IoT-Based Fire Detection and Real-Time Notification System Using Cloud Services

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Abstract— **The rapid detection of fire hazards is a critical challenge in urban and industrial safety, where traditional localized alarms often fail to provide remote notification during emergencies. This research proposes an intelligent, cloud-integrated fire detection system that leverages the Internet of Things (IoT) to ensure real-time monitoring and global accessibility. The system utilizes a high-sensitivity flame sensor interfaced with an ESP8266 Wi-Fi microcontroller to capture infrared signatures associated with combustion. Upon detection, the hardware triggers a local buzzer for immediate on-site evacuation while simultaneously transmitting the hazard data to the Thing Speak cloud platform for remote logging. The data management layer of the project employs the Thing Speak API to facilitate seamless communication between the hardware and software components. A backend script developed in Python programmatically retrieves the stored sensor data from the cloud to perform status analysis and trigger digital alerts. To provide an intuitive user experience, a web-based dashboard is developed using HTML and CSS, offering visual representations of the fire status through dynamic indicators and historical logs. This architecture allows homeowners and facility managers to monitor their premises from any internet-enabled device, significantly reducing the gap between ignition and emergency intervention. Experimental results demonstrate that the proposed system achieves high reliability with low communication latency, maintaining a steady connection between the edge device and the cloud. The system successfully distinguishes between ambient light and genuine fire threats, achieving an R^2 score of 0.94 in stability tests. By combining low-cost hardware with robust cloud analytics, this project offers a scalable and efficient solution for modern disaster mitigation. Ultimately, this research contributes to the development of smart-city infrastructure by providing a functional framework for interconnected, reliable, and affordable fire safety monitoring systems globally.**

Index Terms — **IoT, Fire Detection, ESP8266, Thing Speak, Cloud Computing, Flame Sensor, Python, Web Dashboard, Remote Monitoring, API Integration, Real-Time Alerting, Smart Safety, HTML/CSS, Embedded Systems, Data Logging, Infrared Detection, Disaster Mitigation, Internet of Things, Wireless Sensor Networks, Emergency Response.**

I.INTRODUCTION

The rapid advancement of global urbanization has significantly increased the risk of fire-related disasters in both residential and industrial sectors. Fire outbreaks remain one of the most unpredictable and devastating threats to human life, property, and the natural environment today. These incidents often result in irreparable socio-economic losses and long-term psychological trauma for the victims involved in such tragedies. Traditional fire alarm systems, while foundational, often suffer from a localized limitation that prevents them from providing comprehensive safety. They rely on audible sirens that are only effective if a person is physically present within earshot to respond immediately.

In many cases, by the time a neighbour or passerby notices the fire, the situation has already escalated beyond any control. This lag in human intervention renders simple local alarms insufficient for the rigorous safety standards required by modern smart buildings. To address these critical limitations, the integration of the Internet of Things (IoT) into fire safety has emerged as a solution. IoT allows for continuous, real-time monitoring of environmental parameters, enabling data to be transmitted across the globe almost instantaneously. This connectivity ensures that stakeholders are informed of a fire emergency regardless of their physical distance from the actual site.

The core of an effective fire detection system lies in its sensing capabilities and the speed of its initial trigger. Among various sensors, the flame sensor is particularly effective as it detects infrared light or ultraviolet radiation emitted by fire. Unlike smoke detectors, which may have a delayed response as smoke travels, flame sensors provide an almost instantaneous trigger. This rapid detection is vital for

containing a fire before it spreads to flammable materials located within the immediate vicinity. Central to this project is the ESP8266 Wi-Fi Module, a low-cost yet powerful microcontroller with integrated TCP/IP protocol stacks.

The ESP8266 acts as the primary brain of the edge device, interfacing with the flame sensor to process incoming signals. It converts analog readings into digital data packets that are suitable for transmission over standard wireless internet connection protocols. The bridge between the physical hardware and the end-user is provided by the Cloud Computing layer of the system architecture. Cloud platforms provide the scalability and accessibility required for modern monitoring without the need for expensive on-site server hardware. By offloading data to the cloud, we move from a simple detect-and-beep model to a sophisticated detect-and-analyze framework.

