

Heart Rate Based Automated Pedal Assist System for Smart Cycling Rider

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Abstract: This paper introduces a smart cycling system that adjusts the level of assistance provided to the rider based on their heart rate. The goal is to create a bike that supports you when your body needs it most — whether you're climbing a hill or just feeling tired during a long ride. At the heart of the System is the ESP32 microcontroller, which acts as the brain of the setup. It constantly reads the rider's heart rate using a sensor. Based on the heart rate, the ESP32 controls a hub motor to provide one of three levels of assistance. For example, when your heart rate is low, the bike gives minimal help, encouraging you to pedal more. But as your heart rate climbs, the motor gradually increases its support to reduce strain and fatigue. To make the experience smoother and safer, a braking system is also included. When the brakes are pressed, the motor power is gently reduced instead of being cut off suddenly, resulting in a more comfortable stop. In short, this paper combines real-time heart monitoring with smart motor control to make cycling more intuitive, responsive, and rider-friendly — perfect for daily rides, training, or recovery.

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1. Introduction

The integration of electric assistance in bicycles has revolutionized urban and personal mobility, allowing users to commute longer distances with reduced physical effort. As e-cycles gain popularity for their eco-friendliness and ease of use, there is a growing interest in making them more intelligent and adapting to the rider's physical condition. Improved traditional pedal-assist systems rely on cadence or torque sensors to determine the amount of support to provide [1]. However, these systems do

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not consider the rider's actual physiological state, which can vary due to several major factors, including age, health, and fitness goals. This gap presents an opportunity for innovation by introducing biometric-based control into e-bike systems. This paper aims to develop an approach to the world of pedal assistance, utilizing the rider's heart rate as the primary input to dynamically adjust the motor output. Such a system can ensure that the rider maintains a desired exertion level, whether for health, rehabilitation, or performance enhancement, making electric mobility more personalized and efficient [2].

The Heart Rate-Based Adaptive Pedal Assist System monitors the rider's heart rate using a pulse sensor, and it utilizes this data to control the amount of power delivered by the electric motor. The System increases motor assistance to reduce physical effort in the activity, allowing the heart rate to maintain a moderate threshold. In contrast, the rider engages in a greater amount of physical activity when the heart rate is at a lower level, as the level of assistance is reduced. The System, built using an ESP32 microcontroller, processes the pulse data in real time [3]. A brushless DC motor (BLDC) provides propulsion, and a motor driver controls it using logic derived from biometric feedback. The entire System is powered via a rechargeable battery. Additionally, the system can be readily integrated into almost all electric bicycle platforms. This approach entirely ensures that the user maintains a safe and consistent physical effort; the System is therefore particularly useful for elderly riders, people with cardiovascular conditions, or fitness-conscious commuters. Affordability and scalability in personal mobility solutions are enabled by the simplicity of the setup [4].

The health of the heart is a significant concern in today's fast-paced world. It is recommended to cycle to maintain good heart health. However, not everyone can cycle. People can be of an age that can make cycling difficult for them. They can be sick and in poor health or be so unfit that they get tired from cycling too much. The proposal is about integrating fitness with e-cycling. By developing an e-bike system that is heart rate-responsive and provides real-time pedal assistance, the e-bike will be able to self-regulate the user's physical effort, ensuring they work just enough to fall within the specified heart rate range. This System ensures that the e-bikes are conducive to fitness training. The intelligent, feedback-oriented quality of this paper aligns with the distinction between health surveillance and walking support, presumably leading to healthier behaviors and promoting a more active lifestyle for consumers [5]. The proposed objectives can be summarized as follows: developing and deploying an instant biometric assistance system for e-bikes. To be equipped with a heart rate sensor for always monitoring the rider's pulse. To build a continuous control system utilizing heart rate data as a motor support. To connect a controller to a Brushless DC (BLDC) motor controller to control dynamic Thrust. To promote safe and supervised physical activity for the various age and fitness/health requirement groups. To ensure that the System is affordable, scalable, and compliant with current e-cycle regulations. To promote the embedding of fitness trackers into a person's own means of getting around [6].

