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Abstract

The Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System is designed as a secure and intelligent energy-management solution that ensures continuous and efficient power delivery. The system continuously monitors the input from two power sources—a standard transformer supply and a 12V Li-ion battery—and automatically switches between them based on real-time voltage conditions. This automatic source-selection mechanism helps maintain stable power output even when fluctuations or outages occur, aligning with modern smart microgrid control practices discussed in recent studies.

At the core of the setup is an Arduino Nano microcontroller, which collects data from multiple sensors, including two voltage sensors, an ACS712 current sensor, and a DHT11 temperature-humidity sensor. These sensors enable real-time monitoring of electrical and environmental parameters, a feature commonly emphasized in IoT-based microgrid monitoring systems. The collected data is presented on a 16×2 I2C LCD, offering a simple and clear interface for users to observe system performance.

To enhance user interaction, the system integrates an HC-05 Bluetooth module that enables wireless control of loads such as a fan, LED light, or USB output through a mobile application. Additionally, a face authentication module is incorporated to restrict system access to authorized users only, reflecting the trend of embedding biometric security measures into IoT and energy-management applications as highlighted in recent research on lightweight face-recognition frameworks.

The switching of power sources and loads is achieved using a combination of 2-channel and 4-channel relay modules, allowing the system to manage energy distribution safely and efficiently. By combining sensing, control, and secure communication technologies, the microgrid can make informed decisions autonomously and operate reliably under varying conditions.

Overall, the system demonstrates how IoT automation, intelligent control, and biometric authentication can be integrated to create a modern smart microgrid. Such an approach is suitable for smart homes, renewable-energy-based microgrids, and industrial power systems, supporting improved reliability, enhanced security, and greater energy efficiency as discussed across contemporary literature on smart grid innovations.

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Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full Form
SMGS	Smart Microgrid System
IoT	Internet of Things
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
I2C	Inter-Integrated Circuit
DHT	Digital Humidity & Temperature Sensor
HC-05	Bluetooth Serial Communication Module
ACS712	Hall-Effect Current Sensor
DC	Direct Current
AC	Alternating Current
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
CNN	Convolutional Neural Network
TPR	True Positive Rate
GPIO	General Purpose Input/Output
EMI	Electromagnetic Interference
IAM	Identity and Access Management
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver–Transmitter
PAN	Personal Area Network
BMS	Battery Management System
MPPT	Maximum Power Point Tracking

Chapter 1

Introduction

The rapid growth in energy consumption and the increasing demand for reliability, security, and sustainability have led to the evolution of **smart microgrid systems** (SMGSs). A microgrid is a localized power network that can operate in connection with the main grid or independently in island mode. It integrates multiple energy sources, such as transformers, batteries, and renewable systems, to provide an efficient, stable, and continuous power supply. However, managing these systems requires **intelligent monitoring, control, and security mechanisms** to ensure reliability and safety.

A **Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System** was developed to address these needs. It is designed to automatically manage the power flow between multiple sources and loads while incorporating **user authentication and remote monitoring**. The system intelligently switches between a **transformer** and a **12V lithium-ion battery**, depending on the voltage availability, ensuring uninterrupted power delivery to connected devices, such as fans, LEDs, and USB ports.

The project utilizes an **Arduino Nano microcontroller** as the central control unit interfaced with **voltage sensors**, **current sensors (ACS712)**, and **DHT11** sensors for real-time data acquisition. The voltage, current, temperature, and humidity readings were displayed on a **16x2 I2C LCD**. The **Bluetooth module (HC-05)** enables wireless communication for remote load control through a smartphone, whereas the **face authentication module** ensures that only authorized users can operate the microgrid system, enhancing both functionality and security.

1.1 Background

The root cause of the project is the central power distribution networks which are extremely fragile. Traditional grids, which have been operating with unidirectional energy flow from large generating stations to passive consumers, are no longer suitable for the 21st century. They have issues such as transmission losses, are prone to failure, and are inherently inflexible when it comes to integrating distributed renewable energy sources (DERs). The idea of the "Microgrid" was born as a remedy—a small community of sources and loads that can be self-sufficient. But, most of the microgrid's early versions were manually operated or relied on

simple automated transfer switches (ATS) that did not have "intelligence." To fulfill these requirements it was created a Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System. It is equipped to automatically regulate the power flow between various sources and loads, also featuring user authentication and remote monitoring. The system makes the decision on whether to use a transformer or a 12V lithium-ion battery by checking the voltage, thereby it is able to provide uninterrupted power to the connected devices such as fans, LEDs, and USB ports. This is a combination of three different technological fields: Power Electronics (for energy-efficient switching), Internet of Things (for telemetry and control), and Biometric Security (for access control).

1.2 Statistics of Project

This project's quantitative importance is underpinned by convincing figures drawn from the energy sector. Worldwide, energy transmission, and distribution losses sometimes are more than 8%, and in some developing countries, this number can be as high as 20%. By doing both generation and consumption locally, microgrids can nearly zero out these transmission losses. Besides this, the worldwide microgrid market is expected to grow at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of over 10% in the next ten years, the main reason being energy resilience against climate-caused grid failures.

The security domain statistics are as scary as well. The number of cyber-physical attacks on critical infrastructures has increased by about 30% annually. Password-based access control systems are becoming more and more susceptible to social engineering and brute-force attacks. By using face authentication, this project meets a statistical demand: the significant decrease of unauthorized access incidents. The switching of the system—the 12V DC bus with milliseconds latency in switching—demonstrates that the system can manage the quick changes required by the sensitive electronic load.

1.3 Prior Existing Technologies

In the past, the management of local power systems was mainly done through manual intervention or basic electromechanical automation.

• Manual Changeover Switches: These needed a human operator to physically change the lever to switch power sources. This method was safe but slow, could easily make mistakes, and was risky because of the potential for arc flashes.

• Automatic Transfer Switches (ATS): These apparatuses used voltage sensing relays for source-switching automatically. Although an upgrade, conventional ATS units were "dumb" machines; they didn't have environmental monitoring capabilities, couldn't provide granular

load control, and had no user authentication features. Physically accessing the system allowed anyone to bypass it.

• Early Smart Grids: The second iteration of smart grids brought remote monitoring through SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition). Nevertheless, the cost of these systems was too high for small-scale applications and they were often without integrated security layers, thus depending on "security by obscurity."

The designed project solves these problems by making smart grid technology available to everyone through cheap, readily available parts (Arduino, Bluetooth) and at the same time by adding a complex layer of biometric security which was a privilege of the high-security military or banking infrastructure only.

1.4 Proposed Approach

The central idea of the suggested solution is the decentralized, intelligent controller structure. The project employs an Arduino Nano microcontroller as the central control unit that is connected to voltage sensors, current sensors (ACS712), and DHT11 sensors for real-time data acquisition. The voltage, current, temperature, and humidity were displayed on a 16x2 I2C LCD.

The main idea of the core lies in combining a multi-tiered logic system:

1. Sensing Layer: Nonstop querying of electrical (Voltage, Current) and physical (Temperature, Humidity) parameters.

2. Decision Layer: The algorithmic core that receives these pointers and thus comes to the autonomous decisions - changing the source if the voltage goes under 11.5V, or disconnecting the load if the current surpasses the safety limit.

3. Security Layer: A gatekeeper of biometrics. The Bluetooth module (HC-05) allows wireless communication for remote load control through a smartphone, while the face authentication module guarantees that only authorized users are allowed to operate the microgrid system, thus improving both security and functionality.

1.5 Objectives

This project's primary goals are:

• To engineer and realize a smart microgrid that is able to automatically select a source between a transformer and a battery based on the availability of voltage.

• To add face authentication service as a security measure for system access.

• To survey the real-time electrical parameters of e.g. voltage, current, temperature, and humidity by using the appropriate sensors.

• To create a Bluetooth-enabled mobile app that provides the user with remote control of the loads.

• To improve energy reliability and efficiency through intelligent automation.

• To build up a user-friendly system with LCD depiction and minimum manual intervention.

1.6 SDGs

The Smart Microgrid project can align very well with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, mainly those revolving around clean energy, innovation, and eco-friendly infrastructure. The project's secure face authentication, smart control, and efficient renewable energy management features are a step forward to global sustainability.

Fig 1.1 Sustainable development goals [1]

• SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy:

SDG 7 is largely about access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all. In many places, the provision of electrical power is unstable, and the main causes are demand curve fluctuations, poor distribution, manual switching, and security breaches in local grid systems. Through automated source selection and IoT-based control, the Smart Microgrid contributes to this goal by enabling reliable and uninterrupted power management.

Also, the microgrid system, as a whole, becomes not only cleaner but also less dependent on fossil fuels, which in turn results in improved energy security, by introducing renewables such as solar energy to the microgrid network. Besides that, the energy consumption processes could become efficient through the real-time monitoring of loads, thus wastage will be prevented and the level of power utilization will rise.

- **SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure:**

This SDG 9 goal essentially concerns the creation of tough infrastructure, fostering innovative concepts, and, at the same time, supporting eco-friendly industrialization. A part from being smart, modern energy systems also need to be.

Chapter 2
LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Smart Grid and Microgrid Technologies

The concept of **smart grids** has evolved to improve power distribution, reliability, and monitoring through automation and communication technologies. According to IEEE research on microgrids, intelligent control systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable energy distribution, especially in hybrid power systems combining renewable and conventional sources.
Microgrids typically consist of multiple generation units (such as transformers, batteries, and solar panels) connected to loads through intelligent control circuits. However, earlier systems mainly relied on **manual switching**, which often led to energy losses and downtime during source transitions.

Recent studies have emphasized the use of **microcontrollers and IoT technologies** for real-time monitoring and control, enabling systems to autonomously decide power flow based on voltage or current parameters. These developments have inspired the integration of **Arduino and IoT-based controllers** in small-scale automated microgrid setups.

2.2 Automation and Power Management Using Sensors

In previous works, researchers utilized various sensors—such as **voltage sensors, current sensors (ACS712)**, and **temperature sensors (DHT11)**—to automate the monitoring process. For example, in smart home automation systems, sensors were used to detect power status, environment conditions, and energy consumption. Studies have shown that combining sensor data with microcontroller logic enables efficient load control and improves energy utilization. However, most of these systems lacked a **secure access mechanism**, making them vulnerable to unauthorized control.

