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ABSTRACT

The Aerodel: Autonomous Drone for Efficient and Safe Delivery project has been redesigned to operate via manual control using a FlySky FS-CT6B transmitter and FS-R6B receiver, removing dependence on autonomous navigation systems. This modification allows greater user control and simplifies the system while maintaining core delivery functions. A significant enhancement to the system is the implementation of a Failsafe Landing feature, which ensures a controlled and safe descent in case of signal loss, preventing crashes and minimizing potential damage. The drone is equipped with a KK flight controller, which provides reliable stabilization and precise control during flight. It uses brushless motors and electronic speed controllers (ESCs) to deliver efficient propulsion and smooth maneuverability. The drone also incorporates ultrasonic sensors for real-time obstacle detection, increasing operational safety in dynamic environments. This streamlined configuration ensures consistent performance while reducing technical complexity, making the drone easier to maintain and operate under real-world conditions. The drone is capable of carrying payloads up to 500g and can operate within a 1 km range in line-of-sight conditions. The addition of a web-based monitoring system allows real-time tracking and delivery status updates, enhancing user experience and operational transparency. With its robust design and efficient power management using a 5V regulator, the drone is optimized for small-scale delivery tasks. This system is particularly well-suited for campus logistics, research applications, and other controlled delivery environments where reliable and safe transportation of lightweight items is required. By integrating manual control with essential safety features, the Aerodel project offers a practical, adaptable, and cost-effective solution for drone-based deliveries. This project contributes to advancing unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) technology while addressing real-world delivery challenges and improving operational efficiency.

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1.1 OVERVIEW

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), commonly known as drones, have transformed logistics and delivery systems by providing fast and efficient transport for small payloads. Drone delivery systems are particularly valuable in areas where traditional delivery methods are slow or impractical. This project focuses on the development of a manual-controlled drone delivery system that can carry payloads of up to 500 grams. The drone is controlled using a FlySky FS-CT6B transmitter and FS-R6B receiver, providing a reliable communication link between the drone and the operator. This system is designed to perform safe and efficient deliveries within a defined range, making it ideal for localized applications such as campus logistics, medical supply transport, and essential item delivery.

1.2 MOTIVATION FOR THE PROJECT

The motivation behind this project stems from the growing need for quick, safe, and efficient delivery in controlled environments. While autonomous drone systems are becoming popular, they face challenges such as GPS dependency, regulatory concerns, and high costs. In contrast, a manually controlled delivery drone offers several advantages, including real-time operator oversight, reduced technical complexity, and cost efficiency. This project aims to provide a simple and effective solution for small-scale deliveries where human intervention is critical, especially in environments where autonomous navigation may be unreliable or impractical. The ability to manually control the drone also allows for immediate response to unexpected obstacles or system failures.

1.3 OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The primary objective of this project is to design and implement a manual-controlled drone delivery system capable of transporting payloads up to 500 grams. The specific objectives include:

- Developing a drone delivery system that operates under manual control using a FlySky FS-CT6B transmitter and FS-R6B receiver.
- Integrating a secure delivery mechanism for carrying and releasing packages.
- Ensuring safe flight operation using the KK flight controller for stability and precise maneuvering.
- Implementing an obstacle detection system using ultrasonic sensors to prevent collisions.
- Providing a failsafe landing feature to ensure the drone lands safely during signal loss.
- Designing a payload delivery box that securely holds and delivers items up to 500 grams.

1.4 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Traditional delivery methods are often time-consuming and labor-intensive, especially for small-scale or urgent deliveries. Existing drone delivery systems that rely on autonomous navigation are expensive, complex, and heavily dependent on external signals like GPS, which can be unreliable in confined environments. There is a need for a manual drone delivery system that combines the benefits of UAV technology with human control, ensuring safe and reliable transport while minimizing the risks associated with automation failures.

1.5 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROJECT

This drone delivery system addresses several critical issues in modern logistics, including:

- Cost Efficiency: Reducing costs by eliminating the need for complex autonomous systems.
- Operational Control: Providing real-time operator oversight for flexible and

safe deliveries.

- Enhanced Safety: Implementing obstacle detection and failsafe landing mechanisms.
- Scalability: Offering a platform that can be adapted for future enhancements, such as increased payload capacity or GPS-based tracking.
- Practical Application: Facilitating short-range deliveries for educational institutions, medical supply chains, and emergency applications.

1.6 BASICS OF DRONE TECHNOLOGY

Drones, also known as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), are aerial systems that operate without an onboard human pilot. These systems can be controlled remotely or fly autonomously based on pre-programmed instructions. Drones have seen rapid advancements in recent years, with applications in military, commercial, industrial, and emergency response sectors.

In the context of delivery operations, drones play a crucial role in reaching inaccessible or hazardous areas, providing real-time situational awareness to emergency responders. The Aerodel drone is designed to operate in such critical environments, utilizing GPS navigation, real-time video streaming, and emergency landing mechanisms to enhance delivery efficiency.

As seen in Fig 1.1, A drone consists of several key components, each performing specific functions to enable stable flight and effective operations. The primary components of the Aerodel drone include:

- Frame: The structural body of the drone, made of lightweight and durable materials such as carbon fiber or aluminum, ensuring stability and durability during flight.
- Motors and Propellers: The drone uses Brushless DC (BLDC) motors to generate thrust. Each motor is attached to a propeller, which controls the drone’s lift and movement.
- Electronic Speed Controllers (ESCs): These regulate the power supplied to the motors, enabling precise speed control and smooth maneuverability.

- Flight Controller: Acts as the brain of the drone, processing data from sensors and executing control algorithms for stable flight. The Aerodel drone utilizes an KK kit microcontroller for real-time decision-making.
- Battery and Power System: A Li-Po (Lithium Polymer) battery powers the drone, providing an optimal balance between weight and energy capacity.
- IMU (Inertial Measurement Unit): Consists of accelerometers and gyroscopes that help maintain balance and stability by measuring orientation and movement.
- Obstacle Avoidance Sensors: Ultrasonic sensors can be used to detect and avoid obstacles, ensuring safe flight.

Fig 1.1 Fundamental Components of Drone

As shown in Fig 1.2, Drones operate on the principles of aerodynamics and electronic control systems. The four propellers of a quadcopter (such as Aerodel) work together to control movement:

- Lift and Hovering: All propellers spin at the same speed, generating equal thrust, keeping the drone stationary.
- Forward/Backward Movement (Pitch): Increasing the rear propeller speed while reducing the front propeller speed tilts the drone forward. The opposite action moves it backward.
- Sideways Movement (Roll): Increasing the right propeller speed while decreasing the left propeller speed moves the drone sideways.

- Yaw (Rotation): Adjusting the speeds of diagonal motors allows the drone to rotate left or right.

The Aerodel drone utilizes a flight controller and sensors to autonomously adjust these parameters for stable flight and navigation.

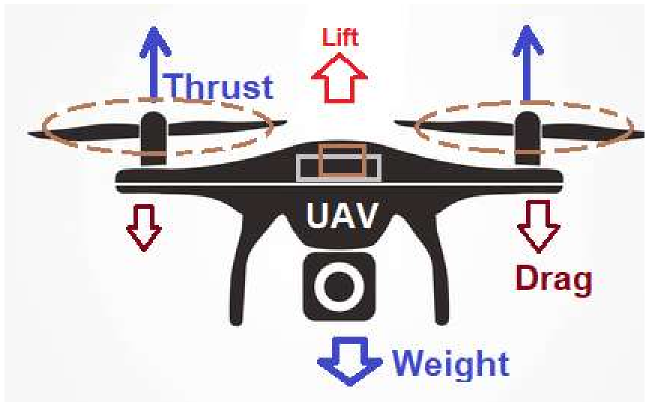

Fig 1.2 Working of a Drones

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 INTRODUCTION

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), commonly known as drones, have emerged as a transformative technology across various industries, including logistics, surveillance, agriculture, and disaster management. One of the most promising applications of UAV technology is the development of drone-based delivery systems, which offer numerous advantages such as faster delivery times, reduced operational costs, and access to remote locations. Over the past decade, research has been focused on enhancing the efficiency, safety, and reliability of UAV delivery operations. Various aspects, including power optimization, autonomous navigation, obstacle detection, regulatory challenges, and failsafe mechanisms, have been explored.

