# Generate Power Using Micro-Turbine

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***Abstract-*** *Hydropower generation stands as a cornerstone in renewable energy, harnessing the kinetic energy of flowing water to produce electricity. This paper presents an overview of hydropower generation, discussing its fundamental principles, types of hydropower plants, and environmental implications. The core components of hydropower plants, including dams, reservoirs, turbines, and generators, are examined in detail, elucidating their roles in the generation process. Various types of hydropower plants, such as impoundment, run-of-river, and pumped storage, are delineated, each offering distinct advantages and considerations. Furthermore, the environmental impact of hydropower, encompassing habitat alteration, ecosystem disruption, and socio-economic implications, is discussed. Despite its renewable nature and low-carbon emissions, the construction and operation of hydropower projects can pose challenges to local ecosystems and communities. Strategies for mitigating these impacts and promoting sustainable hydropower development are explored. Through advancements in technology and environmental management, hydropower continues to play a pivotal role in meeting global energy demands while striving for ecological sustainability.*

***Keywords***- cornerstone, renewable, harness, impoundment, delineated, encompass, habitat, mitigate etc.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Presented here is the Hydropower Generation circuit that generates power from a water pipe in a building using a micro turbine. The generated electricity can be used to charge batteries, which can be used for emergency lighting or other such purposes. Overhead water tanks are placed on the terrace of the house and filled from the underground sump or bore well using an electric pump for domestic use. Water has high kinetic energy when it flows from a high to low level. Electricity can be generated using this kinetic energy with the help of a suitable micro turbine. Based on the amount of water flow in the pipe, the power generated using the turbine can be varied.

**Circuit and working:-**The circuit diagram for hydropower generation from a water pipe is shown in Fig.The circuit isbuilt around DC-to-DC step-down switching regulator IC LM2596. The three-phase outputs (RYB) of MHT are connected to CON1. The image of MHT used in this project is shown in Fig. 2.Bridge rectifiers (comprising diodes D1 through D6) convert AC output from MHT to DC voltage. IC1, L1 and D7 perform the step-down operation that converts high voltage to 5V DC. Capacitor C1 smoothens the rectified DC voltage, and C2 acts as a buffer for the output. 5V DC available at connector CON2 can be used to charge the single 18650 lithium-ion cells using the TP4056 module shown in Fig. 3. An emergency light or some other gadgets can be powered by a single lithium-ion cell.LM2596 series of regulators are monolithic ICs that provide all active functions for a step-down (buck) switching regulator, which is capable of driving a 3A load with excellent line and load regulation. These devices are available in fixed output voltages of 3.3V, 5V, 12V and an adjustable output version. For example, LM2596-5.0 gives 5V fixed output.LM2596 series offers a high-efficiency replacement for the popular three-terminal linear regulators. It substantially reduces the size of the heat-sink, and in some cases, no heat-sink is required. Requiring a minimum number of external components, this regulator is simple to use and includes fault protection and a fixed-frequency oscillator. LM2596 is the upgraded version of IC:LM2576, which has 52 kHz switching frequency. LM2596 has a 150 kHz switching frequency that offers usage of low-value capacitors and filter

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A generic MHT generator is used in this project. It has a maximum output voltage of about 20V, three-phase AC, maximum output current of about 150mA with a flow rate of about 2.5 to 25 liters per minute

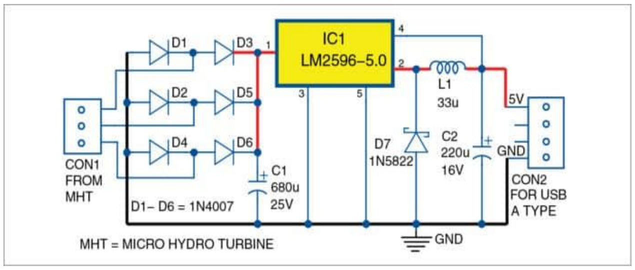
**Construction and testing**

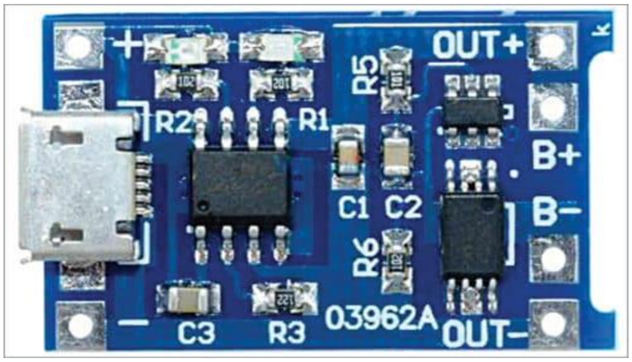
PCB layout for hydropower generation from a water pipe is shown in Fig. 4 and its components layout in Fig. 5. Assemble the circuit on the designed PCB. Connect MHT RYB outputs across CON1 using external wires. The power supply for the circuit is provided by MHT. After assembling the circuit on the PCB, fix MHT with a suitably sized water pipe size of the water pipe depends on the coupling heads of MHT. When water starts flowing through the pipe continuously, you should be able to get 5V DC across CON2.

