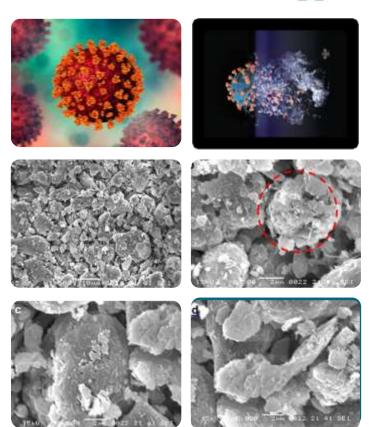




# Indoor Air Quality Safeguarding Indoor Health



Pathogen Disinfection & Particulate Control



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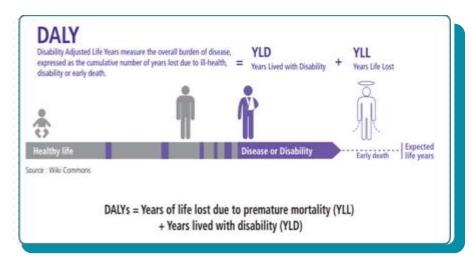
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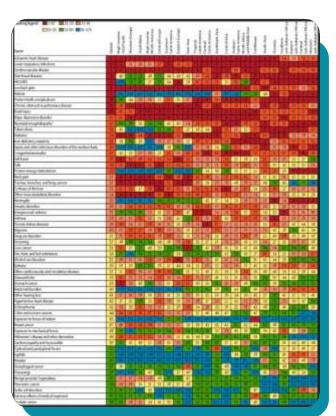
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# DALY – Disability Adjusted Life Year

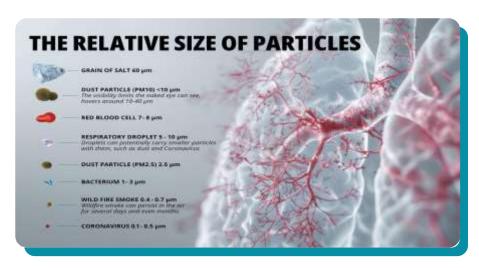


Respiratory system has no immune system leaving it highly susceptible to contagions such as Covid, Influenza, Staph, and PM 2.5. PM 2.5 size is the most dangerous to the respiratory system.



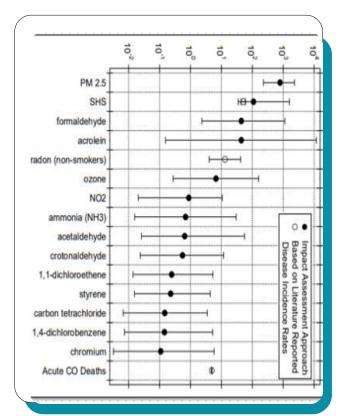


# Size Matters when Breathing & DALY



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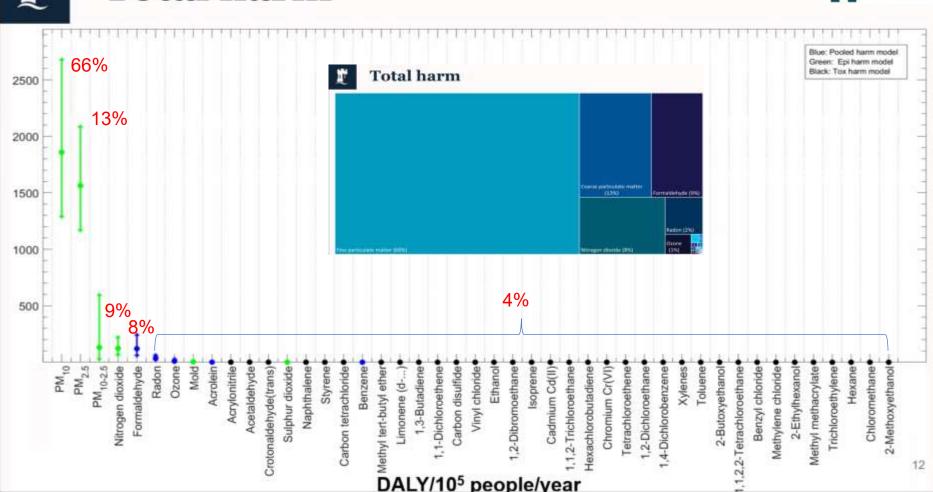
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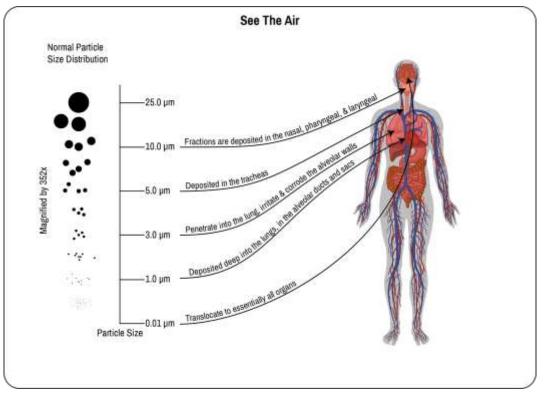
# **Total harm**





