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ELECTRICAL FAULT DIAGNOSIS AND MAINTENANCE STRATEGIES FOR INDUSTRIAL POWER SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT

Industrial power systems are essential to manufacturing, petrochemical, mining, processing, and other energy-intensive operations, yet their increasing complexity raises the frequency and consequences of electrical faults. This review examines fault-diagnosis techniques and maintenance strategies for improving reliability, operational efficiency, safety, and equipment life. Relevant literature on industrial power systems, common fault mechanisms, diagnostic practices, intelligent monitoring, and maintenance management was critically synthesized and compared. The review covers short-circuit, ground, open-circuit, insulation, overload, arc, harmonic, transformer, and motor faults. Conventional techniques include visual inspection, insulation-resistance testing, protective-relay monitoring, infrared thermography, vibration analysis, dissolved-gas analysis, partial-discharge measurement, and power-quality analysis. Advanced approaches based on artificial intelligence, neural networks, fuzzy logic, expert systems, machine learning, internet-connected sensors, and supervisory control are also assessed. Maintenance philosophies considered include corrective, preventive, predictive, condition-based, reliability-centered, and total productive maintenance. The evidence indicates that predictive and condition-based strategies can reduce unplanned downtime and improve asset reliability by identifying deterioration before catastrophic failure. Their effectiveness is strengthened when diagnostic data are integrated with maintenance planning and skilled human judgment. However, aging infrastructure, weak maintenance culture, limited technical expertise, financial constraints, inconsistent power quality, harsh operating conditions, and cybersecurity risks continue to hinder implementation, particularly in developing economies. Integrating intelligent diagnosis with proactive maintenance, digital monitoring, workforce development, and robust cybersecurity is therefore recommended to improve long-term industrial power-system performance. Overall, the review supports a coordinated framework in which diagnostic evidence, risk-based prioritization, and timely maintenance decisions are managed as one continuous reliability process.

Keywords: Industrial Power Systems; Electrical Faults; Fault Diagnosis; Predictive Maintenance; Condition Monitoring; Reliability-Centered Maintenance; Industrial Electrical Systems.

1 INTRODUCTION

Industrial development across the world has remained closely tied to the availability of reliable electrical power systems. Modern industries depend extensively on electrical infrastructure for production processes, automation, material handling, communication systems, thermal processing, and operational control. In sectors such as petroleum refining, manufacturing, mining, steel production, food processing, and chemical engineering, uninterrupted electrical

supply is essential for maintaining productivity, product quality, and operational safety [1]. As industrial facilities continue to expand in complexity and scale, the reliability of electrical power systems has become increasingly important to industrial sustainability and economic performance.

Electrical power systems within industrial environments are exposed to demanding operational conditions that accelerate equipment deterioration and increase the likelihood of electrical faults. Components such as transformers, switchgears, motors, cables, relays, and distribution systems often operate continuously under heavy electrical loading, thermal stress, vibration, dust contamination, and fluctuating voltage conditions [2]. These operational realities create significant challenges for maintenance engineers and facility operators responsible for ensuring continuous system availability and reliability.

The consequences of electrical failure in industrial environments are often severe. Equipment malfunction may result in unplanned downtime, production losses, increased maintenance costs, fire outbreaks, and safety hazards to personnel [3]. In highly automated industries, even a brief interruption in power supply can disrupt synchronized production systems and compromise entire manufacturing processes. This has intensified global interest in effective fault diagnosis techniques and strategic maintenance planning capable of minimizing operational interruptions and improving equipment reliability.

At the same time, fault diagnosis technologies have advanced considerably over the past few decades. Traditional inspection methods involving manual testing and visual assessment have increasingly been replaced by intelligent monitoring systems capable of real time condition analysis [5]. Modern industries now utilize technologies such as infrared thermography, vibration monitoring, dissolved gas analysis, ultrasonic testing, partial discharge measurement, and digital protective systems to evaluate equipment health and detect incipient faults.

Despite these technological improvements, many industrial sectors particularly within developing economies continue to experience substantial maintenance related challenges. Poor maintenance culture, aging infrastructure, inadequate technical manpower, unstable electrical supply, and limited access to modern diagnostic technologies continue to reduce industrial efficiency and system reliability [7]. In several cases, maintenance operations remain largely reactive rather than predictive, resulting in repeated equipment failures and increased operational costs.

