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CAN Protocol Based Temperature Monitoring

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1. Introduction

Overheating of engines has always been a factor that companies manufacturing automobiles have always given utmost priority to as it can have hazardous impact on the vehicle in the long run.

Anything that lessens an engines capacity to absorb, transfer and dissipate heat has the capability of overheating an engine. Overheating in engines is generally caused because of factors like having low coolant levels, faulty thermostat, low motor oil levels and many others. If in case any of such thing arises, the vehicle should not be used and should be serviced to avoid failure of various engine components.

In our project we check this overheating condition using temperature sensors. If the temperature is above an optimized level, the engine would not turn on. Also, if in motion such an overheating condition arises, the engine would shut down and the vehicle would come to a stand-still hence avoiding damage to the vehicle components.

We are using a temperature sensor (TMP-36) which is a 8-bit analog sensor which would sense and transmit the analog temperature values to the S32K144 board (Node A). These values would be sent to the other S32K144 board (Node B) using CAN protocol to which the motor is connected.

All the calculations are done at the Node A end. If the temperature values received at the Node B end are above the optimized values, the motor would not start and if they are below the optimized values, the motor would start.

The purpose of this project is to prevent the engine from turning on if an overheating condition arises and to shut off the engine if an overheating condition arises.

This would prevent further damage to vehicle components and would ensure maximum efficiency of the car.

CAN Protocol:

A Controller Area Network (CAN bus) is a robust vehicle bus standard designed to allow microcontrollers and devices to communicate with each other in applications without a host computer. It is a message-based protocol designed originally for multiplex electrical wiring within automobiles to save on copper but is also used in many other contexts.

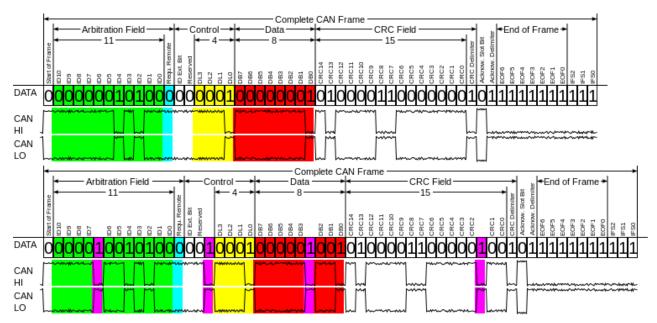


Figure 2: CAN Data Fram

2. Implementation

On Board Processing

Initially when (SW=3) is pressed the motor should turn on. The temperature sensor (TMP-36) is heated using a Heat gun. These values are sent to the NXP (S32K144-EVB). The corresponding temperature values can be viewed using (FreeMaster). The NXP (S32K144-Node A) will send the analog temperature values to the NXP (S32K144-Node B) using the CAN bus. Node A will do the necessary calculations and will convert the analog temperature values into degree Celsius ($^{\circ}$ C) for display. If the received temperature value > $60 \, ^{\circ}$ C, the motor would stop running and wait for (10 seconds) and will start again if the temperature goes below $60 \, ^{\circ}$ C. If not, the motor goes into failure mode.

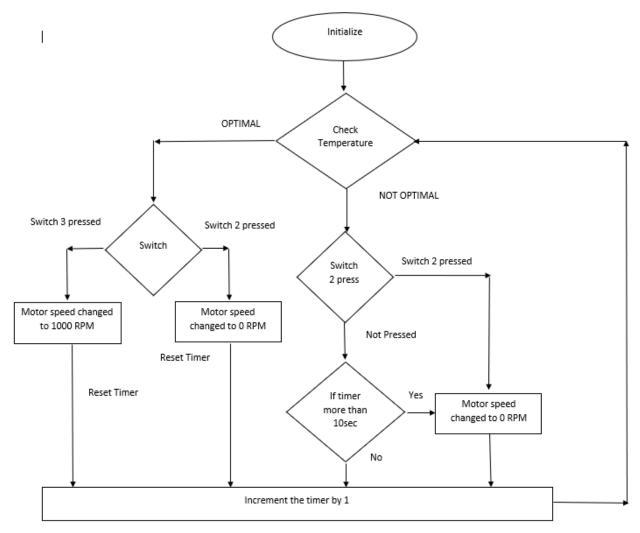


Figure 3: Flow Chart

Simulink Code Blocks:

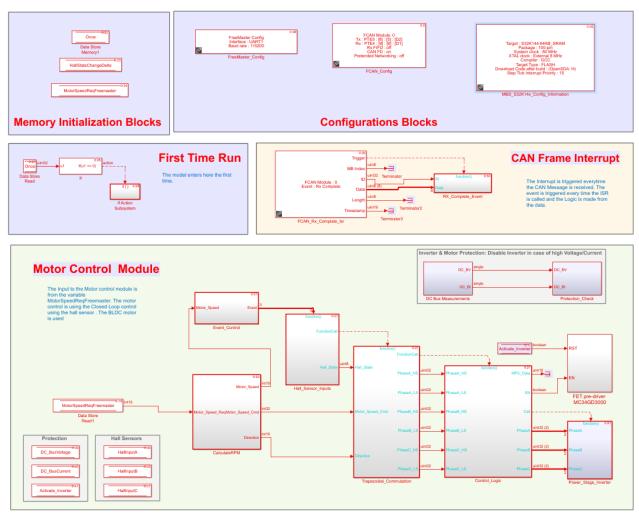
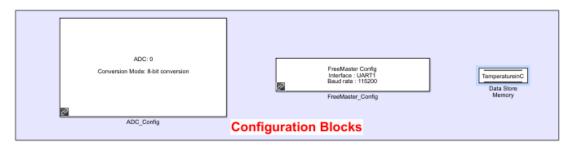
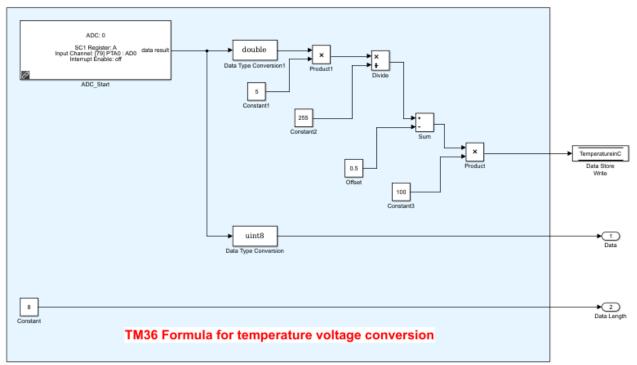


Figure 4: SIMULINK blocks for Node B





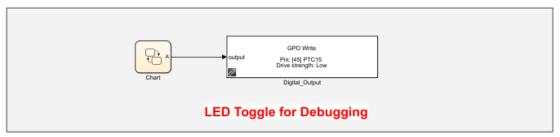


Figure 5: SIMULINK blocks for Node A (Formula block)

3. Hardware

The hardware required for this project are NXP's FRDM S32K144 boards, Motor shield, Motor, CAN bus, Temperature sensor (TMP-36)



Figure 6:LINIX Motor

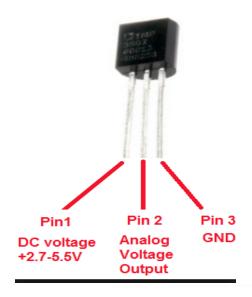


Figure 7: Pinout diagram for TMP 36



Figure 8: Motor Control Shield



4. Operation

Initially, the motor is off which signifies that the engine is off. Motor on signifies that the engine is on. Once switch 3 is pressed the motor will turn on provided that the engine temperature is nominal. The TMP-36 is a 8-bit analog temperature sensor which will sense the temperature of the engine and will send corresponding temperature values to the controller (S32K144-Node A). The S32K144 controller receives the analog temperature values from the temperature sensor and it converts it to degree Celsius for display purposes. Node-A of the controller will send the analog temperature values to (S32K144-NodeB) using CAN protocol. The Node B is responsible for controlling the motor. If the received temperature values >60 degrees Celsius then the motor will monitor the temperature readings for 10 seconds. If in that period the temperature drops below 60 degrees, the motor will keep running. If the temperature does not drop below 60 degrees, the motor will turn off.

