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ABSTRACT

Our project explores the concept of footstep power generation, a sustainable method of harvesting energy by converting mechanical stress into electrical energy using piezoelectric sensors. As individuals walk over a surface embedded with piezoelectric elements, the pressure exerted during each step causes deformation in the sensors, generating an electric charge through the piezoelectric effect. This charge is then collected, rectified, and stored using an electronic circuit composed of transistors, capacitors, and resistors. An Arduino Uno microcontroller is used to monitor and regulate the voltage, and an LCD screen displays the output voltage in real time.Our prototype developed consists of six piezoelectric sensors strategically arranged beneath a platform to maximize energy capture. The energy generated is suitable for powering low-energy devices such as LEDs or small battery packs, making it ideal for use in public places with high foot traffic such as railway stations, airports, shopping malls, and educational institutions. This approach not only helps in utilizing wasted mechanical energy but also promotes awareness about renewable energy sources. The system exemplifies a practical, low-cost, and eco-friendly solution to partial energy demands and can be scaled up for larger applications. Through this project, we aim to contribute to the development of green technologies that align with the global push for sustainable and decentralized energy generation.

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1.1 Objective

The objective of the project is to design, develop, and demonstrate a self-sustaining energy generation system that converts mechanical stress from human footsteps into electrical energy using the piezoelectric effect. As the global demand for clean and renewable energy sources continues to grow, innovative solutions that harness energy from everyday human activity have gained significant attention. Among such solutions, footstep power generation stands out as a promising method that is both eco-friendly and efficient, especially in urban environments with high pedestrian traffic. This project aims to utilize the mechanical pressure exerted during walking, which would otherwise be wasted, and convert it into usable electrical power by embedding piezoelectric sensors beneath a walking surface. These sensors produce an electrical charge when deformed by mechanical force, making them ideal components for energy harvesting from footsteps. Our main goal is to prove the practicality of converting the kinetic energy from footfalls into electrical energy that can be stored and used to power small electronic devices or lighting systems.The project prototype comprises six piezoelectric sensors connected to a system of passive and active electronic components, including capacitors, resistors, diodes, and transistors, to regulate, store, and condition the generated electricity. An Arduino Uno microcontroller is integrated into the system to manage voltage levels and monitor output, while an LCD display shows real-time voltage readings generated by the user's footsteps. This interactive display helps visualize the direct conversion of mechanical stress into electrical energy, making the concept more relatable and impactful. The prototype not only functions as a proof of concept but also serves as a basis for analyzing the energy efficiency of different sensor configurations, types of surface materials, and various user weights and walking speeds. The generated energy, though small on an individual level, can accumulate significantly in high-traffic areas and be utilized for practical applications such as powering LED streetlights, charging batteries, or running low-power sensors and IoT devices.In addition to developing a working model, the project also focuses on evaluating the sustainability, cost-effectiveness, and scalability of this energy-harvesting technology. By examining the materials used, the durability of the sensors, and the ease of deployment in existing infrastructure, the project aims to determine the feasibility of implementing such systems on a larger scale. The objective includes assessing long-term performance under repeated mechanical loading, environmental conditions, and maintenance requirements, all of which are critical for real-world applications. Furthermore, the project seeks to explore methods for enhancing the output efficiency of the system, such as using series or parallel sensor connections, energy storage modules like supercapacitors or lithium-ion batteries, and power management circuits that prevent energy loss.Another important objective of this project is to promote awareness and education about renewable energy technologies. By developing a user-friendly and interactive system, the project encourages engagement and understanding of how alternative energy sources can be harnessed in daily life. It aims to inspire students, engineers, researchers, and environmental enthusiasts to think creatively about energy harvesting and how simple human actions can contribute to sustainable energy solutions. The concept of generating power simply by walking has strong educational value and can be used in schools and exhibitions to demonstrate real-time applications of physics, electronics, and environmental science.Ultimately, the broader vision of this footstep power generation project is to contribute to the global push toward clean energy and smart urban infrastructure. In future scenarios, such systems could be integrated into pavements, staircases, metro platforms, and other high-traffic public spaces, helping reduce reliance on conventional energy sources while making the environment more interactive and energy-efficient. By converting mechanical energy from human motion into electrical power, this project offers a low-maintenance, non-polluting, and innovative energy harvesting solution that aligns with sustainable development goals. The successful implementation of this system would pave the way for larger-scale installations and inspire the development of smarter, greener cities where technology and human movement coexist harmoniously to generate power and conserve resources.

1.2 Origin

The concept of footstep power generation originated from the growing need to develop sustainable and alternative energy solutions in response to the global energy crisis, increasing environmental degradation, and rapid urbanization. As traditional sources of energy such as coal, oil, and natural gas continue to deplete and pose significant environmental challenges through carbon emissions and pollution, researchers and engineers around the world began exploring non-conventional methods of energy generation. Among these innovative approaches is the idea of harvesting energy from human activities—specifically, from walking. Human locomotion, though often overlooked, carries significant kinetic energy, especially in crowded environments like railway stations, shopping malls, stadiums, airports, and schools. Realizing that each footstep involves mechanical pressure that is otherwise wasted, scientists began investigating how this mechanical force could be harnessed and converted into usable electrical energy.The foundational technology behind this concept lies in the **piezoelectric effect**, a phenomenon discovered in the late 19th century by Jacques and Pierre Curie. The piezoelectric effect describes the ability of certain materials to generate an electric charge in response to applied mechanical stress. Initially used in scientific instruments and sonar systems, the application of piezoelectric materials gradually expanded into fields like sensors, medical ultrasound devices, and actuators. With advancements in materials science and microelectronics in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, piezoelectric technology became more affordable and accessible, opening new possibilities for energy harvesting. Engineers and researchers began experimenting with using piezoelectric materials in flooring systems, shoes, and public walkways, recognizing their potential to generate power from daily human motion.The idea of using footsteps to generate electricity gained more attention in the early 2000s when energy sustainability became a prominent global concern. In several countries, including Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States, experimental setups were introduced where piezoelectric tiles were embedded in high-traffic areas to demonstrate the feasibility of this concept. These pilot projects, though small in scale, showed that even a single footstep could generate a few volts of electricity, which could be accumulated and used to power LED lights, signage, or low-energy devices. Such projects sparked interest in educational institutions and inspired students and innovators to develop miniature models and prototypes to test the idea further. The concept soon found its way into academic research and school-level science projects as a symbol of innovation and green technology.This particular footstep power generation project was conceptualized with a similar motivation—to explore the potential of renewable energy in everyday environments, and to educate and demonstrate how a simple physical action can be turned into something powerful and productive. The inspiration came from observing busy places where hundreds or even thousands of people walk every hour, unknowingly expending energy that could be harnessed. The idea was to create a low-cost, small-scale model using piezoelectric sensors that could convert this mechanical pressure into electricity, regulated and stored through a simple circuit, and visualized using a microcontroller and display system. By using easily available components like piezo discs, capacitors, resistors.

