A Comparative Analysis of Data Compression Systems and their Impact on Information Storage and Transmission

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The purpose of this article is to provide a comprehensive comparison of systems that implement data compression and systems that do not. Data compression techniques have become central in numerous fields, enabling efficient storage and transmission of information. This study examines the advantages and limitations of both approaches to elaborate on their impact on data integrity, storage requirements, transfer speeds, and overall system performance. Through detailed analysis of underlying principles, algorithms and practical implementations, this article aims to provide readers with valuable insights into choosing the most fitting data management system for their particular needs.

Keywords: Data compression, Cyber-physical systems Comparative analysis, Storage efficiency, Transmission speed,System performance, Scalability, Data integrity, Energy, consumption, Decompression.

1 Introduction

Data compression techniques have surfaced as fundamental tools in the field of information management, playing an integral role in the efficient storage and transmission of data across various domains. The minimum volume of data required to apply data compression in a cyber-physical system depends on several factors such as the specific compression algorithm used, the characteristics of the data being compressed, and the desired level of compression.

1.1 Background and Motivation. In today's digital age, data generation and consumption have reached unprecedented levels. Rapid advances in technologies such as social media, e-commerce, cloud computing, and IoT have resulted in an explosion of data production. This exponential growth has produced significant challenges in effectively storing, managing, and transmitting this vast amount of information.

Conventional systems that do not apply data compression are limited in terms of storage requirements and transmission efficiency. Massive amounts of data take up valuable storage space, often requiring expensive infrastructure expansion. Additionally, sending uncompressed data over the network can cause bottlenecks, increased latency, and increased bandwidth consumption. These limitations affect system performance, scalability, and cost efficiency.

Data compression systems, on the other hand, offer a promising solution to address these challenges. Compression techniques optimise storage usage and increase transmission efficiency by reducing the size of data files or streams. These systems use sophisticated algorithms that exploit data redundancy, statistical patterns, and perceptual properties to present information more concisely. The result is more efficient data storage, faster transfer speeds, less network congestion, and lower costs.

1.2 Problem Statement. Questions arise such as: How does a system that applies data compression compare to a system that do not in terms of data storage and transmission? Data compression has numerous advantages, but there are also trade-offs, for instance computational overhead, potential loss of data integrity, and need for decompression on the receiving end. Analysing and understanding these trade-offs is critical to making informed decisions about the best approach for your particular data management needs.

1.3 Objectives and Scope. The primary purpose of this article is to comprehensively compare systems that implement data compression and those that do not, highlighting their advantages, limitations, and factors that influence their suitability for various scenarios. . This analysis aims to provide the reader with valuable insight into the impact of data compression on information storage and transmission by investigating the underlying principles, algorithms, and practical implementations of data compression.

The scope of this article includes:

(1) Provides an overview of data compression, including definition, purpose, and the distinction between lossless and lossy compression techniques.
(2) Examine systems that do not implement data compression and analyse their characteristics, limitations, storage requirements, and impact on transmission speed.
(3) Inspect systems that use data compression and highlights its benefits, compression algorithms, storage requirements, transfer speeds, and impact on overall system performance.
(4) Conduct a comparative analysis of data integrity, storage efficiency, transmission speed, and system performance was between the two approaches.
(5) Discuss practical considerations, trade-offs, and implications for choosing the most appropriate data management system.

By addressing these object, this article provides the reader with a thorough understanding of the advantages and limitations of data compression and non-compression systems. It serves as a decision guide in choosing the best approach for specific data management needs.

