

## **Neonatal Incubator**

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## **Introduction of Project**



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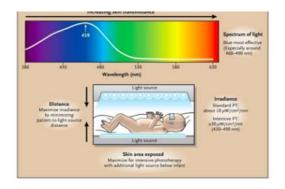
In Ghana, it is challenging to maintain and procure funds to purchase commercially available incubators and blue light therapy equipment most of which is produced outside the country.



## **Introduction of Project**

#### Concept:

- Provide and demonstrate a prototype neonatal incubator incorporating blue light therapy
- Design must be manufacturable in Ghana and should be cheaper than the available commercial options
- Prompted by Dr. Okyere-Frempong, Medical Superintendent of ~200 employee hospital in the Ghana Capital
- Design should provide essential functions of a neonatal incubator and should also be transportable for use in rural regions of Ghana
- Design must be locally maintainable, and materials and components should be locally sourceable





#### Initial Research - State of the Art



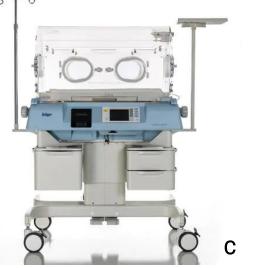


A: GE Giraffe: \$2,500 - \$13,952.00

B: Dräger Caleo(used): \$3,400 - \$5,500

C: Dräger Isolette: \$2,950 - \$3895





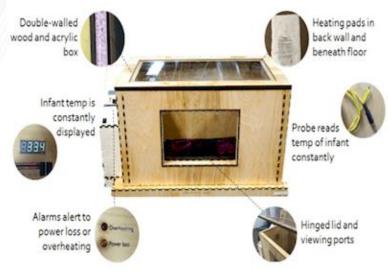




# Initial Research - State of the Art Low cost incubators









#### Sources of Information

#### James Stubbs

Medical Device Company Executive & Investor Professor - Ga Tech Biomedical Engineering

Matthew H. Merves, MD Assistant **Professor of Pediatrics** Division of Neonatology Emory University School of Medicine

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**Fabricator CEO Seloart Group** 

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#### Sana Saleem, MPH

**Humphrey Fellow** Maldives

#### Mexan Mapouka, MD

**Humphrey Fellow** Central African Republic

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Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra

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**Humphrey Fellow** Zimbabwe

#### Nana Yaa Owusu, MD

Specialist Obstetrician Gynecologist Ghana

#### William Obeng, MD

Consultant Paediatrician Ghana



## Main Takeaways

- The main necessity of an incubator is as a source of thermoregulation.
- Humidity is a plus but not entirely necessary.
- Quick access to the baby is essential
- The incubator is divided into the head side and foot side for sterilization purposes.
- Important considerations for devices in Ghana
  - Power outages can be as long as 6 hours long
  - Transportation compatible
- Fabrication options available in Ghana
  - Laser cutters
  - Vacuum Forming
  - Metal Bending

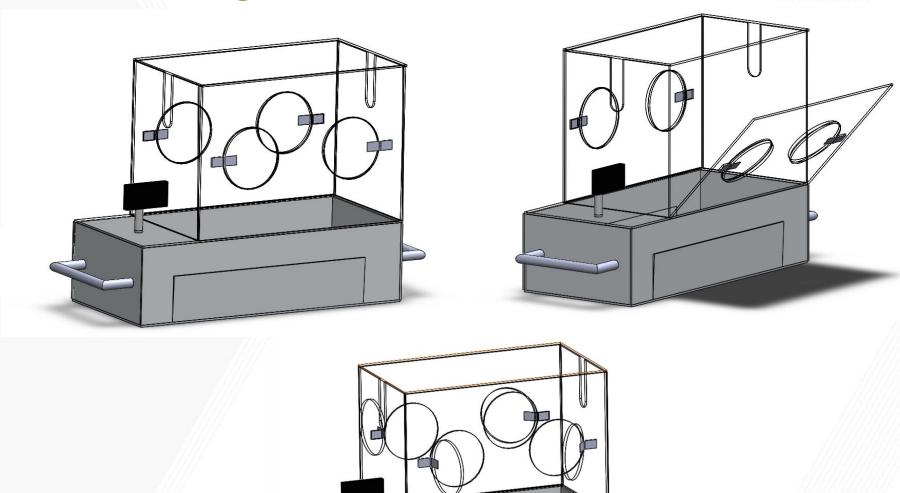


## **Final Project Proposal**

We will design and construct a neonatal incubator that is appropriate for travel in a vehicle. It's main purpose will be the thermoregulation of the patient and the monitoring of the patient's basic vital signs. It will be manufacturable with the local resources available in Ghana.