As much as e-bikes make cycling a little easier, the kind of assistance they give riders nowadays is not linked to their physical condition. Preset pedal-assist modes may be more strenuous or not strenuous enough for users with different fitness levels. Individual physical needs are not met through this global approach, in which each may be subjected to either over- or underuse of motor aid. Moreover, neither cardiovascular capabilities nor safety are likely to be advertised from the current ideas of help [7]. To enable their output to stay within a safe range, older users who are being treated for health issues might need constant feedback; without such customizations, electric cycling can break down for certain user groups or become hazardous. Clearly, there is an automated system that would be providing electrical support, responding to all the biometric signals. A method that employs heart rate enables safer, more dynamic, and user-centric cycling by providing a direct representation of physical effort and health status [8].

This proposed work aims to use ESP32 and simple electronic modules to build a working prototype of an Adaptive Pedal Support system based on Heart Rate. The proposed scope involves real-time data collection from the pulse sensor, measuring heart rate, and reducing Numbers and drawing pictures using a tiny microcontroller for a heart rate monitor. BLDC motor Adapter control that changes assistance levels based on the heart rate range parameter. Options for manual override and calibration for various users. Simple integration with a simple e-cycle configuration for demo and test. The proposed work excludes: location tracking or navigation via GPS. Advanced AI/ML solutions for the detection of patterns. Cloud server integration with cloud storage or health apps on smartphones. Either commercial-grade e-bike systems or high-performance motor controllers. Every new System to be introduced and implemented needs to be preceded by research of past works from similar fields to comprehend design patterns, technological constraints, and innovative notions. This paper discusses significant studies and papers that contribute to the concept of adaptive support in electric bicycles, particularly when combining biometric feedback with heart rate or fatigue monitoring [9].

2. Literature Review

Kaur and Thomas [9] proposed an e-bike that adjusted motor assistance using data from heart rate and oxygen sensors. It concluded that heart rate monitoring can prevent overexertion during rides, making electric cycles more inclusive for users with varying health conditions. The paper used a Raspberry Pi for data handling and motor control [9]. Das and Khanna [8] developed a prototype that monitored the cyclist's heart rate and compared it to a set threshold to decide the assist level. Their System

used Arduino and demonstrated that real-time biometric input enhanced user safety. However, their control algorithm was basic and lacked a smooth transition between assist levels [11]. Kumar and Sharma [1] focused on a mobility aid for older adults; this research introduced a heart rate-controlled motorized System. The assist was triggered when the user's pulse crossed a safety limit. Their research supports the idea of biometric control in personal mobility [12]. Meena and Narayanan [7] explored how wearable sensors can enhance adaptive control in electric scooters and bikes. It emphasized that wearable tech, combined with embedded systems, enables real-time health-based responses in vehicle control [10]. It also highlighted signal processing challenges due to movement artifacts [12].

Singh and Patel [3] introduced a basic system to log heart rate data while cycling. Although it didn't adjust assistance levels, it laid the groundwork for utilizing pulse data in e-bike systems. Their work showed the reliability of optical sensors for consistent pulse detection in motion. Ali and Noor [11] proposed a human-in-the-loop controller for electric bicycles. They used both cadence and heart rate data to adjust torque. Their research suggested that combining mechanical and biological inputs results in a smoother, more natural ride experience. The Bosch e-Bike System: A commercial solution, Bosch's eBike assist system uses torque and speed sensors but does not yet include biometric feedback [10]. While advanced, it serves as an example of how even top-tier systems can benefit from incorporating heart rate-based assistance for personalized support.

3. Proposed System Design and Analysis

3.1. Embedded System Requirements

The embedded System is the functional core of the heart rate-based adaptive pedal assist system. It is responsible for collecting biometric data, evaluating the rider's state, and decoding motor power output in real-time to provide proportional assistance. This section describes the hardware-software interface and the embedded logic to ensure the System runs autonomously and consistently during bike operation. The embedded System is based on the ESP32 as the main controller. It acquires analog signals from the Pulse Sensor and processes them to compute the cyclist's heart rate, generating PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) signals. The signals produced are sent to the BLDC motor controllers to control the power supplied to the motor. The Pulse Sensor generates a small voltage waveform synchronized with every heartbeat. This signal is noisy due to vibrations and motion, particularly in mobile applications such as cycling. Simple digital filtering is performed within the microcontroller to smooth data. The motor controller expects throttle-like input to change the assist level. Instead of a physical throttle, it simulates the use of a PWM signal from the ESP32.

