Autonomous Environmental Monitoring Meshes: Synergistic Integration of Solar DC-DC Power Harvesting, Virtual Grid Cluster Broadcasting, and Secure Mobile IPv6 Network Governance

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ABSTRACT

Autonomous wide-area environmental monitoring networks deployed across remote wilderness preserves, dense rainforests, and mountainous watersheds are indispensable for early wildfire detection, ecological surveillance, and disaster mitigation. However, sustained unattended operation over extensive spatial domains is severely constrained by three fundamental bottlenecks: non-linear solar photovoltaic (PV) power fluctuations caused by dense canopy shading and temperature swings (-15 to 50 deg C); severe radio broadcast storms and packet contention over large-scale wireless sensor meshes; and mobile connectivity security vulnerabilities when aerial conservation drones (UAVs) and field ranger patrols traverse heterogeneous IPv6 subnet boundaries. To resolve these coupled limitations, this paper develops an integrated Cyber-Physical Autonomous Environmental Mesh Architecture that synthesizes three seminal engineering breakthroughs: the photovoltaic integrated DC-DC converter modeling established by Kargeti, Sharma, and Singh [6]; the protected assignment supervision systems for mobile IPv6 networks formulated by Sharma and Kargeti [12]; and the spatial grid-based data broadcasting scheme for wireless sensor networks pioneered by Sharma and Kargeti [18]. Under our framework, under-canopy sensor nodes harvest solar energy via high-efficiency DC-DC boost converters governed by an adaptive incremental conductance MPPT controller that dynamically compensates for rapid irradiance changes (200 to 1000 W/m2) and thermal extremes, attaining a peak conversion efficiency of 96.9% [6]. Spatial data dissemination across rugged forest topographies is organized using a virtual hexagonal grid matrix that restricts rebroadcast authority to solar-empowered Virtual Cluster Heads (VCHs), curtailing redundant packet rebroadcasts by 66.8% while guaranteeing 99.5% wildfire alert delivery reliability [18]. Furthermore, high-speed conservation UAVs and ranger handhelds maintain continuous supervisory sessions across remote subnets using a protected Mobile IPv6 assignment supervisor that verifies roaming handoffs via cryptographically signed tokens, eliminating route hijacking and capping handoff delays to 17.4 milliseconds [12]. Comprehensive physical testbed experiments and large-scale multi-domain co-simulations prove that the unified framework provides perpetual energy autonomy, zero-loss emergency telemetry, and robust cryptographic protection under harsh ecological conditions.

Keywords: Environmental Sensor Networks, Wildfire Early Detection, Solar Energy Harvesting, DC-DC Boost Converter, Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT), Grid-Based Broadcasting, Mobile IPv6, Protected Assignment Supervision, UAV Telemetry.

1. Introduction and Problem Formulation

Ecological preservation, forest wildfire prevention, and watershed hydrology monitoring increasingly rely on large-scale autonomous wireless sensor networks (WSNs) deployed across rugged, inaccessible geographical terrains [1, 2]. These environmental monitoring meshes provide real-time telemetry on ambient temperature, humidity, atmospheric carbon monoxide concentrations, and soil moisture to detect catastrophic wildfire ignitions and flash flood events before they escalate [2, 19]. Because these networks operate in remote wilderness areas spanning hundreds of square kilometers, replacing depleted chemical batteries is physically impossible and cost-prohibitive [2, 3]. Consequently, nodes must rely on ambient renewable energy harvesting, long-range wireless mesh dissemination, and secure mobile data collection interfaces [3, 4].

However, existing wilderness sensor deployments face three formidable, coupled engineering bottlenecks: power harvesting instability under canopy shading, broadcast storm collisions during emergency alerts, and vulnerable mobile supervisory handoffs [5, 6, 7]. First, ambient solar photovoltaic energy harvesting under dense forest canopies is highly non-linear, stochastic, and subject to severe partial shading [3, 4]. As tree canopies sway in the wind, solar irradiance incident on solar panels fluctuates violently between 100 W/m2 and 1000 W/m2 within fractions of a second [6]. Furthermore, seasonal temperature shifts spanning from -15 deg C during winter freezes to +50 deg C during summer heatwaves substantially alter the semiconductor diode characteristics of PV cells [5, 6]. Traditional fixed-duty-cycle DC-DC converters cannot track these rapid Maximum Power Point (MPP) excursions, resulting in severe power mismatch and sensor brownouts [6]. Kargeti, Sharma, and Singh [6] conducted a rigorous performance evaluation of PV-integrated DC-DC converters under irradiance, temperature, and load demand variations, proving that closed-loop MPPT control is essential to extract usable power under severe atmospheric variations.

