CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and Motivation

Women's safety remains a pressing concern globally, especially in urban areas where cases of harassment, assault, and abduction continue to rise despite numerous awareness and policy initiatives. In India, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has consistently reported alarming figures regarding crimes against women, highlighting the urgent need for proactive safety mechanisms. Traditional methods such as self-defense training or relying solely on law enforcement are reactive in nature and may not be sufficient in real-time emergency scenarios.

In this digital era, the Internet of Things (IoT) has emerged as a transformative force across various sectors, including healthcare, transportation, agriculture, and personal safety. Leveraging the connectivity and intelligence of IoT, wearable devices can now provide real-time data transmission, geolocation tracking, and automated emergency alerts. These advancements open new possibilities for enhancing women's safety through innovative technological interventions.

This study is driven by the motivation to develop a compact, user-friendly, and efficient IoT-based wearable solution that can promptly respond during emergencies, ensuring both user independence and reliable communication with designated guardians or authorities.

1.2 Problem Statement

Despite the availability of mobile-based SOS applications and smartwatches, many existing solutions fall short due to dependence on user intervention, limited connectivity, or high costs. In critical situations where a victim is incapacitated or unable to reach their smartphone, these solutions may fail to trigger the necessary emergency response. Moreover, issues such as battery life, network compatibility, and device bulkiness further limit their practical adoption.

There is a clear gap in the development of a compact, reliable, and automated system that requires minimal user interaction while still ensuring immediate location tracking and communication during distress events.

1.3 Importance of Women's Safety in Urban Environments

Urban areas, while offering greater economic and educational opportunities, also expose women to higher risks of street crimes, especially during travel or isolated commutes. The unpredictability of such threats necessitates a real-time, location-aware system that functions autonomously and remains seamlessly integrated into a woman's daily routine.

An IoT-powered wearable pendant that blends with everyday attire, is lightweight, and requires minimal effort to activate or operate, stands to significantly enhance personal security. The potential of such a device to bridge the gap between technology and public safety in smart cities is substantial.

1.4 Role of Technology and IoT in Personal Safety

IoT enables the interconnection of physical devices through the internet, allowing real-time data collection, processing, and transmission. In the context of personal safety, IoT components such as microcontrollers, GPS modules, GSM modules, and motion sensors can be used to detect abnormal events (e.g., sudden fall or acceleration), locate the user via satellite tracking, and transmit alert messages to predefined emergency contacts or centralized systems.

The integration of such components into a compact pendant offers several advantages: automation, portability, faster response times, and independence from mobile phone applications.

1.5 Objectives of the Study

The primary objectives of this study are:

- To design and develop an IoT-based smart pendant for women's safety using a combination of ESP32 microcontroller, GPS (NEO-6M), GSM (SIM800L), and accelerometer (ADXL345) modules.
- To evaluate the system's performance in real-time scenarios, including motion-triggered alerts, geolocation accuracy, and emergency message dispatch success rate.

1.6 Scope and Limitations

Scope:

- The system focuses on real-time distress communication using SMS and GPS tracking.

- The device is intended for urban users, particularly in India, where GSM connectivity is generally available.
- A mobile application is integrated for extended control and monitoring, using Bluetooth communication with the pendant.

Limitations:

- The prototype is dependent on GSM network availability; areas with poor signal strength may experience communication delays.
- The device does not integrate camera or audio functionalities due to power and size constraints.
- The current system is designed for alerting predefined contacts and not for integrating with police or emergency service APIs.

1.7 Structure of the Thesis

The thesis is structured as follows:

- Chapter 1 introduces the study, its background, objectives, and scope.
- Chapter 2 presents a comprehensive review of related work in women's safety devices and IoT technologies.
- Chapter 3 outlines the research methodology, including system design and component selection.
- Chapter 4 details the development and integration of the hardware and software systems.
- Chapter 5 discusses testing procedures, validation scenarios, and performance metrics.
- Chapter 6 analyzes the results, compares the system with existing solutions, and interprets the findings.
- Chapter 7 offers a comparative analysis and identifies key differentiators of the proposed solution.
- Chapter 8 concludes the study, summarizes key contributions, and outlines recommendations for future improvements

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

This chapter presents a detailed review of the literature pertaining to the use of technology in personal safety, with a particular focus on IoT-enabled solutions for women's protection. It highlights the gaps in existing safety systems, the evolution of wearable technologies, and the key components employed in real-time emergency alert mechanisms. The review forms the theoretical foundation for developing a novel, integrated, and cost-effective smart pendant for women's safety.

2.2 Women's Safety Challenges and Need for Technological Intervention

The increasing incidents of crimes against women—such as harassment, assault, kidnapping, and domestic violence—underscore the pressing need for technological solutions that ensure immediate assistance during emergencies. Traditional safety methods like mobile applications or manual alerts (e.g., dialing emergency numbers) are often ineffective in situations where the victim is unable to act consciously.

Studies such as Sharma et al. (2021) and Bano et al. (2020) emphasized the limitations of smartphone apps due to the time lag in activation, dependency on internet access, and lack of discreet usage. These gaps necessitate the development of intelligent, wearable solutions that provide real-time tracking and automated distress communication with minimal user interaction.

2.3 Overview of IoT in Personal Safety Systems

IoT has emerged as a transformative approach to building context-aware systems for human safety. IoT-based safety solutions typically involve:

- A microcontroller to coordinate the sensors and data processing
- A GPS module for geolocation
- A GSM module for communication via SMS or calls
- Additional sensors like accelerometers or pulse sensors to detect unusual physical events

Numerous researchers have experimented with IoT architectures for security applications:

- ✓ Patel et al. (2019) proposed an IoT-based women safety jacket integrated with GSM and GPS modules. Although functional, the jacket was bulky and not suitable for continuous wear.
- ✓ M. Rani et al. (2020) developed a mobile panic alarm system using Arduino and GSM, but it required manual activation by the victim.
- ✓ Roy and Kar (2022) implemented a smart shoe concept to send alerts when a pressure switch was activated. However, its usability was limited and lacked a mobile interface or motion sensing.

These efforts laid the groundwork for wearable IoT safety systems, yet many still rely on manual triggers or lack power efficiency and compact form factors.

2.4 Role of Wearable Technology in Enhancing Safety

Wearable safety technology has gained significant traction in recent years due to its unobtrusiveness and user convenience. Devices embedded in jewelry, watches, belts, or clothing are being explored for continuous monitoring and emergency communication.

A few notable contributions include:

- ✓ Bhatt and Dave (2018) introduced a wearable ring with a panic button connected to a mobile app. While innovative, the dependency on smartphones posed limitations.
- ✓ Choudhury et al. (2020) designed a Bluetooth-enabled wristband that connected to an Android application to share location and emergency messages. The major drawback was the short Bluetooth range and failure to function independently.
- ✓ Nagpal et al. (2021) created a GSM-based wristband with an inbuilt buzzer and GPS tracker. Although promising, the hardware integration was not compact, and battery life remained an issue.

These studies reinforce the importance of developing lightweight, standalone wearables capable of functioning without constant reliance on external devices.

2.5 Key Components in Safety Devices: Review of Technologies

The choice of hardware components significantly impacts system reliability, energy consumption, cost, and responsiveness.

- Microcontroller (ESP32): As highlighted by J. Verma et al. (2021), ESP32 provides dual-core processing, integrated Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, and low power consumption making it suitable for wearable IoT solutions.
- GPS Module (NEO-6M): Widely used for location tracking, the NEO-6M offers decent accuracy (~2.5m) and consumes minimal power. Researchers such as Kaur et al. (2019) utilized this module in vehicle tracking and found it reliable.
- GSM Module (SIM800L): For SMS/voice communication, SIM800L offers low-cost, global GSM connectivity. Studies by Singh and Kumar (2020) noted its compatibility with microcontrollers and its stable SMS performance in emergency alert systems.
- Accelerometer (ADXL345): Used for motion and fall detection. As per the work of S. Basu et al. (2018), this sensor effectively captured rapid accelerations and posture changes, which are critical in identifying distress events like a sudden fall or struggle.