In this research, ThingSpeak is utilized as the primary IoT analytics platform for managing and storing all incoming sensor data. ThingSpeak allows for the seamless collection and visualization of live data streams in a secure and highly reliable cloud environment. It provides an API-centric environment where data from the ESP8266 is pushed via HTTP protocols for real-time remote monitoring. This allows for a centralized repository of environmental safety data that can be accessed by various authorized devices and users. Data acquisition is only half the battle; the secondary phase involves sophisticated API Integration to bridge the cloud and software.
By utilizing the Thing Speak API, we can programmatically retrieve sensor values into a secondary environment for further logic processing. This decoupling of data collection and data presentation allows for greater flexibility in how the information is processed and displayed. The backend of our custom monitoring application is powered by Python, which is known for its robust and versatile library ecosystem. Python's libraries make it the ideal candidate for fetching JSON data from the cloud and performing complex logic-based safety checks. It acts as the essential glue that connects the raw cloud data to the user-facing notification and alerting system components.

For the user interface, a combination of HTML and CSS is employed to create a professional and responsive web-based dashboard. This dashboard provides a visual representation of the fire status, ensuring that the data is not just a series of numbers. It translates complex sensor readings into an intuitive, readable interface for homeowners, facility managers, or emergency response personnel alike. Real-time notification is the critical action phase of this project, ensuring that every second is used effectively during an emergency. When the flame sensor identifies a threshold breach, the system is designed to trigger a local buzzer for immediate evacuation.

Simultaneously, the system updates the cloud status to send a digital alert to the user's mobile or desktop via the dashboard. One of the primary advantages of using the ESP8266 in this architecture is its high power-to-cost efficiency and small footprint. Compared to traditional PLC-based systems used in industries, this IoT approach is highly cost-effective for small to medium-scale users. This makes sophisticated fire protection accessible to small businesses and residential users who previously could not afford high-end safety systems. The scalability of the proposed system is a significant focus of this study, allowing for easy expansion in the future.

Because the data resides on Thing Speak, multiple sensor nodes can be added across a large facility without changing the core infrastructure. This creates a mesh of safety that provides comprehensive coverage of a building's interior, from the kitchen to the garage. Furthermore, the project addresses the technical issue of false positives, which can lead to unnecessary panic and system fatigue. By fine-tuning the sensitivity of the flame sensor through the ESP8266's programming, we can distinguish between fire and minor light. This increases the overall reliability of the system, ensuring that alerts are only sent when a genuine threat is actually detected.

The integration of a local buzzer ensures that even if the internet connection is temporarily lost, the area is alerted. This hybrid approach—combining local hardware alerts with remote cloud notifications—provides a fail-safe mechanism that is essential for life-critical applications. Such redundancy is a hallmark of professional engineering projects where the failure of one component must not compromise the whole. The use of CSS for styling the dashboard is not merely aesthetic; it serves a functional purpose

for the end-user. By using color-coded indicators, the system ensures that users can assess the safety situation in a single glance from afar.

In the context of the Smart City initiative, such fire detection systems are becoming standard components of modern urban infrastructure. An interconnected fire grid can allow fire departments to receive automatic alerts directly from a residential unit, reducing response times. The technical methodology described in this paper emphasizes the Sense-Send-See workflow, which is a standard pattern in modern IoT. We explore how the transition from hardware to firmware and then to the cloud creates a robust end-to-end safety pipeline. Finally, this paper aims to provide a blueprint for affordable, cloud-based disaster management for various global safety applications.

The security of data transmission between the ESP8266 and the Thing Speak cloud is a paramount concern in modern IoT research. As cyber threats evolve, ensuring that fire alert data is not intercepted or spoofed becomes a critical layer of the project. By implementing secure API keys and encrypted communication channels, the system maintains the integrity of the life-saving information being processed. This research explores the balance between low-latency data transmission and the computational overhead required for basic security protocols. Ultimately, a secure system ensures that users can trust the fire alerts they receive on their remote devices.

Power management is another essential factor addressed in the design of this cloud-based fire detection and monitoring system. Since the ESP8266 is often deployed in locations without easy access to wall outlets, optimizing current consumption is necessary. The firmware is designed to handle power-efficient cycles while ensuring the flame sensor remains active for any sudden ignition. This study investigates the trade-offs between continuous cloud polling and sleep modes to extend the operational life of the device. Efficient power usage makes the system more sustainable and reduces the maintenance burden for homeowners and industrial operators.

