

DEVELOPMENT OF A MICRO -HYDRO POWER SYSTEM FOR REMOTE COMMUNITIES

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Abstract:

Access to dependable energy is still a major problem in many rural and isolated areas of the world since expanding the national power system is expensive and logistically difficult. The design and construction of a micro-hydro power system that uses nearby water resources to supply off-grid villages with affordable, sustainable electricity is shown in this project. The method avoids large-scale dams and reservoirs by using run-of-river technology, which has a minimum impact on the environment. In order to guarantee maximum efficiency and little maintenance, the project combines a permanent magnet generator (PMG) with a specially designed Crossflow turbine that is tailored for low head and low flow applications. To ensure system stability, an Electronic Load Controller (ELC) has been created for load management and voltage regulation. To verify the system's functionality, a prototype was created, built, and tested. The results show a steady power output that is appropriate for community facilities, communication devices, and home illumination, with an efficiency of over 65%. This micro-hydro solution promotes social and economic development by providing a community-managed, environmentally responsible, and scalable alternative to rural electrification.

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INTRODUCTION

Micro-hydro power systems are a creative and environmentally friendly way to supply electricity to isolated communities, especially those that are situated in places with poor connection to the national grid. These systems use the force of water flowing through streams or rivers to create energy. Micro-hydro systems are perfect for off-grid or rural locations since they are smaller, less expensive, and more ecologically friendly than large-scale hydroelectric plants.

Reliable access to power may greatly enhance the quality of life in isolated communities by supplying energy for small businesses, healthcare, communication, and illumination. The creation of such systems lessens environmental deterioration and dependency on fossil fuels. Furthermore, unlike intermittent energy sources like solar or wind, micro-hydro power is extremely efficient and can run continually.

The local terrain, water flow rate, and energy demand all influence the technological design of micro-hydro systems. These systems require little technical knowledge to install and maintain if the proper resources are available. Furthermore, the use of micro-hydro power gives the community the ability to take charge of their energy needs in addition to providing economic benefits. For rural electrification worldwide, this decentralized energy production strategy provides a workable and sustainable model.

RELATED WORK

Neeti Dubaj et al. (2019) provided an overview of the analysis of a bidirectional DC-DC boost converter with a quadrature converter for strength garage gadgets. In this overview, it is clear from the authors'

evaluation that the bidirectional DC-DC buck-raise converter makes a more suitable system with power garage [1].

M. Sheng, D. Zhai, X. Wang et al., (2016) supplied a review at the coordination of enterprise and shrewd marketplace for strength supply of hybrid inexperienced mobile community switches. In this article, they stated that the grid-gearred up, intermittent and erratically dispensed energy of the industry poses critical challenges in delivering mobile visitors at a given time throughout one-of-a-kind networks. The aim is to lessen the strength consumption of cell networks by means of using renewable energy and renewable energy. We gift this hassle as a nonlinear combined-integer programming problem, which has been demonstrated to be NP-hard [2].

E. Jimenez, M. J. Carrizosa, A. Benchebe et al., (2016) offered a overview of a brand new strength generation float approach for more than one DC networks linked together. In this review, the author's evaluation the mathematical motivation for this new electricity waft algorithm from this paintings, which ensures the lifestyles of a unique answer because the voltages technique the nominal cost. The new approach became also designed to be without problems adopted in AC structures [3].

J.Y. Yong, V.K. Ramachandramurthy et al. (2015) offered a assessment of a bidirectional EV fast charging station with reactive power benefit for voltage manipulate. In this overview, the author examines the voltage rise of high-pace electric powered cars on low-voltage distribution networks under top load conditions. Simulation consequences show that rapid charging of six EVs results in emissions beyond the safe operating voltage level [4].

Vitor Farno Pires, Danier Foito, Armando Cordeiro et al., (2017) Review of a DC-DC converter with bidirectional gain and bidirectional performance for batteries. In this paper, the author considers a bidirectional quadrupole converter particular to applications requiring a financial institution of electrical strength garage devices together with batteries or supercapacitors [5].

Dason-Anjing, Chun-Soko, Guo-Guang Zhen et al., (2013) provided a assessment of a Cockcroft-Walton voltage amplifier cascade utilized in a transformer with a excessive-level DC-DC converter. In this evaluation, in destiny paintings, the writer considers the weight impact on the output voltage of the proposed converter, which desires to be managed to perform a constant-state evaluation [6].

