

Smart Water Monitoring System Using Wireless Sensor Network at Home/Office

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Abstract

Water is one of the most important substances on earth. People now days always want something that can make their life easier. In this thesis is used to define the water monitoring systems such as Tank water level sensing monitoring, water pollution monitoring and water pipeline leakage sensing monitoring. By using Wireless Sensor Technology we avoid the huge amount of water is being wasted by uncontrolled use of large apartments/offices. The microcontroller(PID) based Water level monitoring is used to indicate the level of water in the tank to agent. Sensor Based Water Pollution Detection, it will check the water quality by using these parameters such as the pH level, turbidity and temperature are measured in real time by the sensors and it will monitoring by an agent. Leak detection in water pipelines, we use the pressure into the pipe using on force sensitive resistors (FSR) generated from a leak is detected, it will be indicated by an increase in the LED meter and a rushing sound will be heard in the headset. This thesis our motivation is to prevent the water by using technologies and the monitoring system uses daily life device like laptop or mobile phone.

Key Words: Microcontroller, pH Sensors, FSR, Graph Search, MATLAB.

1. INTRODUCTION

Water is a limited resource and is essential for agriculture, industry and for creatures existence on earth including human beings. Lots of people don't realize the true importance of drinking enough water every day. More water are wasted by many uncontrolled way. This problem is quietly related to poor water allocation, inefficient use, and lack of adequate and integrated water management. Therefore, efficient use and water monitoring are potential constraint for home or office water management system.

Every living thing on earth needs water to survive. Human bodies are made up of more than 60 percent water. We use clean water to drink, grow crops for food, operate factories, and for swimming, surfing, fishing and sailing. Water is vitally important to every aspect of our lives. Monitoring the quality of surface water will help protect our waterways from pollution. Farmers can use the information to help better manage their land and crops. Our local, state and national governments use monitoring information to help control pollution levels.

By using water monitoring system, we avoid the water wastage, power consumption and easily prevent the water for our generation. Water monitoring day was established in 2003 by America's clean water foundation as a global educational outreach program that aims to build public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world. world water monitoring day is celebrated on September 18.

Tank Water Level Monitoring, is used to avoid overflowing and intimate level of water in the tank. Water controlling system implementation makes potential significance in home applications. The existing automated method of level detection is described and that can be used to make a device on/off. Moreover, the common method of level control for home appliance is simply to start the feed pump at a low level and allow it to run until a higher water level is reached in the water tank. This is not properly supported for adequate controlling system. Besides this, liquid level control systems are widely used for monitoring of liquid levels, reservoirs, silos, and dams etc.

Water pollution monitoring can help with water pollution detection, discharge of toxic chemicals and contamination in water. And also check the quality by using Temperature, pH and turbidity are the typical parameters collected in river/lake water pollution/quality monitoring systems. The goal of this project is to design and manage a Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) that helps

to monitor the quality of water with the help of information sensed by the sensors immersed in water, so as to keep the water resource within a standard described for domestic usage and to be able to take necessary actions to restore the health of the degraded water body.

Water pipelines leak detection, Pipeline systems are responsible for transporting vital materials such as water, oil and gas. Any leakage in the pipe can cause major financial losses and possible environmental damages. Currently, buried pipelines are only monitored at key points, which can be spaced several kilometers apart. A system with a higher spatial resolution would provide operators with a better understanding of their network. In buried pipeline monitoring, sensor nodes are deployed in soil. The underground environment imposes major limitations on sensor nodes, such as poor RF transmission and lack of maintainability.

2. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE OF WATER MONITORING SYSTEM

In Fig-1 depicts, It defines the overall architecture of water monitoring system. A sensor is a hardware device that produces a measurable response signal to a change in a physical condition such as temperature, pressure and humidity. The continual analog signal sensed by the sensors is digitized by an analog-to-digital converter and sent to the embedded processor for further processing. A sensor node can have one or several types of sensors integrated in or connected to the node.

First the water level indicator is used to indicate level of water in the tank. LED light sensor will fixed in the side of the tank. In the tank we fixed the Number of Led light based on size of the tank. For example: We use LED 1, LED 2 and LED 3 sensor fixed. LED 1 is the lowest point, LED 2 is the middle point and LED 3 is the highest point. When the water will reach the Lowest Point LED 1 sensor light, The microcontroller (PID) will passed the input signal to the pump and the pump will automatically ON.