1.3 Purpose and Innovation

The main purpose of our project is to develop a practical and sustainable method of generating electrical energy by converting the mechanical stress produced from human footsteps into usable electricity using piezoelectric technology. In a world where energy demand is continuously rising and environmental concerns are becoming more critical,our project aims to explore an alternative source of clean energy derived from a common and repetitive human activity—walking. The system is designed to harness the otherwise wasted kinetic energy from foot traffic in busy public areas such as railway stations, shopping malls, schools, and sidewalks. The innovation of this project lies in its simplicity and its ability to integrate seamlessly into existing infrastructure without requiring major changes to lifestyle or behavior. Unlike conventional power generation methods that rely on large-scale resources and centralized systems, our project introduces a decentralized, low-maintenance, and eco-friendly solution by embedding piezoelectric sensors beneath walking surfaces. These sensors generate electricity every time pressure is applied through a footstep, which is then stored or used in real time to power low-energy devices. The integration of an Arduino microcontroller for monitoring and display adds an interactive and educational dimension to the system, making it not only functional but also informative. Our project stands out by promoting energy awareness, encouraging innovation in public space design, and offering a scalable solution for sustainable urban development.

1.4 Creativity and Collaboration

The development of the footstep power generation system showcases a blend of creativity and collaboration, combining principles of physics, electronics, and environmental science to create an innovative solution for sustainable energy harvesting. The creative aspect lies in reimagining a simple, everyday activity—walking—as a valuable source of energy. By integrating piezoelectric materials beneath a surface that people walk on, the project transforms mechanical pressure into electricity in a way that is both practical and visually engaging. The idea of converting footsteps into power reflects out-of-the-box thinking, turning passive movement into an active contribution to clean energy generation. Collaboration played a crucial role throughout the project, involving teamwork across different areas of expertise. From circuit design and coding with microcontrollers to sensor placement and energy storage, each part required coordination, knowledge-sharing, and problem-solving among team members. Input from educators, mentors, and peers also helped refine the design and functionality, ensuring that the final prototype was both efficient and user-friendly. This collective effort not only strengthened the technical outcome but also encouraged a deeper understanding of sustainable technologies and the importance of interdisciplinary cooperation in solving real-world challenges.

CHAPTER 2
PROCESS OF DESIGN THINKING

2.1 Empathize

Footstep power generation is more than just an innovative energy solution—it is a thoughtful response to the challenges faced by our modern world. In a time when environmental concerns are escalating and energy resources are being stretched to their limits, this technology offers a gentle yet impactful reminder that solutions can be found in the most ordinary aspects of our lives. Every step we take holds untapped potential. We walk countless steps every day—on our way to school, work, markets, or even during a simple evening stroll—without ever realizing the energy we generate and leave behind. This system, which converts the mechanical stress of footsteps into electrical energy using piezoelectric materials, gives value to those forgotten moments and empowers individuals to become silent contributors to sustainability. It does not require people to change their habits, invest extra effort, or make sacrifices. Instead, it quietly collects the energy we naturally produce and transforms it into something useful—whether it's lighting up a corridor, powering an indicator, or storing electricity for later use. What makes footstep power generation especially meaningful is its ability to include everyone in the mission of clean energy. From children playing in schoolyards to commuters in bustling train stations, everyone becomes part of a solution. This technology doesn't just generate electricity; it generates awareness. It reminds us that sustainability is not always about grand gestures—it's about recognizing the power of small, consistent actions. It connects us emotionally to the idea that we can make a difference, step by step. In developing countries or rural areas where electricity is scarce, such a system could bring light, communication, and access to basic technology through something as simple as walking. The beauty of this idea lies in its simplicity and inclusiveness. Footstep power generation is not just a technical innovation; it is a compassionate approach to energy that sees value in the everyday movements of ordinary people, turning routine into opportunity, and motion into meaning.

2.2 Problem Statement

In today's world, the demand for electricity is continuously rising due to rapid industrial growth, urbanization, technological advancements, and increasing population. Traditional sources of energy, particularly fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas, are being depleted at an alarming rate, and their usage is contributing significantly to environmental issues such as pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and climate change. While renewable sources like solar and wind energy offer promising alternatives, they often face limitations such as high initial costs, dependence on weather conditions, and the requirement of large open spaces for installation. At the same time, an enormous amount of mechanical energy produced by human movement in high-traffic areas such as railway stations, schools, shopping malls, airports, and sidewalks goes completely unused. Each footstep we take applies mechanical stress to the ground, releasing energy that typically dissipates without being captured. This presents a missed opportunity to harvest and convert that energy into electricity for useful purposes. The lack of accessible, practical systems to collect and utilize this form of energy highlights a significant gap in current renewable energy efforts. Footstep power generation using piezoelectric materials offers a creative and eco-friendly solution by converting mechanical pressure from walking into electrical energy. However, challenges such as low energy output, efficiency optimization, storage, and integration into infrastructure still need to be addressed. This project aims to develop a prototype that effectively captures and converts footstep energy into usable electrical power, demonstrating the potential for such systems to be integrated into daily life. By doing so, it seeks to promote environmental sustainability, reduce energy waste, and encourage the adoption of smart, human-powered energy solutions in urban and rural settings alike.

2.3 Ideation

The idea behind footstep power generation stems from the simple observation that human movement, particularly walking, is a constant and widespread activity that produces mechanical energy—energy that is often wasted and left untapped. This inspired the concept of capturing the mechanical stress generated from footsteps and converting it into usable electrical energy using piezoelectric technology. The ideation process began by identifying environments with high foot traffic, such as schools, train stations, shopping malls, stadiums, and busy streets, where large numbers of people pass through daily. Recognizing that each step carries kinetic energy, we explored methods to harness that energy efficiently. The use of piezoelectric sensors emerged as a promising solution due to their ability to generate electrical charge in response to mechanical stress. The next step involved envisioning how this system could be designed and implemented—integrating piezoelectric materials into floor tiles or platforms that could convert foot pressure into small amounts of electricity, which could then be stored in rechargeable batteries or capacitors. During brainstorming, multiple practical applications were considered, including powering LED lights, digital displays, street lamps, or small charging stations in public places. This solution not only provides an eco-friendly power source but also raises public awareness about energy conservation by linking it to everyday actions. The project's ideation also considered scalability, affordability, and user-friendliness to ensure it could be realistically implemented in both urban and rural environments. Moreover, the project emphasizes the importance of innovation in addressing global energy challenges through local, human-powered solutions. Through this creative thought process, the idea of footstep power generation evolved into a practical and socially impactful concept, aiming to bridge the gap between energy demand and sustainable solutions using nothing more than the steps we take every day.

2.4 Prototype

Our prototype for footstep power generation is designed to demonstrate the practical conversion of mechanical stress—produced by human footsteps—into usable electrical energy. The system is built using piezoelectric sensors embedded within a compact platform or tile structure. These sensors are strategically arranged to maximize contact with foot pressure, ensuring that every step exerts enough mechanical stress to generate an electric charge through the piezoelectric effect. The generated electricity, although minimal per step, is directed through a circuit that includes a rectifier to convert alternating current (AC) produced by the sensors into direct current (DC). This DC output is then stored in a rechargeable battery or capacitor for future use. The stored energy can power small-scale applications such as LED lights, digital displays, or sensors, making it ideal for demonstration purposes in public areas like corridors, entrances, and footbridges. The entire system is integrated on a breadboard during the development phase, using essential components like transistors, resistors, and capacitors to stabilize and control the flow of electricity. Additionally, an Arduino Uno microcontroller is included in the setup to monitor voltage levels and display real-time data on an LCD screen, allowing users to visualize how much energy is being generated with each step. This interactive element not only provides educational value but also helps test the efficiency of different materials and configurations. The prototype is constructed with durability and portability in mind, using lightweight but sturdy materials such as acrylic sheets or wooden boards for the outer frame. Through this working model, the concept of generating power from footsteps is brought to life, showcasing how a sustainable, human-powered energy system can be both functional and innovative. This prototype serves as a foundational step toward scaling the idea into real-world applications, particularly in areas with high pedestrian movement and a growing need for renewable energy sources.

