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Sewage Monitoring System using Gas Sensor and Alert System through Mobile Application

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ABSTRACT : This paper presents a detailed exploration of a real-time sewage monitoring system designed to detect and mitigate the risks associated with toxic gas emissions in sewage systems. The system integrates gas sensors, a microcontroller, GSM module, and a mobile application to provide continuous monitoring, timely alerts, and user-friendly visualization of gas levels. By addressing the limitations of existing manual and automated sewage monitoring methods, the proposed system aims to enhance environmental safety and improve response times to hazardous situations. The methodology involves deploying gas sensors capable of detecting methane (CH₄), hydrogen sulfide (H₂S), and other relevant toxic gases in sewage systems. These sensors continuously monitor gas levels, and when predefined thresholds are exceeded, they send signals to a microcontroller for processing. The microcontroller then triggers the GSM module to send alerts to a designated mobile application, providing stakeholders with real-time notifications. The mobile application allows users to view gas levels, receive alerts, and access historical data for informed decision-making. The paper discusses the system architecture, including UML diagrams illustrating component interactions and data flow. Additionally, it presents a comparative analysis with existing sewage monitoring approaches, highlighting the advantages and limitations of the proposed system. The study concludes with insights into future enhancements, emphasizing the system's potential for further innovation in sewage management and environmental monitoring.

KEYWORDS: Monitoring, Alert system, gas sensors.

I. INTRODUCTION

Sewage management is a critical aspect of public health and environmental protection, with a myriad of challenges that need to be addressed. The traditional sewage management systems rely on periodic inspections and manual monitoring, which are often labor-intensive, time-consuming, and prone to errors. Moreover, the lack of real-time monitoring and alert systems for toxic gases in sewage management can lead to serious health and environmental hazards. The importance of real-time monitoring for detecting toxic gases in sewage management cannot be overstated.

The presence of toxic gases such as methane (CH₄) and hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) can have detrimental effects on the health of sewage workers and the surrounding community. Real-time monitoring can help detect the presence of these gases at an early stage, enabling timely interventions and preventive measures.

Motivation for developing an automated sewage monitoring system is driven by the need to address the challenges of traditional sewage management systems. An automated sewage monitoring system that integrates gas sensors, microcontrollers, and GSM modules can provide real-time monitoring and alert systems for toxic gases, enabling timely interventions and preventive measures.

The proposed automated sewage monitoring system consists of several modules, each with a specific function. The system architecture is designed to be modular, allowing for easy integration and maintenance.

The first module is the gas sensor module, which consists of several gas sensors that detect the presence of toxic gases such as methane (CH₄) and hydrogen sulfide (H₂S). The gas sensors are connected to a microcontroller, which processes the sensor data and sends it to the central monitoring system. The second module is the microcontroller module, which is responsible for processing the sensor data and sending it to the central monitoring system. The microcontroller is programmed to perform several functions, such as data filtering, data aggregation, and data transmission. The third module is the GSM module, which is responsible for sending real-time alerts to sewage workers and the surrounding community. The GSM module is connected to the microcontroller and is

programmed to send alerts via SMS or email. The fourth module is the central monitoring system, which receives the sensor data from the gas sensor module and displays it in real-time. The central monitoring system is designed to be user-friendly and can be accessed remotely via a web interface. The fifth module is the database module, which stores the sensor data for future analysis and reporting. The database module is designed to be scalable and can handle large volumes of data.

The proposed automated sewage monitoring system provides several benefits over traditional sewage management systems. The system can detect the presence of toxic gases in real-time, enabling timely interventions and preventive measures. The system can also reduce the need for labor-intensive and time-consuming manual monitoring. In summary, the proposed automated sewage monitoring system is a modular and scalable solution that can provide real-time monitoring and alert systems for toxic gases in sewage management. The system can help address the challenges of traditional sewage management systems and improve public health and environmental protection.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Literature survey is the most important part of the project development, because if a project has to be developed there should be a strong base, problem statement and a proposed system. The analysis of previous works including Published journals, Books or Websites will be considered in the development of proposed system.

