

# Pareto Set Learning for Multi-Objective Reinforcement Learning Applied to Autoadaptive Duty Cycle in Medical Wearable Technology

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**Abstract:** Portable medical devices designed for continuous monitoring of physiological parameters face a critical trade-off between energy autonomy and monitoring quality. This study presents an adaptive energy management approach based on the Pareto Set Learning - Multi-Objective Reinforcement Learning (PSL-MORL) algorithm for a system powered by photovoltaic solar energy recovery. The proposed approach dynamically generates Duty Cycle (DC) modulated according to the wearer's National Early Warning Score 2 (NEWS2), simultaneously targeting 24-hour energy neutrality operational (ENO) and compliance with clinical recommendations. A comparative study using MATLAB simulation evaluates three strategies: the PSL-MORL algorithm, an intensive monitoring policy ( $D = 14.3\%$ ), and an energy-saving policy ( $DC = 5.26\%$ ). The results demonstrate that the proposed approach guarantees 24-hours autonomy (+42.9% vs. intensive policy), improves the average NEWS2 compliance reward by 58.4% compared to the energy-saving policy, and optimizes the allocation of 142 measurements over clinically critical periods. These performances validate the effectiveness of the PSL-MORL algorithm in reconciling the energy and clinical constraints of autonomous portable medical devices.

**Keywords:** Adaptive Power Management, Energy-Aware Scheduling, IoWT, MORL, Pareto Set Learning, Physiological Monitoring.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Wearable technologies coupled with artificial intelligence (AI) are playing an increasingly important role in the field of connected health, enabling early diagnosis and continuous remote monitoring of patients' health status [1], [2], [3]. However, the requirements associated with the acquisition, processing, and continuous transmission of physiological data demand increased computing power, resulting in significantly higher energy consumption [4]. Connected wearable devices, integrated into the Internet of Wearable Things (IoWT) ecosystem, are generally battery-powered, which limits their operational autonomy [5]. In this context, optimizing energy efficiency is one of the major challenges in ensuring the viability and widespread adoption of IoWT systems in clinical and ambulatory settings [6]. Xcxx.

## II. SYSTEM MODEL

The proposed system is based on an architecture consisting of four main components, illustrated in Fig 1: (i) a photovoltaic solar energy recovery module, (ii) an electrochemical storage element (battery), (iii) a set of physiological sensors constituting the system load, and (iv) a power management unit (PMU) responsible for optimizing the device's energy consumption [7]. The battery has a maximum capacity of. We consider that the sensor node has a variable operating cycle. The power management unit uses information on the current battery charge level, light intensity, and sensor data to establish the device's operating cycle. We also assume that a higher duty cycle results in increased energy consumption and higher performance of the sensor node [8].

