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A Systematic Review on Cognitive Radio in Low Power Wide Area Network for Industrial IoT Applications

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Abstract: The Industrial Internet of things (IIoT) helps several applications that require power control and low cost to achieve long life. The progress of IIoT communications, mainly based on cognitive radio (CR), has been guided to the robust network connectivity. The low power communication is achieved for IIoT sensors applying the Low Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN) with the Sigfox, NB-IoT, and LoRaWAN technologies. This paper aims to review the various technologies and protocols for industrial IoT applications. A depth of assessment has been achieved by comparing various technologies considering the key terms such as frequency, data rate, power, coverage, mobility, costing, and QoS. This paper provides an assessment of 64 articles published on electricity control problems of IIoT between 2007 and 2020. That prepares a qualitative technique of answering the research questions (RQ): RQ1: “How cognitive radio engage with the industrial IoT?”, RQ2: “What are the Proposed architectures that Support Cognitive Radio LPWAN based IIOT?”, and RQ3: “What key success factors need to comply for reliable CIIOT support in the industry?”. With the systematic literature assessment approach, the effects displayed on the cognitive radio in LPWAN can significantly revolute the commercial IIoT. Thus, researchers are more focused in this regard. The study suggests that the essential factors of design need to be considered to conquer the critical research gaps of the existing LPWAN cognitive-enabled IIoT. A cognitive low energy architecture is brought to ensure efficient and stable communications in a heterogeneous IIoT. It will protect the network layer from offering the customers an efficient platform to rent AI, and various LPWAN technology were explored and investigated.

Keywords: LoRa; Sigfox; cognitive LPWAN; Industrial Internet of Things

1. Introduction

LPWAN provides long-distance communication for rural and urban areas to support IIoT devices considered by a 10-year provision time to acclimate IIoT applications with

higher extensibility and availability of intelligent monitoring infrastructure for a small portion of data exchanges. LoRa is favorable to use with smart sensing applications working on the IIoT non-authorized spectrum [1]. NBIIoT is suitable for supporting agriculture and environmental data collection and observations; industrial data tracking and monitoring; inventory tracking; smart billing; and smart buildings, smart metering, and smart cities. Machine-to-machine (M2M) communication uses the Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technique for data communication; the other IIoT applications used in healthcare, smart agriculture, intelligent home, smart vehicles, smart city, smart gadgets, and industries use the cognitive LPWAN, LoRA, Sigfox [2–7]. Figure 1 shows the various sectors of IIoT applications. There is a need to mix most LPWAN technologies in heterogeneous IIoT applications to provide more efficient and convenient intelligent services. In heterogeneous IIoT applications, there is a need to mix most LPWAN technologies to provide more efficient and convenient intelligent services. This will be deployed by cognitive LPWAN [8].

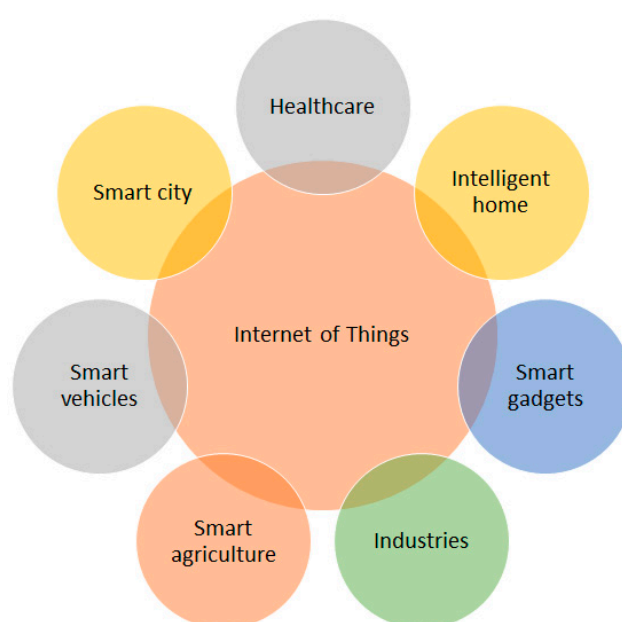


Figure 1. Various sectors of IIoT applications.

Cognitive LPWAN will provide promising IIoT systems strategies and improve spectrum usage to increase network performance. The use of cognitive radio will help overcome the limitations due to several IIoT infrastructure things. Cognitive devices in LPWAN can work collaboratively more than available spectrum allocations. The LPWANs can share channels and events because of the extra traffic packets within the specific event area, thereby striving to block the channel concurrently [9–11]. The most sophisticated Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), based on applications for smart cities, industries, metering, and home architectures, are required to transmit data over long distances, consume low energy, and to be cheaper and highly scalable [12–14]. However, the design mechanism requires maintaining the existing cellular communication technologies.

Thus, it has been a recent research prospect to meet-up all the above requisites related to IIoT-based applications, and due to the importance of the matter, newer and more suitable communication technologies such as Low Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN) started to appear with no delay. LPWAN is currently being utilized in numerous applications based on Industrial IoT (IIoT) due to their merits of offering low power consumption rates, long transmission range, low cost, simplified network topology, scalable and simple deployment, small data frame sizes [14], and thin infrastructure; even though it has low data rates [15]. According to the estimation provided in [16], 800 million IIoT devices may become connected over LPWAN standards by 2022 due to the good qualities and advantages of LPWAN. However, there is a concern that most LPWAN will typically suffer

from spectra congestion due to their major deployment in the unlicensed Industrial, Scientific, and Medical (ISM) band [17]. This demerit may cause increased interference, limited scalability, spectral inefficiency, and reduced transmission range to LPWAN systems [18].

As an aftermath, the necessity to mitigate the above limitations has encouraged the recent paradigm shift to integrate Cognitive Radio (CR) in LPWAN. The maturity of the study of CR has happened recently, intending to improve efficiency and spectral utilization in wireless communication systems; CR can automatically detect available channels in a wireless spectrum and alter its transmission parameters to ensure improved communication and radio operating behavior [19]. CR has gained better consideration under new IEEE standards such as IEEE 802.15.2, IEEE 802.22, and IEEE Standards Coordinating Committee (SCC) due to the capability of CR to solve some problems related to wireless communications, e.g., interference, delayed network deployment, and spectral efficiency [20–23]. Moreover, CR has been utilized in many IIoT-based applications [24], e.g., improving the Quality of Service (QoS) in Wireless Sensor Network (WSN)-based smart grid applications [25]. Cognitive radio has also made its mark to mitigate interference in industrial WSNs (IWSNs) and fulfills the QoS requirement by improving the latency, transmission, and frame losses challenges [26].

This analysis aims to research the literature on cognitive radio in LPWAN for industrial IoT. We investigate different studies providing different backgrounds for study and their relationships. The following research questions (RQ): RQ1: “How cognitive radio engage with the industrial IoT?”, RQ2: “What are the Proposed architectures that Support Cognitive Radio LPWAN based IIOT?”, and RQ3: What key success factors need to comply for reliable CIIoT support in the industry?”.

