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INTERNET OF THINGS: INTRODUCTION AND APPLICATIONS IN HEALTHCARE

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ABSTRACT

This paper explores the emergence of the In- ternet of Things (IoT) as a transformative force in global connectivity, bridging the physical and digital realms through sensor and actuator inter- faces. It defines IoT as a network infrastructure uniting physical and virtual objects, and ex- amines its application in healthcare. The study delves into the core components of IoT and its implications for healthcare deployment.

1. INTRODUCTION

Today, the Internet is widespread, reaching almost every corner of the globe, and profoundly impacting human life in ways we couldn't have imagined. As technology and con- nectivity continue to improve day by day, we are entering an era where a vast array of appliances and gadgets will be con- nected to the internet. We are entering an era of the "Internet of Things" (IoT). Various authors have defined IoT in differ- ent ways. one of the most popular definitions are Verme San et al.[1] define the Internet of Things as the interaction be- tween the physical and digital worlds, where the digital world interfaces with the physical world through a multitude of sen- sors and actuators . Another way to define IoT is to view it as a global network infrastructure that identifies physical and virtual objects and connects them through intelligent com- munication and actuation capabilities. communication and actuation capabilities. In common sense IoT refers to a world where our daily appliances and gadgets are connected to the internet.

IoT is a collection of various technologies that work col- laboratively to achieve complex tasks that needs a high de- gree of intelligence . These include sensors , processors, actuators and transceivers. Machine-to-machine (M2M) and vehicle-to-vehicle(V2V) communications are the real appli- cations currently which .

The objective of this paper is to delve into the fundamen- tals of IoT and examine its deployment in the healthcare do- main. Lets look at the important components of IoT

STRUCTURE OF IOT

The Internet of Things (IoT) can be viewed as a network of interconnected devices, including computers, that commu- nicate and exchange data with each other through various in- termediate technologies. There are number of technologies which act as enablers of this connectivity such as RFID, bar- codes, wired and wireless connections. The 4 dimensional perception of the IoT was structured as follows[2]

1.1 Tagging Things- RFID technology stands out in the IoT landscape due to its real-time item traceability and addressability. It is highly favored by businesses for its maturity, affordability, and en- ergy efficiency. RFID functions like an electronic barcode, automatically identifying attached items. RFID tags come in two types: active and passive. Active tags, powered by an on- board battery, are prevalent in retail, healthcare, and facilities management. Passive tags, which do not contain batteries and are powered by the reader, find common use in bank cards and road toll tags[3].

1.2 Feeling Things- Sensors primarily serve to obtain data from their sur- roundings, with necessary information being transferred through the connection between the physical and digital realms [4]. Thanks to recent technological advancements, sensors now consume less power, are more affordable, and offer improved efficiency.

1.3 Shrinking things- The advancement of miniaturization and nanotechnology enables smaller entities to interact and connect within the realm of "smart devices" or "things", offering a significant enhancement in quality of life. For instance, nano-sensors are utilized to monitor water quality at a reduced cost, while nano-membranes aid in wastewater treatment [4]. In health- care, nanotechnology contributes to disease diagnosis and treatment, such as HIV/AIDS diagnosis and the development of nano-drugs for other diseases

1.4 Thinking Things- The integration of embedded intelligence in devices through sensors has established network connectivity to the Internet. This enables domestic electric appliances to achieve intelligent control, such as home security systems that can de- tect intrusions and notify users through internet connectivity. Smart devices can communicate but that is not enough to call it "Smart" it should be able to process information, maintain itself, repair itself, make independent decisions [5]

ARCHITECTURE OF IOT

There is no universal consensus on the architecture for IoT, leading researchers to propose various architectures .