1 - Absolutely Necessary	2- Extras	3- Completely new
- Sensors:	<ul> <li>Electrical Requirements         <ul> <li>Backup Battery</li> <li>Interchangeable</li> <li>Power Supply</li> <li>Redundancy +</li> <li>Maintainable</li> <li>Electrical</li> <li>Components</li> </ul> </li> <li>Mechanical Capacity         <ul> <li>Inclination</li> <li>Detachable Hood</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sensors         <ul> <li>Apneia</li> </ul> </li> <li>Weight</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dual Chamber</li> <li>Heat/UV Sterilization</li> <li>Blue Light Incorporation</li> <li>Cabinet space</li> <li>BP Sensor</li> </ul>

# **Initial Design**





# **Prototyping - Cardboard**



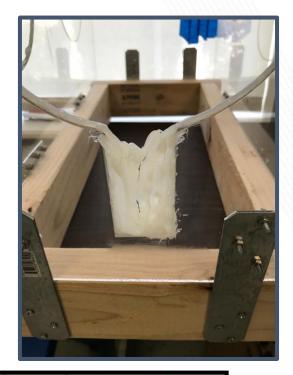


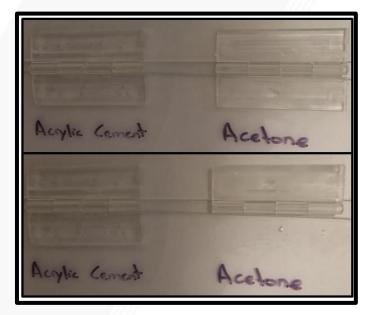


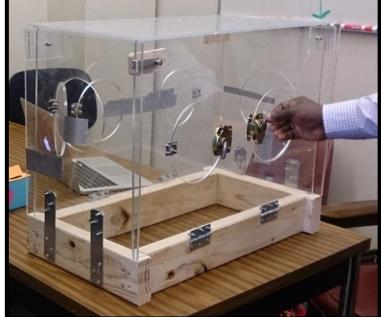


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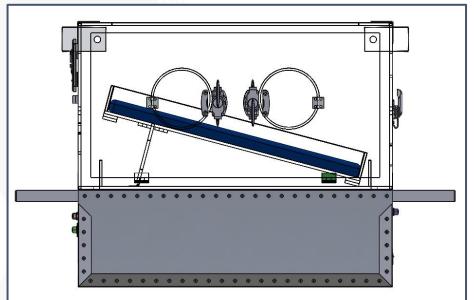


