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ABSTRACT

Indoor air quality (IAQ) has become a critical concern due to its direct impact on human health, comfort, and productivity. Exposure to poor indoor air quality can lead to various adverse health effects, such as respiratory illnesses, allergies, and other long-term complications. Maintaining a healthy indoor environment requires regular monitoring of air quality parameters to identify and address pollutants before they reach harmful levels.

Recent advancements in sensor technology and the Internet of Things (IoT) have paved the way for sophisticated, automated monitoring systems. IoT-based solutions offer a practical approach to real-time data collection and analysis, allowing continuous monitoring without manual intervention. This development enables researchers and engineers to design devices that can track indoor air quality autonomously and provide periodic feedback on environmental conditions.

In our study, we aimed to design and implement a comprehensive indoor air quality monitoring system using the Raspberry Pi Pico W as a central processing unit, alongside an array of sensors tailored to measure key environmental variables. Our system is capable of monitoring temperature, humidity, and concentrations of airborne particles and gases such as hydrogen sulfide (H_2S), ammonia (NH_3), carbon monoxide (CO), and nitrogen dioxide (NO_2). By collecting data on these parameters, the device provides valuable insights into indoor air quality fluctuations and helps occupants make informed decisions to mitigate potential risks.

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Symbol / Abbreviations	Description
IAQ	Indoor air quality
IoT	Internet of Things
H_2S	Hydrogen Sulfide
NH_3	Ammonia
CO	Carbon Monoxide
NO_2	Nitrogen Dioxide
VOCs	Volatile Organic Compounds
PM	Particulate Matter
MOS	Metal Oxide Semiconductor
OLED	Organic Light-Emitting Diode
I2C	Inter-Integrated Circuit
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
RoHS	Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive
ppm	Parts Per Million
$\mu g/m^3$	Micrograms Per Cubic Meter of Air
°C	Degree Celsius
WEEE	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

1. Introduction

Indoor air quality (IAQ) has become an increasingly important issue, especially in urban areas where people spend a large portion of their time indoors. Studies show that around 80% of daily activities are conducted indoors, including time spent at home, work, or in public spaces such as shopping centers and schools. This proportion is even higher for vulnerable groups like children, infants, the elderly, and individuals with chronic illnesses, who often have limited outdoor exposure and are more susceptible to indoor pollutants. Because of this, ensuring healthy air quality within enclosed spaces has become a vital part of maintaining public health and overall wellbeing.

The nature and concentration of indoor pollutants differ significantly from those found outdoors. Indoor pollutants can originate from a variety of sources, including both external and internal factors. While outdoor pollutants may penetrate buildings through ventilation or small openings, many pollutants are generated within indoor environments themselves. Common indoor sources include smoke from cigarettes, emissions from cooking, and the use of household products like mosquito repellents and air fresheners, which can release harmful chemicals into the air.

Additionally, work-related equipment such as clothing, shoes, or tools brought home from certain industries can also introduce pollutants into residential spaces. Indoor pollutants can have serious health implications, ranging from respiratory irritation and allergic reactions to more severe conditions in cases of prolonged exposure. Indoor air quality monitoring is, therefore, crucial in detecting and managing pollutant levels. Key IAQ parameters, including temperature, humidity, dust particles, and various harmful gases, must be regularly assessed to maintain a safe indoor environment. The importance of these parameters is underscored by regulations set forth by health authorities. In Indonesia, for example, the Decree of the Minister of Health Number 1405 of 2002 outlines the requirements and procedures for maintaining a healthy indoor work environment, specifying acceptable levels for key air quality parameters. These include temperature, humidity, particulate matter, and pollutant gases such as hydrogen sulfide (H_2S), ammonia (NH_3), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO_2), and sulfur dioxide (SO_2). To effectively monitor and maintain IAQ, reliable systems that can provide continuous, real-time feedback are .

2. Methods and Approach

The Methods section outlines the detailed process of designing and developing an indoor air quality monitoring system. This project involved several stages, fromselecting appropriate hardware components to developing software that integrates these components for effective data collection, processing, and remote access. The process focused on achieving a reliable, real-time monitoring solution that accurately measures and tracks indoor environmental parameters.