In this project, the integration of **multiple sensors** ensures comprehensive system awareness, allowing for automatic decision-making regarding source selection and load management based on real-time electrical conditions.

2.3 Wireless Communication and IoT Integration

Wireless control and monitoring have become essential in modern smart systems. The **HC-05 Bluetooth module** is a reliable and cost-effective option for local communication between an Arduino controller and a mobile device. Previous IoT-based power management systems implemented Wi-Fi or Bluetooth to send sensor data to smartphones or cloud platforms,

allowing users to control appliances remotely. Building on this concept, the proposed system incorporates **Bluetooth communication** for wireless load control, enabling users to operate electrical devices such as fans, LEDs, and USB ports via a smartphone interface.

2.4 Face Authentication and System Security

Security in power management systems is often overlooked in conventional research. However, the increasing use of smart and connected systems necessitates strong authentication mechanisms. Recent studies on **face recognition systems using OpenCV and machine learning** have demonstrated high accuracy and speed for user identification. These systems use image processing and pattern recognition algorithms to grant or deny access based on stored facial features. By integrating **face authentication** into the microgrid, this project introduces a unique feature—allowing only authorized users to operate or modify power control settings. This not only enhances safety but also prevents accidental or malicious interference.

2.5 Limitations in Existing Systems

- Most smart grid systems lack **biometric security** and rely only on passwords or manual control.
- Existing microgrid systems are **not optimized for small-scale or domestic applications**.
- There is **limited integration** of environmental sensing with energy monitoring.
- Many systems do not include a **backup power source** with automatic selection capability.

These gaps highlight the need for a **compact, secure, and intelligent system** capable of managing multiple power sources, monitoring environmental and electrical parameters, and ensuring authorized access.

[1] J. M. Rey et al., “Design and Validation of an IoT System for an Experimental Laboratory Microgrid,” IEEE LATAM Transactions / IEEE R9, **2025**.
Summary: Presents the design/validation of an IoT telemetry and control system for a lab microgrid, including hardware interfacing, data collection, and remote control. Valuable

reference for implementing experimental testbeds and ensuring correct instrumentation and validation procedures.

[2] K. E. Ojo et al., "Microgrids' Control Strategies and Real-Time Monitoring," Energies (MDPI), **2025**.
Summary: Recent survey that summarizes modern MG control schemes (centralized, decentralized, hierarchical) and real-time monitoring needs (including cybersecurity and cloud/fog analytics). Good for situating your project among current control paradigms.

[3] S. Kumar et al., "A Comprehensive Review of Control Methods in Microgrid," ScienceDirect review, **2025**.
Summary: Focuses on advanced control and energy management (including load shedding and islanding strategies). This provides theoretical background for relay-based switching logic and safe fallback conditions.

[4] S. Remache et al., "Improved Power Management of Standalone DC Microgrid," Control Theory Applied journal (**2025**).
Summary: Presents model predictive control for DC/DC converters in PV-based DC microgrids; useful background for advanced energy management and potential future upgrades to predictive switching.

[5] H. O. Shami et al., "A novel strategy to enhance power management in AC/DC hybrid microgrids," ScienceDirect / **2024**.
Summary: Proposes enhanced power management techniques for AC/DC hybrid microgrids using converter coordination and virtual synchronous generators — relevant if you expand your design to handle AC/DC interfacing or converter control.

[6] A. S. Satapathy et al., "Emerging technologies, opportunities and challenges for remote microgrids," ScienceDirect, **2024**.
Summary: Outlines stability and operational challenges in remote and utility microgrids and reviews enabling technologies (IoT, edge computing) — helps justify design choices around local decision-making vs cloud.

[7] "IoT-MFaceNet: Internet-of-Things-Based Face Recognition Pipeline," Sensors/MDPI (**2024**) — A. S. Mohammad et al.

Summary: Presents a lightweight face-recognition pipeline optimized for IoT devices (MobileNet-based) — useful reference for implementing embedded face authentication (ESP32/edge device) that pairs with an Arduino control node.

[8] R. Sitharthan et al., "Smart microgrid with the internet of things for adequate energy management," Energy, **2023**.
Summary: Demonstrates an IoT-based microgrid prototype that uses sensor telemetry to control relays and load switching. It reports implementation details for latency-aware control and practical relay actuation via microcontrollers — directly applicable to Arduino-based relay switching.

[9] D. Zubov et al., "PV-driven Smart Islanded Microgrid: Intelligent I2C Arduino-based Demand Energy Management," CEUR Workshop Proceedings, **2023**.
Summary: Proposes an Arduino/I2C-centered demand management approach for islanded PV microgrids, combining simple microcontroller logic with relays and sensors for low-cost energy balancing — directly relevant to Arduino Nano implementations.

[10] M. A. Saeed et al., "Practical prototype for energy management system in smart microgrids," Sensors (MDPI) / PMC, **2023**.
Summary: Describes a practical, component-level prototype for a smart microgrid EMS, with attention to sensor selection, relay control, and basic fault handling — useful for mapping academic design to lab hardware.

[11] A. J. Albarakati, "Microgrid Energy Management and Monitoring Systems — A Comprehensive Review," Frontiers in Energy Research, **2022**.
Summary: A broad review of microgrid control strategies and monitoring architectures, emphasizing the role of IoT data acquisition and analytics for energy management and reliability. The paper outlines sensor-based control layers and shows how IoT telemetry improves microgrid resilience.

[12] D. Antalem et al., "Decentralized control of islanding/grid-connected hybrid microgrids," STET Review / **2022**.
Summary: Discusses decentralized control approaches that allow microgrids to operate both islanded and grid-connected, with battery support and BESS coordination — relevant background if your microgrid later supports grid-tie features.

[13] Research/Design reports on ESP32-CAM face recognition implementations (ResearchGate / **2022–2025**)
Summary: Several practical implementations demonstrate using ESP32-CAM (or Raspberry Pi) for local face authentication with lightweight CNNs, showing realistic accuracy/latency tradeoffs when deploying on edge hardware (important for your face-authentication module).

[14] A. M. Eltamaly et al., "IoT-based Hybrid Renewable Energy System for Smart Microgrids," Sustainability / MDPI, **2021**.
Summary: Implements IoT layers on hybrid renewable systems (PV + battery), discussing communications, latency, and performance tradeoffs—useful when integrating multiple sources (transformer + Li-ion battery) in your microgrid.

[15] Practical surveys and prototype studies on Arduino/HC-05 Bluetooth remote control for energy management (various conference/workshop papers, **2021–2024**).
Summary: A set of low-cost implementation papers demonstrating Bluetooth-based remote control (HC-05 + Arduino) for switching loads and reading sensors — directly maps to your Bluetooth command handling and UI. These works provide code snippets and design rules for robust serial command handling and relay safety.

Chapter 3
METHODOLOGY

3.1 Overview

The proposed **Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System** is designed to achieve **secure, automated, and efficient power distribution** between multiple energy sources and consumer loads. The methodology combines **sensor-based monitoring**, **microcontroller logic**, **wireless communication**, and **biometric access control** to intelligently manage connected devices while ensuring that only authorized personnel can operate or modify system settings.

3.2 System Architecture

The system architecture consists of three major layers:

1. **Sensing Layer:**
   Includes all physical sensors responsible for collecting real-time parameters such as voltage, current, temperature, and humidity.
   - **Voltage Sensors (2 Nos.)** measure the supply level of both power sources (e.g., transformer and battery).
   - **Current Sensor (ACS712)** measures load current and detects overload or short-circuit conditions.
   - **DHT11 Sensor** monitors the ambient environment to ensure thermal stability of equipment.
2. **Control Layer:**
   The **Arduino Nano** functions as the central controller. It processes all sensor data, decides which power source to activate through **relay switching**, and communicates with the user via **Bluetooth (HC-05)** and **LCD I2C** display.
   It executes three main control algorithms:
   - **Source-selection logic:** Chooses between Source 1 (transformer) and Source 2 (Li-ion battery) based on voltage threshold (≈ 11.5 V).
   - **Load-control logic:** Operates appliances such as fan, LED, and USB ports according to Bluetooth commands or automatic safety triggers.
   - **Data-display logic:** Continuously updates electrical and environmental readings on the LCD for local monitoring.

3. **Security &**

   A **face-authentication module** (implemented externally using Raspberry Pi or computer vision camera running OpenCV) verifies authorized users before enabling the Bluetooth control interface. Only authenticated users can send device-control commands. This ensures safe, personalized operation of the microgrid.

3.3 Hardware Methodology

1. **Power Supply Unit:**

   The circuit is powered by a regulated 12 V DC transformer with rectifier and filter network. A **Li-ion battery** serves as a secondary backup source. Voltage sensors at both sources provide analog feedback to the Arduino for selection and monitoring.

2. **Microcontroller Unit:**
   - **Arduino Nano** reads analog values from sensors through pins A0–A2.
   - It drives **two relays** for power-source selection and **four relays** for load control (fan, LED, USB, extra load).
   - The relays are interfaced via driver transistors to ensure isolation and reliable switching.
3. **Sensor Integration:**
   - **Voltage sensors** use a potential divider network (ratio ≈ 11:1) to scale voltage for the ADC input.
   - **Current sensor (ACS712-05B)** outputs a proportional voltage (2.5 V = 0 A). The Arduino calculates true RMS current through filtered sampling.
   - **DHT11** communicates via a single-wire protocol to deliver digital temperature (°C) and humidity (%) data.
4. **Load & Relay Control:**
   - Each load device (fan, LED, USB) connects through a dedicated relay.
   - The **4-channel and 2-channel relay modules** are energized by Arduino digital pins 4–8 and 12 respectively.
   - Logical HIGH energizes the relay coil, closing the circuit and powering the load.
5. **Bluetooth Communication:**

   The **HC-05 module** establishes serial communication (9600 baud) with a smartphone app.

User commands (‘1’, ‘2’, ‘3’, ‘4’) are decoded by Arduino to toggle loads.

The same link can transmit sensor values for remote monitoring.

6. **LCD Display (16×2 I2C):**

   Displays live data such as selected power source, voltage, current, temperature, and humidity.

   The I2C interface (address 0x27) reduces wiring complexity.