Maira Alvi, Tim French, Rachel Cardell-Oliver, Philip Keymar, Andrew Ward, "Cost Effective Soft Sensing for Wastewater Treatment Facilities", 2022.

Wastewater treatment plants are complex, non-linear, engineered systems of physical, biological and chemical processes operating at different timescales. Sensor systems are used to monitor wastewater treatment plants in order to ensure public safety and for efficient management of the plants. However, parameters of interest for wastewater can require expensive or inaccurate sensors or may require off-site laboratory analysis. For example, ammonium is important as a prime indicator of treatment efficiency and is highly regulated in discharge water. But ammonium sensors are also expensive at over \$10,000 (AUD) per sensor. Soft sensors are computational models that accurately estimate process variables using the measurements from few physical sensors and can offer a cost-effective substitute for expensive wastewater sensors such as ammonium. In this paper, we propose a hybrid neural network architecture for learning soft sensors for complex phenomena. Our network architecture fuses sequential modelling with Gated Recurrent Neural Network units (GRUs) to capture global trends, with Convolution Neural Network (CNN) kernels to facilitate learning of local behaviours. We demonstrate the effectiveness of our technique using real-world data from a wastewater treatment plant with two-stage high-rate anaerobic and high-rate algal treatments. Secondly, we propose a novel data preparation algorithm that enables the deep learning technique to learn from a limited data and facilitates fair evaluation. We develop and learn a soft sensor to predict ammonium and study its generalization. Our results demonstrate fit for purpose accuracy and that the soft sensor model is able to capture complex temporal patterns of the ground truth sensor time series. Finally, we publicly release an annotated data set of a secondary wastewater treatment plant to accelerate the research in the development of soft sensors.

Ranya M. M. Salem, M. Sabry Saraya, Amr M. T. Ali-Eldin, (Senior Member, IEEE), "An Industrial Cloud-Based IoT System for Real-Time Monitoring and Controlling of Wastewater", 2022.

Wastewater treatment is considered the most important process for reducing pollutants in wastewater to levels that nature can cope with. At many sewage treatment plants, industrial wastes cause more difficulties in the treatment process than any other single problem where the plant operators have to deal with. These plants may not be designed to handle these types of wastes and the accelerated deterioration of sewage treatment plant structures. In this paper, we propose a new industrial IoT cloud-based model for real-time wastewater monitoring and controlling. The proposed system monitors the power of hydrogen (pH) and temperature parameters from the wastewater inlet that will be treated in the wastewater treatment plant, thereby avoiding impermissible industrial wastewater that the plant cannot handle. The system collects and uploads real-time sensor readings to the cloud via an IIoT Wi-Fi Module. Additionally, it reports observed or identified unexpected industrial wastewater inlets via SMS notifications and alarms and controls the valves of the gates. This is needed to change the path of the water to the industrial wastewater treatment plant that can treat this type of wastes. Experimental work shows the effectiveness of the proposed system compared to related work.

Chunming Qiu, Guoxiang Shao, Zhenyu Zhang, Chichun Zhou, Yuejie Hou, Enming Zhao, Xiao Guo, Xiaolin Guan, "Unsupervised Real Time and Early Anomalies Detection Method for Sewer Networks Systems", 2024

Sewer networks (SNs) are susceptible to various factors that can lead to failures, resulting in economic losses and

environmental pollution. Data-driven approaches based on sewage flow monitoring enhance the awareness and maintenance capabilities of SNs. However, the current research lacks early warning systems for flow anomalies. This presents a challenge for the application of supervised methods, primarily due to the scarcity of anomalous flow datasets. Even with the availability of such datasets, the effectiveness of these methods may vary due to environmental differences, since SNs are situated in diverse environments. Therefore, effectively achieving early warnings for anomalies in unlabeled flow data is a challenge that must be addressed in the field of flow monitoring. To address this challenge, we propose a detection method for effectively warning of anomalies in flow data. Since anomalies typically result in significant deviations from normal data, early warnings can be achieved by comparing the differences between current and historical data.

