PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF SMART CITY LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND PLANNING BASED ON THE INTERNET OF THINGS

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Abstract. With the continuous development of the IoT technology, the concept of smart city has gradually become one of the key elements of urban planning and design. The purpose of this study is to explore the smart urban landscape design and planning based on the IoT, and to provide new perspectives and methods for the future urban development through in-depth research and analysis of related issues. First, this study reviews the relevance of smart city and landscape design, highlighting the importance of IoT technology in urban planning. Secondly, through case analysis and field trips, the successful experiences and challenges of smart cities that have implemented the IoT technology are analysed. In terms of design and planning, this study proposes a landscape design framework integrating IoT technology, emphasizing the interaction between urban landscape and information technology to promote sustainable urban development. Finally, this study summarizes the relevant findings, and prospects the future development trend of smart urban landscape design planning, to provide useful guidance and inspiration for urban planners and designers. Through this study, theoretical support and practical experience can be provided for building a more intelligent and liveable urban environment.

Key words: IoT, Smart city, Landscape design and planning, Sustainable development

1. Introduction. The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the use of information sensing devices to connect any object to a network according to agreed protocols. Objects exchange and communicate information through information dissemination media to achieve intelligent recognition, positioning, tracking, supervision and other functions. With the continuous development of science and technology and the rapid advancement of urbanization process, smart city has become the frontier topic of contemporary urban planning and design. Among them, the booming development of the IoT technology provides new possibilities for the innovation of urban space [1, 2]. The purpose of this study is to deeply explore the smart urban landscape design and planning based on the IoT, to integrate advanced technologies in the urban development, optimize the spatial layout, and improve the living quality of residents.

Modern cities face many complex and urgent challenges, such as traffic congestion, limited resources, environmental pollution and so on. These problems require not only innovative solutions, but also interdisciplinary cooperation and comprehensive thinking. The IoT technology, with its characteristics of temporal data collection and intelligent decision-making, provides urban planners with an unprecedented means to meet these challenges. Therefore, it is necessary to deeply study the application of the IoT in smart urban landscape design planning to explore its great potential in urban management.

The significance of the IoT lies in its ability to connect the physical and digital worlds, achieve real-time collection, transmission, and processing of information, improve people’s quality of life, promote innovation and development in various industries, and contribute to the rational utilization of resources and sustainable development. As an important part of urban planning, landscape design is not only related to the aesthetic feeling of urban appearance, but also related to the quality of residents’ life and the sustainable development of the city. Through the integration of the IoT technology, landscape design can achieve more refined and intelligent planning, making the urban space more adapt to the needs of residents and lifestyle [3, 4]. In the face of the growing trend of urbanization and complex urban challenges, wisdom urban landscape design planning how to better use of the IoT technology, to improve the urban sustainability, liability, and intelligence,
and how to balance in the digital age technology innovation and cultural heritage, to create a humanistic care of urban landscape is facing the problem of [5, 6].

This study will further expand the understanding of the application of the IoT technology in the smart urban landscape design and planning through in-depth analysis and extensive application of various research methods. The literature review systematically combs the application process of the IoT technology in urban planning and landscape design, and provides a theoretical basis for the research. The case analysis will dig deep into the existing practical experience, draw inspiration and lessons from the successful cases, and lay a practical foundation for putting forward the innovative design framework. Expert interviews will bring together in-depth insights from urban planning experts, landscape architects, and IoT professionals to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the needs and challenges in different areas.

The application of mathematical modelling and simulation technology will help to build the influence model of IoT technology in urban landscape design, and provide more specific data support for research. An extensive questionnaire will cover urban residents, planning practitioners, and design professionals to provide a more comprehensive basis for the proposed innovative design framework and guiding principles by collecting diverse perspectives and needs.

This study aims to provide more practical and feasible guidelines for the application of Internet of Things technology in the fields of urban planning and landscape design. By deeply analysing the current state of technology, evaluating its potential impact on urban sustainability, and exploring the integration of technology and traditional aesthetics, we provide more comprehensive decision-making support for urban decision-makers, planners, and designers, and promote the practical development of smart cities. To provide innovative ideas and practical tools for future urban planners and designers, leading cities towards a more intelligent, livable, and sustainable future.

2. Overview of Smart City Landscape Design.

2.1. Overview of smart city development. With the rapid advancements in science and technology, the concept of a smart city has emerged as a pivotal aspect of modern urban planning. This notion emphasizes the seamless integration of information and communication technologies into cities, aiming to enhance urban operational efficiency, optimize resource utilization, and elevate the quality of life for residents [7, 8]. The ascendance of the IoT technology is a significant impetus for the progress of smart cities. Connecting sensing devices to the Internet enables real-time monitoring and data exchange across diverse urban domains.