Then when the water will reaches the highest point LED 3 sensor then the pump will be automatically off. By using this concept we easily avoid overflowing and the water level will be indicate to user on monitoring. Automatic Water level sensing would help in reducing the home power consumption.

The second one is water quality level checking used three parameters such as pH, Temperature and

turbidity sensor. The pH sensor, temperature and turbidity sensor will placed into the water inside on the tank. pH sensor is used to check the hydrogen value in the water. Temperature sensor is used to find the value of temperature in water. Sometimes the temperature will be changed the pH value so only we check the temperature and the turbidity sensor is used to find the purity levels in the water.

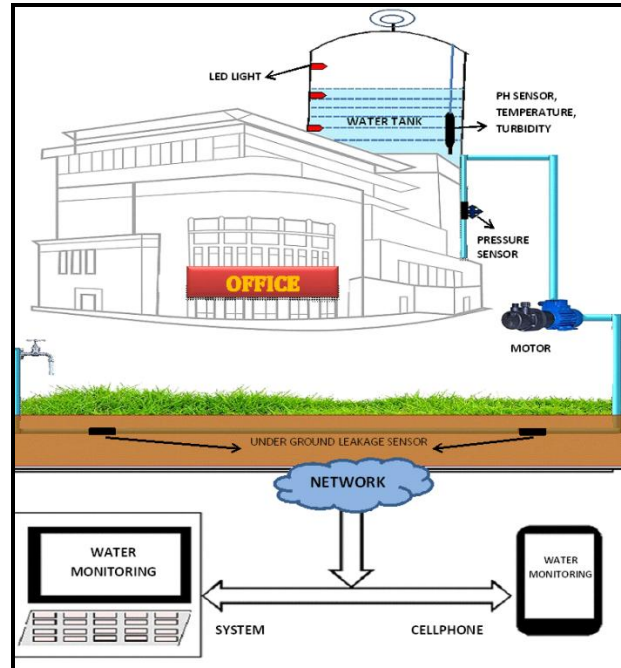


Fig-1: Architecture Of Water Monitoring

The third one is Pipes leakage detection. Using Pressure sensor is used to detect the leakage pipes. This sensor will fixed between the pipes. Then the sensor give the pressure continuously on it. Incase any pipes burst, pipes leakage means it will indicated to the agent and the underground sensor is used a FSR technique. A relative pressure sensing method based on force sensitive resistors (FSR) is used for pressure measurements in the proposed UWSN for pipeline monitoring.

All the sensors are connected to the Wireless sensor network. A wireless sensor network is a group of specialized transducers with a communications infrastructure that uses radio to monitor and record physical or environmental conditions. GSM (Global System for Mobile Communication) is a digital mobile telephony system. GSM is a cellular network which means that cell phones connect to it by searching for cells in the immediate vicinity.

And also used a Zigbee is a mesh network specification for low-power wireless local area networks (WLANs) that cover a large area. Zigbee is a specification for a suite of high level communication protocols using small, low-power digital radios based on an IEEE 802 standard for personal area networks.

The sensors send the report to the system through the network. To monitoring the water on the system we used the MATLAB tools. MPLAB is a free integrated development environment for the development of embedded applications on PIC and dsPIC microcontrollers, and is developed by Microchip Technology. MPLAB X is the latest edition of MPLAB, and is developed on the NetBeans platform.

MPLAB and MPLAB X support project management, code editing, debugging and programming of Microchip 8-bit, 16-bit and 32-bit PIC microcontrollers. MPLAB IDE is a software program that runs on your PC to provide a development environment for your embedded microcontroller design. We also monitoring the water at the cellphones. We install the product application on the android phone.

3. WATER TANK LEVEL SENSOR

The technique of tank water level sensing system monitoring concentrated with some basic parts which are softly aggregated together in our proposed method. The water level sensor is a reliable circuit. It takes over the task of indicating the water level in the overhead water tanks. It is being used to detect liquid level, as the liquid to be measured either can be inside a water tank. Basic descriptions of some parts are described below

- **Water Level Indicator:**
 In water level indication unit we can use some LED light which will work for water level indicate.
- **Water Level Sensor:**
 To make special water level sensor we would like to introduce some convenient materials such as Iron rod, nozzles, resistance, rubber etc.
- **Water Pump Controlling System:**

We can control the water pump by connecting it with an output pin of microcontroller to a motor driver circuit. When microcontroller sends a positive signal (+5v) or a ground signal (0v) to the motor driver circuit.

