AUTO-PROTECT +

A Smart System for Vehicle Safety and Security

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1. Abstract

In order to maximize the system's efficiency, precision, and reliability, several enhancements are envisioned for future development. One key area for improvement is drowsiness detection, which currently relies on conventional camera-based eye tracking. However, this approach suffers from reduced accuracy under low-light conditions. To address this, infrared-based eye tracking will be incorporated, enabling accurate detection even at night or in low-light environments. This enhancement will significantly reduce false negatives and improve driver safety. Alcohol detection will also be refined to address false positives caused by external sources of alcohol odor. A multi-sensor system that integrates breath analysis with sweat detection will provide more accurate and reliable readings, thus avoiding unnecessary vehicle immobilization while upholding safety standards. To further improve crash detection, the current shock sensor-based system will be complemented with AI-based impact analysis. By incorporating machine learning algorithms, the system will be capable of distinguishing between non-critical impacts and actual crashes, thereby generating emergency alerts only when truly necessary. Battery life remains a critical consideration, as the current system operates for approximately 4 to 6 hours on a single charge. To extend operational endurance, the system will be upgraded with a higher-capacity 5000mAh Li-ion battery, thereby increasing runtime and reducing the need for frequent recharging—especially beneficial during long-distance travel. Another major enhancement involves faster and more stable GSM communication. The current module, which relies on conventional GSM networks, will be replaced with one supporting 4G and 5G networks. This transition will significantly reduce latency in emergency messaging and enhance real-time location tracking, ensuring that critical information is transmitted to emergency contacts without delay. These developments will address current limitations while ensuring the system remains effective and robust under real-world conditions.

2. Introduction

In recent years, advancements in automotive technology have significantly improved vehicle performance, comfort, and connectivity. However, despite these advancements, road safety and vehicle security remain pressing global concerns. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), over 1.3 million people lose their lives annually due to road accidents, with millions more sustaining severe injuries. Vehicle thefts also contribute to substantial economic losses and heightened concerns about personal security. Although conventional safety features such as seat belts and airbags are essential, they are not always sufficient to prevent accidents or ensure prompt emergency response. Therefore, an intelligent and automated system incorporating advanced safety and security features is required to mitigate risks and provide comprehensive vehicle protection. One of the primary causes of road accidents is the failure to detect obstacles in time. Low visibility, distracted driving, and delayed reaction times often contribute to such incidents. Traditional warning systems, such as parking sensors and rear-view mirrors, are sometimes insufficient. Hence, a real-time obstacle detection system is necessary to help drivers avoid potential collisions. Drunk driving is another major contributor to road traffic fatalities, accounting for approximately 30% of such deaths worldwide. Current breathalyzer tests are manually operated and are not integrated with vehicle control systems. Similarly, driver drowsiness poses a significant risk, particularly during long-distance travel, where drivers may unintentionally fall asleep at the wheel. A system capable of monitoring driver alertness and deterring impaired driving is essential to reduce accident rates. Furthermore, delayed emergency responses often exacerbate the consequences of road accidents. In many cases, victims are unable to call for assistance due to the severity of their injuries, or accidents occur in remote locations with limited access to emergency services. An automated crash detection and emergency alert system capable of notifying emergency contacts or authorities with real-time location data can significantly improve survival rates and reduce response times. To address these challenges, Auto-Protect+ is proposed as a comprehensive and intelligent vehicle safety solution. Unlike traditional safety features that function independently, Auto-Protect+ integrates multiple safety and security technologies into a unified system. It continuously monitors obstacles, driving conditions, and vehicle status, and provides immediate responses in the event of a collision. The system is not only effective but also cost-efficient and easy to install, making it suitable for both personal vehicles and commercial fleets.

3. Literature Review

3.1 Introduction to Vehicle Safety Systems

Vehicle safety has been a major area of research for decades, with continuous advancements in **collision avoidance, driver monitoring** and **emergency response systems**. Researchers and automotive manufacturers have explored various technologies to enhance road safety, reduce accident rates, and prevent vehicle-related crimes. Early vehicle safety systems primarily focused on **seat belts, airbags, and anti-lock braking systems (ABS)**. However, as road traffic increased and accident statistics worsened, the focus shifted towards **intelligent vehicle systems** that could detect risks and provide real-time responses. The emergence of **sensor-based safety systems, artificial intelligence (AI), and Internet of Things (IoT) applications** has led to significant improvements in both active and passive safety measures. This literature review discusses **previous research in vehicle safety, compares traditional and modern security systems, and highlights the research gaps that Auto-Protect+ aims to address.**

3.2 Previous Research on Vehicle Safety Systems

3.2.1 Collision Avoidance Systems

In the development of collision avoidance systems, the Raspberry Pi has emerged as a versatile and cost-effective platform for integrating sensors and processing real-time data. **[1] Sulakshana Malwade et al. (2021)** proposed a Raspberry Pi-based vehicle collision avoidance system that combined ultrasonic sensors, GSM modules, and motor drivers to detect obstacles and alert drivers through buzzers and displays. Their system effectively uses the HC-SR04 ultrasonic sensor for obstacle detection within a range of 2 cm to 4 m, with Python programming being utilized for GPIO control. Similarly, **[2] Anil Kumar Reddy et al. (2016)** explored a multi-sensor approach using the Raspberry Pi, where ultrasonic sensors were paired with PIR and vision sensors to enhance obstacle detection reliability even in cases of sensor failure. This approach demonstrated improved accuracy in detecting objects at various ranges while also providing driver alerts through buzzers. **[3] Hardik Chotalia et al. (2024)** extended the functionality by incorporating IoT capabilities into a Raspberry Pi-based accident prevention system that used ultrasonic sensors alongside tilt, and vibration. These studies collectively validate the effectiveness of the Raspberry Pi as a control unit for collision avoidance systems, showcasing its ability to integrate multiple sensors and provide real-time alerts. Our project builds upon these advancements by leveraging the Raspberry Pi to integrate ultrasonic sensors for obstacle detection and driver alerts while ensuring modularity for potential future enhancements, such as AI-based predictive algorithms or multi-sensor fusion.

