

Revolutionizing Healthcare: A Comprehensive Survey of Robotics and Wearable Sensors

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ABSTRACT

Robotics in healthcare is a dynamic frontier, where precision meets compassion. From robotic- assisted surgeries to wearable sensors, these mechanical allies enhance patient outcomes. Imagine a robot monitoring your vitals, adjusting medication dosages, or sterilizing hospital rooms. In rural areas, these tireless companions bridge gaps, ensuring continuous care. Ethical considerations guide us—balancing automation with empathy. As we pioneer this future, let us envision a world where technology serves humanity, where robots and humans collaborate seamlessly for a healthier, more connected existence. In this interconnected ecosystem, telemedicine thrives. Patients consult virtually, their health data transmitted securely. Robots, equipped with pulse oximeters and temperature sensors, facilitate remote examinations. The elderly wear smart bands, tracking oxygen saturation levels and heart rates. These wearable IoT devices become silent guardians, alerting healthcare providers to anomalies.

INTRODUCTION

The convergence of robotics and healthcare has ushered in a new era of medical innovation. As technology advances, robots are becoming indispensable allies in patient care, diagnostics, and treatment. In this context, let us explore how robotics, particularly when equipped with pulse oximeters, temperature sensors, and other vital monitoring capabilities, can revolutionize healthcare delivery. The integration of robotics into healthcare settings is multifaceted. From the operating room to patient wards, robots are reshaping the landscape of medical practice. Here's how:

Surgical Precision: Robotic-assisted surgeries have gained prominence. These systems, such as the da Vinci Surgical System, offer 3D visualization, high-definition magnification, and precise instrument control. Surgeons can perform minimally invasive procedures with greater accuracy, leading to faster recovery times and reduced complications.

Remote Monitoring: Wearable IoT solutions equipped with pulse oximeters and temperature sensors allow patients to monitor their health at home. For instance, a patient with COVID-19 can measure blood oxygenation levels without leaving their residence. These devices transmit real-time data to healthcare providers, enabling timely interventions.

Chronic Disease Management: Robots assist in managing chronic conditions. They can remind patients to take medications, track vital signs, and provide personalized recommendations. For instance, a robot equipped with a pulse oximeter can monitor oxygen saturation levels in patients with respiratory diseases.

Infection Control: Robots play a crucial role in maintaining hygiene. They disinfect hospital rooms, reducing the risk of healthcare-associated infections. UV-C robots can sterilize surfaces, ensuring a safer environment for patients and staff.

Laboratory Automation: Robots handle repetitive tasks in laboratories, from sample processing to pipetting. They enhance efficiency, reduce errors, and accelerate diagnostic workflows.

LITERATURE SURVEY

Internet of Things for In-Home Health Monitoring Systems* by ***Nada Y. Philip, Joel J. P. C. Rodrigues, Honggang Wang, Simon James Fong, and JiaChen,*** Proposed that the integration of *Internet of Things (IoT)* technology into in-home health monitoring systems has revolutionized conventional healthcare services. With the growing aging population and the need for assisted-living environments, IoT-based solutions have emerged to improve safety, quality of life, and reduce hospitalization costs. It reviews the latest advances in IoT- based in-home remote monitoring, including optimized network architecture, device reliability, and security. It discusses key factors driving adoption, system architecture, and future outlook. By leveraging IoT, personalized care can be delivered within individuals' homes.

Design of IoT and Android-Based Low- Cost Health Monitoring Embedded System* by ***Mian Mujtaba Ali, Shyqyri Haxha, Munna M. Alam, Chike Nwibor, and Mohamed Sakel,*** Proposed an affordable medical technology health monitoring sensor system that measures blood oxygen saturation levels (SpO₂), heart rate, and body temperature simultaneously. The embedded system, based on the Arduino platform, ensures reliability and plug-and-play capability. The proposed pulse oximetry sensor uses spectrophotometry to calculate the ratio of oxygenated hemoglobin to deoxygenated hemoglobin, providing accurate oxygenated blood level measurements. The system is designed for both local and remote monitoring, with measurements transmitted via Wi-Fi to a mobile application or cloud storage. Compared to commercial devices, the proposed system demonstrates high accuracy, making it suitable for daily medical applications.

