

Quad-copter (UAVs) for Overhead Transmission Lines Monitoring

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Abstract: Monitoring health is becoming one of our nation's biggest problems. A quadcopter is impaired by a wireless system configuration to track faults in any field or line of transmission. Including a monitor, GPS, and telemetry to install my Quad Copter device, which allows us to display live footage from the Quad Copter on a laptop/pc/tv up to 1 km from 0 m to 100 m to track transmission line errors. Faults such as line split, shorter connection, open circuit, temperature, on/off supply, etc. are noted or registered and consumer or controlling individual is supplied with details.

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1. Introduction

The surveillance uses of unpersonal aircraft (UAV) have grown owing to their potential for operating in hazardous environments and at the same time retaining a healthy distance for their human pilots. The bigger UAVs also deliver a stable long-life, cost-effective, identification, and weapons network. We have become an important military instrument [6]. We wondered whether tiny UAVs were even effective in political, commercial, or manufacturing applications. I argued that smaller UAVs may be used to conduct more realistic operations, such as looking for villages or houses, tracking transmission lines, and collecting data. The military operations as well as developing commercial and industrial uses can be managed by smaller UAVs of the range of a few feet per meter, and my proposal aims to confirm this claim. The first advances in mobile mapping were made in the 1980s [7]. Before Global Hawk and Predator were produced, UAVs for military use were limited to testing in the mid-1990s. These were very large fixed aircraft of 50-100 feet with wingspans. It also applies to radar, laser manufacturers, cameras, and weapon systems to compensate for such large UAVs. Once these aircraft were deployed, the pilots were stripped of their way of damage, and they were allowed to sit in the goal zone for several hours at a time. Such efficient UAVs are a big improvement in the way the US handles the fight. These UAVs, however, are large and very expensive and ask whether smaller UAVs can also be involved in military applications. Similarly, in micro-UAVs of

some bio-inspired designs, different filters were also used to keep the UAV stable against disturbances [1], [2], [4], [5]. On the other hand, a considerable amount of work is being carried out. There are insect and bird designs, but just as the major UAVs are too expensive to carry, I felt that these micro UAVs were not readily available to a superior project group, so they were too small to be practical and needed technology. It was thus a vehicle with a wearable payload GPS in two-foot-to-one-meter class, video camera, that attracted my attention and formed the basis of my project [1]. I am especially curious to see if such smaller UAVs will not only be used for the military but also company and industrial applications. Since the majority of large UAVs are fixed-wing aircraft, I thought that the small UAV would be more compact and maneuverable as it might be more efficient than larger or smaller models for several specific applications. Thanks to its maneuverability, power, and 1 kg payload size, I chose the Quadcopter configuration. The UAV we develop is a research model that can be used for industrial usage but which is not stable or powerful enough for military usage. While I would accomplish the goal of designing a little UAV which could carry out valuable activities, both in military and commerce, time and budget constraints compelled us to develop a UAV that would satisfy our technical specifications, but will not fit the severe environmental conditions that we face during combat missions. Our UAV design could however certainly be redeployed using newer and more solid technology that would enable it to be used for military functions, monitoring, and target tracking [6]. The UAV system of QuadCopter would be able to perform different preset tasks remotely. I plan to select a series of mission scenarios to demonstrate the range of platform monitoring and control functions. Such activities may involve checking a hard to access location, fast delivery of a video from a fictional campus incident, or surveillance of an actual campus road. As an extension target for my project, I would attempt an autonomous ride, where the UAV will avoid obstacles or establish a direction of ride facing side winds or locate intruders on the frontier.

2. Proposed Work

A. Scope

This project includes tracking systems for overhead transmission lines, GPS and wireless cameras' protection & location recognition devices, and data capturing from time to time using wireless cameras.

B. Block diagram

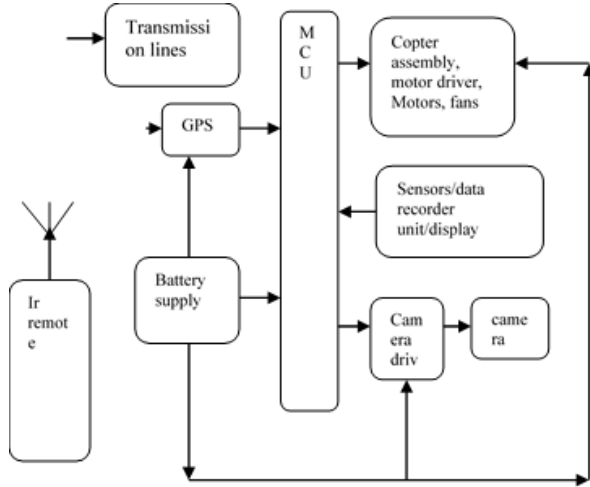


Fig. 1. Copter side

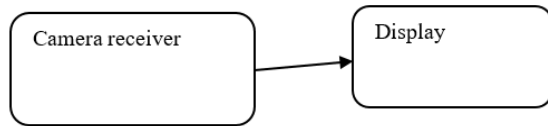


Fig. 2. Monitoring side

C. MCU: (Microcontroller Unit)

It's the heart of the program. This machine handles all the control functions, the data transfer function. The microcontroller package executes the following tasks.