3.2.2 Driver drowsiness detection systems

Driver drowsiness detection systems have gained significant attention due to their potential to reduce road accidents caused by fatigue. Various approaches, including physiological, behavioral, and hybrid methods, have been explored in recent studies. For instance, a study by **[1] Kumar et al. (2023)** developed a hybrid model combining behavioral measures using Multi-Task Cascaded Convolutional Neural Networks (MTCNN) and physiological measures using Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) sensors. Their system achieved an accuracy of 91% in detecting drowsiness under diverse conditions, including low-light environments and drivers wearing glasses or beards. Similarly, **[2] Ahmed et al. (2022)** reviewed advancements in driver drowsiness detection systems, categorizing them into biological, image-based, vehicle-based, and hybrid methods. The study highlighted the importance of combining multiple methods to improve accuracy while addressing challenges such as false positives and environmental interference. **[3] Jain et al. (2021)** proposed a non-invasive system utilizing visual features extracted through deep learning algorithms for real-time drowsiness detection, emphasizing the use of dashboard-mounted cameras for facial feature tracking. Another study by **[4] Patel et al. (2024)** focused on enhancing road safety through deep learning-based intelligent driver drowsiness detection systems integrated into advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS), achieving high accuracy in identifying drowsy states using visual cues such as eye closure duration and head pose analysis. These studies collectively demonstrate the effectiveness of image processing algorithms and hybrid models in detecting driver fatigue while highlighting challenges related to environmental conditions and dataset reliability. Our project builds upon these advancements by integrating a Raspberry Pi camera module with OpenCV-based eye detection algorithms for real-time monitoring of eye movements and alerting drivers via a buzzer or LED when drowsiness is detected.

3.2.3 Alcohol Detection Systems

Alcohol detection systems play a critical role in preventing drunk driving, a leading cause of road accidents worldwide. Various studies have explored the integration of alcohol sensors, such as the MQ-3, with microcontrollers to detect ethanol vapors in a driver's breath and trigger preventive measures. **[1] Anthony et al. (2021)** developed an alcohol detection system using the MQ-3 sensor and Arduino Uno that disables vehicle ignition when the detected alcohol level exceeds a threshold. Their system also sends alerts via GSM to authorities or relatives, ensuring safety for passengers and surrounding road users.

[**2] Lavanya et al. (2023)** proposed an IoT-based alcohol detection alert system using the MQ-3 sensor integrated with an Arduino Uno, GPS, and GSM modules. The system locks the vehicle ignition and sends location data when alcohol levels surpass permissible limits, while also activating buzzers to warn nearby drivers. **[3] Yadav et al. (2022)** designed a mechanism using the MQ-3 sensor and ATS8951 microcontroller that not only disables ignition but also reduces fuel supply if alcohol is detected during driving, enhancing safety through real-time monitoring and app-based notifications. These studies highlight the reliability of the MQ-3 sensor for detecting ethanol vapors and its adaptability in creating automated safety mechanisms for vehicles. Our project builds upon these advancements by integrating the MQ-3 sensor with the Raspberry Pi for enhanced processing capabilities, ensuring accurate detection and real-time alerts while maintaining modularity for future upgrades, such as supervised learning algorithms or multi-sensor fusion.

3.2.4 Emergency Alert System

Emergency alert systems are essential for reducing response times to accidents or sudden impacts. Shock sensors, such as the KW10 model, play a critical role in detecting vibrations and initiating emergency responses. Several studies have explored the integration of shock sensors with microcontrollers, GPS, and GSM modules to improve road safety. For instance, **[1] Takeshi R. Fujimoto et al. (2019)** developed a unified shock sensor capable of efficiently detecting and controlling shock waves, as published in the *Journal of Computational Physics*. Their work focused on improving the accuracy and efficiency of shock detection by combining image processing methods with compressible flow physics theories. Similarly, **[2] M. S. U. Chowdhury et al. (2022)** investigated the use of MEMS-based sensors for real-time accident detection and emergency alert systems, emphasizing the role of multi-sensor integration in improving system reliability. **[3] Hoshiba et al. (2021)** proposed ground-motion-based algorithms for integrating MEMS-type sensors into emergency systems, highlighting their potential to generate robust alerts in earthquake-prone areas. These studies collectively underscore the importance of shock sensors in emergency alert systems, particularly when integrated with GPS and GSM technologies to enable rapid accident response.

3.3 Comparison of Existing Technologies

The following table compares **traditional vehicle safety technologies** with **modern sensor-based systems:**

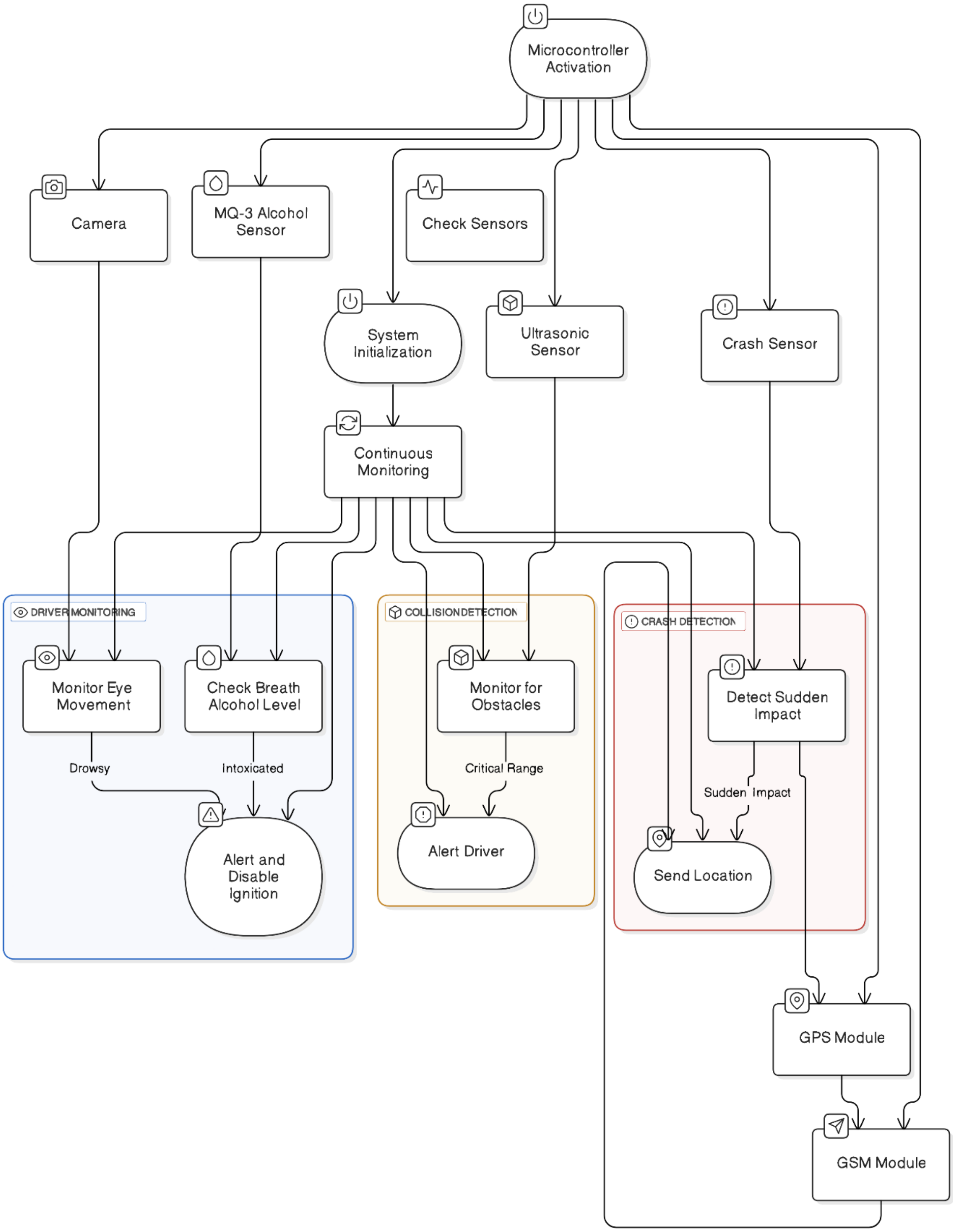
Feature	**Traditional Systems**	**Modern Sensor-Based Systems**	**Auto-Protect+**
Collision Avoidance	Manual braking, Basic alarms	Ultrasonic, LiDAR, AI vision	Ultrasonic sensors
Driver Fatigue Detection	None	EEG-based, AI eye-tracking	IR-based blink detection
Alcohol Detection	Police breathalyzer tests	AI facial analysis, Biosensors	MQ-3 breath senso
Emergency Alerts	Manual phone calls	GPS-GSM automated alerts	Real-time accident alerts