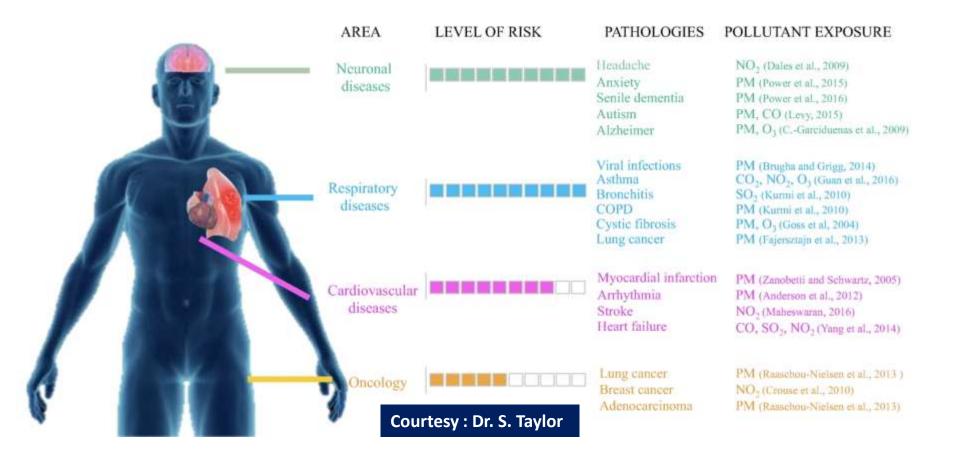


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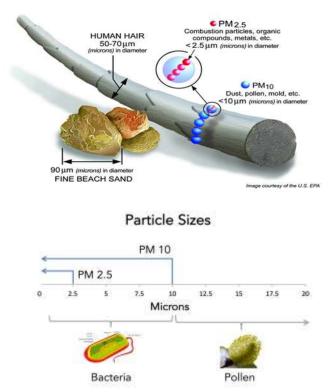
### Numerous research on indoor contaminants that influence health

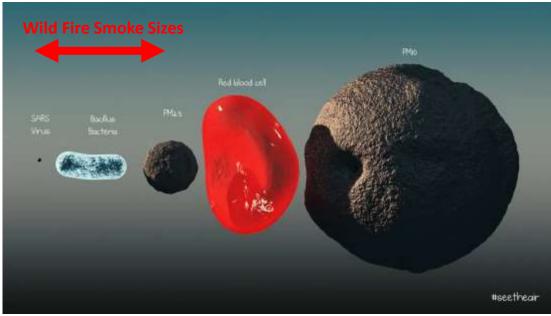






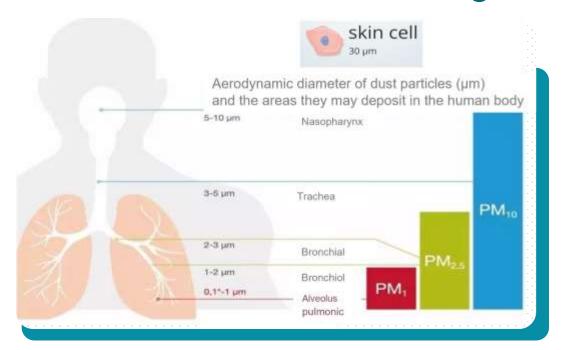
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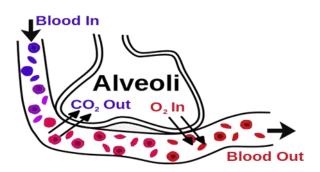






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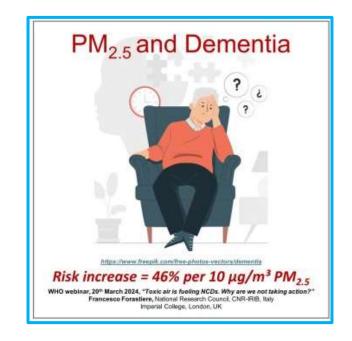
Blood-air barrier is fragile

Respiratory system is highly susceptible to contagions such as Covid, Influenza, Staph, and most dangerous is PM 2.5 & smaller.



# Developing Bodies (Children - Young Adults) & Elderly



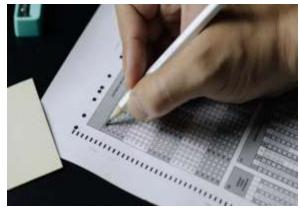


This fact was presented by Francesco Forastiere, National Research Council, CNR-IRIB, Italy, Imperial College, London, UK, during the WHO webinar, 20th March 2024, "Toxic air is fueling Noncommunicable diseases - NCDs. Why are we not taking action?"

# A slight increase in PM<sub>2.5</sub> by only 10µg/m<sup>3</sup> harms our thinking







Chess players made 26% more mistakes

Incorrect calls by umpires increased by 2.6%

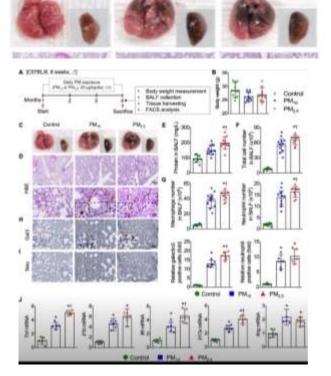
The probability of failing an exam increased by 8%

Steffen Künn, Juan Palacios, Nico Pestel (2023) Indoor Air Quality and Strategic Decision Making. Management Science 69(9):5354-5377. https://doi.org/10.1287/mnsc.2022.4643. https://doi.org/10.1086/698728



# Study reveals that exposure to airborne PM2.5 and PM10

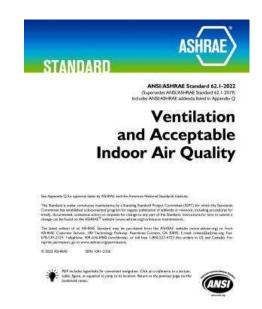
- A study on mice reveals that exposure to airborne particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10) can lead to significant lung injury.
- Key findings suggest that higher concentrations of PM2.5 cause more severe lung injury.
- This research provides crucial insights into the cytotoxicity of PM2.5, potentially guiding new strategies to combat air pollutionrelated respiratory diseases.







### WILDFIRE SMOKE: Standard 62.1 & Guideline 44 Coordination







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Sacramento, CA

October 2018

Sacramento, CA

November 2018

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San Francisco September 2020



Maui, HI August 2023



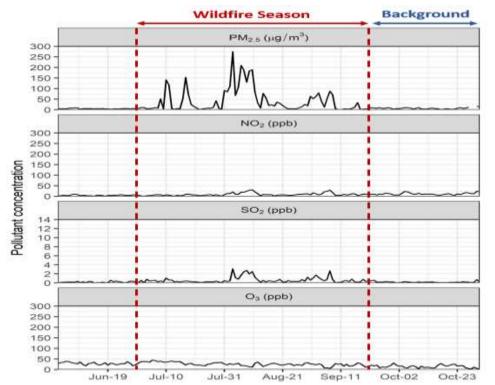
New York City 2023



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## Wildfire Smoke: Focus on PM 2.5 Because



- Most noticeable increase in wildfires
- It has the clearest outdoor and indoor air quality impacts.
- There is specific evidence of acute and chronic health impacts.



