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SDG 2	Zero Hunger	SDG 10	Reduced Inequalities
SDG 3✓	Good Health and Well Being	SDG 11✓	Sustainable Cities and Communities
SDG 4	Quality Education	SDG 12	Responsible Consumption and Production
SDG 5	Gender Equality	SDG 13	Climate Change
SDG 6	Clean Water and Sanitation	SDG 14	Life Below Water
SDG 7	Affordable and Clean Energy	SDG 15	Life on Land
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Thesis Organization

This report introduces a road map that allows the reader to understand and explore the project's initial concept; it comprises five chapters. Chapter 1 is regarding the introduction, which gives a sense of our project. Everything together paints a complete picture of the system's influencing elements and the entire system. The main concept and detachment of the system are carried out in this chapter. Chapter 2 is the literature review of our project. It gives brief knowledge about previous methods and research related to our project. Chapter 3 is about project design and implementation details, which are useful for our project. Chapter 4 reviews the testing through which the project is carried out. The methods and approaches used to design the project are explained in this section. Prototypes are made to show the work plan in which the system is developed, resulting in an elaborated discussion about different scenarios. Chapter 5 is about the conclusion of our proposed system and different ways of enhancing our work. It also explains references from where knowledge and data of our project has been taken and acknowledges different authors.

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The system is equipped with an air quality sensor and an LCD display providing real-time monitoring of air quality. Solar panels supply power to both the system and the battery ensuring continuous operation even in the absence of sunlight.

This project not only addresses air pollution but also promotes sustainable energy use. The Solar Outdoor Air Purifier with Air Quality Monitor is a testament to our commitment to cleaner air and a healthier environment.

1. Introduction

1.1 Motivation

Air pollution has become a critical global concern, contributing to a myriad of health issues and environmental degradation. Exposure to pollutants like particulate matter (PM 10, PM 2.5) and gases is linked to respiratory diseases, cardiovascular problems, and other adverse health outcomes. The significance of air filtration cannot be overstated, especially in outdoor environments where pollution is rampant. This project aligns with the growing emphasis on renewable energy sources, as the solar panel not only powers the system directly but also charges batteries for continuous operation during periods of low sunlight. By undertaking this project, you contribute to the development of cleaner technologies, promoting both environmental sustainability and public health. This motivation underscores the project's role in combating air pollution, providing efficient air filtration, and fostering a future where renewable energy plays a pivotal role in addressing environmental challenges.

1.2 Project overview

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1.3 Problem Statement

Air pollution, driven by industrial emissions and vehicular exhaust, presents a severe threat to public health and the environment. The lack of efficient outdoor air purification systems exacerbates the issue, leading to adverse health effects and environmental degradation. This project aims to address the following critical problems:

High Outdoor Air Pollution Levels:

Urban areas often experience elevated levels of air pollution, impacting the well-being of residents.

Industrial zones and heavy traffic areas contribute significantly to particulate matter and gas pollutants.

Health Risks and Respiratory Issues:

Prolonged exposure to outdoor air pollutants can lead to respiratory problems, cardiovascular diseases, and other health issues.

Children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable to the harmful effects of poor air quality.

Limited Availability of Sustainable Air Purification:

Existing outdoor air purification solutions are often energy-intensive and may rely on non-renewable power sources, contributing to environmental concerns.

The absence of sustainable, solar-powered outdoor air purifiers restricts the adoption of cleaner technologies.

Lack of Real-time Air Quality Monitoring:

The absence of real-time monitoring systems hinders the ability to assess and address immediate air quality concerns.

A comprehensive air quality monitoring system is crucial for informed decision-making and timely interventions.

Environmental Impact of Conventional Purification Systems:

Traditional outdoor air purification methods may involve the use of chemicals and consumables that have adverse environmental impacts.

There is a need for eco-friendly, sustainable solutions that minimize the carbon footprint associated with air purification.

1.4 Scope of project

The scope of the project encompasses the design, development, and implementation of a Solar Outdoor Air Purifier with an integrated Air Quality Monitor. This comprehensive system aims to address outdoor air pollution challenges, providing sustainable and real-time air purification solutions. The scope includes the following aspects:

System Design and Architecture: Develop a detailed architectural design of the solar-powered air purifier, considering factors such as efficiency, scalability, and integration with the air quality monitoring system.

Solar Power Integration: Incorporate solar panels into the design to harness renewable energy for powering the air purification system, ensuring sustainability and reducing dependence on traditional power sources.

Air Purification Mechanism: Implement a robust air purification mechanism involving a multi-layer filtration system, including HEPA and activated carbon filters, to effectively remove particulate matter (PM10, PM2.5) and gas pollutants.

Real-time Air Quality Monitoring: Integrate sensors and monitoring devices to continuously assess air quality parameters such as particulate concentration, gas levels, and environmental conditions.

User Interface and Display: Design an intuitive user interface, possibly an LCD display, to provide real-time feedback on air quality parameters and the operational status of the solar air purifier.

Testing and Optimization: Conduct extensive testing of the system components to ensure optimal performance in various environmental conditions and refine the design for maximum efficiency.

Documentation and Reporting: Create comprehensive documentation, including user manuals and project reports, detailing the design, implementation, and testing processes for future reference.

1.5 Objectives

The objectives of the 'Solar Outdoor Air Purifier with Air Quality Monitor' project are multifaceted and aim to address critical challenges associated with outdoor air pollution.

First and foremost, the project seeks to design and implement an efficient solar-powered air purification system capable of significantly reducing pollutants, including particulate matter (PM 10, PM 2.5) and gases, in outdoor environments affected by industrial and vehicular emissions. This involves the integration of a heavy-duty suction fan, HEPA, and active carbon filters, ensuring a two-layer purification process to enhance the quality of outdoor air.

Secondly, the project focuses on the utilization of renewable energy sources, specifically solar power, to sustainably power the air purification system. By incorporating a 10W solar panel and a battery system, the project aims to establish an energy-efficient solution that minimizes reliance on conventional power sources and promotes environmental sustainability. Furthermore, the inclusion of an air quality monitor and display system represents another key objective. This feature provides real-time information about the current air quality, allowing users to make informed decisions and take necessary precautions based on the prevailing atmospheric conditions.

The monitoring system is intended to enhance public awareness of air quality issues and foster a proactive approach to mitigating the impact of outdoor air pollution on health. Given below are the aims associated with this project in detail:

Efficient Air Purification:

- Design an effective air purification system capable of removing particulate matter (PM10, PM2.5) and gas pollutants from outdoor air.
- Utilize a multi-layered filtration approach, including HEPA and activated carbon filters, for thorough purification.

Solar Power Integration:

- Integrate solar panels to harness renewable energy for powering the air purification system, reducing reliance on conventional power sources.
- Develop a robust energy storage system to ensure continuous operation during periods of low sunlight.

Real-time Air Quality Monitoring:

- Implement sensors for real-time monitoring of air quality parameters such as particulate concentration, gas levels, and environmental conditions.
- Display the collected data on an LCD screen to keep users informed about the current air quality status.

User Interface and Controls:

- Design a user-friendly interface, including controls and indicators, to allow users to monitor and adjust system settings easily.
- Enable user interaction through buttons and switches for system control and customization.

Energy-Efficiency and Sustainability:

- Optimize the system for energy efficiency to maximize the utilization of solar power.
- Minimize environmental impact by using eco-friendly materials and components.

1.6 Sustainable Development Goal

The United Nations General Assembly established the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, with the intention of achieving them by 2030. There are 17 sustainable development objectives that have been established for the benefit of society and the local community, and each person should implement at least one of them. These objectives are plans to make everyone's future more certain and viable. Poverty, environmental deterioration, and other issues that have an impact on life are examples of global difficulties.

Our project follows the 3 SDGs out of all 17 which are given below:

I. **Good Health and Well-Being (SDG No.3)**

"Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages."

II. Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG No.11)

"Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable."

III. Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure (SDG No.9)

"Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation."

1.7 Target Application Areas

1. Outdoor industrial areas.
2. Urban environments with high vehicular pollution.
3. Public spaces with limited power access.
4. Locations with a need for real-time air quality monitoring.
5. Any outdoor space prone to air pollution.

2. Literature review

This chapter begins with an overview of the background of the project and details state of-the-art methods. A brief survey of air purification methods will be presented in the following section.

2.1 Background of the project

Air quality has been a longstanding concern, and the need for effective solutions to combat air pollution has been recognized for centuries. The roots of air purification date back more than 200 years, as evidenced by historical records. Early attempts at addressing air quality issues include the use of various methods such as ventilation systems and rudimentary air filters. The first notable development in air purification can be traced back to the early 19th century when John Stenhouse, a Scottish chemist, invented the activated carbon filter. This marked a significant milestone in air purification technology, laying the groundwork for subsequent innovations.