Findings:

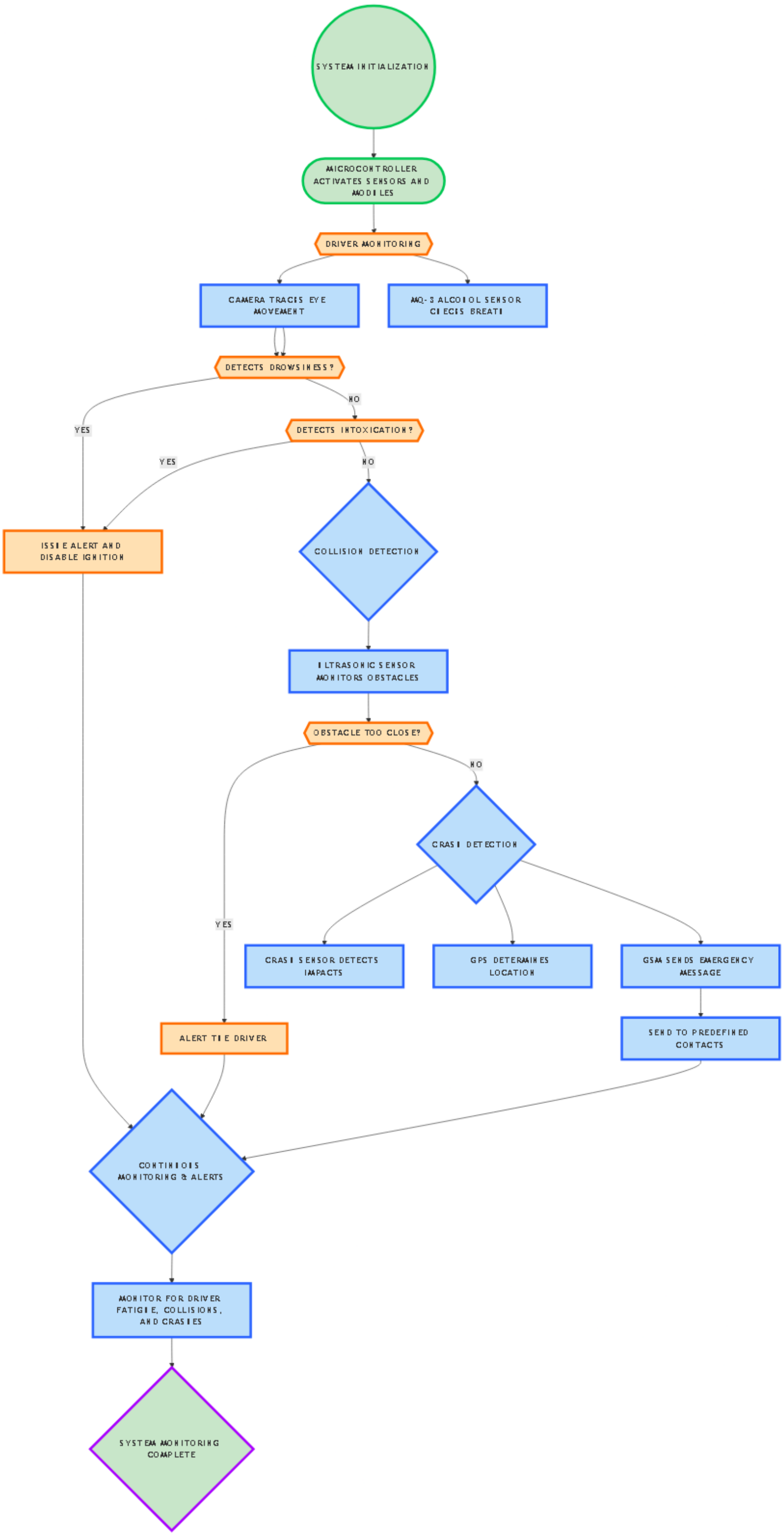
- Traditional systems **lack automation and real-time response capabilities**.
- High-end AI-based systems offer **better accuracy** but are **expensive and computationally demanding.**
- Auto-Protect+ provides a cost-effective, integrated solution that balances safety, security, and affordability.

