

SMART WIRE CUTTER MECHANISM

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ABSTRACT: The Smart Wire Cutter Mechanism deals with the same old problems of manually operated wire cutting, such as inefficiency and even danger to operators. The inconsistent lengths of wires from manual operations have often caused high material waste that requires expensive and time-consuming reworks. The study intends to counter these problems by developing an automated wire-cutting system designed to enhance precision, smoothen efficiency, and hence reduce injury risks greatly. The main aims of the project are minimization of safety risks, improvement in accuracy with accurate control mechanisms, and an 80 percent cut in wire-cutting time. Precisely fabricated to handle wires of 1.25 mm gauge, the machine fabricates the said gauge of wire with high precision. The automated system was able to achieve an astonishing testing accuracy of ± 0.5 mm, reducing the inconsistencies associated with manual cutting by a great amount. The key components include a stepper motor and a metal extruder mechanism that plays an important role in the automatic feeding of the wire to the cutting blade with consistency and accuracy at every cut. Besides the core functionality of cutting, the Smart Wire Cutter Mechanism has safety enhancements that make it much safer compared to manual methods. The system features a safety option during the operating process to minimize the possibility of injury. In addition, the machine is designed with an inbuilt conveyor mechanism where the cut wires are automatically transported to further smooth the entire process without much need for human interaction. It saves not only time but also assures a much safer and efficient work environment. The result of this project depicted the following productivities:

the system greatly reduced the time cut and increased efficiency in the overall operation process. The project was a milestone in wire-cutting technology for industries relying heavily on precision and efficiency in wire processing. It fulfills some very important industrial requirements by providing a solution that improves safety and boosts productivity, marking a major leap in automation related to wire processing.

KEYWORDS: *Automated Wire Cutting; Precision Cutting Mechanism; Stepper Motor Control; Industrial Safety Enhancement; Wire Processing Efficiency*

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The working mechanism of the smart wire cutter caters to demands for efficiency, precision, and safety in wire cutting. Traditional methods are generally labor-intensive, error-prone, and dangerous. In this work, some of the required technologies for such automation are discussed; the Arduino platform is considered as the system control unit to also apply both servo and stepper motors for precise movements. This is then followed by the review of the role of gears in translating motor actions into cutting motions and different sensors for accurate measurement and safety. An overview of microcontrollers and their programming languages underlines their importance in creating an efficient control system [1-3]. This literature review encompasses the necessary knowledge of technological advances that could enhance productivity and safety in wire-cutting applications.

The design and development of an IoT-based Smart Wire Cutter Mechanism/stripper machine. The whole effort has been made to resolve different inefficiencies and challenges occurring in the manual operations of wire cutting and stripping. With the help of IoT technology, the machine will work without human interference that adds the quotient of accuracy and efficiency to the process while reducing error and injury possibilities related to manual handling of operations. Through comparative studies, the machine has performed better in terms of wire measurement accuracy and processing speed, hence reliable for small-scale engineering industries with the need for higher productivity and cost-effectiveness in wire processing tasks [6-10].

In the previous design, it aims at improving the accuracy and speed of cutting from the manual methods required in industries that rely on decoration, art pieces, and shipment safety goods [3-6]. An Arduino UNO microcontroller drives the cutter, G-Code is used in its programming, heating by nickel wire, and stepper motors that drive

the wire movement along the X and Y axes to precisely cut according to the CAD designs. Consistent testing, including cutting different shapes and finding the best parameters to make such cuts, made the researchers present the effectiveness and adaptability of the machine. In this view, the development provides an efficient solution that would be wished to be applied in many industries when aiming for precise cutting of Styrofoam.