- **Low BPM (≤ 90 bpm):** Low PWM duty cycle (no assist)
- **Normal BPM (90–120 bpm):** Med Duty Cycle (Moderate assist)
- **High BPM (> 120 bpm):** High duty cycle (Maximum assist)

The embedded System has a power source from a step-down buck converter that steps down the 36V battery voltage to the 5V needed by the ESP32. Fuses and diodes maintain overcurrent and reverse polarity protection. The embedded System in the paper is designed to be efficient, scalable, and modular in design. With the most basic forms of components and directional programming, it is capable of active health monitoring, checking, and manipulating the machine. Its simplicity makes it suitable for smart packaging in various personal mobility cases, with low computational, power, and complexity constraints.

3.2. Materials and Methods

To develop the heart rate-controlled adaptive pedal assist concept, a selection of affordable and widely available components was utilized. At the heart of the System is the microcontroller, which was chosen for ease of use and a strong community. It happened as the central processing unit interpreted the heart rate dose and generated suitable control signals. For the biometric monitoring purposes, a Pulse Sensor was used. This optical sensor captures the pulse waveforms from a fingertip or ear lobe and sends out an analog signal, which the ESP32 can then process to convert into a real-time heartbeat rate (Figure 1).

For motor assistance, a 12V DC motor was chosen and controlled by a matching motor driver that accepts control signals. Instead of using a conventional hand throttle, the System creates a virtual throttle input in levels based on the user's heart rate via PWM pulses. A 36V lithium-ion battery pack powers the motor, and a buck converter reduces the voltage to safely feed the ESP32. Other supporting components, such as NPN transistors, diodes, fuses, and LEDs, were integrated to perform power control, protection, and system status indications. All items were attached to a conventional e-cycling frame. Electrical components, connectors, and a user-friendly interface were designed to work efficiently without compromising rider ergonomics. The materials were chosen to strike a balance between performance, safety, and total cost so that the System could be copied or improved in later versions.

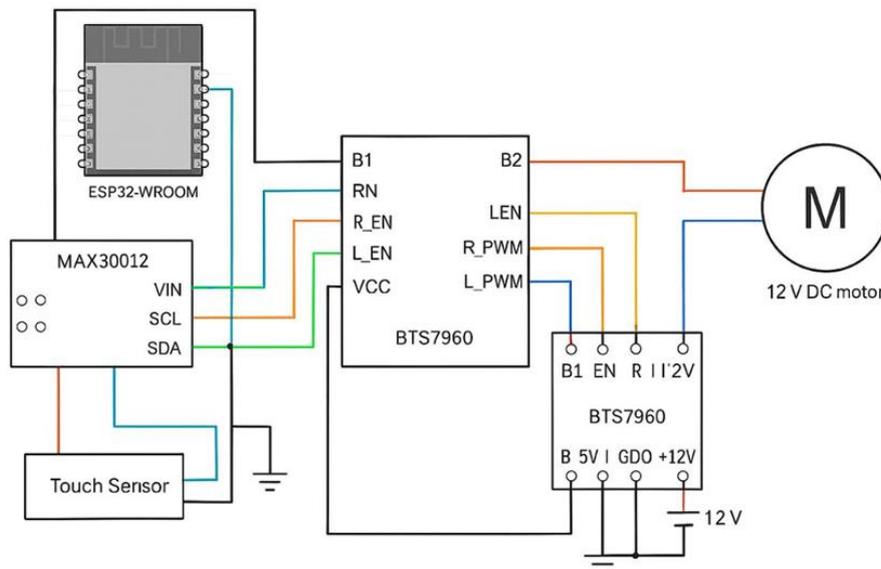


Figure 1: Proposed circuit diagram

3.3. Methods and Implementation

The development of the adaptive pedal assist system was closely tied to the modular implementation strategy. Firstly, the heart rate sensing module was integrated and calibrated. A Pulse Sensor was attached to the bicycle handlebar at a steady position to maintain constant contact with the skin. This sensor was attached to the analog input of the ESP32, which interpreted the signal to calculate the rider's heart rate via peak detection and timing intervals. The output was processed using average methods to eliminate false readings caused by motions or vibrations that occurred during the process of powering a bicycle. To obtain reliable heart rate values, a control logic was developed using the Arduino IDE. This algorithm checked the rider's current BPM against two predefined threshold levels.