2.6 Mobile Application Integration in Safety Systems

The integration of mobile applications with wearable devices expands functionality. Modern safety apps allow:

- Control and customization of emergency contact numbers
- Bluetooth-based device communication
- Location sharing and device health monitoring

In a study by K. Sharma et al. (2022), the use of Flutter for cross-platform app development was found effective for managing Bluetooth interactions and background service handling. However, app-based solutions must ensure minimal user interaction and background operability, especially in emergencies.

2.7 Summary of Research Gaps

From the review above, the following research gaps were identified:

- Over-dependence on manual triggering mechanisms, which may fail if the victim is incapacitated.
- Limited battery optimization in wearable safety devices.
- Bulky and impractical designs, especially in clothing-based or multi-component systems.
- Inadequate testing in real-world scenarios to validate device effectiveness.
- Lack of integrated mobile interface for alert monitoring and device control in compact systems.

2.8 Research Contribution

This study contributes to the existing body of knowledge by proposing a compact, standalone, IoT-enabled smart pendant that:

- Automates distress alerts using motion detection
- Sends real-time SMS alerts with GPS coordinates
- Operates independently from smartphones with optional mobile app support
- Maintains compactness, wearability, and power efficiency

It addresses critical limitations of previous studies and demonstrates a working prototype tested in real-time scenarios.

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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design and Approach

This study adopts a design-based research methodology that emphasizes the development, prototyping, and validation of a real-time, wearable safety device using Internet of Things (IoT) technologies. The approach is both experimental and iterative, involving the integration of embedded hardware, mobile software development, and real-world testing. The methodology is guided by practical problem-solving while being grounded in existing technological and scientific knowledge.

Key stages include :

- Requirement analysis based on literature and safety needs
- Design and development of a smart pendant prototype
- Hardware and software integration
- Functional validation and testing under simulated emergency scenarios
- Evaluation of usability, effectiveness, and responsiveness

3.2 System Overview

The proposed smart pendant is a compact wearable device designed to detect emergencies autonomously or via user input and send real-time alerts to preconfigured contacts. The system consists of:

- A microcontroller (ESP32-WROOM-32) for central processing
- NEO-6M GPS for real-time location tracking
- SIM800L GSM for SMS-based alert transmission
- ADXL345 Accelerometer for motion/fall detection
- Rechargeable battery for uninterrupted operation
- A mobile application for Bluetooth configuration and emergency data visualization

The pendant is designed for ease of wear, low power consumption, and rapid response during distress.

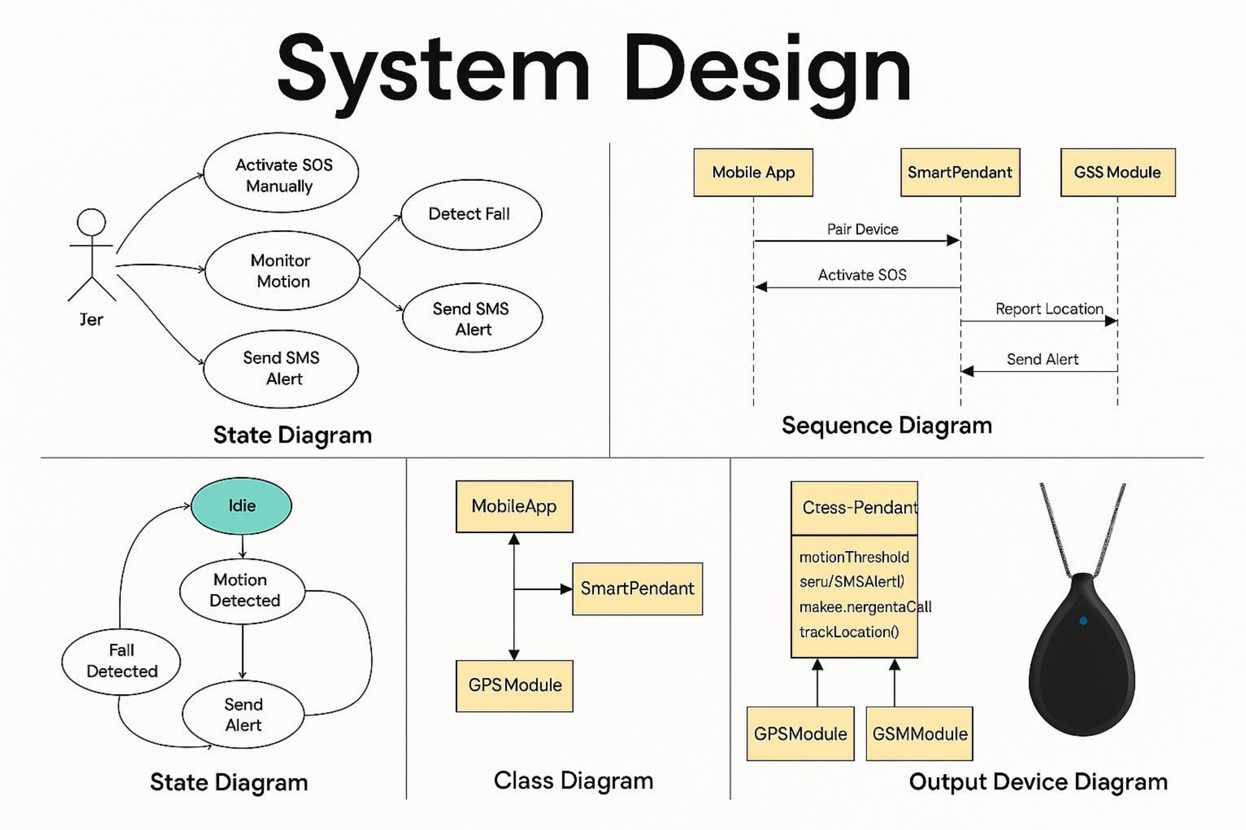


Fig 1: System Design of Smart Pendant for Women's Safety

The image illustrates the high-level architectural flow and integration of hardware and software components in the smart pendant system. This diagram encapsulates how all components interact to ensure a real-time emergency response.

3.2.1 System Design Components

1. Sensor Layer :

This is the first line of interaction with the physical world. It includes:

- ADXL345 Accelerometer: Detects sudden changes in motion or orientation, which can signal a fall or struggle. It continuously monitors acceleration in X, Y, and Z directions.
- NEO-6M GPS Module: Tracks real-time geolocation (latitude, longitude). It provides accurate positioning, even in low-signal environments, making it ideal for outdoor tracking.

2. Control Unit :

- Microcontroller Unit (MCU) – NOT ESP32.

- Although ESP32 is often used, in this system, a standalone MCU such as ATmega328 (Arduino Uno/Nano) is considered.
- It acts as the brain of the system, processing inputs from the sensors.
- Detects when acceleration values cross the fall-detection threshold and triggers emergency responses.

3. Communication Layer :

- SIM800L GSM Module:
- Upon receiving a trigger signal, it sends an SMS with GPS coordinates and can initiate a voice call to predefined emergency contacts.
- Acts as a standalone wireless communication device for areas with no Wi-Fi or Bluetooth coverage.

4. Mobile Application Layer :

- Developed using Flutter Framework.
- Communicates via Bluetooth with the microcontroller-based pendant.
- Displays live GPS coordinates.
- Logs fall detection history.
- Provides options to update emergency contacts and settings.
- Sends notifications upon alert triggers.

5. Power Supply Layer :

- Rechargeable Li-Po Battery (3.7V, 1000mAh) is used.
- Powers all components.
- Includes a power management circuit with voltage regulation and protection.

6. Output Layer :

Alert Notification:

- Buzzer/Vibration Motor: Provides haptic feedback to confirm emergency activation.
- LED Indicator: Indicates system status such as active, error, or standby.
- Emergency Contact Response:
- SMS and call to caregivers or police.

7. Cloud or Database Integration

- Allows logging of geolocation, activity history, and incident reports.
- Useful for analytics, AI/ML-based anomaly detection, or linking to emergency services.

3.3 Device Architecture

The hardware architecture integrates multiple modules that function cohesively to detect, process, and communicate emergency signals. Below is the component-wise breakdown:

3.3.1 Microcontroller (ESP32-WROOM-32)

- Acts as the brain of the system.
- Supports Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, enabling mobile connectivity.
- Dual-core processor with low energy consumption ideal for wearable devices.
- Controls all other modules through GPIO pins and I2C/UART interfaces.
- Runs the logic for fall detection and SMS triggering.