The key to this early warning lies in establishing an adaptive threshold for detecting abnormal data changes. Our detection method employs an unsupervised bagging-based multi-anomaly detection algorithm to detect such abnormal data changes. Experiments conducted on Erhai Lake SNs flow data demonstrate that our method can predict anomalies 5-15 minutes in advance with a precision of 80.00%, a recall of 66.67%, and an F1 score of 0.73. Our approach not only achieves cost-effective and timely anomalies detection but also overcomes the challenges associated with limited dataset availability, making it applicable to various other industries.

Fernando Solano, Steffen Krause, Christoph Wollgens, “An Internet-of Things Enabled Smart System for Waste water Monitoring”, 2021

We present and evaluate an IoT-enabled sensing and actuating system for localizing illegal industrial harsh discharges of polluting wastewater in sewer networks. The special condition of these sewer environment brings special challenges for the design of an IoT system and of its real-time algorithm for anomaly detection and localization in wastewater networks. The proposed design fulfills these requirements by using a new IoT architecture pattern, which we generalize and name Hop-by-hop Anomaly Detection and Actuation (HADA). The distributed anomaly detection and localization algorithm makes predictions over previous sensor measurements, while taking into account seasonality effects of wastewater and noise of the sensors. Based on simulations in a large network with three common illegal industrial wastewater pollutants, the advantages and limitations of the proposed wastewater anomaly localization system are discussed. The IoT system, including its anomaly detection and localization algorithm, was implemented using in a low-power microcontroller and tested in flowing wastewater with different harsh industrial waste.

Ahmad Alshami, Moustafa Elsayed, Eslam Ali, Abdelrahman E. E. Eltoukhy, Tarek Zayed, “Monitoring Blockage and Overflow Events in Small-Sized Sewer Network Using Contactless Flow Sensors in Hong Kong: Problems, Causes, and Proposed Solution”, 2023

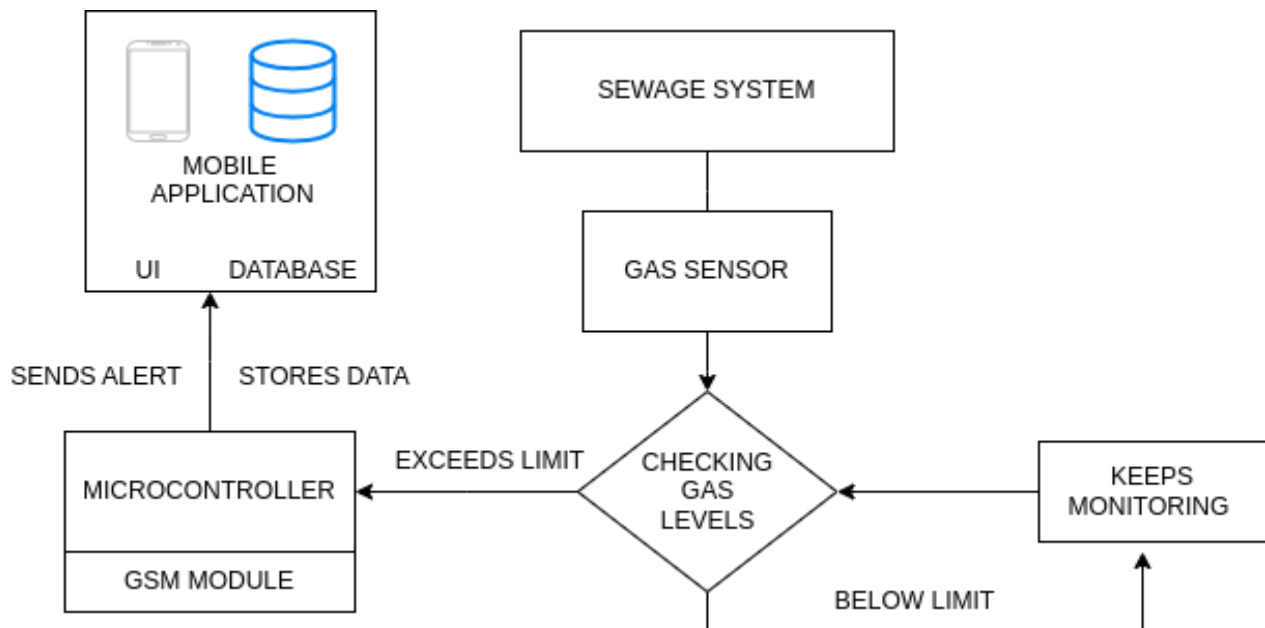
Effective monitoring and prediction systems for sewer overflow are essential for safeguarding public health and the environment. Flow sensors have emerged as valuable tools for understanding and measuring the hydraulic performance of sewer networks, enabling the detection of blockages and overflow events. However, previous research has predominantly focused on large-diameter sewer networks, leaving a gap in understanding the applicability and performance of flow sensors in small and medium-sized systems. Addressing this research gap and motivated by the need to improve the monitoring of small and medium-sized sewer networks, this study comprehensively assesses the performance of flow sensors in such networks, with a focus on detecting blockages and overflow. The study evaluates the performance of flow sensors in 12 locations within the Hong Kong sewer network and identifies challenges affecting accuracy. The findings reveal noteworthy shortcomings when solely relying on flow sensors, including inconsistent and unreliable observations. Notably, the correlation coefficient between the level and flow sensors was 0.36, and the average relative error in flow rate measurement was a substantial 72.14% compared to Manning's equation. An in-depth analysis reveals key factors hindering flow sensors' efficiency, such as inconsistent flow directions and pipe size variations. To overcome these limitations, the study introduces a new approach based on real-time measurement of vertical sewage velocities inside manholes. By incorporating level sensors and considering specific network characteristics, this alternative methodology provides a promising solution for detecting operational issues and improving the reliability of overflow monitoring systems.