### Wildfire Smoke: Indoor PM 2.5 Concentrations

- Indoor PM2.5 is still not regulated
- Use the outdoor? 12 μg/m3 ? 9 μg/m3?
- Guideline 44 recommends ALARA limit As Low As Reasonably Achievable – 20% of outdoor

Range of 1-Hour PM2.5 Concentrations	Risk Category	Health Message for People at Higher Risk	Health Message for the General Population
0 to 30 μg/m <sup>3</sup>	Low	Enjoy your usual activities	Enjoy your usual activities
31 to 60 $\mu g/m^3$	Moderate	Consider reducing activities if you experience symptoms	Enjoy your usual activities unless you experience symptoms
61 to 100 μg/m <sup>3</sup>	High	Reduce or reschedule strenuous activity	Consider reducing activities in you experience symptoms
${>}100\mu g/m^3$	Very high	Avoid strenuous activity	Reduce or reschedule strenuous activity, especially it you experience symptoms



# ASHRAE ( Filter Mini



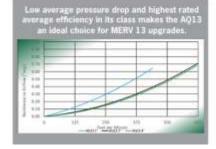
AQ13
Air Quality MERV 13/10A Panel Filter

with Long Service Life



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The Camfil AQ13 high-capacity pleated panel filter delivers high indoor air quality and extended service life with pressure drops suitable for most applications.

The AQ13 is the first choice for those facilities whose air handing equipment is limited to air fifters 4" or less. Unlike other MERV 13 pleated panel fifters which must be replaced every two or three months, the AQ13 can remain in service up to six months in environments typically found in schools, public buildings, and retail shops.

The AQ stands for air quality and carries a MERV value of MERV 13/10A. This is the highest published MERV value for a standard pleated panel filter with an initial pressure drop similar to commonly used MERV 8 panel filters which often test two MERV levels below; MERV 13/8A.

Engineered to comply with MERV 13 requirements or guidelines and remain in service twice as long as any comparable pleated panel filter, the AQ 13:

- Has 15 pleats per linear foot on the widely used 2" model.
- Includes a synthetic fiber blend with a unique media loft that delivers a MERV 13/10A capture efficiency
- Has a welded wire media grid backing, treated for corrosion resistance, preventing media oscillation or filter pack failure as filter pressure drop increases.
- The welded wire backing holds the pleats in a "U" shape which maximizes surface area for long He and lowers resistance to airflow.
- Has a high webstrength beverage board frame that creates a rigid and durable filter pack. The AQT3 will not bow or deflect throughout its anticipated six-month senses life.

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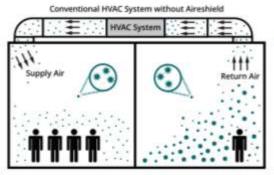
Minimum % of particles trapped					
"PM 2.5 Zone"					
0.3 - 1.0 Microns	1.0 - 3.0 Microns	3.0 - 10.0 Microns			
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>85%	>90%	>95%			
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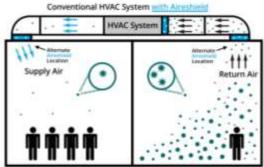




# Market Need - Problem to Solve

HVAC systems will increase the spread of aerosols within buildings without a pathogen mitigation strategy.





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"While HVAC systems and purified air cannot solve all aspects of infection control, they can be effective against the distribution and biological burden of infectious aerosols."

Excerpt: ASHARE position document on infectious aerosol - April 14, 2020

# A closer look at humans and microbes indoors



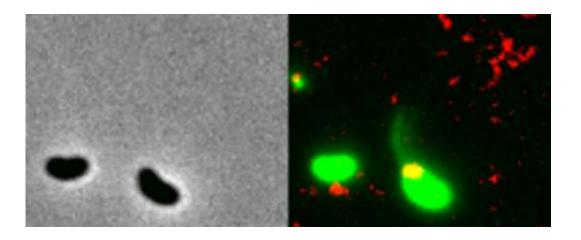


Courtesy: Dr. S. Taylor, and BioBE Center, Univ. Oregon and funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

# This was a startling and very important finding



# "Antibiotic Resistance Can Spread Through The Air, Scientists Warn, And Yes - You Should Be Terrified" July 26, 2018



Poor air quality increases the <u>airborne</u> transfer of antibiotic resistance genes



PREPAREDNESS

# **Building Resiliency**

INFECTIOUS RISK MANAGEMENT MODE

TWO OPTIONS V







#### STANDARD

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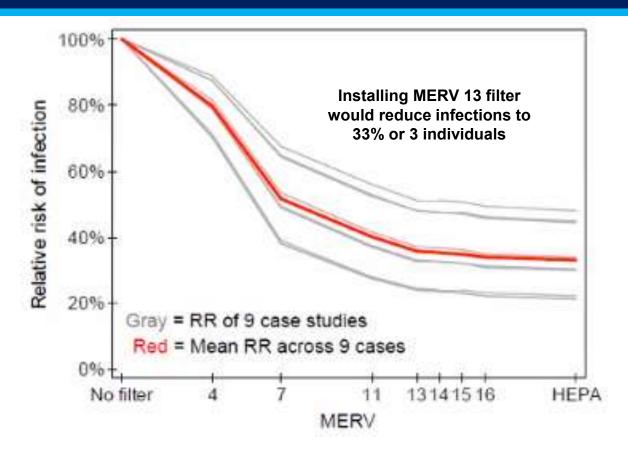
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# Wells-Riley Equation – Probability of Infection



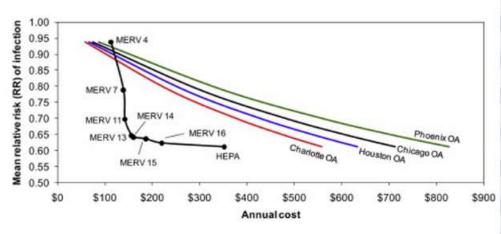


Stephens 2012 HVAC filtration and the WELLS-RILEY approach to assessing risks of infectious airborne diseases.

