

Personal Lung Function Monitoring System for Asthma Patients Using Internet of Things (IOT)

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Abstract- Asthma affects more than 334 million people in the world. Asthmatics have difficulty in breathing due to airway obstruction which was caused by infection and narrowing of the air lane. Mainly spirometry was used to measure the wind stream obstacle and the lung work. The equipment utilized for estimating are massive and require checking. So that we are using Portable Peak Flow Meters to monitor the patient remotely. Portable spirometers that have recently been connected to an external mobile device have been developed. Who is able to gather top expiratory stream, lapsed nitric oxide, carbon monoxide and oxygen fixation data from patients and be able to send information by mail directly to the doctor to monitor patients with the disease.

Monitoring the lung function from home is the preferred course of action. It is essential to build up an exact and viable asthma screen, Patients are anything but difficult to utilize and specialists can screen patients remotely. In this article, we will design a portable, easy-to-use monitor that can record and store the information collected on a database server. Doctors and nurses can remotely query the information on the web application / website so that we can change a patient's medication faster.

I. INTRODUCTION

ASTHMA is a ceaseless provocative lung infection which influences the respiratory tract in addition to it is portrayed by enlarged affectability to different boosts. Progressive incitement may make the air paths shrivel and bring bodily fluid generation, resulting in reduced airflow to the lungs. Asthma has symptoms like wheeziness, breath shortness and chest snugness [1]. The power of an extreme worsening of asthma, which we are calling as an asthma assault, is capricious and can be not kidding. Although we've medical treatments to mitigate the asthma symptoms, there is no cure.

In 2014, around 334 million individuals worldwide had asthma. This Chronic respiratory illness (CRD) is a standout amongst the most widely recognized reasons of ailment trouble worldwide and in India. Which incorporates asthma and constant obstructive aspiratory infection (COPD), which together can speak to an expected weight of around 100 million individuals in India? In 2010, 25.7 million individuals in the US had asthma [2]. Asthma-related burdens spoke to 1.7 million emergency affirmations in United States in 2006, around 14.2 million adults

in 2008, and indicate yearly human administrations costs about \$ 56 billion. In the United States More than 5 million children have asthma moreover the regularity of asthma is only over 15% for the children in low-pay families.

The seriousness of the side effects, causes and medication approachability are frequently exceptional to every person. For instance, a complete rule for an asthma activity design suggests observing asthma side effects as an objective for the treatment of asthma [3]. Spirometry, crest expiratory stream estimation and a noninvasive marker of aviation route aggravation known as fractionated terminated nitric oxide (FeNO) are presently utilized by wellbeing experts for analysis and checking [5].

A spirometry exam is a physiological test that is regularly performed under the supervision of arranged specialists. It measures the volume and rate of air that can be taken in and inhaled out, and is useful for delineating the condition of the affliction in the lungs, looking over remedial interventions, and additionally watching hostile drug reactions. Two of the most fundamental parameters got in a spirometry test are obliged crucial breaking point (Forced vital capacity (FVC)) [6], which is portrayed as the volume passed on in the midst of pass, when made as full and overflowing with inspiration and volume as could be normal the situation being what it is. Compelled expiratory in one minute, the volume passed on in the primary second of the Forced vital capacity (FVC) move. Past disseminated work has exhibited that the obliged expiratory volume in six seconds (FEV6) in the midst of a spirometric move is a commendable substitution for Forced vital capacity (FVC). The results of a spirometry test are shown using a spirometry outline depicting the stream (L/s) on the expiratory volume (L). Apex expiratory stream Peak expiratory flow (PEF) has been set up as an exact, repeatable and non-prominent home breeze current checking test [7, 8]. Peak expiratory flow (PEF) is the most extreme rate of exhalation that is connected with the level of aviation route check. It has been demonstrated that asthma reconnaissance designs endorsed with Peak expiratory flow (PEF)checking diminish the quantity of scenes of severe asthma but are useless if they are not met [9]. This disappointment might be because of the time and train required to physically survey side effects of asthma over a drawn out stretch of time. Also, biomarkers, for example, Nitric oxide (NO) and Carbon monoxide (CO) can give wellbeing experts another apparatus to survey and decide the treatment of asthma.

