A photograph of a Raspberry Pi 4 Model B (green PCB) connected to a white breadboard. A blue sensor module with a circular metal mesh is connected to the breadboard via a black ribbon cable. Numerous jumper wires in various colors (orange, black, blue, green, yellow, purple, white) connect the breadboard to the Raspberry Pi's GPIO pins. The setup is on a dark, textured surface.

Air Pollution Monitoring System using Raspberry Pi

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Components of the System

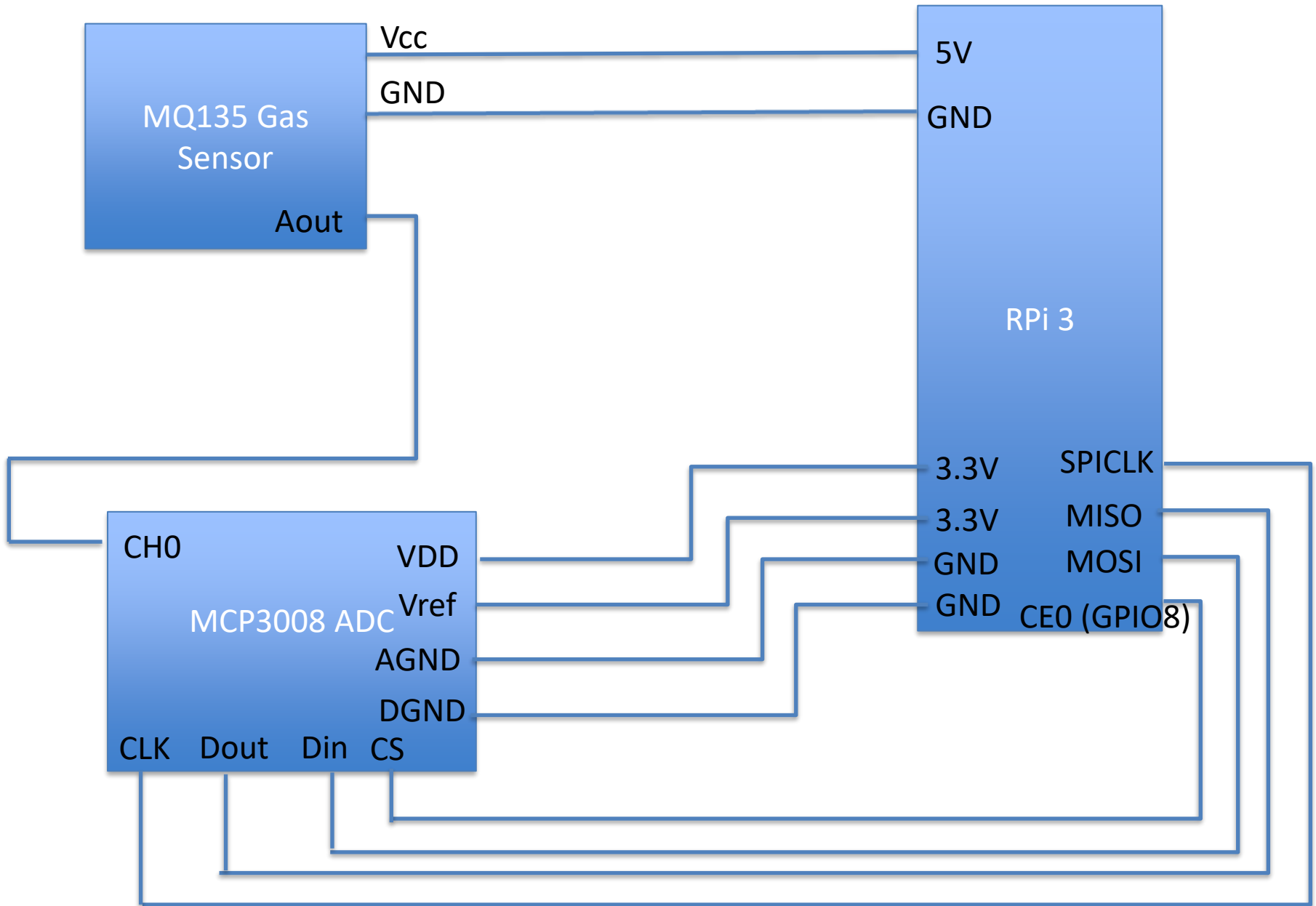
Hardware Components:

- 1. MQ-135 Gas Sensor
- 2. MCP3008 Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC)
- 3. Raspberry Pi
- 4. Wiring and Resistors
- 5. Power Supply

Software and Platform:

- Python Script
- ThingsBoard IoT Platform

Hardware Connection Diagram



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Hardware Setup

- MQ-135 Sensor: Connected to the MCP3008 ADC.
- MCP3008 ADC: Connected to Raspberry Pi via SPI protocol.
- Power Supply: Provides 3.3V/5V to MQ-135 and MCP3008.

Connection Details:

- SPI Pins (MISO, MOSI, SCLK, CE)
- Analog Pin (MQ135) connected to CH0 of MCP3008.

Code Breakdown

- Key Components of the Code:
 1. SPI Initialization
 2. Reading Sensor Data
 3. PPM Calculation
 4. AQI Calculation
 5. Sending Data to ThingsBoard

Air Quality Index (AQI):

Range: Typically, between 0 and 500.

Interpretation:

0-50: Good

51-100: Moderate

101-150: Unhealthy for sensitive groups

151-200: Unhealthy

201-300: Very unhealthy

301-500: Hazardous

ThingsBoard Integration

1. Real-time data monitoring: AQI, sensor voltage, and PPM values are visualized.
2. ThingsBoard Cloud: Data sent via HTTP API to the ThingsBoard cloud server.
3. Visualization Widgets: Real-time graphs, gauges, and widgets.
4. Data History: Storing and visualizing historical air quality data.

Conclusion

➤ **Key Takeaways:**

- Real-time air quality monitoring using the MQ-135 sensor.
- PPM and AQI calculations are essential for understanding gas concentration.
- Integration with ThingsBoard allows remote monitoring and data visualization.

➤ **Future Improvements:**

- Adding more sensors for enhanced environmental monitoring.
- Implementing alerts for hazardous AQI levels via ThingsBoard.

Future Scope

IoT Expansion:

Extend the project into a smart city context by integrating your AQI system with other IoT-enabled environmental sensors (e.g., temperature sensors).

Mobile Application:

Develop a mobile app that syncs with the AQI monitoring system, allowing users to monitor air quality on-the-go and receive notifications about poor air quality.

Smart Alerts:

Set up automatic notifications or alerts for users when AQI exceeds safe levels, promoting proactive action.



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