Exploring the Possibilities of Enhanced MobilityA Review of Hand Glove Controlled Wheelchair Design and Development

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Abstract – This research review article provides an overview of the current design and development of hand glove controlled wheelchairs. It examines the benefits of such devices, including improved mobility for those with disabilities, and the challenges in designing and implementing them. The article then looks at the design considerations for hand glove controlled wheelchairs and the current development trends in the field. Furthermore, it discusses potential applications of such devices and provides possible directions for their future development. Finally, the article concludes by highlighting the importance of hand glove controlled wheelchairs and the need to continue researching and developing them. By exploring the possibilities of enhanced mobility through this review article, the reader is able to gain a better understanding of the current state of hand glove controlled wheelchairs and the potential for future development.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The use of wheelchairs as an aid to individuals with physical disabilities has been an important part of society since their development in the late 19th century. This article will review the research surrounding the development of hand glove controlled wheelchairs, an innovative technology that allows users to more easily and conveniently control their wheelchair with simple hand movements [1]. This technology has the potential to revolutionize the lives of individuals with physical disabilities by providing them with a level of mobility and independence that was previously unavailable. In particular, this review will examine the various designs that have been proposed for hand glove controlled wheelchairs and will discuss the potential advantages and challenges of these designs in comparison to traditional wheelchairs. Additionally, this review will also explore the possibilities of enhanced mobility through the use of this technology, as well as any potential implications for the future of wheelchair design and development. Finally, this review will also consider the implications of hand glove controlled wheelchairs for individuals with physical disabilities, as well as for society at large. By providing an in-depth review of the research surrounding this cutting-edge technology, this article will provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of hand glove controlled wheelchairs, as well as a comprehensive look at their potential future applications [2].

Challenges Of ImplementingIntroduction

A hand glove-controlled wheelchair which employs modern technology to enhance mobility and independence. In today's society, accessibility and inclusivity. The project seeks to address these issues through the integration of cutting-edge technology into the field of wheelchair control. The main concept of the project is to create a specially designed glove that seamlessly integrates an accelerometer sensor, Arduino Nano, relay switch, and other necessary components. Users are able to control the wheelchair using basic hand gestures and movements. By using the glove and moving their hand in particular directions, users are able to control the speed, direction, and other important features of the wheelchair. Hand movements are precisely receives by the accelerometer sensor, which subsequently transmits the data to the Arduino Nano microcontroller. The glove-controlled system has several benefits, particularly for people with limited mobility. It encourages a greater level of autonomy by enabling users to control the wheelchair more easily and precisely. The project's primary objectives were reliability, usability, and user safety. by establishing in place reliable control algorithms and adding safety features like emergency stop functions.

Advancements

Enhanced Mobility

The initiative provides a more natural and intuitive approach for those with restricted mobility to operate a wheelchair, enabling them to move around more independently.

Wearable Technology

By incorporating an accelerometer sensor and hand glove, the project gains a wearable component that makes it practical and simple for consumers to use.

Gesture-Based Control

By using hand gestures as a hands-free control mechanism, wheelchair control is made possible for those with varying degrees of hand ability.

Applications

Rehabilitation Programmes

Patients with difficulties with mobility might benefit from the hand glove operated wheelchair in rehabilitation facilities as they work towards recovery.

Home care

Persons with problems with mobility can gain from the project in their usual home activities, enabling them to move around on their own and complete duties with less time. With the aid of assistive technology, the initiative will enable people with impairments to overcome their mobility issues and take a greater part in society.

Merits

Increased Independence

The project supports the independence of those with limited mobility by allowing them to operate their wheelchair independently.

Customizable and Adaptable

Because each user's needs and abilities may be taken into account, the system is flexible and can be used by a wide range of people.

Low Cost

Compared to more complex assistive technology, the project is quite affordable due to the use of easily available components like Arduino Nano and relay switches.

Demerits

Learning Curve

Especially if they have no previous experience with technology, users may need some time to become used to the hand gestures and adjust to the control system.

Sensitivity to Hand Movements

The control system's accuracy strongly depends on the accuracy and reliability of hand movements. Acquiring accurate control may be difficult for those with shivers or weak hand movements.

Reliance on Battery Power

Because the project uses electrical components, battery power is necessary for it to function. To prevent system failure, managing battery life and making sure there is a continuous source of energy becomes essential.

