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Exploring Viable Resources for Autonomous Wireless Micro Sensors in Biomedical Applications: A Comprehensive Survey

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Abstract: Wireless sensor network (WSN) technologies possess the capacity to revolutionize various aspects of human existence, facilitating diverse applications across multiple domains like healthcare, entertainment, transport, retail, industry, dependent care, and emergency management, among numerous other sectors. The primary objective of this work is to investigate viable resources for the development of autonomous wireless micro sensors in the context of biomedical applications. The research approach utilised in this study is a Qualitative method. The present study has identified in the existing literature that the utilization of an autonomic behaviour approach in WSNs is currently in its nascent stages of advancement, and it encounters several unresolved challenges. However, it can be argued that their approaches are entirely adequate in addressing specific aspects of autonomous WSNs. The task of monitoring physiological signals poses significant challenges that necessitate the utilization of contemporary WSN. This work offers significant insights into the technological potential of autonomous wireless micro sensors in transforming biomedical applications through the improvement of precision and real-time monitoring capabilities.
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INTRODUCTION

Wireless sensor network (WSN) technologies possess the capacity to revolutionise various aspects of human existence, facilitating diverse applications across multiple domains like healthcare, entertainment, transport, retail, industry, dependent care, and emergency management, among numerous other sectors [1]. The integration of wireless sensors and sensor networks with computer and artificial intelligence research has given rise to a comprehensive framework known as ambient intelligence, which aims to address the various obstacles encountered in our daily lives. A significant global issue that has emerged in recent years pertains to the escalating proportion of older individuals residing in wealthy nations [2]. Based on data provided by the Population Reference Bureau, it is projected that within the next two decades, the proportion of individuals aged 65 and above in developed nations will approach approximately 20% of the overall population [3]. Therefore, it is imperative for governments and health service providers in these nations to prioritise the provision of high-quality care and services for the burgeoning senior population, while simultaneously addressing the pressing concern of cutting healthcare expenditures. Wearable and implanted body sensor network systems represent a viable approach to accomplish this goal, as they effectively combine sensing and consumer electronics technologies to enable continuous monitoring of individuals throughout their daily routines [4].

Body sensor network systems have the potential to offer individuals many healthcare services, including but not limited to medical monitoring, memory augmentation, home appliance control, medical data access, and prompt communication during emergency scenarios. The use of wearable and implantable body sensor networks provides continuous monitoring, hence enhancing the timely identification of emergency illnesses and diseases in vulnerable patients. Additionally, these networks offer a diverse array of healthcare services tailored to individuals with varying levels of cognitive and physical impairments [5].

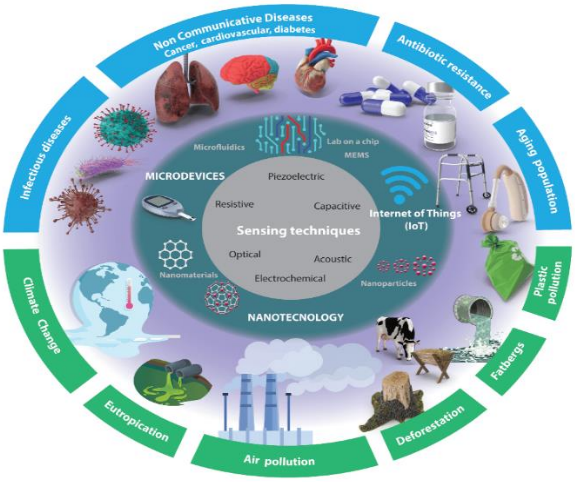

Fig. 1. Overview of Automated documented in Business sector [5]

Aim and Objectives of this study

The primary aim of this work is to investigate feasible solutions for the development of autonomous wireless micro sensors in the field of biomedical applications. The objectives of this study are as follows:

- To Explore and Evaluate Feasible Resources for Autonomous Wireless Micro Sensors in Biomedical Applications.
- To Investigate the Challenges and Technological Solutions for Enhancing the Performance of Autonomous Wireless Micro Sensors

The subsequent section provides an overview of the previous literature relevant to the present study.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The subsequent table presents a compilation of previous scholarly works pertaining to the investigation of feasible resources for autonomous wireless micro sensors in the context of biomedical applications.

