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ABSTRACT

Increase of consumption of electricity due to this High-Tech Era, energy saving become very important as power generation still highly depending on non-renewable energy. The only electricity usage measurement tool installed in everyone house which is electric meter only capable of displaying cumulative energy consumption. This conventional type of electric meter causes people clueless about their electricity consumption as it is difficult to track and determine which electrical appliances contribute to that amount of electricity consumption. Therefore, in this project Smart Electric Meter System (SEMS) is designed to ease the process of monitoring the power consumption of electrical appliances and manage their appliances. The SEMS consists of Smart Electric Meter (SEM) that monitor the electricity usage of all the load at home and Smart Electric Plug (SEP) to monitor single electrical appliances. The main component of this project is components that are widely available in market such as ESP 8266, PZEM004T, Real Time Clock Module DS3231, Solid-state Relay, and OLED display. In this project, experiment is done by using incandescent bulb and ballast as load to test the accuracy of voltage and current measurement of SEM and SEP by comparing it to Flukes 317 True RMS Clamp Meter. The error for voltage measurement of SEM is ranging between 0.177%-0.279% and error for current measurement is ranging from 4.274% to 6.279%. For SEP the error of voltage measurement is between 0.045% and 0.124% while error of current measurement is between 4.167% and 7.477%. The SEP in this project also provide energy management feature which been tested in this research that it is capable of saving 57.35% of electricity and 45.86% of cost for electricity when compared to load that connected to a normal power plug.

ABSTRAK

Peningkatan penggunaan tenaga elektrik disebabkan Era Teknologi Tinggi ini, penjimatan tenaga menjadi sangat penting kerana penjanaan kuasa masih sangat bergantung kepada tenaga yang tidak boleh diperbaharui. Satu-satunya alat pengukur penggunaan elektrik yang dipasang di rumah setiap orang iaitu meter elektrik sahaja yang mampu memaparkan penggunaan tenaga terkumpul. Meter elektrik jenis konvensional ini sering kali menyebabkan orang ramai tidak tahu tentang penggunaan elektrik mereka kerana sukar untuk mengesan dan menentukan peralatan elektrik yang menyumbang kepada jumlah penggunaan elektrik itu. Oleh itu, dalam projek ini Sistem Meter Elektrik Pintar (SEMS) direka untuk memudahkan proses pemantauan penggunaan kuasa peralatan elektrik dan menguruskan peralatannya. SEMS terdiri daripada Smart Electric Meter (SEM) yang memantau penggunaan elektrik semua beban di rumah dan Smart Electric Plug (SEP) untuk memantau peralatan elektrik tunggal. Komponen utama projek ini ialah komponen yang boleh didapati secara meluas di pasaran seperti ESP 8266, PZEM004T, DS3231, Solid-state relay dan OLED display. Dalam projek ini, eksperimen dilakukan dengan menggunakan mentol dan balast sebagai beban untuk menguji ketepatan voltan dan pengukuran arus SEM dan SEP dengan membandingkannya dengan Flukes 317 True RMS Clamp Meter. Kesilapan pengukuran voltan SEM adalah antara 0.177%-0.279% dan kesilapan pengukuran arus adalah antara 4.274% hingga 6.279%. Bagi SEP kesilapan pengukuran voltan adalah antara 0.045% dan 0.124% manakala kesilapan pengukuran semasa adalah antara 4.167% dan 7.477%. SEP dalam projek ini juga menyediakan ciri pengurusan tenaga yang telah diuji dalam penyelidikan ini bahawa ia mampu menjimatkan 57.35% tenaga elektrik dan 45.86% kos elektrik jika dibandingkan dengan beban yang disambungkan kepada palam kuasa biasa.

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Φ : Phase difference	18
$i(t)$: Amplitude of current at the time, t	16
I: Current	15
Irms: Root-mean-square Current	17
kWh: kilowatt-hour	18
$p(t)$: Instantaneous Power	16
P: Active Power	16
P_{avg} : Average power	16
pf: Power Factor	17
R: Resistance	15
S: Apparent Power	17
T: Period of time	15
$v(t)$: Amplitude of the voltage at the time, t	16
V: Voltage	15
VAR: Reactive Power	17
Vrms: Root-mean_square Voltage	17

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADC: Analog to digital converter	23
AMR: Automated Meter Reading	13
GDDRAM: Graphic Display Data RAM	36
GDP: Gross Domestic Product	8
GHG: Greenhouse Gases	6
GSM: Global System for Mobile Communication module	20
HEMS: Home Energy Management System	9
IoT: Internet of Things	6
LCD: Liquid Crystal Display	20
MDAS: Meter Data Acquisition System	15
OLED: Organic Light Emitting Diode	36
RE: Renewable Energy	8
RFID: Radio-Frequency identification technology	9
RTC: Real- Time Clock	37
SEM: Smart Electric Meter	2
SEP: Smart Electric Plug	2
SMES: Smart Electric Meter System	2
SMETS: Smart metering Equipment Technical Standards	13
SMS: Short Message Service	20

