# COVID-19 Projects Ventilator + 3D Printing for Hospitals



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## COVID-19 Ventilator: Background & Motivation

ICU Equipment for severe COVID-19 patients



#### Ventilators

+ Ventilator splitting systems (with their limitations)

Professional ventilation equipment, limited resources



Widely available, but manually operated



Self-inflated ("AMBU") bags

anesthetic machines with ventilator features

## Affordable, mass-produced COVID-19 Ventilator

#### Need:

- hospitals potentially overwhelmed with severe COVID-19 patients
- insufficient number of professional mechanical ventilation equipment
- insufficient number of healthcare workers able to manually ventilate the patients

### Value:

#### **Hospital:**

- Better use of basic, ubiquitous medical infrastructure (AMBU bags)
- Better work effectiveness while serving patients in need

#### **Patient:**

• Temporary ventilation device before real ventilator is available

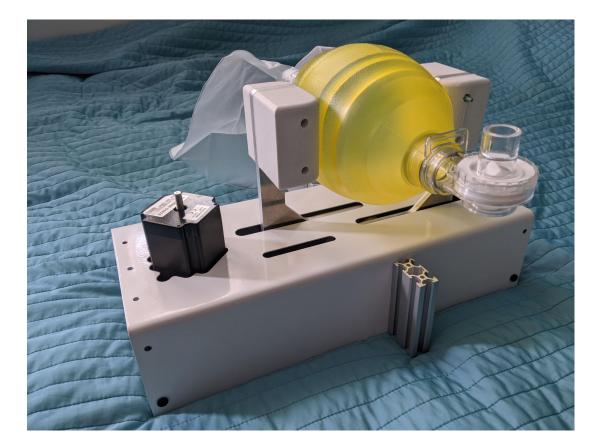
#### Approach:

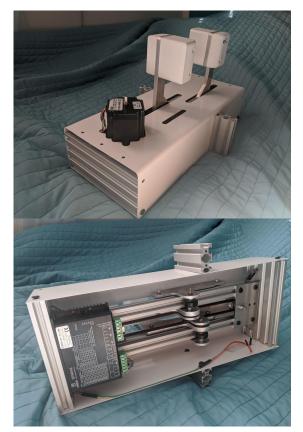
- Device for automated, repeatable ventilation with an AMBU bag
- Using pressure, O2 and CO2 sensors to monitor patient state
- Intuitive device use with little training, one person monitoring a few patients

#### **Competition:**

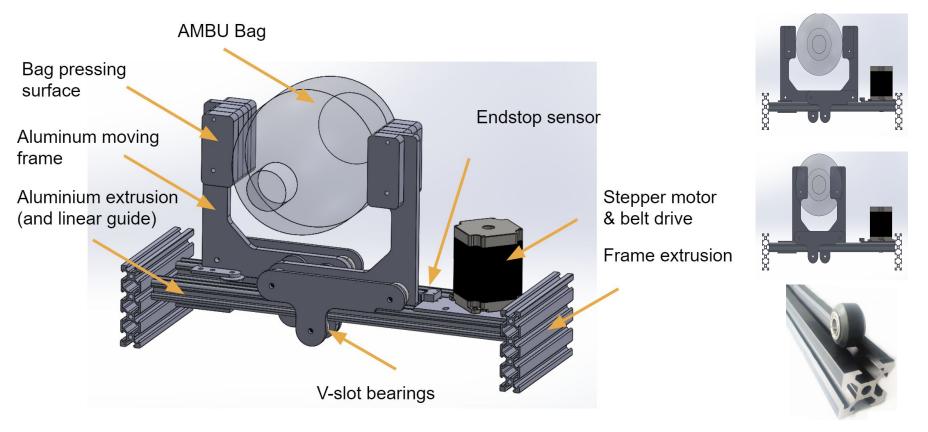
- Portable ventilators used for patient transport
- Other DIY solutions
- Ventilator splitting systems

### COVID-19 Ventilator Prototype

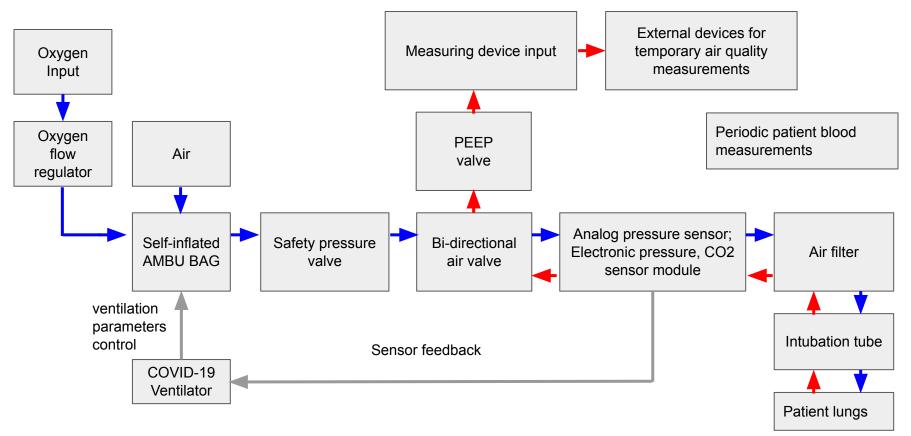




### **Prototype Mechanical Design**



### System infrastructure



### **Core Ventilator Features**

- **Cost-effectiveness:** 250 USD production cost
- Mass production ready: majority of parts can be laser-cutted and are available in large quantities
- **Patient safety:** existing, certified hospital infrastructure is used, the device mainly automates the squeezing process

Differentiation with other ventilator projects:

- More sensing modules for patient state monitoring, better process control
- Full-metal, durable and compact design for the device actuation unit
- Ability to provide mechanical protection for the volume of inflated air
- Reduced the number of 3D printed, potentially fragile components

### 3D printing for Local hospitals

Using my 3D printers to support local hospitals with PPE



Printing snorkeling mask adapters for air filters

Printing face mask holders