

# REAL TIME APPROACH OF PIEZO ACTUATED BEAM FOR WIRELESS SEISMIC MEASUREMENT USING G-PROGRAMMING

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## Abstract

Piezo-actuated beam is used for wireless seismic measurement and indication using Lab VIEW. Principle of piezoelectric materials has been utilized here i.e. Piezoelectric materials deform when a voltage is applied to them and inversely will produce a voltage when they are deformed. For this reason, they can be used as both sensors and actuators. Here, Lab VIEW 2013 version, NI ELVIS (Educational Laboratory Virtual Instrumentation Suite) and Bluetooth device connected with PC has been utilized for acquiring and indicating vibration. The developed design is expected to be used universally for measuring seismic waves and also in Industrial applications for the measurement of micro vibration.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Vibration measurement is an important factor in predictive maintenance. Piezo actuated beam are used for this purpose. A flexible aluminum beam is considered in this paper. Piezo electric sensors are bonded to the surface of the beam. The bonded patches on the surface of the beam acts as a sensor which is connected to a DAQ board

The need of data acquisition is to measure physical phenomenon such as voltage, current, temperature etc... Computer based data acquisition utilizes a combination of application software, modular hardware, and a PC to take measurements. Data acquisition systems integrate signals, actuators, sensors, signal conditioning, data acquisition devices, and application software.

Data Acquisition is the technique of Acquiring signals from real-world, digitize the signals and Analyze, presenting and saving the data.

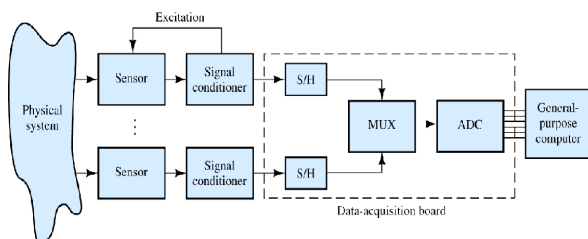


Fig 1 Block diagram of the system

Bluetooth is a wireless protocol for exchanging data over short range of distances (using short-wavelength in the ISM band from 2400–2480 MHz radio transmissions) from fixed and portable devices, creating PANs with high security. Created in 1994 by telecom vendor Ericsson, it was replaced as a wireless alternative to RS-232 wired data cables. It can connect many devices and overcame the problem of synchronization. It is a packet-based protocol with a server-client structure. One server can communicate up to 7 clients in a piconet; all devices share the Server's clock. Packet sharing is based on the basic clock, defined by the server, which ticks to about 312.5 μs intervals. Two clock ticks constitute a slot of 625 μs; two slots constitute a slot pair of 250 μs.

LabVIEW (Laboratory Virtual Instrument Engineering Workbench) is a system based platform and development environment for a visual programming language from Instruments. The graphical language is named "G". It was originally released for the Apple Macintosh in 1986, LabVIEW is commonly used for instrument control, data acquisition and industrial automation on a variety of platforms including Microsoft Windows, various versions of UNIX, Linux, and Mac OS X.

## 2. SEISMIC MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

### 2.1 Main Objective

- The aim of this work is to measure the seismic waves at the epicenter using wireless sensor network and indication using VI.
- A VI (virtual instrumentation) system is the use of modular measurement hardware and customizable software to create user-defined measurement system.

- The data acquisition hardware and software modules of National Instruments (NI) LabVIEW has turned into one of the most highly used tools that views, captures, processes and controls. Hence, NI hardware has also been utilized in our project work . Its a recent approach for Wireless based strain measurement.

**2.2 Block Diagram**

The block diagram of the seismic measurement system developed is shown in Figure and the function of each block is explained in detail below.

• TRANSMITTER END



• RECEIVER END



**2.2.1 Bluetooth Device**

Bluetooth is a wireless technology that uses 2.4 GHz RF (radio frequency) to communicate between devices within a 30 to 40-foot range. Initially it was advanced to communicate wirelessly with PDAs,cellular phones, and laptop computers. This simple protocol and ease of its implementation make it an ideal protocol for wireless communication across a different set of products in industries. Engineers are utilising it to develop instrument control applications and remote data acquisition . Lab VIEW 2013 include Bluetooth VIs with which Lab VIEW developers can construct custom Bluetooth applications. This application note illustrates how to construct a Lab VIEW software for communicating with Blue-tooth enabled devices.

Creating Bluetooth master and slave applications in Lab VIEW is likely same as creating master and slave applications for TCP communication. A Bluetooth server (master) makes use of the Service Discovery Protocol (SDP) for broadcasting the availability of the services incorporate and listens for inbound connections. A slave creates an outbound RFCOMM connection to a master. Once the slave and master connect to each other, they share data until the slave or master terminates the connection or unless the connection is lost. There is no inbuilt security in the Bluetooth protocol, although a number of devices include settings that need slaves to log in before accessing Bluetooth services.