1. Decode the IR decoder signals and equate the meaning retained with the judgment on which task to run.
2. MCU collects GPS data and transfers it to the receiver.
3. The camera location may be changed.
4. To check whether or not battery voltage is discharged and to provide server information on battery status.
5. Real-time data for transmission lines are registered for safety monitoring.

3. Objectives of Proposed Work

- The key aim of this study is to establish the fault and explanation for the transmission lines.
- Finding an accurate fault position.

4. UAV Technology

UAV is a kind of aircraft that manages the wireless remote control device and its programs. This is a dynamic combination of the device comprising of software, aircraft, energy,

identification, spatial knowledge, and picture identification. Air imaging, surveying, and navigation, athletics, military, and reconnaissance can be utilized in other areas for the combatting of natural catastrophes, as it can be run easily from a distance in the upper air. The Center for China Power Grid (CCG) and China Southern Power Grid (CSG) pilot project was initiated to develop its control techniques. This progress enables telemetry, satellite GPS, and Geographical Matching to be controlled through a link, throughout which stability, simplicity, reliability, extremely economical performance, weather-resistant features, and sustainable cruising power are demonstrated. The technology is more science-based and efficient than manual inspection methods, which conforms to modern science and engineering. The following functionalities and efficiency indicators are typically available in modern aircraft:

- 1) *Flight control*: the flight range can be 5 km with standard visual remote control and 30 km with controls such as autonomous GPS navigation and regional compatibility.
- 2) *Checkout and cruising velocity conditions*: UAV will also start while the sprinkling is happening, when the wind is at a fast breeze, with a straight path that is at least 20 meters wide.
- 3) *Flying conditions*: UAV can fly in moderate rain, usually flying in strong air, advanced rain. 3) Flying conditions:
- 4) *Ceiling*: in the minimum area, UAV can fly at the highest altitude (2 km and 3.5 km), at the most common and advanced altitude.
- 5) *Carrying capacity*: common UAV carrying capacity is between 1 and 5 kg, while one over 10 kg is advanced.

5. UAV Key Technology

A. Autopilot

Autopilot an ultra-distance patrol cannot take place by hand operation. UAV will carry out autonomous flight including starting up and landing, automatic monitoring, autonomous navigation and operation through GPS, automatic tracking system line tower, and the UAV inspection is the basis for automated drive technology. UAVs may carry out UAV inspective patrol.

B. Image transmission link

UAV carries some devices like a camera, image transmitter, etc. Imagery transmitters send real-time images to the ground so that they can be analyzed by operators. UAV transmits images. However, video and image transmission, occupying a great amount of space, is difficult in wireless transmission. It also requires timely videos and clear images. Therefore, a compression algorithm has many benefits, such as low distortion rate, high compression ratio, high transmission efficiency.

C. Target recognition

It frequently uses line tower automatic identification and camera image capture technology to make UAVs recognize the isolator string, hardware, wiring, and other power equipment and hover in the capture of the image. To enable UAVs to determine the capture of stable pictures at a fixed point, such as insulator chain, armor clamp, and wire.

D. Non-contact detection technology

UAV is unable to locate control and distribution lines parallel to the high voltage line robot that have to hold some gap to identify. The key to UAV patrol is therefore non-contact detection technology. Recent use is increasing in electronic optical detection technology, laser vibration detection, infrared thermal imaging technology.

6. Conclusion

Due to the specifics of electric transmission and distribution lines, UAVs are needed quite challenging. The aim is to improve core technological problems including objective recognition and non-contact detection, the autopilot, the picture transmitting link. In the near term, accurate, effective, simple, and productive UAV patrols can become commonly utilized by advancing the sciences and technologies of electric power systems. Orthodox artificial processes, which are in very bad quality, are very active. And geographical circumstances, the environmental factors, will be very challenging for us to solve.

The UAV will not only significantly improve the inspection performance but also obtain science and reliable, uniform check results for the transmission and the distribution line inspection. The UAV Patrol will play an increasingly important position in the field of power surveillance as the transmission reliability index increases in popularity. UAV patrol will be popularized and widely practiced soon.

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