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Portable Power Station Using IoT Devices

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Abstract

A portable power station is a rechargeable battery-powered device designed to supply electricity to various electronics and appliances. It features multiple output ports, including USB, AC, and DC outlets, enabling simultaneous charging of multiple devices. These stations can be recharged using wall sockets, car chargers, or solar panels, making them suitable for various applications. IoT-based power monitoring systems are implemented in fields such as medical technology, GPS tracking, safety systems, and light spectrum analysis. Despite differences in applications, all IoT systems share common features, including self-powered sensors with internal or external batteries, limited data registers, and refresh rates exceeding one second. Additionally, although devices communicate through a single interface, they are not always synchronized with a real-time clock, which can impact data analysis. The document "IoT-Based Power Monitoring System and Control" provides an in-depth analysis of designing and deploying an IoT-enabled system for monitoring and managing power consumption in electrical appliances. It integrates wireless sensor networks (WSNs) with Ethernet, Internet, and web services for data management. The hardware setup is designed to measure and control key electrical parameters, such as voltage, current, and Power.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Mario Augusto Trape et al. (2024) highlight the impact of IoT technology in various fields, emphasizing improvements in data collection, monitoring, and automation. Portable IoT stations offer adaptability for remote and dynamic environments, facilitating efficient data acquisition. This review explores the latest research, design aspects, technological progress, and real-world applications of these systems. The development of portable IoT stations enhances flexibility and real-time data gathering across multiple sectors. Current research aims to improve sensor integration, connectivity, energy efficiency, and security to build more reliable IoT solutions. Future advancements will continue to focus on these areas, driven by evolving technology and the increasing need for portable IoT systems.

Mrs. Mauridhi Hery Purnomo et al. (2023) discuss the growing importance of small-scale renewable energy generation and the challenges of ensuring power quality and protection in microgrids. Their study introduces an IoT-based portable power quality monitoring device designed for low-voltage distribution networks. This device

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enables real-time monitoring and enhances protection features, which are essential for residential grids incorporating renewable energy sources. The document covers key aspects such as the background and motivation for the study, challenges in microgrids, the proposed solution, power and harmonic analysis, and protection functionalities.

Mrs. Arodh Lal Karn et.al (2022) discuss the Internet of Things (IoT) as a network of interconnected physical devices equipped with sensors, software, and communication technologies that facilitate data exchange over the internet. The study highlights how IoT improves monitoring, automation, and efficiency in power generation, distribution, and consumption. It also examines the limitations of traditional SCADA systems and PLCs, particularly in real-time data processing and remote access. Additionally, the research explores the role of wireless communication technologies such as Zigbee, LoRaWAN, and NB-IoT, assessing their suitability for power station environments. The review concludes by summarizing key findings and offering insights for power station operators, policymakers, and technology developers.

Mrs. Nikhil Varughese et.al (2022) emphasize the vital role of ventilators in respiratory care, particularly in emergencies and for patients with chronic respiratory illnesses. The study highlights the need for cost-effective medical devices, especially in regions with limited healthcare resources. It explains the functioning, components, and expenses associated with conventional ventilators. Additionally, the research reviews previous studies and projects focused on developing affordable ventilators, examining their design, functionality, and effectiveness. Specific examples of successful low-cost ventilator initiatives are discussed, along with their achievements and challenges. The review concludes by summarizing key findings and underscoring the potential of IoT-enabled portable ventilators to enhance healthcare accessibility and efficiency.

Yong Woo Hwang, Young WoonKim et.al (2024)
Yong Woo Hwang, Young Woon Kim et al. (2024) discuss the impact of the European Union's Fit for 55 package and the planned ban on new internal combustion engine vehicle sales by 2035, which has driven significant growth in the electric vehicle (EV) market. This transition brings challenges, particularly in managing used EV batteries, including their reuse, recycling, and remanufacturing. The study evaluates the environmental and economic benefits of remanufacturing used EV batteries into portable power stations.

Mr. Prasad Mete et.al (2023)
describe portable power stations as compact, rechargeable battery-powered devices that provide electricity for various needs. With multiple output options, they are ideal for outdoor use, emergencies, and off-grid scenarios. The incorporation of IoT technology enhances these power stations by enabling real-time monitoring, control, and energy optimization. Through IoT sensors and communication modules, users can remotely track power quality, consumption patterns, and device health via mobile apps or cloud platforms. The development of IoT-enabled portable power stations represents a significant advancement in energy management. These smart systems offer improved efficiency, monitoring, and protection, making them highly suitable for applications like microgrids and emergency response. As technology progresses, IoT integration in portable power solutions is expected to become even more advanced, increasing their reliability and effectiveness.

