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Research Proposal Outline

1. Project Title:

Machine learning-based predictive and calibration models leveraging multi-sensor data for non-invasive glucose monitoring (NIGM) system

2. Significance/Contribution to the discipline/Research Problem:

- **Problem Statement:** Current glucose monitoring methods, such as finger-prick tests, are invasive, painful, and inconvenient for patients, particularly those with diabetes who require frequent monitoring. Non-invasive glucose monitoring (NIGM) systems offer a promising alternative but face challenges in accuracy, reliability, and calibration due to the complexity of multi-sensor data.
- **Significance:** This research aims to address these challenges by developing advanced machine learning (ML) models for calibration and prediction, leveraging multi-sensor data to improve the accuracy and reliability of NIGM systems.
- **Contribution:** The project will contribute to the fields of biomedical engineering, machine learning, and diabetes management by:
    - Advancing the state-of-the-art in NIGM systems.

    - Providing a robust framework for integrating and interpreting multi-sensor data.
    - Enabling real-time, accurate, and user-friendly glucose monitoring solutions.

3. Research Question:

- Primary Research Question: How can machine learning-based calibration and prediction models improve the accuracy and reliability of non-invasive glucose monitoring systems using multi-sensor data?
- Secondary Questions:
    - What are the most effective machine learning algorithms for processing and fusing multi-sensor data in NIGM systems?
    - How can calibration models be optimized to account for individual variability and environmental factors?
    - What are the key challenges in deploying ML-based NIGM systems in real-world scenarios?

4. Aims and Objectives:

- Aim: To design and develop a machine learning-based framework for accurate and reliable non-invasive glucose monitoring using multi-sensor data.
- Objectives:
    - To review and analyse existing NIGM technologies and identify gaps in calibration and prediction accuracy.

- To collect and preprocess multi-sensor data (e.g., optical, thermal, and electrochemical signals) for glucose monitoring.
- To develop and train machine learning models for calibration and prediction of glucose levels.
- To validate the models using clinical data and compare their performance with existing methods.
- To design a prototype NIGM system integrating the developed ML models.

5. Key literature related to the project:

1. Non-Invasive Glucose Monitoring Technologies (optical, thermal, and electrochemical):

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Abubeker, K. M. *et al.* (2024) 'Internet of things enabled open source assisted real-time blood glucose monitoring framework', *Scientific Reports*, 14(1). doi:10.1038/s41598-024-56677-z.

Agrawal, H., Jain, P. & Joshi, A.M. (2022) 'Machine learning models for non-invasive glucose measurement: Towards diabetes management in Smart Healthcare', *Health and Technology*, 12(5), pp. 955–970. doi:10.1007/s12553-022-00690-7.

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6. Methodology/Development strategy/Research Design:

- Phase 1: Literature Review and Data Collection
  - Review existing NIGM technologies and ML approaches.
  - Collect multi-sensor data from clinical trials or publicly available datasets.
- Phase 2: Data Preprocessing and Feature Engineering

- Clean and normalize multi-sensor data.
- Extract relevant features for glucose prediction.

- Phase 3: Model Development
  - Develop ML models for calibration (e.g., regression-based models) and prediction (e.g., neural networks, ensemble methods).
  - Train models using labeled data and optimize hyperparameters.
- Phase 4: Model Validation and Testing
  - Validate models using independent datasets and compare performance metrics (e.g., accuracy, precision, recall).
  - Conduct robustness testing under varying conditions (e.g., different skin types, environmental factors).
- Phase 5: Prototype Development
  - Integrate the best-performing models into a prototype NIGM system.
  - Test the prototype in a controlled environment.

7. Ethical considerations and risk assessment (as part of your ethical approval application):

- Ethical Approval: Obtain approval from relevant ethics committees for data collection and clinical trials.
- Data Privacy: Ensure compliance with data protection regulations (e.g., GDPR, HIPAA) for handling sensitive health data.
- Informed Consent: Obtain informed consent from participants in clinical trials.
- Risk Assessment:
  - Risk of inaccurate predictions: Mitigate by rigorous testing and validation.

- Risk of data breaches: Implement robust cybersecurity measures.
- Risk of participant discomfort: Ensure non-invasive methods are used.

8. Description of artefact(s) that will be created:

- Artefact 1: Machine Learning Models
    - Calibration and prediction models for glucose monitoring.
    - Documentation of model architecture, training process, and performance metrics.
- Artefact 2: Prototype NIGM System
    - A functional prototype integrating the developed ML models.
    - User interface for real-time glucose monitoring.
- Artefact 3: Dataset
    - A curated dataset of multi-sensor glucose monitoring data (if collected).

9. Timeline of proposed activities:

Phase	**Duration** (months)	**Activities**
Literature review	1	Review existing technologies, identify gaps, and finalize research questions.
Data collection	2	Collect and preprocess multi-sensor data.
Model development	2	Develop and train ML models for calibration and prediction.
Model validation	1	Validate models and compare performance with existing methods.
Prototype design	1	Integrate models into a prototype NIGM system and conduct testing.

Final reporting	2	Document findings, prepare research papers, and present results.