



AN INNOVATIVE SOLUTION FOR ENHANCED ELECTRIC SHOCK PROTECTION

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ABSTRACT

Electric shocks pose significant risks to individuals working near electrical equipment or power sources. To mitigate these risks, a microwave radar-based electric shock protection system is proposed. This system utilizes radar technology to detect the presence of individuals within the proximity of electrical hazards. Upon detection, the system triggers appropriate safety measures, such as cutting off power supply or activating warning signals, to prevent potential electric shock incidents. This abstract outlines the design and functionality of the proposed protection system, emphasizing its ability to enhance safety in environments where electrical hazards are present.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the intricate architecture of the Microwave Radar-Based Electric Shock Protection System, Lies a symphony of sensors, each playing a crucial role in fortifying the defenses against electrical hazards. At its heart, the microwave radar sensor stands as a sentinel, casting its gaze across the designated area, vigilant for any sign of human presence. With its unparalleled ability to detect motion and distinguish between living beings and inanimate objects, it serves as the first line of defense against the looming Specter of electric shock. But the radar sensor is not alone in this noble endeavor; it is joined by an ensemble of allies, each contributing their unique strengths to the collective effort. The current sensor, with its keen sensitivity to fluctuations in electrical flow, serves as a sentinel against potential overloads and short circuits, preemptively identifying and neutralizing threats before they can escalate into danger. Meanwhile, the proximity sensor stands as a silent sentinel, ever vigilant for any encroachment upon the designated safety perimeter. With its ability to detect the presence of objects near electrical equipment, it acts as a final barrier against potential hazards, ensuring that individuals remain safely distanced from potential sources of danger. Individually, these sensors are formidable guardians of safety, but when integrated into a cohesive system, their combined strength becomes truly formidable. Through seamless coordination and intelligent decision-making algorithms, they work in harmony to anticipate and neutralize potential threats, ensuring the safety and well-being of all who inhabit their domain.

In the crucible of innovation, where challenges abound and solutions emerge, the integration of microwave radar, current, and proximity sensors represents a triumph of human ingenuity. Together, they form the cornerstone of a comprehensive electric shock protection system, capable

of safeguarding lives and promoting a culture of safety in even the most demanding environments. As it looks towards the future, let us draw inspiration from the collaborative spirit embodied by these sensors, forging partnerships and alliances that transcend boundaries and propel us toward a safer, brighter tomorrow.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

The paper explores the efficacy of integrating GSM technology into power systems for fault detection. Traditional methods relying on manual inspection or other communication technologies have limitations. By utilizing GSM, the system offers real-time monitoring of transmission parameters like voltage and current. When faults occur, data are promptly transmitted via SMS to utility operators, enabling swift response and system isolation. Through hardware modeling and software development, the study demonstrates the feasibility and effectiveness of GSM-based fault detection, enhancing power system reliability and efficiency [1]. The study highlights the grave consequences of electric shocks, causing property damage and fatalities. By integrating RF transmitters, receivers, and GSM modules with microcontrollers, the proposed system detects shocks, triggers alarms, and alerts authorized personnel. GPS and IoT technologies aid in precise location tracking and data storage. This proactive approach promises to prevent electric shock accidents, ensuring safety in both residential and industrial settings [2]. The paper introduces an Automatic Trip Control System for Energy Management using GSM, aiming to monitor and manage electricity usage efficiently. By leveraging embedded controllers and GSM technology, it offers real-time monitoring, alerts, and control over excessive energy consumption. The system's potential for curbing illegal electricity usage and conserving



energy makes it valuable for both industrial and domestic sectors [3].

The paper addresses the critical issue of electric shocks, which pose significant risks to both life and property. By integrating RF transmitters, GSM, GPS, and IoT technologies with microcontrollers, the proposed system detects shocks, triggers alarms, and alerts authorized personnel while storing relevant data. This proactive approach offers a promising solution to prevent electric shock accidents and ensure safety in both residential and industrial settings [4]. The paper addresses the emerging need for safe and efficient wireless charging technologies for electric vehicles. By proposing a novel approach using an automotive radar sensor to monitor the air gap under the vehicle, it aims to prevent exposure to potentially harmful magnetic fields. The feasibility of the concept is demonstrated through prototypical implementation and signal processing techniques, offering valuable insights for inductive charging systems [5]. The paper explores the significance of partial discharge (PD) detection in high voltage equipment and power systems. It reviews various PD detection methods including electrical, chemical, acoustic, and optical techniques, highlighting their advantages and drawbacks. The conclusion emphasizes the importance of online PD monitoring systems, suggesting that optical detection methods offer superior accuracy and potential for future advancements in predictive maintenance for high voltage systems [6]. The paper discusses the deployment and ongoing development of solid-state receiver protection (SSRP) techniques in radar systems. It highlights the capabilities of SSRPs in withstanding high incident powers and electromagnetic threats, replacing traditional gas-filled protection elements. The integration of SSRPs in planar circuit configurations offers enhanced system performance, reduced mass, size, and cost in radar architectures [7].

