

**Problem Definition**

*Background:*

- Charging essential devices offgrid can be challenging or impossible, especially while being portable and using renewable sources

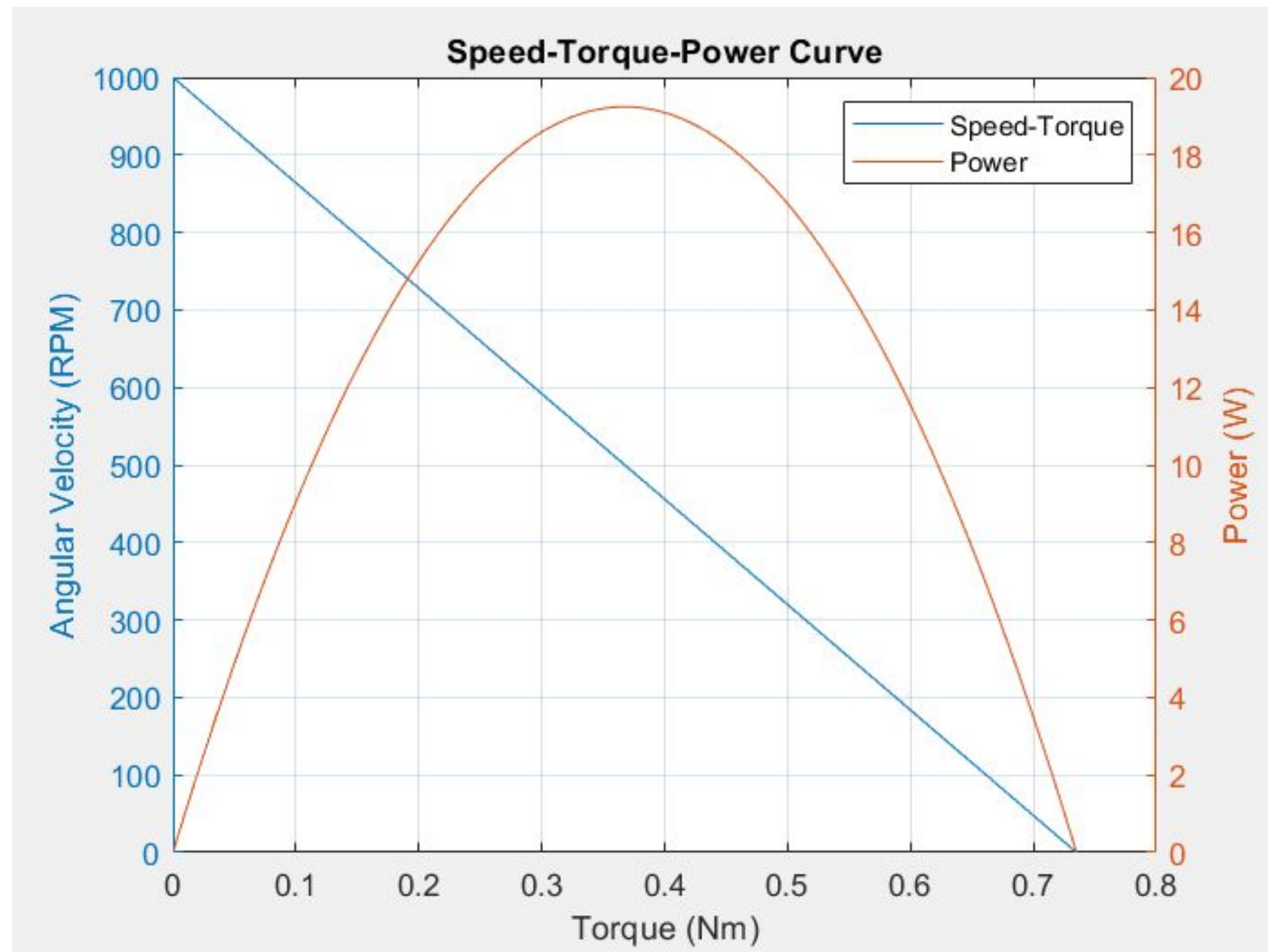
*Problem Statement:*

- The need to have access to electricity while camping, or offgrid in general

*Requirements:*

- Use hydropower to charge a battery in a reasonable amount of time
- Portable
- “Set and forget” solution

**Design Calculations & Analysis**



Assuming a stream is flowing at 1.5m/s, our turbine should spin at **225rpm** and produce **13.4W** of kinetic power

Our motor must require less than **0.57N\*m** to spin as that is what our turbine will produce