- **Microcontroller :**
 Microcontroller is a computer on a chip that is programmed to perform almost any control, sequencing, monitoring and display the function.

In addition, the current is changed up to positive signal (+5v) to ground or its reverse then the inductor can tolerate some resistance as shown in Fig-2. For this reason we should use a diode. An on/off switch is used to control the motor driver circuit manually.

Fig-2 depicts, The system we should use some necessary parts such as PIC 16F84A microcontroller, Crystal Oscillator, 2 capacitor having capacitance 22 pF and 27 pF, inverter, LED, water tank, water level sensor, water pump, transistor, inductor and some capacitor. The graphical Figure of the whole circuit diagram is shown in Fig-2.

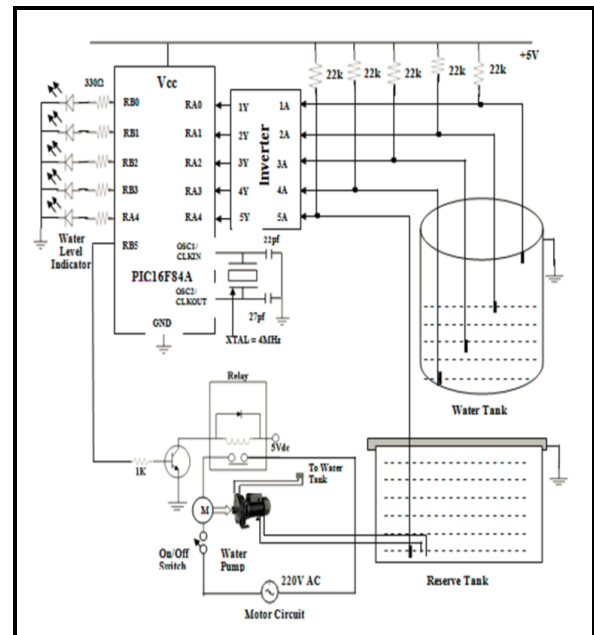


Fig-2: Liquid Level Sensor Block Diagram

If four pins RA0, RA1, RA2 and RA3 gets ground signal (0v) that means there is no water in the water tank. So, all LEDs should be off. We can also set this issue more intelligent way, if pin RA3 senses ground signal then we can be sure that there is no water in the tank. And if we found pin no RA0 senses positive signal (+5v) then we can tell that water tank is full of water.

So, when water tank is empty then water pump should become on and all LED light becomes off. If pin no RA3 gets positive signal (+5v) and other three gets ground signal (0v) that means water tank has 1/4th water. For this reason water pump remains on and the first LED should be on now; other three LEDs are still remaining off. If the four pins RA0, RA1, RA2 and RA3 get positive signal (+5v) that means water tank is now full of water.

4. WATER TANK POLLUTION SENSOR

Pollution sensing system is to design and manage a Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) that helps to monitor the quality of water with the help of information sensed by the sensors immersed in water, so as to keep the water resource within a standard described for domestic usage and to be able to take necessary actions to restore the health of the degraded water body. A WSN featuring a high power transmission Zigbee based technology together with the IEEE 802.15.4 compatible transceiver is chosen because of the simplicity of its deployment, low cost, minimal power consumption, reliability and high scalability.

The development of graphical user interface (GUI) for the monitoring purpose at the base monitoring station is another main component in the project. The GUI should be able to display the parameters being monitored continuously in real time. The Sensor will also check the water quality by using these parameters involved in the water quality monitoring such as the pH level, turbidity and temperature is measured in real time by the sensors that send the data to the base station or control/monitoring room.

The **pH** stands for "Potential of Hydrogen," referring to the amount of hydrogen found in a substance (in water). pH is measured on a scale that runs from 0 to 14. Seven is neutral, meaning there is a balance between acid and alkalinity. A measurement below 7 means acid is present and a measurement above 7 is basic (or alkaline).

The pH is of major importance in determining the corrosivity of water. In general, the lower the pH, the higher the level of corrosion. However, pH is only one of a

variety of factors affecting corrosion (3–8). The pH of a solution is the negative common logarithm of the hydrogen ion activity:

$$pH = -\log (H^+)$$

The pH of water is a measure of the acid-base equilibrium and, in most natural waters, is controlled by the carbon dioxide bicarbonate carbonate equilibrium system. An increased carbon dioxide concentration will therefore lower pH, whereas a decrease will cause it to rise.