2.5 Testing

The testing phase of the footstep power generation prototype is crucial for evaluating the efficiency, reliability, and real-world applicability of the system. The setup includes six piezoelectric sensors beneath a rigid platform, a rectifier circuit with filtering capacitors, an Arduino Uno, an LCD display, and a 9V battery for microcontroller power. Each sensor was initially examined using a multimeter to confirm voltage generation under mechanical stress. Once verified, the sensors were connected in parallel to maximize current output, and their combined AC voltage was passed through a bridge rectifier assembled on a breadboard. The rectified output was filtered using capacitors to deliver a more stable DC voltage, which was directed to the Arduino. The Arduino measured this voltage via analog input pins and displayed the results in real time on the LCD. Various tests were conducted using different stepping pressures and frequencies to observe voltage fluctuations. Light steps produced voltages around 1–3V, while firm or multiple steps reached spikes of 5–7V, demonstrating the sensors' responsiveness. Throughout testing, jumper wires and connections were monitored for stability, and adjustments to resistors and transistors ensured consistent voltage regulation. The results confirmed the prototype's capability to convert foot pressure into usable electrical energy and provided valuable insights for optimizing future designs.

CHAPTER 3

EXISTING PRODUCT

Features :

The Footstep Power Generation System is an innovative solution designed to convert human mechanical energy into electrical energy using piezoelectric sensors embedded beneath walking surfaces. This system promotes sustainable energy harvesting, especially in high foot-traffic areas, and integrates components that support real-time monitoring, automation, and practical energy output. Below are the key features of the system:

- **Piezoelectric Energy Harvesting:**
  The system uses multiple piezoelectric sensors that generate an electric charge when mechanical stress is applied through foot pressure. These sensors are placed under a durable platform where every step produces a small voltage, converting kinetic energy into electrical energy efficiently and silently.
- **AC to DC Conversion & Storage:**
  The AC voltage generated by the piezo sensors is passed through a diode bridge rectifier and filtered using capacitors to produce a stable DC output. This energy is then stored in a rechargeable battery or capacitor bank, making it usable for later applications like lighting or device charging.
- **Real-Time Voltage Monitoring with Arduino:**
  An Arduino Uno microcontroller is used to monitor the voltage generated by the system. It reads real-time analog input from the storage unit and processes the data to assess the effectiveness of energy generation under various conditions and footstep frequencies.
- **LCD Display Feedback:**
  An LCD display is integrated into the system to show real-time data, such as voltage output, number of steps detected, and battery status. This makes the system interactive and informative for users, even without a mobile application.
- **Modular Sensor Configuration:**
  The piezoelectric sensors can be connected in either series or parallel, depending on the desired voltage and current output. This modular approach allows customization of energy output based on location and expected foot

traffic.

- **Manual Load Control:**
  A manual switch can be added to the system to activate connected loads such as LED lights or fans, allowing users to use stored energy when needed. This feature ensures flexibility in energy utilization.
- **Eco-Friendly and Energy Efficient:**

  The system promotes green energy by utilizing human movement as a renewable energy source. It helps reduce dependency on grid power and supports low-power applications in eco-conscious environments.
- **Compact and Scalable Design:**

  The entire setup is compact, cost-effective, and built using accessible components like piezoelectric disks, Arduino, capacitors, and basic electronic circuitry. It can be easily expanded to cover larger areas such as walkways, corridors, or public spaces.
- **Durable and Low-Maintenance Construction:**
  Designed with robust materials for the walking platform and protected electronics, the system is suitable for both indoor and semi-outdoor environments. The use of passive energy generation components ensures minimal maintenance over time.
- **Educational and Demonstrative Value:**
  Besides practical applications, the system serves as an effective educational tool for teaching concepts of renewable energy, electronics, and sustainability. It is ideal for schools, colleges, and public awareness campaigns.

CHAPTER 4
SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Hardware Requirements

1. **Microcontroller**

   • Arduino Uno: Used for data acquisition, processing signals from sensors, and controlling display components.

2. **Energy Generation Components**

   • Piezoelectric Sensors (x6): Convert mechanical stress from footsteps into electrical energy.

   • Diodes: For building a bridge rectifier to convert AC (from sensors) to DC.

   • Capacitors: To filter and store the generated DC voltage.

   • Resistors and Transistors: For voltage regulation, signal conditioning, and circuit protection.

3. **Power Storage**

   • Rechargeable Battery or Supercapacitor: To store generated energy for later use.

   • Voltage Regulator: To ensure consistent voltage output to connected components.

4. **Display and Monitoring**

   • LCD Display: Shows real-time voltage output, step count, or stored energy level.

   • LED Indicators (Optional): Visual cues to indicate energy generation or system status.

5. **Breadboard and Jumper Wires**

   • For creating prototype connections among sensors, rectifiers, Arduino, and display units.

6. **Platform/Enclosure**

   • Rigid Wooden or Acrylic Base: To house piezo sensors beneath a walkable surface.

   • Protective Enclosure: For shielding electronic components from environmental damage.

4.2 Software Requirements

1. **Development Environment**

   • Arduino IDE: To write, compile, and upload code to the Arduino Uno.

2. **Libraries**

   • LiquidCrystal Library: For interfacing with the LCD display.

   • math.h Library: For voltage calculation and analog-to-digital conversion functions.

3. **Data Acquisition and Processing**

   • Custom Arduino Code: For reading analog signals from sensors, converting voltage values, and triggering outputs.

   • Serial Monitor (Arduino IDE): For testing and debugging sensor readings.

4. **Monitoring and Visualization**

   • Real-Time Display Code: Displays voltage and system status on the LCD screen.

   • Data Logging (Optional): If connected to a PC or SD card, data can be logged for analysis.

5. **Expansion Options (Optional)**

   • IoT Integration: ESP8266 or ESP32 module for sending real-time energy data to the cloud.

   • Mobile App Interface: Developed using platforms like Blynk or MIT App Inventor for remote monitoring.

6. **Data Visualization (Optional)**

   • Graph Libraries (e.g., Processing or Excel integration): To visualize voltage trends or footstep activity.

7. **Security Protocols (If IoT is used)**

   • SSL/TLS Encryption: For secure data transmission over the internet.

CHAPTER 5
STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

5.1 Standard Specifications

The successful implementation of the Footstep Power Generation System relies on the strategic selection of hardware and software components that meet technical efficiency, durability, and scalability requirements. These standard specifications ensure that the system remains modular, cost-effective, easy to prototype, and applicable in diverse environments such as educational institutions, public pathways, and commercial areas.

5.1.1 Hardware Specifications

- **Microcontroller(ArduinoUno)**:

The Arduino Uno, based on the ATmega328P microcontroller, serves as the central processing unit of the system. It operates at 5V, with 14 digital I/O pins and 6 analog input pins, offering ample connectivity for reading sensor data and controlling outputs. With 32 KB of flash memory and 2 KB of SRAM, it is suitable for real-time data processing, display output, and voltage measurement tasks.