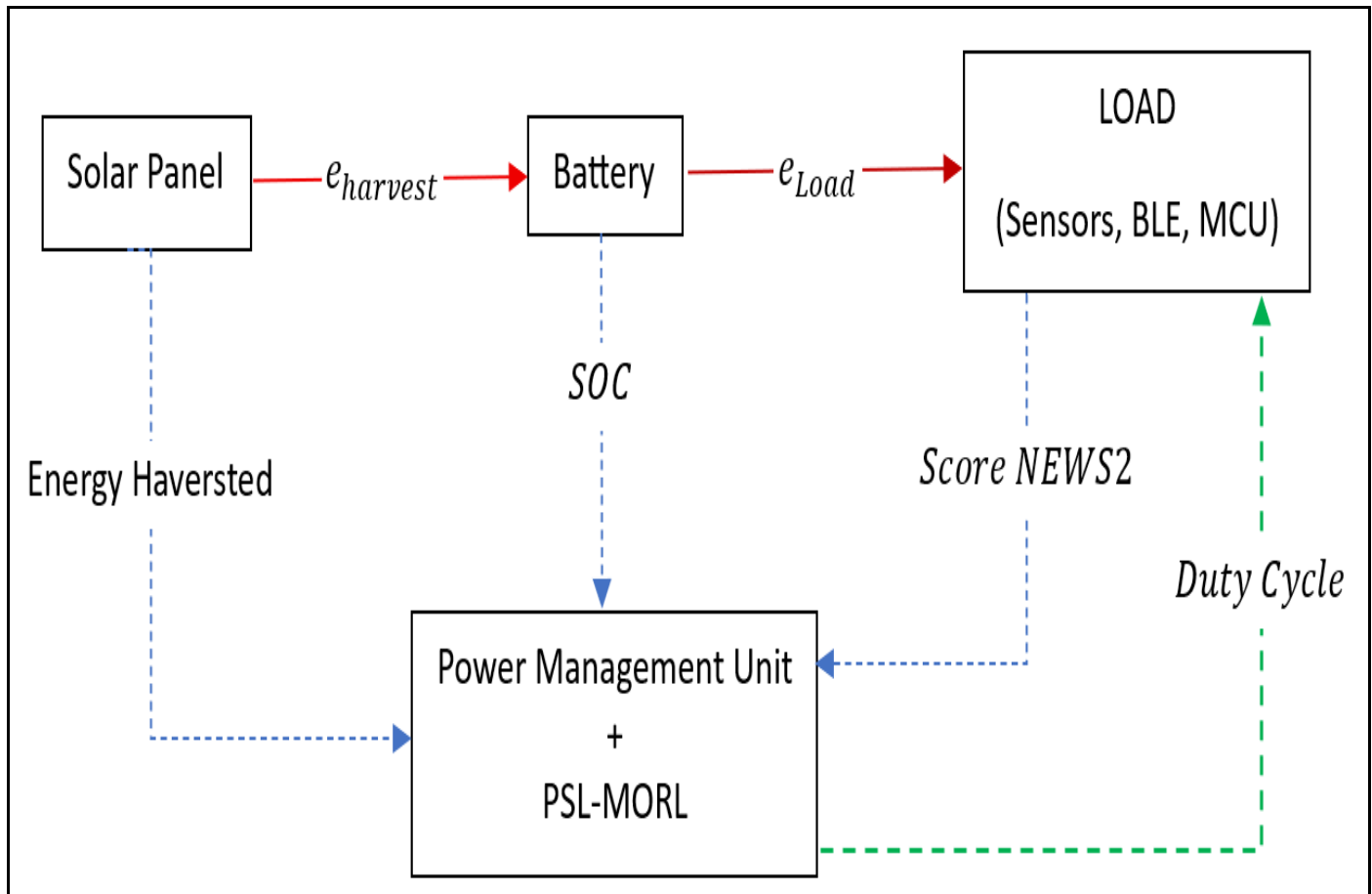


Fig 1 System Model

#### ➤ Solar Energy Harvester

The energy harvester (EH) circuit is connected to a small 1W solar photovoltaic cell measuring 80×100 mm, with an energy conversion efficiency of 35% [9]. The monocrystalline panel has an open-circuit voltage of 8.2V, with a voltage and current of 6.4V and 170mA, respectively, at maximum power point. The EH circuit is based on the LT3652 monolithic buck converter, which operates with a minimum input voltage of 4.95 V. The LT3652 optimizes energy transfer from the photovoltaic panel to the battery. Once charging is complete, the LT3652 automatically enters a low-power standby mode, in which supply bias currents are minimized to 85  $\mu$ A [10].

#### ➤ Load Components

##### • Microcontroller with BLE Module

The NINA-B302 module includes a small, self-contained Bluetooth Low Energy 5 circuit paired with the nRF52840 microcontroller [11]. It also incorporates a planar inverted-F antenna, which is tuned using a passive network consisting of inductors and capacitors, creating a perfectly matched transceiver system. The nRF52840 microcontroller includes an Arm Cortex-M4 processor, 1 MB of flash memory, and 256 KB of RAM. It also includes a CryptoCell CC310 cryptographic security unit and a fast 32 MHz SPI interface. This chip operates with a supply voltage range of

1.7 to 5.5 V and has a current consumption of 0.6  $\mu$ A in standby mode and 4.8 mA in TX mode at 0 dBm.

##### • Heart Rate and SpO2-PPG Sensor

The MAX30102, a clinical-grade sensor, integrates a pulse oximetry module and a heart rate module. The sensor incorporates internal LEDs, light detectors, optical elements, and low-noise electronic components that filter ambient light. This sensor is software-disabled, enabling low-power operation with high sampling rates and good signal-to-noise ratio.

##### • Temperature Sensor

The MAX30205 is a clinical-grade temperature sensor offering 16-bit resolution,  $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$  accuracy, an operating range of 0 to  $+50^\circ\text{C}$ , and a supply voltage ranging from 2.7V to 3.3V. It consumes 600 $\mu$ A during normal operation and 1.65 $\mu$ A in standby mode. This sensor complies with ASTM E1112 for digital electronic thermometers.

#### ➤ Sleep and Wake-up Algorithm

The algorithm for sleep and wake functions of the portable device is shown in Fig 2. The system functions in two states: dormant and operational. Initially, the sensor device enters sleep mode.

