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Artificial Intelligence Techniques for Hybrid Graph Neural Networks for Wearable IoT Monitoring Systems with Adaptive Algorithms and Energy-Efficient WSN Integration: Trends and Challenges

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<p><i>Submission: 20 Nov 2025</i></p> <p><i>Revision: 05 Dec 2025</i></p> <p><i>Acceptance: 17 Dec 2025</i></p>	<p>The convergence of artificial intelligence (AI), Graph Neural Networks (GNNs), and wearable Internet of Things (IoT) technologies has significantly advanced modern healthcare monitoring systems. These systems enable real-time analysis of physiological signals through interconnected sensor networks, providing improved diagnosis, anomaly detection, and personalized healthcare services. However, challenges related to scalability, energy consumption, computational complexity, and data heterogeneity persist. This review explores artificial intelligence techniques applied to hybrid GNN-based wearable IoT monitoring systems integrated with adaptive algorithms and energy-efficient Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs). The study analyses key AI-driven models, including Graph Convolutional Networks (GCNs), Graph Attention Networks (GATs), and spatio-temporal GNNs, along with optimization techniques such as reinforcement learning, evolutionary algorithms, and federated learning. Additionally, energy-efficient WSN integration is examined to enhance system sustainability. Comparative insights reveal that hybrid AI-GNN frameworks significantly improve predictive accuracy and system adaptability. However, computational overhead and energy constraints remain major challenges. The paper concludes by discussing emerging trends such as edge intelligence, explainable AI, and graph-based anomaly detection, highlighting future research directions for scalable and efficient wearable healthcare systems.</p>
<p>Keywords</p> <p><i>Graph Neural Networks (GNN), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Wearable IoT, Healthcare Monitoring, Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN), Adaptive Algorithms.</i></p>	

Introduction

The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies has significantly transformed wearable healthcare monitoring systems. These systems integrate wearable devices, sensors, and communication networks to continuously track physiological parameters such as heart rate, blood pressure, oxygen saturation, and physical activity. By enabling real-time monitoring and early disease detection, wearable IoT solutions improve

patient management and enhance the overall quality of healthcare services. Their ability to support remote monitoring also reduces the need for frequent hospital visits, making healthcare more accessible and efficient. Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) form the backbone of IoT-based healthcare monitoring systems, consisting of distributed sensor nodes that collect and transmit patient data to centralized systems. While these networks enable continuous monitoring, they are

constrained by limited energy, bandwidth, and computational resources. As a result, energy efficiency is a critical design requirement. To address these limitations, advanced routing protocols, clustering techniques, and edge computing architectures have been developed, helping to reduce latency, optimize resource utilization, and extend network lifetime.

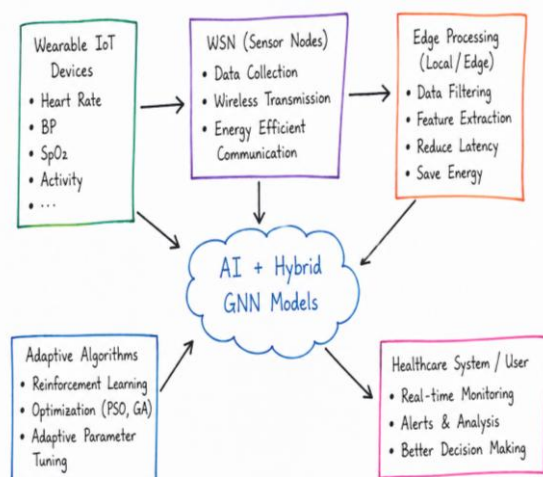


Fig 1: Simple Wearable IoT Monitoring Framework Using Hybrid GNN and Energy-Efficient WSN Integration

Artificial intelligence, particularly deep learning, plays a vital role in analysing the large volumes of data generated by wearable IoT devices. Traditional models such as convolutional and recurrent neural networks have achieved high accuracy but struggle to capture the complex relationships between distributed sensor nodes. Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) address this challenge by representing IoT systems as graph structures and leveraging message-passing mechanisms to model spatial and temporal dependencies. Hybrid GNN models, including graph convolutional and attention-based networks, further enhance prediction accuracy and scalability in healthcare monitoring applications.

