

## **Quarterly Progress Report: Part II**

### **Sol-Gel Corrosion Sensor System Trade-Off Design**

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### **Micro-Nano Technology So-Gel Corrosion Sensor System**

PART II: Sol-Gel Corrosion System Design  
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## II. 1 Project Status: Accomplishments

- 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Sol-Gel Design
- Digital Scope + Function Generator Purchased
- 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Sol-Gel Sensor Tested
  - DC power source testing method
  - AC sine wave power source
- 4 Channel Corrosion Sensor Board – DC power source testing method
- AC 1 kHz sine wave signal generator for biasing sol-gel sensor: 1<sup>st</sup> generation circuit designed

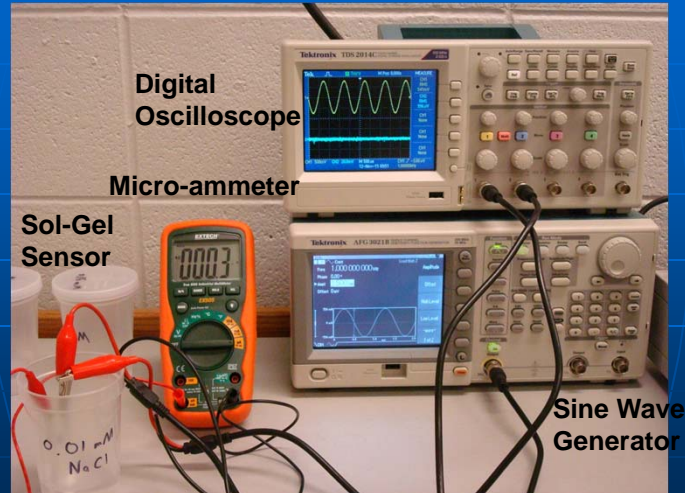
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## Sol-Gel Corrosion Sensor Testing Circuit Design

- AC power supply 1 kHz, 1.5 volt peak-to-peak
- Digital scope with storage capability for measurement of voltage across the sol-gel sensor ( $V_c$ )
- Digital multimeter, for Sol-gel sensor current measurement ( $I_c$  - Alternating current)
- Sol-Gel Corrosion sensor in series with a 100 ohm current sensing resistor
- Formula of Sol-Gel Capacitance Calculation
  - $X_c = V_c / I_c$  -- Reactance of Sol-Gel sensor in Ohm
  - $C = 1 / (2\pi \cdot F \cdot X_c)$  – Sol-Gel capacitance in farad

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## Sol-Gel Corrosion Sensor Testing Equipment



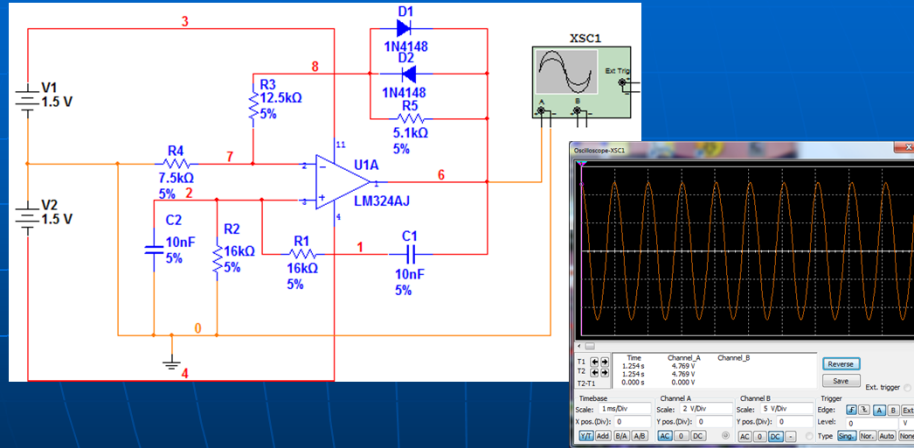
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## Sol-Gel Corrosion Sensor Testing Equipment Demonstration

