

Optimizing longevity: Integrating smart nutrition and digital technologies for personalized anti-aging healthcare.

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Abstract— Human nature tends to the fact that aging accompanies the chances of developing new diseases. At an older age, certain factors such as poor dietary habits, irregular medical checkups, lack of physical exercise, anxiety, and depression can contribute to an increase in the chances of older people getting sick. Nowadays, the human condition depends on several factors. The popular belief is that a healthy diet is a sure option to consider in securing healthy conditions in old age, thus improving the anti-aging process. Smart nutrition is a prominent solution in this dynamic that helps achieve more beneficial conditions. The diversity in human genetics demonstrates the challenges in having standard nutritional plans for categories of humans; a personalized diet is needed based on the biomarkers and experts' guidance. A practical approach will be to monitor the biomarkers and accurately predict the appropriate intakes required. This will be achieved by integrating smart nutrition and cutting-edge digital technologies, leading to a reshaped anti-aging approach. This integration in anti-aging healthcare is a novel concept that can transform the healthcare industry. This research explores the integration of artificial intelligence, wearables, blockchain, and genomic analysis to craft personalized nutrition plans for a healthier future. After presenting the concept of anti-aging healthcare, we discuss the benefits of this integration and its potential to revolutionize healthcare. Through this paper, we expect to highlight the importance of this innovative approach and its potential to improve the quality of life for millions of people worldwide.

Keywords— Smart nutrition, digital technologies, anti-aging, healthcare, Artificial intelligence, wearables, Internet of Things, Blockchain, genomic.

I. INTRODUCTION

Smart nutrition refers to making informed food choices that support overall health and well-being [1]. This approach to nutrition involves considering factors such as nutrient density, portion sizes, and the quality of ingredients when selecting foods to consume. By prioritizing nutrient-rich foods and avoiding those high in added sugars, unhealthy fats, and other harmful substances, individuals can improve their physical and cognitive health, reduce their risk of chronic disease, and support healthy aging [2-3]. Nutrition plays a critical role in aging, as older adults often experience body changes that affect their ability to absorb and utilize nutrients effectively [4]. This can lead to deficiencies in essential vitamins and minerals, contributing to various health issues. However, by practicing smart nutrition, older adults can support their bodies' changing needs and promote healthy aging. This involves consuming a balanced diet with plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats, staying hydrated, and avoiding excessive alcohol consumption.

Anti-aging healthcare has become an increasingly important area of focus in the modern healthcare industry, intending to promote healthy aging and prevent chronic diseases [5]. Digital technology has transformed the healthcare landscape, enabling new models of care and empowering patients to take a more active role in managing their health [6]. With the rapidly aging population, anti-aging diagnostic medicine and healthcare have become crucial factors in helping elderly individuals lead healthy and active lives [7]. Using various technologies such as IoT with wearable devices, older adults can now manage and monitor their lifestyles more independently with digital, user-friendly facilities. This minor personal and systemic approach, when coupled with major periodic checks that utilize state-of-the-art digital facilities, can help to hasten the detection of aging and age-related diseases and also to provide recommendations that could include preventive measures, exercise regimes, food regimes, stress control, and overall lifestyle monitoring.

In the contemporary healthcare landscape, the intersection of smart nutrition and advanced digital technologies presents a transformative approach to