Given the dynamic movement of a large number of connected devices, an adaptive architecture is essential for enabling real- time interactions between devices. The decentralized and heterogeneous nature of IoT necessitates an architecture that supports efficient event-driven capabilities and on-demand services. Implementing and maintaining a global-scale Per- sonal Information Management System (PIMS) is challeng- ing due to the lack of an efficient, reliable, standardized, and cost-effective architecture. Moreover, to address the evolving demands of businesses and diverse needs of users, customiza- tion features should be provided under a flexible Service- Oriented Architecture (SOA)[6]. Three and five-layer archi- tectures are commonly used in various systems , with the three-layer architecture being the most fundamental. Three layer Architecture consists of three layers . Application layer Network layer , Perception layer. Five layer architecture in- cludes Business layer , Application layer , processing laye Transport layer, perception layer. In this paper we will look at the 4 Layer architecture of IoT[7].

- The sensing layer serves as the foundational element in the IoT architecture, tasked with collecting data from diverse sources. This tier encompasses sensors and actuators strategi- cally positioned in the environment to capture data on param- eters such as temperature, humidity, light, sound, and other physical attributes. These devices establish connectivity with the network layer through wired or wireless communication protocols
- The network layer within an IoT architecture is piv- otal in facilitating communication and connectivity among devices in the IoT ecosystem. It encompasses a spectrum of protocols and technologies designed to enable seamless interaction between devices and the broader internet. Com- mon network technologies employed in IoT systems com- prise WiFi, Bluetooth, Zigbee, as well as cellular networks like 4G and 5G. Additionally, this layer may incorporate gate- ways and routers, serving as intermediaries between devices and the internet at large. Moreover, security measures such as encryption and authentication are often integrated into the network layer to safeguard against unauthorized access..
- Application layer: The application layer delivers spe- cific services tailored to users and defines various deployment scenarios for the Internet of Things, such as smart homes, smart cities, and smart health.
- The processing layer, also referred to as the middle- ware layer, handles the storage, analysis, and processing of large volumes of data received from the transport layer. It of- fers various services to the lower layers and utilizes technolo- gies like databases, cloud computing, and big data processing modules.

SENSORS

Every IoT device needs sensors either one or many . These sensors are essential to monitor the environment and collect data from it. Sensors used in IoT devices are gener- ally small and cheap. Overview of various types of sensors used in smart applications these days.

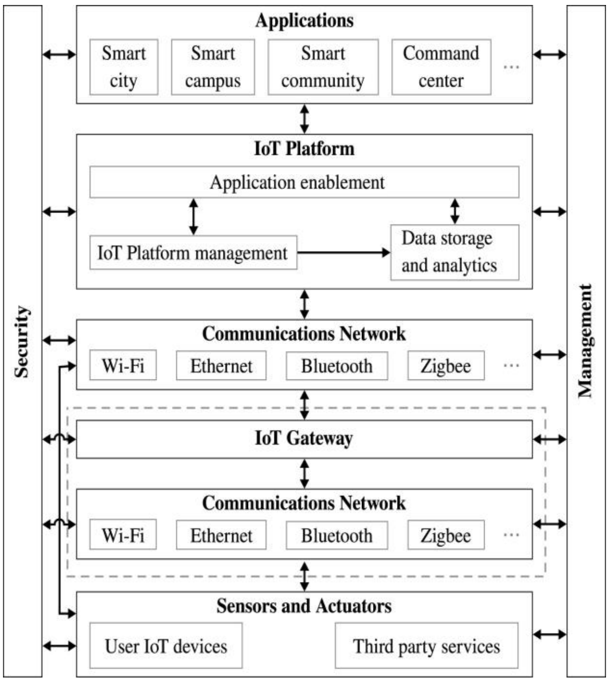

Figure 1: Working of IoT (:https://www.sciencedirect.com)

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Mobile Phone Based Sensors

Smartphones has a number of embedded sensors and communication capabilities. Growing user base has pushed IoT developers and researchers to innovate new technologies.

1. Gyro sensor: Gyro sensor is used a lot in mobile gam- ing industries. This sensor keeps track of the orientation of device with high precision. It achieves this by measuring the change in seismic movements.
2. Camera and mic: The camera and microphone serve as powerful sensors, capturing visual and audio data that can be analysed and processed to identify different types of contex- tual information.
3. GPS: One of the most used feature nowadays GPS(Global Positioning System) detects the location of the mobile device and tracks it . This enables user to use naviga- tions.
4. Compass: Magnetometer detects the magnetic field which is used to determine the directions which are used in digital compass. Other sensors include accelerometers, light sensors, proximity sensors. Some smartphones also offer thermometer, humidity sensors , barometer respectively.

