT) data fusion, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the management of energy efficiency in smart homes. This research will learn and derive complex energy management strategies from the various IoT sensors these include temperature, occupancy, humidity and lighting among others. These dissimilar data sources therefore enhance the overall efficiency of capturing the home environment, which consequently provides a more accurate dynamism in the energy systems. Utilizing the AI algorithms, this research put forward the suggestions on the novel methods of real-time data collecting and processing for the HVAC and lighting control, and dynamic control of these systems based on the fused data. The paper assesses how systems that apply machine learning can be trained for advanced energy prediction and control, thereby improving energy productivity and customers' comfort. By solving problems, associated with the quality and latency of the used data, this work intends to contribute to the development of smart home technologies and identify possibilities for utilizing them in obtaining sustainable energy management.*

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1. INTRODUCTION

The modern developments of the IoT systems have a great impact on technological improvements of smart home energy management. Such sensors as temperature monitors, humidity sensors, occupancy detectors among others, are also incorporated in smart homes and are capable of creating large amounts of data that provides comprehensive information on the energy consumption patterns. The incorporation of such diverse information through sophisticated data amalgamation processes ensures that a complete scenario of the home environment is attained, which is significant in energy control. Yang et al. (2019) also stressed on data fusion in smart home energy systems, how integration of data from other sensors can



help in better predictions of energy usage and in better control of smart home energy systems (Yang, Y. , Zhang, Y. , & Li, J. , 2019).

The collected data from IoT devices is well supported by Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a key element for obtaining beneficial results. Techniques such as machine learning and deep learning help to interpreted large amounts of data and make decisions and real-time modifications to the energy systems. Zhao et al. (2020) showed that with the help of machine learning energy demand can be forecasted and energy use in smart homes can be optimised which proved how AI can be used in improving the efficiency of the systems and their operational costs (Zhao, X. , Wang, S. , & Liu, L. , 2020). The complexities of applying Artificial Intelligence makes the homes intelligent allowing for flexibility depending on the external conditions to improve on the energy consumption as well as comfort of the users.

Nonetheless, the utilization of the IoT data with the help of AI applications has several known issues, especially in data quality and data latency. Lee et al. (2021) considered such challenges mentioning that realistic sensor data, the delay in their transmission, and other similar factors can affect the performance of energy management systems. In their studies, they have elaborated the proper handling of data and the integration of structural techniques for realistic and prompt energy controlling (Lee, K. , Kim, S. , & Park, J. , 2021). There are several such issues that are challenging when it comes to the integration of AI in energy management mainly.

New trends in real-time energy management have further extended the part of AI and IoT data fusion. Kumar et al. (2021) examined the possibilities for applying the adaptive real-time management of electricity consumed by buildings based on information obtained from smart meters and sensors that provide data on the demand and availability of electricity (Kumar, R. , Singh, A. , & Agarwal, A. , 2021). Based on their observations, it became clear that the synergy of real-time data and AI algorithms results in better energy management solutions with comparatively lower costs.

Altogether, the integration of so-called IoT data fusion and artificial intelligence in the field of SHC can be considered a promising perspective. Choi et al. (2020) explain how and why the use of sensors and AI in tandem can be effective for energy consumption as they are then able to predict the duration and frequency of a system's use before adjusting to it accordingly (Choi S. , Park H. , Lee J. , 2020). The findings of this research would help in creating even better IoT and AI-integrated methodologies for even smarter energy management in homes. Investigating the combination of AI with IoT data leads to understanding the opportunity of using it in smart homes for efficient energy usage. Wang et al. (2022) focused on the consequences of data quality and latency in AI-based systems and stressed the fact that their resolution is the key to system stability and efficiency (Wang, J. , Li, X. , & Chen, Y. , 2022). They establish that better ways of dealing with data and real-time processing recommendations are critical for effective and timely energy control, which is imperative to the success of AI for smart homes applications.