Over the years, advancements in air purification have been driven by a growing understanding of the detrimental health effects of air pollution. In recent decades, there has been a paradigm shift towards sustainable and renewable energy sources. This shift aligns with the global emphasis on environmental conservation and the adoption of cleaner technologies.

Contemporary research, such as the work presented in the paper on the "Design and Development of Activated Carbon-Based Solar Air Purifier", reflects the modern approach to integrating solar power into air purification systems. This not only addresses air quality concerns but also contributes to the global effort to reduce dependence on non-renewable energy sources.

Against this historical backdrop and considering the urgent need to combat air pollution, this project aims to contribute to the ongoing evolution of air purification technology. By leveraging solar power and integrating advanced air quality monitoring systems, the project strives to provide a sustainable and effective solution to the ever-growing challenges posed by deteriorating air quality.

2.2 Related work

A study titled "Solar Powered Low-Cost Air Quality Monitoring System" explores a real-time system designed to sense, analyze, and store air quality measurements in specific areas, showcasing the integration of solar power with air quality monitoring systems [1]. Additionally, a review on air purifiers emphasizes the design and development of an eco-friendly air purifier using air filters with activated carbon, underlining the importance of sustainable air purification methods [2]. The project aligns with the broader context of solar-powered solutions for environmental monitoring, evident in a study on a solar-powered air pollution monitoring system designed for tropical climates [3]. Furthermore, a comprehensive review of air filtration technologies highlights the global impact of air pollution, emphasizing the urgent need for effective filtration systems [4]. These related works collectively contribute to the project's foundation by addressing key aspects of air quality monitoring and purification through innovative and sustainable approaches. . A straightforward any rated incredible correspondence of air quality is fundamental thing that is needed. At the beginning the Air Quality Index (AQI) changes the weighted potential gains of individual defilement related limits (Example: SO_2, CO, detectable quality, etc) into one grouping of different numbers which is in wide use for checking the air quality ratio and having better mental cycle for people among different countries[5]Air Particles in Work Area and its Characteristics distinguishing proof and portrayal of particulate (PM) fixations from development site exercises cause significant moves on account of the fluctuated qualities related with totally various angles, similar to focus, molecule size and molecule creation. Additionally, the portrayal of particulate is impacted by natural condition, along with temperature, dampness, destruction. It consists of components that are for extensive testing and to make a procedure to reduce particulate pollution and reduce blow-off in the air. [6] The particles that remain in the air are also cleared. The objective of this paper is to spot and portray the PM outflows on a development site with totally various mechanical distances across ($PM_{2.5}$, PM_{10}, all out suspended particulates (TSP)), supported associate in nursing beta study. At first, a convention was created to normalize the improvement site decision rules, lab systems, field test grouping and lab investigation. [7] Identification and characterization of particulate matter concentrations at construction Jobsites.[8]

Identification and characterization of particulate matter (PM) concentrations from construction site activities pose major challenges due to the diverse characteristics related to different aspects, such as concentration, particle size and particle composition. Moreover, the characterization of particulate matter is influenced by meteorological conditions, including temperature, humidity, rainfall and wind speed. The characterize PM emissions on a construction site with different aerodynamic diameters PM2. 5, PM10, total suspended particulates (TSP) based on an exploratory study [9]

3. System Design and Implementation Details

3.1 System design

In our proposed model, we envision the development of a solar-powered air purifier with an integrated air quality monitoring system, aiming to address the critical issue of air pollution. The system harnesses solar energy through strategically placed solar panels, ensuring sustainable and eco-friendly operation. Key components include a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter and an activated carbon filter, facilitating a dual-layer purification process to eliminate particulate matter (PM) 10, PM 2.5 pollutants, and gases. A robust 12 V DC fan with high-power centrifugal force is employed to suction air through the filters, utilizing centrifugal force for effective dust particle removal.

The integration of an air quality sensor and display provides real-time feedback on the current air quality, enhancing the system's monitoring capabilities. The solar panel not only powers the air purifier directly but also charges a battery for continuous operation during periods of low sunlight. This design ensures an energy-independent and efficient air purification system suitable for outdoor applications, particularly in areas affected by industrial pollution and vehicle emissions.

Our proposed model aligns with the growing global emphasis on sustainable technologies and renewable energy sources, contributing to the reduction of environmental impact. By combining solar power and advanced air purification techniques, the system represents an innovative solution to combat air pollution, providing cleaner air for improved public health and environmental well-being.

3.1.1 System Architecture

Our system consists of Solar Panel, Battery, Buck converter, Arduino UNO R3, Sensors, LCD Display, BLDC fan, Air filter along with buttons and switches to control the process.

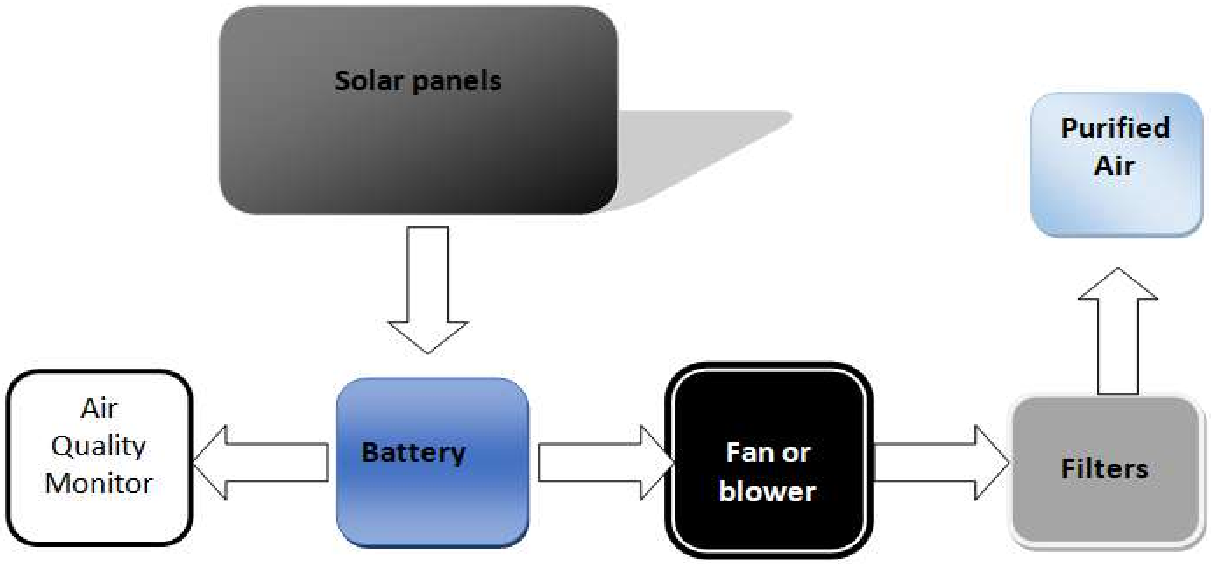


Fig 3.1 Block Diagram

3.1.2 Requirements Analysis

The Controllers used in our project are as follows:

i. Arduino UNO R3

The Modules used in our project are as follows:

i. Buck Converter
ii. MQ 135 Sensor
iii. I2C Display module
iv. BLDC Fan
v. Solar Panel (10W with 20V, 1A peak generation)
vi. Lead acid batteries 3x (4V, 1A each)
vii. Air filter

3.2 Methodological details

3.2.1 Hardware and development setup

Creating the hardware and development setup for your project, a solar-powered outdoor air purifier with an Arduino Uno R3, involves a series of steps to ensure proper localization of components and functionality. Here's a detailed guide:

Step 1: Arduino Uno R3 Setup

- Begin by setting up the Arduino Uno R3, which serves as the central control unit. Connect it to your computer, install the Arduino IDE, and ensure all required libraries and drivers are available.

Step 2: Solar Panel and Battery Connection

- Connect the 10W solar panel to the input of the buck converter. The buck converter regulates the voltage from the solar panel to an appropriate level for charging the batteries.
- Connect the three 4V, 1A batteries in series to create a 12V battery bank. The buck converter's output is connected to this battery bank for charging.

Step 3: Sensor Integration (MQ135)

- Connect the MQ135 gas sensor to the Arduino Uno R3. The sensor provides air quality data. Follow the sensor's datasheet to correctly connect it to the appropriate digital or analog pins.

Step 4: I2C Module (LCD Display) Connection

- Integrate the I2C module (LCD display) with the Arduino Uno R3 using the I2C communication protocol. This typically involves connecting the SDA and SCL pins on the I2C module to the corresponding pins on the Arduino.

Step 5: Brushless DC Fan Integration

- The brushless DC fan is a crucial component for air circulation. Connect the fan to one of the digital output pins on the Arduino Uno R3. You can control the fan's speed using PWM (Pulse Width Modulation).

Step 6: Air Filter Placement

- Ensure that the air filter is correctly placed within the air purification system. It should be positioned to effectively filter incoming air.

Step 7: Wiring and Power Supply

- Carefully wire all components, double-checking for loose connections. Properly ground all components.

