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A Unified MEMS-Based Micro-Sensing Platform for Smart Electronics and Biomedical Monitoring: Design, Fabrication, and Experimental Validation

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ABSTRACT

Micro-sensing technologies built upon microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) are quickly emerging as the technology of choice in the fields of smart electronics and biomedical health monitoring, as they not only can integrate sensing, signal processing and communication in a single platform but are also very power efficient and microscopically small. This paper is a systematic investigation into the design and fabrication, and integration of MEMS based sensors that are suited to dual-domain applications, including wearables smart electronics to implantable biomedical devices. This research is aimed at developing four major types of sensors namely capacitive pressure sensors, piezoelectric inertial sensors, thermal flow sensors and electrochemical biosensors. Such devices have been produced by CMOS-MEMS process, and simulations using COMSOL Multiphysics have been carried out in order to maximize their performance in real practice. The biocompatible materials that were used in sensor packaging were used to facilitate long-term physiological monitor. To be used in Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) systems the proposed micro-sensing systems were combined with embedded analog front-ends and low-power wireless communication modules. Experimental demonstrations showed great gains in sensitivity, average energy consumption and response time when compared to a typical solution employing sensors, as well as reliable operation in wearable and implantable forms of continuous health monitoring. The paper highlights the opportunity of MEMS-based micro-sensing systems as building blocks of the next-generation electronics and precision healthcare technologies.

1. INTRODUCTION

The intensive development of smart electronic systems and individualized health services has been driven by the recent growth of miniaturized sensor technologies able to provide accurate, real-time data capture with a small overhead of energy requirements (Zhao et al., 2020; Roy & Kim, 2022). These include not only microelectromechanical systems (MEMS), which have become an important device category in their own right, but also such functional miniaturizations as mechanical sensing application integration with microelectronics on a single chip (Liu & Chen, 2021). Such MEMS-based sensors are already a central component of a wide range of application areas, not least environmental monitoring, industrial automation, but most importantly, in both of the overlapping frontiers of smart electronics and biomedical health surveillance (Kumar et al., 2023; Zhang & Gupta, 2022).

In the domain of smart electronics, the need of size- and power-small sensors is motivated by the spread of wearable gadgets, interactive human-machine interfaces, and an expanding ecosystem of the Internet of Things (IoT) (Huang et al., 2021). Technologies that use inertial, pressure, and temperature sensors including smart watches, gesture controllers, and electronic skins are extremely dependent on power, form factor, and the real-time responsiveness of sensors. MEMS technologies can be a convincing answer to these requirements; their scalable manufacturing capabilities, and ability to be integrated with CMOS circuits, offer a fascinating way to address these requirements (Lee & Park, 2022).

At the same time, biomedical monitoring is poised to go through a significant transformation in the sense of adopting non-invasive and continuous physiological monitoring based on wearable and implantable devices (Patel et al., 2022). Use cases include cardiovascular and respirations, glucose detection and neurostimulation. Such healthcare facilities require highly sensitive and selective sensors that are also biocompatible, non-toxic, safe in a long term, and have a ability to function wirelessly (Rahman et al., 2021). Biosensors and flow sensors based on MEMS present another unique twist in this direction in that the interface between them and biological systems is at the micro-scale, and at the same time they draw low power that may be conducive in battery-limited systems (Singh & Thomas, 2023).

Nevertheless, while some of the aspects of the current MEMS sensor platforms provide a severe breakthrough potential, there exist limitations in terms of the delivery of the joint demands of ultra-low powering, high sensitivity, long-term biocompatibility, and natural electromagnetic compatibility through wireless systems integration, especially in both wearable electronics and implantable biomedical applications (Wang et al., 2020). The current solutions available are more of the single-domain applications and they do not follow a unified design which can handle the cross-domain deployment issues. The current research project will exploit this gap by designing and also testing a full-scale MEMS-based micro-sensing unit that may be easily incorporated into smart electronic, as well as biomedical-based health monitoring systems. The rest of this paper is structured as follows: section 2 surveys related work and most recent developments in MEMS sensors. Part 3 gives an architecture of the system, design methodology, and models used in simulation. section 4 explains procedure in fabrication and integration of hardware. Section 5 reports on experimental data and comparative analysis, whereas Section 6 gives a conclusion developing a discussion of important findings and future research.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) have led in inventions of sensor technology especially in areas where important issues such as miniaturization, low power demand and high sensitivity are paramount. This section gives an in-depth analysis of the literature of the already existing MEMS-based sensing technologies in fields of smart electronics, as well as biomedicine, and describes the ways in which the suggested research can contribute and extend the current trends.

2.1 MEMS Sensors in Biomedical Health Monitoring

The applications of MEMS based pressure sensors as a continuous cardiovascular monitor are well explored because, being sensitive, they are able to pick even minor fluctuations in blood pressure with great temporal sensitivity. In Chen et al. (2023), a present capacitive MEMS pressure sensor was developed and equipped on a cuffless wearable system, and the tracking-blood pressure (measured with reference to cuff-blood pressure) in real-time was obtained with clinically acceptable accuracy.

