

## PROJECT PROPOSAL

Coursework 1

# Designing And Evaluating The Deployment Of A Mosquito Zapper Robot

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#### 1 Introduction

The reliance on technology surges as the population of mosquitoes increase, this is becoming a growing public health concern as mosquitoes are known to carry a vast amount of diseases and rapidly transmit amongst humans and animals leading to severe illnesses and millions of deaths every year. Mosquitoes who are carrier of diseases are life threatening to those who are immunocompromised or have weakened immune systems.

As the populations of mosquitoes increase so do the bites, their biotic interactions can especially imbalance the ecosystem as they play a major role on other species, from a holistic perspective their invasive nature can lead to drastic consequences on the environment, native species, and potentially human activities.

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### 2 Proposal

This project proposal aims to deliver an extensive overview on the execution of a robotic device that can eliminate high-powered mosquitoes through a laser beam upon detection using a high-resolution camera.

### 3 Concept Behaviour

The Robot designed for this proposal will be able to do the with the following:

- To locate a mosquito without any external interventions (ex. human) this can be done
  through the aid of a advanced algorithms and sensors that finds the best way to kill
  them.
- An imaging system can be placed above the robot to visualise its surrounding and identify mosquitoes through object recognition.
- Advanced sensors that can detect the presence of mosquitoes by their size, shape, movement, or other characteristics
- sensors to stop robot from crashing into object and preventing external damages for example stopping if an object or human is in the way
- Motors to allow the robot to move around in search of mosquitoes.
- A laser that can eliminate mosquitoes.
- to allow the camera face any direction a motor will be installed.

- to allow the laser point in any direction a motor will be installed.
- a source of power to help
- A battery will be required as the power source in order to operate the robot for a long period of time.
- For the robot to operate autonomously a control system is required whereby human input is not required.
- to gradually improve the robots performance a machine learning algorithm will be implemented

## 4 Physical Architecture

A mosquito detection system, such as a high-resolution camera or a specialized sensor that can detect the presence of mosquitoes.

High-resolution cameras: A camera with a high frame rate and good resolution can be used to capture images of mosquitoes and identify them based on their shape and size. This can be combined with image processing algorithms to automatically detect and track mosquitoes in real-time.

Ultimately, the best sensor for detecting mosquitoes will depend on the specific design and requirements of your robot, as well as the environment in which it will be used.

o detect mosquitoes using a high-resolution camera, you can follow these steps:

Install the camera on your robot, and position it so that it has a clear view of the area where mosquitoes are likely to be present.

Set the camera to a high frame rate and resolution, to capture detailed images of the mosquitoes

High-resolution camera: A high-resolution camera, such as the Raspberry Pi Camera Module or the Arduino Camera Shield, can be used to detect and track mosquitoes in the robot's field of view.

Servo motor or robotic arm: A servo motor, such as the Tower Pro SG90 or the DY-NAMIXEL AX-12A, or a robotic arm, such as the DOBOT Magician or the Dagu Wild Thumper, can be used to aim the laser at the detected mosquitoes.

Laser: A laser, such as the 445nm Blue Laser Module or the 532nm Green Laser Module, can be used to kill the detected mosquitoes on contact.

Control system: A control system, such as a Raspberry Pi or an Arduino board, can be used to process the input from the camera and other sensors, and control the servo motor or robotic arm and the laser.

Power supply: A power supply, such as a battery or a plug-in power supply, can be used to provide the necessary electrical energy for the circuit.

A laser, or other high-intensity light source, that is capable of killing mosquitoes on contact.

A mechanism for aiming and firing the laser, such as a servo motor or a robotic arm.

A power source, such as a battery or a plug-in power supply, to provide the necessary energy for the laser and the other components.

A control system, such as a microcontroller or a computer, to process the input from the mosquito detection system and control the laser firing mechanism.

A housing or chassis to hold and protect the other components, and provide a way for the robot to move around and access areas where mosquitoes may be present.