addressing the challenges of aging. Integrating smart nutrition and digital technologies can provide individuals with improved tracking and analysis of their nutritional intake [8]. These technologies can assist in interpreting the diet in the context of an individual's lifestyle, preferences, and health goals. For instance, mobile technologies can be used to undertake a detailed assessment of dietary intake and physical activity behaviors, which can be analyzed to formulate personalized nutrition plans and recommendations [9]. This precise tracking and analysis level can help individuals make more informed dietary choices and optimize their nutritional intake. One of the significant benefits of integrating smart nutrition and digital technologies is the ability to provide personalized nutrition plans and recommendations [10-11]. Personalized nutrition can be more effective in changing lifestyle behaviors than population-based guidelines, as it considers an individual's unique needs, preferences, and goals [11]. Digital devices and AI systems can be increasingly integrated into daily clinical practice for predicting disease risk and optimizing diets [12]. Individuals can make more informed dietary choices by providing personalized recommendations improving health outcomes. Another benefit of integrating smart nutrition and digital technologies is increased accessibility to nutritional information and support. Mobile health applications and wearable technologies can collect a large amount of data for nutrition assessments, including biometric values and diet composition [12]. These technologies can provide individuals with continuous, real-time monitoring, advice, and support in food environments [13]. Additionally, mobile applications for weight management can include features for self-monitoring diet and physical activity, allowing users to track their progress and receive feedback [14]. By providing easy access to nutritional information and support, individuals can make more informed decisions about their dietary choices and achieve their health goals, thus promoting a healthy aging process.

This research shows the potential and benefits of integrating emerging digital technologies and smart nutrition for improved healthcare. To illustrate our proposal, we adopted a technological framework (Figure 1) composed of four emerging technologies that we considered fundamental. These technologies include artificial intelligence (AI), which helps analyze data to predict and recommend accurate and personalized nutrition plans; blockchain technology ensures the authenticity of food products to enhance the quality of nutritional intake. Wearable sensors are fundamental in collecting vital health metrics in a real-time range. Finally, we consider genomic analysis an essential factor for optimizing personalized nutrient intakes, considering the enormous genetic variations among individuals. By leveraging these technologies integrated with smart nutrition, The anti-aging process has a higher chance of being more effective and efficient, thus assuring the expansion of the human lifespan and health span.

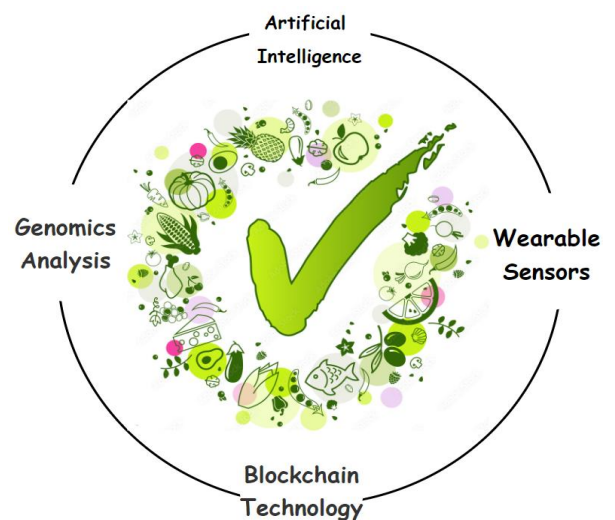


Figure 1. Adopted technological framework of the integration of smart nutrition and digital technology for anti-aging healthcare

II. THE CURRENT STATE OF THE ANTI-AGING HEALTHCARE

The field of anti-aging healthcare is undergoing a paradigm shift, moving from genetics to epigenetics, which further explores heritable and permanent variations in gene expression caused by chromosomal rather than just changes in DNA sequence. The differences in gene expression between cells, caused by epigenetic changes resulting in the distinct function of individual cell types, are a major factor to be considered for a successful personalized nutrition intervention. This has led to new approaches to healthcare. While small molecular pharmacology approaches have been somewhat resistant to major disease constellations, new methods like gene delivery systems and cell-based therapies are emerging [15]. Geriatric medicine is shifting from palliative care to preventing, stopping, and reversing age-related diseases. A fatalistic view of age-related disease is no longer appropriate for clinical research or practice, and researchers are taking innovative approaches to find solutions for healthy aging. The development of validated scales and AI-based systems has enabled the monitoring and identification of early signs of aging-related diseases. Given the biological complexity and heterogeneity of the aging process, it is clear that a complete understanding of the mechanisms underlying aging can only be obtained through integrating various data types and sources and developing new computational methods capable of achieving such integration. Academic and corporate researchers have long attempted to slow or reverse aging, reduce the clinical burden of diseases, restore proper body functionality, and enhance lifespan on a broader scale. Despite extensive research, discovering effective medicines in the field of anti-aging has been hampered by limited experimental uniformity and standardization for determining effective therapy coupled with a lack of a rigorous study design [16]. However,