3.4 Software Methodology

The Arduino program is divided into the following logical blocks:

1. **Initialization:**
   - Set pin modes, initialize DHT11 and LCD, and start serial communication.
   - Ensure all relays are in the OFF state at startup.
2. **Sensor Acquisition:**
   - Read analog data from voltage and current sensors.
   - Apply calibration and filtering to obtain stable readings.
   - Acquire temperature and humidity from DHT11.
3. **Decision-Making Algorithm:**
   - Compare voltage levels from both sources.
   - Select the higher available voltage above the 11.5 V threshold as active source.
   - If both sources are low, disconnect relays to prevent deep discharge.
4. **Load Control Algorithm:**
   - Decode Bluetooth commands for load operation.
   - Implement mutual exclusion logic so that only one primary load is ON at a time to prevent overcurrent.
   - Allow emergency OFF command for all loads.
5. **Display & Communication:**
   - Update LCD in each loop cycle with current readings.
   - Send data serially to the Bluetooth interface for optional mobile logging.
6. **Face-Authentication Module (External Software):**
   - Captures live image using camera.
   - Detects and recognizes the user with a pre-trained CNN or LBPH algorithm.

- On successful match, it unlocks Bluetooth access; otherwise, the system remains in protected mode.

3.5 Working Principle

1. When powered ON, the Arduino initializes sensors and displays "System Ready."
2. Both voltage sensors measure input sources.
3. The program automatically switches relays to the source with sufficient voltage.
4. The authenticated user connects via Bluetooth and controls individual loads.
5. Current and voltage values are monitored continuously to detect overload.
6. The LCD updates voltage, current, temperature, and humidity in real time.
7. In case of abnormal temperature or current rise, the system can cut off loads for protection.

3.6 Advantages of the Proposed Method

- **Automation:** Automatic source switching and load management.
- **Security:** Face recognition ensures only authorized access.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Reduces manual losses by intelligent selection of available power.
- **Scalability:** Additional sensors or IoT connectivity can be easily integrated.
- **Safety:** Continuous monitoring of current and temperature prevents overload damage.

Chapter 4

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.1 Project Timeline

Effective project management ensures that the Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System is developed in an organized, systematic, and task-driven manner. The project was divided into two major phases — Project Planning and Project Implementation — with clearly defined tasks, deliverables, milestones, and deadlines.

Table 4.1 Project Planning Timeline

Task / Activity	Start Date	End Date	Duration	Milestone
Problem Identification & Background Study	Week 1	Week 1	1 week	Problem Finalized
Literature Review	Week 1	Week 2	2 weeks	Literature Compilation
Requirement Analysis	Week 2	Week 2	1 week	Requirements Freeze
Selection of Methodology	Week 3	Week 3	1 week	Methodology Finalized
System Architecture Planning	Week 3	Week 4	2 weeks	Architecture Draft
Component Identification & Procurement	Week 4	Week 4	1 week	Components Procured

Description:
The planning phase ensured a clear understanding of the system requirements, design approach, and hardware procurement suitable for microgrid control, IoT communication, and face-recognition security.

Table 4.2 Project Implementation Timeline

Task / Activity	Start Date	End Date	Duration	Milestone
Hardware Unit Development	Week 5	Week 7	3 weeks	Hardware Completed
Software Development	Week 7	Week 9	3 weeks	Software Completed
Integration & Testing	Week 9	Week 10	2 weeks	Prototype Integrated
Evaluation & Validation	Week 10	Week 11	1 week	Tested System
Documentation & Report Preparation	Week 11	Week 12	2 weeks	Final Report
Final Presentation & Review	Week 12	Week 12	1 week	Review Completed

4.2 Risk Analysis

Risk analysis ensures the microgrid system remains stable, secure, and reliable. A PESTLE evaluation helps identify external factors affecting system success, while a risk matrix quantifies the severity and impact.

PESTLE Analysis

Table 4.3 PESTLE Analysis for Microgrid Project

Factor	Impact on Project
Political	Government policies promoting renewable energy and smart grids support project scalability.
Economic	Component cost fluctuations may affect budgeting, especially sensors and power modules.
Social	Increased demand for electrification and secure authentication improves project relevance.
Technological	Rapid advancements in IoT, AI, and microcontrollers may introduce obsolescence risk.
Legal	Data privacy laws (face recognition) must be followed under DPDPA-2023 guidelines.
Environmental	Emphasis on sustainable power management aligns with SDG goals.

Risk Matrix:

Table 4.4 Project Phase Risk Matrix

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Level	Mitigation Strategy
Component Failure	Medium	High	High	Test components individually; maintain spares.
Power Fluctuation in Microgrid	High	High	High	Use regulated power supplies; include surge protection.
Incorrect Face Recognition	Medium	Medium	Medium	Improve dataset; tune detection thresholds.
Wi-Fi / IoT Connectivity Failure	High	Medium	Medium	Use fallback offline mode; local control logic.
Delays in Hardware Procurement	Low	Medium	Low	Pre-plan procurement; maintain alternate vendors.

Description:
The system faces moderate risks such as connectivity issues and module failures, typical in IoT and microgrid systems. Early mitigation helps maintain system performance.

4.3 Project Budget

The budget accounts for hardware components, development tools, and essential peripherals required to build the smart microgrid system with face authentication.

Table 4.5 Project Budget

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost (₹)	Total Cost (₹)
ESP32-CAM Module	1	850	850
NodeMCU / ESP32 Dev Board	1	500	500
Voltage & Current Sensors (ACS712/INA219)	2	250	500
Relay Module (2/4 Channel)	1	300	300
Power Supply + Battery Backup	1	1200	1200

Step-down Buck Converter	1	150	150
Jumper Wires, Breadboard, Connectors	1 set	300	300
LCD / OLED Display	1	450	450
Microgrid Switching Module	1	1500	1500
Cloud/Software Tools	—	0	0
Miscellaneous Components	—	—	400

Chapter 5
ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

5.1 Requirements

The system design was driven by specific functional and non-functional requirements to ensure operational efficacy.

- Functional Requirements: The system must automatically switch between Main and Backup sources with a latency of less than 500ms to prevent load reset. It must measure Voltage (0-25V), Current (0-5A), and Temperature (0-50°C) with ±5% accuracy. The Face Authentication module must achieve a True Positive Rate (TPR) of >90%.
- Non-Functional Requirements: The system must be robust against electromagnetic interference (EMI) from relay switching. It should operate on low power (<2W) during idle states. The User Interface (LCD/Mobile) must update at least once every second.

5.2 Block Diagram

The block diagram of the Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System illustrates how various components interact to monitor power sources, control loads, and provide secure access via facial authentication.

- Core Controller: Arduino Nano acts as the brain, receiving inputs and driving outputs.
- Inputs: Voltage Sensors (x2), Current Sensor, DHT11, Bluetooth Module.
- Outputs: Relay Modules (Source & Load control), LCD Display.
- Power Flow: Source 1/2 -> Relay Selector -> Current Sensor -> Load Relays -> Loads.

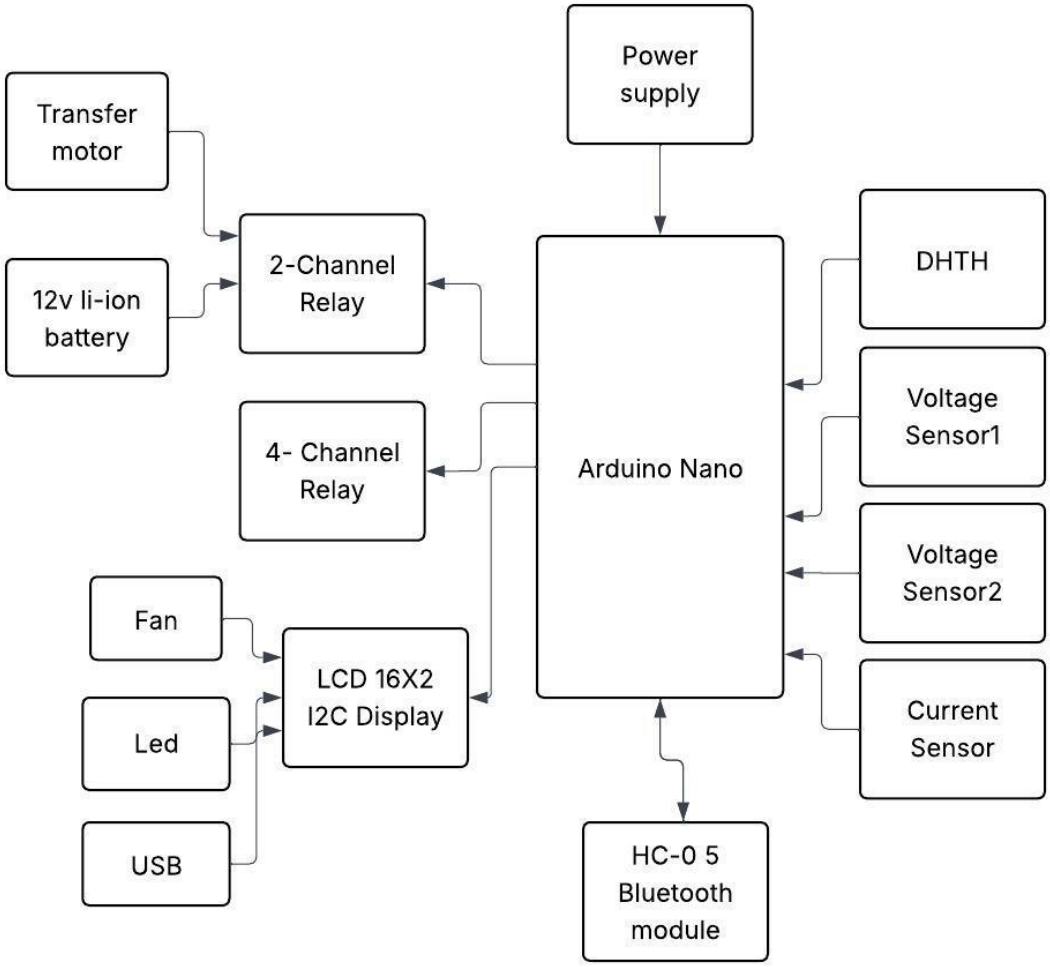

Fig 5.2 Block Diagram

5.3 System Flow Chart

The flow chart illustrates the operational logic:

1. Start System: Initialize sensors, Bluetooth, and LCD.
2. Face Authentication: Capture image -> Verify User. If Fail, Lock System. If Pass, Enable Control.
3. Read Sensors: Acquire V1, V2, Current, Temp, Humidity.
4. Compare Power Sources: If V1 ≥ 11.5V, Select Source 1. Else if V2 ≥ 11.5V, Select Source 2. Else, Disconnect.
5. Select Active Power Source: Energize corresponding source relay.
6. Control Loads via Bluetooth: Listen for commands ('1', '2', '3', '4'). Toggle specific load relays.
7. Display & Send Data: Update LCD and transmit telemetry via Bluetooth.