A convenient innovation that spotlights on the physiological checking of the whole body utilizing sensors and cell phones is winding up increasingly mainstream. Late research here has concentrated on the observing of different physiological capacities, for example, sweat recurrence, cardiovascular capacity, rest and biomarkers produced amid practice. These gadgets furnish patients with a financially savvy, compact and helpful strategy for non-obtrusively estimating biomarkers of body capacity to enhance human services conveyance. The reason for this article is to report another wearable way to deal with checking asthma. An asthma observing gadget was created that consolidates spirometry estimations (FEV1, FEV6 and spirometry), Peak expiratory flow (PEF) and synthetic biomarkers of Nitric oxide (NO), Carbon monoxide (CO) and Oxygen (O2) in two breathing moves. Site that the specialist can access for customized mind. This article portrays the advancement of instrumentation and Internet of things (IoT) application that empowers a continuous, versatile and savvy gathering of lung work parameters. Prospect renditions of these stages might be especially apt for pediatric patients who have more trouble reporting their asthma side effects amid a day [10].

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. Portable Asthma Monitoring Device Design and System Construction:

1) Device Layout Overview: A new portable asthma monitor has been developed to detect a number of vital lung function parameters and send numbers to an Internet of things (IoT) platform called Thingspeak. Patients expire in a circulation chamber with integrated sensors connected to an intelligent data acquisition device [11, 12]. A Raspberry Pi with a Wi-Fi dongle or an Ethernet cable connection as in the picture (Figure 1), if we use older versions of R-Pi, otherwise Raspberry-Pi2 has an internal Wi-Fi module without the configuration settings We may publish the data directly on a particular website or on our own website. After performing the test the readings posted to the webpage will be analyzed by the physician and the care taker of the patient by that the entire process of analyzing the data will become very easier without visiting the hospital for daily checkups.

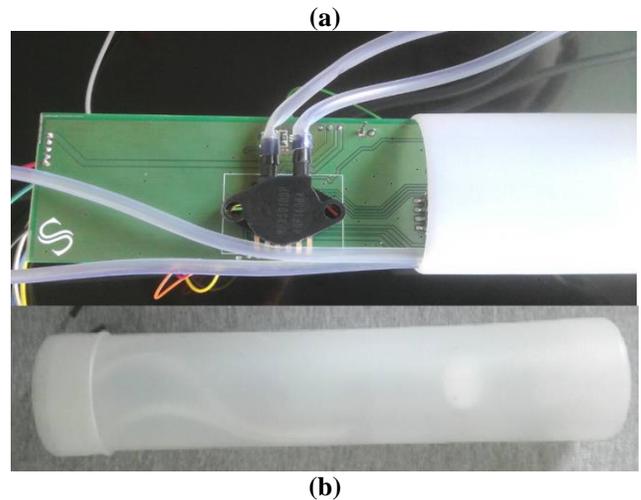
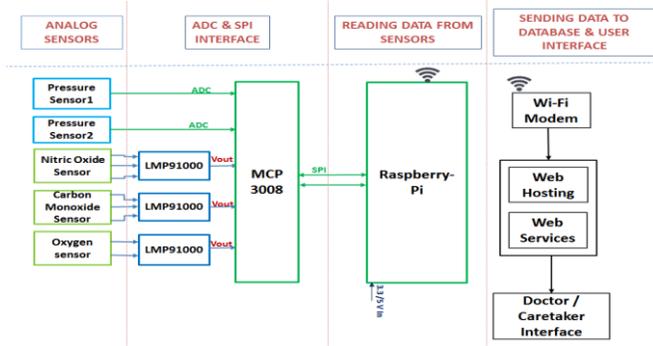


Fig.1: a) Block Diagram of the Device. b) The Portable lung function Monitoring device.

2) Specifications for Flow Chamber: For measuring the exhaled air, a thin-membrane volumetric stream meter was adjusted to the normal aspiratory stream rates (Fig. 2). This sort of stream meter permits prompt stream estimation in a tube and takes after the Bernoulli block hypothesis, which depicts the attributes of constrained stream through an obstruction of a larger diameter tube into a smaller passage Diameter [13].