Tab. 1. Prior research on biomedical uses of autonomous wireless micro sensors.

Authors and Years	Methodology	Findings
[6]	This study presented a comprehensive examination of upcoming Internet of Things (IoT) communication standards and technologies that are well-suited for use in smart healthcare applications. This study placed significant emphasis on low-power wireless technologies as a crucial facilitator for energy-efficient healthcare systems based on the IoT.	Also mentioned are major privacy and security issues. Crowdsourcing/crowdsensing, techniques for rapidly collecting vast medical data, receive special emphasis. Finally, IoMT research obstacles and future views are discussed.
[7]	This study suggested systematising and optimising trade-off analysis with Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE).	Trade-off and MBSE help us choose the best energy transmission mechanism for an implanted biomedical micro device.
[8]	This research covered the complete lifecycle of biomedical wearable sensors, from controlled manufacture to signal-conditioning circuit integration for application.	Here, sensing prototypes are combined with IoT to create fully functional sensitized systems. Finally, current wearable system difficulties and solutions are presented.

[9]	This review examined biomimicry structure–function relationships. Bioprocesses, biomolecules, and natural structures are synthesis mosaics.	This study suggested additional research and development. The goal is to maximise the use of BINMs in biomedical micro/Nano devices, moving this rapidly emerging sector towards its promising future.
[10]	Recent sensor-integrated medical tool advances, their need, application, and examples are covered.	Medical needles, catheters, robotic surgery, sutures, endoscopes, and tubes are described, along with detailed descriptions of their sensor-integrated mechanisms.

Practical applications of autonomous wireless micro sensors, including continuous glucose monitors like the FreeStyle Libre, implantable cardiac sensors such as the CardioMEMS Heart Failure System, and intelligent orthopedic implants like Zimmer Biomet's Persona IQ, underscore their significant influence in healthcare. emerging devices offer real-time, continuous surveillance of essential health parameters, facilitating prompt medical interventions and enhanced patient management, illustrating the revolutionary capacity of emerging technologies in improving patient outcomes and clinical decision-making [6, 9, 12, 13].

Research Gap

This study lacks understanding of how biomedical wireless micro technologies like wireless body sensor networks, integrative CNNs, and cognitive prosthesis interact with and depend on RF and energy supply subsystems. Energy consumption in relation to cutting-edge communication methods and energy scavenging tools is rarely evaluated holistically in existing literature. This work analyzed these interdependent elements to improve the efficiency and sustainability of autonomous wireless micro sensors in biomedical applications.

RESULTS AND DISUSSION

The present study utilised a qualitative methodology, employing secondary data analysis as the primary strategy. The study centres on a comprehensive examination of scholarly articles, technical reports, and pertinent publications spanning the years 2018 to 2024. This specific time span has been selected in order to guarantee that the study encompasses the latest breakthroughs and trends within the industry. The chosen scholarly articles undergo a thorough analysis and classification according to three main goals: the investigation and classification of biomedical wireless micro technologies, the evaluation of the RF and energy source subsystems, and the assessment of the energy consumption of advanced communication methods in relation to energy scavenging instruments. The primary objective of the qualitative analysis is to amalgamate the information obtained from various sources in order to ascertain significant observations and deficiencies in the existing body of knowledge. This will result in a full examination of the feasible resources for autonomous wireless micro sensors found in biomedical applications.

In order to ascertain the feasibility of employing fully autonomous wireless micro sensors in biomedical contexts, it has been concluded that a hybrid approach is necessary. It was analysed using various research methodologies, including both qualitative and quantitative approaches. To effectively achieve the objectives of the study, a comprehensive examination of the pertinent prior research was undertaken through the utilisation of a Systematic Literature Review.

