Military UAV Drone

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Abstract - This review paper explores the latest advancements in military Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) technology, focusing on integrating key features like thermal cameras, LIDAR sensors, obstacle avoidance systems, solar charging, automatic checkpoint-to-checkpoint navigation, and payload versatility. It offers insights into the impact of these features on mission capabilities, conducts a comparative analysis of existing military UAV drones, and provides a glimpse into the future of this technology.

***Key Words*:** UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle), Drone Technology, Military Drones, UAS Applications, Aerial Surveillance, Remote Sensing, Autonomous Drones, UAS Navigation, Payload Capacity, LIDAR Sensors, Gyro Sensors, Thermal Imaging, Camera Module, Obstacle Avoidance, GPS Navigation, UAS Regulations, UAS Integration, Civilian UAVs, Future of UAS.

1. INTRODUCTION

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Fig 1. Drone

2. Payload Capacity

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), or drones, have become indispensable in various fields. Their payload capacity, the maximum weight a drone can carry, is a crucial factor. High payload capacities enable advanced applications, such as aerial photography, agricultural monitoring, and search and rescue missions. This review paper explores the technological advancements, design challenges, and innovative solutions related to enhancing UAV payload capacity, providing valuable insights for optimizing drone capabilities in diverse sectors.

UAS is designed to carry payloads, ranging from high-resolution cameras and LiDAR sensors to medical supplies and essential goods in disaster-stricken areas. the potential of smart gestures to reshape the landscape of VR entertainment and storytelling.

UAS with robust payload capacities is being utilized in industries like construction, infrastructure inspection, and oil and gas exploration.

3. LiDAR Distance Sensor

If you want to Detect any Obstacle but don't know how to do it So, to overcome this problem, the only thing you should do is get a Lidar (Light Detection and Ranging) sensor. (Reference:[4]) Lidar is commonly used to make high-resolution maps, with applications in surveying, geodesy, geomatics, archaeology, geography, geology, geomorphology, seismology, forestry, atmospheric physics, laser guidance, airborne laser swath mapping (ALSM), and laser altimetry.

Fig 2. Distance Sensor

TFmini-S is a single-point ranging LiDAR based on the TFmini upgrade. The blind zone is shortened from 30cm to 10cm, and the outdoor performance and accuracy of different reflectivity are improved. The distance range is not disturbed by ambient light, which can be consistent with the indoor range and the accuracy is further optimized. The error performance at 10% reflectivity approaches the background of 90% reflectivity, and the interface supports UART and I2C switching at any time. It can achieve stable, accurate, sensitive, and high-frequency range detection.

4. ESP 32 CAM WiFi Module Bluetooth

The ESP32 CAM WiFi Module Bluetooth with OV2640 Camera Module 8MP For Face Recognization. (Reference: [6]) has a very competitive small-size camera module that can operate independently as a minimum system with a footprint of only 40 x 27 mm; a deep sleep current of up to 6mA and is widely used in various IoT applications. It is suitable for home smart devices, industrial wireless control, wireless monitoring, and other IoT applications.

Fig 3. ESP32 CAM WiFi Module Bluetooth with OV2640 Camera Module 2MP

This module adopts a DIP package and can be directly inserted into the backplane to realize rapid production of products, providing customers with a high-reliability connection mode, that is convenient for application in various IOT hardware terminals.

ESP integrates WiFi, traditional Bluetooth, and BLE Beacon, with 2 high-performance 32-bit LX6 CPUs, and a 7-stage pipeline architecture. It has a main frequency adjustment range of 80MHz to 240MHz, an on-chip sensor, a Hall sensor, a temperature sensor, etc.

5. Obstacle Avoidance

In the realm of UAV drone technology, Infrared Obstacle Avoidance Sensors (Reference:[5]) have emerged as indispensable components, revolutionizing the way drones navigate their surroundings. This review paper delves into the intricate functionalities of these sensors, exploring their pivotal role in enhancing the safety and autonomy of UAVs. By emitting infrared beams and analyzing their reflections, these sensors enable drones to detect obstacles in real time, thus averting collisions and ensuring smooth flight paths. The paper meticulously analyzes various aspects such as sensor accuracy, range, and response time, shedding light on the sensor's effectiveness in different environmental conditions.

The review comprehensively examines the integration of Infrared Obstacle Avoidance Sensors with advanced algorithms, enabling drones to make rapid decisions based on sensor inputs. This synergy between hardware and software facilitates intelligent obstacle avoidance, allowing drones to adapt dynamically to changing environments. The paper highlights the evolution of sensor technologies, discussing recent advancements like multi-sensor fusion and machine learning algorithms.