Temperature will also affect the equilibrium and the pH. In pure water, a decrease in pH of about 0.45 occurs as the temperature is raised by 25 °C. The pH of most raw water lies within the range 6.5–8.5. The most common pH sensor is the glass electrode. Real Time Monitoring of pH is used sewage treatment plant (STP) to automate chlorine control and monitor the pH.

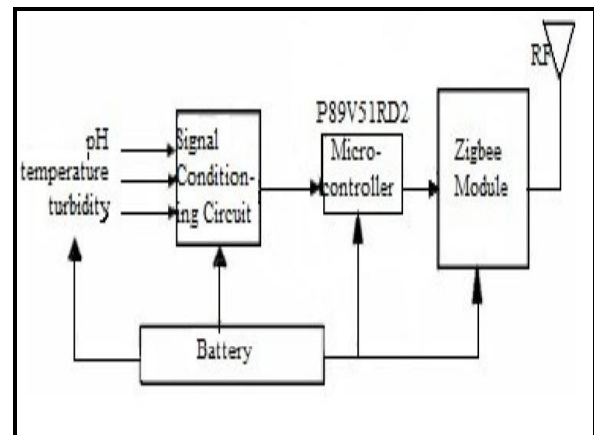


Fig-3: Block Diagram of Zigbee Based Wireless Sensor Node

pH Spot testing, we kept the pH and temperature probes in the water for two minute and recorded the pH value that was displayed on the meter screen after the two minute period. We then placed the pH probe back in the buffer solution bottle and turned the meter off to conserve energy.

The spot tested within our chosen location was selected based on the ease of water access only, not other factors such as clarity, pollution or flow. Using monitoring only we detect the water pollution.

Fig-3 depicts, the wireless sensor node in this work consists of sensor unit as mentioned above. A

microcontroller with the task of signal digitizing, data transmission, networking management etc. and radio frequency transceiver for communications at the physical layer.

Table-1: pH Scale Value

pH VALUE	MEANING
• 0-6	is a acidic water.
• 7	is a neutral of pure water,
• 8-14	is a alkaline water.

Alkaline ionized water can neutralize acid build up in the body caused by years of consuming acidic food and beverages. Over acidity can cause all type of diseases from obesity to osteoporosis. The mean of pH levels in clean water is appropriate 7-7.5 and the mean of pH level in polluted water is appropriate above 8. In Fig-4 shows the comparison chart of pure water and pollute water.

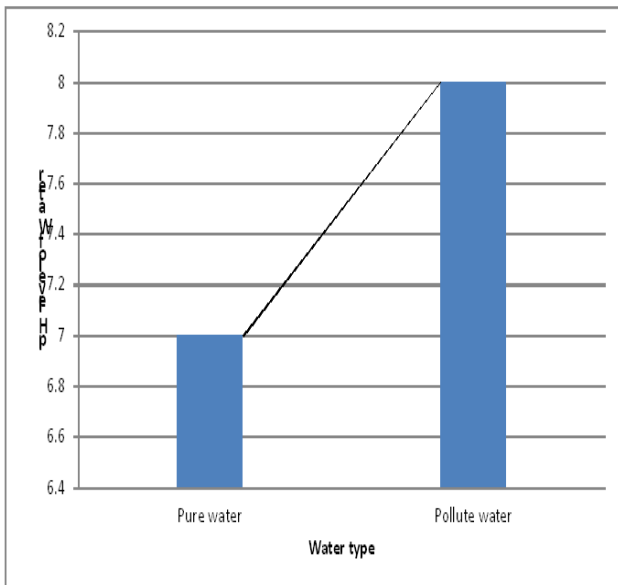


Fig-4: Comparison Chart

5. PIPELINES LEAK DETECTION SENSOR

Leak detection in water pipelines, which will detect the leakage in the pipelines. When an ultrasonic leak detector is produce the ultrasonic signal generated from a leak is detected, it will be indicated by an increase in the LED meter and a rushing sound will be heard in the headset. And force sensitive resistors (FSR) is used for pressure measurements to find the leak. Common pressure sensors used to measure the pressure inside water pipes require pressure tapings or special valves that allow access to the sensor to the inside of the pipe

A novel, relative pressure sensing method based on force sensitive resistors (FSR) is used for pressure measurements in the proposed UWSN for pipeline monitoring. This system operates based on the principle of a changing diameter of the pipe caused by an internal pressure change.