Within the ambit of the smart city paradigm, urban infrastructure has seamlessly transitioned into the intelligent era. The traffic system now optimizes traffic flow, mitigating congestion, while the intelligent energy system effectively integrates energy resources to boost energy efficiency. Furthermore, environmental monitoring technology assists cities in achieving precise environmental management and safeguarding natural ecology [9]. Extensive data analysis holds a pivotal position in the bright city landscape. By mining vast data, city managers gain a deeper, more nuanced understanding of residents' behaviours, urban operational conditions, and the root causes of challenges. This data-driven decision-making approach renders urban planning more scientific, agile, and responsive to evolving urban needs.

The development of smart cities is not merely tethered to technological innovations; it also encapsulates the enhancement of the living environment. Residents can now effortlessly access medical care, education, cultural, and entertainment services through intelligent offerings, enhancing the city’s attractiveness and quality of life. Additionally, the advancement of intelligent cities necessitates seamless collaboration between governments, enterprises, and various sectors of society to facilitate the widespread adoption of innovative technologies and steer cities toward a brighter, more sustainable future. Although the development of smart cities provides many advantages for urban management and residents, it is also accompanied by a series of challenges, including data privacy protection, and network security risks. Fig. 2.1 shows the architecture diagram of the smart city grid management platform. The future smart city development needs to pay attention to the balance of ethics and social issues while making technological innovation, to ensure the comprehensive and sustainable urban development.

2.2. Application of IoT technology in urban planning and Landscape design. With the continuous evolution of the IoT technology, its application in urban planning and landscape design presents a
promising prospect [10, 11].

First, the real-time data monitoring of the IoT provides an accurate information foundation for urban planning. Through large-scale sensor networks, city managers can obtain real-time data on traffic flow, environmental quality, population density, and more. This provides planners with a deep opportunity to understand the operation of cities, making urban planning more scientific and sustainable.

In the field of transportation, the IoT technology has realized the intelligent and optimized [12, 13] of the transportation system. The interconnection of traffic lights, intelligent vehicles and pedestrian devices enables the traffic flow to be monitored and adjusted in real time, minimizing congestion, and improving the road utilization efficiency. This means more efficient and green transportation planning for urban planners.

In landscape design, IoT technology offers the possibility of creating a smarter urban environment. Through sensors that perceive environmental parameters, landscape designers can obtain real-time weather, light, and other information, to adjust the design of public space and improve the ecological friendliness of the city. This smart environment design not only beautifies the city, but also provides a more livable living space for the residents.

The IoT technology also promotes the intelligence of buildings. By connecting various equipment and systems, intelligent buildings realize intelligent control of energy and optimization of security system. In urban planning, this means a more energy-efficient and intelligent building design to create a more sustainable future for the city. In general, the widespread application of the IoT technology makes urban planning and landscape design more intelligent and more efficient. It not only improves the sustainability and livability of the city, but also provides a new impetus for urban innovation and development. This trend will further drive cities to be smart and sustainable.

3. Innovative framework of smart urban landscape design and planning.

3.1. Principle of the IoT technology. The IoT is an advanced technology system dedicated to deeply integrating the physical world with the digital world, achieving this goal by connecting and sharing information [14, 15]. Its basic principle covers several key aspects, among which sensing technology is one of the foundations, including various sensors and detectors, used to collect data of temperature, humidity, light, motion, and other
parameters, to transform physical phenomena into digital signals.

Communication technology plays a key role in the IoT, because the large number of devices need to communicate information [16]. Wireless communication technologies, such as Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Zigbee, and cellular networks, enable devices to deliver data in real time and connect to the Internet. Data processing and storage is another key link. Cloud computing and edge computing technology realize efficient data management by processing and analysing the data obtained from sensing devices and extracting useful information.

Fig. 3.1 shows the full view of the IoT technology. To ensure the secure interaction between devices, the IoT introduces identity authentication technology and security protocol to ensure that only legitimate devices can access the network, and protect the security of data in transmission and storage through encryption [17, 18]. Interoperability is designed to solve the problems caused by diversified devices, platforms, and protocols. Through standardized protocols and interfaces, different devices can communicate with each other to achieve seamless connection.

Considering that many IoT devices rely on limited energy sources, energy management becomes a critical principle. Using low power design, energy recovery and optimized communication protocols can help to extend the service life of equipment [19, 20]. Finally, remote control and self-adaptation technology enable the system to remotely monitor and regulate the equipment, adjust its own behaviour according to environmental changes and needs, and enhance the flexibility and adaptability of the system. These principles cooperate with each other to build the basic framework of the IoT technology, providing a brand-new digital possibility for smart city landscape design and planning.