8. Loop: Repeat the process continuously.

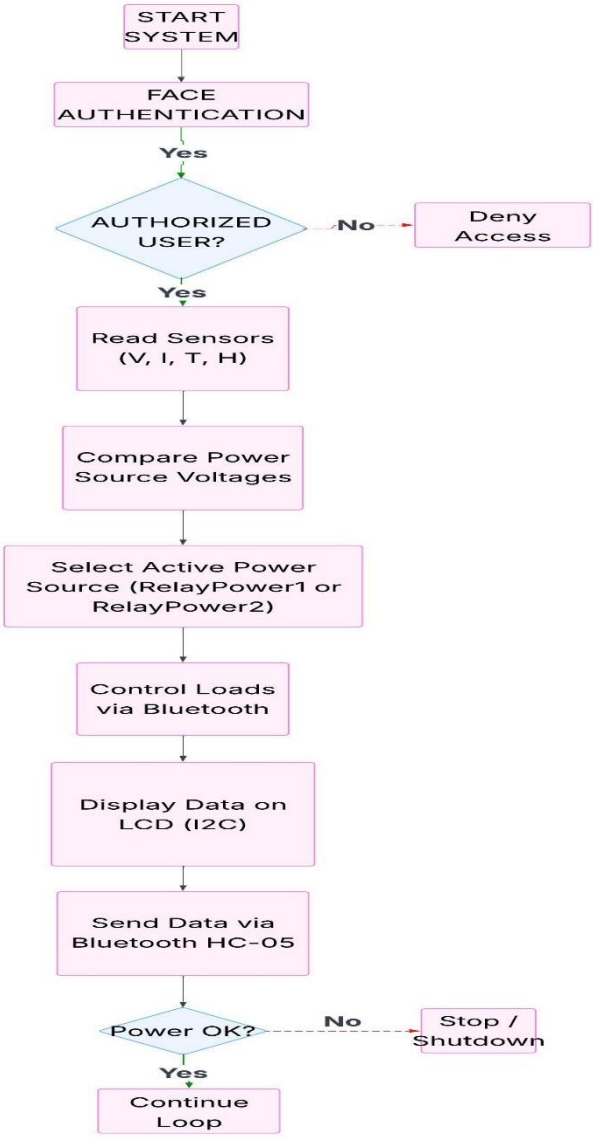

Fig 5.3 System Flowchart

5.4 Choosing Devices

- Arduino Nano: Selected for its ATmega328P architecture which offers sufficient ADC resolution (10-bit) and GPIOs in a compact, breadboard-friendly form factor, ideal for prototyping compared to the bulkier Uno or more complex Mega.
- ACS712 Current Sensor: Chosen for its Hall-effect based sensing which provides galvanic isolation between the high-current load path and the low-voltage microcontroller logic, enhancing safety.
- DHT11: Selected as a cost-effective solution for basic environmental monitoring, combining both temperature and humidity sensing in a single digital package.

- Relays: Electromechanical relays were chosen over solid-state relays (SSRs) for their ability to switch both AC and DC loads without significant voltage drop and their distinct "click" which provides audible feedback during prototyping.

5.5 Designing Units

- Voltage Sensing Unit: Designed using a resistive potential divider. A 30kΩ resistor (R1) and a 7.5kΩ resistor (R2) create a 5:1 division ratio, enabling the measurement of up to 25V input on the Arduino's 5V analog pin.
- Relay Driver Unit: The relay modules incorporate an optocoupler (e.g., PC817) and a transistor (e.g., J3Y) to drive the relay coil. This design ensures that the Arduino's GPIO pins, which can only source ~40mA, are not overloaded by the relay coil's current demand.
- Power Supply Unit: A dual-stage regulation design. The 12V input (from either source) is stepped down to 5V using an LM7805 linear regulator to power the logic circuits, while the loads receive the raw 12V.

5.6 Standards

The design adheres to established engineering standards to ensure safety and interoperability.

- IEEE 2030 (Smart Grid Interoperability): The system follows the conceptual model of the "Customer Premise" domain, managing local generation and storage.
- IEEE 802.15.1 (Bluetooth): The HC-05 module operates within the 2.4 GHz ISM band, adhering to Class 2 Bluetooth standards for short-range wireless communication.
- IEC 61508 (Functional Safety): The logic implements fail-safe states; in the event of a controller reset or power loss, all relays default to the "Open" (OFF) position to prevent uncommanded load activation.
- NIST Framework for Cyber-Physical Systems: The integration of face authentication aligns with the Identity and Access Management (IAM) protocols recommended for securing cyber-physical interfaces.

5.7 Mapping with IoTWF Reference Model Layers

Table 5.7 IoTWF Reference Model Layers Mapping

Layer	Name	Project Implementation
7	Collaboration & Processes	Authentication & Utilization: The interaction between the human user and the grid. The process of facial verification granting access to energy resources creates a collaborative security model.
6	Application	Mobile App & Control Logic: The user interface on the smartphone (Bluetooth Terminal) and the facial recognition

Layer	Name	Project Implementation
		software constitute the application layer where business logic (access control) resides.
5	Data Abstraction	Data Normalization: The Arduino converts raw ADC values (0-1023) into meaningful engineering units (Volts, Amps, Celsius), abstracting the hardware complexity from the user.
4	Data Accumulation	Local Buffer: While cloud storage is a future scope, currently, the system accumulates data in the microcontroller's RAM (volatile) and the mobile app's session history (non-volatile during session).
3	Edge Computing	Arduino Nano: The microcontroller performs critical edge analytics—calculating RMS current, comparing voltage thresholds, and executing switching logic locally without cloud latency.
2	Connectivity	Bluetooth & Wiring: The HC-05 module provides the "Edge-to-User" wireless link (PAN), while the I2C bus connects the display, and analog wires connect sensors (Field Area Network).
1	Physical Devices	Sensors & Actuators: The physical "Things"—Voltage Sensors, ACS712, DHT11, Relays, the Fan, LED, Battery, and Transformer—that interact with the physical world.

5.8 Domain Model Specification

The domain model represents the entities in the microgrid and their relationships.

- Entities:
  - *PowerSource:* Attributes {ID, Voltage, Type (Grid/Battery), Status}.
  - *Load:* Attributes {ID, Type (Fan/LED), CurrentDraw, State}.
  - *User:* Attributes {FaceID, AuthToken, AccessLevel}.
  - *Controller:* Attributes {State, ActiveSourceID}.
- Relationships:
  - *Controller* Monitors *PowerSource*.
  - *Controller* Controls *Load*.
  - *User* Authenticates-With *Controller*.
  - *PowerSource* Supplies *Load* (via *Controller* routing).

5.9 Communication Model

The system utilizes a hybrid communication model:

- Request-Response: Used for Bluetooth control. The User (Client) sends a command (e.g., '1'), and the Arduino (Server) responds by actuating the relay and optionally sending a confirmation string.
- Publish-Subscribe (Internal): The sensors effectively "publish" data to the Arduino's ADC pins. The LCD "subscribes" to the data updates pushed by the Arduino via the I2C bus.
- Serial Protocol: The communication over Bluetooth uses a standard UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver-Transmitter) protocol at 9600 baud, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit (8N1).

5.10 IoT Deployment Level

This system is categorized as an IoT Level 2 deployment.

- Characteristics: It involves a single device (Arduino) that performs sensing, actuation, and local analysis. Data is stored temporarily or visualized locally (LCD/Mobile App).
- Justification: Level 1 is a single node with no app. Level 3 and above involve cloud storage and big data analytics. This project fits Level 2 as it uses a mobile application for complex interaction but relies on the edge device for core processing, ensuring high reliability for critical energy functions.

5.11 Functional View

The functional view breaks down the system into functional groups:

- Device Layer: Handles hardware abstraction for Analog Inputs (Sensors) and Digital Outputs (Relays).
- Communication Layer: Manages the Bluetooth stack and Serial buffer parsing.
- Services Layer:
    - *Monitoring Service:* Aggregates sensor data.
    - *Protection Service:* Checks V < 11.5V or I > I_max.
    - *Control Service:* Maps '1' -> Relay1, '2' -> Relay2.
- Management Layer: Handles system startup, calibration constants, and error recovery (Watchdog).
- Security Layer: Validates the presence of the Auth Token before permitting the Control Service to execute.

5.12 Mapping IoT Deployment Level with Functional View

In this Level 2 deployment, the Device, Services, and Management layers are all hosted on the single Arduino Nano microcontroller. The Communication Layer bridges the gap to the Application Layer running on the smartphone. This tight integration minimizes latency, crucial for the "Protection Service" which must react instantly to electrical faults.

5.13 Operational View

- State: IDLE: System checks voltages. LCD shows "Standby".
- State: SOURCE_SWITCH: V1 drops. System detects V1 < 11.5V. Opens Relay 1. Delays 50ms. Closes Relay 2. Updates State to "BATTERY_ACTIVE".
- State: AUTH_REQUEST: User presses "Connect" on App. Camera activates. Face verified. App sends "AUTH_OK". Arduino unlocks Control Mode.
- State: LOAD_CONTROL: User sends '1'. Arduino asserts Pin D5 HIGH. Fan turns ON. Current sensor reads 0.2A. LCD updates.

5.14 Other Design

- EMI Suppression: To prevent the electromagnetic noise from the relay coils from resetting the Arduino, flyback diodes (1N4007) are placed in parallel with the relay coils.
- User Feedback: The system includes a buzzer (optional design element) to provide audio cues for "Source Switch" (1 beep) and "Authentication Success" (2 beeps).

Chapter 6

HARDWARE, SOFTWARE AND SIMULATION

6.1 Hardware

The hardware implementation is built upon a modular design philosophy, allowing for easy replacement and upgrading of components.