III. METHODOLOGY

The proposed method entails the design and implementation of a sewage monitoring system integrating gas sensors, a microcontroller, GSM module, and mobile application. Gas sensors are strategically deployed to detect methane, hydrogen sulfide, and other toxic gases in sewage systems, with calibration procedures ensuring accurate measurements. Firmware development for the microcontroller enables real-

time monitoring of gas levels, threshold detection, and triggering of alert mechanisms. Integration of the GSM module facilitates communication for alert messages to designated recipients. A mobile application, developed using Java for Android platform, provides a user-friendly interface for viewing gas levels, receiving alerts, and accessing historical data stored in a local SQLite database. Rigorous testing, deployment in real-world settings, and stakeholder feedback drive iterative improvements to enhance system functionality, reliability, and usability. Findings are disseminated through technical documentation and publication, contributing to advancements in sewage management and environmental monitoring.

IV. ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM



This architecture diagram illustrates the components and flow of the sewage monitoring system. At the core of the system is the sewage system itself, which is monitored by gas sensors capable of detecting methane, hydrogen sulfide, and other toxic gases. These sensors continuously monitor gas levels and feed the data to a microcontroller. The microcontroller is responsible for processing the sensor data and making decisions based on predefined thresholds. If the gas levels exceed the limit, the microcontroller triggers the GSM module to send an alert to the mobile application. Additionally, the microcontroller stores the data in the database for future reference. The mobile application serves as the user interface (UI) for interacting with the system, allowing users to view real-time gas levels and receive alerts. The database component stores gas level data, user preferences, and system configurations. Overall, this architecture ensures real-time monitoring of sewage gas levels, timely alerts, and data storage for informed decision-making and system management.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION MODULES IDENTIFIED:

Gas Sensor Module, GSM Module, Microcontroller Module, Mobile Application Module (User Interface, Database).

GAS SENSOR:

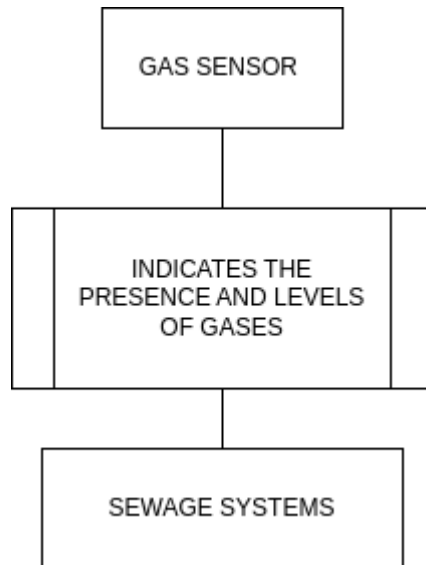
Gas sensors are deployed within the sewage system to detect specific gases such as methane (CH₄), hydrogen sulfide (H₂S), and other toxic gases.