Using dimensional analysis to relate our model to a full scaled prototype

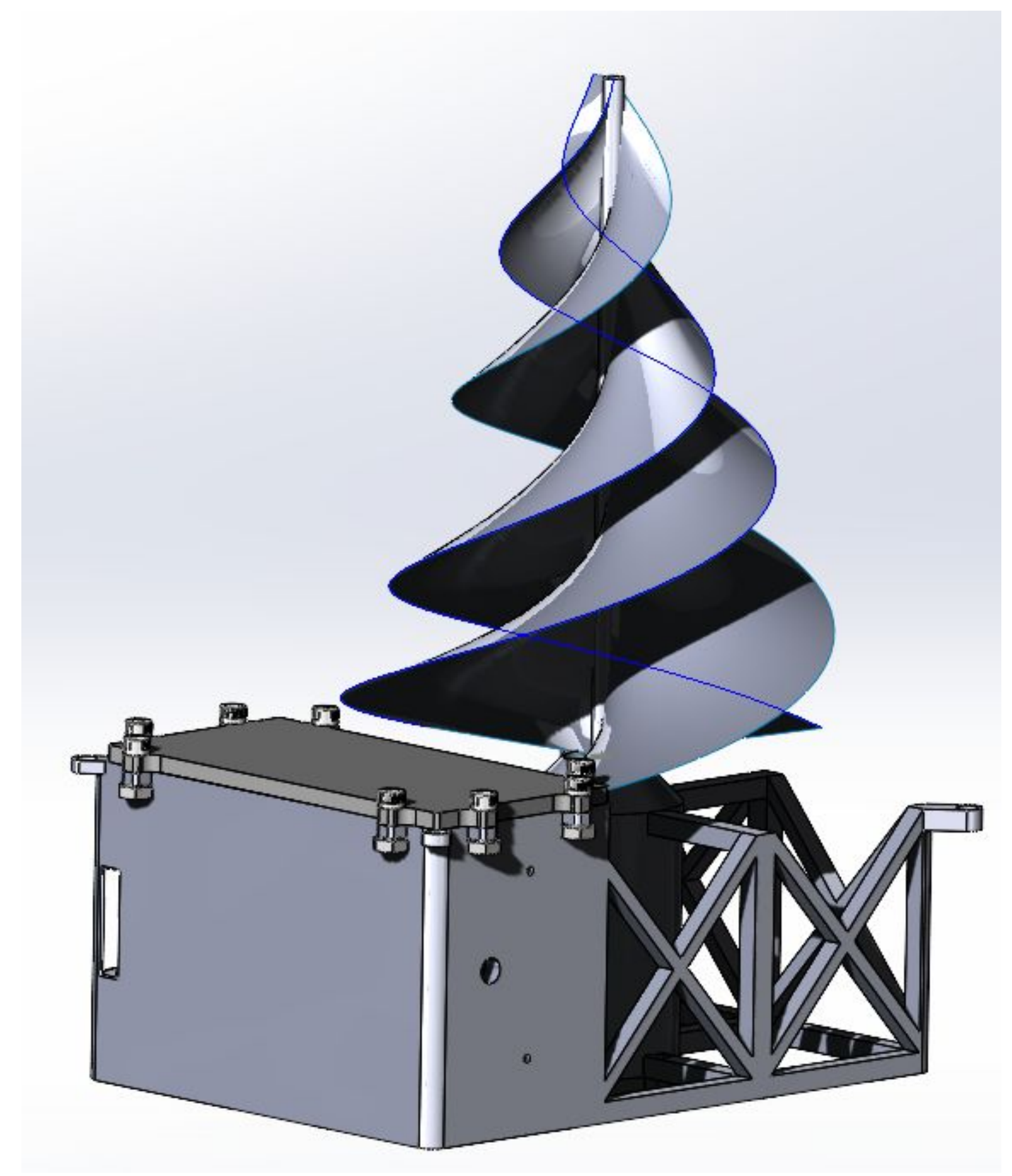
$$\begin{aligned}
 D &= L \\
 \omega &= T^{-1} \\
 \rho &= m \times L^{-3} \\
 P &= m \times L^3 \times T^{-3} \\
 Q &= L^3 \times T^{-1} \\
 \pi_1 &= Q \times \rho^a \times \omega^b \times D^c \\
 \pi_1 &= \frac{Q}{\omega \times D^3} \\
 \pi_{1p} &= \pi_{1m} \\
 \frac{Q_p}{w_p \times D_p^3} &= \frac{Q_m}{w_m \times D_m^3} \\
 \frac{0.032}{\omega_p \times .165^3} &= \frac{0.0077}{54 \times .165^3} \\
 \omega_p &= 225 \text{ rpm}, 23.56 \text{ rad/s}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \pi_2 &= P \times \rho^a \times \omega^b \times D^c \\
 \pi_2 &= \frac{P}{\rho \times \omega^3 \times D^5} \\
 \pi_{2p} &= \pi_{2m} \\
 \frac{P_p}{\rho_p \times \omega_p^3 \times D_p^5} &= \frac{P_m}{\rho_m \times \omega_m^3 \times D_m^5} \\
 \frac{P_p}{225^3 \times .165^5} &= \frac{.1854}{54^3 \times .165^5} \\
 P_p &= 13.41W \\
 T_p &= 0.57Nm
 \end{aligned}$$

