

Sensor Networks

1: Title

- **Title:** Introduction to Sensor Networks
- **Subtitle:** Definition, Types of Sensors, and Their Applications
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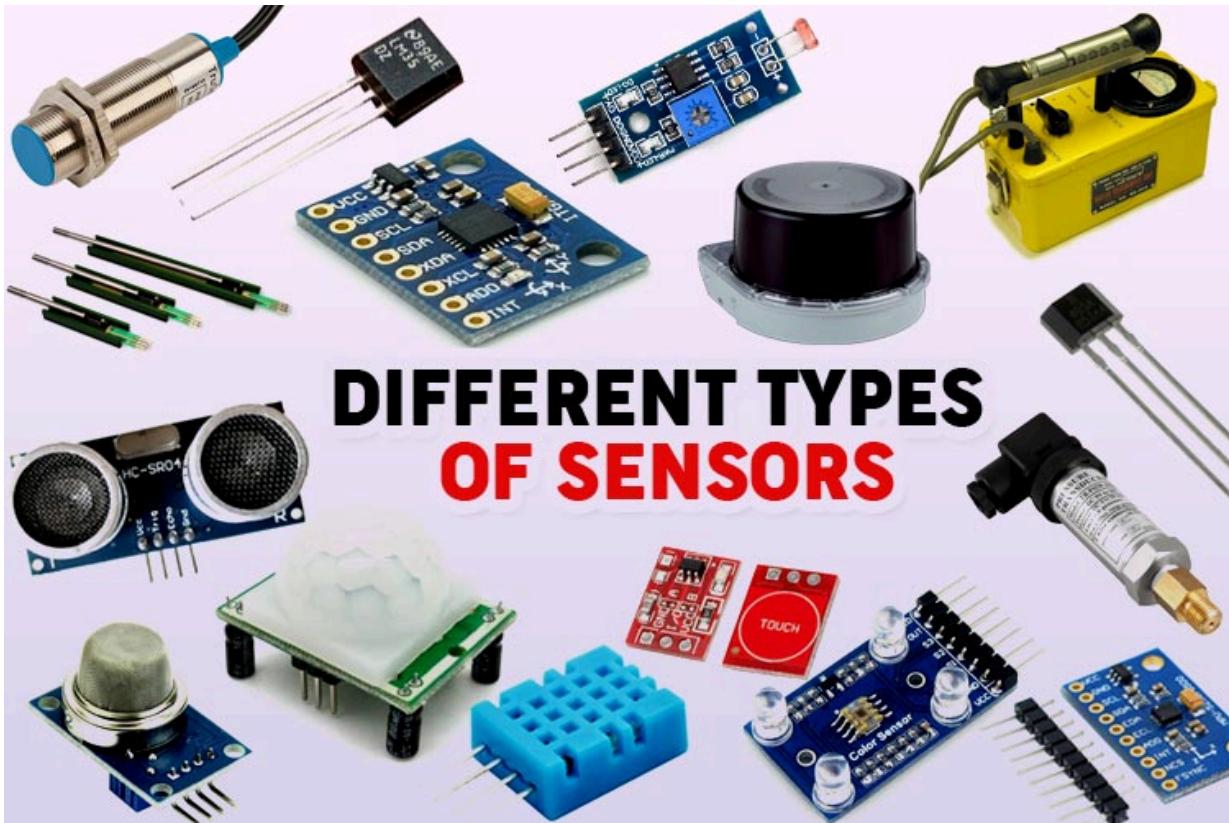


2: What is a Sensor Network?

- **Definition:**
A **sensor network** is a group of sensors that are connected to each other, designed to monitor and record conditions in the environment (like temperature, humidity, or movement) and transmit the data to a central location or system.
- **Real-Life Example:**
Think of a **smart farm** where sensors are placed in the soil to measure moisture levels. These sensors send data to a central system, which can automatically water the crops when needed.

3: How Do Sensor Networks Work?