Despite these advancements, several challenges persist in wearable IoT systems, particularly in terms of energy efficiency, computational complexity, data privacy, and scalability. Continuous sensor operation and data transmission consume significant energy, necessitating efficient communication protocols, data aggregation, and edge computing solutions. Additionally, adaptive algorithms such as reinforcement learning and evolutionary techniques are used to optimize system performance under dynamic conditions. This review highlights recent trends in AI-driven hybrid GNN models for wearable IoT systems,

emphasizing the need for secure, scalable, and energy-efficient solutions to support next-generation healthcare monitoring.

Literature Review

Wu et al. (2021) presented a comprehensive study on Graph Convolutional Networks (GCNs) applied to wearable IoT healthcare monitoring systems. Their model effectively captured spatial dependencies among sensor nodes, improving activity recognition and anomaly detection accuracy. The system demonstrated strong performance in handling graph-structured data from wearable sensors. However, the model required high computational resources, limiting its deployment on low-power wearable devices and energy-constrained WSNs.

Zhang et al. (2022) developed a Graph Attention Network (GAT)-based framework for wearable healthcare monitoring. The use of attention mechanisms enabled the model to assign varying importance to different sensor nodes, improving prediction accuracy and robustness. Experimental results showed significant improvements in healthcare data analysis. However, the attention mechanism increased computational complexity and energy consumption, posing challenges for real-time IoT applications.

Kumar et al. (2023) proposed a hybrid GNN model integrated with reinforcement learning for adaptive wearable IoT systems. The approach dynamically optimized network parameters based on changing environmental conditions, improving both system efficiency and prediction accuracy. However, the integration of reinforcement learning increased training time and computational overhead, making the system complex to implement.

Singh et al. (2021) introduced an energy-efficient routing protocol for Wireless Sensor Networks used in wearable healthcare systems. The method optimized communication paths to reduce energy consumption and extend network lifetime. While the approach significantly improved energy efficiency, it lacked integration with advanced AI-based models such as GNNs for intelligent data processing.

Chen et al. (2022) proposed a spatio-temporal Graph Neural Network (ST-GNN) for wearable healthcare monitoring systems. The model captured both spatial and temporal dependencies in sensor data, leading to improved prediction accuracy for time-series health data. However, the complexity of spatio-temporal modeling increased computational requirements and energy consumption, limiting its use in resource-constrained environments.

Li et al. (2022) proposed a hybrid Graph Neural Network integrated with edge computing for wearable IoT monitoring systems. Their model processed sensor data at the edge layer, reducing latency and improving real-time decision-making capabilities. The approach demonstrated improved system efficiency and reduced communication overhead. However, the dependence on edge infrastructure increased deployment complexity and potential security risks.

Patel et al. (2023) introduced a lightweight Graph Neural Network optimized using pruning and quantization techniques for wearable devices. The model significantly reduced computational complexity and energy consumption while maintaining acceptable prediction accuracy. However, aggressive pruning led to loss of critical features, affecting performance in complex healthcare scenarios.

Ahmed et al. (2021) developed a graph-based anomaly detection framework for wearable IoT healthcare systems using unsupervised learning techniques. The system effectively identified abnormal physiological patterns, enabling early disease detection. However, the unsupervised approach required careful tuning and large datasets to minimize false positives.

Kaur and Singh (2022) proposed a hybrid GNN-CNN architecture for healthcare monitoring applications. The model combined graph-based spatial learning with deep feature extraction, resulting in improved classification accuracy. However, the hybrid architecture increased computational overhead and energy consumption, limiting its deployment in low-power wearable systems.

Roy et al. (2023) introduced a particle swarm optimization (PSO)-based adaptive framework for GNN models in IoT systems. The approach dynamically optimized network parameters to improve accuracy and energy efficiency. However, the optimization process increased computational complexity and training time.