advanced high-throughput technologies such as next-generation sequencing, proteomics, and metabolomics that may analyze and monitor several biological indicators simultaneously during the aging process with great precision and specificity have delivered great solutions [17-18].

Even though the biological effect of aging affects several regions, treatment possibilities are frequently studied within a restricted scope. Also, a basic understanding of most humans' key macro and micro nutritional requirements has resulted in a one-size-fits-all approach. However, Genome-wide single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) data have showcased an individual's genetic variability [15], thereby limiting the practice. Since gene-diet interactions involve multiple genes, large contemporary populations with various genetic ancestries may have a variety of metabolic reactions to the same food or diet. Due to this varying dietary exposure and genetic architecture, smarter digital technologies are required, and emerging technological approaches should focus on person-to-person genetic testing. Detailed genotypic information will, therefore, facilitate personalized nutritional recommendations. Understanding the underlying genetic factors will help promote personalized smart nutrition.

III. INTEGRATING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND SMART NUTRITION FOR ANTI-AGING HEALTHCARE

Cutting-edge digital technologies are rapidly evolving and have the potential to revolutionize healthcare, including anti-aging care. Monitoring our body condition and taking the most adequate nutrient intake is a significant therapy that guarantees a healthy state with minimal risk in the future. This section discusses the potential of integrating smart nutrition and advanced digital technologies in anti-aging care.

A. AI and smart nutrition for anti-aging healthcare

Artificial Intelligence has made significant strides in various fields, including healthcare. One of the areas where AI is poised to revolutionize is clinical nutrition, specifically in the context of anti-aging healthcare [19]. As the population ages, the demand for innovative and effective solutions to manage and prevent age-related diseases is rising. AI-driven smart nutrition has the potential to offer personalized and evidence-based interventions for maintaining optimal health and well-being as we age. One of the promising applications of AI in anti-aging healthcare is the discovery of novel compounds with potential therapeutic benefits [20]. By screening vast libraries of chemical compounds, AI algorithms can identify candidates with superior medicinal chemistry properties, accelerating the process of drug discovery and development [20]. In the realm of nutrition, this approach can lead to identifying novel bioactive compounds that may contribute to healthy aging.

Furthermore, by analyzing large data sets, AI can provide valuable insights into the complex relationship between nutrition and aging. Nowadays, wearable devices and IoT

technology are a source of real-time data collection as individuals' vital parameters are collected and transmitted over servers for analysis. Applying appropriate AI techniques, such as machine learning and deep learning algorithms for analysis, will provide accurate recommendations for everyone's nutritional intake.

