Air Quality Monitoring System

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***Abstract*—The paper proposes an IoT-based system for real-time monitoring and evaluation of air quality, using air sensors and a microcontroller to relay data to an online server. This system utilizes sensors such as MQ6, MQ7, MQ2, and MQ135 to accurately measure and detect hazardous substances in the air. Also used sensor DHT11 senses humidity and temperature, here SCADA, RS485 both plays a vital role in building effective and reliable AQMs. Their combined functionalities enable data collection, analysis and control system, ultimately contributing to improve air quality and public health.**

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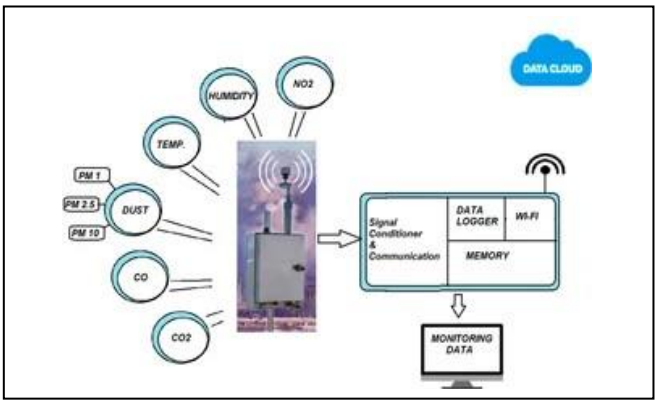

1. System Overview:

Purpose and functionalities of the proposed system:

- **The purpose of the proposed system is to monitor and evaluate air quality in real-time, aiming to address the issue of air pollution and promote better health for Individuals.**
- **The system utilizes IoT technology to continuously monitor the levels of hazardous gases and compounds in the air.**
- **Air sensors, including MQ6, MQ7, MQ2, and MQ135, are used to accurately measure and detect the majority of hazardous substances in the air.**
- **The system relays data from the sensors to a microcontroller, which processes the data and transmits it via the internet to an online Server.**
- **When the air quality drops below a certain point, an alarm is triggered, and an alert message is issued.**
- **The system provides a user-friendly interface by displaying the air quality in parts per million (PPM) on an LCD and the proposed system enables real-time monitoring, early detection of dangerous gases, and effective air quality control and management Use the enter key to start a new paragraph. The appropriate spacing and indent are automatically applied.**

Type of air quality being monitored:

- ***The proposed system monitors ambient air quality, which refers to the quality of outdoor air in the surrounding environment.***
- ***The system is designed to detect and measure hazardous substances in the air, including CO2, smoking, alcohol, benzene, NH3, and NOx.***
- ***It focuses on monitoring specific pollutants that are commonly found in the air and can pose health risks to individuals.***
- ***The sensors used in the system, such as MQ6, MQ7, MQ2, and MQ135, are capable of accurately measuring and detecting these pollutants.***

By continuously monitoring the levels of these pollutants, the system provides real-time information on the air quality, allowing for timely actions to be taken to mitigate pollution and ensure better air quality.

Target Environment or Application of the Air Quality Monitoring System:

- ***The proposed air quality monitoring system can be applied in various environments, including urban areas, homes, and workplaces.***
- ***The system is designed to continuously monitor and evaluate the air quality in real-time, making it suitable for any location where air pollution is a concern.***
- ***It can be deployed in urban areas to monitor the air quality levels and provide valuable data for policymakers and city planners to take necessary actions for improving air quality.***
- ***In homes, the system can help individuals monitor the air quality and take measures to ensure a healthy living environment.***
- ***Workplaces can also benefit from the system by monitoring and controlling air quality to provide a safe and healthy working environment for employees.***

2. System Components:

Hardware Components Used in the Air Quality Monitoring System:

- **The system utilizes various sensors to monitor air quality, including the MQ6, MQ7, MQ2, DHT11, SCADA, RS485 and MQ135 sensors. These sensors are capable of accurately measuring and detecting a wide range of hazardous substances.**
- **The system incorporates a microcontroller that receives data from the sensors and processes it before transmitting it via the internet.**
- **Data acquisition boards are used to interface with the sensors and collect data from them. The specific type of data acquisition board is not mentioned in the provided sources.**
- **The system includes communication modules to transmit the collected data to an online server via the internet. The exact communication modules used are not specified in the sources.**

Software Components Involved in the Air Quality Monitoring System:

Data processing algorithms, communication protocols, user interface design. The user interface design may also include an alarm system that sounds and issues an alert message when the air quality drops below a certain threshold, indicating the presence of dangerous gases.

3. System Operation:

Steps involved in data collection, processing, and transmission in the Air Quality Monitoring System:

- **The system uses air sensors (MQ6, MQ7, MQ2, and MQ135) to continuously collect data on hazardous substances present in the air.**
- **The microcontroller receives data from the sensors and processes it using data processing algorithms.**
- **The processed data is then transmitted to an online server via the internet using communication protocols.**
- **The system calculates and interprets air quality data based on the levels of dangerous gases. Such as CO2, smoking, alcohol, benzene, NH3, and NOx.**
- **The system may use an Air Quality Index (AQI) to provide a standardized measure of air quality, indicating the level of pollution and potential health risks.**
- **The air quality data is displayed on an LCD screen, showing the air quality in parts per million (PPM).**
- **Additionally, the system may issue an alarm and send an alert message when the air quality drops below a certain threshold, indicating the presence of dangerous gases.**