The growing dependence on automated industrial systems has therefore increased the need for comprehensive approaches to electrical fault diagnosis and maintenance management. Effective maintenance frameworks are now viewed not only as technical necessities but also as strategic tools for improving industrial competitiveness, operational efficiency, worker safety, and long term sustainability.

The aim of this review is to critically examine electrical fault diagnosis techniques and maintenance strategies used in industrial power systems with emphasis on improving system reliability, operational continuity, equipment performance, and maintenance efficiency within industrial environments.

The objectives of the review are to examine the common electrical faults encountered in industrial power systems, evaluate conventional and modern fault diagnosis techniques, analyze major maintenance strategies applied within industrial facilities, discuss the role of intelligent technologies in electrical fault detection and maintenance management, identify challenges affecting maintenance implementation in industrial sectors, and provide recommendations for improving industrial power system reliability and long term operational sustainability.

2 RELATED WORK

Research on industrial electrical reliability has developed along three connected paths. Power-system and protection studies explain fault behavior, selectivity, grounding, and power-quality effects; condition-monitoring studies evaluate thermal, electrical, mechanical, oil, and discharge indicators; and maintenance-management studies link these indicators to work selection, scheduling, organizational culture, and reliability performance. Earlier approaches concentrated on post-failure repair and fixed service intervals, whereas recent work emphasizes continuous condition data, prognostics, intelligent classification, and risk-based maintenance. The following review integrates these streams rather than treating diagnosis and maintenance as separate activities.

3 METHODOLOGY

This study employed a narrative critical-review design. The review corpus comprised the 148 sources listed in the References section; no new database search was undertaken for this revision. The corpus covers publications dated 1933-2019 and includes books, standards, technical guidance, institutional reports, and peer-reviewed journal articles. The review framework was informed by foundational works on power-system analysis, maintenance engineering,

intelligent condition monitoring, and industrial maintenance practice [1]-[7]. Sources were eligible for thematic synthesis when they addressed at least one of the following subjects: industrial power-system structure and reliability; electrical-fault causes or classifications; conventional or intelligent diagnostic techniques; maintenance strategies; or emerging monitoring and automation technologies. Sources lacking direct relevance to these themes were not used to support the synthesis. Each retained source was categorized by subject and evidence type, after which the reported techniques, benefits, limitations, implementation barriers, and reliability implications were compared qualitatively. Findings were then organized under the thematic headings used in the Results and Discussion section and interpreted against the review objectives stated in the Introduction. Because this was a literature review, no laboratory equipment, manufacturers, starting materials, chemicals, chemical equations, or experimental processes were involved.

4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Industrial Power Systems and Sources of Electrical Faults

4.1.1 Structure of industrial power systems

Industrial power systems are composed of interconnected electrical components responsible for power generation, transmission, distribution, protection, and utilization. The structure of these systems varies depending on the nature and scale of industrial operations, but most industrial facilities contain several core components that work together to maintain stable electrical supply [17].

4.1.2 Characteristics of industrial electrical loads

Industrial electrical loads differ significantly from domestic and commercial loads because they involve heavy machinery, high starting currents, nonlinear devices, and continuous operational demands. Large induction motors constitute one of the most dominant industrial loads and are commonly used in pumps, compressors, fans, conveyors, and production equipment [20].

4.1.3 Common sources of electrical faults

Electrical faults in industrial power systems may originate from electrical, mechanical, environmental, or human related factors. One of the most common causes of fault occurrence is insulation failure resulting from thermal aging, moisture penetration, contamination, and prolonged electrical stress [22]. As insulation materials deteriorate, the risk of short circuits, leakage currents, and flashovers increases significantly.

4.1.4 Impact of electrical faults on industrial operations

The effects of electrical faults on industrial systems can be extremely severe depending on the nature and location of the fault. One of the most immediate consequences is production downtime resulting from equipment shutdown and process interruption [27]. In highly automated facilities, production losses resulting from electrical failure may accumulate rapidly and significantly affect organizational profitability.

4.1.5 Need for effective fault diagnosis and maintenance systems

The increasing complexity of industrial electrical systems has made effective fault diagnosis and maintenance management essential for operational sustainability. Traditional maintenance approaches based solely on reactive repairs are no longer sufficient for modern industrial facilities that depend heavily on continuous production and automated processes [30].