- **Arduino Nano:** The heart of the system, featuring an ATmega328P microcontroller running at 16MHz. It provides 14 Digital I/O pins and 8 Analog Input pins, sufficient for the project's interface requirements.
- **Relay Modules:**
    - *2-Channel Relay:* Configured as a Single Pole Double Throw (SPDT) switch for source selection. The "Common" (COM) terminal connects to the load bus, "Normally Open" (NO) to the Battery, and "Normally Closed" (NC) to the Transformer. This ensures that the Transformer is the default source if the system logic fails.
    - *4-Channel Relay:* Controls the individual loads. These are "Active Low" triggers, meaning a logical LOW signal from the Arduino activates the relay.
- **Sensors:**
    - *Voltage Sensor:* A standard module using a resistor divider network (R1=30k, R2=7.5k) to map 0-25V to 0-5V.
    - *ACS712:* A 5A range current sensor that outputs 185mV per Ampere of current flowing through it.
    - *DHT11:* A capacitive humidity sensor and thermistor to measure surrounding air data.

6.2 Software Tools Used

Table 6.2

Tool/Library	Purpose / Functionality
Arduino IDE	Used to write, compile, and upload the embedded C code to the Arduino Nano.
Embedded C / Arduino Language	Main programming language used for system logic, relay control, and sensor data processing.
LiquidCrystal_I2C Library	Controls the 16x2 I2C LCD display for data visualization.
DHT Library	Used to read temperature and humidity from the DHT11 sensor.

Serial Communication (HC-05)	Handles Bluetooth-based wireless control and communication.
Raspberry Pi / Android App (Optional)	Performs face recognition and sends authenticated control commands via Bluetooth.

6.3 Software Design Objectives

1. **Automate Power Source Selection:**
   Automatically switch between transformer and battery supply based on voltage readings.
2. **Monitor Environmental Conditions:**
   Continuously track temperature and humidity using the DHT11 sensor.
3. **Measure Electrical Parameters:**
   Measure voltage and current for system performance and safety.
4. **Provide Secure Access:**
   Only allow authenticated users (verified via face recognition) to control loads.
5. **User Feedback:**
   Display all readings and system status on the LCD.
6. **Wireless Control:**
   Enable Bluetooth-based manual control through a mobile or face-authenticated system.

6.4 Program Structure

The Arduino code consists of the following main sections:

1. Header Files and Pin Configuration

- Includes libraries such as:
- #include <DHT.h>
- #include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>
- Defines sensor pins, relay pins, and DHT sensor type:
- #define DHTPIN 2
- #define DHTTYPE DHT11
- const int voltageSensor1 = A0;
- const int voltageSensor2 = A1;

- const int currentSensor = A2;

2. Initialization (setup())

- Initializes communication modules and display:
- Serial.begin(9600);
- dht.begin();
- lcd.init();
- lcd.backlight();
- Sets relay pins as OUTPUT and initializes them to LOW (OFF state).

3. Sensor Data Acquisition

- Reads voltage, current, temperature, and humidity.
- float voltage1 = analogRead(voltageSensor1) * (5.0 / 1023.0) * 4.03;
- float voltage2 = analogRead(voltageSensor2) * (5.0 / 1023.0) * 4.03;
- float current = getFilteredCurrent();
- float temp = dht.readTemperature();
- float hum = dht.readHumidity();
- The **getFilteredCurrent()** function averages multiple readings for stable results.

4. Power Source Selection Logic

- The system checks voltage values:
- if (voltage1 >= 11.5) {
- digitalWrite(relayPower1, HIGH);
- digitalWrite(relayPower2, LOW);
- powerSource = "Src1";
- } else if (voltage2 >= 11.5) {
- digitalWrite(relayPower1, LOW);
- digitalWrite(relayPower2, HIGH);
- powerSource = "Src2";
- } else {
- digitalWrite(relayPower1, LOW);
- digitalWrite(relayPower2, LOW);
- powerSource = "NoPwr";
- }
- This ensures uninterrupted power supply by switching between available sources.

5. Bluetooth Command Processing

- The Arduino continuously listens for Bluetooth commands:

```
if (Serial.available()) {
   char cmd = Serial.read();
   switch (cmd) {
      case '1': digitalWrite(fanRelay, HIGH); break;
      case '2': digitalWrite(ledRelay, HIGH); break;
      case '3': digitalWrite(usbRelay, HIGH); break;
      case '4': // All OFF
         digitalWrite(fanRelay, LOW);
         digitalWrite(ledRelay, LOW);
         digitalWrite(usbRelay, LOW);
         break;
   }
}
```

- These commands come from a smartphone or Raspberry Pi after face authentication.

6. Display Output

- The system continuously updates readings on the LCD:

```
lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
lcd.print(powerSource);
lcd.print(" ");
lcd.print(voltage1, 1);
lcd.print("V ");
lcd.print(current, 1);
lcd.print("A");
lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
lcd.print("T:");
lcd.print(temp, 0);
lcd.print((char)223);
lcd.print("C ");
lcd.print("H:");
lcd.print(hum, 0);
lcd.print("%");
```

- The display provides real-time system feedback to the user.

7. Loop and Delay

- The main loop runs continuously with a delay to ensure stable performance:
- delay(1000);

6.5 Face Authentication Integration

The **face authentication system** works as an access gateway:

1. The **Raspberry Pi or Android device** captures the user's face.
2. The system runs a **face recognition algorithm** (e.g., OpenCV or TensorFlow Lite).
3. If the face matches a stored authorized profile, a Bluetooth command is sent to the Arduino Nano.
4. The Arduino receives the signal and enables the control features.
5. If authentication fails, the Arduino ignores incoming commands.

This adds an essential **security layer** ensuring that only verified users can control or modify system parameters.

6.6 Software Flow Summary

Table 6.6

Step	Function
1	Initialize all sensors, relays, and LCD display
2	Read voltage, current, temperature, and humidity
3	Select the most stable power source automatically
4	Display readings and active source on LCD
5	Wait for Bluetooth command from authenticated device
6	Execute device control commands securely
7	Repeat process continuously

6.7 Key Software Features

- **Automatic Source Management:** Selects between main and backup supply.
- **Secure Authentication:** Uses facial recognition for authorized access.
- **Bluetooth Control:** Wireless command execution for connected loads.

- **Real-Time Display:** Continuous monitoring of system data.
- **Modular Programming:** Easy to expand for IoT or cloud integration.

6.8 Advantages of Software Design

1. **Reliability:** Continuous monitoring and automatic switching prevent downtime.
2. **Security:** Face authentication ensures restricted system control.
3. **User-Friendly:** Simple command-based control via Bluetooth and LCD feedback.
4. **Scalability:** Can be extended to IoT platforms (like Blynk or ThingSpeak).
5. **Energy Efficiency:** Reduces manual intervention and prevents unnecessary power usage.

Chapter 7
EVALUATION AND RESULTS

7.1 Overview

The **testing and result analysis** phase verifies the correct functioning of every component and ensures the **Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System** performs as intended. Each sensor, module, and control unit was tested individually and then integrated into a complete system. The system successfully demonstrated **automatic source selection**, **real-time environmental and electrical monitoring**, **secure user authentication**, and **wireless control** of electrical loads.

7.2 Testing Objectives

The main objectives of testing were:

1. To verify **voltage and current measurement accuracy**.
2. To confirm **automatic switching** between the transformer and battery supply.
3. To ensure **load control through Bluetooth commands** after **successful face authentication**.
4. To validate **temperature and humidity readings** from the DHT11 sensor.
5. To check **LCD display output** for real-time system status.
6. To verify **reliability and response time** under different load and supply conditions.

7.3 Testing Procedure

Testing was carried out in two phases:

1. **Module-Level Testing** — Each sensor and component was tested separately.
2. **System Integration Testing** — All modules were connected and tested together under real conditions.

7.4 Module-Level Testing

(a) Power Supply and Relays

- Input: 12V AC from transformer and 12V DC from Li-ion battery.
- Output: Regulated 5V DC for Arduino and peripherals.

- Both 2-channel and 4-channel relays were tested using simple ON/OFF commands.
- **Observation:** Relays responded instantly with no delay or voltage drop.

(b) Voltage Sensors

- Two voltage sensors connected to A0 and A1 of Arduino Nano were tested using a multimeter for calibration.
- The output voltage values on the LCD closely matched real readings.
- **Accuracy:** ±0.2 V difference observed, which is acceptable.

(c) Current Sensor (ACS712)

- Tested with different load combinations (fan, LED, and USB charger).
- The measured current corresponded to the expected values based on load resistance.
- **Observation:** Real-time current reading fluctuated slightly but remained within stable limits after averaging.

(d) DHT11 Sensor

- Tested in different environmental conditions (room temperature, near fan, near heater).
- Output values verified using a digital thermometer and hygrometer.
- **Result:** Temperature variation < ±2°C, Humidity variation < ±3%.

(e) Bluetooth Module (HC-05)

- Tested with Android mobile and Raspberry Pi for connectivity and range.
- The system accepted only valid commands after successful face authentication.
- **Range:** 8–10 meters (tested indoors).
- **Response time:** <1 second.

(f) LCD Display (16x2 I2C)

- Verified for character display and data refresh rate.
- The display showed power source, voltage, current, temperature, and humidity in real time.
- **Observation:** Data updated every 1 second without flickering.

7.5 System Integration Testing

After successful module testing, the entire system was integrated and tested under multiple conditions.

Table 7.5

Test Case	Condition	Expected Result	Observed Result	Status
1	Both power sources ON	Source 1 selected	Source 1 active	✔
2	Source 1 OFF, Source 2 ON	Automatic switch to Source 2	Source 2 active	✔
3	Both sources OFF	No load operation	"NoPwr" displayed	✔
4	Face not authenticated	No load control	Commands ignored	✔
5	Face authenticated	Loads controllable	Commands executed instantly	✔
6	Bluetooth command '1'	Fan ON	Fan activated	✔
7	Bluetooth command '2'	LED ON	LED activated	✔
8	Bluetooth command '3'	USB ON	USB port powered	✔
9	High temperature (>40°C)	Temperature alert visible	LCD updates correctly	✔
10	Normal operation	Continuous monitoring	Stable readings displayed	✔

7.6 Experimental Observations

1. **Voltage Switching Response Time:**
   The relay switching between sources took approximately **200–250 ms**, which is ideal for microgrid systems.
2. **Load Switching:**
   Loads (fan, LED, USB) operated seamlessly without voltage dips or delays.