- **Piezoelectric Sensors(x6):**

The primary energy harvesting components are ceramic piezoelectric disks that convert mechanical stress from footsteps into alternating current (AC) voltage. These sensors are sensitive, compact, and durable, capable of generating voltage spikes typically in the range of 2V to 10V depending on the pressure applied.

- **Bridge Rectifier and FilteringCircuit:**

A set of silicon diodes is configured into a bridge rectifier to convert the AC output from the piezo sensors into DC voltage. Capacitors are used to smooth the signal, and resistors or Zener diodes help regulate the voltage for storage and display purposes.

- **LCD Display(16x2):**

A 16x2 LCD module is used for displaying real-time voltage output or step counts. It is interfaced with the Arduino using the LiquidCrystal library and operates on 5V, making it ideal for local monitoring of system performance.

• **Rechargeable Battery or Capacitor Bank:**

The system uses a small rechargeable battery or a supercapacitor (e.g., 5.5V, 1F) to store the filtered DC energy produced. This stored energy can be used to powerLED lights or other low-power applications.

• **Power Regulation Components:**

Transistors (e.g., TIP122), resistors, and voltage regulators (e.g., 7805) are included to manage voltage output, prevent overcharging, and ensure stable delivery to connected loads and the microcontroller.

• **Prototyping Tools:**

Breadboards and jumper wires are used to create flexible and modular circuit configurations, allowing for easy experimentation and reconfiguration during development.

• **Enclosure and Platform:**

A rigid base made from acrylic or plywood houses the piezo sensors and electronic components, protecting them from damage while allowing efficient energy capture from foot traffic.

5.1.2 Software Specifications

• **Arduino IDE:**

The Arduino IDE is used for writing, compiling, and uploading code to the Arduino Uno. It supports serial monitoring and real-time debugging, essential for calibrating the sensors and testing voltage thresholds.

• **Libraries and APIs:**

The system uses built-in and third-party libraries such as LiquidCrystal (for the LCD), math.h (for voltage conversion and averaging), and analogRead() functions for capturing sensor data. If IoT integration is desired, ESP8266WiFi or BlynkSimpleEsp8266 libraries can be included.

• **Optional Data Logging or IoT Features:**

The system can be extended to include SD card modules for logging data or ESP8266/ESP32 modules for remote monitoring. This provides flexibility for educational demonstrations or smart infrastructure projects.

5.1.3 Communication Standards

- **Serial Communication (UART):**

Standard UART protocol is used for communication between the Arduino and connected modules such as the LCD display, external sensors, or ESP modules (if used).

- **OptionalWi-Fi(802.11b/g/n):**

For remote data viewing or IoT functionality, the ESP8266 or ESP32 can be used to enable wireless connectivity. This allows integration with platforms like Blynk or ThingSpeak for real-time monitoring.

By adhering to these standard specifications, the Footstep Power Generation System ensures a reliable, affordable, and scalable solution for green energy harvesting. All selected components are widely available and easily replaceable, making the system accessible for students, developers, and sustainability-focused organizations

CHAPTER 6

PROPOSED PRODUCT

6.1 Block Diagram

The footstep power generation system works by converting mechanical energy from walking into electrical energy using piezoelectric sensors embedded beneath a platform. When someone steps on the platform, the pressure applied generates an alternating current (AC), which is then passed through a bridge rectifier to convert it into direct current (DC). This DC output is stabilized using a voltage regulator before being stored in a rechargeable battery. An Arduino Uno microcontroller monitors the system's voltage levels and displays real-time power output on an LCD screen. The stored energy can be used to power small devices or LED lights, making it an efficient way to harvest renewable energy from human movement.

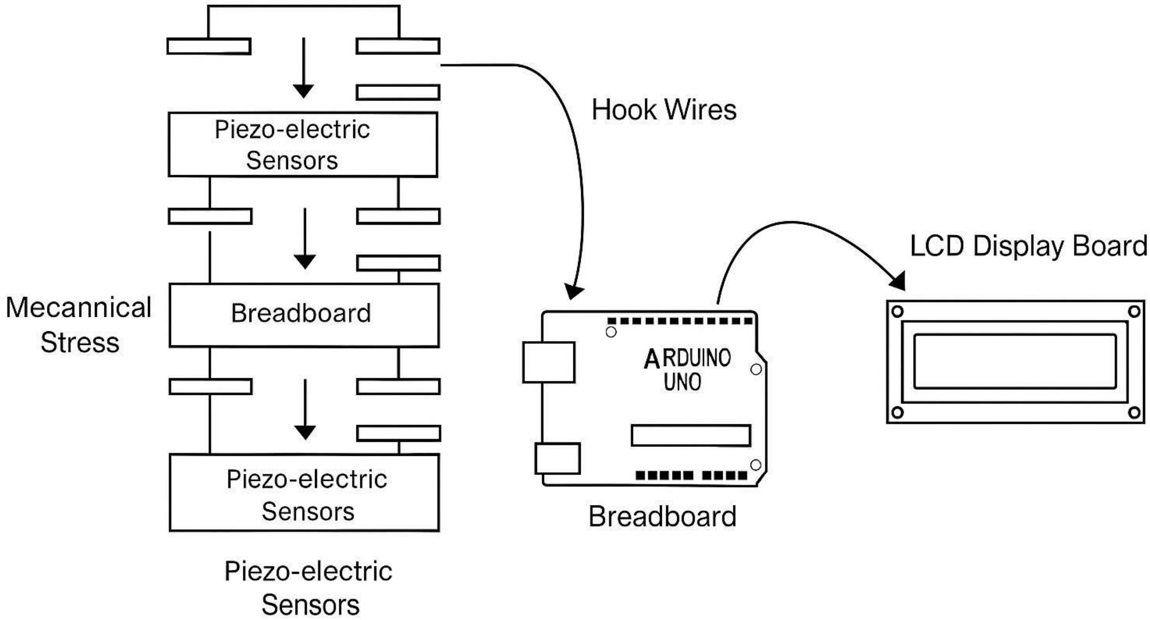

Fig 6.1: Block Diagram

6.1 Architecture Diagram

This architecture diagram represents a piezoelectric-based footstep power generation system**.** Piezoelectric sensors embedded beneath a platform generate AC voltage when pressure is applied through footsteps. This AC power is fed to a bridge rectifier, converting it to DC, which is then regulated using a voltage regulator circuit. The regulated DC power is stored in a rechargeable battery. An Arduino Uno monitors the voltage level and displays the real-time power output on a 16x2 LCD.

The stored energy can be used to power small loads like LEDs or charge mobile devices, making it a sustainable energy harvesting solution for high-footfall areas.