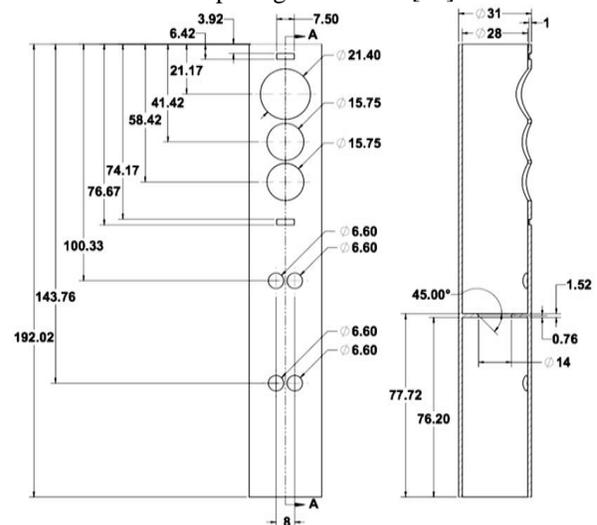


Fig.2: Flow chamber specifications.

3) Sensors Selection: Peak expiratory flow (PEF) esteems change as indicated by the sex, age and size of an individual. In sound grown-up ladies, the pinnacle stream in solid grown-up men is around 450-500 L/min; the most extreme watched stream is around 600-650 L/min. The low stream rate in this examination was thought to be a breathed out stream equivalent

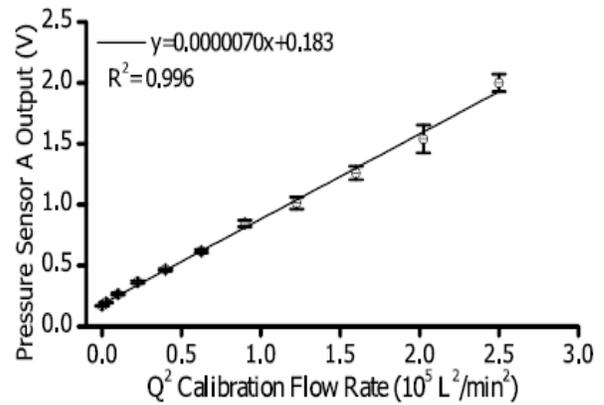
to or not as much as tidal breath announced in sound grown-ups at roughly 41 ± 11 L/min [14, 15]. To completely catch the dynamic scope of breathed out breath, two piezoresistive weight sensors were utilized to gauge the stream rates of 50 to 900 L/min (Pressure Sensor A, Model # MPX5010, Free Scale Semiconductor) and low stream rates from 15-100 L/min (weight sensor B, MPXV7002, free-scale semiconductor). Dynamic degrees for three of the compound biomarkers found in inhaled out breath in asthmatic patients are 0.02-0.13 areas for every million (parts per million(ppm)) for Nitric oxide (NO) [17], 2-7 parts per million(ppm) for Carbon monoxide (CO) and 14-20 segments for every parts per hundred (parts per hundred (pph)) for Oxygen (O2), however in strong individuals the dynamic scopes are 0.005-0.02 parts per million(ppm) for Nitric oxide (NO), 1-2.3 parts per million(ppm) for Carbon monoxide (CO) and 14-20 parts per hundred (pph) for Oxygen (O2) [18, 19]. Engineered sensors were chosen the lower end of the biomarker obsession go found in asthma patients in inhaled out breath (show numbers NO-D4, CO-D4 and O2-G2, AlphaSense Ltd., Essex, UK), These three sensors are electrochemical sensors. The oxygen sensor has little dependence on moistness, while the Nitric oxide (NO) and Carbon monoxide (CO) sensors are not soggy subordinate yet rather have hail tops on account of quick transient suddenness changes [20]. The Nitric oxide (NO) and Carbon monoxide (CO) sensors are surveyed following 2 years at 80% of the main banner, while the oxygen sensor following 2 years at 85% of the primary banner is evaluated. For the Nitric oxide (NO) and Carbon monoxide (CO) sensors, a potentiostatic circuit was set up to control the substance sensor, and a transimpedance enhancer was used to change over the current created by the sensors into a quantifiable voltage. The Oxygen (O2) sensor does not require a potentiostatic circuit and the banner was gotten using a transimpedance intensifier to change over the current created by the sensor into a quantifiable voltage. Estimation of engineered biomarkers in inhaled out air ought to in like manner be performed before spirometry moves, as spirometry as often as possible causes a fake reduction in Nitric oxide (NO) obsessions.