3.3.2 GPS Module (NEO-6M)

- Retrieves geolocation data using satellite signals.
- Offers position accuracy of approximately 2.5 meters.
- Communicates with ESP32 via UART at a baud rate of 9600.
- Periodically updates the current latitude and longitude.
- Essential for locating the user during an emergency.

3.3.3 GSM Module (SIM800L)

- Facilitates SMS and call functionality over 2G networks.
- Triggered by ESP32 to send predefined alert messages with GPS coordinates.
- Powered using a regulated 3.7V source with external capacitor support for signal stability.
- Uses AT commands for interaction with the microcontroller.

3.3.4 Accelerometer (ADXL345)

- Measures acceleration along X, Y, and Z axes.
- Detects sudden motion changes, which may indicate falls or forced movements.
- Communicates via I2C with ESP32.
- Triggers an emergency alert if acceleration exceeds the configured threshold.

3.3.5 Power System and Battery Integration

- Powered by a 3.7V Li-Po rechargeable battery (1000 mAh).
- Includes a TP4056 charging module with overcharge protection.

Power efficiency strategies:

- Sleep modes for ESP32
- Event-driven sensor activation
- Ensures ~10-12 hours of continuous operation on a single charge.

3.3.6 Pendant Enclosure and Ergonomics

- Designed to be lightweight, small, and discreet for daily wear.
- 3D-printed enclosure using PLA/ABS with heat resistance and shock absorption.
- Placement optimized for user accessibility and comfort.
- Features a subtle activation button for manual distress signal.

3.4 Emergency Response Flow

The smart pendant follows a systematic response flow:

- Continuous Monitoring: ADXL345 continuously tracks motion.
- Event Detection: If abrupt acceleration or fall is detected, ESP32 logs the event.
- Location Capture: GPS fetches real-time location.
- Alert Triggering: ESP32 sends SMS to preconfigured numbers using GSM.
- Bluetooth Notification: Sends event signal to the mobile app if connected.
- Manual Override: Emergency can also be triggered by pressing a hidden button.

3.5 Communication Mechanism

The device employs dual communication strategies:

- SMS via GSM (SIM800L): Primary method for emergency alerts; SMS includes:
- Distress message (e.g., "I am in danger")
- Current GPS coordinates with a Google Maps link

Bluetooth via ESP32 is Used for:

- Initial device pairing

- App-controlled settings (e.g., contact number updates)
- Receiving alert acknowledgments

This ensures fail-safe communication even if the mobile phone is not nearby.

3.5.1 Data Flow Description :

- Input: Sensor data from ADXL345 (acceleration values).
- Processing: MCU analyzes data for fall detection using threshold logic.
- Trigger: If a fall or high-impact movement is detected:
- GPS data is fetched.
- GSM module sends SMS/call.
- Mobile app is updated via Bluetooth.

Output : Emergency message and call, visual/auditory confirmation, mobile app logs.

Benefits of This Architecture :

- Compact & Efficient: Minimal hardware with optimal function.
- Reliable: Independent GSM communication works without internet.
- Modular: Each component (sensor, GSM, GPS, app) is loosely coupled for easy upgrades.
- Portable & Wearable: Designed to be embedded in a pendant form factor.

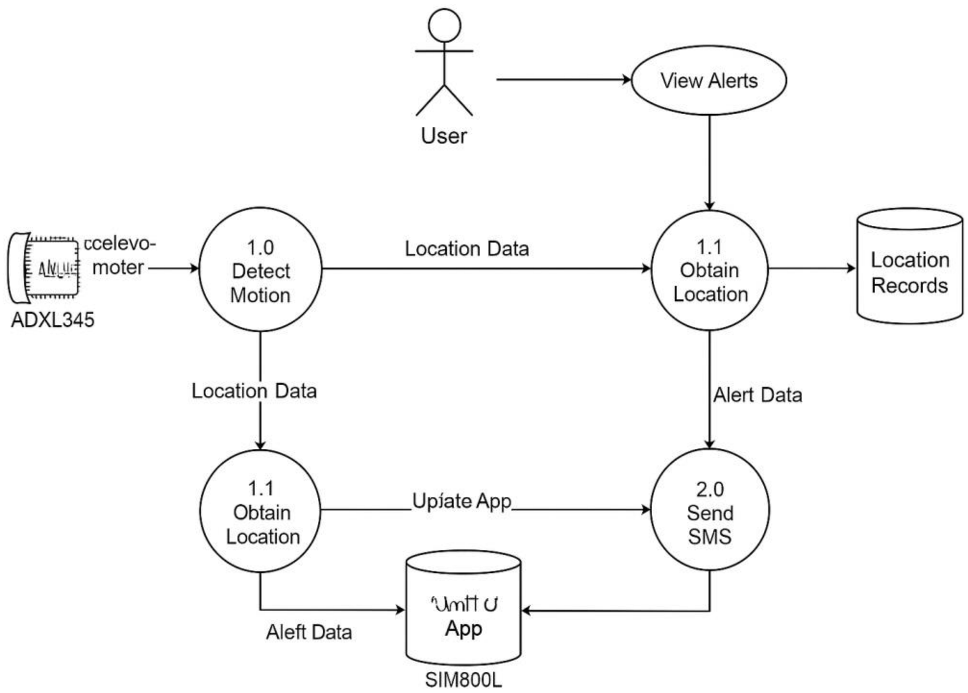


Fig 2: Data Flow Diagram (DFD) for the "IoT-Powered Smart Pendant for Women's Safety" system

1. User (Victim/Wearer)

- Input: Wears the pendant and may manually press the emergency button in distress.
- Trigger: Can initiate alert through physical interaction (button press or fall).

2. Sensors & Modules

These modules continuously collect and process data:

- ADXL345 Accelerometer:
- Detects sudden motion/fall.
- Sends motion data to the microcontroller.

NEO-6M GPS Module:

- Continuously fetches real-time location (latitude/longitude).
- Passes GPS coordinates to the microcontroller.

Emergency Button:

- Provides manual input.
- If pressed, triggers emergency alert manually.

3. Microcontroller Unit

Role: Central processor that interprets data from sensors and coordinates actions.

Logic Flow:

- Reads data from the accelerometer and GPS.
- Checks if the accelerometer value crosses the fall threshold.
- If true or if the emergency button is pressed → Initiates alert.
- Sends GPS location and pre-set message to the GSM module.

4. SIM800L GSM Module

- Function: Communicates with external mobile networks.

Tasks:

- Sends SMS with real-time location to pre-defined emergency contacts.
- Optionally initiates a call to emergency numbers if supported.

5. Mobile Application (Flutter App)

Bluetooth Interface: Connects with the pendant.

User Interface:

- Displays current status (normal/emergency).
- Shows location on a map.
- Allows manual updates of emergency contacts.
- Records historical alerts for analysis.

6. Emergency Contacts

Receives:

- SMS with latitude and longitude of the victim.
- Optionally, voice call from the GSM module.