2.1. **Methods**

The primary materials we used in this design are as follows :

- **Microcontroller:** Raspberry Pi Pico W
- **Sensors:** → DHT-22 (Temperature & Humidity),
  → GP2Y1010AU0F (Dust),
  → MQ-2 (Gas)
- **Display:** 0.91-inch Blue OLED Display Module

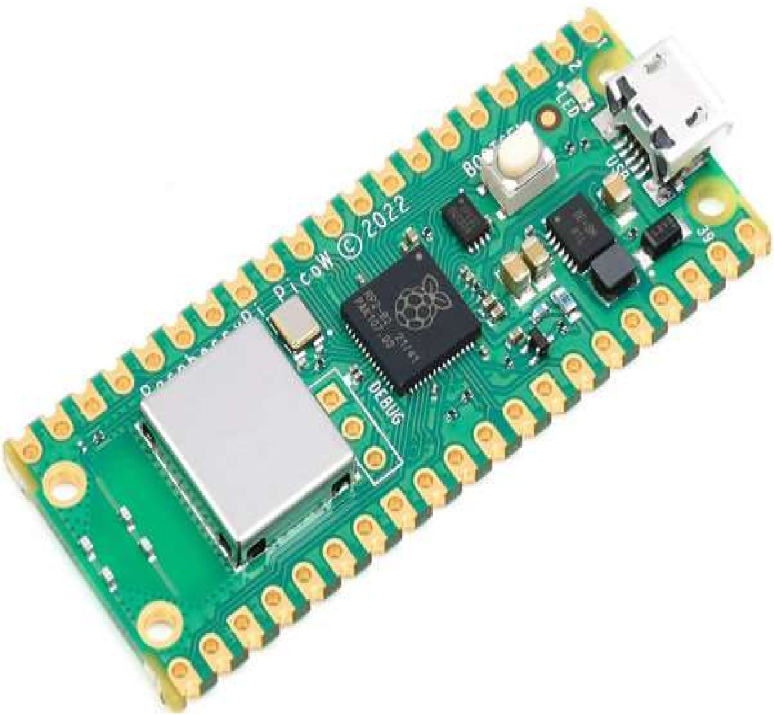

Fig. 2.1: Raspberry Pi Pico W

RASPBERRY PI PICO W:-

The Raspberry Pi Pico W was selected as the primary controller for the system,valued for its compact design and processing power (as shown in fig. 2.1). The Pico W enables efficient data processing and handling for multiple sensors without requiring substantial external hardware, making it a cost-effective and flexible option for this project. Despite its relatively low cost, the Pico W is powerful enough to manage data from several sensors at once, processing the information to produce reliable and accurate readings. The microcontroller can handle real-time data updates, ensuring that the monitoring system is both responsive and accurate in reflecting current air quality conditions. This balance of cost-effectiveness, processing power, and ease of integration makes the Raspberry Pi Pico W an ideal choice for indoor air quality monitoring, supporting the creation of an affordable yet highly functional device capable of providing critical environmental insights.

Fig. 2.2: (DHT-22)Temperature & humidity sensor

Temperature and Humidity Sensor (DHT22):-

The temperature and humidity sensor DHT-22 (as shown in fig. 2.2) was selected for this system due to its high level of accuracy and reliability in measuring two essential environmental parameters: temperature and relative humidity. These measurements are crucial for assessing indoor air quality, as they directly influence both air comfort and the dispersion of airborne pollutants.

Accurate temperature readings are important because temperature fluctuations can impact pollutant behavior. For instance, warmer air can hold more moisture and may cause certain pollutants, such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), to become more concentrated. Temperature is also a significant factor in overall indoor comfort, with recommended ranges that help maintain health and productivity. By providing precisetemperature data, the DHT22 sensor helps ensure the system can monitor these shifts and contribute to a healthier indoor environment.

Fig.2.3: Dust Particle Sensor

Dust Particle Sensor:-

The Dust Particle Sensor GP2Y1010AU0F (in fig. 2.3) plays a crucial role in this air quality monitoring system by detecting particulate matter (PM), a significant contributor to indoor air pollution. Particulate matter refers to tiny particles suspended in the air,which can include dust, pollen, smoke, and other fine airborne materials. Theseparticles are particularly concerning for human health, as they can be inhaled and penetrate deep into the respiratory system, potentially leading to respiratory issues, cardiovascular problems, and other health complications, especially in sensitive populations like children, the elderly, and those with preexisting health conditions. This sensitivity allows the GP2Y1010AU0F sensor to detect increased particle levels during activities like cooking, smoking, or cleaning, which often release particulates into the air. Additionally, its continuous monitoring capability ensures that users are alerted to potential air quality issues as they happen, providing an early warning system that can help reduce exposure to harmful particles.