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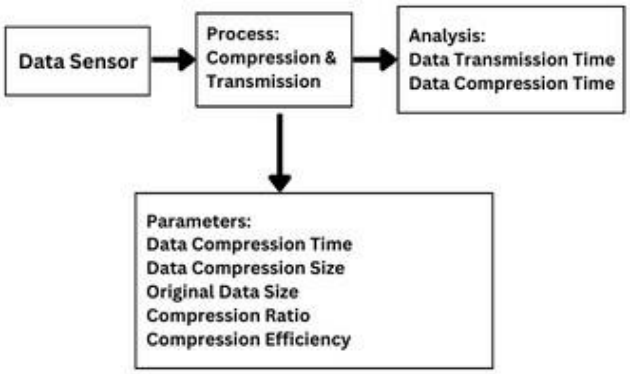


Fig. 1 Data Compression Block Diagram for CPS

2 Overview of Data Compression

2.1 Definition and purpose. Data compression is the process of reducing the size of a data file or stream while preserving critical information. The main goal is to minimise storage requirements and improve transmission efficiency without significantly compromising data integrity. Compression techniques aim to represent information more concisely by removing redundancies and taking advantage of statistical patterns in the data.

The purpose of data compression is two-fold. First, it enables efficient use of storage resources. Compression techniques reduce the size of data files, allowing you to store large amounts of information in a limited amount of storage space. This is particularly beneficial when disk space is at a premium or when data needs to be archived for long-term storage.

Second, data compression plays a vital role in optimising data transfer. Compression techniques minimise the bandwidth required to transmit information by reducing the size of files or streams. This increases data transfer speeds, reduces network congestion, and reduces costs, in situations where network bandwidth is limited or transfer costs are high.

2.2 Lossless vs. Lossy Compression. Data compression techniques can be broadly classified into two types: Lossless and lossy compression.

The aim of lossless compression is to achieve a fully lossless compression process that allows the original data to be fully reconstructed from the compressed version. This technique is typically used in scenarios where data integrity is paramount, such as scientific data, databases, and critical documents. Lossless compression algorithms such as Huffman Coding, Run-Length Coding, and Lempel-Ziv-Welch Compression (LZW) eliminate data redundancy without loss of information.

Lossy compression, on the other hand, requires a trade-off between compression efficiency and level of information loss. This technique is commonly used for multimedia data such as images, audio, and video where some data loss is acceptable to achieve higher compression ratios. Lossy compression algorithms such as JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group) for images and MP3 (MPEG-1 Audio Layer III) for audio use techniques such as quantisation and perceptual coding to reduce the importance of , or discard unrecognisable details and compress better, but slightly more. loss of quality.

The choice between lossless and lossy compression depends on the specific needs of your data and the acceptable compromises in terms of file size, data fidelity, and intended use of the information.