4) Microcontroller: The Raspberry Pi is slower than a cutting edge PC or work area, yet it is as yet a completely included Linux PC and can furnish every one of the highlights it requires with low power utilization. The Raspberry Pi is an open equipment, except for the fundamental chip on the Raspberry Pi, the Broadcom SoC (System on Chip), on which run a few principle parts of the board [21]: CPU, designs, memory, USB controllers, and so on. Numerous undertakings with one Raspberry Pi are open and all around archived and are things that you can fabricate and change yourself.

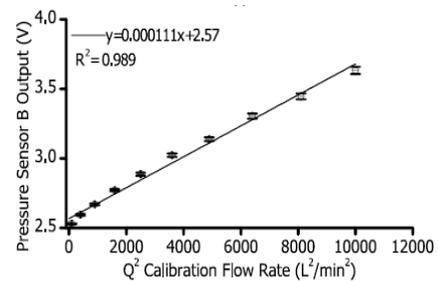
B. Alignment and Validation of Hardware System Performance

1) Calibration of Pressure Sensor: For alignment, compacted air and the remaining sensors in flow chamber we need to use a

specific design for our Printed circuit board (PCB) for inserting it in the flow chamber, mass stream controller were utilized [22].



(a)



(b)

Fig.3: a) Calibration of Pressure sensor A.
b) Calibration of Pressure sensor B.

The reaction of the voltage yield from weight sensor A was recorded for stream rates in the vicinity of 0 and 500 L/min in augmentations of 50 L/min (n = 5) [23, 24]. A similar arrangement was utilized for weight sensor B, however was adjusted from 0 to 100 l/min in augmentations of 10 l/min (n=5).
2) Calibration of Biomarkers: Three compacted gas tank (1 parts per million (ppm) Nitric oxide (NO), 10 parts per million (ppm) Carbon monoxide (CO) and 15parts per hundred (pph) Oxygen (O2)) were utilized for aligning and weakened to focuses utilized as a part of asthmatic patients utilizing gas. Alignment was performing for five times for every concoction sensor at every fixation.

