

# CO-GPS: Energy Efficient GPS Sensing Parameters Monitoring Using Raspberry PI-3

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**ABSTRACT:** *This paper proposes an advanced system for process management via a credit card sized single board computer called raspberry pi based multi parameter monitoring hardware system designed using that measures and controls various global parameters. The system comprises of a single master and slave with wireless mode of communication and a raspberry pi system that can either operate on windows or Linux operating system. The parameters that can be tracked are temperature & light intensity. The master board use raspberry Pi, LM35 & LDR Sensors, GPS and GSM modules. We can monitor the data through Personal computer, display device (16x2 LCD) and simultaneously we will SMS alerts when the parameter readings exceed the limit. It transmits the information of the sensor modules to the intermediates station with GSM interface, like the focus of, gas and temperture (MQ2 and LM35) sensor. And most of the collected information will be passed back again to the server (IOT) through WSN (GSM and GPS). Therefore, the ideal aspects of indoor atmosphere might be modified and controlled nicely with proper air quality, like temperture, etc. It will regulate a far more comfortable surroundings of a particular location and then made a more efficient energy saving system. With this particular safety-critical area monitoring program we are going to have much more practical significance as well as application worth in enhancing the greater living environment. Modern protection crucial places monitoring system must offer real-time monitoring of setting for individuals to enhance safety and lifetime.*

**KEYWORDS:** Wireless Sensor Network, Gas Sensor, Internet of Things, GSM Network, GPS

## I. INTRODUCTION

Real time monitoring of power system is essential for its continuous and reliable operation. This advanced system presents a low cost, low power consuming system that can be used for quick and accurate power system parameter monitoring. The designed system will continuously measure the processes and display the power system

parameters like voltage, current. Now-a-days the accidents in the industries have increased. Even if any explosion occurs it can't be easily known to the laborers and it may cause accidents. So in order to avoid this, a system has been designed and this is allowed to monitor the ambient situations inside the industry. Some of the parameters such as explosions, temperature and water level are sensed by using sensors and the received data from sensors transmitted to the microprocessor used in raspberry PI and then transmitted to the personal computer through ZigBee module. By this the human intervention can be avoided inside the industry and the accidents can be prevented.

Wireless communication is very important concept and it plays an important role in various industries of automation field. Today the application of wireless communication in industrial automation is increasing rapidly. In some applications human beings have been replaced by unmanned devices that will acquire data and relay the data back to the base. A single person can monitor and even interact with the ongoing work from a single base station. Wireless based industrial automation is a prime concern in our day standardized nowadays. Intelligent and low-cost automation of industrial processes are crucial in order to improve process efficiencies, deliver quality products, and ensure timeliness and accuracy of systems. Wireless is predicted to be one of the fastest growing technologies in the area of process automation sector. The embedded web server network consists of advanced processor ARM11-Raspberry Pi. It is having RISC architecture. An embedded web server creates an easy way for monitoring & controlling any device which is at remote place.

For designing the system we require remote pc along with the internet facility at the remote locations. We implement a system which is portable, low cost & having less maintenance by using ZigBee technology. ZigBee is an IEEE 802.15.4-based specification for a suite of high-level communication protocols used to create personal area networks with small, low-power digital radios.

The technology defined by the ZigBee specification is intended to be simpler and less expensive than other wireless personal area networks (WPANs), such as Bluetooth or Wi-Fi. Applications include wireless light switches, electrical meters with in-home-displays, traffic management systems, and other consumer and industrial equipment that require Short-range low-rate wireless data transfer.

In the hazardous working environment, human safety is an important concern. At the sametime if any person is absent in an important place for monitoring, it may also cause serious hazards. At present many systems are implemented in industrial areas but still accidents are occurring. The new method is to design a system and that is place in industries. The system will be equipped with some sensors like temperature and light for detecting the explosions and the ambient temperature. If any serious situation occurs means an alert given to the nearby workers.

Wireless communication is also an important issue inside the industry. Usage of wired technologies are not worthy as the cables will get damaged after a certain period of time or due to some environmental factors. So the wireless transmission technology is preferred. The industrial monitoring protocol should be designed such that the system must have a reliable end to end data delivery. The data which is collected from sensors should be transmitted without any delay and loss of data. Some of the techniques like ZigBee, Bluetooth, and Wi-Fi and GSM as well as GPS.

