Real-Time Stress Monitoring And Care Prediction System For Personalized Relaxation And Sleep Enhancement

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Abstract- *Stress significantly impacts mental and physical well- being, necessitating effective real-time monitoring and intervention mechanisms. This paper presents a stress monitoring and care prediction system that integrates physiological sensors with adaptive environmental control to provide personalized relaxation and sleep enhancement. The system utilizes an Arduino UNO microcontroller interfaced with a DHT11 temperature sensor, a heartbeat sensor, and a galvanic skin response (GSR) sensor to continuously monitor stress indicators. The collected data is processed using Python- based predictive analytics to offer real-time feedback and adaptive environmental adjustments, including temperature regulation, sound modulation, and tactile feedback. The proposed system aims to provide a comprehensive, data-driven approach to stress management, ensuring improved relaxation and sleep quality.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

In today's high-pressure, fast-paced world, stress has become an unavoidable aspect of daily life, significantly affecting mental health, physical well-being, and sleep quality. Prolonged exposure to stress not only impairs cognitive functions and emotional stability but is also closely linked to cardiovascular diseases, insomnia, and weakened immune response. With rising awareness around mental wellness, there is a growing need for intelligent, personalized systems that go beyond conventional solutions to offer real-time support in stress detection and management.

This project introduces a comprehensive Stress Monitoring and Care Prediction System, designed to assess and mitigate stress using real-time physiological signals combined with adaptive environmental controls. The proposed system leverages an Arduino UNO microcontroller as its core processing unit, integrating a suite of sensors including a DHT11 temperature sensor to monitor body heat, a heartbeat sensor to assess cardiovascular activity, and a Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) sensor to measure electrodermal activity—an established physiological marker of stress. These sensors work in synchrony to continuously track the user's physical accuracy.

Once stress is detected, the system provides immediate feedback to the user through multimodal interventions. A vibration motor delivers tactile cues to alert the user about their elevated stress levels, while a DF Player module plays soothing, mood-enhancing music to help calm the nervous system. Additionally, an OLED display presents real-time physiological data, enabling users to stay aware of their current condition. This integration of sensory feedback aims to create an immersive and responsive environment that aids in both immediate stress reduction and long-term relaxation, especially beneficial for individuals experiencing sleep disturbances caused by anxiety or mental fatigue.

Beyond real-time feedback, the system incorporates a data transmission pipeline using RS232 serial communication to relay physiological data to a Python interface. At this layer, advanced algorithms analyze the collected information to assess stress patterns and generate personalized recommendations. These predictions help adapt environmental variables such as ambient temperature, sound, and tactile feedback, enhancing the user's experience and promoting restful sleep. This continuous loop of sensing, analyzing, and adapting ensures a personalized, evolving response tailored to the user's physiological needs.

The scope of the project extends far beyond a standalone stress detection unit. It embodies a shift toward holistic, adaptive, and user-centric wellness systems, where real-time biofeedback is integrated with predictive analytics and environmental control. In addition to its current features, the system is designed with future scalability in mind, paving the way for integration with machine learning models to further improve stress prediction accuracy and personalization. This opens up avenues for applications in broader contexts such as mental health monitoring, digital therapeutics, wellness programs, and occupational stress management.

In summary, this paper presents a novel embedded solution that transforms how stress is managed shifting from passive tracking to proactive care through data-driven personalisation. By combining physiological monitoring with intelligent interventions, the system offers a powerful, scalable platform for real-time stress management and improved sleep health, ultimately contributing to enhanced quality of life and emotional well-being.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A considerable body of research has explored sensor-driven and intelligent systems for monitoring sleep, stress, and related physiological parameters. This literature review synthesizes recent advancements that inform the development of our real- time stress monitoring and care prediction system. In a 2023 study titled "A Novel In-Home Sleep Monitoring System Based on Fully Integrated Multichannel Front-End Chip and Its Multilevel Analyses", Shaofei Ying et al. developed a compact, low-power in-home monitoring system using an 8-channel biopotential acquisition chip. The system demonstrated clinical accuracy when benchmarked against advanced polysomnography across 20 participants. Utilizing a cascaded low-noise programmable gain amplifier and a 24-bit ADC, the system delivered precise sleep data acquisition with strong statistical agreement in sleep stage detection (kappa coefficients > 0.76) and entropy-based features (up to 0.958). The study validates the feasibility of compact, sensor-based sleep monitoring outside lab environments, which reinforces the potential of wearable and embedded systems for long-term physiological-tracking.