The main contribution of this paper is a systematic literature assessment on a long variety of extensive location (LoRa), Sigfox era, long time evolution class m (LTE-m) [27], and narrowband internet of things (NB-IoT) in low electricity extensive location LPWAN technology with an unlicensed spectrum [28,29]. Cognitive LPWAN allows industrial IoT applications for smart city services to access different wireless connectivity and selects appropriate communication technologies to achieve the best interaction experience [30–32].

The article is organized as consisting of three sections. Section 2 presents a comprehensive study on methods, material and methods, where it discusses the data collection, searching, and selecting the papers, and covers a depth review on cognitive-enabled industrial IoT applications, methods with pros and cons. Section 2 also answered each of the research questions and highlighted the deployment’s significance, the determinant factors for designing, and modeling cognitive-enabled industrial IoT frameworks. Section 3 presents the concluding remarks, with future scope for this work being suggested.

2. Materials and Methods

This study considers the systematic review technique a suitable approach to address particular research questions by applying the several phases that can be categorized into three parts—preparation, leading, and reporting the review. Figure 2 presents the overall review methodology for cognitive-enabled IIoT methods for different industrial applications. The data/paper selection methodology for the year and the source is illustrated in Figures 3 and 4.

This study’s review methodology focused on the existing approaches, techniques, and design principles of industrial IIoT applications in LPWAN. All the relevant data (journals and conferences within 2007–2020) were collected and arranged during the first phase (preparation phase): the background and formulated research questions RQ1, RQ2, and RQ3. The review of the existing methods components and data sources are highlighted in Tables 1–4.

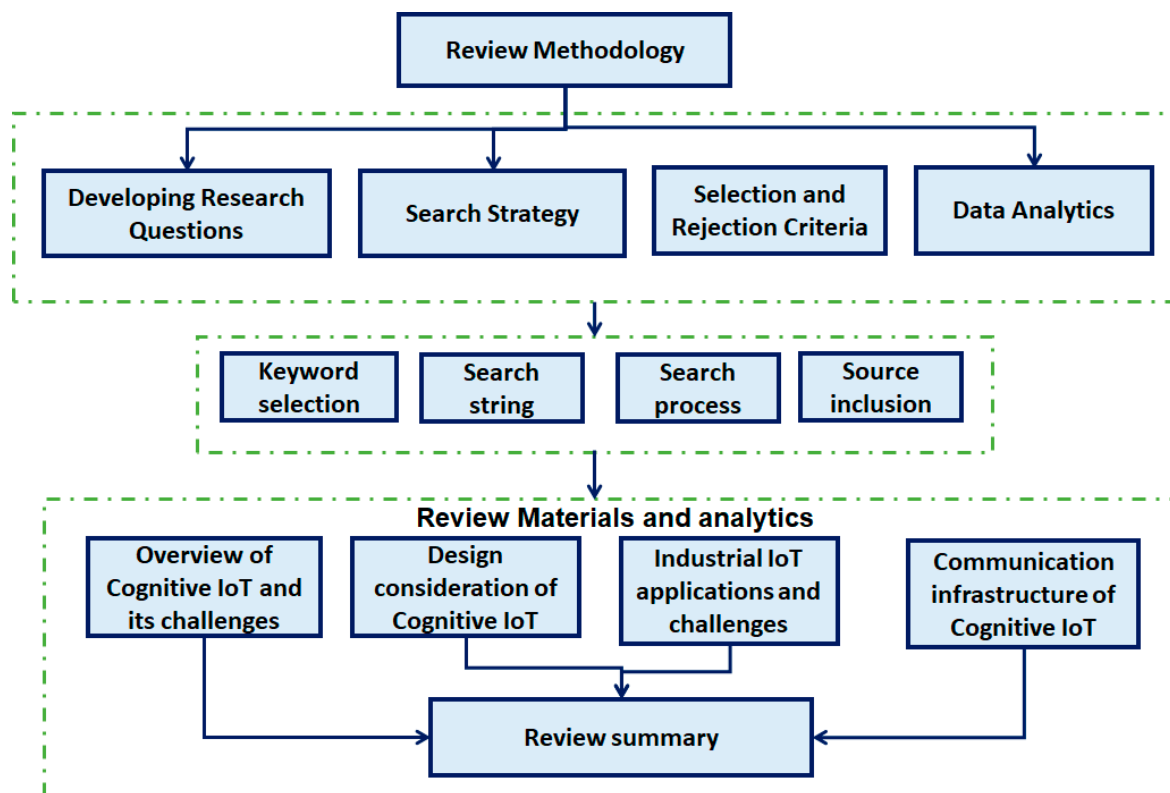


Figure 2. Review methodology.

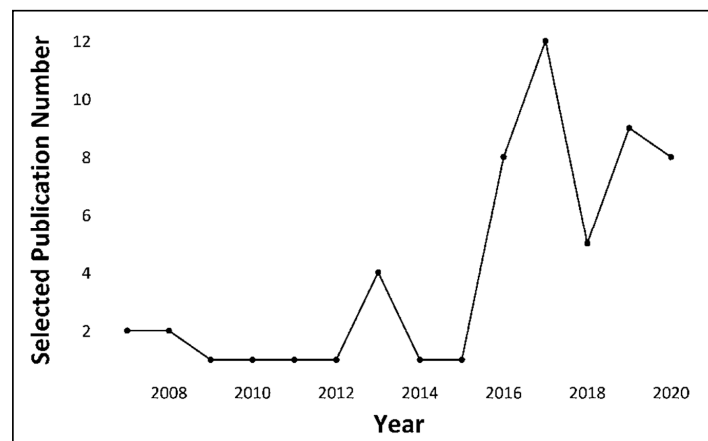


Figure 3. Selected publication over the years (2007–2020).

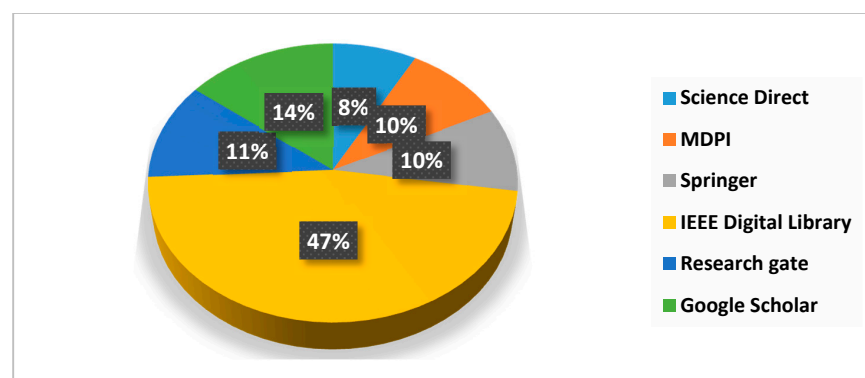


Figure 4. Sources of publication that have been considered for review.

Table 1. Comparison Technologies of Low Power WAN [10,13,18,20–28,33,34].

