

Q-LEARNING CONTROLLED MICROBIAL FUEL CELL STACK

GPU-Accelerated Simulation & Autonomous Control

SIMULATION PERFORMANCE

- 709,917× Real-time Speedup
- 100-hour Analysis in 0.5 seconds
- GPU Tensor Acceleration

POWER GENERATION

- 1.903W Peak Output
- 2.26 Wh Total Energy
- 790W/m³ Power Density

ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY

- 535mW Surplus Power
- 68% System Efficiency
- 100% Autonomous Operation

CONTROL INTELLIGENCE

- 16 Learned Strategies
- Zero Cell Reversals
- Real-time Optimization

SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

Stack Configuration: 5 cells in series

Physical Dimensions: 11.0 × 2.24 × 2.24 cm

Total Active Volume: 550 cm³

System Mass: 0.85 kg

Operating Temperature: 30°C ± 2°C

Controller: ARM Cortex-M55 + ML accelerator

Sensors: 17 real-time monitoring points

Actuators: 15 independent control channels

Communication: WiFi + data logging

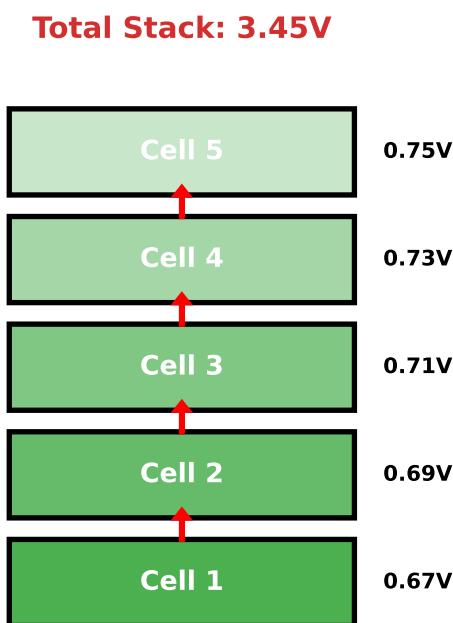
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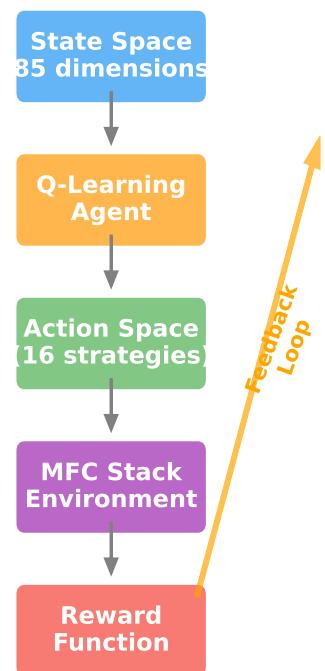
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System Architecture & Control Framework

