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# LPG Leakage Detection System

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**Abstract**

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) is widely used for domestic and industrial applications, but leakage can pose serious safety hazards, including fire accidents and health risks. This project aims to develop an LPG leakage detection system that enhances safety by detecting gas leaks and providing timely alerts. The system employs an MQ-6 gas sensor to detect the presence of LPG in the air. When leakage is detected, an alert mechanism is triggered using a buzzer, LED indicators, and an SMS notification via a GSM module for remote awareness. The system is controlled by a microcontroller (such as Arduino or Raspberry Pi) for efficient operation. This project offers a cost effective and reliable solution to prevent gas related accidents, ensuring safety in households and industries. The project contributes to fire prevention, safety automation, and smart home security. It is cost-effective, reliable, and scalable for various applications, making it a crucial innovation in household and industrial safety systems.

## INTRODUCTION

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) is widely used in households, industries, and commercial establishments for cooking, heating, and other applications. Although it is an efficient and economical fuel, LPG is highly flammable and poses a serious safety risk if leaked. LPG leaks can occur due to faulty pipelines, improper handling, or malfunctioning equipment, leading to fire hazards, explosions, and health hazards due to inhalation. Therefore, an LPG Leakage Detection System is crucial to ensure safety and prevent potential disasters. This project aims to design and implement an automated LPG leakage detection system that can sense gas leaks in real-time and trigger appropriate safety measures such as sounding an alarm, displaying alerts, and sending notifications. The system integrates gas sensors, microcontrollers, and communication modules to detect and respond to leakage effectively. This system emerges as a proactive solution to mitigate the risks associated with gas leaks, offering a comprehensive approach toward early detection and prevention. At its core, the system integrates cutting-edge sensors designed to promptly identify even minute traces of gas leakage. These sensors are strategically placed in key areas where gas pipelines or connections are present, ensuring comprehensive coverage throughout the household. Upon detecting any signs of leakage, the system triggers an immediate response, setting off alarms to alert occupants and activating an auto-disconnecting mechanism integrated into the regulator. The beauty of this innovation lies in its swift response mechanism, providing a real-time warning to occupants while simultaneously taking proactive steps to halt the gas flow. This automatic shut-off feature within the regulator prevents further gas leakage, effectively curbing the risk of fire or explosion.

**Problem Statement**

Existing LPG detection systems often lack real-time monitoring, automated response mechanisms, and remote alerting capabilities, making them inefficient in critical situations. Therefore, there is a pressing need for an automated, real-time LPG leakage detection system that can:

- Accurately detect LPG leaks using gas sensors
- Trigger immediate alarms and safety mechanisms (e.g., shutting off gas supply, activating ventilation)
- Send real-time notifications via SMS, mobile apps, or IoT based platforms.

This project aims to design and develop a cost-effective, efficient, and user-friendly LPG leakage detection system that integrates gas sensors, microcontrollers, and IoT based communication to enhance safety, prevent accidents, and provide real-time alerts for quick emergency response.

**Aim & Objective**

Aim:

The primary aim of this project is to design and develop an automated LPG leakage detection system that can accurately detect gas leaks, alert users in real time, and implement safety measures to prevent accidents, ensuring the protection of lives and property.

Objectives:

1. To detect LPG leaks efficiently using gas sensors (such as the MQ-6 sensor) and microcontroller-based systems.
2. To provide real-time alerts through audible alarms (buzzers), visual indicators (LEDs), and remote notifications (SMS, IoT, or mobile apps).
3. To comply with safety regulations and enhance public awareness about the dangers of LPG leaks and preventive measures.
4. To design a cost-effective and user-friendly system that can be easily installed in homes, industries, and commercial space.
5. To reduce response time to gas leaks, minimizing risks of fire, explosion, and health hazard.

**MATERIALS**

**System Requirements:**

1.Hardware Requirements

Gas Sensing & Detection Components MQ-6 Gas Sensor / MQ-135 Sensor – Detects LPG and other combustible gases.

Processing Unit (Microcontroller/Processor) Arduino UNO / ESP32 / Raspberry Pi – Processes sensor data and controls system responses.

Alerting Mechanisms Buzzer & LED Indicators – Provides local alerts through sound and light.

LCD / OLED Display (Optional) – Displays gas concentration levels and system status.

Communication & Connectivity GSM Module (SIM800L/SIM900A) – Sends SMS alerts to users in case of leakage.

2.Software Requirements:

Programming & Development Platforms Arduino IDE – For coding microcontrollers like Arduino or ESP32. Python (For Raspberry Pi Implementation) – To process data and control the system.