Shape Memory Alloys for high-speed actuation of thick wires, normally used in applications as thin wires at low voltage to realize quasi-static motions [7-10]. The authors demonstrate that with high voltages applied during short times - a principle somehow like pyrotechnic devices - it is possible to get activation speeds comparable to that of pyrotechnic actuators. Pyrotechnic actuators are characterized by typical times of activation lower than 10 milliseconds and strokes included between 0.15 and 2.5 inches, with load included between 453.59 - 771.10 kg. For motorcycle airbags, the intervention time should be less than 200 ms while the duration time must be higher than 5 s. A simplified model for the estimation of the diameter of SMA wire necessary for this application has been presented, along with an estimation of the actuation parameters by experimental characterization and analysis of its force generation capability [11-13]. By using a high-speed camera, the researchers measured the activation times achieved by the SMA wire: it can cut a 0.4 mm steel membrane within 2 ms. A prototype embedding the SMA-based perforation system into a commercial airbag inflator has also been tested, with encouraging results. The intervention time consisted of 2 ms needed by the SMA wire to cut the steel membrane, while the bag inflates in approximately 160 ms. Although further optimization of the fluid-dynamic profile could eventually decrease the intervention time, this falls beyond the scope of the research.

The acting mechanism of ultrasonic vibration in enhancing mass transport and machining conditions is explained through flow-field simulations and experimental validation [14-15]. The result indicated that the use of appropriate amplitude results in a reduction of slit width and improved surface morphology. Besides, the investigation demonstrates the implementation of UA-WECMM in the fabrication of a T-type micro connector and a micro gear with high aspect ratios and desirable surface roughness on stainless steel workpieces with different thicknesses. In a word, the results indicate that UA-WECMM is a very promising technique for the fabrication of high-aspect-ratio microstructures on hard-to-machine materials, which will give important references to microfabrication technology.

Traditional methods are labour-intensive and prone to errors. The machine uses pneumatic pressure to strip PVC insulation, controlled by an Arduino Mega device [16-18]. Key components include pneumatic cylinders, solenoid valves, and an Arduino controller. As shown in Figure 2.5, it features clamping and cylinder mechanisms and operates based on input parameters like wire length and quantity via an IoT application.

The pneumatic pressure acts on the mechanism for stripping, and the Arduino controller predetermines the operations' sequence in the process for delivering accuracy and consistency in results [19]. In conclusion, by a comparative study, research portrays that this semiautomated machine reduces stripping time effectively with considerable increments in measurement accuracy compared to manual methods. With this system able to strip wires quickly and efficiently, without much human intervention, it comes out as a realistic proposition for small-scale engineering industries, which are very economical and portable compared to the usual techniques of wire stripping.

Leveraging a microcontroller-based control system, the machine offers precise wire measurement and cutting capabilities, eliminating manual labour, and reducing errors and material wastage [20]. With intuitive user interfaces such as a keypad and LCD display, operators can easily input desired wire lengths, triggering automated actions that ensure consistent and accurate cutting. As shown in Figure 2.6, a view of the automatic wire cutting machine highlights its design and functionality. The system's efficiency, reliability, and potential for future enhancements, including wireless operation and mobile app integration, underscore its significance in optimizing industrial wire cutting operations for improved productivity and cost-effectiveness.

The design for the components of the machine, which are the Full Cutter Assembly, Height Adjustment Block, and Guide Tube, uses ISO standards by leveraging Fusion 360 capability in accurate design modelling [21-23]. Its control is done with Arduino Uno, which allows the operations to be implemented with smoothness and flexibility. Cost-effectiveness and ease of access are addressed by study in market analysis and fabrication process in order for the machine to fit industrial and domestic application feasibility. The accuracy and efficiency of the machine are further improved with the integration of the results of existing research about motor power, torque, and roller

size. This paper ends with the successful creation of a workable, functional Automatic Wire Cutting Machine, ready to transform wire cutting in all industries where it is applied. Figure 2.7 below summarizes the overview of the automatic wire cutting machine showing some of its important features and design.

