Performance Analysis of Deep Neural Network-based Fault Detection in Standalone Photovoltaic DC Ring Microgrids

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Abstract

This study explores the application of Deep Neural Networks (DNN) for fault detection in a standalone photovoltaic (PV)-based DC ring microgrid system. It follows a structured five-step methodology, beginning with the identification of various fault types, including short circuits, open circuits, hot spots, overheating, mismatch, and partial shading. Current and voltage signals undergo pre-processing steps such as data cleaning, normalization, and segmentation before being used to train the DNN model. The training and evaluation are conducted using simulation data from a PV-based DC ring standalone microgrid developed in Simulink. While the confusion matrix indicates challenges in accurately classifying faults like partial shading due to higher misclassification rates, the model achieves high diagnostic accuracy for hot spot faults with a test accuracy of 98%, along with strong precision and recall scores. The integration of DNN in the standalone PV-based DC ring micro grid, known for its looped topology and reliability, enables early fault detection and supports predictive maintenance, thereby enhancing system safety, reliability, and performance.

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1. Introduction

The global transition toward sustainable and decentralized energy solutions has driven the advancement of direct current (DC) microgrids, which provide notable benefits in terms of efficiency, reliability, and seamless integration of renewable energy resources. Among various DC micro grid topologies, the ring configuration has emerged as a preferred choice due to its inherent capability to support multiple power flow paths, thereby enhancing system flexibility and fault tolerance. This closed-loop structure is particularly advantageous in standalone applications where uninterrupted power delivery and system resilience are essential, as it allows power rerouting during faults or line disconnections to maintain continuous supply to critical loads [1] [2]. In this context, the present work focuses on a photovoltaic (PV)-based DC ring standalone system micro grid, incorporating 50 kW PV arrays and a lithium-ion battery 12KW energy storage system. The system includes multiple strategically placed DC loads and bidirectional power links that enable efficient power exchange across the ring. To ensure rapid and intelligent protection, Solid-State Circuit Breakers (SSCBs) in coordination with Intelligent Electronic Devices (IEDs) are deployed at key interconnection points, providing fast fault detection, isolation, and automatic system reconfiguration.

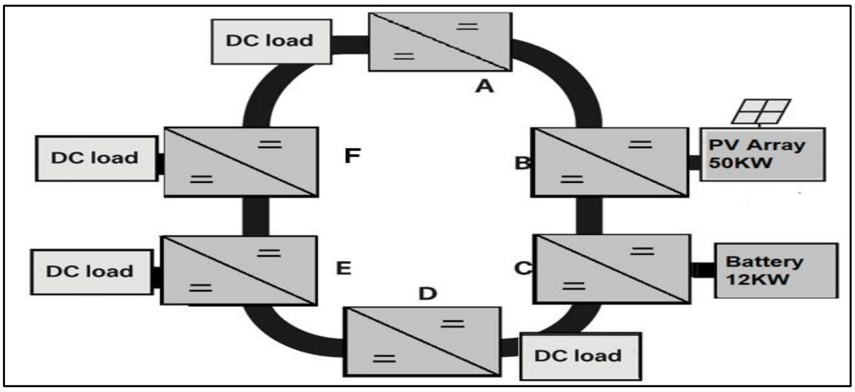

Figure 1. PV-based DC Ring Microgrid

This architecture, shown in Figure 1, is designed to maintain operational stability under varying load conditions and fault events, supporting intelligent load sharing, real-time switching, and uninterrupted power delivery. The primary objective of this study is to evaluate the performance of the proposed PV-based DC ring standalone microgrid using important performance metrics such as voltage regulation, power quality, system efficiency, and intelligent fault detection accuracy [3]. The findings aim to support the development of robust, resilient, and adaptive DC microgrids for future smart energy systems.

2. Related Work

DC microgrids have become a popular choice for integrating renewable energy sources due to their high efficiency and compatibility with modern DC loads. Unlike traditional AC systems, DC microgrids reduce conversion losses and offer simplified control. Among different topologies, ring-type configurations are known for their enhanced reliability and ability to maintain power flow during faults by providing multiple paths for current distribution.

The use of Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) for fault detection in photovoltaic DC ring standalone micro grids marks a notable step forward compared to prior studies that mainly focus on radial or star-configured systems. Ring topologies, which enable bidirectional power flow for improved reliability and redundancy, present greater challenges for fault detection due to their complex and less predictable fault propagation paths. These characteristics are underexplored in current research. By utilizing DNNs, this study effectively addresses these challenges, as the model can learn and identify complex spatiotemporal patterns associated with faults in such systems. This leads to more accurate fault classification and localization, demonstrating the suitability of deep learning techniques for advanced microgrid architectures [4].