Technologies	LTE-M	Narrowband						
		LTE	IoT	Ecs GSM	LORA	Sigfox	Symphony Link	Weightless
Coverage area	<11 km		<15 km		20 km	<13 km	<3 km	2 km
Spectrum radio		<900 MHz [L]			both range (867–869 MHz, or 902–928 MHz) [UL]		900 MHz [UL]	923 MHz [L]
BW	1.4 MHz	200 kHz	200 kHz	2.4 MHz	125 kHz 250 kHz 500 MHz	100 kHz	125 kHz 250 kHz 500 MHz	12.5 kHz
Capacity data Rate	<1 Mbps	<150 kbps	<400 kbps	10 kbps	<50 kbps	100 bps	<50 kbps	625 bps
Life cycle battery (years)					>10			

where L is for Licensed, UL for Unlicensed.

Table 2. Summarized comparative analysis of CR LWPAN technologies for the Industrial IoT applications [16,17,22,35–37].

Technologies	Maximum Coverage	Maximum Data Rate	Modulation	Operation	CR Capabilities	IIOT Applications
Sigfox	50 km (rural)	100 bps	BPSK	Unlicensed ISM (800–900 Mz)	To be considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart Metering electricity, crude oil, natural gas, water, and sewage Smart Environment Water quality, air pollution, and radiation level Earthquake early detection and Tsunami eHealth
Weightless-W	5 km (Urban)	100 kbps	DBPSK	Licensed/Unlicensed (TV white space 138 to 780 MHz)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> intelligent traffic control security and emergency reporting services Retail
Nwave (Weightless-N)	3 km (Urban)	100 kbps	DBPSK	Unlicensed 868 to 923 MHz.	Yes (uplink only)	
LoRa	5 km (urban), 15 km (rural)	50 kbps	chirp spread spectrum (CSS)	Unlicensed ISM (400, 800, and 900 MHz)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart sensing Smart Grids and Utility
Symphony Link	12 km	100 kbps	PSK and GMSK	Unlicensed	To be considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> livestock monitoring and tracking greenhouses
NB-IoT	15 km	250 kbps	QPSK	Licensed 700–900 MHz	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart Industries and Factories Automotive and logistics
LTE-M	11 Km	1 Mbps	OFDMA/SC-FDMA	Licensed 700–900 MHz	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart home Consumers Smart buildings

Table 3. Summary of Industrial IoT features with the various parameter requirements [16,34–61].

Smart Applications	Low Power	Capacity	Coverage	Cost	CR Potential Interference to Other Primary Users
Environment	M	H	M	H	L
eHealth, Life Sciences, and Wearables	H	H	H	M	H
Farming and Agriculture	H	H	H	M	L
Metering	M	H	H	H	M
Logistics and Automotive	L	H	H	M	L
Emergencies and Security	H	L	H	M	L
Industrial Manufacturing and Automation	L	H	L	H	H
Cities	M	H	H	H	M
Real Estate and Building	L	M	H	L	L
Energy and Smart Grid	M	H	H	M	M
Retail	L	H	H	H	H

Table 4. Summary of the different Cognitive Industrial IoT technologies and applications.

Year	Approaches	Features	Advantage	Challenges	Refs.
2019	Network functionalities are implemented via software instances in cloud	Proposed an architectural specification	Improved performance	Strategizing regarding the implementation of the classical network functionalities, associated with the challenges in their respective implementations	[6,26,31]
2019	Development of a UNIX-based network interface for LPWAN	Regarding transmission distance and end-device energy consumption	Remote track vehicle status in real-time	Light vehicles with impending power barriers	[7]
2018	Traffic-pattern data set in the data-cognitive engine	Cognitive- LPWAN selects appropriate communication technologies to achieve a better interaction experience.	intelligent applications and services for the choice of different Wireless-communication technologies.	Cognitive-LPWAN and test the proposed AI-enabled LPWA hybrid method	[27,41]
2017	Interference distribution conditioning on sensor measurement	Improves area spectral efficiency (ASE) compared to a conventional ALOHA and an adaptive transmission	Access the medium only when a sensor values is measured	Spectral efficiency need to be enhanced	[12]
2019	Notable state-of-the-art approaches	Enhancement of different IIoT-based applications.	CR-LPWAN systems for IIoT-based applications	Lower efficiency and higher latency	[42]
2018	The AI algorithm provides the smart control of wireless-communication technology	Cellular-communication technologies (4G, 5G)	AI-enabled LPWA hybrid method	Higher delays in communication delay and higher energy consumptions	[24]
2019	C-LPWAN based on generic network architecture and a PHY layer front-end model	Develop CR-LPWAN systems towards enhancing IIoT-based applications	Enhanced IIoT-based applications, including Industrial IoT (IIoT) applications	Interference issue	[36]
2020	For integrating CR in LPWAN effectively, deciding on suitable network architecture and physical layer	To enhance the performance of IIoT-based on applications	CRLPWAN are required for adaptive threshold techniques to improve sensing performance	Low throughput	[17]

2.1. How Cognitive Radio Engage with the Industrial IoT?

The Cognitive Radio (CR) technologies for the Industrial IoT (IIoT) have been impressive. Many researchers have been considering the CR-based IIoT for industrial applications and proposing several approaches, techniques, and design principles using the LPWAN. In this section, the standards, protocols, devices, and methodologies will be discussed to articulate the engagement of CR in IIoT applications.

2.1.1. LPWAN for IIoT

LPWAN is considered an efficient technology for IIoT applications, which promises high-energy efficiency and coverage capability with low power consumption [31]. The LPWAN approaches such as Sigfox, LoRA, NB-IoT, and other licensed cellular IIoT technologies standardized by 3GPP such as eMTC (LTE-Cat-M1) and 5G cellular IIoT are all represented for IIoT applications and expected to be part of the new 5G framework by 2020 [32]. Multiple access levels have been applied using LPWAN for IIoT applications. In a mixed LPWAN network, Sigfox can collect the IIoT data using LoRaWAN [33] intermediary devices to facilitate connectivity to the IIoT core network, as shown in Figure 5. The LTE and 5G as wireless Access technology based on the Internet of Things connect the cells such as NB-IoT, WiFi, and LoRa [38]. The comparison is shown in Table 1.

In Mixed LPWAN, device management functions are: registration, authentications, data traffic, speed transmission, and bandwidth performance using the core network. The consistency of network servers in LPWAN occurs to control the LoRaWAN base stations' traffic flow to provide received payload [39]. Base stations forward the collected data to the IIoT SaaS to manage the database contents.

Generally, LPWA networks are suffering from latency limitations that are mitigated, and the highest rate demand is replaced by long coverage range and low consumption [40]. The inverse demand for the two technologies such as IIoT concerns big applications, and it is accessing that traditional cellular networks will still be a resolution, for example, non-energy-constrained issues that request high data rates [41]. CR delivers capacity through spectrum sensing. So, CR obtains the best frequency through the interaction with its radio

setting [42]. That is very important for CR to increase the frequency utilization for scarce radio resources. Lately, research has been projected using multiple access technologies for unlicensed frequency allocation [43].