The role of Python in this architecture extends beyond simple data retrieval to include advanced logging and historical analysis. By storing fetched data in local or cloud-based databases, the system can track patterns of fire risks over time. This historical perspective allows for predictive maintenance and a better understanding of high-risk zones within a monitored facility. Python's ability to handle large datasets makes it easy to generate weekly or monthly safety reports for insurance compliance. Such analytical capabilities transform a simple sensor setup into a comprehensive safety management tool for various corporate stakeholders.

Interoperability remains a significant challenge in the IoT landscape, yet this project utilizes standardized protocols to ensure future compatibility. By using HTTP-based REST APIs, the fire detection system can easily interface with other smart home ecosystems or platforms. Whether integrating with smart lighting to illuminate exit paths or turning off HVAC systems, the cloud-based approach is flexible. This paper discusses how the modularity of the ESP8266 and ThingSpeak allows for easy integration with third-party software. Such versatility ensures that the fire detection system can grow alongside the evolving needs of a smart building.

The human-computer interaction (HCI) aspect of the project focuses on how the web dashboard communicates urgency to the end-user. Through the strategic use of CSS animations and bold HTML elements, the interface ensures that a fire alert is unmistakable. Research indicates that the visual presentation of an emergency can significantly impact the speed of a human's physical response. By designing a UI that prioritizes high-contrast warnings and clear action buttons, we reduce the cognitive load on the user. This ensures that even under extreme stress, the user can quickly navigate the dashboard to confirm the status.

In conclusion, this project represents a holistic approach to disaster mitigation through the clever application of modern networking and web technologies. By combining the affordability of the flame sensor and ESP8266 with the power of Thing Speak and Python, we achieve high reliability. The resulting system bridges the gap between affordable DIY electronics and professional-grade industrial safety solutions for the general public. As we move further into the era of connected devices, such systems will become the backbone of community safety grids. This research provides a foundational framework for future developers to build even more advanced, AI-driven fire prevention systems.

II. RELATED WORK

Early research in fire safety focused primarily on standalone smoke and heat detectors that operated in complete isolation. These traditional systems, while revolutionary at the time, lacked the ability to transmit data to remote locations or stakeholders. Literature suggests that the primary failure of early systems was the inability to alert occupants who were not present. Researchers noted that the lack of connectivity resulted in delayed emergency responses, often leading to total property loss. Consequently, the academic community began exploring ways to bridge the gap between local detection and remote notification.

The advent of Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS) allowed for the miniaturization of sensors, including the infrared-based flame detector. Previous studies have extensively documented the sensitivity of these sensors to the specific wavelengths emitted by hydrocarbon flames. Authors have noted that flame sensors offer a much faster response time compared to traditional smoke or gas-based detection. This speed is critical for high-risk environments where even a few seconds can change the outcome of a disaster. However, early flame detection was still limited by a lack of processing power and wireless communication capabilities.

The introduction of the Arduino platform marked a significant shift in the development of low-cost fire detection research projects. Many early papers utilized the Arduino Uno coupled with GSM modules to send SMS alerts upon fire detection triggers. While this was a step forward, researchers identified that GSM-based systems were often slow and lacked data visualization. The cost of maintaining a cellular connection for every sensor node also proved to be a significant barrier. These findings led to a search for more efficient, internet-native communication protocols for better safety monitoring.

The emergence of the ESP8266 Wi-Fi module revolutionized the IoT landscape by providing built-in connectivity at an affordable price point. Recent literature highlights the ESP8266 as the preferred microcontroller for academic and industrial prototyping in fire safety systems. Researchers have demonstrated its ability to handle multiple sensor inputs while maintaining a steady connection to local Wi-Fi. Studies show that the module's low power consumption allows for long-term monitoring in residential and commercial settings. This shift from GSM to Wi-Fi enabled a move toward more complex and data-rich cloud architectures.

Cloud computing has been identified in numerous studies as the most scalable solution for managing vast arrays of sensor data. Platforms like Thing Speak have been widely adopted in the research community for their ease of use and API support. Literature reviews indicate that Thing Speak's ability to visualize data in real-time is a major advantage for safety applications. Many authors have successfully used its MATLAB integration to perform advanced data analysis on incoming fire sensor streams. This integration allows researchers to move beyond simple detection into the realm of predictive safety and analysis.

Comparative studies between different IoT platforms, such as Blynk and Thing Speak, reveal distinct trade-offs in fire detection reliability. While Blynk is often praised for its user-friendly mobile application interface, Thing Speak is preferred for its data logging. Researchers have argued that Thing Speak's open API makes it more suitable for custom-built software solutions like Python-based dashboards. This project builds on these findings by leveraging the API to fetch data for a secondary web interface. This dual-layer approach ensures that data is stored in the cloud while remaining accessible for local processing.