6. Military's use of Drones for Combat Support and Target Acquisition

In the fast-paced realm of modern warfare, the military's use of drones for target acquisition and combat support has revolutionized tactical operations. This Review Paper delves deep into the captivating world of UAV drones, unveiling their pivotal role in enhancing situational awareness on the battlefield. With their advanced sensors and surveillance capabilities, drones provide military forces with unprecedented real-time intelligence, allowing commanders to make informed decisions swiftly and accurately.

Amidst the vast expanse of military innovation, UAV drones stand out as the embodiment of cutting-edge technology and strategic prowess. Through meticulous analysis and compelling insights, this Review Paper uncovers the fascinating journey of these flying marvels. Delving into the intricate world of target acquisition, it illuminates the drones' ability to identify, track, and engage adversaries with unparalleled precision. Their agile maneuverability and ability to operate in challenging environments offer a distinct advantage, redefining the dynamics of modern warfare.

This Review Paper not only chronicles the evolution of UAV drones in the realm of combat support but also delves into the ethical and strategic implications of their use. As the military integrates these autonomous marvels into its arsenal, questions about privacy, international laws, and the future of warfare arise. The paper navigates these complex issues with thought-provoking analysis, providing readers with a holistic understanding of the drone revolution.

Fig. 4 Soldiers using Drone fo Surveillance

7. Autonomous Navigation System

Autonomous navigation systems (Reference: [8]) in military UAV drones, designed to operate without relying on GPS, leverage a combination of sophisticated technologies to ensure precise and reliable navigation. These systems utilize Inertial Navigation Systems (INS) with accelerometers and gyroscopes for short-term accuracy, supplemented by Visual Odometry and Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM) algorithms, which enable the drone to interpret visual data from onboard cameras and build real-time maps of its surroundings. Lidar and Radar sensors contribute by presenting the distance based on signals bouncing off objects.

This comprehensive approach provides military drones with a robust autonomous navigation capability, crucial for missions where GPS signals may be compromised or unavailable.

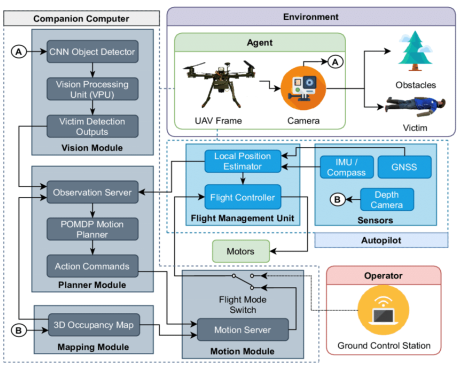

Fig 5. Modular system architecture for autonomous navigation onboard UAVs.

8. The MPU-6050 3-Axis Accelerometer and Gyro Sensor

The MPU-6050 3-Axis Accelerometer and Gyro Sensor (Reference: [2]) module uses MPU-6050 which is a little piece of motion processing tech. The MPU6050 devices combine a 3-axis gyroscope and a 3-axis accelerometer on the same silicon together with an onboard Digital Motion Processor (DMP) capable of processing complex 9-axis MotionFusion algorithms.

There are different types of magnetometers available the basic differences between MPU6000, MPU6050, and MPU6500 are:

MPU6000	MPU6050	MPU6500
1. The sampling rate of 8 kHz.	1. Sampling Rate 8 KHz.	1. Sampling Rate 32 KHz.
2. Supports SPI and I2C interface. But I2C is too slow to handle 8 kHz gyro update.	2. Supports I2C interface communication protocol.	2. Supports both I2C and SPI interface.
3. Vibration Sensitivity is better than MPU6500.	3. Vibration Sensitivity is better than MPU6500 but the speed of operation is less than MPU6000.	3. It is more susceptible to vibrations, so the need for some vibration isolation method. IT is faster than both MCU.

Fig. 6 Differences in magnetometers

9. Thermal Imaging

Thermal photography, facilitated by UAV drones, has revolutionized various industries by providing valuable insights into thermal patterns and heat distribution. This review paper explores the evolution of thermal imaging technology and its integration with drones, showcasing their applications in fields like agriculture, environmental monitoring, and search and rescue operations. The synergy between advanced thermal sensors and UAV platforms has enabled the detection of subtle temperature differences, aiding farmers in precision agriculture, where crop health and irrigation efficiency are optimized. Additionally, environmental researchers leverage thermal imagery to monitor wildlife habitats and detect forest fires, contributing significantly to conservation efforts. Moreover, in emergency response scenarios, drones equipped with thermal cameras play a pivotal role in locating missing persons or assessing disaster-stricken areas, enhancing the efficiency and accuracy of rescue operations.

