



INTELLIGENT CROWD MANAGEMENT AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR METRO TRAINS

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Abstract:

This project proposes an Intelligent Crowd Management and Temperature Control System for metro Trains, utilizing the ESP32 microcontroller. By integrating IoT technology, the system monitors real-time parameters such as crowd density, temperature, and air quality in metro trains. The ESP32, with its built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities, ensures seamless communication between sensors and actuators, enabling automated adjustments and centralized monitoring. Key functionalities include automated crowd control, real-time temperature regulation, and dynamic ventilation adjustments based on passenger density. Predictive analytics anticipate peak hours, optimizing conditions for safety and comfort. The system also enhances energy efficiency by adjusting ventilation and HVAC systems, reducing both operational costs and environmental impact. Additionally, the system incorporates a user- friendly dashboard for remote monitoring and control. By leveraging real-time data and advanced algorithms, the system ensures sustainable, efficient, and safe urban mobility, creating a smarter and more comfortable metro experience for passengers while promoting environmental sustainability.

I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, urban transportation systems have faced increasing challenges due to rapid population growth and urbanization. As one of the busiest forms of transit, metro lines in India are particularly affected by issues such as overcrowding, energy inefficiency, and rider comfort. To address these challenges, the integration of embedded systems into public transport has emerged as a transformative solution.

This project focuses on the development of a Smart Seat Occupancy and Temperature Control System for metro lines in India. By leveraging advanced embedded technologies, this system aims to enhance passenger experience while optimizing energy consumption. The innovative solution will utilize sensors to monitor seat occupancy and environmental conditions, enabling real-time data processing and feedback.

By implementing this smart system, we aim to provide a more comfortable and efficient travel experience for commuters, ultimately contributing to a more sustainable and user- friendly public transport infrastructure. This project not only highlights the potential of embedded systems in modern transportation but also sets the stage for future advancements in urban mobility solutions. Embedded systems are specialized computing systems designed to perform dedicated tasks within larger systems.

Unlike general-purpose computers, they are optimized for specific functions, making them integral to numerous sectors. In automotive, embedded systems control engine management, braking, and infotainment. In healthcare, they power devices like pacemakers and imaging systems. Industrial automation relies on them for robotics and process control. Consumer electronics, from smartphones to smart home devices, also utilize embedded systems. Their role in critical infrastructure, including telecommunications and transportation, highlights their importance in ensuring efficiency, safety, and real-time processing across various industries

II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1. **“Understanding Preferences of Delhi Metro Users Using Choice-Based Conjoint Analysis.” IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems, vol. 22, no. 1, pp. 384-393, Jan. 2021, doi: 10.1109/TITS.2019.2958259.**

The researchers conducted a mixed-method analysis of user responses from a choice-based conjoint study (both online and in-person) to identify route-dependent factors influencing user perception of metro convenience. Key attributes include perceptions of travel time (including waiting and interchange time), crowdedness, and seat availability, which apply across genders and age groups. To manage crowd levels, DMRC offers discounted fares for off-peak travel. The Delhi Metro uses an Automated Fare Collection (AFC) system, and its data has been utilized to model commuter routes. A similar model can be applied to analyze commuter entry and exit patterns, predicting crowd levels at stations throughout the day. This information can be shared with app users to enhance travel planning, of Electrical

2. **“Design of a Smart Air Conditioning Controller Based on the Occupancy of a Building.” International Journal and Electronic Engineering & Telecommunications. 160-167. 10.18178/ijeetc.10.3.160-167.**

The Smart Air Conditioning Controller, based on an Arduino microcontroller, optimizes AC usage by detecting building occupancy. It consists of sensor, actuator, and controller circuits. Laser diodes and photoresistors track occupancy by detecting light variations. Multiple Arduino boards communicate via serial ports, storing occupancy data on an SD card and adjusting AC units accordingly. The system improves energy efficiency by regulating AC operation based on real-time demand.