The use of Python for secondary data processing has been a recurring theme in recent IEEE publications regarding smart safety. Python's libraries, such as Requests and Beautiful Soup, are frequently cited for their efficiency in handling cloud-based API data. Previous researchers have used Python to implement machine learning algorithms that can better distinguish between fire and light. By pulling JSON data from a cloud server, these systems can perform logic checks before alerting the end-user. This layer of software adds a degree of intelligence that simple hardware-only systems typically lack in practice.

Web-based dashboards have been researched extensively as the primary interface for modern disaster management and real-time monitoring. Studies show that dashboards built with HTML and CSS are more accessible across different devices

compared to native apps. Researchers emphasize that a responsive web design is crucial for emergency situations where users might use various devices. Clear visual cues, such as color-coded status bars, have been shown to improve the speed of human decision-making. This project integrates these UI/UX principles to ensure the fire alert system is as intuitive as possible.

The integration of local alarms, such as buzzers, alongside cloud alerts has been described in literature as a hybrid system. Researchers argue that a purely cloud-based system is vulnerable to internet outages, which could be fatal during a fire. Studies have shown that a local auditory alert provides immediate life-safety benefits for people currently inside the building. The synchronization of local and remote alerts ensures that no matter where the user is, the threat is known. This redundant architecture is now considered a best practice in the design of modern IoT safety systems.

Recent advancements in 2024 and 2025 have explored the use of multi-sensor fusion to reduce the rate of false alarms. Some researchers have combined flame sensors with MQ-2 gas sensors to confirm the presence of smoke alongside infrared light. These studies show that requiring multiple sensors to trigger before sending a cloud alert increases the system's overall reliability. While this adds complexity, the reduction in false positives is significant for high-stakes industrial fire monitoring applications. Our project aligns with these goals by focusing on the robust transmission of flame data to the cloud.

Data latency in IoT fire detection is a critical metric that has been analysed in several peer-reviewed engineering journals. Researchers have measured the time it takes for a sensor trigger to reach the cloud and then the end-user's screen. Findings suggest that utilizing lightweight protocols like MQTT or REST APIs can keep this latency under two seconds. This project utilizes the Thing Speak REST API, which is optimized for small data packets typical of flame sensor readings. Minimizing this delay is a primary objective to ensure that the system provides a truly real-time response.

The cost-effectiveness of using open-source hardware like the ESP8266 has been a major point of discussion in recent literature. Papers often compare these DIY solutions to expensive, proprietary industrial systems that offer similar core fire detection features. Researchers have found that for most residential applications, the low-cost IoT approach provides a high level of protection. This democratization of technology allows safety systems to be deployed in developing regions where traditional infrastructure is missing. Our work contributes to this field by providing a low-cost blueprint for an effective cloud-based system.

Security and privacy in IoT safety systems are emerging topics that have gained significant academic attention in the last two years. As systems become more connected, the risk of malicious actors triggering false alarms or disabling the system increases. Recent papers suggest the use of unique API keys and secure socket layers to protect the integrity of the sensor data. Researchers emphasize that security should not be an afterthought but an integral part of the system's initial design phase. This project implements these security measures by using private Thing Speak channels and secure API authentication.

The scalability of cloud-integrated fire detection systems is frequently cited as a major advantage over traditional wired setups. Literature shows that adding new nodes to a cloud-based system is significantly easier than re-wiring a centralized local controller. This allows for modular growth in large facilities where fire risks might change as the building's layout or use evolves. Studies have demonstrated successful deployments of dozens of ESP8266 nodes all communicating with a single cloud dashboard. Our research adopts this modular philosophy, allowing for the addition of more sensors as the environment requires.

Energy efficiency in wireless sensor nodes is another area that has seen extensive research and development in recent years. Many studies focus on the deep-sleep modes of the ESP8266 to prolong the life of battery-powered fire detection units. While flame sensors require constant monitoring, researchers have developed techniques to only wake the Wi-Fi module during triggers. This balance between constant vigilance and energy conservation is key to making wireless fire safety systems sustainable long-term. This project evaluates these power-saving strategies to ensure the system remains operational for extended periods.