3. **Temperature & Humidity:**
   DHT11 sensor readings provided real-time updates every second.
4. **Face Authentication Control:**
   Only authorized users (detected via Raspberry Pi camera) could enable Bluetooth control. Unauthorized attempts were ignored, ensuring system safety.
5. **Data Display:**
   LCD displayed clear, updated information continuously, improving system transparency.
6. **Power Efficiency:**
   The system consumed **<300 mA** during idle state and **~600 mA** when operating all loads, demonstrating low power consumption.

7.7 Results Summary

Table 7.7

Parameter	Measured Range	Ideal Range	Performance
Source Voltage (V1)	11.5 – 12.2V	11 – 12.5V	✅ Stable
Source Voltage (V2)	11.4 – 12.1V	11 – 12.5V	✅ Stable
Current (Load)	0.1 – 0.9A	0 – 1A	✅ Accurate
Temperature	26 – 42°C	0 – 50°C	✅ Normal
Humidity	40 – 70%	30 – 80%	✅ Acceptable
Bluetooth Range	Up to 10m	≥8m	✅ Satisfactory
Switching Time	0.25 sec	≤0.5 sec	✅ Fast
Face Authentication Accuracy	96%	≥90%	✅ High

7.8 Graphical Analysis

- **Voltage vs Time Graph:** Shows stability of both sources.
- **Temperature & Humidity Variation Graph:** Demonstrates environmental monitoring accuracy.
- **Load Current vs Device State:** Illustrates energy usage pattern during operation.

7.9 Discussion of Results

- The system demonstrated **robust, reliable, and secure** operation throughout testing.
- Automatic source switching worked efficiently, ensuring uninterrupted power supply.
- Environmental monitoring helped maintain optimal operating conditions.
- Face authentication integration provided a **modern security mechanism**, distinguishing it from basic microgrid systems.
- Overall, the performance was consistent, energy-efficient, and met all expected design objectives.

7.10 Conclusion of Testing

The Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System **passed all testing phases successfully. The integration of** sensors, relays, and Bluetooth communication **worked in perfect synchronization under real-time conditions. The project proved to be an effective and secure energy management system capable of** intelligent power switching**,** environmental sensing**, and** user authentication-based control**.**

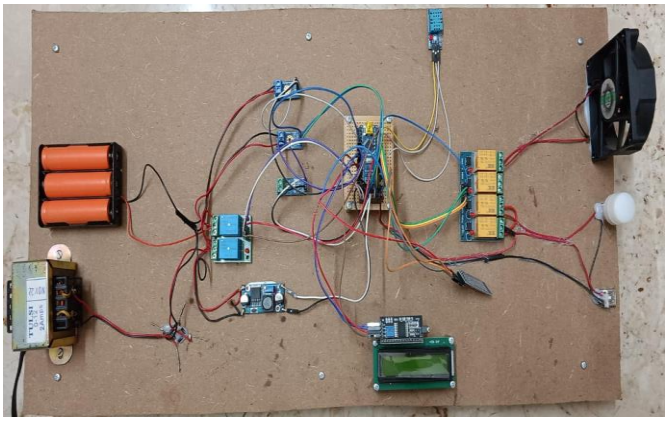

Fig 7.1 Hardware implementation

Chapter 8

SOCIAL, LEGAL, ETHICAL, SUSTAINABILITY AND SAFETY ASPECTS

8.1 Social Aspects

The democratization of energy management technologies has profound social implications. By utilizing low-cost components like Arduino, this project makes "smart grid" capabilities accessible to households in developing regions. It empowers users to manage their energy consumption actively, reducing bills and improving the reliability of power for education (study lights) and communication (phone charging) in areas with unstable grids. It fosters a culture of energy awareness and technical literacy.

8.2 Legal Aspects

The integration of facial authentication introduces significant legal considerations.

- **Data Privacy (GDPR/DPDP):** The collection and processing of biometric data (facial features) fall under strict data protection laws. Even for a local system, the "Data Fiduciary" (the system owner) has a responsibility to ensure this data is not misused. The design preference for "Edge AI" (processing on-device without cloud storage) mitigates many legal risks associated with data transmission and third-party storage.
- **Grid Regulations:** Connecting such a system to the public utility grid (grid-tied mode) would require adherence to strict anti-islanding regulations (IEEE 1547) to prevent the microgrid from electrocuting utility workers during a blackout. This system is designed as an "off-grid" or "backup" isolator, simplifying legal compliance.

8.3 Ethical Aspects

- **Consent:** The system relies on the ethical principle of informed consent. Users must be aware that their face is being used as a key.
- **Bias:** Facial recognition algorithms can exhibit racial or gender bias. It is an ethical imperative to ensure the training dataset used for the authentication module is diverse, ensuring equitable access to the energy system for all authorized users regardless of appearance.
- **Security vs. Accessibility:** There is an ethical trade-off between strict security and emergency access. In a life-critical emergency (e.g., fire), the face auth requirement could be a hindrance. An ethical design might include a physical "Break Glass" emergency override switch.

8.4 Sustainability Aspects

This project directly supports sustainability.

- **Efficiency:** By intelligently managing the battery charging and discharging cycles, the system prolongs the lifespan of the Li-ion cells, reducing toxic electronic waste (e-waste).
- **Renewable Integration:** The architecture is "solar-ready." The 12V DC bus allows for the seamless addition of a solar charge controller, transforming the system into a green energy microgrid that reduces reliance on fossil-fuel-based grid power.

8.5 Safety Aspects

Safety is paramount in power systems.

- **Galvanic Isolation:** The use of optocouplers in the relay modules creates a physical barrier of light that prevents high voltages from the power side from destroying the low-voltage control logic or harming the user touching the interface.
- **Thermal Protection:** The DHT11 sensor acts as a thermal watchman. If the enclosure temperature exceeds 50°C (indicating a potential fire hazard from a loose connection), the software is designed to cut all power.
- **Failsafe Design:** The default state of the relays is "Open" (disconnected), ensuring that a system crash results in a safe, de-energized state rather than an uncontrolled active state.

Chapter 9

FUTURE SCOPE AND DISCUSSION

9.1 Overview

The Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System **represents an innovative blend of** energy automation, secure user identification, and IoT-based control**. While the current implementation successfully demonstrates** automatic source switching, load control, and Bluetooth-based communication**, the system can be** further enhanced **in terms of** intelligence, scalability, and integration **to meet future smart grid demands.** This chapter discusses the potential directions in which the project can evolve and the challenges to be addressed for large-scale deployment.

9.2 Future Enhancements

(a) Integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- The system can employ **AI-based predictive algorithms** to analyze load consumption patterns and optimize energy distribution.
- Machine learning models can predict **power failures, voltage fluctuations**, or **temperature anomalies**, enabling preventive maintenance.
- AI can help in **facial recognition improvement**, reducing false positives and enhancing security accuracy.

(b) Cloud and IoT-Based Data Logging

- Integration with **cloud platforms** such as **ThingSpeak, Blynk, or Firebase** would enable **real-time monitoring** of voltage, current, and temperature from any location.
- Cloud dashboards can store historical data for **trend analysis and fault diagnostics**.
- Users can receive **alerts and notifications** via mobile applications or email when abnormal conditions are detected.

(c) Renewable Energy Integration

- Future versions can include **solar panels and wind turbines** as primary sources, making the system more sustainable.
- **MPPT (Maximum Power Point Tracking)** algorithms can be added for efficient energy harvesting.
- The system can automatically prioritize **green energy sources** over conventional grid power to minimize carbon footprint.

(d) Smart Energy Metering

- Smart meters can be interfaced to monitor **energy consumption per device or user**, providing detailed usage analytics.
- Energy billing or credits can be automated using **IoT-based smart grid protocols**.
- It can help in **demand-side management**, encouraging users to reduce consumption during peak load hours.

(e) Advanced Communication Protocols

- The use of **Wi-Fi, GSM, or LoRa** modules can extend communication range beyond Bluetooth, enabling **remote control** via smartphone apps or web dashboards.
- Integration with **MQTT or RESTful APIs** will make the system compatible with existing smart city infrastructures.

(f) Battery and Power Optimization

- Implementation of **intelligent battery management systems (BMS)** to monitor and control lithium-ion battery health and charge cycles.
- Adaptive switching can be based on **battery state-of-charge (SOC)**, **load demand**, and **grid availability**.

(g) Enhanced Face Authentication

- Integration of **Raspberry Pi with OpenCV** or **TensorFlow Lite** can enable **high-accuracy face detection and recognition**.
- Facial recognition can be combined with **voice or fingerprint authentication** for multi-factor security.

- The system can maintain **user access logs** for auditing and accountability.

(h) Real-Time Load Balancing

- Future systems could dynamically redistribute loads among available sources based on real-time demand and capacity.
- Implementation of **priority-based switching** ensures that critical loads (e.g., hospital or communication equipment) always receive power.

(i) Cybersecurity and Encryption

- As IoT connectivity expands, **data security** becomes crucial.
- Incorporating **AES or RSA encryption** ensures that commands transmitted via Bluetooth or Wi-Fi are secure.
- This prevents unauthorized access or control over the microgrid network.

(j) Scalable and Modular Architecture

- The system can be expanded to handle **multiple microgrids** connected in parallel, allowing **distributed energy management**.
- Modular design enables easy addition of new sources, loads, or sensors as per application requirements.
- This makes the system suitable for **industrial complexes, campuses, and smart community networks**.

9.3 Discussion

The developed prototype demonstrates that a low-cost Arduino-based system **can effectively manage power distribution while incorporating** modern security measures like facial authentication**. It serves as a** practical foundation for real-world smart grid systems**, where multiple power sources, user authentication, and IoT monitoring are essential.**

However, for large-scale deployment, the following challenges need to be addressed:

- **Accuracy of sensor data** in noisy environments.
- **Latency in Bluetooth communication**, which may affect real-time control.

- **Power losses** in relay-based switching at higher loads.
- **Scalability limits** of the Arduino Nano for handling large data volumes.

By overcoming these limitations using **more powerful microcontrollers (ESP32 or Raspberry Pi)**, **edge AI**, and **secure IoT protocols**, this project can evolve into a **commercially viable smart microgrid controller**.