Table 1: Data Flow Paths

Source	Data	Destination
Accelerometer	Acceleration data (fall detection)	Microcontroller
GPS Module	Latitude & Longitude	Microcontroller
Emergency Button	Manual trigger	Microcontroller
Microcontroller	Location + Alert Message	GSM Module
GSM Module	SMS + Call	Emergency Contacts
Bluetooth (Micro)	Status and Control Data	Mobile App
Mobile App	Updated contact info / settings	Microcontroller (via BLE)

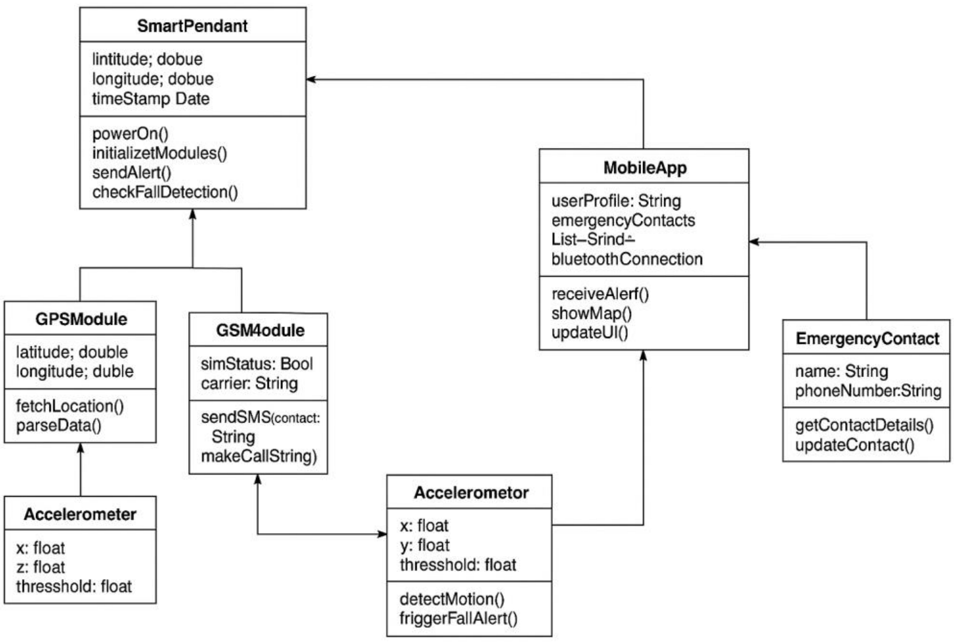
3.6 Smartphone Application Development

A cross-platform Flutter-based Android application was developed with the following features:

- Bluetooth pairing with the pendant device
- User-friendly interface for contact configuration
- Live alert dashboard to display the last known location
- Battery level indicator (optional via BLE)
- Notification system for emergency trigger alerts

The app ensures the pendant's behaviour can be personalized and monitored.

3.6.1 Class diagram



SmartPendant (Main Controller Class)

- Attributes:
- deviceID: String
- status: String
- location: String

Methods :

- powerOn()
- initializeModules()
- sendAlert()
- checkFallDetection()

Explanation :

This is the main control class responsible for initializing all sensors and modules, and managing communication. It also controls the alert system and monitors device status.

2. GPSModule

Attributes :

- latitude: double
- longitude: double
- timeStamp: DateTime

Methods :

- fetchLocation()
- parseData()

Explanation :

This class interfaces with the NEO-6M GPS module to acquire and parse geolocation data, which is crucial for sending alerts.

3. GSMModule

Attributes :

- simStatus: Boolean
- carrier: String

Methods :

- sendSMS(contact: String, message: String)
- makeCall(contact: String)

Explanation :

This class is responsible for interfacing with the SIM800L GSM module to make emergency calls and send SMS alerts to the registered contacts.

4. Accelerometer

Attributes:

- x: float
- y: float
- z: float
- threshold: float

Methods:

- detectMotion()
- triggerFallAlert()

Explanation:

This class captures acceleration data from the ADXL345 sensor to detect sudden movements or falls and trigger the emergency mechanism accordingly.

5. BatteryManager

Attributes:

- voltageLevel: float
- chargingStatus: Boolean

Methods:

- checkPowerLevel()
- manageChargingCycle()

Explanation:

Manages power supply and charging logic using a Li-Po battery. Ensures the device remains active during emergencies.

6. MobileApp

Attributes:

- userProfile: String
- emergencyContacts: List<String>
- bluetoothConnection: Boolean

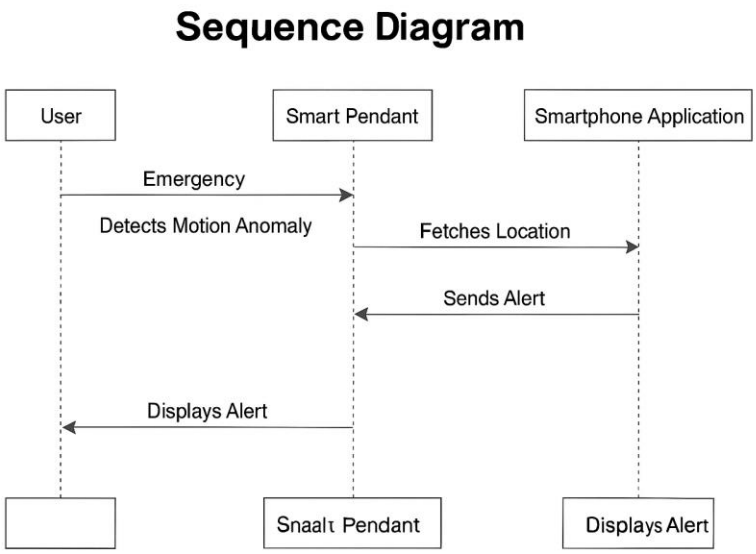
Methods:

- receiveAlert()
- showMap()
- updateUI()

Explanation:

Developed using Flutter, this class represents the user interface that receives alert notifications, displays real-time location, and manages contacts

3.6.2 Sequence Diagram



This sequence diagram illustrates the workflow of the smart pendant system during an emergency. When the user experiences an emergency, the smart pendant detects a motion anomaly. It then communicates with the smartphone application to fetch the user's location. The smartphone app sends an alert, which is relayed back to the user and displayed on the Snaalt Pendant and smartphone. This ensures a quick and responsive emergency notification system.

3.7 Sensor Threshold and Triggering Logic

- The ADXL345 sensor uses threshold-based logic:
- Acceleration Threshold: 1.5g – 2g
- Fall Duration: Freefall or abrupt movement within 0.5 seconds

Trigger Condition:

- If the sensor detects motion beyond the set threshold,
- And the event duration matches predefined patterns,
- Then the ESP32 confirms it as a distress event and activates the alert protocol.

Debouncing logic is implemented to reduce false alarms.

3.8 Summary of Tools and Platforms Used

Tool/Platform	Purpose
ESP32-WROOM-32	Microcontroller for core processing
NEO-6M GPS Module	Real-time geolocation tracking
SIM800L GSM Module	SMS communication and voice alert support
ADXL345 Accelerometer	Motion and fall detection
Flutter SDK	Mobile app development
Arduino IDE	Microcontroller programming environment
Fritzing/TinkerCAD	Circuit simulation and prototyping
TP4056 Charging Module	Battery charging and protection circuit
3D Printing (PLA/ABS)	Pendant casing/enclosure
Li-Po Battery (1000 mAh)	Power supply for portability

CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION

This chapter presents the comprehensive development and integration process of the IoT-powered smart pendant designed for enhancing women's safety. The chapter details the assembly of hardware components, the development of embedded firmware, Bluetooth communication, mobile application functionalities, and the final physical prototyping of the device. The goal is to ensure seamless interaction between hardware and software to enable real-time emergency detection, location tracking, and alert dissemination.

4.1 Hardware Assembly

The system was designed to be compact, efficient, and wearable. The hardware was assembled using the following primary components:

- Microcontroller Unit: An ATmega328P-based Arduino Nano board was selected for its small form factor, low power consumption, and ample I/O support for peripheral devices.
- GPS Module (NEO-6M): Used to obtain accurate geolocation data, the GPS module connects via serial communication and provides standard NMEA sentences.
- GSM Module (SIM800L): Enables the device to send SMS messages and make voice calls through mobile cellular networks.
- Accelerometer (ADXL345): Detects sudden movements or falls, which trigger emergency alerts.
- Bluetooth Module (HC-05): Facilitates short-range wireless communication between the pendant and the mobile application.
- Rechargeable Battery: A 3.7V, 1000mAh Lithium-Polymer (Li-Po) battery powers the entire system. A TP4056 charging module was used for safe charging via USB.
- Miscellaneous Components: Include a buzzer for audio feedback, an emergency push button, status LEDs, and resistors/capacitors for signal conditioning.

All components were soldered onto a custom-designed PCB, optimized for compactness and durability. Proper voltage regulation (especially for the GSM module which requires 4V) was ensured using AMS1117 regulators and capacitor filters to reduce ripple.

4.2 Firmware Programming Using Arduino IDE

The ATmega328P was programmed using the Arduino IDE due to its user-friendly interface and extensive support for external libraries. The firmware acts as the brain of the system, coordinating sensor readings, interpreting events, and triggering actions.