Fig. 2.4: MQ-2 Gas Sensor

MQ-2 Gas Sensor**:-**

The MQ-2 gas sensor (from fig. 2.4) is a widely used electronic device designed to detect combustible gases and smoke, including LPG, methane, butane, propane, hydrogen, alcohol, and carbon monoxide. It operates on the metal oxide semiconductor (MOS) principle, where the sensor's resistance changes when exposed to specific gases. This change is measured and converted into an output signal, which can be used to monitor gas concentration levels. The MQ-2 sensor is commonly used in gas leakage detection systems, fire alarms, and indoor air quality monitoring due to its high sensitivity, low cost, and ability to detect multiple gases.

Fig. 2.5: 0.91- inch Blue OLED Display Module

OLED Display Module:-

The 0.91-inch Blue OLED Display Module is a compact, energy-efficient screen that uses Organic Light-Emitting Diode (OLED) technology to display information. It has a resolution of 128×32 pixels, providing clear and sharp visuals for text and graphics. This module communicates using the I2C (Inter-Integrated Circuit) protocol, making it easy to interface with microcontrollers like the Raspberry Pi Pico W. It is widely used in IoT projects, embedded systems, and wearable devices due to its low power consumption, high contrast, and wide viewing angles(as shown in fig. 2.5).

2.2. Use of Standards

In the development of the indoor air quality monitoring system, adherence to relevant standards ensures the device meets both safety and performance requirements. These standards guide design choices related to sensor accuracy, data integrity environmental protection, and user safety. Below are examples of standards that may influence the design and functionality of the system:

2.2.1. Environmental Monitoring Standards:

ISO 16000 Series (Indoor Air Quality Standards): This series of standards, published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), provides guidelines for measuring indoor air quality (IAQ). It covers methods for assessing various air quality parameters, including particulate matter, gaseous pollutants, temperature, and humidity. By following these standards, the system ensures that it captures the correct environmental parameters to meet globally recognized criteria for air quality assessment.

2.2.2. Health and Safety Standards:

OSHA Guidelines for Indoor Air Quality (Occupational Safety and Health Administration): In workplaces, air quality standards set by OSHA ensure that environments are safe and conducive to health. By integrating sensors that monitorgases like carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO_2), ammonia (NH_3), and sulfurdioxide (SO_2), the system complies with guidelines for maintaining acceptable pollutant levels in the workplace or other indoor environments.

2.2.3. Electrical and Safety Standards:

IEC 61010 (Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment): The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) provides safety standards for electrical devices.These standards influence the design of the power supply and any electricalconnections within the monitoring system, ensuring that all components are safely integrated to minimize electrical hazards.

2.2.4. Communication and Data Integrity Standards:

ISO/IEC 27001 (Information Security Management Systems): If the system collects and transmits air quality data, adhering to data protection standards like ISO/IEC 27001 ensures that the system incorporates secure data transmission methods and storage practices. While not directly related to hardware, this standard influences the design of any software components that handle sensitive information, ensuring privacy and data integrity.

IEEE 802.15.4 (Low-Rate Wireless Personal Area Networks): While this standard may not apply if the system does not include wireless communication, for IoT-based systems, it is commonly used to define the communication protocols for devices operating within local area networks. For systems that involve wireless sensor networks, standards like IEEE 802.15.4 ensure reliable communication between devices.

2.2.5. Calibration and Sensor Performance Standards:

NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) Calibration Standards: Accurate calibration of sensors is crucial for ensuring that measurements of temperature, humidity, and pollutants are reliable. Sensors used in the system, such as the DHT22 for temperature and humidity, must meet NIST calibration standards to provide accurate data.

ISO 17025 (General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration

Laboratories): This standard ensures that laboratories and organizations conducting calibration and testing meet international criteria for competency. Sensor calibration against ISO 17025 standards ensures that the device performs to its intended accuracy level.

2.2.6. Environmental Impact Standards:

RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive): The system's hardware components, including sensors and controllers, must adhere to RoHS standards, which

limit the use of certain hazardous materials (such as lead, mercury, and cadmium) in electronic devices. This ensures the environmental sustainability of the system's components and compliance with international electronics recycling standards.