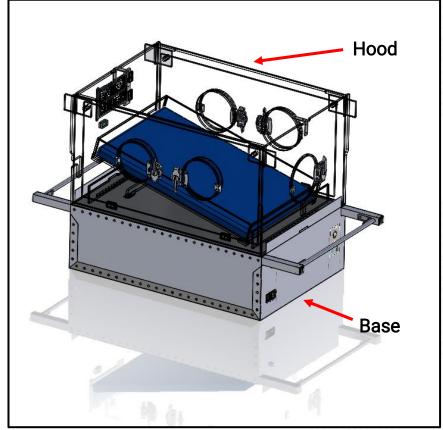






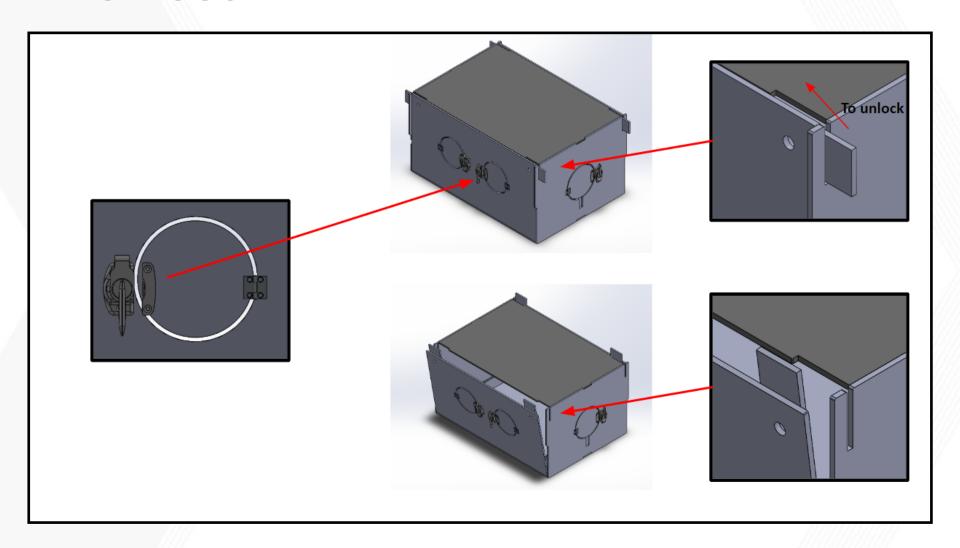
# **New Design**





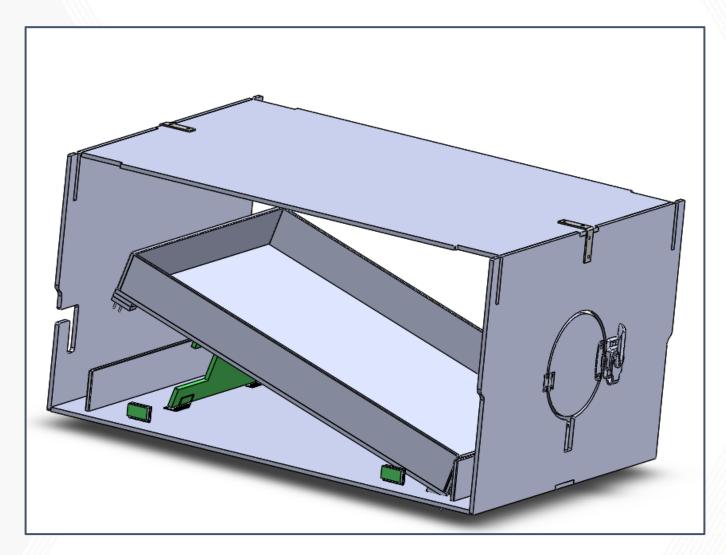


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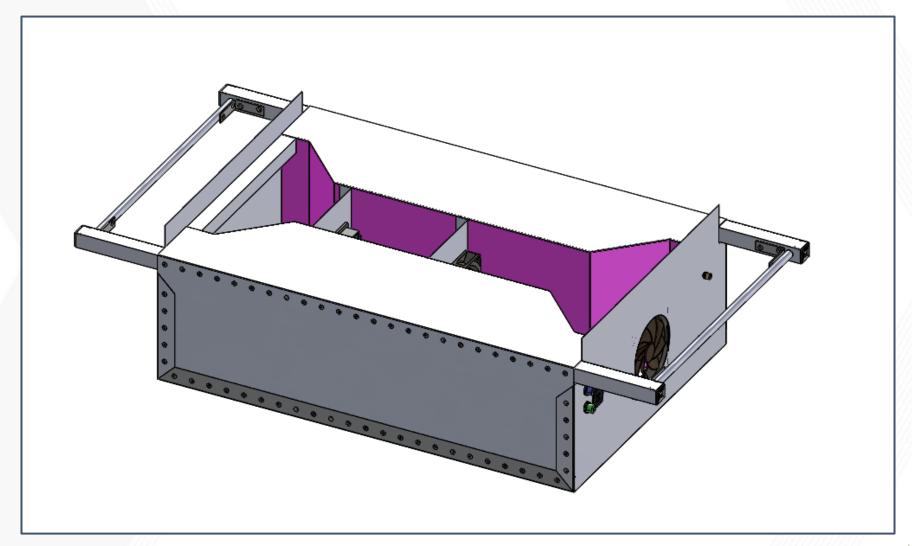