Wearable Sensors in Healthcare

5. Pulse Sensors: pulse can be read from various parts like chest , earlobe , wrist , finger-tip and more. A chest-worn system is wearable, but wrist sensors are generally considered more comfortable for long-term wear. Various fitness track- ing devices are commercially available, including chest straps and wrist watches with pulse measurement features, such as Garmin's HRM-Tri [1], Polar's H7 [2] , FitBit's PurePulse[3] and TomTom's Spark Cardio[4] . However, the sensing sys- tems used in these devices may not be directly suitable for critical health monitoring applications. Recent studies have explored sensor types like pressure, photoplethysmographic (PPG), ultrasonic, and radio frequency (RF) sensors. PPG sensors function by emitting light into an artery and mea- suring the light not absorbed by blood to determine pulse rate, pulse rate variability, and blood oxygen levels in wrist- wearable devices. However, accuracy can be compromised by motion, particularly during high activity levels. Some ap- proaches involve using accelerometers to detect motion and adjusting sensor operation accordingly, although these meth- ods have limitations. Recent research has shown that using two LED light intensities and comparing the light received at the photodiode can significantly reduce motion artifacts in PPG sensor readings. Pressure sensors emulate manual radial pulse assessments by applying steady pressure on the wrist to continuously monitor pulse waveform, aiming to achieve healthcare-grade accuracy in wearable devices.
6. Body Temperature Sensors: Recent studies fo- cusing on body temperature measurement exclusively uti- lize thermistor-type sensors. In research cited in ref- erences and , the commonly used negative-temperature-coefficient (NTC) sensors were employed, whereas positive- temperature-coefficient (PTC) sensors were explored in stud- ies referenced in [5] and [6]. Across these investigations, thermistors consistently demonstrated the capability to mea- sure a suitable range of temperatures for human body mon- itoring, exhibiting acceptable levels of measurement error. Therefore, it is highly recommended that these sensor types remain the preferred choice for future system designers.
7. Blood Pressure: Blood pressure (BP) is commonly measured alongside other vital signs, as hypertension (high BP) is a recognized risk factor for cardiovascular diseases like heart attacks. Incorporating BP monitoring into a WBAN (Wireless Body Area Network) for healthcare could provide crucial information for many patients. However, developing a wearable sensor for continuous and non-invasive blood pres- sure monitoring remains challenging in healthcare IoT. Sev- eral studies have attempted to estimate BP accurately by cal- culating (PTT) pulse transit time, which is the time between a A pulse beating at the heart and another pulsating at a dif- ferent site, such as the earlobe or radial artery.. Other studies have explored measuring PTT between different body parts, such as between the wrist and ear, palm and fingertip. Pulse transit time is recognized for its inverse relationship with Sys- tolic Blood Pressure (SBP) and is usually determined using an electrocardiogram (ECG) on the chest in conjunction with a photoplethysmography (PPG) sensor, which can be posi- tioned on the ear, wrist, or various other sites

Figure 2: Fitness Trackers (source:https://www .pebble.com/ and http://www.fitbit.com/)

2. PREPROCESSING

As smart devices collect vast amounts of sensor data, there is a need for compute and storage resources to analyse, store, and process this data efficiently. While cloud-based re- sources are common due to their scalability and flexibility, they face limitations for many IoT applications[14]:

1. Mobility: Smart devices are often mobile, making it challenging to communicate consistently with cloud data cen- tres across changing network conditions.
2. Reliable and Real-time Actuation: Communicating with the cloud introduces latency, which can be problem- atic for latency-sensitive applications requiring immediate re- sponses.
3. Scalability: The increasing number of devices leads to more requests to the cloud, increasing latency.
4. Power Constraints: Communication consumes signif- icant power, posing challenges for battery-powered IoT de- vices.