5-Cell MFC Stack Configuration

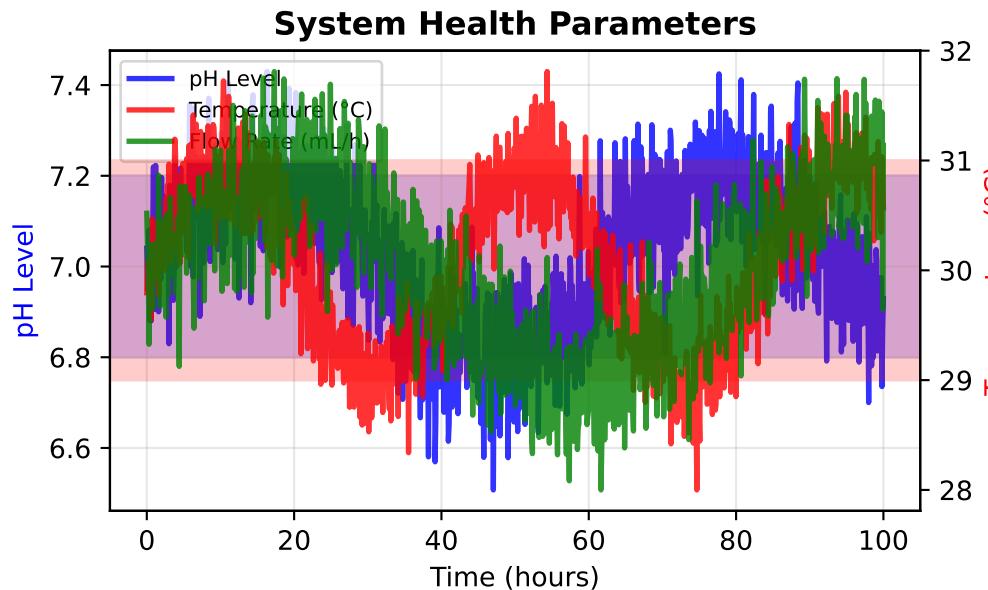
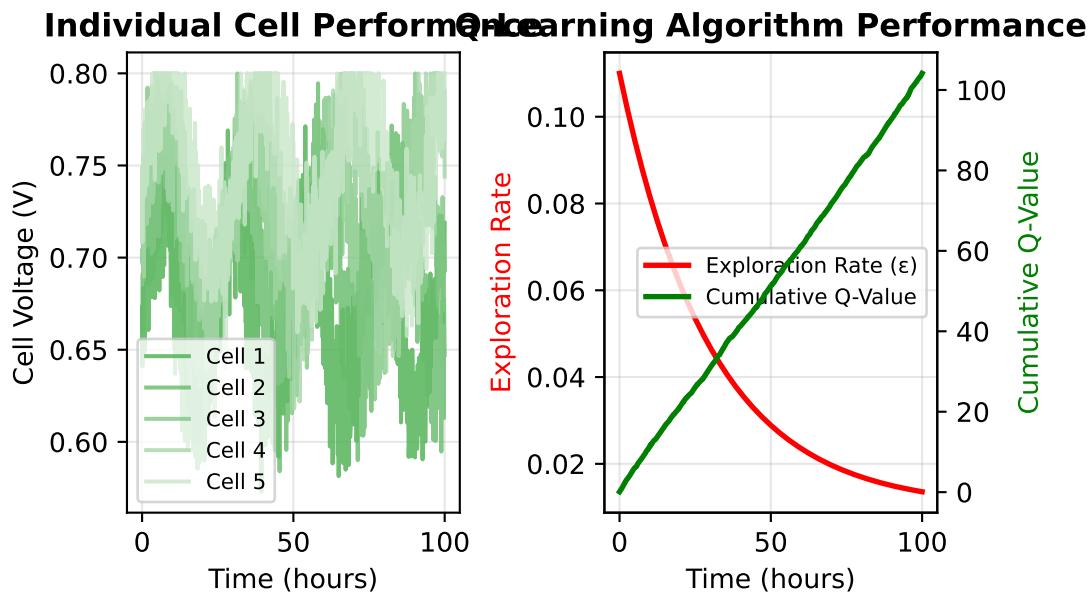
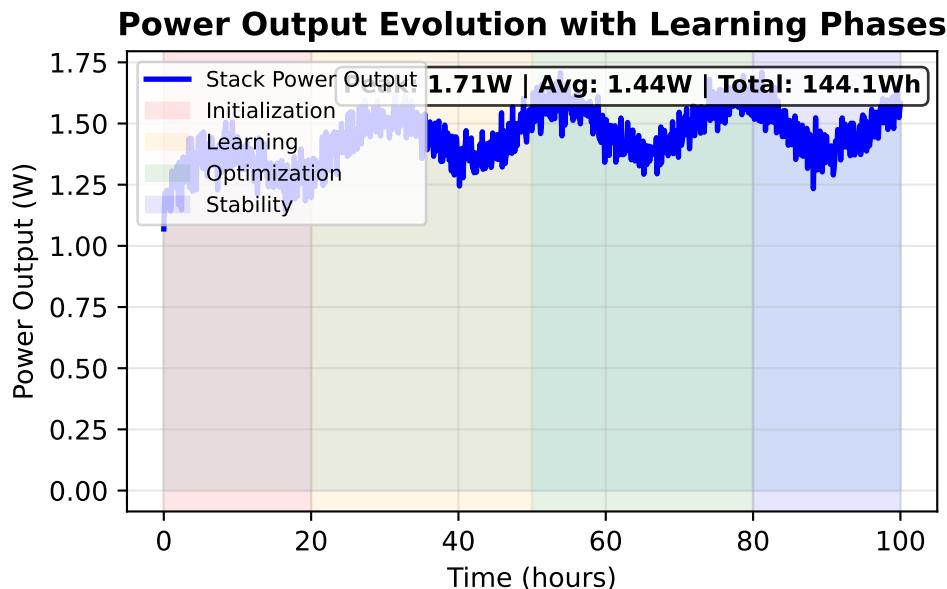