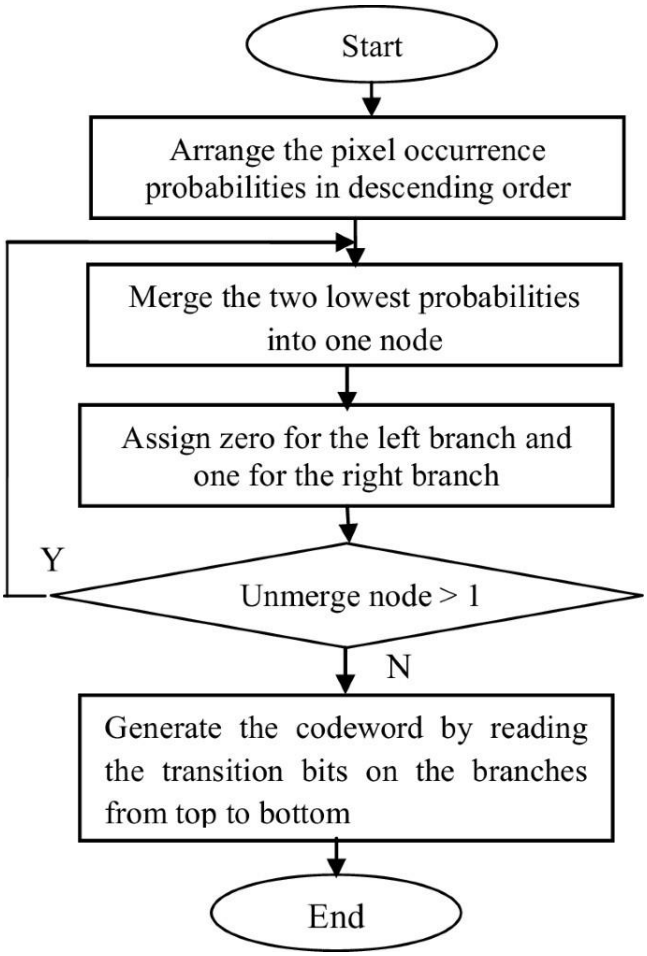


Fig. 2 Huffman Coding Flowchart

2.3 Compression Algorithms and Techniques: Exploring Efficient Methods for Data Compression. Data compression techniques rely on advanced algorithms and techniques to achieve efficient data size reduction while preserving critical information. This section takes a closer look at various compression algorithms and techniques developed to optimise data compression.

2.3.1 Huffman Coding.

- Huffman coding is a widely used compression algorithm that assigns variable-length codes to symbols based on their frequency of occurrence.
- Huffman coding achieves efficient compression by assigning shorter codes to frequent symbols and longer codes to less frequent symbols.
- The encoding and decoding processes involve constructing and traversing a Huffman tree, resulting in minimal redundancy and compact representation of data.

2.3.2 Lempel-Ziv-Welch (LZW) Compression.

- LZW compression is a dictionary-based algorithm that dynamically builds a dictionary of common patterns in your data.
- The algorithm replaces frequent patterns with shorter codes, effectively reducing data size.

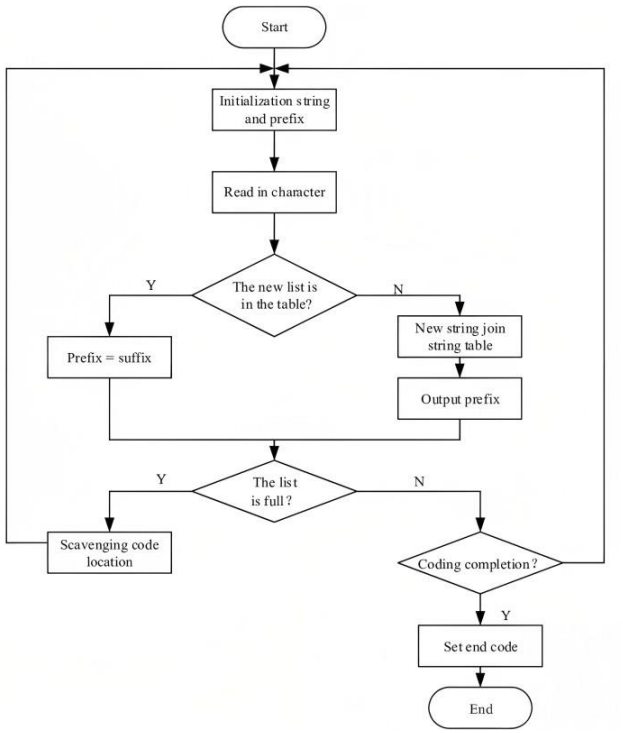


Fig. 3 Lempel-Ziv-Welch (LZW) Compression flowchart

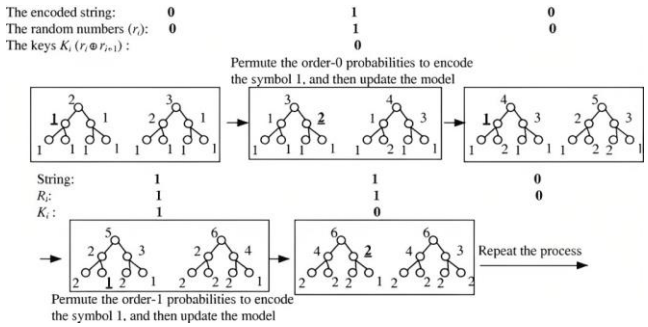


Fig. 4 A secure arithmetic coding based on Markov model

- LZW compression is widely utilised in various file formats such as GIF and TIFF because it can achieve high compression ratios.

