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Monitoring and control: Technology and methodology approach

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- To monitor or monitoring generally means to be aware of the state of a system
 - A system can be described as a collection of states
 - Each state is described by a batch of conditions
 - The change of state is typically triggered by an event
 - The monitoring aims to detect the system status



- To control generally means to force a system to reach a predefined state
 - The control can trigger events (called input) to reach the desired state
 - An output of a system is a condition that we want to control
 - A system is fully controllable if the triggered events can bring the system to have the desired output



• Example: Lighting control

- In a room without windows it is possible to control the lighting acting only to the light switch (fully controllable)
- In a room with windows we can not control the lighting only acting to the light switch (the system is partially controllable)
- Adding the possibility to act to the shadowing we can completely control the system









Open loop control system



Closed loop control system



Smart building: monitoring and control

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 Sensor is a device that convert a physical stimulus (as heat, light, sound, pressure, magnetism, or a particular motion) to an electric stimulus



- The electric stimulus could be:
 - Voltage (e.i. Light sensors, microphone, gas sensors)
 - Current (e.i gas sensors, current sensors)
 - Resistance (temperature sensors, gas sensors, pressure sensors)
 - Capacitance (humidity sensors, acceleration sensors)
 - Frequency (velocity sensors, wind sensors)
- The sensor could need power supply or not
 - Microphone (self powered)
 - Temperature (need power supply)

Sensor characteristics

- Conversion characteristics, the function that convert the physical entity amount in the electrical stimulus amount (linear, quadratic, un linear etc.)
- Sensitivity, the capability to convert a certain amount of physical entity in a corresponding electrical amount.
- Range, the maximum and minimum amount of physical quantity that the sensor can detect.
- Resolution, is the degree to which repeated measurements under unchanged conditions show the same results
- Accuracy, is the degree of closeness of measurements to the physical entity true value.
- Tolerance, is the degree to which repeated measurements under unchanged condition with different entity of the same sensor show the same results. (Usually due to production variability)
- Response time, the time required to the sensor to go at equilibrium with the surrounding environment.
- Reading time, the time required to the sensor to collect the measurement

Sensor characteristics example

- Conversion characteristics, the function that convert the physical entity amount in the electrical stimulus amount (linear, quadratic, un linear etc.)
- Humidity sensor (linear)



Sensor characteristics example

- Sensitivity, the capability to convert a certain amount of physical entity in a corresponding electrical amount.
- Humidity sensor: 0.6 pF/%RH



- Sensor characteristics example
 - Range, the maximum and minimum amount of physical quantity that the sensor can detect.
- Humidity sensor: 0 to 100% RH



Sensor characteristics example

- Tolerance, is the degree to which repeated measurements under unchanged condition with different entity of the same sensor show the same results. (Usually due to production variability)
- Humidity sensor: ±20pF



Sensor characteristics example

- Response time, the time required to the sensor to go at equilibrium with the surrounding environment.
- Humidity sensor: 15sec

Characteristic	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Note
Normal capacitance	310	330	350	pF	at 55% RH
Sensitivity	0.55	0.60	0.65	pF/%RH	10% RH to 95% RH
Humidity hysteresis	-	±2	-	%RH	-
Linearity	-	±2	_	%RH	-
Response time	-	15	_	sec	30% RH to 90% RH
Temperature coefficient	0.15	0.16	0.17	pF/°C	5 °C to 70 °C [41 °F to 158 °F]
Long-term stability (drift)	-	0.2	_	%RH/year	-
Operating temperature range	-40 [-40]	_	120 [248]	°C [°F]	-
Operating humidity range	0%	-	100%	RH	-
Operating frequency range	1	_	100	kHz	-

SPECIFICATIONS (T_A= 25 °C [77 °F], Input Voltage = 1 V_{RMS}, Frequency = 20 kHz)

- Note: the measurement can be affected from others physical quantity. The humidity sensor is sensitive to the temperature!
- Note: the humidity sensor is affected by log term stability drift due to wear out process.