It aimed at synergizing electrical and mechanical parts, which would be helpful in wiring installation processes easily. The whole project has two integrated circuits which work together and are controlled by Arduino Nano. In this project, there is an increase in efficiency and convenience [24-26]. The cutting circuit is supplied by two supplies: 5 V to the Arduino Nano and 12 V to the stepper motor, helping in precise cable cutting. Meanwhile, the roller and puller circuit use a 12 V power window motor for the quick winding of cables. It improves the reliability of installation. This has integrated electrical and mechanical systems that go a long way in providing an appropriate solution for cable management, thereby increasing productivity and ease of use in electrical and electronic wiring.

Based on severe deformation of the wire, the sawing force, contact state, material removal rate, and workpiece quality are inherently interrelated. This paper deals with an integrated dynamic model of the wire sawing process, considering the interactions [27-28]. The model illuminates the mutual dependencies of wire-workpiece contact state, sawing force, and material removal. Iterative simulation flow based on the model was developed and then validated by wire sawing experiments with rocking and reciprocating (WSRR) motions. A comparative analysis showed good agreement between the model and actual WSRR experimental process of sawing. Finally, the influence of parameters, such as wire speed, feed rate, rocking angle, preload force, guide rollers distance, and workpiece size, on sawing force, contact length, and MRR were explored in parametric studies. Wire reciprocation was the prime cause of saw marks, while workpiece rocking reduced the contact length substantially by periodic changes in the angle of wire bow. The normal force was found to be greatly influenced by wire speed and feed rate. However, the magnitude of force fluctuation depended upon the rocking angle and preloading force. MRR was primarily governed by feed speed. Its fluctuation range during a cycle was influenced by feed rate, wire speed, rocking angle, and preload force. This article provides a sound framework for improving the understanding and optimization of the wire sawing process.

Manual wire cutting often results in non-uniform lengths of wires,

material waste, and a high probability of injury to workers. This project will design and provide an automated system that will increase precision, enhance efficiency, and improve safety. The system will incorporate several technologies, including IoT, Arduino, stepper motors, and metal extruders, which ensure regularity in the length of wires and cuts with high precision, including a set of complete safety features. It's designed to be user-friendly and cost-effective, making it suitable for small to medium-sized businesses. It goes together with minimizing the time spent cutting and reducing labour costs; hence, greatly improved productivity.

Although there is an advancement in wire cutting technology, notable gaps still exist in both the systems and literature being reviewed. The major lacuna in the present systems and literature is integrated real-time monitoring and feedback in IoT-based wire cutters. Most of the available systems operate on mere automation without dynamic adjustment during the cutting process, hence setting up inefficiency and less precision in cuts. Advanced IoT capabilities integrated into our project will enable continuous monitoring and adaptive control for optimal performance and quality results.

The second most prominent gap exists regarding the control and consistency of wire cutter and wind machines [29-30]. Most of today's machines have deficiencies in correct winding, leading to inconsistencies in the product. This may bring about problems in applications where wires of specific lengths and consistent winding are needed. The project deals with the designing of a system capable of providing correct winding along with proper cutting without much inaccuracy and wastage of the material. Also, wire cutters for Styrofoam based on CNC usually do not achieve the difficult geometries of cut or continuation of cuts perfectly. We work on enhancing these cutters so that with increased precision, difficult tasks are dealt with a lot more reliably.

the capability of SMA in wire cutting is realized, especially for thick wires. SMAs possess some novel properties, such as self-healing and high strength-to-weight ratios, which could make great enhancements to wire-cutting mechanisms. The project reviewed herein uses SMA for the end actuation in wire cutting, trying to realize new efficiencies. Also, many pneumatic wires strip machines are inflexible and lack adaptability with respect to different types and sizes of wires. We aim to design a versatile pneumatic stripping machine for a wide range of diverse industrial needs. In this regard, the present project, Smart Wire Cutter Mechanism, aims at introducing novelty in the domain by

providing holistic, efficient, and user-friendly solutions suitable for both small and large-scale operations. Further, Table 2.1 below depicts an in-depth summary of a variety of wire cutting and stripping technologies discussed in the more recent literature. The key strengths and weaknesses of each study are pointed out to keep the reader in the know about the current progressions that have occurred and where the setbacks lie. Notable features of each technology are also mentioned, showcasing IoT integrations, CNC precision, and the use of shape memory alloys. References to the original works are provided for further reading. In all, the foregoing suggests that continuous research and development would be necessary for the improvement of the existing challenges besides enhanced efficiency, safety, and adaptability of wire-processing technologies [30].

