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Hybrid Ceiling Fan Energy Recovery System

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ABSTRACT :

Hybrid Fan Energy Recovery System captures residual mechanical energy generated during ceiling fan operation. System integrates rotational and vibrational energy sources to produce electrical power. Miniature dynamo converts rotational motion into electricity, while piezoelectric discs harvest vibration-based energy from fan structure. Since harvested energy remains minimal and inconsistent, boost converter elevates voltage and stores output in rechargeable battery. Stored power operates small DC loads such as LEDs or sensors. Dual-source configuration enhances energy conversion efficiency, stability, and sustainability through combined harvesting mechanisms. Experimental observations reveal rotational source contributes major output, while vibrational source supplies auxiliary power. Proposed design ensures compact structure, low cost, and eco-friendly operation, supporting sustainable micro-energy harvesting for residential and industrial environments.

Keywords: Hybrid energy harvesting, Rotational energy, Vibrational energy, Piezoelectric system, Dual-source, Sustainable power generation, Micro-energy harvesting.

INTRODUCTION

The ceiling fan is one of the most common electrical appliances used in homes, classrooms, and offices for continuous air circulation. During operation, it generates rotational motion, vibrations, and heat as byproducts of its mechanical activity. The Hybrid Ceiling Fan Energy Recovery System captures this unused mechanical energy and converts it into usable electrical energy. It combines two harvesting methods rotational and vibrational energy recovery making it a hybrid system. The energy produced is boosted and stored in a battery for powering small DC loads like LEDs. This approach enhances energy utilization and promotes sustainability. It is especially useful in remote or power-limited areas where continuous supply is uncertain. By transforming natural fan motion into electricity, the system adds extra functionality to conventional fans. Overall, it supports smart energy solutions and sustainable engineering practices. Gardening System supports self-sufficiency, reduces dependence on market produce, and contributes to a greener urban environment.

2. PROBLEM STATEMENT:

In the present context, conservation of electrical energy has gained critical importance. Conventional ceiling fans are primarily designed to generate airflow and do not utilize the mechanical motion produced during operation. A considerable portion of the fan's rotational and vibrational energy remains unutilized, dissipating as mere air movement. Despite their widespread use, ceiling fans lack integrated systems capable of recovering or reusing this mechanical energy. Meanwhile, several low-power devices such as LED indicators, sensors, and smart modules depend entirely on external electrical supply. This gap highlights an untapped potential for improving energy efficiency and developing self-powered household electronics. At present, no compact or practical mechanism exists within standard ceiling fan structures to convert rotational or vibrational energy into usable electrical power, emphasizing the need for an effective hybrid energy recovery solution.

3. LITERATURE SURVEY :

[1] Energy Harnessing fan using Dynamo, Author: Thamarai Selvi G, B Vishwa, R Vishwanath, N T Ramprasath Published in 2024.

This paper presents a method of converting the rotational motion of a fan into usable electrical energy through the integration of a dynamo. Their work demonstrates how the mechanical energy produced during normal fan operation can be harvested, rectified, and stored to power small electrical loads such as LEDs, thereby promoting sustainable energy use. The study highlights the practicality of embedding energy recovery mechanisms into everyday appliances, showing that even modest power generation can contribute to reducing external energy dependence. It also opens scope for further improvements in efficiency, storage, and applications, making it a relevant foundation for hybrid systems that combine multiple energy harvesting techniques.

[2] Piezoelectric Energy Harvester: Applications and Research Advances, Author: Ashutosh Anand Published in 2024.

This research focuses on how piezoelectric materials can effectively convert mechanical vibrations into electrical energy, offering a sustainable solution for powering low-consumption devices. It explains the fundamental working principle of piezoelectric harvesters and highlights their use in areas such as wearable electronics, structural monitoring, and IoT systems. The study also reviews recent advancements in material science and circuit design that enhance efficiency, reliability, and adaptability of these harvesters. By presenting both current applications and future research directions, the paper underscores the growing importance of piezoelectric technology in micro-energy harvesting and its potential to support self-powered smart systems.

[3] A Novel Approach for Regeneration of Electricity through a Ceiling Fan with Dynamo, Author: Damala Rajesh Babu , Vasupalli Manoj Published in 2023.

