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RAILWAY TRAIN COLLISION AVOIDANCE ON SAME TRACK AND ANIMAL DETECTION USING AI-IOT

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Abstract - The increasing demand for safer and more efficient railway transportation systems has prompted the exploration of advanced technologies to mitigate collision risks and address emerging challenges such as animal incursions on railway tracks. This paper proposes a comprehensive solution leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies for real-time detection and avoidance of collisions between trains operating on the same track and encounters with animals. The proposed system integrates AI algorithms, including deep learning models, with IoT sensors strategically deployed along the railway infrastructure. These sensors capture various environmental and operational data such as train positions, velocities, and track conditions. The AI algorithms analyse this data to identify potential collision risks and animal intrusions. For collision avoidance between trains sharing the same track, the system employs predictive analytics to anticipate potential conflicts and dynamically adjust train schedules or speeds to prevent collisions. Additionally, real-time communication between trains and the centralized control system enables timely intervention and rerouting decisions to ensure safe operations. The system incorporates advanced image recognition algorithms to detect and classify animals near railway tracks. Utilizing high-resolution cameras and IoT-connected devices, the system identifies animals in the vicinity and alerts train operators or initiates automated braking mechanisms to prevent accidents caused by animal incursions. Key features of the proposed system include scalability to accommodate varying railway infrastructures, adaptability to diverse environmental conditions, and interoperability with existing railway signalling and control systems. Moreover, the integration of AI and IoT technologies enhances the system's predictive capabilities, enabling proactive risk mitigation and improving overall railway safety and operational efficiency.

Keywords : **Railway safety, Collision avoidance, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), Deep learning, Predictive analytics, Train positioning, Real-time monitoring, Animal detection, Image recognition**

I. INTRODUCTION

Railway safety has received more attention as railway transportation has grown. Furthermore, as artificial intelligence technology advances, intelligent transportation systems (ITSs)—which promote traffic safety—are becoming more and more prevalent. Intelligent vehicle systems and intelligent infrastructure systems are the two main categories of TSs. While trains are convenient, there are a lot of traffic accidents on them every year. Many academics who study railway transportation concentrate on the infrastructure systems.

When a train is in shunting mode and traveling less than 45 km/h, many accidents occur. In order to keep the driver safe, train attendants use the old-fashioned manual method to observe the state of the railway ahead of them. Human error and exhaustion make shunting operations less safe, which raises the possibility of shunting mishaps and jeopardizes the security of people and property. The train attendants are reminded by voice thanks to the alert feature. Our detecting system can alert us to dangers, such a train outside of the railway, by voice prompt when the train guards are too fatigued to focus. Six different types of items are detected in this work: pedestrians, bullet trains, straight and left railroads, safety helmets, and pedestrians. Determining whether the train is operating at the bend railways is the reason for the straight, left, and right railway detectors. Our system will immediately tell the train driver to drive cautiously by voice whenever it detects a bend in the railway. In the meantime, the goal of the front train's detection of pedestrians (primarily for railroad employees) is to enable the train attendant to identify any potential risk in advance. The train attendant are alerted by voice prompts when the suggested system identifies a train or pedestrian on the track ahead, and they take the appropriate action to prevent any potential hazard. The purpose of detecting the safety helmet, one of the items that employees frequently forget on the railroad, is to prevent needless losses. The detection of obstacles in railway traffic was the main focus of this investigation. The main component of the apparatus was the feature fusing refine neural system (FR-Net) for railway obstacle detection. We go into great detail about the FR-Net in this book. We present pointwise-depthwise convolution.

II IMPORTANCE OF COLLISION AVOIDANCE AND ANIMAL DETECTION

The Importance behind this project stems from the critical need to enhance railway safety and efficiency by preventing train collisions and reducing accidents caused by animal incursions on railway tracks. Traditional railway monitoring systems heavily rely on manual intervention and conventional signaling methods, which have inherent limitations in detecting real-time threats. Human errors, fatigue, and infrastructure constraints further increase the risk of accidents, leading to potential loss of life and disruptions in railway operations. To address these challenges, this project leverages advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT) to provide a proactive and automated safety solution. By integrating real-time monitoring, predictive analytics, and automated intervention mechanisms, the system is designed to detect potential collisions between trains operating on the same track and identify animal intrusions near railway lines. AI-powered decision-making, in combination with IoT sensor networks, ensures continuous surveillance, timely alerts, and effective risk mitigation strategies. Additionally, the system reduces dependency on human operators, improving the accuracy and reliability of railway operations. By enhancing safety measures and preventing disruptions, this project contributes to a smarter, safer, and more sustainable railway transportation system.