Rana Alabdan and Hanan Abdullah Mengash (2023), in their work "Modified Bald Eagle Search Algorithm With Deep Learning-Driven Sleep Quality Prediction for Healthcare Monitoring Systems", proposed a novel hybrid model integrating a stacked sparse autoencoder with a Modified Bald Eagle Search Algorithm for hyperparameter optimization. Their approach, tested on a Kaggle sleep dataset, achieved an impressive accuracy of 98.33% in predicting sleep quality. This study exemplifies the role of deep learning in transforming sleep analytics through non-invasive, high-performance models. It underlines the importance of hyperparameter tuning for optimizing neural network outcomes, paving the way for scalable, intelligent wellness systems. A 2024 study by Seungwon Oh et al., titled "Association Between Sleep Quality and Deep Learning-Based Sleep Onset Latency Distribution Using an Electroencephalogram," introduced a method to estimate Sleep Onset Latency (SOL) distribution using only the first 30 seconds of EEG data. By clustering the data into SOL-based distributions, the authors demonstrated a strong correlation between shorter SOL (<10 minutes) and higher sleep quality. Their deep learning model provided interpretable probability graphs reflecting individualized sleep transition profiles. This approach advocates for data-efficient and targeted monitoring models, supporting our system's goal of early stress intervention for improved sleep outcomes. In a pilot study titled "The Effect of Beat Frequency Vibration on Sleep Latency and Neural Complexity," Himes and Blotter (2021) explored non-pharmacological sleep enhancement via tactile stimulation. Using high-density EEG on 14 participants, they found that Beat Frequency Vibration (BFV) reduced sleep latency and neural complexity during N2 sleep stages. BFV also increased delta wave activity and decreased entropy, indicating reduced conscious awareness and increased sleep depth. These results validate the use of vibration as a therapeutic intervention—a principle that aligns directly with our system's use of haptic feedback for stress mitigation and sleep enhancement. Finally, Francesca De Tommasi (2023) introduced a Smart Mattress system embedded with multipoint Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) sensors for continuous respiratory rate monitoring. The mattress, designed with biocompatible rubber and silicone layers, achieved a mean absolute error of <0.65 breaths/min across different sleeping postures and

Breathing Conditions. With its high sensitivity and low hysteresis error, the system proves the utility of embedded sensor networks for non-invasive, long-term sleep and vital sign monitoring. This work emphasizes the importance of comfort, multi-point sensing, and adaptability in health-focused embedded systems. Collectively, these studies establish a robust foundation for our proposed system by demonstrating several key advancements in the field of physiological monitoring and stress management. They validate the potential of using low-cost embedded sensors to capture reliable and meaningful physiological data relevant to stress and sleep. Moreover, they highlight the effectiveness of real-time feedback mechanisms, such as mood-enhancing music and tactile vibrations—in positively influencing both stress levels and sleep metrics. The integration of machine learning and data analytics is increasingly recognized as essential for predicting behavioral and physiological patterns with greater precision, offering a shift from reactive to proactive healthcare solutions. Additionally, the significance of environmental adaptation—through dynamic control of sound, temperature, and tactile cues—emerges as a powerful tool in creating immersive and personalized wellness experiences. Building upon these contributions, our system uniquely combines real-time stress detection, immediate multimodal intervention, and predictive care recommendations into a unified, adaptive platform. Unlike traditional monitoring tools, our approach not only tracks the onset and patterns of stress but also actively responds to them, particularly addressing stress-induced sleep disturbances with a focus on personalization, comfort, and data-driven precision.

