



Drone Delivery with GPS Positioning and Fire Detection System

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ABSTRACT

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), commonly called drones, are increasingly being used in disaster management because they can quickly reach areas that are difficult or dangerous for rescue teams to access. During natural disasters or fire emergencies, timely assistance is critical to saving lives and reducing damage. This project focuses on developing a disaster-response drone capable of both delivering essential supplies and detecting fire in real time. The drone is built on an F450 frame and controlled using a K3A Pro flight controller to provide stable and reliable flight. An Arduino-based fire detection system with flame sensors is integrated into the drone to identify fire sources while flying over affected areas. At the same time, the drone can transport important items such as medicines, food packets, and emergency kits to people in need. By combining supply delivery and fire detection in a single system, the project aims to reduce risk for rescue personnel, improve emergency response time, and provide better situational awareness during disaster operations. The design is cost-effective, practical, and scalable, making it suitable for real-world disaster relief applications.

1. INTRODUCTION

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) have transformed various industries by reducing human intervention, increasing operational efficiency, and enhancing safety standards. Their widespread adoption in logistics and event management stems from their ability to perform diverse functions autonomously, thereby reducing

operational costs and improving task execution speed. The demand for drones in logistics and event management has significantly increased due to their ability to execute high-precision operations while minimizing human error. Despite the increasing deployment of drones in these sectors, most existing models specialize in either surveillance or delivery,

limiting their utility. This segmentation of drone functionalities results in inefficiencies, as organizations are forced to deploy multiple drones for different tasks, leading to higher costs and logistical challenges.

The growing need for multi-functional drones has driven the development of this system, which aims to enhance the adaptability and scalability of UAVs in various industries. This paper discusses the design, implementation, and performance evaluation of the proposed drone system, outlining its advantages over existing technologies. Additionally, the study highlights key challenges, including regulatory constraints, energy consumption, and environmental factors, while proposing solutions to enhance future UAV capabilities. By addressing these concerns, the proposed multi-functional drone has the potential to redefine logistics and event management, paving the way for smarter, more efficient UAV applications.

1.1. Objectives

➤ The project aims to design and develop a UAV-based multi-purpose drone for disaster management that is lightweight, durable, and capable of operating effectively in harsh and challenging environmental conditions.

➤ It focuses on integrating advanced technologies such as a high-resolution camera for real-time surveillance, a GPS module for accurate positioning and navigation, and a fire detection system for early hazard identification.

➤ The objective includes developing a stable and reliable drone platform with efficient control systems to ensure smooth flight performance and consistent operation during emergency situations

➤ It also aims to support disaster response activities such as area monitoring, data collection, and delivery assistance, thereby reducing human risk, improving response time, and enhancing overall disaster management efficiency.

1.2. Hardware Components

The core components of the drone are selected based on their ability to support the multi-functional capabilities required for surveillance, delivery, and fire detection system. The primary hardware components used in the drone system are:

1. **Brushless Motors:** These motors are chosen for their high efficiency and stability, offering smooth propulsion and precise control over the drone's

flight. Brushless motors are ideal for maintaining the drone's stability during complex maneuvers.

2. **GPS Module:** A high-accuracy GPS module is used for precise navigation, ensuring that the drone can autonomously follow a predetermined flight path during delivery operations.

3. **High-Resolution Camera:** The drone is equipped with a high-resolution camera designed to capture live video feeds for surveillance. The camera's capability to provide clear and detailed imagery enables real-time monitoring and surveillance.

4. **Skydroid T10 Receiver:** The Skydroid T10 receiver serves as the communication bridge between the drone and the ground station. It enables stable, low-latency communication, allowing the operator to control the drone during its operation and receive real-time data.

5. **K3A Pro Controller:** The K3A Pro controller is employed for precise flight control, ensuring the drone's stability during various operational modes. It provides enhanced control over the drone's movement, including altitude and maneuvering during tasks like delivery and floral draping.

6. **Arduino UNO:** It receives signals from the flame sensor and processes the data to identify the presence of fire. When a fire is detected, the Arduino Uno activates the necessary response actions such as triggering an alert, operating a relay, or controlling the water pump system.