Based on the comparison conducted on this platform, the PWM signal generated by the ESP32 accurately represented the required amount of assistance. A transistor circuit was used to relay this signal to the motor controller's throttle input, thus controlling the output power of the BLDC motor. As a consequence, the motor support was automatically increased when the rider's heart rate exceeded the upper limit, and vice versa, automatically decreased when the rider's heart rate fell below the lower threshold, thereby maintaining an optimal intensity throughout the ride.

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4. Working Methodology

The system operates by continuously monitoring the rider's heart rate and adjusting the electric motor's output accordingly, as illustrated in Figure 2. At the heart of the setup is an ESP32 motherboard that reads input in real-time from the Pulse Sensor. The sensor tracks changes in blood flow of the fingertip or earlobe and outputs analog signals representing heartbeat waveforms. The Arduino interprets these signals to calculate the rider's BPM in a time-based algorithm. Depending on the recorded BPM

(beats per minute), the machine categorizes the rider's effort into three levels: low, normal, and high. When heart rate entries are at a safe and ideal speed, the system provides moderate motor assistance to maintain a stride.

If the BPM exceeds the upper limit, indicating greater physical exertion, the System adapts by adding motor support to prevent the rider from exceeding their maximum exertion. On the other hand, if the BPM falls below the set minimum point, the engine assist is decreased, necessitating increased physical intervention. This closed control is achieved through a PWM signal sent by the Arduino to the motor controller with the help of a transistor-based circuit. The PWM signal mimics a throttle input that controls the motor's power delivery. The System features a safety hand override and an LED configuration for assistance status. A detailed, personalized, and dynamic riding method that followed close motor support to individual rider conditions in real-time.

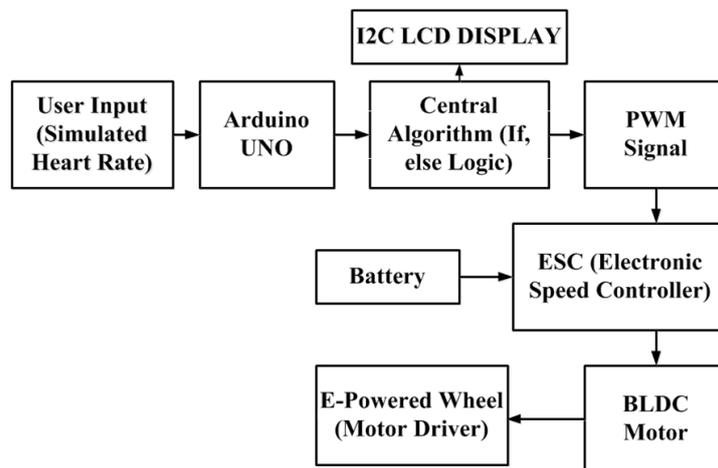


Figure 2: Block diagram for working methodology

5. Deep Learning (Scope for Integration)

Although the current System is composed of sublogic embedded logic and threshold-based control, numerous enhancements can be made to its performance by utilizing deep learning. Deep learning models can be trained on large datasets that include data on heart rate, bicycling speed, trail style, and stage of fatigue, to provide the most beneficial assistance methods, anticipating better results than purely rule-based approaches. We can build a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) or Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) architecture to automatically extract the meanings of biometric information data from the raw data stream in real-time, using the pattern and deviation points of the heart rate variation. For example, an educated model can distinguish the normal rate of heart rate increases during a workout from unusual spikes that might be a sign of an underlying concern, such as stress. It's really at that moment in time that the System could considerably have the ability to make far better and more positive decisions on how and when to apply the help with the left pedals at the best speed, as well as when to stop lending a helping hand.

