

Optimization of Industrial Emission Analysis by Reading Sensor Output Voltage

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Abstract. Supervision of industrial emissions in big cities is very important. Providing oversight of industrial emissions will provide benefits in maintaining excessive air pollution. In this condition we can see that the importance of reducing air pollution in this industrial era. In current conditions, the industry uses an emission reading device whose size is not very practical because of its large size. Design a more optimal program by utilizing the role of gas sensors in reading several types of gas. In reading the gas value, a reading and calibration process is carried out using matlab and optimizing the program made in reading the value of the amount of gas emission content in PPM (Part per Million) units. With the method we are using now, it will be a more practical method without reducing the efficiency of the industry's emissions measurement.

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1 Introduction

The air quality is not just any other parameter but a salutary creator. Only PREDICTING state or city temperature isn't enough. There is a need to enlighten the individuals by ANALYZING the air quality and providing useful INSIGHTS from town to town, from area to area, from park to park and lastly from human to human[1].

Air quality degradation comes as no new problem and a number of steps have been taken to avoid it. The knowledge of the quality of air in immediate environment help people make smarter decisions and choices for their everyday life activities [2]. For example, one can make better decisions about which route to travel from so that he/she is exposed to less pollution or, if a person is asthmatic he/she can buy a home in a place where there is less pollution.

System for air monitoring control is required for activity analysis and their impact on nature of the power plants, mining sector, oil and gas industry, etc. Basically, determination of air and water quality relies on estimation of values of some important and indicative parameters [3-5].

The air quality depends of the air temperature, humidity, radiation, activity level, air flow and presence of volatile organic compounds (VOC) [15, 16].

A. Toxic gases in regular environment

1) Carbon dioxide:

Carbon dioxide (CO₂), a colorless gas having a faint, sharp odor and a sour taste. It is a minor component of Earth's atmosphere formed in combustion of carbon-containing materials, in fermentation, and in respiration of animals and employed by plants in the photosynthesis of carbohydrates. The presence of the CO₂ gas in the atmosphere keeps some of the radiant energy received by Earth from being returned to space, therefore, produces the so-called greenhouse effect. Industrially, it is recovered for numerous diverse applications from flue gases, as a byproduct of the preparation of hydrogen for synthesis of ammonia, from limekilns, and from other sources [6]. The CO₂ gas can cause headaches, sleepiness, dizziness, unconsciousness and serious oxygen deprivation that leads to death.

2) Carbon monoxide:

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that can be harmful by inhaling in large amounts. CO is released when something is burned. The greatest sources of CO in outdoor air are cars, trucks and other vehicles or machinery that burn fossil fuels. A variety of items in your home such as unvented kerosene and gas space heaters, leaking chimneys and furnaces, and gas stoves also release CO and can affect the quality of indoor air. Breathing air with a high concentration of CO reduces the amount of oxygen that can be transported in the blood stream to critical organs like the heart and brain. In addition, at very high levels, which are possible indoors or in other enclosed environments, carbon monoxide (CO) can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and death. B. Safe Levels of CO₂ and CO in rooms According to KANE International the safe levels of carbon monoxide (CO) and carbon dioxide (CO₂) in rooms are shown in TABLE I and TABLE II respectively [7].

Table 1. Effects Of Carbon Dioxide Gas For Change Of Amount

Level (ppm)	Effects
250-350	Normal background concentration in outdoor ambient air
350-1,000	Concentrations typical of occupied indoor spaces with good air exchange
1,000-2,000	Complaints of drowsiness and poor air.
2,000-5,000	Headaches, sleepiness and stagnant, stale, stuffy air. Poor concentration, loss of attention, increased heart rate, and slight nausea may also be present.
5,000	Workplace exposure limit (as 8-hour TWA) in most jurisdictions.
>40,000	Exposure may lead to serious oxygen deprivation resulting in permanent brain damage, coma, even death

Table 2. Effects Of Carbon Monoxide Gas For Change Of Amount

Level (ppm)	Effects
9	CO Max prolonged exposure (ASHRAE standard)
35	CO Max exposure for 8 hour work day (OSHA)
800	CO Death within 2 to 3 hours
12,800	CO Death within 1 to 3 minutes

2 Material and Methods

2.1 Material

The block diagram of the proposed system is shown in Fig. 1. The system mainly consists of three steps. The first one is sensing and measurement circuit. Second one is microcontroller circuit The third one is the unit.