A micro turbine generator is a small-scale power generation system that typically consists of a turbine coupled with an electrical generator. These systems are often used for distributed power generation in remote locations, as well as in combined heat and power (CHP) applications. Here are some key points about micro turbine generators:

1. **Turbine Technology**: Micro turbines typically use gas turbines, which operate on the principle of converting the energy of a flowing gas (such as natural gas, biogas, or propane) into mechanical energy through the rotation of turbine blades.
2. **Generator**: The mechanical energy produced by the turbine is converted into electrical energy by a generator. This electrical energy can be used to power electrical loads directly or can be fed into the electrical grid.
3. **Size and Capacity**: Micro turbines are characterized by their small size and relatively low power output compared to larger industrial turbines. They typically have power ratings ranging from a few kilowatts to a few hundred kilowatts.
4. **Applications**: Micro turbines are used in various applications, including:
   - Remote power generation: Providing electricity in off-grid locations where access to the electrical grid is limited or unavailable.
   - Combined heat and power (CHP) systems: Using the waste heat produced by the turbine for heating or other industrial processes, increasing overall energy efficiency.
   - Backup power: Providing emergency backup power for critical facilities such as hospitals, data centers, and telecommunications infrastructure.
5. **Efficiency**: Micro turbines can achieve high overall efficiency, especially when used in CHP applications where waste heat is utilized. The efficiency of micro turbines can vary depending on factors such as the type of fuel used, operating conditions, and maintenance practices.
6. **Environmental Impact**: Micro turbines can offer environmental benefits, especially when fueled by cleaner sources such as natural gas or biogas. They typically produce lower emissions compared to traditional fossil fuel-based power generation technologies.
7. **Cost Considerations**: While micro turbines can provide benefits in terms of energy efficiency and reliability, they can also have higher initial capital costs compared to other distributed generation technologies such as reciprocating engines or fuel cells. However, operational and maintenance costs can vary, and factors such as fuel prices and government incentives can influence the overall cost-effectiveness of micro turbine installations.

Overall, micro turbine generators offer a flexible and efficient option for small-scale power generation in a variety of applications, particularly where space and fuel availability are limited.



**PARTS LIST**

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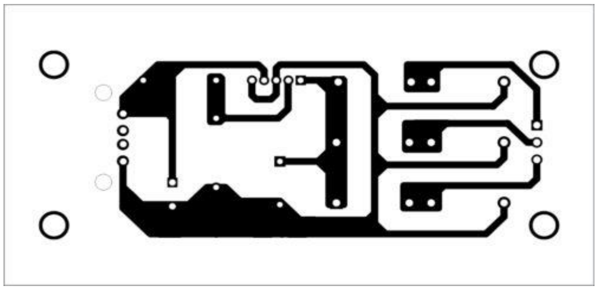
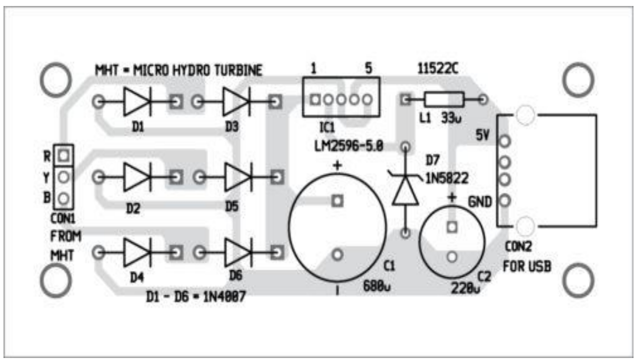
| *Semiconductors:* | |
| IC1 | - LM2596-5.0 DC-to-DC converter |
| D1-D6 | - 1N4007 rectifier diode |
| D7 | - 1N5822 Schottky diode |
| *Capacitors:* | |
| C1 | - 680µF, 35V electrolytic |
| C2 | - 220µF, 16V electrolytic |
| *Miscellaneous:* | |
| CON1 | - 3-pin connector |
| CON2 | - USB-A type |
| | - Micro hydro-turbine (3-phase, 20V AC) |
| | - Heat-sink for LM2596 |





