

# Role of Nanotechnology in IoT

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**Abstract**—An arising technique to control event on 1-100nm scale is nanotechnology. It incorporates a lot of rules and techniques like biology, physical, chemistry, electrical engineering and, machinery. With the establishment of nanotechnology and IoT, merging of these two will make a considerable distinctness to the general public. Nanotechnology gives an assurance of recently developed resolutions and administers current exuberance to IoT. Nanotechnology is appealing for creating new sensing elements and actuators with enhanced functioning (e.g., higher reactivity and selectivity, lower reaction time, and less depletion of power) and extended lifespan (for instance, in situations of chemical sensing) than most sensing elements based on non-nanotechnology. The main aim of this paper is to explain the utilization of nanotechnology for IoT and its use in certain IoT applications.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The tactic of nanomaterials having proportions lower than 100 nanometers is nanotechnology. Nanoparticles have improved solubilization, optical and magnetic characteristics, and catalytically responsiveness. In agronomy, fungicide and compost are usually utilized in unrestricted means, that give rise to fungicide-resisting pests and pathogens. Moreover, plants absorb only a part of it, whilst almost all is gone to the surrounding as contamination. Nano-captured fertilizers or fungicides guarantee that the optimum amount is supplied to the plants, hence improving vegetation whilst minimizing strain on the plants. Remaining advantages are augmented germination benefit, enhanced length and size of root, and aggravated nitrogen metabolism and photosynthetic actions. Apart from that, sensing elements made using nanomaterials, that deliver information regarding nanoparticles, are tiny, movable, and perceptive. Restrained surrounding agronomy can be enhanced by utilizing nano sensing elements to roughly calculate harvest time of crops, determine health of crops, and regulate chemical or microbial poisoning on crops. Combination of nano sensing elements with global positioning system issues supervisions of crops with accuracy. Nanomaterials having favorable amount may be unsuccessful for conveying applicable outcomes to the crops because of chemicals' percolation and deterioration by hydrolysis and photo-decomposition.

Nanotechnology specifies the investigation and implementation of small articles, commonly calculated in nanoscale. It has extensive possibility for issuing scientific resolutions in various span of implementation sectors utilizing comprehensive areas of investigation like biology, chemistry, electronic sciences, physical sciences, and materials sciences. But, the implementations of nanotechnology in medicine and biomedical like have the extremely important consequences on the welfare of human beings. The therapeutic utilization of nanotechnology in various approaches like nano-implants, nano-medicine, and nano sensing elements (or bio sensing elements) has transformed the procedure of detection and medicaments. In the other aspect, a current transforming scientific illustration called as IoT (Internet of Things) is put to transform the procedure we converse with our environment and the substantial units in our everyday survival. At the first instance, the Internet began as the interconnecting of computers, issuing an all-inclusive network having services of world-wide web. Subsequently it proceeded close to the interconnecting of people where social web appeared into continuance in which people could link to each other utilizing the internet. It moderately angled in the direction of linking not only people and computer but all substantial unit in the world impending the IoT innovation. The conventional Internet has been reconstructed into IoT with the objective of associating all substantial object, constructing a general association of things. The main aim of IoT is to link the entirety to the internet that is affixed so that all linked thing can converse with one another and definitely, with human beings. The IoT illustrates a perception in which every object has its continuation in a worldwide network by becoming an Internet part; every object is recognized distinctly and approachable to the network obtainable with tasks associated with it. IoT focusses for accessing and probably controlling every object distantly, be it a kitchen application or an electronic gadget or smart building device or equipment in a manufacturing automobile or house or any other gadget. These devices are packed with tiny sensing elements and actuators, that assists the object where they are implanted to feel the state outside or within it. A variety of these kinds of linked objects or 'things' interchange the produced data to share their state information that is utilized by approaches to gather awareness regarding a specific system and its neighborhood and association. This awareness is utilized for automating the systems and linked procedures. Summarizing, IoT commits to remodel the computerized globe and human life pervasively, carrying current probabilities with it in disparate applications.