B. Wearables devices and smart nutrition for anti-aging healthcare

Anti-aging healthcare has become a growing concern for individuals, and wearable devices and smart nutrition can significantly promote healthy aging. Wearable devices, such as fitness trackers and smartwatches, can collect a vast amount of health data, including physical activity, heart rate, and sleep patterns. This data can be analyzed using AI to provide personalized recommendations for individuals to maintain a healthy lifestyle and prevent age-related diseases [5]. Moreover, AI can analyze data from wearable devices and environmental sensors to provide personalized recommendations and feedback to individuals. For example, AI can analyze data collected from smart homes to provide recommendations on optimal environmental conditions, such as temperature and air quality, to promote healthy aging [21]. Smart nutrition, which combines technology, data analytics, and nutrition science, can provide personalized nutrition recommendations to individuals to support healthy aging. Wearable devices come in various types and have different functions. Smartwatches and smartphones are essential for body monitoring, collecting vital signs such as heart rate, blood pressure, blood oxygen levels (SpO₂), electrocardiogram (ECG/EKG), and even stress levels measured through skin conductance. Moreover, Wireless headsets, fitness trackers, or augmented reality glasses are used for data such as calories burned, environmental data, sleep patterns, mental states, etc. The collected parameters are often safeguarded and transmitted to a server, constituting a big data bank using IoT technology. These parameters are vital to forecasting the nutritional needs of a user. Wearable devices and smart nutrition, powered by AI and blockchain technology, can promote anti-aging healthcare. Personalized recommendations based on health data collected by wearable devices and the analysis of large-scale medical data by AI can help individuals maintain a healthy lifestyle and prevent age-related diseases.

C. Blockchain and smart nutrition for anti-aging healthcare

Blockchain technology and smart contracts can potentially revolutionize various industries, including the food sector, by providing a tamper-proof and transparent system [22]. With the increasing concern for food safety and sustainability, the use of blockchain technology in the food industry has become more prominent. Blockchain technology can provide traceability and transparency in the food supply chain, ensuring that all stages of food production are well-documented and can be easily traced back to their source [23]. This can be particularly useful for the nutrition industry, where consumers increasingly demand transparency in information about the nutritional value of their food. Smart nutrition is an emerging field that combines technology, data

analytics, and nutrition science to provide personalized nutrition recommendations to individuals [22]. By leveraging blockchain technology, smart nutrition can provide accurate and transparent information about the nutritional value of food products, which can help consumers make informed decisions about their diet and lifestyle. Furthermore, blockchain technology can also be used to track the sustainability of food production and distribution, which is becoming increasingly important to consumers. Sustainable food production practices can be documented on the blockchain (Figure 2), creating a transparent and verifiable record of the production process. This can help consumers make more sustainable choices and support producers who adhere to sustainable practices [24]. Blockchain technology can have a significant impact on the food industry, particularly in the area of smart nutrition. By providing transparency and traceability, blockchain technology can help consumers make informed decisions about their food choices and support sustainable food production practices, thus enhancing their health conditions and assuring a healthier future.

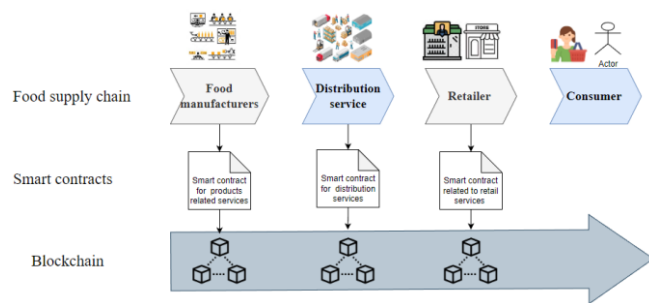


Figure 2: Food safety with blockchain

D. Genomics analysis and smart nutrition for anti-aging healthcare

Genomics analysis and smart nutrition have emerged as promising approaches for anti-aging healthcare, paving the way for personalized strategies to delay aging and improve overall health. The integration of these two fields focuses on understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying aging and age-related diseases and the development of targeted nutritional interventions to modulate these pathways and promote healthy aging. By studying the impact of diet on aging and age-related diseases, researchers can gain valuable insights into the cellular processes that contribute to aging and develop targeted nutritional interventions to promote healthy aging. One of the key aspects of genomics analysis in the context of anti-aging healthcare is the study of cellular events such as telomerase activity, bioenergetics, DNA repair, and oxidative stress, which are linked to aging and overall health [25]. Understanding these processes can help scientists develop personalized nutrition strategies targeting specific age-related cellular mechanisms and preventing or slowing down aging. Nutrigenomics is the study of the relationship between genes, diet, and health outcomes, and it encompasses

the identification of specific genetic variations that influence an individual's response to various nutrients and dietary compounds [26]. By examining the interactions between genetic factors and nutritional components, nutrigenomics helps identify dietary interventions that modulate aging-associated cellular processes.

