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Solar Based Water Trash Collector

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Abstract: Non-biodegradable trash in water bodies is a problem that gets far less attention than air pollution when people think of pollution. Water pollution in India is largely caused by the accumulation of plastic waste on the surfaces of rivers and lakes. 90% of the plastic debris that enters the ocean comes from ten rivers, including the Ganga, Indus, and Brahmaputra. According to Latest News, there have also been reports of similar debris contaminating nearby lakes and canals (called "nalas"), which has reduced water supplies and limited access to clean water. Tamil Nadu, Punjab, and Maharashtra produced the most plastic garbage in India between 2015 and 2024. The largest volumes of plastic debris are found in the Indus, Ganga, and Brahmaputra rivers, whereas in water levels in New Delhi fall by an average of nine feet every year, and the Indus, Ganga, and Brahmaputra rivers carry the most plastic pollution. In order to solve this problem, a shore-wide water surface cleaning robot is being created to find and gather trash, assisting in the efficient cleaning of water bodies. The system integrates solar energy for sustainability, this creative solution which is managed through a mobile application, integrates preventive and curative measures that are crucial for environmental preservation and water saving.

Keyword: Non-biodegradable, Plastic debris, Solar energy, Sustainability.

I. INTRODUCTION

Modern solutions to the pressing issue of pollution in aquatic environments include solar-powered water rubbish collectors. In order to preserve species and promote thriving ecosystems, they efficiently remove trash and debris from rivers, lakes, and oceans using renewable energy. These systems typically involve a floating platform with several booms or barriers to capture floating debris as it passes through waterways. The platform is power by solar panels that convert sunlight into electricity to power onboard motors and control systems, ensuring sustainable operation free from reliance on fossil fuel. Operators may remotely regulate the collection and change its route to target places as needed thanks to the system's connection, which allows it to monitor trash in real-time with high debris concentrations. Trash is captured by the barriers as the platform moves and then sent to a collection bin or conveyor for convenient removal and disposal. By lessening the negative effects of pollution on aquatic habitats, these solar-powered collectors contribute to environmental protection and improve the health of fish, birds, and other animals that are frequently impacted by plastic waste. They are useful for more than just maintaining clean waterways.

Although solar-powered water garbage collectors can be expensive initially, they often have cheaper running costs over time than traditional waste management systems. This is mostly due to its ability to lower the amount of work and equipment wear associated with manual waste collection, which eventually results in significant savings.
Additionally, the modular design of these collectors makes them more flexible and scalable for use in a variety of waterbodies, from small ponds to big lakes and rivers.

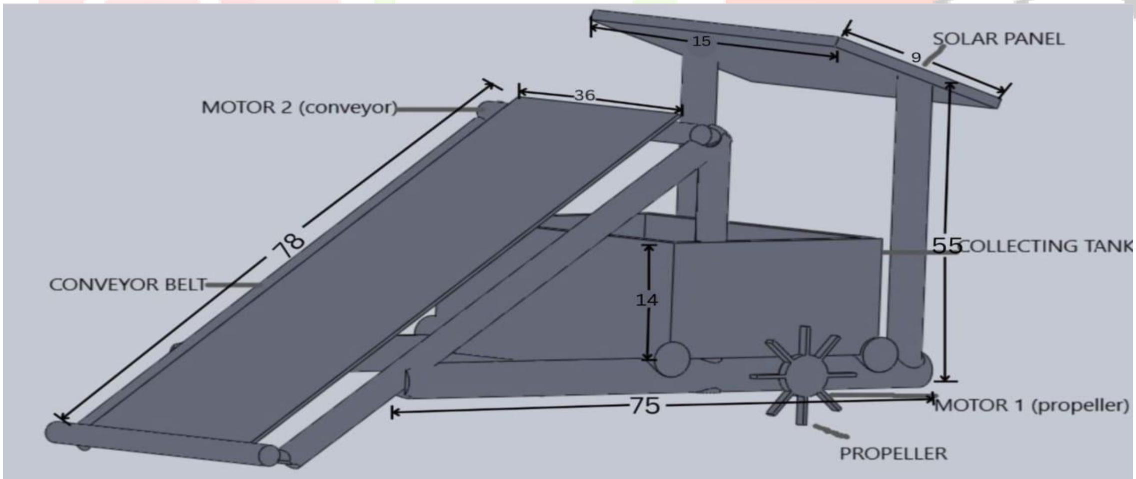
Furthermore, their eco-friendly operation eliminates the carbon footprint left by traditional fuel-powered machinery, aiding global initiatives to reduce reliance on non-renewable resources and combat climate change. Because they reduce the amount of labor and equipment wear needed for human waste collection, they are usually less expensive to operate over time than traditional systems, despite the potentially significant initial expenditure. Their modular design allows them to scale and adapt to a range of water bodies, from small ponds to massive lakes and rivers, making them a versatile choice for lowering pollution.

II. DESIGN

2.1 Research and Development:

Solar-powered water trash collectors are a significant advancement in the fight to produce cleaner waterways and environmental sustainability, as demonstrated by a thorough analysis of the pressing issue of water pollution from plastic and other waste. These state-of-the-art systems can navigate and collect trash from lakes, rivers, and oceans independently, powered by solar energy. Current research and development initiatives aim to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of these systems in a number of crucial areas. One of the primary technological developments is the optimization of solar panel efficiency. Researchers are looking at more advanced photovoltaic materials that can absorb more energy in order to boost the quantity of energy available for the motors that power the collection systems. Furthermore, precise navigation and targeted waste pickup are made possible by the development of automated collection systems that use sensors and GPS, significantly boosting operational effectiveness. The incorporation of garbage compaction technology is another important area of focus because better compaction mechanisms can increase the amount of trash collected, reducing the frequency of collection trips and the associated operational costs.