Seyed Hossein, Resq Ghazi, Hamad-Haydari et al., (2019) offered a review of a scalable bidirectional quadrupole DC-DC converter. In this assessment, the writer examines the complexity of the desk construction. Complex small signal, high sensitivity, obligation cycle depending on the benefit [7].

Juqiu, Xuan, Yan Bao, Leiyiwan et al. (2014) supplied a evaluation of bidirectional converter topologies for power alternate among EVs and the grid. In this evaluation, the writer studied its operating ideas and methods to perform and resolve the energy troubles [8].

EXISTING SYSTEM

There are numerous micro-hydro systems in use throughout the world that use Francis, Turgo, and Pelton turbines together with different kinds of generators and control systems. Low-head, low-flow circumstances that are typical in isolated locations are not well suited for many of these systems.

Disadvantages

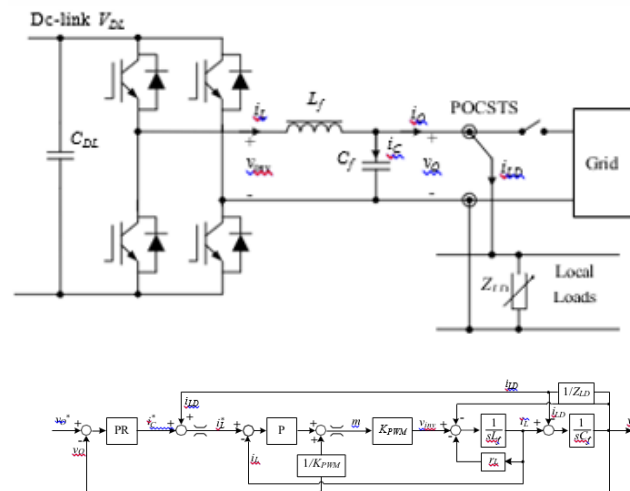
- Expensive operating and installation expenses.
- Complex maintenance that calls for knowledgeable staff.
- Poor performance when head and flow are low.

Proposed System

By combining a PMG for high efficiency and low maintenance with a specially designed Crossflow turbine that is tuned for low head and flow, the suggested system overcomes the aforementioned constraints. System stability and voltage regulation are guaranteed by the ELC.

BLOC DIAGRAM

Block diagram of the inverter control in stand-alone operating mode with inner inductor current proportional (P) control and outer capacitor current proportional-resonant (PR) control, where ZLD is the load impedance, m is the modulation index, r_L is the filter inductor resistance, and K_{PWM} is the inverter gain.



System Requirements

Hardware Requirements

Battery transmission system:

By employing an alternator or dynamo to transform the engine's mechanical force into electrical energy, an electric transmission does away with the need for a gearbox. The electrical energy is then used to power traction motors, which move the vehicle forward mechanically. In certain situations, the traction motors can be powered directly or through a rechargeable battery; in the latter instance, the car is regarded as a hybrid. Based on the type of engine, electric transmissions are usually categorized as multiple distinct transmission methods. For instance, a car with a gasoline engine and an electrical transmission is usually categorized as having a gasoline-electric transmission, even though the transmission is a separate component and the gasoline engine is a part of the engine. Transmission for gasoline engines that runs on electricity. Early in the 20th century, they were widely used in a variety of industries, but as diesel engines gained prominence, they began to decline during World War II. Utilize energy stored in a battery pack in conjunction with a hybrid electric vehicle today.

Lead-Acid Batteries:

Since the 1850s, lead-acid batteries—a kind of rechargeable battery—have been in widespread usage. They are frequently utilized in many different applications, including renewable energy systems, electric cars, backup power supplies, and uninterruptible power supplies (UPS). A lead-acid battery's fundamental component is two or more lead plates submerged in a sulfuric acid electrolyte solution. Typically, the electrolyte is a diluted sulfuric acid solution, and the plates are composed of lead or lead alloys. Because of the porous substance between the plates, the electrolyte can move freely between them without coming into contact with one another. Lead sulfate on the plates of a lead-acid battery is transformed back into lead and lead oxide during charging, generating electrical energy. Electrical energy is released when the battery is discharged because the lead and lead oxide on the plates combine with the sulfuric acid to generate lead sulfate. There are a number of benefits and drawbacks to lead-acid batteries.