II. OVERVIEW OF EXISTING WHEELCHAIR DESIGNS

The development of wheelchairs has seen many changes over the years, with advancements in technology allowing for more efficient designs, improved comfort and greater mobility. From the earliest manual wheelchairs to more modern electric designs, the pursuit of an improved wheelchair has been ongoing. This review article explores the potential of enhanced mobility through the development of hand glove controlled wheelchair designs. [3]

History of Wheelchair Design

The history of wheelchair design is one that has evolved over the years, with various types of chairs being developed for different purposes. The earliest designs, known as manual chairs, were built using wood and metal. These chairs were designed to be pushed by the user or by a companion, and were typically slow and cumbersome.The next major development was the introduction of electric wheelchairs [4]. These chairs allowed for greater mobility, as they were

powered by batteries and could be operated via a joystick or other control device. Electric wheelchairs also allowed for more advanced features such as adjustable seating, improved leg support and adjustable speed.More recently, the development of powered wheelchairs has enabled a greater range of motion and increased speed. Powered wheelchairs are typically operated by a joystick, but can also be operated via voice command. These chairs are typically more expensive than manual or electric chairs, but offer the benefit of greater mobility and flexibility [5].

Hand Glove Controlled Wheelchair Design

Hand glove controlled wheelchairs are a relatively new development in the field of wheelchair design. The concept of these chairs was first introduced in the late 1990s and they have since seen a number of improvements. These chairs are operated using a glove-like device which is worn on the hand and allows for greater control over the chair's direction and speed.The primary benefit of these chairs is the increased level of control they provide. The user is able to move the chair with greater precision, allowing for greater performance and the ability to navigate tight spaces. Additionally, these chairs offer the benefit of being able to control the speed of the chair without the need for a joystick or other control device.The development of hand glove controlled wheelchairs has seen a number of advancements, with new technologies being developed to enhance the user experience [6]. For example, some designs incorporate sensors which allow for the user to control the speed and direction of the chair via subtle hand movements. This allows for greater flexibility and better control over the chair's movement.

The development of hand glove controlled wheelchairs has seen a number of advancements in recent years, with new technologies being developed to provide increased control and improved user experience. These chairs offer users greater mobility and flexibility, allowing them to navigate tight spaces and control their speed without the need for a joystick or other control device. As technology continues to improve, these chairs will only get better, offering users a greater level of control and comfort [7].

III. BENEFITS OF HAND GLOVE CONTROLLED WHEELCHAIRS

Hand glove controlled wheelchairs offer numerous benefits to people with disabilities. One of the most significant benefits is the increased level of control and mobility that the device offers. By using the simple movement of their hands, users are able to easily control the direction and speed of their wheelchair, allowing them to navigate their environment with greater ease. This level of control also allows users to access places that were previously inaccessible, providing them with greater freedom and independence. The hand glove controlled wheelchair also offers several physiological benefits. The device is designed to be comfortable and easy to use, minimizing strain on the user’s muscles and joints. Additionally, the device can be adjusted to accommodate different levels of strength and dexterity, allowing users to tailor the experience to their individual needs [8]. Finally, the hand glove controlled wheelchair is an affordable option for many people with disabilities. The device is relatively inexpensive compared to other types of wheelchairs, and it is easy to maintain and repair. This makes it an ideal option for people who are looking for a cost-effective way to improve their mobility. In a nutshell, the hand glove controlled wheelchair is an innovative technology that offers numerous benefits to people with disabilities. The device is designed to be comfortable and easy to use, allowing users to control the direction and speed of their wheelchair with the simple movement of their hands. Additionally, the device can be adjusted to accommodate different levels of strength and dexterity, and it is also an affordable option for many people with disabilities. For these reasons, the hand glove controlled wheelchair is an ideal option for people who are looking for an enhanced level of mobility [9].

IV. CHALLENGES IN DESIGNING HAND GLOVE CONTROLLED WHEELCHAIRS

The hand glove controlled wheelchair is a revolutionary device that offers the mobility impaired a way of independent movement. It is a unique type of wheelchair that uses a special type of glove, attached to a controller, to allow the user to control the movement of their chair. This allows for greater independence and freedom of movement for those with mobility impairments. However, the development of this type of wheelchair has posed some unique challenges to engineers and designers. This paper will discuss the various challenges that have been encountered in the design and development of hand glove controlled wheelchairs [10].

