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IOT Based Smart Energy Meter

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ABSTRACT

This paper proposes an IoT based smart energy meter designed to monitor and manage electricity consumption efficiently. The system utilizes a combination of sensors and IoT technology to provide real-time monitoring of energy usage. It integrates an energy measurement module, a microcontroller Arduino UNO, ESP8266 Wi-Fi module, and a cloud platform ThingSpeak for data visualization and analysis. Key electrical parameters such as voltage, current, power, power factor, frequency and energy are measured and transmitted to the cloud for remote access. The smart energy meter enables users to monitor their energy consumption from anywhere, helping to optimize energy usage, reduce costs, and contribute to sustainability. This approach offers an affordable and scalable solution for intelligent energy management in residential and industrial settings.

Keywords: IoT, smart energy meter, energy optimization, load management.

1. INTRODUCTION

With the increasing demand for electricity and the growing concern over energy conservation, efficient energy management has become a critical aspect of modern society. Traditional energy meters provide basic measurements of consumption but lack the capability to offer real-time data analysis or insights into usage patterns. The advent of the Internet of Things (IoT) has introduced opportunities for smarter, more efficient energy monitoring systems.

An IoT based smart energy meter is a cutting-edge solution that leverages IoT technologies to monitor and optimize electricity consumption. This system integrates various hardware components, such as energy measurement module, microcontroller, and Wi-Fi communication module, along with cloud platform for real-time data storage and analysis. By measuring key electrical parameters like voltage, current, power, power factor, frequency and energy consumption, users gain valuable insights into their energy usage, enabling them to make informed decisions about reducing wastage and improving efficiency.

The system presented in this paper utilizes a combination of the PZEM-004T energy monitoring module, ESP8266 Wi-Fi module, Arduino UNO, and cloud platform ThingSpeak to facilitate remote monitoring. The data collected from the system can be accessed and analyzed remotely, offering convenience and flexibility for users to manage their energy consumption. This IoT-based smart energy meter offers a reliable, cost-effective, and scalable solution for energy management, contributing to sustainability efforts and helping users reduce electricity costs.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

The first smart energy meters introduced key features such as Automated Meter Reading (AMR) for remote data collection, eliminating manual readings. They enabled real-time data transmission to utility providers, reducing operational costs**.** Time-of-use pricing allowed dynamic pricing based on consumption times, promoting energy conservation. These meters also provided real-time consumption monitoring for users, helping them make informed energy choices. Integration with the smart grid enabled two-way communication, improving grid management and demand response. These early meters laid the foundation for modern energy management systems.

IoT based smart energy meters have become a popular solution for efficient energy management, providing real-time data and remote monitoring capabilities. Several studies have explored the integration of IoT technologies to enhance traditional energy metering systems.

To overcome the lack of more and advanced features here a sophisticated smart energy meter has been developed using a energy measurement module PZEM-004T which is widely used for its accuracy in measuring key electrical parameters such as voltage, current, power, and energy consumption. This module, when combined with microcontroller Arduino UNO and ESP8266 Wi-Fi module, enables data collection and transmission to cloud platform ThingSpeak.

ThingSpeak has been highlighted in multiple studies as an effective platform for real-time data visualization and analysis, offering users insights into their energy usage. Moreover, IoT based systems have been designed to not only monitor energy consumption but also provide optimization recommendations based on the analysis of usage patterns. This ability to monitor, analyze, and optimize energy usage remotely allows users to reduce electricity costs and improve efficiency. Despite the promising advantages, challenges such as data security, privacy concerns, and system reliability remain.

Future research is focusing on incorporating artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) algorithms to predict energy consumption trends and further optimize energy usage, making these systems more intelligent and adaptive. Thus, IoT based smart energy meters represent a significant advancement in energy management, offering both convenience and the potential for significant cost savings.

