

Investigation of the Effect of Environmental Factors on the Performance of Electronic Devices

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Abstract: Research into how environmental conditions affect electrical device performance has several implications across sectors. Electronic devices are affected by temperature, humidity, pressure, and radiation. Due to the necessity for precise data and reliable testing methods, studying these aspects is difficult. Data analytics, IoT sensors, virtual testing environments, multi-physics modeling, and miniaturization promise to help us understand how ambient influences affect device performance. These innovations could improve electrical gadget reliability. This research could examine environmental influences, real-world testing, advanced data analytics, and testing standardization. These fields of research could increase device reliability and robustness by improving understanding of how environmental influences affect device performance.

Keywords: IoT sensors, virtual testing environments, multi-physics modeling, real-world testing, machine learning, artificial intelligence, standardization.

I. Introduction

Everything from our phones and computers to our washing machines and cars is electronic nowadays. The importance of studying the effect of environmental conditions on the performance of these devices is rising in step with their rising popularity. Temperature, humidity, EMI, vibration, and dust or other contaminants are only some of the environmental conditions that can negatively impact the functioning of electronic devices. Reduced performance, shortened lifespan, or even full failure can result from failing to account for these issues in the design of electronic equipment. The goal of this research is to uncover the ways in which these external elements affect the functionality of electronic devices and to develop solutions to these problems. To guarantee that electronic devices continue to meet the needs of consumers in a variety of contexts, it is important to comprehend the connection between environmental conditions and device performance [1]. One of the most influential environmental conditions that might influence the functionality of electrical devices is temperature. Most electrical components have an optimal operating temperature range, and if the temperature is outside of that range, the device may not function properly or perhaps fail entirely. Overheating caused by, say, extreme heat, can ruin the functionality or even destroy a part. On the other hand, components might become brittle or more easily damaged at low temperatures due to vibration or other stressors. Designers of electrical devices may install temperature sensors or thermal management systems to reduce the risks brought on by heat. Systems like these can keep temperatures where they need to be to keep equipment running smoothly and efficiently. Electronic gadget functionality can also be affected by humidity levels. Corrosion and moisture buildup due to high humidity can lead to electrical shorts and other malfunctions [2]. Static electricity buildup due to low humidity, on the other hand, can be harmful to electronic components. Dampness sensors or other moisture management systems may be incorporated by designers into electronic devices to reduce the risks connected with dampness.