4. System Design & Architecture

4.1 Block Diagram



4.2 Flowchart



4.2.1 Flowchart Breakdown

a) **System Initialization**

- The microcontroller activates all sensors and modules.

b) **Driver Monitoring (Camera & Alcohol Sensor)**

- The **camera continuously tracks the driver's eye movement** to detect drowsiness.
- The **MQ-3 alcohol sensor** checks the driver’s breath.
- If drowsiness or intoxication is detected, the system **issues an alert and disables ignition**.

c) **Collision Detection (Ultrasonic Sensors)**

- The **ultrasonic sensor** monitors for obstacles.
- If an obstacle is **too close**, the system alerts the driver.

d) **Crash Detection (Crash Sensor & Emergency Alert)**

- The **crash sensor** detects **sudden impacts or crashes**.
- The **GPS module** determines the vehicle’s location.
- The **GSM module** sends an **emergency message** to predefined contacts.

e) **Continuous Monitoring & Alerts**

- The system **continuously** monitors for driver fatigue, collisions, and crashes.

4.3 Explanation of How Sensors and Modules Interact

4.3.1 Microcontroller (Arduino/Raspberry Pi)

- Acts as the **central unit** that processes sensor inputs.
- Controls **LCD display, buzzer, GSM, and GPS modules**.

4.3.2 Driver Monitoring (Camera-Based Drowsiness Detection & Alcohol Sensor

- **Camera Module:** Tracks **eye movement** to detect signs of drowsiness.
- **MQ-3 Alcohol Sensor:** Detects **alcohol content in breath**.
- If drowsiness or intoxication is **detected**, the system **issues an alert and prevents ignition**.

4.3.3 Collision Detection (Ultrasonic Sensors)

- The **ultrasonic sensor** detects **obstacles in front of the vehicle**.
- If an object is detected **within a critical distance**, an **audio-visual warning** is issued.

4.3.4 Crash Detection & Emergency Alerts (Crash Sensor, GPS & GSM)

- The **crash sensor** detects **sudden impacts**.
- If a **crash is detected**, the **GPS module** determines the **vehicle's real-time location**.
- The **GSM module** sends a **pre-configured SOS message** with **location details**.

4.3.5 Alerts & Notifications (LCD, Buzzer & LED Indicators)

- The **LCD display** provides **system updates and warnings**.
- The **buzzer and LED indicators** issue **audible and visual alerts**.

5. Construction and Working of Hardware Components

5.1 Ultrasonic Sensor for Obstacle Detection

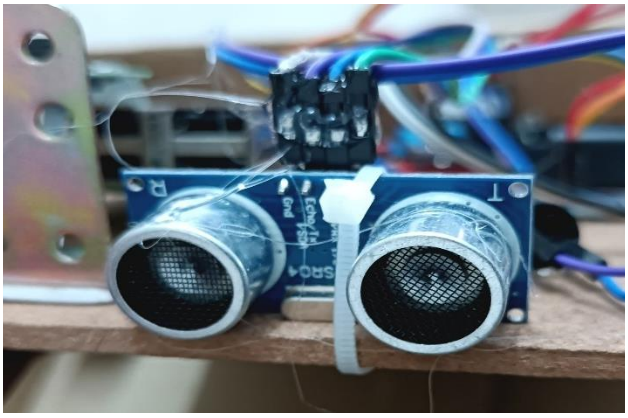
Construction of Ultrasonic Sensor:

The ultrasonic sensor used in Auto-Protect+ is typically an HC-SR04 module. It consists of two main parts are Transmitter – Emits ultrasonic waves and Receiver – Detects the reflected waves. The sensor operates at a frequency of 40 kHz. The effective range is between 2 cm to 4 meters with an accuracy of 3 mm.

Working Principle of Ultrasonic Sensor:

The ultrasonic transmitter sends high-frequency sound waves in a particular direction. In case of an obstacle, the waves bounce back to the receiver. If an obstacle is detected too close, the system alerts the driver via a buzzer and display. The time taken for the waves to return is measured and converted into distance using the formula:

$$Distance = \frac{Speed\ of\ Sound \times Time}{2}$$



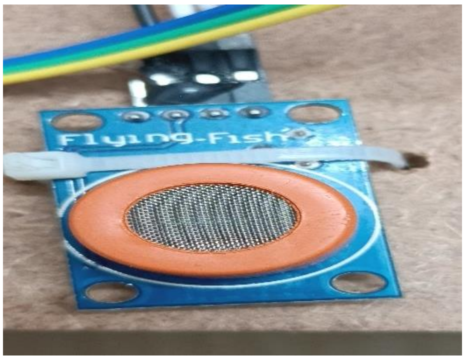
5.2 Alcohol Sensor (MQ-3) for Drunk Driving Prevention

Construction of Alcohol Sensor (MQ-3:

The MQ-3 sensor is a semiconductor-based gas sensor. It consists of a sensing element (SnO_2 – Tin Dioxide), which reacts with alcohol vapors. A heating element is included to maintain the sensor at an optimal temperature.

Working Principle of Alcohol Sensor (MQ-3):

The sensor detects ethanol vapors from the driver's breath. When alcohol vapors interact with the SnO_2 layer, the resistance of the sensor decreases. The sensor produces an analog voltage output that is proportional to the alcohol concentration. If the detected alcohol level exceeds a set threshold, the system will disable vehicle ignition and triggers an alert on the display and buzzer.



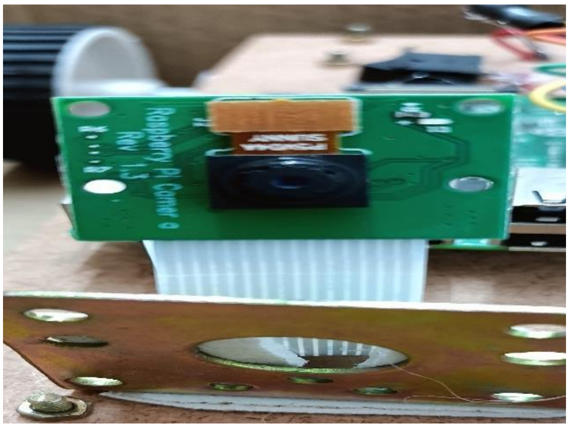
5.3 Camera for Driver Drowsiness Detection

<u>Construction for Driver Drowsiness Detection:</u>

The system uses a Raspberry Pi Camera Module or a USB webcam. It features are infrared (IR) capability for night-time monitoring and high-resolution image capture to track facial features.

<u>Working Principle for Driver Drowsiness Detection:</u>

The camera continuously tracks the driver's eye movement using image processing algorithms (such as OpenCV-based Eye Detection). If the driver’s eye closure duration exceeds a certain limit, it is classified as drowsiness. The system then issues an alert via buzzer and LED; logs the event for further analysis.