IV. PROPOSE AN APPROACH FOR INTEGRATING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND SMART NUTRITION.

According to the nutrition accountability framework, the UN Decade of Action for Nutrition proposed that all nutrition commitments and interventions are expected to be (SMART) Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and time-bound, and the smartness index of these interventions are digitally measured for its effectiveness. Although food is required for life, nutrition is responsible for many diseases. Nutrition is involved in the onset and progression of diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, cancer, and other metabolic syndrome, all of which have been implicated in aging. Factors such as blood sugar levels, insulin levels, gut flora, and genetics can be determined through various digital technologies.

We proposed an effective, personalized, smart nutrition plan driven by cutting-edge technologies for a healthier aging process, as illustrated in Figure 3. We consider an individual equipped with wearable devices such as smartwatches and smartphones, wireless headsets, fitness trackers, or augmented reality glasses for data collection. We focus on biometric data (heart rate, blood pressure, blood oxygen levels (SpO₂)), physical activities like calories burned, sleep patterns (data on sleep duration, sleep quality, REM cycles, and disruptions during sleep), environmental data (some wearables can measure temperature, humidity, and UV exposure) and other health parameters such as glucose levels for diabetic individuals or skin temperature to get more significant information about the user. On the other hand, we perform gene data collection using sensors on saliva, blood, tissue, or other bodily fluids through sequencing technology for enhanced processing. The Internet of Things (IoT) technology transfers data from wearables to servers in real-life settings.

We use AI techniques, specifically machine learning and deep learning on large-scale datasets, to train our AI model for personalized nutrition plan prediction and recommendation based on collected data. Some of the datasets available in this scenario include the USDA National Nutrient Database, the European Food Information Resource (EuroFIR) dataset, biometric datasets, the National dietary surveys (such as NHANES in the US or the National Diet and Nutrition Survey in the UK), datasets from meal logging applications and data controlled by clinical trials and studies. We use appropriate AI analysis stages, including proper preprocessing techniques, feature extraction, and machine learning/deep learning model selection. We can use recommendation techniques such as collaborative and content-based filtering to analyze user

behavior and make appropriate preferences based on nutritional and user's dietary requirements. Furthermore, machine learning models like decision trees, neural networks, and support vector machines (SVM) are aptly used to process complex data such as genetic information and dietary patterns to recommend specific foods based on individual data (collected from genetics through sequencing and wearables through IoT). Moreover, we can apply clustering algorithms like k-means to group individuals based on similarities in their dietary habits or health profiles, allowing for more targeted recommendations within each cluster. Reinforcement learning techniques can also be employed to adapt and refine recommendations over time based on user feedback and outcomes to improve personalized suggestions. In practice, we can combine more than one AI technique; we also consider increasing the dataset using self-supervised methods where we used approved recommendations as data for the next model training.

Once the individual has a personalized recommended nutrition plan, predicted from the AI model and the collected data, he must follow appropriate food intake with adequate nutrients. We recommend considering food intakes processed

through secure channels as the above-proposed supply chain equipped with blockchain. The intake is a smart food as it is obtained from the prediction using digital technology. Failure to intake food from a secure source will lead to poor outcomes as they may not specify their actual nutritional content.

Smart nutrition is a next-generation approach to nutrition and aging that tailors smart food options and smart supplements to one's specific needs by combining health data with the most recent technological-based scientific research. This has birthed more precise and effective smart food and supplement recommendations based on an in-depth examination of health history and goals, biomarkers, and wearable data, which are properly adjusted for individuals. Smart nutrition relies on real-time data to stay on track and to achieve optimal accuracy. Digital interventions help to provide the required data and call for prompt adjustments when bodily requirements change, such as aging and diseases. The integration of digital technologies into smart nutrition will not only improve health span-expanding possibilities but will also promote lifespan expansion.