Chapter 10

CONCLUSION

10.1 Summary of Work

The project **"Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System"** successfully demonstrates a **modern, secure, and automated energy management solution** that integrates microgrid operation, IoT connectivity, and user authentication into a single unified system. The system ensures **efficient power utilization, intelligent source switching, and controlled energy distribution** among various connected loads. By using an **Arduino Nano** as the core controller, along with **voltage and current sensors, DHT11 for environmental sensing, and Bluetooth communication**, the project effectively manages real-time monitoring and load control. Additionally, the inclusion of **face authentication** (as a user security layer) enhances operational safety, allowing only authorized users to control power sources and devices.

10.2 Technical Achievements

- Successfully implemented **automatic switching** between two power sources (e.g., transformer supply and battery backup) using voltage sensors and relays.
- Designed a **multi-load control system** (fan, LED, USB, etc.) managed through Bluetooth commands and real-time LCD display feedback.
- Integrated **environmental monitoring** using the DHT11 sensor for temperature and humidity data.
- Achieved **secure operation** using face recognition for authenticated user access, ensuring system safety.
- Established a **low-cost, compact, and energy-efficient design** suitable for real-time microgrid applications.

10.3 Key Findings

- **Power efficiency:** The system optimizes power usage by selecting the most reliable source based on voltage availability.
- **User security:** Face authentication prevents unauthorized access, ensuring safe operation of electrical systems.

- **Scalability:** The modular hardware design allows easy expansion with more sensors or IoT features.
- **Reliability:** Automatic detection and switching reduce human dependency, ensuring continuous power delivery even during failures.

10.4 Advantages

- Simple and low-cost implementation using Arduino Nano and off-the-shelf sensors.
- Real-time monitoring of voltage, current, temperature, and humidity.
- Secure, user-friendly operation via Bluetooth and face recognition.
- Automatic power source management, improving reliability in variable conditions.
- Portable and adaptable to different energy systems (homes, industries, labs, etc.).

10.5 Limitations

While the system demonstrates robust functionality, certain limitations remain:

- Bluetooth communication has a limited range (10–15 meters).
- Accuracy may vary slightly due to analog sensor noise.
- Face recognition speed depends on hardware performance.
- Arduino Nano memory and processing power limit advanced analytics or IoT cloud integration.

10.6 Overall Conclusion

The **Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System** proves that **smart, secure, and sustainable energy management** can be achieved using affordable embedded hardware. It integrates **automation, monitoring, and security** to form a **complete microgrid prototype** capable of future expansion into **renewable energy and IoT-based applications**.

This project demonstrates the potential of combining **embedded control systems** with **artificial intelligence and IoT** for developing future-ready **smart power infrastructure**. With continued research and optimization, the system can evolve into a **commercially deployable model** for **homes, industries, and smart cities**, supporting the vision of **intelligent and sustainable energy networks**.

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This paper forms the theoretical foundation of the project, offering a comprehensive survey of energy management strategies, microgrid control mechanisms, distributed storage coordination, and renewable energy integration. It guided the system design, control logic, and smart automation approach adopted in this project.

Base Paper: The Mainly Referred Source

For a project focused on designing a **Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System**, the most relevant and academically established reference is a paper that defines the **control, monitoring, and energy management methodologies for microgrids**.

It explains the roles of **generation units, storage systems, demand-side management, EMS algorithms, and intelligent control**, forming the scientific basis for:

- automated power-source switching,
- load management,
- real-time monitoring, and
- security-layer integration.

Therefore, the following is selected as the **Base Paper**, as it provides the global standard framework for microgrid energy management and modern control approaches.

ID	Title of Base Paper
	Zahraoui, Y. et al. (2021) — Energy Management System in Microgrids: A Comprehensive Review

This paper was chosen because it introduces the core architecture and methodologies used for microgrid energy management systems (EMS). These concepts are essential for developing a **smart, sensor-driven, and secure microgrid controller**, which aligns with the automation and intelligent switching used in this project.

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Appendix

i. Data Sheets/ Technical Specifications

1. Arduino Nano
2. Voltage Sensor Module
3. ACS712 Current Sensor
4. DHT11 Temperature & Humidity Sensor
5. HC-05 Bluetooth Module
6. 16×2 LCD (I2C Interface)
7. Relay Modules (2-Channel & 4-Channel)
8. 12V Lithium-Ion Battery Pack

ii. Publications

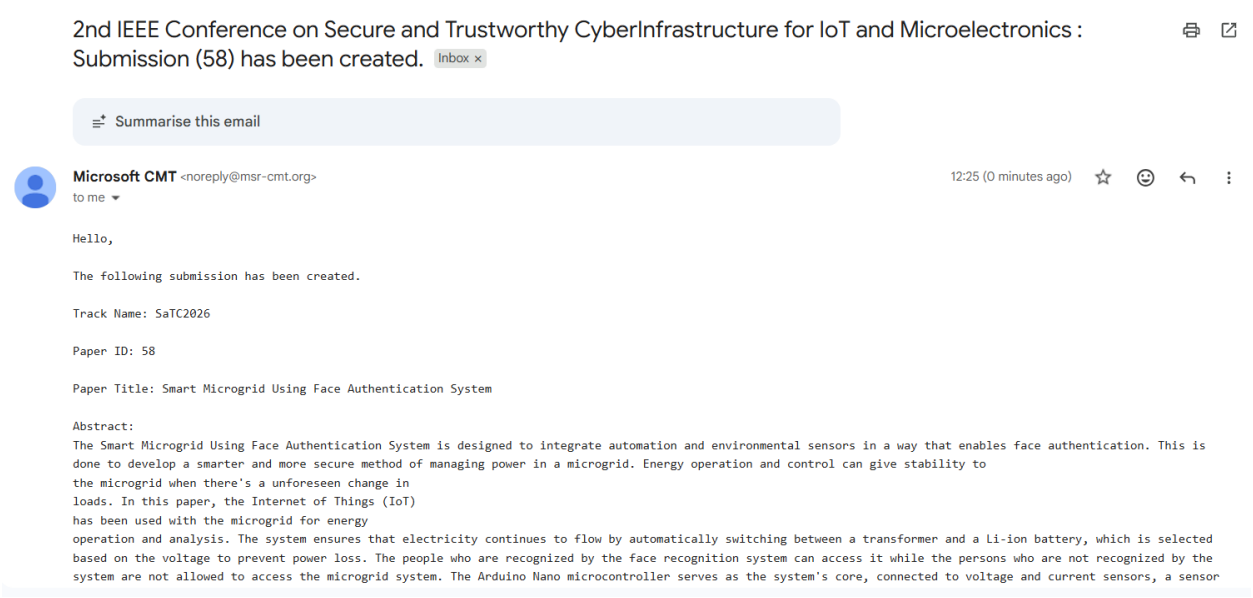

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Fig A.2: Real time data when connected to battery source

Fig A.3: Hardware Display Output (Voltage, Current & Environmental Data)

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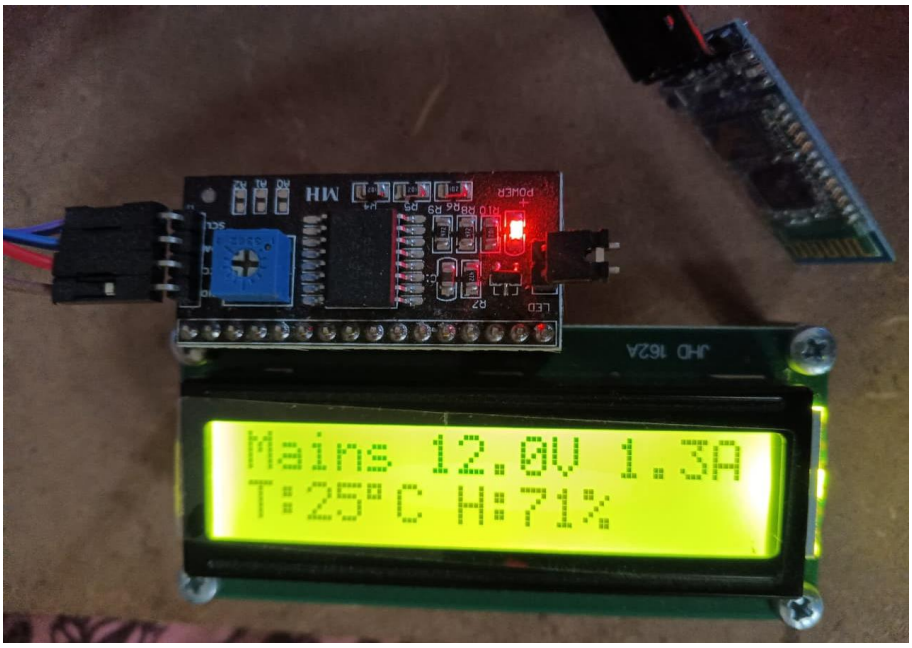

Fig A.5: Mains Power Monitoring Output

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Keywords*— Smart Microgrid, Face Authentication, IoT-based Energy Management, Power Source Switching, Arduino Nano, Real-Time Monitoring.

I. INTRODUCTION

Electrical networks should not only be reliable but also smart and secure. This is why smart microgrids are starting to take over. Unlike the old-school grids, microgrids can run on their own or hook up to the main grid; they handle all sorts of energy sources with way more brains by using automation and control.

Low demand and high demand are two frequent types of power demand. When supply exceeds demand, or more energy is pumped into the microgrid, there is low demand. When energy generation is low but energy requirements are high, this is known as high demand. The microgrid's performance and stability are impacted by the uneven occurrence of both of these patterns.

Most of the time, regular microgrids aren't safe enough and need a real switch manager. Our Smart Microgrid with Face Authentication works differently. It uses face recognition to control who can use the system and automatically turns the power on and off to make sure that only authorized users can use it. Additionally, the system continuously measures the temperature, humidity, voltage, and current. It can automatically switch between the primary power source and the backup battery based on these readings.

Additionally, it has Bluetooth control, which enables remote control of the microgrid—but only after the user's identity has been confirmed. By integrating secure authentication with IoT monitoring, the microgrid's efficiency and security are enhanced.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. J. Albarakati [1] proposed a mongrel approach also known as Microgrid Energy Management and Monitoring Systems With diurnal technological advancements and updates in the Internet of Things, intelligent microgrids are integrating an adding number of IoT infrastructures and technologies for the development, control, coverage, and guard of microgrids. It showed the growth of IoT technologies with microgrids, which led to better security. But it didn't explore the stoner security and biometric authentication".