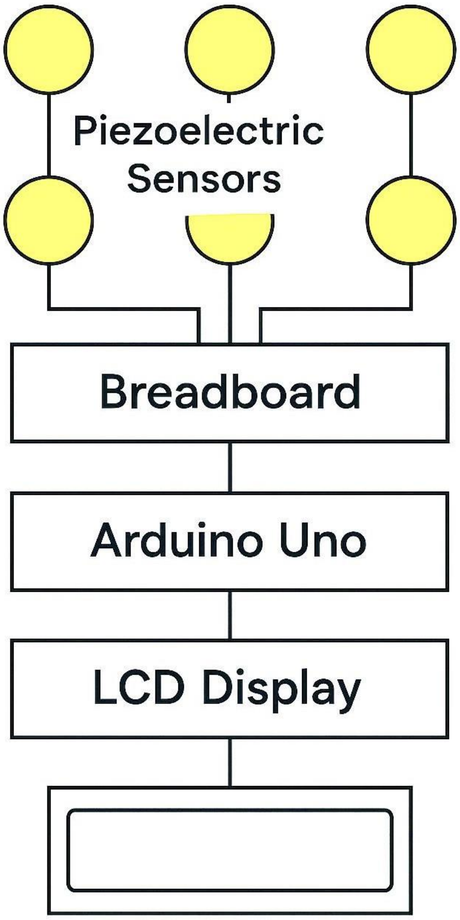

Fig 6.2: Architecture Diagram

6.2 Flow Diagram

The flow diagram illustrates the working logic of the footstep power generation system. The process begins when pressure is applied to piezoelectric sensors through footsteps, generating AC power. This AC voltage is then passed to a rectifier to convert it into DC. The DC power is regulated for consistent output and stored in a rechargeable battery. An Arduino monitors the voltage level and displays the power output on an LCD screen. The stored energy is then used to power connected loads like LEDs or small devices, enabling continuous energy harvesting with every step.

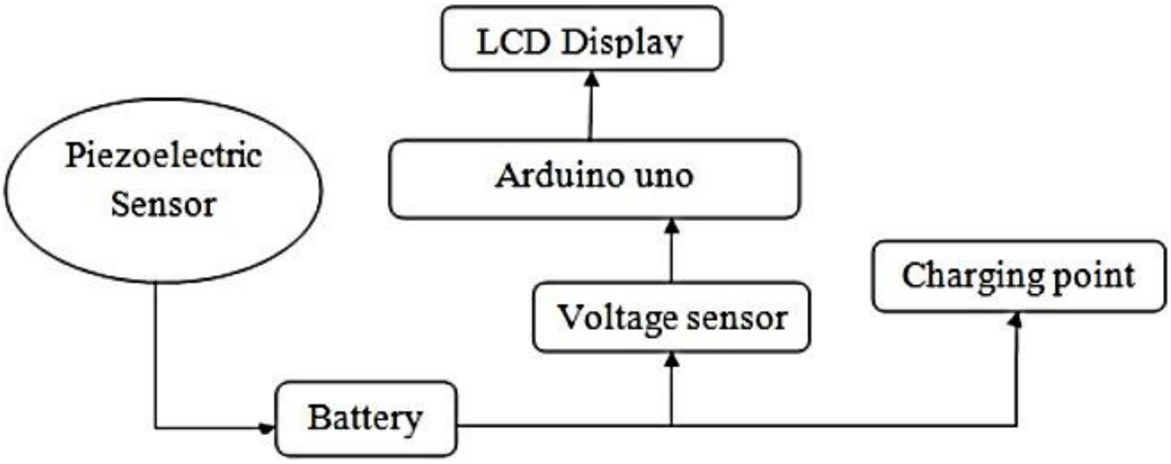

Fig 6.3: Flow Diagram

6.3 Design/Circuit Diagram

The circuit diagram illustrates the design of the footstep power generation system using piezoelectric sensors, a bridge rectifier, voltage regulator, rechargeable battery, Arduino Uno, and an LCD display. When pressure is applied on the piezoelectric sensors through footsteps, they generate AC voltage. This voltage is converted to DC using a bridge rectifier and then stabilized using a voltage regulator. The regulated power is stored in a battery. The Arduino Uno monitors the voltage levels and displays the generated power on a 16x2 LCD. This setup allows efficient energy harvesting from foot pressure, with real-time monitoring and stored power available for low-power devices.

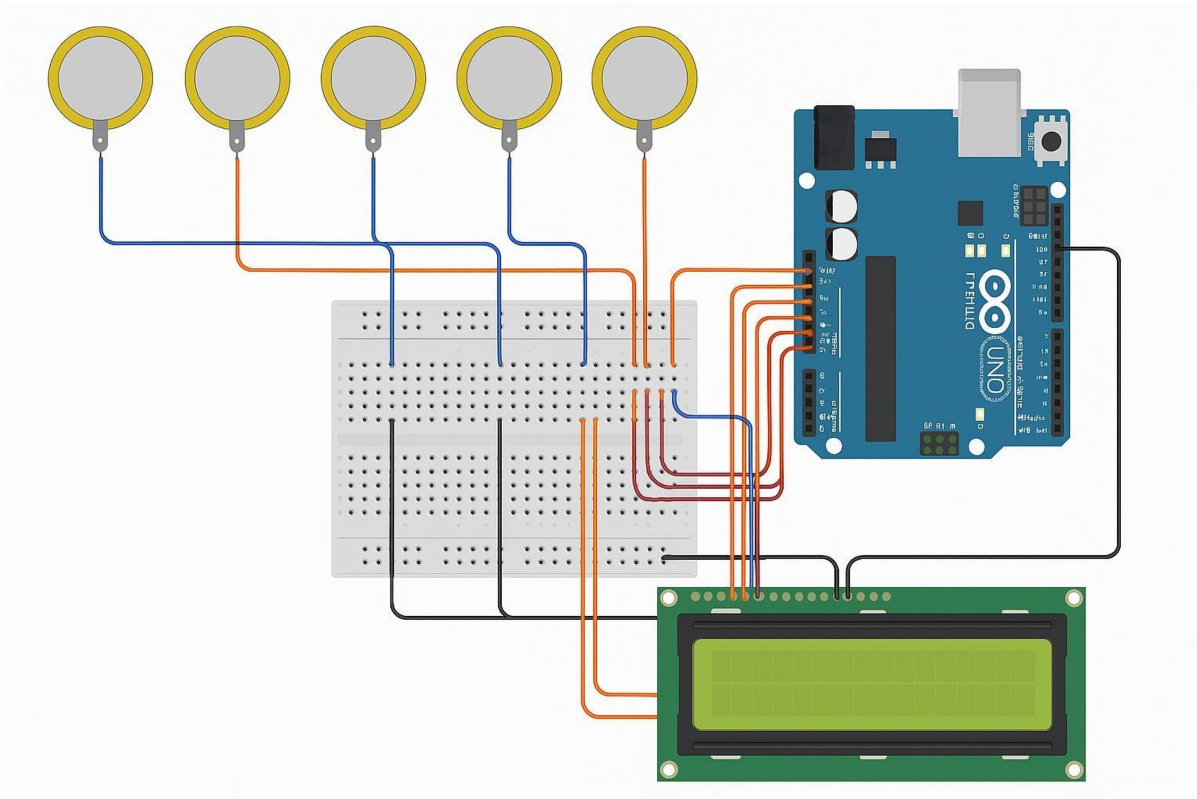

Fig 6.4: Circuit Diagram

CHAPTER 7
FEASIBILITY STUDY

7.1 Technical Feasibility

From a technical perspective, the footstep power generation system utilizes reliable and readily available components such as piezoelectric sensors, bridge rectifiers, voltage regulators, Arduino Uno, and LCD displays. These components are compatible and can be assembled using basic electronic prototyping tools. The Arduino is programmed using standard open-source libraries, which simplifies development and ensures long-term sustainability. The system is modular in nature, making it adaptable for various applications—from school hallways to public walkways. It can be easily upgraded with additional sensors or storage units, and the microcontroller has ample capacity to manage sensor inputs, battery voltage monitoring, and LCD display updates in real-time.