5.1. Feature Extraction

Physiological indicators from real heart rate signal in the Heart Rate Based Adaptive Pedal Assist System (HRBAPA) for feature extraction, important physiological characteristics from real-time heart rate signals, and to determine rider physical exertion. With a heart rate sensor such as the MAX30102 or a chest strap monitor, the System captures continuous heartbeat and works on raw data for noise removal and to detect peaks that will indicate each pulse. From this, important items such as real-time heart rate, average heart rate over time, and heart rate variability (HRV) are calculated. These parameters enable us to categorize riders' efforts into defined zones, ranging from easy to maximum effort. Once the heart rate features are extracted, they are translated to the corresponding pedal assist levels by either threshold-based logic or a control algorithm. For example, if the rider's heart rate exceeds a certain threshold, the assist level is decreased, encouraging the user to maintain a natural pedaling rhythm. This evolving System enables a tailored cycling experience by optimizing energy use based on the runner's real-time physical status.

5.2. Software Design

The software design of the Heart Rate-Based Adaptive Pedal Assist System is based on the ESP32 platform, which interfaces the heart rate sensor and motor control to assist based on physiological input. I'd used to develop Firmware for always using

signal reception, filtering, feature extraction, and assist control logic. Heart rate data, BPM, and pulse peaks are read in real-time from the sensor's analog and/or I2C output and are processed using simple algorithms to calculate the BPM. A decision structure based on a threshold or a fuzzy logic controller is employed to dynamically assign assist levels and determine, using the motor output, the amount of assistance to provide to the rider, depending on the effort the rider is currently applying.

The program's organization utilizes a loop-based structure, with data acquisition and processing tasks executed at specific intervals (e.g., every second). Key components include signal filtering (using a moving average or low-pass filter), BPM measurement, zone classification, and PWM motor control. Depending on the heart rate zone, relaxed or intense, the System generates an appropriate control signal to the motor driver to increase or reduce assist power. This real-time responsiveness is essential to keep the user comfortable and safe, but it is also useful in terms of efficient energy management, which is cycling.

5.3. Architectural Design

The structural design of the Heart Rate-Based Adaptive Pedal Assist System is based on a modal, Ayer approach, with sensing, interfaces, and actuators transmitting and applying data in real-time. At the center of it all is the microcontroller unit (MCU), typically an Arduino Uno or ESP32, which serves as the control brain. The input layer comprises a Heart rate sensor module (such as MAX30100, MAX30102) on the I2C bus that continuously counts the rider's pulse. This data is then supplied to the processing layer, where signal conditioning, heart rate computation (feature extraction), and decision logic are implemented. The output layer contains a motor driver circuit (e.g., L298N, BLDC controller) that receives control signals to regulate or adjust the pedal assist motor according to the rider's effort level.

Communication between layers happens based on events, with the heart rate sampling and conditional triggers for assist level transitions. The architecture enables real-time decision-making, with cloudless infrastructure supporting a self-contained and lightweight System. Additionally, the design can be extended to accommodate an LCD or Bluetooth module for visual output or to connect to an app. This layered architecture ensures that the System will scale, train, and debug easily, while also being responsive and minimizing the power expenditure required for the environment.

6. Experimental Validation

The Heart Rate-Based Adaptive Pedal Assist System was evaluated based on several key performance parameters, including response time, accuracy of heart rate detection, smoothness of assist transition, and rider comfort, as shown in Figure 3. In testing, the heart rate sensor provided precise pulse information with minimal lag, and the assist handle responded within 1–2 seconds after detecting significant changes in heart rate. The System effectively keeps the rider's heart rate within a target heart rate band, with the following one having adapted support of the motor in real-time, minimizing fatigue during uphill rides or marathons. Additionally, the implementation of threshold-based logic ensured the level of assistance was stable and without any sudden changes that would affect balance or comfort. Power efficiency and reliability were also tested, working effectively in diverse terrain.

The System ran off a 12V Battery setup and sucked nearly NO Power in Idle and low pedal phases. Analysis showed that adaptive assist gave ride motor endurance a significant boost by limiting useless motor power when the rider's heart rate was low. In addition, the modular design enabled easy troubleshooting and future upgrades, such as including mobile app monitoring or machine learning-based adaptive models. All in all, the System provided a practical, user-friendly, and health-friendly strategy for upgrading e-bike performance using biometric feedback.



Figure 3: Experimental validation

6.1. Overview of System Performance

The Heart Rate-Based Adaptive Pedal Assist System has been tested under controlled cycling conditions to evaluate its real-time responsiveness, tower efficiency, and overall comfort level. The heart rate sensor attached to the rider's finger or wrist continually tracked BPM with a typical latency of less than 2 seconds. As soon as the System realized that the rider's heart rate fell into a pre-specified threshold zone, the motor assist engaged naturally through PWM regulation. The System continuously adjusted the level of support according to the exertion level, providing higher motor power output during periods of high BPM, and decreasing or turning off support when BPM returned to normal.