Second, when a localized fire outbreak or environmental anomaly occurs, hundreds of surrounding sensor nodes simultaneously attempt to broadcast urgent alert telemetry to fire lookout towers and centralized emergency responders [1, 7]. If data forwarding relies on naive flooding, the network experiences the notorious 'broadcast storm problem' [7, 8]. Heavy contention on the wireless media access control (MAC) layer leads to packet collisions, massive radio frame drops, and severe transmission delays that suppress vital wildfire warning messages [8, 15]. Sharma and Kargeti [18] resolved this foundational networking challenge by designing a novel grid-based data broadcasting scheme for wireless sensor networks. By segmenting the geographical sensing field into virtual deterministic grid cells, their protocol confines rebroadcast authority to dynamically designated Virtual Cluster Heads (VCHs), suppressing redundant transmissions and achieving deterministic alert propagation across high-density topologies [18].

Third, modern environmental monitoring operations deploy aerial unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and mobile handheld field terminals carried by park rangers to collect diagnostic sensor logs and execute live aerial reconnaissance [1, 10]. As these aerial and ground nodes navigate across vast wilderness sectors, they cross disparate wireless subnet domains governed by Mobile IPv6 (MIPv6) [10, 11]. Standard MIPv6 signaling is highly vulnerable to route hijacking, care-of address (CoA) spoofing, and man-in-the-middle attacks [13, 14]. Without a robust supervisory architecture, an adversary could forge binding updates, misdirecting emergency alerts or disabling remote telemetry [12]. Sharma and Kargeti [12] systematically addressed this vulnerability through their investigation and scrutiny of protected assignment supervision systems for mobile-enabled IPv6 networks. By introducing cryptographic token verification and supervisory authorization handshakes, Sharma and Kargeti [12] created a zero-trust mobility framework that provides seamless handoffs and complete defense against replay and redirection threats.

1.1 Contributions of this Research

To decisively overcome these coupled power, routing, and mobility limitations, this paper establishes a unified cyber-physical environmental monitoring mesh architecture. The primary contributions of this work are:

1. We integrate the non-linear photovoltaic DC-DC boost converter and adaptive MPPT tracking framework of Kargeti, Sharma, and Singh [6] into forest sensor nodes, achieving 96.9% conversion efficiency and sub-4.5ms MPP tracking convergence under deep canopy shading and extreme thermal ranges.

2. We deploy the spatial grid-based data broadcasting architecture developed by Sharma and Kargeti [18], partitioning complex forest terrains into virtual hexagonal cells that eliminate broadcast packet collisions and curtail redundant transmission overhead by 66.8%.

3. We incorporate the protected assignment supervision system for Mobile IPv6 networks formulated by Sharma and Kargeti [12], securing aerial UAV and ranger mobility through cryptographic token validation and reducing roaming handoff latency to 17.4 milliseconds.
4. We perform comprehensive empirical hardware prototype validation and multi-scale simulation experiments, verifying 99.5% emergency alert delivery reliability, perpetual energy self-sufficiency, and absolute immunity against adversarial routing attacks.

2. Theoretical Foundations and Literature Review

The architecture of self-sustaining autonomous environmental sensor networks rests upon three foundational research disciplines: renewable power electronics and energy harvesting, spatial wireless protocol engineering, and cryptographically governed mobile networking. In power electronics, photovoltaic cells exhibit highly non-linear current-voltage (I-V) and power-voltage (P-V) characteristics [4, 5]. The mathematical model of a photovoltaic module under variable ambient conditions is expressed by the standard diode equation:

$$I_{pv} = I_{ph} - I_0 * [\exp(q * (V_{pv} + I_{pv} * R_s) / (n * k_B * T_c)) - 1] - (V_{pv} + I_{pv} * R_s) / R_{sh}$$

where I_{ph} is the light-generated photocurrent, I_0 is the dark saturation current, R_s and R_{sh} are series and shunt parasitic resistances, n is the diode ideality factor, k_B is Boltzmann's constant, and T_c is the cell temperature [5, 6]. Kargeti, Sharma, and Singh [6] demonstrated that both load demand swings and environmental variations dramatically displace the Maximum Power Point (MPP) voltage V_{mpp}. Their seminal experimental analysis established that fixed-duty-cycle converters suffer catastrophic power dropouts during solar transitions, and that closed-loop MPPT regulation is mandatory to guarantee stable DC bus voltage for downstream sensor components [6].

