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Integrated Multimedia Wireless Sensor Node for Comprehensive Lifelogging and Beyond: Design, Development and Applications

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This paper introduces the Integrated Multimedia Wireless Sensor Node (IMWSN), a significant advancement in environmental monitoring and lifelogging within Multimedia Wireless Sensor Networks (MWSN). MWSNs, equipped with wearable sensors, are crucial for documenting personal life experiences. However, current MWSNs often lack the ability to fully integrate data across various sensor types, including environmental, visual, and medical sensors. The IMWSN addresses this gap by providing a comprehensive view of an individual's interactions and environment. The IMWSN is composed of multiple modules: a processor module that manages the overall system efficiently, a visual module designed to capture video footage of the surroundings, an environmental module that allows for real-time monitoring of environmental conditions, and a medical module dedicated to recording health-related data of individuals, a process often known as lifelogging. These components are encased in a custom-designed 3Dprinted enclosure and powered by a durable 4500mAh mobile battery. System programming and monitoring are facilitated through the user-friendly Arduino IDE, making the experience accessible and customizable. Beyond its primary function in lifelogging, the IMWSN is remarkably versatile and suited for a range of applications. It can function as an action camera, assist in forest fire monitoring, support ambient assisted living environments, and monitor patients' health and daily activities rigorously. This adaptability makes the IMWSN a valuable and essential tool in fields that require extensive data collection and sophisticated analytical capabilities, highlighting its broad potential impact.

1. Introduction

The development of Multimedia Wireless Sensor Networks (MWSNs) [1], [2], has sparked a revolution in lifelogging, enabling individuals to document and immortalize their personal life journeys through wearable sensors. While MWSNs have gained significant attention for their ability to capture detailed and dynamic data, there remains a gap in achieving a fully integrated system incorporating diverse sensor types.

The Integrated Multimedia Wireless Sensor Node (IMWSN) significantly advances existing Multimedia Wireless Sensor Networks (MWSNs) by integrating diverse sensor types, including visual, environmental, and medical sensors, addressing the common limitations of traditional MWSNs. Conventional MWSNs often focus on individual data streams, such as environmental or medical sensors alone, leading to fragmented insights. In contrast, the IMWSN combines these various streams into a single

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system, enabling immersive data capture and continuous monitoring across multiple domains, such as environmental conditions and personal health, thereby offering a more comprehensive view of the user's environment and well-being.

To overcome these challenges of existing Multimedia Wireless Sensor Networks (MWSNs), we introduce the Integrated Multimedia Wireless Sensor Node (IMWSN). This innovative solution marks a crucial advancement in the field, designed to bridge the gap in data integration for lifelogging and beyond. By merging various sensor modules into a single, cohesive unit, the IMWSN enables the capture of rich and interconnected data streams, providing a holistic and coherent view of an individual's life.

The IMWSN is distinct in its robust features: it includes a processor dedicated to system control, an advanced visual module for immersive data capture, an environmental module for continuous context monitoring, and a medical module for personalized health data recording. This integration allows for a deeper exploration of experiences, pattern recognition, and informed decision-making in environmental monitoring and healthcare. Beyond its primary role in lifelogging, the IMWSN serves as an action camera, aids in forest fire monitoring, and supports ambient assisted living, thus enhancing healthcare services and improving patient outcomes.

In this paper, we explore the development and potential applications of the Integrated Multimedia Wireless Sensor Node (IMWSN), emphasizing its essential role as a vital tool for lifelogging and its wider implications. We investigate the diverse range of methodologies in lifelogging, including visionbased, sensor-based, and hybrid systems, highlighting the field's expanding interest and its potential to enhance personal well-being and quality of life. This exploration underscores recent research trends in lifelogging, which demonstrate a growing commitment to advancing healthcare, personal wellness, and overall quality of life through innovative lifelogging technologies.

Despite progress in lifelogging research, many existing systems still fail to achieve a comprehensive integration of data from diverse sources, including medical, environmental, and visual sensors. Research often focuses on isolated aspects of lifelogging, such as using medical sensors for health monitoring [3], [4], [5], [6], employing vision-based technologies for patient surveillance, utilizing environmental sensors for applications like forest fire detection [7], [8] or fire detection in cities [9]. This fragmented approach typically leads to a partial depiction of lifelogging data, as studies tend to concentrate on singular sensor types.

Moreover, while some researchers have attempted to integrate multiple sensor types into their sensor nodes, they still face significant challenges in achieving a complete understanding of simultaneous activities. For instance, some nodes may include medical sensors but omit environmental or visual sensors [3], [10], whereas others might incorporate environmental sensors without including medical or visual capabilities [11], [12]. This lack of comprehensive sensor integration hampers the ability to fully capture and interpret the complex dynamics of daily life within lifelogging frameworks.