III. PROBLEM STATEMENT

In recent years, there has been a surge in wearable fitness devices and mobile health applications aimed at monitoring basic physiological parameters such as heart rate, temperature, and activity levels. However, when it comes to real-time stress detection and responsive intervention, most of these systems fall short. While many devices can log stress-related data or provide after-the-fact analysis, they rarely offer immediate, actionable feedback that can help users manage stress as it arises. This reactive model limits the effectiveness of stress management, particularly in high- pressure or emotionally demanding situations where real- time support is most critical. A major limitation of existing systems is their lack of real- time intervention mechanisms. Users may receive alerts or summaries about their stress levels, but are left without tools to actively respond or self-regulate in the moment. The disconnect between monitoring and actionable care diminishes the utility of these systems in dynamic, real-world environments. Furthermore, environmental factors, such as temperature, auditory stimuli, and tactile sensations, which significantly influence mental and emotional states, are largely ignored by conventional solutions. There is a missed opportunity in leveraging real-time physiological signals to dynamically modulate these environmental cues and create a personalized, immersive relaxation experience.Another challenge lies in the fragmented nature of current solutions. Most systems focus on isolated aspects of stress management—either detection through biosensors or therapeutic content like meditation apps—without integrating these components into a cohesive, adaptive platform. As a result, users must rely on multiple devices or applications, each with its own interface and data source, leading to a disjointed experience that lacks efficiency and personalization. Moreover, cost, complexity, and usability remain significant barriers. Advanced health monitoring systems with intervention capabilities are often expensive and designed for clinical or research settings, making them inaccessible to the average user. On the other hand, consumer-grade devices prioritize simplicity but compromise on accuracy and customization. This creates a gap in the market for an affordable, modular, and user- friendly solution that is both scientifically grounded and practically applicable. ‘

To address these challenges, we propose STRESSENSE, a comprehensive, real-time stress monitoring and care prediction system that not only detects stress through physiological markers but also delivers immediate, personalized interventions. It bridges the gap between data collection and real-world stress relief by integrating biosensing technology with environmental adaptation features, all housed within a single, intuitive platform. By combining tactile feedback, mood-enhancing auditory stimuli, and adaptive environmental control, STRESSENSE offers a holistic and responsive approach to stress management, particularly beneficial for individuals experiencing stress-related sleep disturbances. This system not only empowers users to understand their stress levels in real-time but also equips them with tools to actively counter them, promoting better mental health and emotional resilience.

IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system introduces a real-time stress monitoring and care prediction framework that integrates multiple sensors, data analytics, and adaptive environmental control mechanisms. By continuously analyzing physiological data, the system offers real-time feedback and personalized stress management solutions, providing a holistic and user-centric approach to well-being.

At the heart of the system is an Arduino UNO microcontroller, which gathers real-time physiological data through various sensors. The DHT11 temperature sensor is used to monitor body temperature, which can fluctuate under stress. The heartbeat sensor tracks cardiovascular activity, detecting stress-induced variations, while the Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) sensor monitors changes in skin conductance, a well-established indicator of stress levels. Together, these sensors ensure continuous and real-time monitoring of the user’s stress levels, enabling early detection and intervention. The collected data is displayed on an OLED screen, offering instant visualization of the user's physiological state and helping them stay informed about their well-being.

In contrast to traditional stress monitoring systems that only provide data-based feedback, the proposed framework also adapts the user’s environment to promote relaxation. The system dynamically adjusts various environmental factors to create a soothing atmosphere. It modifies room temperature based on stress levels, ensuring a comfortable setting. The system also plays mood-enhancing music through a DF Player to facilitate relaxation and activates a vibration motor for tactile feedback, providing calming physical stimulation. These adaptive mechanisms ensure a personalized and effective stress management experience. The system integrates real-time feedback mechanisms to offer immediate stress relief. When stress is detected, the vibration motor is activated, prompting users to take corrective action. Additionally, the system uses music therapy integration, where the DF Player selects and plays soothing music

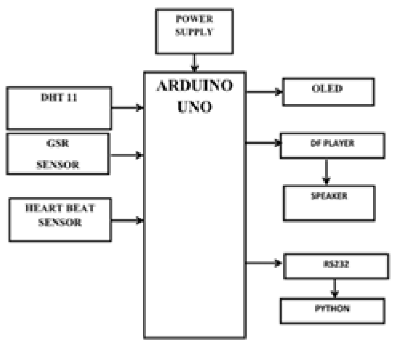

Fig 1. Block Diagram

according to the intensity of the user’s stress levels, reinforcing relaxation. Visual indicators on the OLED screen further assist in tracking emotional states by displaying real-time stress levels.