2.0 METHODOLOGY

The automatic wire cutting machine is designed to automate a given wire of specified length and quantity by cutting them all. In such purposes, this design embodies an Arduino microcontroller, which drives a stepper motor in both wire feeding and wire cutting, hence assuring high-precision and identical wire cut once. The interface of the machine will be implemented with an LCD display and push buttons for user interaction.

The selection of the research design for this study is a mix of qualitative and quantitative approaches. It should be comprehensive to understand the problem and develop an effective solution. This justifies the use of a mixed-method approach to achieve the research objectives in context. The first objective focuses on creating an automated wire cutting system to address inefficiency and safety risks associated with manual wire cutting. It requires both qualitative and quantitative data for effectiveness and ease of use. Qualitative methods include literature reviews and case studies, providing insights into current wire cutting processes, challenges, and potential solutions. This ensures a better understanding of the problem and its context. Quantitative methods such as experiments and simulations assess the system's performance and effectiveness. These methods will provide actual data on efficiency, accuracy, and reliability. The mixed-method approach allows for data triangulation to verify findings. This involves synthesizing information from various sources to enhance reliability and accuracy. The integration of qualitative and quantitative methods ensures a robust understanding of the problem. It also supports the development of an effective and safe automated wire cutting system. Combining these methods strengthens

the research outcomes. This study adopts a mixed-method approach to achieve its objectives comprehensively.

The detailed methodology of assembling the proposed Automatic Wire Cutter system includes steps to ensure proper functioning and integration of its components. It starts with gathering all necessary components: an Arduino board, stepper motors, an LCD display, push buttons, LEDs, a conveyor motor, and a power supply. The hardware components will then be assembled by connecting the stepper motors, LCD display, buttons, and LEDs to the appropriate connections on the Arduino board.

The code that will be written in the Arduino IDE controls the functions of stepper motors, LCD displays, and other additional devices. Upon compilation, the code will be pushed to the Arduino board using the same IDE, ensuring each component functions as specified on its own. The stepper motor wire feeding will be calibrated to ensure it is moved precisely with respect to the set length of wire. The stepper motor cutting will be tested for the correct operation of the mechanism operated by it. Everything will be assembled within an enclosure for protection, ensuring that all the connections are stable and accessible for any maintenance of the components. This proposed methodology outlines the clear and structured steps to be taken in assembling the Automatic Wire Cutter system, ensuring that all the components integrate properly and function as required.

In The experimental setup involves a wire-cutting machine powered on and initialized to its home screen. The user sets the desired wire length and quantity using the control buttons, with the current settings displayed on the LCD for confirmation. Once confirmed, the machine advances the wire using a stepper motor and activates the cutting mechanism. The LCD displays progress, including wires cut and time remaining. Upon completing the cut cycle, the machine provides feedback through LEDs and the LCD and resets for the next operation.

This setup ensures controlled and repeatable testing of the machine's functionality. It allows for precise evaluation of the wire-cutting system's performance.

The following methodology outlines the detailed steps involved in the installation and configuration of equipment for the Automatic Wire Cutter system. The Arduino board serves as the central microcontroller, acting as the brain of the system. It establishes connections with other components through breadboards, wires, and connectors, ensuring seamless communication and operation. The stepper motors are attached to the wire-cutting mechanism and the conveyor motor, and their

configuration is meticulously synchronized with the Arduino board to guarantee precise movement and operation. The LCD display, an essential component for user interaction, is connected to the Arduino board via an I2C interface, which simplifies wiring and enables efficient communication. This interface, paired with custom programming, facilitates the display of the user interface and real-time machine status, ensuring the system remains user-friendly. Push buttons are carefully wired to the Arduino board, providing a mechanism for users to input parameters such as wire length and quantity with ease. Additionally, LEDs are integrated into the system and configured to indicate various machine states, such as readiness, operation, or errors, enhancing the overall usability and feedback mechanism.