To overcome existing shortcomings and maximize the capabilities of lifelogging, this paper introduces the Integrated Multimedia Wireless Sensor Node (IMWSN). The core aim of the IMWSN is to amalgamate various data types—visual, environmental, and medical—into a cohesive unit. This approach is designed to offer a detailed and accurate portrayal of an individual's daily experiences and environment. By integrating these diverse data streams, the IMWSN significantly enhances the functionality and adaptability of lifelogging systems, setting the stage for innovative applications and breakthroughs in various fields. This paper details the development and explores the potential applications of the IMWSN, highlighting its role as a critical and transformative tool in the realm of lifelogging and beyond.

In summary, the key contributions of this study are as follows:

- The IMWSN enables lifeloggers to document their daily experiences more comprehensively and accurately, thus enhancing the functionality and relevance of lifelogging. This technology helps individuals obtain deeper insights into their daily activities and overall well-being.
- Beyond its primary use in lifelogging, the IMWSN supports a range of applications, including use as an action camera, forest fire monitoring, and healthcare surveillance. This adaptability opens up new possibilities for applying IMWSN technology across various fields, promoting progress in data collection and analytical techniques.
- This study tackles practical obstacles and provides critical insights for deploying the IMWSN in real-world scenarios. These insights are crucial for driving further innovations in lifelogging technologies.
- A comprehensive overview of the IMWSN's architecture, components, and specifications provides an invaluable resource for researchers

and developers in lifelogging, sensor networks, and multimedia data integration. This detailed technical information aids in understanding, developing and improving integrated sensor systems.

These contributions highlight the transformative potential of the IMWSN in advancing the fields of lifelogging and related technologies.

The organization of this paper is outlined as follows: In Section 2, an exposition of background information and a comprehensive survey of the pertinent research is provided. Section 3 offers an intricate examination of the materials, design, and developmental methodologies employed in crafting our Integrated Wireless Sensor Node (IMWSN). The exploration of potential application domains for the IMWSN is encapsulated in Section 4. Section 5 presents an account of the tests and experiments conducted utilizing IMWSN. Prospective avenues for future research are discussed in Section 6. Finally, Section 7 encapsulates the conclusion of this paper.

2. Background and Related Work

In recent years, Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) have experienced substantial advancements, leading to the evolution of Multimedia Wireless Sensor Networks (MWSNs). These networks incorporate the capability to capture and transmit various forms of multimedia data such as images, audio, and video. MWSNs have been applied extensively in areas like healthcare, environmental monitoring, disaster management, and urban planning [13], [14]. Despite this progress, integrating multiple sensor types particularly visual, environmental, and medical sensors—into a unified system remains a significant challenge. The Integrated Multimedia Wireless Sensor Node (IMWSN), presented in this study, is designed to address these integration challenges, enhancing the overall functionality and performance of MWSNs by adopting a holistic multi-sensor approach to data collection and analysis.

The literature reveals that many existing systems focus on integrating only one or two types of sensors—typically medical, environmental, or visual—neglecting the others. This compartmentalized approach results in incomplete data sets that do not fully capture the complexities of the monitored environment or the individual's interactions within it.

The utilization of Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) has witnessed a notable global surge in recent times, prompting substantial research endeavors in this realm.

2.1. Application spectrum

Ramson et al. [14] and Almalkawi et al. [13] identified a multitude of diverse application domains, ranging from agriculture to healthcare monitoring, among others. Similarly, Kandris et al. [15] delineated over 20 application areas, including Battlefield Surveillance and Water Monitoring, among others. Notably, one of the notable application spheres for WSNs is the realm of lifelogging.

In their work [16], Poon et al. delved into diverse sensor node classifications. A subset of these nodes incorporated medical sensors but lacked weather and visual sensors, whereas others integrated weather sensors but omitted medical and visual sensors.

2.2. Lifelogging

Lifelogging, the process of recording various aspects of an individual's daily life, has gained significant attention due to the rise of wearable technology and mobile sensors. Traditional lifelogging systems typically rely on singular data streams like visual or location-based data, which limits their ability to capture a complete and contextual view of the individual's health and environment.

Ninh [17] investigated stress detection by analyzing the lifelog data. In his research, he used datasets obtained from medical sensors such as heart rate and blood volume pulse but no data about environmental conditions.

In [18], Bruun et al. delved into lifelogging in natural settings, utilizing Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) sensors and a photo camera. However, their study did not encompass the tracking of environmental data, including variables such as temperature and humidity.

In [19] Cho et al. devised a lifelog-based lighting system wherein they utilized environmental and visual sensors to gather pertinent data. However, it's notable that their design did not incorporate medical data.

By integrating multiple sensor modalities such as visual, environmental, and medical data, the IMWSN offers a more holistic lifelogging approach. This integration provides deeper insights into how environmental factors and health metrics interact during daily life events

2.3. Healthcare and elderly care

In healthcare, the integration of MWSNs has become increasingly important, particularly for monitoring patients in remote or underserved areas.