Fig 3: Lead Acid Battery

Lithium-Ion Batteries (Lib):

Rechargeable batteries of the lithium-ion (Li-ion) variety are frequently found in electric cars, portable electronics, and renewable energy systems. They are well-known for their low self-discharge rate, extended cycle life, and high energy density. A positive electrode composed of lithium cobalt oxide or another lithium-based material, a negative electrode composed of graphite or another carbon-based material, and an electrolyte solution that permits the movement of lithium ions between the two electrodes make up the fundamental structure of a lithium-ion battery. The negative electrode attracts the lithium ions, which are then stored there as lithium atoms when the battery is charged. The lithium atoms return to the positive electrode when the battery is depleted, releasing electrical energy.



Fig 4: Lithium Ion Battery

Wire:

An arrangement of one or more wires that are twisted together or placed adjacent to each other to transmit electric current is referred to as an electrical cable. A cable assembly can be formed from one or more electrical cables along with the associated connections; while this is not always essential for linking two devices, it can serve as a partial product to be soldered onto a printed circuit board featuring a connector attached to the casing. To interconnect multiple terminals, cable assemblies can also be designed in the shape of a cable tree or cable harness. Within the realm of electrical wiring, the term "cable" initially described submarine telegraph cables that were reinforced with iron or steel wires. Due to their vulnerability to damage, initial efforts to implement the armouring were carried out in distinct factories from those that produced the cable cores. These companies focused on creating the wire rope utilized in nautical cables. Consequently, the completed armoured cores became recognized as cables. Eventually, the term was applied to any grouping of electrical wires, even if just one was encased in an external sheath, regardless of whether it was armoured.

Telecommunications cables featuring fiber-optic cores within the outer sheath are now also encompassed by this terminology. To transfer electrical signals or power from one device to another, electrical cables are employed to connect two or more devices. Undersea communication cables are designed for long-distance communication. Power cables, especially high-voltage wires, are used for the bulk transmission of both alternating and direct current power. Electrical cables are extensively utilized in building wiring for circuits that are permanently installed in structures such as lighting, power, and control. Compared to other wiring approaches, installation labor is minimized since all the necessary circuit conductors can be incorporated into a cable simultaneously. An assembly of one or more conductors with their own insulations and optional screens, individual coverings, assembly protection, and protective coverings constitutes an electrical cable(s). Wire stranding can enhance the flexibility of electrical cables. This process involves twisting or braiding smaller, individual wires together to produce larger, more flexible wires that are similar in size to solid wires. The maximum flexibility is achieved by gathering tiny wires prior to concentric stranding.

Power Supply Management (Psm):

Controlling the alternator set point in conventional electrical systems, or on-board electric generation, aims to maximize the following: battery life, vehicle performance (e.g., lowering the alternator load when maximum acceleration is required), fuel consumption (e.g., lowering the alternator output at idle to allow for lower idle speed), and electrical function availability. The latter has recently attracted increasing interest, even though many of these functions can be regarded as state-of-the-art in contemporary voltage regulation. At least in practical terms, fuel consumption is greatly increased by electric generation. Depending on the vehicle and driving circumstances, an alternator with an average output of 1 kW can use anywhere from 1 to 1.4 liters of gasoline fuel every 100 kilometers. By maximizing the engine and alternator's system efficiency at all times, decoupling the electric generation from the demands of the loads can drastically lower this particular fuel consumption contribution. This will methodically take advantage of the battery as a temporary energy buffer and introduce supply voltage fluctuations into the electrical system. Naturally, much more sophisticated PSM techniques are required for HEVs, since electric production is more important.

Power Distribution Management (Pdm):

It is employed to plan how available energy and power will be distributed across electric loads at the subsystem or component level. In order to work well, it must prioritize the regulated function delivery of individual electric features. In the event of a power shortage, the PDM algorithm seeks to minimize battery charge throughput during peak loads while simultaneously guaranteeing rail voltage stability, charge balancing, and durability. Under the right circumstances, a PDM strategy can specify a brief functional deterioration based on the specification of electric feature prioritization. Priorities must be carefully balanced in this situation, particularly for functions that the client can directly perceive. Instead of scheduling electric feature functionalities statically, advanced PDM algorithms will do so dynamically. The energy storage system (battery, supercapacitor, etc.) is actively used in electric energy management, so accurate status data regarding this device is essential. These vital inputs must be provided to the energy management control system by a battery monitoring system (BMS).