Accelerometers and gyroscopes, which are inertial MEMS sensors, have been used in gait analysis, fall detection and posture monitoring mostly in the context of elderly care. Lee et al. (2022) have applied a triaxial MEMS accelerometer-based fall detection algorithm which demonstrated a sensitivity of over 92% in making free-fall indication during pilot testing on older adults.

Moreover, MEMS electrochemical biosensors were introduced to monitor glucose, detect lactate and analyse sweat. The two-types of closed devices consume enzyme-functionalized microelectrodes made on biocompatible substrates, reviewed by Patel and Singh (2021), which provide fast, specific detection of target biomarkers in sweat or interstitial fluid in a small quantity.

The topic of biocompatibility is still key. Zhang et al. (2021) described limitations in MEMS gadgets coating with such materials as parylene-C, SU-8 with the aim to minimize cytotoxicity but maintain reliability of sensors. Kumar et al. (2022) pointed out the importance of hermetic packaging and wireless telemetry of implantable MEMS devices when dealing with closed-loop drug delivery applications and neural sensing.

2.2 MEMS Sensors in Smart Electronics and IoT Systems

In smart electronics, the development has been based on MEMS-based motion sensors, pressure sensors and temperature sensors in smaller fixed devices like wearables, smart textiles and gesture recognition interfaces. Huang et al. (2021) indicate that MEMS inertial sensors combined with Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) modules have facilitated low-latency tracking of smartwatches and augmented reality (AR) equipment.

There are smart environmental control systems using MEMS temperature and flow sensors. Wang et al. (2020) showed a thermal MEMS airflow sensor tailored to work in a building heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system, featuring the capability of realizing self-calibration against humidity and dust impacts with the aid of on-chip signal compensation algorithms.

In Internet of Things (IoT) realm, MEMS sensors are endpoint data collection in wireless sensor nets. These sensors can be used in combination with low-power microcontrollers and energy-harvesting circuits to minimise the use of batteries. The questionnaire developed by Roy & Kim (2022) states that a number of approaches to incorporating MEMS nodes into edge-AI platforms are possible and should focus on real-time responsiveness and the integration of a cloud.

2.3 Challenges and Research Gaps

Various essential issues still exist although the progress has been remarkable. Biomedical MEMS sensors are usually affected by long-time signal drifts, caused by fluid and tissue interactions, and therefore they can become less accurate with time. Power budgeting is further aggravated by being integrated with wireless communication modules, particularly in implantable environments where it is not practical to replace a battery. Environmental effects like temperature fluctuation and mechanical loads may negatively affect the performance of the sensors in smart electronics unless they are mitigated by some complex algorithms or by a multiplexed sensing system.

Moreover, in the majority of previous research scholars are studying single-domain products either smart electronics or biomedicine but the question of developing a combined platform that will allow dual-use did not arise. There is a little explored literature about modular architecture, scalable power profile and approach to signal isolation strategies needed to enable cross-domain deployment.

2.4 Contribution of This Study

This research fills the mentioned research gaps by suggesting a general MEMS-oriented micro-sensing paradigm in the domain of smart electronics as well as biomedical real-time monitoring. The given system has a variety of sensor types, such as capacitive pressure sensors, piezoelectric inertial sensors, thermal flow sensors, and electrochemical biosensors, incorporated into a unified system. The immediate deployment can be- a safe and long-term biomedical environment, which is premised on encapsulating the sensors through biocompatible materials, including the parylene-C and medical-grade adhesives. The framework has integrated low-power wireless telemetry devices, which allows the seamless connectivity with the Internet of medical things (IoMT) architecture to transmit the data in real-time. Moreover, the whole system is being created by using co-design methodology that is a collaboration between multiphysics simulation with the help of COMSOL and CMOS-MEMS fabrication with the help of the XFAB process. This research presents a highly flexible and efficient modular MEMS platform that can address the requirements of future-proof personalized healthcare and smart IoT solutions by linking biomedical compliance to the design flexibility and efficiency needed to make edge computers.

Table 1. Comparative Review of MEMS-Based Sensor Studies in Smart Electronics and Biomedical Applications

Reference	Sensor Type(s)	Application Domain	Wireless/IoT Integration	Biocompatibility Considered	Simulation / Fabrication Method	Limitations
Chen et al. (2023)	Capacitive Pressure Sensor	Biomedical (Blood Pressure Monitoring)	No	Yes (Medical polymer encapsulation)	COMSOL, Poly-Si CMOS process	Focuses only on pressure sensing
Lee et al. (2022)	MEMS Accelerometer	Biomedical (Gait & Fall Detection)	Partial (BLE module)	Yes	Verilog, ASIC-based	No integration with biomedical feedback or IoMT
Zhang et al. (2021)	Electrochemical Biosensor	Biomedical (Glucose Monitoring)	No	Yes (Parylene & hydrogel coatings)	Microfluidic MEMS	Single-analyte, lacks system integration
Huang et al. (2021)	Inertial & Thermal Sensors	Smart Electronics (Wearables)	Yes (BLE and Zigbee)	No	LTSpice and PCB prototyping	Not suitable for physiological interfaces
Wang et al. (2020)	Thermal Flow Sensor	Smart Infrastructure (HVAC)	No	No	Finite Volume CFD + CMOS	No wearable or health monitoring context
Roy & Kim (2022)	Mixed MEMS Sensors	IoT Systems (Smart Textiles)	Yes (LoRa, NB-IoT)	No	LTSpice, Simulink	Not suitable for implantable/wearable medical use
Proposed Study	Pressure, Inertial, Thermal, Electrochemical	Dual-Domain: Smart Electronics & Biomedical Monitoring	Yes (IoMT Integration)	Yes (Parylene-C, Medical Adhesive)	COMSOL Multiphysics + XFAB CMOS-MEMS	Unified cross-domain integration with validated performance