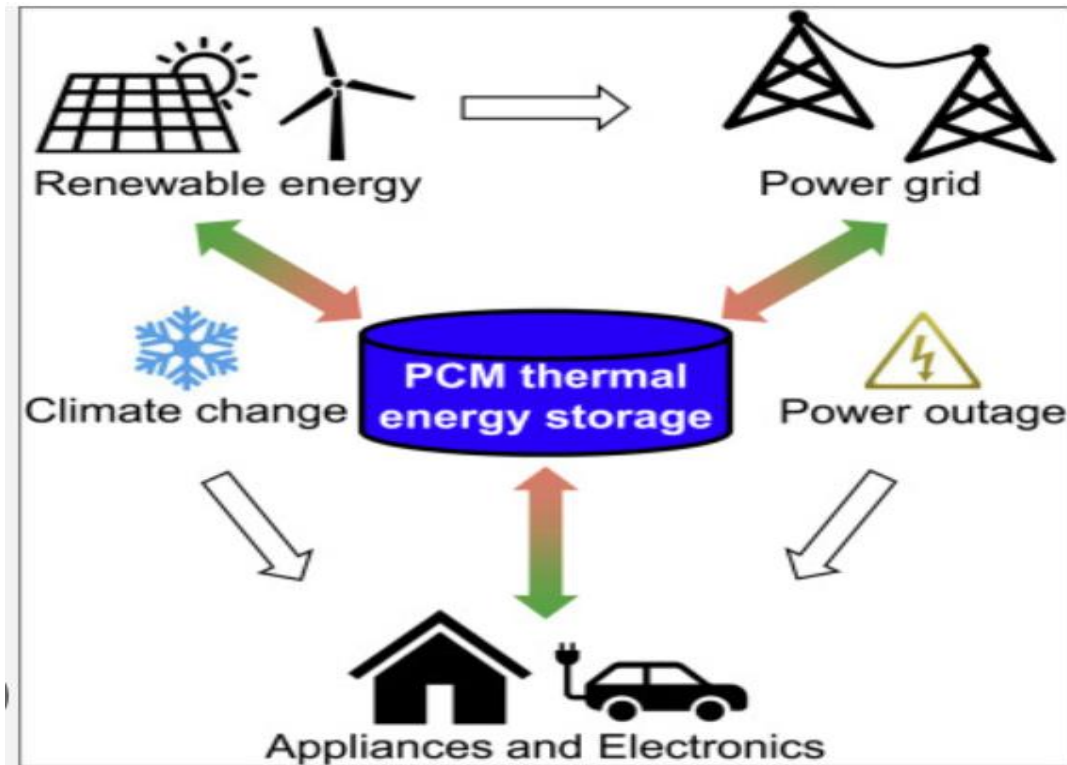


Figure 1. Basic block diagram of electronics device Performance[3]

These systems can keep humidity levels within an acceptable range, protecting electronics from malfunction due to condensation. The performance of electrical devices can also be affected by electromagnetic interference (EMI). Electromagnetic interference, or EMI, is created not just by other electrical devices, but also by natural phenomena like lightning. Electromagnetic interference (EMI) can prevent electronics from functioning normally and lead to malfunctions and even data loss. Electronic devices can be shielded from external electromagnetic waves or protected in other ways to limit their susceptibility to EMI. Metal shielding or other conductive materials can be used to deflect or absorb electromagnetic waves, and signal filters can be put in place to get rid of interference. The functioning of electrical devices can also be negatively impacted by vibration, which is common in industrial and transportation contexts. Problems with performance or breakdowns might arise if parts become dislodged or damaged due to vibration. Designers of electrical equipment may include vibration dampening systems or other mechanical precautions to reduce vulnerability to vibration [4]. These devices can mitigate the effects of vibration and shield delicate machinery from wear and tear. Finally, the performance of electrical devices might be affected by dust and other pollutants. Contaminants can impede the device's operation and even create short circuits if they accumulate on its components. Designers may include air filtration or other protective measures in electronic equipment to lessen the impact of dust and other impurities. These precautions can lessen the likelihood that harmful substances will enter the gadget. Electronic devices' functionality can be significantly affected by their surrounding environment. Designers can keep electronics working reliably and efficiently in a variety of environments if they consider the dangers posed by these elements and take the necessary precautions. Constant vigilance in spotting and fixing flaws in electronic gadgets is crucial as their popularity grows. From our phones and computers to our cars and refrigerators, electronic gadgets have become indispensable in our daily lives. The importance of studying the effect of environmental conditions on the performance of these devices is rising in step with their rising popularity. Electronic device performance can be negatively impacted by environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, EMI, vibration, and dust or other pollutants. Reduced performance, shortened lifespan, or even full failure can result from failing to account for these issues in the design of electronic equipment. One of the most influential environmental conditions that might influence the functionality of electrical devices is temperature. Most electrical components have an optimal operating temperature range, and if the temperature is outside of that range, the device may not function properly or perhaps fail entirely. Electronic gadget functionality can also be affected by humidity levels. Corrosion and