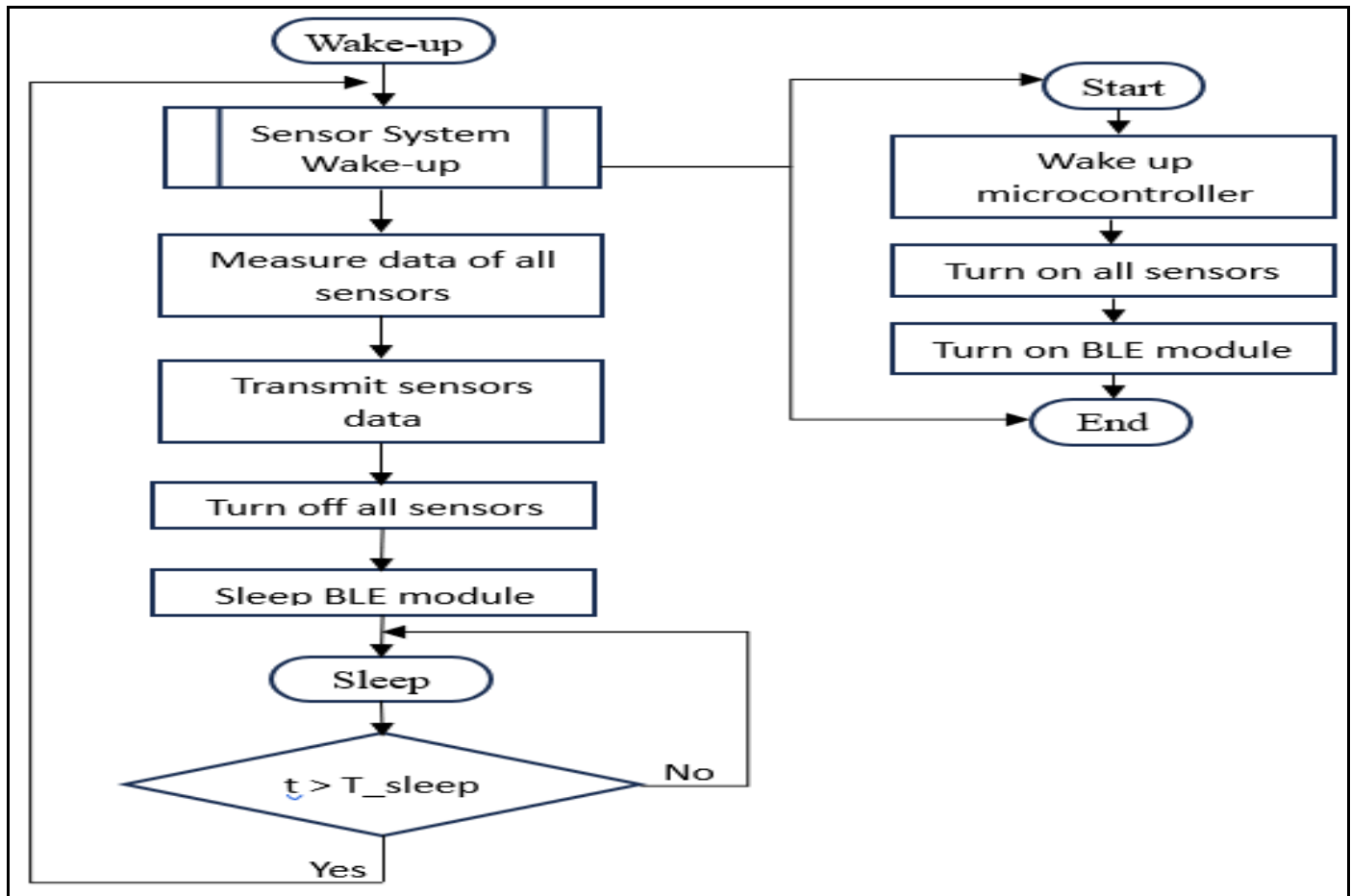


Fig 2 Sleep-Wake Scheduling Algorithm

Following that, two sensors measure the essential signs "temperature, heart rate, SpO2". This crucial data is subsequently transmitted to the server through the BLE module. The gathering and relay of crucial information occur during the  $T_{ON}$  phase. Third, the sensors are disabled, after which the BLE module goes into sleep mode. Fourth, the medical device's microcontroller goes into sleep mode during  $T_{OFF}$  to save energy. Next, the microcontroller reactivates to enable all sensors and the BLE module during  $T_{ON}$ , and this cycle continues. Ultimately, the phases of this algorithm are carried out in a repetitive cycle [12].

### ➤ Model Mathematique

#### • Solar Energy Source

The I–V curve of a single-diode photovoltaic model is described by equation 1. The photogenerated current varies according to irradiance and temperature. Its value is given by Eq 1. The saturation current of the diode depends on temperature  $T$  and is expressed by Eq 2.

$$I = I_{ph}(G, T) - I_s(T) \left( e^{\frac{V + IR_s}{nV_t}} - 1 \right) - \frac{V + IR_s}{R_{sh}} \quad (1)$$

$$I_{ph}(G, T) = [I_{ph,ref} + \alpha(T - T_{ref})] \cdot \frac{G}{G_{ref}} \quad (2)$$

$$I_s(T) = I_{s,ref} \left( \frac{T}{T_{ref}} \right)^3 \cdot \exp \left[ \frac{qE_g}{nk} \left( \frac{1}{T_{ref}} - \frac{1}{T} \right) \right] \quad (3)$$

To represent the captured solar energy, we use the energy function,  $e(t)$ , which is equivalent to the total amount of energy accumulated up to time  $t$ . It is represented by Eq 4 [13].

$$e_{harvest}(t) = \int_0^t P_{harvest}(u) du \quad (4)$$

#### • DC-DC Converter

To ensure energy conversion, the system incorporates a buck converter. The conversion efficiency  $\eta$  of this converter is expressed by Eq 5 [14]. The energy produced is stored in a battery with capacity  $C$ . In each interval  $t \in T$ , the battery receives energy from the harvesting sources and a charging source, if charging is enabled. The harvested energy in an interval  $\xi_t^H$  is a random variable with uncertainty because environmental conditions can affect the harvested energy. We have a random variable for the energy harvested for each interval in  $T$ . Furthermore, the target application will draw energy from the battery to execute the required tasks. These dynamics of the battery can be captured in Eq 6 [15].

$$\eta = \frac{V_{out} I_{out}}{V_{in} I_{in} + P_{loss}} \quad (5)$$

$$E_{t+1}^B = E_t^B + \eta \xi_t^H + E_t^I B(t) - E_t^C, \quad t \in T \quad (6)$$

Where  $E_t^B$  and  $E_{t+1}^B$  are energy at the beginning of the current and next interval respectively,  $\eta$  is the energy harvester efficiency,  $\xi_t^H \in \Xi_t^H$  is the realization of harvested energy at interval  $t \in T$ ,  $B(t)$  is the battery charging flag,  $E_t^I$  is the charging energy, and  $E_t^C$  is the energy consumed in the interval  $t$ .

#### • Power Consumption

To model the energy required for the device to operate, we use the data line,  $E_{DEV}$ , which represents the total energy required to measure, process, and transmit all information related to physical quantities [13].

$$E_{DEV}(t) = \int_0^t P_{DEV}(u) du \quad (7)$$

$$E_{DEV}(t) = P_{avg} * t \quad (8)$$

Most health monitoring applications adopt a similar operating model: data is collected by sensors, analyzed in a processing unit, and then transmitted via a wireless module. This process is repeated over time, and the function of its duty cycle is essential in energy consumption: the shorter the duty cycle, which can be achieved by reducing the active time  $t_{ON}$  or extending the inactive phases  $t_{OFF}$ , the lower the average power consumption. In fact, the expression of power  $P_{avg}$  as a function of duty cycle  $D$  is given by Eq 9, and the duty cycle  $D$  as a function of  $t_{ON}$  is expressed in Eq 10. In most cases, power  $P_{OFF} \ll P_{ON}$ .

$$P_{avg} = DP_{ON} + (1 - D)P_{OFF} \quad (9)$$

$$D = \frac{t_{ON}}{t_{ON} + t_{OFF}} \quad (10)$$

For a multi-state system, the average power consumption is expressed by Eq 11. For which the sum of the duty cycles of  $D_i$  follows Eq 12.