## II. RELATED WORK

In the designed and implemented a compact wireless sensor network with internet capability of environment. System can monitor the status of kitchen and send email and/or an alert SMS via GSM network automatically to users with detail data. It has the capability to control through internet. With the subject of received email is read by the developed algorithm fed into Raspberry pi and then the system responds to the corresponding instruction with high security applicable. It has a variety of features such as energy efficient, intelligence, various low cost, portability and high performance. A concept of new technology used Raspberry pi based kitchen monitoring system through webpage with ZigBee based technology as explained in paper [1] Ravi.M.et.al.[2015] As per author explain automation using in wireless communication has made the systems more smart and automated communication architecture. In the Technology used The Local Area Network this also sends an alerting SMS to a predefined mobile number. It may also remote system if a parameter crosses the threshold.

In the proposed system, the patient's physiological conditions are acquired by the wireless sensors nodes attached on the patient body, and are then transmitted to the remote base-station. Base station is designed using a Raspberry Pi. The Raspberry Pi is basically ARM 11 processor with features like serial communication and Ethernet and so on. All features are explored to communicate with the WSN architecture to perfectly acquire data and update the status to doctor's chamber using LAN in respective order. In the Wireless Sensor Nodes designed using ZigBee is emerging as a significant element of next generation healthcare services. In this paper we proposed a mobile physiological monitoring system, which is able to continuously monitor the patient's heart beat, blood pressure and other critical parameters in the hospital. In entire system consists of a router node to acquire the patient's physiological data with systematic way. The transmitted data from the router node is received by the coordinator node. The coordinator node connected to the server. All the main nodes designed to update the data using LAN.

It helps in an easy way to monitor the patient at their chamber and helps doctors to take immediate actions on respective conditions in particular research domain.[2]

Keerthi VallapReddy.et.al.[2014] In this paper the author has proposed a completely automated license plate recognition system with a detail diagram. In the aim of research at designing a system which automatically captures the image of the number plate of a vehicle. These details were verified using Raspberry Pi processor for authentication. The system also alerts the authorities when any unauthorized image of number plate was detected using a buzzer alarm system. In the explanation when the authorized vehicle was detected then the system operates the gate using a DC motor. The related work as automation is the most frequently spelled term in the field of electronics. Consider with research area. In the require for automation brought many revolutions in the existing technology area.

### III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The implemented system consists of a Raspberry Pi 3 as a main processing unit for the entire system and all the sensors and devices can be connected with the microcontroller. The sensors can be operated by the microcontroller to retrieve the data from them and it processes the analysis with the sensor data and updates it to the internet through a GSM module connected to it. In the above block diagram, there it is showing the main elements in the proposed system. To design an embedded system the first important step is hardware selection. The hardware components should be chosen carefully to obtain high accuracy with minimum hardware and cost. Fig. 1(a), (b) show the block diagram of an embedded environment monitoring system. The hardware system development is divided into major parts, viz. the gas sensor, signal conditioning circuit, ARM microcontroller on-board system, display system, GSM network and GPS. Provision is also made to interface the unit to a personal computer through a serial port for system programming of ARM-11 as per requirement.

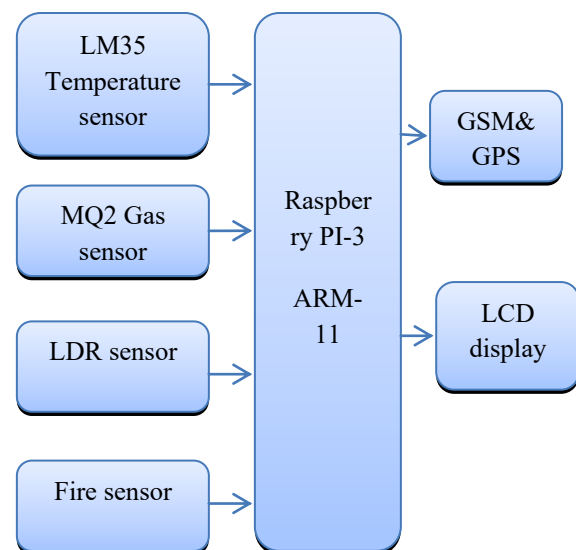
**A. Raspberry Pi 3:** The Raspberry Pi 3 Model B is the third generation Raspberry Pi. This powerful credit-card sized single board computer can be used for many applications and supersedes the original Raspberry Pi Model B+ and Raspberry Pi 2 Model B. Whilst maintaining the popular board format the Raspberry Pi 3 Model B brings you a more powerful processor, 10x faster than the first generation Raspberry Pi. Additionally it adds wireless LAN & Bluetooth connectivity making it the ideal solution for powerful connected designs. The main features of Raspberry Pi 3 are [4]