Key advantages of the proposed air quality monitoring system compared to existing solutions:

- **Real-time Monitoring: The system enables real-time monitoring and evaluation of air quality, allowing for immediate response to changes in pollution levels.**
- **IoT-based System: The use of Internet of Things (IoT) technology allows for remote monitoring and data transmission, providing convenience and accessibility.**
- **Comprehensive Sensor Coverage: The system utilizes multiple sensors (MQ6, MQ7, MQ2, and MQ135) that can accurately measure and detect a wide range of hazardous substances, ensuring comprehensive air quality monitoring.**
- **Alarm and Alert System: The system includes an alarm and alert message feature that notifies users when the air quality drops below a certain threshold, ensuring timely action can be taken to mitigate health risks.**
- **User-friendly Interface: The system displays air quality information in parts per million (PPM) on an LCD screen, making it easy for users to understand and monitor pollution levels.**

Limitations of the proposed air quality monitoring system:

- **Limited Sensor Accuracy: While the system utilizes sensors (MQ6, MQ7, MQ2, and MQ135) that can measure and detect a wide range of hazardous substances, their accuracy may vary, leading to potential inaccuracies in air quality measurements.**
- **Limited Coverage of Pollutants: Although the system can detect and monitor several hazardous substances, it may not cover all possible pollutants present in the air, potentially missing out on certain pollutants that could impact air quality.**
- **Reliance on Internet Connectivity: The system relies on internet connectivity for data transmission, which means that any disruptions in the internet connection could affect the real-time monitoring and transmission of air quality data.**
- **Lack of Data Analysis: The system does not provide detailed data analysis or interpretation beyond basic air quality measurements, such as parts per million (PPM) readings. This may limit the ability to gain deeper insights into air pollution patterns and trends.**

Literature review of 5 papers:

An ambient air quality monitoring system is a system that is used to monitor and analyse the quality of the air in the environment. It typically consists of various components such as air quality analysis instruments, sensors, and monitoring stations. The system is designed to rapidly analyse and detect pollutants in the air, generate corresponding signals, and provide real-time monitoring and analysis of air quality data. The system can be powered by renewable energy sources such as solar panels and wind generators, making it adaptable and free from geographical limitations [1]. It can also prevent the accuracy of air quality analysis results from being affected by the presence of condensed water and protect the air quality analysis instruments from damage caused by condensed water [2]. The system can conveniently and accurately measure the presence and concentration of polluted gases using electrochemical gas sensors, and it has high processing speed and strong expansibility [3]. Additionally, an IoT-based system can be used for live air quality monitoring, continuously relaying data from air sensors to a microcontroller and transmitting findings via IoT to an online server. When the air quality drops below a certain point, an alarm will sound and an alert message will be issued [4]. Such a system can be supported by IoT architecture and can monitor air quality in real-time, helping to address the increasing problem of air pollution.

5. Results:

Methods used to test and evaluate the system's performance:

- **Controlled Experiments: The system's performance can be evaluated through controlled experiments where air samples with known pollutant concentrations are introduced to the sensors, and the accuracy and precision of the measurements are compared to the expected values.**

- **Field Deployment: The system can also be tested and evaluated through field deployment in real-world environments. It can be installed in different locations with varying levels of air pollution, and the data collected can be compared to reference measurements from established air quality monitoring stations to assess its accuracy and sensitivity.**

Results of the evaluation:

- **Accuracy and Precision: The evaluation can provide data on the accuracy and precision of the system's measurements by comparing them to reference measurements. This can help determine how closely the system's readings align with established standards.**

- **Sensitivity and Detection: The evaluation can also assess the system's sensitivity in detecting hazardous substances by comparing its measurements to known pollutant concentrations. This can provide insights into the system's ability to detect and monitor different pollutants.**

Data Analysis and Interpretation:

- **The collected air quality data can be analysed using visualizations such as graphs and charts to identify trends and patterns in pollutant levels over time and across different locations.**

- **By analysing the data, it is possible to observe fluctuations in pollutant levels throughout the day and variations across different seasons, providing insights into the sources and patterns of air pollution.**

- **The effectiveness of the proposed system can be evaluated by comparing the system's measurements to reference measurements from established air quality monitoring stations, assessing accuracy, precision, sensitivity, and detection capabilities.**

- **The system's ability to accurately measure and detect hazardous substances, its responsiveness in issuing alerts when air quality drops below a certain threshold, and its overall reliability can be assessed to draw conclusions about its effectiveness in achieving the research objectives.**

6. Conclusions:

Based on the analysis of the collected data, conclusions can be drawn regarding the effectiveness of the proposed system in monitoring air quality. The system's ability to accurately measure and detect hazardous substances, its responsiveness in issuing alerts when air quality drops below a certain threshold, and its overall reliability can be evaluated to determine its effectiveness in achieving the research objectives.

7. Future works suggested in this paper:

- **Further research can be conducted to enhance the accuracy and reliability of the sensors used in the system, ensuring more precise measurements of hazardous substances in the air.**

- **The system can be expanded to include a wider range of sensors to monitor additional pollutants and compounds that contribute to air pollution, providing a more comprehensive assessment of air quality.**

- **Future studies can focus on optimizing the system's data transmission capabilities to ensure seamless and uninterrupted communication between the microcontroller and the online server, improving the real-time monitoring capabilities.**

- **The system can be integrated with advanced data analytics techniques to analyse the collected air quality data and identify patterns, trends, and pollution sources, enabling more targeted pollution control strategies.**

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