MQ-2 Semiconductor Sensor for Combustible Gas

Sensitive material of MQ-2 gas sensor is SnO₂, which with lower conductivity in clean air. When the target combustible gas exist, The sensor's conductivity is more higher along with the gas concentration rising. Please use simple electrocircuit, Convert change of conductivity to correspond output signal of gas concentration.

MQ-2 gas sensor has high sensitity to LPG, Propane and Hydrogen, also could be used to Methane and other combustible steam, it is with low cost and suitable for different application.

Character

Configuration

*Good sensitivity to Combustible gas in wide range

- * High sensitivity to LPG, Propane and Hydrogen
- * Long life and low cost
- * Simple drive circuit

Application

- * Domestic gas leakage detector
- * Industrial Combustible gas detector
- * Portable gas detector

Technical Data



Basic test loop



	Model No.		MQ-2		
S	Sensor Type		Semiconductor		
Standa	Standard Encapsulation		Bakelite (Black Bakelite)		
Detection Gas			Combustible gas and smoke		
C	opportunition	300-10000ppm			
	Uncentration		(Combustible gas)		
	Loop Voltage	Vc	≤24V DC		
Circuit	Heater Voltage	V _H	5.0V±0.2V ACorDC		
Circuit	Load	Р	Adjustable		
	Resistance	κL	Adjustable		
	Heater	Р	240,20 (Been Tem.)		
	Resistance	κ _H	$31\Omega \pm 3\Omega$ (Room Tem.)		
	Heater	П	<000mW		
	consumption	ΓH	29001111		
Character	Sensing	Р			
	Resistance	۳s			
	Sonsitivity	0	Rs(in air)/Rs(1000ppm		
	Sensitivity	3	isobutane)≥5		
	Slope	α	≤0.6(R _{5000ppm} /R _{3000ppm} CH ₄)		
	Tem. Humidi	ity	20℃±2℃;65%±5%RH		
Condition	Standard test	circuit	Vc:5.0V±0.1V;		
Condition		Sircuit	V _H : 5.0V±0.1V		
	Preheat tim	ne	Over 48 hours		



The above is basic test circuit of the sensor. The sensor need to be put 2 voltage, heater voltage(VH) and test voltage(VC). VH used to supply certified working temperature to the sensor, while VC used to detect voltage (VRL) on load resistance

(RL) whom is in series with sensor. The sensor has light polarity, Vc need DC power. VC and VH could use same power circuit with precondition to assure performance of sensor. In order to make the sensor with better performance, suitable RL value is needed: Power of Sensitivity body(Ps): Ps=Vc²xRs/(Rs+RL)²



Sensitivity Characteristics

Fig.1 shows the typical sensitivity characteristics of the MQ-2, ordinate means resistance ratio of the sensor (Rs/Ro), abscissa is concentration of gases. Rs means resistance in different gases, Ro means resistance of sensor in 1000ppm Hyrogen. All test are under standard test conditions.

Structure and configuration



Structure and configuration of MQ-2 gas sensor is shown as Fig. 3, sensor composed by micro AL2O3 ceramic tube, Tin Dioxide (SnO2) sensitive layer, measuring electrode and heater are fixed into a crust made by plastic and stainless steel net. The heater provides necessary work conditions for work of sensitive components. The enveloped MQ-2 have 6 pin, 4 of them are used to fetch signals, and other 2 are used for providing heating current.



Influence of Temperature/Humidity

Fig.2 shows the typical temperature and humidity characteristics. Ordinate means resistance ratio of the sensor (Rs/Ro), Rs means resistance of sensor in 1000ppm Butane under different tem. and humidity. Ro means resistance of the sensor in environment of 1000ppm Methane, 20°C/65%RH

Notification

1 Following conditions must be prohibited

1.1 Exposed to organic silicon steam

Organic silicon steam cause sensors invalid, sensors must be avoid exposing to silicon bond, fixature, silicon latex, putty or plastic contain silicon environment

1.2 High Corrosive gas

If the sensors exposed to high concentration corrosive gas (such as H_2Sz , SO_X , CI_2 , HCI etc), it will not only result in corrosion of sensors structure, also it cause sincere sensitivity attenuation.

1.3 Alkali, Alkali metals salt, halogen pollution

The sensors performance will be changed badly if sensors be sprayed polluted by alkali metals salt especially brine, or be exposed to halogen such as fluorin.

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Sensitivity of the sensors will be reduced when spattered or dipped in water.

1.5 Freezing

Do avoid icing on sensor'surface, otherwise sensor would lose sensitivity.