By selecting incorrect materials to make the body for the drone, the probability of sinking is higher. The primary function of the body is to float the body. The body of the drone is made up of a sun board. PVC Sun board Sheets are nothing but Rigid PVC Sheets manufactured using a foaming agent to foam the PVC Sheets. The Sun board Sheets is acclaimed for its durability and lighter weight. This board is convenient to install and requires negligible maintenance. We selected a sun board because it has low cost, waterproof and lightweight.



2.2 Optimization of Solar Power Utilization:

Optimizing solar power usage is crucial for the continuous and efficient operation of solar-powered water garbage collectors, particularly in remote or off-grid areas. A top goal is to maximize the energy produced by solar panels, which means selecting high-efficiency panels and integrating smart energy management systems. These systems may adjust the orientation of the collector, track the amount of sunshine, and store excess energy in batteries for use at night or during periods of reduced sunlight. Researchers are also investigating the use of advanced energy storage technologies such as lithium-ion or supercapacitors to improve battery performance, reduce energy loss, and extend operating hours. Additionally, optimizing the power consumption of the trash collector's motors, sensors, and navigation systems through the use of low-power designs and energy-efficient algorithms helps lower the total amount of energy needed. Combining these techniques will make solar-powered water trash collectors more reliable and sustainable, ensuring that they can continue to operate on their own for extended periods of time even in challenging weather conditions or illumination conditions. Ensuring the reliable, long-term operation of solar-powered water garbage collectors requires optimizing their utilization of solar electricity, especially in remote and off-grid locations with erratic energy supplies. One of the primaries

optimization strategies are to select high-efficiency solar panels that can maximize energy capture even in low light or erratic weather conditions. It is possible to position the panels such that they always receive the greatest sunlight. By using advanced tracking technology, the panels may be orientated to constantly get the most amount of sunshine, improving energy efficiency throughout the day. Additionally, intelligent energy management systems can dynamically allocate power to various components, prioritizing critical functions like garbage collection and navigation while lowering power consumption for non-essential systems. Large-capacity, long-lasting batteries, such as solid-state or lithium-ion batteries, can store excess solar energy during the hours of maximum sunlight, ensuring that the system can operate at night or on cloudy days. Energy storage is crucial. Low-power, energy-efficient components including motors, sensors, and communication systems further reduce the overall energy consumption. Additionally, researchers are investigating energy harvesting techniques to supplement the power supply. By allowing them to operate independently for longer periods of time, these advancements improve the sustainability of solar-powered water garbage collectors as a long-term solution for reducing water pollution.

2.3 Waste Collector:

Waste collection with solar-powered garbage collectors significantly improves the automation and efficiency of debris removal from water bodies, particularly when conveyor systems are employed. These systems use a conveyor mechanism to gather or transport floating trash from the surface of rivers, lakes, or oceans and deposit it in a container or storage space. The conveyor, which typically consists of a strong belt or mesh that is powered by solar energy, allows the trash collector to function autonomously with minimal human help. The process begins when the solar-powered collector follows preset routes or moves through the water on its own. As the device approaches floating waste, the garbage is collected using mechanical arms or collection nets. The conveyor system then transfers the collected waste onto a moving belt, which carries it to a central storage area. Depending on its design, the conveyor belt can be configured to handle a variety of waste types, including plastics, organic materials, and other floating contaminants. The trash is often stored in a chamber that can be remotely monitored or accessed for later disposal. One of the key benefits of using a conveyor system in a solar-powered trash collector is its ability to continuously collect and transport waste without the need for frequent breaks for hand emptying. Because it can operate independently for extended periods of time and requires only electricity, this system is especially well-suited for remote or off-grid locations. A solar-powered garbage collector's waste gathering method begins with the device operating through the water. Solar panels power the trash collector's motors and sensors, enabling it to traverse the water and detect floating debris. The trash is collected from the water's surface using a combination of mechanical arms, nets, or scoops when the system approaches waste. These collecting systems are often designed to capture a range of waste, including plastics, organic materials, and other impurities. After the garbage has been collected, it must be moved efficiently to a central storage chamber using a convey or system. The conveyor system consists of a strong belt that is continuously driven by the solar energy collected.by the panels. This system is specifically designed to handle various waste types, from little particles to larger objects. The storage bin, which is typically located in the middle of the trash collector, is where the conveyor belt moves the collected material. The storage container can hold large amounts of debris, allowing the system to operate on its own for extended periods of time before needing to be emptied. One of the primary advantages of putting in place a conveyor system is the removal of the necessity for frequent personal intervention. Even though it might require constant human monitoring to move the collector or empty bins, the solar-powered conveyor system enables the trash collector to operate autonomously for prolonged periods of time. Large bodies of water or locations that are difficult for humans to access would benefit greatly from this. Additionally, the system is highly sustainable because it uses solar energy instead of fossil fuels for energy or waste collection, which has a negative environmental impact. Conveyor systems in solar-powered garbage collectors can potentially incorporate intelligent elements to optimize rubbish collection. By employing machine learning to adapt to different waste kinds and environmental conditions, these systems have the potential to improve the overall efficacy of the garbage collection process over time. Real-time data monitoring is another feature of some designs that allows operators to remotely examine the garbage collector's condition, including the amount of trash collected and the energy level of the solar panels and batteries. Scalability and versatility are two advantages of using a conveyor system in a solar-powered waste collector. These systems' adaptable design makes it simple to scale them to the size of the water body or the volume of garbage that needs to be handled. For example, these variants can be employed in smaller, more portable lakes, rivers, and marinas, but larger systems can be used for open-ocean cleanup. The modular design guarantees that the systems can adapt to evolving climatic conditions or technological break throughs, while also simplifying maintenance and updates. Incorporating solar electricity into these waste collecting systems improves their long-term cost-effectiveness while also helping the environment. Because these collectors are powered by renewable energy, they do not need complex infrastructure, ongoing fuel costs, or the maintenance of traditional power sources. Additionally, autonomous operation reduces running costs by doing away with the requirement for human intervention and labor. When all is said and done, solar-powered garbage collectors with conveyor systems provide a practical, self-sufficient, and environmentally friendly solution to water contamination. These systems are ideal for large-scale deployment in locations with limited solar energy and advanced collection devices.