- Sensor characteristics example
 - Conversion characteristics, the function that convert the physical entity amount in the electrical stimulus amount (linear, quadratic, un linear etc.)
- Temperature sensor NTC (no linear)



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- Sensor characteristics example
 - Sensitivity, the capability to convert a certain amount of physical entity in a corresponding electrical amount.
- Temperature sensor NTC: change with the temperature



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Sensor characteristics example

- Resolution, is the degree to which repeated measurements under unchanged conditions show the same results
- Accuracy, is the degree of closeness of measurements to the physical entity true value.
- Temperature sensor digital (Sensirion SHT21)

Parameter	Condition	min	typ	max	Units
Resolution 1	14 bit		0.01		°C
Resolution	12 bit		0.04		°C
Accuracy	typ		±0.3		°C
tolerance ²	max	se	e Figure	3	°C
Repeatability			±0.1		°C
Operating Range	extended 4	-40		125	°C
Operating Mange	extended	-40		257	°F
Response Time ⁷	τ 63%	5		30	S
Long Term Drift			< 0.04		°C/yr



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Sensor interface is usually an electronic circuit that provides the power supply to the sensor (if needed); filters the signals to eliminate unwanted noise; amplifies the signal and converts it in a form more suitable to be transmitted.



• The interface:

- It is usually responsible of the sensor resolution, which is essentially due to the signal noise ration capability of the circuit.
- More close is the interface to the sensor and better signal noise ratio it is possible to achieve at minor cost.
- The modern interfaces have an Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) that convert the electric signal in binary code string.
- If the sensor and the interfacing with ADC are built in the same package than it is a digital sensor. (e.i. SHT21)
- Digital sensors usually provides directly the measure of the physical quantity not the measure of the electric quantity

- Analog to Digital Conversion (ADC)
 - Analog to Digital converter is a circuit that typically translate a voltage in a binary digital string (or binary number)
 - The ADC main characteristics are:
 - Resolution, how many binary digits has the output string
 - Sample rate, how many string can the ADC take at each second



- Analog to Digital Conversion (ADC) resolution
 - An ADC can represent the entire range of signal input using the number of binary digits express in the resolution. Than if we have a 8 bits ADC it means that the entire range is divided in 2⁸ = 256 segments (signal quantization). Therefore the smallest number representable is a 1/256 of the maximum value.
 - E.i. If we have a linear temperature sensor raging from 0 to 100°C and we interface it with an 8 bit ADC, the minimum detectable temperature variation would be 100/256=0,39°C
 - The ADC resolution typically range from 8 bit to 24 bit



- Analog to Digital Conversion (ADC) sample rate
 - The sample rate is important to have da correct temporal representation of the signal
 - The Shannon theory explain that a signal as to be converted in digital form with at least double sample rate of the maximum frequency
 - E.i. music is sampled at 44,1Khz because we can hear till 20Khz



Analog to Digital Conversion (ADC) sample rate



Data logger



- A data logger collect the sensor information in a data storage with the timing information of the acquisition
 - Off the shelf there are data logger that have analog and digital interfaces to collect data from digital and analog sensors.
 - The analog interface main component is ADC, then it is characterized by digital resolution and sample rate as the ADC.

Commercial data logger



- There are commercial data logger with analog channel design to measure electric quantity as voltage, current, resistance, capacitance, etc.
- Most of the data loggers can be connected to a PC to program them and to show the data collected to the user
- Moreover there are software to elaborate the data in the way to obtain directly the value of the measured physical entity

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Data transmission

 Transmission is the process to send information from a transmitter to a receiver throw a communication channel



- Transmitter is the electronic circuits that convert the digital data to a energy waves able to propagate throw the transmission medium (modulation)
- Receiver is the electronic circuits that convert the energy waves present in the transmission medium to a digital data (Demodulation)
- Transceiver is a transmitter and receiver in the same electronic circuit
- Data transmissions speed is characterized by the bit per second (bps), a byte is composed of eight bits.

Data transmission



Transmission medium

Receiver

• Transmission medium is the physical material that permit the propagation of energy waves.

• Data transmission typically use electromagnetic waves able to propagate in: Air, cables, optic fiber.