These sensors continuously monitor gas levels in the sewage, providing real-time data on gas concentrations.

Gas sensors are selected based on their sensitivity, accuracy, and compatibility with the sewage environment.

Calibration procedures are implemented to ensure accurate measurement of gas concentrations under varying environmental conditions.

DIAGRAM:



GLOBAL SYSTEM FOR MOBILE COMMUNICATION (GSM):

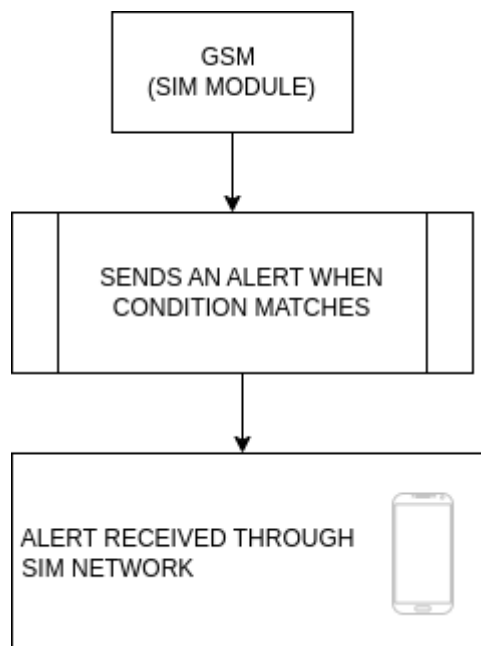
The GSM module enables communication via GSM networks, facilitating the transmission of alert messages to designated recipients.

It receives signals from the microcontroller when a gas level exceeds predefined thresholds and initiates the alerting process.

The GSM module is configured to handle various network conditions and ensure reliable delivery of alert messages.

It may incorporate features such as SMS (Short Message Service) capabilities to send alerts to mobile phones or other communication devices.

DIAGRAM:



MICROCONTROLLER:

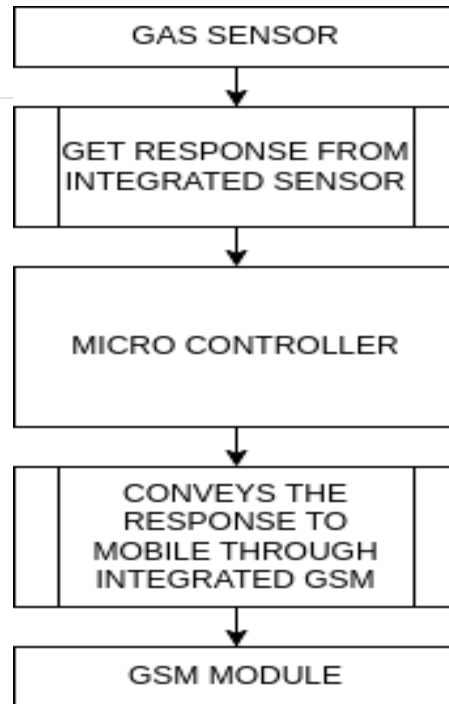
The microcontroller serves as the central processing unit of the system, responsible for data acquisition, processing, and decision-making.

It receives input from the gas sensors, processes the sensor data, and triggers actions based on predefined thresholds.

Algorithms are developed and implemented on the microcontroller to monitor gas levels, detect threshold exceedances, and manage alerting mechanisms.

Error handling mechanisms are integrated to ensure robust operation and fault tolerance of the system.