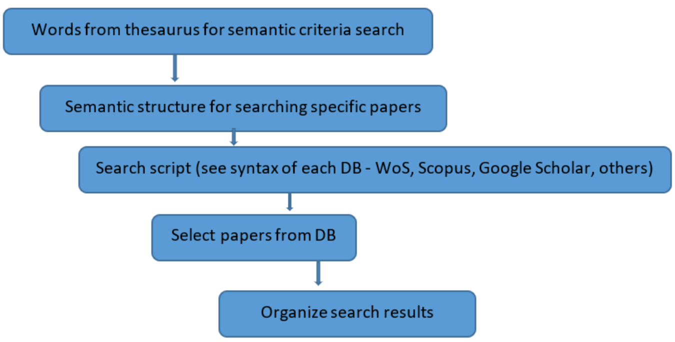

Fig. 2. Systematic Search Procedure

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The integration of autonomous wireless micro sensors in biomedical applications represents a significant advancement in contemporary healthcare technology. These sensors provide remarkable prospects for the ongoing surveillance, timely identification, and tailored therapeutic interventions. Integration of these sensors into wireless body sensor networks (WBSNs) allows for the monitoring of essential physiological indicators, including heart rate, glucose levels, and neural activity, with minimal invasiveness [8]. The fundamental operation of these systems relies on the sensors' capacity to function independently for prolonged durations, hence requiring an effective design of their two primary subsystems: The electronic Radio Frequency (RF) subsystem and the energy source subsystem. The RF subsystem plays a vital role in facilitating the wireless transmission of data gathered by the sensors to external devices, such as smartphones or hospital monitoring systems. In order to maintain uninterrupted and precise transmission of vital health data without necessitating frequent battery changes or recharges, it is imperative that this communication system exhibits both reliability and energy efficiency [11]. The primary difficulty lies in the optimisation of these communication protocols with the objective of minimising power consumption, while simultaneously ensuring high levels of data integrity and transmission speed. Contemporary developments in integrative Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are now being investigated with the aim of improving the efficiency of processing and transmission within the RF subsystem. Through the utilisation of these sophisticated algorithms, the system has the ability to decrease data redundancy and compress the transmitted information, hence promoting energy conservation.

In contrast, the energy source subsystem serves as the vital component of these tiny sensors, supplying the essential power required for their functioning. Due to the diminutive dimensions of these sensors, conventional battery technologies frequently prove unfeasible owing to their restricted longevity and the exigent processes necessary for their replacement. This phenomenon has resulted in substantial scholarly investigation into energy scavenging methodologies, which seek to exploit energy derived from the surrounding environment of the sensor. Technologies such as piezoelectric, thermoelectric, and electromagnetic energy harvesting have demonstrated potential in producing adequate power to support the sensors, particularly when employed in conjunction with ultra-low-power communication techniques. The efficacy of these energy collecting methodologies is of utmost importance, since it directly influences the operational longevity and dependability of the sensors [12]. Furthermore, the use of these self-governing wireless micro sensors in biomedical applications necessitates meticulous evaluation of their compatibility with living organisms, dimensions, and reliability of data. The principle of biocompatibility guarantees that the sensors do not elicit any unfavourable responses within the human body, while their small dimensions facilitate their implantation or attachment to the body with minimal disturbance. Furthermore, the data produced by these sensors possesses a high level of sensitivity, hence requiring the implementation of strong security mechanisms in order to safeguard patient confidentiality and mitigate the risk of unauthorised entry.