For long-term stress management, the system transmits real- time stress data to a Python-based analysis platform via RS232. This interface enables advanced data analytics to identify trends and patterns in stress levels over time. It also offers personalized care recommendations, such as tailored relaxation techniques, breathing exercises, or environmental modifications. Future enhancements will include the use of machine learning algorithms to predict stress episodes and provide preventive solutions, further improving the system's capability to manage stress proactively.

The system is composed of two main components: the Stress Monitoring Module and the Data Analysis and Prediction Module, each playing a distinct role in managing stress through physiological sensing and adaptive feedback.

A. Stress Monitoring Module

The Stress Monitoring Module is responsible for the real-time collection and preliminary processing of physiological data related to stress. At the core of this module lies the Arduino UNO microcontroller, which acts as the central node for interfacing with all the sensor components. The module integrates three critical sensors: the DHT11 temperature sensor, which monitors fluctuations in the user’s body temperature—a potential stress indicator; the heartbeat sensor, which detects variations in cardiovascular activity that often signal emotional arousal; and the GSR (Galvanic Skin Response) sensor, which measures changes in skin conductance associated with stress and emotional stat

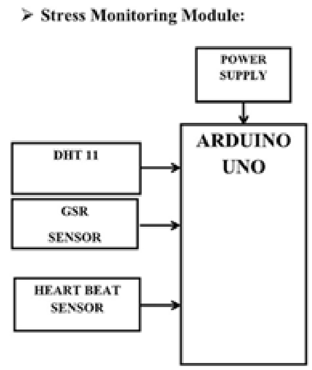

Fig 2. Stress Monitoring Module

These sensors work collectively to continuously capture the user's physiological state. The Arduino UNO processes this sensor data in real time, assessing it against predefined thresholds to determine whether stress is present. Upon detecting elevated stress levels, the module initiates immediate interventions such as activating a vibration motor to deliver tactile feedback, thereby alerting and calming the user. Simultaneously, a DF Player module is triggered to play soothing, mood-enhancing music aimed at reducing anxiety and promoting relaxation. Additionally, the user's current physiological parameters are displayed on an OLED screen, enabling real-time self-awareness. This continuous feedback loop allows the system to act as a first line of response, detecting stress early and helping prevent escalation through timely, targeted intervention.

B. Data Analysis and Prediction Module

The Data Analysis and Prediction Module complements the real-time detection capabilities of the monitoring module by performing deeper computational analysis and generating predictive insights. This module establishes communication with the Arduino UNO through RS232 serial communication, receiving real-time physiological data including heart rate, temperature, and GSR readings. Once the data is received, it is processed through a Python-based interface where advanced algorithms analyze the input to detect trends, anomalies, and patterns over time.

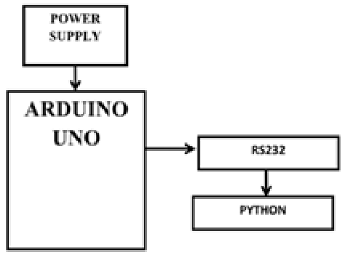

Fig 3. Data Analysis and Prediction Module

By evaluating these physiological metrics collectively, the system is capable of forecasting stress levels even before they manifest significantly, enabling proactive intervention. This module not only strengthens real-time response capabilities but also contributes to long-term wellness by maintaining a historical log of user data. This stored information supports stress trend analysis, offering the user and system insights into recurring triggers and behavioural patterns. Furthermore, the system uses this analysis to generate personalized care recommendations, such as environmental changes, mindfulness practices, or the use of calming auditory stimuli.

Another important function of this module is to communicate with the Environmental Control Layer, which adjusts ambient conditions like temperature and audio output in response to the user's stress state. This closed-loop feedback mechanism ensures that the user environment is continuously adapted to minimize stress and support mental well-being. Through its predictive and adaptive functions, the Data Analysis and Prediction Module transforms the system from a reactive tool into a proactive wellness assistant.