DIAGRAM:



MOBILE APPLICATION:

USER INTERFACE:

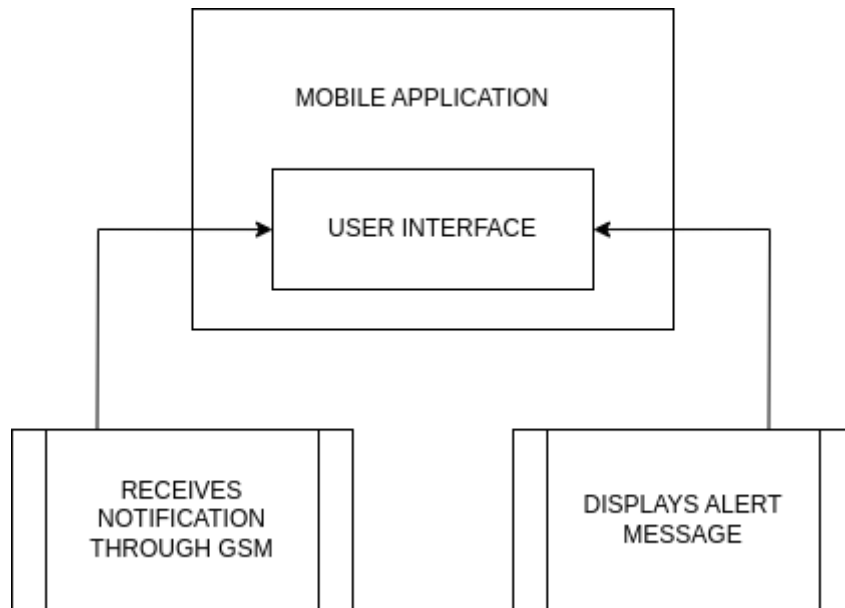
The mobile application provides a user-friendly interface for interacting with the sewage monitoring system.

Developed using Java for Android platform, the application allows users to view real-time gas levels, receive alerts, and access historical data.

It features intuitive UI components for displaying sensor data, configuring alert thresholds, and managing user preferences.

The application integrates with the local database to store and retrieve gas level data, user settings, and system configurations.