The software aspect of the methodology is equally critical, as it governs the control and coordination of all hardware components. The Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) is employed for writing and uploading the code to the Arduino board, forming the foundation of the system's functionality. For communication between the Arduino board and the LCD display, the Wire.h library is utilized, facilitating efficient I2C communication. To manage and control the LCD display's functionality, the LiquidCrystal_I2C.h library is implemented, ensuring the display provides accurate and clear information to the user. Similarly, the AccelStepper.h library plays a pivotal role in programming the stepper motors, enabling precise control over their movements for the wirecutting and conveyor mechanisms. The software is also developed to handle user inputs captured through push buttons, drive the stepper and conveyor motors, manage the LED indicators, and display the user interface and machine status on the LCD screen. Ultimately, this software provides the intelligence needed to control the cutting mechanism, facilitating the accurate and efficient processing of wire-cutting operations. The combination of hardware configuration and software programming ensures the Automatic Wire Cutter system operates smoothly and efficiently, delivering reliable performance for its intended purpose.

Figure 1 shows the block diagram of the machine describing the smart wire cutter in terms of three main functional regions: Input, Process, and Output. It consists of Input with the selection and navigation parameters like Up, Down, Next, Back push buttons, and a Wire Extruder for wire feeding. The Process part contains an Arduino Uno microcontroller as its core, which will process all these inputs and perform the execution of commands. The Output section has a Tower Light for indication, a Buzzer for audio, a Conveyor for wire movement, a Cutting Stepper Motor for precision in cutting, and an LCD Display to show the information about the operation. All these combined make the operation of the machine

smooth and flawless.

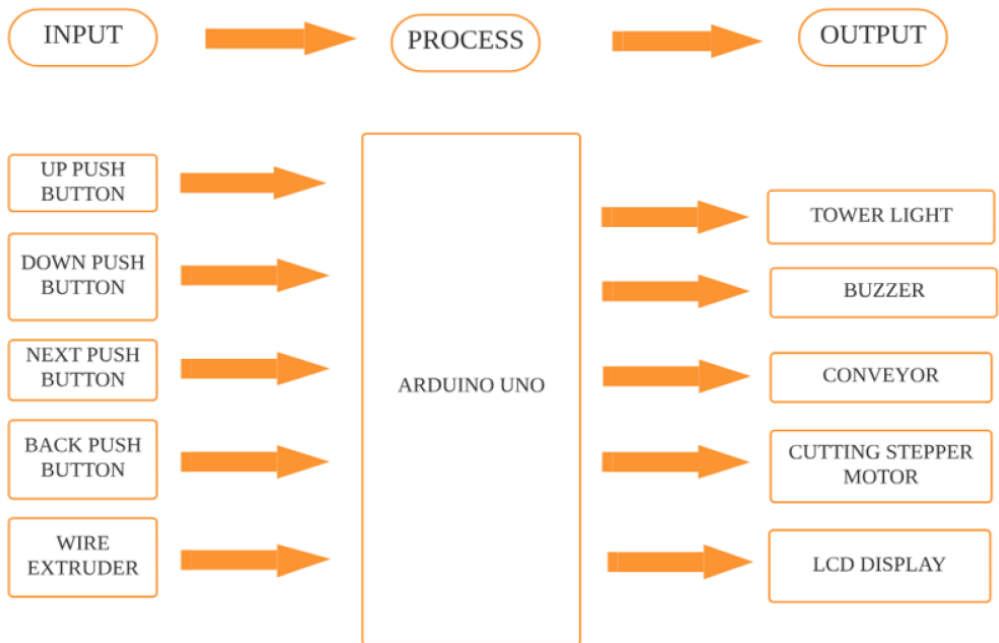


Figure 2: Block diagram of the machine

3.0 PROTOTYPE SMART WIRE CUTTER MECHANISM

The smart wire cutter mechanism prototype design, as shown in Figure 2 to Figure 4, appears to be structured around putting the wire cutting process together for automation, with integrated feedback and control systems. It gives the front view of the setup that includes a spool of wire, a cutting mechanism, and a signal tower with red, yellow, and green lights. It has a spool mounted on the left-hand side, presumably for feeding the wire through the centrally located cutting mechanism. A signal tower on the right-hand side gives visual feedback from the machine of its status: on, idle, or in error.

