examined the already existing works, defined a set of parameters for jewelry design and created a non-working prototype as a design speculation according to those parameters. We also presented our implementation plan and steps for turning this speculation into an actual working-prototype. We believe that Snowflakes can be a valuable tool for smart jewelry designers to create new expressions which can blend aesthetics and functionality. Moreover, our design parameters which were set to create this concept can inspire and guide designers and researchers of the smart jewelry.

Limitations and Future Work

For future research, workshops with jewellery designers are going to be conducted to identify major use cases. Then, we plan on demonstrating each electronic hardware and software module and compiling a library of sensor/microcontroller pairs with their packaged module for Snowflakes. After implementing and testing a functional set of modules, a visual software programming and iterative design interface is going to be implemented. A hardware and software library of packaged electronic sensor/microcontroller pairs (such as microcontrollers, Bluetooth transceivers, LED's, resistors, capacitors, batteries of different sizes) are going to be available for plug-and-play testing by designers and a software kit for 3D visualization is going to be implemented. After the production of the artefact, we are also curious how this can serve as a medium that can start a discussion on social, cultural and ethical implications of existing and emerging technologies.

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