2.3. Experiment and Product Results

The experiments were conducted in a typical office environment measuring 500 square feet, with 10-15 occupants during working hours. The system comprised sensors for PM2.5, temperature, humidity, and gas concentration (using the MQ-2 sensor for detecting combustible gases such as carbon monoxide, LPG, methane, and smoke), all interfaced with the Raspberry Pi Pico W. Data was collected every minute over one week to monitor and analyze indoor air quality variations.

Data Collection

We measured the following parameters:

- PM2.5 concentrations (µg/m³)
- Temperature (°C)
- Humidity (%)
- Gas concentration (ppm) – using the MQ-2 sensor

The collected data is then represented in a table as Shown in table:-3.1

PARAMETER	AVERAGE	PEAK	MINIMUM
PM 2.5	25 µg/m³	80 µg/m³	5 µg/m³
Temperature	24°C	28°C	30°C
Humidity	50%	70%	30%
Gas (MQ - 2 Output)	450 ppm	850 ppm	200ppm

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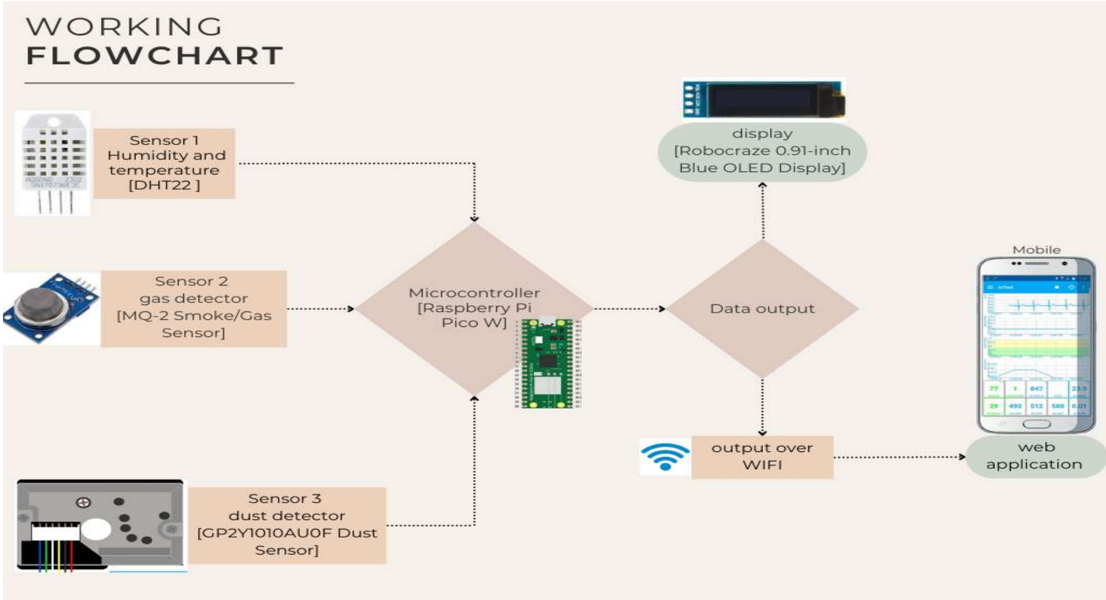

Fig 2.6:- Working Flowchart

Experimental Outcome:

The air quality monitoring system was tested in a typical indoor environment over the course of one week, collecting real-time data on PM2.5, temperature, humidity, and gas concentration using the MQ-2 sensor. The system continuously tracked these parameters, providing valuable insights into the indoor air quality during various daily activities and occupancy patterns. The data collected served as a crucial basis for understanding how environmental factors fluctuate throughout the day and identifying potential air quality concerns. The fig 2.6 shows the workflow and fig 2.7 is the working model of the experiment.

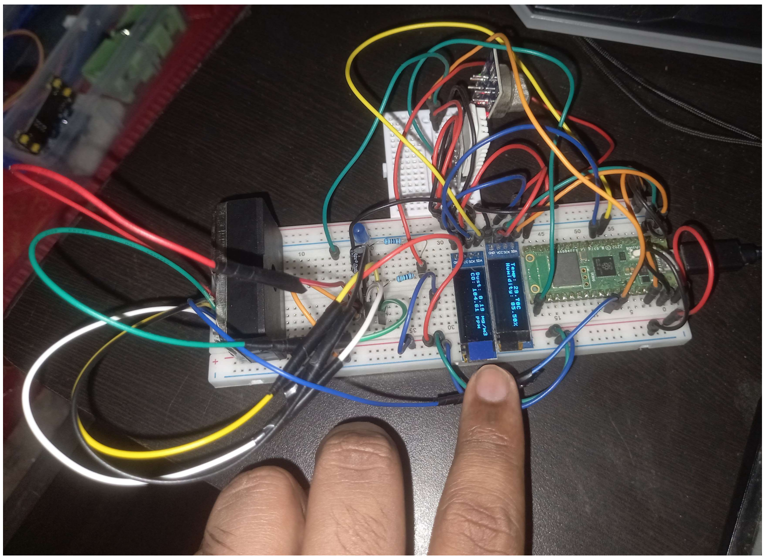

Fig 2.7:- The working model

Analysis:

The data analysis revealed higher levels of pollutants during peak occupancy hours, which suggests inadequate ventilation during periods of high indoor activity. PM2.5 levels experienced notable spikes at specific times of the day, likely due to indoor activities such as cooking or cleaning, which release particulate matter into the air. The gas concentration varied considerably throughout the week, with elevated levels detected during activities such as smoking, combustion, or the use of aerosol sprays. Notably, gas levels peaked at 850 ppm, indicating significant air quality degradation during these times. Temperature and humidity were mostly within comfortable ranges, but they fluctuated at times, influenced by changes in the external weather and indoor conditions such as the use of heating or cooling systems.

Challenges and Limitations:

One of the primary challenges faced during the experiment was ensuring accurate sensor calibration. The MQ-2 gas sensor required periodic recalibration to maintain measurement accuracy, as sensor drift over time could lead to incorrect readings. Additionally, while the one-week testing period provided valuable insights into short-term air quality variations, it may not have captured long-term trends or seasonal variations that could affect air quality over an extended period. Factors such as outdoor air pollution, weather changes, and seasonal heating or cooling usage might have a more significant impact on air quality, which a longer testing duration would better reflect.

3. Cost and Sustainability Analysis

In developing the indoor air quality monitoring system, sustainability considerations span economic, environmental, and social aspects. These three pillars influence both the project's viability and long-term impact. By analyzing the project through these lenses, we can understand the broader implications of the system and explore areas for further refinement.

3.1. Economic Impact:

The economic viability of the system is critical to ensuring it is affordable and accessible to end-users while remaining feasible for mass production. Key cost considerations include:

3.1.1. Prototype Design and Production Cost:

The prototype was built using the Raspberry Pi Pico W microcontroller, various sensors, and a regulated power supply. The prototype costs approximately Rs 1900-2000/- due to the selection of affordable components. However, production costs could be reduced by optimizing the component design and considering alternative materials that maintain quality while reducing costs.

3.1.2. Device Cost in Mass Production:

In mass production, economies of scale would reduce costs significantly. Bulk procurement of sensors and components could lower per-unit expenses, potentially bringing the unit cost down by 30–40%. Additionally, integrating multiple functions within single chips and optimizing hardware designs could further reduce material and labor costs.

3.1.3. Cost Savings for End Users:

By monitoring and improving indoor air quality, the system could help reduce healthrelated costs, potentially lowering medical expenses associated with respiratory illnesses. Additionally, in workplaces, healthier air quality could lead to fewer employee sick days and increased productivity, leading to indirect cost savings.

3.1.4. Resource Availability and Cost:

The system relies on readily available components and sensors, avoiding rare or costly materials. This reliance on common resources minimizes vulnerability to price fluctuations, ensuring a stable and predictable production cost.

3.2 Environmental Impact:

The environmental impact of the monitoring system was carefully considered, focusing on resource use, energy consumption, and waste minimization.

3.2.1 Energy Consumption:

The system is designed to operate with low power consumption, reducing its overall energy footprint. The Raspberry Pi Pico W’s low power requirements contribute to minimizing the device’s operational impact, making it energy-efficient and suitable for long-term use without significantly increasing energy bills.

3.2.1 Resource Reliance and Environmental Impact of Components:

The system uses electronic components that do not rely on rare or environmentally damaging materials. However, steps were taken to choose parts with minimal environmental impact. For example, selecting RoHS-compliant components ensures reduced use of hazardous substances, enhancing the product's environmental sustainability.

3.2.3. Lifecycle and Recycling Considerations:

The product is designed with modularity in mind, allowing individual components to be replaced or upgraded as needed, thereby extending the device’s lifespan. At the end of its lifecycle, recyclable parts such as sensors, controllers, and casings are easily separable, making disposal and recycling more efficient.