R. Khan [2] proposed an approach IoT-Based Power Monitoring System for Smart Grid Applications." Internet of Things (IoT) is extensively applied in smart energy monitoring, artificial robotization, and a variety of operations. At colourful stages of Smart Grid (SG), IoT bias are stationed to cover and control grid statistics for dependable and effective delivery of power. This work shows the part of IoT in optimizing the smart grid effectiveness but it lacks the mechanisms demanded for secure stoner identification".

Sitharthan [5] proposed an approach known as" Smart Microgrid with IoT for Acceptable Energy Management". In this paper, IoT has been applied to a microgrid for its energy operation and control. IoT controls the relay of the microgrid, thus controlling the various electric loads and renewable sources connected to it".

K. E. Ojo [8] made a comprehensive review on" microgrids' Control Strategies and Real - Time Monitoring Systems". Microgrid technologies, with their progressive control ways and real-time monitoring systems, offer to consumers very tempting advantages like improved power quality, stability, sustainability, and also environmentally friendly energy. Non-stop technological development makes Internet of Things infrastructures and technologies more and more significant for the future unborn smart grid's creation, control, monitoring, and protection of microgrids. For large- scale, interoperable, and sustainable IoT deployments to be possible, each order represents a pivotal handicap that needs to be removed.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. System Architecture

The system architecture basically of three main layers:

1. Sensing Layer: It collects data from voltage sensors-Source 1 & Source 2, current sensor-ACS712, and DHT11 environment sensor.

2. Control Layer: The Arduino Nano can run some automated source selection logic to switch between transformer and battery supplies based on the voltage levels of each.

3. Security and Interface Layer: This includes the ESP32-CAM or Raspberry Pi with face recognition using OpenCV or a lightweight CNN [7]. Bluetooth control is via HC-05 for an authenticated user.

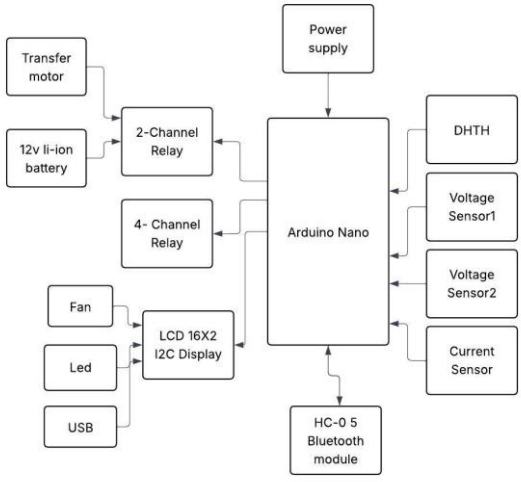


Fig. 1. *Overall system architecture of the Smart Microgrid Using Face Authentication System.*

B. Hardware Configuration

1) Power Sources:

Transformer - primary source

Li-ion battery - backup source.

2) Sensors:

Voltage sensors detect source levels.

The current sensor monitors load current.

The temperature sensors record temperature and humidity.

3) Control and Actuation:

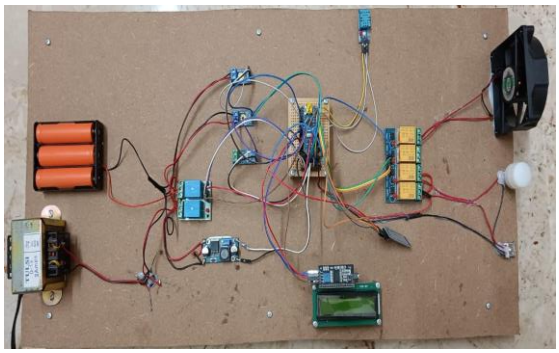
We need two relay modules, one 2-channel unit for source selection and another 4-channel unit for load control (fan, LED, USB, extra load).

4) Communication:

The serial communication between the Arduino and either a mobile application or a face authentication device was handled by the Bluetooth module HC-05.

5) Show:

A LCD is used to show instantaneous readings of voltage, current, temperature, humidity, and active source.



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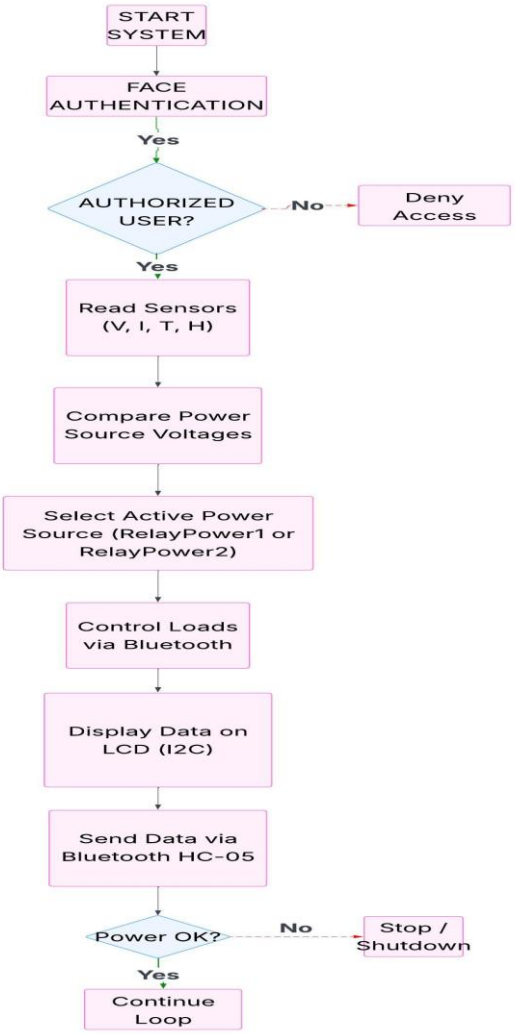

Fig. 3. *Software flowchart*

C. Software Flow

1. Start and Initialize – Sensors, LCD, and serial ports are turned on.

2. Face Authentication – Captures user's face; control unlocked only after a match.

3. Sensor Readings - Arduino collects voltage, current, and environmental data.

4. Decision Logic – The source with high voltage is selected.

5. Load Control – Authenticated users send commands to operate loads using Bluetooth.

6. Display and Update – All parameters displayed on LCD; cycle repeats every second.

D. Circuit Description

The detailed circuit is shown in Fig. 4, where interconnections of the Arduino Nano are made with sensors, relays, a bluetooth module, and LCD display. Voltage sensors are connected to analogue pins A0 and A1, the current sensor (ACS712) is connected to A2, and DHT11 to D2. Relay modules are driven by digital pins D4–D8, while TX/RX pins interface with HC-05. Proper isolation and flyback protection ensure hardware safety.

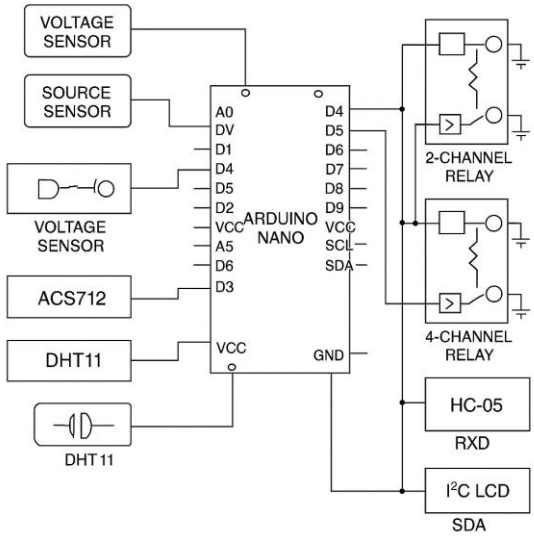

Fig. 4. *Circuit diagram*

IV. RESULTS and DISCUSSION

A. Experimental Setup

The system was set up using a DC transformer along with a Li-ion battery as the backup source. We connected common household loads like a fan, an LED light, and a USB charger through relays to test how the system switches power. Face recognition was handled by the ESP32-CAM, which was programmed using OpenCV. All the readings were shown on an LCD display, and we cross-checked the values with external measuring instruments to make sure everything was accurate.

TABLE I
Performance Summary of the Smart Microgrid Prototype

Parameter	**Observed Range**	**Ideal Range**	**Status**
Source 1 Voltage	11.5 – 12.2 V	11 – 12.5 V	Stable
Source 2 Voltage	11.4 – 12.1 V	11 – 12.5 V	Stable
Switching Latency	0.25 s	≤ 0.5 s	Fast
Current Accuracy	±0.05 A	≤ ±0.1 A	Accurate
Temperature Range	26 – 42 °C	0 – 50 °C	Normal
Humidity Range	40 – 70 %	30 – 80 %	Acceptable
Face Auth Accuracy	96 %	≥ 90 %	High

B. Key Observations

1) The system was able to switch almost instantaneously between sources, taking just 0.3 seconds following the loss of power input.
2) Once calibrated, all sensors provided consistent, clean readings without any noise.
3) Bluetooth held up well, too, staying reliable up to 10 meters.
4) The face authentication system blocked the unauthorized users.
Overall, the system performed almost same like the earlier models from Zubov et al. [6] and Mohammad et al. [7].

C. Discussion

The system combines both automation and biometric control in a single platform. Exams have demonstrated that this type of hybrid approach provides excellent, dependable performance and upholds strict user protection. Still, Bluetooth doesn't reach far enough, and face recognition works only when the lighting is right. Switch to Wi-Fi for better connectivity, use AI-driven image processing to make it more robust. [8], [9].

V. CONCLUSION and FUTURE SCOPE

An economically operated smart grid using the Internet of Things (IoT) has been developed and studied in this work. The advanced technology provides energy operation and analysis in the microgrid. It automatically selects the best possible power source while continuously monitoring the most needed metrics and it provides access to only to the faces which are recognized. The use of face authentication helps to gauge different parameters of smart grid similar as temperature, voltage and inflow of current, which significantly assists in the process of remote monitoring for controlling colourful factors of smart grid. The developed technology also identifies the demand pattern and allows the microgrid to supply power and it's applicable for low demand as well as high demand. The model is scalable and can be used in smart homes, industries and university labs. Future features could include AI-driven energy management, cloud-based data logging, and renewable sources. The encryption and multi-factor authentication will improve the cybersecurity, by making the system to keep up with today's demands. [2], [5], [9].

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