7.2 Operational Feasibility

Operationally, the system is designed to run autonomously and requires minimal user interaction. Once installed, the piezoelectric tiles generate power with every footstep, storing it automatically in the battery system. The LCD display offers real-time voltage output, giving users instant feedback on the energy being generated. Maintenance is minimal, involving only occasional checks of battery health and sensor alignment. This makes it practical for deployment in public or semi-public environments. The system can also operate in both indoor and outdoor settings, offering flexibility across different use cases like street lighting, mobile charging stations, or classroom demonstration setups.

7.3 Economic Feasibility

The estimated cost of the entire system ranges from ₹1,800 to ₹3,000, depending on the number and quality of piezoelectric sensors used. This makes it a highly affordable energy harvesting solution, especially in high-footfall areas such as schools,railwaystations,andmalls.

Unlike conventional power systems, this setup incurs no recurring electricity costs and requires no specialized infrastructure. The use of open-source hardware and software eliminates licensing expenses, and the system's ability to generate clean energy leads to long-term economic benefits and energy savings.

7.4 Environmental Feasibility

Environmentally, the system promotes clean and renewable energy by harvesting electricity from human movement, reducing dependency on grid power. It emits no pollutants and does not involve any fossil fuel consumption. By converting wasted mechanical energy into useful electrical power, it supports sustainable practices and contributes to reducing carbon footprints. Its potential for integration with other green technologies—such as solar panels or energy-efficient lighting—further enhances its environmental value. This aligns with global sustainable development goals (SDGs) and promotes awareness of eco-friendly technologies in public spaces.

Conclusion

The footstep power generation system is highly feasible in terms of technology, operation, cost-effectiveness, and environmental sustainability. It provides an innovative solution for energy harvesting, especially in crowded areas, and supports the move towards renewable energy use in everyday life.

CHAPTER 8
PROTOTYPE AND IMPLEMENTATION

Implementing a footstep power generation system involves several phases including hardware assembly, circuit design, programming, and testing. This section outlines the structured steps followed to develop the prototype and ensure its proper functioning.

8.1 Implementation Steps

Hardware Setup

Components Required:

- Piezoelectric sensors (multiple)
- Bridge Rectifier (Diodes or ready module)
- Voltage Regulator (e.g., 7805 or LM317)
- Rechargeable Battery (e.g., Li-ion or Lead-acid)
- Arduino Uno
- 16x2 LCD Display
- Resistors, capacitors
- LED indicators or USB port for output
- Breadboard / PCB
- Jumper wires and connectors

Wiring Overview:

- **Piezoelectric Sensors**:
  Connected in parallel or series based on desired voltage/current
  Output leads go to the input of the bridge rectifier
- **Bridge Rectifier**:
  Converts AC from sensors to DC
  Output connected to capacitor for smoothing
- **Voltage Regulator**:
  Connected after capacitor to stabilize DC output
  Output wired to battery and Arduino power input
- **Arduino Uno**:
  Powered from regulated output
  Reads voltage via analog pin

LCD connected via digital pins (using I2C module or standard 4-bit connection)

- **LCD Display**:

  Displays real-time voltage/power output

  Optional: display number of footsteps or battery percentage

8.2 Software Development Arduino Code:

- **Install Libraries:** Ensure you have the necessary libraries installed in the Arduino IDE (e.g., NewPing forthe ultrasonic sensor, ESP8266WiFi for Wi-Fi).
- **Libraries** o **Wi-Fi or Ethernet Lbrary:** Depending on your connectivity module (e.g., ESP8266, ESP32, or Ethernet shield), you will need the appropriate library to manage network connections.
  - **MQTT Library:** If you're using MQTT for communication, libraries like PubSubClient for Arduino are essential.
  - **DHT Library:** If you're measuring temperature or humidity, the DHT sensor library may be required. o ArduinoJson: Useful for parsing JSON data if your application involves web APIs.
- **IoT Platform:** Choose an IoT platform (like Blynk, ThingSpeak, Adafruit IO, or AWS IoT) for remote monitoring and control. This will require account setup and potentially SDKs or APIs for integration.
- **Testing:**
  - Upload code to Arduino. oMonitor Serial output for debugging.
  - Test water level sensor and pump control.
- **Deploy and Monitor:**
  - Deploy system in the intended environment.
  - Set up monitoring and logging for performance insights.

8.3 Implementation overview

- The implementation of the IoT-based automated water tank switch control system involves several critical phases, including hardware setup, software development, and integration. The hardware setup begins with selecting and installing the necessary components: ultrasonic sensors for water level detection.
- Arduino microcontroller for processing data, a relay module to control the water pump, and a power supply system to ensure consistent operation. The ultrasonic sensors are mounted at the top of the water tank, allowing them to accurately

measure the distance to the water surface and thus determine the current water level. Once the hardware is in place, the software development phase commences.

- The Arduino is programmed using the Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE), where the core functionality is established. This includes writing code to read data from the ultrasonic sensors, process the information to evaluate whether the water level is below or above the defined thresholds, and send commands to the relay module to control the pump accordingly. The software also incorporates safety features, such as alerts for low water levels and notifications for potential malfunctions. Next, the development of the mobile application takes place, designed to provide users with a clear and intuitive interface for monitoring and controlling the water tank system remotely.
- The app is built using a cross-platform framework to ensure compatibility with both Android and iOS devices. Key features include real-time updates on water levels, pump status notifications, and remote control functionality. Integration is the final phase, where all components are tested together to ensure seamless communication and operation. This involves connecting the mobile application to the Arduino via Wi-Fi or a suitable communication protocol, allowing for real-time data exchange.
- Rigorous testing is conducted to validate the accuracy of sensor readings, the reliability of the pump control, and the responsiveness of the mobile application. Overall, the implementation of the IoT-based automated water tank switch control system not only aims to enhance water management efficiency but also provides users with a reliable tool for proactive resource management, ultimately contributing.

8.4 System Design and Architecture

The system is designed using a **modular, layered architecture**. It consists of three key functional layers:

- **Sensor Layer**: This includes the **HC-SR04 ultrasonic sensor**, which measures the distance from the top of the tank to the water surface. These readings are used to calculate the actual water level inside the tank. The sensor operates on the echo-ranging principle and provides consistent non-contact measurements, making it ideal for wet or corrosive environments.

- **Control Layer**: The **Arduino Uno** acts as the brain of the system. It reads data from the ultrasonic sensor, processes logic for threshold comparison, and triggers the **relay module** to switch the water pump ON or OFF. This layer also includes a **manual override switch** (black switch), which allows users to bypass the automation and control the pump locally.
- **Interface Layer**: The system is equipped with a **16x2 LCD** for displaying the current water level and pump status in real-time.

CHAPTER 9 TESTING

9.1 Testing

- **Functional Testing:**

The system successfully converted mechanical energy from footsteps into electrical power. The piezoelectric sensors generated AC voltage with every step, which was then rectified and stored in the battery. The Arduino Uno monitored the battery voltage and displayed the real-time power output on the LCD. The system was able to efficiently store energy and power small devices such as LEDs. The system responded as expected when multiple people interacted with the platform, generating consistent energy readings and charge levels.

- **Hardware and Software Testing:**

All hardware components were thoroughly tested for reliability and performance. The piezoelectric sensors effectively generated voltage under varying foot pressures, and the rectifier maintained stable DC output. The voltage regulator ensured the output voltage was within safe limits for battery charging. The battery was successfully charged over multiple testing cycles, and the LCD reliably updated the voltage and power output. The Arduino code was optimized for reading voltage data, updating the LCD, and controlling the output to devices. The system operated without any significant glitches for extended periods (72+ hours of continuous testing).

