

# CleanLift Touchless Elevator Panel



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- VR module programming
- LED design and selection

#### Motivation

- Spread of diseases in high risk environments
  - Hospitals
  - Cruise Ships
- More bacteria than hospital toilets seats [1]
  - Buttons hard to clean
  - Insufficient cleaning
- Cause of anxiety for germ conscious
- Industrial Settings
  - Dirty Hands or Gloves





## Background

- Touchless technology is everywhere
  - faucets
  - toilets
  - hand dryers
  - paper towel dispensers
  - automatic doors
  - motion activated lights
- Various touchless sensors
  - Optical
    - Visible
    - Ultraviolet (UV)
    - •Infrared (IR)
  - Ultrasonic
  - Capacitive













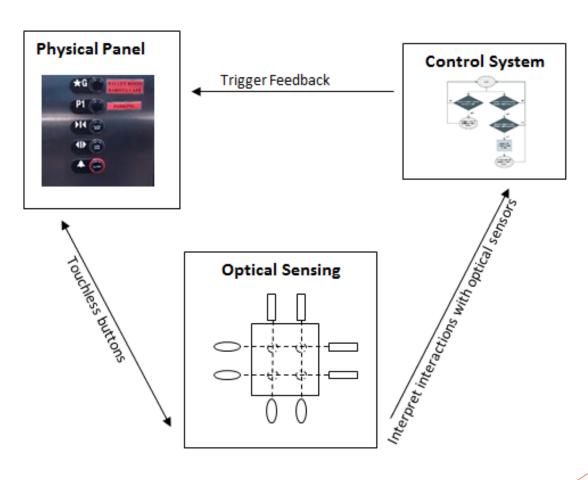
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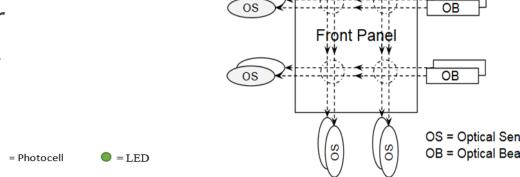
# General System Overview

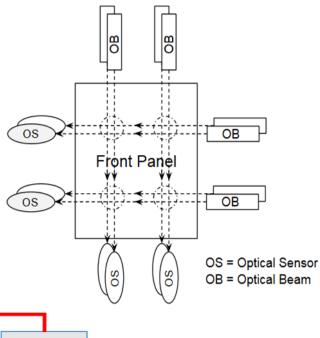
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- Control System
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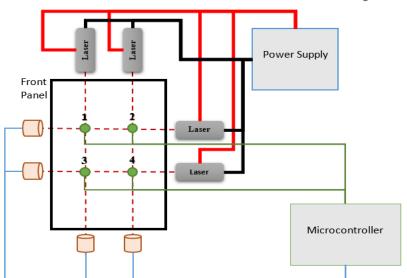


#### Laser Grid

- Optical vs. capacitive
- Array of optical beams
- **Optical Sensor** 
  - Photoresistor
- Optical beam
  - Laser