The paper explores the effects of high-power microwave (HPM) radiation on electronic systems, based on testing conducted by the Swedish Defence Authorities. It emphasizes the need for careful pre-analysis of systems under test due to limited testing parameters. Conclusions suggest HPM sabotage can occur within a kilometer radius, urging further investigation and development of protection methods for critical infrastructure [8]. The paper discusses the significance of electronic warfare (EW) in military operations, highlighting its role in countering hostile actions involving the electromagnetic spectrum. It emphasizes the use of EW sensors to gather tactical intelligence and deploy countermeasures effectively against adversary weapons. By controlling the electromagnetic environment, EW enhances host force survivability while impeding adversary capabilities, ensuring unhindered spectrum use for friendly forces [9]. The paper explores active defense (AD) systems for military vehicles, focusing on multifunction and multimode sensors designed with leaky-wave antennas (LWAs). It discusses how LWAs aid in target detection and countermeasure activation, presenting results from testing with armed missiles. The

study emphasizes the efficiency and reliability of AD systems, highlighting the potential for fewer sensors and enhanced operational capabilities [10].

The paper presents a microwave resonator sensor with heating capability for real-time ice detection on aircraft surfaces. It explores the sensor's effectiveness in quantifying anti-icing coatings and evaluating deicing methods. Results demonstrate the sensor's ability to distinguish between water and ice, aiding in determining holdover times for coatings. This study validates the application of microwave resonators for ice detection in aviation and other relevant fields [11]. The paper introduces a low-cost radar-based precast sensor, enhancing passenger safety by providing critical collision data to vehicle restraint systems. It employs efficient signal processing techniques to track potential collision objects and is immune to false alarms from roadside elements. The sensor's self-diagnostic capability ensures accuracy under all environmental conditions, offering a cost-effective solution for automotive safety systems [12]. The paper introduces a novel method for noncontact determination of toxic exposure in medical settings using microwave radar and thermography. By inducing toxic conditions in rabbits via lipopolysaccharide (LPS) administration, exposure levels were assessed through linear discriminant analysis. This innovative approach offers a promising solution to prevent secondary exposure of medical personnel to hazardous materials, enhancing workplace safety in biochemical hazard environments [13].

The paper presents a novel non-contact vital signs monitoring system for casualties inside moving ambulances, aimed at preventing exposure to infectious organisms in biochemical hazard conditions. Utilizing microwave radars, the system accurately measures respiratory and cardiac rates, correlating significantly with ECG and respiration curve measurements. This innovative approach shows promise for on-ambulance vital sign monitoring, ensuring patient safety in hazardous environments [14]. The paper evaluates electric shock protection in photovoltaic generators (PVGs) and discusses the applicability of IEC 60364 guidelines. Through theoretical and practical studies, it adapts protection requirements to PVG operational characteristics. Findings support the effectiveness of both passive and active protection measures, offering flexibility for PVG safety design [15]. The paper discusses the layout of protective measures outlined in IEC publication 60364-4-41, focusing on protection against electric shock in building electrical installations. It proposes a revision of previous papers and suggests risk assessment analogies to dynamical collisions. The study emphasizes the responsibility of designers to apply conventional safety conditions and adapt them to specific situations [16]. The paper discusses the development of a new hazard-based safety standard by IEC Technical Committee 108 for Consumer Electronics, Information Technology, and Telecommunications Equipment. It introduces the Hazard Based Safety Engineering (HBSE) concept and outlines key principles



for protection against electric shock using a performance-based approach [17].

