Vehicular Air Purifier – IoT Enabled System with Artificial Intelligence to Prevent Air Pollution

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Abstract

Air Purification is considered to be the vital function to implement in our society for effective and healthy environment. Today, most of the countries are suffering from air pollution which may be caused by Industrial Exhaust, Agricultural activities, Mining operations, Transportations, etc. In these causes, the majority of the pollution occurred in Urban and rural areas are mainly because of Vehicles. To fulfill our daily basic needs, we are all dependent on the transportations. So the pollution caused by the vehicles is inevitable. It is the hardest Challenges to the government to overcome these situations. There are so many technologies for monitoring the air pollution level caused by vehicles and also to control pollution. Still, there is a problem for society which in evoking everyday as because of air pollution. Government is in search for better system for handling and controlling this problem. Here The Proposed System is to target the minimizing level of air pollution, which is caused by the vehicles.

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1. Introduction

In the proposed Vehicular Air Purifier, the exhaust gases produced by the vehicle through the exhaust system is being purified by the use of filter and purifier with artificial intelligence, which is going to be placed in, after the silencer of the vehicle along with the arduino board for providing alert. Here the exhausted gases out of the engine will already get through the catalytic converter, where the extremely toxic and harmful gases like HC, CO, NOX (Unburned Hydro Carbons, carbon monoxide, Oxides of Nitrogen) are purified and converted as less harmful gases H2O and CO2 (Hydrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide). These gases are then be purified with our system with activated carbon filter with artificial intelligence and released as pollution free gas to the Environment. The quality of the air which is released will be sensed by the O2, CO2, N2 and PH Sensor then the alert will be sent to the vehicle owner through message, regarding the air quality level. It is the responsibility of all the citizens to known their cause of air pollution to the environment. So if they get any emergency alert regarding reducing level of air quality by their vehicle, they should take immediate action like filter change or any other fault. If the action is not taken by the vehicle owner within the specific time limit, the same message will be forwarded to the pollution control authority of that particular area with that vehicle details. Always prevention is better than cure, so for air pollution, taking action before the air gets polluted by any source is the mandatory thing that we need to do.[1-4].
2. Research Methodology
The Vehicular air purifier would be having three design stages. The main components of this filter are substrate, wash coat, Activated carbon filter with artificial intelligence, Ozone air sterilizer and ultra violet lamp, control circuit arduino board with sensors which may be connected to pc or android platform. As per Fig 1. First the body of the filter Substrate would be fabricated by using metallic material, which is used to bring maximum contact with exhaust gases. [5-8].

The Second Stage of design phase would be the wash coat with titanium material to observe particulates and then for conversion of pollutants, activated carbon filter with artificial intelligence would be fixed inside with ozone air steriliser. The usage of ultra violet lamp inside the metallic body will be used to destroy particulate matter after filtration process. The emitted gases from the exhaust of vehicles are H2O, CO2, N2 and particulates. From that, the carbon monoxide and the nitrogen gases with particulates are all filtered in activated carbon filter through the air intake channel which is attached with the extension of tail pipe with existing exhaust system.

The Third stage of design phase would be integrating the arduino board with the filter and fixing the PH Sensor, O2 Sensor, N2 Sensor, and CO2 Sensor according to the levels of checking process. Connecting through arduino IDE, through Wi-Fi connection, the owner of the vehicle would be getting the information regarding the pollution levels of air emission, if the air is emitted in a lesser quality. If the action is not taken by the owner regarding filter change for air quality level then the message regarding the pollution cause will be forwarded to the local area pollution control centre.[9-13].

3. Results and Discussion
3.1 Study Motivation
As per the statistics from Ministry of Environment, the past few decades have witnessed some significant measures to control vehicular emissions which contribute to about 28 - 40 % of air pollution. There has been a urge from the government to adopt cleaner fuel and optimal technology in running vehicles.

Fig 1. Vehicular Air Purifier Model

Fig 2. Causes for Air pollution in Delhi 2019
Many countries need very strict actions in law and regulations to reduce vehicles pollutions. New laws may give solution to new manufacturing vehicles, but for the existing vehicles, there is no solution for emission control. It is not possible to stop the usage of old vehicles too. That’s why, we need a system to regularize and purify the harmful vehicle emission gas, which should be suitable for all existing vehicles.[12-16].

3.2 AQI Standards
The air quality index (AQI) can be defined as a number used by government agencies to report daily air quality in order to communicate to the public how clean or unhealthy the air is (Air Quality Index). [11]

3.3 Expected deliverables/outcome
The Vehicular purifier would be having an activated carbon filter, artificial intelligent chip, ozone air sterilizer, ultra violet lamp to purify and filter the vehicle emission and sensors with arduino board interface to provide alert regarding the air quality released. Fig 3, is represented as the model of the filter, which we are going to design. The proposed system would be fixed after the silencer of any vehicle with the extension tail pipe of existing exhaust system. According to the usage of vehicles, the proposed filter system has a life of 3 to 5 years to purify the emitted gas. After that, the filter should be changed. The 3D Isometric views of the filter are given in Fig.4.

| Air Quality Index Levels of Health Concern | Numeric Value | Meaning |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Good                                      | 0 to 50      | Air Quality is considered satisfactory, and Air Pollution Poses little or no risk |
| Moderate                                  | 51 to 100    | Air Quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution. |
| Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups            | 101 to 150   | Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected. |
| Unhealthy                                 | 151 to 200   | Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects. |
| Very Unhealthy                            | 201 to 300   | Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected. |
| Hazardous                                 | 301 to 500   | Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects. |

Table.1. Air Quality Index Levels of Health Concern

![Fig.3. Filter Model](image1)

![Fig.4. Three Dimensional Isometric Views of Filter](image2)
Conclusions

To fulfill our daily basic needs, we are all dependent on the transportations, so the pollution produced by the vehicles is inevitable. It is the responsibility of all citizens to know the cause of air pollution to the environment. Always prevention is better than cure, so for air pollution, taking action before the air gets polluted by any source is the mandatory thing that we need to do.

Many air purifying systems do exist, but after the air gets polluted through emission, these purifiers will work to suck polluted air and emit fresh air to the atmosphere. Our proposed system is to prevent the air quality in nature before it gets polluted. The proposed system is used to find out the absolute way, to take action by the vehicle owner and also by the pollution control authority of our government regarding the polluted gas which is exhausted by the vehicle. Our system will be considered as an affordable system which provides cost effective solution for the society.

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