The initial setup of the proposed wire cutting machine is complex, requiring careful calibration and testing to ensure proper operation. Users without technical know-how may find it difficult, leading to delays or operational challenges. Additionally, mechanical components like stepper motors and the cutting mechanism may experience fatigue over time, necessitating periodic maintenance or replacement, which can be costly. The machine also requires a continuous power source, which might be unfeasible in certain situations. Users without basic knowledge of electronics or

programming may struggle to operate the device, making troubleshooting and repairs difficult. Finally, the machine operates with pre-set wire lengths and quantities, limiting its adaptability for all applications or user needs. The final fabricated prototype is shown in Figure 5.

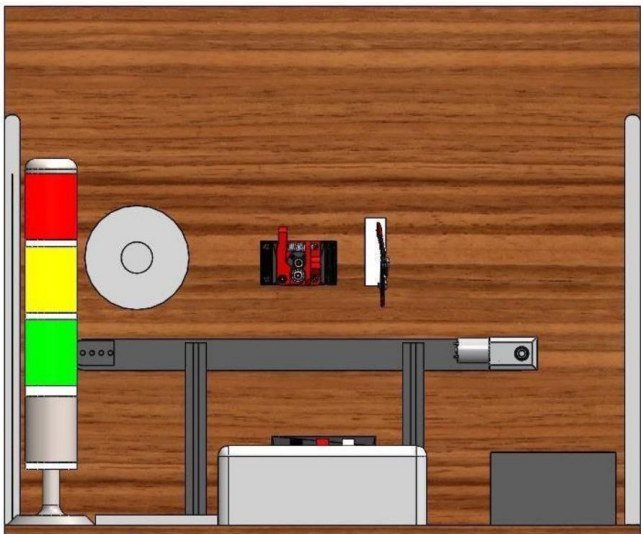


Figure 2: Side view of third design concept

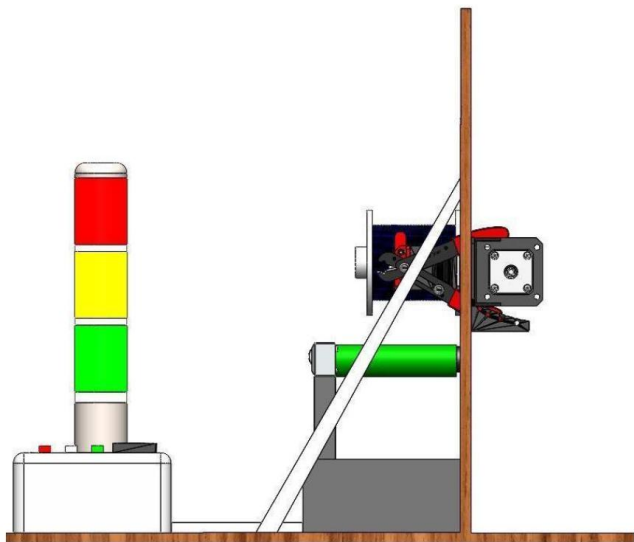


Figure 3: Side view of third design concept

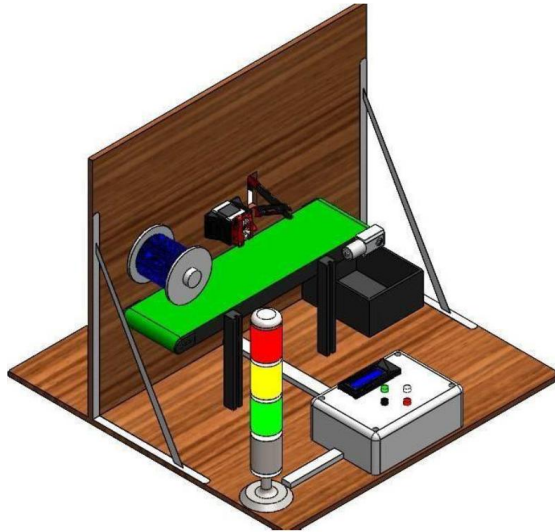


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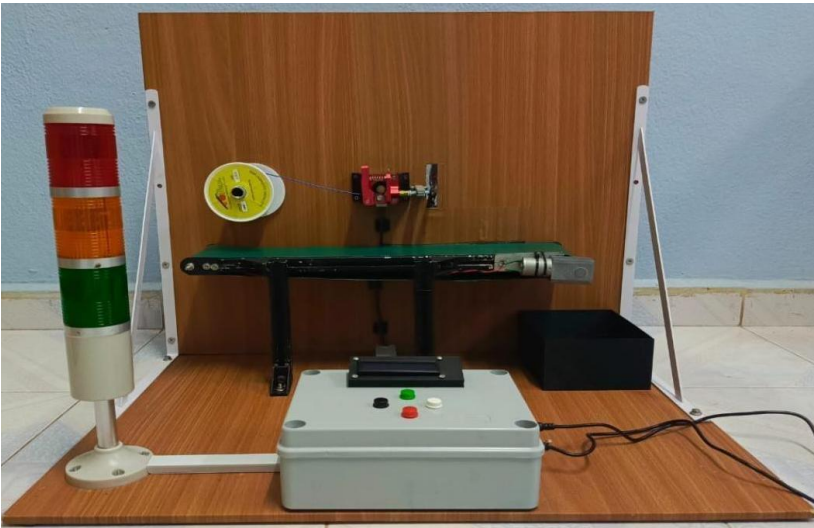


Figure 5: Final prototype

The automated wire cutting machine is a highly efficient system that automates the process of cutting wires to specific lengths, using an Arduino microcontroller to regulate the wire cutting according to a predetermined number and quantity. The Arduino microcontroller plays a pivotal role in controlling the stepper motors within the device, ensuring precise and uniform cuts for wires. The entire process involves several stages, including the assembly of hardware components, writing and uploading the necessary code, and testing each individual component to verify its functionality. Once the individual components are tested, the final assembly takes place,

followed by initialization, user interaction, the actual cutting process, and eventually the completion of the task.

