Grove - Gas Sensor(MQ9)

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1. Introduction

The Grove - Gas Sensor (MQ9) module is useful for gas leakage detecting (in home and industry). It can detect LPG, CO, and CH4. Based on its fast response time. Measurements can be taken as soon as possible. Also the sensitivity can be adjusted by the potentiometer.

2. Features

- Wide detecting scope

- Stable and long life

- Fast response and High sensitivity

3. Application Ideas

- Gas leakage detecting
- Toys

4. Mechanic Dimensions

Electronic Characteristics

Items	Parameter name	Min	Type	Max	Unit
System Characteristics					
VCC	Working Voltage	4.9	5	5.1	V
PH	Heating consumption	0.5	-	340	mW
RL	Load resistance		can adjust		
RH	Heater resistance	-	33Ω±5%	-	Ω
Rs	Sensing Resistance	2	-	20000	Ω
CO/CH4/LPG Scope	Detecting concentration	200	-	1000/10000/10000	ppm

5. Usage

5.1   Suggest Reading for Starter

[Download Arduino and install Arduino driver](#)

[Getting Started with Seeeduino](#)

[How to choose a Gas Sensor](#)

[What's LEL](#)

5.2   Hardware Installation

Grove products have an ecosystem and all have a same connector which can plug onto the [Base Shield](#). Connect this module to the A0 port of Base Shield, however, you can also connect Gas sensor to Arduino without Base Shield by jumper wires.

Arduino UNO	Gas Sensor
5V	VCC
GND	GND
NC	NC
Analog A0	SIG

You can gain the present voltage through the SIG pin of sensor. The higher the concentration of the gas, the bigger the output voltage of the SIG pin. Sensitivity can be regulated by rotating the potentiometer. Please note the best preheat time of the sensor is above 24 hours. For the detailed information about the MQ-9 sensor please refer to the datasheet.
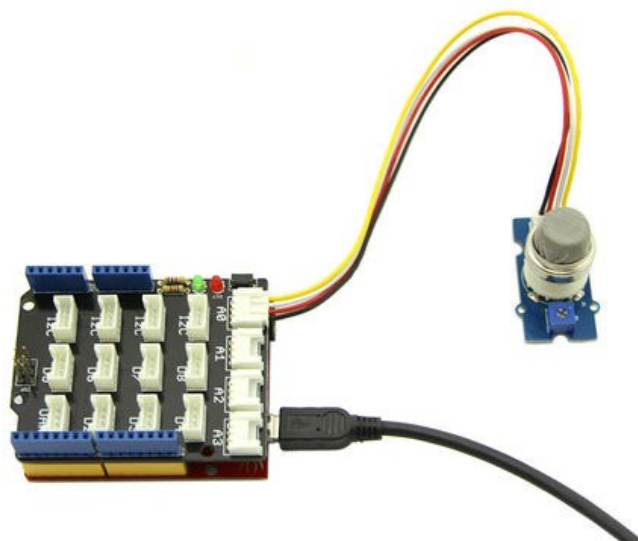
5.3   How to use

There're two steps you need to do before getting the concentration of gas.

First, connect the module with Grove Shield using A0 like the picture above. And put the sensor in a clear air and use the program below.

```
void setup() {
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
    float sensor_volt;
    float RS_air; //  Get the value of RS via in a clear air
    float R0;  // Get the value of R0 via in LPG
    float sensorValue;

    /*--- Get a average data by testing 100 times ---*/
    for(int x = 0 ; x < 100 ; x++)
    {
        sensorValue = sensorValue + analogRead(A0);
    }
    sensorValue = sensorValue/100.0;
    /*-----------------------------------------------*/

    sensor_volt = sensorValue/1024*5.0;
    RS_air = (5.0-sensor_volt)/sensor_volt; // omit *RL
    R0 = RS_air/9.9; // The ratio of RS/R0 is 9.9 in LPG gas

    Serial.print("sensor_volt = ");
    Serial.print(sensor_volt);
    Serial.println("V");

    Serial.print("R0 = ");
    Serial.println(R0);
    delay(1000);

}
```

Then, open the monitor of Arduino IDE, you can see some data are printed, write down the value of R0 and you need to use it in the following program. During this step, you may pay a while time to test the value of R0.