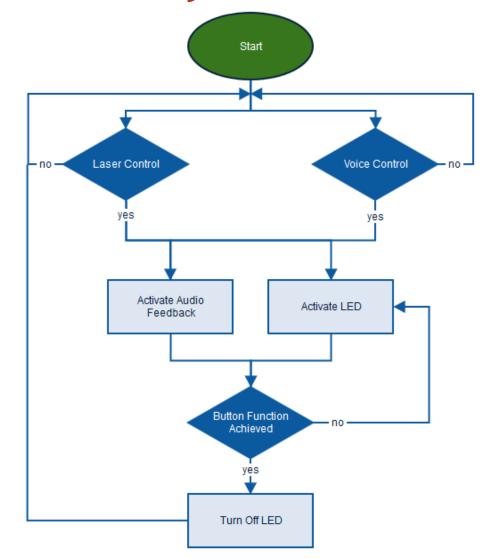








# **Control System**





- Implemented using
  - Arduino Uno
- Voice Recognition
  - EasyVR 3.0 shield







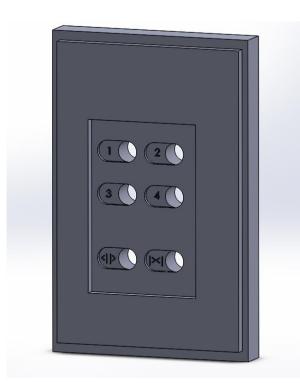
- Error Cases
  - Button triggered > 15 seconds
  - Button triggered > 30 seconds
  - Greater than 1 button triggered simultaneously



# Physical Panel

- Intuitive user experience and aesthetics
- Similar layout to current panels
- Visual and audio feedback
- Safety
  - Isolate lasers
  - Implement all elevator standards







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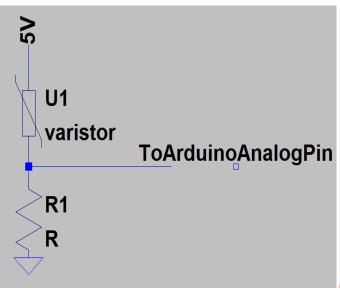






One Laser Proof of Concept



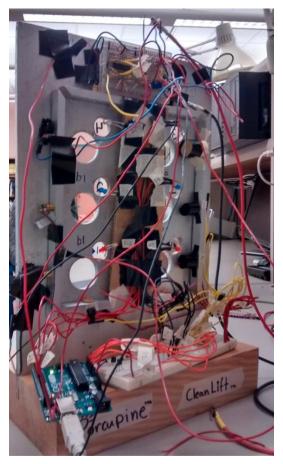


# **Initial Prototype**



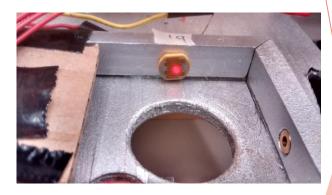


Front Panel



**Back Panel** 





Lasers & Photocells



# Initial prototype video







# Challenges & User Testing

- Hard to align lasers and photocells
  - Moved to individual alignment for next prototype
- Ambient light was a challenge
- Possible to insert finger and miss grid point
  - Need for redundancy
- User Testing
  - LED hole confusing
  - Want tactile feedback
  - Larger recesses



Bad laser alignment





#### Successfully implemented:

- Sensing grid with redundancy
- LED/Audio Feedback
- Control system
- Voice recognition module
- Panel and enclosure







# **Demo Prototype**











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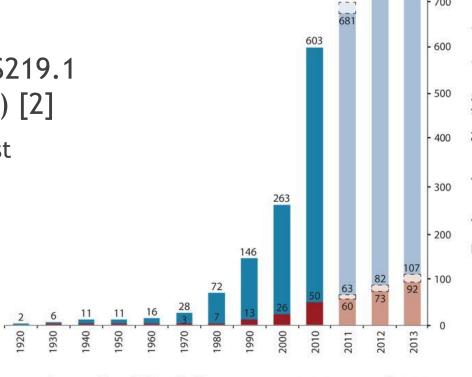
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#### Market

- Elevator demand is exponentially increasing
- Canadian health care expenditure in 2015 was \$219.1 billion (\$6,105 per person) [2]
  - Flu vaccinations in 2009 cost Canada \$1.5 billion [3]
- Positive response from acquaintances in the healthcare industry



Total number of tall buildings over 200m and 300m



#### **Business Case**

- Large markets
  - Primary → Hospitals
  - Secondary → Residential
- Competition
  - Hyundai Elevator Co. (Korea) Touchless foot button. Only for calling the elevator. [4]
  - Patent application in China grooves with ultraviolet emitters and sensors [5]
  - Similar design by Yanko Design mock up of a UV sensor panel [6]
- Comparable unit cost to traditional panels
- Financing
  - Licence technology to an elevator manufacturer
  - Royalties for every elevator sold with our panel