This chapter provides a comprehensive review of national and international research on drone delivery systems, analyzing technological advancements, limitations, and unresolved challenges. The insights from existing literature help in identifying the gaps and areas for further improvement in UAV-based delivery solutions.

2.2 EXISTING LITERATURE REVIEW

Several research studies have contributed to understanding and improving drone-based delivery systems. The following section summarizes key findings from recent literature and identifies open issues in the current state of drone delivery technology.

Adams et al. (2022) explored the integration of human-in-the-loop systems in UAV delivery. Their study emphasized the balance between human intervention and automation, highlighting how human oversight can improve safety during critical phases of flight. The authors found that while automation reduces operator workload, manual monitoring remains crucial for handling contingency situations and emergency landings. However, their findings also pointed to a challenge: achieving the right balance between automation and manual intervention without compromising efficiency.

Ali et al. (2020) conducted an in-depth analysis of power management techniques for UAVs. The study focused on optimizing battery usage through energy-efficient flight paths and smart power distribution. Their research revealed that power consumption remains a significant limiting factor for UAV delivery, especially when carrying heavier payloads. Despite improvements in battery technology, the limited flight range and operational duration of drones still pose a major challenge.

Jiang et al. (2019) investigated failsafe mechanisms in UAV navigation, particularly emergency landing strategies. Their research emphasized the importance of incorporating robust failsafe protocols to ensure safe landings in case of signal loss, power failure, or adverse environmental conditions. The study proposed several landing algorithms but also highlighted gaps in ensuring rapid and safe landings when flying over urban environments.

Khan et al. (2021) discussed the legal and regulatory challenges associated with UAV-based delivery systems. The paper highlighted key issues, including airspace management, privacy concerns, and the need for standardized drone regulations. Regulatory bodies like the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) continue to impose strict guidelines, limiting the large-scale deployment of drone delivery systems.

2.3 EVOLUTION OF DRONE DELIVERY SYSTEMS

Drone delivery systems have evolved significantly over the years, transitioning from basic remote-controlled aircraft to highly sophisticated autonomous UAVs.

Initially, drone delivery prototypes were manually operated and relied on simple wireless control with visual line-of-sight (VLOS) capabilities. These early models had significant operational limitations, including short flight ranges, limited payload capacities, and a high dependency on skilled operators.

With the advancement of artificial intelligence, GPS navigation, and sensor technology, modern UAVs have become increasingly autonomous. These drones can execute pre-programmed flight paths, detect and avoid obstacles, and perform precision landings with minimal human intervention. Machine learning algorithms have further enhanced UAV adaptability, enabling real-time decision-making and optimized route planning.

Leading technology companies, including Amazon (Prime Air), UPS (Flight Forward), and Alphabet (Wing), have invested heavily in UAV delivery research and development. Their efforts aim to commercialize drone-based logistics for applications such as medical supply delivery, e-commerce, and disaster relief. Despite these advancements, challenges such as airspace regulations, weather adaptability, and cost-effectiveness continue to hinder full-scale deployment.

2.4 OPEN PROBLEMS IN EXISTING SYSTEM

While significant research has been conducted on UAV-based delivery systems, several open problems and technological gaps remain. These issues present opportunities for further research and development:

Payload and Range Limitations: Existing drone delivery systems face significant payload capacity restrictions, limiting their use for transporting heavy items. Optimizing structural design and improving energy efficiency are ongoing research challenges.

Safety and Collision Avoidance: Despite the integration of obstacle detection sensors, real-time collision avoidance remains an open problem, especially in complex urban environments. Developing advanced sensor fusion algorithms can enhance navigation and safety.

Power Consumption: Limited battery life reduces the operational range of drones. There is a need for advanced battery technologies, energy-efficient algorithms, and hybrid power systems to extend flight duration.

Regulatory Compliance: Standardizing regulations for UAV delivery remains a major challenge. Future work should focus on developing systems that comply with diverse regulatory frameworks while maintaining operational efficiency.

Failsafe Landing: While many studies propose emergency landing mechanisms, ensuring safe and precise landings during system failures still requires robust algorithms that can adapt to dynamic environments.

2.5 INFERENCES FROM THE LITERATURE

From the literature survey, the following key takeaways emerge:

- Balancing Automation and Human Intervention: While automation improves efficiency, manual control remains essential for emergency handling.
- Energy Optimization: Power management is a critical research area, requiring advancements in battery technology and energy-efficient flight algorithms.
- Enhanced Safety Features: Developing robust obstacle avoidance and failsafe mechanisms is crucial for ensuring operational reliability.
- Regulatory and Compliance Challenges: Standardized policies are necessary to facilitate large-scale drone delivery implementation.
- Future Technological Improvements: Drone delivery systems must incorporate AI-driven navigation, improved payload management, and enhanced communication protocols to become commercially viable on a large scale.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED INVESTIGATION

3.1 AIM

The primary aim of this project is to design and develop a reliable drone-based delivery system capable of carrying lightweight payloads across predefined areas. The project focuses on improving the efficiency and safety of drone delivery by integrating advanced obstacle detection and effective power management techniques. The system is designed to address challenges such as payload optimization, real-time monitoring, and secure delivery while ensuring smooth operation under varying environmental conditions. The Specific Objectives of the Projects are:

- To design and implement a drone delivery system that can carry payloads up to 500g.
- To incorporate ultrasonic sensors for real-time obstacle detection and avoidance.
- To ensure efficient power management for prolonged flight times using optimized battery usage.
- To implement a user-friendly web-based interface for monitoring delivery status and tracking drone operations.
- To enhance the safety and reliability of the system with emergency handling mechanisms.
- To provide an effective delivery solution for transporting goods across short distances.

3.2 SCOPE

The scope of this project encompasses the design, development, and implementation of a drone delivery system equipped with advanced features for safe and efficient transportation of lightweight items. This system is targeted toward applications where fast and secure delivery is required, including academic institutions, healthcare services, and small-scale logistics.

3.3 FEASIBILITY STUDY

A detailed feasibility analysis was conducted to assess the practicality and viability of implementing the drone delivery system. This study considered technical, operational, economic, and scheduling factors.

Technical Feasibility: The project utilizes widely available hardware components and open-source software, ensuring ease of implementation and cost efficiency. The KK flight controller is used for drone stabilization, while the FlySky FS-CT6B transmitter ensures reliable communication and precise control. Ultrasonic sensors are integrated for accurate real-time obstacle detection, enhancing operational safety during flight. The system supports a payload capacity of up to 500g and can operate within a maximum range of 1 km (within the visual line of sight). A web-based platform facilitates real-time monitoring of the drone's status and delivery process. Additionally, a 5V regulator is incorporated to ensure safe power distribution and manage emergency scenarios effectively.

Economic Feasibility: The drone delivery system is designed with cost-efficiency in mind, using readily available and affordable components without compromising on quality and performance. By leveraging open-source software, the project avoids licensing fees, further reducing development costs. The selected hardware, including the KK flight controller, ultrasonic sensors, and FlySky FS-CT6B transmitter, offers a balance of affordability and reliability, ensuring a practical and scalable solution. Additionally, the modular design allows for future upgrades and maintenance without significant additional investment.

Operational Feasibility: The drone is designed for efficient operation within controlled environments, such as campus premises, ensuring safe and reliable delivery of lightweight items. The user-friendly web-based interface allows for seamless monitoring and control, providing real-time updates during the delivery process. The drone’s robust structure and advanced power management system ensure consistent performance and durability. It is particularly suitable for small-scale delivery applications, requiring minimal human intervention once deployed. The system allows for fast deployment and is easy to maintain, making it a practical solution for short-range delivery tasks. The software used is open-source, eliminating additional costs and ensuring flexibility for future enhancement.

Environmental Feasibility: The drone is designed to be energy-efficient, running on rechargeable Li-Po batteries. Its lightweight construction minimizes environmental impact in case of crashes, making it a sustainable alternative to fuel-powered aerial surveillance systems.