Mohankumar et al. [3] expounded upon a methodology for tracking patients' health conditions. Within their study, they harnessed medical sensors to amass insights into patients' health status. Nevertheless, their approach omitted meteorological elements like atmospheric pressure, environmental temperature, humidity, light intensity, and visual data.

Sathyanarayana et al. [20] conducted a survey concerning vision-based patient monitoring systems, solely employing vision-based sensors without integrating medical or environmental counterparts.

Jeygar et al. [10] devised a sensor node featuring medical sensors such as cardiac rate and body temperature, dedicated to monitoring patients' health status. Regrettably, this node lacked environmental sensors.

Tang et al. [21] presented an intricate exploration of robot partners embedded with motion and visual sensors, accompanied by an environmental illumination sensor for elderly care. However, their endeavor omitted medical sensors.

The IMWSN enhances this potential by integrating visual, environmental, and medical data, enabling a more comprehensive approach to remote health and elderly monitoring systems.

2.4. Environmental monitoring

Environmental monitoring represents another key application for MWSNs. Tracking environmental conditions such as temperature, humidity, and pollutants in real-time has significant implications for urban planning and disaster management.

Mohapatra et al. [11] embarked on research centered on forest fire monitoring. In section III of their investigation, they introduced a sensor node model comprising environmental sensors such as temperature, humidity, smoke, and light, while omitting visual and medical sensors.

Castro-Correa et al. [7] developed a sensor node designed to monitor and detect forest fires. This node featured temperature, humidity, and gas sensors for environmental monitoring but notably lacked visual imaging capabilities and medical sensors for broader situational assessment.

Dampage et al. [8] developed a system for forest fire detection, employing a sensor node that can detect, temperature, humidity, light intensity level, and CO level. highlighting the need for integrating

visual and environmental data to improve early detection systems.

The IMWSN builds on these by incorporating both environmental sensors and visual modules, providing comprehensive data for monitoring natural disasters like forest fires, floods, and extreme weather events. Additionally, the IMWSN has potential applications in urban planning, helping city planners monitor air quality and environmental conditions in real-time, thereby promoting healthier and more sustainable urban environments

2.5. Agriculture

Srbinovska et al. [12] developed a system for monitoring and controlling crop production, employing sensor nodes to detect temperature and humidity. Yet, due to the absence of visual or medical sensors, this system exhibited limitations for lifelogging purposes.

[22] Malik et al. studied wireless sensor nodes in agriculture, using sensor nodes with environmental sensors, but no visual or medical sensors.

Rajak et al. [23] explored the use of AI technology to enhance agricultural production. Their study relied on data from environmental sensors, such as temperature and humidity, but did not include medical data. However, the system's lack of visual or medical sensors limited its applicability for lifelogging purposes.

The IMWSN addresses these gaps by combining visual, environmental, and medical sensors into a unified system. This holistic approach enables the collection of comprehensive data streams, allowing for more detailed lifelogging, health monitoring, and environmental tracking. By integrating multiple sensor modalities, the IMWSN enhances the ability to recognize patterns and make informed decisions in real time, making it a valuable tool for applications that require a thorough understanding of both the environment and an individual's health.

3. Materials, Design, Development and Applications

To effectively capture and understand the full spectrum of ongoing activities, it is essential to amalgamate various types of data, such as visual, environmental, and medical information. In response to this need, we propose the development of a specialized integrated wireless sensor node tailored specifically for lifelogging purposes. Our strategy focuses on providing a holistic view, facilitating a more detailed and accurate depiction of an individual's experiences and surroundings.

3.1. Design

Figure 1 illustrates the fundamental architecture of the system.

Figure 1 Basic system architecture

Communication between the processor module and other components is managed through the I2C interface. The system achieves wireless connectivity through Wi-Fi capabilities embedded within the processor module. It is powered by a durable 4500 mAh mobile phone battery. Programming of the system is conducted via a PC or notebook connected through the USB port. All components are encased in a custom-designed 3D-printed plastic enclosure. Data captured by the sensors is saved in a text file on the SD card and can also be monitored in real-time through the serial monitor connected via USB.

3.1.1. Materials

The Integrated Multimedia Wireless Sensor Node

comprises a processor module, a visual module, an environmental module, a medical module, a real-time clock (RTC) module, a wireless module, a protective case, and a power supply.

3.1.2. Processor module

The processor module is the central component of the IMWSN, responsible for running the system's software and managing the operation of all other modules as shown in Fig. 2(a). It is based on the Arduino Portenta H7 [24]. which has both Arm® Cortex®-M7 and Cortex®-M4 cores for efficient data processing and management.

This module handles the communication between other components using I2C interfaces and provides power distribution to the entire system, including charging the system's battery.

Besides its robust processing capabilities, it features WiFi and Bluetooth® for efficient wireless data transmission. The module is compatible with UART, SPI, and I2C interfaces, offering broad connectivity with various peripherals. Adding to its adaptability, the module includes a versatile USB-C port. This port not only powers the board but also functions as a USB hub, can connect to a DisplayPort monitor, or provide power to other devices through OTG. Importantly, the processor module also supplies power to the other modules in the system. Its role is critical in integrating data from all other modules and ensuring that the system operates smoothly.