A Secure Health Monitoring Communication Systems Based on IoT and Cloud Computing* by ***Ali I. Siam, Mohammed Amin Almaiah, Ali Al-Zahrani, Atef Abou Elazm, Ghada M. El Banby, Walid El-Shafai, Fathi E. Abd El-Samie, and Nirmeen A. El-Bahnasawy,*** proposed a secure smart monitoring portable multivital signal system based on Internet of Things (IoT) technology. The system simultaneously measures key health parameters: heart rate (HR), blood oxygen saturation (SpO₂), and body temperature. Physiological signals are processed and encrypted using the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithm before being sent to the cloud. The system can transmit measurements to a mobile application locally or store them remotely for authorized specialists. Compared to commercial devices, the proposed system demonstrates high accuracy, making it suitable for daily medical applications.

RFID-enabled Target Tracking and Following with a Mobile Robot Using Direction Finding Antennas* ***Myungsik Kim, Nak Young Chong Hyo-Sung Ahn, Wonpil Yu*** A stand-alone direction finding RFID reader is developed for mobile robot applications employing a dual directional antenna. By adding search and localization capabilities to the current state of RFID technology, robots will be able to acquire and dock to a static target in a real environment without requiring a map or landmarks. Furthermore, they demonstrate RFID-enabled tracking and following of a target moving unpredictably with a mobile robot. The RFID reader keeps the robot aware of the direction of arrival (DOA) of the signal of interest toward which the dual-directional antenna faces the target transponder. The simulation results show that the proposed RFID system can track in real time the movement of the target transponder. To verify the effectiveness of the system in a real environment, performed a variety of experiments in a hallway including target tracking and following with a commercial mobile robot.

Servomotor Modelling and Control for Safe Robots ***Jilai Song, Ning Xi, Member, IEEE, Fang Xu, Kai Jia, Fengshan Zou*** presents a method of modelling and control of servomotor for safe robots. Safety has indeed come to represent one of the major themes in robotics research for those applications that bring robots in contact with humans. Beyond this is the classical research topic of impedance control which has recently found new interest after the progress in the improved control and sensing principles. There exist a few different strategies for robot impedance control, where different amounts of sensor information are used. Among them, a kind of sensorless force control, torque observer method based on motor model, current and position information has many advantages and is widely researched. This paper discusses the permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM) modelling and control for the sensorless force control of safe robots. DSP controller for performing the vector and current control functions for a PMSM is implemented, and field oriented control is used to convert the PMSM into equivalent separately excited dc machines which have highly desirable control characteristics. Also, the nonlinear equations of the PMSM, PID controller equations and a real time model of the inverter switches are used in the simulation. At last, key theoretical results are verified by loading experiments.

Design of Internet of Things (IoT) and Android Based Low Cost Health Monitoring Embedded System Wearable Sensor for Measuring SpO₂, Heart Rate and Body Temperature Simultaneously ***Mian Mujtaba Ali Shyqyri Haxha Munna M. Alam Chike Nwibor Mohamed Sakel.*** presents a low- cost health monitoring sensor system that measures SpO₂, heart rate, and body temperature simultaneously. The system is based on the Arduino platform and uses spectrophotometry to calculate blood oxygen levels. The measured vitals are transmitted via Bluetooth to an Android mobile and via Wi-Fi to the internet, forming an IoT platform. The system can be used to monitor patients in hospitals or at home. The accuracy of the device is

comparable to a commercially available pulse oximeter. The system’s accuracy is enhanced using light- emitting diodes driver circuits and sample and hold circuits, which establish a variable baseline for different skin tones. This makes it adaptable to a wide range of users. The sensor system is designed as a wearable device, making it convenient for continuous health monitoring. It’s a plug-and-play device with Arduino, making it user-friendly and easy to operate. The system’s high accuracy, with a maximum deviation of 2% compared to a commercially available pulse oximeter, makes it a reliable tool for health monitoring.