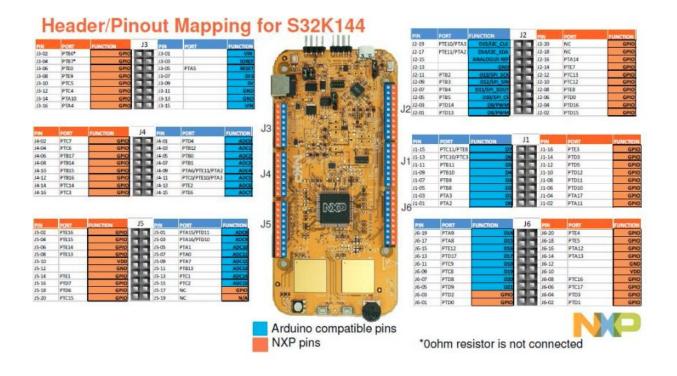
Requirements

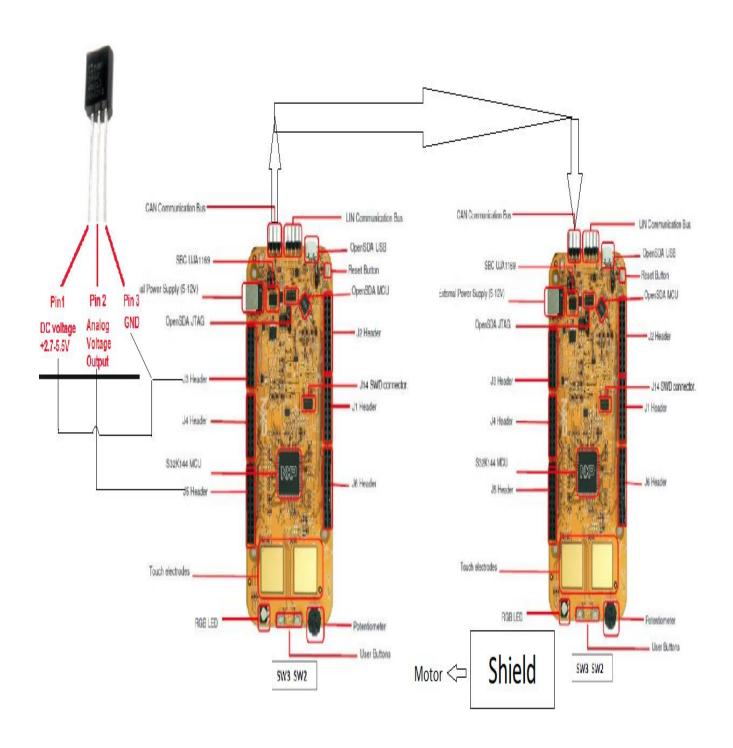
Software

- MBDT/Simulink
- FreeMaster

Hardware

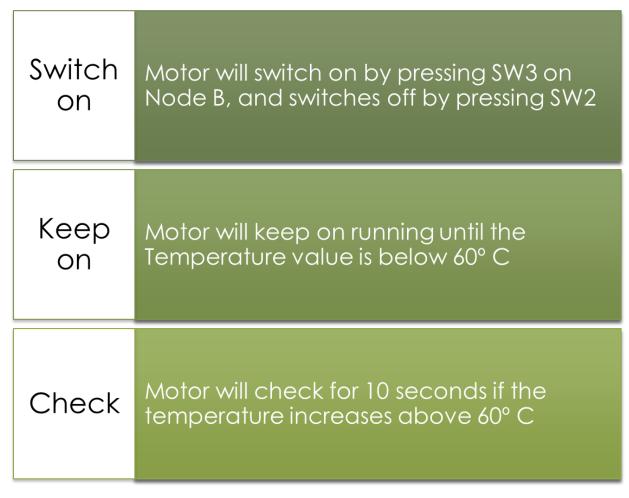
- S32K144 (Node A &B)
- CAN Bus
- DevKit-MotorGD
- TMP-36 Temperature sensor
- DC Motor
- LINIX Motor
- Battery (12&15V)
- USB Cable