$$P_{avg} = \sum_{i=1}^k D_i P_i \quad (11)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k D_i = 1 \quad (12)$$

Subsequently, the energy required to operate a wireless sensor can be broken down into three essential blocks: for data detection or acquisition  $P_{ACQ}$ , for information processing  $P_{PRC}$ , and for data communication or networking  $P_{NET}$ . In addition, a small portion of the available energy is devoted to system management functions, such as the operation of a real-time operating system (RTOS) or regular system wake-up. The requirements associated with these management activities are grouped together in this contribution  $P_{SYS}$ . Together, these elements constitute the overall expression of the system's power consumption  $P_{DEV}$ , which is formulated by Eq 13 [16]. Thus, we obtain the average power from Eq 14 by combining Eq 11 with Eq 13.

$$P_{DEV} = P_{SYS} + P_{ACQ} + P_{PRC} + P_{NET} \quad (13)$$

$$P_{avg} = D_{SYS}P_{SYS} + D_{ACQ}P_{ACQ} + D_{PRC}P_{PRC} + D_{NET}P_{NET} \quad (14)$$

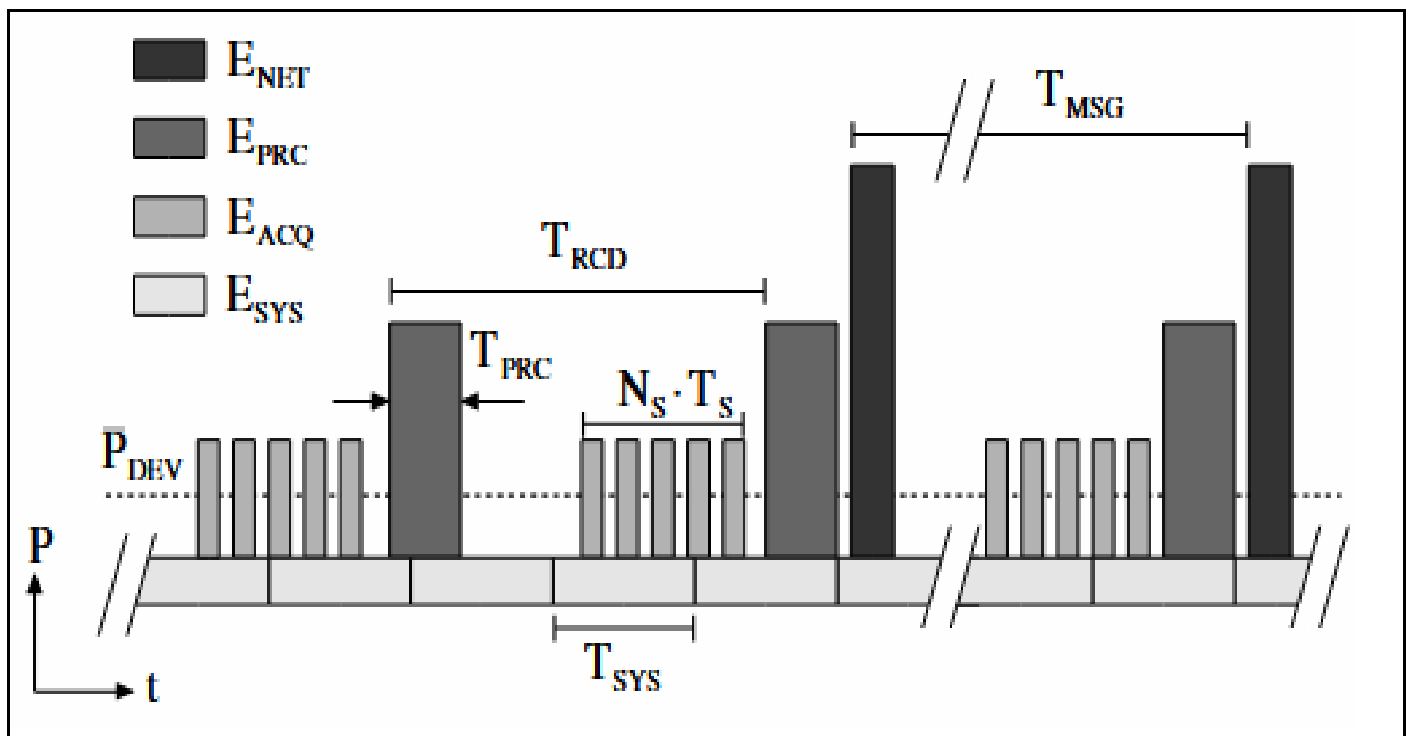


Fig 3 Power Consumption Profile

The power  $P_{ACQ}$  is formulated in Eq 15, since a sensor node consists of an active sensor, an op-amp, and an analog-to-digital converter (ADC).

$$P_{ACQ} = V_{CC} I_{ACQ\_all} \quad (15)$$

$$I_{ACQ\_all} = I_{sens} + I_{AOp} + I_{ADC} \quad (16)$$

The power  $P_{PCR}$  is formulated in Eq 17. In this model, it is a function of the average packet throughput per second  $\lambda$ .

$$P_{PCR} = \lambda V_{DD} I_{PCR} t_{PCR} \quad (17)$$

$P_{NET}$  is the power consumed by the BLE radio module to transmit (Tx) and receive (Rx) packets. It is expressed by Eq 18. This model depends on the data rate D and the RF power  $P_{out}$ .

$$P_{NET}(D, P_{out}) = V_{DD} \frac{D}{8L_{data}} [I_{wake} t_{wake} + I_{Rx} t_{Rx} + I_{Tx}(P_{out}) t_{Tx}] \quad (18)$$