### Cost Comparison of Filtration Over Ventilation



#### Cost of Filtration vs Ventilation



Parham Azimi, Brent Stephens, HVAC filtration for controlling infectious airborne disease transmission in indoor environments: Predicting risk reductions and operational costs, Building and Environment, Volume 70, 2013, Pages 150-160,

CLIMATE	S/cfm OF	S/cfm FILTRATION STRATEGY		BLENDED UTILITY
ZONE	ONE OUTDOOR AIR	MERV 7	MERV 13	RATE S/kWh
1A	1.66	0.03	0.11	0.15
2A	1.55	0.03	0.12	0.14
2B	0.81	0.03	0.12	0.15
3A	0.65	0.03	0.12	0.14
3B	0.79	0.03	0.12	0.14
3C	0.16	0.06	0.25	0.28
4A	1.82	0.06	0.22	0.24
4B	0.84	0.03	0.14	0.15

Cost per cfm of outdoor air and particulate filtration (MERV 7 and

Zaatari, M, A. Goel, and J. Maser. 2023. ASHRAE J. 65(9):18-24.

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PREPAREDNESS

# **Building Resiliency**

#### INFECTIOUS RISK MANAGEMENT MODE

#### Four Critical Considerations for Compliance

1 AHAM Chamber Testing Ventilation Option Recommendation: No test duct, Shoe box, or ovens.

Minimum 800 cu.ft. chamber

- 2 Test against MS2 (Bacteriophage)
  Can not use SARS, we now know to be too weak of a Virus
- 3 By Product Testing
  Can not be generating by-products such as Formaldehyde
- 3 Ozone Testing

Can not be generating Ozone.

Must conform to UL-2998 Zero Ozone Emissions (Max. 5 PPB)



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Non-Thermal Plasma Technology





# Existing Technologies Ionization Systems

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Bipolar ionization (also called needlepoint bipolar ionization) is a technology that can be used in HVAC systems or portable air cleaners to generate positively and negatively charged particles (Source: EPA)







LESSONS LEARNED FOR

# Existing Technologies Ionization Systems

Bipolar ionization has the potential to generate ozone and other potentially harmful by-products indoors, unless specific precautions are taken in the product design and maintenance.



Emissions from Air Cleaners).

potential to generate soone and other potentially harmful by-products indoors, unless specific precautions are taken in the product design and maintenance. If you decide to use a device that incorporates bipolar ionization technology, EPA recommends using a device that meets UL 2998 standard certification (Environmental Claim Validation Procedure (ECVP) for Zero Ozone



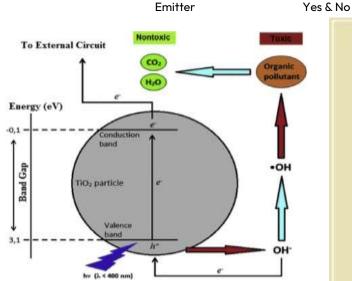
# Existing Technologies Photo-Catalytic Oxidation

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Ultraviolet light shines onto a catalyst, which converts water in the air into a form that turns molecules of pollution into more harmless substances. (Source: Explain the Stuff)

Removal Strategy

Photocatalytic oxidation (PCO) is based on the generation of many reactive oxygen radicals (e.g., radical forms of OH and O). Source: Interface Science and Technology, 2021



"Imagine if, in an effort to clean the air more efficiently, you were involuntarily introducing chemicals more dangerous than the ones you were trying to scrub."

Yes

**UL2998 Compliance:** 

Concordia University, 2015





# Existing Technologies Hydrogen Peroxide (H2O2)

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Like with many atmospheric hazards, symptoms and health effects related to VHP exposure become more severe with higher concentrations of hydrogen peroxide. At high concentrations, hydrogen peroxide is corrosive to skin, eyes, and mucus membranes.



Removal Strategy
Emitter

UL2998 Compliance: Not Applicable

Bi-Product Generation: 
 Unknown





#### **DESCRIPTION**

UV light produces electromagnetic energy that destroys the ability of microorganisms to reproduce and cause inactivation of microbes by causing mutations and/or cell death. UV light produces electromagnetic energy that can destroy the ability of microorganisms to reproduce and by causing photo-chemical reactions in nucleic acids (DNA & RNA).



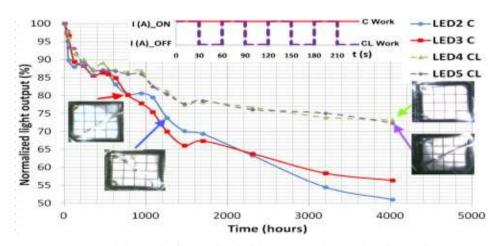


Bi-Product Generation: 
 Possible









Named ultraviolet (beyond violet) because it is located just beyond violet on the electromagnetic spectrum.





The question is, are the UV lights in UV light air purifiers and far-uvc technology powerful enough to kill the coronavirus? Scientists have shown a dose of 75mJ/cm<sup>2</sup> is needed to kill >99.9% of the COVID-19 virus.

After analyzing China's biggest e-commerce platform – Taobao, we found data on the UV light strength for 3 UV light air purifiers. This includes one purifier from Samsung:

UV Purifier Name	UV Light Power	Time Air Spends in Air Purifier
SOLEUS AIR	6W	0.15s
SAMSUNG	4W	0.65s
NOBICO	8W	0.26s
Average:	6W	0.35s

The average UV bulb power for these three purifiers is 6 W. Using a simple rule of thumb, for the average distance of 10 cm from the UV light, these purifies give out on average 6 mW/cm2 of UV light.