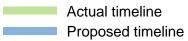


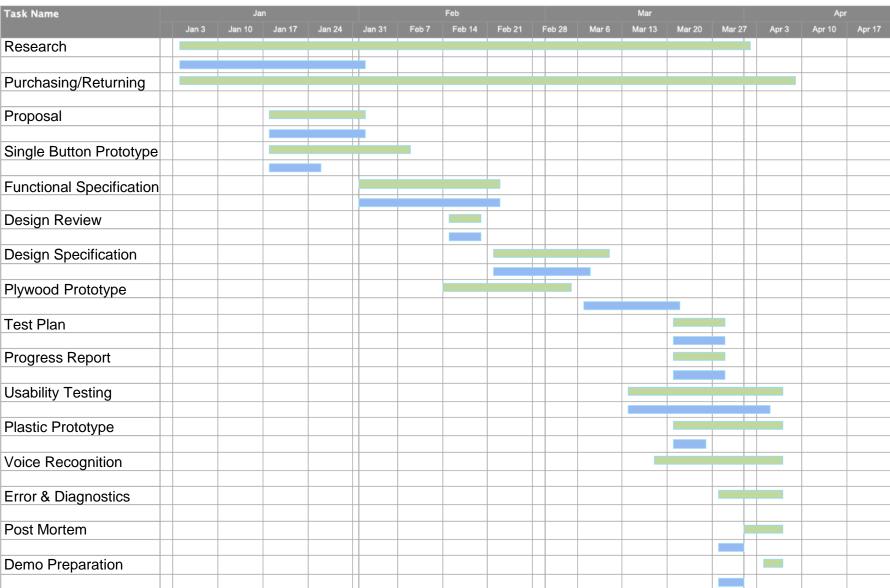


Section	Estimated Cost	Total Spent
Physical panel	\$150.28	\$143.66
Sensing Grid	\$196.63	\$134.03
Control System	\$102.95	\$84.91
Subtotal	\$449.86	\$362.60
Shipping	\$30.00	\$12.11
Contingency	\$89.97	-
Total	\$569.83	\$374.71

- Funding ESSSEF \$399
- Cost per button: \$22.98 (3x2 panel)

### Project schedule











#### **Future Directions**

- Tactile Feedback
  - e.g. Air puffs
  - Electroshock (suggested by Dr. Rawicz)
- Braille
- Experiment with other sensors
  - Infrared (IR) and/or near-IR
  - Capacitive
- Power save mode
  - Use PIR motion sensor
  - Turn off sensing grid >20 mins inactivity







- Accomplished most of what we proposed
  - Multiple iterations
  - Final demo both functional and aesthetically appealing
- Lessons learned
  - Project documentation
  - Planning, budgeting, and time management
  - Technical
- Solved a real problem





- Porcupine Solutions
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"Don't touch it!"



# Questions?



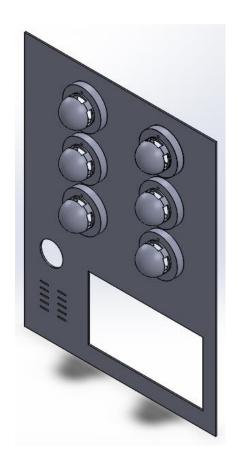




**Technical Specifications** 



- Recesses drawn in Solidworks and 3D printed
- Panel cut using Laser cutter based on CorelDraw schematic