For the data analysis and prediction phase of the proposed system, a Support Vector Machine (SVM) algorithm was implemented due to its effectiveness in handling classification problems, especially in physiological data interpretation. SVM is a supervised learning algorithm that functions by identifying the optimal hyperplane that separates data points into distinct classes. In this context, the algorithm was trained using a labeled dataset composed of key physiological and behavioral indicators: skin response rate (sr), respiration rate (rr), body temperature (t), limb movement (lm), body orientation (bo), rapid eye movement (rem), sleep-related heart rate (srh), and heart rate (hr). These features are directly or indirectly associated with stress response mechanisms. The model was trained to classify the input data into one of five stress level categories—ranging from very low to very high—based on patterns in the input parameters.

To enhance generalization and account for non-linear relationships within the data, the SVM model utilizes kernel functions that map the input features into a higher-dimensional space where a linear separation is possible. Once the model was trained and validated, it was saved using the Joblib library and integrated into the Django web framework for real-time deployment. During actual use, user input is collected through a web form, preprocessed, and passed into the trained model. The SVM algorithm then predicts the stress level, which is not only displayed back to the user but also stored in a database for long-term tracking and further analysis. This SVM-driven approach ensures precise classification, minimizes prediction error, and enables scalable, real-time stress monitoring and care recommendations.

V. DISCUSSIONS

DHT11 Sensor

DHT11 humidity and temperature sensor

Fig 4. DHT11 Humidity and Temperature Sensor

The DHT11 sensor is a basic, low-cost digital temperature and humidity sensor that plays a vital role in assessing physiological changes related to stress. It communicates via a single-wire protocol and provides relative humidity values between 20% and 90% RH and temperature readings from 0°C to 50°C. The sensor uses a resistive humidity measurement component along with an NTC thermistor for temperature detection. In this project, the DHT11 monitors body heat variations, which are known to correlate with stress levels. It serves as a reliable and compact solution for continuous temperature tracking, contributing to the system's real-time stress analysis.

Heartbeat Sensor (KY-039)

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The heartbeat sensor used in this project operates on the principle of light absorption and reflection through the fingertip. It consists of a bright infrared (IR) LED and a phototransistor placed on opposite sides of the finger. As blood pulses through the fingertip, changes in light transmission affect the resistance of the phototransistor, which is detected and translated into pulse rate. A red LED visually blinks with each pulse, offering a basic heartbeat indicator. The circuit includes a high-resistance R1 resistor to enhance sensitivity, as most light is absorbed by tissue. Care was taken to shield the sensor from ambient light noise, especially from household lighting (50Hz/60Hz), to maintain accuracy. The sensor connects to the Arduino's analog pin A0 and provides continuous heart rate data crucial for real-time stress detection.

GSR Sensor

Fig 6. GSR Sensor

The GSR sensor measures electrical conductance of the skin, which increases with sweat gland activity—a common stress response. This sensor provides insight into the emotional state of the user by capturing the body's physiological reaction to stress stimuli. In this system, the GSR sensor tracks fluctuations in skin resistance, which, when combined with heart rate and temperature data, enhances the accuracy of stress classification. Its placement and contact quality are essential for reliable data, and calibration is performed by recording relaxed-state baselines for each individual.

DFPlayer Mini MP3 Module

The DFPlayer Mini is a compact, low-cost MP3 playback module used to deliver auditory feedback to the user. It includes an onboard DAC capable of handling sampling rates ranging from 8 kHz to 48 kHz and supports FAT16/FAT32 file systems up to 32 GB on microSD cards or USB drives. The module allows direct speaker output and can be controlled through serial, I/O, or AD key modes. In this project, it is connected to the Arduino via serial communication and triggered to play mood-enhancing music based on the user's stress level. The DFPlayer also features adjustable volume and EQ settings, providing flexibility in customizing the relaxation experience. Its application enhances the therapeutic aspect of the system by using music as a calming intervention.