The core of the IoT technology lies in perception, communication, processing and security, and these principles together build an efficient interconnected network. First, the perception of data is realized through various sensors, as shown in (3.1):

\[
Data_{sensed} = Sensor (Physical\_world) \tag{3.1}
\]
These sensing devices convert information from the physical world into digital signals. Then, through a variety of communication technologies, the device transmits the data to the cloud or other devices, and the communication formula is stated by (3.2):

\[ \text{Datatransmitted} = \text{Communication}_\text{Tech}(\text{Data}_\text{sensed}) \]  

(3.2)

After the data reaches its destination, the cloud computing and edge computing technology will process and store it, as shown in (3.3):

\[ \text{Processed}_\text{Data} = \text{Data}_\text{Processing}(\text{Datatransmitted}) \]  

(3.3)

This process usually includes data analysis, model training, etc., to extract useful information. The security of data is critical, so identity authentication and encryption are required. The security (3.4) states:

\[ \text{Secure}_\text{Data} = \text{Security}_\text{Protocol}(\text{Processed}_\text{Data}) \]  

(3.4)

To ensure interoperability between devices, a standardized protocol and interfaces are necessary, and the interoperability formula can be stated by (3.5):

\[ \text{Interoperability} = \text{Standard}_\text{Protocols} \_ \text{and} \_ \text{Interfaces} \]  

(3.5)

Energy management is critical for many IoT devices, especially mobile and low-power devices. The energy management formula is shown in the (3.6):

\[ \text{Energy}_\text{Management} = \text{Low}_\text{Power}_\text{Design} + \text{Energy}_\text{Harvesting} \]  

(3.6)

Finally, remote control and adaptation enable the system to adjust its behaviour according to environmental changes and requirements, which can be expressed in (3.7):

\[ \text{Adaptation} = \text{Adaptive}_\text{Algorithms}(\text{Changes}, \text{Demands}) \]  

(3.7)

These principles work together with each other, working together to build the foundation of the IoT technology, providing strong digital support for urban planning and landscape design.

3.2. Smart city landscape design process based on the IoT. When planning the smart urban landscape design, the demand analysis is the first step to clarify the design objectives, such as improving the quality of life of residents and optimizing the use of urban space in [21, 22]. This stage also covers an in-depth study of the urban development status and challenges, providing comprehensive background information for the design. Subsequently, the critical data collection phase is achieved through the deployment of IoT sensing systems, using environmental sensors, intelligent lighting, and other devices to collect real-time data, including air quality and traffic flow, and conduct comprehensive analysis.

In the design stage, the focus turns to integrating the IoT technology, giving the landscape a higher intelligent level of [23] through elements such as intelligent lighting and intelligent seats. Virtual design tools are used to simulate the layout of landscape elements, consider the influence of people flow, traffic flow and natural conditions, and integrate humanistic factors into the design to achieve a more humanized urban landscape.

Fig. 3.2 shows the design scheme of the IoT scenario architecture. The implementation stage should focus on the deployment of devices and system integration, and deploy the IoT devices and intelligent landscape elements according to the design scheme to ensure that they can work together. Through testing and tuning, the system can run stably in practical application. In the monitoring and management stage, real-time monitoring is realized through the IoT technology to analyse the status of urban environment and landscape elements and provide support for decision-making. At the same time, regular maintenance and update are the key to ensure the long-term operation of the system.

Close communication with community residents and relevant stakeholders is essential throughout the process. By collecting feedback, understand their needs and opinions, and adjust the landscape design according to the actual operation to better meet residents’ expectations. This interaction and collaboration promote strong connections between the community and designers. Through this process, the smart urban landscape design based on the IoT can flexibly adapt to the development of the city and the needs of residents, and improve the sustainability, liability, and intelligence of the city.
3.3. Smart city landscape design and planning system architecture based on the IoT. The architecture of the smart city landscape design and planning system based on the IoT mainly includes the perception layer, the communication layer, data collection and storage layer, data processing and analysis layer, and the application and control layer [24, 25]. In the sensing layer, various sensors and smart devices are used to sense the urban environment and resident activities in real time. The communication layer uses the IoT communication protocol and wireless technology to establish connections between devices. The data collection and storage layer are responsible for collecting, storing environment data, and conducting local storage. The data processing and analysis layer conducts large amounts of data processing and analysis through cloud computing and edge computing technology, and applies machine learning and artificial intelligence to optimize the system performance [26]. In the application and control layer, virtual design tools simulate the layout of landscape elements, and real-time monitoring and control functions enable city managers to respond to urban changes. The application and control layer includes a user interface for urban planners and residents to view data, provide feedback and participate in decision making. The feedback and optimization layer of the whole system is responsible for feedback the analysis results to the city managers and design team to support the decision making. At the same time, optimizing and adjusting the system through feedback information to meet the needs of the city and the residents’ expectations. Fig. 3.3 shows the application framework design of the IoT. The security and privacy layer ensures the security of the system and the privacy of personal data through identity authentication, encryption, and privacy protection measures. Such a system architecture provides comprehensive management and intelligent control for the smart city landscape design and planning.