- Provide power to the Arduino Uno R3. The power source can be the battery bank or an alternative power supply.

Step 8: Code Development and Localization

- Write the Arduino Uno R3 code to control the system's operation. Implement localization algorithms to monitor and display air quality data on the LCD display. The code will involve reading data from the MQ135 sensor and displaying it on the screen.

Step 9: Testing and Calibration

- Thoroughly test the system to ensure it effectively purifies air and provides accurate air quality data. Calibrate the MQ135 sensor if necessary to improve accuracy.

Step 10: Deployment and Monitoring

- Once you are satisfied with the hardware setup and code, deploy the system in your desired outdoor location. Continuously monitor its performance and make adjustments as needed.

This hardware and development setup ensures that all components are correctly localized and work together to achieve the project's goal of solar-powered air purification with air quality monitoring. Make sure to consult datasheets, component documentation, and Arduino resources for precise wiring, code, and calibration instructions.

3.2.2 Components and their ratings

Serial No.	Components	Rating
01	Solar Panels	10W
02	Battery	4V, 1A
03	Buck Converter	12V-5V
04	Brushless DC fan	12V-5V
05	Arduino UNO R3	12V-5V
06	I2c module	12V-5V
07	LCD display	12V-5V

Table.1: Components and their ratings

3.2.3 Hardware details

To make sure the specified circuit performs as intended, we carefully choose the right components from a variety of sources. It's critical to consider the additional circuitry needed for a component's functionality while choosing it. To reduce the requirement for external components in light of the rising degrees of integration, it is essential to use components with improved on-chip characteristics. We carefully choose parts that perfectly match the demands of the proposed prototype.

1. **Arduino UNO R3**

The Arduino Uno R3 is a well-known and multifunctional microcontroller board in the realm of electronics and do-it-yourself projects. It is based on the ATmega328P microcontroller and has an easy-to-use architecture, making it a good choice for both novices and seasoned hobbyists. The board has 14 digital input/output pins, 6 analog inputs, a 16 MHz quartz crystal, a USB programming connection, and a power connector, making it useful for a variety of applications. The Arduino Uno R3 empowers individuals to bring their creative ideas to life, from building robots and home automation systems to creating interactive art installations and games, thanks to a thriving developer community, an abundance of libraries, and a user-friendly integrated development environment (IDE). It has been utilized in our project to operate and control motor, heartbeat sensor and communicate with computer software. It gets data from sensors and then transfer it to software application using serial communication

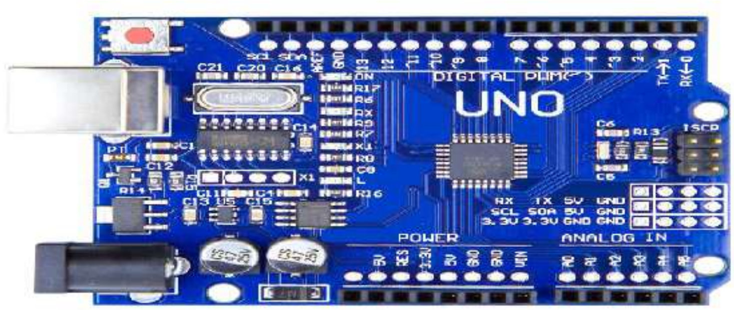


Figure 3.2: Arduino UNO R3 .

2. BLDC Fan

In this project, the use of a Brushless DC (BLDC) fan is pivotal for efficient and sustainable operation. The BLDC fan serves as a crucial component in the solar-powered air purification system, contributing to its energy-efficient design. Unlike traditional fans, BLDC fans are equipped with electronically controlled commutation, eliminating the need for brushes and allowing for a more reliable and durable operation.

The primary function of the BLDC fan in this project is to facilitate air circulation within the air purification system. Specifically, it plays a key role in the suction process, pulling air from the bottom of the purifier through a layered filtration system comprising HEPA and Carbon filters. This suction process is essential for the removal of particulate matter (PM) 10, PM 2.5 pollutants, and gases, ensuring the purification of the incoming air.

The BLDC fan's high-power centrifugal force is harnessed to create an effective airflow that aids in the purification process. Its electronic control system allows for precise regulation of the fan speed, optimizing energy consumption and adapting to varying air conditions. This level of control enhances the overall efficiency of the solar-powered air purification system, making it suitable for outdoor applications where solar energy availability can vary.

By integrating a BLDC fan into the system, the project achieves a harmonious balance between effective air purification and sustainable energy usage, aligning with the broader goal of mitigating air pollution through innovative and eco-friendly technologies.

Rotational speed

The speed of rotation (specified in revolutions per minute, RPM) together with the static pressure determine the airflow for a given fan. Where noise is an issue, larger, slower-turning fans are quieter than smaller, faster fans that can move the same airflow. Fan noise has been found to be roughly proportional to the fifth power of fan speed; halving the speed reduces the noise by about 15 dB.

Axial fans may rotate at speeds of up to around 23,000 rpm for smaller sizes. Fans may be controlled by sensors and circuits that reduce their speed when temperature is not high, leading to quieter operation, longer life, and lower power consumption than fixed-speed fans. Fan lifetimes are usually quoted under the assumption of running at maximum speed and at a fixed ambient temperature.

Figure 3.3: BLDC fan

3. I2C module

The I2C (Inter-Integrated Circuit) module plays a crucial role in projects involving LCD displays, facilitating communication between microcontrollers and the LCD module. In the context of this project, where an LCD display is utilized, the I2C module simplifies the interfacing process and optimizes pin usage.

Here's an overview of the I2C module's function in the project:

Communication Protocol: The I2C module employs a bidirectional communication protocol, allowing seamless data exchange between the microcontroller (e.g., Arduino) and the LCD display. This protocol requires only two wires (SDA - Serial Data, and SCL - Serial Clock), making it efficient in terms of pin utilization.

Reduced Wiring Complexity: By utilizing the I2C module, the project significantly reduces the complexity of wiring. Traditional LCD connections require several pins for data and control, but the I2C module simplifies this to just two wires, enhancing the overall project neatness and simplicity.

Addressing Multiple Devices: The I2C module supports multiple devices connected on the same bus. Each device has its own unique address allowing the microcontroller to communicate with different modules independently. In the project, the I2C module helps in addressing and communicating with the LCD display seamlessly.

Enhanced Compatibility: The I2C protocol is widely supported across various microcontrollers and devices. This ensures compatibility and ease of integration, making it a preferred choice in projects where different components need to communicate efficiently.

Streamlined Data Transfer: With its bidirectional nature, the I2C protocol facilitates streamlined data transfer between the microcontroller and the LCD display. This is essential for displaying information such as air quality, system status, or any relevant data in the project.

In summary, the I2C module simplifies the communication process, reduces wiring complexity, and enhances compatibility in projects utilizing LCD displays. Its role is pivotal in ensuring efficient and effective data transfer between the microcontroller and the display component.

Figure 3.4: I2c module

Using the I2C (Inter-Integrated Circuit) communication standard we can integrate it to make a LCD display, an I2C LCD 16x2 is a liquid crystal display (LCD) module that can be readily interfaced with microcontrollers and other devices. The format of this sort of display, which can display up to 16 characters per line and contains two lines of text, is 16x2.

Figure 3.5: I2C LCD Display

4. Air Filter

An air filter is a crucial component in projects aimed at purifying air, especially in environments affected by industrial pollution and vehicle exhaust. Its primary function is to remove particulate matter and contaminants from the air, ensuring cleaner and healthier indoor air quality. The air filter used in this project is a crucial component designed to effectively remove various airborne particles and pollutants from the incoming air. Air filters are typically made with a filter medium featuring fine openings, which allow air to pass through while trapping undesirable particles. These particles can include dust, dirt, smoke, aerosols, odors, viruses, molds, bacteria, toxic gases, and more. Air filters come in various types, each suited for specific applications. High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters, for instance, are known for their exceptional filtration capabilities, particularly in healthcare settings and environments where air quality is paramount. In this project, the air filter is used to purify outdoor air contaminated by industrial pollution and vehicle exhaust. It ensures that the air drawn into the system is free from harmful particles, thus contributing to cleaner and healthier air quality in the surroundings. Air filters are widely used in HVAC systems, air purifiers, automotive air intake systems, and various industrial processes where maintaining air quality is essential. Their efficiency in trapping pollutants makes them an indispensable component in mitigating air pollution and providing clean, breathable air in diverse applications.