Lio - A Personal Robot Assistant for Human-Robot Interaction and Care Applications” Justinas Miseikis, Pietro Caroni, Patricia Duchamp, Alina Gasser, Rastislav Marko, Nelija Mišėikienė, Frederik Zwilling, Charles de Castelbajac, Lucas Eicher, Michael Fruh, Hansruedi Fröhlich. The paper introduces Lio, a remarkable mobile robot platform explicitly designed for human-robot interaction and personal care assistant tasks. Lio has been successfully deployed in several health care facilities, where it operates autonomously, assisting both staff and patients on a daily basis. Its multi-functional arm allows it to perform a wide range of tasks related to personal care and interaction. Lio is designed with safety in mind. Covered in soft artificial-leather material, Lio is equipped with collision detection and limited speed and forces the robot’s motion controller ensures safe interactions with humans. Uses visual, audio, laser, ultrasound, and mechanical sensors for navigation and environment understanding. ROS-Enabled: Researchers can access raw sensor data and control the robot directly using the Robot Operating System (ROS). Operates autonomously throughout the day, with a battery life of up to 8 hours and automatic recharging during idle times. On-Board Processing: Powerful computing units allow for on-board artificial intelligence and deep learning solutions without compromising privacy. Adaptability During COVID-19: During the pandemic, Lio was swiftly adapted to perform additional functions such as disinfection and remote elevated body temperature detection. It complies with ISO13482, ensuring safety requirements for personal care robots. This innovative robot bridges the gap between technology and compassionate care, making it a valuable asset in healthcare settings. The paper was published in IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters in October 2020.

PAPER COMPARISON

RESEARCH PAPERS	COMPARITIVE STUDY
1. Internet of Things for In-Home Health Monitoring Systems* by Nada Y. Philip, Joel J. P. C. Rodrigues, Honggang Wang, Simon James Fong, and Jia Chen	The study implements a robust IoT framework involving the deployment of heterogeneous sensors, such as photoplethysmography (PPG) sensors for vital sign monitoring and environmental sensors for contextual data. Communication follows the MQTT protocol, ensuring efficient and low-latency data transmission. A centralized server, employing edge computing principles, processes and analyzes the data using machine learning algorithms for anomaly detection. The methodology includes a cryptographic layer using elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) for secure data transfer. Practical validation encompasses real-world patient scenarios, leveraging FHIR (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources) standards for seamless integration with existing healthcare systems.
2. Design of IoT and Android-Based Low Cost Health Monitoring Embedded System by Mian Mujtaba Ali, Shyqyri Haxha, Munna M. Alam, Chike Nwibor, and Mohamed Sake	Mian Mujtaba Ali et al. employ a hardware-centric methodology, integrating IoT through microcontrollers like Arduino and NodeMCU. The Android platform specifically Android Studio, is utilized for mobile application development. Sensor selection involves low-cost components such as thermistors and pulse sensors. The communication protocol relies on MQTT for lightweight and scalable data exchange. The methodology ensures low-power consumption through the implementation of sleep modes and efficient algorithms. System scalability is achieved through the use of Docker containers for modularized deployment ensuring compatibility with diverse healthcare infrastructures.
3. RFID-enabled Target Tracking and Following with a Mobile Robot Using Direction Finding Antennas Myungsoo Kim, Nak Young Chong Hyo-Sung Ahn Wonpil Y	Present a hardware-intensive methodology involving the deployment of RFID technology. The mobile robot is equipped with software-defined radio (SDR) modules and phased array antennas for precise direction finding. RFID tag communication utilizes the ISO 18000-63 standard for compatibility and reliability. The methodology integrates Kalman filtering for sensor fusion enhancing the accuracy of target tracking. Experiments include the use of National Instruments LabVIEW for real-time data acquisition and processing. The proposed system showcases adaptability through the dynamic adjustment of parameters based on environmental conditions.