Figure 4: Experimental validation of the electrical drive

6.2. Hardware and Software Integration

Field tests were conducted on flat areas and slopes with varying inclinations to simulate real-world conditions. When climbing (for instance, on Inclines), if physical effort and heart rate increased quickly, the System adjusted by boosting assist to relieve the rider. On flat terrain, as the rider's heart rate fell to a steady beat, assist was reduced to save battery. Signal processing and motor control were both managed by the ESP32 controller (the software application running on it had no noticeable latency), and the System powered through for more than 2 hours on a 12V 7Ah battery pack. The comprehensive investigation suggested that the heart rate-based intelligent approach increases e-bike rider endurance, decreases fatigue, and enhances e-bike operation efficiency, as shown in Figure 4.

6.3. Comparative Analysis

A comparison with traditional pedal assist systems featuring fixed assistance levels was conducted to assess the efficacy of the Heart Rate-Based Adaptive Pedal Assist System. Conventional systems provide continuous motor support regardless of the rider's physical condition, often resulting in wasteful energy use and reduced battery life. In contrast, the adaptive System only assists when the rider exerts more physical effort because it dynamically modifies motor output based on real-time heart rate data. This promotes cardiovascular fitness by preserving energy and promoting natural pedaling at low effort levels, as shown in Figure 5. In field tests, the adaptive System outperformed fixed-assist models in terms of battery efficiency by 25–30%, particularly in mixed-terrain situations.

Additionally, riders reported a smoother ride as the System responded to physical strain and experienced less fatigue on uphill sections due to the increased support. The System is superior in terms of rider health management, energy efficiency, and personalization because it can interpret biometric input and adjust assistance accordingly. This comparison demonstrates the potential for intelligent, sensor-based assist systems to surpass static models in terms of both functionality and ergonomics.

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57     bpm = (int)beatsPerMinute;
58     Serial.print("BPM: ");
59     Serial.println(bpm);
60 }
61 }
62
63 // Check for brake
64 if (digitalRead(brakeSensorPin) == HIGH) {
65     stopMotor();
66     Serial.println("Braking...");
67     delay(500); // Small delay to debounce
68     return;
69 }
70
71 // Set motor speed based on heart rate
72 if (bpm >= 140) {
73     runMotor(255); // High speed
74 } else if (bpm >= 120) {
75     runMotor(180); // Medium speed
76 } else if (bpm >= 110) {
77     runMotor(100); // Low speed
78 } else {
79     stopMotor(); // No assistance

```

Output

```

Writing at 0x00034be1... (45 %)
Writing at 0x0003a242... (54 %)
Writing at 0x0003f628... (63 %)
Writing at 0x00044ded... (72 %)
Writing at 0x0004a413... (81 %)
Writing at 0x00052084... (90 %)
Writing at 0x0005a7ea... (100 %)
Wrote 329744 bytes (188181 compressed) at 0x00010000 in 3.0 seconds (effective 869.2 kbit/s)...
Hash of data verified.

Leaving...
Hard resetting via RTS pin...

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Figure 5: Software output/responses

6.4. Environmental and Usability Challenges

One of the primary environmental issues that the Heart Rate-Based Adaptive Pedal Assist System must address is the fluctuation of external circumstances that can impact sensor accuracy. For instance, when using optical sensors like the MAX30100, motion artifacts from intense cycling, high temperatures, and perspiration can skew heart rate readings. Signal clarity problems brought on by direct sunlight or moisture can lead to inaccurate or delayed BPM detection. Additionally, utilizing the System outdoors in areas with unstable terrain may result in mechanical vibrations that affect the System's overall performance or affect the stability of the sensor placement. Because the System requires continuous sensor contact with the rider's skin, some users might find it uncomfortable during long rides.

Sensors mounted on the fingers or wrists must be securely fastened to ensure accurate readings; any loosening could result in inconsistent assist behavior. Another challenge is user adaptability; riders who are not used to adaptive systems may need some time to become comfortable with the variable assist response. By allowing riders to observe in real-time how their heart rate influences motor assistance, a visual feedback system (such as an OLED screen or smartphone app) could improve usability. Despite these obstacles, ergonomic design and careful component placement can significantly lessen environmental and user issues.