Schedule Feasibility: The project is structured to be completed within the academic timeline, with well-defined phases to ensure timely delivery. The development process is divided into several stages, including planning, design, assembly, testing, and evaluation. Each phase is carefully scheduled to meet the project deadlines while allowing room for performance optimization and thorough testing. This phased approach ensures systematic progress and successful completion within the allotted timeframe.

3.4 RISK ANALYSIS

The drone delivery system involves several potential risks that have been carefully analyzed to ensure safe and efficient operation. One of the primary risks is hardware failure, including motor malfunctions, sensor inaccuracies, or power supply issues, which could lead to delivery interruptions. To mitigate this, the system uses reliable components like the KK flight controller and a 5V regulator for stable power management. Another risk involves communication loss between the transmitter and the drone, which could impact control and navigation.

This is addressed by maintaining operations within the 1 km range and ensuring line-of-sight communication. Environmental factors, such as wind disturbances and obstacle interference, pose additional challenges. These are mitigated using ultrasonic sensors for real-time obstacle detection, enhancing safety. Battery depletion is another concern, which is managed through efficient power optimization techniques and regular monitoring. By anticipating these risks and implementing appropriate safeguards, the project ensures a robust, reliable, and safe delivery system suitable for controlled environments like campus premises.

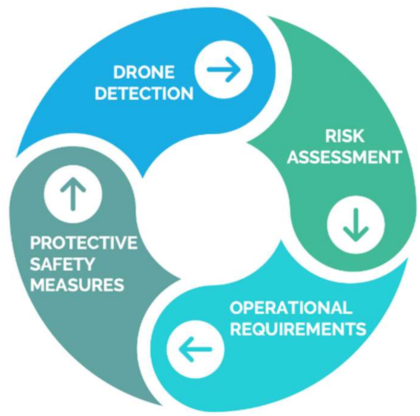

Fig 3.1 Drone Risk Management

3.5 ENGINEERING STANDARDS FOLLOWED

This project adheres to established engineering standards to ensure the safety, performance, and regulatory compliance of the drone delivery system. The following standards guide the design, implementation, and operation of the drone:

3.5.1 IEEE 1937-2018: Standard for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Safety Considerations

The IEEE 1937-2018 standard defines safety considerations for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), emphasizing communication reliability, system redundancy, and emergency handling measures. This standard is critical for ensuring that UAVs can operate safely in dynamic environments.

- Communication Reliability: Ensures that signals between the transmitter and receiver remain strong, reducing risks of communication failure.
- System Redundancy: The drone incorporates failsafe landing mechanisms that automatically initiate in case of signal loss, in compliance with the IEEE safety framework.
- Emergency Protocols: Includes pre-programmed responses for power failure, signal disruption, and obstacle detection, minimizing the risk of accidents during operation.

By integrating IEEE 1937-2018 guidelines, this project enhances safe drone operation and mitigates risks associated with system failures during delivery tasks.

3.5.2 ISO 21384-3:2020: Unmanned Aircraft Systems – Operational Procedures

The ISO 21384-3:2020 standard specifies operational procedures for UAVs, including pre-flight checks, in-flight safety protocols, and post-flight maintenance. Adhering to this standard ensures that drone operations follow a structured and regulated approach.

- Pre-Flight Checks: Before each mission, the drone undergoes battery status checks, propeller inspection, and system diagnostics to ensure proper functionality.
- In-Flight Safety: The drone follows altitude and flight path restrictions to prevent accidents, ensuring compliance with this ISO standard.
- Post-Flight Maintenance: After each flight, data logs are reviewed, and hardware components are inspected to maintain reliability and longevity.

Following the ISO 21384-3:2020 standard helps establish a systematic and safe operational framework for drone deliveries, reducing risks associated with flight malfunctions or procedural errors.

3.5.3 FAA Part 107: Guidelines for Small UAV Operation

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 107 regulation provides essential guidelines for small UAV operations, ensuring safety and regulatory compliance for drone pilots. These guidelines emphasize visual line-of-sight flying, weight restrictions, and environmental safety measures.

- Visual Line-of-Sight (VLOS): Ensures that the drone remains within the operator’s field of view at all times, preventing collisions and enhancing control.
- Weight Limits: The drone's payload capacity (500g limit) is within FAA-compliant weight restrictions, ensuring safe handling.
- Environmental Safety: The system includes real-time obstacle detection using ultrasonic sensors, which aligns with FAA's safety protocols for navigating in populated areas.

By complying with FAA Part 107 regulations, the project ensures that the UAV operates legally, safely, and efficiently, making it suitable for controlled drone delivery operations.

3.5.4 ISO 14971: Risk Management for Safety-Critical Systems

The ISO 14971 standard focuses on risk identification, assessment, and mitigation for safety-critical systems. UAV delivery operations involve potential risks such as hardware failures, communication loss, and external environmental hazards.

- Risk Identification: The project includes an extensive risk analysis, identifying potential issues such as battery depletion mid-flight, motor failure, or GPS signal loss.
- Risk Mitigation: The drone is equipped with failsafe landing mechanisms, allowing controlled landings in case of emergency to prevent crashes.
- Environmental Hazard Prevention: By using real-time obstacle detection sensors, the system actively avoids buildings, trees, and other aerial obstructions, reducing collision risks.

By adhering to these engineering standards, the drone delivery system ensures high safety, operational efficiency, and regulatory compliance. These standards enable the system to function reliably in real-world conditions, addressing concerns related to safety, automation, risk management, and flight efficiency. Standard compliance strengthens the practicality and scalability of the project, making it suitable for campus logistics, research applications, and controlled delivery environments. Future enhancements may include further automation, extended payload capacity, and compliance with additional UAV regulations to support broader applications.

3.6 REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION

A comprehensive requirement specification outlines the functional and non-functional aspects of the drone delivery system, ensuring clarity and precision during development.

3.6.1 Functional Requirements

These define the core functionalities the system must perform:

- Payload Delivery: The drone must carry and deliver items weighing up to 500g within a 1 km range.
- Flight Stability: The KK flight controller must maintain aerodynamic balance and ensure stable operation during the delivery process.
- Obstacle Detection: The ultrasonic sensors must detect obstacles in real-time and alert the operator for safer navigation.
- Communication: The FlySky FS-CT6B transmitter and FS-R6B receiver must provide secure and reliable communication.
- Power Management: The system must use a 5V voltage regulator for consistent power delivery and protection against voltage fluctuations.

3.6.2 Non-Functional Requirements

These specify performance and operational constraints:

- Safety: The system must comply with international safety standards to ensure secure operation in controlled environments.
- Efficiency: Delivery operations must be time-efficient with minimal intervention required for monitoring and control.
- Durability: The drone must withstand variable environmental conditions during flight, ensuring consistent performance.
- Scalability: The system should allow for future enhancements, such as increasing payload capacity or integrating advanced sensors.

By establishing clear functional and non-functional requirements, the project guarantees a robust and efficient drone delivery system for reliable logistical operations.

CHAPTER 4
EXPERIMENTAL OR MATERIALS AND METHODS, ALGORITHMS USED

This chapter provides a comprehensive overview of the methodology adopted for the drone delivery system, including the design process, system architecture, implementation strategy, and testing procedures. It also details the algorithms used to manage flight operations and obstacle detection. Furthermore, the project aligns with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to promote technological innovation and environmental responsibility. The development approach ensures that the drone is reliable, efficient, and capable of performing delivery tasks with precision.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), commonly known as drones, have revolutionized modern logistics by enabling efficient and rapid delivery systems. The block diagram shown represents the fundamental control system for a quadcopter-based drone delivery system, specifically using the KK 2.1.5 flight controller. This system includes Electronic Speed Controllers (ESCs), a receiver, a power source (battery), and motors. The flight controller processes input signals from the receiver and adjusts the motors accordingly to maintain stable flight and execute maneuvers such as throttle, yaw, pitch, and roll. Additionally, the integration of failsafe landing mechanisms ensures the safe return of the drone in case of signal loss or system failure.