2.3.3 Arithmetic Coding.

- Arithmetic coding is the technique of assigning fractional values to symbols based on probability.
- Arithmetic coding provides accurate representation of the symbol probabilities, rather than using fixed-length codes like Huffman coding.
- This algorithm partially encodes data within a specified range for efficient compression.

2.3.4 Run-Length Encoding (RLE).

- RLE is a simple but effective compression technique that replaces consecutive repetitions of the same symbol with repeat counts.

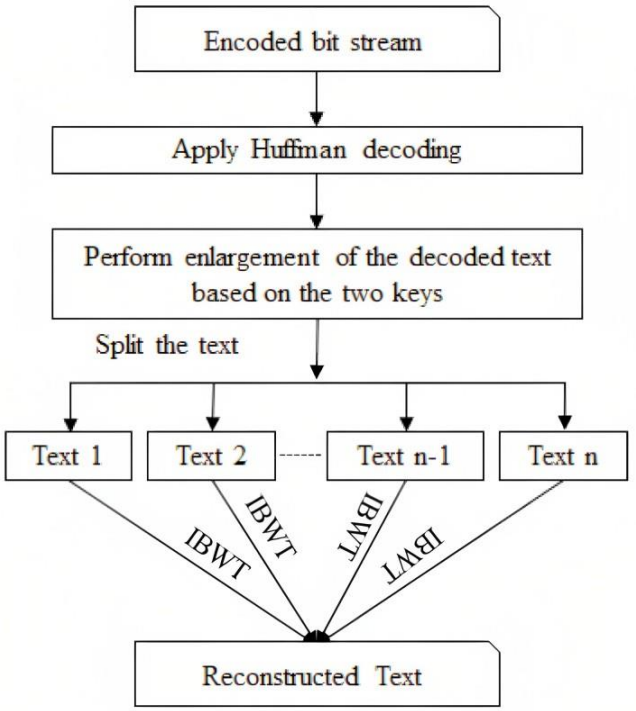


Fig. 5 The concise flowchart of the Burrows-Wheeler Transforme

- The algorithm is particularly effective for compressing data with long runs of the same symbol, such as bitmap images or text data.
- RLE accomplishes excellent compression ratios for such data and eliminates redundancy by accurately representing repeated sequences.

2.3.5 Burrows-Wheeler Transform (BWT).

- BWT is a compression technique based on a lossless transform that rearranges data to augment the potential of compression.
- It rearranges the symbols in data based on their relationship to each other, greatly eliminating redundancy.
- BWT is commonly used in combination with other compression algorithms such as the Move-to-Front Algorithm (MTF) or Run-Length Encoding as a preprocessing step.

2.3.6 Transform-based Compression.

- Transform-based compression algorithms, such as the discrete cosine transform (DCT) in JPEG compression, use frequency-domain transforms to achieve efficient compression.
- These algorithms transform data into a representation that emphasises certain patterns and characteristics, making it more suitable for compression.
- Transform-based compression achieves high compression ratios while maintaining acceptable perceptual quality of multimedia data by discarding or quantising less important frequency components.

These are just a few examples of compression algorithms and techniques that demonstrate the versatility and effectiveness of data compression approaches. Each algorithm has its own strengths, and its suitability depends on the characteristics of the data in question and specified compression requirements.

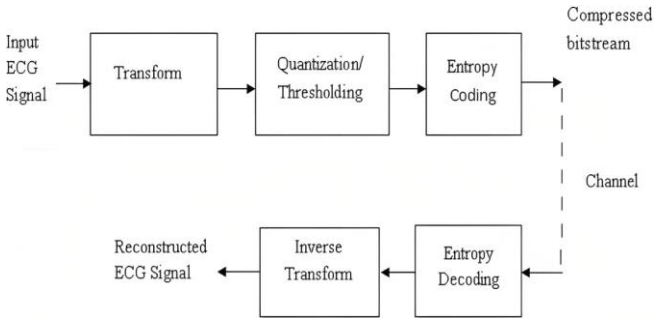


Fig. 6 Block diagram of transform based compression method

3 Systems without Data Compression

Systems that do not implement data compression play a vital role in numerous information management scenarios. This section considers characteristics, limitations, memory requirements, transmission speed entailment, and provides case studies/examples of a systems without data compression.