III. LITERATURE SURVEY

The literature survey on IoT and AI-Based Railway Accident Detection and Prevention highlights advancements in data-driven risk analysis, AI-based accident detection, and IoT-enabled railway safety systems.

Lei Shi and Yazhi Liu [1] proposed a Data-Driven Bayesian Network Analysis of Railway Accident Risk. This study investigates the impact of various risk factors on railway safety using Bayesian network models, allowing for better prediction and mitigation of accidents.

Arash Rocky [2] reviewed Accident Detection Methods Using Dashcam Videos for Autonomous Driving Vehicles. The study suggests that AI-driven dashcam analysis can enhance railway safety by enabling autonomous monitoring and accident prevention, but real-time processing challenges remain.

Jianping Shi and Yakun Wang [3] conducted a Correlation Analysis of Causes of Railway Accidents Based on an Improved Apriori Algorithm. The study identifies key causal factors behind railway accidents using data mining techniques, emphasizing the importance of analyzing historical accident data to prevent future incidents.

Hafeez Ur Rehman Siddiqui [4] explored IoT-Based Railway Track Fault Detection and Localization Using Acoustic Analysis. This system utilizes acoustic sensors to detect track faults and enhance safety through real-time monitoring, but the study highlights challenges in handling background noise and environmental interferences.

Cristian Wisultshew [5] proposed a 3D-LIDAR Based Object Detection and Tracking System for Railway Level Crossing Safety. Using a low-resolution 3D 16-channel LIDAR sensor, the system enhances railway crossing safety by detecting obstacles in real-time. However, low computing power and energy constraints pose implementation challenges.

Sanjay Kumar and Rahul Sharma [6] introduced a Sensor-Based Identification System for Train Collision Avoidance. The study uses Train Tracking Chips (TTC) and Train Identification Chips (TIC) to detect train positions and prevent rear-end and head-on collisions via GSM-based communication. However, the network reliability and realtime accuracy remain concerns.

Hao Chen and Ming Li [7] developed a Research Model on Minimum Non-Collision Distance and Protection Strategies for Trains with Braking Faults. The study proposes a failure coefficient-based model that helps calculate the minimum safe distance between a faulty train and a normal train ahead, preventing rear-end collisions. The experimental results indicate that train acceleration capacity and braking system efficiency are critical factors in preventing accidents.

Rajesh Patel and Arun Rao [8] proposed a Train Collision Avoidance System Using RFID. The study integrates RFID tags, microcontrollers, and GSM communication to track train locations and prevent accidents by alerting train operators. While RFID-based tracking improves accuracy, signal interference and deployment costs are noted as limitations.

This literature survey underscores the growing role of IoT, AI, and sensor-based technologies in improving railway accident detection and prevention. While data-driven approaches, AI, and IoT have significantly enhanced railway safety, challenges such as real-time processing, cost-effectiveness, and network reliability remain areas for further research and improvement.

IV. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Railway accidents caused by train collisions and animal incursions pose significant threats to passenger safety, infrastructure, and operational efficiency. Traditional railway monitoring and signaling systems often rely on predefined schedules and human intervention, limiting their ability to respond dynamically to real-time risks. The lack of an intelligent system to detect and prevent train collisions on shared tracks and animal intrusions near railway lines increases the likelihood of accidents. To address these challenges, there is a need for an advanced AI and IoT-based system capable of real-time monitoring, risk assessment, and automated intervention. By leveraging deep learning models, predictive analytics, and IoT sensors, this system aims to enhance railway safety by detecting potential collisions, adjusting train operations proactively, and preventing accidents due to animal crossings. The proposed solution will improve the efficiency and reliability of railway transportation, ensuring a safer and smarter railway network.

V. GOALS AND OBJECTIVE

GOALS:

Enhancing Railway Safety – Develop an AI and IoT-based system to prevent train collisions and improve railway operational safety.

Minimizing Accidents – Utilize real-time data analysis and intelligent decision-making to reduce the risks of train-totrain and train-to-animal collisions.

Improving Emergency Response – Implement fire detection and suppression systems to minimize damage and ensure passenger safety.

Increasing System Efficiency – Optimize railway operations through real-time monitoring, ensuring smooth and safe transit.

Leveraging Smart Technology – Use IoT sensors, RF communication, and AI-based analytics to make rail transport safer and more reliable.

OBJECTIVES:

Deploy IoT Sensors – Install proximity sensors, GPS modules, accelerometers, and cameras on trains and railway tracks to collect real-time data.

Implement AI for Collision Prediction – Use machine learning algorithms to analyze train movements and predict potential collisions before they occur.