Processor: Broadcom BCM2387 chipset. 1.2GHz Quad-Core ARM Cortex-A53 802.11 b/g/n Wireless LAN and Bluetooth 4.1 (Bluetooth Classic and LE)

GPU: Dual Core VideoCore IV® Multimedia CoProcessor. Provides Open GL ES 2.0, hardware accelerated OpenVG, and 1080p30 H.264 high profile decode.

Operating System: Boots from Micro SD card, running a version of the Linux operating system or Windows 10 IoT.

GPIO Connector: 40-pin 2.54 mm (100 mil) expansion header: 2x20 strip Providing 27 GPIO pins as well as +3.3 V, +5 V and GND supply lines



(a)

[www.bosembedded.com/GPRS/dac19.txt](http://www.bosembedded.com/GPRS/dac19.txt)

(b)

Fig.1(a) Block diagram (b)Server section

**Temperature Sensor:** LM35 IC which was manufactured by National Semiconductors is used to measure temperature. The temperature sensor has three terminals as shown in figure 1. The  $V_{cc}$  pin is given a supply voltage of 5V DC. The ground pin is grounded. The data pin is connected to the channel-1 of the inbuilt ADC using port pin. The sensor gives electrical output proportional to the temperature ( $^{\circ}C$ ). The general equation used to convert output voltage to temperature is

$$T (^{\circ}C) = V_{out} * (100^{\circ} C/V_{cc})$$

**Light Sensor:** LDR is Light Dependent Resistor which is used as light sensor. It gives output in terms of voltage which indicates the light intensity of the surroundings. The cell resistance falls with increasing light intensity. Its operating voltage is 320V AC or DC peak. LDR is having two terminals as shown in the figure 3. The data pin is interfaced with the trim pot which has variable resistance. The other pin of the LDR is grounded. The other pin of the trim pot is given to 3.3V power supply. The data pin is given to the inbuilt ADC of the microcontroller.

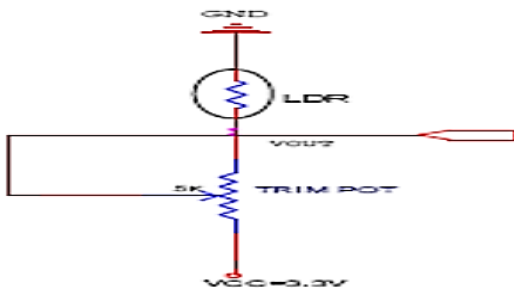


Fig.2. Light Sensor

**Gas sensor:** Gas sensor is a device that is normally made up of metal oxides that senses the gas molecules. It sends electrical signals as the output which is proportional to the gas concentration.

Selection of a sensor is of prime importance as it decides the overall performance of the pollution monitoring system. To detect CO gas generally SnO<sub>2</sub> gas sensor is used. The SnO<sub>2</sub> gas sensor has high sensitivity and selectivity towards CO gas. In the present study, a commercially available SnO<sub>2</sub> gas sensor (MQ6) is used.

**LCD Interfacing to Microcontroller:** A liquid crystal display (LCD) is a thin, flat panel used for electronically displaying information such as text and integers. Its major features are its lightweight construction, and portability. Date and time are continuously displayed on LCD when the sensor values are being stored in EEPROM. Four data lines are used to send data on to the LCD. When RS=0 and EN pin is made high to low command is sent to LCD. When RS=1 and EN pin is made high to low data is sent to LCD. VEE is used to adjust contrast.