This technology is a short-range communications technology that is simple and secure everywhere. It is aimed to replace the cables connecting devices, while maintaining high range of

security. The key features of this technology are low cost, low power, and robustness.

**2.2.2 Sensor Unit with quake system:**

A piezoelectric sensor is a device that uses the piezoelectric effect, to measure changes in pressure, acceleration, strain or force by converting them to an electrical charge. Here, it measures changes in vibration / strain and produces voltage. The sensor unit consists of a cantilever beam with piezo-electric sensors sandwiched on their side. The cantilever beam was fixed to a quake system. Quake system consist of a model building whose basement contains shake table to produce artificial quake effect. The vibration is sensed by the sensor which is converted to voltage is measured and monitored in Labview

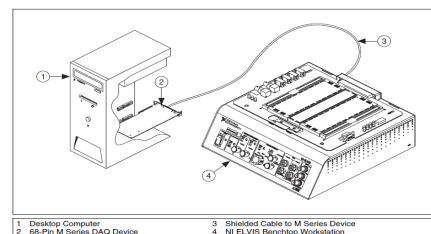
**2.2.3 DAQ Unit:**

DAQ card is required for the interfacing purpose. Hardware functionality includes 2 analog outputs, 16 analog inputs, 24 digital I/O, triggering , counter/timers and synchronization circuitry. Data acquisition involves collecting signals from measurement sources and digitalizing the signal for storage, analyzing and presenting it on a Personal Computer. A data acquisition (DAQ) system comes in many different PC technology forms for good flexibility while choosing your system. Scientists and engineers can choose from USB,PCI, PXI, PXI Express, PCI Express, PCMCIA, Wireless and Ethernet data acquisition for testing, measurement, and automation applications. Five components that are to be considered when building a basic DAQ system are

- Transducers and sensors
- Signal conditioning
- Signals
- DAQ hardware
- Driver and application software

**2.2.4 NI ELVIS**

NI ELVIS combines hardware and software into one complete laboratory suite. NI ELVIS (Educational Laboratory Virtual Instrumentation) features an integrated suite of regularly used instruments in a single compact form factor constructed for education purposes.



**Fig 4** Block diagram of the system

### 2.2.5 Interfacing Sensor Unit with Lab View

Personal computer with lab VIEW 2013 version using NI-ELVIS has been used for acquisition and Indication of strain (seismic) in our present work.

## 3. G-CODE FOR WIRELESS TRANSMISSION

### 3.1 Transmitter with DAQ

#### 3.1.1 Block Diagram:

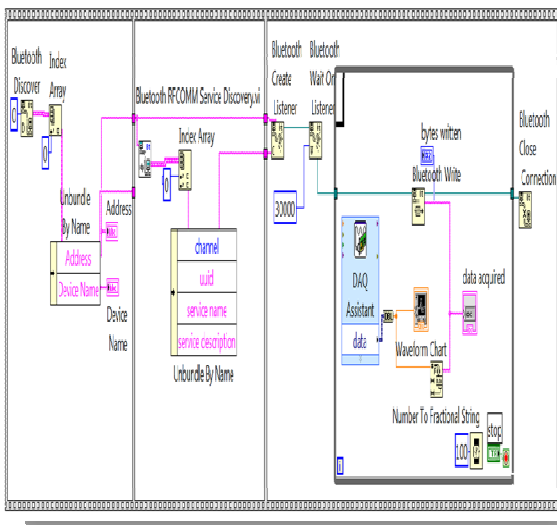


Fig 6 Labview Block Diagram of the system

#### 3.1.2 Front Panel:

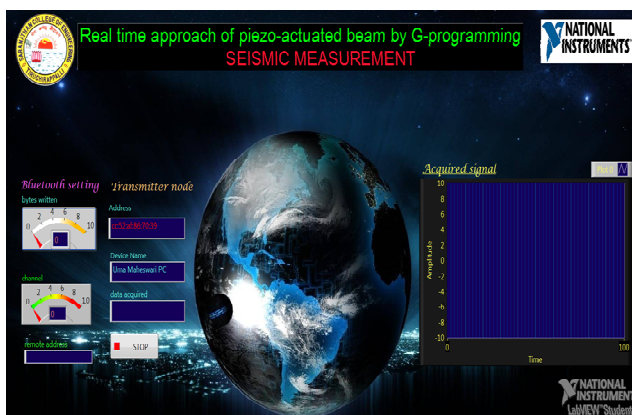


Fig 7 Labview Front Panel of the system

Description of each block in block diagram:

#### 3.1.2.1 The following steps to design a Bluetooth server application.

1. Creating Bluetooth service – Use the **Bluetooth Create Listener** function to create a bluetooth service discovered by a bluetooth uuid. This function retreats a listener ID which refers to this master through LabVIEW software. It also returns a reserved BT channel that the master can use to listen for an inbound connections. A BT channel is a global resource with exactly 30 channels available on any BT device. If no master channel is available, the function indicates an error.