1. **Sensors collect data** (e.g., temperature, movement, light).
 2. **Data is transmitted** through a network (e.g., Wi-Fi, Bluetooth).
 3. **The system processes** the data to provide useful insights or take action.
- **Real-Life Example:**
In a **smart home**, motion sensors detect if someone is entering a room and turn the lights on automatically.
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4: Types of Sensors

- Sensors come in various types, depending on what they measure. Here are some of the most common ones:
1. **Temperature Sensors:** Measure temperature changes.
 - **Example:** Used in air conditioners or refrigerators to maintain a set temperature.
 2. **Motion Sensors:** Detect movement in an area.
 - **Example:** Security systems use motion sensors to detect intruders.

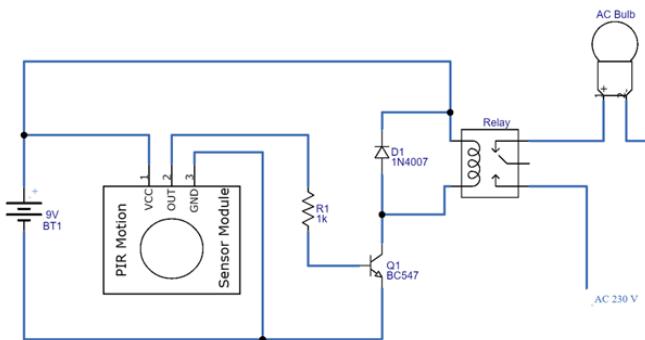
3. **Light Sensors:** Detect light levels.
 - **Example:** Used in street lights that automatically turn on when it gets dark.
 4. **Proximity Sensors:** Detect the presence of nearby objects.
 - **Example:** Used in cars for parking assistance to alert drivers of nearby obstacles.
 5. **Humidity Sensors:** Measure the moisture in the air.
 - **Example:** Found in **greenhouses** to help maintain the right environment for plants.
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5: Temperature Sensors and Their Applications

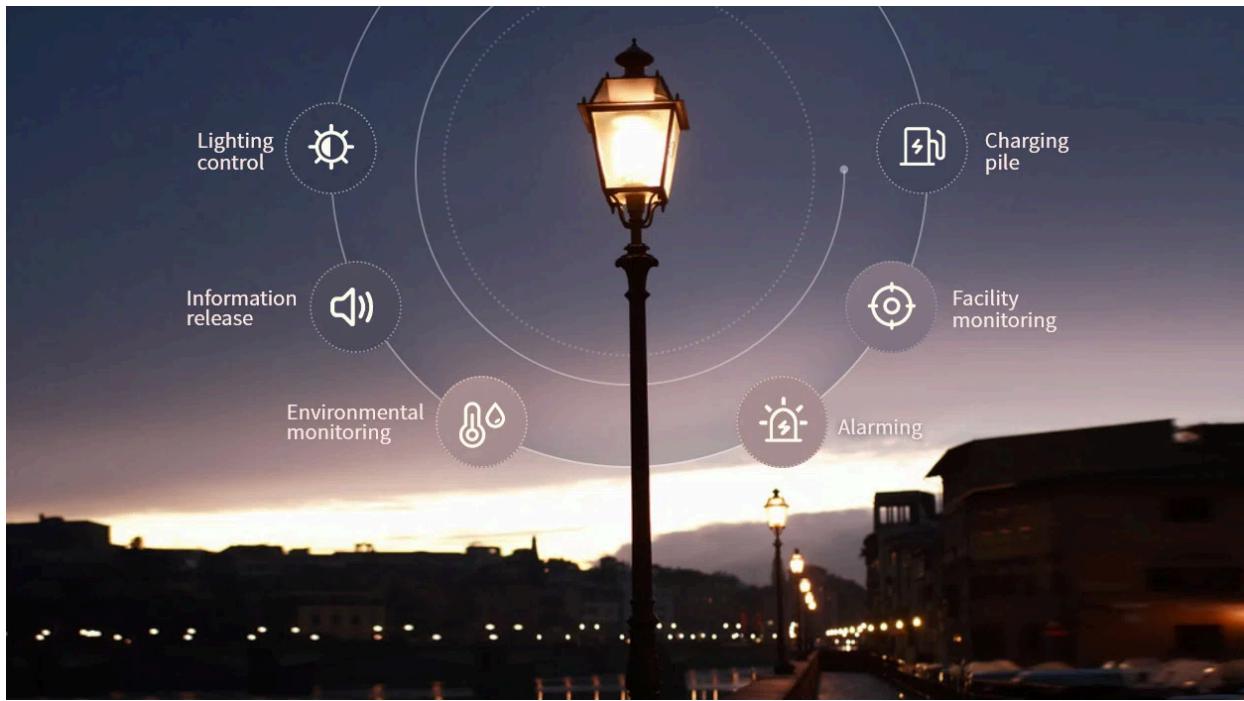
- **Definition:** Temperature sensors measure the temperature of an object or the surrounding environment.
 - **Real-Life Examples:**
 1. **Smart Thermostats (e.g., Nest):** These use temperature sensors to control the heating and cooling of your home automatically, adjusting based on room temperature and your preferences.
 2. **Industrial Use:** Factories use temperature sensors to monitor machines and prevent overheating.
 - **Latest Application:**
Electric vehicles (EVs) have temperature sensors in their batteries to monitor heat levels and prevent overheating.
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PIR Motion Detector