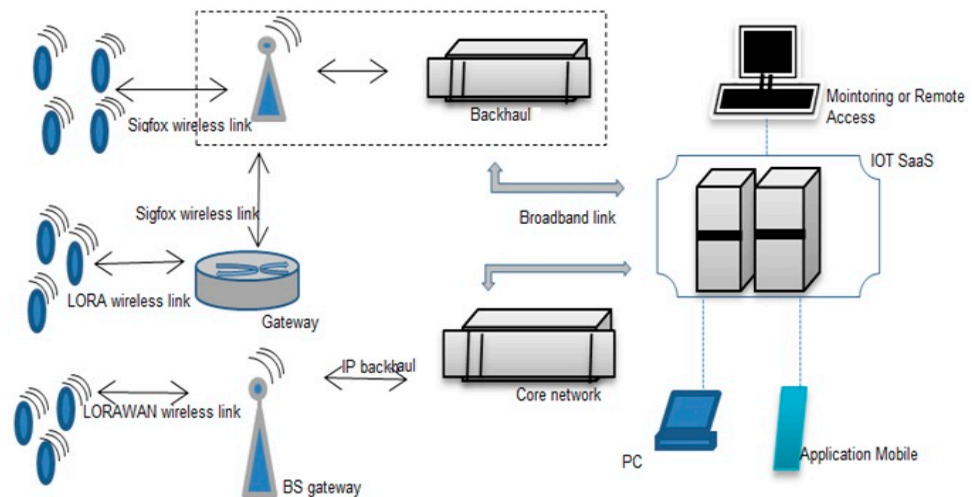


Figure 5. Mixed LPWAN for IIoT architecture [32–34].

IIoT system can control the frequency dynamically using cognitive radio power that maximizes radio utilization and system performance. In CR LPWANs, the radio channel between the licensed networks and the unlicensed BS only can take place within the cellular radio coverage area [24–44]. For convenient resource allocation by following QoS rules, the channel bandwidth allocation in LPWAN is made well-defined in wireless applications [45–47]. Hence, LPWANs face no difficulties during serving the traffic for wireless applications, even though QoS has strict requirements [48]. Moreover, CR-LPWAN is seen to be efficient whenever the primary radio network (PRN) system's radio spectrum remains underutilized, even though it has various resources. Therefore, the dynamic spectrum access is essential for efficiently managing the spectrum in CR-LPWANs for IIoT sensor nodes densely deployed [44]. Spectrum sensing functionality is the factor that distinguishes CR-LPWAN from conventional WSN.

CR can adjust the operating parameters of its spectrum sensing capability dynamically; utilizing this can determine the vacant bands [45]. CR manages these vacant bands efficiently to improve the utilization of the overall spectrum. There are two distinct categories of radio: active region using licensed bands and active region unlicensed bands. Likewise, radio users can be classified into two types—Licensed PUs and Unlicensed CUs [46]. The unlicensed CUs can use available licensed channels, only if no interference is caused for the licensed users. The unlicensed CUs in CU-WPLAN use the IoT devices to detect licensed PU's activity through spectrum sensing whenever licensed PUs use the available licensed channels. Therefore, CR should have the capability to operate both in licensed and unlicensed bands, as PUs cannot fully take advantage of the licensed spectrum bands [47].

2.1.2. Cognitive LPWAN

LPWAN technology is a low range revolutionary system for IIoT low-powered sensor devices that operate in a short distance area [48]. Thus, LPWAN technologies are up-and-coming for low power consumption, coverage, and low costs. Cognitive LPWAN operates multiple LPWAN technologies as a combination in one backbone network that achieves efficient user experiences using AI services [49]. It can provide stable communication between people and things together in heterogeneous IIoT. Cognitive LPWAN expands subscribers with more performance and relief smart services by enhancing cognitive LPWAN technologies for various applications of smart cities, Internet of vehicles, and smart home with the AI mechanisms [50].

The cognitive devices or users need to detect the spectrum before the unused spectrum's occupation using a detection technology to determine an inactive frequency spectrum. After access to the available spectrum, cognitive users need to perceive other channels to prepare the primary users to achieve transparent transfer and prevent cognitive-communication [51–53]. The benefit of using cognitive radio in LPWAN is to use sufficient spectrum and efficient energy and resource availability when using the unused opportunistic licensed spectrum [10]. Smart sensors that use a cognitive radio can access the IIoT network through LPWAN base stations responsible for receiving, storing [54], and processing data from other nodes and distributing the different requests on the network. Smart sensor nodes use a specific low power, low-speed, long-range network—typically LPWAN networks [55]. In long-range and lower power consumption applications and cellular LPWAN technologies such as LTE, NB-IoT is used. A dynamic spectrum access scheme is used in such networks to allow unlicensed users to access unused licensed bands dynamically. Cognitive radio with dynamic spectrum access provides a solution for increasing spectrum utilization in cognitive LPWAN [56].

The fusion of different LPWA technologies offers cognitive-LPWAN (C-LPWAN), an entirely new set of the application domain, as it can make intelligent services more comfortable and efficient for the users. The C-LPWAN based on an AI-enabled engine has been presented in [57]. According to this study, C-LPWAN can ensure superior advantages over known LPWAN technologies by minimizing energy consumption and delay. The architecture of C-LPWAN incorporates different LPWAN technologies, and by utilizing precise calculation, analysis, and distributed cloud support, it can choose the best suitable technology for each application [58].

2.1.3. Cognitive Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT)

The growth of IIoT applications in different aspects will require enabling protocols and more spectrum due to different kinds of devices, sensors, and things that can be connected to the Internet. Available spectrum will become rare relative to this phenomenal growth, especially in the Industrial, Scientific, and Medical Bands. Technologies such as LoWPAN and ZigBee depend on ISM bands that are not sufficient for their needs for a spectrum [59]. Cognitive radio in IIoT with dynamic spectrum access can be more aggressive, in which multiple users can simultaneously use a channel if only it satisfies the predefined quality condition. The use of cognitive technology in IIoT will help to bring control to IIoT growth issues in the case of channels distribution among devices shared with infrastructure-based development through radio connections [60].

The operational planning for Cognitive IIoT fundamentally characterizes the interactivities of mainly five essential cognitive functions: intelligence cycle, large data test, logic knowledge, derivation, and detection. Intelligent systems decide for resolution and request services supplying similar signals useful for the IIoT model [61,62]. Cognitive processing in IIoT network based on cellular backbone architecture as shown in Figure 6 enables IIoT devices to determine its action [63]. This can be accomplished by exchanging local event information between the sensor nodes and servers. Besides, IIoT devices can exchange control data for spectrum allocation and channel determination for handover. The radio sensing integration with cloud-enabled services can assist as self-reconfigurable IIoT resolutions for an implementation application [64].

Another cognitive IIoT consideration is the use of coexistence performance of hot spot indoor with LTE [65]. The coexistence system of ZigBee and LTE will promise more performance explored through the different communication networks since LTE offers low density in rural regions and ZigBee high density for urban regions. The integration between LTE and ZigBee configuration will introduce a new approach to different spectrum bands in one architecture without the spectrum sharing aspect [66].