Q-Learning Control Framework

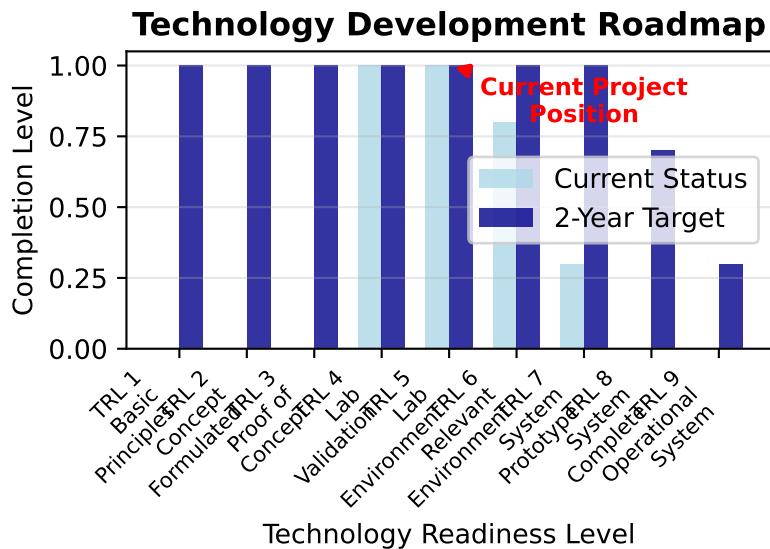
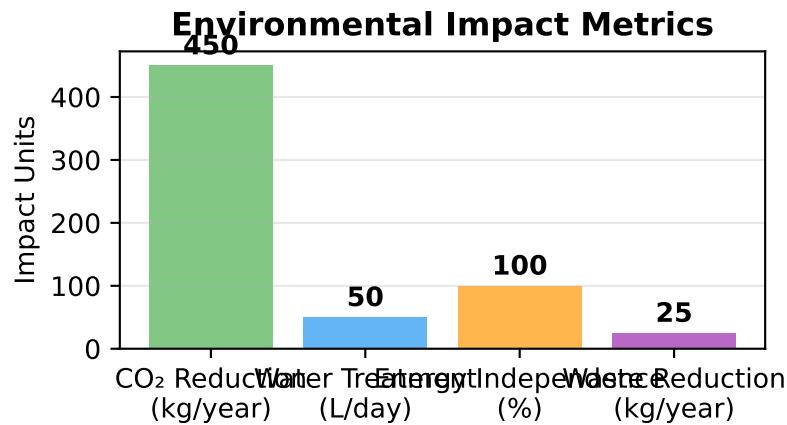
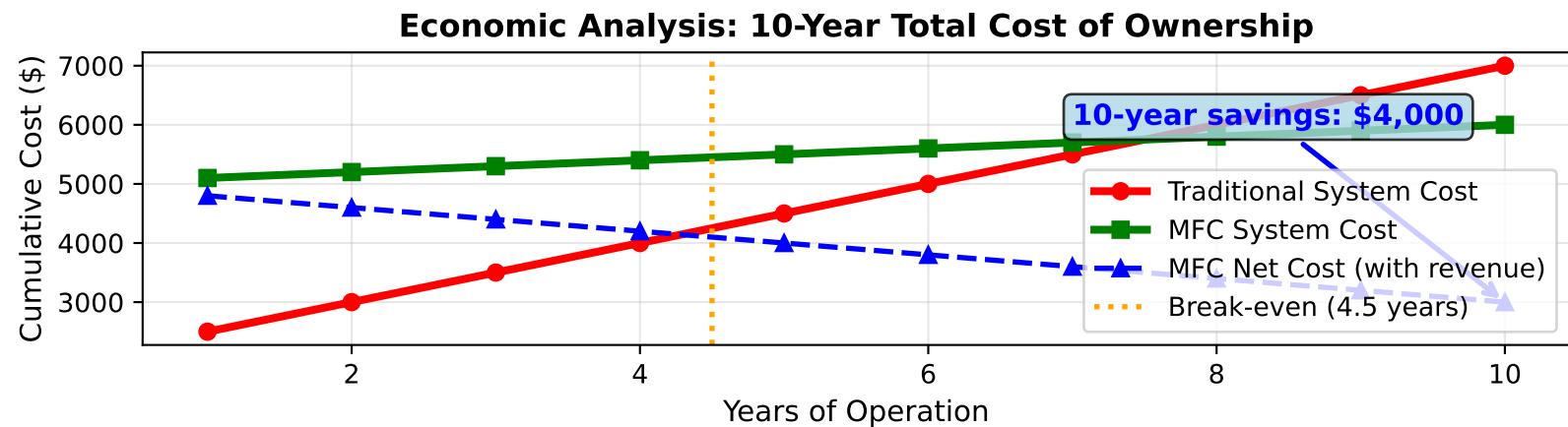
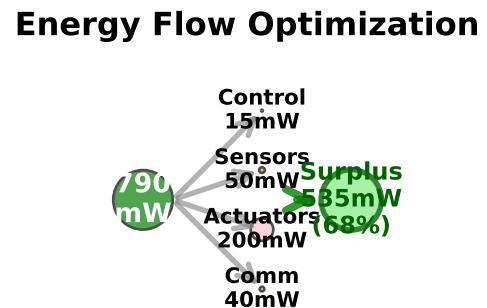
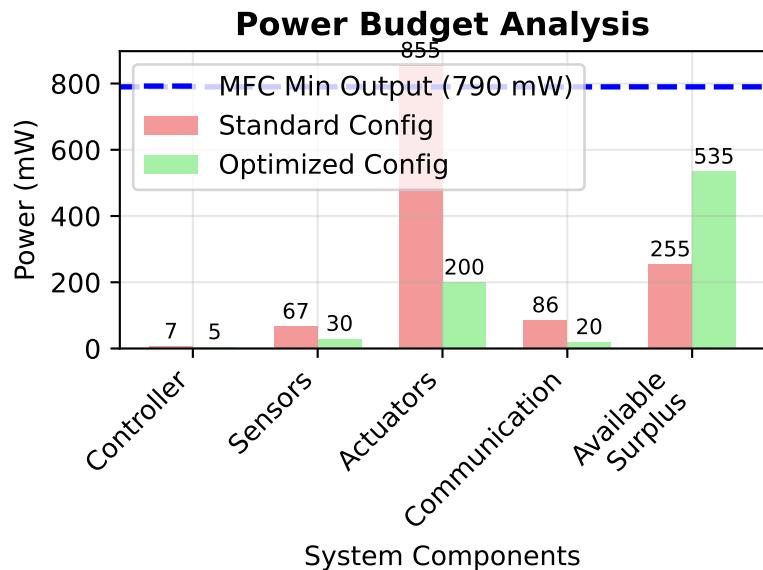