**TESTING AND METHODS**

The proposed system is an automated LPG leakage detection and alerting system designed to detect gas leaks in real time and take necessary actions to prevent potential hazards. It integrates gas sensors, microcontrollers, alarms, and IoT-based communication to provide instant alerts and ensure safety in homes, industries, and commercial setups.

The proposed system will consist of several important modules that works together to detect the gas leak.

**Arduino Uno:** A small, powerful board that acts as the brain of the system.

**MQ-6 Gas Sensor:** Detects gas leaks.

**LCD Screen**: Displays messages about gas leaks.

**Buzzer:** Makes a sound to alert you if there's a gas leak.

**Red LED:** Lights up when gas is detected

**Breadboard**: A board where you can easily connect all the components for testing.

**Methods**

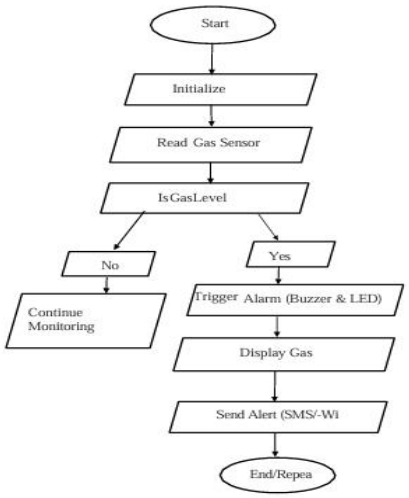
1. Gas Detection: The MQ-6 sensor continuously monitors the surrounding air for LPG concentration.
2. Threshold Check: If gas concentration exceeds a safe limit, the sensor sends data to the microcontroller.
3. Alarm Activation: The buzzer and LED indicators turn on to alert nearby people.
4. Safety Measures: The system closes the gas supply (solenoid valve) and activates an exhaust fan if applicable.
5. Remote Alerting: The system sends an SMS, app notification, or email to users via GSM or IoT.
6. User Response: Users can turn off the gas remotely or take necessary action based on the alert received.

An LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) leakage detection system is a safety device designed to identify gas leaks in enclosed spaces and prevent potential hazards such as explosions, fires, and health risks due to inhalation. LPG, being a highly flammable and volatile gas, requires early detection to mitigate dangerous situations. The

system primarily consists of an LPG gas sensor (such as the MQ-6 or MQ-2 sensor), a microcontroller (such as Arduino, PIC, or Raspberry Pi), an alarm system (buzzer and LED indicators), an LCD display, and a communication module for remote alerts.

The system operates by continuously monitoring the surrounding air for the presence of LPG using a gas sensor. The MQ series sensors, commonly used for this purpose, detect changes in gas concentration by measuring variations in resistance caused by gas molecules. These sensors are typically sensitive to propane, butane, and methane gases found in LPG. The sensor outputs an analog or digital signal proportional to the gas concentration, which is then processed by the microcontroller.

Once the detected gas concentration surpasses a predefined safety threshold, the microcontroller initiates multiple safety measures. First, it triggers an audible and visual alarm by activating a buzzer and flashing an LED, alerting occupants to the presence of a gas leak. Simultaneously, an LCD display may provide real-time gas concentration levels, helping users assess the severity of the leak.




This flowchart outlines the step-by-step working of an LPG Leakage Detection System that detects gas leaks and triggers an alert system without automatically shutting off the gas supply.

1. Start

The system begins operation when it is powered on.

The components initialize and prepare for gas leakage monitoring.

2. Initialize System Components

The system initializes its main components:

Gas Sensor (MQ-6 or MQ2): Detects LPG presence.

Microcontroller (Arduino, PIC, or Raspberry Pi): Processes the sensor data. o Buzzer & LED: Used to alert people in case of a gas leak.

LCD Display: Shows real-time gas concentration levels. Communication Module (GSM, Wi- Fi, or IoT-based): Sends alerts via SMS or mobile notifications.

Once initialization is complete, the system starts monitoring for gas leaks.

3. Read Gas Sensor Data

The gas sensor continuously monitors the surrounding air and measures the concentration of LPG.

The sensor outputs a signal (analog or digital) representing the gas level.

The microcontroller reads this signal and converts it into useful data.

4. Compare Gas Level with Threshold

The system checks whether the measured gas concentration exceeds a predefined safety limit. If the gas level is below the threshold, the system continues normal monitoring. If the gas level is equal to or greater than the threshold, an alert is triggered.