4.2 Classification of Electrical Faults in Industrial Power Systems

4.2.1 Short circuit faults

Short circuit faults occur when unintended electrical contact develops between conductors carrying different voltage potentials or between a conductor and ground. These faults create low resistance current paths that allow excessive current to flow through the system [34]. Short circuit faults are among the most dangerous electrical abnormalities because they generate intense heat, severe mechanical stress, and destructive electromagnetic forces capable of damaging equipment within a very short period.

4.2.2 Ground faults

Ground faults occur when an energized conductor unintentionally comes into contact with the earth or grounded components of the electrical system. These faults are particularly common in industrial environments where equipment operates under humid, dusty, or chemically contaminated conditions [37].

4.2.3 Open circuit faults

Open circuit faults occur when the continuity of an electrical conductor is interrupted, preventing normal current flow within the system. These faults may result from broken conductors, loose electrical connections, blown fuses, damaged switches, or failed circuit breakers [39].

4.2.4 Insulation failure faults

Insulation systems are essential for preventing unintended current flow between conductors and grounded surfaces. Over time, however, insulation materials gradually deteriorate due to thermal stress, electrical stress, mechanical vibration, moisture exposure, contamination, and chemical degradation [41].

4.2.5 Overload faults

Overload faults occur when electrical equipment operates beyond its designed current carrying capacity for extended periods. Excessive loading generates abnormal heat within conductors, transformers, motors, and switchgears, gradually weakening insulation systems and reducing equipment lifespan [43].

4.2.6 Arc faults

Arc faults occur when electrical discharge develops through ionized air between conductors or between a conductor and ground. These faults produce extremely high temperatures capable of melting conductors, igniting surrounding materials, and causing severe equipment destruction [45].

4.2.7 Harmonic related faults

The increasing use of nonlinear electronic equipment in industrial systems has significantly increased harmonic distortion within electrical networks. Harmonics are unwanted frequency components generated by devices such as variable frequency drives, rectifiers, power converters, and automated control systems [47].

4.2.8 Transformer and motor faults

Transformers and electric motors are among the most critical assets within industrial power systems and account for a significant proportion of maintenance related activities. Transformer faults commonly involve insulation deterioration, winding failure, overheating, oil contamination, and partial discharge activity [49].

4.2.9 Temporary and permanent faults

Industrial electrical faults may also be classified as temporary or permanent depending on their duration and operational behavior. Temporary faults occur briefly and disappear once the abnormal condition is removed. Examples include lightning induced disturbances, transient switching faults, and momentary conductor contact [51].

4.3 Conventional Fault Diagnosis Techniques in Industrial Power Systems

4.3.1 Visual inspection and routine monitoring

Visual inspection represents one of the oldest and most widely practiced fault diagnosis methods in industrial maintenance. Maintenance personnel routinely inspect electrical equipment for visible signs of deterioration such as discoloration, overheating, insulation cracking, loose connections, oil leakage, corrosion, abnormal vibration, and mechanical wear [55].

4.3.2 Insulation resistance testing

Insulation resistance testing is one of the most important conventional techniques used to evaluate the integrity of insulation systems in electrical equipment. The method involves applying direct current voltage across insulation materials and measuring the resulting resistance value [57].

4.3.3 Protective relay monitoring and fault indication

Protective relays are essential components of industrial power systems because they continuously monitor electrical parameters and initiate protective actions when abnormal conditions occur. Relays detect variations in current, voltage, frequency, impedance, and phase relationships that may indicate fault conditions within the system [59].

4.3.4 Thermal imaging and infrared thermography

Infrared thermography has become one of the most widely adopted conventional fault diagnosis methods in industrial electrical maintenance. The technique involves the use of thermal imaging cameras to detect abnormal temperature distribution within electrical equipment during operation [61].

4.3.5 Vibration analysis

Vibration analysis is widely used in diagnosing faults associated with rotating electrical equipment such as motors, generators, turbines, and pumps. Mechanical abnormalities including bearing wear, rotor imbalance, shaft misalignment, looseness, and mechanical resonance generate distinctive vibration patterns that can be detected and analyzed [63].