1 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup> = 1 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> for 1 second of exposure



#### **Residence Time Example:**

HVAC Unit Cross-sectional area: 500 FPM

Sample Area =  $16" \times 16" = 256$  square inches  $\div 144 \approx 1.778$  square feet (506 FPM)

Q (Airflow) = 900 cfm

Required Plenum length  $L = (Q \times t) / Area$ 

Residence time (t) is 0.35 seconds: t (minutes) = 0.35 seconds  $\div$  60  $\approx$  0.00583 minutes

Substituting the values into the formula:

L = (900 cfm × 0.00583 minutes) / 1.778 square feet = ≈ 2.95 feet

A duct at 1000 FPM, you would need approx. 6 feet of UV Light!





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#### Influence of Germicidal UV (222 nm) Lamps on Ozone, Ultrafine Particles, and Volatile Organic Compounds in Indoor Office Spaces

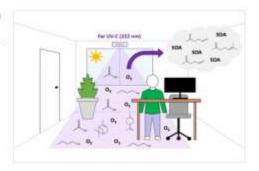
Sara Bjerre Sørensen, Frederik Rask Dalby, Søren Kristlan Olsen, and Kasper Kristensen\*



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#### Abstract

Germicidal ultraviolet lamps with a peak emission at 222 nm (GUV222) are gaining prominence as a safe and effective solution to reduce disease transmission in occupied indoor environments. While previous studies have reported O<sub>3</sub> production from GUV222, less is known about their impact on other indoor constituents affecting indoor air quality, especially in real occupied environments. In this study, the effects of GUV222 on the levels of ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), ultrafine particles (UFPs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were investigated across multiple offices with varying occupancies. O<sub>3</sub> from the GUV222 operation was observed to increase linearly (~300 µg h<sup>-1</sup> m<sup>-1</sup>) with a UV light path length from 0 to 3 m beyond which it stabilized. When applied in offices, the O<sub>3</sub> production models based on continuous measurements revealed O<sub>3</sub> production rates of 1040 ± 87 µg h<sup>-1</sup>. The resulting increases in steady-state concentrations of 5-21 µg m<sup>-3</sup>

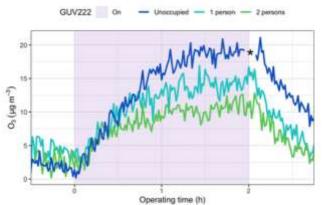


were highly dependent on the number of office occupants. UFP production occurred during both unoccupied and occupied conditions but predominantly in newly renovated offices. Time-resolved measurements with a proton-transfer-reaction time-of-flight mass spectrometer (PTR-TOF-MS) revealed clear alterations in office VOC concentrations. Unsurprisingly, O<sub>3</sub> oxidation chemistry was observed, including monoterpene deprivation and 4-oxopentanal (4-OPA) production. But additionally, significant alterations from unidentified mechanisms occurred, causing increased levels of various PTR-TOF-MS signals including C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> and C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub><sup>+</sup> hypothesized to arise from photoinduced formation or off-gassing during the GUV222 lamp operation.

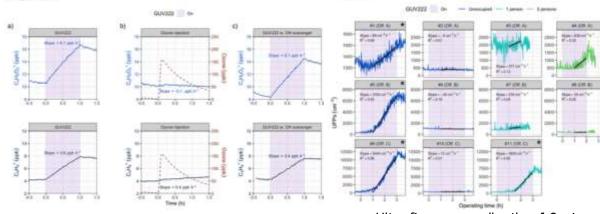
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Figure 2 Figure 5 Figure 5



- Ozone (Dangerous to health): Irritates airways.
- Low levels of O3 can cause health effects.
- Long-term exposure to ozone can result in serious health problems.
- People with asthma are at greater risk of harm from breathing air containing ozone.



Poly(Methyl Methacrylate) Respiratory Irritations

#### Acetic acid

It is corrosive to the skin and eyes, and can cause damage to internal organs if ingested or inhaled

- Ultra fines are smaller than 1.0 micron
- Recent study led by researchers at McGill University Study: Contribute to more than 1,000 premature deaths a year in that city and Toronto.

https://www.cbc.ca/newsinteractives/features/ ultrafine-particles





# Plasmic Fields Technology

The three states of matter are:



Solid



Liquid



Gas

When energy is supplied to any matter, it changes its state.

### Example:

- Solid become Liquid
- Liquid becomes Gaseous

If we give more energy to a gas, it goes into an Energy – Rich state called Plasma State

# SOLID LIQUID GAS PLASMA

STATES OF MATTER





Plasma was first discovered by Irving Langmuir in 1928. More than 99% of the visible matter in the universe is in the plasma state.

For example: the natural lightning or polar light in the Arctic and Antarctic, or the bright circle of light around a sun during solar eclipse are examples of natural forms of plasma observed.





# Plasmic Fields Technology

Plasma is classified based on the relative temperature of the ions and electrons. Plasma Types:

### **HOT PLASMA**

 Hot plasma is also called thermal plasma, they have electrons and heavy particles at thermodynamic equilibrium in nature



### COLD PLASMA

- Cold plasma called Non-Thermal Plasma (Reviveaire) is less ionized. Non-thermal plasma is near ambient temperature requiring low energy.
- Cold plasma unlike hot plasma is thermodynamically in a non – equilibrium nature.

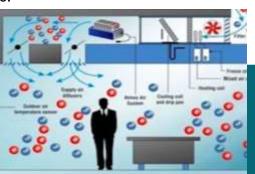




### Disinfection Module

- Operates by converting 120 or 220 volts to 5500 volts at low amperage
- Generates a plasma field through which pathogens pass, disrupting the protein structures encapsulating their genetic material
- Disruption exposes the genetic material to Atmospheric Oxygen, leading to oxidative damage
- DNA-based pathogens, Oxidation results in cellular death
- RNA-based rendered non-effective.