2.4 Cost-Benefit Analysis and Scalability:

A Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) and Scalability Assessment offer a comprehensive framework for evaluating the long- term viability, financial sustainability, and potential for large-scale deployment of solar-powered water trash collectors using conveyor systems, modular components, relays, and batteries. The initial capital expenditure for these solar- powered collectors consists of several key components, including solar panels, conveyor systems, energy storage batteries, and modular parts that offer flexibility in terms of customization and scalability. The solar panels, which are necessary to power the entire system, are typically responsible for a significant portion of the initial cost. The cost of solar panels is influenced by their efficiency. Although more expensive, more advanced panels generate more energy. But since solar energy is renewable, these costs are free and offset, resulting in long-term financial savings by eliminating the requirement for fuel or grid electricity, solar energy offsets these costs and saves money over time. The conveyor system, which includes a conveyor belt, motorized arms, or nets to gather floating debris, is an additional high cost. In addition to being designed to handle a range of waste products, from large plastics to smaller rubbish, the conveyor must be robust enough to withstand exposure to water, salt, and other environmental conditions. Since these pieces can continually collect and carry rubbish without the need for human involvement, they are extremely effective over time, despite their initial high cost.

These systems need batteries to store the energy generated by the solar panels, often lithium-ion or other high-capacity, long-life batteries, to store the energy generated by the solar panels. The batteries allow the system to continue operating in low light levels, such as at night or on cloudy days. Premium batteries can be pricey, but they provide independent and dependable operation, which is essential in remote or off-grid locations. The system gains additional flexibility and scalability via modular components. These components include things like storage areas, waste-sorting equipment, and additional collection arms or sensors. The system's easy expansion or upgrade capabilities allow for the deployment of smaller, localized units or the establishment of bigger, more comprehensive networks of collectors in larger bodies of water. Because of its scalability and adaptability especially when the system may be progressively expanded in response to specific demands modular systems are eventually more cost-effective even though they may need a bigger initial investment.

Solar-powered water trash collectors are significantly less expensive to operate than traditional waste management systems. Because their motors, sensors, and conveyors are driven by solar energy, these systems don't require constant fuel or electricity, making them particularly helpful in remote or off-grid areas where energy access is costly or limited. Additionally, once installed, the system operates on its own, reducing the need for human labor. Furthermore, there aren't many maintenance expenses. With easily repairable or serviceable modular components, the systems are long-lasting. The main maintenance concern is the conveyor system, which may require routine cleaning. Because solar-powered water trash collectors are scalable, they can be used in a range of scenarios. From modest, localized systems used in small lakes or marinas to large-scale operations in rivers, coastal regions, or even open oceans, the modular architecture allows for flexible scalability. It is easy to adjust the system's capacity by adding or deleting components, such as additional storage bins or more efficient sensors, based on the size of the water body or the expected volume of trash. Furthermore, these systems' underlying technology is constantly developing thanks to advances in AI-based navigation, sensor accuracy, battery storage, and solar panel efficiency. Additionally, these improvements will also make the solar-powered garbage collectors more scalable, allowing them to handle more waste and adapt to various environmental conditions. Despite the relatively high initial investment, the automation of the garbage collection process leads to a significant reduction in labor expenses. After deployment, these collectors can operate on their own for extended periods of time, eliminating the need for ongoing human monitoring. When it comes to getting rid of trash in locations that are difficult to access or where employing personnel would be costly or impractical, this is very useful. Additionally, the environmental advantages of using solar-powered garbage collectors far outweigh the upfront and continuing costs. By preventing contamination, these techniques reduce the detrimental impacts of waste on aquatic life and protect biodiversity. In the end, the cost-benefit analysis of the solar-powered water garbage collectors shows that, despite the potentially high initial cost, they are a cost-effective and sustainable method of managing water pollution due to their long-term environmental benefits, reduced labor costs, and energy savings. Because these systems are scalable, they may be used in a wide range of environments, from small bodies of water to large-scale marine cleaning projects. They are also adaptable enough to meet varying pollution levels and environmental standards. As solar power, energy storage, and automation technologies continue to advance, these systems' affordability and effectiveness will only rise, paving the way for their broader use to combat water pollution globally.