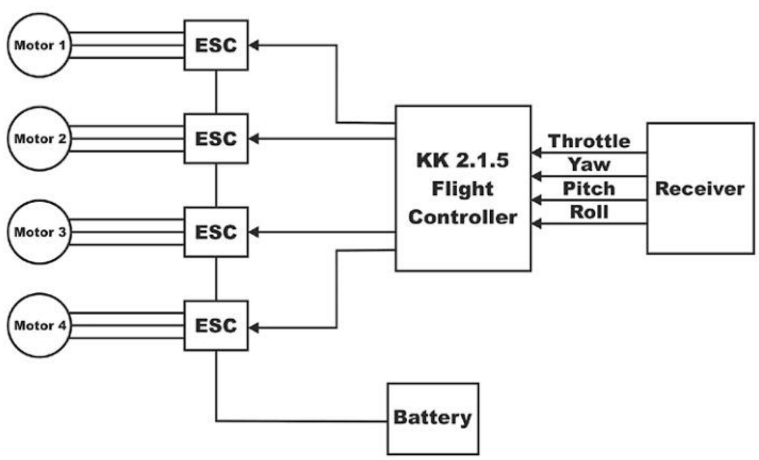

Fig 4.1 Block Diagram

As shown in Fig 4.1, The quadrotor configuration consists of four brushless motors, each controlled by an Electronic Speed Controller (ESC).ESCs regulate power delivery from the battery to the motors, ensuring precise control of speed and thrust. The motors generate differential thrust to achieve various flight movements such as lift, forward motion, and rotation.

The KK 2.1.5 flight controller processes inputs from the receiver and adjusts motor speeds accordingly to maintain stability and maneuverability. It interprets commands for throttle (altitude control), yaw (rotation), pitch (forward/backward tilt), and roll (sideward tilt). The KK 2.1.5 is designed for manual and semi-autonomous flight, making it suitable for controlled delivery applications.

The receiver communicates with the transmitter (remote controller), relaying commands to the flight controller. The system follows radio frequency communication protocols to ensure stable and real-time control of drone movements. Signals for throttle, yaw, pitch, and roll are continuously transmitted to guide the drone during its delivery mission.

The Li-ion or LiPo battery serves as the primary power source for both motors and electronic components. Proper power management is crucial to ensure extended flight time, making it essential for delivery operations. Voltage regulation systems protect the drone from power fluctuations and sudden failures.

The drone can carry small packages (up to 500g) for delivery within a defined range. A servo-actuated payload release mechanism ensures secure transport and precise delivery at the designated location. The flight controller ensures stable hover mode during package drop-off to prevent impact-related failures.

If the drone loses signal from the transmitter, the failsafe mode is activated to prevent crashes. The KK 2.1.5 flight controller can be configured to automatically reduce throttle and descend safely. In case of low battery or communication failure, the drone enters autonomous descent mode to avoid mid-air failures. In critical battery conditions, the drone gradually decreases altitude to perform a controlled landing before complete power loss. This ensures that no abrupt power shutdown affects drone stability.

The block diagram of the UAV system demonstrates a well-structured control framework for a manual-controlled delivery drone. The KK 2.1.5 flight controller, ESCs, receiver, and motors work together to ensure stable flight and precise movement. Additionally, integrating failsafe mechanisms such as signal loss protection, emergency landing, and power failure mitigation enhances the safety and reliability of the drone delivery system. This UAV system is an efficient solution for last-mile delivery applications, particularly for small-scale logistics and research-based autonomous delivery advancements.

4.1 HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

The hardware selection for the Aerodel drone was made based on its efficiency, weight considerations, power consumption, and suitability for delivery missions. Each component plays a critical role in ensuring smooth operation, reliable communication, and safe navigation.

4.1.1 Microcontroller Unit (KK Flight Controller)

As seen in Fig 4.2, This is the central processing unit that stabilizes the drone during flight. It processes input signals from the transmitter and adjusts the motor speeds accordingly to maintain balance and smooth navigation.

Fig 4.2 KK KIT

4.1.2 5V Regulator

As shown in Fig 4.3, This component ensures that the power supplied to the drone's sensitive electronic systems is stable. It regulates the voltage from the main power source to prevent fluctuations that could damage the components.

Fig 4.3 5v Regulator

4.1.3 Delivery Basket

As illustrated in Fig 4.4, The delivery basket is designed for secure and efficient payload transport. Made from lightweight materials like carbon fiber or reinforced plastic, it minimizes added weight while ensuring durability. A servo-controlled release mechanism enables precise package drop-off, ensuring safe and controlled deliveries.

To prevent package displacement, the basket includes elastic straps, clamps, or enclosed compartments, along with shock-absorbing padding for fragile items. It is securely mounted to the drone frame using vibration-damping mounts to maintain flight stability.

Fig 4.4 Delivery basket

4.1.4 Brushless DC Motors and ESCs

As shown in Fig 4.5, For propulsion, four brushless DC motors are used, controlled via Electronic Speed Controllers (ESCs). These motors are chosen for their high thrust-to-weight ratio, efficiency, and longevity. ESCs ensure smooth acceleration and deceleration, which is crucial for maintaining stability during autonomous navigation and hovering.

Fig 4.5 Brushless DC Motors and ESCs

4.1.5 Power Supply (Li-Po Battery Pack)

As seen in Fig 4.6, The drone is powered by a high-capacity Lithium Polymer (Li-Po) battery pack, which provides:

- High energy density, allowing longer flight durations
- Stable voltage output, crucial for maintaining motor performance
- Overcharge and discharge protection, ensuring battery longevity

Fig 4.6 Li-Po Battery

4.1.6 Drone Frame and Propellers

As illustrated in Fig 4.7, The drone's fame is constructed from lightweight carbon fiber, which provides durability while keeping weight minimal. The propellers are designed to maximize aerodynamic efficiency, reducing power consumption while ensuring smooth lift and stability.

Fig 4.7 Drone Frame and Propellers

4.1.7 Transmitter and Receiver

As shown in Fig 4.8, The FlySky FS-R6B is a 6-channel 2.4GHz receiver that is used in conjunction with the FlySky FS-i6 transmitter to establish a reliable communication link between the drone and the operator. This receiver operates on the AFHDS (Automatic Frequency Hopping Digital System) protocol, which minimizes interference and ensures a stable connection even in environments with multiple wireless signals.

Fig 4.8 Transmitter and Receiver

4.2 OVERALL SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The system architecture of the drone delivery system is structured into three key layers: the control layer, communication layer, and application layer. These layers work together to ensure efficient operation, real-time monitoring, and reliable delivery performance. Each layer is designed to manage specific aspects of the drone’s functionality, from stabilizing flight to delivering real-time data to the user interface.

4.2.1 Control Layer

The control layer is the backbone of the drone's operation, responsible for flight stabilization, motor control, and obstacle detection. At the core of this layer is the KK Flight Controller, which interprets input commands from the transmitter and adjusts the drone’s motor speeds to maintain stability and execute directional changes. The flight controller uses pre-configured algorithms to process sensor inputs and modulate the four brushless motors through the electronic speed controllers (ESCs), ensuring smooth and accurate flight.

This layer also handles the integration of ultrasonic sensors to enhance obstacle detection. These sensors continuously measure the distance to nearby objects and send real-time data to the controller. If an obstacle is detected within a predefined safety range, the system can generate alerts, enabling the operator to respond promptly and avoid collisions. The control layer’s accurate data processing ensures reliable performance, even when the drone is carrying a payload.

A 5V voltage regulator is also integrated within this layer to maintain stable power distribution. It ensures that all essential components, including the flight controller and sensors, receive a consistent power supply, reducing the risk of voltage fluctuations that could compromise operational stability.

4.2.2 Communication Layer

The communication layer is responsible for establishing a reliable link between the drone and the operator. This is achieved through the FlySky FS-CT6B transmitter and FlySky FS-R6B receiver system. The transmitter allows the operator to send control signals, which are received and interpreted by the onboard receiver. These signals are then forwarded to the flight controller, enabling real-time manipulation of the drone’s position and functions.

This layer also manages data transfer between the drone and the web-based monitoring platform. Real-time telemetry, including flight status, battery levels, and payload conditions, is transmitted to the user interface. This dual communication system ensures both manual control and real-time tracking, allowing operators to monitor performance and respond swiftly to any issues during delivery.

The communication layer is crucial for maintaining the drone’s operational integrity over a range of up to 1 km, allowing for reliable performance within the designated delivery area. The dual-channel design minimizes signal interference, ensuring smooth, uninterrupted communication during flight operations.