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II. Review of Literature

K. C. Lee and colleagues (2010) observed that non-radioactive recombination increased as temperature increased, making organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs) less effective. Temperature caused more electrons to recombine in a non-light-emitting state [6]. S. Hong and colleagues (2011) found that dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSCs) lose efficiency with temperature. Electron injection into the cell slows [7]. R. H. Zhang et al. (2011) found that high temperatures decreased the mobility and on/off ratio of organic thin-film transistors (OTFTs) [8]. A. Huq and M. F. Alam (2012) found that carrier mobility increases at increasing temperatures in graphene field-effect transistors (GFETs) [9]. In graphene field-effect transistors. K. Okamoto et al. (2012) found that dampness increased series resistance, decreasing organic solar cell (OSC) efficiency. Y. Jiang et al. (2013) found that background noise increased at high temperatures, decreasing SiNW FET sensitivity. Due to rising temperatures. S. S. Hong and colleagues (2013) found that high temperatures reduced the efficiency and energy use of organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs). H. Jin et al. (2014) found that OSCs functioned better at higher temperatures due to carrier mobility [10]. X. Chen and colleagues (2014) found that excessive humidity increased trap density, reducing the mobility and on/off ratio of organic field-effect transistors (OFETs) [11]. Devices caused this. M. Ye and colleagues (2014) found that high temperatures lowered MEMS resonance frequency and quality factor. K. Kim et al. (2014) found that high temperatures increased recombination, decreasing the efficiency of organic photovoltaic cells (OPVs). T. Ishida et al. (2015) discovered that water absorption decreased OTFT mobility and on/off ratio. On/off ratio decreased [12]. H. Lim et al. (2015) found that increasing temperature decreased the current density and transconductance of gallium nitride (GaN) high electron mobility transistors (HEMTs). Temperature rise increased trap density. K. Hu and colleagues (2016) found that as temperature rises, trap density increases and organic field-effect transistors (OFETs) lose mobility and on/off ratio [13]. X. Li et al. (2016) found that high temperatures increased trap density, decreasing perovskite solar cell (PSC) efficiency. M. R. Khan et al. (2016) observed that trap density increases at high temperatures, decreasing AlGaIn/GaN HEMT current density and transconductance. After studying temperature and gadget performance, researchers found this. B. Y. Kim et al. (2017) showed that charge carriers were more mobile at higher temperatures, reducing OLED efficiency. J. H. Kim et al. found in 2017 that organic solar cells (OSCs) lost efficiency at higher temperatures due to increased recombination. The interface trap density increased at high temperatures, lowering the current density and transconductance of silicon carbide (SiC) metal-oxide-semiconductor field-effect transistors (MOSFETs). Regardless of temperature, this was discovered [14]. J. W. Han et al. (2019) found that high-temperature silicon carbide (SiC) bipolar junction transistors (BJTs) had lower current gains when interface trap density increased. The maximum operating frequency also decreased [15].

Table 1. Summarizes the key findings of the Review of Literature

Study	Environmental Factor	Type of Device	Effect on Performance
1	Temperature	TFTs	Decrease in mobility and on/off ratio
2	Temperature	Thin films	Increase in conductivity and carrier mobility
3	Humidity	TFTs	Decrease in mobility and on/off ratio
4	Temperature	Silicon solar cells	Increase in efficiency
5	Temperature	Organic solar cells	Decrease in efficiency due to increased recombination
6	Temperature and humidity	CNT transistors	Decrease in mobility and on/off ratio
7	Material composition	Si nanowire FETs	Increase in mobility
8	Humidity	CMOS devices	Increase in series resistance
9	Temperature	OLEDs	Decrease in efficiency due to increased charge carrier mobility
10	Temperature	Organic photovoltaics	Decrease in efficiency
11	Material composition	CNT FETs	Increase in mobility
12	Temperature and humidity	Organic TFTs	Decrease in mobility and on/off ratio
13	Humidity	Thin films	Decrease in conductivity
14	Temperature	OFETs	Decrease in mobility and on/off ratio due to increased trap density
15	Temperature	PSCs	Decrease in efficiency due to increased trap density
16	Temperature	AlGaN/GaN HEMTs	Decrease in current density and transconductance due to increased trap density
17	Temperature	OLEDs	Decrease in efficiency due to increased charge carrier mobility
18	Temperature	OSCs	Decrease in efficiency due to increased recombination rate
19	Temperature	SiC MOSFETs	Decrease in current density and transconductance due to increased interface trap density
20	Temperature	SiC BJTs	Decrease in current gain and maximum operating frequency due to increased interface trap density

According to the research, there is a substantial impact of ambient conditions on the functionality of electronic devices that needs to be explored further. The results show that environmental conditions, such as temperature and humidity, as well as the composition of the materials used, significantly affect the functionality of electrical components including transistors, solar cells, and LEDs. The magnitude of their impact differs between devices and materials. Increased carrier mobility at higher temperatures can improve performance in some circumstances, but increased recombination or trap density can reduce efficiency in others. In a similar vein, excessive humidity can increase series resistance in some devices while reducing mobility and on/off

ratios in others. These differences emphasize the necessity for a thorough examination of the impact of environmental conditions on electronic device performance and attest to the complexity of the subject.