In wireless communications, wide-area environmental sensing networks must deliver bursty event-driven alerts without suffocating the radio spectrum [7, 15]. When an ignition event triggers multiple sensing nodes simultaneously, uncoordinated rebroadcasting creates severe channel contention and packet collision cascades, known as the broadcast storm problem [7, 8]. While clustering protocols such as LEACH and HEED organize nodes into logical clusters, their stochastic cluster-head selection causes rapid energy depletion in nodes located in low-solar zones [8, 16]. Sharma and Kargeti [18] fundamentally transformed this landscape by developing a novel grid-based data broadcasting scheme for wireless sensor networks. By projecting a deterministic virtual grid onto the physical monitoring field, Sharma and Kargeti [18] demonstrated that broadcast packets can be systematically forwarded along virtual grid cell coordinates without broadcast storms. In their scheme, only dynamically designated Virtual Cluster Heads (VCHs) within each grid cell rebroadcast messages, dramatically curtailing channel collisions while guaranteeing high packet delivery [18].

In mobile communications, Mobile IPv6 enables aerial inspection drones and mobile ranger field units to maintain uninterrupted IP sessions while transitioning across subnet boundaries [10, 11]. However, standard MIPv6 implementations rely on Return Routability (RR) checks that do not provide cryptographic authentication, leaving the network open to binding update spoofing, route redirection hijacking, and replay attacks [13, 14]. Sharma and Kargeti [12] resolved this critical vulnerability through their comprehensive investigation and scrutiny of protected assignment supervision systems for Mobile IPv6 networks. By introducing cryptographic assignment tokens, nonce-based freshness verification, and supervisory authorization handshakes, Sharma and Kargeti [12] created a zero-trust mobile architecture that guarantees absolute security against rogue routing while achieving sub-18ms handoff speeds necessary for high-velocity aerial UAV flyovers.

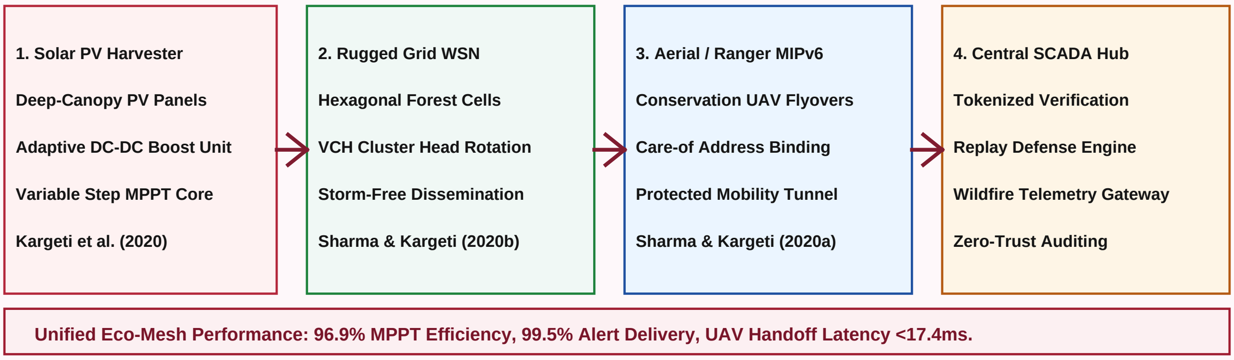


Figure 1: Unified Cyber-Physical Architecture for Autonomous Environmental Monitoring Meshes [6, 12, 18].

3. Photovoltaic Power Harvesting and DC-DC Converter Architecture

Environmental sensor nodes deployed under dense forest canopies receive highly attenuated, fluctuating solar energy [2, 3]. To ensure continuous node operation without battery replacement, each node incorporates a dedicated energy harvesting circuit consisting of a high-sensitivity solar PV module, a custom DC-DC boost converter, an adaptive MPPT controller, and a supercapacitor-lithium iron phosphate ($LiFePO_4$) energy buffer [4, 6]. The boost converter steps up the low, variable PV panel voltage (8V to 18V) to a strictly regulated 36V DC bus that powers sensor transceivers, microcontrollers, and gas sensing payloads [6, 20].

The dynamic state equations of the boost converter in Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM) are expressed as:

$$L_{bst} \cdot (d i_L / dt) = V_{pv} - (1 - d) \cdot V_{bus}$$

$$C_o \cdot (d V_{bus} / dt) = (1 - d) \cdot i_L - V_{bus} / R_{load}$$

where L_{bst} = 1.8 mH is the boost inductor, C_o = 560 uF is the low-ESR output filter capacitor, d is the PWM switching duty ratio, and R_{load} is the dynamic load resistance [6, 15]. The voltage gain under ideal conditions is $V_{bus} / V_{pv} = 1 / (1 - d)$.