### III. ADAPTIVE DUTY CYCLE

#### ➤ Multi-Objective RL Problem

The energy management problem can be modelled as a Multi-Objective Markov Decision Process (MOMDP) [17], represented by a tuple  $\langle S, A, T, \gamma, \mu, R \rangle$ , where  $S$  is the state space,  $A$  is the action space,  $T: S \times A \times S \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a probabilistic transition function,  $\gamma = [\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_m] \in [0, 1]^m$  is a discount factor vector,  $\mu: S \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a probability distribution over initial states, and  $R = [r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m]^T: S \times A \times S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a vector-valued reward function, specifying the immediate reward for each of the considered  $m$  ( $m \geq 2$ ) objectives [18]. In MOMDPs, an agent behaves according to a policy  $\pi_\theta \in \Pi$ , where  $\Pi$  is the set of all possible policies. A policy is a mapping  $\pi_\theta: S \rightarrow A$ , which selects an action according to a certain probability distribution for any given state [19]. For brevity, we use  $\pi$  to denote  $\pi_\theta$ . The performance of the policy is measured by the associated vector of expected returns, i.e.,  $\mathbb{F}(\pi) = J^\pi = [J_1^\pi, J_2^\pi, \dots, J_m^\pi]^T$  with:

$$J_i^\pi = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i^k r_i(s_k, a_k, s_{k+1}) \mid \pi, \mu \right] \quad (19)$$

The MORL problem is then formulated in Eq 20.

$$\max_{\pi} \mathbb{F}(\pi) = \max_{\pi} [J_1^\pi, J_2^\pi, \dots, J_m^\pi]^T \quad (20)$$

In MORL, there exists no single optimal policy that can maximize all the objectives simultaneously, and we need the following Pareto concepts [20], [21].

- Definition 1 (Pareto Dominance). For  $\pi, \pi' \in \Pi$ ,  $\pi$  is said to weakly dominate  $\pi'$  ( $\pi \succeq \pi'$ ) if and only if  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, J_i^\pi \geq J_i^{\pi'}$ ;  $\pi$  is said to dominate  $\pi'$  ( $\pi \succ \pi'$ ) if and only if  $\pi \succeq \pi'$  and  $\exists j \in \{1, \dots, m\}, J_j^\pi > J_j^{\pi'}$ .
- Definition 2 (Pareto Optimality). A solution  $\pi^* \in \Pi$  is Pareto optimal if  $\nexists \pi \in \Pi$  such that  $\pi \succ \pi^*$ .
- Definition 3 (Pareto Set/Front). The set of all Pareto optimal solutions is called the Pareto set, and the image of the Pareto set in the objective space is called the Pareto front.

Each Pareto solution represents an optimal trade-off among the objectives, and it is impossible to further improve one of the objectives without deteriorating any other objectives [21].

#### ➤ PSL-MORL for ENO-Sensing Priority

E. Liu et al. propose a novel MORL method called PSL-MORL, which, to the best of their knowledge, is the first MORL method that covers all preferences over multiple objectives and outputs a personalized policy network for each preference [19]. PSL-MORL is a general framework that can be integrated with any single-objective RL algorithm. As part of this research, this model was used to solve the energy management problem of a portable medical device, with the aim of ensuring energy autonomy while meeting the wearer's requirements. With this in mind, Figure 1 presents the basic PSL-MORL algorithm.

**Algorithm 1 : PSL-MORL**

**Input:** Preference distribution  $\Lambda$ , environment  $\mathcal{E}$ , number  $E$  of episodes, number  $K$  of weights per episode, replay buffer  $D$ , batch size  $N$

**Output:** Hypernetwork parameters  $\phi$  and primary policy network parameters  $\theta_1$

Initialize the hypernetwork parameters  $\phi$  and policy network parameters  $\theta_1$ ;  
Initialize replay buffer  $D$ ;  
**for** episode  $e = 1$  to  $E$  **do**  
    **for** each step in the episode **do**  
        // Parallel child processes for  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$   
         $\omega_k \sim \text{SamplePreference}(\Lambda)$ ;  
        Generate parameters of the policy network by hypernetwork, i.e.,  
         $\theta_2 = \phi(\omega_k)$ ;  
        Obtain the mixed  $\theta$  using the Parameter Fusion method on  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ ;  
        Observe state  $s$ ; select action  $a$  by the policy  $\pi_\theta$ ;  
        Execute action  $a$  in environment  $E$ , and observe reward  $r$  and next state  $s'$ ;  
        Store transition  $(s, a, r, s', d, \omega_k)$  in  $D$ ;  
        // Main process  
        Sample  $N$  transitions from  $D$ ;  
        Update  $\phi$  and  $\theta_1$  by conducting a single-objective RL algorithm to maximize the scalarized return by weight  $\omega_i, i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, N\}$   
    **end for**  
**end for**

Fig 4 PSL-MORL Algorithm

➤ *State's Definition*

The state of the system at instant  $t_k$  is expressed  $(S_{batt}(t_k), S_{illu}(t_k), S_{sens}(t_k), S_{dist}(t_k)) \in S$ .

$S_{batt}(t_k)$  is the state of charge of battery

Table 1 Battery State of Charge Classification Levels

Battery's SOC	$S_{batt}(t_k)$
SOC < 15%	Critical
SOC < 40%	Low
SOC < 70%	Medium
SOC < 90%	Good
SOC > 90%	Full

$S_{illu}(t_k)$  is illuminance (0 to 1000W/m2)

Table 2 Solar Irradiance Classification Levels

Power	Illumination
$G < 50 \text{ W/m}^2$	Dark
$G < 200 \text{ W/m}^2$	Low
$G < 500 \text{ W/m}^2$	Medium
$G < 800 \text{ W/m}^2$	Strong
$G > 8000 \text{ W/m}^2$	Very Strong

$S_{sens}(t_k)$  is the priority of measurements, classified according to the NEWS standard (0 to 3).