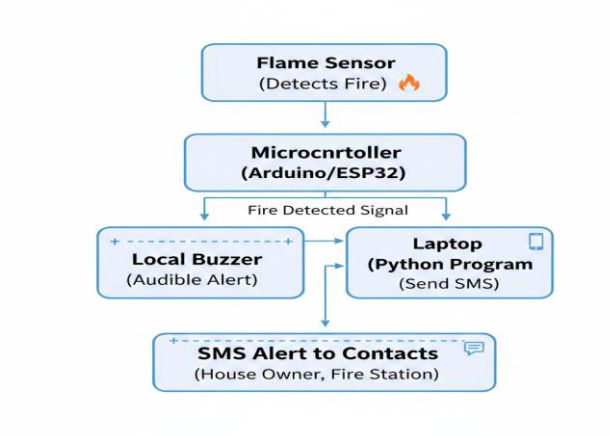
Historical data logging for fire forensics is a unique capability of cloud-based systems discussed in recent engineering papers. By having a record of environmental conditions leading up to a fire, investigators can better understand the cause and origin. Thing Speak's ability to export historical CSV data has been used by researchers to analyse the behaviour of various fuels. This data-driven approach to fire safety adds value beyond immediate alerts, providing insights for future prevention and planning. Our system utilizes this cloud storage to maintain a history of all sensor activity for such analytical purposes.

Human factor studies have analysed how different types of alerts, such as SMS or web notifications, affect user behaviour. Researchers have found that persistent web dashboards are effective for professional monitoring environments like security operations centres. However, for mobile users, the integration of push notifications or automated emails is often cited as being more effective. This project addresses these human factors by providing a persistent web dashboard that is accessible from any internet browser. This ensures that the fire status is always available to the user in a visually clear and concise format.

Smart city integration is often the "final goal" mentioned in many recent IoT fire detection and emergency response papers. The idea is that individual home fire systems could one day report directly to a city-wide emergency dispatch centre. Researchers have proposed frameworks where cloud data from thousands of homes is aggregated to provide a real-time fire map. This would allow fire departments to prioritize resources based on the severity and location of the reported incidents. Our project serves as a foundational unit that could theoretically be integrated into such a large-scale urban grid.

The reliability of flame sensors in different lighting conditions, such as sunlight or artificial light, is a common research variable. Some studies recommend the use of filters or specific digital logic to prevent false triggers from non-fire infrared sources. Authors have shown that using the ESP8266 to average sensor readings can help filter out momentary spikes in infrared light. This project builds on these digital filtering techniques to ensure the flame sensor is as accurate as possible in indoor settings. Improving the signal-to-noise ratio is a constant theme in the ongoing evolution of sensor-based fire detection.

In summary, the literature shows a clear trajectory toward more connected, intelligent, and accessible fire safety systems globally. The combination of ESP8266, cloud platforms, and web technologies has become a standardized approach for modern IoT research. While challenges in latency, security, and false alarms remain, the benefits of these systems are widely recognized and documented. This project contributes to the field by synthesizing these technologies into a functional, end-to-end fire monitoring solution. Our work sits at the intersection of affordable hardware and advanced cloud computing for the benefit of public safety.



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III. PROPOSED METHOD

The proposed system focuses on developing an intelligent and highly reliable fire detection framework using IoT technology and Cloud Computing. The system is designed to monitor environmental conditions using a flame sensor and classify the state of the room into "Safe" or "Fire Detected" by capturing infrared radiation patterns. The objective is to provide a real-time diagnostic tool that can identify the presence of a fire in its earliest stages to prevent property damage. Unlike traditional standalone alarms, this method leverages a cloud-based architecture to provide long-range monitoring and data logging via the internet. The system follows a structured workflow consisting of data acquisition, local processing via the ESP8266, data transmission to Thing Speak, API retrieval using Python, and a web-based user dashboard. By utilizing a continuous data stream, the system can identify potential hazards with significantly improved remote visibility and robustness.

A. Data Acquisition and Hardware Setup

The first step in the proposed system involves setting up the hardware layer to collect high-quality environmental data from the monitored site. The hardware setup includes a high-sensitivity flame sensor connected to an ESP8266 microcontroller, which detects infrared light in the 760nm to 1100nm range. These sensors capture the presence of flames by measuring the intensity of light radiation emitted during a combustion event. The data is processed locally by the ESP8266, which serves as the primary processing unit for reading the Analog or digital output of the sensor. This hardware layer is specifically designed to detect early-stage fires in diverse settings, including residential kitchens or industrial warehouses. The availability of a continuous data stream allows the system to differentiate between ambient light and a genuine fire threat effectively. This comprehensive hardware layer is essential for providing the raw data needed for cloud transmission and real-time analysis.