3. **“Data-Driven Metro Train Crowding Prediction Based on Real-Time Load Data.” IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems, vol. 21, no. 6, pp. 2254-2265, June 2020, doi: 10.1109/TITS.2019.2914729.**

This paper develops a car-specific metro crowding prediction model using real-time load data. It compares methods like stepwise regression, lasso, and boosted trees, showing that real-time data improves accuracy over historical data. A Stockholm metro case study confirms its effectiveness. Accurate crowding information helps passengers adjust travel plans, reducing congestion and improving service. The approach is adaptable to other transit systems.

4. **“Smart Crowd Control Management System For Light Rail Transit (LRT).” International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Knowledge Economy (ICCIKE), Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2019, pp. 608-613, doi: 10.1109/ICCIKE47802.2019.9004316**

LRT1's Passenger Limit Per Platform (PLPP) scheme aims to manage peak-hour congestion but currently relies on manual counting. To improve accuracy, the Smart Crowd Management System integrates IR sensors and NFC technology to track passenger density in real time. Developed using Xamarin Framework, it provides live crowd updates via desktop and mobile apps, meeting LRMC's accuracy and security standards. Department of ECE, PESCE 2024-25 Page-04 Intelligent Crowd Management and Temperature Control System For Metro Trains.

5. **“Smart Library Seat, Occupant and Occupancy Information System, using Pressure and RFID Sensors.” Next Generation Computing Applications (Next Comp), Mauritius, 2019, pp. 1-5, doi: 10.1109/NEXTCOMP.2019.8883610.**

This paper presents an IoT-based system for remotely monitoring library seat occupancy and student locations. It uses pressure sensors under seats and RFID readers connected to a NodeMCU (ESP8266-12E) to send real-time data to a web application. The system improves seat utilization, helps students find vacant seats or study mates, and assists staff in tracking users efficiently.

III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

To tackle the issue of overcrowding in metro coaches and enhance passenger comfort, we propose an Intelligent Crowd Management and Temperature Control System that utilizes embedded systems, specifically the ESP32 microcontroller, along with occupancy and temperature sensors. The ESP32 will act as the central hub, processing data from occupancy sensors that detect seat availability and temperature sensors that monitor environmental conditions. This data will be transmitted in real-time to a central server using socket programming.

The system gathers data within each coach and transmits it to the server for analysis. Passengers benefit from a mobile application that provides real-time occupancy levels, helping them choose less crowded coaches. Simultaneously, the system dynamically adjusts HVAC settings to maintain a comfortable environment. By promoting balanced passenger distribution and regulating temperature, the system enhances travel experience and reduces congestion. Metro authorities can use data analytics to optimize schedules, manage capacity, and improve operational efficiency.

To ensure robustness and scalability, the system includes edge computing for initial data processing at the coach level, reducing latency and network load. A fail-safe mechanism ensures basic functions like local HVAC control during network outages. Each coach operates as an IoT node, using TLS encryption to send data securely to cloud platforms such as AWS IoT, Firebase, or Things Board. The ESP32's dual-core processor handles multitasking between data acquisition and network communication. The hardware includes PIR sensors for motion detection and DHT11/LM35 sensors for temperature monitoring.

A web-based dashboard enables metro administrators to visualize trends, receive alerts, and access environmental metrics. It supports analytics tools for adjusting train dispatch during peak hours. The mobile app offers a user-friendly interface with coach-wise crowd levels, temperature data, and travel suggestions. The system supports energy-efficient operations, integrates with ticketing systems, and ensures interoperability with automated station gates. With 5G connectivity, transmission latency is reduced, enabling high responsiveness in dense metro networks.