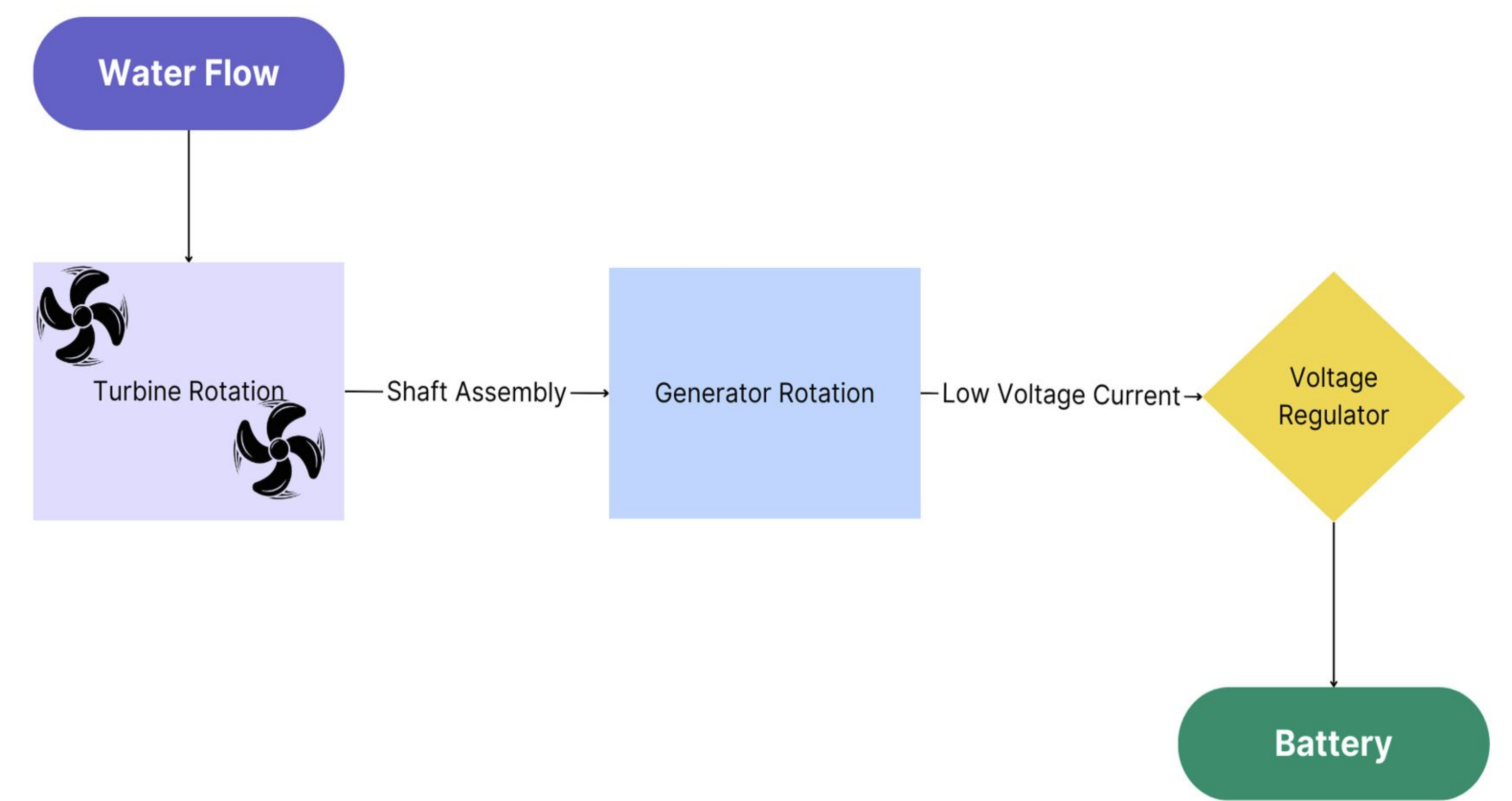
**Final Design**

Users will be able to anchor the generator to a tree, branch, or rock via four nylon strings, and return in a few hours to a battery that can charge their devices