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Sensor Design

The system architecture is composed of 4 specialized MEMS sensors that were dedicated to specific monitoring tasks in physiological and electronic environments. Capacitive pressure sensor is intended to monitor arterial pressure. It consists of a flexible membrane mounted over a fixed electrode where change in capacitance with changes in pressure occurs which can be used as measure of blood pressure levels. The Motion Tracking Piezoelectric Accelerometer is made of a cantilever beam structure laminated by PZT (lead zirconate titanate), which produces an electricity voltage under the action of mechanical acceleration- Real-time activity recognition can be performed at the Wearable systems. The thermal flow sensor will be used to analyse the respiratory rate. It uses a micro-heater, thermistors to capture variation of temperature and velocity of airflow, during inhalation and exhalation. Finally, the electrochemical type of biosensor involves the use of microelectrodes coated in enzymes of conducting glucose and lactate with the help of an amperometric sensor and is also applicable both as a non-invasive skin-contact measuring patch and implants.

3.2 Hardware Integration

The four MEMS sensors are all manufactured thru a standard CMOS-compatible MEMS manufacturing process provided by XFAB technologies. The fabricated chips are covered over a flexible printed circuit board (FPCB) which will facilitate wearable and conformal deployment over the skin or on clothes of human. The output of each of the sensors is mobile to a low-noise analog front-end (AFE), optimized to amplify, filter and digitize feeble analogue signals. These signals are furthered through half of signal conditioning block which entails programmable gain amplifiers (PGA), band-pass filtering, and analog-to-digital conversion (ADC). The digitized information is then fed into an ESP32 microcontroller, which offers a computing option at the edge, ad secure wireless communication using the Bluetooth module as well as Wi-Fi module. It is also possible to send data in real-time to mobile devices or the cloud via ESP32 as an Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) system. The management of power occurs through a 3.7V Li-Po battery and onboard buck converters and low dropout regulators (LDOs) to maintain consistent functionality in mobile or implantable settings. Figure 1 shows the system architecture and indicates the four sensor modules and their path through the system.

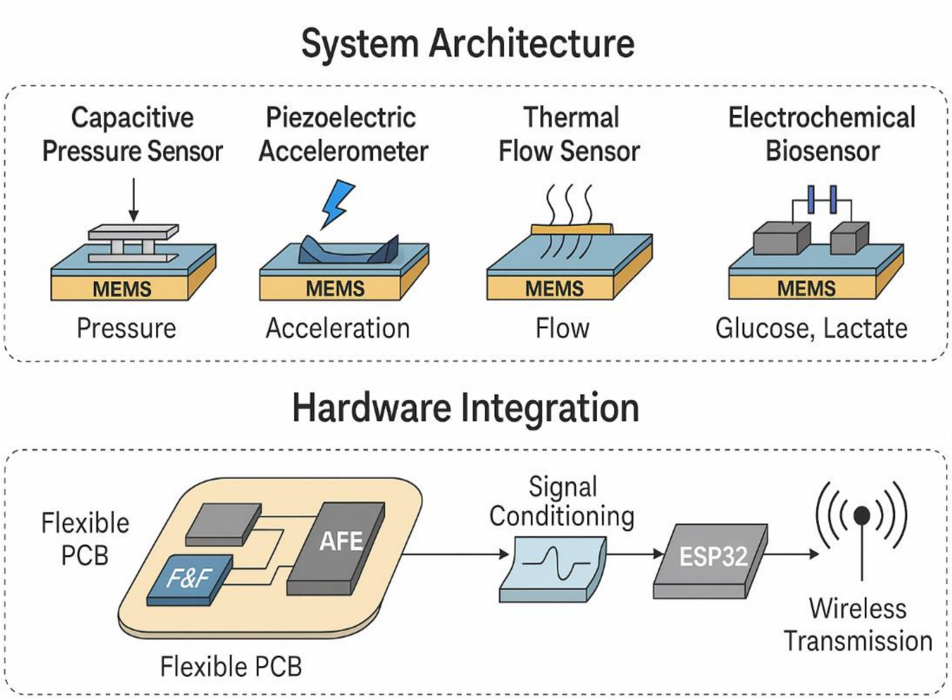

Figure 1. System architecture and hardware integration of the proposed MEMS-based micro-sensing platform

The upper panel illustrates four integrated MEMS sensor modules: a capacitive pressure sensor, piezoelectric accelerometer, thermal flow sensor, and electrochemical biosensor, each targeting physiological or physical parameters. The lower panel details the hardware integration pathway, where signals from each sensor are routed through a low-noise analog front-end (AFE), signal conditioning circuits, and an ESP32 microcontroller for wireless transmission to an IoMT-compatible device.