To address these challenges, researchers have proposed mobile cloud computing (MCC), but latency and power issues persist. Fog computing offers a solution by bringing compute and storage resources closer to the network edge, reducing the reliance on distant cloud data centers. Fog computing, situated at the edge of the network, enables data to be stored, processed, filtered, and analyzed locally before transmission to the cloud. This approach leverages smart gateways to fa- cilitate fog computing, providing low-latency access, location awareness, and distributed nodes for improved IoT applica- tion performance. Smart gateway[15]s play a crucial role in fog computing by performing tasks such as collecting and preprocessing sensor data, managing compute and storage services, communicating with the cloud, monitoring power consumption, and ensuring data security and privacy. Fog computing finds application in various scenarios, including smart vehicular networks where smart traffic lights equipped with sensors locally manage traffic and interact with neigh- boring lights, and smart grid systems that use edge computing for load balancing and energy optimization based on real-time data analysis performed by smart gateways.

3. COMMUNICATION

As the Internet of Things (IoT) grows rapidly, a wide range of heterogeneous smart devices connect to the Inter- net. These IoT devices are typically battery-powered and have limited compute and storage resources, posing various communication challenges[6]

1. Addressing and Identification: With millions of smart devices, each requires a unique address for communication, necessitating a large addressing space and unique identifiers.
2. Low Power Communication: Communication be- tween devices, especially wireless communication, consumes significant power, necessitating solutions that facilitate low- power communication.
3. Efficient Routing Protocols: IoT devices require rout- ing protocols with low memory requirements and efficient communication patterns.
4. High-Speed and Non-lossy Communication: IoT ap- plications often require fast and reliable data transmission with minimal data loss.
5. Mobility of Smart Things: IoT devices may be mobile, requiring communication solutions that can adapt to changing locations.

IoT devices typically uses (IP) Internet Protocol Stack to connect to the internet which is complex and demands sub- stantial power and memory from connecting devices. Al- ternatively, devices can connect locally through non-IP net- works like Bluetooth, RFID, or NFC, which have lower power consumption but limited range (up to a few meters). To extend the range of local networks while conserving power, modifications to the IP stack have been developed, such as 6LoWPAN, which integrates IPv6 with low-power personal area networks (PANs). 6LoWPAN enables local networks with ranges similar to traditional LANs while significantly reducing power consumption. Leading communication tech- nologies used in the IoT world include IEEE 802.15.4, low- power WiFi, 6LoWPAN, RFID, NFC, Sigfox, LoRaWAN, and other proprietary wireless protocols tailored to the spe- cific requirements of IoT applications.

IOT IN HEALTHCARE

The Internet of Things remains a relatively new eld of research, and its potential use for healthcare is an area still in its infancy. I[1] Internet of things has made it's way into the healthcare industry, since internet of tings acts as medium to modernise the traditional methods of patient care and the advent of internet of things has revolutionised various fields in healthcare. Tracking needs of patient can be done more effectively and efficiently with the use of internet of things. Healthcare industry has inherently adopted the remarkable features offered by the internet of things. There are many real life applications where we can observe internet of things, since internet of things enables various applications such as remote health care monitoring systems, smart contact lenses, ingestible pills, wearable biometric sensors, fitness bands or trackers, prescription dispenser, glucose monitors, capsule endoscopy, smart beds validates adoption of internet of things in healthcare.

- Capsule endoscopy is a technique in which the patient intakes a pill that has a camera attached to it, which when swallowed takes multiple pictures of the surroundings mainly the digestive tract as it goes down. The images taken by the cameras are analysed closely by the experts and specialists to discover any symptom of disease, in some cases the capsule endoscopy can discover cancer.
- To analyse the multiple images taken during the process, machine learning technology is applied. For monitoring fluc- tuations of blood glucose, a continuous glucose monitoring device is used, the machine is an integration of three major parts, firstly a small electrode that is placed beneath the skin, secondly the transmitter that is just used to transmit the read- ings and a corresponding receiver.
- Sleep apnoea, a sleeping disorder which often includes abrupt repeated starts and stops in breathing. Internet of things provide a solution by placing a rechargeable sensor, under the lower part of neck near the windpipe which can send and transmit cardio respitory wireless signals to the nearest device.
- The google patented smart contact lenses has embed- ded micro circuits and sensors, the sensors main purpose is to detect the changes in the eye fluid, with which we can take preventive measure and can offer a diagnosis.
- Hydrogels is a three dimensional polymer which is cross linked in nature and can retain water. Engineers at Mas- sachusetts Institute of technology has designed a pill made from hydrogel, which can pertain inside the stomach for an extended period of time. Which can be used to detect ulcers.
- Past developments in diverse fields have demonstrated the feasibility of remote monitoring of objects, inclusive of data collection and reporting [1].