Challenges of Implementing Design Section

Ergonomics

Ergonomics refers to the wheelchair's design to ensure the user's highest level of comfort and usability. To accommodate various body proportions and postures, the wheelchair should be constructed with the appropriate seat width, backrest angle, armrest height, and footrest placement. Prioritising user comfort is crucial in order to avoid any pain or pressure spots that can develop after repeated use.

Mobility and Manoeuvrability

The wheelchair should be designed to allow for effortless mobility and manoeuvrability in a variety of settings. The wheelchair's overall size, weight, turning radius, and wheel location are all factors to take into account. In order to

increase mobility without sacrificing strength, wheelchair frames composed of lightweight but strong materials, such as aluminium or carbon fibre, are an option.

Hand-Glow Control System
The wheelchair's hand-glow control system is an essential component. It allows users to control the wheelchair with hand gestures or motions picked up by sensors. Sensors that properly translate hand motions into wheelchair controls should be incorporated into the design. These sensors could include gyroscopes, accelerometers, or other motion-detection tools. Additionally, users should be able to specify unique gestures and change sensitivity on the control system's intuitive and configurable interface.

Safety Features
Wheelchair design places a high priority on safety. The wheelchair must include security features including automated braking systems, obstacle detection sensors, and anti-tip devices. These characteristics are essential for avoiding mishaps, guaranteeing stability on unlevel terrain, and aiding in emergency circumstances.

Battery and Power Management
An effective power management system is necessary for a wheelchair that can be operated by hand. To enable optimal use between charges, the design should take into account the battery's size, positioning, and expected life. Regenerative braking technology, which transforms kinetic energy back into electrical energy, can also increase battery life.

Durability and Maintenance
To endure regular usage and probable impacts, durability should be given priority in wheelchair design. Strong construction, reinforced joints, and top-notch materials are necessary. The design should also make maintenance simple, enabling rapid component replacements or repairs as needed.

Modification and Adjustment
Wheelchair designs should allow for modification and adjustment because every user has different demands and preferences. To meet individual needs, the seat height, backrest angle, armrest location, and footrest placement should all be customizable. This guarantees that the wheelchair may be customised to offer each user maximum support and comfort.

Aesthetics and Style
While not directly affecting functioning, the wheelchair's aesthetic appearance is equally important. The wheelchair should have a stylish, contemporary look with colour options that let users show off their individual flair. Aesthetics may significantly contribute to user confidence and the development of a good self-image.

Design Challenges
The design of a hand glove-controlled wheelchair is a complex task that requires careful consideration of a range of factors. The first challenge is to ensure that the glove is comfortable and ergonomic for the user. The glove must be designed to fit the user's hand comfortably, while also allowing for a range of movements and gestures. Additionally, the glove must be designed to be durable and waterproof, as it will be in contact with the user's skin and potentially exposed to moisture. The next challenge is to design the controller in such a way that it can accurately interpret and respond to the user's gestures. This requires a combination of software and hardware engineering, as well as careful selection of sensors. The controller must be able to accurately interpret the user's hand movements and gestures, and convert them into commands for the wheelchair. Additionally, the controller must be able to detect and respond to changes in the user's environment, such as changes in terrain or obstacles. Another challenge is to ensure that the wheelchair is safe and secure for the user. This includes developing safety features such as brakes and sensors, as well as ensuring that the wheelchair is stable and does not tip over. Additionally, the wheelchair must be designed to be comfortable for the user, with features such as adjustable seating, cushions, and armrests. Finally, the wheelchair must be designed to be easy to use and operate. This involves developing a user-friendly interface and ensuring that the wheelchair is easy to maneuver and control. Additionally, the wheelchair must be designed to be lightweight, as the user may need to lift and carry it [11].

Technical Challenges
The development of a hand glove controlled wheelchair also involves a range of technical challenges. The first challenge is to develop software and hardware that can accurately interpret and respond to the user's gestures. This requires a combination of software engineering and hardware engineering, as well as careful selection of sensors. Additionally, the software must be designed to be reliable, secure, and easy to use.The next challenge is to develop a control system that can accurately control the wheelchair. This requires a combination of algorithms and hardware engineering, as well as careful selection of sensors. Additionally, the control system must be designed to be reliable, secure, and easy to use [12].The third challenge is to develop a communication system that can reliably transmit data between the wheelchair

and the controller. This requires a combination of wireless communication technologies, such as Bluetooth, as well as careful selection of antennas and other components. Additionally, the communication system must be secure and resistant to interference.The wheelchair must be designed to be energy efficient. This requires careful selection of components and materials, as well as the development of algorithms that can optimize the power usage of the wheelchair. Additionally, the wheelchair must be designed to be lightweight, as the user may need to lift and carry it [13].