6: Motion Sensors and Their Applications

- **Definition:** Motion sensors detect movement in an area.
- **Real-Life Examples:**
 1. **Home Security Systems:** Motion sensors in cameras or alarms can detect intruders and send alerts to your phone.
 2. **Automatic Doors:** In stores or malls, motion sensors are used to open doors automatically when someone approaches.
- **Latest Application:**
Autonomous vehicles use motion sensors (like LiDAR) to detect obstacles on the road, helping cars navigate without a driver.



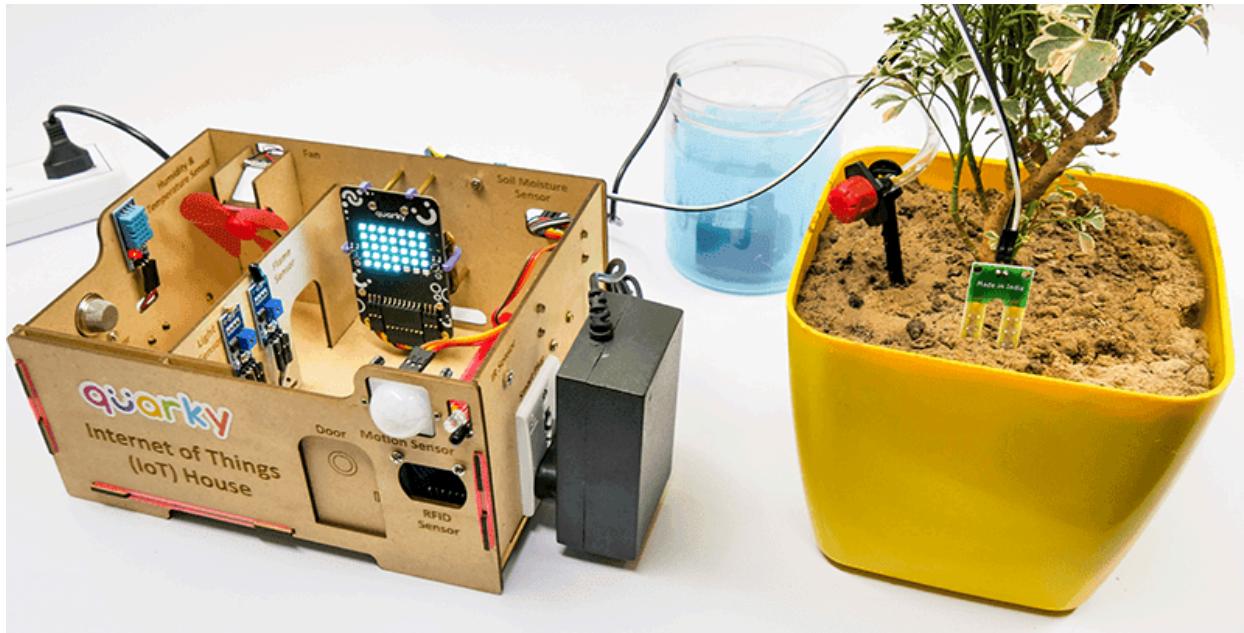
7: Light Sensors and Their Applications

- **Definition:** Light sensors detect the amount of light in the environment.