4.3.6 Dissolved gas analysis

Dissolved gas analysis is a specialized diagnostic method primarily used for monitoring transformer condition. The technique involves analyzing gases dissolved in transformer insulating oil to identify internal electrical or thermal abnormalities [65].

4.3.7 Partial discharge measurement

Partial discharge measurement is used to detect localized electrical discharge activity occurring within insulation systems. Partial discharge does not completely bridge the insulation gap but gradually weakens insulation materials over time and eventually leads to equipment failure [67].

4.3.8 Power quality analysis

Power quality analysis involves monitoring electrical parameters such as voltage stability, current distortion, frequency variation, harmonic content, and transient disturbances within industrial systems [69]. Poor power quality often indicates underlying electrical abnormalities capable of affecting equipment performance and reliability.

4.4 Intelligent and Advanced Fault Diagnosis Techniques

4.4.1 Artificial intelligence based fault diagnosis

Artificial intelligence has emerged as one of the most important technological developments in industrial fault diagnosis. Artificial intelligence systems are designed to simulate human decision making processes by analyzing operational data, recognizing patterns, and identifying abnormal system behavior [73].

4.4.2 Artificial neural networks

Artificial neural networks are computational models inspired by the structure and operation of the human brain. These systems consist of interconnected processing units capable of learning relationships between input and output data through repeated training processes [75].

4.4.3 Fuzzy logic systems

Fuzzy logic systems are intelligent diagnostic approaches designed to handle uncertainty and imprecise information within industrial processes. Unlike conventional binary logic systems that classify conditions strictly as true or false, fuzzy logic allows partial membership between operational states [77].

4.4.4 Expert systems in industrial maintenance

Expert systems are computer based diagnostic programs developed to simulate the knowledge and reasoning processes of experienced maintenance engineers and technical specialists. These systems utilize predefined rules, operational databases, and inference mechanisms to analyze equipment conditions and recommend corrective actions [79].

4.4.5 Machine learning applications

Machine learning has become one of the most influential technologies in modern industrial fault diagnosis. Machine learning systems utilize statistical algorithms capable of identifying hidden relationships and operational patterns from large datasets without explicit programming instructions [81].

4.4.6 Internet of Things based monitoring systems

The development of the Internet of Things has significantly improved industrial equipment monitoring and fault diagnosis capabilities. Internet of Things technology involves the integration of sensors, communication networks, and digital devices that continuously collect and transmit operational data in real time [83].

4.4.7 Supervisory control and data acquisition systems

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems represent one of the most important digital monitoring technologies used in industrial power systems. These systems provide centralized monitoring and control of electrical equipment across industrial facilities [85].

4.4.8 Advantages of intelligent diagnostic systems

The growing adoption of intelligent fault diagnosis systems within industrial environments is largely driven by their numerous operational advantages. These systems improve fault detection speed, increase diagnostic accuracy, reduce maintenance costs, minimize downtime, and support predictive maintenance planning [87].

4.5 Maintenance Strategies for Industrial Power Systems

4.5.1 Corrective maintenance

Corrective maintenance refers to maintenance activities performed only after equipment failure or system malfunction has occurred. This approach is commonly described as reactive maintenance because repairs are initiated in response to operational breakdown [91].

4.5.2 Preventive maintenance

Preventive maintenance involves performing scheduled inspection, servicing, testing, and replacement activities at predetermined intervals regardless of equipment condition. The primary objective of preventive maintenance is to reduce the likelihood of unexpected failure through routine maintenance procedures [93].

4.5.3 Predictive maintenance

Predictive maintenance is a condition oriented maintenance strategy that utilizes equipment monitoring and diagnostic technologies to predict potential failure before breakdown occurs. Unlike preventive maintenance which follows fixed schedules, predictive maintenance relies on real time equipment condition assessment to determine when maintenance intervention is necessary [96].

4.5.4 Condition based maintenance

Condition based maintenance is closely related to predictive maintenance but places greater emphasis on direct monitoring of equipment operating condition before maintenance decisions are made. Maintenance activities are initiated only when monitored parameters indicate abnormal equipment behavior or deterioration [99].

4.5.5 Reliability centered maintenance

Reliability centered maintenance is a systematic maintenance strategy focused on preserving the functional reliability of industrial systems through risk assessment and failure analysis. The approach emphasizes identifying critical equipment, evaluating failure consequences, and selecting the most appropriate maintenance strategy for each operational condition [101].