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Applied voltage on sensor should not be higher than stipulated value, otherwise it cause down-line or heater damaged, and bring on sensors' sensitivity characteristic changed badly.

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2.3 Long time storage

The sensors resistance produce reversible drift if it's stored for long time without electrify, this drift is related with storage conditions. Sensors should be stored in airproof without silicon gel bag with clean air. For the sensors with long time storage but no electrify, they need long aging time for stbility before using.

2.4 Long time exposed to adverse environment

No matter the sensors electrified or not, if exposed to adverse environment for long time, such as high humidity, high temperature, or high pollution etc, it will effect the sensors performance badly.

2.5 Vibration

Continual vibration will result in sensors down-lead response then repture. In transportation or assembling line, pneumatic screwdriver/ultrasonic welding machine can lead this vibration.

2.6 Concussion

If sensors meet strong concussion, it may lead its lead wire disconnected.

2.7 Usage

For sensor, handmade welding is optimal way. If use wave crest welding should meet the following conditions:

- 2.7.1 Soldering flux: Rosin soldering flux contains least chlorine
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MQ135 gas sensor has high sensitity to Ammonia, Sulfide and Benze steam, also sensitive to smoke and other harmful gases. It is with low cost and suitable for different application.

Character

- * Good sensitivity to Harmful gases in wide range
- * High sensitivity to Ammonia, Sulfide and Benze
- * Long life and low cost
- * Simple drive circuit

Application

- * Domestic air pollution detector
- * Industrial air pollution detector
- * Portable air pollution detector

Configuration



Basic test 100p

	Model No.		MQ135			
S	Sensor Type		Semiconductor			
Standa	ard Encapsulatio	capsulation Bakelite (Black Bakelite)				
D	Detection Gas		Ammonia, Sulfide, Benze steam			
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	Resistance	T S	2132 20132(iii 100ppii 1113)			
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ESP8266 WiFi



The ESP8266 is the name of a micro controller designed by Espressif Systems. The ESP8266 itself is a self-contained WiFi networking solution offering as a bridge from existing micro controller to WiFi and is also capable of running self-contained applications.

This module comes with a built in USB connector and a rich assortment of pin-outs. With a micro USB cable, you can connect NodeMCU devkit to your laptop and flash it without any trouble, just like Arduino. It is also immediately breadboard friendly.

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1. <u>Specification:</u>

- Voltage:3.3V.
- Wi-Fi Direct (P2P), soft-AP.
- Current consumption: 10uA~170mA.
- Flash memory attachable: 16MB max (512K normal).
- Integrated TCP/IP protocol stack.
- Processor: Tensilica L106 32-bit.
- Processor speed: 80~160MHz.
- RAM: 32K + 80K.
- GPIOs: 17 (multiplexed with other functions).
- Analog to Digital: 1 input with 1024 step resolution.
- +19.5dBm output power in 802.11b mode
- 802.11 support: b/g/n.
- Maximum concurrent TCP connections: 5.



2. <u>Pin Definition:</u>

D0(GPI016) can only be used as gpio read/write, no interrupt supported, no pwm/i2c/ow supported.

3. Using ArduinoIDE

The most basic way to use the ESP8266 module is to use serial commands, as the chip is basically a WiFi/Serial transceiver. However, this is not convenient. What we recommend is using the very cool Arduino ESP8266 project, which is a modified version of the Arduino IDE that you need to install on your computer. This makes it very convenient to use the ESP8266 chip as we will be using the well-known Arduino IDE. Following the below step to install ESP8266 library to work in Arduino IDE environment.

Install the Arduino IDE 1.6.4 or greater

Download Arduino IDE from Arduino.cc (1.6.4 or greater) - don't use 1.6.2 or lower version! You can use your existing IDE if you have already installed it.

You can also try downloading the ready-to-go package from the ESP8266-Arduino project, if the proxy is giving you problems.

Install the ESP8266 Board Package

Enter *http://arduino.esp8266.com/stable/package_esp8266com_index.json* into *Additional Board Manager URLs* field in the Arduino v1.6.4+ preferences.

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Click 'Tools' -> 'Board:' -> 'Board Manager...' to access this panel.

Scroll down to 'esp8266 by ESP8266 Community' and click "Install" button to install the ESP8266 library package. Once installation completed, close and re-open Arduino IDE for ESP8266 library to take effect.

Setup ESP8266Support

When you've restarted Arduino IDE, select 'Generic ESP8266 Module' from the 'Tools' -> 'Board:' dropdown menu.