99.99%

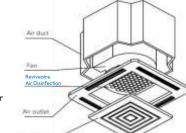
Natural bacteria in the air killing rate field test

99.99%

H1N1 aerosol killing rate Laboratory test

99.98%

Staphylococcus albus killing rate Laboratory test



99.99%
Viruses in the air killing rate





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**Reduction** 

# SARS-CoV-2 Live Pathogen Test Report

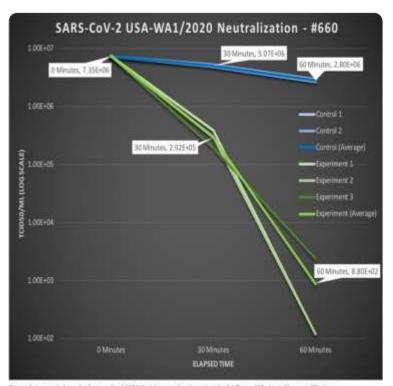
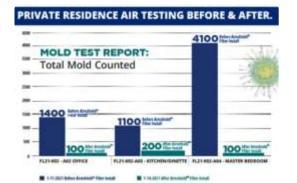


Figure 5: Log-scaled group of aerosolized SARS-CoV-2 neutralization using the EcoTexas 660 air purifier over 60 minutes.

\*\*As it pertains to data represented herein; the percentage error equates to an overage of ±5% of the final concentration.

Time (min)	0	30	60
Control 1 (TCID50/mL)	7.35E+06	5.25E+06	2.96E+06
Control 2 (TCID50/mL)	7.35E+06	4.90E+06	2.65E+06
Average Control (TCID50/mL)	7.35E+06	5.07E+06	2.80E+06
Average % Gross Reduction - Control		-31.010	-61.903
Experiment1(TCID50/mL)	7.35E+06	3.86E+05	1.20E+02*
Experiment 2 (TCID50/mL)	7.35E+06	2.95E+05	1.20E+02*
Experiment 3 (TCID50/mL)	7.35E+06	1.95E+05	2.40E+03
Average Experiment (TCID50/mL)	7.35E+06	2.92E+05	8.80E+02
Average % Gross Reduction - Experiment		-96.026	-99.988
% Net Reduction		-94.240	-99.969



Third party tested by ACM engineering & environmental services.





# ASHRAE STD 241 MS2 Live Pathogen Test Report

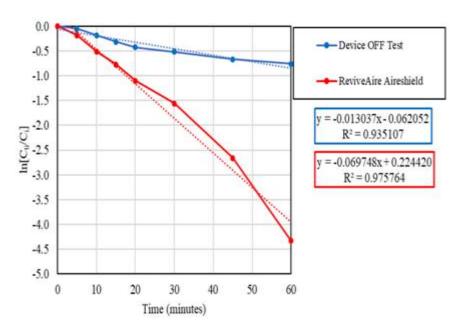


Figure 2. ln[C<sub>t</sub>/C<sub>0</sub>] of MS-2 PFU data for ReviveAire Aireshield and Device OFF tests

#### Test Results - Ozone Generation

The ReviveAire Aireshield was powered on in the test duct connected to the 1007 ft<sup>3</sup> test chamber with the recirculating airflow set at 200 CFM for a 24-hour period. The monitored ozone data is shown in Figure 3. There was no ozone generation observed during this test period. The average ozone concentration over this 24-hour period was 2.33 ppb.

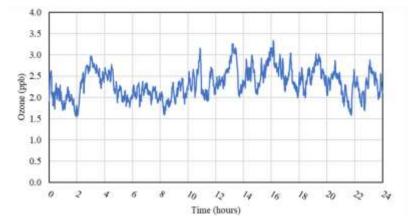


Figure 3. Ozone monitoring of ReviveAire Aireshield air cleaner for 24-hours



# ASHRAE STD 241 MS2 By-Product Test Report

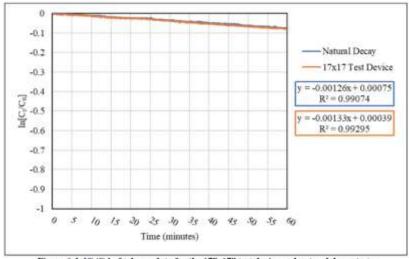


Figure 6. ln[C/Co] of toluene data for the 17"x17" test device and natural decay tests

Table 5. Formaldehyde CADR results for all test

	Natural Decay	Device (Initial Settings)
k-value	0.001326	0.001330
CADR (cfm)		0.0



#### CERTIFICATIONS

# UL-2998 & CARB



State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER G-25-136

Relating to Certification of Indoor Air Cleaning Devices

Models: AS-1625-1, AS-2020-1, AS-2025-1, AS-2424-1, AS-1224-1

Meets California ozone emissions limit: CARB certified.



# ASHRAE Journal (December 2023) Research

#### TECHNICAL FEATURE

# Airborne Particulate Matter Filtration Using Non-Thermal Plasma Air Purification

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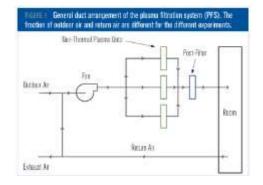
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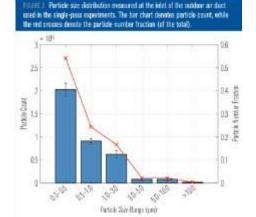
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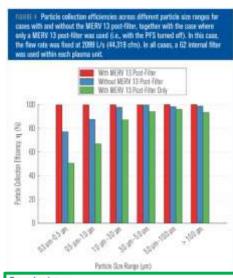
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### Conclusions

Experiments of PM count have revealed a nonthermal plasma air purification system can achieve single-pass particle collection efficiencies in excess of 99.95% (similar to a H13 HEPA filter) across all measured particle sizes between 0.3 µm and 10 µm where filter face velocities are <1 m/s (<197 fpm) and a MERV 13 post-filter is used. At greater face velocities



## Journal of Engineering: For Sustainable Buildings & Cities

Effect of Nonthermal Plasma Technology on Reducing Airborne Contaminants in an Indoor Setting Authors: Deify Law, Elbert Ho