To further improve system protection, modern approaches utilize Solid-State Circuit Breakers (SSCBs) alongside Intelligent Electronic Devices (IEDs). These technologies enable rapid fault detection and isolation. Additionally, artificial intelligence techniques, particularly deep learning, has been successfully applied to detect and classify faults with high accuracy, precision, and recall, making DC microgrids more intelligent and responsive.

3. Proposed System

The proposed system represents a photovoltaic-based DC ring standalone microgrid, designed using MATLAB/Simulink. The network is structured in a closed-loop ring topology that enhances power flow flexibility and reliability under fault conditions. Key components include multiple DC lines, solar PV arrays, a battery energy storage system, and both DC and AC load [5]. Solar energy sources are connected at nodes B and E, while the battery system is integrated at node C to support power balance during fluctuations. Intelligent control is implied by monitoring units and circuit breakers placed across critical nodes to manage energy flow and isolate faults.

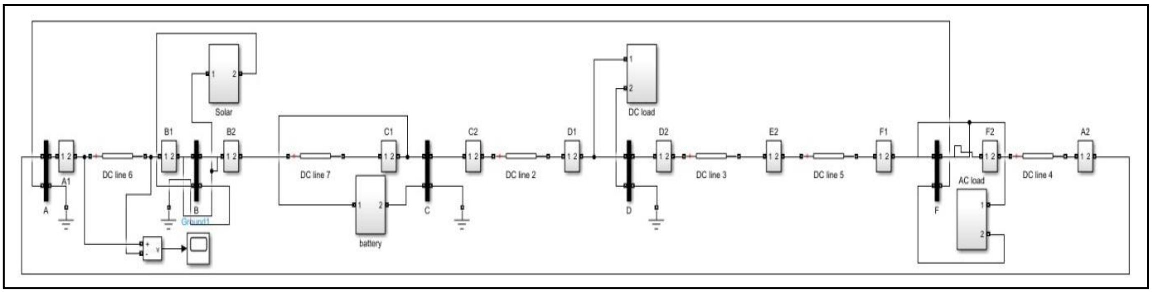

Figure 2. Simulation Block of DC Ring Microgrid

This simulation setup, shown in Figure 2**,** ensures the system can operate efficiently even under fault or load variation scenarios. The ring structure allows rerouting of power, providing redundancy in case of any line failure. The integration of a discrete-time simulation environment (1 μs step time) enables high-speed fault detection and control analysis. By simulating realistic energy generation, consumption, and fault conditions, the model serves as a testbed for evaluating fault detection algorithms, system stability, and performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, and recall in protection schemes.

3.1 Photovoltaic Subsystem Modeling and Fault Analysis

The photovoltaic (PV) subsystem simulation, shown in Figure 3, is developed using MATLAB/Simulink, with the PV array configured based on standard solar cell characteristics (irradiance: 1000 W/m², temperature: 25°C) is adopted from [16]. An MPPT controller with the Incremental Conductance algorithm adjusts the DC-DC boost converter's duty cycle to extract maximum power, optimizing energy conversion. The boost converter raises the PV output voltage to meet the DC ring bus requirements [6]. To evaluate system reliability, faults such as line-to-line short circuits and sudden load changes were introduced at various nodes and DC lines in the ring topology

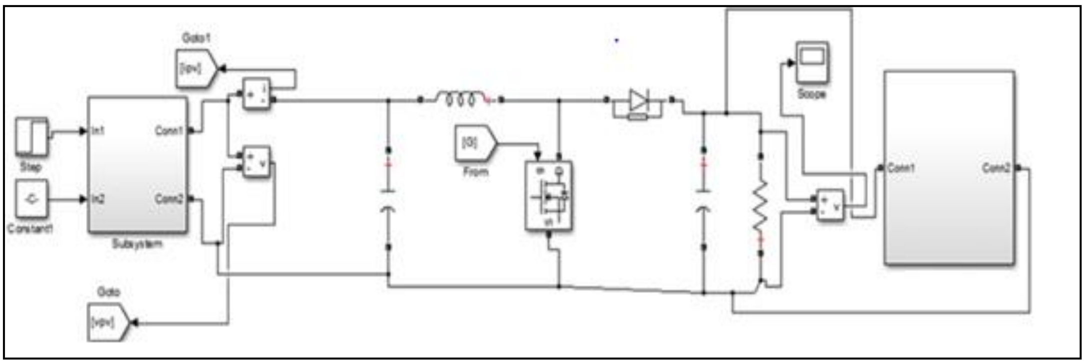

Figure 3. Simulink Model of PV Array subsystem [16]

The PV subsystem's response was evaluated using key performance metrics

- Accuracy (correct detection of fault conditions),
- Precision (correct identification of actual faults), and
- Recall (ability to detect all true faults).