STM32H747 dual-core processor	8MB SDRAM	16MB NOR Flash
USB HS	SPI	12 _C
UFL Connector (Antenna)	WiFi $802.11b/g/n$ 65 Mbps	Bluetooth 5.1 BR/EDR/LE
Board operating voltage 3.3 V	Board input voltage (VIN)5 V	

Processor module Specifications:

3.2.2. Visual module

To monitor visual data, we utilized the Arduino Portenta Vision Shield [25], shown in Fig. 2(b). The visual module, which incorporates the Himax HM-01B0 camera, captures visual data to support both environmental monitoring and lifelogging applications. With the ability to record at various resolutions and frame rates for added flexibility, it enables the system to document the environment and life experiences in rich detail. This module is especially useful for applications like forest fire monitoring and personal lifelogging, as it can capture real-time video or images to provide critical visual context in various environments.

Visual module Specifications:

3.2.3. Environmental module

For the collection of environmental data, we have employed the Arduino MKR ENV Shield rev2 [26], depicted in Fig. 2 (c). The environmental module is equipped with sensors that measure temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, and light intensity. This module is essential for continuous environmental monitoring, especially in applications such as forest fire detection and ambient environmental tracking for lifelogging. The real-time data collected by this module can be used to detect changes in the environment, aiding in early warning systems and providing context for lifelogging data.

Environmental module Specifications:

Power Supply Voltage: 3.3V/5V	Operational Current: Less than 15mA		
Communication Method: I2C/UART			

Figure 2 (a) Arduino Portenta H7 board (b) Arduino Portenta Vision Shield board (c) ENV Shield board

3.2.4. Medical module

For the collection of medical data, we employed the Gravity: MAX30102 PPG Heart Rate and Oximeter Sensor board [27], depicted in Fig. 3. (a). The medical module, featuring a heart rate and oxygen saturation sensor (MAX30102), allows the IMWSN to track health-related data. This module is particularly important for lifelogging applications that involve personal health monitoring, such as tracking vital signs in ambient assisted living environments or during physical activities. By integrating health data, the IMWSN goes beyond environmental monitoring, offering a comprehensive view of both the user's environment and health.

3.2.5. RTC module

For timestamping the collected data, we utilized the DS3231 RTC (Real-Time Clock) [28] module, depicted in Fig. 3. (b). Its continuous operation is ensured by a CR2032 battery, guaranteeing the preservation of time information even when the IMWSN is powered off. The RTC module ensures accurate timestamping of all collected data, which is crucial for synchronizing data from multiple sources, especially in lifelogging scenarios. This enables the system to maintain precise records of when environmental or health events occur, further enhancing the usefulness of the collected data.

	RIC module Specifications:
Serial Protocol: I2C	I2C Address: $0x68$
Operating Voltage: 5V or 3.3V DC (External) CR2032 clock battery slot	
Clock Precision: ± 1 minute per year	Dimensions: $38x22x14mm$

RTC module Specifications:

Medical sensor module specifications:

Power Supply Voltage: 3.3V/5V	Operational Current: Less than 15mA
Communication Method: I2C/UART	I2C Address: $0x57$

3.2.6. Wireless module

A wireless module is embedded into the processor board. It provides Wi-Fi and Bluetooth® connectivity options for seamless data exchange to the system.

3.2.7. Power supply

As the power supply, we utilized a 4500 mAh mobile phone battery, shown in Fig. 3 (c). The Arduino Portenta H7 board charges this power supply through its USB port. The inclusion of a 4500mAh mobile battery ensures that the IMWSN is fully mobile, allowing it to function independently of fixed power. This mobility is particularly important in applications that require movement, such as when the IMWSN is mounted on a moving object or individual for lifelogging, or in remote areas where continuous environmental monitoring is required without a direct power supply. The battery's capacity enables long-term use, making the IMWSN suitable for extended operations in scenarios like forest fire monitoring or personal health tracking, where frequent recharging would be impractical.

Figure 3 (a) Heart Rate and Oximeter Sensor board (b) DS3231 RTC module (c) Power supply

3.2.8. Case

 The IMWSN's components are housed in a custom-designed, 3D-printed plastic enclosure that provides physical protection and enhances the durability of the system as illustrated in Fig. 4. The enclosure is strategically designed with circular and rectangular apertures that align with the sensors and USB port, ensuring that all modules remain securely positioned and easily accessible for data collection.

The 3D printing process allows for a lightweight yet sturdy design, which can be tailored to specific needs and applications, making it an adaptable and customizable solution for different environments. Additionally, the enclosure protects the system from external damage, dust, and other environmental factors, making it suitable for outdoor and harsh conditions such as forest monitoring or lifelogging in dynamic environments.