The advantages of using this automated system are numerous. Automation ensures consistency and saves time, while the precision of the cuts leads to reduced material wastage. The system is also user-friendly and scalable, making it accessible for various applications. Additionally, the affordability of such a system makes it a practical choice for small to medium-sized operations. However, there are some drawbacks to this approach. The initial setup can be complex and may require technical expertise, while the components are susceptible to wear and tear over time, requiring maintenance or replacement. The system also relies on a stable power supply, which could be a limitation in certain environments. Furthermore, the complexity of the system might pose challenges for some users, and the machine may face limitations when it comes to highly customized wire cutting needs.

5.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The smart wire cutter mechanism project achieved its major objectives, revolutionizing the wire-cutting process by introducing automation for enhanced precision and safety during operations. One of the most remarkable improvements was the system's efficiency, reducing the time required for wire cutting by an impressive 80% compared to the traditional manual method. Additionally, the machine was integrated with an automatic feeding and cutting system, ensuring consistency in wire length, which is crucial in applications where precision is essential. The automation not only increased the speed of operations but also significantly lowered the risk of injury, as the system incorporated various safety features to eliminate the risks associated with manual wire cutting. These inbuilt safety mechanisms made the entire operation much safer compared to conventional methods, where accidents are more common. The motivation behind this project stemmed from the recognition of safety concerns in manual wire cutting, where many injuries go unreported, particularly in small-scale industries. This project aimed to highlight these hidden dangers while providing an automated solution that minimizes the risk of injury and creates a safer working environment for users.