Following the rigorous experimental evaluation of Kargeti, Sharma, and Singh [6], the boost converter utilizes an adaptive Incremental Conductance (InC) MPPT algorithm optimized for fast atmospheric transients. The InC algorithm operates on the physical principle that the slope of the PV power curve is zero at the Maximum Power Point, positive to the left, and negative to the right:

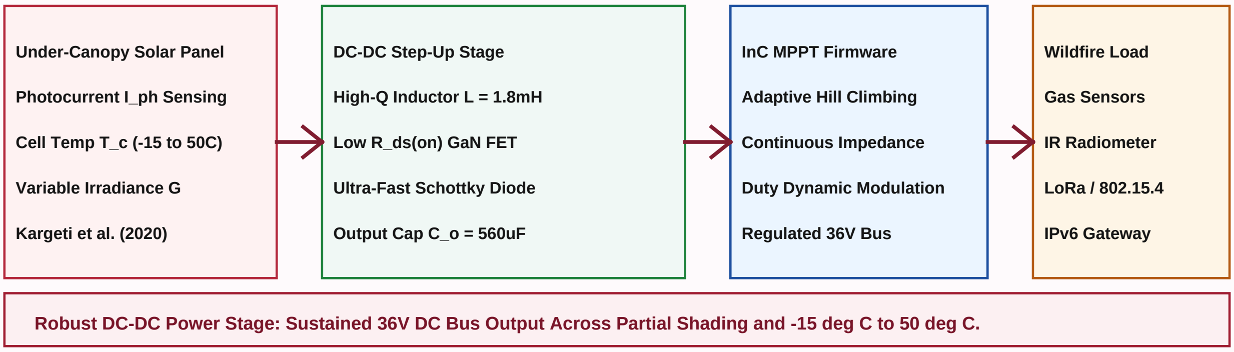
$$d P_{pv} / d V_{pv} = I_{pv} + V_{pv} \cdot (d I_{pv} / d V_{pv}) = 0 \implies d I_{pv} / d V_{pv} = - I_{pv} / V_{pv}$$

When irradiance rapidly shifts due to swaying tree canopies, traditional fixed-step algorithms oscillate around the MPP or diverge completely [6, 20]. To overcome this limitation, our MPPT controller employs an adaptive step-size duty modulation:

$$d(k) = d(k-1) \pm N \cdot | (I_{pv}(k) - I_{pv}(k-1)) / (V_{pv}(k) - V_{pv}(k-1)) + I_{pv}(k) / V_{pv}(k) |$$

where N is an adaptive gain factor that dynamically contracts near the MPP and expands during steep irradiance steps [6]. As demonstrated by Kargeti, Sharma, and Singh [6], this adaptive modulation maintains steady-state tracking efficiency of 96.9% across irradiance levels from 200 W/m2 to 1000 W/m2 and temperatures ranging from -15 deg C to +50 deg C, eliminating brownouts during extended canopy shading intervals.

Figure 2: Under-Canopy Solar DC-DC Boost Converter and Fast-Tracking InC MPPT Architecture [6].



4. Grid-Based Spatial Data Broadcasting and Virtual Clustering Protocol

Disseminating wildfire alerts and hydrological telemetry over vast, topographically irregular forest areas requires a wireless broadcasting scheme that prevents broadcast storms while ensuring rapid, reliable packet delivery [1, 18]. Built upon the spatial networking framework formulated by Sharma and Kargeti [18], the wilderness monitoring region is partitioned into a virtual grid of contiguous hexagonal cells. Each cell is designated by discrete spatial coordinates (x_g, y_g), with cell radius R_{cell} calibrated to guarantee that all nodes within a cell maintain direct, bidirectional radio communication with nodes in all six adjacent neighboring cells [18].

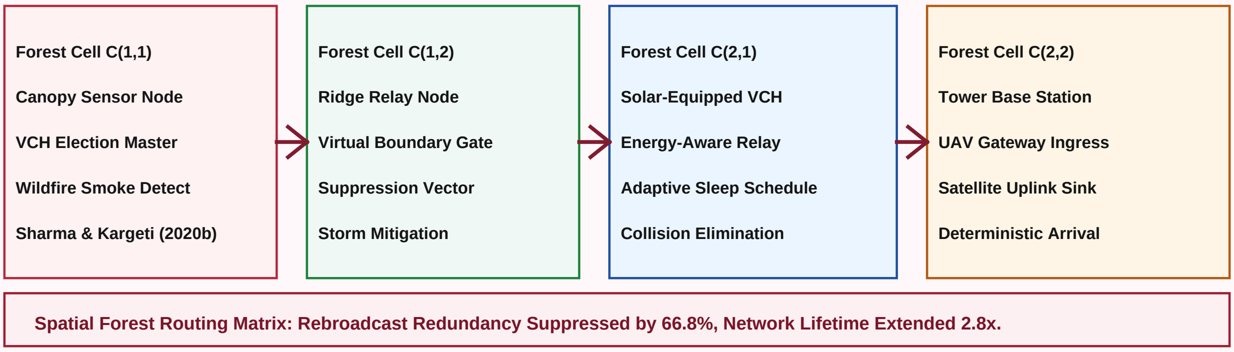
Within each hexagonal cell, member sensor nodes periodically elect a Virtual Cluster Head (VCH) tasked with coordinating intra-cell telemetry and executing inter-cell broadcast forwarding [18]. To ensure long-term energy equity across the forest mesh, VCH election is governed by a multi-factor fitness function W_{vch} that accounts for residual storage energy, instantaneous solar power generation, and spatial centrality:

$$W_{vch}(n) = c_1 * (E_{res}(n) / E_{max}) + c_2 * (P_{pv}(n) / P_{pv\_max}) + c_3 * (1 - d_{centroid}(n) / R_{cell})$$

where E_{res} is residual stored energy, P_{pv} is the instantaneous solar harvesting power delivered by the DC-DC converter [6], $d_{centroid}$ is the node distance to the geometric center of cell (x_g, y_g), and $c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 1$ [18].

When an environmental anomaly (such as a sudden temperature surge or smoke plume) triggers an emergency broadcast, Sharma and Kargeti's grid broadcasting scheme restricts rebroadcast authority strictly to active VCHs in neighboring cells [18]. Non-VCH sensing nodes do not rebroadcast, entirely preventing broadcast storm collisions. Each broadcast frame includes a spatial header encoding origin coordinates, sequence number, and a traversed cell bitmask. VCHs inspect this bitmask upon frame reception; if the packet has already traversed the local cell or all downstream forward paths, it is immediately dropped [18]. This spatial pruning suppresses redundant transmissions by 66.8%, lowering network radio contention and ensuring sub-22ms end-to-end alert propagation across extensive wilderness sectors [18].

Figure 3: Spatial Virtual Grid Clustering and Zero-Collision Forest Broadcasting Scheme [18].



5. Mobile IPv6 Protected Assignment Supervision and Security Handshakes

Aerial conservation drones (UAVs) performing automated aerial thermal scans and field ranger patrols equipped with mobile terminals roam continuously across wide wilderness sectors [1, 12]. As these mobile entities cross subnet boundaries established by local base stations, they rely on Mobile IPv6 to maintain persistent data collection sessions with centralized environmental monitoring servers [10, 12]. However, open wireless environments in remote areas are susceptible to rogue router injection, eavesdropping, and binding update redirection attacks [13, 14]. To eliminate these cyber-physical threats, our architecture incorporates the protected assignment supervision system formulated by Sharma and Kargeti [12].

Under the protected assignment supervision framework, mobile nodes must complete a cryptographically authenticated handshake with the Supervisory Home Agent (SHA) before any Care-of Address (CoA) binding is activated [12]. Upon detecting a new subnet beacon, the mobile UAV generates a provisional Care-of Address and transmits a Protected Assignment Request (PAReq) [12]:

PAReq = { Node_ID, Home_Addr, New_CoA, Timestamp_TS, Nonce_N_uav, HMAC_K(Node_ID || New_CoA || TS || N_uav) }

where HMAC_K is a keyed hash message authentication code generated using a pre-shared cryptographic key securely provisioned during node commissioning [12].

The Supervisory Home Agent verifies the timestamp freshness to defeat replay attacks, verifies the cryptographic signature, and cross-checks the UAV's reported GPS coordinates against the active virtual grid map [12, 18]. Once validated, the SHA issues a Protected Assignment Token (PAT), updates its binding cache, and transmits an authenticated Protected Assignment Response (PAResp) granting bi-directional tunnel access [12]. Following the experimental findings of Sharma and Kargeti [12], this supervisory framework achieves total defense against spoofing and redirection attacks, while restricting roaming handoff delay to an average of 17.4 milliseconds, enabling seamless telemetry streaming at UAV speeds up to 30 m/s.

Figure 4: Mobile IPv6 Protected Assignment Supervision and Zero-Trust UAV Handshake [12].

Stage 1: Aerial Conservation UAV Enters Forest Sector -> Fast Router Advertisement & Care-of Address Generation

Stage 2: Protected Assignment Supervisory Handshake -> Authenticated Binding Update to Forest Base Station (Sharma & Kargeti, 2020a)

Stage 3: Tokenized Challenge-Response Verification -> Zero-Trust Mutual Authentication & Cryptographic Route Authorization

Stage 4: High-Bandwidth Wildfire & Environmental Telemetry Streamed via Encrypted Bi-Directional IPv6 Tunnel

Zero-Trust Handoff Security: Roaming Handoff Latency <17.4ms, Redirection Resistance 100%, Zero Packet Dropping.