3. METHODOLOGY

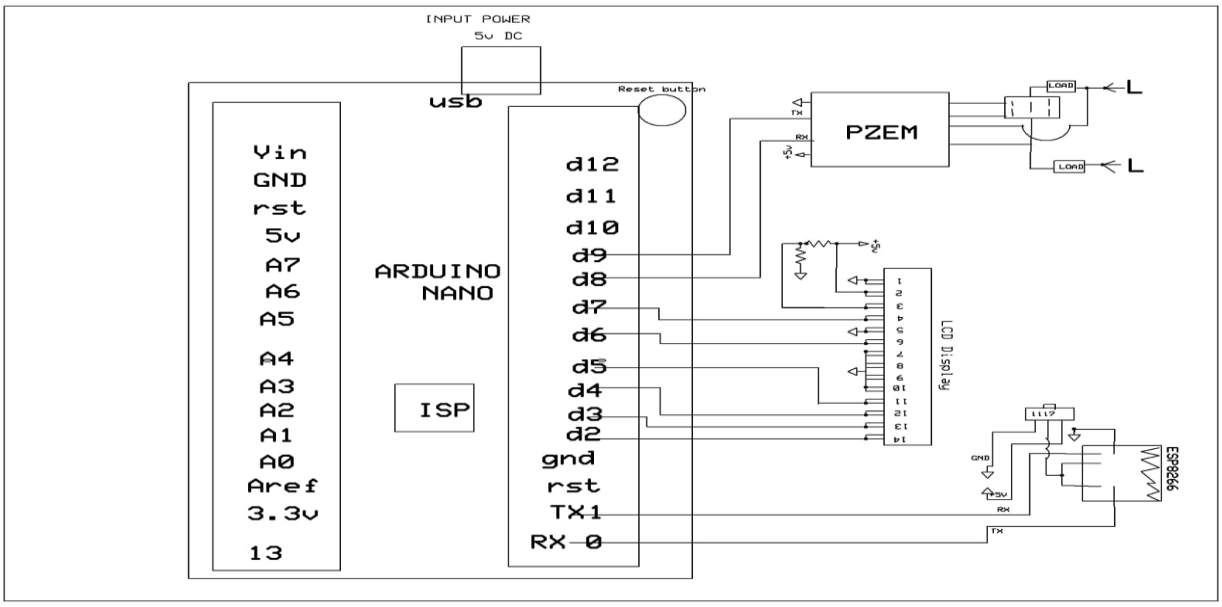

Fig.1 Block diagram of IoT based Smart Energy Meter

As shown in the Fig.1, the methodology for the IoT based smart energy meter involves designing a system that integrates the PZEM-004T energy monitoring module, Arduino UNO, ESP8266 Wi-Fi module, and ThingSpeak cloud platform. The PZEM-004T measures key electrical parameters such as voltage, current, power, and energy, which are processed by the Arduino and displayed on a local LCD screen. The ESP8266 module facilitates data transmission to the ThingSpeak platform for real-time remote monitoring. The system is tested and calibrated by verifying the accuracy of the energy measurements and ensuring stable cloud connectivity. This approach enables users to track energy consumption locally and remotely, providing

insights for energy optimization and efficient management.

4. RESULTS - SYTSEM DEMONSTRATION

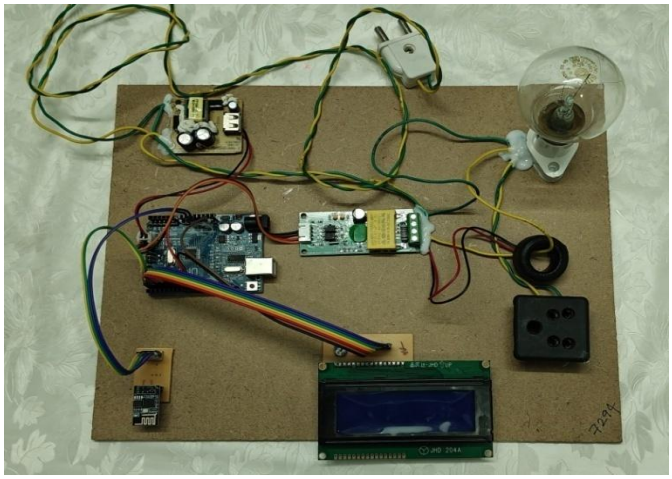

Fig. 4(a) Overall hardware setup without power

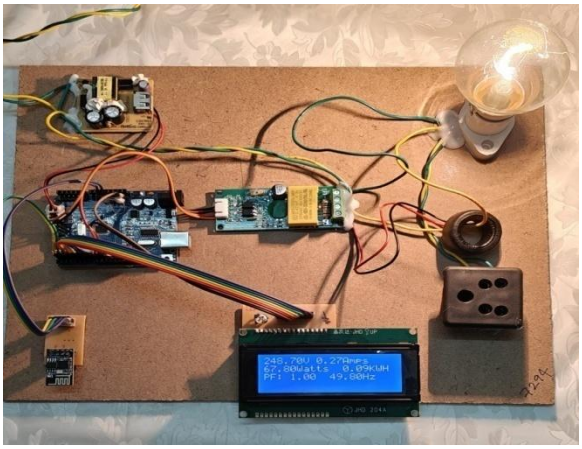

Fig. 4(b) Overall hardware setup with power and load

Fig. 4(c) LCD output result readings

The above Fig. 2(a), 2(b), 2(c) shows the overall hardware setup of the system. We have used PZEM module for measuring voltage, power, energy, frequency, power factor and Toroid for measuring current, RPS to provide power supply to the overall hardware system, Arduino UNO and ESP8266 to enable data collection and transmission to cloud platform i.e., Thingspeak, LCD to show output readings, Thingspeak platform for data visualization and analysis