# The Mattress Tray





## The Base





## The Base Sides



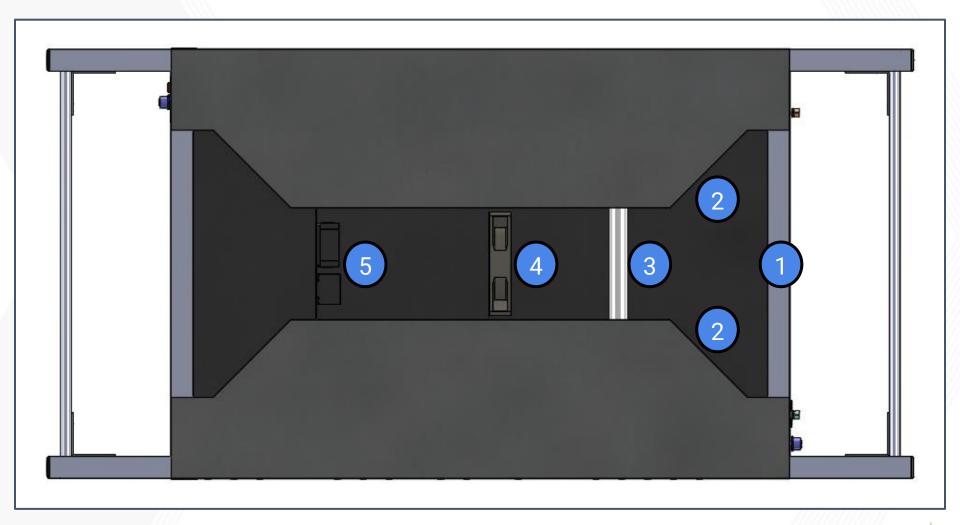
**Foot Side** 

**Head Side** 



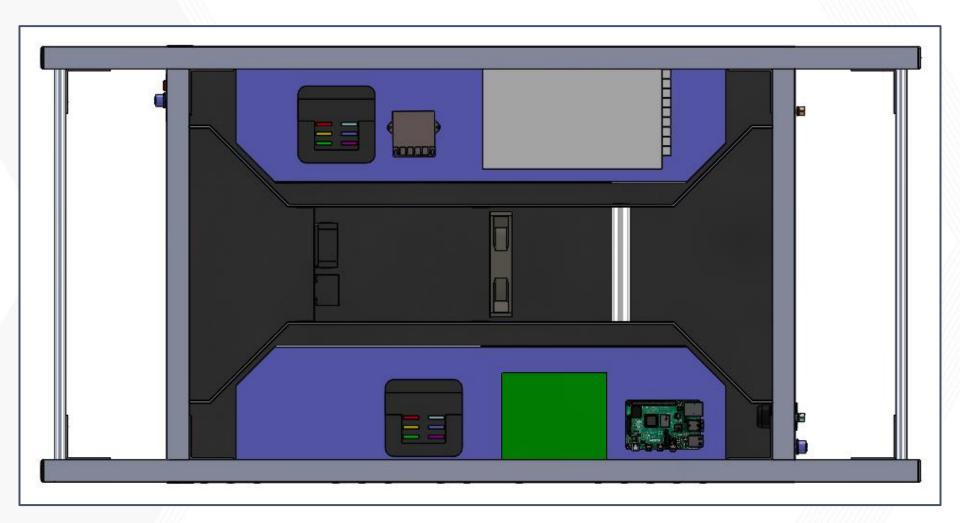


# The Base Top View





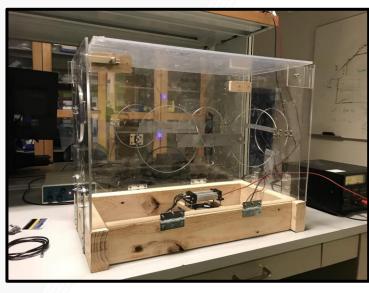
# The Base Top View Inside





# The Electrical System

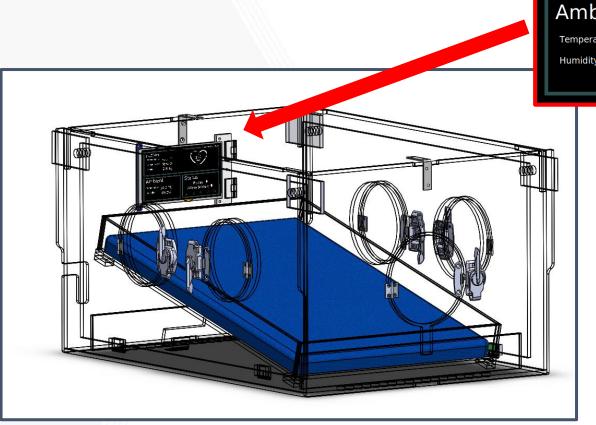


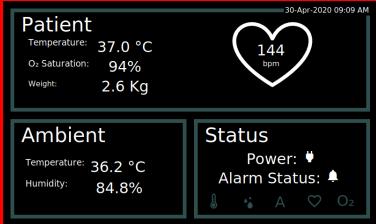






# The Monitoring System







# The Monitoring System - The (Patient) Sensors -



**Temperature** 



**Heart Rate** 



Oxygen Saturation



# The Monitoring System - The (Environment) Sensors -



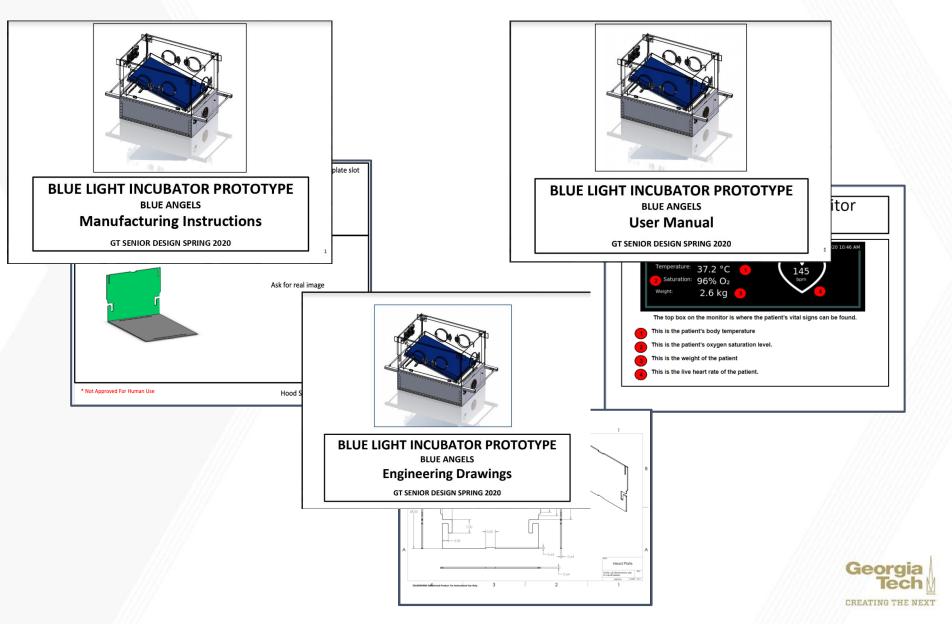
Temperature



Humidity



### **Final Documentation**



# **Future Design Considerations**

1 - Absolutely Necessary	2- Extras	3- Completely new
- Sensors: - Temperature - Humidity - HR - O2 Saturation - Mechanical Capacity: - Capacity to be on a stand - Hand access to baby - User interaction - Instructions Manual - User interface - Calibration system - Electrical Requirements - O2 Filter - Motor Powered Fan - Exhaust Fan - General Illumination	- Electrical Requirements - Backup Battery - Interchangeable - Power Supply - Redundancy + - Maintainable - Electrical - Components - Mechanical Capacity - Inclination - Detachable Hood - Sensors - Apneia - Weight	<ul> <li>Dual Chamber</li> <li>Heat/UV Sterilization</li> <li>Blue Light Incorporation</li> <li>Cabinet space</li> <li>BP Sensor</li> </ul>

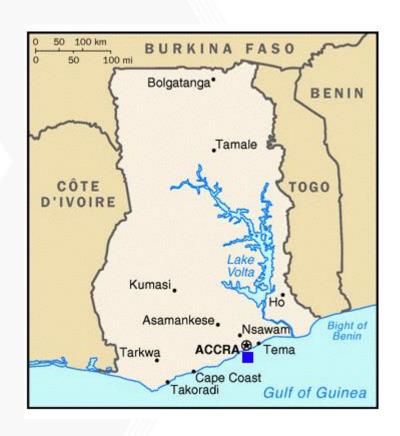


## **Future Design Considerations**

- Fully incorporating the Load cells to measure the weight of the baby (design and code have been developed but integration is needed)
- Choosing a specific air filter for the intake fan (there is space for it just haven't chosen a specific one)
- Illumination is accounted for in the wiring but doesn't have a specific mounting system yet.