Studies in related do- mains have indicated the viability of remote health monitor- ing, highlighting its potential benefits across various contexts [1]. Remote health monitoring systems enables taking care of the patient even if there is physical distance between the doctor and the patient. Also from a monetary point of view, remote health monitoring systems saves the costs of multiple hospital resources such as beds, lights, expert helping staff and many more. The observed disadvantage of this system is the amount of data that gets collected overtime, it is sensitive data, since it can reveal medical condition of any person in the wrong hands. There might be a loss of connection between the patient and the hospital in the case of being out of range of cellular network range

Rehabilitation after physical injury has been a topic of particular interest for several researchers.[1]. Keeping in mind the mental trauma a patient has gone through, IoT pro- vides a solution to rehabilitation by analysing the needs and the symptoms of the patient and designing a plan that is tailor made to the specific individual. It provides the best solution

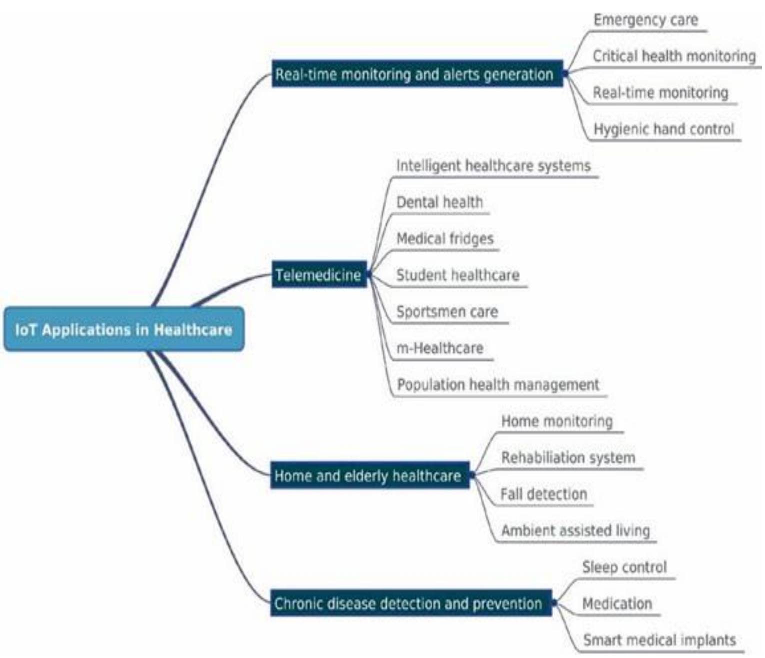

Figure 3: IoT Applications in Healthcare or the treatment to cater the needs of the patient.

Internet of Things(IoT) technology has attracted much at- tention in recent years for its potential to alleviate the strain on healthcare systems caused by an aging population and a rise in chronic illness. [1]. We can observe how IoT has pro- vided exceptional diagnosis to the diseases that are difficult to even detect, which fasts forwards the phase in which both the patient and the doctor are oblivious to the underlying disease, and in some cases IoT also provides solution or the diagnosis. Evidently, a solution is required to reduce the pressure on healthcare systems whilst continuing to provide high-quality care to at-risk patients.[1]. With the help of IoT healthcare industry is moving at an accelerated pace. Numerous prior studies have conducted surveys on distinct areas and tech- nologies within IoT healthcare. This comprehensive survey emphasizes commercially available solutions, potential appli- cations, and persisting challenges, with each topic examined individually rather than as components of a unified system[1].

data mining, storage, and analysis are considered, with lit- tle mention of integration of these into a system. [1]. To pro- cess and maintain huge amount of collected data, data mining techniques are used. And to derive useful insights from the data which are invisible to the naked eye, machine learning and deep learning methodologies are embedded into the sys- tem itself.