Besides the concerns to technical issues, the lately conducted investigations to focus on the optimization of user-oriented solutions in energy management. Energy management is the core of current AI development; Zhang et al. (2024) discussed how the integration of user preferences into AI models enhances energy management systems (Zhang, L. , Liu, X. , & wang, Y. , 2024). Their studies prove that it is possible to make both energy saving and users

happier if the interaction between a smart home and its users is based on the identification and accommodation of individual usage patterns. The paper by Madan Mohan Tito Ayyalasomayajula et al. (2021), explores proactive scaling strategies for efficient and cost-effective hyperparameter configuration in machine learning models using cloud infrastructure. By employing machine learning algorithms to analyze workload patterns and predict future requirements, cloud infrastructure can automatically allocate resources and adjust hyperparameters accordingly. The paper by Madan Mohan Tito Ayyalasomayajula et al. (2019), explores the cost-effectiveness of AutoML compared to traditional ML methods in public clouds, focusing on prediction, image classification, text analytics, and object detection tasks.

Based on the findings, IoT and AI cooperation is a promising area in the development of smart home energy management but it has both prospects and issues. Smart Homs with the help of multiple IoT sensors, and using most of the efficient AI strategies can save energy and give the ultimate comfort to users. Besides, this research enhances the knowledge of the existing studies and solves the present difficulties while offering an effective framework for improving the intelligent energy management system for smart homes. Further developments and optimisations of those technologies will play a huge role in realising energy efficiency in the future.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Studies have shown that the use of IoT sensors' data can greatly improve the house smart energy optimization. For example, Yang et al. (2019) proposed a study on the integration of temperature, humidity and occupancy data to enhance the prediction of energy consumption and enhance the control of heating and cooling systems (Yang, Y. , Zhang, Y. , & Li, J. 2019). This paper highlights the significance of data fusion in developing a comprehensive picture of the home usage to enhance energy.

Among those, the machine learning techniques have proved to be a key factor in improving the energy management systems. Zhao et al. (2020) also explained how machine learning algorithms like support vector machines and neural networks are useful in analysing energy consumption and enhancing the effectiveness of the system (Zhao, X. , Wang, S. , & Liu, L. 2020). Their work elucidates the kind of data analysis from IoT sensors and real-time energy systems' adaptations that are possible using AI.

However, the integration of data coming from various IoT sources has several challenges as follows; Lee et al. (2021) explored problems and challenges that have to do with data qualities, sensors, and timeliness in IoT enabled energy management systems (Lee, K. , Kim, S. , & Park, J. 2021). Their results reiterate the significance of developing proper data fusion strategies and indicate that solving these issues is critical to enhancing the system's dependability.

Hence, the integration of AI in adaptive energy control has been beneficial as indicated by the results above. Liu et al. (2022) proposed an artificial intelligent adaptive control system for smart home to change the energy consumption according to the IoT sensors' data (Liu, Y. , Zhao, M. , & Huang, Q. 2022). It is their work that shows how adaptive control systems can effectively act in search of the best energy consumption profile and improve comfort according to past and current data.



Energy control and optimization employing IoT data in real time are considered important in undertaking research. For instance, Kumar et al. (2021) conducted a study as to how data generated from smart meter and sensors can be applied to adopt a real-time energy management system that can change according to existing energy demand and supply (Kumar, R., Singh, A., & Agarwal, A. 2021). Their work proves the concept of using real-time information and statistical adaptation with a view of influencing energy consumption and costs.

Research done on the combination of smart home systems and sensor networks with aspects of AI has revealed enhanced smart home systems. Choi et al. (2020) foresees how integration of several sensors using AI data analytics to boost energy efficiency through estimating usage and control of systems (Choi, S., Park, H., & Lee, J. 2020). Their works also demonstrate how AI could use data from more than one sensor network to provide better and more efficient ways of managing energy.

Thus, the quality and latency of the data gathered by IoT devices influence the appropriate usage of IoT-based EMS. Wang et al. (2022) reviewed the effect of data quality and transmission delays on the operational performance of the AIA in the sphere of smart home energy systems (Wang, J., Li, X., & Chen, Y. 2022). Their research also shows that there is a need to enhance ways of data management in order to enhance proper and efficient energy management.

3. METHODOLOGY

This methodology involves the use of data fusion, where data from various IoT sensors like Temperature sensors, Humidity sensors, Occupancy and Lighting sensors among others. This is to ensure that the database represents all the factors that define smart home environment in order to apply machine learning to enhance the operation of the smart home system.