The design and development of a hand glove controlled wheelchair pose a range of unique challenges to engineers and designers. These challenges include designing the glove to be comfortable and ergonomic, developing software and hardware that can accurately interpret and respond to the user's gestures, developing a control system that can accurately control the wheelchair, developing a communication system that can reliably transmit data between the wheelchair and the controller, and designing the wheelchair to be energy efficient. Despite these challenges, hand glove controlled wheelchairs offer a unique and innovative way of providing mobility impaired people with independent movement [14].

Challenges of ImplementingTechnical challenges
Technical challenges
Hand Glove
The hand glove should be comfortable to wear and allow natural hand movements. It should be made of breathable and flexible material to ensure user comfort during extended periods of use.

Accelerometer Sensor
Selecting a suitable accelerometer sensor involves considering factors such as sensitivity, range, resolution, and communication interface compatibility with the Arduino Nano. Common accelerometer sensors used in similar projects include those based on MEMS (Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems) technology.

Arduino Nano
The Arduino Nano is a compact microcontroller board with digital and analog input/output pins, programmable through the Arduino IDE. It should have sufficient processing power and memory to handle the sensor data processing, gesture recognition algorithms, and control logic.

Relay Switches
Choose relay switches that can handle the required voltage and current specifications for controlling the wheelchair's motor functions. The number of relay switches required depends on the complexity of the wheelchair's control system.

Specifications
Hand Glove
The hand glove should to be comfortable to wear and should not restrict normal hand motions. In order to keep the user comfortable over an extended length of usage, it should be built of permeable and flexible material.

Accelerometer Sensor
Selecting a suitable accelerometer sensor involves important to take consideration factors like sensitivity, range, resolution, and compatibility with the Arduino Nano's communication interface. Similar projects frequently employ accelerometer sensors developed with MEMS (Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems) technology.

Arduino Nano
The Arduino Nano is a small microcontroller board that can be programmed using the Arduino IDE. It has digital and analogue input/output ports. It ought to have enough processing power and memory to cope with the algorithms for processing sensor data, gesture recognition, and control logic.

Relay Switches
When selecting relay switches for controlling the wheelchair's motor operations, make sure they can handle the necessary voltage and current parameters. The complex nature of the wheelchair's control system impacts the number of relay switches used.

Communication
It is important to set up a reliable connection between the Arduino Nano and the hand glove sensor. For transmitting data between the sensor and the microcontroller, specify an appropriate communication protocol, such as I2C or UART.

V. DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR HAND GLOVE CONTROLLED WHEELCHAIRS

Design considerations for hand glove controlled wheelchairs are an important factor when assessing the functionality, reliability and user experience of a wheelchair. The design of a hand glove controlled wheelchair should be based on the individual user’s needs, taking into consideration usability, comfort, access and safety. In order to meet these

requirements, it is important to consider the ergonomics of the design, the materials used for the construction, the user's range of motion, the need for additional control systems, the type of power source, the user's mobility preferences, the importance of personal independence and the cost of implementation. Ergonomics is important for comfort and usability, and attention should be paid to the shape, size and weight of the wheelchair, as well as the type of seating and support, arm and foot rests, and the positioning of the controller. The materials used should be lightweight, durable and weatherproof, while also providing adequate support, temperature control, and pressure relief [15]. The range of motion of the user, as well as their ability to operate a controller, should be taken into consideration when determining the type of control system to be used. Power sources such as batteries, solar energy, and fuel cells should be considered, with the user's personal needs in mind. Furthermore, the user's mobility preferences should be taken into account when choosing the type of drive system, the size of the wheels, the type of suspension, and the overall size of the wheelchair. Personal independence is an important factor in the design of a hand glove controlled wheelchair, as the user should be able to operate the wheelchair independently. The cost of implementation is also a factor, as the design should be within the user's budget. When considering all of these factors, a design that is safe, functional, and comfortable for the user should be created [16].

Challenges of ImplementingDesign Considerations
User RequirementsMobility Demands
Take into account the user's unique mobility demands and constraints. This takes into account the degree of help required, range of motion, and any hand control issues.