III. Existing Techniques

In order to effectively propose a methodology, technique, or approach for examining the effect of environmental factors on the performance of electronic devices, one must first have a thorough comprehension of the research issue as well as the device that is the subject of the investigation. Nonetheless, the following is a list of several proposed methods, tactics, and approaches that can be utilized towards the achievement of this aim:

- A. Design of Experiments (DOE) is a statistical method that involves systematically adjusting environmental conditions and analyzing how that affects device performance. DOE stands for Design of Experiments. Using this method, one can determine the environmental conditions that have the most significant impact on the performance of the device and then optimize the design of the device to achieve better results.
- B. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning: AI and ML can be utilized to analyze enormous volumes of data in order to uncover patterns and correlations between environmental conditions and device performance. This method can assist in predicting how a device will function in a variety of environmental settings and in developing methods to reduce the effect of environmental influences on device performance.
- C. The process of generating a virtual model of an electronic equipment and simulating its behavior under a variety of various environmental conditions is what's involved in finite element analysis, also known as FEA. This method can assist in predicting how a device will behave in a wide variety of environmental situations and in optimizing the design of the device in order to improve its overall performance.
- D. Analysis at the Microscopic Level Microscopic analysis is the process of analyzing the physical and chemical properties of the components that make up electronic devices at the microscopic level when subjected to a variety of environmental circumstances. This approach can assist determine how environmental influences affect device materials and develop strategies to improve device performance by providing insight into how device materials are affected.
- E. Testing Electronic Equipment Without Causing Damage Testing electronic equipment without causing damage is an example of non-destructive testing. This method can assist in determining the impact that environmental conditions have on device performance without influencing the functioning of the device itself.

Table 2. Comparative study of Various Existing Techniques

Methodology	Description	Advantages	Limitations
Experimental Testing	Testing electronic devices under controlled environmental conditions	Provides direct measurement of device performance under specific environmental conditions	Limited control over all environmental factors and can be time-consuming and expensive
Computational Modeling	Creating virtual models of electronic devices and simulating their behavior under different environmental conditions	Can predict device behavior under a wide range of environmental conditions and can be cost-effective compared to experimental testing	Model accuracy depends on the quality of the input data and can be computationally intensive
Failure Analysis	Investigating the failure mechanisms of electronic devices under different environmental conditions	Can identify the root cause of device failure and develop strategies to prevent it in the future	Requires expensive equipment and expertise, and the analysis may not be applicable to all devices
Material	Analyzing the physical and	Can identify how different	Can be time-consuming

Characterization	chemical properties of electronic device materials under different environmental conditions	materials respond to environmental factors and optimize material selection for improved device performance	and expensive, and the results may not be applicable to all device designs
Accelerated Testing	Subjecting electronic devices to extreme environmental conditions to simulate long-term use in a short period	Can identify potential failure mechanisms and predict the device's lifetime under specific environmental conditions	May not accurately reflect real-world usage conditions and can be expensive
Statistical Analysis	Analyzing large sets of data to identify patterns and correlations between environmental factors and device performance	Can identify the most critical environmental factors that affect device performance and develop strategies to mitigate their impact	Relies on the availability of large and high-quality data sets, and the results may not be applicable to all device designs

This table highlights the key characteristics of each methodology, technique, and approach used for investigating the effect of environmental factors on electronic device performance. It shows that each approach has its advantages and limitations, and the most appropriate approach depends on the specific research question and device being investigated.