The biocompatibility and long-term reliability challenges of biomedical implanted sensors impede their widespread application and effectiveness. Sensors must exhibit biocompatibility to prevent immunological responses, inflammation, and tissue injury upon introduction into the body. Sensor materials must be selected to minimize cytotoxicity and immune system rejection. Biocompatible polymers, ceramics, and titanium with modified surfaces for tissue integration are utilized. Biofouling—comprising proteins, cells, and other biological substances clinging to the sensor surface—can impair signal integrity or lead to sensor malfunction, even in the presence of biocompatible materials [9,10]. Besides biocompatibility, sensors must exhibit long-term reliability, as implanted devices should function without the need for frequent replacements or interventions. Dynamic physiological conditions such as pH levels, mechanical pressures, and metabolic activities can deteriorate, corrode, or impair these sensors. Such conditions may diminish sensor longevity, impacting prolonged monitoring and patient care. Power management is challenging as conventional battery technologies frequently prove inadequate for prolonged usage in small implantable devices, necessitating energy scavenging techniques such as piezoelectric, thermoelectric, and electromagnetic energy harvesting [12]. Despite advancements, these energy sources may lack sufficient reliability for uninterrupted sensor operation, particularly in high-demand applications such as brain monitoring. Dependable communication techniques that guarantee data integrity and security while preserving the sensor's power budget exacerbate these challenges. Consequently, advanced materials exhibiting enhanced biocompatibility, novel energy harvesting techniques, and resilient encapsulation technologies are being engineered to safeguard sensors from the body's adverse internal conditions, thereby prolonging their operational lifespan and ensuring the long-term reliability of implanted biomedical sensors [10].

The field of biological sensors has witnessed extensive study in the realm of implantable devices designed to replicate the functionality of an abdomen or other bodily systems through frequent injections. The initial two sections address viable applications. The development of high blood pressure, diabetes, and other chronic diseases in women can be attributed to the manifestation of regulated server failure in their skin. Medication has the potential to effectively manage these conditions, albeit with the potential for adverse reactions, such as hypotension, which may occur when hormones are modulated in individuals with diabetes. The most effective treatment approach involves the ongoing monitoring of blood sugar levels, as opposed to the management of insulin dosage. The objective is to ascertain if the sensor device will be inserted into the female body by invasive means for in vivo analysis or employed externally for in vitro evaluation of a patient sample. In contrast to chemical and biosensors, physical sensors necessitate distinct approaches to ensure sustained functionality over an extended period. The segregation of sensors based on their respective categories is necessary due to the distinct requirements of each application mode.

- Equipment utilised in diagnostic imaging procedures (CT, PET, ultrasound, etc.)
- Portable instruments designed for use in clinical diagnosis as well as for individual usage in the measurement or ongoing watching of physical parameters
- Equipment for use in clinical chemical analysis as well as in personal domestic analytical diagnosis
- Chemical and biological sensors for use in clinical in-vivo monitoring
- Chemical and biosensors that are implanted for continuous monitoring and regulation

The implementation of a self-contained and intelligent array of sensors enables the collection of targeted and precise data for the purpose of analysing and responding. It is recommended to employ a cognitive sensor network as an extra approach. The concepts of swarm intelligence and quorum sensing have garnered significant attention in recent years as two prominent examples of cognitive sensing theories. The aforementioned paradigm is employed to analyse the collective behaviour of decentralised, self-organised systems. Due to its exemplification of bioinspired networking, the latter has been the subject of much attention in recent years. Quorum sensing refers to the molecular mechanism by which bacteria engage in communication and behavioural coordination by use of signalling molecules [11]. The architecture for the organisation of wireless networks should adhere to a hierarchical structure, encompassing objectives such as scalability, personalised service delivery, and energy conservation. Given the inherent unpredictability of the nodes' activity, it is advisable to prioritise the programming of the wireless network as a whole rather than fragmenting it into discrete modules. In order to effectively oversee the operation of the networking system and facilitate ambitious numerical simulations, it is imperative to employ path selection algorithms that offer precise and valuable methodologies.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the creation of feasible resources for autonomous wireless micro sensors in biomedical applications is an intricate and multifaceted undertaking. This necessitates progress in both radio frequency (RF) and energy source subsystems, alongside advancements in communication protocols and energy procurement methodologies. As scientific inquiry advances in this particular domain, the capacity of these sensors to fundamentally transform the healthcare sector through facilitating uninterrupted, instantaneous surveillance and tailored therapeutic interventions becomes further apparent.

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