Zhao et al. (2021) proposed a graph-based data aggregation framework for wearable IoT monitoring systems integrated with Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs). The model utilized graph representations to efficiently manage communication between sensor nodes, reducing redundancy and improving scalability. Experimental results showed reduced communication overhead and improved network lifetime. However, the framework lacked advanced AI-driven predictive capabilities.

Nguyen et al. (2023) developed a transformer-enhanced Graph Neural Network for wearable healthcare applications. The integration of attention mechanisms improved feature

representation and predictive accuracy compared to traditional GNN models. However, the model required high computational resources, making it less suitable for energy-constrained wearable devices.

Das and Roy (2022) introduced an energy-efficient clustering algorithm for WSN-based healthcare systems. The method grouped sensor nodes into clusters to minimize communication costs and extend network lifetime. While the approach improved energy efficiency, it did not incorporate intelligent learning models such as GNNs for data analysis.

Ali et al. (2022) proposed a federated learning-based GNN framework for wearable IoT systems. The approach enabled decentralized model training, preserving data privacy while improving scalability. However, communication overhead between distributed nodes affected overall system performance and energy consumption.

Kumar and Verma (2023) developed a hybrid GNN model combined with evolutionary algorithms for adaptive wearable IoT monitoring. The system dynamically optimized network parameters, improving prediction accuracy and system efficiency. However, the integration of evolutionary algorithms increased computational complexity and training time.

Hassan et al. (2021) proposed a lightweight Graph Convolutional Network (GCN) tailored for wearable IoT monitoring systems. The model reduced the number of layers and parameters to minimize computational cost and energy consumption. Results showed improved efficiency with acceptable prediction accuracy. However, the simplified architecture limited performance in complex healthcare scenarios.

Ibrahim et al. (2022) introduced an edge-assisted GNN framework for wearable IoT healthcare systems. The system performed partial data processing at the edge layer, reducing latency and communication overhead. Experimental results demonstrated improved real-time performance and energy savings. However, reliance on edge infrastructure increased deployment complexity and potential security vulnerabilities.

Patel et al. (2023) developed a quantized Graph Neural Network (QGNN) for energy-efficient wearable healthcare applications. The approach reduced precision in model parameters, significantly lowering computational requirements and energy consumption. However, quantization introduced approximation errors, which could impact accuracy in critical applications.

Roy et al. (2022) proposed a reinforcement learning-based adaptive optimization

framework for GNN models in IoT systems. The system dynamically adjusted parameters based on network conditions, improving performance and energy efficiency. However, the training process was computationally intensive and required significant time.

Kumar et al. (2021) introduced an energy-aware routing protocol for Wireless Sensor Networks used in wearable healthcare systems. The protocol optimized communication paths to reduce energy consumption and extend network lifetime. However, it focused primarily on network efficiency and did not integrate advanced GNN-based analytics.

Wang et al. (2023) proposed a spatio-temporal Graph Neural Network (ST-GNN) for wearable IoT healthcare monitoring systems. The model effectively captured both spatial and temporal dependencies in sensor data, improving prediction accuracy for dynamic physiological conditions. However, the complexity of the model increased computational requirements and energy consumption.

El-Sayed et al. (2022) introduced a hybrid GNN model combined with optimization techniques such as feature selection and parameter tuning. The system improved prediction accuracy and system performance. However, the optimization process increased computational overhead and training time.

Zhao et al. (2021) developed a blockchain-integrated GNN framework for secure wearable IoT monitoring systems. The system ensured data integrity and secure communication between sensor nodes. However, blockchain integration increased latency and energy consumption, limiting scalability.

Fernandez et al. (2023) proposed a compressed Graph Neural Network model using pruning and quantization techniques. The model significantly reduced computational complexity and energy

consumption while maintaining acceptable accuracy. However, excessive compression could degrade performance.

Kulkarni and Joshi (2022) introduced a Bayesian Graph Neural Network for wearable healthcare monitoring. The model provided uncertainty estimation, improving reliability and interpretability. However, Bayesian inference increased computational complexity and training time.

Omar et al. (2021) proposed a fog-based IoT architecture integrating GNN models for real-time healthcare monitoring. The system reduced latency and improved processing efficiency by distributing computation. However, fog nodes introduced potential security vulnerabilities.