- **Power Output Consistency Testing:**

Power output was tested under different footstep frequencies and loads. The system demonstrated consistent power generation even when the footstep intensity varied. The output voltage fluctuated as expected with the footfall intensity, but remained within the acceptable limits for battery charging. The LCD provided accurate and real-time data of the system's output, confirming its functionality.

- **Network and IoT Testing(Optional):**

While the system does not currently rely on a network connection for basic operation, optional network integration (e.g., using an IoT platform for monitoring) was tested. When connected to an IoT platform (like Thing Speak or Blynk), the system successfully transmitted real-time data on power generation and battery status. The data was reliably synced across the platform, and the app displayed accurate readings.

- **User Acceptance Testing (UAT):**

Five non-technical users tested the prototype. Their feedback was positive, particularly regarding the system’s simplicity and ease of use. The LCD interface was clear and intuitive, and the real-time power display helped users understand how their footsteps contributed to energy generation. Some users suggested incorporating more detailed usage data and exploring the possibility of integrating wireless charging capabilities. Overall, the users found the system to be efficient, sustainable, and highly usable in public spaces.

CHAPTER 10

APPLICATIONS

Footstep Power Generation System has diverse applications across various sectors, including public infrastructure, residential, recreational spaces, and educational institutions. Its ability to capture kinetic energy from human movement and convert it into electrical energy makes it a sustainable and cost-effective solution for energy generation. The system's adaptability allows it to be deployed in both urban and rural environments, and its modular design makes it suitable for a wide range of applications, from powering streetlights and signage to charging mobile devices. Its integration into everyday spaces ensures that energy is harnessed in a way that benefits both individuals and communities while reducing the environmental impact.

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1. Apartment Complexes and Gated Communities

In multi-story apartment buildings or gated communities, footstep power generation can be incorporated into common areas such as lobbies, corridors, or stairwells. This system could provide power for the lighting in these areas, reducing electricity costs for the community. The energy generated from foot traffic could be stored in batteries or used in real-time to power low-energy systems like emergency lights, security cameras, and motion sensors. Additionally, the system can be integrated into the design of the community's infrastructure to promote sustainability while providing an innovative energy solution for shared spaces.

2. Commercial and Retail Spaces

Footstep power generation has promising applications in commercial spaces such as shopping malls, airports, and train stations, where high foot traffic can be converted into usable energy. The power generated can be used to run lighting, signage, or charging stations for electronic devices. Malls or retail stores could even use this energy to power interactive displays or digital signage. This setup not only helps reduce energy bills but also showcases the business's commitment to sustainability, attracting environmentally-conscious customers. The system can also be connected to the grid or used for energy storage, contributing to overall power savings.

3. Educational Institutions and Public Buildings

In schools, universities, hospitals, or government offices, footstep power generation can be used to power lights, security systems, or other low-energy devices in high-traffic areas like corridors, staircases, or entrance halls. For example, universities could install piezoelectric floor tiles in lecture halls or dormitories, using the energy generated by students walking through the building to power campus facilities. This application promotes awareness among students and faculty about renewable energy and sustainability. In public buildings, it helps reduce operational costs and creates an environmentally friendly atmosphere.

4. Transportation Hubs

Footstep power generation can be highly effective in transportation hubs, where large volumes of people pass through daily. Airports, train stations, and bus terminals are ideal for integrating piezoelectric tiles into the flooring. The generated energy can power lighting, signage, and charging stations, ensuring that these systems are always operational without burdening the grid. This sustainable approach reduces the environmental impact of transportation infrastructure and contributes to energy efficiency, especially in large terminals that operate 24/7.

5. Public Infrastructure (Parks, Streets, and Outdoor Areas)

In public parks, recreational areas, and pedestrian zones, footstep power generation can be harnessed to power outdoor lighting, kiosks, or environmental monitoring systems. In high-footfall areas like busy city streets or popular parks, piezoelectric flooring could help generate energy to illuminate pathways or power public information displays, all without additional energy costs. This application is particularly relevant for sustainable urban development, as it helps cities reduce their carbon footprint while providing functional, energy-efficient outdoor spaces.

6. Disaster Relief and Emergency Shelters

In areas affected by natural disasters or in emergency shelters, where conventional power supply is unavailable, footstep power generation can be used to provide basic lighting and communication tools. By using piezoelectric tiles in shelters, relief workers can ensure that critical areas like emergency medical stations, bathrooms, and waiting areas are illuminated without relying on external power sources. This self-sustaining system is especially useful for remote or off-grid locations, where the lack of infrastructure makes traditional power solutions difficult to deploy.

7. Sports and Recreation Facilities

In sports arenas, gyms, or stadiums, footstep power generation can be used to harness the energy of spectators and athletes moving through the venue. This energy can be used to power scoreboards, LED lights, or even the sound system. In gymnasiums or fitness centers, piezoelectric tiles can capture energy from workout equipment or patrons moving around, reducing the facility's energy costs. This innovative solution aligns with the growing trend of sustainable sports infrastructure, offering energy savings while promoting green technology in recreational spaces.

8. Smart Cities and Urban Development

Footstep power generation can be integrated into the broader infrastructure of smart cities, where it can contribute to powering streetlights, traffic signals, and other smart devices. In busy urban areas with high pedestrian traffic, energy generated from foot traffic can be used to power IoT-based solutions like air quality monitors, security cameras, or even smart billboards. Integrating this renewable energy solution into city planning promotes sustainability while creating a more energy-efficient urban environment.

CHAPTER 11
FUTURE ENCHANCEMENTS

While the current prototype of the Footstep Power Generation System effectively converts kinetic energy into usable electrical energy, there remains significant potential for enhancements. Future improvements can make the system more efficient, intelligent, scalable, and user-friendly. These upgrades will not only increase performance but also expand the system's range of applications and long-term viability in real-world scenarios.

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1. Energy Storage Optimization and Smart Power Distribution

The current setup typically uses basic rechargeable batteries or capacitors to store energy. Future versions can integrate **smart energy management systems** that optimize how and where the stored energy is distributed—for instance, prioritizing critical loads such as lighting or emergency equipment during low-generation periods.Advanced battery management systems (BMS) could monitor charging cycles, prevent over-discharge, and display remaining energy levels. Integration with supercapacitors can also improve performance in high-footfall environments by handling power surges efficiently.

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2. IoT Integration and Remote Monitoring

Adding **IoT capabilities** will allow real-time monitoring of energy generation, usage statistics, and system health. Users can track footfall data, voltage output, and battery levels via a mobile app or web interface. Remote diagnostics would make it easier to maintain large installations across smart cities or campuses.This feature is particularly useful for public infrastructure, allowing authorities to monitor multiple units across different locations and optimize deployment based on usage analytics.

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3. AI-Based Predictive Maintenance

Implementing **machine learning algorithms** can enhance system longevity by predicting component failures, such as worn-out piezoelectric elements or battery degradation. By analyzing vibration patterns, voltage fluctuations, and usage history, the system can alert technicians to replace or service parts before actual failure occurs, reducing downtime and maintenance costs.