Voltage and current probes were used for real-time monitoring, while data from fault scenarios were analyzed using signal processing and classification algorithms to validate the system's fault detection capability under dynamic conditions [7].

3.2 Incremental Conductance based MPPT Controller for PV System

The Simulink model represents an Incremental Conductance (IncCond) based Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) algorithm for a photovoltaic (PV) system, as shown in Figure 4. This technique determines the maximum power point by comparing the incremental conductance (dI/dV) to the negative of the instantaneous conductance (-I/V). When these values are equal, the system is at the maximum power point (MPP); if not, the algorithm adjusts the operating voltage by modifying the duty cycle of the DC-DC converter to move the PV system toward the MPP.

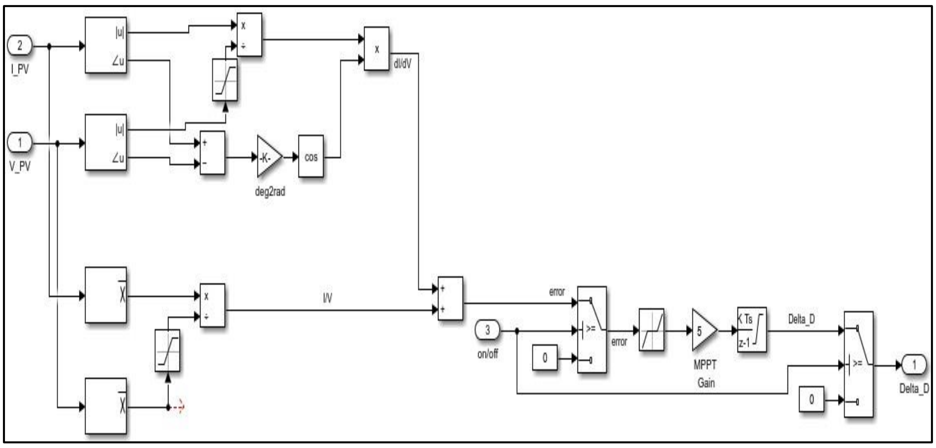

Figure 4. Simulink Model of Incremental Conductance MPPT for PV System [17]

This is done through control logic that generates an error signal based on the conductance comparison, which is then amplified and integrated to update the duty cycle. This method provides higher accuracy and faster response compared to simpler methods like Perturb and Observe, especially under rapidly changing irradiance conditions.

3.3 Battery Subsystem Modeling and Performance Analysis

The battery subsystem in the DC ring micro grid, as shown in Figure 5**,** is designed using a lithium-ion battery integrated with a bidirectional DC-DC converter. This setup allows the battery to charge and discharge based on system demand. A pulse generator controls the switching of the converter, while voltage regulation is achieved through a feedback loop to maintain system stability.

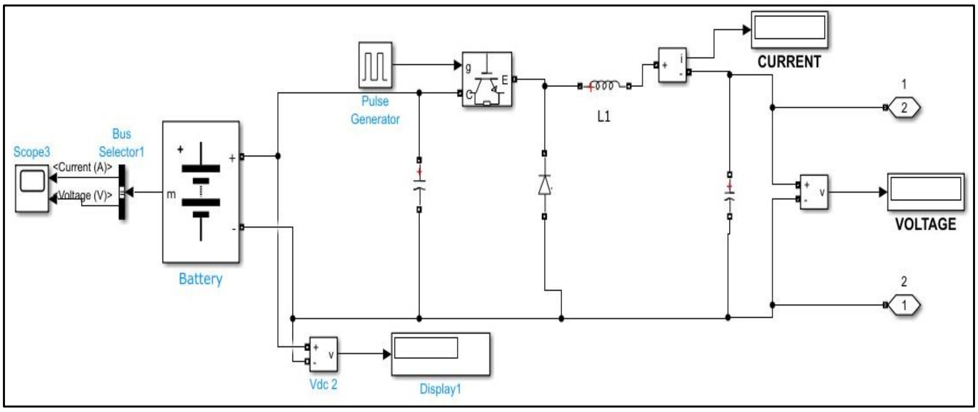

Figure 5. Simulink Model of Battery System with Boost Converter

To test the system's reliability, faults like short circuits and load disturbances were introduced at the battery output. Performance was evaluated by observing the voltage and current behavior during these faults. Key metrics such as voltage sag, current spikes, and system recovery time were used to assess the battery's response and the overall fault tolerance of the microgrid.