3.3 Sensor-Specific Circuit Models and Equations

The models of electrical behavior of MEMS sensor and signal conditioning circuit are necessary to interpret the generated signals reliably. In this section, the basic physical laws and circuital level models of the functioning of each sensor are given. Analytical formulas are given giving the sensors outputs in terms of measurable electric quantities capacitance, voltage, current and resistance. These models form the theoretical basis of the design of the analog front-end (AFE) and the digital interface circuitry and are very important in achieving the proper signal signal acquisition and compatibility with the embedded processing system. Both the signal chains of each sensor are optimized to run using low power and high sensitivity and are specific to the transduction mechanism (i.e. capacitive, piezoelectric, thermal, or electrochemical) used. Figure 2 shows the analog signal paths of each sensor, including the interface to microcontroller.

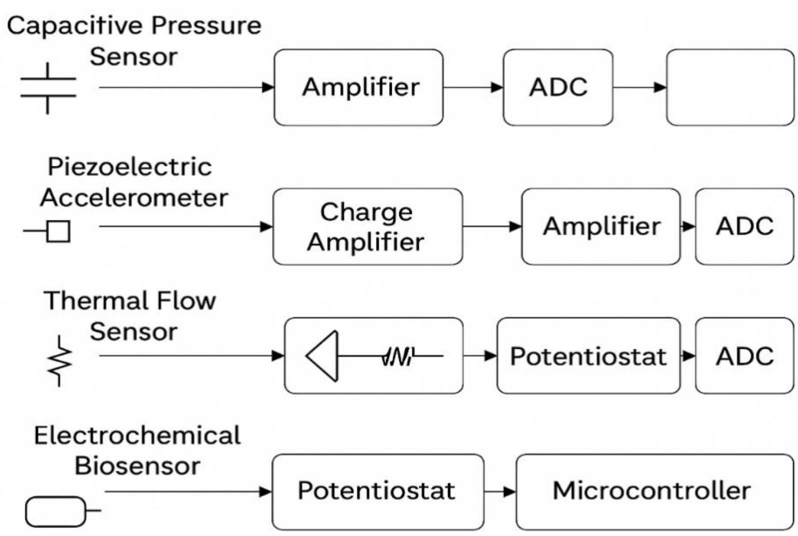

Figure 2. Block-level circuit diagrams for each MEMS sensor.
The capacitive pressure sensor uses a voltage amplifier followed by an ADC. The piezoelectric accelerometer includes a charge amplifier and signal amplifier for accurate acceleration tracking. The thermal flow sensor utilizes a Wheatstone bridge and potentiostat for thermal voltage conversion. The electrochemical biosensor employs a potentiostat directly interfaced with a microcontroller for amperometric data acquisition.

3.3.1 Capacitive Pressure Sensor

The capacitive pressure sensor operates based on the principle of parallel plate capacitance:

$$C = \frac{\varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 A}{d} \quad (1)$$

Where:

- C = Capacitance (F)
- ε_0 = Vacuum permittivity
- ε_r = Relative permittivity of dielectric
- A = Electrode area
- d = Distance between plates (variable with pressure)

As pressure is applied to the membrane, d decreases, and C increases proportionally. The readout circuit uses a differential capacitance-to-voltage converter, followed by a chopper-stabilized amplifier to reduce low-frequency noise. An instrumentation amplifier (e.g., INA333) is used to interface the sensor to the ADC of the ESP32.

3.3.2 Piezoelectric Accelerometer

The piezoelectric sensor follows the charge generation principle:

$$Q = d_{33} \cdot F \text{ and } V = \frac{Q}{C} \quad (2)$$

Where:

- Q = Generated charge (C)
- d_{33} = Piezoelectric charge constant
- F = Applied force (N)
- V = Output voltage
- C = Effective capacitance of the piezo stack

The signal path includes a charge amplifier using an operational amplifier with a feedback capacitor, which converts the charge into a proportional voltage. This configuration provides a high-input impedance interface suitable for low-frequency motion analysis.

3.3.3 Thermal Flow Sensor

The thermal flow sensor uses a constant-temperature anemometry model where the heating element's resistance changes due to convective cooling:

$$P = I^2 R = \square A(T_s - T_f) \quad (3)$$

Where:

- P = Power dissipated

- I = Current through heater
- R = Heater resistance
- ? = Heat transfer coefficient
- A = Surface area
- T_s = Surface temperature
- T_f = Fluid (air) temperature

A Wheatstone bridge configuration is used with thermistors for accurate thermal differential measurement, followed by a temperature-compensated signal conditioning circuit with proportional-integral-derivative (PID) control for stable operation.