# **Moving Forward**





Dr. William Okyere Frempong





Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project!

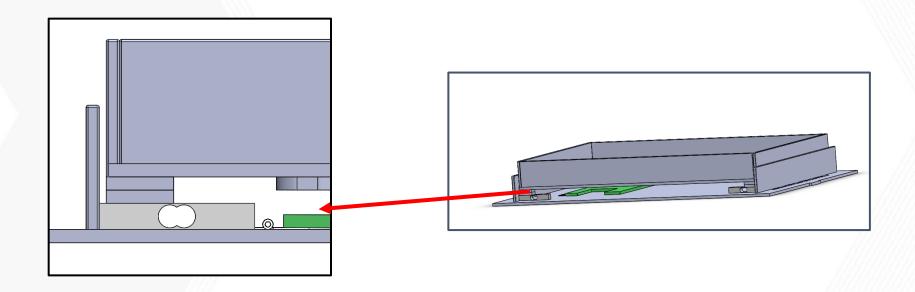


# Supplementary Slides

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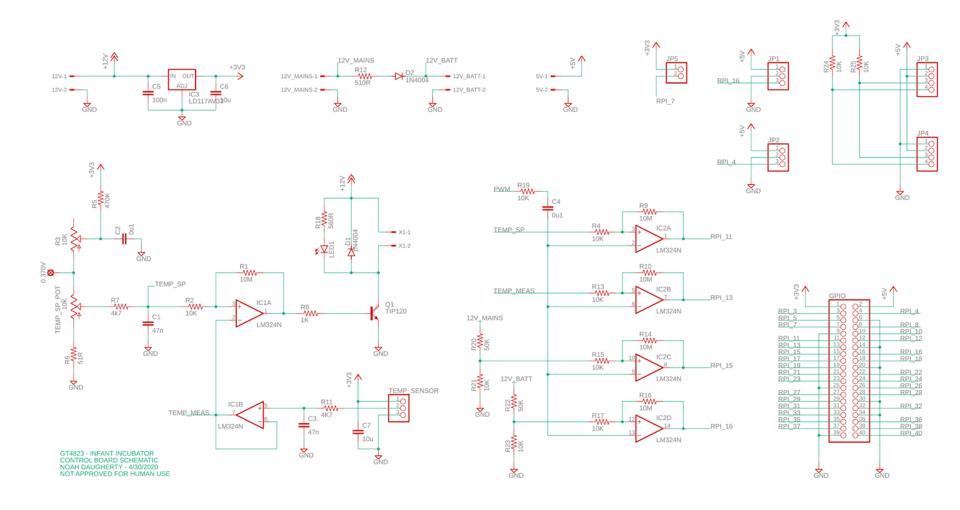
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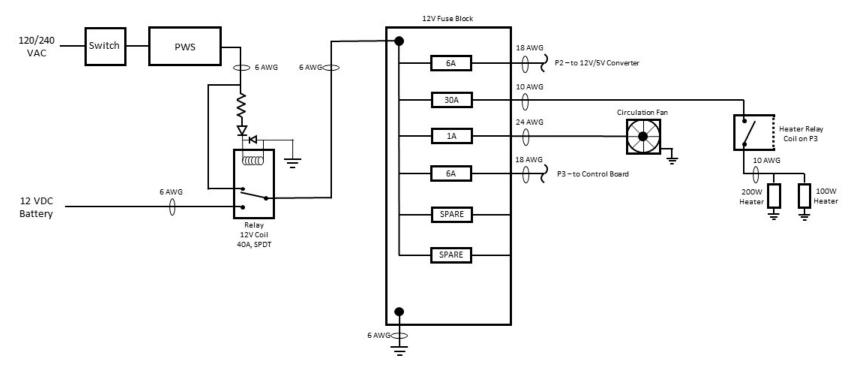