Figure 4 (a) Design with dimensions (b) 3-D view without dimensions (c) Design printed with white plastic (d) Modules installed in the case (e) Heart Rate and Oximeter Sensor connected.

3.2. Implementation

The IMWSN's modules are securely affixed within a custom-designed, 3D-printed plastic enclosure. Circular and rectangular apertures are strategically placed to align with the sensor positions and USB port, respectively, on the case's surfaces. The power supply is mounted on the inner side of the cover. To accurately timestamp acquired data, we incorporated the DS3231 RTC (Real-Time Clock) module.

We established connections between these sensor boards RTC board and the processor board using the I2C interface.

For programming the IMWSN, we employed the Arduino IDE [29], as displayed in Fig. 5. To facilitate programming and real-time monitoring, the IWSN is linked to a computer via a USB port.

The Arduino IDE provides a user-friendly editor

where users can write, modify, and debug the IMWSN's program using the Arduino programming language. This simplifies the development process, especially for those who are not experts in embedded systems. The IDE's easy-to-use interface makes it accessible to a wide range of users, from beginners to professionals, facilitating quick iteration and updates to the system code. The Serial Monitor feature is particularly useful, allowing users to view real-time data streams from the IMWSN, which aids in debugging and monitoring the system's performance.

The Arduino IDE efficiently compiles code and uploads it directly to the IMWSN. The process is streamlined, with built-in support for the Arduino Portenta H7 board used in the IMWSN, eliminating the need for complex configurations. This makes it easier to integrate custom sensor data, modify system behavior, or add new functionalities without needing specialized tools.

Captured sensor data is stored in a text file generated on the SD card within the visual module. Captured pictures' names are timestamped with time data and stored in the SD card. Environmental and medical sensor data are time stamped and recorded into a .txt file which is created in the SD card.

Figure 5 Arduino IDE.

4. Possible Application Areas

While our primary goal revolved around the development of the Integrated Sensor Node for lifelogging, its scope of applications reaches far beyond this initial intention, rendering it highly adaptable for implementation in diverse domains.

4.1. Monitoring Forest Fire

The IMWSN's ability to integrate visual, environmental, and real-time data collection makes it an ideal tool for forest fire monitoring.

Equipped with temperature, humidity, and visual

sensors, it can detect early signs of fire hazards by continuously monitoring environmental conditions and capturing visual data from remote locations. Its portability and battery-powered mobility allow it to be deployed in hard-to-reach areas where conventional monitoring systems are impractical. The combination of visual feedback with environmental readings provides a comprehensive data stream, aiding in quicker detection and response to fire threats.

By proficiently observing and recording fluctuations in forest temperature, humidity, and light intensity, the IWSN gathers real-time data crucial for the early detection of fire-prone situations. Leveraging machine learning models designed for fire prediction, the IWSN possesses the capacity to identify anomalies indicative of forest fire initiation. Once identified, the IWSN can promptly trigger a pre-configured response protocol, efficiently transmitting fire alarms directly to the local fire department or relevant authorities. This proactive approach, empowered by the IWSN's advanced monitoring capabilities and rapid alerting mechanisms, plays an instrumental role in enhancing forest fire prevention and mitigation strategies, ultimately contributing to safeguarding vast ecosystems and minimizing potential damage.

4.2. Ambient Assisted Living (AAL)

In the context of ambient assisted living [30], [31], [32], the IMWSN can play a vital role in enhancing the safety and well-being of elderly or disabled individuals. By integrating medical sensors that track vital signs such as heart rate and oxygen levels, the system can continuously monitor the health status of users and detect abnormal conditions. The environmental sensors further add to this by monitoring factors like room temperature and air quality, ensuring a safe and comfortable living environment. IMWSN's ability to wirelessly transmit data to caregivers or health professionals makes it a valuable tool for real-time health monitoring in assisted living facilities.

4.3. Patient Health Monitoring

Beyond lifelogging, the IMWSN has significant applications in patient health monitoring.

The inherent capabilities of the Integrated Multimedia Wireless Sensor Node (IMWSN), encompassing a specialized oxygen saturation level and heart rate sensor, render it a well-suited tool for the comprehensive monitoring of the health conditions of the patients.

This is especially useful in remote patient monitoring, where individuals with chronic conditions can be monitored in real-time without needing to visit healthcare facilities frequently. By integrating this data with environmental factors, the IMWSN can provide a comprehensive picture of the patient's health, helping healthcare providers make better-informed decisions

This heightened functionality proves particularly invaluable within scenarios characterized by heightened health concerns, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In such circumstances, the IMWSN exhibits the potential to emerge as a critical asset for healthcare providers and medical practitioners. By seamlessly and continuously measuring and tracking essential physiological parameters like oxygen saturation levels and heart rates, this technology furnishes a real-time understanding of patients' vital signs. The utility of the IMWSN becomes especially pronounced in situations where remote patient monitoring is imperative, allowing healthcare professionals to remotely assess patients' health status without requiring their physical presence. This not only minimizes exposure risks for both patients and medical staff but also augments the capacity of healthcare systems to efficiently manage patient care and allocate resources. In the context of a pandemic, the IMWSN can contribute significantly to the early identification of deteriorating health conditions, facilitating prompt interventions and potentially curbing adverse outcomes. Its multifaceted potential extends beyond the immediate pandemic response, positioning it as a versatile asset for transforming healthcare delivery and remote patient monitoring practices in the broader healthcare landscape.