The paper examines the transition between different electrical network systems in Poland, focusing on protection against electric shock as per the PN-HD 60364 standard. It assesses the effectiveness and reliability of various solutions and highlights the importance of implementing TN systems for enhanced safety [18]. The paper introduces a comprehensive electrical hazard classification system developed over 15 years in the DOE R&D community. It addresses the gap in electrical safety standards for high voltage and high power equipment, providing insights into hazards beyond NFPA 70E. Future work aims to expand this system into national standards [19].

3. MAIN OBJECTIVES OF RESEARCH PAPER

A. Detection and Prevention

The primary objective is to deploy state-of-the-art sensor technologies, exemplified by the RCWL-0516 microwave radar sensor, to precisely identify human proximity to electrical sockets. By leveraging this capability, the model can swiftly initiate preventive measures to mitigate the risk of electric shocks, safeguarding individuals from potential hazards.

B. Comprehensive Safety Measures

The overarching goal is to establish a comprehensive safety framework that caters to diverse scenarios and environments within households. By integrating multiple sensors and technologies, the model addresses the varied safety needs of both children and adults, thereby creating a safer and more secure living environment for all occupants.

C. System Reliability

The focus is on enhancing the system's reliability and performance through the utilization of critical components such as current sensors, relay modules, and transformers. These elements work cohesively to ensure a stable power supply and efficient management of electrical circuits, thereby bolstering the overall robustness of the safety system.

D. Real-Time Awareness

A key aim is to integrate a buzzer alert system, ensuring immediate auditory feedback upon detection of electrical hazards. This feature serves to promptly notify occupants of potential dangers, fostering heightened awareness and enabling swift response to mitigate risks effectively.

4. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The electric shock protection system operates seamlessly by employing advanced sensor technologies such as the RCWL-0516 Microwave Radar Sensor, which detects human presence, and the Soil Moisture Sensor,

which measures soil moisture levels. Additionally, the Current Sensor continuously monitors the flow of electricity in the circuit. The collected data from these sensors is then meticulously processed by the Arduino UNO microcontroller, where it undergoes thorough analysis to assess the potential risk of electric shocks occurring. Subsequently, the Arduino UNO employs sophisticated algorithms to make informed decisions regarding the presence of any potential risks. If a risk is identified, the system promptly activates safety measures, including triggering the relay to cut off power to the electrical socket, effectively halting the flow of electricity. Furthermore, the system may also activate the buzzer to promptly alert occupants of potential hazards. To ensure effective communication, the system utilizes the LCD to relay status updates and warnings, ensuring that users are promptly informed about any potential dangers. Overall, the system's proactive approach effectively mitigates the risk of electric shocks in various environments, prioritizing safety and security for all occupants as shown in Figure-1. Figure-2 describes the Flow chart development.

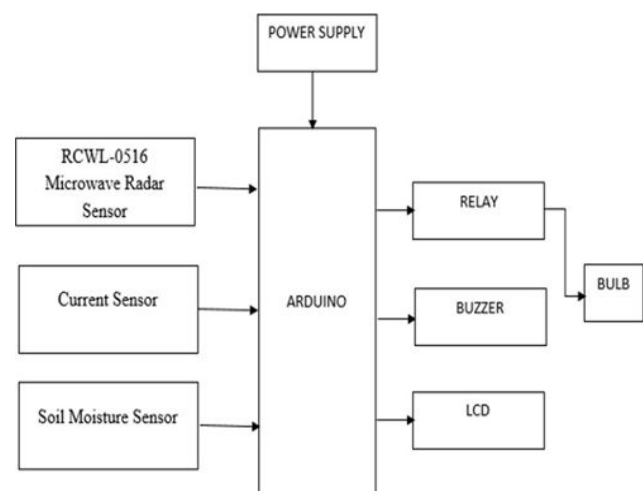


Figure-1. Complete block diagram.

A. Proposed Algorithm

- To start by initializing the system, including setting up the radar sensor and other necessary components.
- Continuously monitor the surroundings using the radar sensor to detect any nearby objects or persons.
- If the radar detects an object within a predefined range, proceed to the next step. Otherwise, continue monitoring.
- To calculate the distance between the detected object and the electrically hazardous area.
- To determine if the detected object is within a certain distance threshold from the hazardous area. If it is, proceed to the next step. Otherwise, continue monitoring.
- Activate a warning signal to alert the person about the proximity to the hazardous area.



- If the person does not move away from the hazardous area within a specified time after the warning signal, activate a shutdown mechanism to cut off the electricity supply to the area.
- After the shutdown, reset the system to its initial state and resume monitoring.
- Continuously repeat the monitoring and detection process to ensure on-going safety.