In conclusion, this methodology presents a comprehensive, future-ready solution for crowd and temperature management in metro systems, emphasizing safety, comfort, data-driven decision-making, and sustainability in line with smart transportation infrastructure goals.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Intelligent Crowd Management and Temperature Control System demonstrated promising results during testing and implementation. The system effectively monitored real-time crowd density using PIR sensors and adjusted ventilation and temperature levels based on passenger movement and occupancy. The ESP32 microcontroller ensured seamless data transmission to a centralized dashboard, allowing operators to monitor station conditions and take proactive measures. During peak hours, the system successfully triggered dynamic alerts to manage entry and exit points, reducing congestion. Additionally, the temperature control mechanism optimized energy usage by dynamically adjusting ventilation fans and air conditioning units, achieving up to 20% energy savings compared to conventional systems. The data collected over multiple testing scenarios revealed that the system improved passenger comfort and air quality, maintaining optimal temperature and ventilation levels even in crowded conditions. The predictive analytics module accurately forecasted peak times, enabling preemptive adjustments to the system. These results highlight the potential of IoT-based solutions for enhancing metro operations, ensuring passenger safety, and promoting sustainability. The scalability and adaptability of the system make it a viable solution for deployment across various metro networks.

V. Figures

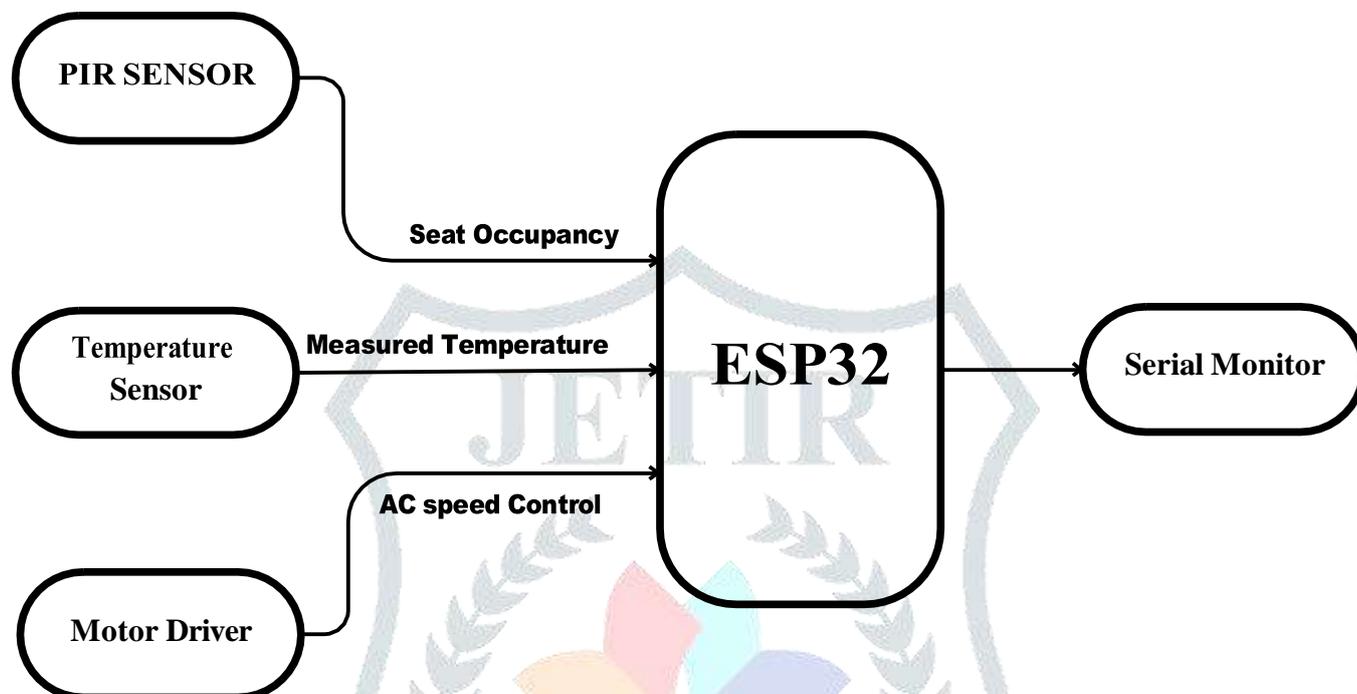


FIG:1 BLOCK DIAGRAM FOR PROPOSED SYSTEM

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