- Equipment setup
- Sensor placement
- Acquire readings
- Conduct calculation

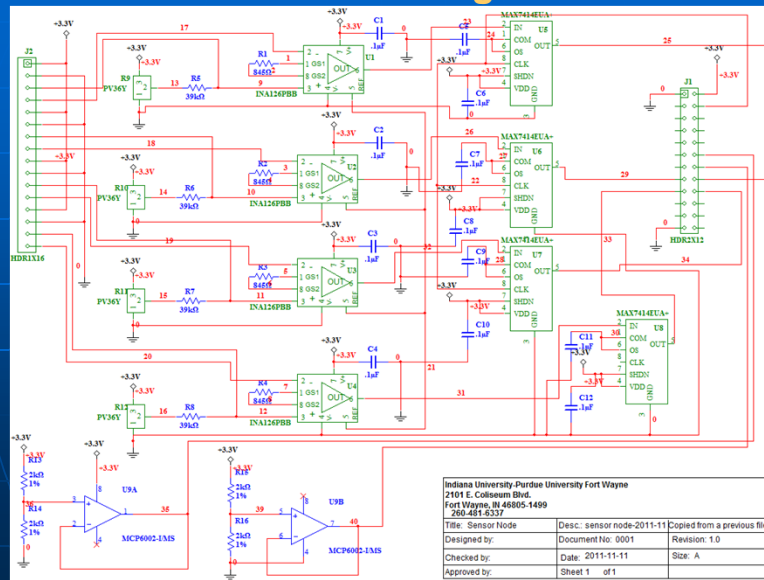
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## Sol-Gel Corrosion Sensor Node: AC 1 kHz Sine Wave Generator Design



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## 4 Channel Sensor Board: Analog Signal Processing



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## Wireless Corrosion Sensor Board (1<sup>st</sup> Trial)



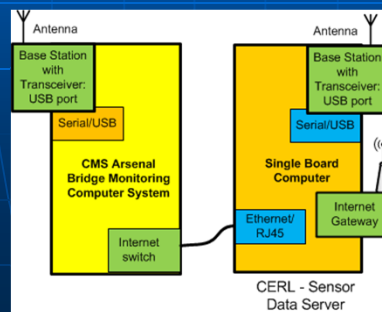
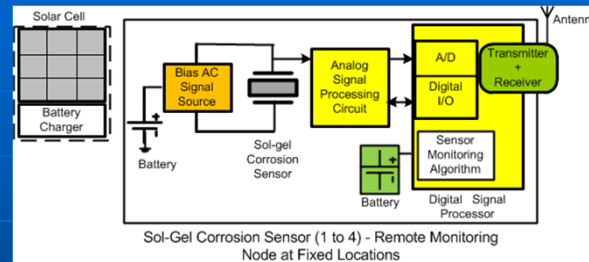
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## II. 2 Sol-Gel System Architecture

- Sol-Gel Corrosion Sensors (1 to 4): Remote nodes at fixed locations
- Base Station #1: Attach to CMS Arsenal Bridge Monitoring Service's Computer System
- Base Station #2: Attach to CERL: Sol-Gel Corrosion Data Server
- CERL – Sol-Gel Sensor Data Server
- Internet Gateway
- Power Sources