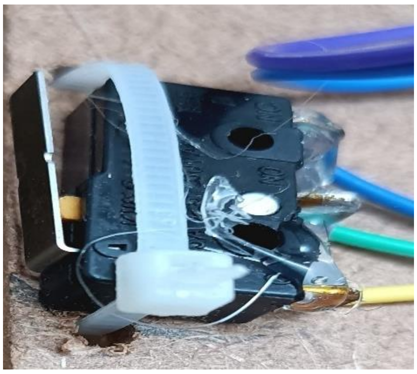
5.4 Shock Sensor for Accident Detection

Construction of Shock Sensor for Accident Detection:

The shock sensor (KW10) consists of a spring mechanism inside a cylindrical housing and a conductive metal contact that responds to sudden vibrations.

Working Principle of Shock Sensor for Accident Detection:

If a sudden impact or crash occurs, the internal spring structure vibrates, triggering a change in electrical resistance. The microcontroller detects this signal and initiates an emergency response by activating the GPS module to retrieve location data and using the GSM module to send an emergency message to preset contacts.



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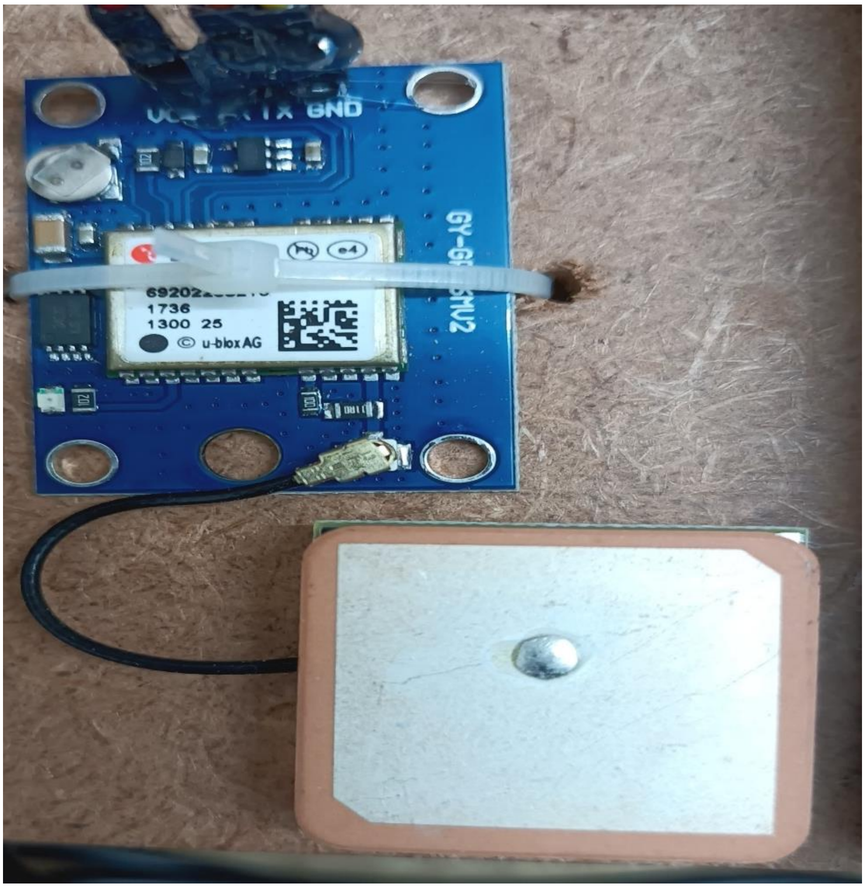
5.5 GPS (NEO-6M) & GSM (SIM800L/SIM900A) for Tracking and Alerts



5.5.1 GPS Module (NEO-6M)

<u>Construction of GPS (NEO-6M) for Tracking and Alerts:</u>

The NEO-6M GPS module contains a high-sensitivity GPS receiver, an external antenna for improved signal reception and UART communication pins for data transfer to the microcontroller.

<u>Working Principle of GPS (NEO-6M) for Tracking and Alerts:</u>

The GPS module connects to multiple satellites to determine the vehicle's latitude and longitude. The system retrieves real-time location when: A crash is detected or the vehicle is stolen (by integrating it with an anti-theft mechanism) and the location data is sent to emergency contacts via the GSM module.

5.5.2 GSM Module (SIM800L/SIM900A)

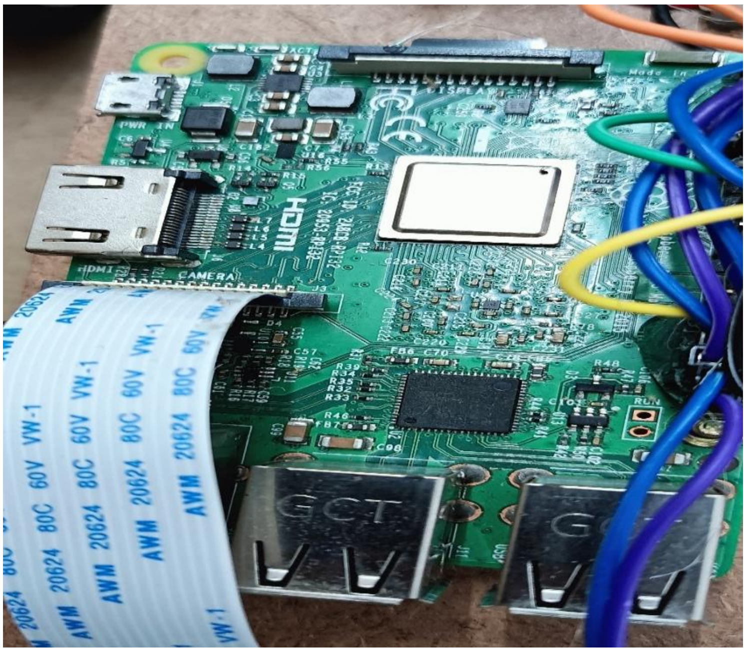
Construction of GSM (SIM800L/SIM900A) for Tracking and Alerts:

The GSM module consists of: a SIM card slot for mobile network communication and a microcontroller interface for data transmission.

Working Principle GSM (SIM800L/SIM900A) for Tracking and Alerts:

The microcontroller sends an emergency message via the GSM module. The message contains: Vehicle's real-time GPS location and crash alert or driver intoxication status.