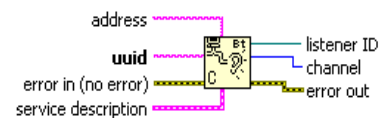


Fig 8 Bluetooth Create Listener

2. Wait for incoming connection request – Use the **Bluetooth Wait on Listener** function to wait for and obtain an incoming connection request from a slave. This function gives a connection ID that is used to share data with the slave.

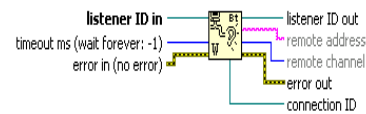


Fig 9 Bluetooth Wait on Listener

3. Read and Write data – Use **Bluetooth Read** and **Bluetooth Write** functions to exchange data with the slave.

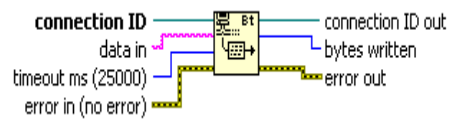


Fig 10 Bluetooth Read and Bluetooth Write

4. Signals are acquired using DAQ assistant and for writing data to a Bluetooth network connection they are converted to F-format string using **Number to Fractional String Function**.

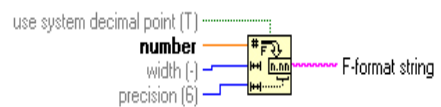


Fig 11 Bluetooth Read and Bluetooth Write

5. Close connection – Use **Bluetooth Close Connection** function to end connection to the slave and to terminate listening for incoming connections.

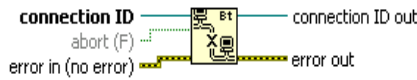


Fig 12 Bluetooth Close Connections

6. Use the **Bluetooth RFCOMM Service Discovery VI** to find available RFCOMM services on a local/remote device. This function returns a number of available services list with the associated channel number. The channel number in the available services list can be used as an input variable of the **Bluetooth Open Connection** function to enable connections to the corresponding services on the remote BT device. A Bluetooth system in Palm OS and Pocket PC offers serial-port profile along with virtual serial driver. Bluetooth Serial Port (BSP) profile defines technique that the devices use to rival a RS-232/serial cable connection. Virtual Serial COM ports are mapped to actual BT channels. This Serial Port profile enables to use LabVIEW Serial VIs for opening a connection to and share data with other Bluetooth devices.

The driver at a time recognizes only one active serial channel . The serial channel can be opened as an outbound (slave) port or as an inbound (master) port. When the port is opened as an outbound (slave) port, the driver prompts to select a Bluetooth device (master) to connect to. When the port is opened as an inbound (master) port, the driver keeps waiting to receive a connection request from the slave. BT serial port is based upon RFCOMM, which differs from a physical serial port. RFCOMM requires role of a master and a slave when establishing Bluetooth serial connection. Thus, transmitting acquired signal wirelessly to client (slave) node.

**3.1.2.2 Flat Sequence Structure**

Contains of one or more sub diagrams, or frames, that sequentially executed. Use this structure to ensure that a sub diagram are executed before or after another sub-diagram. Data flow for the Flat Sequence structure is different from flow of data for other structures. Frames in the structures compiles from left to right & if all the data values which are wired to a frame are available. After execution of the frame the data leaves each frame. This means the input of one frame depends on the output of another frame.

**3.1.2.3 DAQ Assistant Express VI**

Creates, edits, and runs tasks using NI-DAQmx. This software proceeds further beyond a basic DAQ driver to deliver improved performance and productivity. Signals acquired by NI-Elvis are supported by this and expressed using graph indicators.