 - **Real-Life Examples:**
 1. **Street Lighting:** Smart street lights with light sensors can turn on when it gets dark and adjust brightness based on time or weather conditions.
 2. **Smartphone Screens:** Light sensors on phones adjust screen brightness based on the surrounding light to save battery and improve visibility.
 - **Latest Application:**
Solar energy systems use light sensors to detect sunlight and position solar panels for optimal energy generation.
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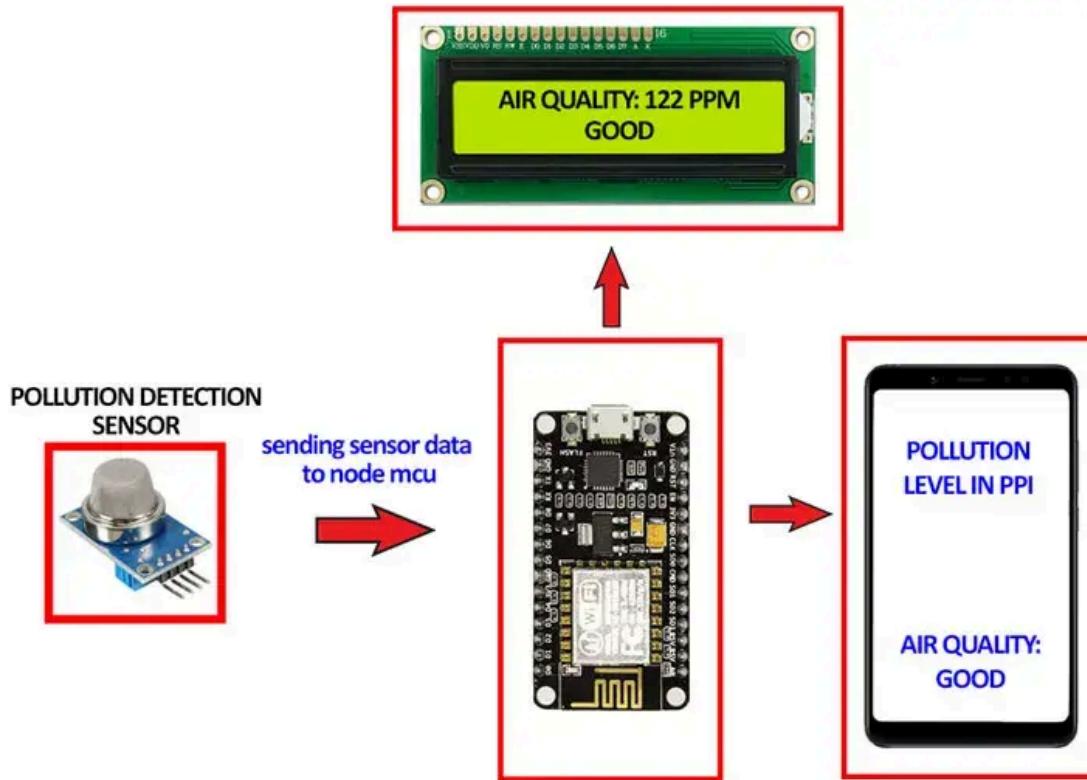
8: Proximity Sensors and Their Applications