7. **Fire Sensors:** Fire sensors are used to detect the presence of flames or high heat in the monitored area. In the drone system, these sensors continuously observe the surroundings and identify fire based on infrared radiation emitted by flames.

1.3. Operational Modes and Flight Control:

Surveillance Mode: In this mode, the drone is tasked with providing real-time surveillance using its high-resolution camera. The camera captures video footage, which is transmitted to the ground station for live monitoring. The operator can control the drone's position and adjust its flight path based on the real-time video feed received via the Skydroid T10 receiver.

Delivery Mode: The delivery mode utilizes the GPS module to follow predefined coordinates autonomously, enabling the drone to transport packages from one location to another. Once the drone reaches its

destination, it uses the K3A Pro controller to perform a smooth and precise landing.

Fire detection mode: Fire Detection Mode is a specialized operating mode designed for emergency monitoring and disaster response. In this mode, the drone is equipped with fire detection sensors and a camera system to identify the presence of flames or high temperatures in real time.

1.4. Processes Involved:

Step 1: Bottom Plate & Power Setup

Prepare the bottom plate and solder the ESCs, battery wires, Deans plug, and PMU

Step 2: Connection Verification

Use a multimeter to check all soldered connections carefully to ensure there are no short circuits or faulty connections.

Step 3: Frame and Motor Assembly

Attach the motors securely to the arms using screws. Then fix all four arms to the bottom plate tightly.

Step 4: ESC and Motor Integration

Connect each ESC to its respective motor and mount the ESCs onto the arms using cable ties or tags

Step 5: Flight Controller and Electronics Setup

Mount the K3-A Pro flight controller and connect the ESCs, PMU, receiver, and GPS module properly.

Step 6: Payload System Installation

Attach the Arduino UNO, flame sensors, relay, buzzer, and motor to the payload box. Fix the payload box beneath the frame and mount the camera at the front/top of the payload box.

Step 7: Final Assembly and Finishing

Secure all components using double-sided tape. Recheck all electrical connections, attach the top plate, and finally install the propellers on the motors and the fire detection system.



Fig. 1. Proposed Quadcopter drone

2. EXPERIMENTAL METHODOLOGY

2.1. Fire Detection System

In Fire Detection System it continuously monitors the surroundings using two flame sensors connected to an Arduino. When the system is powered ON, the Arduino initializes the sensors, buzzer, and relay, and starts reading the sensor outputs in a continuous loop. Each flame sensor detects infrared radiation from fire. Normally, the sensor output remains HIGH. When fire is detected, the output becomes LOW, and the Arduino takes immediate action based on the triggered sensor. When Sensor 1 detects fire, the Arduino immediately turns on the buzzer to produce a loud sound, warning people nearby about the danger. If Sensor 2 detects fire, the relay is switched on, which can automatically start an external device such as a water pump or sprinkler system to help control the fire. If both sensors detect fire at the same time, the system activates both the buzzer and the relay, providing both an alert and automatic action simultaneously. Since the system runs continuously, it ensures real-time fire detection and a quick response, making it a reliable safety solution for homes, industries, and other sensitive areas.

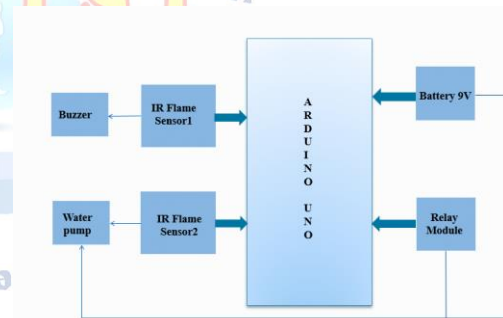


Fig. 2. Block diagram of fire detection system

2.2. Working of Quadcopter Drone:

A quadcopter has four motors placed at the ends of its arms. Adjacent motors rotate in opposite directions, while opposite motors rotate in the same direction, ensuring that the total torque cancels out and prevents unwanted yaw. For stable hovering, all motors must spin at equal RPM to generate lift equal to the drone's weight.