4.4. Action Cameras and Other Applications

The IMWSN can also function as a mobile action camera, recording visual data in dynamic environments. Its lightweight, portable design makes it ideal for capturing adventure sports, wildlife observation, or any application requiring mobile video recording. Furthermore, its integration of environmental and health sensors makes it applicable in various industrial and research settings, where environmental monitoring or safety tracking is required.

For example, the IMWSN can seamlessly integrate with a skier's helmet, effectively transforming it into a valuable action camera and health monitoring device. With a sophisticated array of sensors, including those for ambient temperature, heart rate, and blood oxygen levels, the IMWSN continuously tracks essential physiological indicators. This unique combination of features positions the IMWSN as a critical guardian of skiers' well-being, enhancing safety and knowledge on the slopes. Through meticulous monitoring of vital parameters and swift detection of deviations from normal values, the IMWSN takes a proactive approach to risk reduction. This capability allows it to identify irregularities promptly, particularly in relation to potential heartrelated issues. In essence, the IMWSN represents the fusion of adventure and innovation, emphasizing the importance of incorporating technology into recreational activities to ensure both thrilling experiences and individual health.

5. Experiments of IWMSN for Validation

The IMWSN is presently in the prototype phase, representing an early stage of development focused on foundational validation. A carefully selected set of experiments has been designed to assess and confirm the system's basic functionality. These initial tests aim to ensure the system operates as intended and provides a reliable basis for future enhancements.

The developed Integrated Sensor Node prototype was tested by conducting measurements on volunteer participants and at meteorological stations, yielding the following findings. The data collected from these measurements was saved to a text file on the SD card. A snapshot of this text file is shown in Fig. 6 (c).

5.1. Measurements Conducted with the Medical Module of the Integrated Sensor Node Prototype

A comprehensive evaluation of the medical module's efficacy was conducted, encompassing a cohort of sixteen participants, comprising three male and three female volunteers. The diverse composition of the study group facilitates a more encompassing understanding of the module's performance across varying physiological profiles. The culmination of this testing effort culminates in the detailed documentation of SPO2 and heart rate data, meticulously cataloged in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3.

The measurements are taken by devices produced by "Shanghai Berry" and "IMDK Medical" companies and the Integrated Sensor Node prototype This repository of data encapsulates the responses of the participants to the medical module's probing,

offering insights into individual physiological characteristics and responses.

These measurements provide a focused snapshot that demonstrates the module's precision in acquiring and recording essential health metrics. This

deliberate approach underscores the module's potential for personalized health monitoring and emphasizes its role in contributing to individualized healthcare solutions.

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Table 1 Measurement values taken by the medical module.

12th participant (Female)				
SPO ₂ (%) difference		Heartbeat difference		
Difference from	Difference from	Difference from	Difference from	
Shanghai Berry (%)	IMDK Medical (%)	Shanghai Berry (%)	IMDK Medical (%)	
2.02	2.06	-4.23	-1.37	
1.01	1.02	-4.35	-2.86	
1.01	1.02	2.63	-2.78	
2.02	2.06		1.32	

Table 3 Results of statistical analysis of the differences in the measurements taken by the medical module.

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The average difference in SPO2 measurements between IWSN and Shanghai Berry is 0.46, with a standard deviation of 1.02. This variance is considered acceptable.

For IWSN and IMDK, the average SPO2 difference is 0.99, with a standard deviation of 0.84, which is also deemed reasonable. The average difference between IWSN and Shanghai Berry for heartbeat measurements is -0.07, with a standard deviation of 2.97. The average difference between IWSN and IMDK for heartbeat measurements is - 0,097, with a standard deviation of 2.50. Although the variations in heartbeat measurements are larger than those in SPO2, these are considered reasonable, as heart rate can fluctuate rapidly and momentarily.

5.2. Measurements Conducted with the Environmental Module of the Integrated Sensor Node Prototype

The data acquired from rigorous testing of the

environmental module across various times of the day and various days is meticulously compiled and presented in Table 4 and Table 5.

Measurements were conducted with the environmental module of the Integrated Sensor Node and the instruments of "Central-Asian Institute for Applied Geosciences (CAIAG)" at the measurement station of CAIAG located in the village of Kashkasuu, Bishkek.

Each dataset created as the result of measurements captures a snapshot of conditions within this station, revealing dynamic variations in temperature, humidity and pressure throughout the day. The comprehensive nature of the collected data reflects the module's aptitude for portraying the nuanced environmental fluctuations inherent to real-world scenarios.