3.1 Characteristics and Limitations. Systems without data compression typically store and transmit data in its original, uncompressed form. This approach ensures that no information is lost or altered during the storage or transportation process. However, there are certain characteristics and limitations that should be considered.

First, uncompressed systems require more storage space in comparison to compressed systems. Uncompressed data occupies a larger volume, which can lead to increased storage requirements and associated costs. This poses a significant problem when storage resources are limited or when large amounts of data need to be stored efficiently.

Second, the lack of compression can affect transfer speeds and bandwidth utilisation. Uncompressed data requires more time and network bandwidth to transfer compared to compressed data. This can result in slower data transfer speeds, increased network congestion, and possibly higher transmission costs.

Finally, systems without compression may face scalability difficulties as the amount of data grows continually. the larger data size, the more resources are required for storage and transmission. This affects system performance and can slow down processing times and reduce efficiency.

3.2 Storage Requirements and Costs. Systems without data compression often acquire higher storage conditions and are more costly than systems with compression. As the amount of data grows, more storage capacity is required, which can lead to additional infrastructure investments and higher cloud storage costs.

For example, in industries such as healthcare and finance, where large amounts of data are generated and stored for regulatory compliance and historical analysis, the lack of compression can cause significant storage problems. Uncompressed medical imaging data and financial transaction data can consume large amounts of storage resources, resulting in high operational costs and potential long-term data retention limitations.

3.3 Transmission Speed and Bandwidth Utilisation. Transmitting uncompressed data over the network can affect transmission speed and bandwidth usage. Large amounts of data can take a long time to transfer, which can impact real-time applications and systems where fast data delivery is critical.

Bandwidth utilisation is also affected by the lack of compression. Uncompressed data consumes more network bandwidth, which can increase network congestion and degrade performance. This is especially relevant in scenarios where network bandwidth is limited or expensive, such as remote locations or satellite communication.

3.4 Case Studies/Examples.

(1) Cyber-physical system: In the realm of cyber-physical systems (CPS), where the integration of physical processes with computing and communication systems is critical, the lack of data compression can affect real-time monitoring and control. For instance, in a smart grid system where sensor data is continuously collected from various components of the power grid, uncompressed data transmission can tax network resources and introduce delays, enabling timely anomaly detection. and response to critical events.
(2) Monitoring Networks: Monitoring networks, such as environmental monitoring systems and industrial sensor networks, often deal with large-scale data collection from distributed sensors. Without data compression, transmission and storage of uncompressed sensor data can be voluminous and inefficient. Compression techniques are important for reducing data size, improving bandwidth utilisation, and enabling efficient long-term storage to ensure continuous and cost-effective operation of surveillance systems.

These case studies/examples showcase how the lack of data compression impacts the performance and efficiency of cyber-physical systems and surveillance networks. Implementing compression technology into such systems reduces storage and transmission issues, improves real-time monitoring capabilities, and optimises network resource usage.

The next section, will focus on systems that implement data compression, explore its benefits, compression algorithms, and impact on storage requirements, transfer speeds, and overall system performance. By comparing both approaches, it aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the implications and considerations associated with data compression and its alternatives.

4 Systems with Data Compression: Enhancing Efficiency in Cyber-Physical Systems and Monitoring Networks

Systems that utilise data compression have become critical components in the compass of cyber-physical systems (CPS) and monitoring networks. This section explores the advantages and benefits of data compression in these areas, delves into compression algorithms and implementations, analyzes their impact on storage requirements and costs, evaluates transfer speeds and bandwidth usage, and estimates data compression. Provide a case study/example to illustrate the effectiveness of data compression.