In addition to these core components, you may also need additional hardware and software components, such as sensors for navigation and obstacle avoidance, and software for image processing and control algorithms.

### 5 Background Research

### 6 Brief Review And Analysis

#### 6.1 Design

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Use image processing algorithms to automatically detect and track mosquitoes in the camera's field of view. This can be done using techniques such as thresholding, edge detection, and object recognition algorithms.

Use the detected mosquitoes to identify their location and movement direction, and use this information to control the robot's movements and aim the laser.

Fire the laser at the detected mosquitoes, using the robot's aiming mechanism, to kill them on contact.

To make the laser move according to the camera, you can use a servo motor or a robotic arm to aim the laser. The servo motor or robotic arm can be controlled by the robot's control system, using the location and movement information of the detected mosquitoes provided by the camera and image processing algorithms.

For example, the control system can use the location of the detected mosquitoes to calculate the necessary angle and direction for the servo motor or robotic arm to move the laser. This information can then be sent to the servo motor or robotic arm, which will move the laser to the desired position.

Alternatively, you can use a fixed laser and position the camera and servo motor or robotic arm in such a way that the laser is always aimed at the center of the camera's field of view. In this case, the control system can use the movement of the detected mosquitoes to adjust

the pan and tilt angles of the camera and servo motor or robotic arm, to keep the laser pointed at the mosquitoes as they move.

Overall, the key to making the laser move according to the camera is to use a control system that can process the location and movement information of the detected mosquitoes, and use this information to control the servo motor or robotic arm that aims the laser.

To make a circuit to put your mosquito-detecting robot system together, you will need to connect all of the components in a way that allows them to work together. This will likely involve the following steps:

Connect the power source to the other components, using appropriate wires and connectors. This will provide the necessary electrical energy to power the laser, servo motor or robotic arm, and other components.

Connect the camera and other sensors to the control system, using appropriate cables and interfaces. This will allow the control system to receive input from the sensors and use this information to control the robot's movements and laser.

Connect the servo motor or robotic arm to the control system, using appropriate cables and interfaces. This will allow the control system to control the movement of the servo motor or robotic arm, and thus aim the laser at the detected mosquitoes.

Connect the laser to the control system, using appropriate cables and interfaces. This will allow the control system to control the firing of the laser, and kill the detected mosquitoes on contact.

Test the circuit to ensure that all of the components are working together as intended, and make any necessary adjustments or repairs.

By following these steps and using appropriate wiring and connections, you can create a circuit that puts your mosquito-detecting robot system together and allows it to function as intended.

The calculation required to move the servo in an appropriate way to point towards the mosquito will depend on the specific design of your robot and the mechanism used to aim the laser. In general, however, you will need to use the location and movement information of the detected mosquito provided by the camera and image processing algorithms to calculate the necessary angle and direction for the servo motor or robotic arm to move the laser.

For example, if your robot uses a servo motor to aim the laser, you can use the location of the detected mosquito relative to the center of the camera's field of view to calculate the angle at which the servo motor needs to move the laser. This can be done using basic trigonometry, by calculating the angles formed by the lines connecting the center of the camera's field of view, the location of the detected mosquito, and the servo motor axis.

Alternatively, if your robot uses a robotic arm to aim the laser, you can use the location of the detected mosquito in three-dimensional space to calculate the position and orientation

of the end effector (the part of the robotic arm that holds the laser) that is required to point the laser at the mosquito. This can be done using inverse kinematics algorithms, which calculate the joint angles of the robotic arm that are necessary to achieve a desired end effector position and orientation.

Overall, the calculation required to move the servo or robotic arm in an appropriate way to point towards the mosquito will depend on the specific design of your robot, but will typically involve using the location and movement information of the detected mosquito to calculate the necessary angle or position for the servo or robotic arm.