3.4 Inverter and AC Load Modeling with Fault Analysis

The inverter subsystem, shown in Figure 6**,** is designed using a PWM-controlled IGBT inverter that converts DC voltage from the micro grid into a three-phase AC output. A pulse generator provides switching signals to the inverter gates, ensuring proper conversion. The AC output is delivered to a balanced three-phase load, and measurement blocks are used to monitor voltage, frequency, and current. A voltage sensor tracks the DC input to ensure the inverter operates within optimal voltage levels.

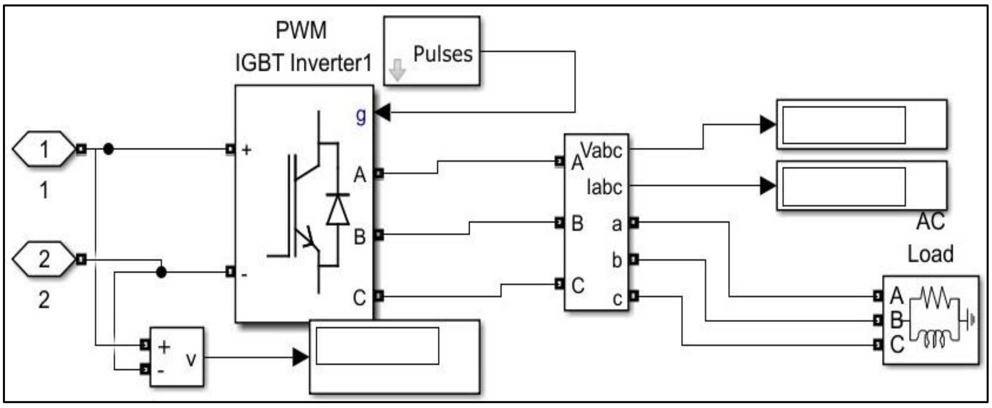

Figure 6. Simulink Model of PWM-based IGBT Inverter with AC Load

To test system robustness, faults were introduced at the inverter output or in the AC load by simulating short circuits or sudden changes in load impedance. These faults allow the evaluation of how the system responds to disturbances. The inverter's performance was assessed by monitoring output voltage, frequency, and current. These parameters help analyze system stability, voltage quality, and the ability to maintain operation during faults.

4. Methodology

The proposed methodology involves designing a standalone photovoltaic (PV) DC microgrid in a ring topology using MATLAB/Simulink, incorporating a 44kW solar array, a 12kW lithium-ion battery, and various DC loads. Fault scenarios such as line-to-line, line-to-ground, and open-circuit faults are simulated at different locations. Voltage and current signals are collected and preprocessed using noise filtering, normalization, and segmentation. Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT) is then applied for feature extraction, generating time-frequency scalograms. These scalograms are fed into a Deep Neural Network (DNN), which is trained to classify and detect faults [8] [9]. The model's performance is evaluated based on accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score to assess its effectiveness in identifying faults under diverse conditions.

4.1 System Description

The proposed system features a standalone PV-based DC microgrid configured in a ring topology to enhance reliability and ensure continuous power delivery through multiple paths. It comprises a 50kW solar PV array, a 12kW lithium-ion battery storage system, and DC loads interconnected through DC buses, enabling bidirectional power flow for improved load balancing and redundancy. Voltage and current sensors are strategically placed to monitor electrical parameters, providing real-time data for fault analysis. The system is modeled in MATLAB/Simulink, simulating the behavior of PV modules, battery dynamics, DC/DC converters, and loads under normal and fault conditions. Faults such as line-to-line, line-to-ground, and open-circuit are injected at various locations and scenarios to simulate real-world disturbances. The resulting time-domain signals are used for pre-processing and feature extraction, forming the basis for deep learning-based fault detection. This setup provides a realistic, complex environment to evaluate DNN performance under diverse fault and power flow conditions.

4.2 Signal Preprocessing and Feature Extraction

The raw voltage and current data collected from various monitoring points in the photovoltaic DC ring standalone microgrid were first pre-processed using a low-pass filter to remove high-frequency noise, followed by normalization to ensure consistent scaling and improve training efficiency. These signals were then segmented into fixed-length time windows to preserve temporal characteristics around fault events. For feature extraction, Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT) was applied to convert the 1D time-series data into 2D time-frequency scalograms, capturing both transient and steady-state information essential for fault identification. These scalograms were resized and used as input features for the Deep Neural Network (DNN), enabling it to effectively learn and distinguish complex fault patterns. This integrated pre-processing and CWT-based feature extraction approach enhanced the model's ability to detect and classify faults accurately in the dynamic environment of a ring-configured microgrid.