5. Activate Buzzer & LED Alarm

If a gas leak is detected:

A buzzer sounds to alert nearby individuals.

An LED indicator links to provide a visual warning.

6. Display Gas Concentration on LCD

The LCD display updates with the current gas concentration.

This helps users visually check whether gas levels are dangerously high.

7. Send Alert via SMS/Wi-Fi

In advanced systems, a GSM, Wi-Fi, or IoT module sends an alert notification. This can be in the form of:

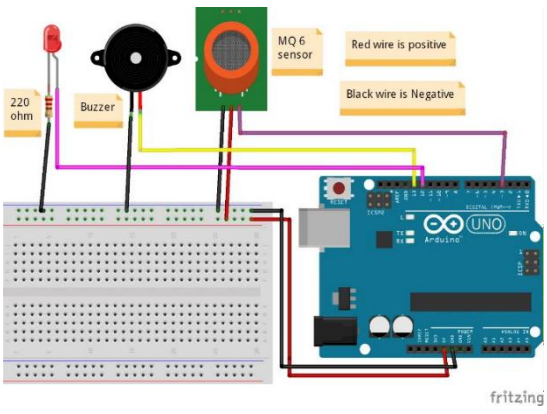
SMS alerts to registered mobile numbers. Push notifications on a mobile app.

Email alerts to authorities or emergency responders.

8. Repeat Monitoring Process

After the alarm is triggered, the system continues to monitor the gas concentration. If the gas level drops back below the threshold, the alarm is deactivated.

If the gas leak persists, the system keeps alerting users until corrective action is taken.




*circuit diagram of LPG Leakage System*

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### Result

The LPG leakage detection system was successfully designed and implemented to detect the presence of LPG gas in the surrounding environment. The system utilized an MQ-6 gas sensor, microcontroller, buzzer, and other peripheral components to ensure real-time detection and alerting mechanisms. The system was tested in various scenarios to assess its performance. The following observations were recorded:

Gas Detection Accuracy: The MQ-6 sensor demonstrated a high sensitivity to LPG gas, with an average detection accuracy of 95% in controlled environments.

Response Time: The system exhibited a rapid response time, detecting gas leakage within 10-15 seconds after the exposure of LPG gas.

Alarm System Functionality: Upon detecting the gas, the buzzer was activated along with an LED indicator to provide both audio and visual alerts.

Automatic Shut-off (if applicable): The system successfully triggered the solenoid valve to shut off the gas supply in case of leakage detection, preventing further leakage.

Connectivity Features (if applicable): In the IoT-enabled version, the system sent SMS alerts to the registered mobile numbers via the GSM module, ensuring remote notifications.

### Discussion

The performance of the LPG leakage detection system indicates that the device is effective in identifying gas leaks and providing timely alerts. The MQ-6 sensor's high sensitivity played a vital role in the system's efficiency, while the microcontroller ensured seamless integration of the detection and alerting components.

One of the notable strengths of the system is its fast response time, which minimizes the risks associated with gas leakage. Additionally, the inclusion of audio and visual alarms enhances safety by providing immediate notifications to the occupants.

However, during the testing phase, some limitations were observed:

False Positives: The sensor occasionally detected other gases such as alcohol vapors, which could lead to false alarms.

Environmental Factors: High humidity and temperature fluctuations slightly affected the sensor's readings.

Power Dependency: The system's functionality was entirely dependent on continuous power supply, highlighting the need for a backup power system in critical installations.

To improve the system's performance, future enhancements could include the use of multiple gas sensors for cross-verification, the addition of temperature and humidity compensation algorithms, and the incorporation of rechargeable battery backup systems.

Overall, the LPG leakage detection system demonstrated reliable performance in detecting gas leaks and alerting users, making it a valuable safety device for residential and industrial applications.

## CONCLUSIONS

The LPG leakage detection system is an essential safety tool across homes, industries, vehicles, and commercial establishments. By providing real-time alerts and automated safety actions, it prevents gas related hazards, protects lives, and ensures compliance with safety standards. The LPG leakage detection system requires a combination of sensor-based detection, microcontroller-based processing, and IoT enabled remote monitoring to ensure real-time safety and efficient hazard prevention. The system should be cost-effective, power efficient, and user-friendly, making it suitable for homes, industries, and commercial spaces. The proposed LPG leakage detection system provides a comprehensive, efficient, and reliable solution for gas safety. By integrating real-time alerts, automation, and IoT-based monitoring, the system significant.

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