This research explores how the rotational motion of a ceiling fan can be harnessed to generate electricity by coupling it with a dynamo. The study demonstrates that while the fan continues to perform its primary function of air circulation, its mechanical energy can simultaneously be converted into electrical energy, which is then rectified, stored, and used to power small loads such as LEDs. This approach highlights the potential of household appliances to act as micro-generators, contributing to sustainable energy practices. The authors emphasize that such systems can reduce reliance on external power sources and encourage further research into improving efficiency, storage capacity, and expanding applications of energy recovery in everyday device.

[4] Design and Analysis of Energy Harvesting System Based on Piezoelectric Element, Author: Mohanad mubdir Kadhim, Ahmed Albakri Published in 2022.

This paper presents a detailed study on how piezoelectric materials can be designed and optimized to convert mechanical vibrations into electrical energy. The authors analyze key parameters such as material properties, structural configurations, and circuit integration to enhance voltage generation and efficiency, while also addressing challenges like limited power density and energy management. Their work demonstrates practical applications in powering small electronic devices and sensors, highlighting the potential of piezoelectric systems as reliable micro-energy sources. By focusing on both design and analytical aspects, the paper encourages further research into improving durability, output performance, and adaptability of piezoelectric harvesters for real-world use.

[5] Ceiling Fan Drives -Past, Present and Future, Author: N.C Lenin, Sanjeevikumar Padmanaban, Mahajan Sagar Baskhar , Massimo Mitolo, Eklas Hossain, Published in 2021.

This paper provides a detailed review of how ceiling fan technology has evolved from basic induction motor–based designs to modern energy-efficient and smart control systems. The authors highlight that traditional ceiling fans were simple and reliable but suffered from low efficiency and limited speed control. Over the years, advancements such as BLDC motors, improved aerodynamics, and electronic control circuits have significantly increased energy savings and performance. The paper also emphasizes the growing demand for intelligent features like remote control, IoT connectivity, and adaptive speed regulation. Additionally, the study points out future opportunities for integrating renewable energy concepts, better materials, and sustainable designs. Overall, the inference from the paper is that ceiling fan systems are moving toward higher efficiency, smarter operation, and environmentally friendly innovations, which aligns with the need for modern energy-recovery and hybrid systems.

4. EXISTING SYSTEM

Conventional ceiling fans are designed solely for air circulation by converting electrical energy into mechanical rotation. In these systems, mechanical effects such as shaft rotation, vibration, and airflow are not utilized beyond their primary purpose. No mechanism exists to capture or reuse the residual mechanical energy generated during fan operation. As a result, all mechanical energy apart from airflow remains unexploited, leading to inefficient energy utilization. Existing energy recovery methods generally focus on large-scale systems or industrial applications and are not adapted for compact household appliances. Moreover, low-power devices like sensors or LED indicators continue to rely entirely on external electrical sources, leaving a gap in small-scale, self-powered solutions.

5. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed Hybrid Fan Energy Recovery System introduces a compact and sustainable method to recover energy from both rotational and vibrational motions of a ceiling fan. Rotational motion from the fan shaft is converted into electrical energy using a miniature dynamo, while piezoelectric discs harvest energy from vibrations generated during operation. The collected energy, typically low and inconsistent, is regulated and amplified using a boost converter before being stored in a rechargeable battery. The stored power is then used to operate small DC loads such as LEDs or sensors. This dual-source hybrid approach enhances energy recovery efficiency, promotes renewable energy utilization, and enables continuous operation of low-power devices without depending solely on grid supply. The design is lightweight, cost-effective, and suitable for integration into existing ceiling fan structures..