4.3 Feature Extraction using Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT)

Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT) was selected for feature extraction due to its superior ability to simultaneously analyze time and frequency components, necessary for detecting faults in photovoltaic DC ring standalone micro grids. Traditional methods like Fourier Transform (FT) and Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT) suffer from fixed windowing and low resolution, limiting their effectiveness in capturing transient, non-stationary events. CWT's multi-resolution capability efficiently detects rapid, localized fault signatures, critical in ring topologies where fault propagation depends on power flow direction. Initially, techniques like Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), and Empirical Mode Decomposition (EMD) were explored but found inadequate for capturing transient behaviours. PCA outperforms in dimensionality reduction but fails to capture transient features, while FFT assumes signal stationarity. In contrast, CWT provides rich time-frequency representations through scalograms, significantly enhancing DNN-based fault detection performance in complex microgrid environments.

4.4 Deep Neural Network (DNN) Model Formulation

The Deep Neural Network (DNN) architecture designed for fault detection and localization in the photovoltaic DC ring standalone microgrid consists of three primary components: an input layer, hidden layers, and an output layer. The input layer is composed of three neurons corresponding to the extracted features obtained from the CWT-based scalograms, as shown in Figure 7.

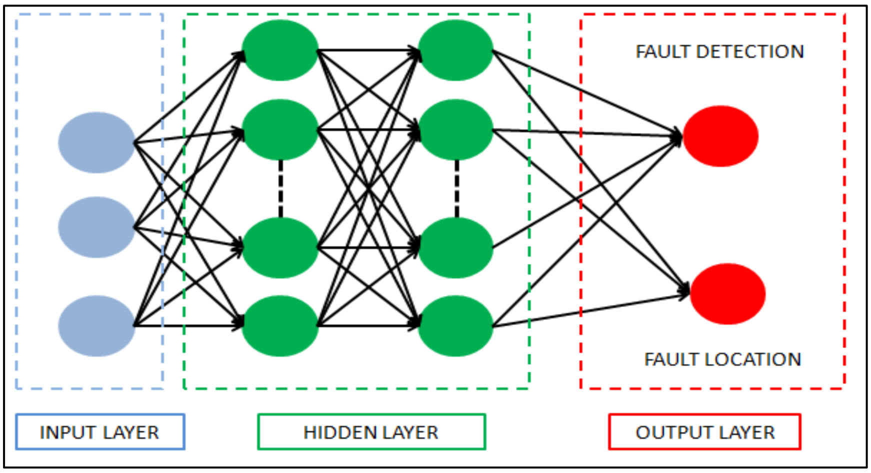

Figure 7. The Deep Neural Network Architecture

The DNN model is structured to effectively identify and locate faults within a PV-based DC ring standalone microgrid. It comprises three primary layers: an input layer, two fully connected hidden layers, and an output layer. The input layer consists of three neurons, each representing a feature extracted from Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT)-based scalograms, capturing essential time-frequency information pertinent to fault detection. The model includes two fully connected hidden layers, each containing five neurons. The Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) activation function is employed in these layers to introduce non-linearity, enhance feature learning, and mitigate issues like vanishing gradients during training. The output layer comprises two neurons: one for fault detection (classifying fault/no-fault conditions) and the other for fault localization (identifying the specific faulted branch within the ring network). A softmax activation function is utilized to provide probabilistic outputs,

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facilitating accurate classification. This architecture was selected to balance model accuracy with computational efficiency, ensuring reliable fault detection and localization while maintaining fast processing suitable for real-time applications. The architecture of the DNN consists of multiple fully connected layers, each comprising several neurons. The output of a neuron in layer 3 is mathematically represented as:

$$a_j^{(l)} = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{nl-1} w_{ji}^{(l)} a_i^{(l-1)} + b_j^{(l)}\right)$$

Where $a_j^{(l)}$ is the activation output of the jth neuron in the lth layer, $w_{ji}^{(l)}$ denotes the weight connecting the ith neuron of the previous layer to the jth neuron, and $b_j^{(l)}$ is the associated bias. In the hidden layers, the Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) activation function is utilized and defined as:

$$f(z) = \max{(0, z)}$$

This introduces non-linearity into the model and enables the learning of complex fault-related patterns. For multi-class classification, the output layer incorporates the softmax activation function to normalize the output values into probabilities:

$$\widehat{y_k} = \frac{e^{zk}}{\sum_{j=1}^{k} e^{zj}}$$

Where $\widehat{y_k}$ represents the predicted probability of the kth class, and K is the total number of classes (e.g., normal, short-circuit fault, open-circuit fault, and ground fault).

