

SMART HEALTHCARE

Fall Detection

LoRa® APPLICATION BRIEF

DESCRIPTION

For the elderly, falling and not being able to get up or summon help is a very scary prospect and happens frequently enough that it is a public safety concern in certain communities. Fear of falling can keep elderly from participating in activities, accelerate depression and decrease social activities all of which leads to a reduced quality of life. IoT-based fall detection systems alleviate the fear of not being discovered after a fall which can help elderly to live an active, normal life.

By implementing a IoT-based fall detection solution comprised of sensors and gateways embedded with LoRa Technology and an intelligent low power wide area network based on the LoRaWAN[™] protocol, elderly people can live more full lives.

HOW A LoRaWAN-BASED FALL DETECTION SYSTEM WORKS

Semtech LoRa Technology enables connectivity, real-time analytics, reporting, and additional functions such as geolocation.

- Fall/movement data collected by sensors embedded with LoRa Technology
- 2 Data from all sensors is sent to a LoRa gateway as person moves
- 3 Gateway sends information to the Cloud where the data is analyzed by an application to determine what is normal and what is a fall
- 4 Application server sends reports and alerts on the fall and location of the person to a computer or mobile device

BENEFITS

- Reduce the time elderly remain on the floor after a fall which could lead to other medical conditions with severe consequences
- Reduce significant public health issue as up to 35% of people 65+ over and up to 42% of people 70+ over experience a fall
- Easy to set up since sensors do not need to be connected to a power source an entire building can be equipped in less than a day
- Reduces cost as low-power operation ensures sensor batteries can last up to 20 years

APPLICATIONS

Reduce the impact and consequences of falls among the elderly by detecting and reporting their occurrence.



Semtech products used in this application: Sensors Gateway • SX1272/3 • SX1301 • SX1276/7/8/9

All application elements (sensing modules, gateways, servers, software) are available through LoRa Alliance[™] partners.

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MODULES & MODE	SENSORS	BASE STATIONS	NETWORK SERVERS	SYSTEM INTEGRATORS
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KEY FEATURES OF SEMTECH'S LoRa WIRELESS RF TECHNOLOGY				
LONG RANGE	Penetrates in dense urban and deep indoor environments, connecting to sensors 15-30 miles away in rural areas			
LOW POWER	Enables multi-year battery lifetime of up to 20 years or more			
HIGH CAPACITY	Supports millions of messages per base station			
GEOLOCATION	Enables tracking applications without GPS or additional power consumption			
STANDARDIZED	LoRaWAN specification ensures interoperability among applications, IoT solution providers and telecom operators			
SECURE	Embedded end-to-end AES-128 encryption of data ensuring optimal privacy and protection			
LOW COST	Reduces upfront infrastructure investments, as well as operating and end-node costs			

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- Become a member of the LoRa Alliance[™]: visit www.lora-alliance.org
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