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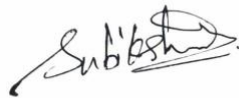
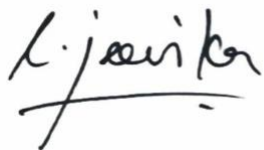
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1.INTRODUCTION

- ▶ **A battery is an electrical device which is used to alter the chemical energy to electrical energy.**
- ▶ **Batteries are classified into different types based on the application, and these are used in several electrical as well as electronic devices.**
- ▶ **An electrical battery includes certain chemicals like compounds of mercury, lead etc and the lead of a battery is extremely dangerous in nature and are not environment-friendly.**
- ▶ **A Bio battery is an electrical energy storage device which is used in several applications.**
- ▶ **This battery can be powered with the help of organic compound**

2.ABSTRACT

- ▶ Earth battery involves the use of soil as the medium for generating electrical energy.
- ▶ Soil naturally contains energy in the form of telluric current that is capable of generating a DC supply electricity.
- ▶ Different types of soil contain different electrical resistivity and conductivity values.
- ▶ The selection of the clay soil is due to its low resistivity and high moisture content.
- ▶ Electrodes made of two dissimilar materials, copper plates and screw, were used to conduct electricity.
- ▶ Operation of earth battery as a free electricity source was demonstrated successful.



Earth battery

3.OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ **To generate power that is environment friendly**
- ▶ **To produce cost-effective energy source**
- ▶ **To develop DC voltage of 37V from Earth Battery**
- ▶ **To produce energy source device by organic compound (wet mud)**

4.WORKING OF EARTH BIO-BATTERY:

- ▶ **Earth battery use wet soil or bacteria rich compost as electrolyte solution instead of acids.**
- ▶ **Organic matter releases electrons as it decomposes, which can be captured by the electrodes.**
- ▶ **Earth battery is based on electron affinity (the amount of energy liberated when an electron is added to a neutral atom to form a negatively charged ion)**
- ▶ **Low to high (DC) can drive small-scale electronic devices such as LED**

5.WHAT'S NEEDED?

5.1 MATERIALS USED:

Materials used for this earth battery project includes mud (wet or dry clay), copper plate, screw, plastic cup, switch, grow light, plants, cardboard box.

s.no	ITEM	QUANTITY
1	Copper wire 24m (size 5cm to 2m)	4
2	Copper plate 2kg	2
3	Screw	90
4	Plastic container	83
5	switch	1

5.2 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED FOR CONSTRUCTION:

1. Snips cutter
2. Masking tape
3. Measuring tape
4. Hammer
5. Nail puller
6. Nose pliers
7. Cordless drill
8. Voltage tester(multimeter)

6.PROCEDURE:

- ▶ Firstly, snips cut the copper plate up to 5cm and copper wire cut up to 4cm.
- ▶ Then take a plastic cup and fill with soil (wet or dry clay).
- ▶ Screw(negative) and copper plate(positive) are connected alternatively by negative and positive terminals of wire.
- ▶ Total 83 plastic cup were introduced and 83 other pairs of electrodes were inserted into cup to give total of 8 cells.
- ▶ To demonstrate series connection of voltage, 37 DC earth battery cells were prepared in separate plastic cup and moistened by water.
- ▶ The voltage of each cell was measured independently with multimeter and the reading were recorded at intervals of 1 hour.
- ▶ Tabular column attached below with readings



7.RESULT:

- ▶ There were about 8 different tests Undertaken to determine the voltage of individual cells and overall series voltage.
- ▶ It is taken in between hours to a whole day (24 hours).
- ▶ Voltage of individual cells in different hours are listed below.