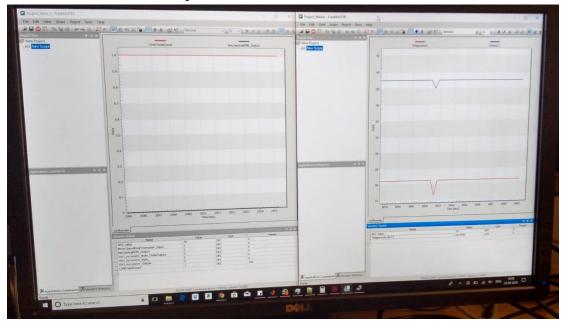
5. Results

The results for the entire operation were obtained on FreeMaster. It is a data visualization software provided by NXP which can be used to view Motor Data pertaining to Speed, RPM, Torque etc. on a real time basis. The test cases can be described with the help of the following diagrammatic representation –



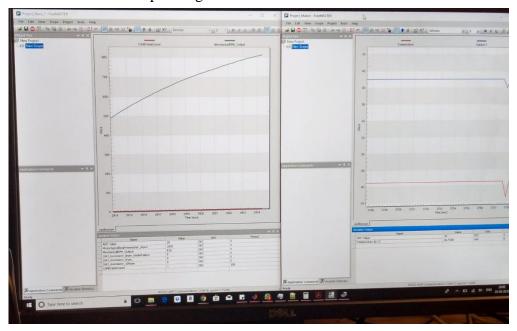
The snapshots for the results were taken based on the different test cases as described below –

1. Initial condition of Motor under Optimal State



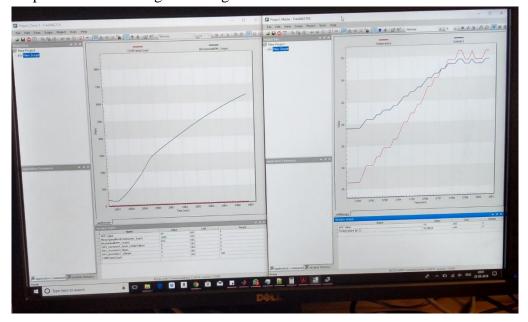
condition the Motor is off and the temperature in under optimal conditions.

2. Motor RPM to 1000 RPM after pressing SW3

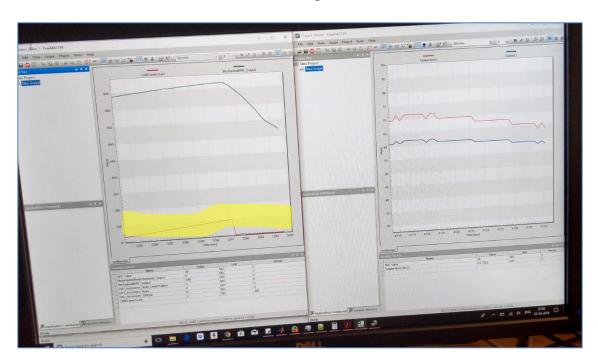


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3. Change in temperature due to usage of heat gun



4. CAN Frame Count Reduced after the end of buffer period



6. Advantages and Challenges

- ⁺ Can be used as a safety application (ISO26262)
- ⁺ Reduces vehicle component failure thereby making it cost effective.
- ⁺ Increased fault tolerance.
- The TMP-36 sensor has accuracy ± 2 ° C. Using a different sensor, we can get improved accuracy

7. Future Scope

- Connection of up to 8 sensors having 64 bits of data thereby making complete utilization of CAN data frame.
- Can use HMI display for real time temperature viewing.

8. Conclusion

Cost effective and ISO 26262 compatible temperature monitoring prototype using CAN for engine safety check has been achieved.

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