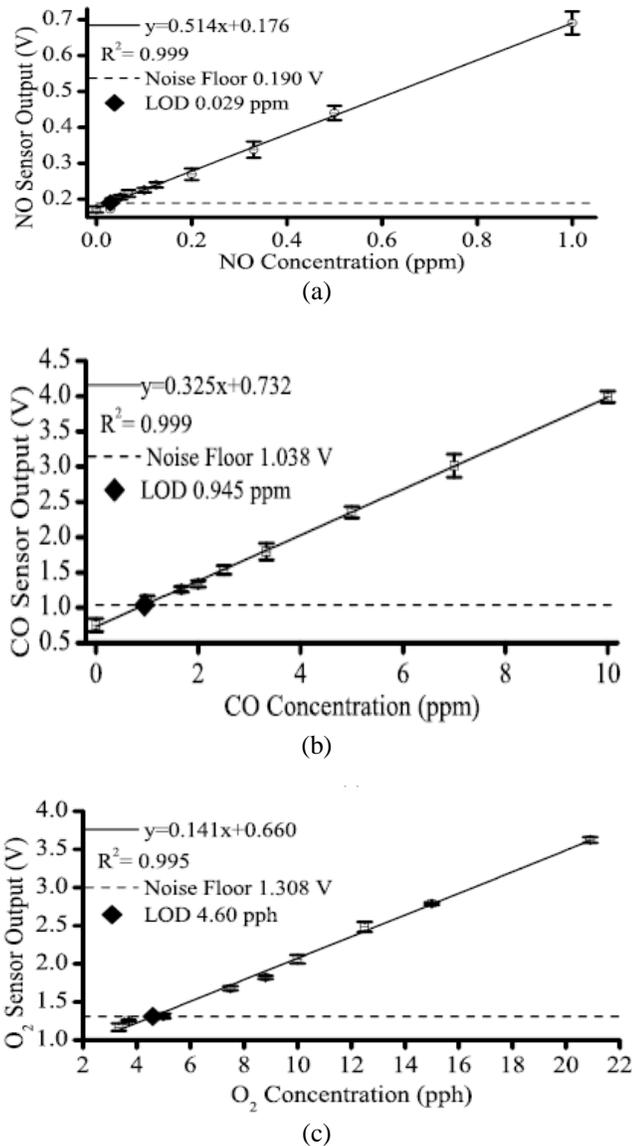
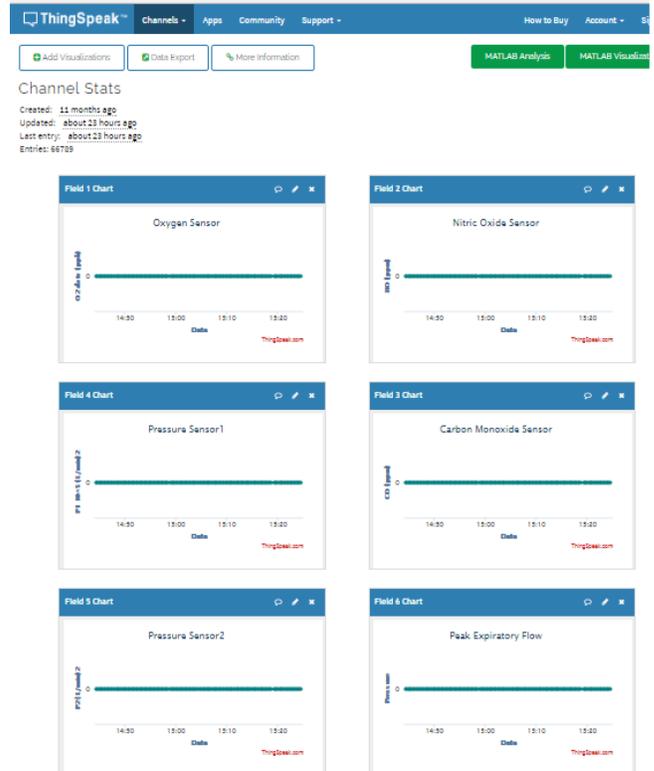


Fig 4: a) Calibration of Nitric oxide sensor. b) Calibration of Carbon monoxide sensor. c) Calibration of Oxygen sensor.

In particular, the Nitric oxide (NO) gas fixations used to align the Nitric oxide (NO) sensor are as follows: from 0.033 parts per million (ppm) to 1 parts per million (ppm) with the intervals of 0.17parts per million (ppm). The Carbon monoxide (CO) gas focuses used to align the Carbon monoxide (CO) sensor were from 0 parts per million (ppm) to 10 parts per million (ppm) with the constant co-efficient 0.67 to 0.5 parts per million (ppm) respectively. The concentrations of Oxygen (O2) gas used to calibrate the Oxygen (O2) sensor were: 3 parts per hundred (pph) to 20 parts per hundred (pph) with the calibration factor 0.3 to 0.4parts per hundred (pph) respectively [27].

III. RESULTS

After successful calibration of the both pressure and electro chemical sensors and embedded entire setup in the flow chamber as per the specifications, Before taking the test the patient should perform tidal breathing for 70 seconds to gather breathed out biomarker information. Patients are stopped for five seconds previously the gadget flags the patient to play out an entire spirometric breathing move (lapse for no less than 6 seconds to acquire an appropriate Forced vital capacity (FVC) elective and adequate spirometry move). Peak expiratory flow (PEF) esteems were recognized from the spirometric move.