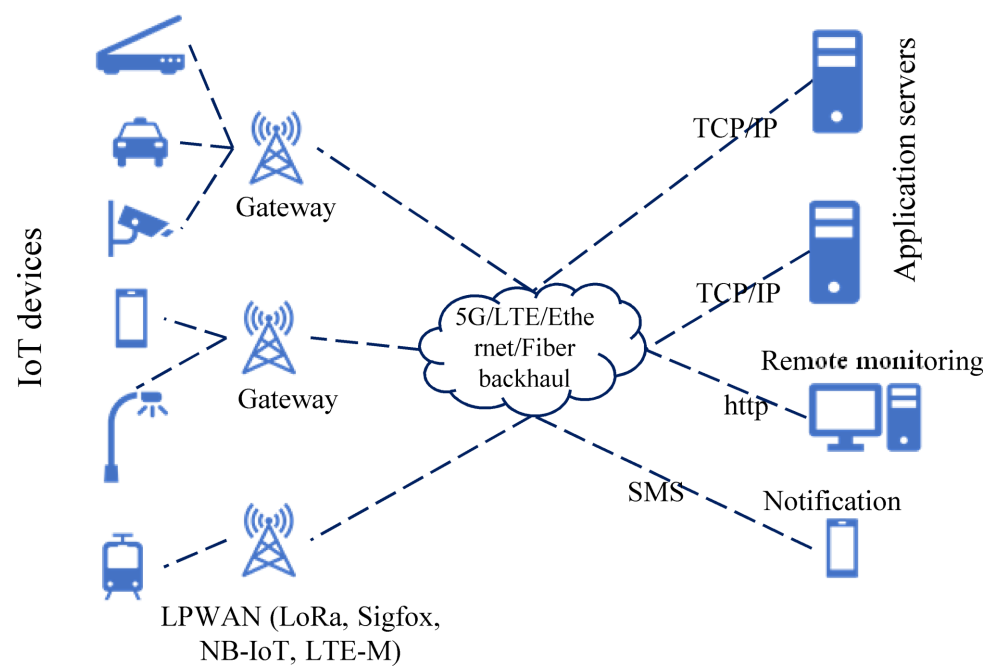


Figure 6. Cognitive-enabled LPWAN Technologies for IIoT [61–63].

In cognitive IIoT in LTE access technology, the spectrum sensing is a process that enables Secondary Users (SUs) to sense the spectrum with a given probability to detect and protect the signal from Primary Users (PUs) possibly in noisy environments [67]. It should be that the PUs signal must be identified for SUs communication at the desired interference level. For perfect sensing performance, two metrics, the probability of misdetection and false alarm, should be considered in cognitive IIoT system evaluation [64]. False alarm represents that *SU* discovers that the idle PU is active, which can miss transmission opportunity. The following equation determines the probability of false alarm [68]:

$$P_{fa} = C\left(\left(\frac{\lambda}{v^2} - 1\right) \sqrt{T \cdot F_s}\right), \quad (1)$$

where C represents the complementary distribution function of a standard Gaussian, λ denotes the spectrum sensing threshold, v^2 is the channel power noise, T denotes the spectrum sensing time, and f_s indicates the sampling rate of the channel. The detection probability of an arbitrary *SU* i is derived as follows [69]:

$$P_{su} = C\left(\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\gamma} + 1} - 1\right) C^{-1}(P_{fa}) - \sqrt{T \cdot F_s \gamma}\right), \quad (2)$$

where γ represents the SINR of the PU's signal measured at the *SU*. The misdetection probability for *SU* can be written by:

$$P_{md} = 1 - P_{su}. \quad (3)$$

Cognitive radio performance can affect the sensing ability during the detection process of the active SUs. Multipath fading problems in wireless channels that appeared in PUs will make SUs fail in the process of PUs detection, which will push the SUs to cause much interference to the PUs in their successive transmissions [70]. Either *SU* in its neighborhood can detect PUs to be active or inactive during the process of spectrum sensing; the clear channel probability (P_{cc}) for SUs with which the channel is free from the incumbent PUs, can be obtained by the following equation:

$$P_{cc} = (1 - P_{fa}) \cdot H_0 + P_{md} \cdot H_1, \quad (4)$$

where P_{fa} and P_{md} respectively refer to the probabilities of false alarm and misdetection for *SU*. H_1 is the probability of active PUs in the neighborhood of *SU*, and H_0 is the proba-

bility of inactive neighboring PUs. SUs energy detector suggested declaring the activity or inactivity of incumbent PUs with probability $(1 - P_{cc})$ and probability P_{cc} , respectively.

2.1.4. IIoT LPWAN Cognitive Radio Bands

Primary radio networks (PRNs) and cognitive radio based on LPWANs are deployed for the two different categories of radio frequency. The PRNs are mobile cellular networks where the radio-licensed bands are often observed to be underutilized. Cognitive LPWANs can deploy with PRNs at a specific frequency band. The channel radio between primary and cognitive LPWAN becomes a place within the primary radio distance [71]. The primary licensed users can only use the radio bands allocated in Primary Radio. The PRN frequency systems for cognitive LPWANs apply the CU where the frequency is unutilized. That is, CUs can differentiate and exploit these spectrum holes occurring in the PRN radiofrequency. Specifically, CU can exploit the spectrum hole occurring to transmit an opportunistic technique that does not interfere with all Primary Users [72].

The sensor system transmits its information values to the cell LPWAN, applying spectrum availability through cognitive energy radio. Figure 6 shows a set of different IIoT end nodes, which depend on LPWAN and may include Smart cities. End nodes communicate with CR-LPWAN gateway (GW) by the LPWAN network. The coverage region of the Cognitive LPWAN is possibly primary user (PU) communication, as shown in Figure 7. For example, a PU network belongs to a cellular network or TV network. The Cognitive LPWAN operates within the PU's coverage region via determining transmitting opportunistically over white spaces on a non-interference resource. Data rate coming from the end nodes by white spaces progresses through the CR-LPWAN GW to an IIoT network, which includes all devices on the Internet. A geo-position database with different application servers can be accessed via the Cognitive LPWAN gateway to significantly determine white spaces' obtainability to recognize application, determining control commands significantly [73]. The information is finally transmitted to the server that is unspecific in Figure 5 for cognitive radio based on the IIoT.