Communication in IoT in healthcare

subsystem, and it can be classified into short-distance and long-distance technologies[2] As in the above stated diagno- sis of sleep apnoea, we can clearly understand the vital role of communication in healthcare. Communication in health- care can be broadly classified into two categories namely short range communications and long range communications. The short range communication devices are used to establish connection between devices and long range communication devices are used to establish connection between device and base station. Both type of communications are equally vi- tal, theoretically. Long distance technologies communicationover internet and phones.

Short range communication

Short distance communication is enabled via the means of ultra wideband, wifi, Bluetooth, RFID. But just as there are multiple means of available devices for short range commu- nication, each device comes with it’s own boons and banes. All the devices have variance price range, frequency range and standards of security. Also these devices have varying rates of transmission, maximum number of nodes that can be attached to the system, maintenance cost, and the price of in- stallation according to the complexity of the device, and the power consumed by the device.

Bluetooth

It is a networking technology aimed at low-powered, short range applications. It was initially developed by Ericsson, but is governed as an open specification by the Bluetooth Special Interest Group[3]. Bluetooth provides a means of seamless wireless communication which can easily replace the hassle of cables. In healthcare, Bluetooth plays an important role, since it consumes lower energy and can produce more out- put, Bluetooth is often preferred. The most important feature of Bluetooth communication is the limited emission of harm- ful radiation for humans, making it a safer option. BLE or Bluetooth low energy is used in a star topology, which is suit- able for health care applications[1]. Star topology is preferred for healthcare as the sensors present inside system need not communicate with each other but they need to be connected to one central node or central sensor. Bluetooth can be used in wearable devices as well as devices that can be operated with a coin cell. Bluetooth offers a lower latency rate which is ben- eficial in faster communication. BLE operates in the 2.4GHz band, a band also used by classic WiFi and ZigBee.[4]. Some hinderance may occur in this communication which is in form of noise, but the prevention to interference is bought about by very famous technique called frequency hopping, where we hop on different set of chosen frequencies in a pattern that cannot be detectable, so it prevents intentionally induced hin- derance chances. And also we can add a 24 bit CRC which is cyclic redundancy check. Power consumption when it comes too Bluetooth low energy is very low, as mentioned above it can work on coin cell battery which provides just 180 mAH. But the major issue faced in this type of battery operated de- vice is that it keeps on running even if it is not in use, which leads to unnecessary power consumption. The health sensor data is transmitted at the interval of every 30 seconds, mak- ing it roughly 2880 times a dat. The battery should last ap- proximately 20 years, but it degrades internally and becomes useless way before this time. A well researched and designed battery hardware may prove to be a fool proof solution to the underlying problem. In Bluetooth communication we may face man in the middle attack, which in simple language is eavesdropping, so for the prevention of such attacks we may need to implement encryption standards. Bluetooth has been widely used to monitor blood pressure in patients and also for early detection of Alzheimer’s disease.

The invention of RFID can be traced back to 1945, when it was created by Theremin[2]. RFID stands for radio fre- quency identification which enables seamless communication with the use of reader and tags. Readers are used to send and receive radio signals produced by the rfid tags. RFID tags in healthcare are used to examine state of the patient and exam- ine the progress of the patient health.

WIFI

WIFI is the short form of wireless fidelity, just as the name suggest it enables wireless communication. In every sector WIFI plays an important role, and has become an integral part of our lifestyle. Wifi is popular in IoT in healthcare as it is a low cost alternative. Local area network that are base on wireless fidelity are evident in most of the hospitals now a days.

There are other alternatives available for short distance communication, such as IrDA infrared data association, it can also be used as a remote monitoring alternative. But there are few disadvantages of the system, which is the complexity of the sending and receiving process as the sender and the receiver must be carefully aligned with each other to enable communication, which in easier language is referred to as line of sight communication. Line –of-Sight propagation - very high-frequency signals are transmitted in straight lines di- rectly from antenna to antenna. Antennas must be directions, facing each other, and either tall enough or close enough to- gether not to be affected by the curvature of the earth. The rate at which error in bits occurs is low in IrDA, but since the transmission rates are very low in IrDA ither alternatives are often preferred over it.