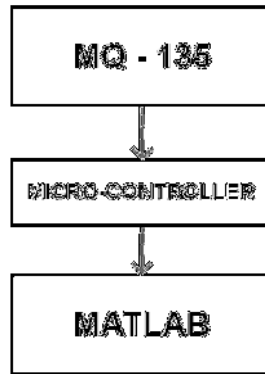


Fig 1. Block Diagram of the System

A. MQ-135 Sensor

The MQ-135 Gas sensors are used in air quality control equipment's and are suitable for detecting or measuring of NH₃, NO_x, Alcohol, Benzene, Smoke and CO₂. [8]

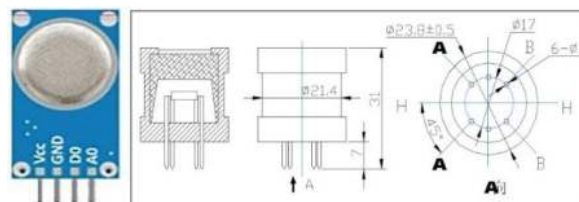


Fig 2. Structure of MQ-135 Sensor

It has the impressive sensitivity of variety natural gases such as Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂), Phenol (C₆H₆O), Toluene (C₇H₈), Benzene (C₆H₆), and air. The Sensitivity characteristics of the MQ-135 sensor for various gases has been plotted and shown in Fig. 5. [9]

Air quality click board from mikroElektronika [10] carries an MQ-135 sensor for detecting poisonous gases that impact air quality in homes and offices. The gas sensing layer on the sensor unit is made of tin dioxide (SnO₂), which has lower conductivity in clean air. The conductivity increases with air pollution. The sensor reacts to ammonia (NH₃), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), benzene, smoke, CO₂ and other harmful gases [12,13].

The primary purpose of this sensor is to measure air quality for both indoor (offices/buildings) as well as outdoor (parks/dump yards) etc. areas especially in terms of providing particles per million (ppm) value for NH₃, NO_x, alcohol, Benzene, smoke, CO₂ etc [14].

The features which make them rigid and stable working machines are a simple driver circuit accompanied by a long life of working, a wide detecting scope and fast and high sensitivity response time [15]. The different sensitivity characteristics of MQ-135 are mentioned in table 3 and the various material used in making different parts of the sensor are mentioned below in table 4. Also, the figure 4 represents the circuit of MQ-135.

B. Arduino Uno R3

Arduino Uno is a microcontroller board based on the Atmega328P (datasheet). It has 14 digital input/output pins (of which 6 can be used as PWM outputs), 6 analog inputs, a 16 MHz quartz crystal, a USB connection, a power jack, an ICSP header and a reset button. It contains everything needed to support the microcontroller; simply connect it to a computer with a USB cable or power it with a AC-to-DC adapter or battery to get started.



Fig 3. Arduino Uno R3

Most Arduino boards are calibrated to work at a linear regulation of 5V and 16MHz clock speed. Arduino Uno, the most common of the family uses the concept of USB-to-serial conversion and has 6 analog pins and 14 digital I/O pins [10, 11]

Table 3. Arduino Uno Overview

Microcontroller	Atmega328P
Operating Voltage	5V
Input Voltage (recommended)	7-12V

Input Voltage (limit)	6-20V
Digital I/O Pins	14 (of which 6 provide PWM output)
PWM Digital I/O Pins	6
Analog Input Pins	6
DC Current per I/O Pin	20 mA
DC Current for 3.3V Pin	50 mA
Flash Memory	32 KB (Atmega328P) of which 0.5 KB used by bootloader
SRAM	2 KB (Atmega328P)
EEPROM	1 KB (Atmega328P)
Clock Speed	16 MHz
LED_BUILTIN	13
Length	68.6 mm
Width	53.4 mm
Weight	25 g

C. Matlab

MATLAB® is a programming platform designed specifically for engineers and scientists. The heart of MATLAB is the MATLAB language, a matrix-based language allowing the most natural expression of computational mathematics.

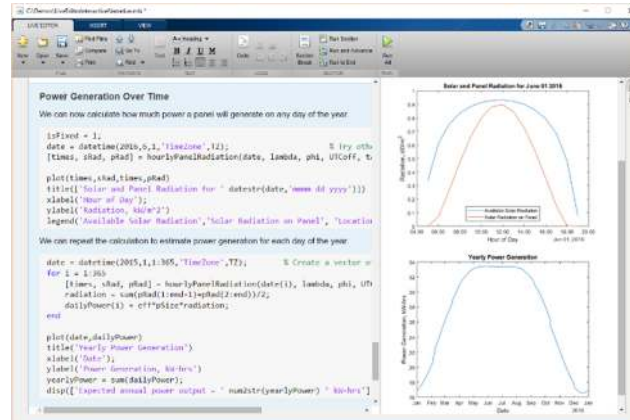


Fig 4. Matlab Min Preview

Using MATLAB, you can:

- Analyze data
- Develop algorithms
- Create models and applications

The language, apps, and built-in math functions enable you to quickly explore multiple approaches to arrive at a solution. MATLAB lets you take your ideas from research to production by deploying to enterprise applications and embedded devices, as well as integrating with Simulink® and Model-Based Design.

2.2 Methode

a. Circuit Schematic

The main schematic of our proposed system has been given to the following figure where the interfaces between the major components are shown. The output data pins of the particular sensors were interfaced with the analog input pins of the Arduino board to deliver the analog signals that were generated from the sensors due to interaction of the toxic gases to the chemical layer.