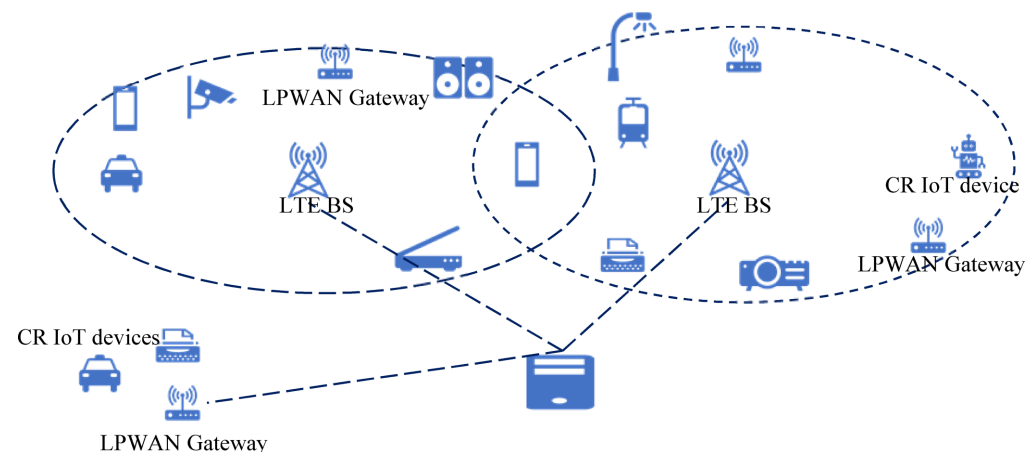


Figure 7. Radiofrequency network architecture [72,73].

2.1.5. Spectrum Allocation

The radio frequency spectrum allocation to unlicensed users depends on the central spectrum in cognitive IIoT-based LPWAN. Although a centralized sensing technique is available for collecting information on free frequencies, sometimes decentralized sensing technique also plays a part. The spectrum availability is scanned by the transceiver on the IIoT device and sent by access points using a specified network. This spectrum access process allows allocating a specific spectrum channel to a certain cognitive user on the IIoT device based on availability [74]. In spectrum access, the radio technique for unlicensed frequency users to effectively access the unutilized licensed bands to decrease the new frequency bands or white area is recognized as the dynamic access frequency band.

In this platform, frequency band unlicensed users essentially use unused licensed frequency bands without damage. When the frequency licensed band of the user initiates the frequency band, the frequency band unlicensed user has to create the free frequency band and transmit it to another inactive radio. The Cognitive Radio techniques and frequency spectrum dynamic access platform significantly improve resolution for upgrading frequency utilization in the cognitive radio [75]. Dynamic access is a technique wherein the frequency spectrum holes in spectrum radio allocation mean the radio spectrum is used proactively. Fixed allocation sources based totally on the static spectrum get right of entry to be unsuitable for cooperating with spectrum radio disabilities anticipated to proportion sources.

On the contrary, dynamic resource allocation functions well using spectrum holes or spectrum accessible bandwidth, by applying several approaches. Various shared radio resources have distinctive structures and can allocate several constant frequency bandwidths to numerous structures. The media access control (MAC) or channel allocation in LPWANs are better to explain so that the percentage of resources can turn out to be dependent on special SINR within the wireless software; the LPWANs can contribute to the Wi-Fi applications with difficult QoS demands [76].

The planner ought to decide a mac protocol of CR based on IIoT, based totally on numerous vital requirements. Firstly, IIoT devices are unique in using massive data, higher cost, communicate vicinity, electricity consumption, and communication devices. Secondly, the checked radio frequency band is widespread. Many essential operators play approximately the function of choosing a mac protocol for the IIoT machine. The operators are communication probability, delays, and power consumption. Therefore, purposeful MAC protocol has to tolerate decrease fees, decrease complexity, and low strength intake. A mac protocol has to be as much as the correct errors. For example, this work [77] offers a comprehensive evaluation among mac types of standards, IEEE 802.11ah, and IEEE 802.15.4.

The requirements are consistent with its structures. The IEEE 802.15.4 is a better deployable system than the IEEE 802.11ah or IEEE 802.14 because of its energy saving and networkability permits regulating a huge number of IIoT devices system in unlicensed 2.4 using Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS). Numerous smart devices allow MAC protocols, for instance, slotted aloha and acquainted Carrier Sense Multiple Access/Collision Avoidance (CSMA/CA); and orthogonal frequency division multiple Access (OFDMA) and Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS) were deployed for IIoT LPWAN systems for applying the spectrum [78]. For instance, a CSMA/CA MAC protocol [79].

Cognitive LPWAN is an especially designed dynamic radio where the primary radio network (prn) structures with a huge number of radio sources become underutilized; so the cognitive radio LPWANs, the green get admission to is primary to the dynamic spectrum control for being closely deployed within the IoT [80]. The cognitive LPWAN is superb from the conventional interference standpoint through spectrum sensing implementation [81]. Cognitive radio locates the restricted bands anywhere and functions, adjusting its processing variable parameters, by dynamically controlling radio band utilization.

2.2. What Are the Proposed Architectures That Support Cognitive Radio LPWAN Based IIoT?

Architectures that Support Cognitive Radio LPWAN-based IIOT are discussed in the following subsections:

2.2.1. Cognitive IIoT LPWAN Architectures

Cognitive Radio LPWAN supports artificial intelligent application services, such as automatic driving and smart houses [16]. The heterogeneous wireless communication technologies can be used for the design and implementation of the IIoT infrastructure. To design the IIoT infrastructure for the unlicensed LoRa and Sigfox, the short coverage area BLE and WiFi; and cellular technologies, LTE-m, NB-IoT, and 5G, have been suggested [82]. The coverage area of narrowband IoT is less than a distance of 15 km, whereas Bluetooth BLE is less than a length of 10 m; WiFi is less than 100 m; Long Range LoRa is less than

20 km; LTE is less than 11 km; and 5G is less than 15 km [83]. The performance parameters such as distance, high data rate, bandwidth, and sensor capacity are discussed in Table 1. The limitations of the different implementations of narrowband IoT base stations using the LTE infrastructures are highlighted. Using LTE radio wave resources can save the power consumption of WAN applications as well as costs. Long Range LoRa is mostly used for cognitive interconnection and transmission and other implementation applications for its enhancement of the unlicensed spectrum. Table 2 presented a summarized comparative analysis of CR LWPAN technologies for the critical Industrial IoT applications. The NB-IoT supports environment AI monitoring in smart cities. The WiFi technology supports smart home as AI home, Machine-to-Machine wireless communication technology, and other implementation applications; LoRa supports smart sensing, smart home, and M2M communication technology [84].

Table 3 presents Industrial IoT characteristics with different parameter requirements (L: Low; M: Medium; H: High). For example, for environments WPWAN CIIoT applications, the power needed is medium due to the scattering of devices around the area; the random distribution probabilities of the long and short distances between the sensor and gateway are similar. Link capacity needed is high due to huge reporting sensors. Coverage is medium as well because for environmental applications, usually the coverage is smaller than cities and larger than campuses. The cost needed is high due to the nature of the environment's application usually at the remote side where no network deployment is available. CR potential interference to other primary users is low, which is due to the environment's application usually at the remote side where there is rarely another network to be deployed at remote or jungle areas, and even though it happens that another foreign network has deployed, the number of devices would not be large.

2.2.2. Architecture and Domain of CR-Based IIoT

CR based on IIoT region and IIoT articles should have the intellectual office to make smart goals on the range and perform smart administration by breaking down system circumstances. In [85], a CR method was proposed to improve M2M interchanges. Substantial scale IIoT applications make vast volumes of information, yet this information is unfilled and unambiguous with reliable data. An information CR dependent on IIoT structure empowers interpretation for the executive's information and insightful assurance work. Intellectual condition aware structure-based public IoT (pIoT) diminishes to overhead, where pIoT is free and dynamic, as it depends on the open connections between articles. Status obtaining is trailed by information identification and information mining methods to identify diverse follow-up conditions. This helps in the evaluation of administrations. After this, many approaches have appeared with different concerns and functioned for accurate decisions [86].