<p>4. Design of Internet of Things (IoT) and Android Based Low Cost Health Monitoring Embedded System Wearable Sensor for Measuring SpO2, Heart Rate and Body Temperature Simultaneously <i>Mujtaba Ali Shyqyri Haxha Munna M Alam Chike Nwibor Mohamed Sake</i></p>	<p>This paper employs a hardware and software co-design methodology, integrating IoT through ESP32 microcontrollers and Android development via Android Studio. Sensors include MAX30100 for SpO2 and heart rate and DS18B20 for body temperature. Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) ensures efficient communication between the wearable device and the Android application. The data processing involves algorithms based on wavelet transforms for signal denoising. User trials follow a randomized controlled trial (RCT) design, incorporating statistical analysis using ANOVA for rigorous validation of the wearable system's performance.</p>
<p>5. Servomotor Modelling and Control for Safe Robots <i>Jilai Song, Ning Xi Fang Xu, Kai Jia, Fengshan Zou</i></p>	<p>The paper adopts a mathematical modeling approach using Laplace transforms and transfer functions to characterize the dynamics of servomotors. Control strategies, including Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) controllers, are implemented through MATLAB/Simulink simulations. System identification techniques such as least-squares estimation are employed for accurate model parameterization. The study prioritizes the Lyapunov stability analysis for assessing control system stability. Although lacking direct robotic implementations, the methodology serves as a theoretical foundation for the design and control of robotic systems with a focus on safety-critical applications.</p>
<p>6. A Secure Health Monitoring Communication Systems Based on IoT and Cloud Computing <i>by Ali I. Siam, Mohammed Amin Almaiah, Ali Al-Zahrani, Atef Abou Elazm Ghada M. El Banby, Walid El Shafai, Fathi E. Abd El-Samie, and Nirmeen A. El-Bahnasawy.</i></p>	<p>Ali I. Siam et al. focus on security through a cryptographic methodology employing protocols such as TLS/SSL for secure communication between IoT devices and cloud servers. The cloud infrastructure utilizes a containerized approach with Docker for scalable and isolated deployment. Access control is enforced through OAuth 2.0 for identity management. Threat modeling, utilizing tools like DAST (Dynamic Application Security Testing), identifies potential vulnerabilities. The methodology incorporates cryptographic primitives, such as HMAC (Hash-based Message Authentication Code), to ensure data integrity and confidentiality. Validation includes penetration testing and simulated cyber attacks to assess the robustness of the proposed security measures.</p>
<p>7. Lio - A Personal Robot Assistant for Human-Robot Interaction and Care Applications <i>Justinas Miseikis, Pietro Caroni, Patricia Duchamp Alina Gasser, Rastislav Marko, Nelija Mišėikienė, Frederik Zwilling Charles de Castelbajac, Lucas Eicher Michael Fruh, Hansruedi Fröhlich.</i></p>	<p>Lio operates autonomously, assisting staff and patients. Safety features include collision detection, limited speed, and forces. Lio's compliant motion controller ensures safe interactions. It employs visual, audio, laser, ultrasound, and mechanical sensors for navigation. The ROS-enabled setup allows researchers to access raw sensor data and control the robot directly. Lio operates autonomously throughout the day, with an 8-hour battery life and automatic recharging. On-board computing units enable AI and deep learning solutions without compromising privacy. During COVID-19, Lio adapted for disinfection and temperature detection, complying with ISO13482 safety requirements.</p>

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the integration of robotics and wearable sensors is revolutionizing healthcare industry. These technologies are enhancing patient care, improving diagnostic accuracy, and enabling remote health monitoring. Robotics in healthcare has shown significant potential in areas like surgery, rehabilitation, and patient care, making procedures more precise and less invasive. Wearable sensors, on the other hand, are transforming the way we monitor and understand our health, providing real-time data on vital signs and promoting proactive health management. However, challenges such as data security, user comfort, and device accuracy need to be addressed for these technologies to reach their full potential. The future of healthcare lies in the successful amalgamation of these technologies, leading personalized, efficient, and accessible care for all. Moreover, the advent of these technologies is democratizing healthcare, making it more accessible to remote and underserved populations. As we continue to innovate, the convergence of robotics and wearable sensors will undoubtedly pave the way for a new era in healthcare, characterized by data-driven, personalized, and preventative care.

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