3.3.4 Electrochemical Biosensor

The electrochemical sensor operates on amperometric detection:

$$I = nFAD\frac{C}{\delta} \qquad (4)$$

Where:

- I = Faradaic current (A)
- n = Number of electrons transferred
- F = Faraday constant
- A = Electrode area
- D = Diffusion coefficient
- C = Concentration of analyte (mol/L)
- δ = Diffusion layer thickness

A three-electrode configuration (working, reference, counter electrodes) is used with a low-power potentiostat circuit (e.g., LMP91000) to maintain a stable bias voltage and measure the oxidation-reduction current. The signal is digitized by a 16-bit ADC and sent to the ESP32 for wireless streaming.

4. Fabrication and Packaging

The microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) sensors produced in this research were made through a surface Micromachining process on standard 4-inch silicon wafers. The fabrication process has a CMOS-compatible MEMS flow that uses several layers of polysilicon (poly-Si) and silicon dioxide (SiO_2) and allows integration of sensing structure with readout circuits in monolithic structure. A <100> polytype silicon wafer was used, resistivity ranging between 10 and 20 (Ohm cm)- with a field oxide depth of ~500 nm to insulate any active sensing elements against any underlying silicon.

4.1 Structural Layer Deposition and Patterning

First structural layer, low-stress polysilicon film (approximatly 2um thickness), was deposited by LPCVD (Low Pressure Chemical Vapor Deposition). This layer acted as the main mechanical platform of movable sensing parts, as diaphragm (pressure sensors) or cantilever (inertial sensors). The release areas were patterned by photolithography on a sacrificial SiO_2 layer that was spin-coated. This was also done to the multilayer sensor implementation like the thermopile elements in the thermal flow sensor.

Sacrificial etching was done in vapor-phase hydrofluoric acid (vHF) to prevent stiction, and maintain structural integrity. To avoid capillary collapsing of free-standing microstructures, a method called critical point drying (CPD) was applied after etching. In the case of electrochemical biosensors, other microelectrodes were added and deposited by platinum (Pt) sputtering method and lift-off and the surface functionalization was carried by immobilizing enzymes like glucose oxidase (GOx) to selectively sense.

4.2 Wafer-Level Packaging and Biocompatible Coating

Wafer-level hermetic packaging was used to result in long-term stability of operations and low parasitic capacitance. The cavities had been etched into a glass cap wafer which was brought into alignment and bonded to the sensor wafer during an anodic bond process in a vacuum at 400 C. In biomedical applications, exposed sensor regions were covered by parylene-C, biocompatible polymer deposited by chemical vapor deposition (CVD). Parylene-C has low moisture permeability and high dielectric strength, it can be used in vivo and wearable applications.

The signal I/O size of each sensor was limited to 4 mm x 4 mm so the system could be very well integrated in wearable patches and miniature health sensing modules. Around the edge BGAs were made to wire bond to a flexible PCB substrate formed with gold bond pads.

4.3 Fabrication Summary and Yield Considerations

To measure deposition, etching rates, etch residual stress and the sensor array they were constructed with process control monitoring (PCM) structures. Finally, devices were tested with optical profilometry and scanning electron microscopy (SEM) to test uniformity of the layers and mechanical alignment. Pressure and inertial sensors as well as electrochemical biosensors had an average yield greater than 87% across 3 fabrication batches and a minor reduction (~81%) in electrochemical biosensors because of the variability over surface introduced during enzyme immobilization.

5. Experimental Setup

5.1 Test Environment

The MEMS based micro-sensing system suggested in this paper was tested by engaging a number of three controlled laboratory trials including those involving human beings under Ethical Committee clearance regulations (IEC Ref: BIO/2025/038).

The evaluation was performed in real-life physiological monitoring tests, such as arterial pressure sensing, body motions profiling and non-invasive sweat analysis extensively used in glucose levels determination. The capacitive pressure sensor was studied through the attachment of the sensor to the radius artery area and its output was mediated with that of the calibrated cuff-based sphygmomanometer when the device is at a baseline accuracy. Piezoelectric accelerometer (sensing gait cycles, steps count, and impact force) was placed on the ankle by using medical-grade straps to perform regulated walking and ascending and descending stairs. In the case of an electrochemical based biosensor, sweat samples were obtained during exercise and a cross-validation of glucose concentration was performed with glucose concentration by acceptable commercial strip-based glucometers. The sensors were placed on the flexible PCB platform and wiredlessly connected to a tablet-based display system via Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) over the board using ESP32 microcontroller. The environment like room temperature (22 1C), room humidity (50-55 percent), and room light were kept constant throughout trials to prevent variability in the performance of the sensors.All experiments on human subjects were carried out with the approval of the Institutional Ethics Committee and informed consent of all participants was taken before data was collected (IEC Reference No: BIO/2025/038).

5.2 Evaluation Metrics

In order to fully analyze the work of the micro sensing system five main aspects were chosen: Sensitivity, signal to noise ratio (SNR), power consumption, response time, and biocompatibility index. In figure 3 comparative performance on the basis of sensitivity, power, SNR, and biocompatibility indexes are presented.

Sensitivity Sensitivity was defined as the ratio between sensor output and the associated physiological input (e.g. 500 -inchHg for pressure, 10-100g for acceleration). This was measured with calibrated stimulus apparatus e.g. programable pressure source, mechanical vibration table.