Table 3 NEWS Score Clinical Priority Classification

NEWS Score	Priority
0	Monitoring
1	Normal
2	Urgent
3	Critical

$S_{dist}(t_k)$  is the distance from the initial battery level.

Table 4 Energy Distance Classification Levels

Edist Range	Priority
Edist < -30%	Severe_deficit
Edist < -15	Moderate_deficit
Edist < -5	Slight_deficit
Edist < 5	Neutral
Edist < 15	Slight_excess
Edist < 30	Slight_moderate
Edist > 30	Slight_significant

#### ➤ Action's Space

The set of actions,  $A$ , determines the agent's possible choices. In this study, the scope of action is defined by a set of five Duty cycle, denoted by  $A = \{5.26\%, 6.25\%, 7.7\%, 10\%, 14.3\%\}$ . To save energy, the smallest value of  $A$  must be chosen. But in our case, we are talking about a medical device. Thus, the ideal value of  $A$  is governed by the NEWS2 standard. These two concepts are therefore paradoxical. Consequently, the objective is not to identify an ideal solution, but a set of relevant compromises. In this sense, we have chosen to apply the multi-objective approach with Pareto Front to evaluate the adequacy of action  $A$  with state  $S_{sens}(t_k)$  [13].

#### ➤ Adaptive Composite Reward Function

To solve the bi-objective optimization problem inherent in the energy management of portable devices under clinical constraints, we propose an adaptive weighted scalarization function based on the patient's condition. This approach falls within the framework of Multi-Objective Reinforcement Learning (MORL) with state-dependent preferences [22]. The composite reward function is defined by the Eq 21.

$$R(s, a) = \alpha [w_1 \cdot Q_{surv}(s, a) + w_2 \cdot Q_{eff}(s, a)] + \beta \quad (21)$$

where  $s \in \mathcal{S} = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  represents the patient's NEWS2 score,  $a \in \mathcal{A} = [0, T_{max}]$  denotes the sensor's wake time,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the scaling factor and centering term, respectively. The adaptive weights  $w_1(s)$  and  $w_2(s)$  satisfy the normalization constraint  $w_1(s) + w_2(s) = 1$  and are dynamically adjusted according to clinical severity [23], [24]. For non-critical states ( $s=0$ ), the system prioritizes energy efficiency with  $(w_1, w_2) = (0.3, 0.7)$ , while for critical states ( $s=3$ ), priority is given to monitoring with  $(w_1, w_2) = (0.9, 0.1)$ . This state-dependent scalarization allows the Pareto front to be explored efficiently while respecting the clinical constraints imposed by the NEWS2 protocol [17], [25]. The parameters  $\alpha=20$  and  $\beta=-10$  were chosen to center the reward function around zero, thus

facilitating the convergence of the reinforcement learning algorithm [26].

#### • The Two Conflicting Objectives are Formalized as Follows:

##### ✓ Objective 1 - Clinical Monitoring Quality: $T$

he function  $Q_{surv}(s, a)$  evaluates the compliance of the measurement frequency with the NEWS2 recommendations, defined in pieces according to the criticality of the condition:

$$Q_{surv}(s, a) = \begin{cases} \min\left(\frac{a}{T_{min}}, 1\right) & \text{si } s = 0 (\text{Low risk}) \\ 1 - \frac{|a - T_{opt}(s)|}{T_{opt}(s)} & \text{si } s \in \{1, 2\} (\text{Medium risk}) \\ \max\left(0, 1 - \frac{a}{T_{crit}}\right) & \text{si } s = 3 (\text{Severe risk}) \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

##### ✓ Objective 2 - Energy Efficiency:

The  $Q_{eff}(a)$  quantifies energy savings by promoting extended standby times.

$$Q_{eff}(a) = \frac{a}{T_{max}} \quad (23)$$

## IV. RESULTS

To validate the effectiveness of the PSL-MORL algorithm in the adaptive management of sleep cycles for a wearable physiological monitoring system, a comparative study was conducted with two reference policies. This evaluation aims to demonstrate the ability of the proposed approach to simultaneously satisfy two fundamental objectives: ensuring device energy neutrality over a 24-hour cycle and maintaining an acquisition frequency compliant with NEWS2 score recommendations.

The three evaluated strategies differ in their management philosophy. The policy ( $D = 14.3\%$ ) adopts an intensive monitoring approach independent of the patient's clinical status, there by maximizing measurement frequency

at the expense of energy efficiency. Conversely, the policy ( $D = 5.26\%$ ) prioritizes energy savings by spacing out acquisitions, potentially compromising the quality of physiological monitoring. The PSL-MORL algorithm, for its part, implements a self-adaptive duty cycle dynamically modulated according to the NEWS2 score, aiming for an optimal trade-off between clinical monitoring and energy autonomy.

The simulation protocol was executed in MATLAB over a 26-hours duration, with a solar irradiance of  $500 \text{ W/m}^2$  maintained for 6 hours, an initial state of charge  $B_0 = 40\%$ , and a time constant  $T_{on} = 50 \text{ s}$ . The clinical data used correspond to the NEWS scores of a patient in a pathological state, thus constituting a test scenario representative of real-world operating conditions.