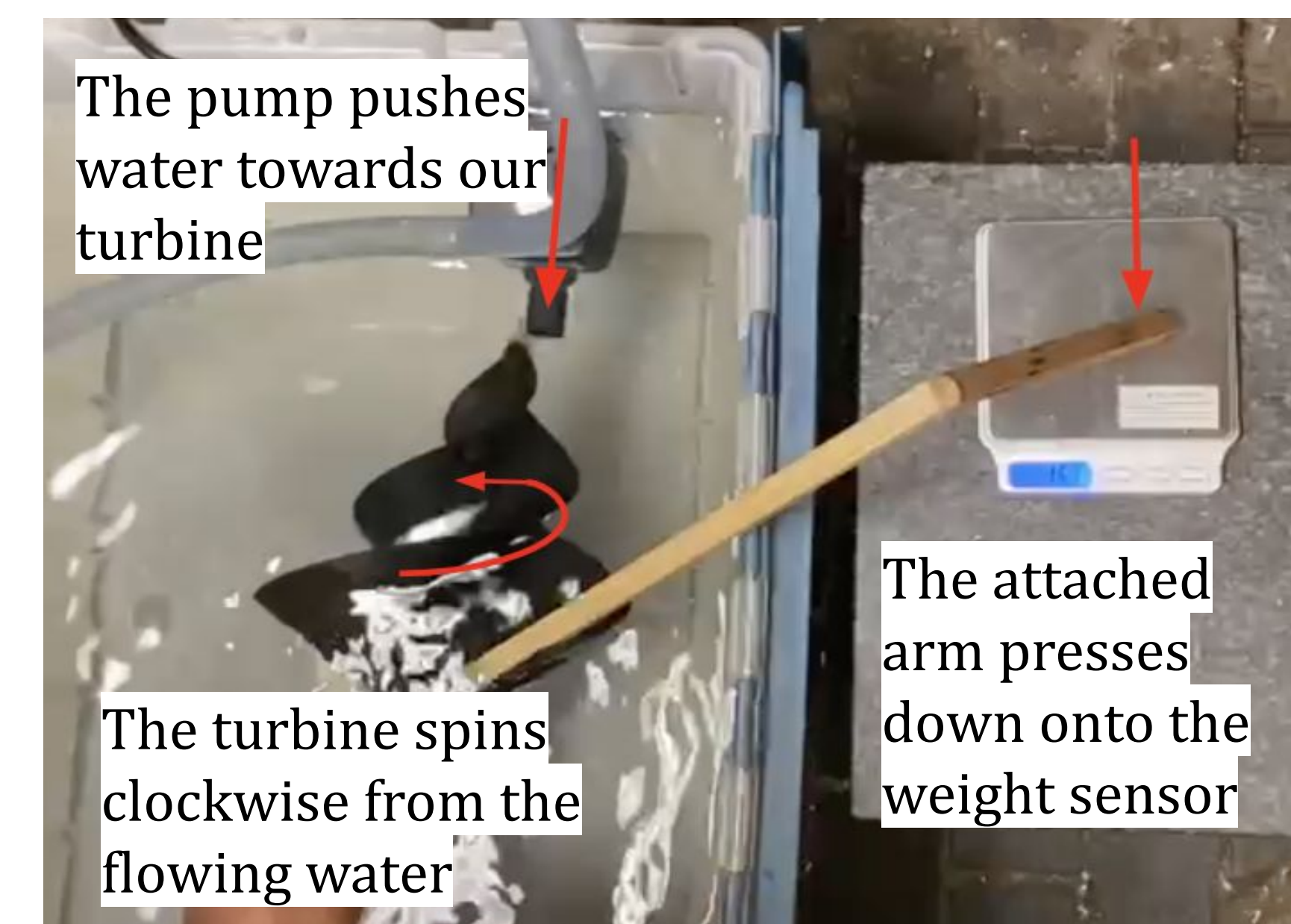
SW Assembly:



Block Diagram:



**Prototype & Test Results**



Test Results (For .36m/s flow): Torque = **0.0328N\*m**