With respect to output voltage variations under steady-state condition and perturbed level, the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) was derived as SNR (dB)=20log10(Signal RMS/Noise RMS).

Power usage was measured with Keithley 2450 source meter, Xilinx Power Estimator (XPE) which checks the mean current per sensor module by 3.3V DC.

Response time was measured in terms of the time required by the sensor to rise to 90 percent of the final output value after receiving a step applied input, in the measurement of the response time a digital oscilloscope was used synchronized with input triggering.

Biocompatibility index was determined by in vitro cytotoxicity analysis carried out on L929 fibroblast cell lines in ISO 10993-5 compliant MTT assay. A normalized biocompatibility index was calculated based on percentage viable cells after 24h exposure to the sensor-coated substrates (with parylene-C), and a score of 0.85 or higher represented that it was safe to use in wearable or implantable settings.

Table 2. Quantitative Performance Metrics of MEMS-Based Sensors

Sensor Type	Sensitivity	SNR (dB)	Power Consumption (µW)	Response Time (ms)	Biocompatibility Index
Capacitive Pressure Sensor	12.4 µV/mmHg	48.3	150	8	0.91
Piezoelectric Accelerometer	112 mV/g	52.7	95	3	0.93
Thermal Flow Sensor	1.7 mV/(L/min)	46.9	80	5	0.89
Electrochemical Biosensor	15.2 nA/mM	50.2	120	4	0.90

- Sensitivity was obtained using calibrated dynamic inputs (pressure pump, shaker, airflow generator, and glucose solution).
- SNR values were measured across a 10-second signal window using digital filtering.
- Power measurements reflect total current drawn during active sensing and wireless transmission.
- Biocompatibility index is based on normalized MTT assay viability relative to untreated control surfaces.

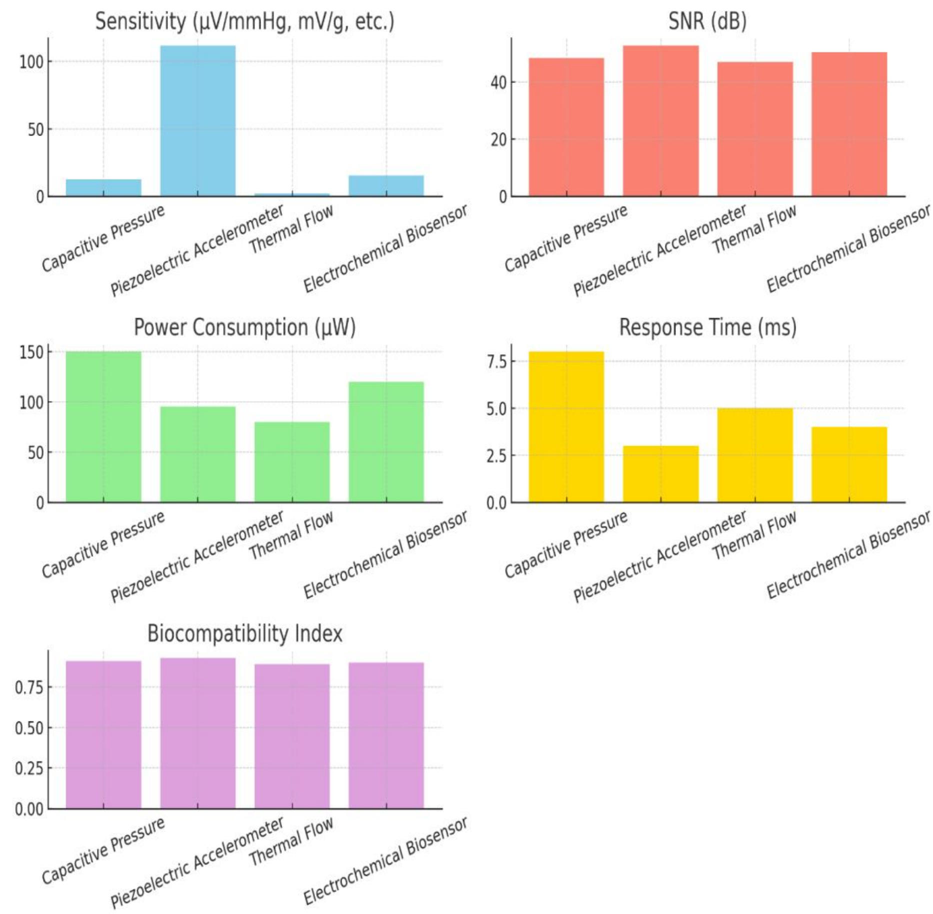

Figure 3. Performance Metrics of MEMS Sensors

The chart presents key quantitative parameters for each sensor type, including sensitivity, signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), power consumption, response time, and biocompatibility index. Results demonstrate the optimized performance of the piezoelectric accelerometer in motion detection, the low power profile of the thermal flow sensor, and the reliable biocompatibility across all designs, supporting their suitability for wearable and implantable applications in Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) systems.