The model is trained using the categorical cross-entropy loss function, which measures the dissimilarity between the predicted class distribution and the actual label distribution, and is given by:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\sum_{K=1}^{K} y_k \log(\widehat{y_k})$$

Where y_k is the true label in one-hot encoded form. To optimize the model parameters, gradient descent is used, wherein the weights are updated iteratively as follows:

$$w_{ji}^{(l)} \leftarrow w_{ji}^{(l)} - \eta \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{ji}^{(l)}}$$

With η denoting the learning rate. This training process continues until the model converges to a solution that minimizes the loss function across the training dataset. The mathematical framework thus enables the DNN to effectively model the relationship between the extracted input features and the fault classes, thereby enhancing the reliability and robustness of fault detection in PV-integrated DC microgrids.

4.5 Fault Scenario Simulation

Various fault scenarios were designed to reflect realistic operating conditions in a photovoltaic DC ring standalone microgrid. Simulated faults included line-to-line (L-L), line-to-ground (L-G), pole-to-pole (P-P), and open-circuit (O-C) faults, as these are common and necessary to system stability and safety. Faults were introduced at key points, such as PV array outputs, DC ring branches, connections between distributed energy resources (solar panels, battery, wind turbine), and critical load points. Simulations were conducted under different load and generation conditions to capture system dynamics. This approach generated a diverse dataset, enabling the Deep Neural Network (DNN) to robustly learn, detect, and locate faults across the microgrid.

5. Results and Discussion

The flowchart outlines a five-step process for detecting faults in PV systems using a Deep Neural Network (DNN), as shown in **Figure 8**. Step 1 defines various fault types, including short circuits, open circuits, hotspots, overheating, mismatch faults, and partial shading, each impacting voltage and current differently. Normal conditions show stable behavior relative to irradiance and temperature.

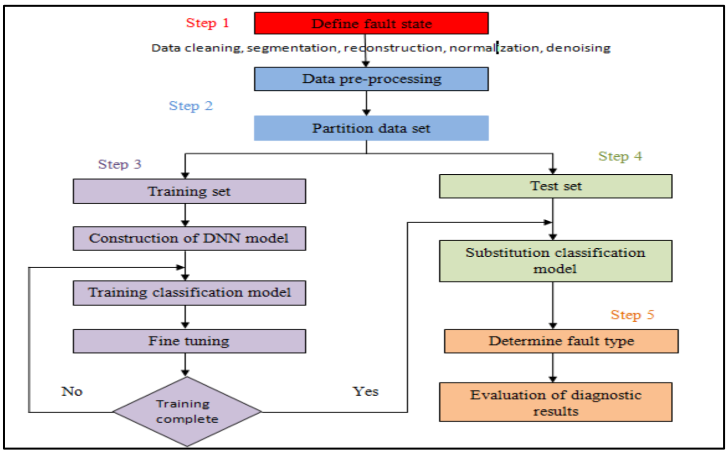

Figure 8. Training Flow Chart of Deep Neural Network

In Step 2, raw voltage and current data are cleaned, segmented, reconstructed, normalized, and denoised, then split into training and testing sets. Step 3 trains and fine-tunes the DNN model using the training data. In Step 4, the model's performance is evaluated with the test set. Step 5 involves fault classification and diagnostic accuracy evaluation, enabling precise fault detection and improved PV system reliability.

In this study, a custom synthetic dataset was created using MATLAB/Simulink to simulate various fault and normal conditions in a PV-based DC ring micro grid with a 50 kW PV array and 12 kW lithium-ion battery. The dataset includes 5,000 samples covering open circuit faults, short circuits, line-to-line faults, hotspots, partial shading, MPPT malfunctions, and healthy states. Time-domain voltage and current signals were processed with Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT) for feature extraction [10] [11]. The data was split into 70% training (3,500 samples) and 30% testing (1,500 samples). Pre-processing steps included cleaning, segmentation, denoising, normalization, and CWT-based feature extraction. A Deep Neural Network (DNN) was developed and fine-tuned, achieving 98% test accuracy, with 85.71% precision and 85.25% recall, successfully identifying fault types like "Hot Spot" in test cases.

5.1 Confusion Matrix for Photovoltaic-based DC Ring Microgrid Fault Detection

The confusion matrix provides a visual assessment of the fault classification performance in a photovoltaic-based DC ring micro grid, with each row representing the actual fault class and each column indicating the predicted class by the deep neural network (DNN) model [12] [13].