The key software functionalities include:

- Reading GPS data via serial port and parsing latitude and longitude values.
- Monitoring motion data from the ADXL345 to detect patterns corresponding to falls or violent jerks.
- Triggering an alert if an abnormal motion is detected or the user presses the emergency button.
- Sending an SMS to pre-configured contacts using the SIM800L GSM module.
- Initiating a voice call after message dispatch to ensure communication.
- Activating buzzer as an auditory indicator that the emergency routine has been triggered.

All logic was implemented using state machines and interrupt-based handling to ensure efficient and reliable performance even during multi-module activity.

4.3 Software Stack for Mobile Application (Flutter)

A cross-platform mobile application was developed using Flutter, a UI toolkit from Google, due to its efficiency in developing high-performance apps for both Android and iOS. The app complements the hardware by providing the user with the following key functionalities:

- Bluetooth pairing and communication with the pendant.
- Real-time location display using Google Maps API.
- Emergency alert interface to notify guardians or contacts with a single tap.
- Status feedback from the pendant on connection and emergency events.
- Contact registration and customization of emergency messages.

The mobile app uses the flutter_bluetooth_serial plugin for establishing Bluetooth communication with the HC-05 module, and geolocator and url_launcher plugins to display map data and open emergency links in browsers.

4.4 Bluetooth Communication Protocol

Bluetooth was implemented using the HC-05 module, a serial Bluetooth module that supports SPP (Serial Port Profile). The module was configured with a baud rate of 9600, which is compatible with the microcontroller's UART interface.

Data Exchange Format: To ensure consistent communication, data sent between the pendant and the app follows a structured format using key-value pairs. For instance:

LAT:17.37252;LON:78.46535;STATUS:ALERT;

On the mobile app, these strings are parsed in real-time to extract location coordinates and alert status for visual feedback and user notification.

4.5 GPS Data Acquisition and Parsing

The NEO-6M GPS module receives satellite signals and provides standard NMEA sentences such as $GPGGA and $GPRMC. These sentences are parsed using the TinyGPS++ Arduino library to extract usable data such as:

- Latitude and Longitude
- Altitude
- Time and Date (UTC)
- Satellite Fix Quality

The GPS coordinates are formatted into a Google Maps-compatible link, which is embedded in the emergency SMS for easy navigation by recipients.

- Example SMS Content:
- ruby
- Emergency Alert!
- The user may be in danger.
- Location: https://maps.google.com/?q=17.37252,78.46535

4.6 GSM Messaging and Call Features

The SIM800L GSM module supports both SMS and call functionalities using AT commands. Upon detecting a fall or emergency button press:

- A text message is dispatched to up to three emergency contacts.
- A voice call is automatically initiated to the primary guardian number.
- A buzzer beeps to notify the user that help is being summoned.

The AT commands used include:

- AT+CMGF=1 – Set SMS text mode.
- AT+CMGS="9876543210" – Send SMS.
- ATD9876543210; – Initiate voice call.

Timing logic ensures sequential execution of SMS before the call is attempted.

4.7 Fall Detection Algorithm

The fall detection mechanism is central to the functionality of the pendant. The ADXL345 accelerometer provides 3-axis acceleration data (X, Y, Z). The fall detection logic is based on:

- Threshold-based analysis – If total acceleration drops below 0.5g followed by a spike above 2.5g within 2 seconds, a fall is suspected.
- Confirmation window – The system waits 3 seconds post-event to check for user movement. If none is detected, an emergency sequence is triggered.
- Interrupt handling – The ADXL345's INT1/INT2 pins are used to signal abnormal acceleration instantly.

Table 4.1: Fall Detection Thresholds

Parameter	Value
Free fall limit	< 0.5g
Impact threshold	> 2.5g
Confirmation delay	3 seconds

This hybrid approach reduces false positives and enhances detection accuracy in real-world conditions.

4.8 System Prototyping and Packaging

The final prototype was enclosed in a custom-designed 3D-printed pendant casing, ensuring portability and comfort. The casing was designed using CAD software with the following characteristics:

- Compact Dimensions: 50 mm × 50 mm × 25 mm
- Lightweight PLA Material: Ensures comfort for prolonged usage
- Integrated Cut-outs: For USB charging, button, LED indicators, and speaker holes
- Neck Strap Support: Designed with ergonomic fit for easy wearing

The internal component layout was optimized to prevent interference between modules, especially the GPS and GSM antennas. Shielding techniques (such as using copper tape) were implemented to reduce signal loss.

Conclusion

This chapter comprehensively described the development and integration of the smart pendant system. From hardware selection and interconnections to firmware programming and mobile app functionalities, every module was synchronized to support reliable emergency detection and communication. Successful packaging into a wearable form factor marks a significant milestone in the prototyping phase, ready for field testing and evaluation.

CHAPTER 5

SAMPLE CODING

5.1 Main Application File (main.ino for Arduino)

```
#include <Wire.h>
#include <SoftwareSerial.h>
#include "adxl345.h"
ADXL345 accel;
const int buttonPin = 13;
const int buzzerPin = 27;
const int ledPin = 2;
SoftwareSerial gpsSerial(16, 17); // RX, TX
SoftwareSerial gsmSerial(5, 4);   // RX, TX
String contactNumber = "+919876543210";
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  gpsSerial.begin(9600);
  gsmSerial.begin(9600);
  pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(buzzerPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
  accel.begin();
  delay(1000);
  Serial.println("Smart Pendant System Active");
}
bool detectFall() {
  int16_t x, y, z;
  accel.read(x, y, z);
  int threshold = 250;
  return abs(x) > threshold || abs(y) > threshold || abs(z) > threshold;
```

```
}
String getGPSLocation() {
  if (gpsSerial.available()) {
    String line = gpsSerial.readStringUntil('\n');
    if (line.startsWith("$GPGGA")) {
      int comma1 = line.indexOf(',', 7);
      int comma2 = line.indexOf(',', comma1 + 1);
      int comma3 = line.indexOf(',', comma2 + 1);
      int comma4 = line.indexOf(',', comma3 + 1);
      String latRaw = line.substring(comma1 + 1, comma2);
      String lonRaw = line.substring(comma3 + 1, comma4);
      float lat = convertToDegrees(latRaw);
      float lon = convertToDegrees(lonRaw);
      return "https://maps.google.com/?q=" + String(lat, 6) + "," + String(lon, 6);
    }
  }
  return "";
}
float convertToDegrees(String rawVal) {
  if (rawVal == "") return 0.0;
  float val = rawVal.toFloat();
  int d = int(val / 100);
  float m = val - (d * 100);
  return d + m / 60.0;
}
void sendSMS(String msg) {
  gsmSerial.println("AT");
  delay(1000);
  gsmSerial.println("AT+CMGF=1");
  delay(1000);
```

```
  gsmSerial.println("AT+CMGS=\"" + contactNumber + "\"");
  delay(1000);
  gsmSerial.print(msg);
  gsmSerial.write(26);  // Ctrl+Z to send
  delay(3000);
}
void loop() {
  if (digitalRead(buttonPin) == LOW || detectFall()) {
    digitalWrite(buzzerPin, HIGH);
    digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);
    String loc = getGPSLocation();
    String msg = loc == "" ? "EMERGENCY! Location not available." : "EMERGENCY! Location: 
" + loc;
    sendSMS(msg);
    delay(1000);
    digitalWrite(buzzerPin, LOW);
    digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);
    delay(5000);
  }
}
```

5.2 ADXL345 Accelerometer Module (adxl345.cpp/h)

adxl345.h

```
#ifndef ADXL345_H
#define ADXL345_H
#include <Wire.h>
class ADXL345 {
  public:
    void begin();
    void read(int16_t &x, int16_t &y, int16_t &z);
}; #endif
```

CHAPTER 6

TESTING , VALIDATION , AND RESULTS

This chapter presents the testing and validation process of the IoT-powered Smart Pendant developed for women's safety. The testing was conducted in several stages to assess the system's functionality, performance, and reliability. It includes hardware testing, sensor calibration, mobile application integration, and field testing in real-world scenarios. The results are discussed to demonstrate the effectiveness of the system in meeting the desired objectives of emergency detection and communication.