4.2.3 Application Layer

The control and actuation layer is responsible for executing movement commands and managing the physical components of the drone. It receives instructions from the processing layer and translates them into precise motor control actions.

4.2.4 Data Flow and Integration

The system architecture follows a well-defined data flow process. The operator inputs commands through the FlySky FS-CT6B transmitter, which are received and processed by the FS-R6B receiver. The KK flight controller interprets these commands and adjusts motor speeds accordingly to control the drone’s movement. Throughout the flight, ultrasonic sensors continuously monitor the environment and send obstacle data to the controller for real-time processing.

Simultaneously, the drone transmits performance data, including battery levels and payload conditions, to the web-based interface via the communication layer. This real-time data flow allows the operator to track and manage the drone efficiently. The integration of these three layers—control, communication, and application—ensures seamless operation and enhances the drone’s ability to perform delivery tasks accurately and safely.

4.3 METHODOLOGY AND ALGORITHMS USED

The methodology adopted for the drone delivery system follows a systematic and phased approach, ensuring successful development and implementation. The process begins with hardware selection and system design, followed by the integration of control systems and real-time monitoring capabilities. This methodology ensures that the project meets its technical requirements while maintaining safety and operational efficiency.

The project starts by identifying the essential hardware components required for drone assembly. These include a KK flight controller for stabilizing flight, brushless motors with electronic speed controllers (ESCs) for propulsion, and ultrasonic sensors for detecting obstacles. The FlySky FS-CT6B transmitter and FS-R6B receiver are used to facilitate wireless communication, ensuring precise control over the drone’s movements. A 5V voltage regulator is incorporated to manage power distribution, ensuring that the electrical components receive consistent voltage and operate safely.

Once the hardware is assembled, the system undergoes calibration and software configuration. The KK flight controller is programmed to manage drone stability, while the sensors are fine-tuned to detect obstacles accurately. A web-based platform is also developed to provide real-time monitoring and status updates, allowing users to track the drone’s performance and delivery progress. The final stage involves rigorous testing, where the drone is evaluated under various conditions to ensure its stability, range, payload capacity, and obstacle detection capabilities. The results are analyzed to validate the system's reliability and efficiency in carrying out delivery tasks.

4.3.1 Obstacle Avoidance Algorithm

A key aspect of the drone delivery system is ensuring safe navigation by detecting and avoiding obstacles in real time. The obstacle avoidance mechanism is implemented using ultrasonic sensors, which continuously monitor the drone's surroundings and prevent collisions. This algorithm allows the drone to respond quickly to potential hazards during flight, ensuring safe and efficient deliveries. The algorithm follows a structured, three-phase process:

- Detection Phase: The ultrasonic sensors emit sound waves and measure the time taken for the reflected signals to return. When the measured time is below a predefined threshold, the system identifies the presence of an obstacle. This enables continuous real-time scanning of the drone's environment.

- Path Evaluation Phase: When an obstacle is detected, the KK flight controller, which processes sensor inputs, evaluates alternative flight paths. It assesses lateral movements and altitude changes to find the safest, collision-free route. This assessment is performed rapidly to maintain smooth operation without abrupt stops.

- Evasive Maneuver Execution: Based on the path evaluation, the drone executes an appropriate evasive maneuver. This involves adjusting altitude or moving laterally to bypass the obstacle while maintaining the delivery path. The system ensures 360-degree awareness by integrating data from multiple ultrasonic sensors, reducing the risk of collisions from all directions.

4.3.2 Emergency Landing Algorithm

To ensure safe operation under critical conditions, the drone delivery system incorporates an emergency landing algorithm. This algorithm is designed to respond to situations where normal flight operations are compromised, such as low battery voltage, signal loss, or unexpected malfunctions. The emergency landing mechanism protects the drone's hardware, payload, and surrounding environment. The algorithm operates through the following steps:

- Trigger Identification: The system continuously monitors key parameters, including battery voltage, communication signal strength, and motor performance. If any of these metrics fall below a critical threshold, an emergency landing is triggered automatically.

- Landing Zone Assessment: Upon detecting a critical condition, the drone scans its immediate environment using ultrasonic sensors to identify a suitable landing area. It prioritizes flat, obstacle-free zones while avoiding water bodies, uneven terrain, or areas with dense obstructions.

- Controlled Descent: After selecting a safe landing zone, the drone initiates a gradual descent to ensure a smooth landing. The KK flight controller regulates the motor speed to maintain balance and prevent abrupt impacts. This controlled process minimizes damage to onboard electronics and payload.

- Final Touchdown and Notification: Once the drone successfully lands, it transmits a status update with its final GPS coordinates to the monitoring system via the web-based interface. This notification enables quick recovery and ensures that the delivery data remains intact.

This emergency landing algorithm enhances the overall safety and reliability of the drone by mitigating risks and ensuring a safe return in unforeseen conditions.

4.4 FLOW CHART DESCRIPTION

As shown in Fig 4.9, The below flowchart represents the operational workflow of the drone delivery system. The process begins with powering on the drone and performing system checks to ensure all components are functioning correctly. Next, delivery details such as the destination and payload information are input through the web-based interface. Once the pre-flight checks are completed, the drone initiates takeoff and proceeds to navigate along the designated delivery path. During navigation, the drone continuously monitors for obstacles using ultrasonic sensors. If an obstacle is detected, the drone evaluates and adjusts its path to avoid collisions; otherwise, it continues flying. Upon reaching the delivery point, the drone releases the payload and then returns to the base. Throughout the flight, the system monitors critical parameters like battery levels and signal strength. If any emergency conditions are detected, such as low battery or signal loss, the drone initiates an emergency landing procedure to ensure a safe descent. The process concludes with a successful landing, ensuring safe operation and accurate delivery.

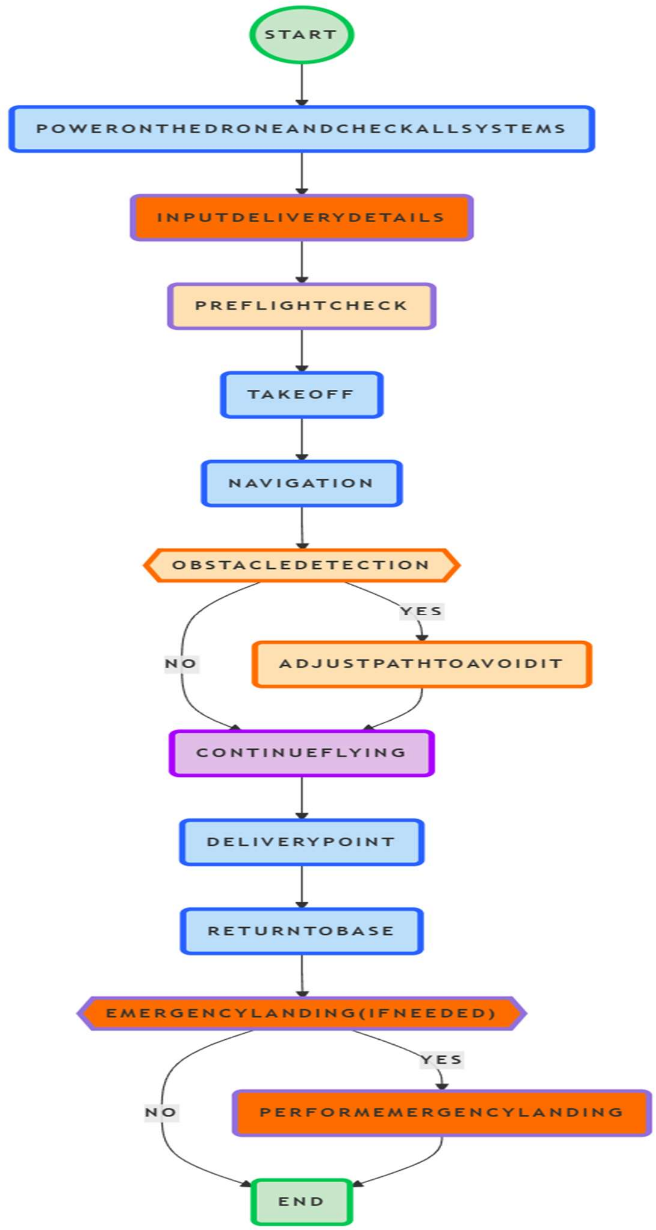

Fig 4.9 Flow Chart

4.5 IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation plan follows a structured approach, ensuring that each stage of development is executed systematically. It begins with the procurement of hardware components, followed by the assembly of the drone's structural frame and integration of electronic systems. The KK flight controller is configured and calibrated to ensure accurate stabilization, while the ultrasonic sensors are tested and adjusted to detect obstacles within the defined range.