- **Definition:** Proximity sensors detect the presence of an object without any physical contact.
 - **Real-Life Examples:**
 1. **Parking Sensors:** Cars use proximity sensors to help drivers park by beeping when they are too close to an object.
 2. **Smartphones:** Proximity sensors detect when your phone is near your face (e.g., during a call) to turn off the screen and save battery.
 - **Latest Application:**
Robots in warehouses use proximity sensors to avoid collisions with people or other objects, improving safety in automated environments.
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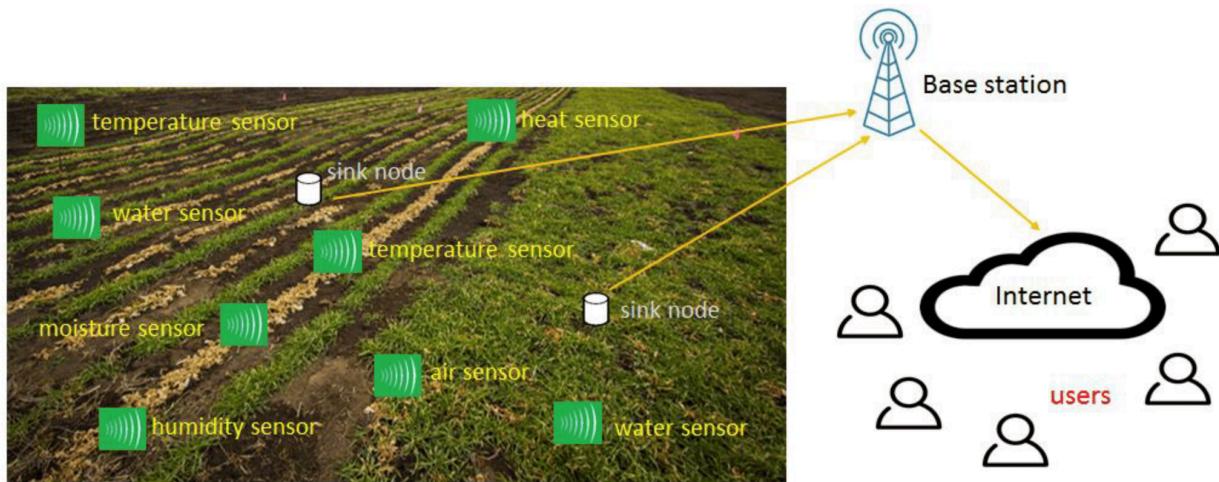
9: Humidity Sensors and Their Applications

- **Definition:** Humidity sensors measure the amount of moisture in the air.
 - **Real-Life Examples:**
 1. **Greenhouses:** Humidity sensors help maintain the right levels of moisture for plants to grow properly.
 2. **Weather Stations:** Humidity sensors help predict rain and monitor the climate.
 - **Latest Application:**
Wearable health devices now include humidity sensors to help athletes monitor environmental conditions, like high humidity, which could affect their performance.
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10: Advanced Sensors in Smart Cities

- **Definition:** Smart cities use sensor networks to collect data from the environment and manage resources efficiently.
- **Real-Life Examples:**
 1. **Smart Traffic Management:** Sensors on the road detect traffic levels and adjust the timing of traffic lights to reduce congestion.
 2. **Air Quality Monitoring:** Cities use sensors to measure pollution levels and issue warnings when air quality is poor.
- **Latest Application:**
Barcelona is a smart city that uses sensors to optimize public services like waste management, energy consumption, and transportation.



11: Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN)

- **Definition:** A **wireless sensor network** (WSN) is a group of sensors that communicate wirelessly to collect and transmit data.
- **Real-Life Example:**
In agriculture, **wireless sensor networks** are used to monitor soil moisture and send data to farmers, helping them make decisions about when to water their crops.



12: The Future of Sensor Networks

- **Explanation:**

As technology advances, sensor networks are becoming more important in various industries like healthcare, transportation, and environmental protection.

- **Latest Application:**

In **healthcare**, wireless sensors can be placed on patients to monitor their heart rate, blood pressure, and other vital signs in real time, sending alerts to doctors if there are any abnormalities.

13: Conclusion

- **Summary:**

- Sensor networks are essential in monitoring and collecting data from the environment.
- Different types of sensors (temperature, motion, light, proximity, and humidity) have unique applications in industries like smart homes, healthcare, transportation, and agriculture.

- **Looking Forward:**

In the next lecture, we will explore **IoT development boards** like Arduino and how they are used to create IoT systems.

14: Questions & Discussion

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