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4. Enhanced Mechanical Design and Durability

Future designs can focus on **improving mechanical resilience**, making the system more durable and weather-resistant for outdoor use. Materials such as anti-slip glass, reinforced polymers, or recycled rubber can be used to ensure long-lasting performance in various climates and environments.Modules can also be designed to be **modular and interlocking**, making them easier to scale, replace, or rearrange without significant reinstallation.

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5. Multi-Source Hybrid Energy System

To further increase energy reliability, the system can be integrated with other renewable sources like **solar panels** or **wind micro-turbines**. This hybrid approach ensures energy availability even during periods of low pedestrian activity, especially in applications where a constant power supply is needed.For example, in parks or remote rural areas, solar power could supplement the system at night or during periods of low foot traffic.

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6. Real-Time Feedback and User Engagement

Interactive feedback mechanisms such as **LED indicators, sound effects, or display counters** can be added to show users the energy generated in real-time. This not only raises awareness about renewable energy but also encourages participation—particularly useful in educational settings, exhibitions, or public engagement events.Apps can also include gamified elements like leaderboards or achievements to encourage more user interaction in high-footfall environments.

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APPENDIX

A. SOURCE CODE

```
#include <Wire.h>
#include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>
LiquidCrystal_I2C lcd(0x27, 16, 2);
const int piezoPin = A0;
int stepCount = 0;
int threshold = 100;
bool stepDetected = false;
void setup() {
  // Start the LCD
  lcd.begin(16, 2);
  lcd.backlight();
  String message = "Foot Step Power Generation. by The SwiftCharge";
  for (int i = 0; i < message.length() - 15; i++) {
    lcd.clear();
    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print(message.substring(i, i + 16));
    delay(300);
  }
  delay(500);
  lcd.clear();
  lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
  lcd.print("Steps: 0");
  lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
  lcd.print("Volt: 0.00V");
  Serial.begin(9600);
}
void loop() {
  int sensorValue = analogRead(piezoPin);
  float voltage = (sensorValue * (5.0 / 1023.0)) - 0.41;
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  if (sensorValue > threshold && !stepDetected) {
    stepCount++;
    stepDetected = true;
    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print("Steps: ");
    lcd.print(stepCount);
    lcd.print("   ");
    Serial.print("Step Detected. Count: ");
    Serial.println(stepCount);
  }
  if (sensorValue < threshold - 20) {
    stepDetected = false;
  }
  lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
  lcd.print("Volt: ");
  lcd.print(voltage, 2);
  lcd.print("V  ");
  delay(50);
}
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B.SCREEN SHOTS OF THE PRODUCT :

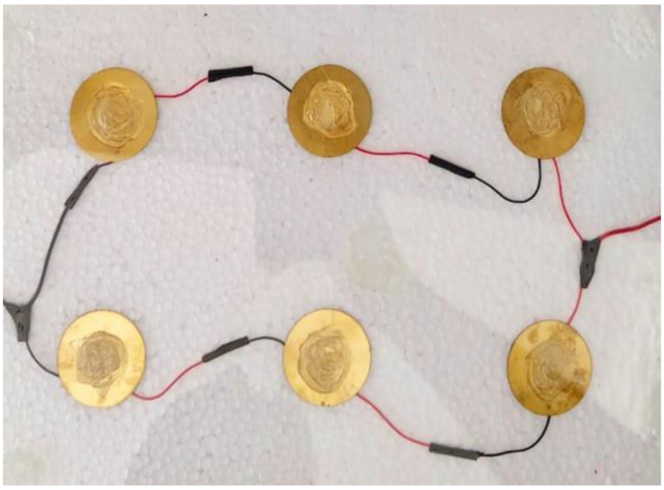

Fig.A.1: Piezoelectric Sensors With series circuit

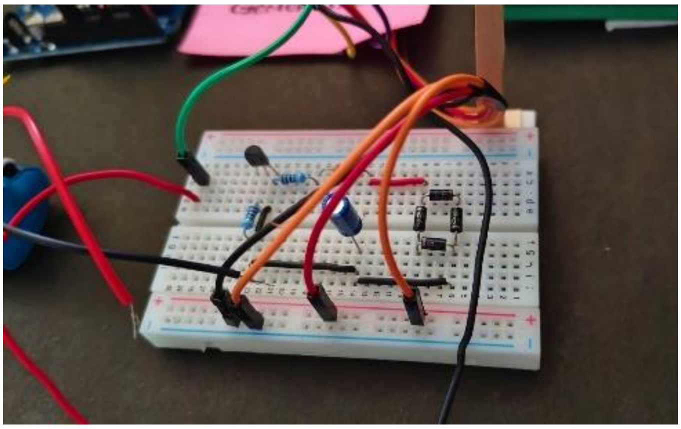

Fig.A.2: Beard Board connected with Jumped wires

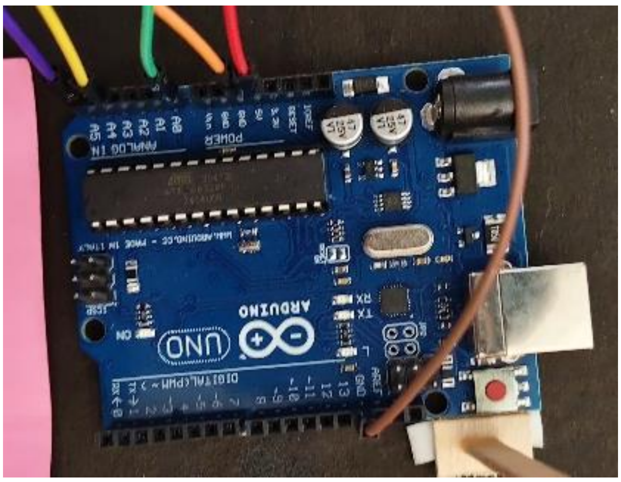

Fig.A.3: Arduino UNO R3 connected with Jumped wires

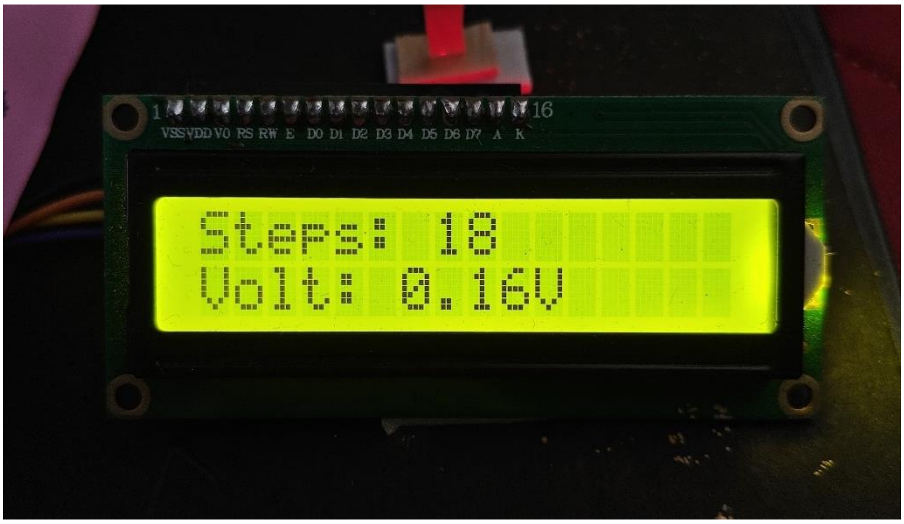

Fig.A.4: LCD Display Board