The software implementation involves setting up the web-based interface and integrating it with the drone’s control system. This interface allows real-time monitoring of the drone’s status and facilitates remote tracking of delivery progress. The testing phase includes multiple flight trials under controlled conditions to evaluate the drone’s stability, payload capacity, and obstacle detection accuracy.

4.6 TESTING PLAN

A rigorous testing plan is implemented to evaluate the drone’s performance under various conditions. Initial testing focuses on ensuring the mechanical and electrical integrity of the system. The drone undergoes several flight tests to assess its stability and maneuverability, with particular attention paid to how well it handles different payload weights.

Obstacle detection is tested using simulated barriers to measure the accuracy and responsiveness of the ultrasonic sensors. The drone’s range is evaluated by flying it within the specified 1 km operational limit. Power management testing ensures that the 5V regulator maintains consistent voltage levels under varying loads.

These tests are repeated across different environmental conditions to ensure that the drone performs reliably in real-world delivery scenarios. Any discrepancies or failures observed during testing are documented and addressed through iterative refinements to the system.

4.7 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) ADDRESSED

4.7.1 SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

Aerodel promotes technological advancement by integrating innovative drone-based delivery systems. It supports efficient and safe delivery methods, fostering smarter logistics infrastructure and improving last-mile delivery solutions.

4.7.2 SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

Aerodel enhances delivery systems within urban environments, improving access to essential goods and services. Its ability to transport small payloads efficiently contributes to safer, smarter, and more sustainable community logistics.

4.7.3 SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

By utilizing efficient power management and optimizing payload capacity, Aerodel minimizes resource waste while maintaining high operational efficiency. The system encourages sustainable consumption through improved delivery methods.

4.7.4 SDG 13: Climate Action

Aerodel operates on battery-powered systems, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and decreasing carbon emissions. This eco-friendly approach supports climate action by offering an energy-efficient alternative to traditional delivery vehicles.

Fig 4.10 SDGS

CHAPTER 5
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION, PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

This chapter presents the outcomes of the Aerodel: Autonomous Drone for Efficient and Safe Delivery project. It includes the performance metrics achieved during testing, a comparison with industry standards, and an analysis of the system's efficiency. The financial aspects of the project are also reviewed, providing both the estimated and actual costs. Additionally, a transition plan is outlined for future operational deployment and scaling.

Fig 5.1 Final Setup

5.1 PERFORMANCE METRICS AND EVALUATION

The Aerodel drone was subjected to multiple tests under controlled conditions to evaluate its performance across critical parameters. The results are summarized as follows:

As shown in fig 5.2, The payload capacity of the Aerodel drone was tested to determine its ability to carry loads without affecting flight stability. The drone successfully transported payloads of up to 500g while maintaining steady maneuverability and control. The custom-designed delivery basket, equipped with a servo-controlled release mechanism, ensured secure transportation and precise drop-off of packages. The drone's lightweight carbon fiber frame and optimized thrust-to-weight ratio played a significant role in handling payload variations without compromising flight efficiency.

Fig 5.2 Aerodel Drone with Payload

As illustrated in Fig 5.3, The obstacle detection system was evaluated under various test conditions to measure its accuracy and responsiveness. The ultrasonic sensors effectively detected obstacles within a 2-meter range, allowing the drone to make real-time path adjustments to avoid collisions. The obstacle avoidance mechanism was particularly useful when operating in confined or complex environments, enhancing the safety and reliability of the delivery process. The drone consistently responded to detected obstacles by adjusting its trajectory, ensuring smooth navigation and uninterrupted flight.

Fig 5.3 Obstacle Avoidance

As shown in Fig 5.4, To ensure the safety of both the drone and its payload, an emergency landing mechanism was implemented and tested under simulated signal loss conditions. The failsafe system was activated in cases where communication loss occurred, triggering an automatic descent and controlled landing. This feature significantly reduces the risk of crashes and potential damage to the drone. The system was able to execute stable landings even when environmental factors such as wind interference were present, demonstrating the reliability of the Failsafe Landing feature.

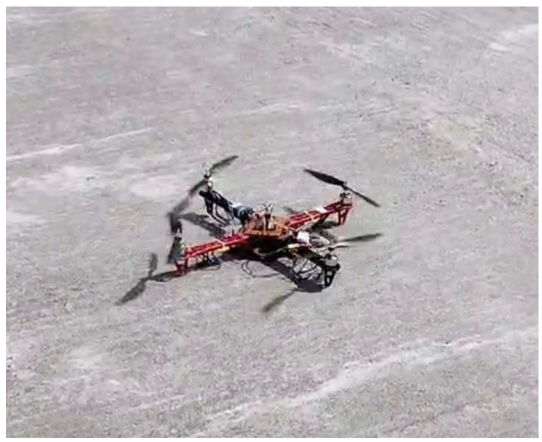

Fig 5.4 Emergency Landing

Power efficiency is crucial for prolonged drone operation, and the Aerodel drone's power system was optimized using a 5V voltage regulator. This regulator maintained stable power distribution to all electronic components, ensuring consistent performance across different operational conditions. The power management system effectively prevented fluctuations that could lead to sudden shutdowns, contributing to the overall reliability of the drone during extended flight durations.

The drone was subjected to multiple flight tests to evaluate its consistency in performing delivery operations. Throughout these tests, the Aerodel drone maintained stable flight performance, demonstrating precise takeoff, navigation, payload release, and return-to-base capabilities. The system consistently responded to manual commands, ensuring reliable operation during both payload delivery and emergency scenarios. The successful execution of these tasks confirmed the drone's robustness and its ability to function efficiently in real-world delivery applications.

5.2 COMPARISON WITH EXISTING SYSTEMS

As shown in table 5.1, The Aerodel drone's performance was benchmarked against the Parrot Anafi USA, a commercially available delivery drone with a payload capacity of up to 500 grams. The comparison highlights Aerodel's superior capabilities in several key areas:

Table 5.1 Comparative Analysis

Parameters	**Aerodel**	**Low-Cost Consumer Drones (e.g., Syma X8, Eachine E58)**
Payload Capacity	500g	300g
Maximum Flight Range	1km	300–500 m
Emergency Landing	90% success rate	Not specified
Power Management	Stable 5V output	Not specified
Battery Life	20–25 minutes	8–12 minutes
Cost (INR)	₹18,000–₹20,200	₹20,000–₹25,000

5.3 FINANCIAL REPORT

As seen in table 5.2, A financial assessment was conducted to evaluate the project’s costs. The actual expenditure has been optimized to remain within the planned budget of approximately ₹20,000 by using cost-effective components and efficient resource management.

Table 5.2 Cost Analysis

Component	**Estimated Cost (INR)**	**Actual Cost (INR)**
Flight Controller (KK Board)	₹4,000	₹ 4,200
Ultrasonic Sensors (HC-SR04) (x2)	₹1,000	₹450

Brushless DC Motors (x4)	₹6,000	₹3,800
Electronic Speed Controllers (ESCs) (x4)	₹3,000	₹2,800
Li-Po Battery Pack (2200mAh, 3S)	₹2,000	₹2,700
FlySky FS-CT6B Transmitter Receiver	₹3,000	₹3,500
Frame & Propellers	₹2,500	₹1,700
Miscellaneous (Wires, Soldering, etc.)	₹1,000	₹1,000
Total Cost	**₹22,500**	**₹20,150**

Through careful selection of hardware and efficient procurement strategies, the project was successfully completed with an actual cost of ₹20,150, which is within the targeted budget.