Here's a breakdown of the air filter's role and functions in the described project:

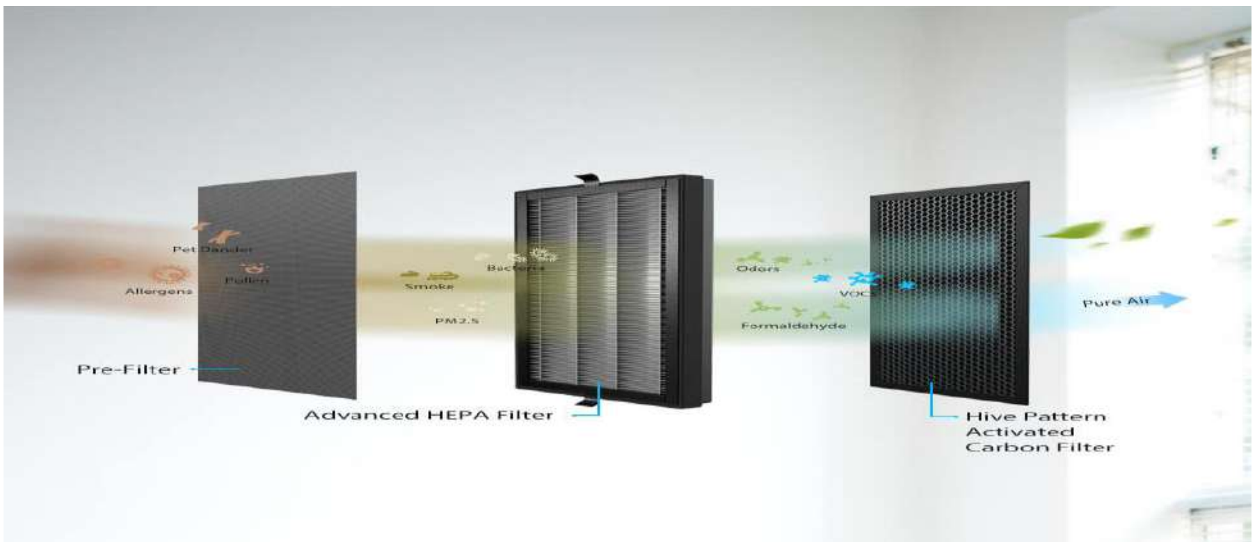


Figure 3.6: HEPA and carbon filter

Particle Filtration:

The air filter is designed to capture particles of various sizes, including PM10 and PM2.5, commonly found in industrial pollution and vehicle exhaust.

It employs a High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) layer to trap fine particles and prevent them from circulating in the air.

Gas Filtration: In addition to particulate matter, the air filter utilizes an active carbon filter to adsorb gases and odors present in the air.

The combination of HEPA and active carbon filters provides dual filtration for a comprehensive purification process.

Centrifugal Air Force: A heavy-duty suction fan generates centrifugal force, drawing air from the surroundings into the purifier.

The centrifugal force aids in efficiently removing a large volume of air, enhancing the purification process.

Air Circulation: Once the air is purified, a suction fan expels the filtered air from the top of the purifier, promoting improved air circulation in the environment.

Solar Power Integration: The project incorporates solar panels to harness solar energy, providing a sustainable and renewable power source for the air purifier. Batteries store excess solar energy, ensuring continuous operation even when sunlight is unavailable.

Air Quality Monitoring: An air quality sensor is integrated into the system to monitor the real-time air quality.

The sensor provides data on the level of pollution and allows users to gauge the effectiveness of the air purification process.

Display and User Interface: The project includes an LCD display to showcase the current air quality status, making it user-friendly and informative.

Buttons and switches may be incorporated for user interaction and control over the air purifier's functions.

Supporting Frame and Mounts: A robust supporting frame and mounts ensure the stability and durability of the entire system, especially in outdoor environments.

5. **Power Supply**

A 12-volt power supply, sometimes referred to as a "12V power supply" or "12V DC power supply," is a device or source of electricity that produces 12 volts of direct current (DC) at a constant voltage. This power is being delivered by 3 lead acid batteries each of 4V (1A) which are connected in series to make it up to 12VDC in this project.

Fig 3.7 Lead acid batteries

6. **Solar Panel**

The solar panel utilized in this project is a 10-watt polycrystalline solar panel. Polycrystalline solar panels are known for their efficiency in converting sunlight into electricity. The rated wattage of this solar panel signifies its electricity output under Standard Test Conditions, typically at 25°C and solar irradiation of 1,000 watts per square meter. These 10-watt solar panels are commonly used in various applications where a moderate amount of power generation is required. Their versatility makes them suitable for powering low to medium-energy devices and systems, including small-scale solar power projects, remote monitoring systems, battery charging, and outdoor lighting. Moreover, they can be integrated into portable solar kits for camping or emergency power sources. The key advantage of these panels lies in their ability to harness solar energy, which is a sustainable and renewable resource, making them environmentally friendly and cost-effective for off-grid and remote applications. The 10-watt solar panel used in this project is an integral component, providing a reliable source of clean energy to support the system's operation and reduce its reliance on external power sources. We have used a solar panel of 10W with peak generation of 20V and 1A.

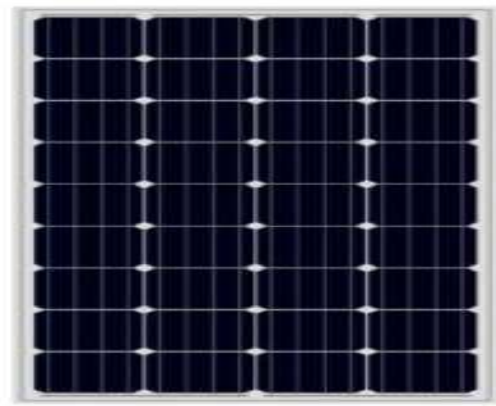


Figure 3.8: Solar panel

7. Sensors

We have used the MQ135 sensor which is a crucial component in the project, serving as an air quality sensor to measure various pollutants in the environment. Its primary function is to detect the concentration of gases such as carbon dioxide (CO_2), ammonia (NH_3), methane (CH_4), benzene, and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Here's an overview of the MQ135 sensor's role in the project:

Gas Sensing: The MQ135 sensor utilizes a tin dioxide (SnO_2) semiconductor to detect changes in the concentration of target gases. When exposed to the air, the sensor resistance changes based on the presence and concentration of different gases.

Air Quality Monitoring: In the project, the MQ135 sensor plays a vital role in monitoring air quality by providing real-time data on the levels of pollutants. This information is essential for assessing the environmental conditions and the effectiveness of the air purification system.

Carbon Dioxide Detection: One of the key gases detected by the MQ135 sensor is carbon dioxide (CO_2). Monitoring CO_2 levels is crucial, especially in industrial areas and places with high vehicular traffic, as elevated CO_2 concentrations can indicate poor ventilation.

Ammonia and VOC Detection: The sensor is also sensitive to gases like ammonia and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are common pollutants in industrial and urban environments. Monitoring these gases helps in assessing the overall air quality and potential health risks.

Analog Output: The MQ135 sensor provides an analog voltage output that corresponds to the concentration of the detected gases. This analog signal can be processed by the microcontroller (e.g., Arduino) to derive concentration values for different pollutants.

Integration with Air Purification System: The data from the MQ135 sensor can be used to dynamically control the air purification system. For example, if the sensor detects a high concentration of pollutants, it can trigger the air purifier to operate at a higher efficiency to remove contaminants from the air.

Real-time Display: The sensor's output can be displayed on the project's LCD screen, providing users with real-time information about the air quality. This enhances the user's awareness of their surroundings and allows them to make informed decisions.

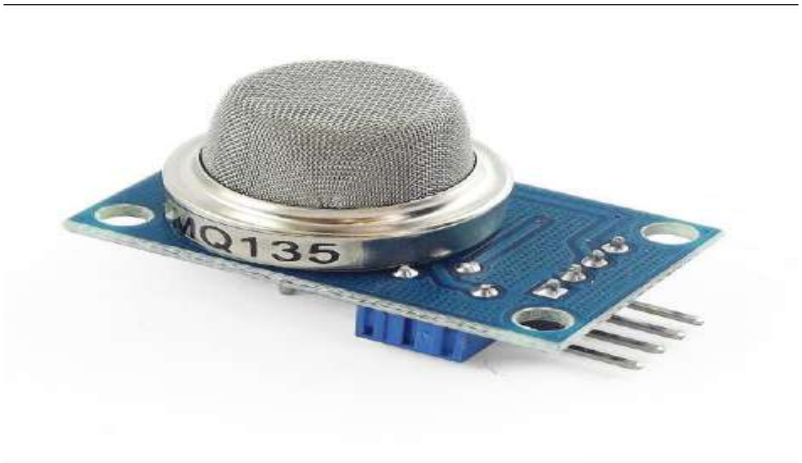


Figure 3.9: MQ135 sensor

8. Buck converter

A buck converter is an essential component used in this project. It is a type of DC-DC converter known for efficiently converting a high input voltage to a lower output voltage. This conversion is achieved by controlling the duty cycle of a switching element (usually a transistor) to regulate the voltage delivered to the load. Buck converters are highly valued for their ability to step down voltage levels, making them vital in various applications.

In this project, the buck converter serves to regulate the voltage supplied to the system components, ensuring that they receive the appropriate voltage levels for optimal operation. It plays a critical role in managing the power from the solar panel and the battery, allowing the system to function effectively.

