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**System of Networked Sensors for Detection and Characterization of Underground Activity Design Validation Report**

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# Problem Definition

## Motivations

For our senior design project, we are tasked with designing a system of networked sensors for detection and characterization of unauthorized underground activity. The main purpose of this wireless sensor array is to provide security for government property i.e; military bases, government facilities, military bases at home/abroad, and national border security. The detection of unauthorized underground activity is costly, complex, time consuming to set up, calibrate, and maintain, often difficult to interpret, and can output ambiguous information. Hence, there presents a need for a cheaper and more accurate sensor array that can categorize, detect, and transmit these different types of underground activity.

## Customer Requirements

We received this research topic from the Capstone Marketplace through our Customer Mentor at the Stevens Institute for technology. Since this research topic comes from a government contract, the main purpose of this project is to provide security for government property. The Capstone Marketplace prompt for this project provided a list of features that our customer would like the system to have. These system requirements include that the security system must be:

* Portable, durable, and unobtrusive
* Easy to set up and take down
* Able to cover a 100 meter radius
* Cheap
* Wireless Network of sensors (at least 2)
* Self-contained power source
* Able to process data and categorize types of signals
  + i.e. determine the likelihood of whether a signal received was from a passing truck or from a tunnel being dug.
* Able to send processed signal data to a laptop for user to interpret data

Over time and through many meetings among the team members, we have come to the conclusion that the project will be able to meet some of these requirements, but not all. We plan to leave this project (as well as all our research and work) available to future engineering students so they can continue this project with the hopes of improving it where we could not.

## Engineering Requirements

Describe the engineering/ class requirements for this project

# System Diagram

## Sub-systems and Interconnections

Overview of section

### *Flow Chart Diagrams*

### Flow chart image and caption

### *Computer Graphics*

### Graphics and caption

# Team Dynamics

## Team Roles

Overview of Section

### *Augustus Standeven*

### Augustus helped with many different sections of the project. As one of the seniors in the project, he helped conduct the initial research for the project and he also helped create the initial design. Augustus worked extensively on vibration data acquisition, system design/ implementation, data capture, and Python coding. For the Python coding, he specifically helped create and implement the data acquisition code, the machine learning algorithm, and the master script.

### *Tyler McKean*

### Tyler assisted in several sections of the project as a senior student team member of the project. He participated in the initial researching and designing into the area of underground vibration detection. In terms of hardware, Tyler lead the team in the data capturing of vibration signals using the Arduino subsystem and designing a DC Offset PCB required to fully capture oscillation data from the ground vibrations. For software, Tyler primarily wrote the preprocessing and feature extraction algorithms in MATLAB that later were converted to Python scripts, which would run on our Raspberry Pi subsystem.

### *Vulindsky Fanfan*

### Detailed description of all roles team member participated in.

### *Yohannes Kidane*

### Detailed description of all roles team member participated in.

## Team Communication

weekly communications, document sharing, and project management: MS Project Management

# Components and Final Budget

## Components

Describe the components used in our project.

## Final Budget

Describe the final budget for our project.

# Design Improvements

Describe the design improvements over time



Fig. 1. Magnetization as a function of applied field. Note that “Fig.” is abbreviated. There is a period after the figure number, followed by two spaces. It is good practice to explain the significance of the figure in the caption.

TABLE I

Units for Magnetic Properties

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Symbol | Quantity | Conversion from Gaussian and  CGS EMU to SI a |
| Φ | magnetic flux | 1 Mx → 10−8 Wb = 10−8 V·s |
| *B* | magnetic flux density,  magnetic induction | 1 G → 10−4 T = 10−4 Wb/m2 |
| *H* | magnetic field strength | 1 Oe → 103/(4π) A/m |
| *m* | magnetic moment | 1 erg/G = 1 emu  → 10−3 A·m2 = 10−3 J/T |
| *M* | magnetization | 1 erg/(G·cm3) = 1 emu/cm3  → 103 A/m |
| 4π*M* | magnetization | 1 G → 103/(4π) A/m |
| σ | specific magnetization | 1 erg/(G·g) = 1 emu/g → 1 A·m2/kg |
| *j* | magnetic dipole  moment | 1 erg/G = 1 emu  → 4π × 10−10 Wb·m |
| *J* | magnetic polarization | 1 erg/(G·cm3) = 1 emu/cm3  → 4π × 10−4 T |
| χ*,* κ | susceptibility | 1 → 4π |
| χρ | mass susceptibility | 1 cm3/g → 4π × 10−3 m3/kg |
| μ | permeability | 1 → 4π × 10−7 H/m  = 4π × 10−7 Wb/(A·m) |
| μr | relative permeability | μ → μr |
| *w, W* | energy density | 1 erg/cm3 → 10−1 J/m3 |
| *N, D* | demagnetizing factor | 1 → 1/(4π) |

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aGaussian units are the same as cg emu for magnetostatics; Mx = maxwell, G = gauss, Oe = oersted; Wb = weber, V = volt, s = second, T = tesla, m = meter, A = ampere, J = joule, kg = kilogram, H = henry.

# Ethical Considerations

Describe the various ethical considerations we took throughout this project.

# PCB

## Purpose

Purpose of PCB

## Design

Design of PCB

## Performance

Performance of PCB

# Design Validation

## Validation Test 1

Overview of validation test 1

## Validation Test 2

Overview of validation test 2

## Validation Test 3

Overview of validation test 3

# Validation Data

## Validation Test 1

Data/ results from validation test 1

## Validation Test 2

Data/ results from validation test 2

## Validation Test 3

Data/ results from validation test 3

# Deliverables

Overview of final deliverables

# future Work

Overview of future work for the project (for our team as well as future teams.

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