4.5.6 Total productive maintenance

Total productive maintenance is a maintenance philosophy focused on maximizing equipment effectiveness through organization wide participation in maintenance activities. Unlike traditional maintenance systems where maintenance responsibilities are assigned solely to technical personnel, total productive maintenance encourages machine operators and production staff to participate actively in routine equipment care [103].

4.5.7 Maintenance planning and scheduling

Effective maintenance strategies depend heavily on proper planning and scheduling. Maintenance planning involves identifying maintenance requirements, allocating resources, preparing technical procedures, and coordinating maintenance activities to minimize operational disruption [105].

4.5.8 Importance of strategic maintenance management

The increasing complexity of industrial power systems has made strategic maintenance management essential for operational sustainability and industrial competitiveness. Effective maintenance strategies improve equipment reliability, reduce production interruptions, enhance worker safety, and extend equipment lifespan [107].

4.6 Challenges Affecting Fault Diagnosis and Maintenance

4.6.1 Aging electrical infrastructure

One of the most significant challenges affecting industrial power systems is the continued use of aging electrical infrastructure. Many industrial facilities operate equipment that has remained in service far beyond its originally intended operational lifespan [111]. Transformers, switchgears, motors, cables, and protection systems exposed to long term operational stress gradually experience insulation deterioration, corrosion, thermal degradation, and mechanical wear.

4.6.2 Poor maintenance culture

Poor maintenance culture remains a persistent problem in many industrial environments. In several organizations, maintenance activities are still viewed primarily as repair operations rather than strategic reliability management functions [113]. As a result, maintenance intervention is frequently delayed until equipment failure occurs, leading to reactive rather than preventive operational practices.

4.6.3 Inadequate technical expertise

The growing sophistication of industrial power systems requires highly skilled maintenance personnel capable of operating advanced diagnostic technologies and interpreting complex operational data. However, many industries continue to experience shortages of adequately trained engineers, technicians, and maintenance specialists [115].

4.6.4 Financial and economic constraints

Effective maintenance management often requires substantial financial investment in monitoring equipment, diagnostic technologies, spare parts, infrastructure upgrades, and personnel training. Many industrial organizations however operate under financial limitations that restrict their ability to implement modern maintenance systems [117].

4.6.5 Inconsistent power supply and power quality issues

In several developing industrial regions, unstable power supply remains a major challenge affecting equipment reliability and maintenance effectiveness. Frequent voltage fluctuations, power interruptions, harmonic distortion, and transient disturbances expose industrial equipment to abnormal operational stress [119].

4.6.6 Environmental and operational conditions

Industrial environments frequently expose electrical equipment to harsh physical and chemical conditions that accelerate deterioration and fault occurrence. Excessive heat, humidity, dust accumulation, corrosive chemicals, moisture penetration, and mechanical vibration significantly affect equipment reliability [121].

4.6.7 Data management and cybersecurity challenges

The increasing integration of digital technologies and intelligent monitoring systems within industrial maintenance has introduced new challenges associated with data management and cybersecurity. Modern industrial facilities generate large volumes of operational data through sensors, communication networks, and automated monitoring systems [123].

4.6.8 Resistance to technological change

The implementation of modern maintenance technologies often encounters organizational resistance due to fear of change, inadequate training, and uncertainty regarding technological benefits. Some industries remain reluctant to replace traditional maintenance practices with digitalized systems because of concerns relating to implementation cost, operational disruption, and technical complexity [125].

4.6.9 Need for integrated maintenance frameworks

The numerous challenges affecting industrial maintenance highlight the need for integrated maintenance frameworks capable of combining technical, organizational, and strategic approaches to reliability management. Modern industrial facilities require maintenance systems that incorporate intelligent diagnostics, skilled personnel, proactive planning, digital monitoring technologies, and effective organizational support [127].

4.7 Emerging Trends and Future Directions

4.7.1 Smart monitoring systems

Smart monitoring systems represent one of the most significant developments in modern industrial maintenance. These systems integrate sensors, communication technologies, automated data acquisition platforms, and intelligent software applications to continuously monitor equipment condition in real time [131].

4.7.2 Industrial automation and intelligent control systems

Industrial automation continues to play a growing role in electrical fault management and maintenance optimization. Automated industrial systems utilize programmable logic controllers, distributed control systems, supervisory control platforms, and intelligent protective devices to monitor and regulate industrial operations with minimal human intervention [133].