PROPOSED WORK
This research aims to create an efficient monitoring system for portable power stations, allowing for real-time tracking, user alerts, and data analysis to optimize energy usage. The device is capable of providing charging solutions for various power needs and can be used in emergency medical situations, outdoor activities, disaster management, and public areas The system employs a smart meter to track power consumption and send the data to a server, which can be accessed through a mobile app or web portal. A smart power component is also integrated into the system to remotely monitor ECG signals, with a Digital Signal Processor (DSP) analysing and transmitting the data to a computer or online platform. This device can measure power quality metrics like frequency, harmonics, and power factor, while offering real-time notifications and ensuring network security. The study aimed to develop an IoT-based smart power meter connected to a data logger for remote monitoring. Results show that the proposed device provides significant advantages over traditional power meters, especially in terms of power quality measurement and protection features.

System Architecture:

Implementing an energy monitoring system comes with several challenges, including a high initial investment in sensors, meters, and software, along with potential costs for professional installation to integrate the system with existing infrastructure. Regular maintenance and updates are necessary to ensure optimal performance, adding to long-term expenses. Additionally, employees may require specialized training to operate the system effectively, which can be both time-consuming and costly, especially for large organizations. The complexity of the collected data also poses a challenge, as skilled personnel are needed to interpret and analyze energy consumption patterns accurately. Furthermore, cybersecurity risks must be addressed, as energy monitoring systems are vulnerable to data breaches. Implementing robust security measures to protect sensitive data increases both system complexity and overall costs.

Flow chart Diagram

The diagram you provided illustrates the architecture of an IoT-based power monitoring system. Here's a breakdown of the data flow. It processes the data to calculate the power consumption (P = V * I) and makes decisions based on the calculated values.

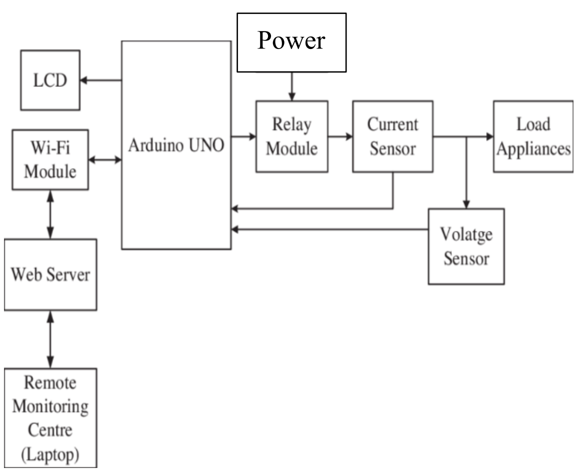

Fig 1: Data flow diagram of Portable Power Station

1.Power Measurement:-

Current Sensor: Detects the amount of current flowing through connected appliances.

Voltage Sensor: Monitors the voltage supplied to the appliances.

2.Data Processing and Control:

Arduino UNO: Acts as the central controller, receiving input from the voltage and current sensors. It processes this data to compute power consumption using the formula **P = V × I** and makes necessary decisions based on the results.

Block diagram of IoT based energy monitoring system:

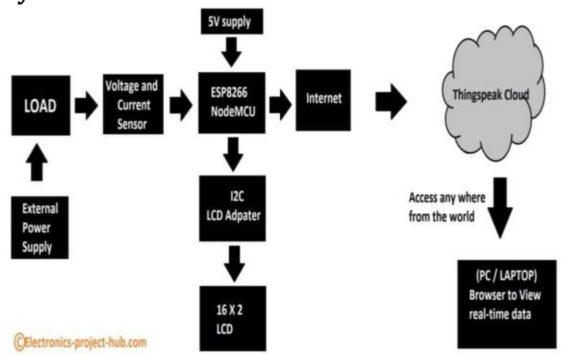

Fig:2 IoT based energy monitoring system

- **ESP8266 Node MCU as the Core Processor**: The system is powered by the ESP8266 Node MCU, which features built-in internet connectivity and supports multiple peripheral communication protoco
- **Voltag Current Sensing**: A sensor modul ures voltage and current from the connected load, which operates on an independent power source separate from the 5V supply used for the measuring circuit.
- **Real-Time Display**: An I2C LCD adapter drives a 16x2 display, showing real-time voltage, current, and power readings.
- **Cloud-Based Data Storage**: The Node MCU transmits measured data to a cloud server (Thing speak) for storage and future analysis.
- **Remote Access**: Users can view real-time data from any PC, laptop, or smartphone via a web browser, ensuring convenient monitoring and analysis.

Advantages of IoT based energy monitoring system:

- **Global Real-Time Energy Monitoring:** Since the system is internet-connected, users can access real-time energy data from anywhere with an internet connection.
- **Optimized Power Generation**: Real-time energy consumption feedback helps power plants adjust electricity production based on demand, preventing both shortages and overproduction.