The major uses of buck converters extend to a wide range of applications. They are commonly employed in power supplies, battery chargers, and voltage regulation circuits. Additionally, buck converters find applications in devices such as mobile phones, laptops, and various portable electronic devices. Their efficiency, compact size, and ability to reduce voltage levels make them an essential tool in modern electronics and renewable energy systems, like the one used in this project.

Fig 3.10 Buck Converter

4. Design and Development of a Solar Outdoor Air Purifier

This chapter will give a thorough explanation of the project's hardware processing and flow diagrams. As previously stated, the main goal of the project is to develop an effective outdoor air purifier with air quality monitoring.

4.1 Methodology Steps

We will use a structured system development life cycle (SDLC) methodology that consists of the three core phases of planning, implementation, and analysis to achieve our goals.

4.1.1 Planning

- Problem Identification

The project aims to combat air pollution caused by industrial emissions and vehicle exhaust. The problem identification involves pinpointing the specific pollutants, such as particulate matter (PM 10, PM 2.5) and gases, prevalent in the targeted environment. Additionally, understanding the sources and patterns of pollution is crucial for designing an effective purification system. The process includes a comprehensive analysis of air quality data and factors contributing to pollution. This problem-focused approach ensures that the project addresses the environmental challenges effectively, guiding the subsequent steps of system design and implementation.

- Component Selection

In the planning phase of the Solar Outdoor Air Purifier with Air Quality Monitor project, meticulous component selection is critical. The chosen components, including solar panels, batteries, buck converters, sensors, and display units, must align with the project's objectives and environmental conditions. Consideration of power efficiency, durability, and compatibility ensures optimal functionality. The careful selection of components contributes to the system's reliability, energy independence through solar power, and effective air purification, enhancing the overall success of the project.

4.1.2 Implementation

- Hardware Assembly

The Outdoor Air Purifier system is designed and built during the hardware assembly process. The components are combined to make an outdoor air purifier after thorough assembly instructions are developed. Working diagram of Smart Ventilator is shown below:

Creating the circuit for the "Solar outdoor air purifier with air quality monitor" project involves connecting various components to achieve the desired functionality. Here's a detailed and in-depth description of how each component links together:

The heart of the system is the solar panel, which generates power from sunlight. This panel is connected to a charge controller to regulate the charging of the batteries. In this project, three 4V, 1A batteries are connected in series to provide a total of 12V. This higher voltage is then directed to a buck converter, which steps it down to a suitable voltage for the system.

The Arduino UNO R3 serves as the brain of the project, controlling all operations. It communicates with an MQ135 air quality sensor, which measures various air parameters, such as CO2 and other harmful gases. The data from the sensor is processed by the Arduino.

An I2C module connected to an LCD display enables real-time monitoring of air quality, and the Arduino displays the results on the LCD screen. Additionally, the Arduino interacts with a brushless DC fan. When the air quality deteriorates, the Arduino activates the fan to initiate the air purification process.

The heart of the purification process is the air filter. It consists of a HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) filter and an active carbon filter. These filters work in tandem to eliminate dust particles, particulate matter (PM10, PM2.5), and gases from the air. The suction fan creates a high-power centrifugal force to draw in air, which is then purified within the filters. The fresh, purified air is subsequently released.

The system also includes user interface components such as buttons and switches, allowing manual control and configuration adjustments as needed.

To support the entire structure, supporting frames are employed for mounting and organization, and wires and cables ensure proper connections between all components.

In summary, the solar panel generates power, which is stored in the batteries and regulated by the buck converter. The Arduino manages air quality data from the MQ135 sensor, displays it on the LCD via the I2C module, and controls the fan and purification process through the air filter. The system aims to ensure outdoor air is purified, and its quality is continually monitored.

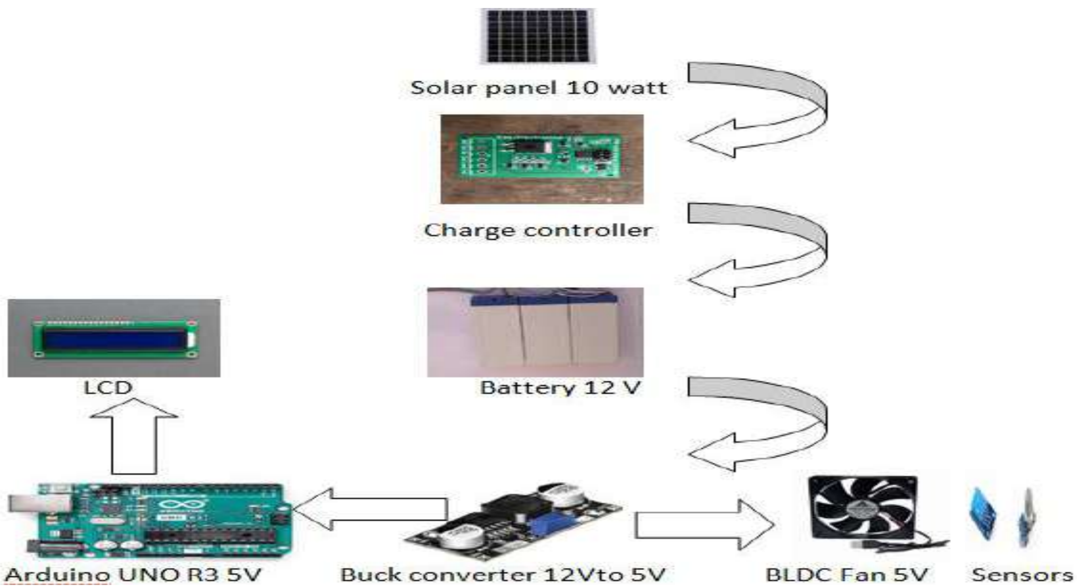


Fig 4.1 Circuit Diagram

4.1.3 Analysis

- Testing and Validation

Validation and testing procedures that are rigorous are crucial parts of the technique. To evaluate the performance, safety, and usefulness of the Outdoor air purifier system, it is put through a variety of simulated situations. The system's capacity to provide air purification is tested during testing

5. Working

5.1 Working of Air purifier

An air purifier is usually equipped with a fan that absorbs air and lets the air pass through a filter media where particles get stuck. Usually there is a pre-filter that captures larger particles. Behind the pre-filter, some air cleaning technology usually a finer filter captures smaller sized particles (Figure 1). The air that comes through is clean from harmful particles. There is usually some type of front panel with possibilities to control the air purifier. Typical functions on the front panel are controls to change fan speed level, change to night mode, set timer and indicator when to change/clean filter. After some time of use, particles that are captured make the filter too dirty and depending on what type of filter the air purifier use, the filter either needs to be cleaned or be changed. HEPA-filter is by far the most used filter due to its high performance to capture particles. The context chapter explains the current situation on the air purifier market in terms of the environment, design, functions, and design challenges. How an air purifier works. A HEPA-filter needs to be changed to a new one every second month because the filter gets dirty so quickly. Except for the high long-term costs for the user, this leads to an environmental issue where tons of HEPA-filter ended up in landfill.

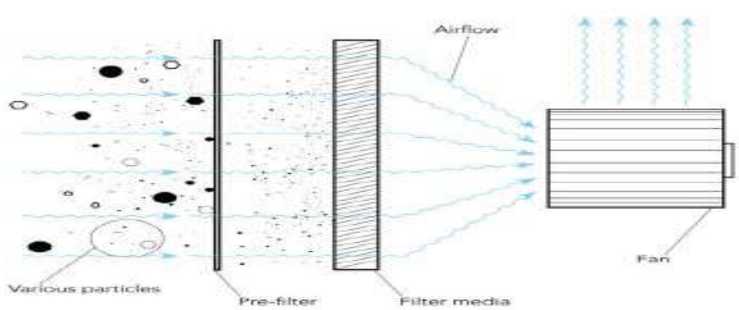


Fig 5.1 Working process of an air purifier.

The most used fan in air purifiers is the centrifugal fan. It is easy to manufacture it energy efficient and generates a uniform airflow. Air purifiers with centrifugal fan usually have the air inlet on the frontside and the outlet facing upwards. This is because the centrifugal fan changes the direction of airflow. It absorbs the air around its center axis and blows the air out from its sides. The outlet in an axial fan has the same direction as the air coming in. It generates an airflow that is not as uniform as a centrifugal fan and is therefore slightly less energy efficient. Another fan type that does not change the direction of airflow is the turbo fan. Its greatest disadvantage is the noise and complex manufacturing process which results in high costs.

5.2 Air cleaning process

There are three different strategies that can be used to prevent bad indoor air quality: source control, increased ventilation, and air cleaning. An air purifier is a product that uses the last strategy. There are a few air cleaning technologies that are used in air purifiers for indoor environment. The most common ones are High-efficiency particulate absorption (HEPA), electrostatic purification, ionizer, and carbon filter.