## II. CURRENT SENSING ELEMENTS AND ACTUATORS BASED ON NANOTECHNOLOGY

Nanotechnology is appealing for creating new sensing elements and actuators with enhanced functioning (e.g., higher reactivity and selectivity, lower reaction time, and less depletion of power) and extended lifespan (for instance, in situations of chemical sensing) than most sensing elements based on non-nanotechnology. A lot of nanomaterials (e.g., graphene, nanowire, carbon nanotubes, gold nanoparticles) have been utilized in sensing elements within a broad scope of applications.

Among these nanomaterials, materials based on carbon nanotube (CNT) have been studied most extensively in creating new sensing elements, and are broadly utilized in supervision of surroundings, sensing of chemical, and bio-medical and supervision of health. First, CNT was discovered in 1991 and has drawn considerable awareness. There are two types of nanotubes (i.e., single-wall carbon nanotubes and multi-wall nanotubes) having diverse features. Because of the particular properties that the nano-material exhibits, like surface-to-volume ratio, volumetric and surface diffusion, high thermal conductance, optical reflection and absorption, the functioning and energy productivity of sensing elements based on nanotechnology will be much better than those of sensing elements not based on nanotechnology.

## III. NANOSCALE SENSOR NETWORKS

Nanotechnology enables establishment of IoT by noticing, controlling and associating items in nano-scale. This recent networking illustration of nano-scale gadgets is known as the nanoscale sensor network. The nanoscale sensing element network fits into recent matter for the sensor-actuator layer and produces more numbers of new applications and services (for instance, supervision of cell-level health). Alike wireless sensor network (WSN), the wireless communication and co-operation between nano-gadgets will develop the possible applications of individual gadgets with regard to complication and variance in functioning. The significant ultimatum of creating nano-scale sensing elements networks is attaining communication channels among nano-nodes and nano-devices. A lot of possibilities of communication channels for nanotubes have been suggested, which includes molecule communication, quantum communication and nano-electromagnetic communication.

### A. Molecule communication

Molecule communication is promising in limited communication among nanomachines/nano-gadgets and transmitting/acquiring carrier molecules, and it is enticing more awareness as specific communication techniques like optical communication and wireless telecommunication, are inappropriate in case of nano-gadgets: complex system architecture and less energy productivity. Molecule communication is learned through methods of by the cells' communication, where information is transferred by specific molecules liberated by the "sender" cells and acquired by the "receiver" cells. Molecular motor molecule (for instance, molecules that transmit chemical energy into machinery energy) is the transmission channel for the carrier.

### B. Nano-electromagnetic waves

The other alternative for nano-gadgets communication is utilizing electromagnetic waves as the information carrier. In terms of communication of nano-gadgets, the theory of networking should be reconstructed carefully because of characteristics of nano-gadgets. Initially, the operating frequency band of nano-gadget communication reaches terahertz because of its small scale. Then, the information regulation and protocol selection of nano-gadget networks has to be considered again based on the situation of the gadget facility and channel model.

### C. Quantum communication

Quantum communication is promising to develop communication channels for nano-scale things.

## IV. CATEGORIZATION OF NANOTECHNOLOGY AND NANO MATERIALS

As per the progression of nanotechnology with regard to organizational and vigorous convolution, nanotechnology is classified into four creations of products:

- i. *Passive nano-structures*: These substances were created to do one task and they were the first one to begin in 2000. Nanomaterials of first generation were utilized in the production of nanoparticles, coating, polymers, nano-structured metals, ceramics.
- ii. *Active nanostructures*: These nanostructures of second-generation were incorporated for multi-purposes. It included establishment of very efficient sensing elements, actuators, gadgets for delivery of medicines (like targeted drugs), and 3D transistors.

- iii. *Nano-systems*: The third generation that developed sometime in 2010 consists of nano-systems that encompasses thousands of interconnecting equipment. Guided assembling; 3D networking, robotics are the instances of nanomaterials applications of third generation.
- iv. *Molecular nano-systems*: Nanomaterials of fourth generation are taken into consideration since 2015. Accomplishment of molecular devices 'by design' and atomic design are instances of nanomaterial applications of fourth generation.

## V. INTERNET OF NANO THINGS

The incorporation of Nanotechnology along with IoT is IoNT. The significant character of a IoNT network are given below:

### A. Architecture of Nano-machine

Current establishment in the nano technology area permits the compactness in gadgets' production and these small tools are known as nano machine. Nano Machines are utilized as a fundamental principle in nano sensing elements, nano processors and nano clocks. These are the basis of Internet of nano Things.