Nonthermal plasma ionization includes dielectric barrier discharge & needlepoint bipolar ionization

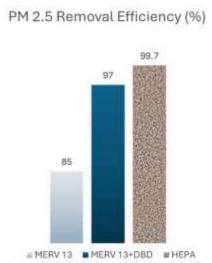


Fig. 2 Comparison of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> removal efficiency of MERV 13 filter assisted with and without DBD bipolar ionization and a stand-alone HEPA filter

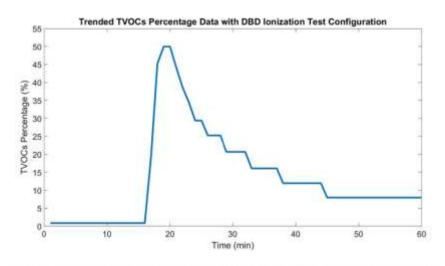


Fig. 6 Trended TVOCs percentage data with DBD ionization test configuration



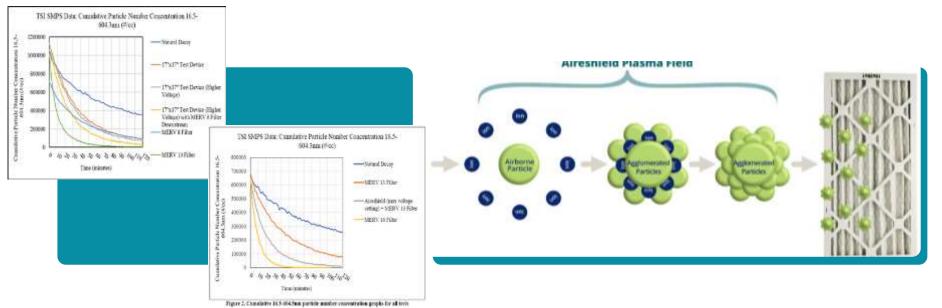
Courtesy of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers



# Agglomeration Of Particulate Matter (PM) Particles

The conglomeration of particulate matter (PM) particles, when they pass through a plasma field, is a phenomenon that leverages the unique properties of plasma to affect the behavior and characteristics of particles suspended in air.

Plasma can influence the behavior of particulate matter in several ways, see below:





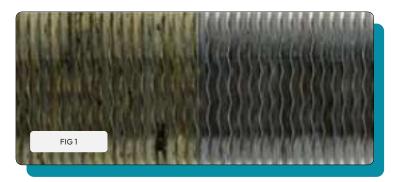


# BioFilm Formation – Energy Savings and cleaning costs

FIG 1: The presence of biofilms on the cooling coils of air conditioning (AC) units: and can significantly reduce the heat transfer efficiency of the coils and may lead to the aerosolization of microbes into occupied spaces of a building.

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https://hvacinsider.com/new-cooling-coil-restoration-process-delivers-measurable-savings/



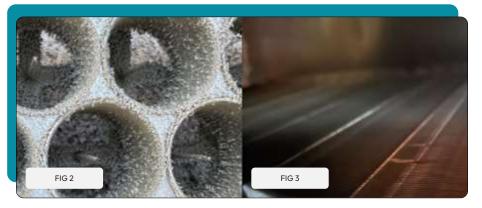


FIG 2 & 3: above and to the right is a test install. The Aireshield filter was left (neglected) for two years without filter service. Notice the extreme amount of buildup on the center photo

[FIG 2]. What was observed was, the coils preceding this filter where extremely clean, without a post filter [FIG 3]. PHOTO SOURCE: Ellison Rd., Watchung NJ test install.





# Lincoln Center Study: Energy Savings & Payback









# Low SP (in) Filter Design = Less Energy Consumption

Calculation Based On the Operation of 30000 CMH (17,000 CFM) air volume units for 10 years

Items	Code	Coarse effect MERV8	High Medium effect MERV13	HEPA/MERV16	ReviveAire
Air Unit Volume (m3/h)(Approx. 17,000)	Q	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Initial filter pressure drop (Pa)	Р	40	100	400	45
Final Filter Pressure Drop (Pa)	Р	200	350	600	45
Average filter pressure drop (Pa)	Р	120	250	500	45
Electric Consumed per unit air volume	W	1.18	2.45	4.90	0.44
Power rate (\$) NYC, NY cost 23 C /(kWh)		0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23
Years		10	10	10	10
Hours per day		24	24	24	24
Cost Comparison of Different Technologies		\$23,704	\$49,382	\$98,765	\$8,889



# MERV16 Cost Benefit Comparison

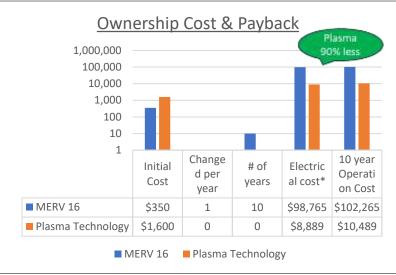
### Disposable MERV 16 (24 x24 x1)

- Based on 23 cents/kWh
- Based on average filter replacement costs every other month
- High maintenance
- Landfill

### AIRESHIELD (24 X24 X1)

\$8,889.00 / Operating Cost\*

- Breakthrough air disinfection technology
- Low power consumption < 12 watts
- Easy Maintenance: No Chemicals/Consumables
- Earth Friendly
- Priceless health benefits



1-year filter cost: \$350 x 1 x 1 years = \$350 = 1 year electrical: \$9,876 x 1 = \$9,876 (\$10,226.00 Total)

# Aireshield is cost-neutral in 1-year payback!





# MERV 13 Cost Benefit Comparison

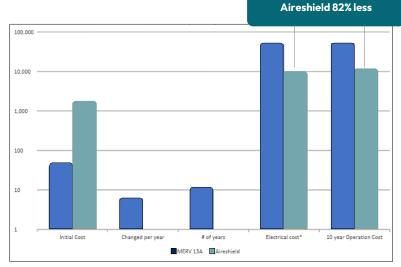
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2-year filter cost: \$40 x 6 x 2 years = \$480 = 2 year electrical: \$4938 x 2 = \$9,876 (\$10,356.00 Total)

# Aireshield is cost-neutral in 2-year payback!



### On-Site test Protocol

### **Test Protocol**

### Performance Metrics:

- Indoor Air Particle Count Reduction
- Electrical Consumption Impact (Amps and Watts)



### **Test Dates**

- Pre-installation (MERV 13 & MERV 16) June 9
- Post-installation (Aireshield & MERV 13) June 27

### **Test Location**

Lincoln Center, New York City AHU #7 maintenance and engineering offices.