B. Flow Chart

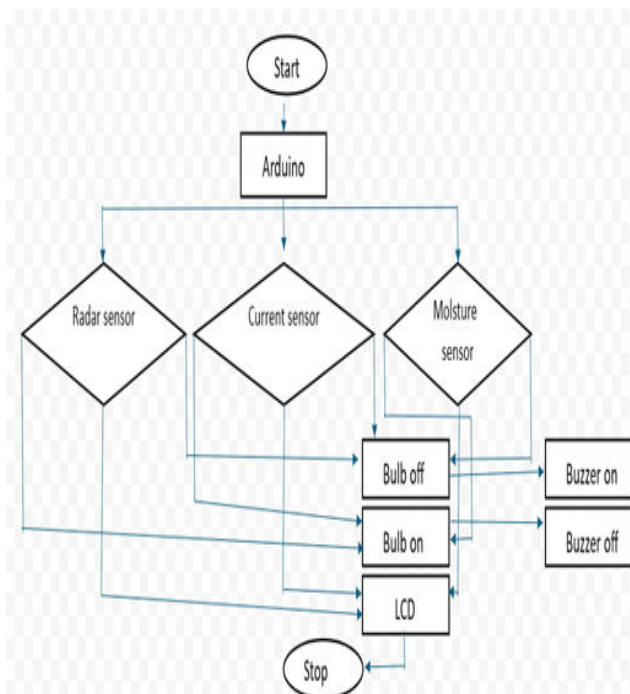


Figure-2. Flow chart development.

5. RESULTS WITH HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

The proposed circuit diagram has been successfully displayed, outlining the connections and components required for the Microwave Electric Shock Protection system. The next stage of the project involves creating and fabricating the prototype using the appropriate configurations. This process includes designing and modeling the system using the Arduino IDE and other relevant tools. To begin, the circuit design is translated into a physical prototype, ensuring that all connections and components are accurately represented. This stage requires attention to detail to ensure that the prototype functions as intended. The system is powered by a power supply board, which receives power from a reliable source. This power supply board ensures that the system receives a stable and consistent power supply, crucial for the proper functioning of the components as shown in Figure-3.

Two key components are employed for data display and management: an LCD and communication modules. The LCD provides a visual display of the system's status, allowing users to easily monitor its performance.

Additionally, communication modules such as Wi-Fi or Bluetooth are utilized for transmitting data to external devices or systems for remote monitoring and control. Once the prototype is fabricated, the next step is to test and verify its functionality. This involves connecting the prototype to the power supply and monitoring its performance. Any issues or discrepancies are noted and addressed to ensure that the system functions correctly. The testing phase is crucial for identifying and resolving any potential issues with the prototype and allows for adjustments to be made to improve its overall performance and reliability.

The output display of the Microwave Electric Shock Protection system provides real-time updates on detected hazards and system status. When the Soil Moisture Sensor detects high moisture levels, the display immediately indicates "Soil Moisture Detected," alerting users to potential electric shock risks. Concurrently, the display may show "Safety Measures Activated," confirming the activation of protective measures. This visual feedback ensures users are promptly informed of hazardous conditions and system responses, facilitating quick action and enhancing overall safety awareness as shown in Figure-4.

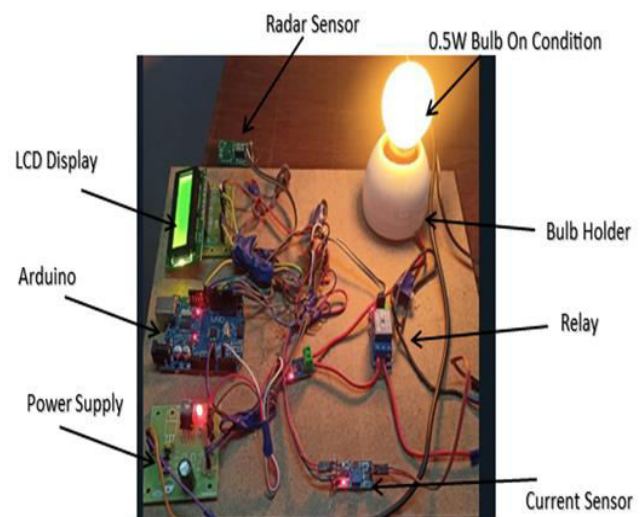


Figure-3. Experimental results from hardware setup.