III. FABRICATION

The manufacturing of solar-powered water trash collectors requires a variety of tools and equipment to guarantee the efficient design, construction, and testing of the system. SolidWorks, a CAD program, is essential for creating the collector's structure and pieces, even if 3D printers can quickly prototype smaller components like conveyor sections and motors. The structural structure is cut and shaped using workshop instruments like a table saw, drill machine, file, hammer, spray gun, hacksaw, etc. to precisely create parts from sturdy materials like PVC. After fabrication, welding and soldering tools are used to assemble the frame and electrical connections. The integration of the solar panel requires mounting brackets, wiring equipment, and battery assembly tools like soldering.

- Design Planning: Start by creating the solar-powered water trash collector, taking into account elements like the material, intended use, available space, and environmental circumstances. Choose the system's dimensions and form. At this stage, the design for a portable solar-powered water trash collector is drawn. The system is designed using SolidWorks software. and SolidWorks software is used to manufacture the solar-powered water rubbish collector’s body.

Base fabrication

- Material Selection: Choose appropriate materials to build solar-powered water waste collectors. An appropriate 4-inch PVC material is used to maximize the system's floating.

- Floating Base Construction: PVC and wood pieces were used to support the components of the solar-powered water waste base. Wheels and other rotating components were used to guarantee the system's stability. Testing: To make sure the floating foundation wouldn't sink, it was tested once it was constructed. The foundation for floating was established by accurately calculating the body's weight.

final fabrication

COMPONENTS

Solar panel

A 9V solar panel might be able to power small-scale solar-powered water garbage collectors, especially in low- power applications. In such systems, the solar panel typically charges a rechargeable battery, such as a lithium-ion battery, which stores energy for usage when sunshine isn't present. Under ideal conditions, low-energy gadgets like as lights, navigation sensors, and small motors for a conveyor system might be powered by the solar panel's about 300mA power output. Larger systems with more demanding tasks, however, would require additional panels or higher-capacity solar modules. To efficiently regulate the energy flow and prevent overcharging or excessive battery discharge, a charge controller is required. In order to modify the voltage to satisfy the operational needs of the motor or other components, a DC-DC converter or voltage regulator could also be needed. A 9V panel may not be sufficient for larger-scale operations or locations with variable sunlight, but it is suitable for low-power, small-scale systems in locations like marinas or small ponds. In these cases, many panels or larger solar modules would be needed to ensure reliable trash collection and continuous functioning.

BMS MODULE

The 3S 20A Battery Management System (BMS) module is designed to protect and manage 3-series (3S) lithium-ion battery packs, such as 18650 and polymer lithium batteries, with a total operating voltage range of 11.1V to 12.6V. This module ensures efficient performance by offering multiple safety features, including overcharge, over-discharge, short- circuit, and overcurrent protection. With a continuous discharge current of 20A, it is suitable for power tools, DIY battery packs, e-bikes, and other lithium-powered applications. Additionally, the BMS incorporates an auto-recovery function, allowing seamless operation without manual intervention. Its compact design and reliable circuitry make it an ideal choice for extending battery life and maintaining stable performance in demanding applications.

DC Motor

A DC motor, which drives essential parts like the propulsion system or waste collection conveyor belt, is a crucial component of a solar-powered water garbage collector. These motors are ideal for such systems because to their efficiency, dependability, and simple control requirements. Typically, a 6V to 12V DC motor may power a conveyor belt, providing the torque needed for efficient garbage transportation. In a solar-powered setup, a battery charged by a solar panel during the day drives the DC motor to keep the system operating even in low light. The energy flow between the battery and the solar panel is controlled by a charge controller, which guards against excessive discharge or overcharging. To guarantee that the motor runs as efficiently and quickly as possible. The power output may be stabilized by a voltage regulator DC-DC converter to guarantee the motor runs at its best speed and efficiency. The trash collector can operate independently thanks to its solar energy, dependable DC motors, and good power management, which makes it a practical alternative for cleaning up water bodies. A charge controller regulates the energy flow between the battery and the solar panel, preventing overcharging or excessive discharge. to ensure the motor operates as fast and effectively as feasible. To ensure the motor operates at its peak speed and efficiency, a voltage regulator DC-DC converter may stabilize the power output. The trash collector is a viable substitute for cleaning up water bodies because of its solar energy, reliable DC motors, and effective power management, which enable it to run independently.

Battery

A 12V battery is an essential component of a solar-powered water waste collector since it serves as the primary energy storage device that powers the system's many components, such as the DC motors, sensors, and control systems. Because the battery retains the energy generated by the solar panel throughout the day, the collector may continue to operate even when the sun isn't shining, such as at night or on cloudy days. A 12V battery is often used to power the motors that drive conveyor belts and propulsion systems because it offers a great balance between size and energy storage capacity. It also provides sufficient power to operate sensors and the Arduino Uno or other microcontroller that manages the system's automation. By preventing excessive discharge or overcharging, the charge controller ensures that the solar panel charges the battery safely, extending its lifespan and guaranteeing consistent performance. When properly maintained, the water trash collector may operate on a 12V battery, making it a reliable and effective method of collecting waste in aquatic environments.