3.2.4. Compliance with Environmental Regulations:

The design aligns with international environmental regulations, such as RoHS and WEEE, ensuring reduced hazardous materials and waste. This compliance ensures that the product meets environmental standards, reducing its negative ecological impact.

3.3. Social Impact

The social impact of the air quality monitoring system involves improving health, addressing community needs, and potentially creating new employment opportunities.

3.3.1. Impact on Health and Quality of Life:

Indoor air quality has a direct effect on respiratory and overall health. By providing real-time air quality data, the system helps users make informed decisions to improve indoor environments, potentially reducing respiratory issues and enhancing well being. This is particularly beneficial for vulnerable populations, such as children, the elderly, and individuals with respiratory conditions.

3.3.2. Community Needs and Accessibility:

The product addresses a growing community need for air quality awareness, especially in urban areas where indoor pollution levels are rising. Its affordable design makes it accessible to a broad user base, from residential users to commercial entities. The system also empowers individuals to make lifestyle changes based on real data, encouraging healthier indoor environments.

3.3.3. Changes in Consumption Patterns:

The data provided by the system may encourage users to adjust behaviors and reduce pollutant-generating activities, such as excessive use of cleaning chemicals or unventilated cooking. Over time, this could lead to a shift toward healthier indoor practices, which has both individual and collective benefits.

3.3.4. Employment and Economic Opportunities:

While the system automates air quality monitoring, it does not replace jobs but rather opens avenues for employment in manufacturing, maintenance, and data analysis related to air quality monitoring. The need for installation, calibration, and interpretation of air quality data may lead to new job roles and educational programs, particularly as awareness of air quality issues grows.

3.3.5. Safety and Regulatory Compliance:

The system complies with relevant safety standards for electronic devices, minimizing health and safety risks for users. Additionally, adherence to health regulations on acceptable indoor air pollutant levels ensures that the system helps users maintain safe indoor environments, aligning with public health goals

3.4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The indoor air quality monitoring system using the Raspberry Pi Pico W has significant potential across several sectors due to its cost-effectiveness, compact design, and wireless connectivity. Below is an impact assessment of the system's applications:

Communication-Based Application: The Raspberry Pi Pico W, with its built-in 2.4GHz wireless LAN, allows for real-time data transmission, making it ideal for remote air quality monitoring in both residential and industrial settings. By transmitting data over Wi-Fi, it enables users to track air quality parameters such as PM2.5, temperature, humidity, and gas concentrations from a distance. This system supports wireless communication protocols that ensure continuous monitoring and timely alerts, enhancing user engagement in environmental safety.

Telemedicine-Based Application: In the field of telemedicine, the Raspberry Pi Pico W-based air quality monitoring system can be used to track environmental factors affecting patient health, particularly for those with respiratory conditions like asthma or COPD. By integrating wearable or remote monitoring systems with the Pico W, healthcare providers can monitor air quality in the patient's surroundings in real-time. This helps in taking preventive actions by ensuring patients are not exposed to hazardous levels of indoor pollutants. The ability to monitor air quality continuously and remotely plays a crucial role in health management.

Medical Applications: The system's ability to measure and track air quality can be integrated into medical settings, where air quality plays a role in the treatment of conditions such as asthma, allergies, and other respiratory diseases. Indoor air pollutants, including particulate matter (PM2.5) and gases, have been linked to exacerbating respiratory conditions, and real-time monitoring can help clinicians better manage treatment plans. Furthermore, incorporating advanced features like AI-based predictive analysis could lead to proactive interventions by anticipating pollution trends and their potential impacts on patient health.

Textile Application: In textile applications, the Raspberry Pi Pico W's small size and low power consumption make it an ideal candidate for integration into wearable devices that monitor air quality. These wearable systems could be used to track personal exposure to pollutants or to ensure air quality in environments like factories, hospitals, or urban areas. Such systems can be worn on clothing or as accessories, offering both convenience and continuous data collection. This opens up new possibilities for personal environmental monitoring, where the user can be alerted to harmful air quality in real-time.

Conclusion: The Raspberry Pi Pico W-based indoor air quality monitoring system holds substantial potential across communication, healthcare, medical, and textile applications. Its small form factor, wireless connectivity, and cost-effective design make it a versatile solution for real-time, remote monitoring of air quality in various environments, contributing to improved health and safety outcomes. By leveraging its flexibility and scalability, this system can pave the way for innovations in smart environmental sensing and contribute to public health and safety.