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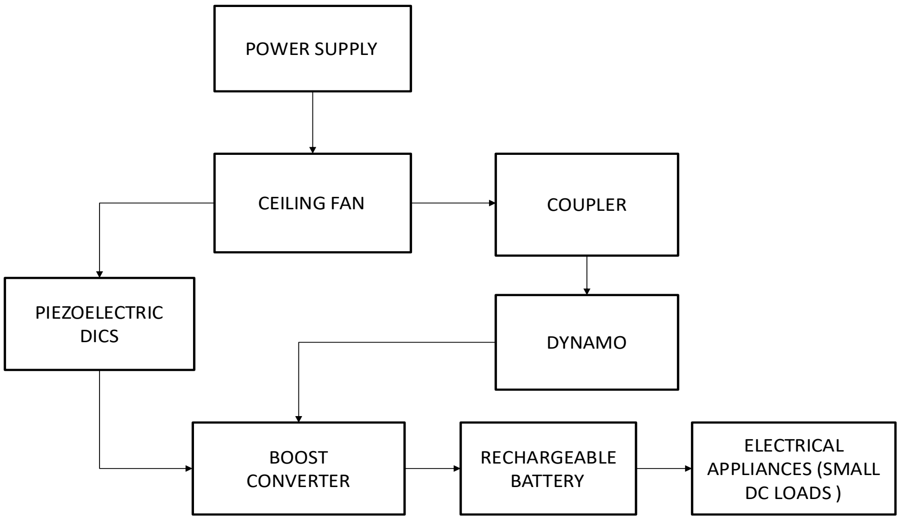
6. METHODOLOGY

Hybrid Fan Energy Recovery System is developed to capture unused mechanical energy from a ceiling fan and convert it into electrical power. The system integrates both rotational and vibrational energy harvesting mechanisms to enhance energy utilization and sustainability. The methodology involves the operation and interaction of several major components as explained below:



Block Diagram

Power Supply

The system begins with an electrical power supply that energizes the ceiling fan. This input activates the motor, causing the blades to rotate and generate airflow. The power supply functions as the initial energy source required for fan operation.

Ceiling Fan

During normal operation, the ceiling fan converts electrical energy into mechanical energy, producing rotational motion and slight vibrations. These mechanical outputs are essential for the hybrid energy recovery process. The fan acts as the primary source of mechanical activity**,** enabling both rotational and vibrational energy extraction.

Coupler

A coupler is connected between the fan shaft and the dynamo. It transmits rotational motion from the fan to the dynamo with minimal energy loss. The coupler ensures proper mechanical alignment and smooth energy transfer, preventing mechanical stress or slippage during fan operation.

Dynamo

The dynamo converts rotational motion into electrical energy based on the principle of electromagnetic induction. As the fan shaft rotates, the coupled dynamo’s armature moves within a magnetic field, generating an alternating or direct current. This output forms the **rotational energy component** of the hybrid system.

Piezoelectric Discs

Piezoelectric discs are mounted on the fan structure to capture vibrations created during operation. These discs generate a small electrical voltage when subjected to mechanical stress or vibration. This process is known as the **piezoelectric effect**. The electrical energy produced complements the dynamo output, forming the **vibrational energy component** of the hybrid system.

Boost Converter

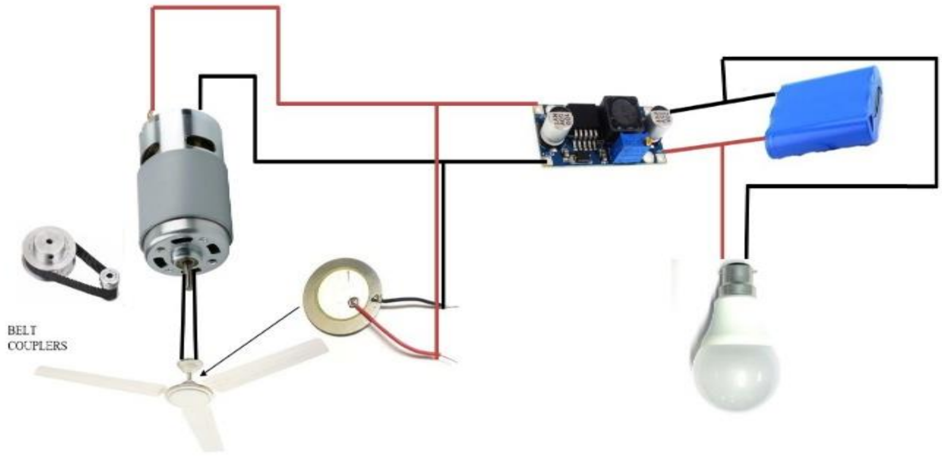
Both the dynamo and piezoelectric discs produce low and inconsistent voltage levels. The boost converter amplifies this voltage to a stable and usable level. It regulates power fluctuations and ensures efficient energy transfer to the storage unit. The boost converter is crucial for maintaining reliable performance and preventing energy losses.