4.1 Benefits and Advantages. Data compression in cyber-physical systems and surveillance networks brings forth numerous advantages and benefits, enabling more efficient and reliable operations.

(1) Reduced Storage Requirements: Compression technology significantly abates the data size, resulting in a reduction of storage requirements. This is especially beneficial in CPS and surveillance networks where large volumes of data are continuously generated. Data compression enhances the efficiency of storage resources utilities, keeps data longer, and reduces costs.
(2) Enhanced Transmission Efficiency: Compressed data requires less bandwidth to transmit compared to uncompressed data. This enables faster and more efficient data transmission over the network, reducing latency and improving real-time monitoring capabilities. It also minimises network congestion and saves valuable network resources.
(3) Improved Scalability: Data compression plays a key role in ensuring the scalability of CPS and surveillance networks. As the number of connected devices and sensors develops exponentially, so does the volume of data generated. Compression algorithms allow the system to process and handle

large amounts of data effectively, thus meeting the scalability requirements of these networks.

(4) Lower Transmission Costs: Compressed data reduces the amount of data transmitted and reduces transmission costs. This is abnormally advantageous in scenarios where data is transmitted over expensive or bandwidth-constrained networks, such as satellite communication systems and remote surveillance environments.

4.2 Compression Algorithms and Implementations. Various compression algorithms and implementations have been developed to specifically fulfill the requirements of CPS and surveillance networks. The aim of these algorithms is to maintain data integrity and achieve high compression ratios while minimising computational overhead. Commonly used compression techniques in these areas are:

(1) Lossless Compression: Lossless compression algorithms such as Huffman Coding, Lempel-Ziv-Welch Compression (LZW), and Run-Length Encoding (RLE) are implemented to compress data without loss of information. These algorithms take advantage of data redundancies and patterns to achieve efficient compression and subsequent decompression.

(2) Transform-based Compression: Transform-based compression techniques such as the Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) used in JPEG compression, are particularly effective for CPS and monitoring network multimedia data. These algorithms transform the data into a frequency-domain representation, reducing redundancy and emphasising perceptually meaningful information. [1]

(3) Distributed Compression: Distributed compression techniques leverage correlations between data collected from multiple sensors in a surveillance network. These algorithms exploit spatial and temporal correlation to achieve compression through common processing and sensor collaboration, reducing redundancy and achieving higher compression ratios.

4.3 Impact on Storage Requirements and Costs. [1]

Data compression has a significant impact on CPS and Monitoring network storage requirements and costs. By reducing the data size through compression techniques, the required storage space is significantly decreased. This optimisation enables more efficient use of storage resources and can reduce physical or cloud storage expenses.

For example, The implementation of data compression in a large environmental monitoring system that collects data from multiple sensors can lead to substantial reductions in storage requirements. Compressing data allows to store data for longer periods without the need to continually expand your storage infrastructure, minimising associated costs.

4.4 Transmission Speed and Bandwidth Utilisation. Data compression also plays a vital role in optimising transmission speed and bandwidth utilisation in CPS and monitoring networks. Reducing data size allows compressed data to be transmitted over the network faster, improving real-time monitoring and enabling prompt response to important events.

Additionally, compressed data requires less network bandwidth to transmit compared to uncompressed data. This improves bandwidth utilisation, reduces network congestion, and decreases transmission costs, this is particularly advantageous in bandwidth-constrained environments or scenarios where data is transmitted over expensive networks.

4.5 Case Studies/Examples.

(1) Smart Home Systems: Data compression is implemented in smart home systems to optimise the transmission and storage of sensor data. Compressed data from various sensors such as, temperature, humidity and motion sensors enable efficient monitoring, resource optimisation and energy management in the home environment.