When designing your circuit for a mosquito-detecting robot, you will need to consider several voltage and other variables to ensure that the circuit is safe and functions properly. Some of the key variables to consider include:

Power supply voltage: The voltage of the power supply will determine the voltage of the electrical energy available to the circuit, and will affect the performance and power consumption of the components in the circuit.

Component voltage ratings: Each component in the circuit will have a rated voltage, which is the maximum voltage that the component can safely handle. You will need to ensure that the power supply voltage and the voltages applied to the components in the circuit are within the rated voltages of the components.

Current ratings: Each component in the circuit will also have a current rating, which is the maximum current that the component can safely handle. You will need to ensure that the current flowing through the components in the circuit is within the rated currents of the components, to prevent damage and overheating.

Resistance and impedance: The resistance and impedance of the components in the circuit will affect the flow of current and the voltage applied to the components. You will need to consider these variables when designing the circuit to ensure that the components are operating within their safe limits.

Overall, when designing your circuit for a mosquito-detecting robot, you will need to consider several voltage and other variables to ensure that the circuit is safe and functions properly. By carefully selecting and arranging the components in the circuit, and using appropriate wiring and connections, you can create a circuit that is reliable and efficient.

### 7 Safety Protocol

To ensure that your mosquito-detecting robot circuit is connected safely, you can follow these steps:

Use appropriate wiring and connectors for the circuit. This will ensure that the connections are secure and able to withstand the current and voltage levels in the circuit.

Use fuses or circuit breakers to protect the circuit from excessive current. This will prevent damage and potential hazards if there is a short circuit or other electrical malfunction in

the circuit.

Use appropriate power supplies and voltage regulators to ensure that the voltage applied to the circuit is within the rated voltages of the components. This will prevent damage and ensure that the components are operating at their optimal levels.

Use appropriate heat sinks and other cooling measures to prevent overheating of the components in the circuit. This will ensure that the components are able to dissipate heat effectively and operate within their safe temperature limits.

Test the circuit before using it, to ensure that it is functioning properly and safely. This can be done using a multimeter or other test equipment to measure the current, voltage, and resistance in the circuit, and verify that the values are within the safe limits for the components.

Overall, by following these steps and using appropriate wiring, connectors, and protective measures, you can ensure that your mosquito-detecting robot circuit is connected safely and functions properly.

### 8 Further Development

There are several sensors that can be used to detect mosquitoes, depending on the specific requirements of your robot. Some possible options include:

Developing more advanced algorithms for mosquito detection and tracking. This could involve using machine learning algorithms to improve the accuracy and efficiency of the detection and tracking process, and enable the robot to adapt to different types of mosquitoes and environments.

Enhancing the robot's ability to navigate and avoid obstacles. This could involve using additional sensors, such as lidar or ultrasonic sensors, to enable the robot to map its surroundings and avoid collisions with objects and people.

Improving the robot's power efficiency and battery life. This could involve using more efficient components and algorithms, and implementing power management strategies, to enable the robot to operate for longer periods without needing to be recharged.

Expanding the robot's capabilities to include other functions, such as insecticide application or air quality monitoring. This could involve adding additional sensors and mechanisms to the robot, and developing new algorithms and control systems to support these additional functions.

Acoustic sensors: Mosquitoes make distinctive buzzing sounds when they fly, which can be detected using microphones or other acoustic sensors. This type of sensor can be used to detect the presence of mosquitoes, but may not be able to provide precise location information.

Heat sensors: Mosquitoes are attracted to the heat and carbon dioxide produced by warm-blooded animals, including humans. A heat sensor, such as a thermal imaging camera, can

be used to detect the presence of mosquitoes by detecting their heat signature.

Chemical sensors: Mosquitoes are attracted to certain chemicals, such as lactic acid and other human perspiration compounds. A chemical sensor, such as a gas chromatograph, can be used to detect the presence of these chemicals and infer the presence of mosquitoes in the area.