ANDROID STREAMING MICRO QUADCOPTER WITH OBSTACLE DETECTION

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Introduction:

This project introduces a compact micro quadcopter equipped with live Android streaming. Designed for agility, it fits in the palm and supports real-time video monitoring. A wireless camera streams live footage directly to Android devices. The drone is controlled via a remote transmitter for seamless navigation. Integrated ultrasonic sensors enable automatic obstacle detection. On detecting close-range obstacles, a buzzer alerts the user instantly. This safety feature prevents collisions and enhances operational control. Propeller guards offer additional safety during flight. The flight controller ensures stable and responsive drone movement. The drone combines surveillance and safety in a lightweight frame. Ideal for indoor use, it 0, balances performance with portability. This system showcases innovation in compact drone technology.

Objectives:

1. To design and develop a compact micro quadcopter suitable for indoor and limited-space applications.
2. To implement real-time video streaming functionality to Android devices using a wireless camera.
3. To enable user-controlled navigation via a remote controller for smooth and responsive flight.
4. To integrate ultrasonic sensors for accurate and automatic obstacle detection.
5. To provide instant buzzer alerts upon detecting nearby obstacles, enhancing flight safety.
6. To ensure stability and maneuverability using a reliable flight controller system.
7. To design the drone frame with propeller guards to prevent mechanical damage during collisions.
8. To demonstrate the effective use of embedded systems in modern drone applications.
9. To optimize the system for low power consumption and efficient performance.
10. To create a cost-effective and scalable drone prototype for surveillance and educational use.

Methodology:

- Design and assemble the drone frame and components.
- Install a wireless camera for live video transmission to an Android device.
- Integrate an ultrasonic sensor for detecting obstacles and triggering alerts.
- Program the flight controller to manage drone operations based on user input from a remote controller.
- Conduct testing and optimization for stability, obstacle detection and streaming performance.