Virtual objects (VOs) are created in [87] to speak to sensors. This model applied sensor information and used the data. The system design has sensors, controllers, a focal center point, a server, and a client layer. A composite virtual article speaks to a gathering of VOs that have discernment with semantic interoperability. The purchaser level gives an interface to clients to collaborate with the framework for application utilization. A Distributed Internet like Architecture for Things (DIAT), because of three-level engineering, can bolster the secure expansion of various heterogeneous gadgets. The layered design manages security and adaptability also. Intellectual capacity acknowledges perceptive choices with a self-governing administration arrangement. Psychological capacities are consolidated at all three dimensions, bringing about a stack called IIoT Daemon. With the expansion of sensors in IIoT comes the issue of vitality proficiency. One arrangement is to choose vitality effective passageways. This is accomplished through diversion hypothesis and disseminated learning. In any case, the structure must be adaptable and less perplexing in the calculation. Software-defined radio (SDR) innovation for the remote IIoT stage was considered in [88].

2.2.3. The Architecture of U-LTE Cognitive Radio for IIoT

Unlicensed LTE (U-LTE) bands provide an attractive opportunity to satisfy subcarriers, enabling access to 5 GHz for IIoT. These bands coexist with other Wi-Fi/IoT users. The coexistence between U-LTE and IoT requires a protocol to listen before talk (LBT) with cognitive radio [55–72]. The differences between LTE and IoT in PHY/MAC can cause continuous interference to Wi-Fi/IoT systems. Unlicensed band operation needs the component to be within the regulatory requirements of a given area deployment state of affairs of U-LTE at the side of IIoT person device and devices, by using speaking with Wi-Fi to get AP to use the unlicensed spectrum, form a femtocell, and grow to be number one customers. United states in a small cell with eNodeB utilize unlicensed spectrum and grow to be secondary customers. In U-LTE, the unlicensed spectrum is handiest for downlink site visitors and the operations that include making sure reliable communications and checking the provision of intended unlicensed channels are achieved through eNodeB [89].

In the coexistence of U-LTE with Wi-Fi/IoT system as shown in Figure 8, the LTE and Wi-Fi/IoT randomly generate multiple signals with respective energy and transmission time. Free channels could be allotted to the transmission between the respective source and sink where the machine architectures of U-LTE cognitive radio for IIoT occupy idle channels and transmit for its respective period [90]. The contention adoption via the wireless based on mac protocol with a random access mechanism will find that the medium busy most of the time and have high back off.

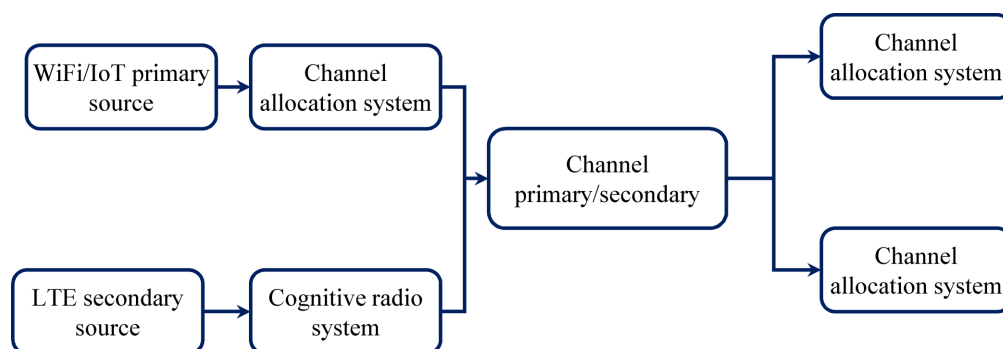


Figure 8. Coexistence of U-LTE Cognitive Radio/IIoT [88,90].

Within the cognitive radio utility in such coexistence architecture, wireless/IIoT can be considered as a primary user (pu) and U-LTE because of the secondary consumer (su). The alerts come from IIoT assets that occupy the channels following their own MAC protocol employing the channel allocation device. While U-LTE indicators will comply with the requirements channels through the cognitive radio machine. The cognitive radio system can be prepared on LTE base station, which gets a transmission request from LTE resources and then discovers the unfastened channels utilizing estimated idle channel threshold by way of measuring the energy degree for the duration of the listening duration [91].

2.2.4. Architectures of NBIIoT Cognitive Radio

New 3GPP technology standardized in LTE known as NBIIoT has gained more attention for IIoT applications. NBIIoT enables a wide range of services for M2M communication for stable connectivity among IIoT devices, which are desirable to access the medium at any time. The IIoT traffic involves small data packets that can be subject to excessive collision due to many devices. The use of cognitive radio with random access strategies is done to reduce congestion in the network [92]. In addition, the cognitive radio will promise to meet the requirements of future IIoT spectrum by identifying vacant channels dynamically, and the networks of CR-IIoT will offer collaborative sensing at a low rate and provide support needs of channels for information exchanges between cognitive radio users and the central node for the IIoT, as shown in Figure 9 below.

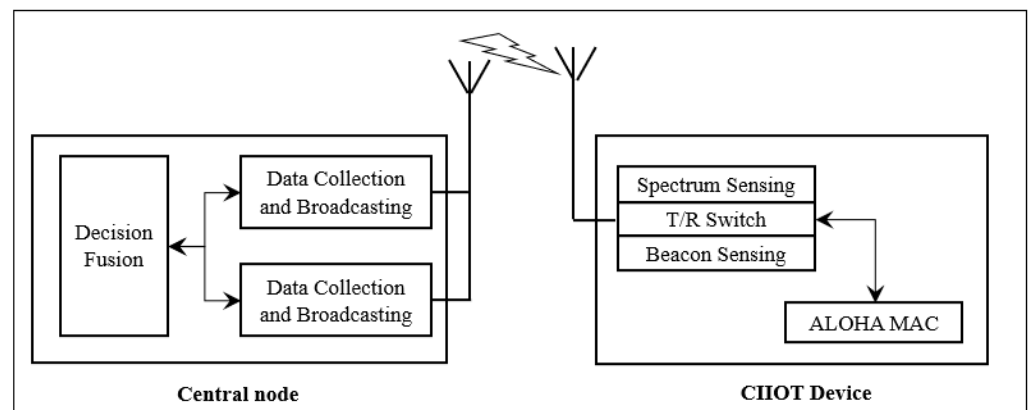


Figure 9. Collaborative sensing of IIoT device in NB-IoT Cognitive Radio system [91,92].