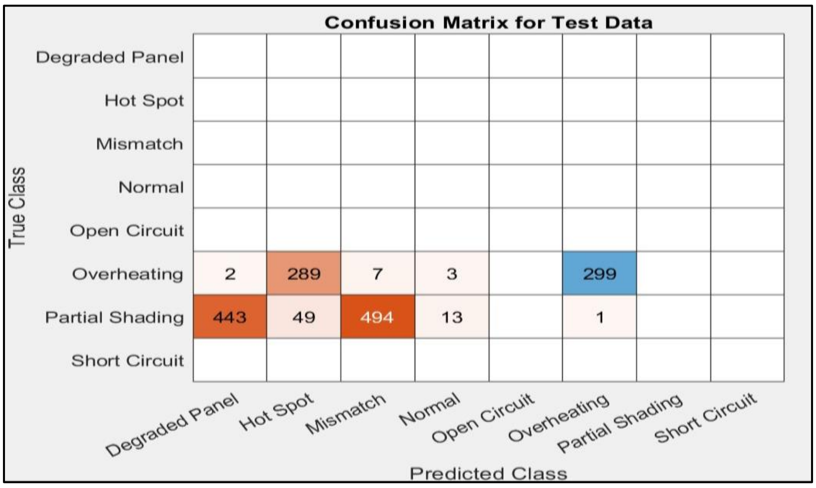

Figure 9. Confusion Matrix – Fault Diagnosis Accuracy in DC Ring Micro Grid

The matrix, as shown in Figure 9**,** reveals that Overheating and Partial Shading are the two primary fault types included in the test data; however, the classification performance varies significantly. For Overheating, 299 samples were correctly classified, but 289 were misclassified as Hot Spot, with a few wrongly predicted as Mismatch, Normal, or Degraded Panel, indicating confusion due to overlapping current-voltage patterns. Partial Shading showed severe misclassification, with samples spread across Degraded Panel (443), Hot Spot (49), and Mismatch (494) classes, and only 1 correctly identified, revealing a major limitation. The model struggled with Partial Shading and overheating detection because these faults develop gradually, causing subtle changes rather than abrupt electrical shifts. Partial shading leads to slow, variable power reductions, while overheating affects internal resistance without sharp electrical changes, making them harder to detect using CWT-based features. Future improvements could include enhancing the dataset with more representative examples and incorporating thermal or irradiance sensor data for better fault classification [14] [15].

5.2 Implementation Platform and Model Performance Evaluation

The Deep Neural Network (DNN) model for fault detection in the photovoltaic DC ring microgrid was implemented using Python with TensorFlow and Keras, while MATLAB/Simulink was used to simulate the system and generate synthetic fault data. The simulation outputs were preprocessed and used to train the DNN in Python. The model's performance was evaluated using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, along with a confusion matrix to assess classification results. The DNN achieved 98% accuracy, indicating its high effectiveness in detecting and classifying faults in the DC microgrid.

5.3 Accuracy and Loss Curves for Photovoltaic-based DC Ring Microgrid Fault Detection

The Deep Neural Network (DNN) training process was carefully structured to optimize fault classification in the photovoltaic DC ring micro grid. The dataset, generated through detailed MATLAB/Simulink simulations, included 5,000 samples with 70% (3,500 samples) used for training and 30% (1,500 samples) for testing. Each sample had 100 input features extracted from voltage and current signals using Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT), providing rich time-frequency characteristics. The model was trained using TensorFlow/Keras in a supervised learning setup with categorical fault labels. The training curves over 100 epochs (4,000 iterations) show rapid accuracy improvement (stabilizing near 98%) and a steady decrease in loss toward near-zero, indicating effective learning without over fitting. Smooth convergence without oscillations further confirmed the model's stability.

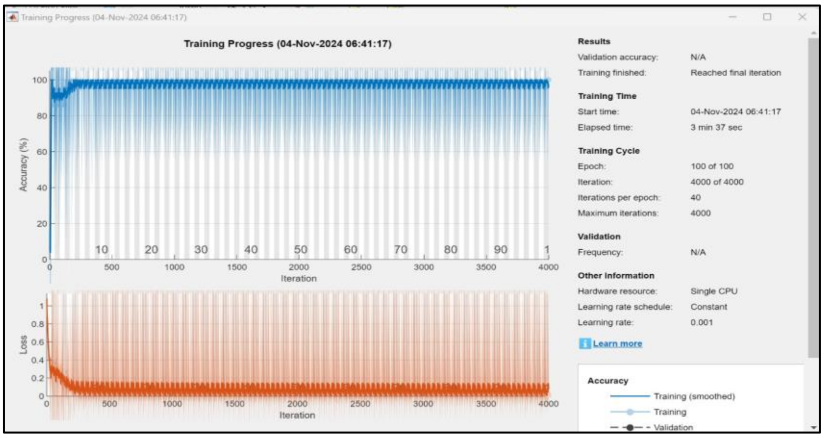

Figure 10. Simulink Training Progress of DNN for PV Fault Detection

Hyperparameter (Table 1) tuning was conducted systematically using manual and grid search strategies, supported by 5-fold cross-validation to ensure robustness and prevent over fitting.