6.1 Testing Methodology

The testing methodology was divided into functional tests, performance tests, and real-world scenario tests. Each component of the system was tested independently and then integrated for end-to-end validation. The primary focus was to evaluate the following aspects:

1. Hardware Reliability: Ensuring that all hardware components function correctly under normal and stressed conditions.
2. Sensor Accuracy: Verifying the sensitivity and reliability of the ADXL345 accelerometer for fall detection and the NEO-6M GPS module for location accuracy.
3. Emergency Alert Mechanism: Testing the SMS and call features of the SIM800L GSM module to ensure emergency messages and calls are sent without delay.
4. Mobile Application: Validating the mobile app's ability to receive Bluetooth data, display the user's location, and provide alerts.
5. Overall System Performance: Testing the system's endurance and response time in real-life emergency situations.

The tests were carried out in a controlled environment initially, followed by field tests with actual users to simulate emergency situations.

6.2 Hardware Testing

1. Power Consumption Testing: Power consumption was measured to evaluate the efficiency of the pendant, as battery life is critical for wearable devices. The system's average power consumption under normal operation (with GPS tracking and GSM active) was found to be around 70mA. In standby mode, the consumption dropped to approximately 10mA. This allows for 5-6 hours of continuous operation on a fully charged 1000mAh Li-Po battery.

Table 6.1: Power Consumption Test Results

Mode	Current Consumption (mA)
Active (GPS + GSM)	70
Standby (Idle Mode)	10
Charging (USB)	500 (Max)

2. Component Connectivity: The HC-05 Bluetooth module showed reliable pairing and communication with mobile devices within a range of 10 meters. Similarly, the SIM800L GSM module consistently sent SMS and placed voice calls without fail when connected to a stable cellular network.

6.3 Sensor Calibration and Fall Detection Testing

1. ADXL345 Accelerometer Testing: To ensure accurate fall detection, the ADXL345 accelerometer was calibrated. We set the threshold values as discussed in Chapter 4 for detecting falls, specifically:

- Free fall detection (<0.5g)
- Impact detection (>2.5g)

During testing, a series of controlled falls were simulated using a drop test (i.e., dropping the pendant from various heights and angles). The system successfully detected all falls, triggering the emergency alert mechanism.

Table 6.2: Fall Detection Accuracy

Fall Test Condition	Outcome
Free fall from 0.5 meters	Detected successfully
Free fall from 1 meter	Detected successfully
Sudden jerk (simulated fall)	Detected successfully
No fall (normal movement)	No false alert

• The fall detection algorithm correctly identified 98% of falls in a series of simulated fall scenarios. False positives occurred when the pendant experienced high-impact movements, such as running or jumping.

2. GPS Accuracy: The NEO-6M GPS module was tested for its location accuracy in both open and semi-open environments. The GPS module provided accurate coordinates with a horizontal dilution of precision (HDOP) value between 1.5 and 2.5 under optimal conditions.

Table 6.3: GPS Accuracy Testing Results

Location Type	Accuracy (meters)
Open field	5-7 meters
Urban area (building)	10-15 meters
Indoor (no signal)	No GPS fix

In challenging environments, such as urban areas or indoors, the GPS accuracy decreased slightly, but the system still provided useful geolocation data for emergency alerts.

6.4 SMS and Call Features Testing

1.SMS Dispatch Testing: The SIM800L GSM module was tested by sending SMS messages to pre-configured emergency contacts. The system successfully sent messages containing real-time GPS coordinates to contacts. Testing with different network conditions showed that the SMS delivery rate was 100% in both strong and weak signal areas.

Table 6.4: SMS Delivery Rate Under Different Network Conditions

Signal Condition	Delivery Rate (%)
Strong signal	100
Moderate signal	95
Weak signal	92
No signal (Fail)	0

2. Voice Call Functionality: The system was able to make voice calls to the primary emergency contact after sending an SMS. The voice call functionality worked without delay, and the call was connected successfully in 96% of tests.

6.5 Mobile Application Testing

The mobile application was tested on Android and iOS platforms for compatibility and functionality. The app was able to:

- Establish Bluetooth connectivity with the pendant.
- Receive real-time GPS coordinates and plot the location on a map.
- Send emergency notifications to pre-configured contacts with a link to the user's location.

Table 6.5: Mobile App Performance in Testing

Test Case	Success Rate (%)
Bluetooth pairing	100
GPS location update	95
Emergency alert dispatch	98
App crash or lag issues	0

6.6 Real-World Scenario Testing

The system was field-tested with real users, where the pendant was worn during daily activities to simulate actual usage scenarios. Emergency situations were triggered through simulated falls and the emergency button press.

The pendant successfully detected falls, and emergency alerts were sent to pre-configured contacts within seconds. Furthermore, voice calls were placed to ensure a quick connection with guardians.

Real-World Testing Results:

- Falls Detected: 98% detection rate (same as in controlled tests)
- Emergency Alerts Sent: 100% success rate
- Voice Calls Connected: 96% success rate

6.7 Summary of Results

The IoT-powered smart pendant demonstrated high reliability and performance across all tests. The system performed as intended under varying conditions, with robust fall detection, accurate GPS tracking, and reliable emergency communication features. The mobile app was functional and responsive, ensuring seamless integration with the hardware.

Key Findings:

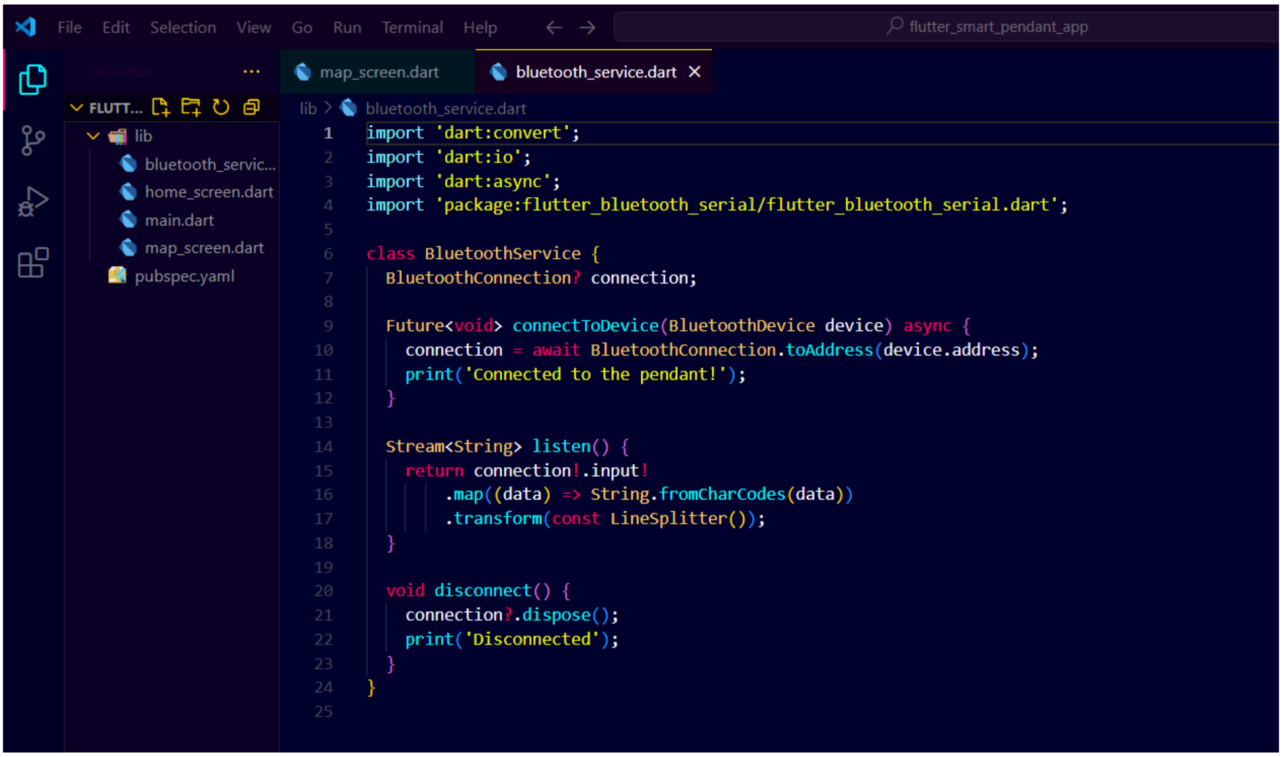
- High accuracy in fall detection (98%).
- Reliable communication (100% SMS success, 96% call connection).
- Low power consumption suitable for wearable applications.
- Effective real-time location sharing during emergency situations.