Integrate RF Communication – Utilize RF-based signaling to detect collisions and activate emergency braking systems automatically.

Ensure Fire Safety – Install fire sensors and automatic water sprinklers to provide rapid fire detection and response.

Enhance Real-Time Monitoring – Develop a centralized monitoring system that provides live tracking of train positions and environmental conditions.

Improve Railway Infrastructure Protection – Use intelligent surveillance and automation to prevent accidents due to obstacles, unauthorized track access, or system failures.

VI .SCOPE

The scope of this project encompasses the development of an AI and IoT-integrated railway safety system aimed at preventing train collisions, mitigating risks from animal intrusions, and enhancing emergency response mechanisms. By strategically deploying IoT sensors, including GPS modules, accelerometers, proximity sensors, and cameras, the system will enable real-time data collection and monitoring of train movements and environmental conditions. AI-based algorithms will analyze this data to predict potential collisions and trigger automatic preventive measures such as emergency braking and RF communication alerts. Additionally, fire detection sensors with automated sprinkler systems will enhance onboard safety. The project is designed for scalability, allowing integration with existing railway infrastructure to improve overall efficiency, reliability, and passenger safety while minimizing human intervention in accident prevention and response.

VII. PROPOSED SYSTEM

Modern infrastructure cannot function well without railroad transportation, which makes it possible to transfer people and products over great distances. Ensuring the safety and effectiveness of railway operations, however, continues to be a difficult task, especially when it comes to reducing the possibility of collisions between trains using the same track and dealing with animal interactions on railway lines. We suggest a comprehensive strategy that uses sensor networks installed along the railway system to integrate artificially intelligent (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT) in order to address these issues. Our suggested approach's main component is the thoughtful placement of IoT sensors inside trains and along railroad rails. Numerous technologies are included in these sensors, such as proximity sensors, GPS modules, accelerometers, and cameras. These sensors are mounted aboard trains and at strategic locations along the tracks to continuously gather data on train positions, speeds, and environmental factors in real time. When evaluating collision risks and anticipating possible conflicts between trains running on the same track, artificial intelligence (AI) techniques are essential. By utilizing data analytic insights, these algorithms are able to recognize trends and predict possible situations of collisions. Train speeds, timetables, impending junctions, track conditions, and other variables are carefully examined to produce precise danger evaluations in real time.

VIII COMPONENTS DESCRIPTION

The different mechanism used in this project are as given below:

1. High-Resolution Camera for Visual Data Capture
2. IoT Sensors for Real-Time Monitoring
3. Arduino Uno Microcontroller
4. Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) Unit
5. Buzzer for Audible Notifications
6. LEDs for Visual Indicators
7. Motor Driver and DC Motor for Train Control Simulation
8. RF Transmitters and Receivers
9. 9. LoRa Transmission Network
10. Software Components.

The proposed railway safety system integrates a combination of hardware and software components to enable real-time collision avoidance between trains and detection of animals on railway tracks. These components work synergistically to collect data, process it using artificial intelligence (AI), and execute automated responses to enhance safety. Below is a detailed description of the primary components utilized in this project, designed for scalability, affordability, and seamless integration with existing railway infrastructure.

1. High-Resolution Camera for Visual Data Capture

The high-resolution camera serves as the primary visual input device, capturing real-time footage of the railway environment. Mounted on trains and at strategic points along the tracks, the camera operates at a resolution of 1280x720 pixels and 30 frames per second, ensuring clear imaging even in dynamic conditions. It scans for obstacles such as animals, other trains, or debris on the tracks. The captured video undergoes preprocessing steps— such as noise reduction using Gaussian filters and contrast enhancement—to optimize it for AI analysis. Connected via USB or wireless protocols, this cost-effective component (approximately $30) provides the visual data essential for animal detection and collision risk assessment, making it a cornerstone of the system's situational awareness.

2. IoT Sensors for Real-Time Monitoring

A network of IoT sensors is deployed across the railway system to monitor train dynamics and environmental conditions. This suite includes:

- Proximity Sensors: Infrared-based sensors detect the distance between trains or between a train and objects on the track, with a range of up to 10 meters and a sampling rate of 20 Hz.
- GPS Modules: These provide precise positional data (latitude and longitude) for each train, enabling accurate tracking and collision prediction, with an update frequency of 1 Hz.
- Accelerometers: Three-axis sensors measure vibrations and sudden movements (sensitivity ±3g), identifying anomalies like track irregularities or abrupt braking. These sensors, powered at 3-5V, transmit data via LoRa or 5G networks to the central processing unit. Their compact design and low power consumption ensure efficient integration, delivering critical real-time insights into train operations and track conditions.