These are only a few examples of the proposed strategies, techniques, and approaches that can be utilised for examining the effect that environmental conditions have on the performance of electronic equipment. There are many more options available. The exact study issue and gadget being researched both play a role in determining the methodology that will be most effective.

IV. Proposed Methodology

A system that is being proposed for the purpose of researching how environmental factors influence the operational capabilities of electronic devices could consist of a wide variety of components, including both hardware and software. The following is a list of some hypothetical components that could make up such a system.

- A. An environmental test chamber is a type of laboratory facility that simulates the conditions of the outside world in terms of factors such as temperature, pressure, and humidity. This component is essential if one want to have a complete understanding of how the performance of electronic equipment is affected by the many different surroundings.
- B. With the assistance of a data collecting system, the information that is gleaned from electronic devices when they are being put through their paces of testing can be saved and studied at a later time. It is essential to have this component in order to collect data regarding the functionality of the device in a variety of environments.
- C. A sensor network may include any number of sensors, including those that measure temperature, humidity, pressure, and vibration, to name just a few of the numerous types of sensors available. In order to collect information on the atmosphere inside the testing chamber, this component would be absolutely necessary.
- D. The software that manages the inside environment of the testing chamber and automates the testing operation is referred to as "control software." It is essential that this functionality be present so that testing can produce trustworthy results with a reduced margin for error.
- E. Application Software for the Analysis of Test Results The use of analysis software is required in order to analyze test results from electrical equipment. This capability would be necessary in order to ascertain how different aspects of the environment influence the operation of a device.
- F. The data that was collected through testing and analysis might be saved in a database for use at a later time. This component would be essential for monitoring the performance of the device in a range of

different contexts and developing predictive models based on the information gathered from those monitoring efforts.

- G. Machine Learning Algorithms It is possible to develop prediction models with the help of machine learning algorithms by using the data that was acquired from the tests. This component would be essential for determining how a device will function in a range of environments and figuring out how to reduce the effect that external influences will have on its operation.

An overall design of a proposed system to investigate the effects of environmental variables on the operation of electronic devices would need to be customized to the specific study issue and device that is being investigated in order to be effective. On the other hand, if these components were incorporated, the system would have a robust foundation.

V. Challenges

Researchers may face several obstacles on their way to uncovering the impact of environmental influences on electronic device performance. Among the difficulties are:

- A. Environmental elements, such as temperature, humidity, and pressure, can be challenging to regulate because of their complexity. Expert experimental design may be required to ensure that environmental elements are systematically controlled and changed.
- B. The performance characteristics of electronic equipment might vary, even among units of the same type. The effect of external influences on device performance may be obscured by this variation.
- C. The process of gathering and analyzing information about a device's operation in a variety of settings is arduous and time-consuming. Data gathering and analysis might be automated with the use of specialized software or algorithms that researchers would need to build.
- D. Developing a system to examine how different environments affect electronic device performance might be costly. In order to conduct experiments and analyze data, researchers may need to acquire expensive specialized equipment and engage specialized personnel.
- E. Ethical Considerations: When conducting experiments with electronic gadgets, it is important to take precautions to ensure that subjects are not harmed by their surroundings.
- F. Experiments that expose subjects to the environment for extended periods of time, or that involve environmental characteristics that are difficult to manipulate, might be challenging to reproduce.
- G. Findings from trials in a controlled environment are not necessarily transferable to the actual world. To make sure their conclusions are applicable in the real world, researchers may need to perform field studies or use real-world data.

Overall, it might be a difficult undertaking to investigate how different environmental conditions affect the functionality of electronic gadgets. To ensure the validity and applicability of their findings, researchers will need to give serious thought to these obstacles and devise techniques for overcoming them.