Second, put the sensor in one gas where the environment you want to test in. However, don't forget

```
void setup() {
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {

    float sensor_volt;
    float RS_gas; // Get value of RS in a GAS
    float ratio; // Get ratio RS_GAS/RS_air
    int sensorValue = analogRead(A0);
    sensor_volt=(float)sensorValue/1024*5.0;
    RS_gas = (5.0-sensor_volt)/sensor_volt; // omit *RL

    /*-Replace the name "R0" with the value of R0 in the demo of First
Test -*/
    ratio = RS_gas/R0;  // ratio = RS/R0
    /*-------------------------------------------------------------
----*/

    Serial.print("sensor_volt = ");
    Serial.println(sensor_volt);
    Serial.print("RS_ratio = ");
    Serial.println(RS_gas);
    Serial.print("Rs/R0 = ");
    Serial.println(ratio);

    Serial.print("\n\n");

    delay(1000);

}
```
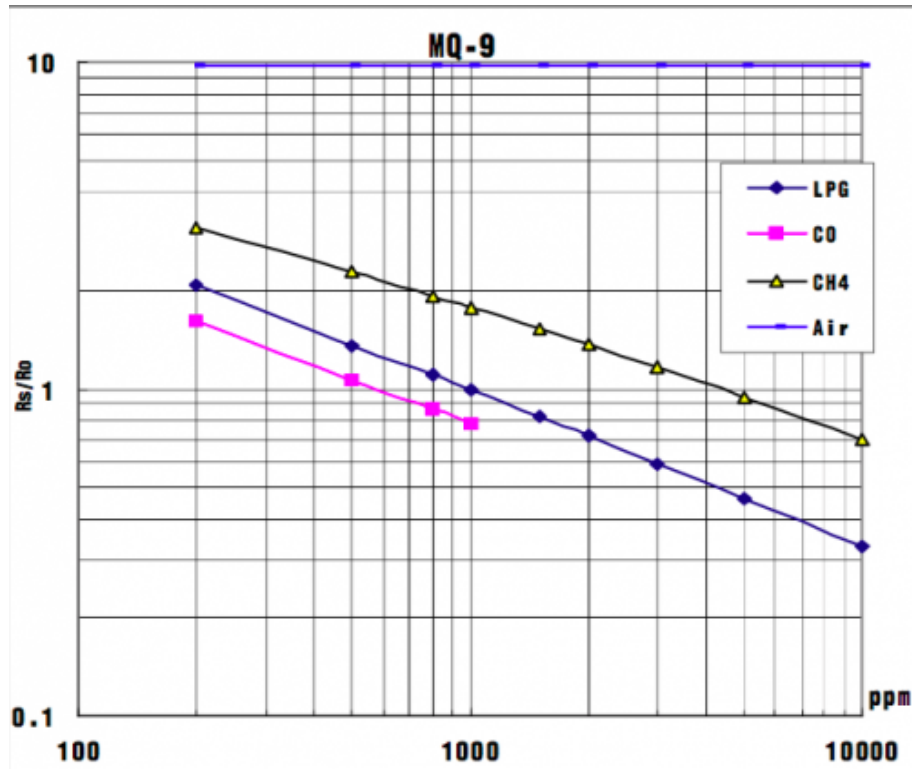
Now, we can get the concentration of gas from the below figure

According to the figure, we can see that the minimum concentration we can test is 200ppm and the maximum is 10000ppm, in a other word, we can get a concentration of gas between 0.02% and 1%. However, we can't provide a formula because the relation between ratio and concentration is nonlinear.

6. Support

Ask questions on Seeed forum.

7. Version Tracker

Revision	Descriptions	Release
v0.9b	Initial public release	16,Aug,2011
v1.4	Replace some components	27,Aug,2014

8. Resources

File:Gas Sensor Eagle files.zip

File:Gas Sensor Schematic.pdf

File:MQ-9.pdf

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