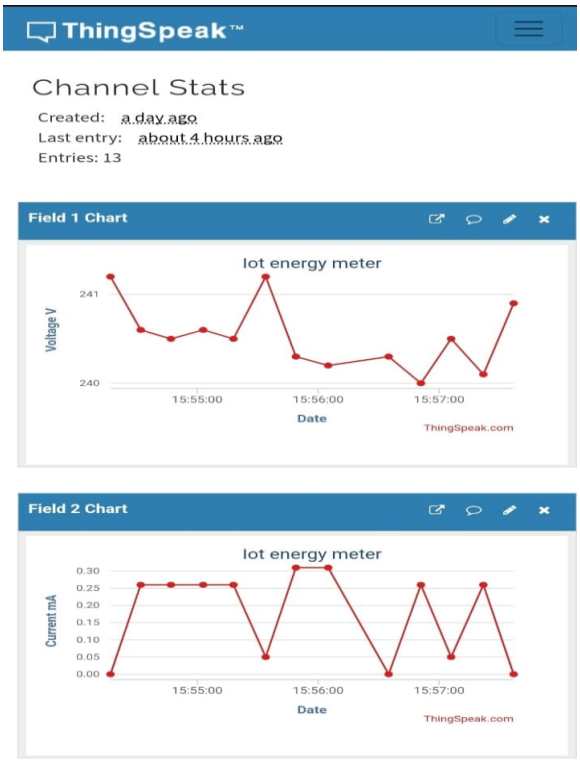

Fig. 4(d) Voltage and Current waveforms

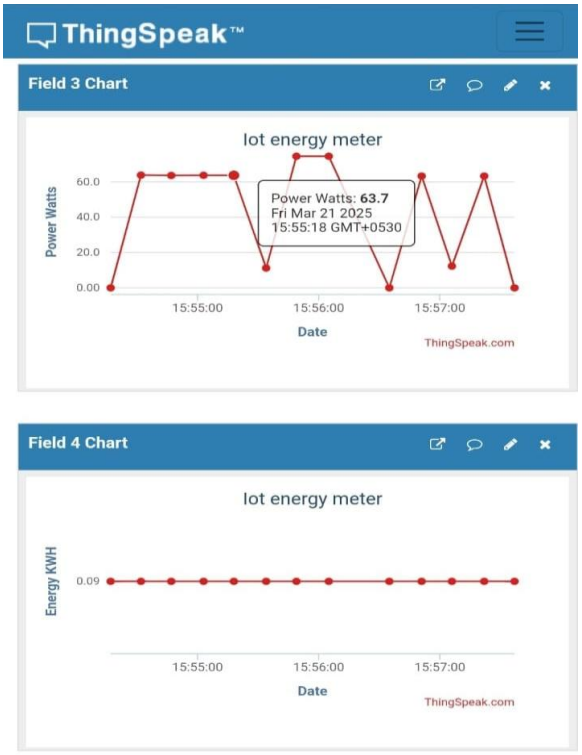

Fig. 4(e) Power and Energy waveforms

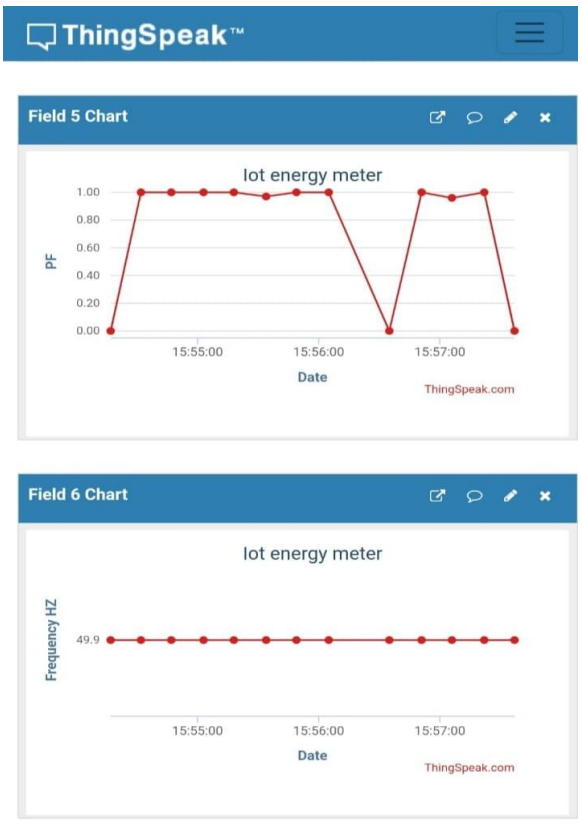

Fig. 4(f) Power factor and frequency waveforms

As shown in above Fig. 3(a), 3(b), 3(c) During the testing phase, the results demonstrate that the IoT based smart energy meter system is a highly robust and efficacious solution for energy consumption monitoring and optimization and remote energy management. This system's performance is evaluated by comparing its real-time measurements with actual values from a standard energy meter. Parameters like accuracy, ease of use, and remote accessibility are assessed to determine the effectiveness of the IoT based smart energy meter in energy management.

5. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the IoT based smart energy meter designed using the PZEM-004T module, ESP8266 Wi-Fi module, Arduino UNO, LCD display, Toroid current sensor, and ThingSpeak platform offers an efficient and cost-effective solution for real-time energy monitoring and management. This system enables accurate measurement of key electrical parameters such as voltage, current, power, power factor, frequency and energy, with data accessible both locally and remotely through the ThingSpeak cloud platform. This approach not only enhances energy usage visibility but also provides users with the tools to optimize their energy consumption, leading to cost savings and improved energy efficiency. The successful integration of IoT technology with energy metering demonstrates significant potential for scalable, intelligent energy management systems in both residential and industrial applications.

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