Fig 7. Thermal Image of a House

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10. Special Charger and Discharger for Lipo Battery

The iMAX-B6AC (Reference: [9]) can charge and discharge NiMH, NiCd, Pb, LiPo, Li-ion, and LiFe batteries with individual cell balancing for up to 6 lithium cells. It features a built-in adapter that can be powered from 100–240 VAC, or it can alternatively be powered via an 11–18 VDC input. With its versatile charging capabilities and advanced features like input power monitoring, delta-peak sensitivity, cyclic charging and discharging, and more, the iMAX-B6AC is a great addition to the workbench of any RC, DIY, or robot enthusiast.

This charger has a JST-XH charge plug, which makes it compatible with Zippy, HXT, TURNIGY, and any pack with a JST adapter. This package does not include a JST-XH

Features:

1. AC 100~240v or 12V DC input.
2. The Cables come with a fitted fuse.
3. Microprocessor controlled.
4. Li-on, LiPo, and LiFe Capable
5. Input voltage monitoring
6. Battery break-in and cycling feature.
7. Delta-peak sensitivity.
8. Charges battery full to 4-5 hours
9. Individual Cell Balancing

Fig 8. IMAX B6AC Charger/Discharger

11. Transmitter and Receiver

Transmitter:

Using a drone is easy but controlling a drone is a tough job that's why a transmitter is needed. You can't fly a multirotor without it because it uses radio signals to send commands wirelessly to a Radio Receiver. Flysky is one of the popular brands that only manufactures a Diverse Range of high-quality Transmitters and Receivers at an affordable price.

Flysky CT6B 2.4 GHz 6CH transmitter (Reference [7]) is an entry-level 2.4 GHz radio system offering the reliability of 2.4 GHz signal technology and a receiver.it is ideal for quadcopters and multirotors that require 6ch operation.

FlySky Transmitter and Receiver is gaining so much popularity due to its originality and compatibility in high-end drone projects and Industrial people are interested in this type of Transmitter.

Fig. 9 FlySky CT6B 2.4GHz 6CH Transmitter

Receiver:

This is a FS-R6B FlySky 2.4Ghz 6CH Receiver for RC FS-CT6B TH9x. If you want to be an electronic geek and have a knack for copters and how they work, Then the receiver is one of the most important parts to understand because, without it, you won't be able to interpret with your drone.

In the world of racing drones, the basic requirement is for small and lightweight components that will make a drone more and more nimble. This FS-R8S receiver fits these requirements superbly by being very small in size and light in weight. The receiver supports AFHDS (Automatic Frequency Hopping Digital System) and is a digital protocol that ensures 2 or more radios can operate at the same time without interfering with each other's respective aircraft. The signal range of the receiver is about 500-1000 m. Its tiny and lightweight size with the best features in the class like 3.5-5V operating power requirement and the radio frequency range makes it suitable for your quadcopter Application.

Fig 10. FS-R6B FlySky 2.4GHz 6CH Receiver

12. Sponsorship Arrangement

For, the sponsorship we reached out to **IDEAS AND IMAGES** which has agreed to financially support our project **Military UAV Drone for the Capstone Project.** They have committed to fostering innovation and technological advancements. To successfully execute this project, we are seeking financial support amounting to Rs 35,000-40,000. This funding will be utilized for the procurement of high-quality materials, state-of-the-art components, and necessary equipment essential for the development and testing phases of the Military UAV Drone project. **IDEAS AND IMAGES** also have a plan to pay for these expenses for future years. We will be providing a sponsorship letter to confirm and submit it to the department.

Fig 11. Logo of our Sponsorship Company

13. Conclusion

In conclusion, the evolution of military UAV drones has significantly transformed modern warfare, providing armed forces with unprecedented capabilities and strategic advantages. This review paper has delved into various aspects of military UAV drones, focusing on their advanced features such as Lidar sensors, thermal cameras, solar-powered charging, infrared obstacle avoidance sensors, and impressive payload capacities. These technologies have enhanced situational awareness, reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition capabilities, allowing military forces to operate efficiently in complex and challenging environments.

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