Table 4 Measurement values taken by the environmental module.							
IWSN		CAIAG					
		Relative	Temperature		Relative	Temperature	Pressure
Date	Time	Humidity $(\%)$	(C $^{\circ}$	Pressure (kPa)	Humidity $(\%)$	(\mathbf{C}°)	(kPa)
28.04.2024	12:26	63.70	8.13	89.37	65.00	7.90	93.05
28.04.2024	13:23	62.40	8.40	91.41	63.60	8.20	93.08
28.04.2024	14:15	62.00	8.40	91.47	63.40	8.60	93.43
28.04.2024	15:06	59.00	9.50	91.50	61.60	9.00	93.14
29.04.2024	15:29	46.60	16.70	90.63	47.40	16.30	93.07
29.04.2024	16:21	42.50	17.10	91.65	44.60	16.90	93.06
29.04.2024	17:13	46.20	16.10	89.68	48.10	16.50	93.09

Table 4 Measurement values taken by the environmental module.

Table 5 The differences in the measurement values taken by the environmental module and its statistical analysis.

The average difference in relative humidity measurements between IWSN and CAIAG is 2.95 with a standard deviation of 1.19, which is considered acceptable.

For temperature measurements, the average difference is -1.40 with a standard deviation of 2.68, also within a reasonable range.

The average difference in pressure measurements is 2.49 with a standard deviation of 0.90, which we also consider reasonable.

5.3. Visual module

The visual module's capabilities are exemplified through an illustrative snapshot, showcased in Fig. 6.

(a). captured with a resolution of 320X240 pixels, in alignment with the module's camera specifications. This exemplar effectively underscores the visual module's proficiency in documenting surroundings, underscoring its potential across various applications that demand accurate visual documentation. A snapshot of .bmp files recorded into the SD card is shown in Fig. 6. (b).

Together, the collated environmental data and vivid photographic portrayal illuminate the empirical prowess of the IMWSN's constituent modules, validating their roles in capturing diverse facets of the environment and imagery.

Figure 6 (a) A sample photo taken by IWSN. (b) A snapshot of .bmp files in the SD card (c) A snapshot of the recorded data in the text file.

6. Discussion and Future Directions

The research presented in this article represents a significant advancement in the field of wireless multimedia sensor networks (MWSNs) and lifelogging. The Integrated Wireless Media Sensor Node (IMWSN) addresses many of the longstanding integration challenges that have limited existing MWSN systems. By incorporating visual, environmental, and medical sensors, the IMWSN enables comprehensive, real-time data collection from multiple sources, offering transformative possibilities in a range of applications. This paper not only explores the development and implementation of the IMWSN but also highlights its wide-reaching implications, diverse applications, and exciting avenues for future research and innovation.

6.1. Transformative Impact on Lifelogging

The IMWSN represents a paradigm shift in lifelogging, moving beyond the traditional visual or location-based data to include environmental and physiological metrics. Current lifelogging systems often rely on singular data streams (e.g., location or activity) to document personal histories. However, the IMWSN's multi-sensor integration can vastly improve how individuals understand and interact with their life narratives. By capturing synchronized visual, environmental, and health data, this system enhances the depth of autobiographical memory, providing a more nuanced understanding of how an individual's health and surroundings interplay during significant life events. Such integration could enable deeper insights into personal health patterns, environmental triggers, and lifestyle impacts, thus pushing lifelogging beyond simple life documentation toward personalized health and environmental monitoring [17].

This shift in lifelogging practices could also be valuable for researchers in psychology and healthcare. By monitoring both environmental and physiological data, the IMWSN can provide more accurate insights into how people's environments influence their mental and physical well-being. For example, studies have shown that environmental factors like temperature, air quality, and light exposure have significant effects on both mental and physical health [33]. By logging these factors, individuals and healthcare providers could identify environmental stressors and mitigate their impact on well-being.

6.2. Versatility in Critical Applications

The versatility of the IMWSN extends beyond lifelogging into critical real-world applications, including healthcare, environmental monitoring, and urban planning. Its ability to act as both an action camera and a health monitoring device makes it applicable in a wide variety of settings, from urban areas to remote environments. For example, in forest fire surveillance, the IMWSN could provide realtime data about environmental conditions such as temperature, humidity, and smoke levels. This would enable early detection of fire hazards and allow authorities to respond quickly and effectively, potentially reducing the damage caused by wildfires [11].

In healthcare, particularly during pandemics or for patients in remote or underserved areas, the IMWSN can be used to monitor critical health metrics like heart rate, body temperature, and oxygen saturation levels. This would provide real-time health data that could be transmitted to healthcare providers, enabling remote diagnosis and treatment. With the increasing focus on telemedicine and remote health monitoring, especially during global health crises like COVID-19, systems like the IMWSN can be a vital tool in ensuring healthcare access and responsiveness [4].