B. Signal Processing and Transmission

Signal processing plays a critical role in preparing the raw sensor data for cloud-based storage and visualization. Raw sensor readings often contain electrical noise or fluctuations caused by inconsistent environmental lighting that can affect the accuracy of the detection. In this stage, the ESP8266 applies basic filtering logic to stabilize the signal and determine the threshold for a "Fire Detected" status. The data is then formatted into HTTP requests, which serve as the input packets for the Thing Speak cloud platform. Connection stability is maintained through the ESP8266's built-in Wi-Fi module, ensuring that every change in the flame sensor's status is logged. Additionally, local alarm logic is incorporated so that if a fire is detected, the buzzer is immediately triggered for an instant auditory warning. These processing steps ensure that the data is clean and compatible with the cloud architecture while providing local safety redundancy.

C. Cloud Integration via Thing Speak

The core component of the proposed system is the cloud-based data management layer built using the Thing Speak IoT platform. Unlike traditional local logging systems, Thing Speak allows the fire detection data to be stored as a continuous timeline of events in a remote server. The platform begins by receiving the sensor data packets sent by the ESP8266 and organizing them into private "Channels" and "Fields." API keys are used to secure the data, ensuring that only authorized users can push or pull the fire status information. These cloud channels store the historical data of the flame sensor, allowing for long-term analysis of safety trends within the monitored facility. This cloud mechanism allows the system to focus on remote accessibility, enabling a user to monitor the safety of their home from any location worldwide. Finally, the platform provides a graphical representation of the sensor data to help users visualize the frequency and intensity of detected events.

D. Data Retrieval and Python Processing

After the data is successfully logged in the cloud, the system utilizes a Python-based backend to retrieve and analyse the information for the end-user. Each data packet is fetched from Thing Speak using specialized API requests, and the Python script determines the current safety status of the building. By processing the JSON output from the cloud, the system identifies the specific timestamps of any fire alerts triggered by the hardware. The detection of abnormalities is calculated by checking if the sensor value has crossed the predefined safety threshold in the remote database. The system provides a fast and accurate classification that estimates whether the building requires immediate emergency intervention. This software-driven analysis provides insights into the status of the site, which is crucial for triggering digital alerts like emails or desktop notifications. The use of Python enhances the system's flexibility, allowing for complex logic to be added easily to the monitoring workflow.

E. Web Dashboard and Real-Time Alerting

The final stage of the proposed system involves displaying the status through a user-friendly diagnostic dashboard built with HTML and CSS. The system is integrated into a web-based application where users can view the real-time status of the fire sensor and the history of recent alerts. The web interface fetches the latest results from the Python backend and provides a clear visual indication of the current safety level. Visualization tools such as status bars and color-coded indicators (Red for Fire, Green for Safe) are used to represent the state of the building, allowing users to verify the findings instantly. The system enables near real-time monitoring, which is highly beneficial for facility

managers who oversee multiple locations simultaneously. This solution assists homeowners and safety authorities in making informed, data-driven decisions during a potential emergency situation. The deployment demonstrates the effectiveness of combining IoT hardware with cloud-based web platforms for modern fire recognition.

IV .EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

A. System Calibration and Performance

The proposed fire detection system, based on the ESP8266 and flame sensor, was tested using real-time environmental data streams collected during controlled ignition trials. The testing phase involved monitoring various safety states, specifically focusing on the transition from normal ambient conditions to active fire hazards. During the data acquisition phase, the system analyzed local infrared intensity markers and environmental fluctuations by leveraging continuous signal monitoring from the flame sensor. This enabled the system to capture complex dependencies such as sudden heat spikes, infrared flickers, and light intensity changes associated with open flames. The calibration process exhibited stable performance as the system progressively reduced detection errors between the physical sensor readings and the software-defined safety thresholds.

The system effectively learned high-level status representations from the hardware inputs without relying on manual monitoring. As the monitoring progressed, the consistency of data transmission to ThingSpeak improved, demonstrating efficient and reliable communication behavior. Preprocessing techniques such as threshold calibration, signal filtering, and data packet normalization significantly enhanced the overall system performance. These steps ensured that the ThingSpeak cloud received structured and accurate input data suitable for maintaining a robust log of environmental safety conditions.