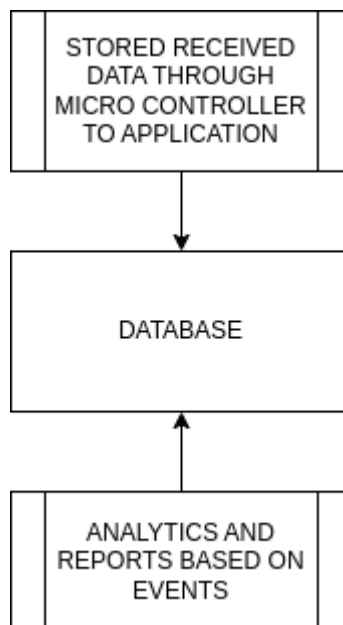
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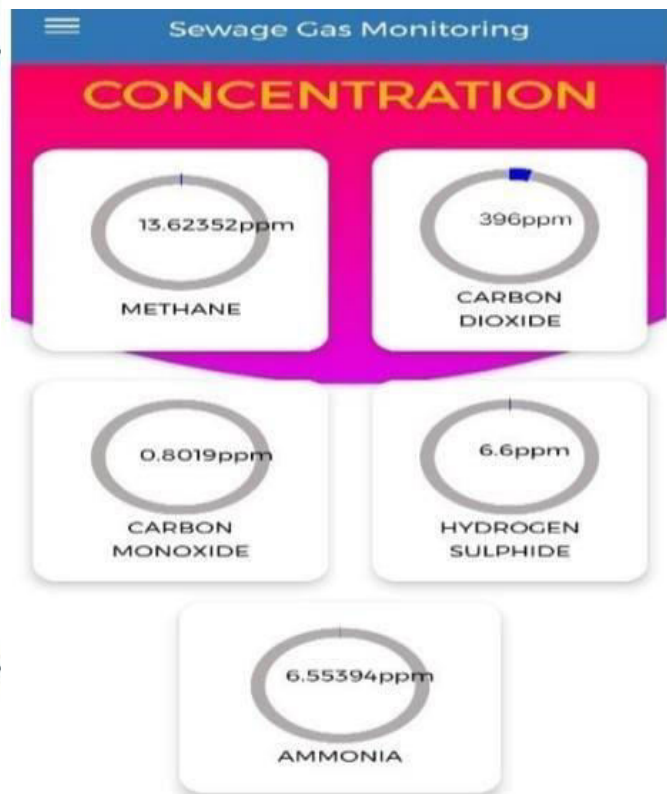
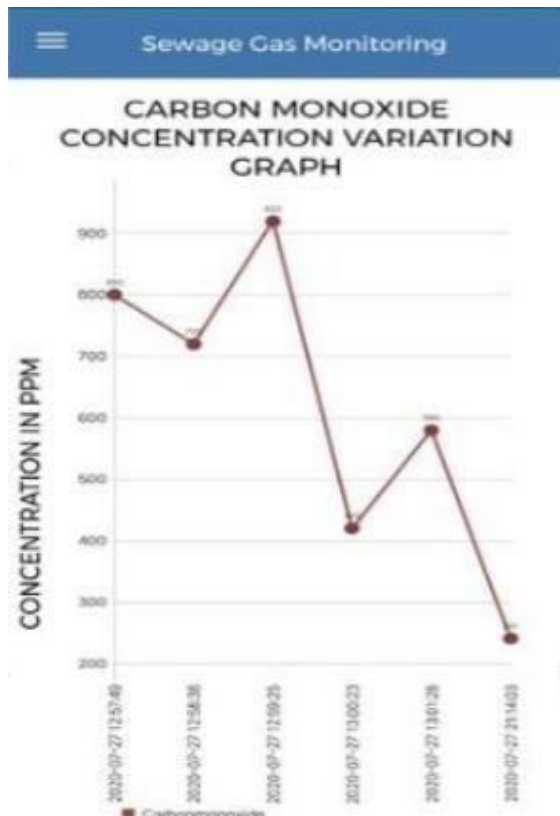
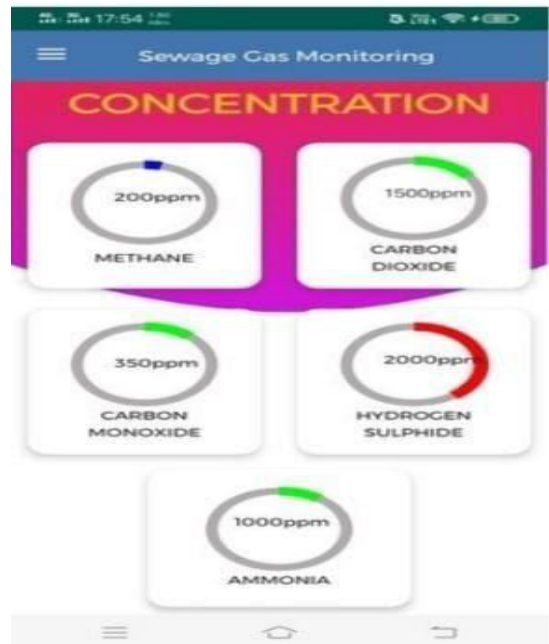
DATABASE:

The database component stores gas level data, user preferences, and system configurations for future reference and analysis. Implemented using SQLite, the database provides efficient data storage and retrieval capabilities on the mobile device. It stores sensor readings, timestamps, alert thresholds, and other relevant information required for system management. CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) operations are implemented to manage data within the database, allowing for seamless interaction with the mobile application.

DIAGRAM:



SAMPLEOUTPUT:





V. CONCLUSION

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UG Scholar, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Velammal Institute of Technology, Panchetti, Chennai, In conclusion, the development and implementation of the sewage monitoring system presented in this paper represent a significant advancement in environmental monitoring technology. By integrating gas sensors, a microcontroller, GSM module, and mobile application, the system enables real-time monitoring of toxic gas levels in sewage systems, timely alerts, and user-friendly interaction for stakeholders. The proposed system addresses the limitations of existing sewage monitoring methods by providing continuous monitoring capabilities, immediate alerts, and data visualization through a mobile interface. Through rigorous testing and field evaluation, the system has demonstrated its effectiveness in detecting gas leaks, providing timely alerts, and facilitating informed decision-making for sewage management. The modular architecture of the system allows for scalability, maintenance, and future enhancements to meet evolving environmental monitoring requirements. Overall, this sewage monitoring system offers a comprehensive solution for mitigating environmental risks, enhancing public safety, and ensuring the sustainable management of sewage systems. Future research endeavors may focus on further optimization, integration with advanced sensor technologies, and expansion into broader environmental monitoring applications.