In NB-IoT cognitive radio, energy saving should be considered to reduce the system realization cost for cognitive radio users; this is due to comparing the energy detected on a channel with the local threshold. Matched filter detection can be used as an optimal signal detection mechanism to maximize the SNR of the recovered primary user (PU) signal. In such a network, the received signal can be represented as $y(n)$ affected by the noise $u(n)$ that is assumed to be a complex Gaussian distribution function with zero mean and known variance given by $E(|u(n)|^2) = \sigma^2 n$. The received signal at NB-IoT cognitive radio device denoted by $S(n)$ with zero mean and known variance can be given by $E(|s(n)|^2) = \sigma^2 s$ [32]. The shared signal-to-noise ratio β at a certain group of NB-IoT cognitive radio devices is given by:

$$\beta = \frac{\sigma^2 s}{\sigma^2 n}. \quad (5)$$

In this system, all devices assumed are assigned to different groups of sensed frequencies based on their packet priority and sensing SNR, such that devices with the same sensing abilities were assigned to the same group. The decision variable of the energy detector for collected N_s recovered signals can be written as follows.

$$T(\beta) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_s} |\beta(n)|^2 \quad (6)$$

when $T(\beta)$ follows Gaussian distribution Collaborative sensing, all devices in NB-IoT cognitive radio will transmit their local detection information to the central node to take the final decision on the presence of the PU signal, and then the decision is communicated to all devices. The collaborative sensing system set to times is known as sensing time (T_S) and collaborative sensing time (T_{CS}) for sensing and communicating sensing information to and from the central node. This scheme will provide more accurate sensing decisions, especially under the low SNR scenario.

2.3. What Key Success Factors Need to Comply for Reliable CIIoT Support in the Industry?

The key success factors for reliable CIIoT are discussed in this section. The IIoT can be built and operated with the development of other technologies using the Internet connection. The use of cloud and distributed computing, remote sensor system, and actuator systems' significance toward reliable cognitive IIoT is reviewed in the following subsections [93].

2.3.1. CIIoT with Fog and Clouds

Distributed computing is another rising plan, and it accepts that the future world will join the "everything as an administration" model dependent on the sharing of assets through the cloud. Individuals will approach any administration, whenever and wherever with the assistance of the Web association. Be that as it may, access to these assets is an incredible test. Distributed computing has three noteworthy administration mod-

els: framework as an administration, stage as an administration, and programming as an administration [94]. Notwithstanding these models, detecting as an administration is additionally proposed. Also, haze registering conveys the administrations near the end clients; that is why it is essential to consider such cloud administrations (correspondence, stockpiling, arrangement, and the executives) at the edge of a system. Utilizing psychological capacity and CRN with its dynamic range of abilities, can consolidate with distributed computing to convey IIoT administration provisioning to the real world [95].

2.3.2. CIIoT Remote Sensor Systems

Remote sensor systems (WSNs) have officially demonstrated their helpfulness as of late. Scaled downsize and minimal effort have made sensors a significant wellspring of data gathering. The need to know whenever and anywhere has bolstered the idea that they are joining in IIoT structures [96]. Notwithstanding, data recovery from these sensors remains a test in the substantial-scale topographical arrangement or in-home applications because of range accessibility and obstruction. Besides, assets constrained sensors to produce and transmit crude information rather than expansive and valuable information streams. WSN information can be valuable for little-scale applications, yet it might have issues in the IIoT setting. In this manner, WSNs mix with CRNs and give foundationless and self-composed systems that have great potential for IIoT applications. Cognitive Radio with Actuator Systems (WSANs) performs activities indicated by condition detecting [56,62,64,66–68,72–75]. Their impromptu nature gives the least physical expansion and for the most part, results in a solitary assignment. Joining WSANs in IIoT needs a more comprehensive vision. Transmitting activities to actuators in an opportune and proficient way is a major obstacle. NFC and RFID have generally been appropriate for WSANs; nevertheless, a subjective info-communication viewpoint is additionally researched to improve the IIoT system [97].

2.3.3. CIIoT with D2D and M2M Technologies

The developing increment in the number of gadgets has transformed the concentration into M2M correspondence rather than human-to-human (H2H) correspondence. A few gadgets such as mobiles, workstations, and sensors can engage in data communication without the requirement for human intercession. Reliance on machine information has made M2M correspondence significant for future IIoT systems [54,72]. Therefore, the self-configurable systems for inter-device communication methods are necessary [73–75]. Moreover, the system resource must be shared between M2M and established H2H interchanges coordinating CRNs [98]. The summary of the cognitive radio technologies for different IIoT applications is presented in Table 4.

2.3.4. Cognitive Engine

Cognitive Engine (CE) is a central feature of CR that acknowledges intelligent argumentation and learning on the software radio system and executes the entire cognitive sequence. CE uses the radio resource cognitive engine and cognitive data engine [20,56,62]. Radio resource development for the lifetime multi-paradigm flow of data in the technology networks is performed with data automatic operating power and by implementing the data intelligently. The cognitive data engine could organize the communication allocation resources and allocation network resources [21,62,72–75] of heterogeneous IoT and remote access cloud, and create the actual time returns of the overall data allocation resources to the cognitive data engine.

3. Conclusions and Future Work

The IIoT helps several applications that require power control and low cost to achieve long life. The development of the IIoT communication technologies base on CR has achieved high ability for industrial network stable connectivity. An efficient and appropriate smart service in smart cities, i.e., advanced health care, automatic driving, and users, can currently easily access such IIoT. This paper focuses on smart wireless technologies based on

cognitive radio wireless medium with low power wide area LPWAN unlicensed spectrum using LoRa, Sigfox, LTE-M, and NB-IoT. Various cognitive IIoT applications have been studied, with their techniques, protocols, and the model success determinant parameters with their significance being identified. Cognitive LPWAN allows smart city services to access other wireless access points and selects appropriate communication technologies to achieve the best user experience. Our future study for the research area is to develop a framework that facilitates less energy, long-run devices, and the highest possible data rate using the cognitive Internet of Things for the industrial solution.

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Abbreviations

3GPP	Third Generation Partnership Project
5G	Fifth Generation
AI	Artificial Intelligence
BLE	Bluetooth Low Energy
CIoT	Cognitive Radio IIoT
CR	Cognitive Radio
CRLPWAN	Cognitive Radio Low Power Wide Area Network
CSMA	Carrier Sense Multiple Access
CU	Cognitive User
eMTC	Enhanced Machine Type Communication
FHSS	Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum
IIoT	Industrial Internet of Things
IoT	Internet of Things
ISM	Industrial, Scientific, and Medical
IWSNs	Interference in Industrial Wireless Sensor Networks
LoRA	Bi-directional Long Short-term Memory
LoRaWAN	Low Range Wide Area Network
LPWAN	Low Power Wide Area Network
LTE	Long Term Evolution
M2M	Machine-to-Machine
MAC	Media Access Control
NB-IoT/NB-IoT	Narrow Band Internet of Things
OFDMA	Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access
PU	Primary User
QoS	Quality of Service
RQ	Research Question
SCC	IEEE Standards Coordinating Committee
SDR	Software-defined radio
SINR	Signal to Interference Noise Ratio
U-LTE	Unlicensed LTE
VOs	Virtual objects
WSN	Wireless Sensor Network

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