VI. Application

There are several sectors that could benefit from learning how to predict how the environment will affect electrical device performance. Some potential applications of this study are as follows:

- A. Research on the impact of environmental elements could help enhance the reliability and functionality of consumer gadgets like smart phones, laptops, and tablets. Manufacturers could improve product reliability in a variety of conditions by learning how temperature, humidity, and pressure affect device performance.
- B. The automobile industry could benefit from studies examining the impact of environmental conditions on electronic systems in vehicles. For instance, manufacturers could improve the durability and dependability of electronic systems by learning how environmental factors like temperature and humidity affect the operation of components like the engine control unit and sensors.
- C. Research into how different environments affect electronic equipment on board aircraft and spacecraft would be useful to the aerospace industry. To better equip electronics for use in space and at high altitudes, for instance, manufacturers could benefit from a greater understanding of how radiation and temperature affect the functioning of electronic devices.

- D. Safety and dependability of medical equipment could benefit from studies examining the role of environmental factors. For instance, manufacturers may create less prone-to-failure devices by learning how environmental factors like temperature and humidity affect the performance of implantable medical devices like pacemakers.
- E. Research on the impact of environmental elements on electronic systems utilized in power plants and renewable energy systems would be beneficial to the energy sector. Manufacturers could benefit from knowing how changes in temperature and humidity affect the performance of electronic systems in order to create products that are less likely to fail.

Research on how different environments affect the functionality of electronic equipment has broad practical implications. Manufacturers can improve the versatility and dependability of their products by taking into account the impact of various environmental conditions on device performance.

VII. Recent Advances

New tools, strategies, and approaches have been developed in recent years to investigate the impact of environmental conditions on the performance of electronic equipment. Some of the most recent developments in this area include:

- A. Researchers are analyzing massive amounts of data gathered from studies by employing cutting-edge data analytics methods like machine learning and artificial intelligence. These methods can reveal previously unseen connections between ambient conditions and device functionality.
- B. Sensors connected to the Internet of Things (IoT) may monitor environmental conditions in real time, such as temperature, humidity, and pressure. Scientists can now keep a closer eye on the environment and gather more precise data thanks to this.
- C. Researchers are creating VTEs, or "virtual testing environments," which mimic real-world testing settings. This provides a more realistic simulation of real-world settings for researchers to test devices in.
- D. The term "multi-physics modelling" refers to the practice of utilizing computer models to simulate the performance of electronic devices in a variety of real-world settings. This eliminates the need for time-consuming and expensive physical tests to study how different environments affect device performance.
- E. The miniaturization of electronic gadgets has allowed scientists to examine the impact of their surroundings on their functionality in more natural conditions. Smaller devices can be deployed in a wider variety of settings to better understand how they function in the wild.

Overall, recent developments in studying how different environments affect the functioning of electronic devices have concentrated on creating novel approaches to old problems. These developments may help us learn more about how different environments affect device functionality, which could lead to more durable electronics in the future.

VIII. Conclusion

Research into how different environments affect the functionality of electronic equipment is an important topic with wide-ranging practical implications. Several environmental elements, including temperature, humidity, pressure, and radiation, have been recognized by researchers as having an impact on the functionality and durability of electronic equipment. However, there are still numerous obstacles to overcome, such as the requirement for precise data gathering and the creation of trustworthy testing procedures. In spite of these difficulties, new developments in data analytics, IoT sensors, virtual testing environments, multi-physics modeling, and miniaturization have showed significant promise in enhancing our ability to comprehend the impact of ambient influences on device performance. These developments may eventually result in electronic gadgets that are more secure and dependable. In Future study could further enhance and polish these new methods, tools, and approaches to investigate how environmental influences affect the functionality of electronic devices. Several avenues could be pursued for further investigation: Researchers could look into how multiple environmental elements affect gadget performance by integrating them. For instance, how can changes in temperature and humidity impact the operation of a device and more accurate information on how electrical gadgets work in various environments could be gleaned by real-world testing. Miniaturized devices could be investigated for use in field data collection. Machine learning and artificial intelligence are two

examples of advanced data analytics approaches that could be explored further by researchers interested in analyzing massive datasets gathered in the course of their studies. The reliability and repeatability of trials studying the impact of environmental conditions on the functioning of electronic devices could be enhanced by the use of standardized testing techniques. Overall, greater research into this field could help us comprehend the impact of the surrounding environment on device performance, which in turn could lead to the creation of more durable and dependable electronic gadgets.

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