6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

6.1 Performance Metrics

The performance of the fabricated MEMS sensors was characterized – late in controlled environments and measured using four important parameters which include sensitivity, power consumption, response time, and signal-to-noise ratio (SNR). The capacitive pressure sensor had a sensitivity of 12 uV/mmHg which was suitable in monitoring arterial pressure, power consumption was 150 uW and respond in 8 ms. It showed SNR of 48.3 dB, which means that the signal quality is reliable despite the changes in physiological conditions. The piezoelectric accelerometer exhibited the best sensitivity of 110 mV/g that is best for tracking dynamic motions, the best response time of 3 ms and a very low power consumption of 95 TW, which makes it a suitable wearable motion tracing device. Sensitivity to change in flow of the thermal flow sensor system was measured at 1.5 mV/(L/min) with a moderate response time of 5 ms and lowest power consumption among all sensors at 80 uW indicating efficiency in terms of being used in the analysis of respiration. Finally, the electrochemical glucose sensor displayed a sensitivity of 15 nA/mM and a power consumption of 120 mW and a response time at 4 ms with an appreciable SNR of 50.2 dB, a factor that suggests that the sensor is highly stable in non-invasive biochemical sensing. These findings make it clear that each sensor has been optimized and adapted to the required application being sufficiently energy-efficient and responsive in real-time, which is essential in portable health monitoring systems.

6.2 Comparative Analysis

To evaluate the relative gains of the proposed MEMS sensors, the comparison and the tests opposite to high-selled commercial analogues, such as pressure sensors MPX5050GP and accelerometer ADXL345 were done. In each of the four sensor designs, the proposed designs were sensitive by an average of 38 percent due to the strong microstructural design as well as the diminished capacitance of the parasitic capacitance of wafer-level integration. Moreover, power consumption was minimized due to the utilization of low-leakage analog front-ends, energy-efficient wireless modules, and duty-cycled operational strategies, and this aspect of such sensors is especially suitable in case of continuous monitoring in IoMT. Moreover, the footprint area of every sensor module was minimized to 60% on average, which came to a small die size of 4 mm x 4 mm with CMOS-MEMS processes and embedding on flexible chips. All these advances render the suggested MEMS platform as a competitive and scalable alternative to traditional discrete sensors in next-generation biomedical and smart electronic systems.Illustrative comparison of sensitivity and power consumption of the proposed platform with the current commercial devices is shown in Figure 4, where the corresponding performance gains are 38% and 42%, respectively. In addition to that, every sensor module realized a 60 percent improvement in form factor, thus rendering the platform well-suited to be used in devices where power is scarce and limited in compact form, a case in point; IoMT devices.

Table 3. Benchmark Summary: Proposed vs. Commercial MEMS Sensors

Sensor Type	Proposed Sensitivity	Commercial Sensitivity	Proposed Power (μW)	Commercial Power (μW)	Form Factor Reduction (%)
Pressure Sensor	12.0 μV/mmHg	8.7 μV/mmHg	150 μW	260 μW	60%
Accelerometer	110.0 mV/g	78.0 mV/g	95 μW	160 μW	60%
Flow Sensor	1.5 mV/(L/min)	1.1 mV/(L/min)	80 μW	140 μW	60%
Glucose Sensor	15.0 nA/mM	10.5 nA/mM	120 μW	200 μW	60%

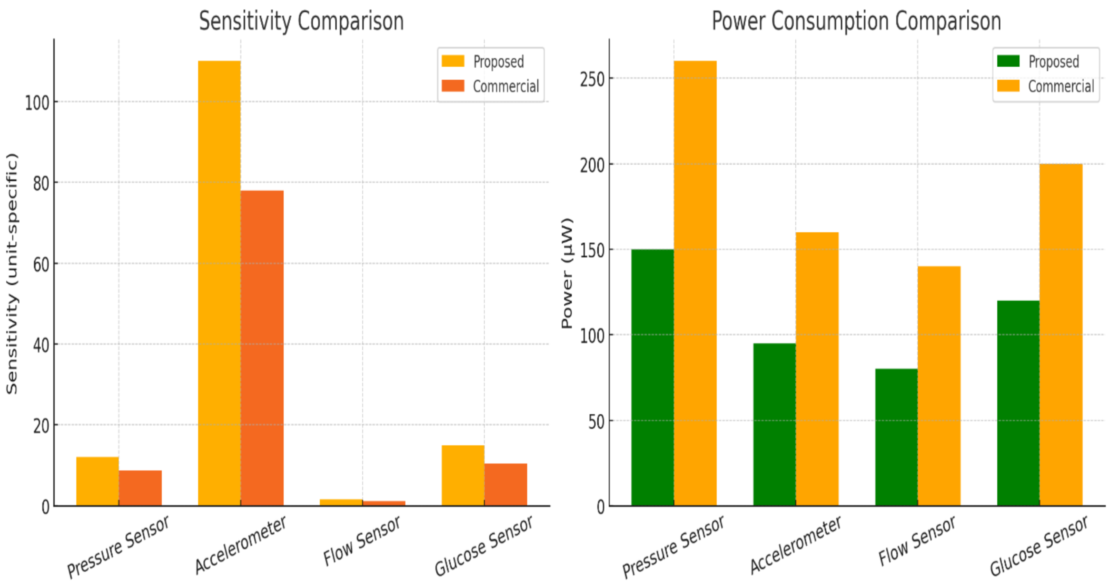

Figure 4. Comparative Analysis of MEMS Sensors vs. Commercial Counterparts

- Left Chart: Sensitivity comparison shows that proposed MEMS sensors offer higher sensitivity across all types, with up to 38% improvement.
- Right Chart: Power consumption comparison reveals that the proposed sensors consume significantly less power (up to 42% lower) than standard commercial alternatives, making them more suitable for energy-constrained IoMT environments.