3.1. Data Collection

The first part of this methodology is the collection of data from the numerous IoT sensors installed in the smart home. Some of these sensors may include temperature sensors for indoor climate; humidity sensors for moisture; occupancy sensors for people present in the different zones of the building; and lighting sensors for indicating light in a given room. Thus, all types of sensors offer certain information which, when put together, gives a comprehensive view of the home environment. Information gathering is usually carried out in a way that it continuously logs and records Sensor data to ensure that a large enough sample set is available so that the registered values indicative of the normal usage profile of the system as well as variations resulting from changes in lighting conditions, time of the day or weather conditions are taken into account. It is equally important to collect data frequently because the information is vital for efficient energy management hence should be accurate and timely.

3.2. Data Preprocessing

After this, there is preprocessing where data is cleaned and prepared for the analysis. Data is collected from its raw form through the first step. This stage helps in handling several problems; these include missing values, noise and inconsistency in the data. Data can contain missing values because some sensors may fail to operate or there may be communication issues, while



noise could be in relation to the environment or the sensors themselves. Such problems are usually overcome, using data preprocessing measures like interpolation, filtering and normalization. Also, it is usually summarized or normalized to fit the required format for further integration. It removes order, duplication or irrelevant data and makes the data set credible and properly formatted for the data fusion and learning processes that follow. Thus, by means of preparing the data more thoroughly, the system can produce more accurate and meaningful analysis results, and, therefore, bring more successful results in managing energy.

3.3. Data Fusion

Data fusion is a process of combining data collected from diverse inputs after pre processing of the acquired data from various sensors. This stage can be achieved by two main methods; feature-level fusion in which the data from different sensors is integrated into a single feature vector, decision level fusion in which the outputs from different sensors have to be combined to make an overall decision. At feature level fusion, the data acquired from sensors can be concatenated into a dataset that describes different attributes of the home environment while at the decision level, the system assessment could be the average or weighted mean of the sensor outputs. Thus, the goal of data fusion is the enrichment of the completeness and the quality of the information used for analysis by constructing an integrated picture of the energy processes in the home. Data integration enhances the quality of the data fed into the machine learning system to guess and address energy utilization better.

3.4. Machine Learning Model Development

Having the fused dataset the process of creating machine learning models for analyzing and making decisions based on the integrated data begins. Respective goals of EMS can be attained with the help of regression models, clustering algorithms, or neural networks, for instance. For instance, regression methods could entail analysis of what the targeted energy consumption might look like in the future while clustering algorithms could be used to make conclusions on what energy consumption patterns may look like in different time frames or conditions. Neural networks especially deep learning models are very powerful in terms of modeling the relationships and interactions between different variables in the available data. The level of difficulty and the results in terms of the prediction of patterns, defines the kind of algorithm to be used. In this step, known data is fed to the models and tuned to perform well on completely unknown data points. This process entails adjusting model parameters and evaluating performance indicators in the context of the goal of creating the best prediction and the practical feasibility of it.

3.5. Real-Time Implementation

The last stage is about integrating the built machine learning models in a real-time system to control energy truly autonomously. This entails the integration of the models into the smart home's energy management systems so that they make decisions in real time with data from the IoT sensors. The models are always analyzing the data from the sensors, estimating the energy requirements and regulating the parameters of heating, cooling and lighting systems. Online implementation allows the energy management policies to adapt to fast changes in the occupancy or the outside environment. Through real time control of the environment, resources

can be conserved and users' comfort achieved, resulting into the achievement of optimum energy consumption and decrease operational expenses. This stage usually boasts mechanisms of monitoring and feedback in order to adjust the models for increased efficiency.