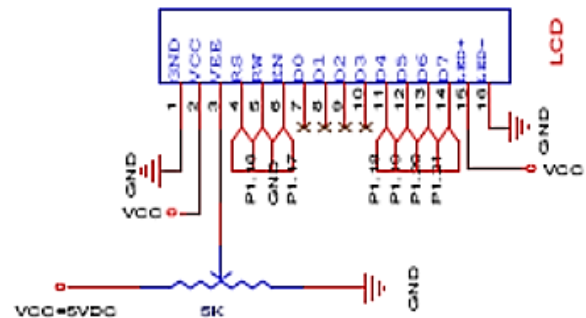


Fig.3. LCD connection to ARM-11

**LEDs:** The Light Dependent Resistor will monitor the light intensity of the surrounding environment. If the light intensity is getting low then automatically the LED lights will glow with a required intensity. Using the LED bulbs will save the energy in homes and industries. Here we are controlling the intensity of the LEDs based on the outside light, so that we can save more power.

**GSM module:** It requires a SIM (Subscriber Identity Module) card just like mobile phones to activate communication with the network. The use of GSM to send health information to webpage. This gives patient the ability to leave the hospital but still he has

to stay in some known places to ensure the ability to reach him in emergency cases. Even with this solution the patient can't move freely and be far from his home.

**GPS modules:** There are a variety of GPS modules available in the market but the one with a built-in patch antenna on top (POT) gives the advantage of data reception even indoors. For GPS module to work outdoors, you may have to find a clear sky to receive data. The module can either be connected with the USB cable or with just four wires connected directly to the GPIO of Raspberry Pi as shown in the table.

Connecting GPS Module with GPIO of Raspberry Pi	
GPS module pin	Raspberry Pi pin
3V3 pin	Pin 2
Gnd pin	Pin 6
Txd pin or Data Out pin	Pin 10
Rxd pin or Data In pin	Pin 8



Fig.4 GPS unit

## B. SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION

A global positioning system (GPS) module is a device used to determine its location on earth in terms of latitude and longitude. Since Raspberry Pi is a complete computer in itself with a stable operating system therefore connecting a GPS device to it is just like connecting it to any other computer. But getting it to work, then pulling out your chosen GPS-related data in python and performing some predefined tasks with the GPS data is something very different and interesting.

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pi@raspberrypi:~$ sudo apt-get install gpssd gpssd-clients python-gps python-serial
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following extra packages will be installed:
  libgps20 python-cairo python-gobject-2 python-gtk2
Suggested packages:
  python-gobject-2-dbg python-gtk2-doc python-wxgtk2.8 python-wxgtk2.6 python-wxgtk
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  gpssd gpssd-clients libgps20 python-cairo python-gobject-2 python-gps python-gtk2 python-serial
0 upgraded, 8 newly installed, 0 to remove and 316 not upgraded.
Need to get 2,684 kB of archives.
After this operation, 8,536 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue [Y/n]? y
Get:1 http://mirrordirector.raspbian.org/raspbian/ wheezy/main libgps20 armhf 3.6-4+deb7u1 [233 kB]
Get:2 http://mirrordirector.raspbian.org/raspbian/ wheezy/main gpssd armhf 3.6-4+deb7u1 [110 kB]
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Fig.5. Terminal window of GPS to ARM-11

Time:	2013-05-07T17:03:25.000Z	PRN:	Elev:	Azin:	SNR:	Used:
Latitude:	24.088699 N	2	68	305	39	Y
Longitude:	82.648226 E	10	54	188	22	Y
Altitude:	304.7 m	4	52	024	31	Y
Speed:	0.1 kph	12	39	323	23	Y
Heading:	344.0 deg (true)	5	33	180	36	Y
Clnb:	0.0 n/mln	24	28	255	36	Y
Status:	3D FIX (5 secs)	17	28	072	32	Y
Longitude Err:	+/- 2 m	39	21	255	32	Y
Latitude Err:	+/- 2 m	28	12	141	38	Y
Altitude Err:	+/- 7 m	25	07	322	22	Y
Course Err:	n/a	9	05	179	18	N
Speed Err:	+/- 16 kph					
Time offset:	0.555					
Grid Square:	NL14hc					

Fig.6. GPS to ARM-11 Location information

## IV. CONCLUSION

The research and implementation of a system for monitoring the environmental parameters using IoT scenario is accomplished. The system provides a low power solution for establishing a weather station. The system is tested in an indoor environment and it is successfully updated the weather conditions from sensor data. We evaluate the accuracy and efficiency of the resolution. Associated to more than 30 seconds of heavy signal processing on a standalone GPS receiver, we can achieve three orders of magnitude lower energy consumption per location tagging.

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