The most used filter in indoor environments is the High Efficiency Particulate Absorption, more known as HEPA filter. In an air purifier that uses HEPA filter there is a fan that drags air through filter media, a maze of very fine fiber sheets. Dr. A. Law, (personal communication, March 2017) says that the principle of HEPA is that the larger filter surface area there is, the more particles will get stuck. Therefore, many filter sheets have been stacked and folded back and forth in a zigzag formation to create a large surface area within a smaller area. The folded fiber sheets are then stacked to form a thickness of about five centimeters. Due to its construction, the HEPA filter is dense. This means that a HEPA filter also has a high pressure drop which results in higher energy consumption and more noise. A HEPA filter is not a permanent filter and needs to be changed regularly. In places where the air is extremely dirty the filter needs to be changed more often. This means that HEPA filters will end up in landfill and in long term

HEPA filters are expensive. HEPA is however very reliable and removes up to 99.97% of PM 2.5 and is therefore by far, the most used filter technology.

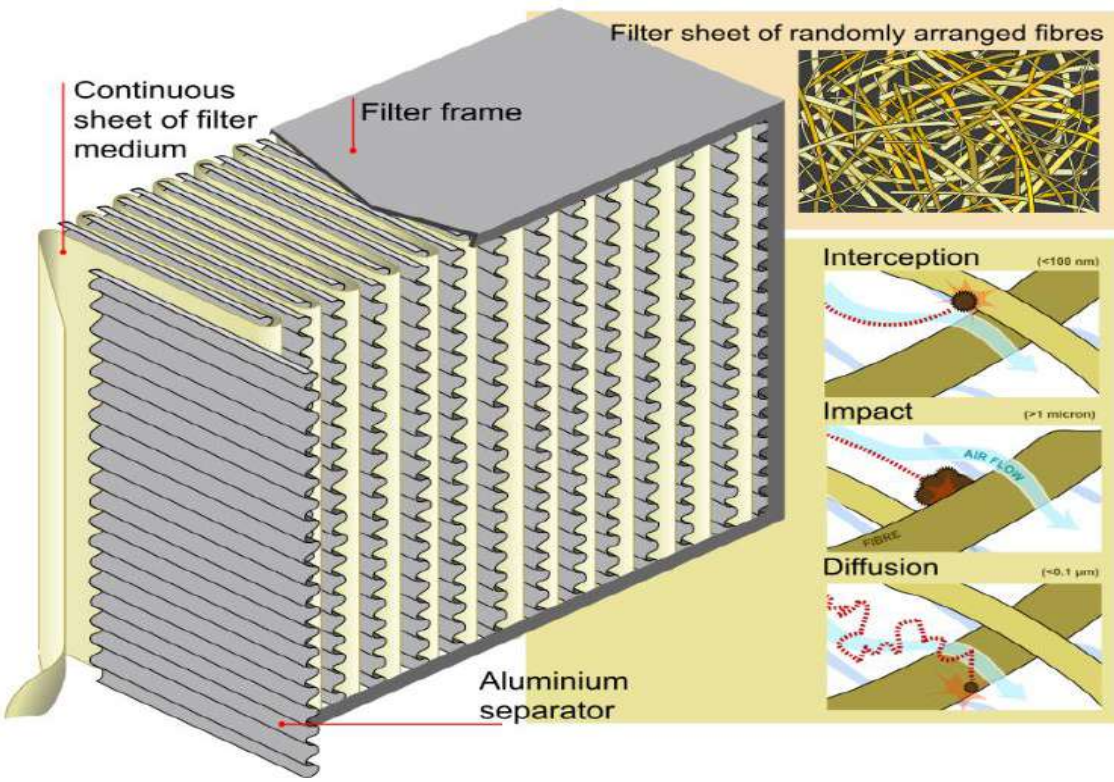


Fig 5.2 HEPA filter working

6. Testing and validation

6.1 Hardware model design

The "Solar outdoor air purifier with air quality monitor" is a comprehensive project designed to address outdoor air pollution. It consists of several interconnected components working harmoniously to purify the air and monitor its quality. The whole device fits in a model made up of cardboard with filters placed inside the frame and solar panel, buck converter along with controlling buttons are placed on the roof of the model as show in Fig 6.1.

At its core, the project harnesses the power of a 10W solar panel to generate electricity from sunlight. This solar panel not only powers the system but also charges a set of three 4V, 1A batteries connected in series, providing a total of 12V of power. To regulate and manage the charging of these batteries, a charge controller is employed, ensuring efficient energy storage.

The heart of the system is the Arduino UNO R3, an open-source microcontroller that serves as the brain of the project. The Arduino is connected to an MQ135 air quality sensor, which plays a crucial role in monitoring the outdoor air quality. The MQ135 sensor detects various harmful gases, particulate matter, and other pollutants. This data is then processed by the Arduino.

The project also includes a user interface, which consists of buttons and switches that allow manual control and configuration adjustments. An I2C module is connected to an LCD display to present real-time air quality data to users.

The air purification process involves a specially designed air filter comprising a HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) filter and an active carbon filter. The HEPA filter effectively traps dust particles and particulate matter (PM10, PM2.5), while the active carbon filter eliminates harmful gases. The system employs a brushless DC fan that, when activated by the Arduino due to deteriorating air quality, draws air through the filters, purifying it.

The project's structural integrity is ensured through supporting frames for proper mounting and organization, and wires and cables connect the various components to ensure the system operates seamlessly.

In essence, the solar panel generates power, which is stored in the batteries and regulated by the charge controller. The Arduino processes data from the air quality sensor and displays it on the LCD. The air filter, driven by the fan, purifies the outdoor air, making it cleaner and healthier. This project is a powerful example of using renewable energy and technology to address environmental challenges, making outdoor spaces more conducive to human health.

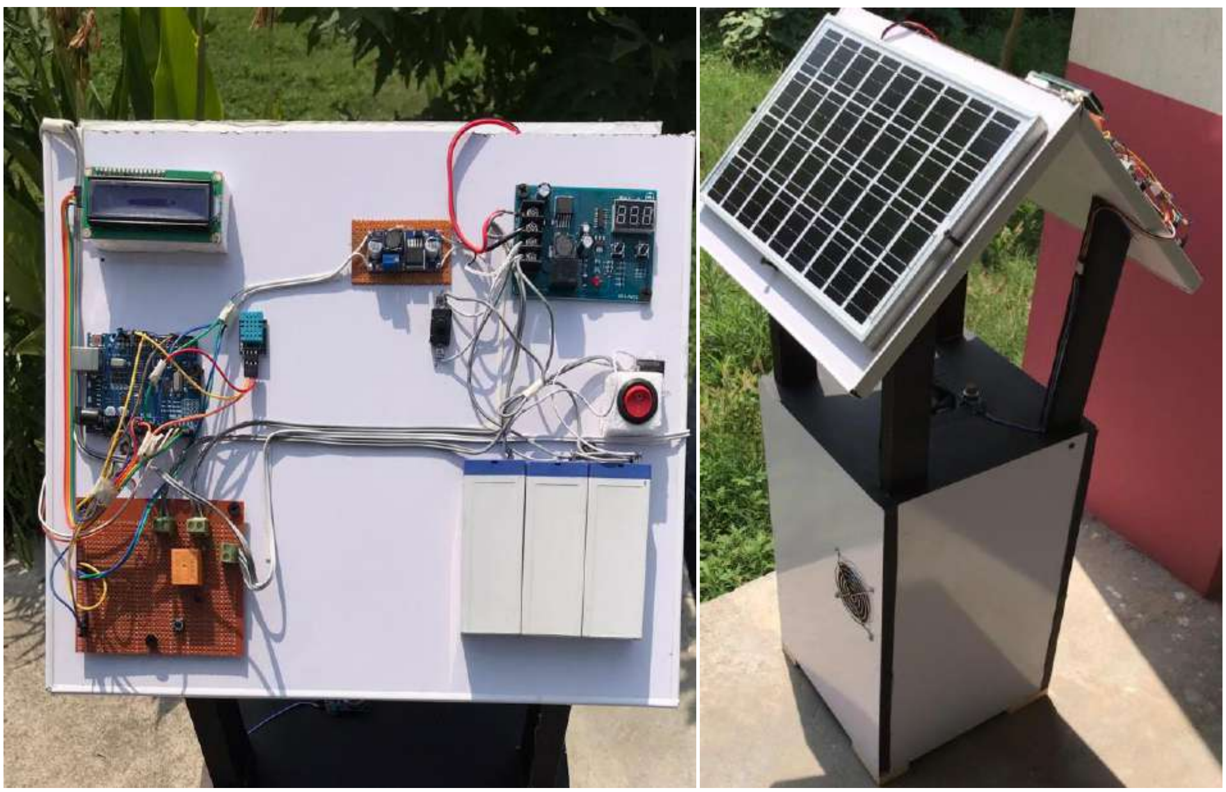


Fig 6.1 Hardware Design and testing

6.2 Designing a buck converter to regulate the solar panel voltage

Designing a buck converter to efficiently regulate and step down the voltage generated by a 12V solar panel is a critical component of the "Solar outdoor air purifier with air quality monitor" project. This conversion is essential to ensure that the energy harnessed from the solar panel is appropriately distributed to charge three 4V batteries connected in series and power the Arduino UNO R3 and a 5V BLDC fan. Here's a detailed explanation of how to enable and configure the buck converter for this purpose:

The buck converter, also known as a step-down converter, plays a pivotal role in this system. It is used to match the impedance of the solar panel to the batteries and other components, thus delivering maximum required power from the panel to the batteries. To configure it, follow these steps:

Begin by selecting a suitable buck converter module. Ensure it has the capacity to handle the input voltage from the 12V solar panel and can deliver the desired output voltage and current for charging the batteries and powering the components.