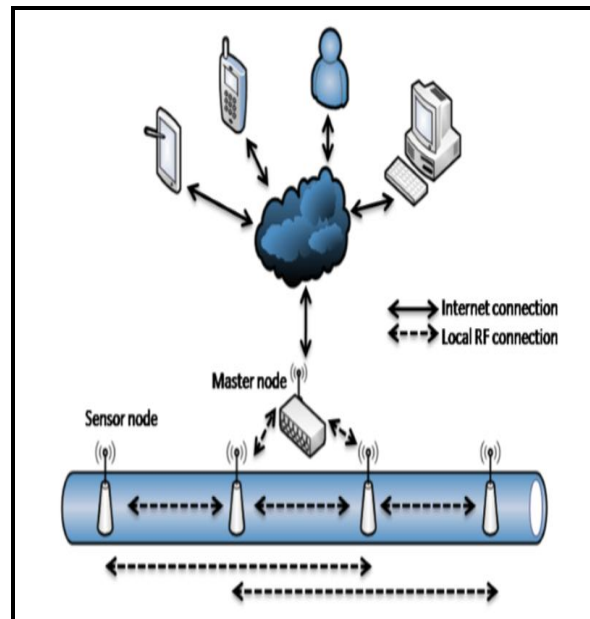


Fig-5: Underground Wireless Sensor Network (UWSN) for a Pipeline System

Fig-5 depicts, In UWSN each node communicates with both nodes in front and behind itself via RF signals. For every 4-5 nodes (up to maximum of 10 nodes) there is a master node which has the capability to communicate with the sensor nodes via RF transmission. Moreover, these master nodes should be able to connect to the internet and transmit the received data from the nodes to the cloud. Data in the cloud can then be accessed via different devices with internet connectivity.

The ideal sensor for pipeline monitoring should be non-invasive to the pipe, low in power consumption and easy to install. Furthermore, they should be able to gather useful information without extensive data processing or high sampling rates.

One of the key parameters in pipeline monitoring is the internal pressure of the pipe. Leaks or blockages can potentially alter the normal pressure in the pipe and hence monitoring the pressure can potentially help to identify these. Temperature measurements of a pipe and its surroundings can also provide useful data in pipeline monitoring. A slow leak might not have a major effect on the internal pressure of the pipe, but it can potentially change its surrounding temperature profile.

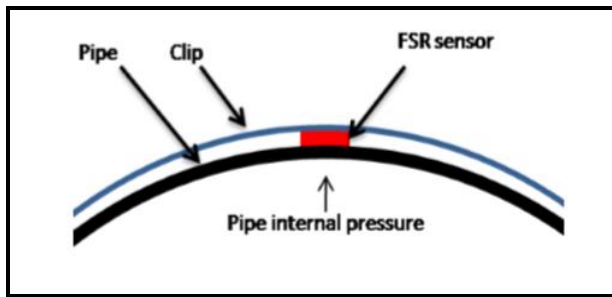


Fig-6: Schematic Of The Pressure Sensor Assembly FSR Sensor

Common pressure sensors used to measure the pressure inside water pipes require pressure tapings or special valves that allow access to the sensor to the inside of the pipe that shown on Fig-6. A novel, relative pressure sensing method based on force sensitive resistors (FSR) is used for pressure measurements in the proposed UWSN for pipeline monitoring. This system operates based on the principle of a changing diameter of the pipe caused by an internal pressure change.

6. WATER MONITORING SYSTEM

6.1 Results of Tank Water Level Monitoring

The program we used to control the entire process is written in PIC16F84A microcontroller's assembly language. All the codes have been tested and simulated using MATLAB Proceedings software which is provided by MICROCHIP. The external timer we have used in our system is a Crystal Oscillator (XTAL) 4MHZ. When the system powered up, microcontroller took the input from the water sensor through the inverter. Inverted inputs

from RA0, RA1, RA2 and RA3 of microcontroller are loaded by register and its combination is being checked.

When the water is decreasing from the tank by home use, the display LED should start to become OFF one after another from the top to bottom. If all the LEDs becomes OFF that means the tank becomes empty again and the water pump should becomes automatically ON again exactly after the last LED becomes OFF. These operations should automatically perform as a cycle. The corresponding experimental result is presented here (see Table 2).