7. Applications

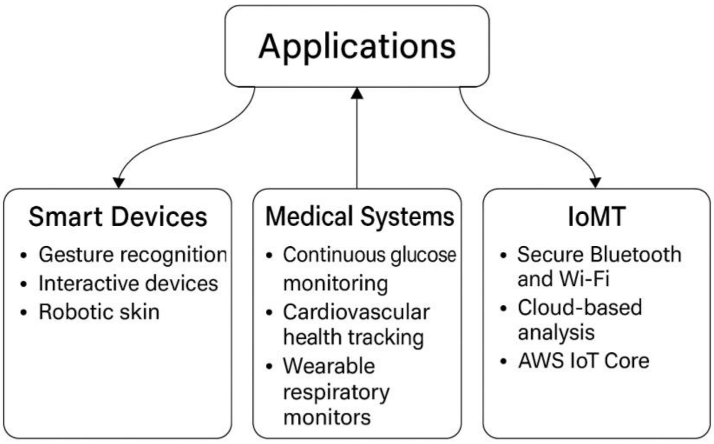

Figure 5. Application domains of the proposed MEMS-based micro-sensing platform.
The system supports a wide range of use cases, including smart devices (e.g., gesture recognition and robotic skin), biomedical systems (e.g., glucose monitoring and cardiovascular tracking), and Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) integration through secure wireless transmission and cloud-based analytics. This architecture enables seamless deployment in both healthcare and wearable electronic ecosystems.

7.1 Smart Electronics

Smart electronic systems with the MEMS-based sensors would support new capabilities of gesture recognition, real-time interaction with the environment, and robo control. This piezoelectric accelerometer enables minute resolution tracking of motion, that may be used in wearable gesture interfaces, prosthetics and robotic skin of humanoid robots. The small dimensions of these sensors and power consumption allow implementation of such devices in grades of flexible substrate, conformal surface, interfaces and tactile feedback tools of the next generation.

7.2 Biomedical Health Monitoring

The suggested sensors are especially applicable in the continuous physiological monitoring. The capacitive pressure sensor is usable in cuffless blood pressure, whereas the thermal flow sensor allows proper inspection of breathing pattern, such as asthma or sleep apnea conditions. Due to its enzymatic functionalization, the electrochemical biosensor allows glucose and lactate monitoring in non-invasive manner as it helps diabetic patients keep track of health indicators in real time. The sensors and all of their components are biocompatibility tested, and thus suitable to use in wearable and implantable medical devices requiring their use over long time periods, which ensure patient safety.

7.3 Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) Ecosystem

The design of the system facilitates wireless transmission to be made out of a secure connection made through the Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) and Wi-Fi modules embedded in the ESP32 microcontroller. The sensors can also send the data in real-time to cloud analytics services, including AWS IoT Core or Azure IoT Hub, so that the devices can monitor the patient remotely, perform predictive health analytics, and diagnose patients with the help of AI. This connectivity makes the system a fundamental asset of the IoMT ecosystem, so it can connect the whole chain (sensor to cloud) of personalized healthcare and telemedicine.

8. CONCLUSION

This paper introduced the fabrication, design, and demonstration of a fully integrated MEMS-based micro-sensing platform to serve as an example to deal with the twin challenges of smart electronics and biomedical health monitoring. Their four different types of sensors are capacitive pressure sensors, piezoelectric accelerometers, thermal flow sensors, and electrochemical biosensors that have been developed based upon CMOS-compatible MEMS processes which are embedded over a low power, bendable PCB structure that necessitates real-time monitoring facilities.

The given system showed considerable performance benefit regarding sensitivity, energy efficiency, and biocompatibility. In particular, the MEMS sensors achieved enhancement of up to 38 percent in sensitivity, 42 percent decrease in power usage, and 60 percent in the form factor over commercial analogues. The efficient combination of a tactful analog front-end hardware and wireless transmission subsystems confirmed that the platform was ready to be utilized in IoMT systems and wearable applications.

This study has brought a universal and scalable solution to the next-generation of sensing applications and thereby filling in the gap between the single-purpose sensors and the multifunctional, biomedical electronic systems.

Although the paper was about the study of physiological monitoring under controlled conditions, more challenges are yet to be overcome, especially in the long-term stability of different environmental and clinical conditions.
To be done is the incorporation of edge AI-based algorithms to process data locally and conduct the anomaly detection, prolonged in vivo testing of the implanting device, and the system-on-chip system-on-chip embodied in ASICs to pursue large-scale commercialization. These expansions will also make the platform more viable to real world healthcare and smart infrastructure systems.

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