4. Results and discussion.

4.1. Evaluation indicators. The smart city landscape design planning based on the IoT involves many aspects, including environmental monitoring, energy utilization, traffic flow, social interaction, etc. The evaluation indicators involve the following formula [27, 28]:

\[ \text{In (4.1) is the environmental monitoring index, where } n \text{ is the number of the environmental parameters} \]
monitored, including air quality, water quality, noise, etc.  

\[ EMI = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Parameter}{n} \]  

(4.1)

In (4.2) is the environmental monitoring index, where \( n \) is the number of the environmental parameters monitored, including air quality, water quality, noise, etc.

\[ SEEE = \frac{LightingEfficiency}{TotalEnergyConsumption} \times 100\% \]  

(4.2)

The traffic flow optimization index is shown in (4.3), which can help to evaluate the optimization effect of the IoT-based traffic management system on urban traffic flow.

\[ TFOI = \frac{OptimizedTrafficFlow}{UnoptimizedTrafficFlow} \times 100\% \]  

(4.3)

The social interaction activity assessment is conducted as shown in (4.4), and this formula can be used to assess the activity of urban residents on social media, reflecting the level of social interaction.

\[ SIAA = \frac{SocialMediaInteractionCount}{TotalCityResidents} \times 100\% \]  

(4.4)

In (4.5) is the calculation formula of the intelligent energy utilization index, which can be used to evaluate the intelligent utilization degree of energy used by the urban energy management system based on the IoT.

\[ ESUI = \frac{SmartEnergyUtilization}{TraditionalEnergyUtilization} \times 100\% \]  

(4.5)

4.2. Analysis of the experimental results. In the experiment, this study is committed to deeply explore the impact and effect of smart urban landscape design planning based on the urban environment. Through detailed data acquisition and careful analysis of results, a comprehensive understanding of the advantages and
potential problems of the design scheme. First, the data acquisition was performed, and the following methods were used to collect the experimental data.

A sound sensor network built by deploying IoT sensors monitors environmental parameters, including but not limited to air quality, temperature, and humidity, etc. This provides real-time and reliable data for the objective assessment of the actual impact of the design schemes on the urban environment.

An extensive user survey was conducted, and through the questionnaire survey and user feedback, residents’ views, and experience of the smart city landscape. This combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches provides the basis for an in-depth understanding of key information such as citizen engagement and satisfaction.

Through a detailed analysis of energy use, the actual impact of the design scheme on energy efficiency is evaluated \cite{29, 30}. In terms of the environmental parameter analysis, some key results were found through the in-depth analysis of the sensor network data. The air quality in the experimental area was significantly better than that in the control area, proving the positive effect of the smart city design scheme in improving the environment. In addition, the intelligent control of the IoT devices plays an important role in regulating the temperature and humidity, and improves the living comfort of urban residents. Through the user survey, we learned that most respondents are satisfied with the smart city design, especially in terms of safety, convenience, and environmental friendliness. At the same time, some feedback mentioned the room for improvement, such as improving the efficiency of information transmission and providing more interactive experiences, providing useful suggestions for future designs. In the analysis of energy use effect, it is found that the smart city design scheme has achieved significant energy saving effect in energy use and effectively reduced the urban operation cost. In addition, through intelligent management and optimization, the urban infrastructure is more in line with the principles of sustainable development, providing substantial support for the sustainable development of cities.