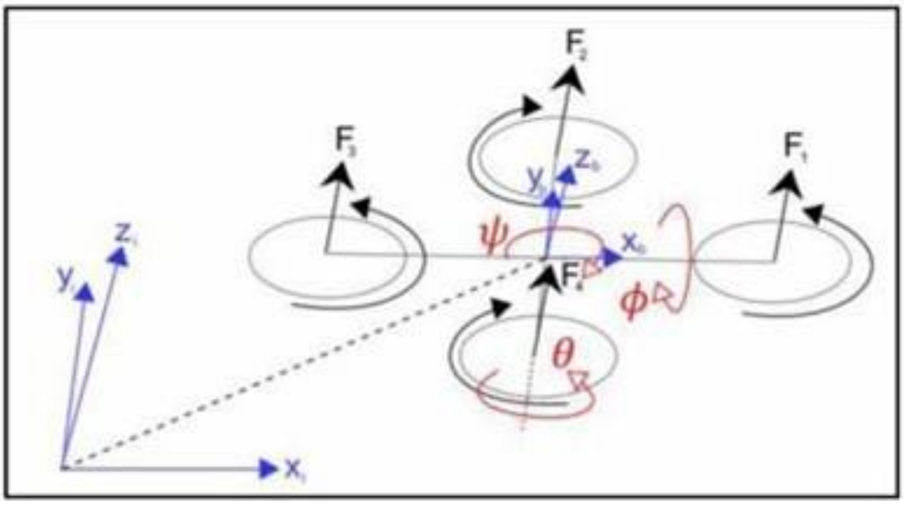

Figure 1: Quadcopter forces and altitude angles

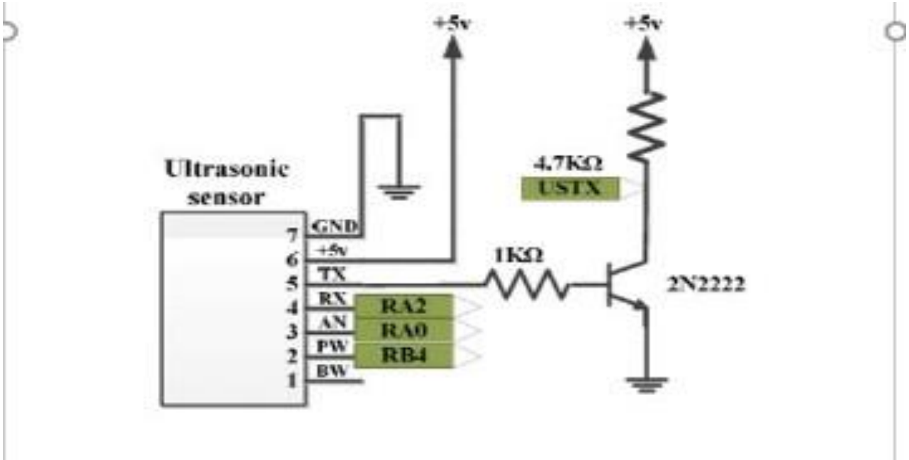

Figure 2: The connection of US sensor to the microcontroller

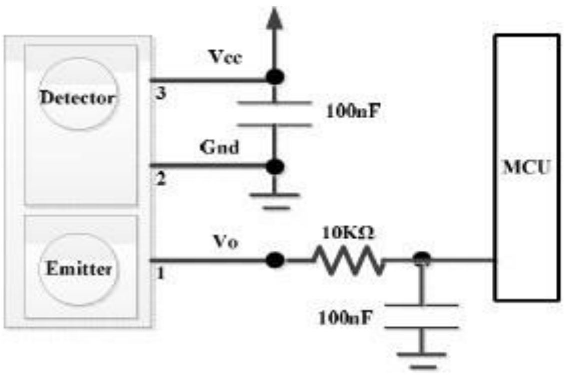

Figure 3: The connection of the IR sensor to the Microcontroller

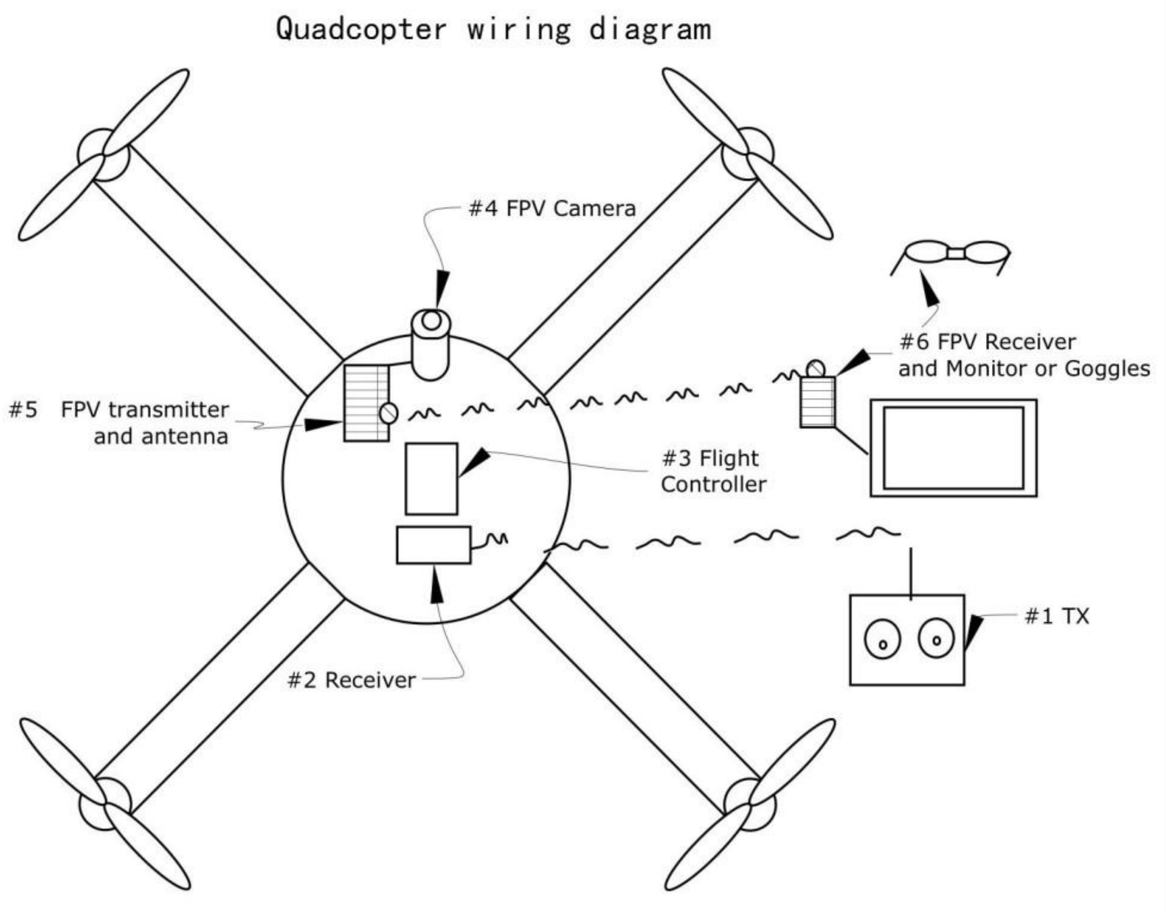

Figure 4: Quadcopter wiring diagram

Result and Conclusion:

1. The micro quadcopter was successfully developed with live video streaming to Android devices.
2. Real-time remote-control navigation was achieved using a standard transmitter-receiver module.
3. The ultrasonic sensor accurately detected obstacles within a defined range.
4. The buzzer system provided instant alerts when obstacles were detected in proximity.
5. The flight was stable and responsive under controlled indoor conditions.
6. The propeller guards effectively protected the blades from minor collisions.
7. Live footage transmission had minimal lag and provided clear visuals.

8. The system responded efficiently to user commands and obstacle alerts simultaneously.

In conclusion,

The project successfully demonstrated the design and implementation of a compact micro quadcopter with live Android streaming and automatic obstacle detection. It proved to be a safe, efficient, and user-friendly drone for short-range applications. The integration of real-time video, responsive flight control, and collision avoidance makes it suitable for indoor surveillance, education, and research. With further enhancements such as extended battery life and advanced sensors, this prototype can be adapted for broader real-world applications.

Project Outcome & Industry Relevance:

1. Developed a compact and efficient micro quadcopter with Android-based live video streaming.
2. Successfully integrated ultrasonic sensors for obstacle detection and buzzer alert functionality.
3. Demonstrated smooth remote-controlled navigation and stable indoor flight performance.
4. Enabled real-time monitoring, making the system suitable for surveillance and inspection tasks.
5. Showcased practical application of embedded systems and wireless communication in UAVs.
6. Contributed to academic understanding of control systems, sensor interfacing, and real-time data transmission.
7. Applicable in industries like security, logistics, warehouse inspection, and indoor monitoring.
8. Ideal for use in confined or GPS-denied environments such as basements, tunnels, or industrial setups.
9. Cost-effective and scalable solution, making it accessible for educational and research purposes.
10. Provides a base for future enhancements like GPS navigation, AI-based path planning, or mobile app control.

11. Promotes innovation in the fields of robotics, automation, and IoT-integrated drones.
12. Reduces the risk of mechanical damage through built-in obstacle avoidance and propeller guards.
13. Supports hands-on learning in drone technology, mechatronics, and real-world engineering applications.
14. Encourages the development of safer and smarter drones for both commercial and research sectors.
15. Aligns well with current trends in UAV miniaturization, autonomy, and remote operations.

This project involved the development of a physical working model of a micro quadcopter. All major components—including the flight controller, ultrasonic sensor, camera module, buzzer system, and Android streaming interface—were physically integrated and tested. The drone was assembled, calibrated, and successfully flown in a controlled environment to validate its real-time video transmission and obstacle detection capabilities. No software-only simulation or purely theoretical analysis was used; the focus was entirely on hardware implementation and hands-on testing of the actual system.

Future Scope:

1. **GPS Integration** – Enable outdoor navigation and location tracking through GPS modules.
2. **AI-based Obstacle Avoidance** – Implement machine learning or computer vision for intelligent path planning.
3. **Mobile App Control** – Develop a user-friendly Android/iOS app to control the drone and view the live stream.
4. **Improved Camera Quality** – Upgrade to HD or 4K cameras for better visual clarity and remote surveillance.
5. **Battery Optimization** – Extend flight time using more efficient power management and lightweight components.
6. **Autonomous Flight Modes** – Add pre-programmed flight paths or follow-me features for hands-free operation.

7. **Cloud Data Storage** – Stream and store live video footage on cloud platforms for security and later analysis.
8. **Swarm Drone Applications** – Use multiple drones working collaboratively for larger-scale monitoring tasks.
9. **Integration with IoT Systems** – Connect the drone with smart systems for automation in industries and smart cities.
10. **Environmental Monitoring** – Equip with sensors (gas, temperature, etc.) for use in disaster zones or pollution tracking.