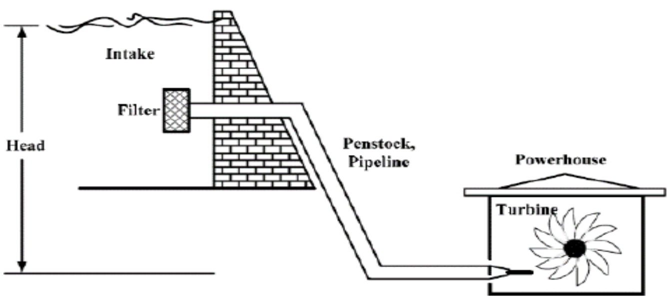




**Figure showing basic structure of hydropower generation plant.**

Hydropower generation, also known as hydroelectric power generation, is the process of generating electricity from the energy of flowing or falling water. It's one of the oldest and most widely used renewable energy sources globally. Here's an overview of how hydropower generation works and its key aspects:

1. **Hydropower Plants**: Hydropower plants are facilities that harness the energy of flowing water to generate electricity. These plants typically consist of dams, reservoirs, turbines, generators, and other associated infrastructure.
2. **Dams and Reservoirs**: Dams are built across rivers or streams to create reservoirs or impoundments. The stored water in the reservoirs can be released as needed to control the flow of water through the turbines. Dams play a crucial role in regulating water flow and ensuring consistent power generation.
3. **Turbines and Generators**: Water from the reservoir is released through penstocks (large pipes) to drive turbines. The force of the flowing water causes the turbine blades to rotate. The rotating turbine is connected to a generator, which converts mechanical energy into electrical energy through electromagnetic induction.
4. **Types of Hydropower Plants**:
    - **Impoundment Hydropower**: This is the most common type, where water is stored in a reservoir behind a dam and released as needed to generate electricity.
    - **Run-of-River Hydropower**: These plants do not require large reservoirs and rely on the natural flow of rivers or streams to generate electricity. They have less environmental impact but may be subject to seasonal variations in water flow.
    - **Pumped Storage Hydropower**: This type involves pumping water from a lower reservoir to an upper reservoir during periods of low electricity demand. When demand is high, water is released from the upper reservoir to generate electricity through turbines.
5. **Environmental Impact**: While hydropower is a renewable and low-carbon energy source, the construction and operation of dams can have significant environmental impacts. These include habitat alteration, disruption of aquatic ecosystems, and impacts on fish migration. However, modern hydropower projects often incorporate measures to mitigate these impacts and ensure sustainable development.

**Benefits of Hydropower**:

- Renewable Energy: Hydropower relies on the natural water cycle and is continuously replenished by rainfall and snowmelt.

- Low Emissions: Hydropower plants produce minimal greenhouse gas emissions compared to fossil fuel-based power generation.
- Reliable and Flexible: Hydropower can provide baseload power as well as quickly adjust output to meet changes in electricity demand, making it a valuable asset for grid stability.

**Challenges**:

- Environmental Concerns: The construction of dams and reservoirs can have significant environmental and social impacts, including habitat destruction and displacement of communities.
- Limited Site Availability: Suitable sites for large-scale hydropower development may be limited, and the potential for expansion in some regions may be constrained by environmental and social considerations.

Despite these challenges, hydropower remains a key contributor to global electricity generation, providing a reliable and renewable source of energy in many parts of the world. Ongoing advancements in technology and environmental management aim to further enhance the sustainability and efficiency of hydropower generation.

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**Conclusion:-**In conclusion, the development and implementation of the hydroelectric generator have proven to be a significant stride towards sustainable and renewable energy solutions. Through harnessing the power of flowing water, we have successfully generated clean electricity with minimal environmental impact.The performance evaluation of the hydroelectric generator demonstrates its efficiency in converting hydraulic energy into electrical power. The consistent and reliable output showcases the feasibility of this system as a viable alternative for decentralized energy generation.Moreover, the environmental benefits associated with hydroelectric power, such as the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and minimal disruption to ecosystems, underscore the importance of such renewable energy sources in addressing the global energy challenge.As we move forward, further research and innovation in hydroelectric technology could lead to even more efficient and cost-effective systems. Additionally, community engagement and collaboration will be crucial in promoting the widespread adoption of hydroelectric generators, contributing to a more sustainable and resilient energy landscape.

This project serves as a testament to the potential of harnessing the power of water to meet our energy needs while minimizing the impact on the environment. The journey from concept to implementation has not only resulted in a functional hydroelectric generator but has also provided valuable insights into the possibilities and challenges associated with renewable energy projects.

In conclusion, the hydroelectric generator stands as a beacon of sustainable energy, signaling a promising path towards a cleaner and more resilient future.

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