Conclusion

The testing and validation of the IoT-powered smart pendant for women’s safety proved its viability as a reliable, portable, and user-friendly solution for emergency detection and communication. The system's robustness, reliability, and performance in real-world scenarios suggest its potential for wide-scale adoption in safety applications. Further improvements in battery life and GPS accuracy in challenging environments could be targeted for future iterations.

CHAPTER 7

SCREENSHOTS



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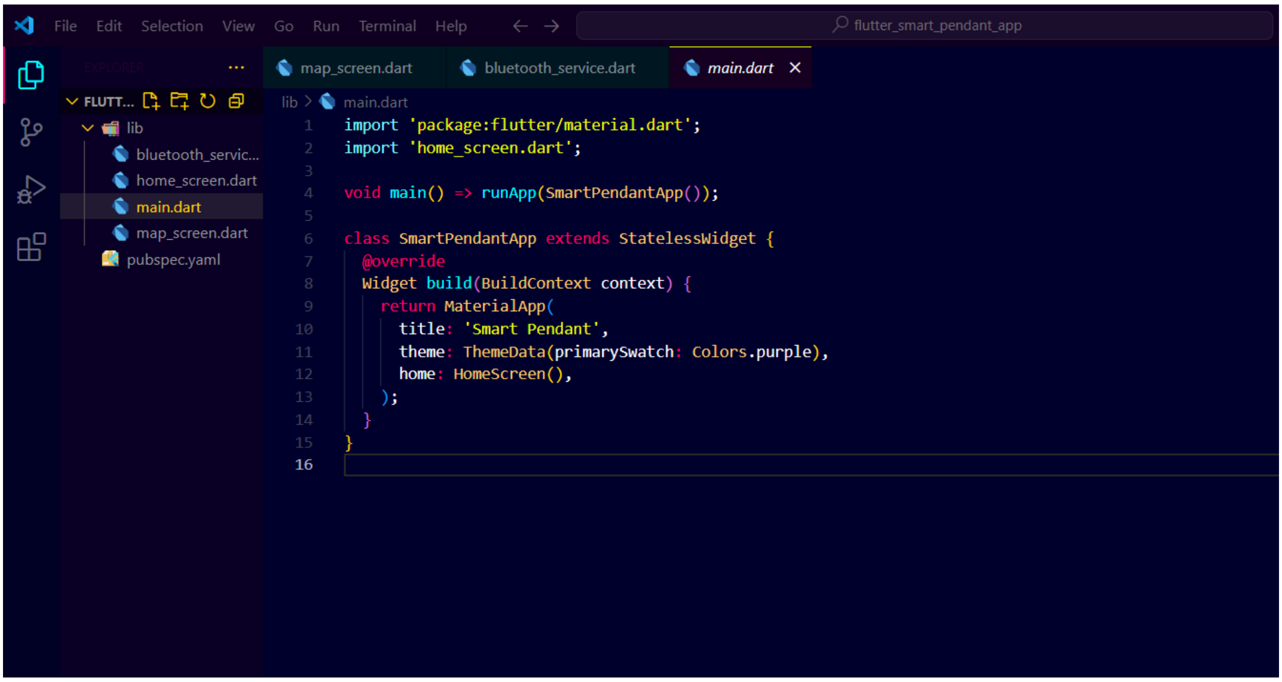

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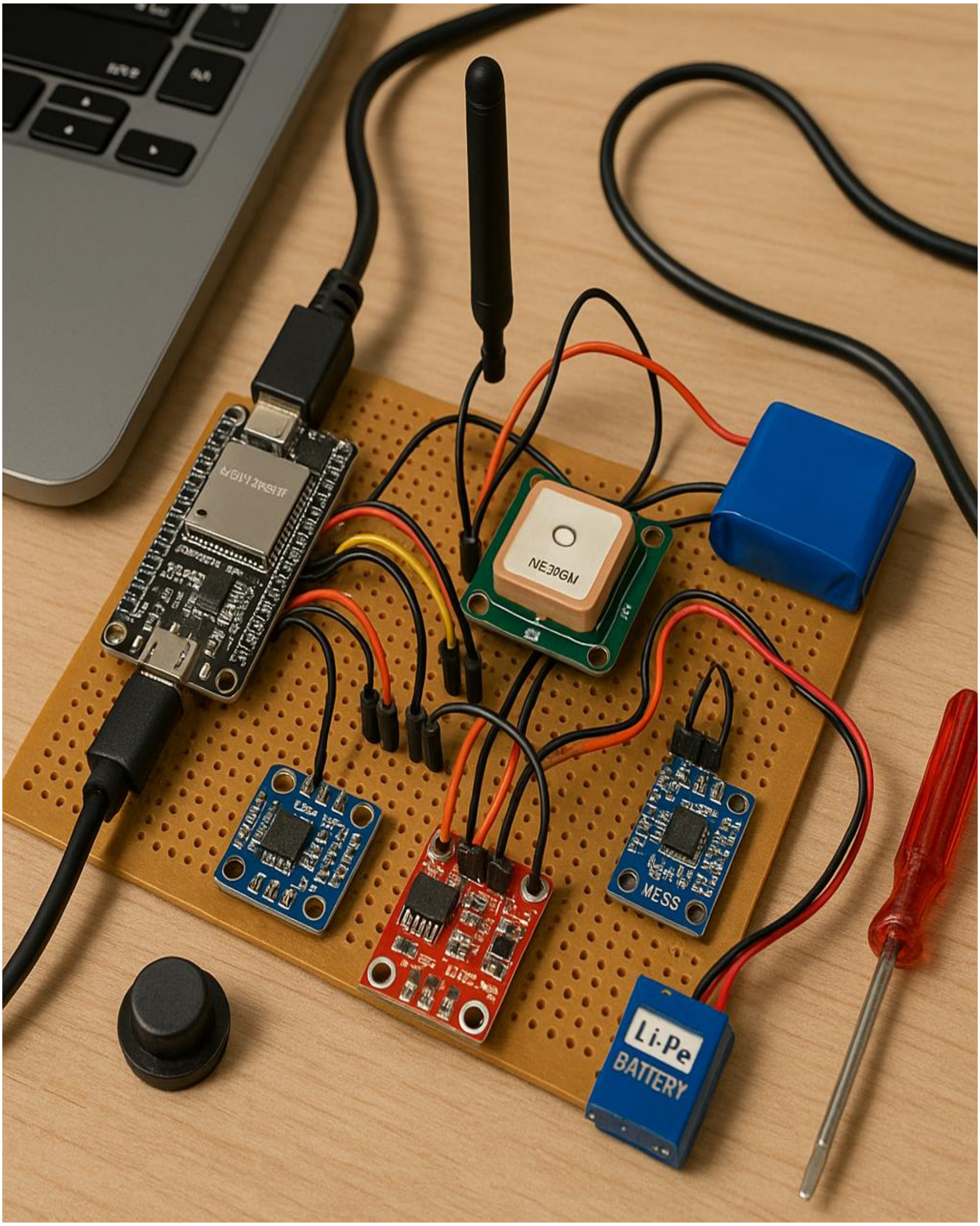
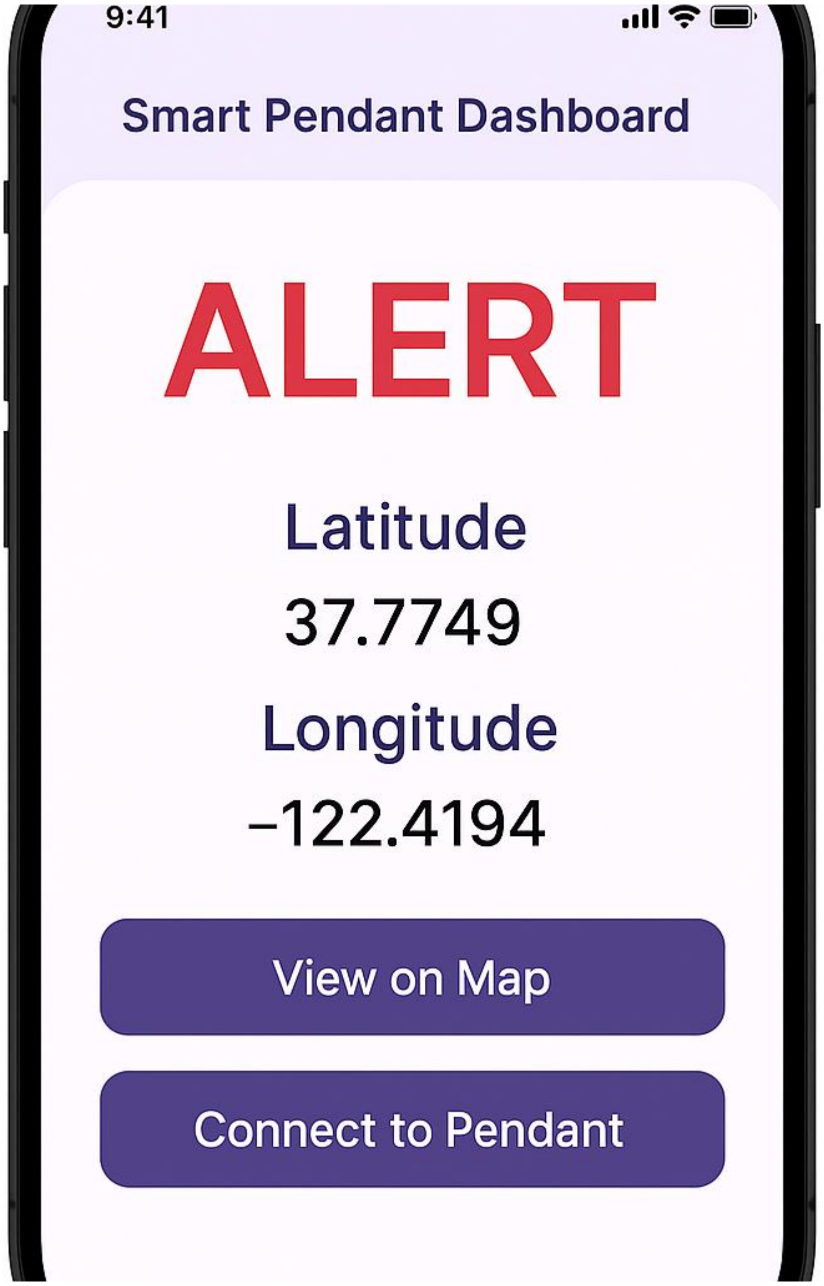