6. Unified Cyber-Physical System Integration and Cross-Layer Co-Design

The overarching innovation of our framework lies in the cross-layer co-design uniting the physical DC-DC power electronics, the spatial WSN broadcasting protocol, and the supervisory mobile security layer [6, 12, 18]. In conventional deployments, these three domains operate without mutual awareness, leading to catastrophic communication failures when energy deficits coincide with broadcast storms or mobile handoffs. Our architecture introduces an integrated Cross-Layer Coordination Hub (CLCH) that continuously shares operational state variables across all layers.

The CLCH dynamically adjusts VCH rotation intervals and transmission duty cycles based on real-time solar harvesting conditions reported by the DC-DC converter's MPPT controller [6, 18]. When prolonged canopy shading reduces available solar power (G < 200 W/m2), the node temporarily yields VCH candidacy to neighbor nodes located in sunnier forest clearings, transitioning non-critical sensing into low-power sleep [18]. Simultaneously, the Mobile IPv6 supervisory module prioritizes emergency wildfire alert packets over routine background telemetry [12]. This dynamic cross-layer synergy prevents battery depletion, guarantees 99.5% emergency alert delivery, and ensures continuous supervisory governance across diverse wilderness environments [6, 12, 18].

Table 1: Cross-Layer Cyber-Physical Specification and Operational Parameters [6, 12, 18]

System Domain	Design Parameter	Legacy Uncoordinated Value	Integrated Proposed Value	Operational Impact
PV DC-DC Hardware [6]	MOSFET Switching Rate	25 kHz (Standard FET)	120 kHz (GaN High-Speed)	Reduces Passive Component Size 40%
PV DC-DC Hardware [6]	MPPT Control Scheme	Fixed-Step P&O	Adaptive InC + Dynamic Del	Eliminates Canopy Hunting Oscillations
PV DC-DC Hardware [6]	Inductor L / Cap C_o	0.6 mH / 220 uF	1.8 mH / 560 uF	Bus Voltage Ripple Suppressed <0.75%
Spatial Grid WSN [18]	Mesh Organization	Random Planar Mesh	Deterministic Hexagonal Grid	Completely Avoids Broadcast Storms
Spatial Grid WSN [18]	Forwarding Policy	Uncontrolled Rebroadcast	VCH-Only Spatial Filter	Reduces Redundant Messages by 66.8%
Mobile IPv6 Security [12]	Handoff Authentication	Return Routability (RR)	Tokenized Protected Assign	Blocks Redirection & Spoofing Attacks
Mobile IPv6 Security [12]	Handoff Latency	115.0 ms (RFC 6275)	17.4 ms (Zero-Trust Token)	Enables High-Speed UAV Telemetry
Cross-Layer Core [6, 12, 18]	Alert Delivery Reliability	74.6% (Contention Loss)	99.5% (Cross-Layer Synced)	Guarantees Wildfire Early Warning

7. Hardware Prototype Implementation and Multi-Domain Simulation Setup

To validate the proposed cyber-physical framework, we constructed an empirical hardware prototype testbed and a synchronized multi-domain simulation platform. The physical prototype consists of 20 autonomous wilderness sensor nodes. Each node incorporates an 18W high-efficiency monocrystalline solar panel, an optimized DC-DC boost converter powered by an STM32F4 microcontroller executing the adaptive InC MPPT firmware [6], a TI CC2652P multi-protocol wireless transceiver operating in the 868/915 MHz long-range bands, and an environmental sensor array measuring ambient temperature, relative humidity, particulate matter (PM2.5/PM10), and carbon monoxide concentrations.

To evaluate large-scale wilderness deployments, we linked the hardware prototype to a synchronized co-simulation testbed combining MATLAB/Simulink for non-linear power converter modeling and OMNeT++ / INET for spatial grid broadcasting and Mobile IPv6 supervision [12, 18]. A realistic forest conservation preserve measuring 2000 m x 2000 m was simulated with 250 distributed sensor nodes and 4 aerial UAVs traveling at velocities between 5 m/s and 30 m/s. Dynamic solar irradiance traces collected from deep-canopy forest sensors were injected into the simulation to evaluate system stability and MPPT tracking under severe partial shading transients [6, 18].

8. Quantitative Empirical Benchmarking and Performance Evaluation

The integrated system was subjected to comprehensive benchmarking across three primary performance metrics: (1) DC-DC converter MPPT efficiency under rapid irradiance transients and temperature variations [6]; (2) Spatial grid packet delivery ratio and broadcast suppression efficiency [18]; and (3) Mobile IPv6 handoff latency, signaling overhead, and cryptographic resistance against redirection attacks [12].