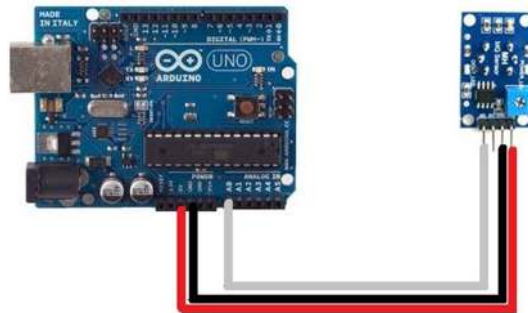


Fig. 5 Circuit Schematic of the system

In Fig. 5 it shows the establishment of our proposed system. The system was powered on via USB A to B cable and the other end of the cable can be connected to any 5V power source such as adapters or USB power banks. The system turns on automatically sensing the power and shows the outputs values of gas emission via Serial Cable to the Matlab GUI.

b. Flowchart

The flowchart of our purposed system is shown below in Fig 6.

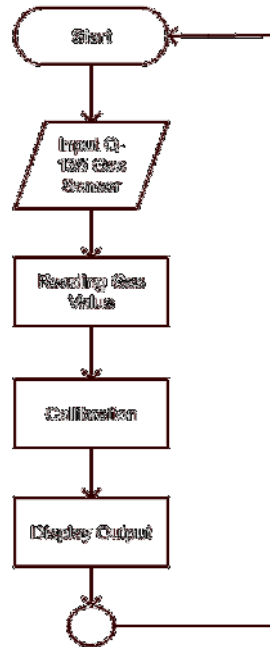


Fig 6. Flowchart of the system

c. Code and Callibration

The output from sensor readings will be calibrated to ppm (parts per million) to get the desired results. With each type of gas emission going through each calibration formula, for example Carbon Monoxide

Example of Matlab programming.

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Function x=getCalibratedCO(t, h)
    c = MQ135Const;
    x = c.scaleFactorCO * ((getCorrectedResistance(t,
h)/getCorrectedRZeroCO(getCorrectedResistance(t, h))) ^ (-c.exponentCO));
end
  
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After the callibration process, it will be plotting the output of the callibration will be processed to a main program as the result of the program.

3 Results and Discussion

The output values of the system are shown in the LCD device that shows the levels of these two poisonous gases in ppm. The system was tested in air conditioned rooms and in open spaces with various conditions. The data collected and represented in the tabular form in TABLE III.

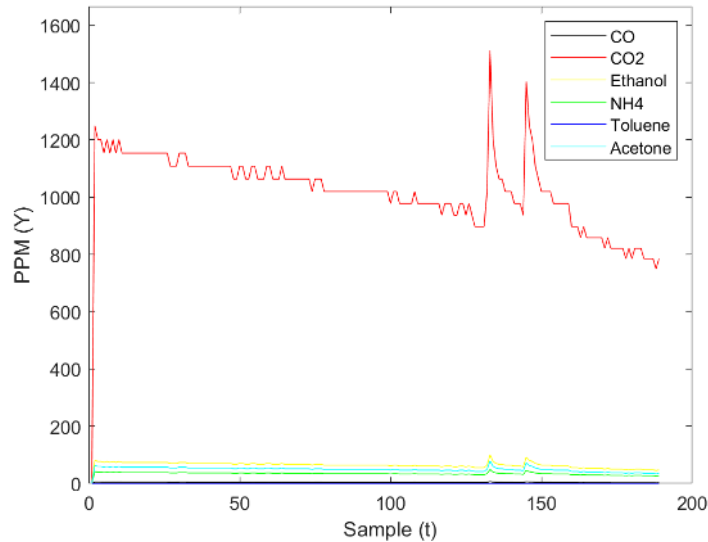


Fig 7. Air Quality in Air Conditioned Rooms

After Observing Fig 6, we can develop a relation between the amount of poisonous gases in air conditioned rooms with area and number of people. If the value of poisonous gas is denoted as V , and the area and number of people are denoted as A and N respectively then we can say that, (1) From equation (1), we can say that if number of people increase then the value of ppm will increase for poisonous gases whereas the value of ppm will decrease due to the increment of area. The extreme point for Carbon monoxide is set to 80 ppm, the carbon dioxide was set to 1200 ppm in our system, and the other gas no more than carbon monoxide.

4 Conclusion

In this paper, we proposed Microcontroller Based on Continuous gas emissions in air Monitoring System. We have made the system compact and cost efficient and displayed the values of CO, CO₂, Ethanol, NH₄, Toluene and Acetone in Matlab. And the whole system has been designed less power consuming, handy, weight and easily to use. The system can be used in any industries and any companies as means of emission monitoring and air quality. Thus, it will be able to assist the industry in helping control and monitor their industrial emissions levels

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