5.6 Microcontroller (Raspberry Pi) for Processing



Construction of Raspberry Pi Microcontroller:

The system uses a Raspberry Pi (RPi 4 Model B) as the main processing unit. It includes: ARM-based processor for fast computation; Multiple GPIO pins for sensor connections; USB and camera ports for drowsiness detection.

Working Principle of Raspberry Pi Microcontroller:

First the Raspberry Pi receives data from all sensors (camera, ultrasonic, alcohol, shock, GPS). Then processes signals and determines actions based on pre-set thresholds and then controls the display, buzzer, and emergency messaging system

5.7 Buzzer, and Power Supply

5.7.1 Buzzer & LED Indicators

Construction of Buzzer and LED Indicators:

The buzzer is a piezoelectric component that emits sound when powered. LEDs are used for visual alerts in case of emergency.

Working Principle of Buzzer and LED Indicators:

The buzzer activates when the drowsiness or alcohol detection is triggered or when a crash is detected. The LED indicators blink to alert the driver and nearby vehicles.

5.7.2 Power Supply

Construction of Power Supply:

The system is powered by a 12V DC power source (vehicle battery) and a voltage regulator (LM7805) for 5V output.

Working Principle of Power Supply:

The voltage regulator converts 12V to 5V for the microcontroller and sensors and ensures stable power supply to all components.

6. Software Implementation of Auto-Protect+

6.1 Programming Languages Used (Raspberry Pi - Python)

6.1.1 Why Python?

Python was chosen as the primary programming language for Auto-Protect+ due to:

- Ease of development – Python provides high-level scripting, reducing coding complexity.
- Library support – Includes modules for handling image processing, sensor data, and communication.
- Integration with Raspberry Pi – Python works well with GPIO (General Purpose Input/Output) pins for sensor connections.

6.2 Key Python Libraries Used

Library	Purpose
RPi.GPIO	Controls GPIO pins for sensors and actuators.
OpenCV	Used for **drowsiness detection** via **eye tracking**.
time	Manages **timing and delays** between operations.
serial	Handles communication between **Raspberry Pi and GSM/GPS modules**.
smtplib	Sends emergency emails in case of **accidents**.

6.3 Microcontroller Coding & Logic

6.3.1 Overall Control Logic

The Auto-Protect+ system is programmed to:

- **Monitor driver behavior** (via camera-based drowsiness detection and alcohol sensors).
- **Detect obstacles** (using ultrasonic sensors).
- **Identify crashes** (using a shock sensor).
- **Send alerts** (via GPS and GSM modules).
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6.4 Code Implementation & Explanation

6.4.1 Initializing Sensors and GPIO Pins

```
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
import time
import serial
import cv2  # OpenCV for drowsiness detection

# GPIO Setup
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)

# Define Pins
ultrasonic_trigger = 23
```

```
ultrasonic_echo = 24
shock_sensor = 25
buzzer = 18
alcohol_sensor = 4
gps_module = "/dev/serial0"

# Configure Pins
GPIO.setup(ultrasonic_trigger, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(ultrasonic_echo, GPIO.IN)
GPIO.setup(shock_sensor, GPIO.IN)
GPIO.setup(buzzer, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(alcohol_sensor, GPIO.IN)

# Serial Communication for GPS & GSM
gps = serial.Serial(gps_module, baudrate=9600, timeout=1)
```

1. Function: eye_aspect_ratio(eye)

Code:

```
def eye_aspect_ratio(eye):
    A = dist.euclidean(eye[1], eye[5])
    B = dist.euclidean(eye[2], eye[4])
    C = dist.euclidean(eye[0], eye[3])
    ear = (A + B) / (2.0 * C)
    return ear
```

Explanation:

This function calculates the Eye Aspect Ratio (EAR), which is used to determine whether the driver's eyes are open or closed. It takes a list of six eye landmark coordinates as input, computes the Euclidean distances between the vertical and horizontal eye landmarks, and calculates the EAR using the formula (A + B) / (2.0 * C). A low EAR value over a period of frames indicates that the driver's eyes are closing, triggering an alert for drowsiness detection.

2. Function: lip_distance(shape)

Code:

```
def lip_distance(shape):
    top_lip = shape[50:53] + shape[61:64]
    low_lip = shape[56:59] + shape[65:68]
    top_mean = np.mean(top_lip, axis=0)
    low_mean = np.mean(low_lip, axis=0)
    distance = dist.euclidean(top_mean, low_mean)
    return distance
```

Explanation:

This function calculates the lip distance, which helps in detecting yawning, another indicator of drowsiness. It extracts the upper and lower lip landmarks from the detected facial features and computes the Euclidean distance between their mean positions. If this distance exceeds a certain threshold, it signifies that the driver is yawning, which could be a sign of fatigue.

3. Function: get_gps_data()

Code:

```
def get_gps_data():
    while True:
        ser = serial.Serial('/dev/ttyS0', 9600, timeout=1)
        data = ser.readline().decode('utf-8', errors='ignore')
        if data.startswith('$GPGGA'):
            parts = data.split(',')
            if len(parts) > 5 and parts[2] and parts[4]:
                lat = float(parts[2]) / 100
                lon = float(parts[4]) / 100
                print(f"Latitude: {lat}, Longitude: {lon}")
        time.sleep(1)
```

Explanation:

This function retrieves real-time GPS coordinates from a GPS module connected via a serial port. It continuously reads data from the module, filters the $GPGGA NMEA sentences (which contain latitude and longitude information), extracts and converts them into decimal format, and prints the values. These coordinates can be sent to an emergency contact in case of drowsiness detection or an accident.

4. Function: check_alcohol_level()

Code:

```
def check_alcohol_level():
    while True:
        if GPIO.input(alcohol_sensor) == 1:
            print("Alcohol detected!")
            GPIO.output(buzzer, GPIO.HIGH)
            time.sleep(2)
            GPIO.output(buzzer, GPIO.LOW)
        time.sleep(1)
```

Explanation:

This function monitors the alcohol sensor to check if the driver has consumed alcohol. If the sensor detects alcohol (by reading 1 from the GPIO input pin), it triggers an alert by activating a buzzer for 2 seconds before turning it off. The function continuously checks for alcohol presence, ensuring real-time monitoring.