Fig. 4.1 presents a comprehensive overview of the IoT system’s data statistics, offering a deep dive into the evolving patterns of its pivotal indicators. Over the recent months, the performance of IoT systems has undergone noteworthy advancements. Firstly, the figure underscores a gradual surge in the number of IoT devices connected to the system, with a notable increase of 25% since the beginning of the year. This upward trend signifies the system’s enhanced scalability, enabling a broader array of devices to integrate and facilitate data collection and exchange seamlessly. This expansion can be attributed to the seamless integration of new equipment, timely system upgrades, and ongoing optimization efforts. Secondly, the figure reveals fluctuations in the data transmission rate. Specifically, during the third quarter, the average transmission rate increased by 10% compared to the previous quarter. This marked improvement is likely due to system optimizations, including implementing more efficient data routing algorithms and deploying high-capacity network infrastructure. This refinement significantly enhances the system’s real-time capabilities and response speed, resulting in a smoother user experience. The data statistics reflect the system’s stability and reliability. Over the past six months, the system failure rate has maintained a consistently low level, averaging 0.5% per month. This remarkable consistency indicates that adequate measures have been implemented throughout the system’s design, operation, and maintenance, including proactive monitoring, timely patching of vulnerabilities, and robust backup systems.

Fig. 4.2 offers a comprehensive visualization of the data dispersion within the innovative City IoT system, revealing intricate patterns and insights into the system’s performance across various dimensions. This map not only underscores the diverse scores achieved by different subsystems but also highlights potential areas of improvement. Upon closer inspection, the figure reveals a spectrum of scores across the various subsystems, reflecting their unique functional characteristics, implementation efficiencies, and degrees of data integration. These disparities are crucial in accurately assessing the system’s strengths and weaknesses, enabling decision-makers to formulate targeted improvement strategies. Outliers within the data dispersion map indicate potential system issues or bottlenecks. These outliers, which may arise from equipment malfunctions, network hiccups, or security vulnerabilities, are red flags for urgent attention. Prompt identification and remediation of these outliers are vital in enhancing the system’s usability and stability, ensuring seamless operation under all circumstances.

Fig. 4.3 presents the accuracy curve of the innovative city model, a graphical representation that offers a deep dive into the model’s performance across various conditions. This analysis provides a snapshot of the model’s capabilities and identifies potential areas for improvement. The curve’s upward trajectory initially reflects the model’s learning process during the training and validation phases. As the model encounters and
processes more data, it gradually learns to recognize patterns and improve its predictive accuracy. The steepness of this initial rise indicates the model’s learning speed, which is crucial for its ability to adapt quickly to new
data and scenarios. Once the curve stabilizes, it indicates that the model has reached a level of maturity. The model has demonstrated robust performance on task-specific predictions without overfitting the training data. This stability ensures the model can generalize well to unseen data, a crucial requirement for real-world applications.

However, if the curve experiences a sudden drop during the validation phase, it suggests that the model may be over-fitting in certain aspects. This overfitting could be due to various factors, such as an inappropriate choice of hyper-parameters or an insufficiently diverse training dataset. In such cases, further analysis and adjustment of the model are necessary to improve its generalization performance. Moreover, the fluctuations in the curve provide insights into the model's robustness under different conditions. The model's ability to handle various scenarios is paramount in the context of smart cities, where the urban environment is constantly evolving and complex. By analysing these fluctuations, we can understand how the model performs under different challenges and identify potential weaknesses that must be addressed. By leveraging the insights gained from Fig. 4.3, decision-makers and model developers can optimize the intelligent city model effectively. This optimization process involves adjusting hyper-parameters, refining the training dataset, or exploring alternative model architectures to enhance the model's performance. The ultimate goal is to ensure that the model functions robustly and efficiently in practical applications, meeting the demands of urban management and optimization.
5. Conclusions. Through the research and analysis of the smart urban landscape design and planning based on the IoT, this study draws the following conclusions from multiple dimensions:

First, in terms of environmental parameter analysis, the air quality of the IoT sensor network and monitoring the environmental parameters is significantly better than that of the experimental area, highlighting the remarkable effect of the smart city design scheme in improving the urban environmental quality. The control of temperature and humidity by intelligent control improves the living comfort of urban residents and provides substantial support for the construction of liveable cities. The user survey results show that residents are generally satisfied with the smart city landscape design, especially in terms of safety, convenience, and environmental friendliness. However, some users make suggestions for improvements, such as improving information transmission efficiency and increased interactive experience, providing a useful reference for future design and planning.

In terms of the energy use effect, the analysis shows that the smart city design scheme has achieved significant energy saving effect in the energy use, and effectively reduced the urban operation cost. This not only reflects the positive contribution of the design scheme to urban sustainable development, but also provides reference and inspiration for similar urban planning. The smart urban landscape design and planning based on the IoT shows obvious advantages in improving environmental quality, improving residents’ satisfaction, and realizing energy benefits. In future research, we will pay more attention to field research, collect more real and comprehensive data, optimize data processing methods, and improve the accuracy and universality of results.

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