➤ *Comparison of Energy Profiles*

ENO is characterized by  $Edist(t) = B_0 - B(t)$

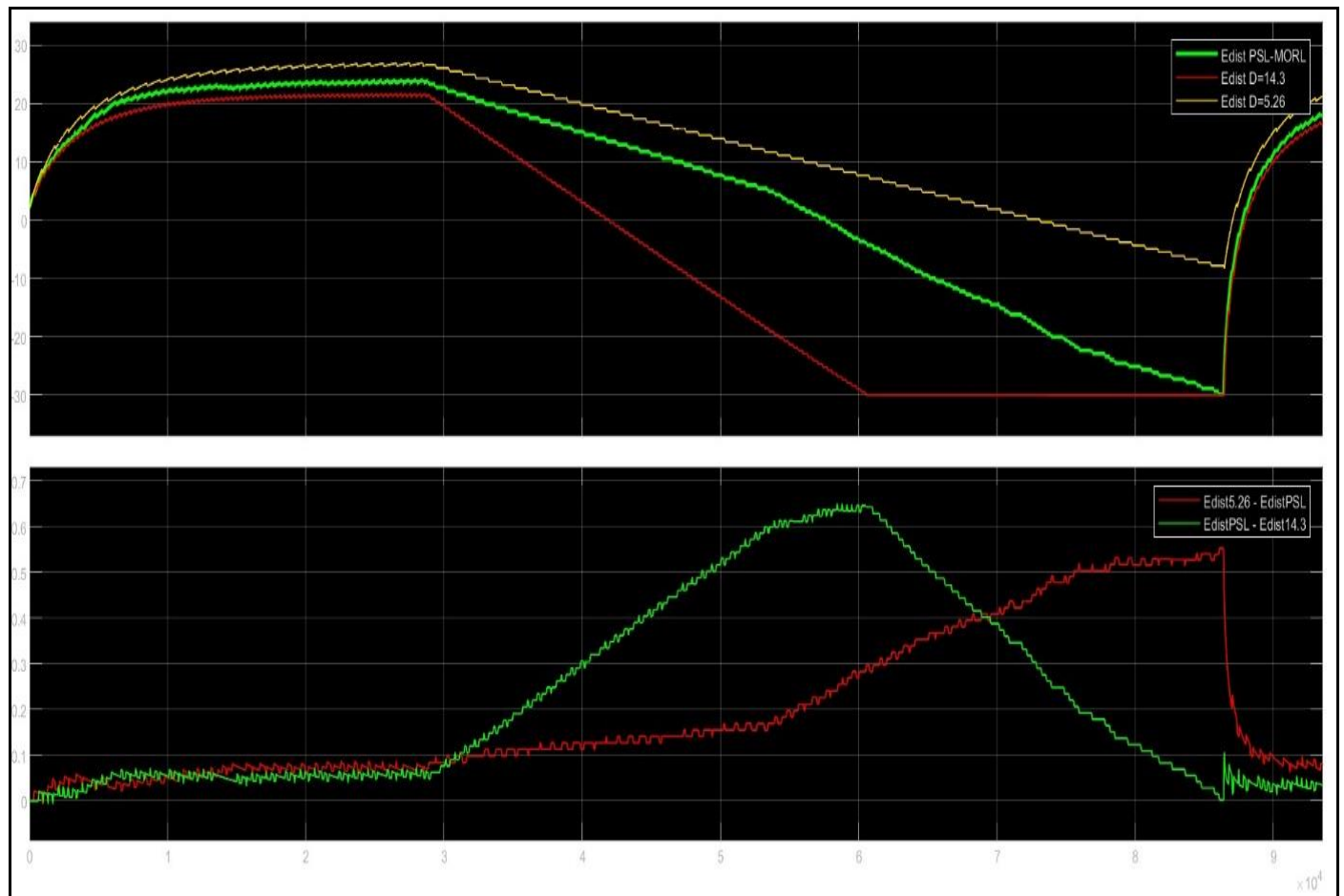


Fig 5 State of Charge Variation Profiles for Different Energy Management Policies.

Table 5 Comparative Evaluation of Energy Autonomy Metrics

Metric	$\pi_1$ ( $D = 14.3\%$ )	$\pi_2$ ( $D=5.26\%$ )	PSL-MORL	Gain vs $\pi_1$	Gain vs $\pi_2$
Autonomy (h)	16.8	24.0	24.0	+42.9%	0%
$\Delta\text{SoC}$ Range (%)	[-30%,+21%]	[-9%,+27%]	[-30%,23%]	+64%	-56%

The comparative evaluation of energy profiles demonstrates the superior performance of the PSL-MORL algorithm. In terms of autonomy, the proposed approach guarantees continuous operation for 24 hours, thereby satisfying the objective of energy neutrality over a daily cycle. This result, equivalent to that obtained by policy P2, represents a 42.9% improvement compared to policy P1, whose 16.8-hour autonomy proves insufficient to ensure uninterrupted monitoring.

The analysis of state of charge (SoC) variation relative to the initial value  $B_0$  confirms the effectiveness of the

proposed strategy. The PSL-MORL algorithm exhibits a fluctuation range of  $[-30\%, +23\%]$ , demonstrating judicious utilization of storage capacity comparable to that of P1  $[-30\%, +21\%]$ .

In contrast, policy P2 displays a more restricted range  $[-9\%, +27\%]$ , revealing underutilization of energy resources in favor of excessively conservative management. These results indicate that the PSL-MORL algorithm succeeds in reconciling complete energy autonomy with dynamic battery utilization, thereby validating its ability to simultaneously optimize the system's energy and operational constraint.