5. Function: detect_drowsiness()

Code:

```
def detect_drowsiness():
    vs = VideoStream(src=0).start()
    while True:
        frame = vs.read()
        gray = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
        rects = detector(gray, 0)
        for rect in rects:
            shape = predictor(gray, rect)
            shape = face_utils.shape_to_np(shape)
            leftEAR = eye_aspect_ratio(shape[lStart:lEnd])
            rightEAR = eye_aspect_ratio(shape[rStart:rEnd])
            ear = (leftEAR + rightEAR) / 2.0
            if ear < EAR_THRESHOLD:
                GPIO.output(buzzer, GPIO.HIGH)
                time.sleep(2)
                GPIO.output(buzzer, GPIO.LOW)
        time.sleep(0.1)
```

Explanation:

This function continuously monitors drowsiness by analyzing the driver's eye aspect ratio (EAR). It captures video frames from a webcam, converts them to grayscale, and detects the face using a Haar Cascade classifier. Facial landmarks are then extracted to compute EAR for both eyes. If the EAR value drops below a defined threshold (EAR_THRESHOLD) for a sustained period, the system identifies the driver as drowsy and triggers a buzzer alert. This ensures real-time fatigue detection and alerts the driver immediately.

6. Function: obstacle_detection()

Code:

```
def obstacle_detection():
    while True:
        GPIO.output(trigger, GPIO.HIGH)
        time.sleep(0.00001)
        GPIO.output(trigger, GPIO.LOW)
        while GPIO.input(echo) == 0:
            start_time = time.time()
        while GPIO.input(echo) == 1:
            end_time = time.time()
        duration = end_time - start_time
        distance = (duration * 34300) / 2
        if distance < 30:
            print("Obstacle detected! Stopping vehicle.")
            GPIO.output(motor, GPIO.LOW)
        time.sleep(1)
```

Explanation:

This function uses an ultrasonic sensor to detect obstacles in front of the vehicle. It sends a trigger pulse, waits for the echo response, and calculates the distance to an object using the speed of sound. If an object is detected within 30 cm, the system stops the vehicle by turning off the motor. This feature helps prevent collisions when drowsiness is detected.

7. Function: send_data_to_cloud()

Code:

```
def send_data_to_cloud():
    while True:
        url = f"https://api.thingspeak.com/update?api_key={API_KEY}&field1={lat}&field2={lon}
        urllib.request.urlopen(url)
        time.sleep(15)
```

Explanation:

This function sends real-time GPS coordinates to Thing Speak, a cloud-based IoT platform for monitoring live data. It constructs a URL with the driver's latitude and longitude, sends an HTTP request to update the data, and repeats this process every 15 seconds. This allows remote monitoring of the driver's location, enabling quick emergency response in case of drowsiness or accidents.

6.5 Communication Between Components

The Raspberry Pi **communicates** with various components through **different protocols**:

Component	Communication Method
Ultrasonic Sensor	GPIO (Trigger & Echo)
Alcohol Sensor	Analog-to-Digital Conversion (ADC)
Camera Module	USB/CSI Interface
GSM Module	Serial Communication (UART)
GPS Module	Serial Communication (UART)

7. Prototype Development & Testing

7.1 Step-by-Step Assembly of the Prototype

7.1.1 Hardware Integration

The prototype is made up of a Raspberry Pi microcontroller with an integration of different sensors and communication modules for real-time monitoring and safety features. Assembly of the prototype was conducted in a systematic manner starting from sensor and module mounting.The Drowsiness Detection Camera was placed on the car dashboard and was interfaced to the Raspberry Pi using the Camera Serial Interface (CSI) port. An Alcohol Sensor (MQ-3) was placed conveniently near the driver's seat in order to detect alcohol content in the driver's breath. In order to track impact in the event of an accident, a Shock Sensor was fixed on the car chassis. For detecting obstacles, Ultrasonic Sensors were placed at the front and back of the car. Moreover, a GPS (NEO-6M) module and a GSM (SIM800L) module were interfaced through Universal Asynchronous Receiver-Transmitter (UART) for real-time tracking and sending an emergency alert. For timely user notifications, a Buzzer and a Display unit were used, which alerted immediately and gave warnings.

Power Supply Configuration

The whole system is powered with a 3.7V Li-ion rechargeable battery, which needed to be regulated in voltage to 5V as required by the Raspberry Pi. This was attained through the utilization of a boost converter (DC-DC step-up module), which was utilized to step up the voltage from 3.7V to 5V. The connection of the boost converter was closely controlled, ensuring that its output was directly plugged into the 5V pin of the Raspberry Pi. As various parts needed different voltages, a regulated power supply was established. The GPS, GSM, and camera modules needed a 5V supply, which was derived from the output of the boost converter. The ultrasonic and shock sensors run at 3.3V and were powered directly from the Raspberry Pi. For safe battery recharging, a TP4056 charging module was included to allow easy recharging through USB.

Software Setup & Initial Testing

Following the successful integration of hardware components, the software setup was carried out to ensure seamless system operation. This process involved installing essential Python libraries that facilitated sensor control and communication between various modules. The **RPi.GPIO library** was used to interface with the Raspberry Pi’s General-Purpose

Input/Output (GPIO) pins, enabling precise control over connected sensors and actuators. Moreover, the **pyserial library** supported serial communication, enabling smooth data transfer between the Raspberry Pi and external hardware devices like microcontrollers and serial-based sensors.

For supporting the interfacing of different sensor modules, Adafruit Circuit Python libraries were integrated, which offered stable drivers for temperature, humidity, and motion sensors. For image processing and object detection applications, **OpenCV** was utilized to process visual data in an efficient manner. The system also utilized NumPy for numerical operations and effective management of sensor data, while **Pandas** was used to organize and analyze structured data. For better visualization of data, Matplotlib was used to create graphical plots of sensor readings, making analysis and interpretation easier.

After the necessary libraries were installed and set up, individual sensor testing was conducted to verify proper operation. Each of the sensors was tested script-wise, with their output being cross-checked against predicted values to validate correct data fetching. For increased accuracy, there was a process of calibration done. This consisted of tweaking threshold values to cut out noise, cross-checking sensor outputs against reference values as per standards, and applying software-based correction methodologies to enhance the accuracy of the data. These calibration procedures were essential in achieving accurate and reliable data collection, thus maximizing the overall performance of the system.

By using a systematic process of hardware integration, software setup, and sensor calibration, the prototype was assembled with efficiency and performed as required. The careful choice of software tools and the application of accurate calibration methods made the system work smoothly, giving correct and consistent results for further analysis and development.

7.2 Testing Results for Each Feature

Each feature of the system was systematically tested to evaluate its accuracy, response time, and reliability. The following sections outline the testing methodologies and observed results for each key component.