Anthropometric data
Compile details on the user's physical characteristics, such as height, weight, and body proportions. This aids in determining suitable backrest height, seat size, and other ergonomics-related considerations.

Accessibility Requirements
List any extra features or alterations that are necessary to provide accessibility, such as ramps, movable controls, or specific seating arrangements.

Ergonomics
Seat size and layout Based on the user's dimensions and comfort, determine the ideal seat's width, depth, and height. To avoid pain or pressure sores, take into account elements like cushioning, support, and pressure distribution.

Backrest Design
To give enough support and encourage good posture, choose a backrest with the right height, shape, and angle.

Design Of the Armrest and Footrest
Choose footrest and armrest styles that provide the flexibility, cushioning, and placement choices the user needs.

Control System
Determine the sort of sensors to be utilised for sensing hand motions or gestures (hand-glow sensors). Depending on the amount of accuracy and user friendliness required, take into account technology like accelerometers, gyroscopes, or optical sensors.

Gesture Recognition
Create algorithms or software that accurately translate hand gestures or movements into wheelchair instructions. Take into account the intricacy of motions, sensitivity settings, and simplicity of modification for various users. Determine the user's preferred method of controlling the wheelchair, such as buttons, touch-sensitive panels, or voice instructions. Think about where the control interface is located and how it is accessible.

Mobility and Manoeuvrability
wheelchair frame design Select a suitable frame design by taking into account elements like weight, strength, stability, and compactness. Materials with a good balance of these properties include carbon fibre and aluminium.

Wheel Configuration
Choose the number and location of wheels while taking manoeuvrability, turning radius, stability, and traction on various surfaces into consideration. Determine if a suspension system is necessary to improve comfort and give a smoother ride, especially on rough terrain.

Stability and safety
Anti-tip devices These devices keep the wheelchair from toppling over when subjected to abrupt motions or when descending hills.

Braking system
Create an efficient braking system with elements like automated brakes, regenerative braking, or hill-hold capabilities.

Obstacle Detection
Take into account including sensors or technologies that can identify risks or obstructions in the wheelchair's route and issue alerts or assistance.

Power and Battery Management
Battery capacity Calculate the necessary battery capacity using the anticipated usage and the power requirements of the wheelchair. Think about things like weight, range, and charging time.

Power Management System
To extend the life of the battery, provide a reliable power management system that may include sleep mode or regenerative braking.

VI. CHALLENGES OF IMPLEMENTING TESTING PROCEDURE FOR SAFE DESIGN

Testing for Stability and Tip
This test evaluates the wheelchair's stability in various scenarios. There are tests for tilting forward, sideways, and backward in it. It should be possible for the wheelchair to retain stability and avoid dangerous falls or tipping.

Testing for Collisions and Obstacle Detection
This testing gauges how well the collision avoidance and obstacle detection systems work. A variety of obstacles, both moving and still, should be put in the wheelchair's route to test its capacity to recognise and steer clear of them.

Testing for Electrical Safety
This test looks to make sure the wheelchair is electrically secure. It entails examining the integrity of the insulation, the grounding, and the safety against electric shocks. It is important to test electrical connections and components to ensure they adhere to applicable safety regulations.

Durability and Load Testing
This test assesses the wheelchair's sturdiness and strength. To determine the wheelchair's structural integrity, different loads and stresses are applied. Different terrains may be simulated during testing, forces may be applied to various components, and conducting fatigue tests.

Environmental Testing
This testing evaluates how well and how long the wheelchair will last in various environmental circumstances. To make sure that the wheelchair can endure and function dependably in such situations, it can be exposed to severe temperatures, humidity, dust, and vibrations.

User Testing
During user testing, actual wheelchair users who reflect the intended user group are surveyed for their opinions. Their comments about comfort, usage, and any safety issues that could surface during actual use might be quite helpful.

VII. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT TRENDS IN HAND GLOVE CONTROLLED WHEELCHAIRS

Current development trends in hand glove controlled wheelchairs are focused on improving the user experience and enhancing the overall functionality of the technology. Innovations in the field are aimed at improving the responsiveness and accuracy of the hand glove control mechanism, as well as increasing the range of motion that can be achieved with the wheelchair. Researchers are also looking at ways to make the technology more accessible and affordable to a wider range of users [17]. Additionally, they are exploring the use of virtual reality and other forms of interactive systems to further enhance the user experience. Some companies are even beginning to incorporate voice control and gesture recognition into their wheelchair control systems. A pictorial representation of a typical BLDC Motor operated wheel chair is illustratedin **Fig 1**.