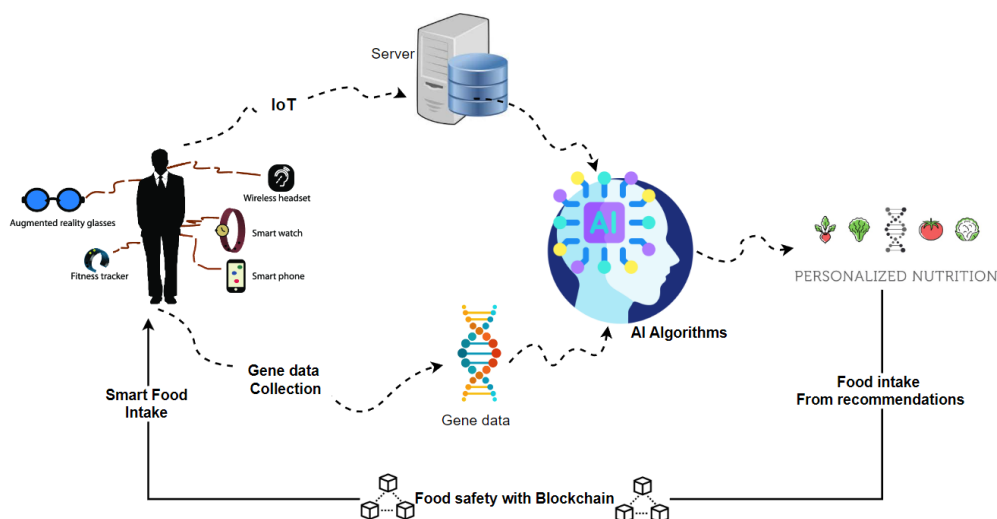


Figure 3: Smart nutrition driven by digital technologies for anti-aging healthcare

V. CHALLENGES TO INTEGRATING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND SMART NUTRITION FOR ANTI-AGING HEALTHCARE

Integrating digital technologies and smart nutrition for anti-aging healthcare presents many challenges that must be addressed to ensure effective implementation and widespread adoption. Some prominent challenges include data privacy concerns, lack of scientific evidence, technological barriers, and socio-cultural factors. Data privacy and security concerns are paramount when dealing with sensitive personal health information. Integrating digital technologies in anti-aging healthcare requires collecting, storing, and analyzing large quantities of personal data, including dietary habits, genetic information, and lifestyle choices. Ensuring the privacy and

security of this data is a major challenge, as it requires the development of robust encryption and authentication protocols and compliance with various data protection regulations. Another challenge lies in the lack of scientific evidence supporting the effectiveness of digital technologies and smart nutrition in anti-aging healthcare. Although some studies have shown promising results, more rigorous, large-scale research is needed to establish the efficacy of these interventions. This presents a challenge in terms of securing funding to design odies with essential nutrients to survive.

VI. CONCLUSION

This paper discusses the potential of integrating cutting-edge technologies and smart nutrition to improve health outcomes and secure a healthier aging mechanism. We adopted a technological framework comprised of four technologies that we considered fundamental to anti-aging healthcare. AI has proven to be used to analyze data to predict and recommend accurate, personalized nutrition plans; blockchain technology ensures the authenticity of food products to enhance the quality of nutritional intake. Wearable sensors are fundamental in collecting vital health metrics in a real-time range, while genomic analysis is an essential factor for optimizing personalized nutrient intakes, considering the enormous genetic variations among individuals. This research suggests a technological-driven framework for smart nutrition that is a potential solution for anti-aging healthcare. Though some challenges can be observed during the implementation, deployment, and actual use of this framework, we can foresee its potential to improve the quality of life for millions worldwide in this era where food seems to be implicated in the etiology and progression of age-related diseases.

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