7.1 VOLTAGE OF INDIVIDUAL CELLS

Cell	Voltage (v)
1	5.12V
2	5.65V
3	4.51V
4	5.56V
5	2.50V
6	3.8V
7	5.31V
8	3.21V
Total voltage for series connection	35.66V

7.2 VOLTAGE OF INDIVIDUAL CELLS AFTER 1 HOUR:

CELL	VOLTAGE(V)
1	5.21
2	5.65
3	4.40
4	5.50
5	2.51
6	3.5
7	5.81
8	3.21
TOTAL VOLTAGE FOR SERIES CONNECTION	35.7

7.3 VOLTAGE OF INDIVIDUAL CELLS AFTER 2 HOURS

Cell	Voltage(V)
1	5.2V
2	5.40V
3	4.51V
4	5.50V
5	2.50V
6	3.4V
7	5.31V
8	3.21V
Total voltage for series connection	35.03V

7.4 VOLTAGE OF INDIVIDUAL CELLS AFTER 24 HOURS

Cell	Voltage(V)
1	5.31V
2	5.8V
3	4.51V
4	5.35V
5	3.6V
6	3.8V
7	5.32V
8	3.30V
Total voltage for series connection	36.99V

7.5 DISCUSSION:

- ▶ The overall series voltage increased eventually 35.66V to 36.99V.
- ▶ This result is approximately equal to the overall Ideal series voltage which is obtained by the summation of the Individual cell voltage.

8.PROTOTYPE:

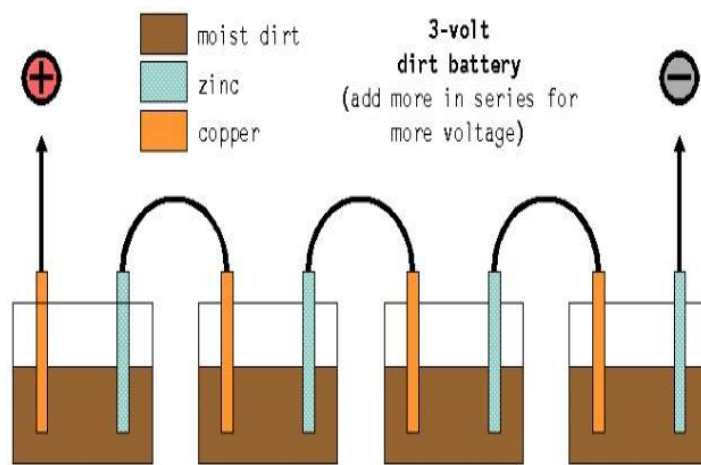
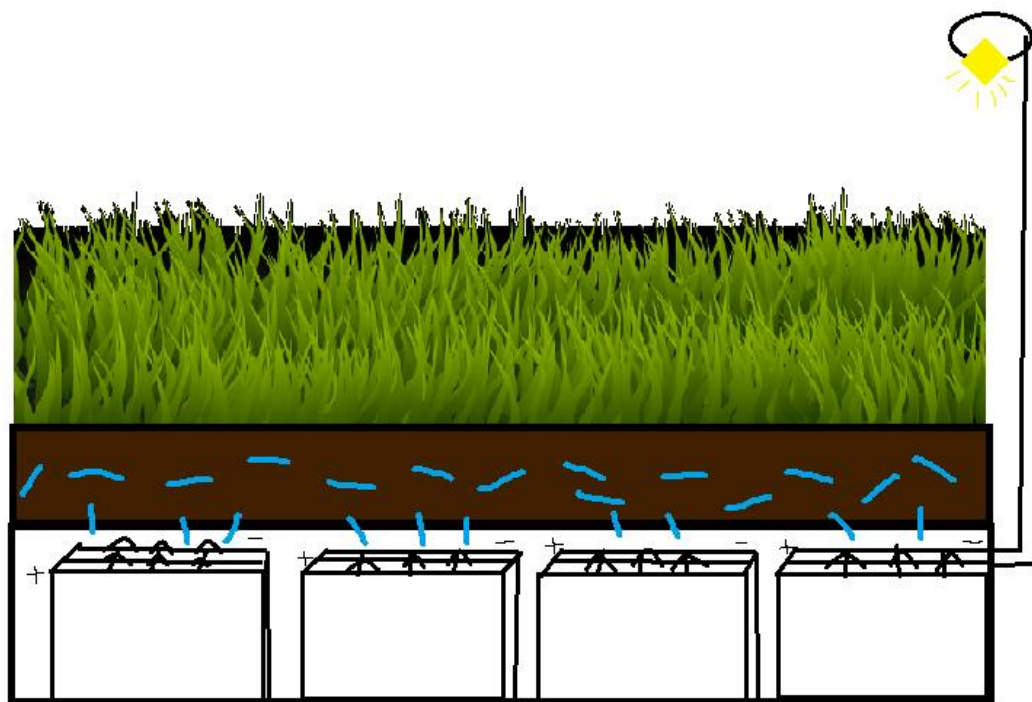