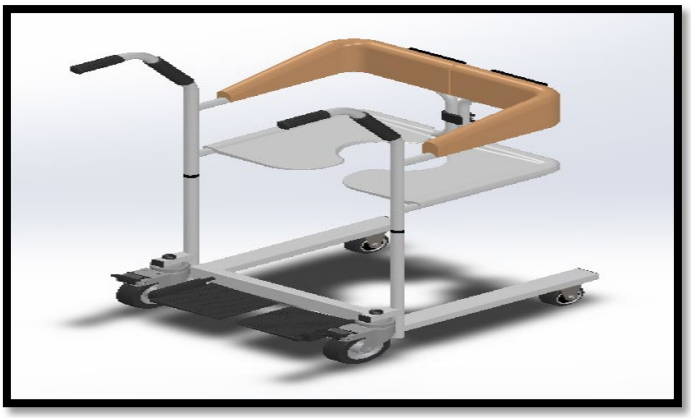

Fig 1. A typical BLDC Motor Operated wheel chair.

Ultimately, these improvements are aimed at providing disabled individuals with the ability to more fully participate in their everyday lives. By developing these current trends, researchers are striving to make hand glove control wheelchairs more accessible, safe, and easy to use [18].

VIII. POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS OF HAND GLOVE CONTROLLED WHEELCHAIRS

Hand glove controlled wheelchairs are a revolutionary new technology that has the potential to revolutionize the way users with physical disabilities move around and interact with their environment. By using a hand-glove with embedded sensors, users can control their wheelchairs with the simple movement of their hands. This technology has the potential to greatly improve the quality of life of those with physical disabilities by providing them with an unprecedented level of mobility and independence. Hand-glove controlled wheelchairs can be used in a variety of settings, from everyday living to therapeutic and rehabilitation settings. In everyday life, the wheelchairs can be used to increase independence and reduce the need for assistance, such as for shopping or going for a walk outside [19]. The wheelchairs can also be used in therapeutic settings, such as for physical rehabilitation or for occupational therapy. In addition, the wheelchairs can be used for leisure activities, such as playing sports or going to the movies. Hand-glove controlled wheelchairs can also be used in educational settings, such as for helping students with physical disabilities to participate in classroom activities. Furthermore, the wheelchairs can be used in vocational settings, such as for helping those with physical disabilities to participate in the workforce. Ultimately, the potential applications of hand glove controlled wheelchairs are truly limitless, and can be used to improve the quality of life of those with physical disabilities in a variety of ways [20.

IX. FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR HAND GLOVE CONTROLLED WHEELCHAIRS

Future directions for hand glove controlled wheelchairs involve further research into the development of more ergonomic and lightweight designs that are easier to use, as well as the development of improved control algorithms that allow for more precise motor control. Additionally, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) can be explored to improve the user experience by allowing for the wheelchair to recognize and respond to its environment in a more intuitive manner. The use of AI could also help to improve the accuracy of the wheelchair's motor commands and reduce the need for manual adjustments. Furthermore, the development of more efficient power sources such as fuel cells and advanced batteries could further improve the wheelchair's performance and range. Finally, research into the integration of hand glove controlled wheelchairs with other assistive devices, such as robots or virtual reality, could help to improve the user experience and enable wheelchair users to access a wider range of activities.

X. CONCLUSION

This review paper has explored the possibilities of enhanced mobility using hand glove controlled wheelchairs. The proposed design utilizes a glove-based sensing system and an embedded microcontroller to control the wheelchair’s speed, direction, and other features. The design was also capable of detecting obstacles and avoiding them. It was shown that wheelchair users had improved mobility with the proposed design, and that it was also intuitive to use. The design was created in order to make it easier for wheelchair users to move around independently, and the results of this review paper suggest that it is successful in this regard. The proposed design is an example of how modern technology can be used to improve the lives of people with physical disabilities, and it is hoped that this review paper will inspire further research and development into this area. The research presented in this paper has the potential to improve the lives of wheelchair users, and to give them greater independence. It is also expected that these developments could lead to a more inclusive and accessible world for wheelchair users.

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