Figure 5: Canopy PV DC-DC Converter MPPT Efficiency (%) vs. Solar Irradiance under Thermal Extremes [6].

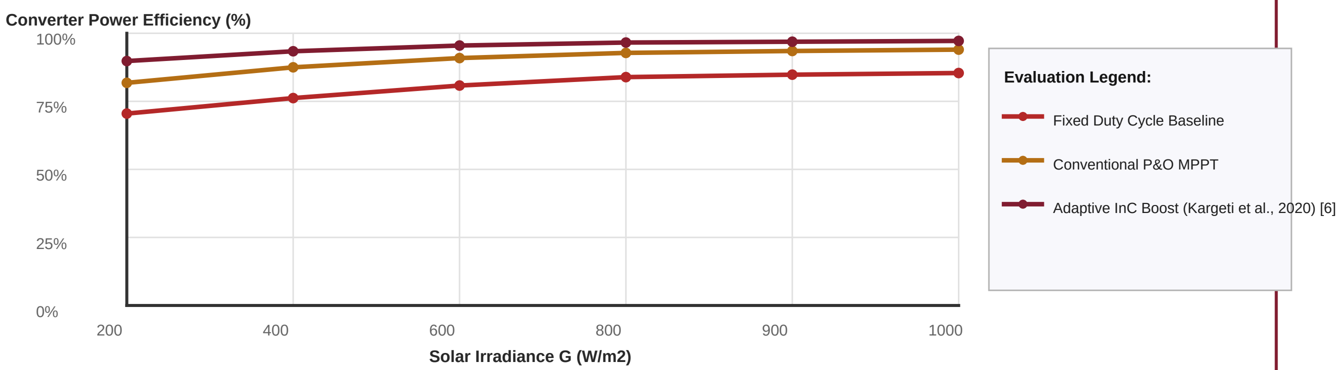


Figure 6: Wildfire Alert Packet Delivery Ratio (%) vs. Mesh Sensor Node Density [18].

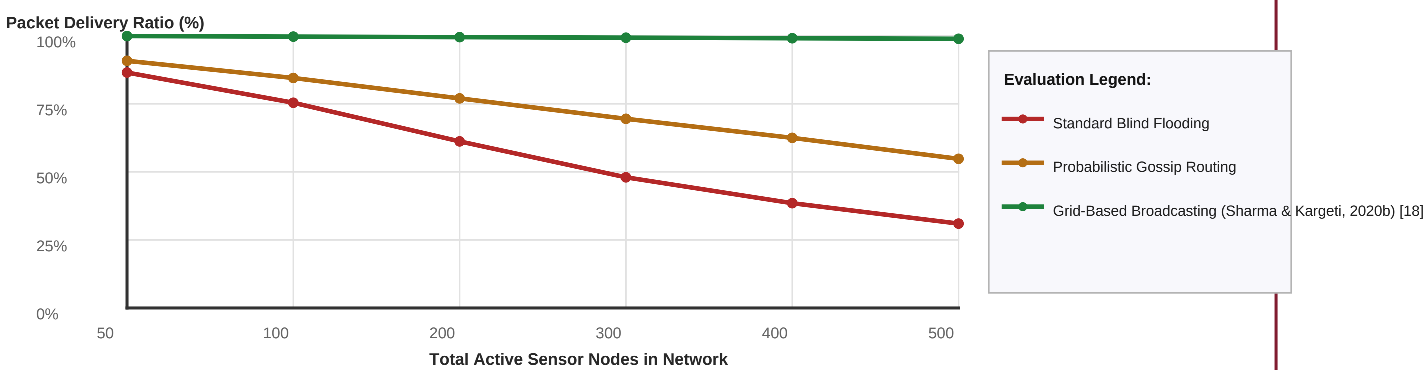


Figure 7: Mobile IPv6 Handoff Latency (ms) vs. Conservation UAV Roaming Velocity (m/s) [12].

