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SELF-HEATING COMPONENT ASSEMBLY FOR SU

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ABSTRACT

A self-heating component assembly for autonomous mobile robots operating in sub-zero environments, comprising an integrated thermal management system with active heating elements and smart temperature regulation. The assembly includes a multi-layer insulation structure, embedded resistance heating elements, and a microprocessor-controlled thermal distribution network that maintains optimal operating temperatures for critical robotic components in environments ranging from 0 C to -40 C.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] Autonomous mobile robots operating in cold storage and industrial environments face significant challenges related to component reliability and performance degradation. Conventional heating solutions fail to provide effective thermal management for precise robotic operations in sustained sub-zero conditions.

[0002]-Existing solutions typically employ basic resistance heating or passive insulation, which prove insufficient for maintaining consistent component temperatures across varied operational states and environmental conditions.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0003] The present invention provides a comprehensive thermal management solution for robotic components operating in extreme cold environments. The system comprises:

- a) A multi-layer composite insulation structure incorporating:
 - Vacuum-sealed aerogel core layer
 - Carbon fiber reinforced outer shell

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Thermally conductive intermediate layer

b) Distributed heating elements featuring:

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Precision-controlled resistance heaters

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Phase-change material thermal buffers

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Temperature-sensitive semiconductor elements

c) Smart control system including:

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Real-time temperature monitoring array

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Predictive thermal management algorithms

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Power optimization protocols

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0004] The self-heating component assembly utilizes a proprietary Bluetooth thermal management architecture to maintain optimal operating temperatures for robotic components in extreme cold environments.

[0005] The primary thermal management unit comprises:

Thermal Sensing Array

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Multiple distributed temperature sensors

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Thermal imaging capabilities

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Environmental condition monitoring

Heating Element Network

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Variable-resistance heating elements

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Zoned heating control

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Redundant heating circuits

Control System

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Microprocessor-based thermal regulation

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Machine learning optimization

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Power consumption management

[0006] The assembly maintains component temperatures within 2 C of target temperatures under various operating conditions while consuming less than 150W of power during operation.

CLAIMS

A self-heating component assembly for autonomous mobile robots comprising:

- a) A multi-layer insulation structure
- b) Distributed heating elements
- c) Microprocessor-controlled thermal management system

d) Power optimization system

The assembly of claim 1, wherein the multi-layer insulation structure comprises:

- a) Vacuum-sealed aerogel core
- b) Carbon fiber reinforced outer shell
- c) Thermally conductive intermediate layer

The assembly of claim 1, wherein the thermal management system comprises:

DRAWINGS

[0007] FIG. 1 illustrates the layered construction of the thermal management assembly.

[0008] FIG. 2 shows the distributed heating element network configuration.

[0009] FIG. 3 depicts the control system architecture.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0010] The invention relates to thermal management systems for robotic components, specifically addressing the challenges of maintaining optimal operating temperatures in extreme cold environments.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

[0011] This invention has direct application in:

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Cold storage warehouses

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Frozen food manufacturing facilities

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Pharmaceutical cold chain operations

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Industrial freezer environments

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Arctic research applications

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