The combination checking was done in the following way.

A) When microcontroller gets the first pin signal then it loads the signal to its register. After that it checks the next pin signal and then loads it to its register. Other pin signals operation also done respectively in the same way. Finally it loads all (four) required pin's signal to the register. By using these four signal combinations it decides an output and sends that signal to the output pin.

B) The whole operation makes a cycle or repeats itself with respect to the input signals.

Table-2: Experimental Result of Water Level Sensing Unit

Inverted Input From Water Sensor		Output						
Res. Tank	Water Tank	LED 1	LED 2	LED 3	LED 4	Motor	Tank	Reserve Tank
0	0000	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	Empty	Empty
1	0000	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	Empty	Water Exist
1	1000	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	NO OP.	1/4	Water Exist
1	1100	ON	ON	ON	OFF	NO OP.	2/4	Water Exist
1	1110	ON	ON	ON	ON	NO OP.	3/4	Water Exist
1	1111	ON	ON	ON	ON	ON	Full	Water Exist

6.2 Results of Water Pollution Monitoring

GUI is a type of interface that allow the users to interact with electronic devices through graphical icons and visual indicators such as secondary notation, as to text based interfaces. The action in a GUI are usually performed through direct manipulation of the graphical elements MATLAB software are self contained MATLAB programs with GUI front ends that automate a task or calculation. GUIDE(Graphical User Interface Design Environment) provides tools for designing user interface for custom.

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Fig-7: Layout Design of Water Quality Monitoring

Different push buttons are provided for reading the temperature ,pH and turbidity values which are “Read pH”, “Read Temp” and “Read Turb”. Once the user clicks on any of the push buttons of the panel the zigbee transceiver on the receiver side sends a signal to the zigbee transmitter on the transmitter side demanding the corresponding data values to be sent.

The “Graph” push button plots the different values that are obtained at the receiver side. Once the values are plotted , it is inherently saved and stored in MS Excel Database, which can be accessed by clicking on the “Database” tab. The average of these values is also calculated and displayed in the textbox “Average”, shown in Fig7.

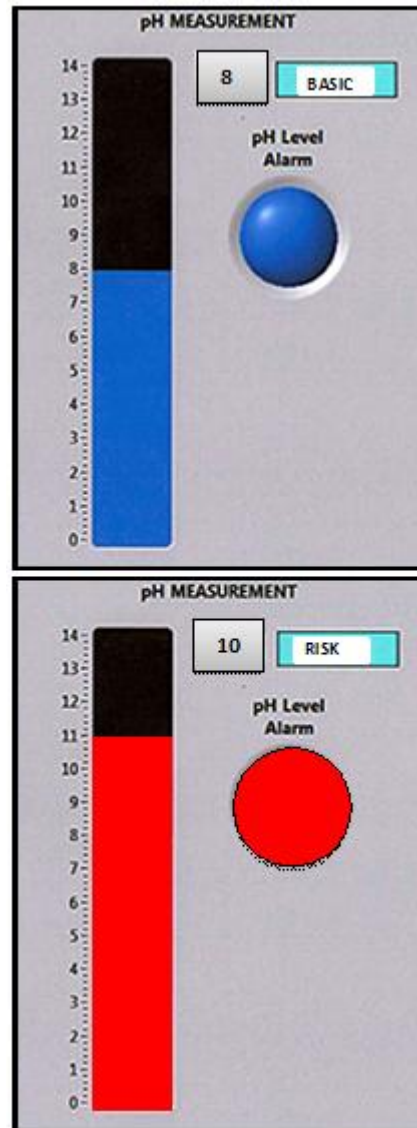


Fig-8: Water Pollution Alarm

6.3 Result Water Pipeline Leakage Monitoring

Leak detection in water pipelines, which will detect the leakage in the pipelines. When an ultrasonic

leak detector is produce the ultrasonic signal generated from a leak is detected, it will be indicated by an increase in the LED meter and a rushing sound will be heard in the headset. And also we use the pressure into the pipe using on force sensitive resistors (FSR).

A search problem is defined by a set of states, a start state, a goal state or goal test a Boolean function which tells us whether a given state is a goal state, a successor function a mapping from a state to a set of new states. A graph consists of a set N of nodes; a set A of ordered pairs of nodes, called arcs or edges.