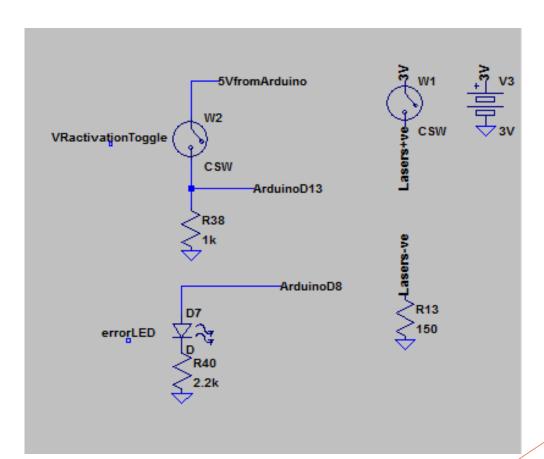






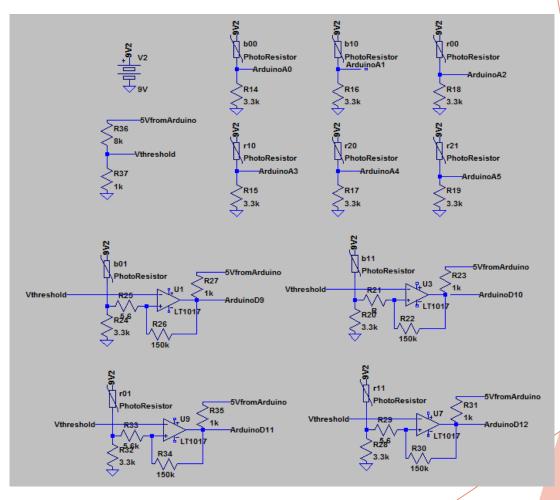


- Lasers brightness controlled by R13 trimpot
- Lasers can be turned off using W1
- VR mode selected using toggle switch W2
- Error LED illuminated based on Arduino output



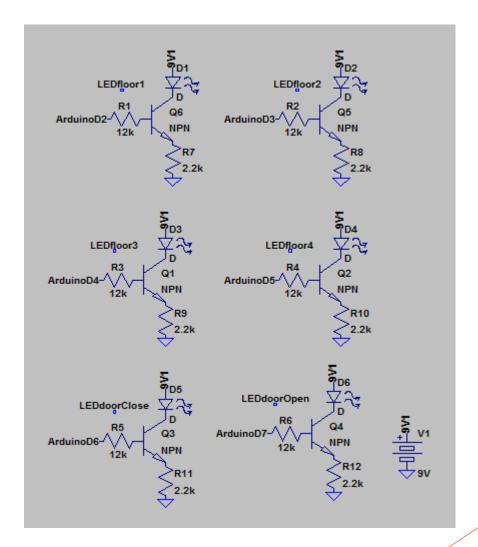


- 6 to Arduino analog input
- 4 digitized using comparators with hysteresis



# Diagram - LEDs

- 6 LEDs powered using9V
- Switched on and off using Arduino outputs
- Brightness controller by emitter resistors









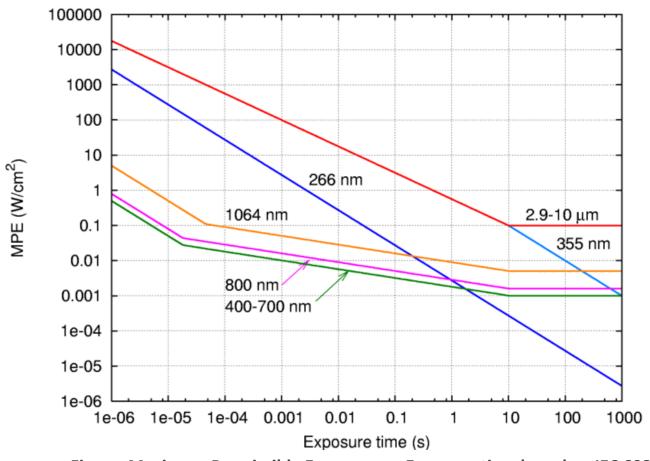


Figure: Maximum Permissible Exposure vs. Exposure time based on IEC 60825 MPE guidelines [7]