Powertrain Hybridization:

In recent times, numerous new hybrid electric vehicle propulsion systems for passenger cars and light trucks have been created and introduced to the market by automotive manufacturers. Improvements in propulsion efficiency and a reduction in exhaust gas emissions have been demonstrated by incorporating an electromechanical component into the driveline. Various levels of hybridization can be identified, implementing different hybrid functions to varying degrees, such as engine stop/start operation, regenerative braking, alterations in engine operating points, and assorted levels of hybrid electric propulsion assistance. Examples from Ford illustrate this, showcasing a Micro-HEV technology demonstrator and a fully hybrid vehicle in series production. The Micro-HEV, which represents the lowest level of hybridization, integrates

automatic engine stop/start functionality with regenerative braking. Different electrical drive systems can accomplish the stop/start feature, for instance, an upgraded starter motor or an integrated starter generator (ISG), either belt-driven (B-ISG) or mounted on the crankshaft (C-ISG). The advantages of regenerative braking are contingent upon the power capacity of the electromechanical component. For Micro-HEVs, which typically have a generator capacity ranging from 2–4 kW alongside standard 12 V battery technology, the restricted maximum torque reduces the necessity for alterations to the brake system. Fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions can be decreased by 1.5–4%, based on the vehicle, drivetrain, and driving conditions. At elevated voltage levels (≥ 42 V), limited electric propulsion assistance becomes feasible, and in this realm, larger B-ISG and C-ISG systems with hybrid electric propulsion capabilities are recognized. Mild-HEVs provide propulsion assistance solely at lower engine speeds, while Medium-HEVs can assist the engine at higher speeds as well. The increased electromechanical power level also allows for greater fuel savings from regenerative braking.

MOSFET GATE DRIVER

With separate high and low side referenced output channels, the High And Low Side Driver (IR2112) is a high voltage, high speed power MOSFET and IGBT driver. Ruggedized monolithic construction is made possible by proprietary HVIC and latch immune CMOS technology. Up to 3.3V logic, logic inputs can be used with conventional CMOS or LSTTL outputs. A high pulse current buffer step in the output drivers is intended to minimize driver cross conduction. Matching propagation delays makes high frequency applications easier to operate. An N-channel power MOSFET or IGBT operating at 600 volts in the high side configuration can be driven by the floating channel. In this project, the converter functions as a shunt active filter (2-quadrant) for unity power factor operation and dc voltage regulation, and the driver circuit is utilized to drive the bi-directional converter switches. The n-type and p-type BJTs are employed for amplification in this case.