Wireless control Module

A wireless control module is a crucial component of a solar-powered water trash collector since it allows for remote system monitoring and operation. The wireless module enables users to remotely operate and monitor the collector's performance, for instance, from a computer or smartphone, by utilizing connectivity technologies like Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, or LoRa. This module's capacity to transmit data on important parameters, such as battery health and garbage collecting progress, allows operators to make adjustments in real time and ensure efficient operation. For example, if the garbage collector approaches a full waste compartment or encounters an obstruction, the wireless control module can sound an alarm or even change the system's operation. Real-time collector monitoring is ensured and convenience is increased by remotely initiating, halting, or altering the system's activities. Wireless control increases the adaptability of the solar- powered water garbage collector, removing the need for human presence and increasing the effectiveness of waste management tasks.

PVC

Designing a solar-powered water waste collector with 4-inch PVC pipes has several advantages, particularly when it comes to creating lightweight, durable, and cost-effective components. In a water-based environment where exposure to chemicals, moisture, and saltwater is common, PVC's (polyvinyl chloride) well-known corrosion resistance is essential. The 4-inch PVC pipes can be used to build the waste collection containers, guiding rails, and trash collector's frame. Their size and strength make them ideal for supporting the weight of the waste and the system's components, and they are also easy to cut, shape, and assemble. PVC's low weight ensures the collector's buoyancy in the water, which is essential for maintaining stability and mobility. Additionally, the smooth surface of PVC guarantees efficient garbage handling by reducing friction in moving components such as the conveyor belt or collection system. All things considered, the water waste collector's lifetime and performance are enhanced by the use of 4-inch PVC, which also keeps the design affordable and user-friendly.

SCHEMATIC DAIGRAM

An Arduino microcontroller controls the solar-powered water transfer system seen in this circuit schematic, which is designed to operate efficiently with minimal human intervention. The Arduino board acts as the system's core control unit and is responsible for overseeing all other parts. It accepts inputs and sends commands to control the water transfer process in line with preprogrammed instructions.

Two DC motors are coupled to an L298N motor driver module as part of the system to regulate water movement. These engines most likely stand in for water pumps or other systems that move or circulate water. The Arduino can precisely control the water transfer by using the motor driver to regulate the motors' speed and direction. The system can handle fluctuating water flow by reversing direction and modifying motor speed.

The setup also includes a relay module, which acts as a switch to control higher-power components that the Arduino is unable to control directly. This relay is connected to a separate DC motor, which could be a larger pump or a valve that regulates the water flow. The relay allows the Arduino to turn the motor on and off in response to certain conditions, like water levels or remote orders, giving the system much more flexibility and control over water flow. The Bluetooth module's wireless connection features allow users to remotely monitor and control the system using a smartphone or other Bluetooth-enabled device. It is practical and adaptable since users can regulate motor operations, start or stop the water transfer process, or monitor the condition of the water transfer system by sending commands to the Arduino over Bluetooth.

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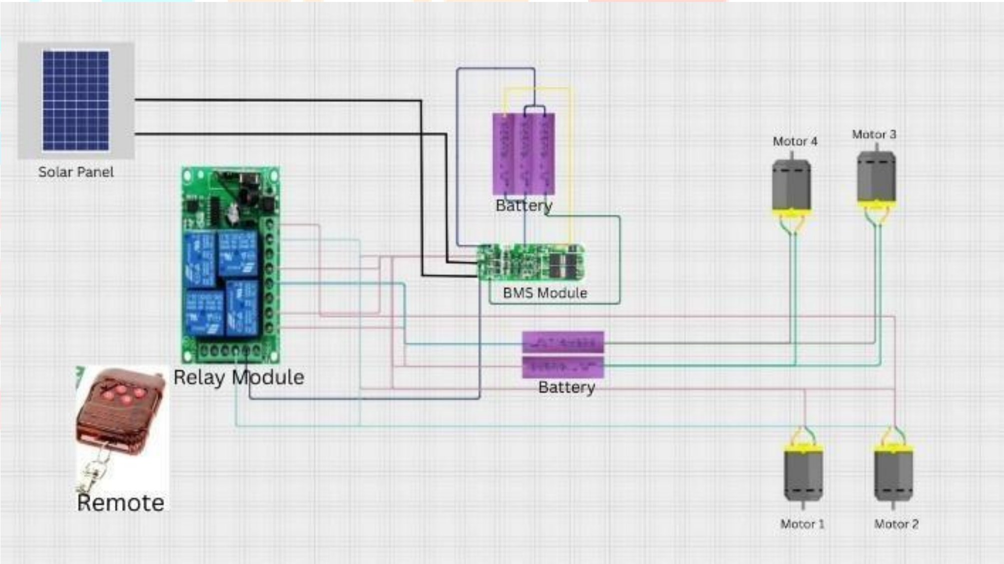
The system is powered by a battery pack, which supplies the energy required to operate the relay module and motors—components that require more power than the Arduino alone can provide. In a solar-based system, these batteries would typically be charged by a solar panel, albeit this is not shown in this illustration. Solar power enables the system to operate sustainably and with minimal reliance on external power sources, making it suitable for off- grid or rural locations.

All things considered, this circuit is a smart, practical, and remotely controllable way to gather and transmit water using solar power. With the added benefit of solar energy as a sustainable power source, the Arduino microcontroller, motor driver, relay module, and Bluetooth connectivity enable precise control over water movement. This type of system may be useful for applications like irrigation, water distribution, or environmental water collection, particularly in locations with limited access to electricity.