Generic search algorithm: given a graph, start nodes, and goal nodes, incrementally explore paths from the start nodes. Maintain a frontier of paths from the start node that have been explored. As search proceeds, the frontier expands into the unexplored nodes until a goal node is encountered. The way in which the frontier is expanded defines the search strategy.

// Graph search algorithm used to find the location

Input: a graph,
 a set of start nodes,
 Boolean procedure goal(n) that tests if n is a goal node.

frontier := {< s > : s is a start node};

while frontier is not empty:

 select and remove path < n_0, \dots, n_k > from frontier;

 if goal(n_k)

 return < n_0, \dots, n_k >;

 for every neighbor n of n_k

 add < n_0, \dots, n_k, n > to frontier;

 end while

After the algorithm returns, it can be asked for more answers and the procedure continues. Which value is selected from the frontier defines the search strategy. The neighbor relationship defines the graph. The goal function defines what is a solution.

In the graph model of the network, vertices represent either pipe junctions (connections between pipes), waypoints on curved pipes or sensor locations. Edges between vertices represent pipes, and edge weights are travel time.

Travel time is determined by dividing the known pipe length by the wave speed. In order to localize an event using the graph, the burst transient must be detected at two or more measurement points. In Fig9 is shown a simplified visualization of a pipe network as a graph showing detection times ($t_1, t_2, 3$) at sensor nodes and the burst location (t_B).

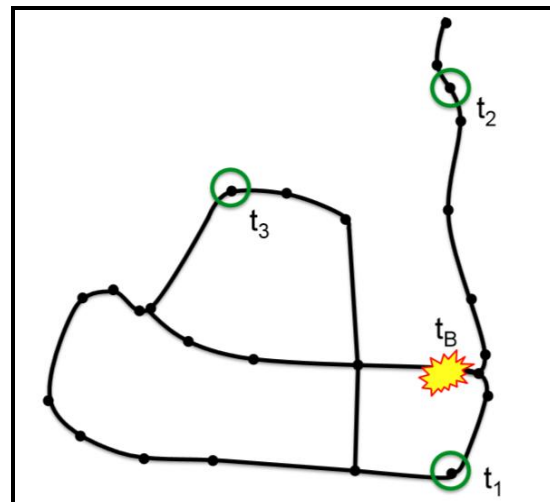


Fig-9 :A Simplified Visualization Of A Pipe Network As A Graph Showing Detection

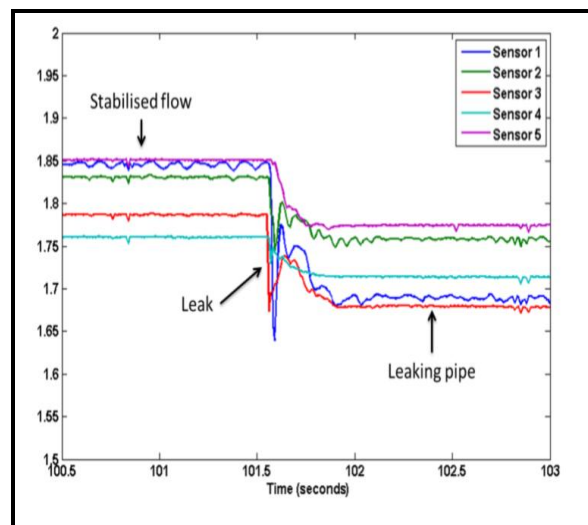


Fig-10: Pressure Drop Measured By the Five FSR Sensors Due To The Occurrence Of The Leak

Fig10 shows a close-up of the pressure drop due to the burst. It can be seen from this Fig that the pressure profiles of Sensors 4 and 5, which are downstream to the leak point, are different to the ones upstream of the leak. The profile for these sensors exhibit a more gradual pressure drop profile than the ones before the leak. This difference can be used to determine the approximate location of the leak, i.e., it is somewhere between Sensors 3 and 4 in this case.

7. CONCLUSION

Water is one of the most important basic needs for all living beings. But unfortunately a huge amount of water is being wasted by uncontrolled use. The main issue that is being addressed in this project is about developing an efficient wireless sensor network (WSN) based water monitoring system. Three different ways to monitoring the water such as water level monitoring, water pollution monitoring and water pipeline leakage monitoring

Finally the thesis water monitoring system of smart homes/office research concept will be completed by using wireless sensor technology. By using the monitoring system we can easily prevent the water and the water will be save to our generation.

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