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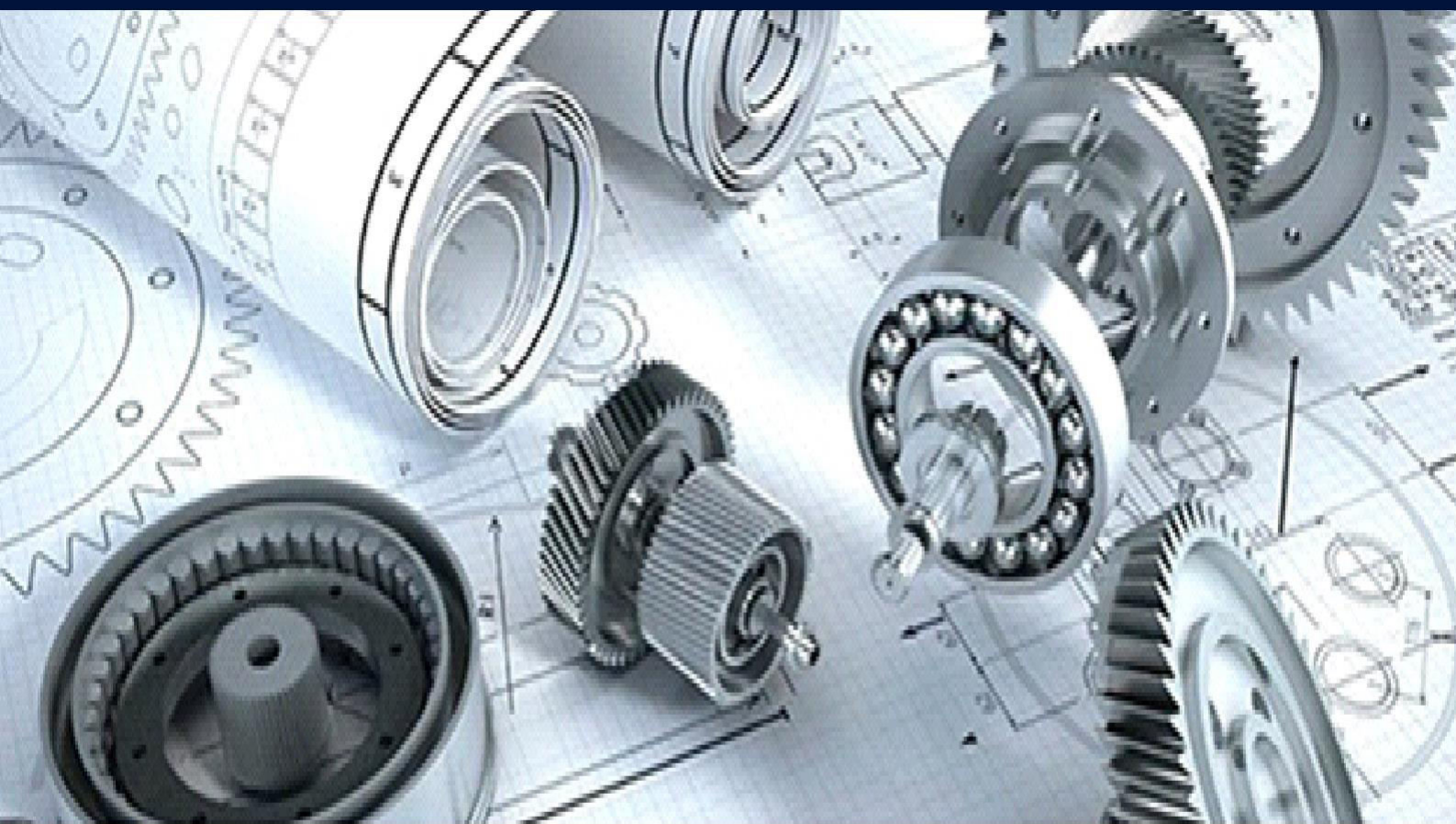
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