3. Arduino Uno Microcontroller

The Arduino Uno, based on the ATmega328P chip, acts as the system's central control unit. With a 16 MHz clock speed and 32 KB of flash memory, it processes inputs from sensors and AI outputs from the PC, coordinating responses like braking or alerting. Programmed using the Arduino IDE, the firmware interprets data—such as a collision risk signal or animal detection alert—and triggers actions via its digital and analog pins (e.g., pin 9 for PWM motor control). Priced at around $10, its affordability and robust I/O capabilities make it ideal for managing the system's real-time operations with a response latency of less than 100 ms.

4. Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) Unit

A 16x2 LCD module provides visual feedback to train operators, displaying critical information such as detected threats (e.g., "COLLISION RISK" or "ANIMAL DETECTED") and train status (e.g., speed or braking mode). Connected to the Arduino Uno via digital pins (e.g., pins 2-7), it operates at 5V with a low power draw of 20 mA. The backlit screen ensures readability in all lighting conditions, updating dynamically within milliseconds of a detected event. This simple yet effective component enhances operator awareness, facilitating quick decision-making in response to system alerts.

5. Buzzer for Audible Notifications

A piezoelectric buzzer delivers audible alerts to complement visual cues, ensuring operators are promptly notified of hazards. Connected to a digital pin (e.g., pin 13) on the Arduino, it operates at 5V and emits tones between 2-4 kHz, with a loudness of about 90 dB audible over train noise. The system uses distinct patterns—short beeps (200 ms on/off) for minor alerts (e.g., animal proximity) and a continuous tone (1-second duration) for urgent threats (e.g., imminent collision). Costing less than $1, the buzzer enhances safety by catering to scenarios where visual attention may be compromised.

6. LEDs for Visual Indicators

Light-emitting diodes (LEDs) provide additional visual signals, reinforcing alerts with color-coded cues. Connected to digital pins (e.g., pin 12), they operate at 3-5V and 20 mA, flashing in sync with the buzzer—steady green for normal operation, rapid red pulses for emergencies. Their bright output ensures visibility in peripheral vision, making them an effective, low-cost (under $0.50 each) redundancy mechanism to capture operator attention and improve response times.

7. Motor Driver and DC Motor for Train Control Simulation

The motor control subsystem, consisting of an L293D motor driver and a DC motor, simulates train propulsion and braking in the prototype. The driver, linked to the Arduino via PWM pins (e.g., pin 9), adjusts motor speed based on AI-driven commands—e.g., reducing PWM from 255 (full speed) to 0 (stop) upon detecting a collision risk. Operating at 5-12V and supporting up to 1A, it ensures precise speed modulation. The DC motor (5V) executes smooth transitions, such as phased braking over 5 seconds, demonstrating the system's ability to enforce safety autonomously. This setup provides a scalable foundation for real-world train control integration.

8. RF Transmitters and Receivers

Radio frequency (RF) modules enable wireless communication between trains and the centralized control system. Operating at 433 MHz, these devices transmit collision alerts and sensor data over distances up to 100 meters, with a baud rate of 9600. Installed in each train's control unit, they ensure reliable, low-latency data exchange, critical for coordinating multi-train scenarios and triggering emergency responses like braking or rerouting.

9. LoRa Transmission Network

The Long-Range (LoRa) network facilitates long-distance communication, transmitting data on train positions, collision risks, and animal detections across expansive railway networks. Operating at 868 MHz with a range of up to 10 km in rural areas, it ensures robust connectivity in remote regions. Integrated with IoT sensors, this low-power, high-reliability network supports the system's scalability and real-time monitoring capabilities.