Despite its successes, the project faced certain limitations. The system was specifically designed to operate within a narrow range of wire diameters and lengths, namely between 0.4mm and 0.5mm. This limitation restricted the machine's versatility, preventing it from being

used with wires of different gauges, which could be a major drawback in industries that require varied wire sizes. Although the machine performed flawlessly during testing, the durability of the system over extended periods of use was not fully assessed. Further testing and potential design modifications could enhance the longevity of the mechanical components, such as the stepper motors, to ensure the system's reliability in the long term. While the automated system successfully reduced human error, the complexity and technical expertise required for its setup and calibration limited its widespread adoption, particularly in regions where access to advanced technology and skilled personnel is limited. Regardless of these challenges, this project marks a significant advancement in wire-cutting technology. It has answered the pressing need for a technological solution that merges precision, automation, and safety, meeting the demands of industries looking to modernize and improve their processes.

The Smart Wire Cutter Mechanism was subjected to extensive testing to establish the precision, reliability, and safety of operation. The system results reflected the solution to the problems related to the manual wire-cutting exercises.

Regarding accuracy, meaning the quality of the precise wire cutting, the mean cutting of wires with 0.4mm to 0.5mm diameter was always ± 0.5 mm. This means that while holding a very high level of precision, the variation of wire lengths for 50 samples was always less than 1%, thereby proving the reliability of the mechanism in industries. Efficiency was another major accomplishment of the system. Automation in the mechanical mechanism reduced time consumption in wire cutting by about 80% of that taken through conventional manual techniques. The system, while in test run, managed to process 100 wires in 10 minutes, where it would take about 50 minutes to produce the same with manual wire cutting. This huge decrease in time it takes for processing witnesses to the high potential the system possesses for productivity increase in the industries that rely on wire processing, where precision and swiftness are crucial.

Safety features embedded in the system performed greatly too. Protection enclosures and an emergency stop button made certain that no injury occurred during testing. In addition, nice-looking visual indicators in the form of LEDs, which show operational status, hence diminishing chances of operator error. These advancements in safety make the Smart Wire Cutter Mechanism much safer than conventional wire-cutting methods. Another success was material utilization. The precision of the system in cutting led to minimum material wastage;

further, it is an economical system. The industrial strength of the system is proven by running it continuously for 8 hours without any mechanical or failure.

6.0 CONCLUSION

The Smart Wire Cutter Mechanism was designed to address and overcome the inefficiencies and safety concerns associated with manual wire cutting processes. By automating the wire cutting procedure, it significantly reduces the potential for human error, improving both the accuracy and consistency of wire cuts. This innovation not only enhances operational efficiency but also introduces safety features that minimize the risk of accidents, making it an ideal solution for small and medium-sized industries that require precision and dependability in their operations. The system operates with a high degree of reliability, allowing businesses to streamline their wire-cutting processes while maintaining quality standards.

While the Smart Wire Cutter Mechanism offers numerous benefits, it does come with some limitations. One of the primary constraints is its restricted compatibility with wires of varying diameters. This limitation may require users to adjust or modify the machine to accommodate different types of wires, which could pose challenges in some applications. However, despite this drawback, the overall design and functionality of the system provides a solid foundation for future improvements and innovations. As industries continue to evolve, there is potential for further development of the system, enabling it to accommodate a wider range of wire types and diameters, as well as to incorporate additional features that can enhance its performance. With continued advancements in technology, the Smart Wire Cutter Mechanism holds promises for becoming an even more versatile and indispensable tool in various industrial settings. The accuracy is one of the biggest success stories, as it has wire lengths produced within ± 0.5 mm of the set target. It takes out the inconsistencies seen when using manual methods and allows consistency of wire lengths from use to use. This represents an 80% gain in efficiency when looking at the wire-cutting time savings through the automation of the process, this significantly raises productivity and cuts down on operational costs.

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