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Select 80 MHz as the CPU frequency (you can try 160 MHz overclock later)

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Go to your Windows 'Device Manager' to find out which Com Port 'USB-Serial CH340' is assigned to. Select the matching COM/serial port for your CH340 USB-Serial interface.

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Note: if this is your first time using CH340 " USB-to-Serial " interface, please install the driver first before proceed the above Com Port setting. The CH340 driver can be download from the below site:

https://github.com/nodemcu/nodemcu-devkit/tree/master/Drivers

Blink Test

We'll begin with the simple blink test.

Enter this into the sketch window (and save since you'll have to). Connect a LED as shown in Figure 3-1.

```
void setup() {
   pinMode(5, OUTPUT); // GPI005, Digital Pin D1
}
void loop() {
   digitalWrite(5, HIGH);
   delay(900);
   digitalWrite(5, LOW);
   delay(500);
}
```

Now you'll need to put the board into bootload mode. You'll have to do this before each upload. There is not imeout for bootload mode, so you don't have to rush!

- Hold down the 'Flash' button.
- While holding down 'Flash', press the 'RST' button.
- Release 'RST', then release 'Flash'

• When you release the 'RST' button, the blue indication will blink once, this means its ready to bootload.



the board is in 'bootload' mode.

Once the ESP board is in bootload mode, upload the sketch via the IDE, Figure 3-2.







Figure 3.2: Uploading the sketch to ESP8266 NodeMCU module.

The sketch will start immediately - you'll see the LED blinking. Hooray!

Connecting via WiFi

OK once you've got the LED blinking, let's go straight to the fun part, connecting to a webserver. Create a new sketch with this code:

Don't forget to update:

constchar*ssid = "yourssid";

const char* password = "yourpassword";

to your WiFi access point and password, then upload the same way: get into bootload mode, then upload code via IDE.

```
/*
 * Simple HTTP get webclient test
 */
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>
const char* ssid = "handson"; // key in your own SSID
const char* password = "abc1234"; // key in your own WiFi access point
password
```

```
const char* host = "www.handsontec.com";
void setup() {
 Serial.begin(115200);
  delay(100);
  // We start by connecting to a WiFi network
 Serial.println();
  Serial.println();
  Serial.print("Connecting to ");
  Serial.println(ssid);
 WiFi.begin(ssid, password);
 while (WiFi.status() != WL CONNECTED) {
    delay(500);
    Serial.print(".");
  }
  Serial.println("");
  Serial.println("WiFi connected");
  Serial.println("IP address: ");
  Serial.println(WiFi.localIP());
}
int value = 0;
void loop() {
 delay(5000);
 ++value;
 Serial.print("connecting to ");
 Serial.println(host);
  // Use WiFiClient class to create TCP connections
 WiFiClient client;
  const int httpPort = 80;
 if (!client.connect(host, httpPort)) {
    Serial.println("connection failed");
    return;
  }
  // We now create a URI for the request
 String url = "/projects/index.html";
  Serial.print("Requesting URL: ");
 Serial.println(url);
  // This will send the request to the server
  client.print(String("GET ") + url + " HTTP/1.1\r\n" +
               "Host: " + host + "\r\n" +
               "Connection: close\r\n\r\n");
  delay(500);
  //\ensuremath{\left/}\xspace all the lines of the reply from server and print them to Serial
 while(client.available()){
    String line = client.readStringUntil('\r');
    Serial.print(line);
  }
  Serial.println();
  Serial.println("closing connection");
}
```

Open up the IDE serial console at 115200 baud to see the connection and webpage printout!



That's it, pretty easy right ! This section is just to get you started and test out your module.

4. Flashing NodeMCU Firmware on the ESP8266 using Windows

Why flashing your ESP8266 module with NodeMCU?

NodeMCU is a firmware that allows you to program the ESP8266 modules with LUA script. And you'll find it very similar to the way you program your Arduino. With just a few lines of code you can establish a WiFi connection, control the ESP8266 GPIOs, turning your ESP8266 into a web server and a lot more.

In this tutorial we are going to use another ESP8266 module with pin header adapter board which is breadboard friendly



ESP8266 Module Breadboard Friendly with Header Connector

Parts Required:

- ESP8266 Module Breadboard Friendly
- PL2303HX USB-UART Converter Cable
- Some Male-to-Female JumperWires

Pin Assignment:



Wiring:



ESP8266 Pin	Description
CH_PD	Pull high, connect to Vcc +3.3V
Vcc	Power Supply +3.3V
TXD	Connect to RXD (white) of PL2303HX USB-Serial converter cable
RXD	Connect to TXD (Green) of PL2303HX USB-Serial converter cable
GPIO0	Pull low, connect to GND pin
GND	Power Supply ground

Downloading NodeMCU Flasher for Windows

After wiring your circuit, you have to download the NodeMCU flasher. This is a .exe file that you can download using one of the following links:

- <u>Win32 Windows Flasher</u>
- Win64 Windows Flasher

You can find all the information about NodeMCU flasher here.