METHODOLOGY EXISTING METHODOLOGY

Waterborne waste management systems, another name for the existing methods of collecting water rubbish, are intended to address the growing issue of water pollution in bodies of water caused by floating debris, plastics, and other waste products. These devices are designed to collect and remove trash from water surfaces because garbage collection is most evident in rivers, lakes, and coastal areas.

1. collection by hand

Traditionally, floating debris has been physically removed from the water using nets, boats, or skimmers as part of manual collection methods. This method is simple, but it takes a long time and cannot be scaled for large amounts of water. It is typically used for small-scale or local cleanup initiatives.

2. mechanical collectors

Mechanical Trash Skimmers (Collectors)Trash skimmers, also referred to as mechanical water garbage collectors, are specialized boats. Or floating devices that employ conveyor belts or nets to collect debris from the water's surface. These devices are commonly used in larger bodies of water and can collect a variety of items such as bottles, rubbish, and detritus. Revolving paddles or blades on certain skimmers help guide trash into containers or collection bins. To reduce the amount of labor required, they are usually mechanized or semi-automatic. However, the usage of motorized skimmers may be restricted by some environmental conditions, such as deep oceans or strong currents.

3. Trash collectors provided by solar energy

In recent years, solar-powered trash collectors have emerged as a more environmentally responsible choice. By powering the collection mechanism using solar panels, these systems do away with the requirement for fossil fuel-based power sources. For instance, the Waste Shark is a popular solar-powered garbage collector that can collect trash off water surfaces by itself. As long as solar power is available, it may operate continuously. It moves across lakes, rivers, and harbors, collecting trash with a scoop mechanism or conveyor belt. This type of technology is ecologically friendly and can function in remote locations without the need for external power sources.

4. Robotic systems for autonomous trash collectors

Modern autonomous trash collectors use sensors, GPS, and machine learning algorithms to detect, locate, and collect floating rubbish. Large water areas can be covered by these devices in large-scale operations, and they can operate independently without the need for human intervention. Floating debris is tracked by autonomous water waste collectors, such as those that employ artificial intelligence (AI)-powered detection systems that can recognize and distinguish between different materials, expedite the collection process, and even send real-time water quality data.

5. Booms and Barriers for waste filtering

Another modern method is the placement of barriers or booms across bodies of water. These barriers capture floating waste and transport it to stations or collecting points. For example, sea bins are floating trash cans designed to be placed in harbors or marinas to catch trash before it overflows into larger bodies of water. The bins are usually connected to a pump system that can filter out oil or microplastics in addition to collecting waste into an enclosed container. Following collection, the trash is either transported automatically or removed on a regular basis by local staff.

6. Using hydraulic systems, certain advanced gadgets collect and transfer floating trash. These machines employ water pressure and hydraulic force to move garbage into a collection container. They can be especially helpful for large-scale, continuous operations in places like canals, rivers, or waste treatment facilities. These systems typically require a lot of infrastructure and maintenance because they operate in complex aquatic environments.

7. Floating trash can sand waste traps

In smaller, controlled spaces, such as lakes, ponds, or particular river segments, debris can be gathered utilizing floating trash cans or traps. These devices typically consist of a floating platform with a built-in trash container. Some are actively operated by hand or by mechanical means, while others are passive, using water currents to guide waste to be collected locally.

Challenges and opportunities

The current water garbage collection methods have several promising features, but they also have a number of drawbacks, including the need for constant maintenance, their inability to gather submerged debris or microplastics, and their detrimental environmental effects. Future methods will likely focus on increasing automation, improving energy efficiency (e.g., using renewable energy like solar power), and expanding the capacity for real-time data collection in order to monitor and control waste management systems in water bodies. Additionally, the detection and collection of floating debris may be improved by advanced technology such as drones or AI-based monitoring systems, which would increase the effectiveness and scalability of these systems.

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

A solar-based water garbage collector is an eco-friendly method of removing trash and floating debris from bodies of water by using solar power as its primary energy source. These systems are increasingly being used in rivers, lakes, ports, and coastal areas to address the increasing issue of water pollution caused by plastic and other waste. Solar-powered garbage collectors combine solar energy, mechanical collecting devices, and intelligent automation.

Below is a summary of the typical methodology for these systems:

1. Solar panels for power generation

The solar-powered water trash collecting system is powered by photovoltaic (PV) solar panels. These panels absorb sunlight and convert it into electrical energy. Direct energy storage or batteries

2. Automated navigation and operation

Most solar-powered water trash collectors are designed to function independently, needing little human intervention. These devices often include built-in navigation systems that allow them to move across the water's surface to collect trash from various locations.

GPS and Sensors: Equipped with GPS systems for navigation and location monitoring, solar-powered garbage collectors are able to travel across large bodies of water. They may also use sensors (such ultrasonic or infrared) to detect debris or other objects floating on the water's surface.

3. Mechanism for trash collection

Once it detects floating debris, the solar-powered garbage collector collects the waste using a mechanical collection system. This can be accomplished in a number of ways, depending on how the system is built. Scoop System or Conveyor Belt: Many solar-powered garbage collectors collect trash using a scoop or conveyor belt. As the collector moves through the water, the scoop, which is typically positioned just below the water's surface, collects debris. The conveyor belt then transports the trash to a storage location. spinning Brushes or Skimmer: Some systems use spinning brushes or skimmers to push garbage into a collection area. The revolving gear collects waste from the water's surface and directs it towards a central collection point.