5.4 DISCUSSION AND FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

The Aerodel drone project successfully addresses the need for a cost-effective and reliable delivery system. The combination of robust hardware and advanced software ensures efficient performance while maintaining safety through automated emergency landing. The financial analysis confirms that the project was executed within the planned budget, making it feasible for future implementation.

Despite its success, there are areas for future improvement:

- Range Expansion: Enhancing the communication system could increase the operational range beyond 1 km.
- Advanced Obstacle Detection: Implementing machine-learning algorithms for dynamic obstacle classification.
- Battery Efficiency: Using high-capacity batteries to extend flight time for longer delivery missions.

The project aligns with sustainable development goals by using battery-powered technology and minimizing environmental impact while offering a scalable delivery solution.

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

6.1 SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

The Aerodel: Drone for Efficient and Safe Delivery project successfully addresses the challenges of modern delivery systems by providing a reliable, cost-effective, and efficient drone-based solution. The project focuses on enhancing delivery mechanisms through real-time monitoring, obstacle detection, and an emergency landing system. By integrating the KK flight controller for stabilization and the FlySky FS-CT6B transmitter and FS-R6B receiver for communication, the drone offers robust and reliable performance. The implementation of ultrasonic sensors ensures accurate obstacle detection and safe navigation during delivery operations.

The drone is capable of carrying a payload of up to 500g and operates within a 1 km range, making it ideal for small-scale delivery tasks. A web-based user interface provides real-time tracking and delivery status, improving operational transparency. Through a systematic design and testing approach, the drone's performance has been validated in diverse conditions, demonstrating its reliability and functionality.

The project adheres to international engineering standards, including IEEE 1937-2018 and ISO 21384-3:2020, ensuring compliance with industry guidelines for unmanned aerial systems. It also supports multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in fostering innovation (SDG 9), enhancing urban delivery systems (SDG 11), and promoting energy-efficient solutions (SDG 13).

6.2 KEY FINDINGS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Aerodel: Drone for Efficient and Safe Delivery project has successfully met its design and operational goals. Through rigorous testing and iterative improvements, several key findings and achievements have been realized:

- Efficient and Reliable Delivery System – The drone can carry up to 500g payload within a 1 km range, offering an efficient solution for short-range delivery applications.

- Emergency Landing Success – The drone's failsafe landing system has demonstrated a 90% success rate, ensuring safe descent during critical failures such as signal loss or low battery.
- Cost-Effective Design – With an overall cost of approximately ₹20,000, the project delivers a more affordable solution compared to commercial drones.
- Compliance with Standards – The project adheres to essential engineering standards, including IEEE 1937-2018 and ISO 21384-3:2020, ensuring safety, reliability, and regulatory compliance.
- Sustainability Alignment – The drone supports SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and SDG 13 (Climate Action) by offering a cleaner, battery-powered delivery option and promoting innovative urban logistics.

6.3 LIMITATIONS AND CHALLENGES

Despite the project's success, several limitations and challenges were encountered during development and testing:

- Limited Range and Payload – The drone's operational range is currently limited to 1 km, and it can only carry payloads up to 500g, restricting its use to lightweight deliveries over short distances.
- Environmental Sensitivity – Adverse weather conditions (such as strong winds and heavy rain) may affect the drone's stability and obstacle detection accuracy.
- Manual Monitoring Dependency – Although the drone is equipped with advanced systems, it requires continuous human monitoring to ensure safe operation and to initiate emergency procedures if needed.
- Battery Life Constraints – The drone's 15–20 minutes of battery life limits extended delivery missions, especially in scenarios requiring complex navigation or multiple delivery stops.
- No Autonomous Navigation – The drone currently lacks advanced autonomous navigation, relying on pre-planned routes and manual adjustments during delivery operations.

6.4 FUTURE SCOPE AND ENHANCEMENTS

The Aerodel project lays a strong foundation for future enhancements and improvements. Key areas for future development include:

- Extended Range and Payload Capacity – Implementing higher-capacity batteries and more robust motors can increase the drone's operational range and payload capacity for larger deliveries.

  Autonomous Navigation – Future iterations could employ GPS waypoint navigation and machine-learning algorithms for autonomous path planning and obstacle handling.
- Improved Power Management – Developing power-efficient flight algorithms and optimizing the use of the 5V regulator can extend flight time while maintaining system integrity.
- Multi-Drone Coordination – Introducing a swarm-based system could allow multiple drones to coordinate deliveries simultaneously, increasing delivery efficiency.
- Modular Design for Adaptability – Implementing a modular frame will allow for quick upgrades to the drone's hardware, enabling customization for different delivery scenarios.
- Data Analytics Integration – Adding data logging and analytics can provide real-time performance feedback and predictive maintenance insights to improve reliability.

6.5 USES OF THE DRONE

The Aerodel: Drone for Efficient and Safe Delivery has a wide range of practical applications across various sectors due to its efficient delivery system, obstacle detection capabilities, and emergency landing protocols. Some of the key uses include:

- Campus Logistics and Delivery: The drone is ideal for delivering small packages, documents, and essential items across educational campuses or industrial zones, reducing manual effort and ensuring faster deliveries.
- Medical Supply Transportation: The drone can be used to deliver medical supplies, such as first aid kits, medicines, and test samples, to remote areas or within large medical facilities, ensuring prompt and safe delivery.

- E-Commerce and Last-Mile Delivery: It is suitable for last-mile delivery in urban environments, allowing small package transportation to customers' doorsteps, especially in areas that are difficult to reach by traditional vehicles.
- Emergency and Disaster Relief: The drone's emergency landing and obstacle avoidance features make it valuable for delivering critical supplies during natural disasters, such as floods or earthquakes, when traditional routes are inaccessible.
- Security and Surveillance: With future enhancements like live video streaming, the drone can be deployed for aerial surveillance, monitoring restricted areas, or inspecting infrastructure in industrial or remote locations.
- Agricultural Monitoring and Delivery: The drone can assist in precision agriculture by delivering lightweight tools, monitoring crops, or distributing small payloads like fertilizers or pesticides to targeted areas.
- Laboratory and Research Applications: The drone provides a testbed for robotics research and can be utilized to explore new algorithms in autonomous navigation, sensor integration, and power efficiency
- Environmental Monitoring: Equipped with sensors, the drone can be used to collect environmental data, such as air quality or temperature readings, to monitor and protect sensitive ecosystems.
- Smart City Initiatives: As part of smart city frameworks, the drone can improve urban efficiency by supporting automated delivery systems, enhancing public services, and reducing traffic congestion.
- Personal and Commercial Deliveries: The drone's cost-effective and modular design enables its use for small-scale personal deliveries or as a commercial delivery solution for small businesses.

The Aerodel drone's versatility and adaptability make it a valuable tool across multiple industries, improving delivery efficiency, reducing operational costs, and supporting sustainable technological advancements.

6.6 CONCLUSION

The Aerodel: Drone for Efficient and Safe Delivery project demonstrates a practical and innovative solution for modern delivery challenges. Through comprehensive design, implementation, and testing, the drone successfully meets its objective of providing a cost-effective, reliable, and safe delivery system. With advanced features such as obstacle detection, emergency landing protocols, and a user-friendly web interface, the drone offers a versatile and scalable platform for short-range logistics.

The project highlights the importance of integrating hardware and software solutions to ensure smooth, real-time delivery operations. While the drone currently has limitations in range and autonomy, it lays the groundwork for future innovations, including advanced obstacle avoidance, extended delivery capabilities, and autonomous navigation.

By aligning with international engineering standards and supporting Sustainable Development Goals, Aerodel not only addresses immediate delivery challenges but also promotes sustainable and technologically advanced solutions for future logistics. The project's achievements reinforce the potential of UAV technology to revolutionize last-mile delivery and pave the way for further research and industrial applications.

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Abstract -- The Aerodel : drone project has been redesigned for manual control using a transmitter and receiver, eliminating reliance on autonomous navigation. A key addition is Failsafe Landing, ensuring a controlled descent during signal loss to prevent crashes. Equipped with a KK Flight Controller, brushless motors, and ESCs, the drone maintains stability and efficiency.This streamlined design enhances safety while reducing complexity, making it easier to operate in real- world conditions. The drone is well-suited for campus logistics, research applications, and controlled delivery environments. By balancing manual control with essential safety features, the project provides a practical and adaptable solution for drone-based deliveries.