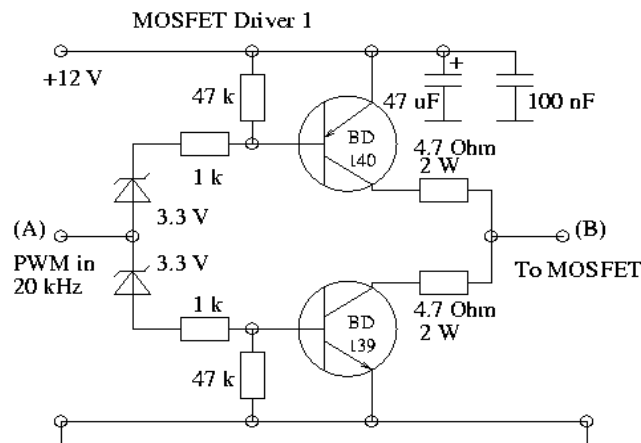


Fig 4: DRIVER CKT IR2110

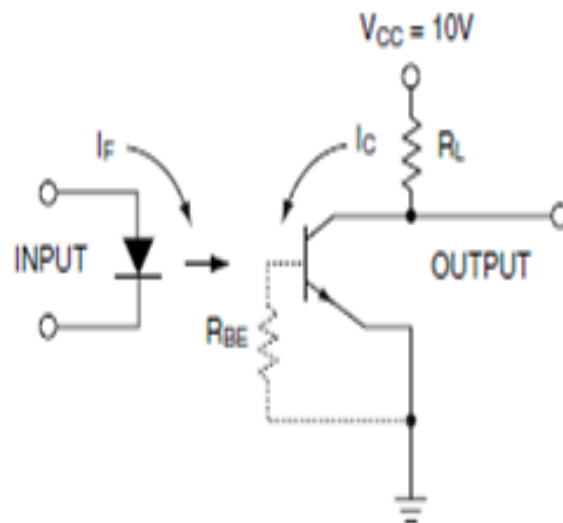


Fig 5: Operation of the MOSFET gate driver

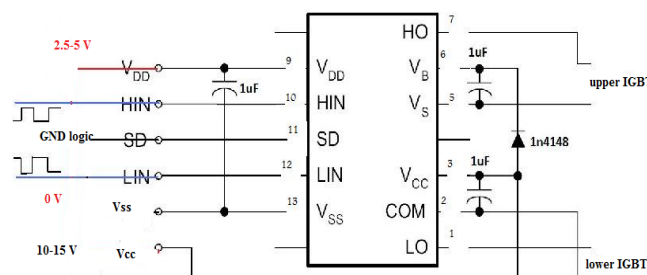


Fig 6: Driver Circuit operation

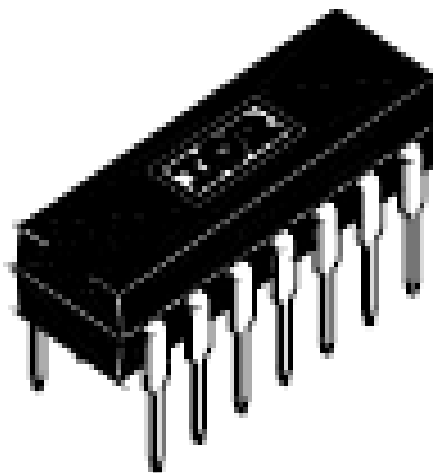


Fig 7: IR2110 Driver

MOSFET

A cross section of an n-MOSFET when the gate voltage V_{GS} is below the threshold necessary for creating a conductive channel; there is minimal or no conduction between the source and drain terminals; the switch remains off. When the gate becomes more positive, it draws in electrons, leading to the formation of an n-

type conductive channel in the substrate beneath the oxide, which permits the flow of electrons between the n-doped terminals; the switch is now on.

The metal–oxide–semiconductor field-effect transistor (MOSFET, MOS-FET, or MOS FET) is a type of transistor employed for amplifying or switching electronic signals. The fundamental concept behind this transistor type was first patented by Julius Edgar Lilienfeld in 1925. Twenty-five years later, when Bell Telephone sought to patent the junction transistor, they discovered that Lilienfeld already possessed a patent that was phrased in a manner that encompassed all varieties of transistors. Bell Labs managed to reach an agreement with Lilienfeld, who was still alive during that period. (It remains unknown whether they compensated him financially or not.) At that time, the Bell Labs version was named the bipolar junction transistor, or simply junction transistor, while Lilienfeld's design was termed field effect transistor.

An insulated-gate field-effect transistor or IGFET is a related term that is nearly synonymous with MOSFET. The term might be broader, given that many "MOSFETs" utilize a gate that may not be metallic and a gate insulator that may not be an oxide. Another alternative term is MISFET for metal–insulator–semiconductor FET. Generally, the semiconductor of choice is silicon, but some chip manufacturers, particularly IBM and Intel, have recently begun using a chemical compound of silicon and germanium (SiGe) in MOSFET channels. Unfortunately, numerous semiconductors that possess superior electrical characteristics compared to silicon, such as gallium arsenide, do not create effective semiconductor-to-insulator interfaces, rendering them unsuitable for MOSFETs. Ongoing research is focused on developing insulators with appropriate electrical properties on alternative semiconductor materials.

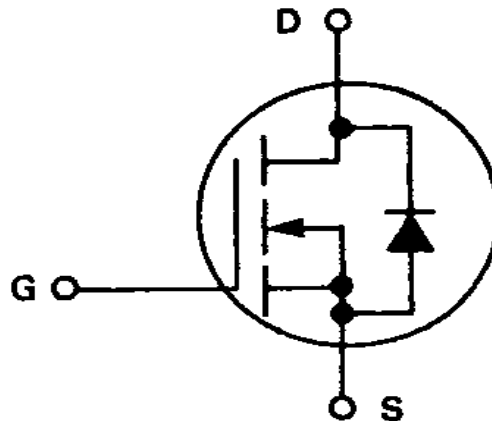


Fig 8: MOSFET

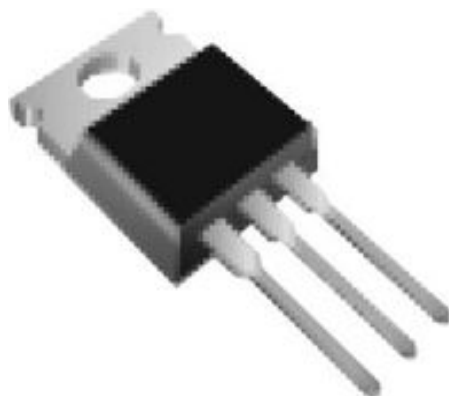


Fig 9: IRF840

PRODUCT SUMMARY		
V_{DS} (V)	500	
$R_{DS(on)}$ (Ω)	$V_{GS} = 10$ V	0.85
Q_g (Max.) (nC)	63	
Q_{gs} (nC)	9.3	
Q_{gd} (nC)	32	
Configuration	Single	

Fig 10: Product Summary

Vishay's third generation Power MOSFETs provide designers the best possible balance of low on-resistance, ruggedized device design, quick switching, and affordability. For all commercial-industrial applications with power dissipation levels up to about 50 W, the TO-220AB package is universally recommended. The TO-220AB is widely used in the industry because of its low packaging cost and low thermal resistance.