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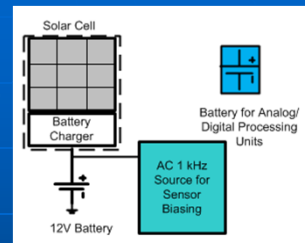
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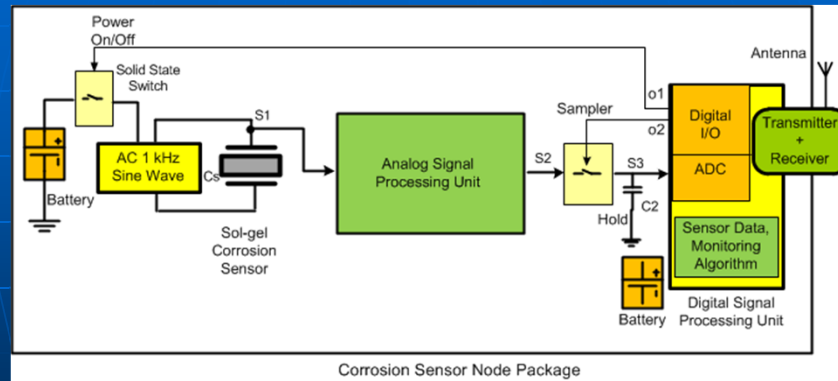
## II. 3 Remote Sol-Gel Corrosion Sensor Node (Power Source Subsystem)

- Solar power panel and control (20 W)
- DC battery power source (12 V 37 AH)
- Power Source Requirement (~ 5 W)
  - Sol-Gel sensor bias AC signal source (sine wave)
  - RF power source requirement estimation (1 W)
  - Sol-gel sensor power requirement (1 W)
  - Analog signal processing unit power requirement (0.5 W)
  - Digital signal processor (0.5 W)



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## Sol-Gel Corrosion Sensor Node Design



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## Analog Signal Processing Unit Design

- Signal generation circuit
- Signal conditioning
- Low pass filter
- Sample/Hold

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## **Sensor Node Program Development**

- MCU, A/D, Digital I/O, RF Transceiver
- A/D data acquisition, raw data storage
- Program development tool: C Language, etc.
- Network programming
- Data manipulation
- Data transmission
- Power source control

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## **III. 4 Communication Subsystems**

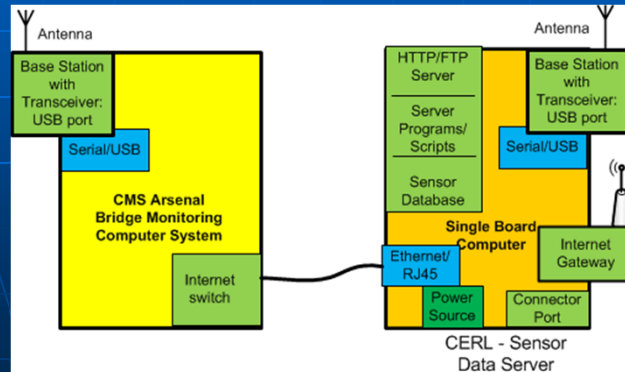
- USB – Sensor node programming
- USB – Base Station
- Sensor node ⇔ Base Station (RF 900 MHz – 2.4 GHz)
- Ethernet: RJ 45
- Internet Gateway

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## Base Stations for Corrosion Sensors

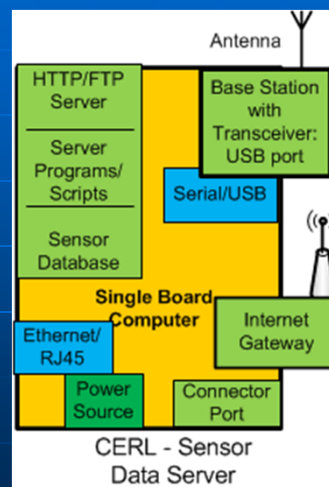
- Base Station #1: USB port => attach to CMS Arsenal Bridge Monitoring Service Computer System
- Base Station #2: USB port => attach to Single Board Computer at CERL Sensor Data Server



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## II. 5 CERL – Sol-Gel Corrosion Data Server

- Tiny Single Board Computer
  - HTTP Web server
  - FTP file server
  - Sensor data Base
  - Server scripts/programs
  - Data manipulation programs
- Internet Gateway
- USB/Serial interface



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## Server Scripts/Programs

- Server setup and maintenance
- Database setup
- Database connectivity
- Database query
- Internet gateway and communications
- Web server activities
- Sensor node control, data access
- Web client interaction