## **Control Board Schematic**



## **12V Power Distribution**



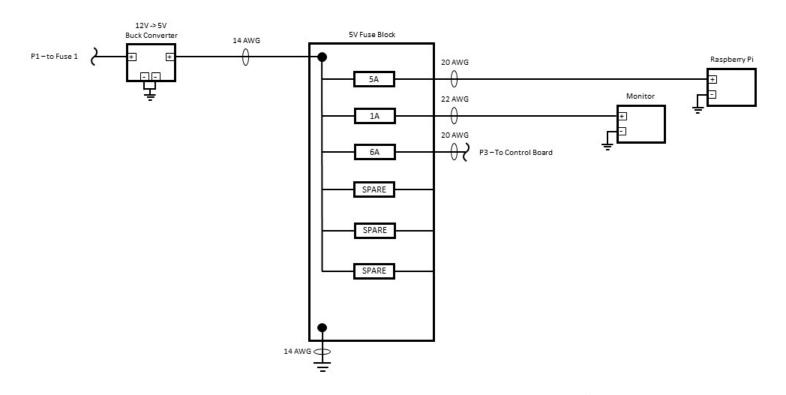
GT4823 - Infant Incubator

12V Power Distribution

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### **5V Power Distribution**

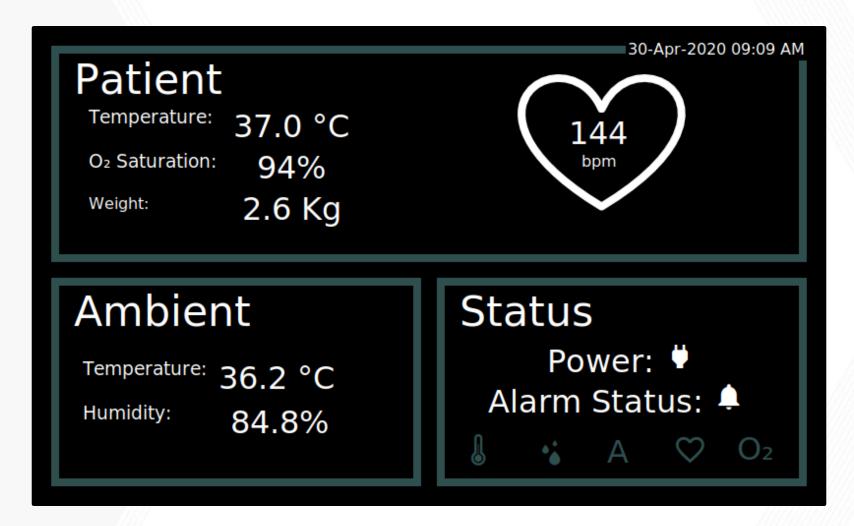


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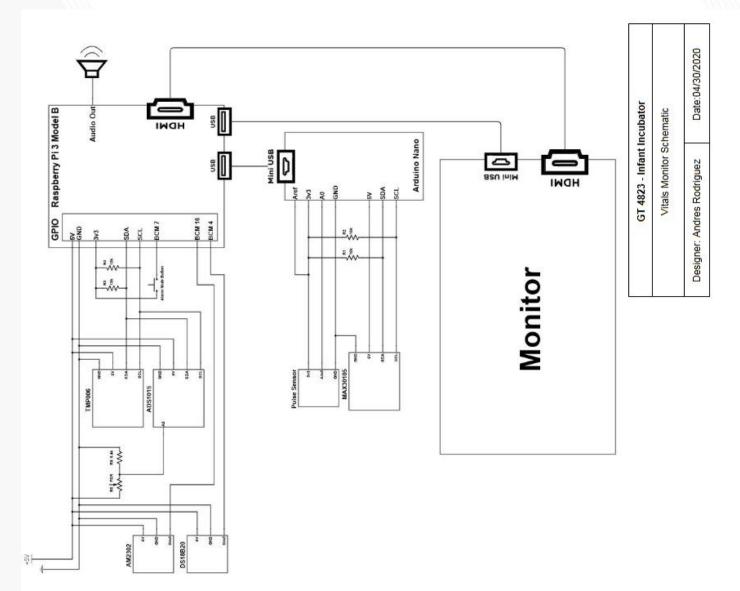


#### **Vitals Monitor**





## **Vitals Monitor Schematic**





# **Operator Interface**