The main component of nano machines are as follows:

- i. *Control unit*: The most significant portion of nano machine is control unit; it functions like controller for every element and issue repository extent for users for their data.
- ii. *Communication unit*: It conveys the information at nano level.
- iii. *Reproduction unit*: It is answerable for the congregation of every element by utilizing extrinsic components.
- iv. *Power unit*: Power needs of every element are fulfilled utilizing energy through extraneous origins.
- v. *Sensing elements and actuators*: These is the pathway from where nano machines be in contact with surroundings.

### B. IoNT network architecture:

The interdependence of various tiny object that can be in communication with the Internet is IoNT. The categorization of framework of IoNT is feasible by incorporating nano gadgets with current exploratory techniques which include IoT, network of sensing elements, Big Data etc. IoNT network also needs certain communication technique for conveying information like other networks. The fundamental constituents of networks of IoNT are:

- i. *Nano nodes*: The tiniest part which have the capability of calculation are nano nodes. These are utilized for data collection. Bio sensing elements utilized for gathering information through human body is an instance of nano nodes.
- ii. *Nano routers*: As compared to nano nodes, their computational power is high. These are utilized to accumulate data inside the IoNT. Nano routers utilize control commands to control activity of nodes.
- iii. *Nano micro interface gadgets*: These gadgets have the ability to communicate using both macro and micro scale constituent of network. Using the protocols and nano communication techniques utilized in conventional communication, they have the ability to communicate.
- iv. *Gateway*: It permits flow of data through IoNT network till internet. It permits the user accessing the data and manipulating it according to the needs.

## VI. COMMUNICATION IN CASE OF IOANT NETWORK

There are two ways of getting communication in IoNT network, first is utilizing electromagnetic waves and another by utilizing molecular communication. Information is encoded in molecular form in case of molecular communication, however, in orthodox communication means, information is transmitted in form of electromagnetic wave or light. In molecular communication, message proceeds in molecular form, hence, methods are of chemical nature, hence depletion of power is low compared to orthodox communication

## VII. APPLICATIONS OF IOANT - INTERNET OF NANO THINGS

IoNT is linkage of nano scale gadgets for data transference. Noticeable nanotechnologies can be unified for performing distinct function using IoNT. IoNT is not very dissimilar than IoT, however, because of utilization tiny size gadgets and ultra-low power depletion it can prevail over IoT in subsequently. The specific cause behind this notion is expanding needs of very tiny size gadgets for applications of IoT. The IoNT applications are found in these areas:

#### *A. Healthcare area*

The principal implementation of IoNT is in healthcare particularly for diagnosing human health because of tiny nano sensing elements. Nano sensing elements can diagnose the viruses and infections internal to human body productively. These nano sensing elements can be implanted in body of patient when needed because of their tiny size. The information gathered by these sensing elements can be verified by doctors or patient and can also be transmitted to wearable smart supervising gadgets. IoNT sustains patients' actual monitoring of health by doctors.

#### *B. Agronomy*

The tracking of significant soil data is critical for achieving accuracy in cultivation implementation. IoNT utilizes nano-sensing elements that have the capability to collect every applicable information regarding parameters of and growing of crop in actual time. These sensing elements also have ability to keep information regarding locations of the agriculturalist's animals in the farmland.

#### *C. Control of Food quality*

The network of IoNT can assist to control standard of food. Standard of food can be spontaneously examined by these networks when set up at a particular place. Information can be sent regarding standard of food, size and stuffing. This facilitates the arbitrary verification of products through distinct vendors remotely.

#### *D. Supervision of surroundings*

Nano sensing elements have the capability of verifying and supervising the conditions of surroundings such as contamination of air at common locations. The data collected by nano sensing elements can be employed for generating outcomes regarding climate and carbon emission. The precautionary measures need to be taken for reducing climate crisis using these reports.

#### *E. Communication with mobile*

IoNT fusion in cellular communication can permit the utilization of higher frequencies band because of specific characteristics of matter at nano scale, that will rise the rate of transmission and capability.

#### *F. Applications in military*

Nano sensing elements can detect the biological and chemical weapons, hence utilization of IoNT might be vastly beneficial for fighters in arena of war.



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