3.5. RISK ISSUES

When designing an indoor air quality monitoring system using the Raspberry Pi Pico W, several risk factors must be considered to ensure the system's effectiveness, user safety, and overall reliability. Here are the key risk issues associated with this system:

3.5.1. Sensor Accuracy and Calibration Risks

Inaccurate Readings: Sensors measuring indoor air quality parameters (like temperature, humidity, and pollutant levels) may drift over time or suffer from inaccuracies due to environmental factors. Inaccurate readings can lead to incorrect assessments of air quality, potentially compromising health and safety.

Calibration Requirements: Many air quality sensors require periodic calibration to maintain accuracy. Failure to perform timely calibration can result in unreliable data, reducing the effectiveness of the monitoring system.

3.5.2. Health Risks from Exposure to Poor Air Quality

Delayed Detection: If the system fails to detect a significant change in pollutant levels or environmental conditions due to a sensor fault or software error, it may delay users' response to hazardous indoor air quality. This poses a health risk, particularly for vulnerable groups like children, the elderly, and people with respiratory conditions.

Limited Pollutant Detection: The system might only monitor certain pollutants (e.g., CO, NH3, NO2) but miss others (e.g., volatile organic compounds or radon). This can create a false sense of security, as users may not be aware of undetected pollutants affecting indoor air quality.

3.5.3. Data Integrity and Security Risks

Data Loss: If the device loses power or the data storage becomes corrupted, it may lead to data loss, making it difficult to analyze long-term trends in air quality.

Data Privacy and Security: If data from the system is shared over a network, there is a risk of unauthorized access. Although the Pico W may not use Wi-Fi in this design, future upgrades or user modifications could introduce connectivity, leading to potential privacy and security vulnerabilities.

3.5.4. Power Supply and System Reliability Risks

Unreliable Power Source: Interruptions in the power supply can lead to inconsistent monitoring or cause the system to shut down unexpectedly. This can compromise the system's reliability, especially in areas with frequent power outages.

Component Wear and Tear: The sensors and other electronic components may degrade over time due to constant operation, leading to potential failures or inconsistent readings. Ensuring regular maintenance and replacing worn-out parts is necessary to keep the system functioning accurately.

3.5.5. Environmental and Device Placement Risks

Improper Sensor Placement: Incorrect placement of the sensors can lead to inaccurate readings. For instance, placing the device near a window, a heating vent, or an area with high airflow can result in misleading data on indoor air quality.

Exposure to Humidity and Temperature Extremes: The Raspberry Pi Pico W and connected sensors may not be fully waterproof or dustproof, making them susceptible to damage in high-humidity or dust-laden environments. This could reduce the lifespan of the components and lead to device malfunction.

3.5.6. Maintenance and Operational Risks

Maintenance Requirements: The system's accuracy and reliability depend on regular cleaning, recalibration, and inspection. However, without a dedicated maintenance plan, users may overlook essential upkeep, which could lead to unreliable air quality monitoring.

User Errors: Users may inadvertently change settings, disrupt the power supply, or mishandle the device, resulting in inaccurate readings or interruptions in data collection.

3.5.7. Cost and Sustainability Risks

Cost Constraints on High-Quality Components: To keep costs low, there might be a tendency to use low-cost sensors that may be less reliable or have shorter lifespans. This can lead to increased maintenance or replacement costs in the long run.

Sustainability of Components: Some sensors contain materials or components that may be harmful to the environment if not disposed of properly. Proper disposal and recycling methods need to be considered to avoid negative environmental impacts.

4. Conclusions

The indoor air quality monitoring system using the Raspberry Pi Pico W effectively tracks key environmental parameters, including PM2.5, temperature, humidity, and gas concentrations in real-time. The system successfully recorded variations in air quality over a week in a typical office environment, highlighting spikes in PM2.5 and gas levels during peak occupancy hours due to poor ventilation. The results demonstrate that continuous monitoring can identify pollution trends, helping to mitigate health risks associated with poor indoor air quality.

The system's low-cost, compact design makes it suitable for a wide range of applications, including homes, offices, and industrial environments, providing valuable insights for improving air quality management. Its real-time data collection enables early detection of hazardous conditions, allowing for timely intervention and enhancing overall indoor safety. The modular design also allows for easy upgrades to incorporate new sensors or advanced analytics, improving the system's versatility and performance.