Transmission media usually used are:

- Air: Radio communication with a modulation that permit the division of the media with several radio channels. Each channel has is own carrier wave at fixed frequency.
- Cables: communication with a modulation that can divide the media with one or several radio channels.
 - The cable can have two or more wires. Two wires make a transmission line.
 - If a communication is done with one transmission line is called serial.
 - If a communication is done with more transmission lines is called parallel.
- Power line: The power line is used as transmission line with more than one radio channels; the AC power goes in the lower frequency channel meanwhile the information goes to the higher frequency channel

Data transmission

Transmission can be:



- Simplex one user to one or more users (television, Radio).
 - It use one radio channel and/or one transmission line



- Half duplex bidirectional but one user at time (Walkie talkie).
 - It use one radio channel and/or one transmission line



- Full duplex bidirectional two user contemporarily (telephone).
 - It use two radio channel and/or two transmission line

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Network infrastructure and protocol

- Network is a collection of transceiver interconnected each others
- The network can have different topology
- Bus topology
 - Each transceiver is connected to the same transmission line and can communicate with every other transceiver
- Star topology
 - Each transceiver is connected to a dedicated transmission line and can communicate directly only with the center star transceiver
- Tree topology
 - Each transceiver (called also node) is connected to more dedicated transmission lines and can communicate directly with their parent and children
- Mesh topology
 - Each transceiver (called also node) is connected to a more dedicated transmission line and can communicate directly with several nodes



Network infrastructure and protocol

- Protocol is a collection of rules that each components of the network should respect to permit the communication and the execution of the services that the network will provide
- The protocol define:
 - Transmission data packet, that contain addressing information, command and data.
 - Commands (to manage and control the network)
 - Addressing rules
 - Network services
 - Network hierarchy
 - Modulation type
 - Physical characteristic of the transmission
 - The transmission medium

Network infrastructure and protocol

Routing and addressing can be:



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- Standard introduced by the Pico Electronics in the 1975 with the aim to integrate at low cost lighting devices with controls devices.
- Use power line transmission.
- Still highly used, especially in the USA.
- It is typically constituted by a *Controller* and a certain amount of receivers, connected to power plugs.
- The transmission is typical unidirectional from the Controller to the receivers.
- The pretocol has been extended for bidirectional comunication but there are not many device able to do that (called Two-way)
- It is possible to build a network up to 256 receivers.

- Most used controller is the Marmitek CM11
- The data packet is composed by a start code and addressing field
- The start code is 1110.
- The addressing is composed by an house code and key code.
- The key codes can be an unit code or function code

	HOUSE CODES				кез	r co	DES			
	нı	H2	н4	нв		Dl	D2	D4	D8	Dl
- A	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
B	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
C	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0
D	1	0	1	0	- 4	1	0	1	0	0
10	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	1	0
F	1	0	0	1	6	1	0	0	1	0
G	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0
н	1	1	0	1	8	1	1	0	1	0
I	0	1	1	1	9	0	1	1	1	0
- J	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	0
ĸ	0	0	1	1	11	0	0	1	1	0
L	1	0	1	1	12	1	0	1	1	0
- M	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
N	1	0	0	0	14	1	0	0	0	0
•	0	1	0	0	15	0	1	0	0	0
• •	1	1	0	0	16	1	1	0	0	0
			A11	Unit	ts Off	0	0	0	0	1
			A11	Light	ts On	0	0	0	1	1
				-	On	0	0	1	0	1
					Off	0	0	1	1	1
					Dim	0	1	0	0	1
				B	right	0	1	0	1	1
			A11 I	Light	s Off	0	1	1	0	1
		E	Exte:	nded	Code	0	1	1	1	1
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		_	:	Statu	LS=Off	1	1	1	o	1
		51	tatu	s Ree	quest	1	1	1	1	1





B = 1110	F = 1001	J = 1111	N = 1000
C = 0010	G = 0101	K=0011	O = 0100
D = 1010	H = 1101	L = 1011	P = 1100



....and there are 9 other commands but they are rarely used.



• The producer offer devices that the address can be configure with a mechanical switch, or with proprietary bus commands.