CHAPTER 1

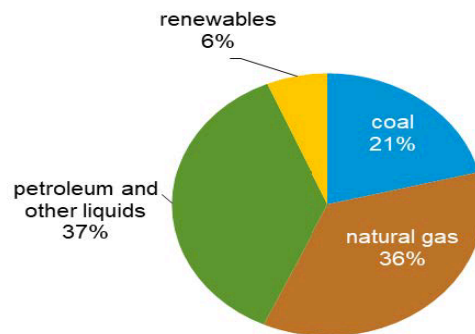
INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

The electric meter is an instrument to measure the energy consumption of a building. The electric meter is used in residential, commercial, and industrial buildings to record the energy consumption so that power companies in Malaysia such as Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), Sarawak Energy Berhad, and Sabah Electricity Sdn. Bhd (SESB) can issue electricity bills to its customers. The common type of electric meter is the analog electric meter, digital electric meter, and smart electric meter. Most Malaysian residential electricity users are still using analog electric meters or digital electric meters whose function is only to record energy consumption. Smart electric meters not only record users' energy consumption but also allow the user to remotely monitor energy consumption through their smartphone. The power company can also access customers' energy consumption information with the smart meter from remote. On 30 June 2021, about 1.22 million TNB customers own a smart electric meter in Klang Valley, greater Kuala Lumpur, and Melaka [1]. The installation of the smart meter installation program will be continued by the TNB till 2026 to install more smart meters in 9.1 million households [1]. In Sarawak about 1700 smart meters are installed in Kampung Gita and 6000 meters are installed at Tabuan Jaya Baru an Jalan Kempas in 2019 [2].

Based on the research done on [3], Malaysian know the energy efficiency but do not or less practice it in daily life. Increasing the efficiency in terms of electricity generation, supply, and transmission is not enough as awareness among consumers also needs to be emphasized [4]. To increase the awareness of the public about energy-saving, a smart electric meter can be used. The smart electric meter can help users to visualize how is their energy consumption behaviors contribute to their electricity bill as it updates power consumption normally at half-hourly manners. Unlike the traditional types of electric meters where the total energy consumption information is obtained from the monthly bill. Therefore, smart electric meters can provide a convenient way for the user to access energy consumption information which can increase their awareness about energy saving.

Energy saving is very important in Malaysia as the primary source of energy are natural gas, coal, and hydropower while a secondary source of energy is wind, solar, and fuel cells [5]. In 2019, petroleum and other liquids fuel lead in the energy production sector which is 37% of the total energy production [6]. Natural gas comes in second in terms of energy generation which is 36% of the total energy production [6]. 21% of electricity production comes from coal and 6% of electricity comes from renewable energy [6]. In 2002, Five Fuel Diversification Policy has been introduced by the Malaysian Government to address issues on climate change and emissions issues and reduce the dependency on the conventional source of energy such as crude, gas, coal, and hydropower [5]. Based on Figure 1-1, the source of energy in Malaysia is still dominated by the combustion of fossil fuel despite the improvement of renewable energy technologies over the years. Malaysian government aim to expose renewable energy in the range of 5% in the energy mix in 2010 but the renewable energy consumption is still low (1.8%) because of technical obstacles and lack of infrastructures [5].



 Source: BP 2020 Statistical Review of World Energy

Figure 1-1: Source of Energy in Malaysia [6].

This project is to develop a Smart Electric Meter System (SMES) for a single-phase power system that can help users remotely monitor their energy consumption through the smartphone application. This device can reduce the hassle of reading the energy consumption from the display of the normal electric meter. This Smart Electric Meter (SEM) is designed to integrate with the Smart Electric Plug (SEP) at home to measure the energy consumption of individual electrical appliances. This can provide more energy consumption information for the user to easily manage their usage of energy. Besides that, the smartphone application of SEMS also incorporates a feature to remote control and schedule the electrical appliances connected to the SEP. The energy consumption information measured by the SMES will be stored in the database so that it can be accessed by the electricity providers.

1.2 Problem Statement

The main function of the existing version of the smart electric meter is to measure energy consumption and provide remote monitoring of energy consumption for the user. The measurement of energy consumption by the smart electric meter is the total energy consumption of all electrical appliances at the user's house. The individual energy consumption of individual electrical appliances is not given by a normal smart electric meter. The information given by the existing smart meter is so limited makes it user difficult to determine which electrical appliances at their home are using more energy or inefficient. This increases the difficulty for the user to have energy management as they do not know which electrical appliances contribute to more energy consumption. Even though it is possible by switching off all other electrical appliances to detect the energy consumption of the appliances that need to be measured. But the process is tedious because it is time-consuming.

Next, the existing smart electric meter does not provide enough mechanism for the user to manage their electrical appliances for energy saving. The mechanism of remote control and schedule of electrical appliances is not provided by the normal smart electric meter. Without this function, electrical appliances need to be controlled manually by users. This can cause a situation such as forgetting to switch off electrical appliances that are not in use because of carelessness or laziness. Unlike the proposed device in this project, it provides remote control of electrical appliances which allows the user to switch off appliances when they are not at home. The proposed design also provides a schedule load feature to make sure the energy usage is more consistent and can prevent wastage of energy.