Rechargeable Battery

The amplified energy is stored in a rechargeable battery. The battery acts as an energy reservoir, supplying power even when the fan is not in operation. It stores the harvested energy and delivers it steadily to the connected load.

Electrical Appliances (Small DC Loads)

The stored energy in the battery is used to power small DC appliances such as LED lights, mini sensors, or smart modules. These devices require minimal power, making them ideal for operation using the recovered energy.



Circuit Diagram

Hardware & Software Components

Hybrid Fan Energy Recovery System consists of several integrated hardware components that work together to capture and convert mechanical energy into electrical power. The main component of the system is the ceiling fan, which provides continuous rotational motion and vibration during operation. A coupler connects the rotating shaft of the fan to a dynamo, allowing smooth transmission of mechanical motion without slippage or misalignment. The dynamo converts rotational energy into electrical power through electromagnetic induction. In addition, piezoelectric discs are mounted on the fan structure to harvest energy from vibrations produced during operation. Both outputs from the dynamo and piezoelectric discs are directed to a boost converter, which amplifies and stabilizes the voltage to a usable level. The processed energy is then stored in a rechargeable battery, ensuring consistent power supply for small DC loads such as LEDs, sensors, and micro-devices. A power supply unit provides the initial input required to operate the fan, while connecting wires and mounting supports ensure proper electrical connection and stable installation of all components. Together, these hardware elements form an efficient hybrid system capable of recovering, conditioning, and utilizing residual mechanical energy for sustainable applications.

7. RESULTS

The Hybrid Ceiling Fan Energy Recovery System was tested under standard operating conditions of a ceiling fan. The DC generator connected through a belt–pulley arrangement produced a consistent voltage output that increased with fan speed. At medium and high speeds, sufficient electrical energy was obtained for further processing. The piezoelectric disc responded effectively to fan vibrations, producing additional voltage pulses that contributed to the total energy harvested. Both energy sources were combined and regulated using a boost converter, which elevated the voltage to a stable level suitable for charging the rechargeable battery. The stored energy was later utilized to power a low-power LED bulb, confirming successful conversion of mechanical motion and vibration into usable electrical power. The illumination of the LED demonstrated the efficiency and reliability of the hybrid recovery method. Overall, the system effectively enhanced total energy output compared to using a single harvesting source.

Illustrations

Fig.1. View of Project when supply is OFF

Fig.2. View of the project when Supply is ON

VOLTAGE OUTPUT :

Fig.3. Rotational motion of dynamo

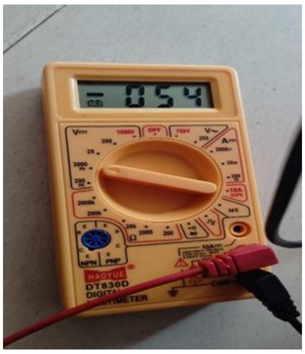


Fig.4. Piezo Electric Disc

Fig.5.Boost Converter.

CURRENT OUTPUT:

Fig.6. Rotational motion of dynamo

Fig.7. Piezo Electric Disc

Fig.8.Boost Converter.

8. CONCLUSION

The Hybrid Ceiling Fan Energy Recovery System proves that mechanical energy produced during normal fan operation can be effectively captured and reused. By integrating both rotational and vibrational energy harvesting methods, the system enhances the efficiency of small-scale power generation. Although the recovered energy is limited to powering low-power devices, the concept demonstrates the practicality of embedding simple energy-harvesting mechanisms in everyday appliances. The design remains economical, compact, and eco-friendly, making it well-suited for educational and demonstration purposes. This work emphasizes the potential of micro-energy recovery systems and promotes the adoption of sustainable solutions in household electrical devices to improve overall energy utilization in the future.

9.FUTURE SCOPE

1. Integration of superconductors
2. Mini UPS Functionality
3. Advanced Transducer Materials
4. Smart Power management
5. IOT and Smart Applian

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