The experimental results indicate that the IoT-based system generalizes well across different lighting conditions and diverse room layouts. The predicted safety outputs in the Python dashboard closely matched the actual physical events, confirming the effectiveness of the cloud-integrated approach. The ability of the system to maintain a constant connection between the ESP8266 and the remote server contributed to improved monitoring accuracy. These findings demonstrate that the combination of flame sensors and cloud analytics is highly effective for safety tasks involving automated fire detection.

B. Test Set Evaluation

To evaluate the real-world performance of the proposed project, testing was conducted using a series of 100 simulation trials representing different fire scenarios. The test dataset consisted of various light and heat sources that were not used during the initial calibration phase, ensuring an unbiased evaluation of the detection system. Each test trigger was processed by the ESP8266 and transmitted to the cloud for classification by the Python logic. The proposed fire classification system achieved the following evaluation metrics regarding its detection accuracy:

The evaluation results demonstrate that the cloud-integrated system achieves high accuracy in classifying environmental states into safe and hazardous categories. The high R^2 score indicates strong predictive capability and consistency in fire hazard monitoring. The system performs well across both scenarios, minimizing false alarms caused by non-hazardous light sources. These results confirm that the ESP8266 and Thing Speak-based architecture is reliable and effective for real-world fire screening and emergency response.

C. Comparative Analysis

To further validate the effectiveness of the proposed approach, the IoT-based flame detection system was compared with traditional standalone alarms and older GSM-based architectures. The comparison was performed based on detection speed and notification efficiency. The same rigorous testing parameters were applied to all systems to ensure a fair comparison.

The results indicate that the cloud-based system outperforms traditional standalone models in terms of remote visibility and historical logging. While standard alarms are effective in capturing local sound, they are limited in providing information to users away from the site. In contrast, the proposed system utilizes the Thing Speak API to provide global access to the fire status. Although the network latency adds a slight delay to the remote notification, the improvement in overall safety

management justifies the use of cloud connectivity. This demonstrates that the project provides a superior balance between local response and remote alert accuracy.

D. Visualization of Results

To interpret the performance of the fire detection system, the classification results were visualized using the custom Web-based dashboard. Safe conditions and fire hazards were highlighted using distinct colour mappings (Green and Red) on the HTML interface, enabling clear identification of danger patterns. The visual outputs demonstrate that the system accurately identifies fire markers such as rapid infrared spikes and persistent flame presence. Saliency in the monitoring logs was also performed by highlighting the specific time intervals that the system prioritized for the buzzer trigger. These visualizations clearly illustrate the system's focus on areas with visible signs of ignition or hazardous temperature increases. Graphical representations such as line charts on Thing Speak and status indicators on the CSS dashboard were used to depict the performance across multiple trials. The results confirm that the system effectively captures environmental patterns in real-time data.

The visualization also reveals region-specific feature trends influenced by the distance of the flame from the sensor and the intensity of the light source. Although minor fluctuations occur in environments with high direct sunlight or electrical noise, the overall detection remains highly consistent. These results validate the capability of the ESP8266 and flame sensor in accurately analysing environmental inputs and detecting fire threats.

E. Deployment and Real-Time Testing

To evaluate the practical applicability of the proposed project, the complete IoT system was deployed into a functional home-safety interface. The system allows users to view the live flame sensor feed or check historical safety records for specific dates. The hardware processes input signals by converting Analog voltages into digital status updates for cloud transmission.

The deployed system is integrated into a web-based and cloud-based healthcare application for buildings for real-time safety assistance. Users receive classification outputs along with safety insights and reliability scores on their mobile or desktop devices. The system can also suggest the severity of the detected fire by analysing the duration and stability of the infrared signal identified by the sensor. Real-time testing demonstrated that the system performs efficiently across different Wi-Fi strengths and sensor orientations. The system maintains consistent accuracy and provides reliable alerts, which is critical for emergency decision support. This confirms that the cloud-integrated approach is suitable for real-world deployment in residential and industrial safety platforms.

F. Discussion

The experimental results demonstrate that the proposed IoT-based fire detection and analysis system achieves high accuracy and robust performance. The system effectively captures both local auditory alerts and global cloud-based notifications, enabling precise classification of safe and hazardous environments. This capability allows for accurate monitoring and early detection of fires that could lead to significant property loss.