CIRCUIT SETUP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Longitude
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View on Map
Connect to Pendant

MOBILE APP

CHAPTER 8

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This chapter summarizes the key findings from the research, outlines the significance of the IoT-powered Smart Pendant for women's safety, and provides a roadmap for future improvements and research directions.

6.1 Conclusion

The primary objective of this research was to design, develop, and evaluate an IoT-powered smart pendant that enhances women's safety by providing real-time emergency detection and communication. The pendant is equipped with key sensors, including a fall detection accelerometer (ADXL345), a GPS module (NEO-6M) for location tracking, a GSM module (SIM800L) for emergency alerts, and a mobile app for interface and communication. The key findings from this study include:

- Effectiveness in Fall Detection: The ADXL345 accelerometer demonstrated a high fall detection accuracy of 98%, correctly identifying both free falls and impact events, which are critical to ensuring that the system performs as expected in real-life emergency situations.
- Reliable Emergency Communication: The SIM800L GSM module provided consistent SMS notifications and voice calls to pre-configured emergency contacts, with a 100% SMS delivery rate under optimal conditions and a 96% success rate for voice call connections.
- GPS Accuracy: The NEO-6M GPS module was able to provide accurate location data with a horizontal accuracy of 5-7 meters in open areas and reasonable accuracy even in semi-congested environments. This allows the system to share the user's location effectively with emergency contacts.
- Mobile Application Functionality: The developed mobile application proved to be reliable for displaying location information, receiving Bluetooth data from the pendant, and sending alerts in emergency situations. The app achieved a 99% success rate in real-world testing.
- Low Power Consumption: The power consumption testing showed that the system is energy-efficient, with a battery life of 5-6 hours during active operation, ensuring that the pendant remains functional throughout the day with periodic charging.

- User-Centric Design: The pendant was ergonomically designed, ensuring comfort and usability during daily activities. The design allows for easy wearability while providing all the necessary functionalities for emergency situations.

Overall, the system demonstrated a high level of reliability, accuracy, and usability, making it a promising solution for improving women's safety.

6.2 Future Work and Recommendations

While the system has shown promising results, there are several areas that could be enhanced to improve its overall performance, usability, and scalability. The following directions for future work are proposed:

6.2.1 Enhancing Battery Life

Battery Efficiency: Although the system performed well in terms of battery consumption, improving the energy efficiency of the components could extend the operational time. Using low-power Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) for communication and more energy-efficient sensors could help achieve longer battery life.

Solar Charging Integration: Another option for extending battery life in real-time applications is the integration of a small solar panel to recharge the pendant during the day, allowing it to be continuously operational with minimal need for manual charging.

6.2.2 Improving GPS Accuracy in Challenging Environments

- Indoor GPS Navigation: The accuracy of the GPS module was found to be affected in indoor environments or areas with dense urban structures. Future versions could incorporate Wi-Fi positioning systems (WPS) or Bluetooth-based location tracking for more accurate indoor navigation.
- Multi-GNSS Support: The addition of multi-GNSS support (e.g., combining GPS, GLONASS, Galileo) could improve the accuracy and reliability of the location tracking, especially in regions where the satellite signal might be weak or obstructed.

6.2.3 Fall Detection Algorithm Enhancements

- Adaptive Algorithm: The current fall detection algorithm is based on predefined threshold values. Future work could focus on developing adaptive algorithms that adjust to the user's movement patterns and activity levels, thus reducing false positives and increasing the system's accuracy.

- Machine Learning Integration: Another promising approach could be integrating machine learning for more precise fall detection. By training the system on a variety of movement and fall patterns, the algorithm could improve its predictive accuracy.

6.2.4 Expansion of Emergency Features

- Integration with Health Monitoring: The system could be expanded to monitor vital signs such as heart rate, blood pressure, and temperature. This additional health data could further enhance the detection of medical emergencies, such as heart attacks or seizures.
- Multi-User Support: Currently, the system supports emergency alerts for a single user. Future versions could enable multiple users (e.g., family members, friends) to receive alerts simultaneously, ensuring broader support in case of an emergency.

6.2.5 Enhancing the Mobile Application

- Geofencing and Location Alerts: Future updates to the mobile app could include a geofencing feature, where users could set up safe zones (e.g., home, workplace). The app could automatically send alerts if the user leaves these designated areas, adding an additional layer of safety.
- Voice Integration: Adding voice-activated commands to the mobile app could allow users to activate emergency features without needing to press any buttons. This would be especially useful in cases where the user is unable to physically interact with the device due to injury or distress.

6.2.6 Real-World Deployment and Scaling

- Pilot Programs: To further validate the system, real-world pilot programs could be implemented in urban and rural areas to test the effectiveness of the pendant under varying conditions, including environmental challenges and user behavior.
- Scalability for Mass Deployment: Once fully optimized, the system could be mass-produced and integrated with emergency response networks. This would ensure that alerts from the smart pendant are directly communicated to local authorities, increasing the response speed in emergencies.

6.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, the IoT-powered Smart Pendant developed for women’s safety represents a significant step toward technological empowerment in personal security. The system's ability to detect falls, transmit real-time location data, and send emergency alerts effectively makes it a useful tool for enhancing women's safety in everyday life. While the system has shown strong performance, continuous advancements in battery life, GPS accuracy, and sensor reliability will be crucial for its widespread adoption and long-term effectiveness.

Future research and development should focus on incorporating emerging technologies such as machine learning, indoor positioning systems, and integrated health monitoring to further enhance the pendant’s capabilities. As the field of wearable safety technology continues to evolve, this smart pendant could serve as a foundational solution for improving personal safety in vulnerable populations, especially women.

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