Flashing your ESP8266 using Windows

Open the flasher that you just downloaded and a window should appear (as shown in the following figure).

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ESPlorer.zip	12/24/2016 2:24 PM	WinRAR ZIP
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Operation	Config A	dvanced	About	Log	
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	STA MAC	Waiting	J MAC		
NODEMCU TE	AM				Ready

Press the button "Flash" and it should start the flashing process immediately, showing the Module MAC address if successful connected.

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	STA MAC A	0-20-A	6-0F-2A-C)
	EAM		Address:0x00	0000 Size:416524Byte

After finishing this flashing process, it should appear a green circle with a check icon at lower left corner.

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NODEMCU TEAM					Ready

Your ESP8266 module is now loaded with NodeMCU firmware.

5. <u>Getting Started with the ESPlorer IDE</u>

ESPlorer is an IDE (Integrated Development Environment) for ESP8266 devices. It's a multi platform IDE, can be used in any OS environment, this simply means that it runs on Windows, Mac OS X or Linux.

Supported platforms:

- Windows(x86, x86-64)
- Linux(x86, x86-64, ARM soft & hard float)
- Solaris(x86, x86-64)
- Mac OS X(x86, x86-64, PPC, PPC64)

This software allows you to establish a serial communications with your ESP8266 module, send commands, and upload code and much more.

Requirements:

- You need to have JAVA installed in your computer. If you don't have, go to this website: <u>http://java.com/download</u>, download and install the latest version. It requires JAVA (SE version 7 and above) installed.
- In order to complete the sample project presented in this Guide you need to flash your ESP8266 with NodeMCU firmware. Refer to chapter-4 in this guide on how to flash the NodeMCU firmware.

Main Resources:

- ESPlorer Homepage: http://esp8266.ru/esplorer/
- GitHub Repository: https://github.com/4refr0nt/ESPlorer

Installing ESPlorer

Now let's download the ESPlorer IDE, visit the following URL: http://esp8266.ru/esplorer/#download

Grab the folder that you just downloaded. It should be named "ESPlorer.zip" and unzip it. Inside that folder you should see the following files:

Execute the "ESPlorer.jar" file and the ESPlorer IDE should open after a few seconds (the "ESPlorer.jar" file is what you need to open every time you want to work with the ESPlorer IDE).

Note: If you're on Mac OS X or Linux you simply use this command line in your terminal to run the ESPlorer: sudo java –jar ESPlorer.jar.

When the ESPlorer first opens, that's what you should see:

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Open Reload Save Save Close Undo Redo Cut Copy New	DTR RTS 9600 V Donate
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	Snippet0 Snippet1 Snippet2 Snippet3 Snippet4 Snippet5 Snippet6
	Snippet2 Snippet9 Snippet10 Snippet12 Snippet13
Save&Run Save&Compile Save&Compile&Run	Snippet14 Snippet15
Save&Compile All View on ESP View on ESP	Heap Chip Info Chip ID Flash ID Reset
Send to ESP	=node.heap()

Here's a rundown of the features the ESPlorer IDE includes:

- Syntax highlighting LUA and Python code.
- Code editor color themes: default, dark, Eclipse, IDEA, Visual Studio.
- Undo/Redo editors features.
- Code Autocomplete (Ctrl+Space).
- Smart send data to ESP8266 (without dumb send with fixed line delay), check correct answer from ESP8266 after every lines.
- Code snippets.
- Detailed logging.
- And a lot more...

The ESPlorer IDE has a couple of main sections, let's break it down each one.

In the top left corner you can see all the regular options that you find in any software. Create a New file, Open a new file, Save file, Save file as, Undo, Redo, etc.

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In the top right corner you have all the options you need to establish a serial communication (you're going to learn how to use them later in this Guide).



This next screenshot shows your Code Window, that's where you write your scripts (your scripts are highlighted with your code syntax).



Below the Code Window, you have 12 buttons that offer you all the functions you could possible need to interact with your ESP8266. Here's the ones you'll use most: "Save to ESP" and "Send to ESP".

Save&Run	Save&Compile	Save&Compile&Run	Save As init
Save&Compile All	View on ESP	View on ESP	Save&Compile
Save to ESP	Send to ESP	Run	Upload

This screenshot shows the Output Window which tells you exactly what's going on in your ESP8266. You can see errors and use prints in your code to debug your projects.