Table 1. Hyper Parameters and their Final Values for DNN Training

Hyperparameter	**Value**
Hidden Layers	4
Neurons per Layer	[128, 64, 32, 16]
Learning Rate	0.001
Batch Size	32
Activation Function	ReLU (hidden layers), Softmax (output)
Optimizer	Adam
Loss Function	Categorical Cross-Entropy
Dropout Rate	0.3
Early Stopping	Patience of 10 epochs

The training accuracy increases sharply and stabilizes near 98%, while the training loss decreases rapidly and approaches zero, indicating effective learning and convergence without overfitting. The smooth behaviour of both curves suggests stable training performance. As shown in Figure 10**,** the model successfully reaches high accuracy and low loss within 4000 iterations (100 epochs) with a constant learning rate of 0.001 using a single CPU resource. As shown in Table 1**,** the selection and tuning of these hyperparameters contributed to the robust performance of the DNN model.

5.4 DNN-based Accurate Hot Spot Detection

The displayed result highlights the performance of a Deep Neural Network (DNN) model used for fault diagnosis in a photovoltaic (PV)-based DC ring microgrid. After training the model, it achieved a high-test accuracy of 98%, indicating its strong ability to classify fault conditions correctly. The precision (85.71%) and recall (85.25%) values reflect the model's reliability in identifying true positive cases of specific faults like hot spots, while minimizing false positives and false negatives is shown in Figure 11.

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>> DNN
Training the DNN model...
Test Accuracy: 98 %
PRECISION: 85.71%
RECALL: 85.25%
Prediction for the new Simulink sample:
Predicted Fault Class: Hot Spot
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Figure 11. Performance and Prediction Output of Trained DNN

In this case, the model processed data from the Simulink environment and accurately predicted the presence of a "Hot Spot" fault. Hot spots are critical faults in PV systems caused by localized heating, which can occur due to shading, soiling, or cell defects. These faults can degrade the system's performance and pose safety risks if not detected early. The use of a DNN in a DC ring microgrid known for its looped configuration and reliability, enhances the system's

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resilience by enabling early, automated fault detection and classification, ensuring efficient and safe microgrid operation.

5.5 Benefits of the DNN Over the Other Existing Methods

Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) offer clear advantages over traditional and machine learning methods in detecting faults in photovoltaic DC ring microgrids. Unlike threshold-based or rule-based approaches, DNNs can learn complex patterns directly from data, making them effective in identifying multiple fault types under varying conditions. They outperform models like SVMs and Decision Trees by handling large datasets more efficiently and eliminating the need for manual feature extraction, especially when combined with wavelet-transformed inputs.

Table 2. Comparison of DNN with Other Fault Detection Methods

Method	Feature Engineering	Accuracy	Noise Tolerance	Multiclass Capability	Adaptability
Rule-Based Thresholding	Manual	Low	Low	Limited	Low
Support Vector Machine (SVM)	Manual	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Decision Tree (DT)	Manual	Moderate	Low	Limited	Moderate
Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)	Automatic	High	High	High	High
Deep Neural Network (DNN)	Automatic	Very High (98%)	High	Excellent	High

Additionally, DNNs generalize well to unseen data and are more resilient to noise, which is essential for real-time applications. Their multi-layer structure enables deep feature learning, improving accuracy in classifying various fault conditions. In this work, the DNN model demonstrated strong performance, achieving 98% accuracy, proving it to be a robust and scalable solution for intelligent fault detection in DC microgrids. Table 2 provides a clear comparison of different feature engineering methods in terms of accuracy, noise tolerance, multiclass capability, and adaptability, specifically in the context of fault detection in microgrids

6. Conclusion

This work presents a Deep Neural Network (DNN)-based intelligent fault detection framework for photovoltaic (PV)-based DC ring standalone microgrids, achieving a test accuracy of 98%, with precision and recall values of 85.71% and 85.25%, respectively. The model effectively identifies critical faults such as overheating and partial shading, enhancing system reliability and supporting preventive maintenance strategies. However, confusion matrix analysis indicates challenges in classifying partial shading faults due to overlapping current-voltage signatures. While the training process shows good convergence, observed fluctuations in accuracy suggest potential over-fitting and the need for improved generalization. Future work should incorporate a dedicated validation dataset during training, considering a broader range of fault types, and explore hybrid deep learning models like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) or Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for enhanced feature learning. Additional advancements may include real-time deployment through Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL) systems, the use of explainable AI techniques for greater model transparency, and dynamic learning strategies such as early stopping and adaptive learning rates. Overall, the proposed DNN-based approach provides a promising and scalable solution for reliable and automated fault detection in PV-based DC ring standalone microgrids, with substantial potential for future enhancement.

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