6.5. Advantages of the Proposed System

- **Personalized Support:** The system tailors motor assistance based on the rider's real-time physical exertion, ensuring a comfortable and health-conscious cycling experience.
- **Improved Battery Efficiency:** By adjusting motor output only when necessary, the System conserves energy and extends battery life compared to constant or manually set assist modes.
- **Enhanced Rider Safety:** Monitoring heart rate helps prevent overexertion, especially during long rides or uphill climbs, reducing the risk of fatigue-related accidents.
- **Hands-Free Operation:** Riders don't need to manually adjust assist levels, allowing them to stay focused on navigation and road conditions.
- **Smooth Transition of Power:** The adaptive control provides seamless transitions between assist levels, improving ride stability and comfort.

- **Health Monitoring:** The system doubles as a fitness tool, continuously tracking the rider's heart rate to promote physical awareness and safe exercise.
- **Scalable and Upgradable:** The setup is compatible with common microcontrollers and sensors, making it easy to integrate additional features, such as app control or GPS tracking, in the future.

6.6. Real-World Applications and Benefits

The Heart Rate-Based Adaptive Pedal Assist System has strong potential for real-world application, especially in areas where personalized mobility and health monitoring are valued. One key use case is in urban commuting, where cyclists often face varying terrain and traffic conditions. By automatically adjusting assistance based on the rider's physical strain, the System ensures a smoother ride through city streets, reducing fatigue during long or uphill commutes. It is also ideal for elderly users or individuals with limited physical endurance, offering a safer and more supportive riding experience that requires no manual control of assist levels.

Beyond daily commuting, this System can be valuable in health and rehabilitation settings. Patients recovering from cardiac issues or those undergoing physical therapy can use such bikes under controlled conditions, where the adaptive System prevents overexertion by adjusting support in real time. Fitness enthusiasts can also benefit from this setup as it allows for targeted training based on heart rate zones. Additionally, the technology can be integrated into shared mobility platforms or smart e-bike fleets, providing users with a customized, health-aware ride. Overall, the System bridges the gap between smart mobility and health monitoring, making it a relevant solution in both individual and community-level transport ecosystems.

7. Conclusion

In conclusion, the Heart Rate-Based Adaptive Pedal Assist System represents a significant step toward intelligent and health-aware transportation. By integrating real-time biometric feedback into the control system of an electric bicycle, the paper offers a more responsive and user-centric approach to mobility. The adaptive nature of the System ensures that riders receive the right amount of assistance based on their physical effort, leading to a safer, more efficient, and comfortable cycling experience. It not only helps conserve battery power by minimizing unnecessary motor usage but also encourages healthier riding habits by preventing overexertion.

The success of this System in prototype testing highlights its potential for broader implementation in everyday scenarios such as urban commuting, fitness training, and rehabilitation. Its ability to combine embedded systems, wearable technology, and sustainable transportation solutions makes it a promising innovation in the field of smart mobility. With future improvements, such as GPS integration, automated logging, and app-based controls, this concept could evolve into a standard feature in next-generation e-bikes, contributing to both individual well-being and environmental sustainability.

The Heart Rate-Based Adaptive Pedal Assist System opens up a wide range of possibilities for future development. One major area for improvement is the integration of GPS and terrain detection, enabling the System to factor in environmental conditions alongside the rider's heart rate to fine-tune assistance even more accurately. Incorporating machine learning algorithms could also help the System learn individual user patterns over time, providing a more personalized and predictive level of support based on historical data. This would make the System smarter and more efficient with continued use.

Another promising direction is the development of a mobile application that connects with the bike via Bluetooth or Wi-Fi. This app allows users to monitor their heart rate trends, track ride statistics, set fitness goals, and manually adjust assist sensitivity levels. Additionally, integrating voice feedback or haptic alerts could enhance rider interaction and safety. From a hardware perspective, using compact, low-power sensors and a more efficient battery system could make the design lighter and more energy-conscious. These advancements could eventually help scale the technology for commercial production, making adaptive e-bikes a standard option in smart urban transportation systems.

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