**3.2 Receiver**

**3.2.1 Block Diagram:**

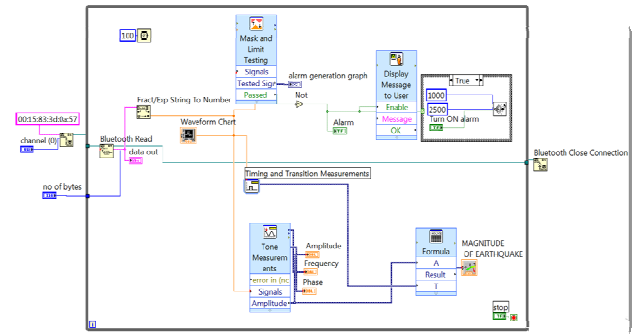


Fig 15 Labview Block Diagram of the system

**3.2.2 Front Panel:**

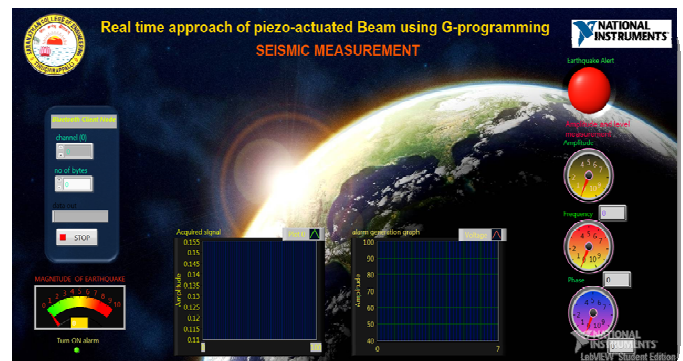


Fig 16 VI Front Panel diagram of the system

Description of each block in block diagram:

**3.2.2.1 While Loop**

This repeats the code within its sub diagram until a specific condition is satisfied. A While Loop always executes at least once.

Components of a While Loop

**Sub diagram**—Contains code that the Loop executes once per iteration.

**Iteration Terminal** —provides current loop iteration counts. The loop count starts at 0 for the initial iteration. When the count exceeds  $2^{31}-1$ , the iteration terminal remains at 2,147,483,647 for all upcoming iterations. To keep count of more than 2,147,483,647 iterations, shift registers with a greater integer range can be utilized.

The Conditional Terminal—calculates a Boolean input value to check if to continue executing the While Loop or not. To specify when the loop stops for a TRUE / FALSE Boolean value, configure the continuity behavior of the while loop. While wiring an error cluster to the conditional terminal, one can also determine when the loop terminates.

### 3.2.2.2 Formula Express VI

Uses a calculator interface for creating mathematical formulas and for performing most math functions that a scientific calculator can compute. Magnitude of earthquake is found using this formula bar. Amplitude is found using Tone Measurements Express VI and time period is found using Timing and Transition Measurements Express VI.

### 3.2.2.3 Mask and Limit Testing Express VI

This VI performs and undergoes limit testing on the Signals. The Express VI compares the Signals with limits that the user sets and returns the output of the comparison at each of the data point. It also returns an array of waveforms that consists the lower limit and upper limit, the failures, and the signal. Using this, earthquake signatures are detected and recorded.

### 3.2.2.4 Display Message to User Express VI

Displays a standard dialog box that contains an alert or a message for users. At high seismic's message is displayed to user and alarm is generated using Beep (Windows) VI which causes the system to issue an audible tone whose duration and frequencies can be altered.

### 3.2.2.5 The following steps to develop a Bluetooth Slave application.

1. Request a connection to Bluetooth master – Use the Bluetooth Open Connection function for connecting to a service on a Bluetooth master. Fix the channel number to 0 and specify a BT uuid to identify and detect which service to connect to. This function performs an SDP query to connect with the first service that is found with similar uuid. Internally, the output of a SDP query is a RFCOMM channel number to connect with. This query is a tool for translating uuid to a channel number.

If the channel number is known which is engaged with the service earlier, the channel number used is '0'. Specifying a non-zero channel number skips the internal SDP query operation thus decreasing the rate of time it takes to connect with the service. When the channel number is not zero, Lab VIEW ignores or skips the uuid input parameter.

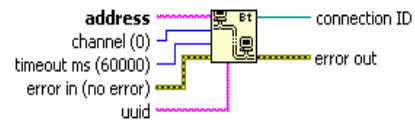


Fig 17 Bluetooth Open Connection

Note: Use the Bluetooth RFCOMM Service Discovery VI for finding a valid channel number that is associated with a service on a remote BT device. The VI processes a SDP RFCOMM service which results in a channel number discovery that can be used for connecting with the corresponding service on the remote BT device.

2. Read and Write data – Use Bluetooth Read and Bluetooth Write functions to share data with the master.

3. Close connection – Use Bluetooth Close Connection function to close connection to the master.

## 4. CONCLUSIONS

Using Lab view vibration was indicated, thus measuring seismic. The LabVIEW measurement platform has dramatically decreased the test times as outputs were automatically registered. This type of vibration measurement system can also be used in industrial applications for measuring vibrations in machineries.

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