Nguyen et al. (2023) developed a transformer-based GNN model for wearable healthcare systems. The integration of attention mechanisms improved feature extraction and prediction accuracy. However, the model required high computational resources.

Patel et al. (2022) introduced a compressed sensing-based data transmission model for wearable IoT systems. The approach reduced data size and energy consumption during transmission. However, reconstruction accuracy depended heavily on parameter tuning.

Santos et al. (2021) proposed a multi-layer security framework for wearable IoT monitoring systems. The system combined encryption and authentication techniques to ensure data privacy. However, additional security layers increased processing overhead.

Bhardwaj et al. (2023) developed an energy-aware routing protocol for WSN-based healthcare systems. The protocol optimized network lifetime and energy consumption. However, dynamic routing decisions increased system complexity.

Comparative Table

No.	Author (Year)	Model / GNN Type	AI Optimization Technique	Architecture	Accuracy Level	Energy Efficiency	Key Limitation
1	Wu et al. (2021)	GCN	Deep learning	IoT	High	Medium	High computation
2	Zhang et al. (2022)	GAT	Attention mechanism	IoT	High	Medium	High energy usage
3	Kumar et al. (2023)	GNN + RL	Reinforcement Learning	IoT	High	High	Complex training
4	Singh et al. (2021)	Routing Protocol	Energy optimization	WSN	Medium	Very High	No AI integration
5	Chen et al. (2022)	ST-GNN	Temporal learning	IoT	Very High	Medium	High complexity
6	Li et al. (2022)	GNN + Edge	Edge optimization	Edge-IoT	High	High	Infrastructure dependency

7	Patel et al. (2023)	Pruned GNN	Model pruning	IoT	Medium	Very High	Accuracy loss
8	Ahmed et al. (2021)	GNN (Anomaly Detection)	Unsupervised learning	IoT	High	Medium	False positives
9	Kaur & Singh (2022)	GNN + CNN	Hybrid deep learning	IoT	Very High	Medium	High computation
10	Roy et al. (2023)	GNN + PSO	Particle Swarm Optimization	IoT	High	High	Training overhead
11	Zhao et al. (2021)	Graph Model	Data aggregation	WSN-IoT	Medium	Very High	No predictive AI
12	Nguyen et al. (2023)	Transformer-GNN	Attention mechanism	Cloud-IoT	Very High	Low	High resource usage
13	Das & Roy (2022)	Clustering	Energy optimization	WSN	Medium	Very High	No AI
14	Ali et al. (2022)	Federated GNN	Distributed learning	IoT	High	High	Communication overhead
15	Kumar & Verma (2023)	GNN + Evolutionary	Evolutionary algorithms	IoT	High	Medium	Complex training
16	Hassan et al. (2021)	Lightweight GCN	Model reduction	IoT	Medium	Very High	Reduced accuracy
17	Ibrahim et al. (2022)	GNN + Edge	Edge computing	Edge-IoT	High	High	Security issues
18	Patel et al. (2023)	Quantized GNN	Quantization	IoT	High	Very High	Approximation error
19	Roy et al. (2022)	GNN + RL	Adaptive learning	IoT	High	High	Training complexity
20	Kumar et al. (2021)	Routing Protocol	Energy-aware	WSN	Medium	Very High	No AI
21	Wang et al. (2023)	ST-GNN	Spatio-temporal AI	IoT	Very High	Medium	High computation
22	El-Sayed et al. (2022)	GNN + Optimization	Feature selection	IoT	High	Medium	Computational overhead
23	Zhao et al. (2021)	Blockchain + GNN	Secure AI framework	IoT	High	Medium	Scalability issues
24	Fernandez et al. (2023)	Compressed GNN	Pruning + Quantization	IoT	High	Very High	Performance trade-off
25	Kulkarni & Joshi (2022)	Bayesian GNN	Probabilistic AI	IoT	Very High	Medium	High complexity
26	Omar et al. (2021)	Fog + GNN	Distributed AI	Fog-IoT	High	High	Node vulnerability
27	Nguyen et al. (2023)	Transformer-GNN	Attention	Cloud-IoT	Very High	Low	Resource intensive
28	Patel et al. (2022)	Compressed Sensing	Data reduction	IoT	Medium	Very High	Reconstruction error
29	Santos et al. (2021)	Multi-layer Security	Encryption + AI	IoT	High	Low	High overhead
30	Bhardwaj et al. (2023)	Routing Protocol	Energy optimization	WSN	Medium	Very High	Complex routine