Figure 2.1: Earth battery cells connected in series



9.APPLICATION:

- ▶ **Earth battery has no harmful effects on human as well as environment so which can be used in laboratories**
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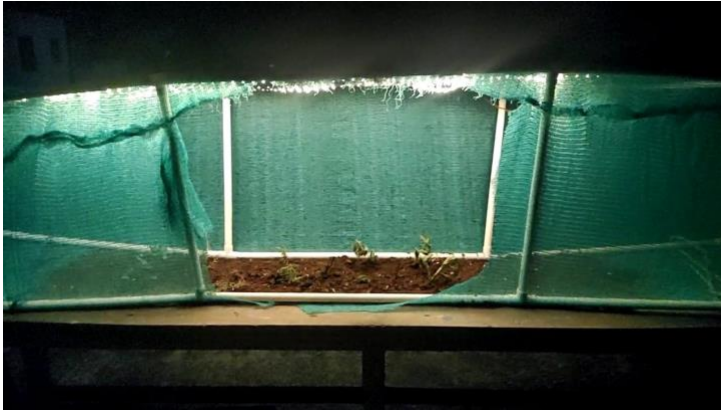
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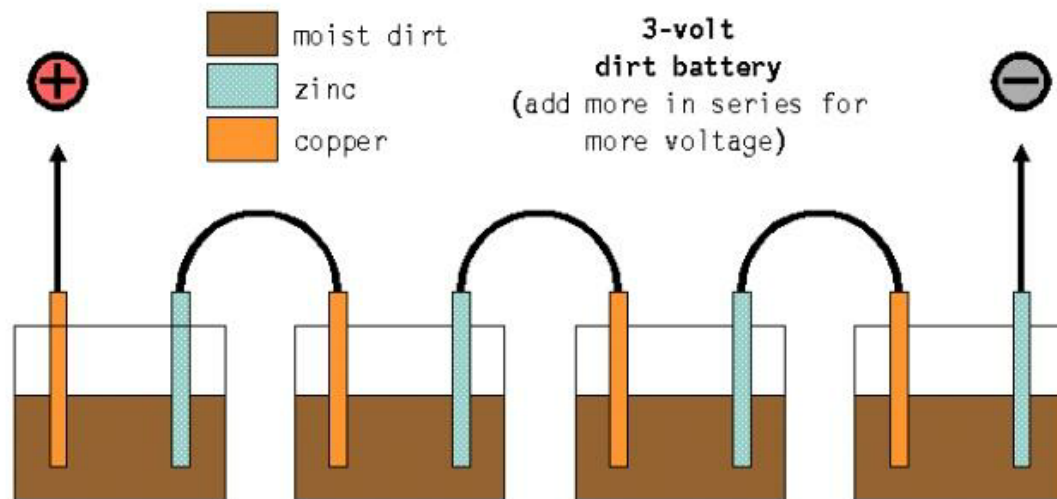
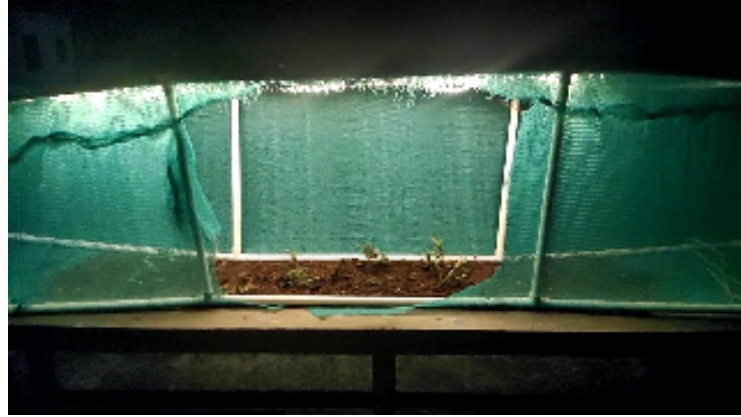


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Project (video & PICS)



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