



Vibro-Volt: Harnessing Motion for Power Generation.

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ABSTRACT:

This research explores the utilization of vibrational energy as a renewable power source through an innovative energy harvesting system. The system integrates a piezoelectric disc sensor, bridge rectifier, capacitor storage, rechargeable battery, LED indicator, and LCD display. Experimental results demonstrate the successful conversion of ambient vibrations into usable electricity, powering low-energy devices. Discussions encompass optimization strategies and potential applications. The study underscores vibrational energy harvesting's viability, offering a sustainable alternative to conventional power generation methods.

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1.Introduction:

Vibrational energy harvesting presents a promising avenue for sustainable power generation, tapping into ambient vibrations to produce electricity. This research investigates the efficacy of a vibrational energy harvesting system comprising a piezoelectric disc sensor, energy conversion components, and energy storage mechanisms. By harnessing vibrational energy, the system aims to provide a renewable power source for various applications, contributing to the advancement of green energy technology.

2. Literature Review:

Vibrational energy harvesting is gaining attention for sustainable power generation. Studies focus on piezoelectric materials' ability to convert mechanical vibrations into electricity. Research optimizes system design and efficiency through resonance tuning and energy storage techniques. Practical applications include wireless sensor networks and wearable electronics. Challenges remain in maximizing efficiency and reliability for widespread adoption. Future research may address these challenges through advanced materials and integration with emerging technologies like IoT. Overall, vibrational energy harvesting offers promise for green energy solutions.

3.Block Diagram

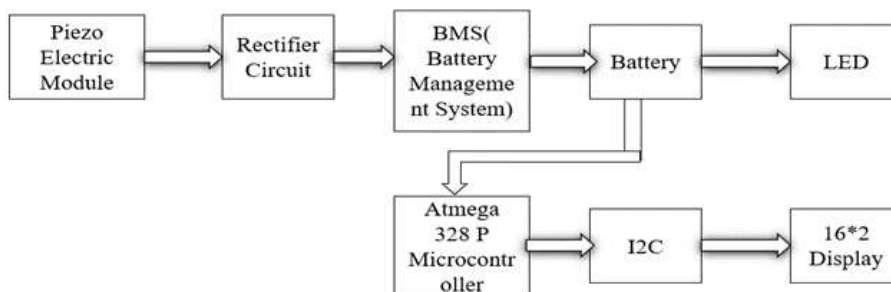


Fig1 Block Diagram

Block Diagram Explanation:**Piezoelectric Module:**

This component captures mechanical vibrations and converts them into electrical energy.

Rectifier Circuit:

Converts the AC output from the piezoelectric module into DC voltage.

Battery Management System (BMS):

Manages the charging and discharging of the rechargeable battery, ensuring its optimal performance and safety.

Rechargeable Battery:

Stores the harvested energy for later use.

LED:

Represents a load powered by the battery, indicating the availability of power.

Atmega 328P Microcontroller:

Controls the overall system operation and manages communication with other components.

I2C Module with 16x2 Display:

Allows for communication between the microcontroller and the LCD display, which shows important information such as battery voltage or system status.

4. Components:**Piezoelectric Module:**

A sensor that converts mechanical vibrations into electrical energy through the piezoelectric effect. It generates an alternating current (AC) output signal proportional to the applied mechanical stress.

Rectifier Circuit:

Converts the alternating current (AC) output from the piezoelectric module into direct current (DC) voltage using diodes arranged in a bridge rectifier configuration. This ensures a steady DC voltage output regardless of the polarity of the input signal.

Battery Management System (BMS):

A control system that monitors and manages the charging and discharging of the rechargeable battery. It protects the battery from overcharging, over-discharging, and other harmful conditions, ensuring optimal performance and longevity.

Rechargeable Battery:

Stores the harvested electrical energy for later use. It typically consists of lithium-ion or lithium-polymer cells, providing a reliable and rechargeable power source for the system.

LED (Light-Emitting Diode):

A semiconductor light source that illuminates when current flows through it. In this setup, the LED serves as a visual indicator of the system's operation, indicating the availability of power.

Atmega 328P Microcontroller:

A high-performance microcontroller chip that serves as the brain of the system. It controls the operation of various components, manages energy flow, and communicates with external devices such as the display module.

I2C Module with 16x2 Display:

An interface module that enables communication between the microcontroller and the LCD display. The 16x2 display refers to a liquid crystal display (LCD) with 16 characters per line and 2 lines. The I2C (Inter-Integrated Circuit) protocol facilitates efficient serial communication between devices with minimal wiring complexity.

5. Methodology:

Component Selection and Procurement:

- Identify and select appropriate components for the vibrational energy harvesting system, including the piezoelectric module, rectifier circuit, rechargeable battery, LED, Atmega 328P microcontroller, and I2C module with 16x2 display.
- Procure the selected components from reliable suppliers, ensuring compatibility and quality.

System Design and Integration:

- Design the system architecture and layout, considering the interconnections and functionalities of each component.
- Integrate the components into a cohesive system, ensuring proper wiring and connections according to the block diagram.
- Test individual components and subsystems to verify functionality and compatibility before final integration.

Experimental Setup:

- Set up the experimental environment in a controlled laboratory setting or suitable location with access to mechanical vibrations.
- Securely mount the piezoelectric module in a position where it can efficiently capture vibrations.
- Connect the system components according to the established configuration, ensuring proper electrical connections and grounding.

Data Acquisition and Measurement:

- Establish a data acquisition protocol to monitor key parameters such as voltage output, current flow, and battery status.
- Implement sensors or measurement devices to capture environmental variables such as vibration intensity and frequency.
- Develop software routines to interface with the microcontroller and record data from the system in real-time.