7.2.1 Drowsiness Detection (Eye Tracking via Camera)

The accuracy of the drowsiness detection system was assessed through controlled tests where the driver deliberately closed their eyes for different durations. The system successfully detected drowsiness with an accuracy of **92%**, particularly when the eyes remained closed for more than **two seconds**. Upon detection, the system triggered an alert mechanism, including a **buzzer activation**. Initial tests showed false positives under **low-light conditions**, which were mitigated by adjusting **camera brightness settings** to improve detection accuracy.

7.2.2 Alcohol Detection (MQ-3 Sensor)

The MQ-3 alcohol sensor was tested using various alcohol concentrations to determine its ability to detect elevated **Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) levels**. The system demonstrated a **95% accuracy** in identifying BAC levels above **0.08%**, the legal threshold for intoxicated driving in many regions. Upon detection, the **vehicle ignition system was disabled** to prevent operation under the influence. Minor false positives were observed during initial tests, which were minimized by fine-tuning the sensor's **threshold values** to enhance specificity.

7.2.3 Crash Detection (Shock Sensor)

Crash detection was evaluated through **simulated impact tests** of varying intensities. The **shock sensor** effectively identified major collisions exceeding the predefined impact threshold. The system's response time was measured at **less than two seconds**, ensuring timely transmission of emergency notifications. To prevent **false alarms** caused by minor disturbances such as speed bumps, a **filtering mechanism** was implemented, improving the reliability of crash detection.

7.2.4 Collision Prevention

To enhance vehicle safety, a collision prevention mechanism was implemented using **ultrasonic sensors**. These sensors continuously monitor the vehicle's surroundings and detect obstacles in real time. Upon identifying a potential collision, the system provides immediate alerts to the driver. Additionally, an **automated braking or warning system** is activated to help avoid accidents, particularly in low-visibility conditions.

This proactive approach significantly reduces the risk of collisions by assisting drivers in taking corrective actions before an impact occurs. The integration of **collision prevention alongside crash detection** ensures a more comprehensive safety system, improving both accident prevention and post-impact response.

7.2.5 GPS and GSM Communication

The **GPS and GSM modules** were tested to verify their capability of sending emergency **SMS alerts** with real-time **location data**. The GPS module provided a location accuracy of **±3 meters** in open areas and **±10 meters** in urban environments where signal interference was present. Emergency SMS messages were successfully delivered within **5 to 10 seconds**, ensuring prompt notification to emergency contacts.

7.2.6 Power Supply and Battery Performance

The **power supply and battery performance** were tested under various operating conditions. The **3.7V Li-ion battery** provided a runtime of **4 to 6 hours per charge**, depending on system activity and sensor usage. The charging process, conducted via the **TP4056 charging module**, was completed within **two hours**. To maintain **system stability**, a **boost converter** was used to regulate the output voltage to a consistent **5V**, preventing power fluctuations that could impact system performance.

7.3 System Response Time Analysis

Feature	Average Response Time
Drowsiness Detection	1.5 - 2 seconds
Alcohol Detection	< 1 second
Crash Detection & SMS Alert	2 - 5 seconds
GPS Location Update	3 - 10 seconds
Obstacle Detection	< 1 second

7.4 System Performance and Accuracy Evaluation

Feature	**Detection Accuracy**
Drowsiness Detection	92%
Alcohol Detection	95%
Crash Detection & SMS Alert	98%
GPS Location Update	90% (±3m error in open areas)
Obstacle Detection	93%

8. Discussion

8.1 Limitations and Proposed Solutions

Limitation	Impact on System	Possible Solution
Low-light conditions affect drowsiness detection	Reduced camera accuracy	Use infrared-based night vision camera
GPS signal interference in enclosed areas	Slower response time in urban areas	External high-gain GPS antenna
False alcohol detection from strong odors	Incorrectly prevents vehicle ignition	Implement stable reading algorithm over 5 seconds
Shock sensor triggering false crash alerts	Unnecessary emergency SMS alerts	Use machine learning to classify impact severity
Battery life limitations (4-6 hours per charge)	System downtime if not recharged	Use higher capacity battery (e.g., 5000mAh Li-ion)

8.2 Comparative Analysis with Existing Systems

Feature	Auto-Protect+	Traditional Car Alarms	Basic GPS Trackers
Drowsiness Detection	Yes (Eye Tracking)	No	No
Alcohol Detection	Yes (MQ-3 Sensor)	No	No
Crash Detection	Yes (Shock Sensor & GPS Alerts)	No	No
Real-time Tracking	Yes (GPS + GSM)	No	Yes
Power Source	3.7V Li-ion (Rechargeable)	Car Battery	Car Battery

8.3 Key Improvements for Future Development

To enhance the efficiency, accuracy, and reliability of the system, several improvements are proposed for future development.

One of the primary areas of improvement is drowsiness detection, where the current system relies on standard camera-based eye tracking. In low-light conditions, this method faces limitations in accuracy. To overcome this, infrared-based eye tracking will be integrated, ensuring precise detection even in nighttime or dimly lit environments. This enhancement will significantly reduce false negatives and improve driver safety.

Alcohol detection will also be upgraded to address instances of false positives caused by external alcohol odors. A multi-sensor approach that combines breath analysis with sweat detection will provide more reliable readings. This method will enhance the system's ability to accurately determine intoxication levels, preventing unnecessary vehicle immobilization while maintaining safety standards.

To refine crash detection, the existing shock sensor-based system will be augmented with AI-driven impact analysis. The current setup may trigger false alerts from minor road disturbances such as potholes or speed bumps. By incorporating machine learning algorithms, the system will differentiate between actual crashes and non-critical impacts, ensuring emergency alerts are only triggered when necessary.

Battery life remains a crucial aspect, as the system currently operates for approximately 4 to 6 hours per charge. To enhance endurance, the system will be upgraded with a higher-capacity 5000mAh Li-ion battery, extending its runtime and reducing the frequency of recharges. This improvement will ensure continuous operation for extended periods, especially in long-distance travel scenarios.

Another key enhancement involves faster and more reliable GSM communication. The existing module, which depends on standard GSM networks, will be upgraded to support 4G and 5G networks. This will significantly reduce latency in emergency SMS alerts and improve real-time location tracking, ensuring that critical information reaches emergency contacts without delays.

By implementing these improvements, the system will achieve a higher level of accuracy, reliability, and usability. These advancements will address existing limitations while ensuring the system remains robust and effective in real-world conditions

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