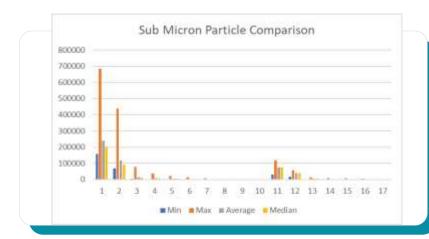




### On-Site test Results

### **Electric Performance**

Metric	June 9–27	June 12-28	Average
AMP Reduction	-41.7%	-29.6%	-35.6%
Watt Reduction	-36.2%	-24 6%	-30.4%



### **HEPA Level performance**

### Particle Performance

Average particle counts across all sizes were reduced by **74%**, with particularly strong performance on the **sub-PM2.5 spectrum**.

DATE	TIME	0.3um	0.5um	0.7um	1.0um	2.5um	5.0um	10.0um
	Min	159640	68203	3905	1669	735	141	0
6/12/25	Max	683926	438253	77004	35742	21451	14433	8801
0/12/23	Average	238390.1	117305.9	15050.61	8630.681	5714.251	3589.689	2090.606
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Min	-81%	-76%	-59%	-61%	-81%	-100%	-
Max	-83%	-87%	-83%	-74%	-68%	-69%	-72%
Average	-68%	-67%	-71%	-74%	-77%	-80%	-82%
Median	-62%	-58%	-63%	-73%	-78%	-80%	-82%



# **LEED Points**

### Innovation

1 LEED Point



### **Pollution Reduction**

1 LEED Point



Indoor Environmental Quality

### **Energy Reduction**

1 LEED Point



Energy & Atmosphere





# **Applications**

### Healthcare

Challenge





- COVID-19 Public Health Clinical
- Hospitals are more at risk from COVID-19 than other buildings

### **School Applications**

Challenge





- Cassettes for Unitary Devices
- School classrooms have historically been places with high incidence of infectious diseases

### **Commercial Buildings**

Challenge







- University application: High density application using fan coil units
- Terminal VRF with low static pressure capacity.





# **New York City Code Position**

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	ASHRAE 1791 Tullie Circle, NE Atlanta, GA 30329	
Standard reference number	Title	References in code section number
ASHRAE-2005	ASHRAE Fundamentals Handbook-2005	603.2
###15—2022	Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems	1101.6, 1101.11, 1104.2, 1105.3 1105.7, 1105.8, 1105.11, 1108.1
\$\$\$34—2022	Designation and Safety Classification of Refrigerants	
52.2-2012	Method of Testing General Ventilation Air-Cleaning Devices for Removal Efficiency by Particle Size	605.2.1
62.1—2016	Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality	
62.2—2016 ANSI/ASHRAE/	Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residentia	d Buildings
ASHE170-2008	Ventilation of Health Care Facilities	401.4

**ASHRAE standard 241** is designed to be adopted without a change in your present ventilation standard year.

However, recent changes to standard 62 should are considered for adoption.

### New York City subway riders are breathing in hazardous air, study finds

Study shows average platform has four times the level of pollution exposure deemed safe by EPA



O A subwey statism in Brooklyn in 2023. Pitotograph: Michael M Sentings/Cettly Images

New York City subway riders are breathing in hazardous air, with Black and Hispanic commuters exposed to higher levels of pollution, a new study shows.

New York University researchers found that the average subway platform had four times the particulate pollution (PM2.5) exposure standard deemed safe over a 24-hour period by the Environmental Protection Agency, and nine times the exposure guideline set by the World Health Organization.



## **Environmental Benefits**

COST-EFFECTIVENESS

Changed every 1-3 months



No waste, No Landfill,
No handling of contaminated filters



Unlike standard air filters, **Emerging Technologies** do not produce any waste or end up in landfills. This makes it an environmentally friendly choice for those looking to reduce their carbon footprint.



# **\*Revive**aire

# Thank You

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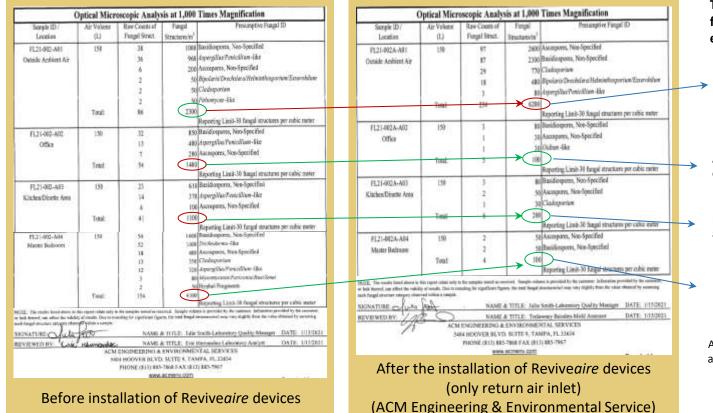
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### In-Situ Field Test of Residential Home in Florida



There are 16 kinds of bacteria, fungi and mold, in all household environments

After installation, the outdoor air quality on the test day is deteriorated (theoretically indoor air quality will also deteriorate)

After installation, the bacteria in the closed study room decreased (92.86%)

Bacteria in the kitchen decreased (81.82%) after installation

After installation, the bacteria in the bedroom decreased significantly (97.56%)

Asthma patients used Reviveaire devices at home and reported no asthma attacks for a full quarter.