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	Snippet <u>9</u>	Snippet10	Snippet11	Snippet12	Snippet13	Snippet14	Snippet15	
	-	20143						
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Schematics

To upload code to your ESP8266, you should connect your ESP8266 to your <u>PL2303HX USB-UART</u> Programming Cable like the figure below:



Writing Your Lua Script

Below is your script to blink an LED.

```
lighton=0
pin=4
gpio.mode(pin,gpio.OUTPUT)
tmr.alarm(1,2000,1,function()
    if lighton==0 then
        lighton=1
        gpio.write(pin,gpio.HIGH)
else
        lighton=0
        gpio.write(pin,gpio.LOW)
end
end)
```



Right now you don't need to worry how this code works, but how you can upload it to your ESP8266.

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Look at the top right corner of your ESPlorer IDE and follow these instructions:

- 1. Press the Refreshbutton.
- 2. Select the COM port for your FTDI programmer.
- 3. Select your baudrate.
- 4. Click Open.

	ESPlorer v0.2.0-rc2 by 4refr0nt	- 7
	COM7 (*)	Step 2 - Select COM PORT
	Open CTS	Step 1 - Refresh
Block Line	DTR RTS 9600	Step 3 - baudrate
		Format
		Reload
	Step 4 - Click open	

Then in the top left corner of your ESPlorer IDE, follow these instructions:

- 1. Select NodeMCU
- 2. Select Scripts
- 3. Create a new filled called "init.lua"



Copy your Lua script to the code window (as you can see in the Figure below):

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Scripts Commands Snippets Settings					
Open Reload Save Save Close Undo	Redo Cut Copy Paste				
initlua					
1 lighton=0 2 pin=4					
<pre>tmr.alarm(1,2000,1,function()</pre>					
6 lighton=1					
7 gpio.write(pin,gpio.HIGH)	Stop 1 Conv				
8 else	Step 1 - Copy				
10 gpio.write(pin.gpio.LOW)	min write(nin min (04) Vour code to this window				
11 end	your coue to this middle				
12 end)					
13					
	4				

The next step is to save your code to your ESP8266!

At the left bottom corner click the button "Save to ESP".

In your output window, it should start showing exactly which commands are being sent to your ESP8266 and it should look similar to the Figure below.



Note: If you want to delete your "init.lua" file, you can do that easily. Simply type file.remove("init.lua") and press the button "Send" (see Figure above). Or you can type the command file.format() to remove all the files saved in your ESP8266. You can type any commands and send them to your ESP8266 through that window.

After uploading your code to your ESP8266, unplug your ESP8266 from your computer and power up the ESP8288 module.



Congratulations, you've made it! The blue LED at the upper right corner should be blinking every 2 seconds!

6. NodeMCU GPIO for Lua

The GPIO(General Purpose Input/Output) allows us to access to pins of ESP8266, all the pins of ESP8266 accessed using the command GPIO, all the access is based on the I/O index number on the NoddMCU dev kits, not the internal GPIO pin, for example, the pin 'D7' on the NodeMCU dev kit is mapped to the internal GPIO pin 13, if you want to turn 'High' or 'Low' that particular pin you need to called the pin number '7', not the internal GPIO of the pin. When you are programming with generic ESP8266 this confusion will arise which pin needs to be called during programming, if you are using NodeMCU devkit, it has come prepared for working with Lua interpreter which can easily program by looking the pin names associated on the Lua board. If you are using generic ESP8266 device or any other vendor boards please refer to the table below to know which IO index is associated to the internal GPIO of ESP8266.

Nodemcu dev kit	ESP8266 Pin	Nodemcu dev kit	ESP8266 Pin
D0	GPIO16	D7	GPIO13
D1	GPIO5	D8	GPIO15
D2	GPIO4	D9	GPIO3
D3	GPIO0	D10	GPIO1
D4	GPIO2	D11	GPIO9
D5	GPIO14	D12	GPIO10
D6	GPIO12		

D0 or GPIO16 can be used only as a read and write pin, no other options like PWM/I2C are supported by this pin.

In our example in chapter 5 on blinking the blue LED, the blue LED in connected to GPIO2, it is defined as Pin4 (D4) in Lua script.

7. <u>Web Resources:</u>

- ESP8266 Lua Nodemcu WIFI Module
- ESP8266 Breadboard Friendly Module
- ESP8266 Remote Serial WIFI Module
- PL2303HX USB-UART Converter Cable