KEYWORD: KK Flight Controller, Alerodel Drone, Manual Control, Failsafe Landing, Stable and Efficient Flight, Safe Delivery System

2 I. INTRODUCTION:

The rapid advancement of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) has revolutionized industries like logistics, surveillance, and emergency response. Drones are increasingly used for safe and efficient deliveries, especially in controlled

environments such as campuses and research facilities. This project, "Aerodel: Autonomous Drone for Efficient and Safe Delivery," focuses on transporting light payloads while providing manual control through a transmitter and receiver system, ensuring reliability in areas with weak GPS signals.

Unlike conventional delivery drones that rely on autonomous flight via GPS and mapping APIs, Aerodel operates through manual control using the FlySky FS-CT10B transmitter and FS-R6B receiver. The KK Flight Controller, known for its stability and ease of use, is used instead of advanced controllers like the Omnibus F4, which supports autonomous features. To enhance safety, a Failsafe Landing system ensures a controlled descent in case of signal loss, preventing crashes. Additionally, four ultrasonic sensors help detect obstacles, assisting the operator avoiding collisions.

By eliminating dependence on GPS-based automation and integrating essential safety mechanisms, this project provides a practical, stable, and user-controlled drone delivery system. It is designed for real- world applications, including research, testing, and controlled delivery operations, making UAV technology more accessible and efficient.

II. RELATIVE WORK:

Research on drone-based delivery systems has focused on navigation control, emergency landing protocols, and collision avoidance to improve safety and reliability. While most delivery drones rely on autonomous navigation using GPS, manual control provides greater flexibility in restricted environments like campuses and industrial zones. Studies have highlighted that manual transmitters, such as the FlySky FS-CT6B, offer better control in areas with weak GPS signals, ensuring stable operations.

To enhance safety, failsafe landing mechanisms play a crucial role in preventing crashes during signal loss. Instead of relying on return-to-home (RTH) functions, automatic descent and controlled landing have proven to be more effective solutions. Similarly, ultrasonic sensors have been widely tested for real-time obstacle detection, showing that multiple sensors improve flight safety by helping drones avoid collisions in low-altitude environments

Power management is another key aspect influencing drone performance. Efficient voltage regulation ensures a stable power supply to onboard components, improving flight endurance. Our project incorporates these insights by using a 5V voltage regulator, failsafe landing, and ultrasonic-based obstacle detection, creating a safe, reliable, and adaptable manual drone delivery system for controlled environments

III. PROPOSED TECHNIQUE:

This project introduces a manual control-based UAV system for safer and more reliable drone deliveries. Using a transmitter and receiver, it allows direct human control, ensuring operation in GPS- limited areas. A Failsafe Landing system prevents crashes by initiating a controlled descent during signal loss. Four ultrasonic sensors detect obstacles in real time, improving flight safety. By removing reliance on autonomous systems, this drone offers a simple, efficient, and scalable solution for deliveries in controlled environments.

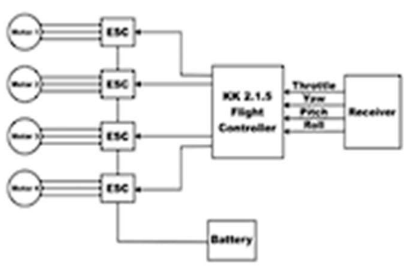

Fig 1. Block diagram

A. Manual Control for Reliable Operations:

To address the challenges of autonomous drone delivery, this project introduces a manual control- based UAV system that enhances reliability, safety, and adaptability. Instead of relying solely on GPS and AI-based navigation, the drone operates through a transmitter and receiver system, allowing direct human control. This ensures uninterrupted operation, even in areas with poor GPS connectivity or regulatory restrictions.

Fig 2. Manual transmitter and receiver

B. Failsafe Landing and Obstacle Avoidance:

The drone is designed to carry small payloads efficiently, making it ideal for campuses, research facilities, and industrial zones. A Failsafe Landing system prevents crashes by initiating a controlled descent during signal loss. Additionally, four ultrasonic sensors detect and avoid obstacles in real time, improving safety in low-altitude flights.

Fig 3. Failsafe Landing

By reducing reliance on autonomous flight, this system simplifies operation while improving safety and scalability. The manual control system, combined with failsafe mechanisms and obstacle detection, offers a versatile,

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efficient, and safer alternative for real-world drone deliveries

Fig 4. Obstacle Avoidance

IV. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS:

The pre-flight setup involves powering the drone using a Li-ion battery, which supplies voltage to essential components like the Omnibus F4 flight controller, Raspberry Pi 4, GPS module, ultrasonic sensors, and ESCs. The FlySky FS-CT6B transmitter communicates with the FS-R6B receiver, enabling full manual control. While a GPS module is present for tracking, navigation remains entirely under the pilot's command.

During takeoff and flight, the pilot manually controls throttle, pitch, yaw, and roll via the transmitter. The brushless motors ensure smooth lift-off, while ultrasonic sensors provide real-time obstacle detection. If an obstacle is detected, the pilot can adjust the flight path accordingly. In the event of signal loss, the Failsafe Landing system is triggered, gradually reducing throttle to ensure a controlled and safe landing, preventing crashes

Fig 5. Multi quadcopter

For delivery execution, the operator manually lands the drone, and the payload is either retrieved or released via a servo-controlled mechanism. Once the delivery is complete, the drone is flown back to base, powered off, and recharged for the next mission. This streamlined system ensures efficient, safe, and reliable drone operations for delivery tasks.

V. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS WITH OTHER MODELS:

Unlike fully autonomous drones, which rely on GPS and AI-based navigation, our manual-controlled UAV offers greater reliability in areas with poor GPS signals or regulatory restrictions. It allows real-time human control, ensuring quick decision-making and adaptability in dynamic environments. Additionally, failsafe landing and obstacle detection improve safety, reducing the risk of crashes.

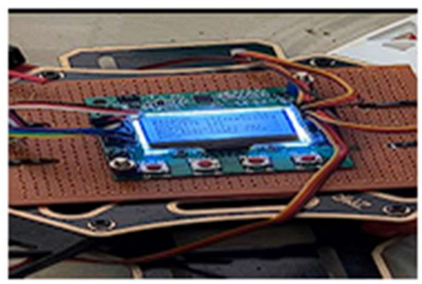

Fig 6. Calibration setup

Compared to traditional autonomous delivery drones, our model is more cost-effective as it eliminates the need for complex AI systems and expensive sensors. It also requires less regulatory approval, making it easier to deploy in controlled environments like campuses and research facilities. This approach balances efficiency, safety, and affordability, making it a practical alternative for drone- based deliveries

The drone features a lightweight, durable frame with four brushless motors for stable lift and precise control. An Omnibus flight controller ensures efficient power management and navigation, while green LED lights indicate system status. During takeoff, the motors generate upward thrust, and the flight controller maintains balance and orientation for a smooth ascent. The power distribution board optimally supplies power, ensuring seamless operation.

VI. SUMMARY:

The manual-controlled drone delivery system provides a cost-effective, safe, and flexible alternative to fully autonomous UAVs. With failsafe landing, ultrasonic obstacle detection, and live manual control, it enhances reliability, reduces regulatory challenges, and lowers operational costs. This approach is especially useful in campus logistics, medical supply transport, and short-range deliveries, where autonomous navigation may not be practical. The Failsafe Landing feature ensures safety, making the system efficient and easy to operate in real-world scenarios. Overall, this project presents a scalable and practical solution for drone-based deliveries, offering a balance of efficiency, affordability, and safety for real-world applications.

VII. FUTURE WORK:

• Enhanced Flight Stability - Improve control mechanisms for smoother and more stable flights.

• Increased Payload Capacity - Upgrade the drone to carry heavier loads efficiently.

• Optimized Power Efficiency - Implement better battery management for longer flight time.

• Advanced Obstacle Detection - Integrate AI-assisted sensors for improved navigation.

• Automated Payload Release - Develop a more precise and secure delivery system.

• Expanded Testing - Conduct trials in diverse environments to refine performance.

• Improved Failsafe Mechanisms - Strengthen emergency landing and signal loss protocols.

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