Lastly, the conventional smart electric meter does not show parameters such as voltage, current, power factor, active power, and other parameters. These parameters can be useful for diagnosing or checking the condition of electrical appliances at home. By monitoring these parameters, users can easily detect faulty appliances.

Project objectives

The objectives of this research are:

- To design a Smart Electric Meter System (SEMS) that can provide real-time monitoring of voltage, current, Active power, frequency, power factor, active energy, and estimates electric bill at home.
- To design a user interface in the Blynk Application for monitoring the energy consumption and remotely managing load.
- To design a database for an electricity provider to monitor, manage and record bills from the Smart Electric Meter System (SEMS).

1.3 Scope of Research

This project aims to design a Smart Electric Metering System (SEMS) for real-time monitoring of voltage, current, real power, and power factor, kilowatt-hour (kWh) of a single-phase power system. The Smart Electric Metering system is divided into Smart Electric Meter (SEM) to measure the energy consumption of a single-phase power system of the whole house and Smart Electric Plug (SEP) to measure the energy consumption of specific electrical appliances. The design of the SEP will have the ability to interact with the SEM wirelessly by sending and receiving data to and from the SEM. The data transmitted by the SEP to the SEM will be the parameter measurement of the electrical appliances and the data received by the SEP from the SEM will be the command to switch on and off the appliances connected. The SEMS will implement the Sarawak Energy domestic type electricity tariff [7] to calculate the electricity bill. The smaller resistive and inductive load will be created to mimic the electrical appliances used in the household such as lighting, fan, electric water heater, and others.

The Blynk application is used to design the user interface that can receive real-time information of the total and individual load, and schedule or manually switch ON and OFF the load. The Blynk application allows energy consumption monitoring and manages the electrical load from everywhere with the connection of the internet. The design of the SEM and SEP will incorporate the PZEM module to measure the voltage, current, active power, and power factor of the load. ESP 8266 will be used as a microcontroller for both SEM and SEP. The application of ESP 8266 allows the connection of the Wi-Fi network for uploading of energy consumption data of the SEM and SEP to the Blynk server and displaying it on Blynk mobile application. Blynk application can also be used to connect and disconnect the load connected to the SEP.

The data of the SEMS also transmit data to MySQL database designed for the electricity provider for monitoring, managing, and billing purposes. There will be a specially designed webpage to display the data of the customers to simplify the works of the electricity provider to manage and provide bills to their customers. The webpage also provides the function to connect and disconnect their customer power supply when the electric bill is not paid in time.

1.4 Research Significance

The intentions of this project is to create an SEM that can be connected to the main power supply of the house to monitor the voltage, current, real power, and power factor in real-time. This design will serve as the replacement for the traditional electric meter in most people's houses in Malaysia. SEM design can interconnect with the SEP at home to become SEMS and provide monitoring for specific electrical loads. The information about the energy consumption of each load collected will help users to figure out the opportunities and ways to manage their electricity consumption. The design of this project can also help people to monitor the electricity consumption of their premises remotely with help of the internet. The design also provides the user interface for the user to connect and disconnect their load remotely. This feature helps the user to control their load even when there are not at home to achieve their energy-saving goal with ease. The design also eases the process of billing, managing, and monitoring for the electricity provider by providing a webpage and database to display customers' information.

Chapter 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

Firstly, the electricity usage in Malaysia will be presented. Next, the source of electricity in Malaysia and the problem faced during the implementation of renewable energy will be discussed. Later, the information about the Greenhouse Gases (GHG) emission due generation of electricity and how it contributes to global warming will be presented. A series of plans to reduce GHG emissions related to this project in the Twelfth Malaysian Plan will also be discussed. The following part of chapter 2 will include the introduction of energy management, Internet of Things (IoT), type of electric meter available, the basic laws of electricity, and the electricity tariff in Sarawak. The last part will include the summarization of works from others research related to this project. This summary will include the material and method used, advantages and disadvantages of the method.

2.2 Electricity usage in Malaysia

Based on the Malaysian Department of Statistics, there was an increase of 4 million of the population of local citizens and foreigners from the year 2010 to 2020 from 28 million to 32 million [8]. The electrical demand of Malaysia also rises due to the incrementation in population. The situation is even worst when the increased reliability on the electrical appliances to help improve human life. Appliances such as fans, air conditioners, computers, refrigerators, washing machines, and many others have become part of our life as if one of these technologies disappeared humans will have a hard time living without it. The quality of life is improved with the help of an electrical gadget, but the energy consumption of all these appliances had gone over the board. Based on [5], Malaysia's total amount of power consumption was 4.3 billion megawatts and is expected to increase by 4.75% by 2030 and at one point in time, it will exceed 11.4 billion megawatts of Malaysia's energy supply. The region of Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah, and Sarawak shows a similar pattern for energy generation [5].