ZigBee ZigBee was designed by zigbee alliance, to pro- vide a networks that are low powered and can be implemented in IoT specifically, it also provides an added advantage as it is a low cost alternative. Zigbee provides low cost machine to machine M2M communication. Zigbee is often used in mesh topologies and can also be implanted in star topologies as well. Zigbee uses high frequencies such as 900MHz. zig- bee uses CSMA-CA which is carrier sense multiple access collision avoidance to avoid collisions. In CSMA-CA the sender keeps on detecting the medium for any trace of on- going communication, if it detects ongoing communication it halt's it's own communication, and also, it halts it's own com- munication when a collision is detected. It avoids collision by warning other communicating parties as well so that they can halth their communications, the warning signal persist for a short period of time. After that the communication resumes.

Other alternative involves use of ultra wide band, since it consumes exceptionally low energy and can provide monitoring services directly without the need of any personal com- puters.

Long range communications

Long range computer plays a vital role in IoT technology im- plementation in healthcare industry. The application of long range communication is enabled by the use of LWANS which stands for low power wide area networks. LPWANS falls under long range communication category because it can be used over multiple kilometers, but even this involves some limits. There may be a doubt, that given the possible hin- derances in the form obstacles such as non penetrable build- ings and other obstacles that may scatter the signal. Low power wide area networks have a predefined solution for al- most every plausible underlying problem. As compared to other communication means provided by IoT, such as Blue- tooth technology and wifi technology, the LPWANS can span over much larger areas in the context of network area in me- ters, but to provide such vast range of network a complex arrangement of networking is required. Mesh topology is of- ten followed in LPWANS which is expensive when comes to monetary prospect, as compared to the Bluetooth and WIFI technology. The complex implementation and maintenance of LPWANS require expert personnel, which just adds to the cost of the system. LPWANS have a considerable advantage over the mobile/cellular networks, for example 3G. There are various applications of long range communication in health- care industry, such as in rehabilitation, hourly updates in re- mote monitoring systems, and also for monitoring general health, it can also be used to enable long distance communi- cation in the case of emergencies and can be used to monitor critical patients throughout the day receiving periodic update on the health of the patient. For continuous monitoring of patient heath over larger distances, as above mentioned the problem of continuous supply of power may arise, but the solution to that lies in the architecture or the design of the device. The devices are designed to consume lesser power as compared to other means, which ensures the long period working of the devices, which minimises the need of human interaction with the devices in order to recharge the battery or change the battery. This makes it possible to record, send, re- ceive the data of the patient for longer period of time without going offline, and provides a comfort to the patient as well.

From all the observed aspects of LPWANS it is easily dis- tinguishable that LPWANS though being costly, is the best communication means from the central node and further for further processing. The most popular and widely adapted ap- plications of LPWANS include standards to be implemented which are LoRaWAN and Sigfox. There are also new emerg- ing standards which are often adopted in healthcare and act as a competition to the preexisting standards which are men- tioned above, these include standards such as NB-IoT. Sigfox

is one of the most simple LPWANS standards, which pro- vides limited functionality but is widely used as compared to other technologies. [1].

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5. CONCLUSION

Throughout this paper, we've explored the heart of IoT, from the sensors that sense our world to the communication networks that connect us all. We've seen how these tech- nologies come together to create a web of intelligence that promises to transform industries and improve our lives in ways we've never imagined.

In healthcare, IoT is more than just a buzzword; it's a life- line. From wearable sensors that monitor our health to smart devices that deliver personalized care, IoT is revolutionizing how we manage our well-being. It's breaking down barri- ers to access and empowering patients to take control of their health like never before.

But with all its promise comes challenges. We must nav- igate issues of privacy, security, and interoperability to ensure that IoT serves everyone equitably. We must continue to innovate and collaborate to realize the full potential of IoT and create a future where technology serves humanity, not the other way around.

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