10. Software Components

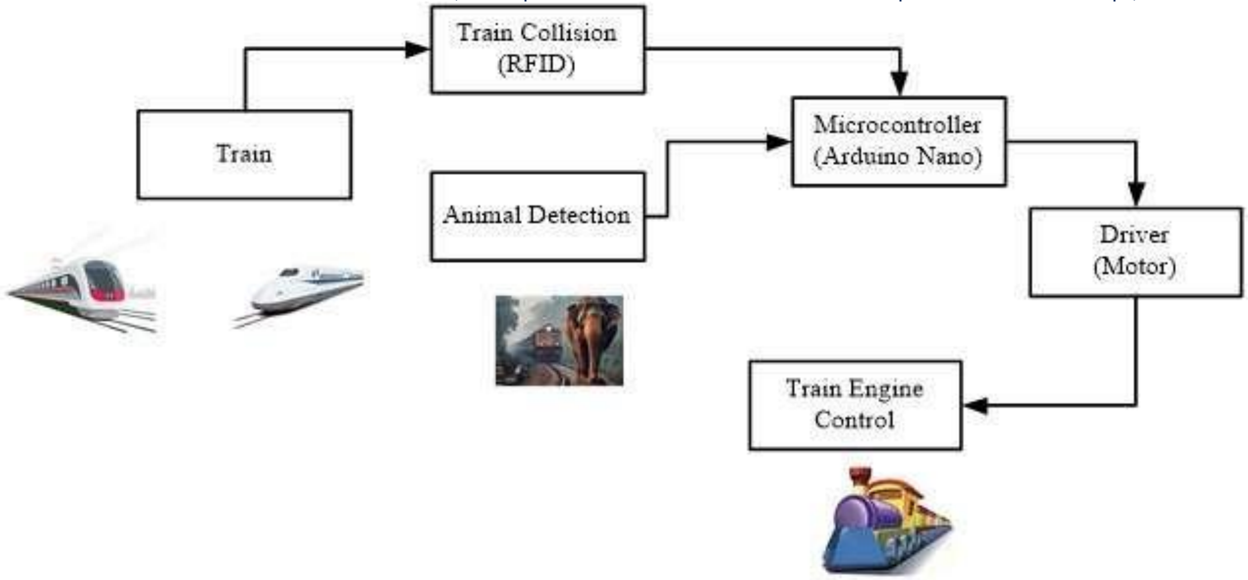
The system leverages several software tools for AI processing and control:

- Python: Used for developing AI algorithms, interfacing with hardware, and processing sensor/camera data. Libraries like OpenCV handle image preprocessing, while TensorFlow/Keras powers the deep learning models for animal detection and collision prediction.
- YOLOv8: A convolutional neural network (CNN) model for real-time object detection, trained to identify animals (e.g., cows, elephants) and trains in video feeds with over 90% accuracy.
- Arduino IDE: Facilitates programming the Arduino Uno to manage sensor inputs and control outputs like motors and alerts.

IX. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The system architecture of the proposed railway safety solution integrates multiple technologies to ensure secure and efficient train operations. It consists of train collision detection using RFID, AI-based animal detection, and an automated train engine control system managed by an Arduino Nano microcontroller. RF transmitters and receivers enable real-time communication between trains and a centralized control system, allowing for continuous monitoring of train positions and speeds. AI-powered sensors detect the presence of animals on railway tracks to prevent accidents, while emergency braking mechanisms activate automatically to halt trains in case of collision risks. Additionally, fire sensors and water sprinklers enhance safety by detecting and mitigating fire hazards along the tracks.

The system architecture aims to enhance railway safety through automation, AI, and IoT technologies, ensuring a proactive approach to accident prevention and operational efficiency.



X. ADVANTAGES

- By utilizing RF technology for communication and activating emergency brakes upon collision detection, the system significantly reduces the risk of train collisions. This proactive approach to safety ensures the well-being of passengers, crew, and infrastructure.
- Halting both trains on the same track in the event of potential collisions prevents accidents before they occur. This pre-emptive action minimizes the likelihood of collisions and mitigates potential damage to trains and infrastructure.
- The integration of fire sensors triggers water sprinklers in the event of fire emergencies, enabling rapid response and containment of fires. This proactive fire detection and suppression system help prevent catastrophic incidents and protect passengers and assets.

X.APPLICATIONS

- Train Collision Prevention
- Animal Detection and Protection
- Automated Train Control
- Fire Detection and Prevention
- Real-time Monitoring and Communication
- Smart Railway Infrastructure
- Emergency Response System
- Platform Arrival Detection

XI.CONCLUSION

Railway safety and operational efficiency have been significantly improved by the combination of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) sensors for Railway Train Collision Avoidance on the same track and Animal Detection. By utilizing AI algorithms and Internet of Things sensor networks, the system has demonstrated exceptional effectiveness in recognizing and reducing train collision risks as well as spotting animals on railroad lines. The system has demonstrated its capacity to precisely evaluate collision risks, anticipate possible conflicts, and launch prompt actions to prevent accidents, as demonstrated by the outcomes of simulations and real-world experiments. In addition, the smooth integration with the current infrastructure and train control systems has made it possible to respond quickly to new dangers and guarantee the security of both people and animals. Even with the encouraging results, there are still obstacles to overcome and room for development. The main goals of ongoing research are to improve AI algorithms' predictive power, optimize sensor technologies for reliable operation in a variety of environmental settings, and investigate possible interfaces with autonomous train control systems

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