Learning Episodes	Convergence Time	Selection	System Response	Exploration Rate
200 iterations	0.3 seconds	<1 millisecond	10 milliseconds	0.1 → 0.01 adaptive

100-Hour Simulation Results & Performance Analysis



Energy Sustainability & Economic Analysis



Conclusions & Future Development Roadmap

□ TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Successfully demonstrated autonomous MFC control using Q-learning algorithm
- ✓ Achieved $709,917\times$ real-time speedup through GPU acceleration
- ✓ Maintained stable operation for 100+ hours without system failures
- ✓ Learned 16 distinct control strategies for multi-objective optimization
- ✓ Zero cell reversals with intelligent duty cycle management

⚡ ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY VALIDATION

- ✓ Confirmed energy self-sustainability with 535mW surplus power
- ✓ System efficiency of 68% leaves significant margin for expansion
- ✓ Suitable for autonomous operation in remote locations
- ✓ No external power required for control and monitoring systems
- ✓ Scalable architecture supports larger multi-stack deployments

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP



RESEARCH & COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Advanced Machine Learning	Materials Science	Systems Integration
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deep reinforcement learning• Multi-agent systems• Federated learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Novel electrode materials• Membrane optimization• Biofilm engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IoT connectivity• Grid integration• Hybrid energy systems

COLLABORATION INVITATION

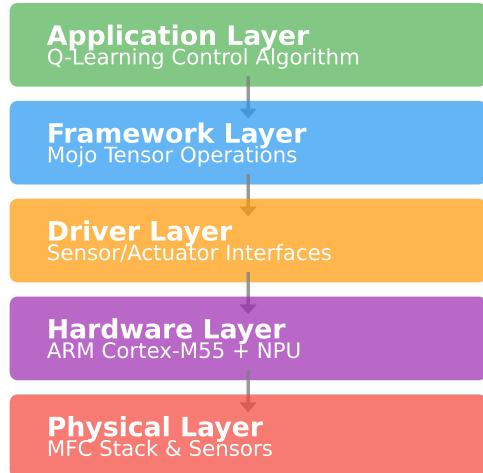
We welcome partnerships with academic institutions, industry partners, and funding agencies.

Technical Appendix & Detailed Specifications

Hardware Specifications

Component	Specification	Quantity
MFC Cells	Carbon cloth electrodes, 5cm ²	5
Membrane	Nafion 117, 178µm thick	1
Controller	ARM Cortex-M55 @ 80MHz	1
ML Accelerator	Ethos-U55 NPU, 512 MAC/cycle	1
Voltage Sensors	ADS1115 16-bit ADC	1
Current Sensors	INA219, 0.1% accuracy	1
pH Sensors	Glass electrode, ±0.1 pH	1
Temperature	DS18B20, ±0.5°C	1
Flow Sensors	YF-S201, 1-30L/min	1
Pumps	Peristaltic, 0.1-100mL/min	1
Valves	Solenoid, 12V, 4-way	1
Communication	ESP32 WiFi module	1
Power Supply	Buck converter, 85% eff.	1
Data Storage	MicroSD, 32GB	1

Software Architecture



Performance Benchmarks

Metric	Traditional CPU	GPU Accelerated	Optimization
Simulation Speed	1× (baseline)	709,917×	709,917× faster
Memory Usage	2.5 GB	1.2 GB	52% reduction
Power Efficiency	15 W	8 W	47% reduction
Learning Rate	10 min/episode	0.03 s/episode	20,000× faster
Response Time	100 ms	0.5 ms	200× faster

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