4.7.3 Digital twin technology

Digital twin technology is emerging as one of the most innovative approaches in industrial maintenance and fault diagnosis. A digital twin is a virtual representation of physical equipment or industrial systems that continuously receives operational data from real world processes [135].

4.7.4 Cloud computing and remote maintenance

Cloud computing technologies are increasingly being integrated into industrial monitoring and maintenance systems. Cloud based platforms allow industries to store, process, and analyze large quantities of operational data remotely using centralized digital infrastructure [137].

4.7.5 Artificial intelligence driven predictive maintenance

Artificial intelligence driven predictive maintenance is expected to become one of the dominant maintenance strategies in future industrial systems. Advances in machine learning, deep learning, and data analytics have significantly improved the ability of intelligent systems to identify hidden operational patterns and predict equipment failure [139].

4.7.6 Energy efficiency and sustainable maintenance practices

Growing global concern regarding energy conservation and environmental sustainability is influencing maintenance practices within industrial power systems. Industries are increasingly recognizing that effective maintenance management contributes not only to equipment reliability but also to energy efficiency and environmental protection [141].

4.7.7 Cybersecurity and digital infrastructure protection

As industrial power systems become more interconnected and digitally dependent, cybersecurity protection is emerging as a critical component of maintenance management. Intelligent monitoring systems, automated control platforms, cloud computing infrastructure, and Internet of Things technologies are increasingly vulnerable to cyber threats capable of disrupting industrial operations [143].

4.7.8 Human expertise in future maintenance systems

Despite rapid technological advancement, human expertise will continue to play a vital role in industrial maintenance and fault diagnosis. Intelligent technologies and automated systems can improve operational efficiency, but successful maintenance management still depends heavily on skilled engineers, technicians, and maintenance specialists capable of interpreting diagnostic information and making strategic decisions [145].

4.7.9 Future outlook for industrial maintenance management

The future of industrial fault diagnosis and maintenance management is expected to become increasingly predictive, automated, interconnected, and data driven. Maintenance activities will likely transition from periodic inspection routines toward continuous real time equipment monitoring supported by intelligent computational systems [147].

5 CONCLUSION

Industrial power systems remain essential to the productivity, stability, and sustainability of modern industrial operations. The increasing dependence on electrically driven production systems, automation technologies, and interconnected industrial infrastructure has made system reliability a major concern for industries worldwide.

Electrical faults continue to represent one of the most significant threats to industrial operational continuity due to their ability to cause equipment damage, production downtime, financial losses, and safety hazards.

This review has shown that industrial electrical faults may arise from several factors including insulation deterioration, thermal overload, grounding problems, mechanical vibration, harmonic distortion, environmental contamination, equipment aging, and human operational errors. Faults such as short circuits, open circuit conditions, transformer abnormalities, arc faults, and motor related failures significantly affect industrial performance when not detected and managed appropriately.

The review finally revealed that the future of industrial maintenance management will increasingly depend on intelligent technologies, continuous condition monitoring, data driven decision making, and automated diagnostic systems. Industrial organizations that successfully integrate advanced monitoring technologies with strategic maintenance frameworks will be better positioned to improve operational efficiency, extend equipment lifespan, reduce maintenance cost, and achieve sustainable industrial productivity.

Recommendations

Effective maintenance management should be recognized as a strategic operational function rather than merely a repair activity within industrial organizations. Industries should therefore adopt proactive maintenance strategies capable of improving equipment reliability and minimizing unexpected operational interruptions.

Industrial facilities should increase investment in intelligent fault diagnosis technologies such as thermal imaging systems, vibration monitoring devices, artificial intelligence based monitoring platforms, and predictive maintenance software in order to improve early fault detection capability and maintenance efficiency.

Industries operating with aging electrical infrastructure should gradually modernize obsolete equipment and integrate modern protection systems capable of supporting automated monitoring and intelligent fault analysis. Infrastructure modernization is necessary for improving reliability and operational safety.

Finally, future research should focus on improving the affordability, adaptability, and reliability of intelligent maintenance technologies particularly for industrial sectors within developing economies where financial and infrastructural limitations continue to hinder technological implementation.

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