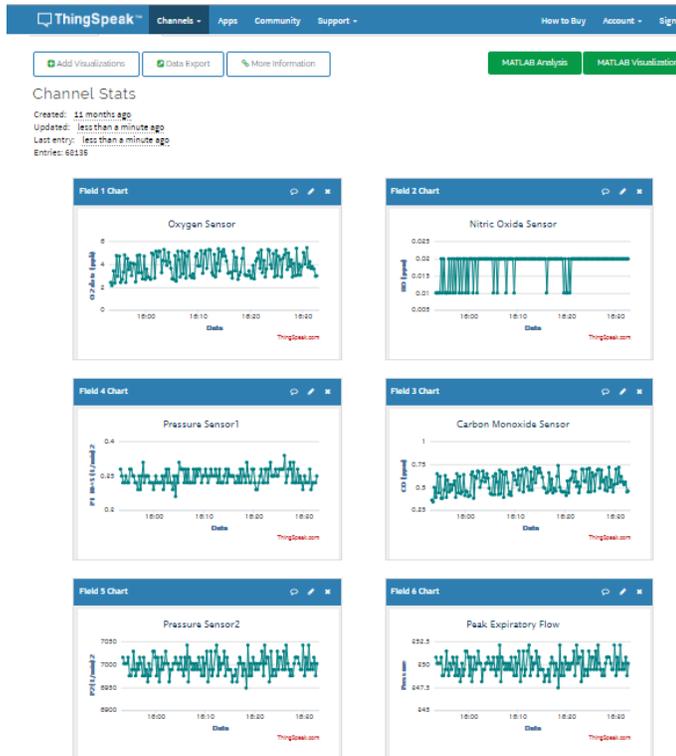


(a)

The information acquired from each of the raspberry associated compound sensors is changed over to focus esteem when gotten by the Wi-Fi module. An advanced table was made for every compound biomarker and all information got after the fifth time consistent. For every sensor, a normal was taken to get a gauge of the centralization of the three compound sensors. After getting all the data from the sensor Raspberry-pi post that data to the Internet of things (IoT) platform called Thingspeak where we can store the data as shown in the Fig 5. Where we can get to know the status of patient health condition by looking at the graphs.

I. CONCLUSION

This examination acquaints another approach with observing pneumonic capacity in asthmatic patients with a novel compact gadget that uses a Raspberry Pi. This gadget permits the identification of the expiratory appendage of a spirometry test and its related parameters. (Peak expiratory flow (PEF), FEV1, FEV6) and the measurement of significant breathed out biomarkers (Nitric oxide (NO), Carbon monoxide (CO)). The main trial of this asthma meter in the research facility have demonstrated that it can gauge lung work parameters with adequate exactness and accuracy.



(b)

Fig.5: a) Readings when the device in off state. b) Readings when the patient performs the test.

Instrument stream estimation is refined utilizing a flowmeter outfitted with two differential weight sensors, each set to a large portion of the normal volumetric stream extend. High stream rates are created toward the start of the spirometry move, and weight sensor A was expected to guarantee that the instrument precisely faculties Peak expiratory flow (PEF) esteems. There was no enormous difference between the Peak expiratory flow (PEF) regard assessed by a clinical spirometer and that obtained with the asthma screen. In this way, the weight sensor An effectively measures the Peak expiratory flow (PEF). The weight sensor B was recognized the typical for low stream rates (<50

L/min) at the complete of a spirometry move. While weight sensor B truly measures stream rates lower than the tidal weight, it can not exactly check stream rates underneath 15 L/min. This limitation may incite underestimation of FEV6 in light of the fact that the contraction does not totally get complete spirometry. The exactness in the low stream rate range could be upgraded without changing the general thought by executing a more fragile and costly weight sensor.

A key component of the asthma screen portrayed in this is its capacity to quantify various parameters of lung work through two breathing moves. In spite of the fact that there are right now various Peak expiratory flow (PEF), spirometers, and NO recognition gadgets available, a gadget that joins Peak expiratory flow (PEF) estimations, spirometry, and Nitric oxide (NO), Carbon monoxide (CO), and Oxygen (O2) biomarker revelation is new. One of the upsides of having the ability to measure Peak expiratory flow (PEF), spirometry, and terminated substance biomarkers and send them to an Internet of things (IoT) platform using Raspberry Pi's integrated connectivity feature. The ability to quickly and efficiently collect the required data and then immediately communicate that data to a doctor means that these devices can dramatically get better the pace of respiratory disease and asthma managing in the future. This document suggested a portable device for asthma patients, which would help them pass the test at any time to check their health, which is also recommended by the doctor. This allows us to reduce the risk of asthma attacks by monitoring patients daily and updating their recorded test scores to an Internet of things (IoT) platform. To make the device much easier, we can use the controller instead of Raspberry Pi in the future.

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