4. Monitoring and Reporting Data in real time

Many solar-powered systems have data monitoring features to maximize trash collection and increase operational efficiency. Real-time data about the quantity of waste collected, system performance, and the condition of the solar panels or batteries can be gathered and transmitted by these systems.

Some sophisticated systems are able to send data to a central cloud platform by integrating with Internet of Things (IoT) technology. This allows for remote system performance monitoring and analysis and can include information about location, trash volume, and battery charge.

Data analytics: By identifying trends in garbage accumulation in various areas of the water body, the gathered data can be used to improve trash collection routes and operational schedules.

Solar-powered water trash collectors are one potential environmentally beneficial and sustainable solution to water pollution. By using solar energy, these systems reduce the demand for conventional fuel sources and offer efficient, low-maintenance operations. The clever technological integration and autonomous capabilities of solar- powered garbage collectors make them the future of aquatic waste management.

CALCULATION

WEIGHT OF THE SYSTEM

Solar panel =0.300kg
Battery =0.200kg Relay Module =0.050kg Waste tank =1kg PVC
frame =2kg
Conveyor =0.500kg
DC motor =0.250kg
Wiring =0.05kg

Total mass =0.300+0.200+0.050+1+2+.500+.250+0.05

=4.5kg

Weight of the system, W= mg

W=4.5 x 9.81

=44.14N

CALCULATION OF BUOYANCY

Buoyant force, F= Density of water x Gravity x Volume of water displaced

= 1000 x 9.81 x 0.039

= 382.5 N

COMPARISON WITH SYSTEM WEIGHT

Since Buoyant force (382.5 N) > Weight of the system (44.14N), the system will float.

CALCULATION OF CENTRE OF BUOYANCY (B)

Length (L) = 0.75m
Width (B) Height (H) =0.52m
=0.55m
Weight (W) = 4.5 kg
Immersed depth = 0.1m
Centre of gravity (G) =0.25m

Centre of Buoyancy, B= Immersed depth /2

=10/2

= 0.05m

CALCULATION OF METACENTRIC RADIUS (BM)

Moment of inertia, I= B x L^3 /12

= 0.52 x (0.75)^3 /12

=0.0183 m^4

Metacentric Radius, BM =I/V

=0.0183/0.039

=0.469 m

DISTANCE FROM CENTRE OF BUOYANCY & CENTRE OF GRAVITY (BG)

Centre of gravity, G=H/2

=55/2

=0.275m

BG= G – B

=0.275 - 0.05

=0.225m (22.5cm)

CALCULATION OF METACENTRIC HEIGHT (GM)

GM = BM – BG

=0.469 – 0.225

=0.244m (24.4 cm)

Since GM > 0, system will stable

RESULT AND DISCUSSION TESTING OF HARDWARE

Testing of the solar-powered garbage collector yielded positive results, proving the system's durability and efficiency. The solar panel's ability to generate enough voltage and current to run the entire system continuously and uninterruptedly allowed it to effectively charge the battery. Each DC motor operated smoothly and reacted accurately to changes in speed and direction as instructed by the motor driver module. The motor driver effectively received signals from the Arduino, allowing for precise control over motor activities, while the relay module reliably and flawlessly turned on connected high-power devices. Specific software functions, such as motor operation, relay activation, and Bluetooth connectivity, were tested and found to function as intended. Testing demonstrated that the system could handle several commands without experiencing conflicts, and end-to-end testing in a controlled environment confirmed that the hardware and software components interacted smoothly. All things considered, the system demonstrated that it could efficiently collect and transport waste using solar energy, paving the way for further development and deployment.

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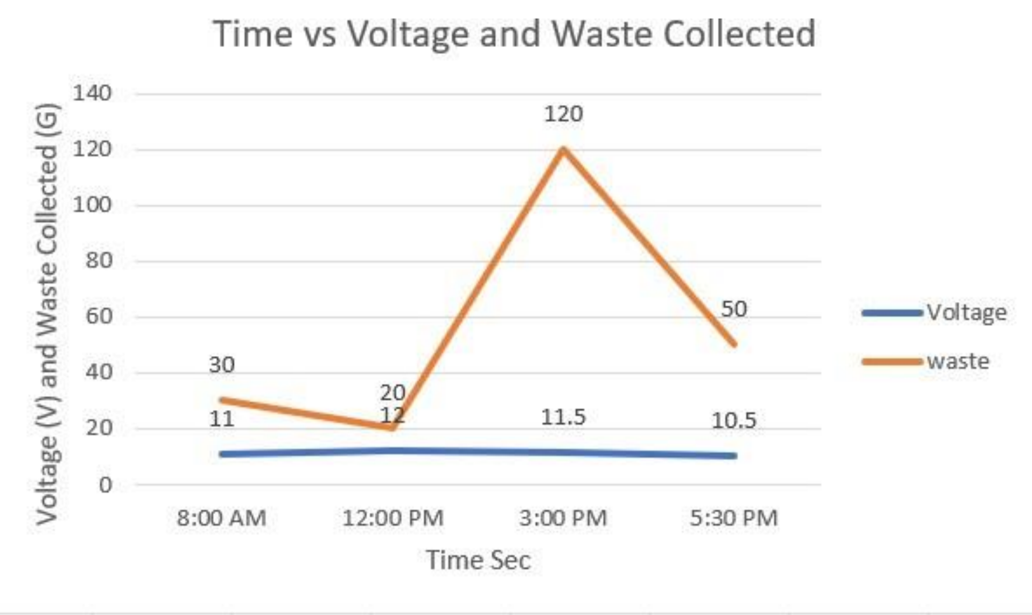
Performance Parameter