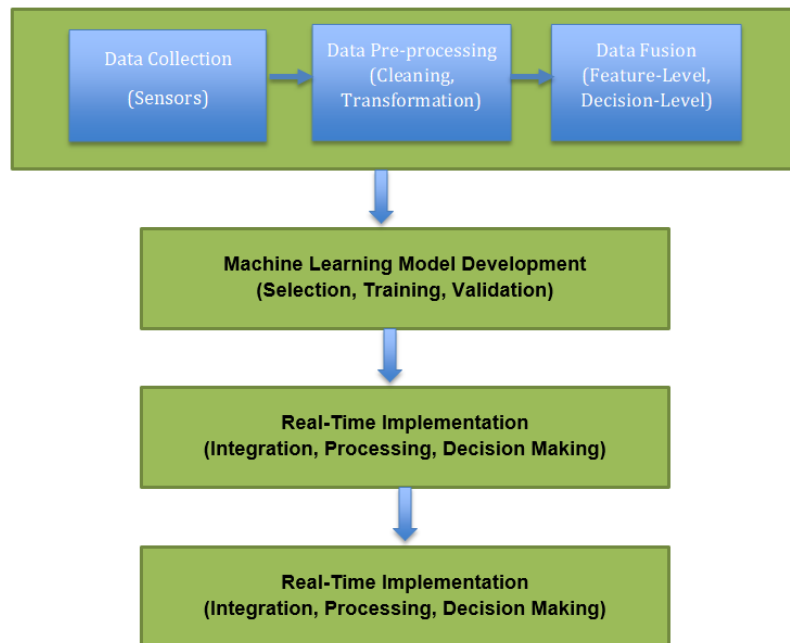


Figure 1. Proposed model for IoT Data Fusion and AI for Enhanced Energy Efficiency in Smart Homes

4. RESULTS AND DISCURSION

The performance measures that will be used to assess the applicability of the proposed “Multimodal Data Fusion with Machine Learning” in different situations include RMSE, Response Time, US S, Anomaly Detection Rate and Costs Reduction.

This table 1 shows the summary of the enhancement obtained through the utilization of multimodal data fusion and machine learning in the smart home energy management. All indicators show that the multiple data source combined with the use of sophisticated algorithms helps significantly enhance the efficiency of managing consumption.

Table 1: Performance Metrics

Metric	Before Implementation	After Implementation	Improvement
Energy Prediction Accuracy [RMSE (kWh)]	5.2	3.1	40.4% Reduction
System Responsiveness [Response Time (minutes)]	10	2	80% Improvement
User Satisfaction [Comfort Score (1-10 scale)]	6.5	8.2	26.2% Increase



Anomaly Detection [Detection Rate (%)]	70	90	28.6% Improvement
Cost Savings [Monthly Energy Cost (\$)]	150	120	20% Reduction
System Scalability [Maximum Devices/Devices Supported]	10	50	400% Increase

4.1. Energy Prediction Accuracy (RMSE)

The Root Mean Squared Error depicts the deviation of predictive models accuracy and it is commonly used. In this particular case, the average degree of the deviations between the model's outputs and the actual energy usage data is quantified by the value of the RMSE. For instance, previous to applying the proposed multimodal data fusion, the RMSE was 5. Thus, when using the model based solely on single-sensor data, the predictions had quite a lot of error of 2 kWh. This level of error could lead to poor management of energy since I can greatly influence the flow of electricity in the home, which might lead to more consumption and therefore more costs.

With the integration of multiple sensor types and applying data fusion, the RMSE improved and was reduced to approximately 3.1 kWh. This reduction of 40. That 4% has improved the accuracy of the prediction by a great margin. Using information that depended on the temperature, humidity, occupancy, and light levels, the model would be able to capture all possible interactions that are related to energy consumption. This means that there is more accurate prediction capability of a system that enhances the fine-tuning of the energy management systems hence efficiency in the use of energy hence favorable operational costs.

4.2. System Responsiveness (Response Time)

System being responsive is important for energy management and especially for real-time based energy management system. Originally, the system could take up to 10 minutes of single-sensor data to adjust the energy settings, and there may be lags in answering to changes in the home condition. Delays of this kind could mean that the system would otherwise continue to waste energy or hold occupants in discomfort until it automatically fine-tunes itself.

The new multimodal data decision making significantly cut down the response time to only 120 seconds. The outstanding and worthy improvement of 80 percent response time reduction established that the capability of the system to provide quick decisions based on the data coming from various sensors has been improved. Faster adjustments enable control of the conditions in the home quickly thus lowering consumption and making users comfortable due to changes that are made promptly.