6.3. Broader Societal Impacts

The IMWSN's applications are not limited to individual use but extend to societal benefits in fields such as urban planning and elderly care:

- Urban Planning: By leveraging the IMWSN's comprehensive data collection capabilities, city planners could gather real-time information on environmental factors such as air quality, temperature, and humidity, and correlate these with health metrics of the population. This data could be used to create healthier, more sustainable urban environments, making cities more livable and better equipped to handle public health challenges [34].
- Elderly Care: In ambient assisted living (AAL) environments, the IMWSN could monitor the health and environmental conditions of elderly individuals, providing caregivers with real-time insights into their well-being. By continuously tracking vital signs and environmental factors like room temperature or air quality, the IMWSN could help caregivers detect health issues early and provide timely intervention,

potentially improving the quality of life for elderly individuals [4], [35], [36].

6.4. Future Research and Development

While the IMWSN represents a major advancement, there are several areas that warrant further research and development to enhance its functionality:

- Sensor Expansion: Currently, the IMWSN integrates key visual, environmental, and medical sensors, but its capabilities could be expanded by integrating additional sensors [23]. For instance, motion trackers, air quality monitors [35], [37], or thermal imaging systems could provide even richer data, making the IMWSN applicable to a wider range of use cases. For example, motion sensors could be particularly useful in tracking physical activity in healthcare settings, while advanced vision systems could improve detection in search and rescue operations.
- Advanced Data Analytics [38]: The IMWSN collects large amounts of complex, multi-modal data, which requires sophisticated analytics to process and derive meaningful insights. Future work should focus on developing machine learning algorithms capable of analyzing and interpreting these complex datasets in real-time. Such algorithms could, for example, predict health risks based on patterns in the collected data or identify environmental hazards like approaching wildfires.
- Data Security and Privacy [39] Given the sensitive nature of the data collected by the IMWSN, ensuring data security and privacy is critical. Future research should focus on developing robust encryption protocols and secure data transmission techniques. Privacypreserving methods, such as federated learning, could allow for the development of predictive models without exposing individual data, thus protecting users' privacy while still enabling the system to learn from vast amounts of collected data.
- Energy Efficiency and Sustainability: We have included a 4500mAh battery in the design allows the IMWSN to operate independently and for extended periods, which offers practical advantages over systems that rely on fixed or less portable power sources. However, prolonged operation in remote environments or for extended health monitoring requires energyefficient hardware. Further research into lowpower sensors and energy-harvesting technologies could significantly extend the

operational life of the IMWSN, making it more practical for long-term use in applications such as environmental monitoring or patient care.

- Testing the IMWSN under real-world conditions such as extended use, various weather environments, and potential sensor degradation.
- Optimizing the system for durability in realworld applications, such as enhancing battery life for prolonged use, and ensuring sensor longevity.
- Validating the system's applicability and reliability in field conditions, where performance is critical.

7. Conclusion

The IMWSN represents a major advancement in the field of MWSNs, addressing key challenges related to data integration, real-time monitoring, and application versatility. By combining visual, environmental, and medical sensors, the IMWSN enhances the richness of data available for applications ranging from lifelogging to disaster management and healthcare. Its ability to integrate data across multiple modalities provides users with a comprehensive understanding of their environment and health, enabling more informed decision-making and timely interventions.

Traditional Multimedia Wireless Sensor Networks (MWSNs) struggle with the integration of disparate data sources such as environmental signals, visual inputs, and medical metrics. These isolated data streams offer only piecemeal views of an individual's daily life, substantially limiting the depth and utility of lifelogging. Furthermore, the lack of a cohesive framework for data aggregation compromises the effectiveness of existing lifelogging systems.

In response to these limitations, we introduce the Integrated Multimedia Wireless Sensor Node (IMWSN) as a groundbreaking solution. By merging various sensor modules into a single unified device, the IMWSN facilitates the collection of rich, interconnected data streams. This innovative technology not only bridges the gap in data collection but also transforms how life experiences are comprehensively captured and interpreted.

The IMWSN marks a major leap forward in the field of comprehensive data acquisition, especially designed for lifelogging and related applications. It brings together multiple sensor modules into a unified system that adeptly captures and synthesizes complex data streams, offering a detailed and holistic view of an individual's life narrative. This paper

details practical implementations and insights concerning the deployment of the IMWSN, pushing forward the development of lifelogging technologies.

Additionally, an in-depth discussion of the IMWSN's design and technical specifics serves as an invaluable resource for professionals involved in lifelogging, sensor networks, and multimedia data integration. This interdisciplinary study bridges the gaps between lifelogging, sensor technology, and data integration, fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration and encouraging researchers to pursue innovative methods for integrating diverse sensor data across various applications.

As technology continues to evolve, the IMWSN has the potential to play an increasingly important role in critical societal applications, offering solutions that can enhance both individual well-being and collective societal outcomes. Future research should focus on expanding the system's capabilities by incorporating additional sensors, improving data analytics, ensuring data security and improving energy efficiency.

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