Drawback

- Not compability between X10 for the USA market and the Eurpean market
- Low data rate
- Attenuation due to older appliance (as CRT monitor)
- Crosstalking between two near X10 network
- Sensitivity to the discharge lamps noise

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- The comunication is based to the protocol LonTalk, which address different media
- LonWork rapidally spreaded in the building automation for HAVC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning), lighting, access control and fire allarm.
- LonWork has gained consideration in industrial sector and for the realizzation of smart metering
- In the last years LonWork is used for managing energy efficiency in smart building and reduce the mainteinance building cost

- The fundamental concept of the LonWork is to put the intelligence directly where the function is implemented, than in the sensors and actuators.
- The LonWork network is based upon three fundamental units:
 - LONTalk
 - Neuron Chip
 - LSN (Lonwork netowork service) that is the network operative system.
- Neuron chip is the Lonwork transceiver that automatically manage the protocol and permit an easy realization of lonwork device. Then a producer can realize a Lon device using the neuron chip without know anything about the Lon protocol.

Off the shelf are present LonWork trasceiver for:

- twisted pair cables
- Power line
- Radio transceiver for 400-470Mhz and 900Mhz
- Lonwork can manage huge network and provide a network infrastructure to realize all type off addressing (unicast, multicast, broadcast)
- The data packet is light and there is a priority police to permit the delivery in time of urgent data.

- The addressing is divided in domain, sub network, nodes to simplify the routing. Can be defined
- 2⁴⁸ Domain
- 127 sub-network in a domain
- 127 nodes in each sub-network.
- LonWork has network variables, that can be configure at installation time. It is possible to associate to a sensor output a variable which could be readed by an actuator automatically, using the binding process. The tool ICELAN provide all the support to do that.

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- KNX is based up three precedent european standard.
- It is sutable for the creation of smart building thank its capability to excannge information between switch, actuators, motors and HAVC.
- KNX use different transmission media as:
 - Twisted pair
 - Powerline
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- A device can read and write a data point.
- Then if a switch can write is status and a relay actuator can read the value, than the actuator can know when turn on or off the light in relation of the switch state.
- KNX is the bridge to permit the single node to write and read datapoints, creating the system

- Each device must have a logical address that identify univocally the device.
- The logical address is compose: 255 deivices in 15 main lines, insides at 15 areas and everytingh connected with the backbone line.
- The gruop object has its own obejct address
- More group object can be associated to the same object address (multicast)
- Gruop address the same structure of logical address





- In the market there are a lot of KNX devices, as sensors, actuators,
- Supervisor systems





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Wireless sensor node used





- Sencult EFFICIENT ENERGY FOR EU CULTURAL HERITAGE
- 32Mhz 32Mbit microprocessor
- 2.4Ghz radio transceiver
- Zigbee Pro compliant
- Aggressive power management (sleep mode 8µA)
 for long battery life
- MicroSD card for local data logging
- On board sensors
- Temperature (0.01°C resolution)
- Humidity (0.04°C resolution)
- Light sensor (0.23 lx resolution)
- 3-axis accelerometer (1mg resolution)
- Gas sensor interface (10% resolution)
- VOC, CO, NHx, O3, NH4
- Analog input with 12bit resolution and 300khz sample rate
- 10 digital input/output
- 1 UART (convertible to RS232, RS422, USB)
- 1 I2C (used to communicate with IC sensors)
- 1 SPI (used to communicate with fast IC sensors and external Analog Digital converter)
- 3V 1.5W fully controlled DC output power supply for both external sensors and expansion board

Ad hoc developed wireless protocol

Main characteristics

- WSN fully configurable with multi-hop radio link capable to operate for years.
- Each device can be configured either by USB or remotely with radio link to:
 - Set the device ID, PAN ID, radio channel
 - Check the list of neighbor device with radio link quality
 - Select the network parent device in order to build up a network custom tree
 - Check sensor state (disable/enable), sample time and batteries voltage, check network parameters.
- The network coordinator uses the USB to:
 - Set each node sensor state (enable/disable)
 - Set sample time
 - Provide data collected from every device connected to the network
 - Set date





Underground floor











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9	51
12	4
13	21
15	22
17	111
20	112
23	891
74	39
76	1c9
79	1ca
82	1cb
85	1cc
88	1cd
91	1ce



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ID	Address
27	23
29	119
32	8c9



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User Interface developed

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Monitoring File Application Interface Download Level Data Database Storage Server Level Data Communication Acquisition Level Network protocol- ZigBee On Field Attack Level

The data are sent to a web server. The web server is accessible at the page: 137.204.213.210 User:guest Password:guest



Data collected sample

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