This advanced power MOSFET, which operates in the breakdown avalanche mode, is an N-Channel enhancement mode silicon gate power field effect transistor that has been built, tested, and proven to withstand a certain amount of energy. Applications for all of these power MOSFETs include motor drivers, relay drivers, switching regulators, switching converters, and drivers for high power bipolar switching transistors that need low gate drive power and high speed. Integrated circuits can be used directly to operate these kinds.

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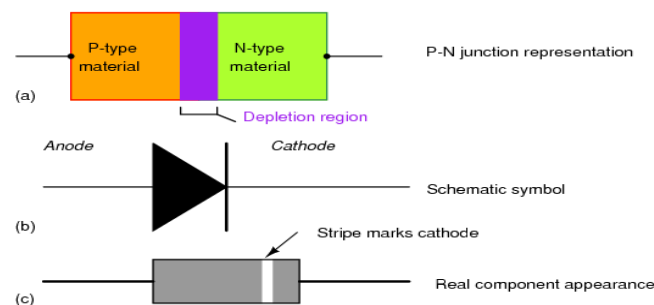


Fig 11: Diode

Software Implementation

MATLAB

MATLAB® is a high-degree technical computer language and interactive surroundings for algorithm improvement, facts visualization, statistics evaluation, and numerical computation. Using MATLAB, you may clear up engineering pc problems faster than with conventional programming languages consisting of C, C++, and Fortran. MATLAB is an evaluation and visualization device that provides sturdy aid for matrices and matrix operations. In addition, Matlab has extraordinary portraits skills and its personal effective programming language. One of the motives why Matlab is this kind of precious device is using Matlab software packages designed to guide a specific project. These varieties of software program are referred to as toolkits, and precise toolkits are inquisitive about image processing gear. Rather than describe all the abilities of Matlab, we can restrict ourselves to the features relevant to photograph processing. We will introduce capabilities, instructions, and techniques as wished. The correct characteristic is a key-word that takes several parameters and produces some output, together with a matrix, string, graph, and so forth. Examples of such functions are sin, imprint, and closed. There are many correct functions, and as we are able to see, it is very smooth (and on occasion important) to jot down your very own.

The trendy Matlab data kind matrix all is a information type that may be handled as a type of array. However, snap shots are organized as factors whose factors are the gray values (or possibly RGB values) in their elements. If the order of the characters is correct, then correct every cost as it appears; the period of a string

is the period of a wire. We will see more Matlab commands in this bankruptcy, and in later chapters we are able to talk snap shots.

When you begin Matlab, you may have an empty window called window_ where you enter instructions. Considering the massive number of Matlab capabilities and the various parameters they can take, a command line style interface is an awful lot greater efficient than a complicated drop-down menu. MATLAB may be used in a ramification of programs, consisting of sign and picture processing, communications, layout, take a look at and measurement, financial modeling, and evaluation. Additional toolkits (units of unique MATLAB functions) are available inside the MATLAB surroundings to resolve precise styles of issues in these application regions.

MATLAB offers many features for documenting and distributing your paintings. You can link your MATLAB code with different languages and applications, and distribute your MATLAB algorithms and programs.

When running with snap shots in Matlab, there are many things to recall, along with loading photos, the usage of the right format, storing exclusive types of records, a way to show pictures, and converting among exclusive photo codecs.

The Image Processing Toolbox affords a entire set of algorithmic and graphical gear for image processing, analysis, visualization, and set of rules development. You can perform image enhancement, picture de-blurring, feature detection, noise reduction, photograph segmentation, spatial transformation, and picture registration. Many of the obligations in the toolkit are multi-threaded, allowing you to use multi-middle and multi-processor computers.

CONCLUSION

The system consistently performed well in every test scenario. Its readiness for deployment in off-grid rural communities with sustainable energy output and no environmental impact is confirmed by the validation. Future expansions, such as hybridization with solar or wind energy sources for increased reliability, are supported by the findings.

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