Time	Voltage (V)	Current (A)	Power (W)	Motor load (A)	Conveyor speed (rpm)	Battery Voltage (V)
8:00 am	11 V	0.4 A	4.4 W	0.2A	20 rpm	12.2 V
12:00 pm	12V	0.8A	10W	0.4A	50rpm	13 V
3:00 pm	11.5V	0.6A	6.91W	0.3A	35 rpm	12.5V
5:30pm	10.5V	0.3A	3.1W	0.1A	15 rpm	12 V

GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION



The graph represents the relationship between time, voltage, and waste collected. The voltage remains relatively stable, fluctuating slightly between 10.5V and 11.5V throughout the day. However, the amount of waste collected varies significantly. It starts at 30g in the morning, drops to 20g at noon, then sharply rises to 120g at 3:00 PM before decreasing to 50g by 5:30 PM. This indicates that waste collection is not directly dependent on voltage but is influenced by other factors, such as environmental conditions or operational efficiency

CONCLUSION

The solar-powered trash collecting project aimed to develop an efficient and environmentally beneficial method of waste management in aquatic environments. The primary objectives were to use solar energy to power the system, provide reliable operation through robust hardware and software integration, and enable remote monitoring and control via Bluetooth technology.

These objectives were achieved by a systematic process that involved hardware and software testing. The efficiency of the solar panel in charging the battery, the operation of DC motors and motor drivers, and the relay module's compatibility with high-power devices were all assessed during the hardware testing. The primary objectives of software testing were to validate the Arduino code, confirm that each component was functioning as intended, and conduct integration tests to ensure that physical components were communicating with one other.

The results of the testing demonstrated that the system accomplished its objectives. The solar panel consistently charged the battery, providing sufficient energy for continued use. The DC motors responded accurately to control commands, and the relay module performed as intended. Furthermore, the application was validated, and Bluetooth connectivity enabled responsive remote control. End-to-end testing and integration confirmed that the hardware and software worked together to provide the desired functionality of collecting and transporting trash from water bodies.

Its creation is motivated by the potential for a solar-powered trash collector to mitigate the escalating issue of water pollution caused by waste accumulation. By using renewable energy, the system lessens its environmental impact and promotes environmentally friendly waste management practices. The successful implementation of this study shows that combining state-of-the-art technology with ecological responsibility is feasible, opening the door for further advancements and broader applications in environmental conservation efforts.

FUTURE SCOPE

The future of a solar-powered water trash collector is bright, with plenty of space for expansion and application in different contexts. Some potential avenues for additional expansion include the following:

1. Better Technology Combining AI and machine learning

• Make use of state-of-the-art algorithms to enhance navigation, steer clear of obstructions, and collect waste more efficiently. AI can also be used to identify and categorise various types of trash.

• IoT Connectivity: Use Internet of Things (IoT) technology to share and monitor data in real time, allowing for remote operation and data analysis.

2. Customisation and Flexibility

• Modular Design: Construct modular components that may be modified to satisfy the particular needs of different bodies of water, taking into account environmental conditions, debris types, and dimensions.

• Fleet Operations: Put in place systems that allow multiple units to be deployed at once, allowing for more thorough cleaning of larger areas.

3. More Diverse Applications

• Urban Waterways: Adapt the technology for usage in urban settings, where pollution from stormwater runoff and littering are prevalent.

• Along the coast and Marine Environments: Expand the application to oceans and coastal locations to address more widespread issues with marine garbage.

4. Collaboration and Partnerships

• Public-Private Partnerships: Collaborate with governments, non-governmental organisations, and private companies to fund and execute projects in various fields.

• Community Involvement: By involving locals in the maintenance and operation of the collectors, you can foster a sense of accountability and ownership for the surrounding water bodies.

5. Research and Development

• Environmental Impact Studies: Examine the extent to which the collectors improve water quality and biodiversity in affected areas.

• Material Innovation: Look into employing sustainable materials in the collectors' construction to make them more ecologically friendly.

6. Policy and Regulation

- Policy Influence: Make use of the data collected by garbage collectors to inform municipal and federal waste management and water quality laws.
- Regulatory Compliance: Verify that the technology conforms with environmental regulations and policies that support its adoption in various countries.

7. Global Progress

- International Projects: While adapting the technology to local needs, expand the usage of solar-powered water trash collectors in developing countries with significant water pollution issues.
- Disaster Response: Utilise technology to help remove debris and pollution in areas hit by natural catastrophes.

8. Prospects for Development

- Global Market Potential: As more countries place a higher priority on sustainability, there will likely be a growing demand for waste management systems that run on solar power, which will open up new markets overseas.
- Adaptation in Diverse Environments: When more traditional methods are not feasible, these systems can be adjusted to function in remote or off-grid areas, providing waste management alternatives.

9. Community involvement

- Public awareness: Solar garbage collectors can be utilised as educational tools to raise awareness of waste management and sustainability in the community.

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