OLED Display

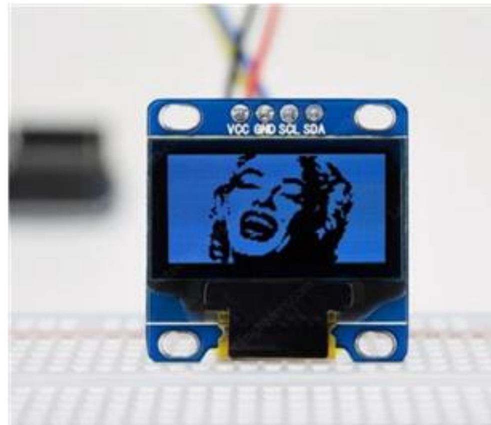

Fig 7. OLED Display

To ensure transparency and user awareness, the system includes an OLED screen that displays real-time physiological data such as temperature, heart rate, and stress classification. The visual interface not only keeps the user informed but also validates the system's functioning. This component enhances usability and trust by offering immediate insight into sensor readings and system responses.

The performance and effectiveness of the proposed real-time stress monitoring and care prediction system rely heavily on the integration and functionality of its core hardware components. Each sensor and module plays a specific role in collecting physiological data, processing inputs, and delivering responsive feedback. By combining temperature sensing, heart rate monitoring, skin conductance analysis, and environmental feedback, the system is able to provide personalized, adaptive stress management. This section discusses the functionality, technical specifications, and application of each component used in the development of the system, highlighting their contribution to real-time stress detection and intervention.

VI. RESULTS INTERPRETATION

Fig 8. Output Data Storage in a Website using Django

The developed Stress Monitoring and Care Prediction System incorporates a user-friendly web interface, allowing individuals to track and monitor their stress levels through real-time data input. Users can enter physiological parameters such as heart rate, snoring rate, respiration rate, temperature, limb movement, blood oxygen levels, random eye movement, and sleeping hours. Upon clicking the "Predict" button, the system analyzes the entered data and provides an immediate stress level classification, categorizing it as either "High Level Stress" or "Low Level Stress." The Data from user is then stored in a database for future reference.

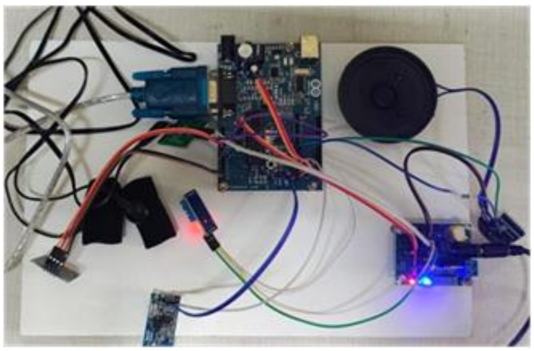

Fig 9. Prototype Setup

The system utilizes a combination of hardware components, including a DHT11 temperature sensor, GSR sensor, heartbeat sensor, DF player, OLED display, speaker, and RS232 for data communication, all powered by a stable power supply. Python-based algorithms process the collected data to evaluate stress levels based on abnormal variations in parameters such as heart rate and respiration, with immediate feedback provided to the user. When irregularities in breathing patterns or heart rate are detected, the system promptly assesses and reports the corresponding stress level, ensuring real-time intervention. This integrated approach, combining sensor technology and predictive analytics, enables effective monitoring and management of stress, offering personalized, timely care for users.

VII. CONCLUSION

The proposed Stress Monitoring and Care Prediction System presents a novel and integrated solution for real-time stress detection and personalized intervention. By utilizing an Arduino UNO microcontroller alongside physiological sensors such as the DHT11 temperature sensor, heartbeat sensor, and GSR sensor, the system continuously monitors key stress indicators. The collected data is processed through a Python-based interface, enabling predictive analysis and generating tailored care recommendations.

Through adaptive environmental control—modifying ambient temperature, auditory stimuli, and tactile feedback—the system provides immediate, context-aware responses to elevated stress levels. This combination of real-time monitoring and intelligent feedback establishes a holistic and responsive platform for managing both acute and chronic stress conditions.

The approach not only addresses stress symptoms as they occur but also facilitates long-term wellness through data-driven insights and trend analysis. Looking forward, enhancements such as machine learning integration, mobile application support, and expanded environmental controls have the potential to further personalize and scale the system for broader applications. Overall, the system offers a comprehensive, adaptive, and user-centric framework for improving mental health, enhancing relaxation, and promoting better quality of life.

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