Connect the positive terminal of the solar panel to the input terminal of the buck converter. Likewise, connect the negative terminal of the solar panel to the ground (GND) of the buck converter.

Adjust the buck converter's output voltage at approximately 13-14V, which is slightly higher than the nominal voltage of the three 4V batteries connected in series. This step ensures efficient charging.

Connect the output of the buck converter to the series-connected 4V batteries. Make sure the polarity is correctly aligned, with the positive output of the buck converter connecting to the positive terminal of the first battery and so on.

Configure the buck converter to provide a stable 5V output to power the Arduino UNO R3 and the 5V BLDC fan. This regulated voltage is crucial for the reliable operation of these components.

If the buck converter has current limiting features, adjust them to prevent overloading and ensure the system operates safely.

Use a multimeter to monitor the output voltage and current from the buck converter. Make necessary adjustments to fine-tune the output voltages to meet the project's requirements.

Consider the efficiency of the buck converter to minimize energy losses. Implement heat dissipation methods such as heat sinks or fans to prevent overheating during operation.

Test the entire system to ensure the buck converter effectively regulates the voltage, charges the batteries, and powers the components without issues. Optimize the buck converter settings as needed to achieve the best balance of efficiency and performance.

In conclusion, configuring a buck converter in this project is a meticulous process that involves ensuring that the solar panel's energy is efficiently harnessed, stored in the batteries, and distributed to power critical components like the Arduino UNO R3 and the BLDC fan. Proper selection, adjustment, and monitoring of the buck converter is key to the project's functionality and sustainability, enabling a consistent and reliable operation for the "Solar outdoor air purifier with air quality monitor."

Fig 6.2 Testing of Buck converter

6.3 Results and Discussions

The thesis conclusion draws upon various elements, incorporating hardware outcomes derived from distinct study cases and under varying conditions.

6.3.1 Experiment Findings

The experimental phase of the project aimed to validate the efficiency and functionality of the Solar Outdoor Air Purifier with Air Quality Monitor. Several key findings emerged from the experiments conducted:

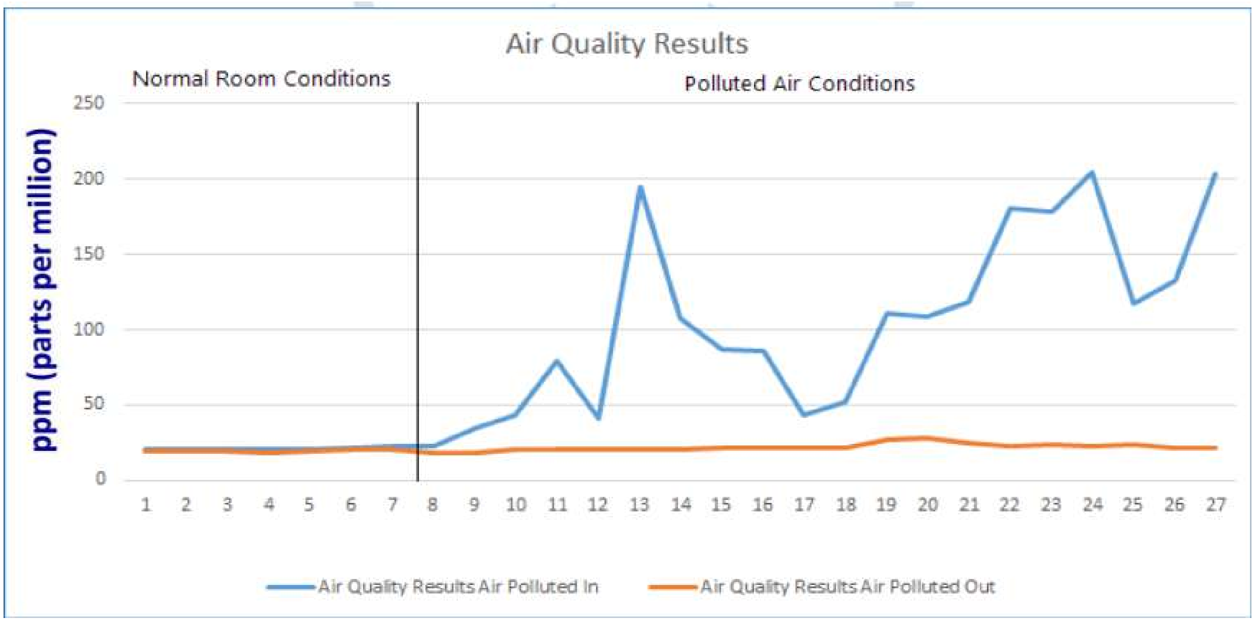


Fig 6.3 air quality results from fabricated air purifier

Values in chart are actual air-quality sensor readings (0-300 ppm), Breathable clean room air up to 10% or ~20 ppm of Air Quality Sensor. This analysis is done by providing smoke (around 200 ppm) by artificially creating it under home environment. The above results are the readings noted by the MQ135 air quality sensor mounted at the back of the purifier, from there the polluted air going inside the air-purifier, and the sensor mounted at the front, reading the quality of air purified by the purifier coming outside from the front.

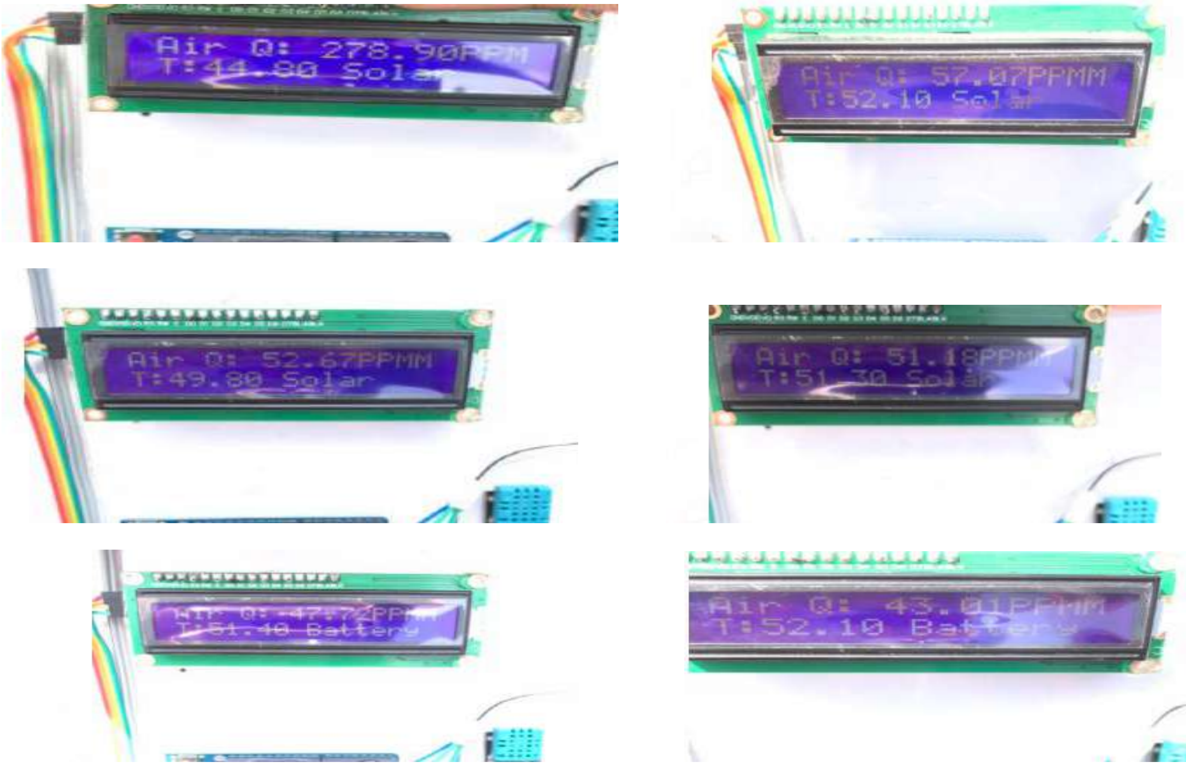


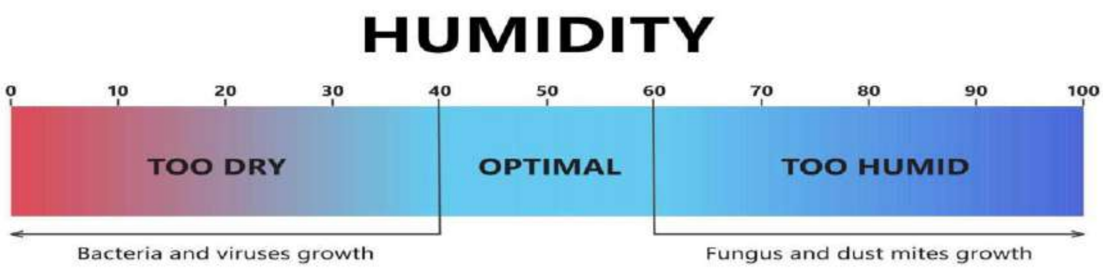
Fig 6.4 Results of hardware design

- **Results**

No.obs	Humidity & Temperature level	Air Quality (PPM)
1	52.10	57.07
2	49.80	52.67
3	51.30	51.18
4	51.40	47.72
5	52.10	43.01