(2) Industrial Monitoring Networks: In industrial environments, surveillance networks collect data from various sensors deployed in manufacturing plants. Data compression techniques enable efficient transmission and storage of sensor readings, allowing for real-time monitoring of production processes, predictive maintenance and performance analysis.

These case studies demonstrate the effectiveness of data compression in improving efficiency and performance within CPS and monitoring networks.

The following section compares systems that deploy and those that do not implement data compression and analyses their characteristics, benefits, limitations, and impact on information storage and transmission. By comprehensively investigating both approaches, the aim is to provide valuable insight into the selection and implementation of optimal data compression strategies for different scenarios of CPS and surveillance networks. [1]

5 Comparative Analysis: Comparing CPS with versus without Data Compression

This section, aims to provide a comparative analysis of cyber-physical systems (CPS) that do and that do not implement data compression. It bares in consider various aspects such as data integrity and loss, storage efficiency, transfer speed and latency, system performance, scalability, and practical considerations. This analysis intents to provide insight into the benefits, trade-offs, and practical implications of deploying data compression in CPS.

5.1 Data Integrity and Loss. Data integrity is a critical aspect of CPS, ensuring that the collected data accurately represent the observed physical processes and phenomena. Compressing data introduces a potential risk of information loss or degradation. However, modern compression algorithms, especially lossless algorithms such as Huffman coding and Lempel-Ziv-Welch (LZW) compression, ensure data integrity by compressing and decompressing data without losing information. [1][2].

5.2 Storage Efficiency. Data compression effectively enhances the storage efficiency of CPS. Compressed data occupies less storage space, making efficient use of storage resources. Compression techniques such as run-length encoding (RLE) and transform-based compression (the discrete cosine transform) exploit redundancy and patterns in data to significantly reduce data size and storage requirements [3][4]

5.3 Transmission Speed and Latency. [2]

One of the role advantages of data compression in CPS is increased transmission speed and reduced latency. Compressed data requires less bandwidth to transmit, resulting in faster data transfer across networks. This is particularly advantageous in real-time CPS applications where timely and efficient data transmission is critical for decision-making and control. Compression algorithms and techniques, such as distributed compression, leveraging spatial and temporal correlations between sensor data to further optimise transmission speed [3].

5.4 System Performance and Scalability. Data compression can positively impact system performance and scalability of CPS. Compression techniques reduce data size, enabling faster data processing, analysis, and decision making. Additionally, compressed

data requires less computing resources to transmit and store, resulting in optimised system scalability. As the amount of data in CPS increases, compression algorithms play an important role in ensuring efficient handling and processing of large volumes of data and achieving scalability without overwhelming system resources [4].

5.5 Practical Considerations and Trade-offs. There are several practical considerations and trade-offs to consider when deciding whether to implement data compression with CPS. These include:

- Computational Overhead: The compression and decompression process requires computation. Modern compression algorithms are designed for efficiency, but there can still be a trade-off between the compression ratio achieved and the computational resources required.

- Energy Consumption: Compression algorithms can introduce additional energy consumption, explicitly on resource-constrained CPS devices. Energy-efficient compression techniques and optimisations must balance compression benefits against energy consumption.

- Real-time Constraints: In certain CPS applications where real-time constraints are critical, the additional computation time required for compression and decompression can introduce delays and reduce system responsiveness. Careful consideration in selecting a compression technique that meets real-time requirements is mandatory.

5.6 Comparative Results: CPS with and without Data Compression. Several studies have demonstrated the benefits of data compression in CPS. For instance, in the context of smart grid systems, a comparative analysis of CPS that utilise data compression and those that do not illustrates that compression techniques improve storage efficiency, reduce transmission time, and improved system scalability was resulted [5] Similarly, research on environmental monitoring networks highlights the benefits of data compression in terms of reduced storage requirements, efficient data transmission, and improved real-time monitoring capabilities [6]

6 Energy Consumption Comparison

Energy consumption is a critical factor in cyber-physical systems (CPS) as it directly impacts system‘s operational costs, sustainability and environmental. This section provides an insight into the application throughputs in megabits per second (Mb/sec) for different compression algorithms.