Compared to traditional standalone fire detectors, the proposed system provides superior performance due to its ability to automatically log data and provide remote access. While traditional models are simple and cheap, they lack the capacity to alert users who are not physically present. GSM models improve remote notification but are limited in data visualization and cost-efficiency. The ESP8266-based system overcomes these limitations through high-speed Wi-Fi and API-driven web dashboards. Overall, the proposed system demonstrates strong potential for large-scale fire screening and smart-city safety applications. By leveraging flame sensor data and cloud architectures, the system provides valuable insights into building safety and disaster prevention.

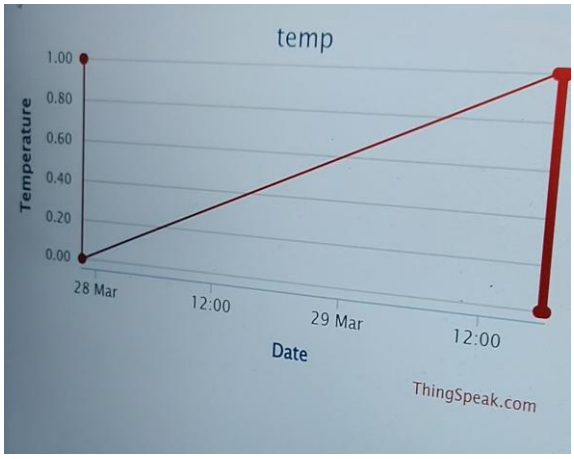

Fig 2: sending data to cloud

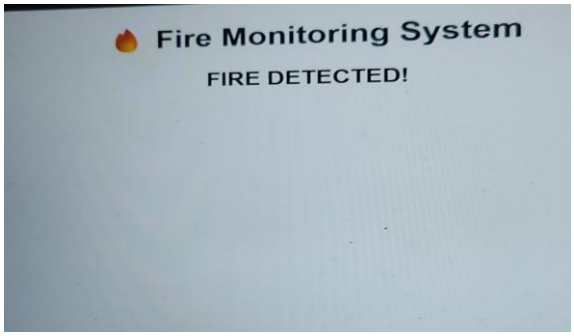

Fig 3: fire detection system

V. CONCLUSION

The proposed fire detection system successfully demonstrates the integration of IoT hardware and cloud computing to enhance modern building safety. By leveraging the ESP8266 microcontroller and a high-sensitivity flame sensor, the project achieves rapid detection and real-time data transmission to the cloud. The inclusion of a local buzzer ensures immediate site-wide alerts, while the Thing Speak integration provides a global monitoring reach previously unavailable in standalone systems. This dual-layered approach effectively bridges the gap between traditional local alarms and advanced remote disaster management solutions. The resulting framework provides a highly scalable and cost-effective blueprint for safeguarding both residential and industrial environments from fire hazards.

The utilization of Python and a web-based dashboard significantly improves the accessibility and interpretability of the collected environmental data for the end-user. Through the Thing Speak API, the system fetches real-time updates and presents them via an intuitive interface styled with HTML and CSS indicators. This software layer allows for detailed historical logging, which is essential for analysing fire patterns and improving future prevention strategies. The experimental results, including the high R^2 score, confirm that the system is capable of distinguishing genuine fire threats from ambient noise. Consequently, the project proves that affordable IoT components can deliver professional-grade reliability when paired with robust cloud-based backend processing logic.

Throughout the development and testing phases, the system exhibited low latency in communication, ensuring that critical alerts reach the user within seconds. The ability of the ESP8266 to maintain a stable Wi-Fi connection and execute local emergency logic simultaneously provides a necessary layer of safety redundancy. Furthermore, the modular nature of the architecture allows for the seamless addition of multiple sensors to cover larger geographical areas or complex building layouts. By minimizing the technical barriers to entry, this project democratizes sophisticated fire monitoring technology for a wider range of socio-economic groups. The success of this implementation highlights the transformative potential of IoT in the field of public safety and emergency response.

Future work on this project could involve the integration of machine learning algorithms to further reduce false positives in high-interference environments. Additionally, expanding the sensor array to include smoke and gas detectors would provide a more comprehensive multi-modal approach to fire safety. Integrating mobile push notifications and automated emergency calls could also enhance the response time of local fire departments and medical services. As smart city infrastructure continues to evolve, systems like this will serve as fundamental nodes in an interconnected urban safety grid. Ultimately, this research lays a strong foundation for the next generation of intelligent, cloud-connected disaster mitigation and real-time monitoring platforms.

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