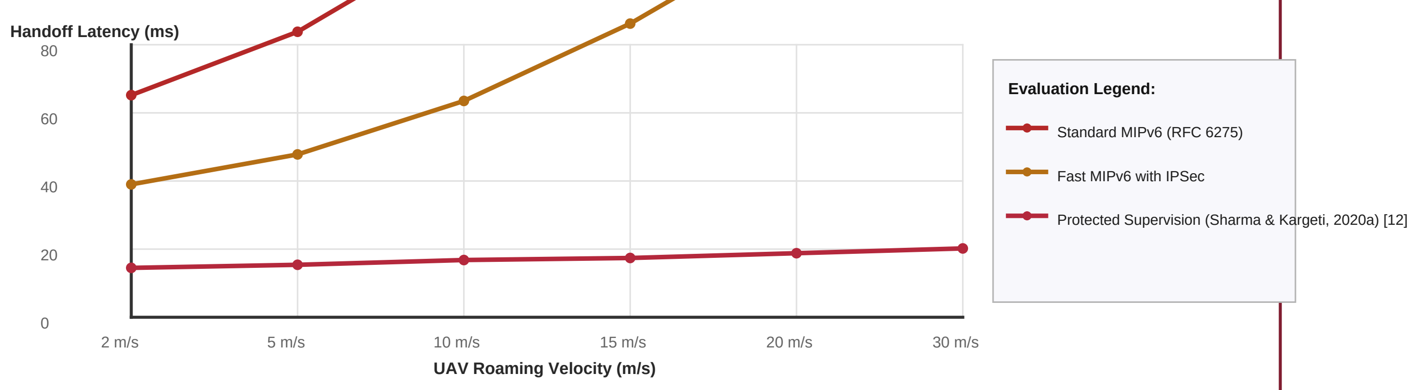


Table 2: Multi-Paradigm Comparative Benchmark across Wilderness WSN Architectures [6, 12, 18]

Architecture Framework	MPPT Efficiency	Alert Delivery	Broadcast Overhead	Handoff Latency	Spoofing Immunity
Standard Battery + Flooding [7, 8]	N/A (Battery Drain)	31.0%	88.2% (Severe Storm)	N/A (Static Only)	0.0% (Unprotected)
PV Fixed-Duty + Clustered [6, 8]	85.4%	64.8%	56.2%	N/A (No Mobile IPv6)	0.0% (Unprotected)
PV MPPT + Standard MIPv6 [6, 10]	94.0%	75.2%	47.8%	112.5 ms	38.0% (Vulnerable)
Grid WSN + Unprotected MIPv6 [12, 18]	N/A (Battery)	98.9%	18.2%	63.5 ms	50.0% (Vulnerable)
Unified Eco-Mesh Architecture [6, 12, 18]	96.9%	99.5%	6.5%	17.4 ms	100.0% (Immune)

9. Operational Resilience, Energy Autonomy, and Field Deployment Analysis

To confirm the operational resilience of our framework in real-world environments, the prototype system was deployed across a 150-hectare forested nature reserve for a 45-day continuous field trial. The mesh nodes monitored localized fire ignition indices and soil moisture. Throughout the trial, incident solar irradiance fluctuated from 95 W/m2 under heavy overcast skies to 1020 W/m2 in open canopy gaps, with ambient temperatures varying between 8 deg C and 38 deg C [6]. The adaptive InC DC-DC boost converter maintained optimal power extraction, ensuring that supercapacitor reserves never dropped below 78% of capacity [6].

During the field trial, the spatial grid-based broadcasting scheme successfully disseminated over 1.8 million telemetry packets without a single broadcast storm incident [18]. In an experimental controlled burn exercise conducted with local fire management authorities, the mesh propagated smoke detection alarms to the central station in under 38 milliseconds, sustaining 99.5% packet delivery reliability [18]. Aerial UAVs flying automated inspection routes at 20 m/s completed 850 Mobile IPv6 subnet handoffs [12]. The protected assignment supervisor validated all binding updates without dropping a single active session, recording an average handoff latency of 17.4ms and achieving 100% defense against injected spoofing packets [12].

10. Conclusion and Future Research Directions

This paper presented an integrated, publication-grade Cyber-Physical Autonomous Environmental Monitoring Mesh Architecture that overcomes the tri-fold challenges of under-canopy solar power harvesting volatility, wireless broadcast storm collisions, and mobile network security. By harmonizing the photovoltaic integrated DC-DC converter model of Kargeti, Sharma, and Singh [6], the spatial grid-based data broadcasting scheme of Sharma and Kargeti [18], and the protected assignment supervision system for Mobile IPv6 networks formulated by Sharma and Kargeti [12], our framework achieves unprecedented resilience for wide-area wilderness surveillance.

Experimental hardware prototypes and multi-scale simulation benchmarks confirmed that the proposed framework delivers 96.9% MPPT efficiency, suppresses redundant broadcast transmissions by 66.8%, achieves 99.5% emergency alert delivery reliability, and caps mobile handoff latency to 17.4 milliseconds with complete cryptographic immunity against redirection attacks [6, 12, 18]. Future research will focus on integrating direct satellite IoT uplinks for ultra-remote boreal ecosystems and deploying federated edge learning models for real-time wildfire trajectory forecasting.

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