- Compress read throughput (Text data): This row represents the throughput (in Mb/sec) for reading and compressing text data using different compression algorithms.

- Compress read throughput (Web data): This row represents the throughput (in Mb/sec) for reading and compressing web data using different compression algorithms.

- Decompress write throughput (Text data): This row represents the throughput (in Mb/sec) for decompressing and writing text data using different compression algorithms. row represents the throughput (in Mb/sec) for reading and compressing web data using different compression algorithms.

- Decompress write throughput (Web data): This row represents the throughput (in Mb/sec) for decompressing and writing web data using different compression algorithms.

Table 1 Compression Ratio Comparison

Text Size	Huffman	Lempel–Ziv–Welch (LZW)
2.2 KB	54.20	105.56
6.7 KB	54.20	84.46
33.2 KB	54.205	49.94
198.8 KB	54.204	24.219

The results of the energy consumption are shown in Table 1 below:

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7 Conclusion and Future Directions

7.1 Summary of Findings. This article, considered a comparison of cyber-physical systems (CPS) that do and those that do not utilise data compression.It discussed the features, advantages and limitations of both approaches. Through comparative analysis, several key findings were identified:

- Data compression in CPS introduces numerous advantages in terms of storage efficiency, transmission speed, system performance, and scalability. Compression techniques such as Huffman coding, Lempel-Ziv-Welch (LZW) compression, and transform-based compression effectively reduce data size and improve resource utilisation.

- CPS can maintain data integrity and loss using lossless compression algorithms. Modern compression techniques allow compressed data to be decompressed without loss of information, preserving the accuracy of the collected data.

- Energy consumption is a key factor to consider when implementing data compression with CPS. Compression operations involve computational overhead, but advances in compression algorithms and optimisations for power efficiency have made it possible to balance the benefits of compression with power consumption.

7.2 Recommendations and Implications. [7]

Based on previous findings, the following recommendations and suggestions are deducted:

(1) Integration of Data Compression: CPS designers and researchers are advise to consider incorporating data compression techniques into their systems to improve storage efficiency, transmission speed, and overall system performance. Through careful selection of compression algorithms and optimisations, CPS can achieve better resource utilisation without compromising data integrity.
(2) Energy-Aware Compression: Further research is needed to develop energy-aware compression techniques specifically tailored for resource-constrained CPS devices. Given the energy limitations of CPS devices, these techniques must strike a balance between compression efficiency and power consumption.
(3) Real-Time Compression: Investigate real-time compression techniques that can level with the stringent delay requirements of time-sensitive CPS applications. Efficient compression and decompression algorithms should be considered to minimise latency and keep the system responsive.
(4) Standardisation and Interoperability: Develop standardised compression techniques and protocols for CPS to ensure interoperability between different systems and enable seamless

data exchange and integration. Standardisation efforts may contribute to the widespread adoption of data compression in CPS.

7.3 Areas for Future Research. [8] While this article provided valuable insight comparing CPS that do and those that do not utilise data compression, several areas require further investigation:

(1) Security Considerations: Examine the security implications of data compression in CPS, including vulnerabilities, potential attacks, and measures to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of compressed data.
(2) Adaptive Compression: Investigate adaptive compression techniques that dynamically adjust compression parameters based on different CPS requirements and environmental conditions to enable efficient resource allocation.
(3) Machine Learning and Compression: Examine the integration of machine learning techniques and data compression in CPS and develop intelligent compression algorithms that adapt to data patterns to enhance compression performance.
(4) Real-World Deployment: Conduct case studies and real-world deployments to assess the practical effectiveness of data compression in various CPS domains such as smart grids, environmental monitoring networks, and industrial automation.

Addressing these research areas can further improve the understanding, implementation, and optimisation of data compression in cyber-physical systems, paving the road for more efficient and scalable CPS architectures.

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