The output display of the Microwave Electric Shock Protection system reflects real-time data from the RCWL-0516 Microwave Radar Sensor. Upon detecting human presence within its vicinity, the display promptly updates to indicate "Human Presence Detected." This instant notification ensures users are promptly alerted to potential electric shock hazards, allowing for immediate action to be taken. The display serves as a vital interface for users to monitor system activity and stay informed about safety conditions in their environment. Upon testing the Microwave Electric Shock Protection system, the response to the current sensor's detection varies depending on the load connected. When the 0.5W bulb is connected, the current sensor remains inactive, indicating a safe operating condition. However, upon connecting the 100W bulb, the



current sensor promptly detects the flow of electricity. This triggers the activation of the buzzer, emitting continuous sound alerts. Additionally, the LCD updates to indicate "Current Detected," providing real-time feedback on the detected hazard. This integrated response system ensures immediate identification and alerting of potential electric shock risks, enhancing overall safety in the environment.

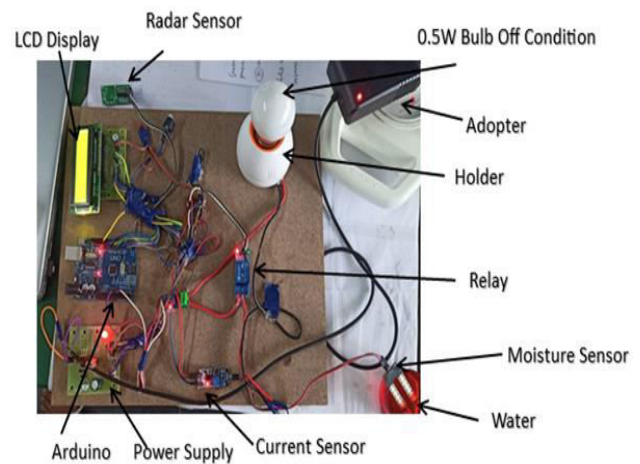


Figure-4. Real-time update and system status.

Table-1. Results output shown in the truth Table.

SM	HP	CD	BA	LD	RO	LC
0	0	0	0	NO Hazard Detected	RF	NO
1	0	0	1	Soil Moisture Detected	RO	YES
0	1	0	1	Human Presence Detected	RO	YES
0	0	1	1	Current Detected	RO	YES
1	1	0	1	Soil Moisture and Human Presence Detected	RO	YES
1	0	1	1	Soil Moisture and Human Presence Detected	RO	YES
0	1	1	1	Human Presence and Current Detected	RO	YES
1	1	1	1	All three Detected	RO	YES

In this truth Table-1

- "SM", "HP", and "CD" represent the states of the Soil Moisture Sensor, Human Presence Sensor, and Current Sensor, respectively.
- "BA" represents the state of the Buzzer Activation (0 for off, 1 for on).
- "LD" represents the status displayed on the LCD (e.g., "Soil Moisture Detected", "Current Detected", or "No Hazard Detected").
- The Buzzer Activation (BA) is set to 1 whenever anyone sensor detects a hazard (Soil Moisture Sensor, Human Presence Sensor, or Current Sensor).
- The "RO" column indicates the state of the relay (Relay On or Relay Off) based on the detected conditions.
- The "LC" column indicates whether the load is cut off (Yes) or not (No) based on the detected conditions.

6. CONCLUSIONS

In addition to its immediate safety benefits, the Microwave Electric Shock Protection system offers long-term advantages for various environments. Its proactive approach to hazard detection and mitigation minimizes the risk of electric shock accidents, reducing potential injuries and property damage. By integrating intelligent control algorithms, the system optimizes energy consumption and enhances operational efficiency, contributing to sustainability efforts. Furthermore, its adaptability allows for seamless integration into diverse settings, including industrial facilities, construction sites, and residential areas. The system's user-friendly interface, with clear visual and auditory alerts, promotes user engagement and compliance with safety protocols. As technology continues to evolve, the Microwave Electric Shock Protection system serves as a testament to the innovative solutions available for mitigating electrical hazards and fostering safer communities. Its successful implementation underscores the importance of investing in advanced safety measures to protect individuals and assets from potential risks. With further research and development, similar systems could



revolutionize safety standards across industries, ultimately saving lives and preserving resources.

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