

Particle Detector for Pediatric Patients with Allergy-Induced Asthma



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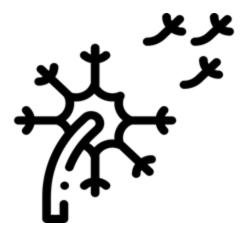
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Need

90% of children suffer from Allergy-Induced asthma with particulate matter (PM) triggers of:







Mold (2.5 μ m) \leq Dust < Pollen (10 μ m)

Lack of real time data leading to elevated exposure to PM, increase emergency department (ED) visits (Erbas, 2018).

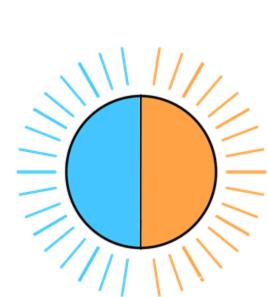
Objective

To develop a **low-latency particle detection** device to support parents of children with allergen-induced asthma by alerting users when indoor particle counts are high.

Design Inputs



Detect Particles 2.5 to 10 µm



Indicate Different Concentrations Blue = Normal

Orange = High

PM2.5 is $>9.1 \mu g/m^3$ PM10 is $>55 \mu g/m^3$



Record Symptom Occurrence

Captures time, particle concentration, temperature, and humidity

Constraints

Budget, time, resources, sensor availability, testing location

Existing Solutions

PurpleAir Touch

AirVisual Pro



Complicated visual

Users have reported

underreporting

Lacks PM10

readings

interface



- Charges users for data access
- LED interface lacks a mounting bracket

Govee's Smart **Monitor**



- Users reported sensor inaccuracies
- Integrated app lacks intuitiveness

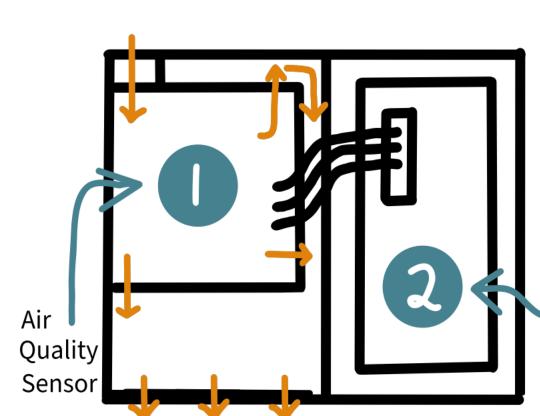
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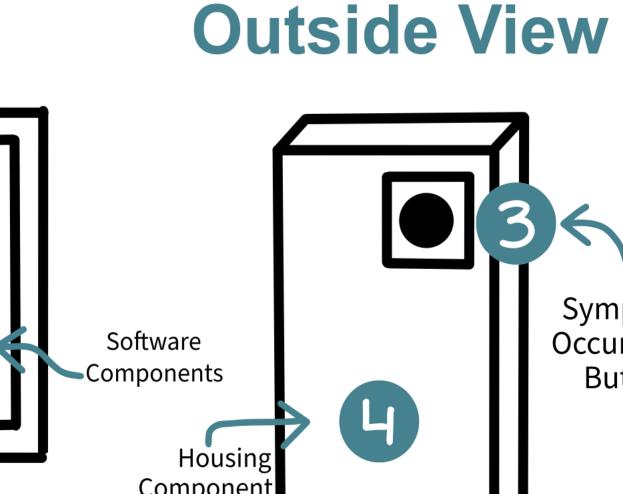
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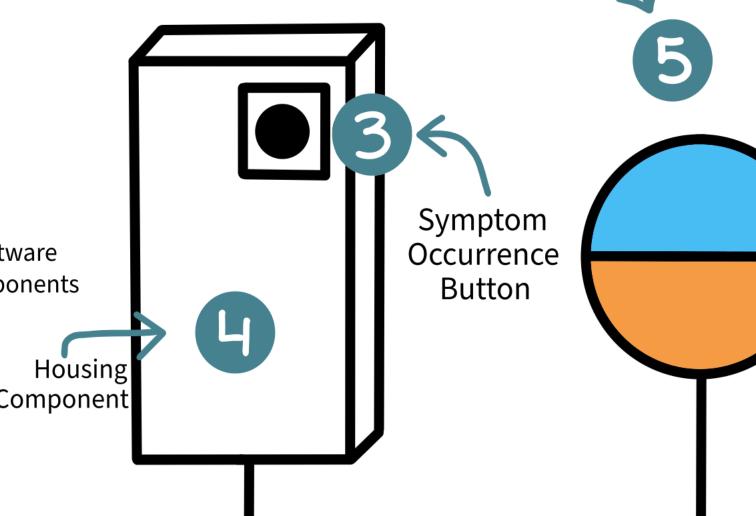
Prototype

Assembly:

Inside View



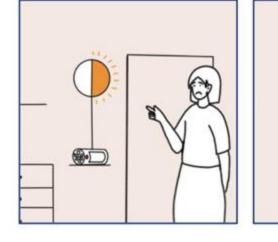




Intended Use:

Case 1: When the device detects and displays a high particulate count, it alerts the family to administer preventative asthma treatments.

Case 2: If the patient experiences asthma symptoms, they will press the symptom occurrence button, which records the current particulate count, temperature, and humidity levels to be given to the patient's physician.













Verification

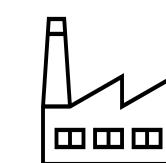
Scenario #	Time Interval	Pass/Fail	
1	≤ 5 mins	Pass	
2	> 5 mins	Fail	

- > The system has reliable, low-latency, and consistent data logging if the time interval is ≤ 5 minutes
- > The system is reliable and functional in data processing if all expected outcomes = actual outcomes
- > The device is portable if the device is < 16.8 kg
- > The system can reliably detect, process, and report data if all expected outcomes = actual outcomes
- > The system can reliably detect and log environmental temperature/humidity changes if device readings and visual outputs match expected outcomes across all conditions

Scenario #	Expected Outcome	Actual Outcome	Pass/Fail
1	Acceptable Concentration/ Temperature/Humidity	Acceptable Concentration/ Temperature/Humidity	Pass
2	High Concentration/ Temperature/Humidity	Acceptable Concentration/ Temperature/Humidity	Fail

Financial Impact

\$776 million



Manufacture cost: \$150 Price of good: \$225

US Pediatric Allergy diagnostic and therapeutic market

Goal to reach 0.5% of target audience

Conclusion and Impact

The team developed a low-latency, accessible air quality monitoring system for asthma management. The device provides notifications and visual alerts for unsafe air quality levels. This helps parents take action to prevent asthma exacerbations. Additionally, there is a button to log data during symptoms for medical review. The detection range is for particles between 2.5 µm and 10 µm, with potential for expansion.

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