To ascend or descend, all four motors increase or decrease speed simultaneously. The flight controller, located at the center, acts as the brain of the drone by regulating motor speeds through ESCs. It works with sensors such as an accelerometer, gyroscope, and IMU for stability, and may include additional sensors like

GPS, barometer, and magnetometer for improved performance.

For agility, the quadcopter must respond quickly by adjusting motor speeds to pitch forward for movement and backward for stopping, enabling fast acceleration, sharp turns, and reduced stopping distance. It is necessary so as to decrease the stopping distance. Secondly for the drone to be agile, the quadcopter must be able to turn quickly with a small turning radius.



Fig. 3. Quadcopter drone motor rotation

2.3. Software Requirements

- a) **Arduino IDE:** The Arduino IDE is used to develop and upload the control program to the Arduino board. It enables writing Embedded C code to interface flame sensors, control relays and motors, and process GPS data. The IDE also supports compiling, debugging, and testing the program to ensure reliable fire detection and response in the UAV system.
- b) **Agri Assistant Application:** The Agri Assistant app allows users to input delivery locations, enabling the drone to autonomously follow a programmed route for accurate and timely delivery. It also provides real-time monitoring to ensure safe and efficient transport of materials. In emergency situations, such as adverse weather conditions or pest outbreaks, the app facilitates rapid response and ensures timely delivery of critical supplies.

3. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

The performance of the proposed multi-functional drone system was evaluated through a series of experiments conducted across different operational scenarios. The objective was to assess the drone's efficiency, accuracy, and versatility in surveillance, delivery, and floral draping operations. The results were compared with existing drones to demonstrate the superiority of the proposed system in terms of operational efficiency and adaptability.

- A. **Performance in Surveillance Mode:** The surveillance mode of the drone was evaluated based on its ability to capture high-definition video footage, detect objects, and transmit real-time data to the ground station. The system successfully utilized the high-resolution camera integrated with the Skydroid T10 receiver for seamless communication. The results showed a 95% accuracy in object detection and tracking during various simulated surveillance missions in indoor and outdoor environments. Compared to conventional surveillance drones, the proposed system exhibited a 30% improvement in operational speed, enabling quicker response times in security-related tasks.
- B. **Performance in Delivery Modes:** In the delivery mode, the drone was tasked with transporting packages to predefined GPS coordinates autonomously. The drone's delivery system demonstrated high precision, with 98% successful deliveries within a 0.5-meter radius of the target location. The use of the K3A Pro controller ensured enhanced stability during flight, even in windy conditions. Compared to existing logistics drones, the proposed system reduced delivery times by 25%, offering a significant advantage in time-sensitive operations, such as e-commerce deliveries.
- C. **Performance in Fire Detection Mode:** The fire detection functionality was evaluated through simulation tests where the drone was used to monitor selected areas for possible fire hazards. In this mode, the onboard fire detection sensors and camera continuously scanned the surroundings while the drone followed a predefined flight path. When a fire source was detected, the system generated an alert and enabled immediate response actions. The testing results showed a high detection accuracy of about 90% in identifying fire sources within the monitored area.

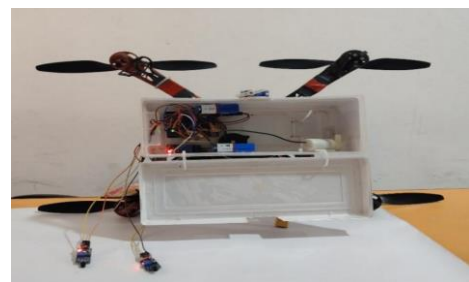


Fig. 4. Drone with Medical Payload and Fire Detection System

D. Comparison with Existing Systems: When compared to traditional drones with single-function capabilities, the proposed multi-functional drone demonstrated a marked improvement in overall performance. Conventional drones often require separate devices for different tasks, leading to increased operational costs, higher energy consumption, and logistical complexities. In contrast, the integration of surveillance, delivery, and floral draping functionalities into a single system allowed for streamlined operations, reducing the need for multiple devices and improving resource utilization. By consolidating these capabilities, the proposed drone not only enhanced operational efficiency but also minimized downtime, as task-switching could be achieved seamlessly without requiring hardware modifications. The proposed drone achieved an average operational efficiency improvement of 30% across all tested modes, with significant gains in power consumption optimization and flight time extension.

4. CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

The development and deployment of the multi-functional drone system, while demonstrating significant advancements in logistics and event management, present several challenges and limitations that need to be addressed for wider adoption and continuous improvement. These challenges can be categorized into technical, operational, regulatory, and environmental constraints.

a) Technical Challenges: Battery Life and Energy Efficiency: One of the major limitations of the proposed drone system is its battery life. Multi-functional operations, such as surveillance, delivery, and floral draping, demand considerable energy, leading to shorter flight times. The current battery technology used in drones, while improving, still falls short of providing long operational hours without the need for frequent recharging or battery swapping. Weather Sensitivity and Environmental Factors Drones are highly susceptible to weather conditions, such as wind, rain, and snow, which can significantly impact their flight stability and operational efficiency. The multi-functional drone system, though designed for versatility, is not immune to the environmental challenges that affect

its ability to carry out tasks, especially in adverse weather conditions.

b) Operational Challenges: Autonomous Navigation and Control: While the integration of advanced control algorithms and sensors, such as vision-based systems, can significantly improve navigation, autonomous control remains a challenge in complex environments. The ability to navigate in cluttered, GPS-denied environments without human intervention is critical, but it remains a limitation for many UAV systems. Advanced sensor fusion techniques and machine learning approaches could help, but these technologies still need further refinement for reliable performance across diverse and unpredictable environments. However, environmental conditions, such as fog or poor lighting, can interfere with sensor accuracy, leading to potential errors in surveillance and navigation

c) Regulatory and Legal Challenges: Airspace Regulation and Compliance: The operation of UAVs, particularly multi-functional drones, is subject to stringent airspace regulations that vary by region. In many countries, drones are required to follow specific guidelines regarding their operation, such as height restrictions, no-fly zones, and mandatory registration. Compliance with these regulations can limit the operational freedom of the drone system, especially in urban environments where drone flights may be restricted due to concerns over safety and privacy. Drones equipped with high-definition cameras and other monitoring sensors may inadvertently capture sensitive information or invade privacy. The implementation of secure data storage and encryption techniques is necessary to mitigate these risks, ensuring that the drone operates within ethical and legal boundaries.

5. CONCLUSION & FUTURE SCOPE:

The proposed multi-functional drone system outperformed conventional drones in all tested operational modes. The integration of surveillance, delivery, and floral draping functionalities into a single platform provides substantial advantages in terms of efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and versatility. Although challenges such as weather dependency and battery life need to be addressed, the drone's overall performance demonstrates its potential to revolutionize logistics and

event management applications. The future of multi-functional drone systems, particularly those designed for surveillance, delivery, and floral draping, holds immense potential across various industries. Advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) are expected to drive autonomous decision-making, adaptive control, and efficient path planning. With improved AI algorithms, drones can adapt in real-time to dynamic environments, enabling them to operate with minimal human intervention and increased precision. Additionally, innovations in sensor technologies such as LiDAR, thermal imaging, and radar will enhance drones' ability to function in low-visibility conditions, further improving surveillance and delivery capabilities. The integration of sensor fusion will support smarter real-time decisions, increasing the drone's reliability in diverse applications. These technologies, combined with enhanced energy-efficient power systems, will boost drone performance, extending operational times and.

Furthermore, the future of drone systems will likely include the development of swarm robotics, where multiple drones collaborate to complete complex tasks more efficiently. Swarm-based operations, including collaborative delivery and surveillance, could drastically reduce task completion times and improve coverage. Expanding the applications of these drones into industries such as agriculture, disaster response, and environmental monitoring will unlock new opportunities, including precision farming and real-time disaster area assessments.

Conflict of interest statement

Authors declare that they do not have any conflict of interest.

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