Future improvements could include adding more sensors for other pollutants, such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), to enhance the system’s monitoring capabilities. Additionally, integrating the system with mobile apps for remote monitoring would provide users with convenient access to real-time data and alerts. Furthermore, advancements in AI-based predictive analysis could be explored to enable proactive air quality management, helping to forecast and mitigate pollution trends before they pose a significant risk. This work contributes to the growing need for affordable, scalable air quality monitoring and sets a foundation for future innovations in smart environmental sensing and public health protection.

6. PLANNING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Table 6.1 Showing details about project planning and management

Activity	Starting week	Number of weeks
Phase 1: Project Initiation	3st week of December	1
Phase 2: Design And Development	4st week of December	1
Phase 3: Testing and Validation	2rd week of January	2
Phase 4: Field Testing	2rd week of March	2
Phase 5: Data Analysis and reporting	3rd week of January	2
Phase 6: Final Prototype	2rd week of March	2
Phase 7: Project Wrap Up	4rd week of March	1

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Appendix A: Gantt Chart

	Month			
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
State of the Art				
Finalizing problem				
Research on the project objective				
Hardware accumulation				
Formation of codes				
Trial and calibration of hardware				
Code integration and debugging				
Assembling of the device				
Screening of the final project				
Formation of the project report				
Finalizing of project presentation				

Appendix B: Project Summary

Project Title	INDOOR AIR QUALITY MONITORING SYSTEM USING RASPBERRY PI PICO W
Team Members (Names)	Soumyadwip Das & Shitanshu Shubham
Faculty Guide	**Prof. N.K. Rout and Prof. Akshaya K Pati**
Semester / Year	**VIII Semester / IV year**
Project Abstract	Indoor air quality (IAQ) has become a critical concern due to its direct impact on human health, comfort, and productivity. Exposure to poor indoor air quality can lead to various adverse health effects, such as respiratory illnesses, allergies, and other long-term complications. Maintaining a healthy indoor environment requires regular monitoring of air quality parameters to identify and address pollutants before they reach harmful levels. Recent advancements in sensor technology and the Internet of Things (IoT) have paved the way for sophisticated, automated monitoring systems. IoT-based solutions offer a practical approach to real-time data collection and analysis, allowing continuous monitoring without manual intervention. This development enables researchers and engineers to design devices that can track indoor air quality autonomously and provide periodic feedback on environmental conditions. In our study, we aimed to design and implement a comprehensive indoor air quality monitoring system using the Raspberry Pi Pico W as a central processing unit, alongside an array of sensors tailored to measure key environmental variables. Our system is capable of monitoring temperature, humidity, and concentrations of airborne particles and gases such as hydrogen sulfide (H_2S), ammonia (NH_3), carbon monoxide (CO), and nitrogen dioxide (NO_2). By collecting data on these parameters, the

	device provides valuable insights into indoor air quality fluctuations and helps occupants make informed decisions to mitigate potential risks.
List **codes** and **standards** that significantly affect your project.	- IEEE 802.11 (Wi-Fi) standards (if using Wi-Fi for data transmission). - AQI (Air Quality Index) standards as per WHO/EPA guidelines. - Sensor-specific standards, e.g., ISO 16000 for indoor air quality monitoring. - UART, I2C, and SPI communication protocols for sensor interfacing.
List at least two significant **realistic design constraints** that are applied to your project.	- Limited onboard memory of Raspberry Pi Pico W affects data storage and processing. - Accuracy and response time of low-cost sensors (CO_2, PM2.5, temperature, humidity) may vary under different environmental conditions.
Briefly explain two **significant trade-offs** considered in your design, including options considered and the solution chosen	- Sensor selection trade-off: Choosing low-cost sensors (e.g., MQ-135, DHT22) for affordability vs. industrial-grade sensors for high accuracy. - Power efficiency trade-off: Running the system continuously for real-time monitoring vs. using periodic sampling to save power.
Describe the **computing aspects, if any,** of your project. Specifically identifying **hardware-software** trade-offs, interfaces, and/or interactions	- C and MicroPython code is used for sensor data acquisition and processing. - Communication between sensors and Raspberry Pi Pico W is handled using I2C/SPI protocols. - Data can be logged locally on an SD card or sent wirelessly to a cloud database or web dashboard using Wi-Fi.
Culminating Knowledge and lifelong learning experience	Got Knowledge from, Electronic Circuits & Network Lab (EC_2091),

	Microprocessor and Microcontroller Lab (EC_2090), Internet of Things (IT_3007), Tools and Techniques Laboratory (CS_3096)