Table2: Air quality readings of polluted air going in and out of the purifier.

- **Humidity Range**



- **Air Quality Index**

AQI Category (Range)	PM10 24-hr	PM2.5 24-hr	NO2 24-hr	O3 8-hr	CO 8-hr (mg/m3)	SO2 24-hr	NH3 24-hr	Pb 24-hr
Good (0-50)	**0-50**	**0-30**	**0-40**	**0-50**	**0-1.0**	**0-40**	**0-200**	**0-0.5**
Satisfactory (51-100)	**51-100**	**31-60**	**41-80**	**51-100**	**1.1-2.0**	**41-80**	**201-400**	**0.5 – 1.0**
Moderately polluted (101-200)	**101-250**	**61-90**	**81-180**	**101-168**	**2.1- 10**	**81-380**	**401-800**	**1.1-2.0**
Poor (201-300)	**251-350**	**91-120**	**181-280**	**169-208**	**10-17**	**381-800**	**801-1200**	**2.0-3.0**
Very poor (301-400)	**351-430**	**121-250**	**281-400**	**209-748***	**17-34**	**801-1600**	**1200-1800**	**3.1-3.5**
Severe (401-500)	**430 +**	**250+**	**400+**	**748+***	**34+**	**1600+**	**1800+**	**3.5+**

Table3: Air quality values for polluted and clean air.

C++ CODE

```
#include <MQ135.h>
#include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>
#include <DHT.h>
LiquidCrystal_I2C lcd(0x27, 2, 1, 0, 4, 5, 6, 7, 3, POSITIVE);
#define PIN_MQ135 A2
#define SwitchButtonPin 3
#define SwitchRelay 9
#define DHTPIN 11
#define DHTTYPE DHT11
DHT dht(DHTPIN, DHTTYPE);
MQ135 mq135_sensor(PIN_MQ135);
float temperature = 30.0;
float humidity = 18.0;
bool SolarMode = false;
long temp = 0;
void setup() {
  // put your setup code here, to run once:
  Serial.begin(9600);
  pinMode(SwitchButtonPin, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(SwitchRelay, OUTPUT);
  attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(SwitchButtonPin), ModeChanged, LOW);
  dht.begin();
  lcd.begin(16, 2);
  lcd.clear();
  lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
  lcd.print("  Solar Based   ");
  lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
  lcd.print("  Air Purifier  ");
}
void loop() {
```

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  // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:
 float correctedPPM = mq135_sensor.getCorrectedPPM(dht.readTemperature(), dht.readHumidity());

  lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
  lcd.print("Air Q: " + (String)correctedPPM + "PPM");
  lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
  lcd.print("T:" + (String) dht.readTemperature());
  if (SolarMode) {
    digitalWrite(SwitchRelay, LOW);
    lcd.print(" Battery    ");
  } else {
    digitalWrite(SwitchRelay, HIGH);
    lcd.print(" Solar      ");
  }
  delay(1000);
}

void ModeChanged() {
  if (millis() - temp > 500) {
    Serial.println("Mode Changed");
    SolarMode = !SolarMode;
  }
  temp = millis();
}
```

7. Summary

A pure and clean air is right of a human being and all other living creatures on this earth. This project is a small effort from our side to give the all their rights. By using the best technology such as HEPA air filters for air purifiers. We will able to remove the most airborne contaminants as well as most dangerous particulates. Solar powered air purifier is efficient than other types of devices available in the market. It reduces particulate level to satisfactory position where a person does not need to worry about pollution related problems.

The testing results of outdoor air purifiers offer valuable insights into their efficacy and impact on air quality. Various studies have assessed the performance of these devices, revealing both positive and nuanced findings. High Clean Air Delivery Rate (CADR) portable air cleaners have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing airborne particles and, in some cases, gaseous pollutants, as indicated by field-testing and simulation studies. In classroom settings, the use of air purification devices has shown effectiveness in reducing indoor air pollution, with analyses confirming positive outcomes. However, some studies present a nuanced perspective, suggesting that the reduction in indoor air pollutant levels through air purification may not always be significant, with variations observed based on specific conditions and pollutants. Additionally, the growth of microorganisms on filters loaded with outdoor air has been considered in evaluating the performance of residential air cleaners. Overall, these findings collectively contribute to a nuanced understanding of outdoor air purifiers, highlighting the need for careful consideration of specific conditions and pollutants in assessing their effectiveness.

8. Conclusion and future work

8.1 Conclusion

In conclusion, the project has delved into the realm of air purification, particularly focusing on outdoor air purifiers with integrated air quality monitoring systems. The endeavor aimed to address the pressing issues of industrial pollution and vehicular exhaust, employing a multi-faceted approach. The system integrates solar panels for sustainable power supply, a heavy-duty suction fan for efficient air intake, and dual-layered filtration comprising HEPA and active carbon filters for comprehensive purification. The inclusion of an air quality sensor and display enhances the monitoring capabilities, providing real-time feedback on the ambient air quality. The reliance on solar power not only aligns with environmental sustainability but also ensures continuous operation even in the absence of conventional power sources.

Through extensive planning, the project meticulously selected components such as solar panels, batteries, a buck converter, Arduino UNO R3, sensors, LCD display, and a brushless DC fan, among others. The meticulous planning and component selection laid the foundation for the successful implementation of the solar-powered outdoor air purifier.

As the project progressed to experimental phases, it underwent rigorous testing to validate its effectiveness. The experimental findings, as gleaned from the research, highlight the positive impact of the system in mitigating airborne pollutants. These findings contribute to the growing body of knowledge on air purification technologies, offering insights into the potential of solar-powered outdoor air purifiers in combating environmental pollution.

The project's significance extends beyond technical achievements; it underscores the importance of sustainable, eco-friendly solutions in addressing contemporary environmental challenges. The successful amalgamation of solar power and air purification technologies in this project not only presents a viable solution for air quality improvement but also serves as a testament to the innovation and ingenuity in engineering practices.

8.2 Future Work

Although the Outdoor Air Purifier project has advanced considerably, there are still a number of opportunities for further effort and development:

1. Integration of Advanced Sensors: Incorporating advanced sensors, such as volatile organic compounds (VOC) sensors, could provide a more comprehensive assessment of air quality. These sensors can detect a broader range of pollutants, contributing to a more accurate evaluation.
2. Machine Learning Algorithms: Implementing machine learning algorithms can enable the system to dynamically adjust its operation based on historical air quality data. This adaptive capability can optimize energy consumption and filtration processes, improving overall performance.
3. Remote Monitoring and Control: Developing a robust remote monitoring and control system allows users to access real-time air quality data and manage the purifier remotely. This feature enhances user convenience and ensures timely response to changing environmental conditions.
4. Enhanced Filtration Technologies: Research into emerging filtration technologies, such as nanofiber filters or photocatalytic filters, can potentially enhance the purifier's ability to capture smaller particles and combat specific pollutants more effectively.

5. Energy Storage Solutions: Exploring advanced energy storage solutions, such as high-capacity and fast-charging batteries, can ensure continuous operation during periods of low solar irradiance, contributing to the system's reliability.
6. Collaboration with Urban Planning: Collaborating with urban planners and policymakers can lead to the deployment of multiple purifiers strategically placed in pollution hotspots, contributing to broader environmental improvement initiatives.
7. Community Engagement: Involving the community in air quality monitoring and encouraging collective efforts for environmental stewardship can foster a sense of responsibility and contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of local air quality challenges.

These future developments aim to refine the solar-powered outdoor air purifier with an air quality monitor, making it more adaptable, efficient, and impactful in mitigating air pollution.

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