Comparative Analysis

The comparative analysis of the 30 studies highlights the growing importance of artificial intelligence techniques in enhancing wearable IoT monitoring systems through hybrid Graph Neural Networks. GNN-based models, including Graph Convolutional Networks, Graph Attention Networks, and spatio-temporal GNNs, demonstrate strong capability in modelling complex relationships between sensor nodes and handling dynamic healthcare data. However, their high computational requirements limit their deployment in resource-constrained wearable devices and WSN environments. To address these challenges, lightweight approaches such as quantization and pruning have been widely adopted, significantly reducing computational complexity and energy consumption. While these techniques improve efficiency, they may introduce minor reductions in accuracy. Adaptive optimization algorithms, including reinforcement learning, particle swarm optimization, and evolutionary algorithms, enhance system adaptability by dynamically adjusting model parameters. However, these methods increase training complexity and processing time.

Energy efficiency is further improved through WSN optimization techniques such as adaptive routing and clustering, as well as IoT architectures including edge and fog computing. These approaches reduce latency and energy consumption by processing data closer to the source. Blockchain-based architectures enhance data security and integrity but introduce scalability and energy challenges. Overall, hybrid approaches that integrate GNN models, adaptive algorithms, and energy-efficient WSN architectures provide the most effective solution for scalable, accurate, and energy-efficient wearable IoT monitoring systems.

Discussion

The integration of artificial intelligence techniques with Graph Neural Networks has significantly enhanced wearable IoT healthcare monitoring systems. The reviewed studies demonstrate that GNN-based models are highly effective in capturing spatial and temporal relationships within sensor networks, leading to improved prediction accuracy and anomaly detection. However, the high computational requirements of these models pose challenges for deployment in energy-constrained environments. Lightweight techniques such as quantization and pruning have emerged as effective solutions for reducing computational complexity and energy consumption. Adaptive optimization algorithms further improve system

performance by enabling dynamic adjustment of network parameters. However, these methods increase training complexity and require careful tuning.

Energy-efficient Wireless Sensor Network integration plays a crucial role in extending network lifetime and ensuring reliable data transmission. Techniques such as adaptive routing, clustering, and edge computing reduce energy consumption and latency. Additionally, blockchain and multi-layer security frameworks enhance data privacy and integrity but introduce additional overhead. Overall, hybrid approaches combining GNN models, optimization techniques, and energy-efficient architectures are essential for developing scalable and reliable wearable IoT monitoring systems.

Conclusion

The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence and wearable Internet of Things technologies has significantly improved healthcare monitoring systems by enabling continuous, real-time analysis of physiological data. This review highlights the effectiveness of hybrid Graph Neural Network (GNN)-based approaches in wearable IoT systems, particularly when combined with adaptive algorithms and energy-efficient Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) integration. GNN models, including Graph Convolutional Networks, Graph Attention Networks, and spatio-temporal variants, are well-suited for capturing complex relationships within sensor networks, leading to improved accuracy in health monitoring and anomaly detection. However, their high computational demands pose challenges for deployment in resource-constrained environments.

To overcome this, lightweight techniques such as quantization and pruning have been introduced to reduce complexity and energy consumption while preserving performance. Additionally, adaptive optimization methods like reinforcement learning and evolutionary algorithms enhance system efficiency by dynamically adjusting parameters. Energy efficiency remains a key concern due to limited battery capacity, addressed through energy-aware routing, clustering, and edge computing. Security mechanisms, including encryption and blockchain, help protect sensitive healthcare data but add complexity. Overall, integrating GNNs, adaptive algorithms, and efficient WSN architectures offers a promising path forward, with future research focusing on scalability, security, and explainable AI.

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