➤ *Comparison of NEWS2 Compliance*

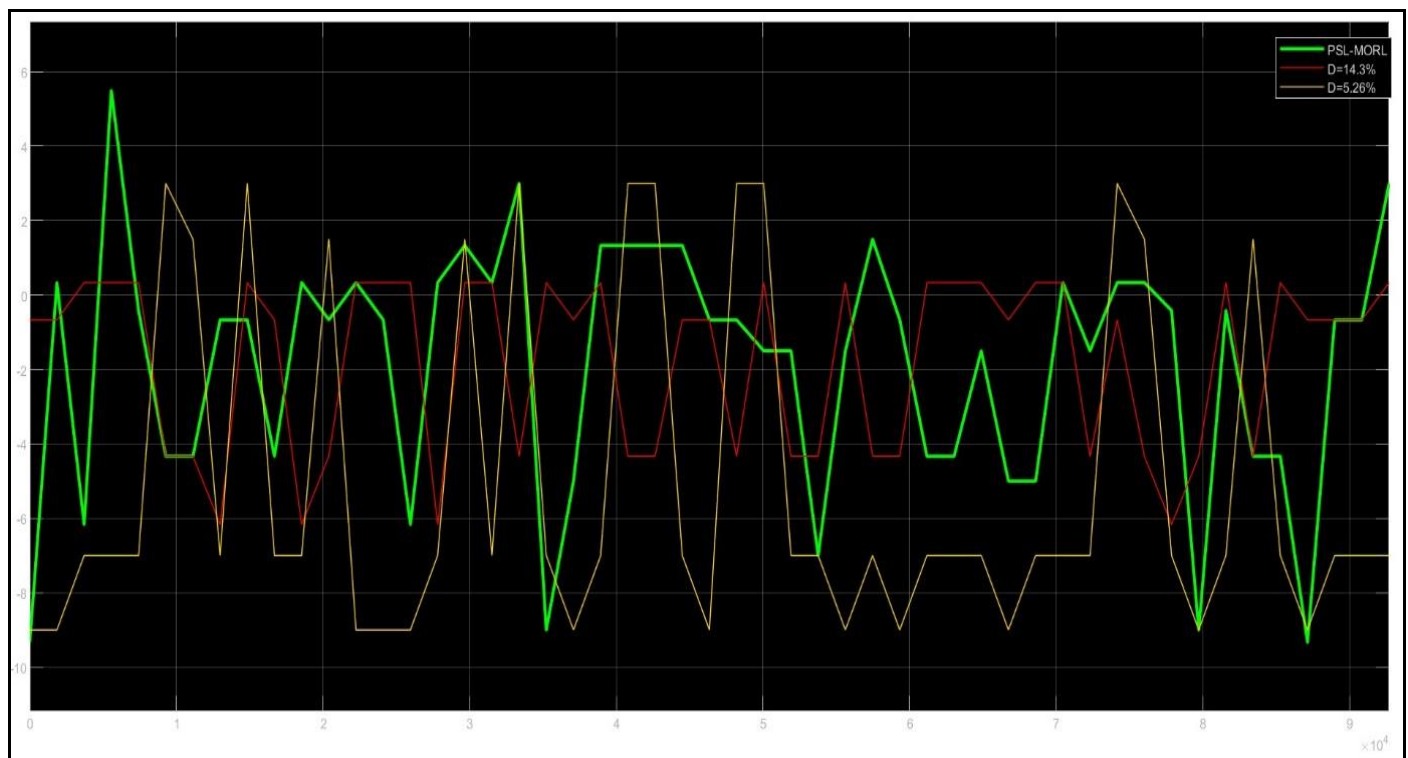


Fig 6 Reward Evolution Comparison Across Energy Management Policies.

Table 6 Comparative Evaluation of NEWS2 Compliance Metrics

Metric	$\pi_1$ (D = 14.3%)	$\pi_2$ (D=5.26%)	PSL-MORL	Gain vs $\pi_1$	Gain vs $\pi_2$
Reward Range	[-6.17 , 0.33]	[-9.0 , 3.0 ]	[-9.33 , 5.50]	-----	-----
Average Reward	<b>-1.54</b>	-4.45	-1.85	-20%	+58.4%
Number of Measurements	173	91	142	-17.9%	+56%

The evaluation of NEWS2 protocol compliance reveals the effectiveness of the PSL-MORL algorithm in clinical monitoring. With a reward range of [-9.33, +5.50], the proposed approach presents the highest maximum value among the three strategies, reflecting better adaptation to critical phases requiring intensive monitoring.

The average reward obtained by PSL-MORL (-1.85) represents a 58.4% improvement compared to  $\pi_2$  (-4.45), whose spaced measurement strategy proves inadequate for clinical requirements. The 20% gap with  $\pi_1$  (-1.54) remains acceptable given the energy gains achieved. In terms of acquisitions, the PSL-MORL algorithm performs 142 measurements, 56% more than  $\pi_2$  while reducing the number required by  $\pi_1$  by 17.9%. This distribution demonstrates optimized resource allocation, concentrating measurements during clinically relevant periods while preserving the system's energy balance.

## V. CONCLUSION

This study presented an adaptive energy management approach based on the PSL-MORL algorithm for autonomous wearable medical devices. The objective was to address the inherent trade-off between energy efficiency and clinical monitoring quality in the context of IoWT systems

powered by solar energy harvesting. Experimental results demonstrate that the PSL-MORL algorithm achieves 24-hour autonomy, ensuring system energy neutrality over a complete daily cycle, representing a 42.9% improvement compared to the intensive monitoring policy. Concurrently, the proposed approach maintains satisfactory compliance with the NEWS2 protocol, with a 58.4% improvement in average reward compared to the energy-saving strategy, while reducing the number of measurements by 17.9% relative to the intensive policy.

The originality of this contribution lies in the integration of an adaptive composite reward function, whose weights are dynamically modulated according to the patient's NEWS2 score. This state-dependent scalarization enables efficient exploration of the Pareto front, concentrating measurement resources during clinically critical periods while preserving overall energy balance.

However, this study has some limitations. The model relies on constant solar irradiance conditions during sunlight phases, without accounting for real-world weather variations. Furthermore, validation was performed exclusively through numerical simulation in MATLAB, without experimentation on a physical prototype. Finally,

the discrete action space limited to five duty cycle values may restrict the system's adaptation granularity.

Nevertheless, this work opens promising perspectives for the large-scale deployment of autonomous physiological monitoring devices in ambulatory settings. Future research will focus on extending the model to hybrid energy harvesting sources, integrating variable irradiance profiles, and conducting experimental validation under real clinical conditions.

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