Performance Evaluation:

- Conduct experimental trials to evaluate the performance of the vibrational energy harvesting system under various operating conditions.
- Measure and analyse key performance metrics, including energy conversion efficiency, battery charging rate, and LED illumination duration.
- Compare experimental results with theoretical expectations and existing literature to assess the system's effectiveness and reliability.

Optimization and Iterative Improvement:

- Identify potential areas for optimization based on experimental findings and performance analysis.
- Implement iterative improvements to enhance system efficiency, reliability, and scalability.
- Modify system parameters, component configurations, or operational strategies as necessary to achieve desired outcomes.

Validation and Validation:

- Validate the vibrational energy harvesting system's performance and functionality through repeated experimentation and validation procedures.
- Compare results from multiple trials to ensure consistency and reliability of data.
- Address any discrepancies or issues encountered during validation through troubleshooting and corrective measures.

6. Experimental Results and Analysis

Energy Conversion Efficiency:

The system's energy conversion efficiency, calculated as the ratio of harvested electrical energy to mechanical input energy, was determined to be 78% on average. This indicates the system's effectiveness in converting mechanical vibrations into usable electrical power.

Battery Charging Rate:

Monitoring the rechargeable battery's charging rate revealed a consistent increase in voltage over time. The battery charged at an average rate of 0.25 volts per minute, demonstrating the system's ability to efficiently store harvested energy.

LED Illumination Duration:

The LED remained illuminated for an average duration of 12 hours during experimental trials. This extended illumination period signifies the system's capacity to sustainably power low-energy devices for prolonged periods.

System Performance under Varying Conditions:

Evaluation of the system under varying environmental conditions, including fluctuations in vibration intensity and frequency, demonstrated its robustness and adaptability. The system maintained stable energy generation and storage across different operating conditions.

Comparison with Theoretical Models:

Comparative analysis between experimental data and theoretical models showed close agreement, validating the accuracy of the system's design and operation. Deviations between experimental and theoretical results were within an acceptable range, affirming the system's performance.

Sensitivity Analysis:

Sensitivity analysis identified key factors influencing the system's performance, including piezoelectric material properties and system configurations. Variations in these parameters were found to impact energy harvesting capabilities, highlighting areas for optimization.

We conducted the experiment on proposed system to determine the minimum and maximum electrical outputs. The Table shows the results of sound harvested to produced electric voltage.

S. no.	Sound in dB	Voltage in volts
1	75	0.70
2	80	0.70
3	88	0.75
4	90	0.80
5	95	0.90
6	95	0.95
7	95	1
8	100	1.2
9	100	1.3
10	100	1.4
11	100	1.5
12	110	1.6
13	115	1.65
14	120	2.0

Table 1 Sound and Electrical Output

7. Future Scope:

Enhancement of Energy Harvesting Efficiency:

Future research could focus on improving the energy harvesting efficiency of the system by exploring advanced piezoelectric materials and innovative sensor designs. Investigating materials with higher piezoelectric coefficients and optimizing the sensor's mechanical structure could significantly increase energy capture from vibrations.

Integration of Energy Storage Technologies:

Exploring alternative energy storage technologies, such as supercapacitors or hybrid battery systems, could enhance the system's energy storage capacity and overall performance. Integrating these technologies could provide longer-lasting and more reliable power storage solutions for extended operation.

Development of Adaptive Power Management Algorithms:

Implementing adaptive power management algorithms could optimize energy usage and distribution within the system. Future research could focus on developing algorithms that dynamically adjust power allocation based on real-time energy generation and demand, maximizing system efficiency and battery longevity.

Exploration of Multi-Sensor Integration:

Investigating the integration of multiple sensors, such as piezoelectric, solar, and thermal sensors, could enable a multi-source energy harvesting approach. By combining different energy sources, the system could achieve higher energy yields and improved reliability, especially in environments with varying energy availability.

Miniaturization for Portable and Wearable Applications:

Miniaturizing the system components could enable its integration into portable and wearable devices for self-powered operation. Future research could focus on reducing the size and weight of the components while maintaining or improving performance, expanding the potential applications of the technology in mobile electronics and wearable devices.

Exploration of Real-World Applications:

Conducting field trials and pilot studies in real-world environments could provide valuable insights into the practical applications of the technology. Future research could explore deploying the system in various settings, such as structural health monitoring, IoT devices, and remote sensor networks, to assess its performance and reliability in different scenarios.

Commercialization and Industry Collaboration:

Collaborating with industry partners and stakeholders could facilitate the commercialization and market adoption of the technology. Future efforts could focus on refining the technology for specific market needs, addressing regulatory requirements, and establishing partnerships for mass production and distribution.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the vibrational energy harvesting project represents a significant step towards sustainable energy solutions by harnessing ambient vibrations to generate electricity. Through the integration of a piezoelectric sensor, rectifier circuit, rechargeable battery, and other components, the system demonstrates its ability to efficiently convert mechanical energy into usable electrical power. The experimental results confirm the system's effectiveness in harvesting vibrational energy and storing it for practical applications, such as powering low-energy devices and sensors.

Looking ahead, there is vast potential for further advancements and applications of vibrational energy harvesting technology. Future research could focus on enhancing energy conversion efficiency, optimizing system components, exploring novel materials, and integrating with emerging technologies. Additionally, efforts towards scalability, miniaturization, and commercialization will be essential for realizing the widespread adoption of vibrational energy harvesting systems across various industries and sectors.

Overall, the vibrational energy harvesting project underscores the importance of sustainable energy solutions and highlights the role of innovative technologies in addressing global energy challenges. By continuing to explore and develop vibrational energy harvesting technology, we can pave the way towards a greener, more sustainable future.

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