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Automatic Gas Leakage Detection System

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Abstract: The document describes an Automatic Gas Leakage Detection System (AGLDS) designed to detect hazardous LPG gas leaks in domestic, workplace, and gas storage settings. The system uses sensors to detect propane, iso-butane, LPG, and smoke, triggering a buzzer to alert users audibly. An Arduino UNO microcontroller manages the system, activating an LCD display, buzzer, and GSM modem to send SMS alerts to predefined mobile numbers when a leak is detected.

Key features of the AGLDS include:

- Real-time monitoring of gas concentrations with a user-friendly interface.
- Configurable alarm thresholds and access to historical data for analysis.
- Scalability to support multiple sensors across various locations.
- Regular sensor calibration and maintenance to ensure reliability.
- Compliance with safety standards and regulations.

The AGLDS enhances safety by providing timely alerts, protecting property, and preventing environmental harm through proactive gas leak detection. It is a valuable tool for safeguarding lives and assets in diverse environments.

I. INTRODUCTION

The document discusses the development of an "Automatic Gas Leakage Detection System" (AGLDS) as a minor project in response to rising safety and environmental concerns due to increased reliance on gas-based energy sources. Accidental gas leaks pose significant threats, including fires, explosions, and health hazards.

Key objectives and features of the project include:

- Designing a robust and efficient system to detect gas leaks in homes, industrial facilities, and commercial spaces.
- Utilizing advanced sensor technologies to promptly identify harmful gases such as methane, propane, and carbon monoxide.
- Strategically placing sensors to maximize coverage and increase early detection chances.
- Employing microcontroller-based technology to process sensor data in real-time and trigger immediate alerts when gas leakage is detected.

The project aims to ensure a quick response and effective mitigation of gas leak-related dangers, enhancing safety and protecting property and the environment.

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II. THEORY

An Automatic Gas Leakage Detection System is a safety project designed to monitor and detect hazardous gases in various environments. Using gas and environmental sensors, the system continuously measures gas concentration levels. Upon detecting a leak, it triggers an alarm and can shut off gas valves or notify authorities. The system relies on sensor technology, data acquisition, and processing for real-time monitoring and immediate response to prevent accidents, protect lives, and safeguard properties. It integrates hardware components such as sensors, microcontrollers, and communication devices with software for data analysis and alerting, providing a comprehensive solution for early gas leak detection and response.

III. CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

Designing a circuit for an Automatic Gas Leakage Detection System involves integrating several key components:

- 1. **Gas Sensors**: Connect to the analog pins of the microcontroller, with variable resistors for sensitivity adjustment.
- 2. **Microcontroller** (MCU): Use an Arduino or similar to read sensor data, process it, and control the alarm system.
- 3. **Relay Module**: Connect to the MCU to control high-power external devices like alarms.
- 4. **Buzzer/Alarm**: Connect to the relay module to activate when gas concentrations exceed a set threshold.
- 5. **LED Indicators**: Use LEDs to provide visual status, indicating normal conditions or a gas leak.
- 6. **Power Supply**: Ensure a suitable power supply for the circuit, meeting the voltage and current requirements of the components.

This system continuously monitors gas levels and triggers alarms to ensure safety in the event of a gas leak.

IV. WORKING

An Automatic Gas Leakage Detection System operates through several key steps, from detecting gas to triggering alarms and alerts:

- 1. Gas Sensing: Sensors are placed in potential leak areas to monitor gases like methane, propane, or carbon monoxide.
- 2. Sensor Data Acquisition: Sensors generate analog signals proportional to gas concentration, which are sent to the microcontroller's analog input pins.
- 3. **Data Processing by Microcontroller**: The microcontroller (e.g., Arduino) converts analog signals to digital data and processes it.
- 4. **Threshold Comparison**: The microcontroller compares the digital data to predefined thresholds to detect potential gas leaks.
- 5. Alarm Triggering: If a leak is detected, the microcontroller activates the alarm system, including buzzers, LEDs, and relay-controlled devices.
- 6. Alert Generation: The system sends alerts, such as notifications to a monitoring station or user interface, especially for remote monitoring.
- 7. **Power Management**: The system operates on a continuous power supply, with features for efficient power use and low-power modes.
- 8. **Reset and Calibration**: Includes mechanisms to reset alerts when gas levels normalize and requires periodic calibration for accuracy.
- 9. **Remote Monitoring**: For remote systems, the microcontroller uses communication protocols like Wi-Fi or Bluetooth to send alerts and status updates to users remotely.

V. FLOWCHART

The flowchart for an Automatic Gas Leakage Detection System outlines its operational process, starting with initialization and progressing through continuous monitoring and response. Key steps include:

- 1. **Initialization**: Power up the microcontroller and set up communication with gas sensors, display, and alarm components.
- 2. **Main Monitoring Loop**: Continuously read data from gas sensors and check if gas concentration exceeds a predefined threshold.
- 3. Gas Concentration Check:
 - \circ If the gas concentration is below the threshold, continue monitoring.
 - If the gas concentration exceeds the threshold, proceed to the alarm and alert phase.

In the alarm and alert phase, the system triggers audible and visual alarms, optionally provides real-time feedback on a display, and may activate response mechanisms such as exhaust fans or notifications to authorities. This ensures a quick and effective response to potential gas leaks, enhancing safety.

VI. BREADBOARD IMPLEMENTATION

Industrial sensors are installed on fixed mild steel structures and connected via cable to a SCADA system for continuous monitoring. In emergencies, a tripping interlock can be activated. Electrochemical gas detectors function by allowing gases to diffuse through a porous membrane to an electrode, where the gases are chemically oxidized or reduced.

VII. CONCLUSION

Gas detection sensors are electronic devices used to detect various gases, including non-toxic gases like oxygen and carbon dioxide and toxic gases such as carbon monoxide, TVOC, and ammonia. They are commonly used in factories, manufacturing facilities, and homes to identify gas leaks and detect smoke and carbon monoxide.

Advantages:

- Detect combustible gases like methane, liquefied gas, and hydrogen.
- Simple structure, low cost, high detection sensitivity, fast reaction speed, and good linear output.

Applications:

- Identifying gas leaks in factories and manufacturing facilities.
- Detecting smoke and carbon monoxide in homes.
- Protecting workers in flammable, explosive, and toxic environments.

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