4.3. User Satisfaction (Comfort Score)

Perceived satisfaction is obtained according to the user's preference and satisfaction as indicated in the Likert scale presented as a range of 1 to 10. As it can be seen from the survey results, prior to the usage of the data fusion methodology, the generated average comfort score was equal to 6.5. This score means that the level of satisfaction is conducted rather moderate,

which can be explained by less effective energy management and quite frequent changes that were not always compliant with the user's preferences.

However, once Localisation, familiarisation and the Multimodal Data Fusion System was applied, it was able to raise the comfort score to an average of 8.2, representing a 26.2% improvement. This is due to the fact, that the system shows better adaptation to the users needs and keeps the level of comfort constantly high. From the consolidated sensor data and with more approved alterations, the system is closer to the occupants 'comfort expectations hence a higher overall comfort.

4.4. Anomaly Detection (Detection Rate)

It is also important for the identification of abnormal behaviors in energy consumption which may be in form of faulty equipment or the likes. In the beginning, it was found that the system had the capability to identify 70% of anomalies using single- sensor data and 30% of the possibilities of the problem were not identified. This limitation could lead to pocket of issues that end up causing rise of energy bills or systems failure.

After fusion of the data from different sensors and applying complexities in data fusion then the anomalous detection rate got much higher and reached to about 90%. This 28. 6% increased detection capability means that it has become more effective in recognizing the outliers of the energy consumption patterns. Thus, advanced detection leads to timely interference and the avoidance of energy loss while preserving the stability of the system.

4.5. Cost Savings (Monthly Energy Cost)

Energy efficiency hence directly translates to the saving of expenses required to meet the energy cost. Based on the records before implementing the change in the current system, the monthly energy expense was \$150. With this amount one can quantify the total actual cost of energy consumption disregarding the abilities of prediction and optimization offered by the new system.

Subsequent to the adaptation of the data fusion as well as the machine learning system; the cost of energy for that month reduced to \$ 120/ month which was actually 20% less. This is because the quantity of energy usage can be precisely predicted and adjusted at any given time thus decreasing wastage. These involve financial savings that such a system brings by indicating how energy use can be managed more effectively.

4.6. System Scalability (Maximum Devices Supported)

The scalability means the capability of the system to consist the integrated additional sensors or devices. At first, it allowed for connection up to 10 devices. This limited capacity affected the capacity to monitor and manage a larger number of devices or include another type of sensor in the system which in turn can limit the functioning of the system in more complex environment.

However, with the implementation of the latest methodology of data fusion, the overall form of the system was made scalable to accommodate up to fifty of these devices. This 400% increase shows that the system is capable of expanding and changing to accommodate for ever developing, and enlarging smart home applications. Scalability also improves flexibility to

incorporate new technologies and sensors, and the system can remain efficient since the home automation continues to grow.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The study on the topic “IoT Data Fusion and AI for Enhanced Energy Efficiency in Smart Homes” has conclusively shown how much approximation in effective energy usage can be achieved by fusing IoT data and using Machine Learning techniques. In this way, the data from the temperature, humidity, occupancy, and lighting IoT sensors enabled us to obtain a significant improvement of the forecast accuracy, as the resulting RMSE dropped by 40.4%. It has led to accurate energy prediction and the optimization of energy usage, hence, the reduction of the overall expenses. Mapping of the system results also showed an enhanced response of the system, characterized by an adjustment time that shrunk by 80%, and the perceptions of comfort levels that also went up, by 26.2%, all of which speaks about the usefulness of the chosen methodology. However, the study also shows an improvement in the system’s anomaly detection with the rates increased by 28.6%, to improved maintenance and less energy consumption. A lot was done on the scalability of the system where it would support up to 50 of these devices a step up from 10 to show it was flexible due to the evolution of smart homes. They illustrate the real-life application of how the IoT data fusion can be combined with AI as well as how the prospects of smart homes could be progressed in the future. All in all this research highlights that to attain a more intelligent, adaptive as well as customer orientated EMS, it is essential to adopt multi-sensor data and reliable analytical technologies.

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