- **Preventing Blackouts:** By balancing power generation with real-time demand, the system reduces the risk of blackouts caused by supply-demand mismatches.
- **Automated Metering & Billing:** Eliminates the need for manual meter readings, allowing power companies to bill customers directly based on actual usage.
- **Consumer Energy Awareness:** Individual users can track their electricity consumption, helping them reduce unnecessary usage and lower energy costs.

Circuit Diagram:

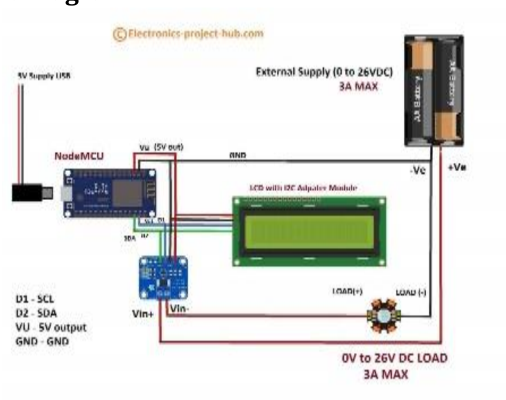

Fig:4 Working of portable power station

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

User Interface

Designing a user-friendly interface for an IoT-powered portable power station requires real-time monitoring, control options, and an intuitive experience. Key features include:

1. **Dashboard Overview**
   - **Battery Status**: Displays charge percentage and estimated runtime.
   - **Power Input/Output**: Monitors real-time wattage from sources like solar panels or AC input and power consumption by connected devices.
   - **Device Status**: Shows active IoT-connected devices, their status, and energy usage.
   - **Energy Sources**: Identifies power input methods (solar, AC, DC) and their contributions.
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2. **Analytics & Reports**
   - **Energy Usage History**: Visualizes past energy consumption trends.
   - **Energy Generation Data**: Tracks solar energy production over different timeframes.
   - **Efficiency Metrics**: Assesses power usage efficiency, comparing supplied vs. consumed energy.

About Result

The integration of IoT in a portable power station has demonstrated various benefits and challenges. The system successfully enhances energy management by improving monitoring, control, and efficiency. It provides users with real-time insights and historical data, making energy consumption more predictable and optimized.

Discussion

The experiment highlights improvements in performance, usability, and user experience, enabling better energy distribution and reliability. However, challenges such as connectivity limitations, power fluctuations, and the need for further optimization in energy efficiency have been identified. Future improvements can focus on refining the system’s responsiveness, expanding connectivity options, and enhancing overall reliability.

LIMITATIONS AND CHALLENGES

Despite the overall success of the IoT-enabled portable power station, several challenges and limitations were identified:

- Connectivity Issues: In remote areas where cellular or Wi-Fi connectivity was poor, the ability to monitor and control the power station remotely was limited. While local device control remained functional, real-time data synchronization and remote access were compromised, leading to delays in notifications and status updates.
- Overload Protection: While the system provided alerts for potential overloads, automatic load-shedding features (i.e., turning off non-critical devices to prevent overloading) were not implemented in the current version. This could be a valuable enhancement to prevent system damage in cases of excessive power draw.
- Battery Degradation: Long-term tests revealed that frequent deep discharges negatively impacted battery health over time. The IoT system did not currently provide predictive maintenance alerts for battery degradation, which could help users take action to prolong battery lifespan.

CONCLUSIONS

Our project on portable power stations using IoT technology offers a smart, efficient, and adaptable energy solution for various applications. By incorporating IoT, users can remotely monitor and control power usage, optimize energy consumption, and maintain battery health while receiving real-time safety alerts. This ensures seamless operation in diverse environments, including off-grid locations, emergency backups, and industrial settings.

Additionally, IoT-enabled features such as smart load management, environmental monitoring, and cloud-based analytics enhance efficiency, extend battery life, and provide valuable power usage insights. The system's mobility, scalability, and intelligent control make it an essential tool for modern energy management, supporting both personal and professional needs.The project also introduces a solar power generation system integrated with IoT for effective power regulation. It utilizes controllers, sensors, and relay devices to adjust loads based on power availability while monitoring voltage and current consumption. Wireless communication ensures real-time data exchange, fault detection, and safety measures, making this system a reliable and intelligent approach to power generation and management.

Future Scope

The future of portable power stations integrated with IoT is poised for significant advancements, enhancing energy management, connectivity, and efficiency. These systems will play a vital role in decentralized energy solutions, smart grids, and sustainable living. Key developments include AI-driven predictive analytics for optimizing power distribution, smart energy allocation based on usage patterns, and seamless integration with IoT ecosystems. With 5G, these devices will offer real-time monitoring and control, even in remote locations, improving responsiveness. Technologies like blockchain will further enhance security and adaptability, making these power stations smarter, more efficient, and indispensable for consumers, businesses, and industries.

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