

Intelligence Spy robot with wireless night vision camera using Wi-Fi

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Abstract – Site monitoring & supervision plays a very important part during building construction process. The complexity of modern day structures due to its unconventional work techniques, method's & other critical work circumstances; sometimes makes it very difficult for human beings to physically get on the required location of site and observe the work. Lack of proper supervision can often lead to poor quality of work and may result into structural failure or some serious mishap. Also human life is also at risk if human's are required to access the risky site location's like on high elevation walls, high roof & ceiling structures, deep foundation pits, dark cramped up spaces etc. In such scenario's robots installed with Night vision camera's and other related sensor's & equipment's can be deployed to carry out the task of site inspection & surveillance. Using Wi-Fi technology for communication the robots can be operated over long distances. Also with control of such robot's from over Android based Smartphone; the utility of these becomes much flexible and user friendly.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The advancement of building materials and construction technology has enabled the modern day Architect's and Civil Engineers to design the most magnificent structures of variety of possible unconventional shapes & sizes and achieve great feat's in construction in shortest possible time. For such built structures; the construction process consists of creating very complex building elements involving various large & small structural and aesthetic members.

Construction is a labour-intensive sector involving large amount of manpower for various activities & process which further requires much amount of monitoring & supervision by the architect's, site engineer's & supervisor's for achieving required workmanship & quality of work. Quality inspections are carried out in finished structures to ensure that the final outcome confirms with the required standard of quality and finish as required.

Before, during, and after a construction project, many assessments require the review of a worksite and surrounding area. Limited surveillance is also necessary for

supervising workers and securing the site. In addition, project managers and supervisors must walk the site to conduct final inspections.

Apart from the difficulties faced by the construction industry the two factors safety and quality have been the major determining factors for the outcome of the construction projects. Due to faulty construction works and unsafe working conditions, the works have to be demolished and rebuilt leading to loss in labour time and escalation of cost the project.

Construction robotics and drones can help all of these processes. Aerial drones and ground-based robots can survey a worksite at difficult & inaccessible work locations and gather multiple types of data, depending on the sensors used. Augmented reality and virtual reality can enable operators to get a realistic and real-time feel for what the Robots are seeing.

As a highly unautomated industry, construction robots will have a major impact on the construction industry. While manual labor will likely always be a huge component of modern construction, technology has been steadily improving since the first pulleys and power tools. Robots, drones, autonomous vehicles, 3D printing, and exoskeletons are beginning to help get the work done. In the situation as such the advancement of technology in recent years that have been found to be playing a major role across sectors such as manufacturing are finding their way into construction industry.

Robotics and automation which has been the crux of scientific developments for the last century has been playing a major role in all other sectors except construction. A process to apply the same technologies in this field also will greatly benefit the outcome of construction activities

This paper deals mainly with the utility of Ground based surveillance robots and feasibility of its application in construction industry with aim to improve safety and quality standards in construction using Wireless Night vision camera technology.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Application of automation and robotics in construction work execution

Author: Zuzana struková, Matej líška;

The construction of any building includes different stages of construction processes from earthworks, through construction of structure (concreting, frames assembly, walling ...) to finishing works. Traditionally, the applied construction technologies within these stages are known as labor intensive and conducted in various dangerous situations. Moreover, problems relating to instability of labour force supply and the increasing labor costs are surfacing in the construction industry. It is desirable to lower the level of labor force dependence and increase efficiency by applying a specialized automation in construction sites. Hence, several researchers have intensively searched for suitable ways to introduce automation and robotics into construction sites.

Robotics and automated systems in construction: Understanding industry-specific challenges for adoption

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Robotic systems and automation have proved to be very effective in other sectors for reducing labour costs while improving productivity and quality. Moreover, robotic systems can reduce injuries and free workers from conducting dangerous tasks. conventional construction methods have reached their limits and that automation and robotics technologies have the potential to address the productivity challenges of the construction industry. Robotics systems for construction were developed since the 1960s and 1970s at the same time when other industries started their automation, e.g. the automotive industry; however, the adoption of robotics in the construction industry has been very slow.

Terrestrial and autonomous vehicles: This category includes terrestrial, aerial or nautical vehicles that can be piloted remotely, or which are autonomous (i.e. no conductor is required). These vehicles can be used for various tasks including

1. accessing extreme and dangerous environments, thus removing human workers from high-risk areas;
2. surveying and monitoring tasks; and
3. automated excavating, demolition and transportation of materials.

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Construction robots may be involved in specific tasks, such as bricklaying, painting, loading, and bulldozing. These robots help to protect workers from a hazardous working environment, reduce workplace injuries, and address labor shortages

Many potential solutions rely on artificial intelligence and machine learning to deliver unprecedented levels of data-driven support. For instance, a driverless crane could transport materials around a worksite, or an aerial drone could gather information on a worksite to be compared against the plan.

Arduino based Spy Robot using Night Vision Wireless camera

Author: Vishwal Karad, Jasawini Pradhan, Meghana Patil, S.S. Jadhav.

This paper describes the Spy robot's utility to be operated at Night irrespective of the intensity of the available light. Also it explores the capability of fire & metal detection for such robot's.

Intelligent Spy Robot with Wireless Night vision camera using Smart Phone.

Author: K. Anil Bablu Louis, K.M.S.R. Tarun, T. Teja, B. Santhi Kiran.

This system is based on embedded systems and applicable software program that can monitor the surroundings. This system is developed using Bluetooth technology which can operate over a distance of 15.00 m.

Arduino controlled War Field Spy Robot using Night Vision Wireless camera and Android application.

Author: Jignesh Patoliya, Haarad Mehta, Hitesh Patel.

The main objective is surveillance of human activities in war field. The proposed robot is built to monitor war field using Wireless Night vision camera based upon Bluetooth technology and operated by Android application.

Smart Phone based robotic control for surveillance applications.

Author: M. Selvam

This paper researches to establish control over wireless communication between mobile robot and Android GUI application. The main task elaborated here is to achieve control to surveillance robot through emerging Android technology.

Smart Phone controlled robot using ATMEGA328 microcontroller.

Author: Aniket R. Yeole, Sapna M. Brahmanekar, Monali D. Wani, Mukesh P. Mahajan.

This paper explores the operating system of Android based smart phone program which can be developed effectively to control robots via Bluetooth connection.

3. SCOPE

Conduct surveillance, surveying, and inspection: Before, during, and after a construction project, many assessments require the review of a worksite and surrounding area. Limited surveillance is also necessary for supervising workers and securing the site. In addition, project managers and supervisors must walk the site to conduct final inspections. Construction robotics and drones can help all of these processes.

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Site inspection tasks take time and energy – and so a number of inspection robots are being developed which could help streamline the task. It is still early days for this technology.

4. REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Night Vision Camera

Active infrared night-vision combines infrared illumination of spectral range 700–1,000 nm (just below the visible spectrum of the human eye) with CCD cameras sensitive to this light. The resulting scene, which is apparently dark to a human observer, appears as a monochrome image on a normal display device.

Night vision cameras are available in variety of types based upon in working range and image intensity. Night-useful spectral range techniques can sense radiation that is invisible to a human observer. Human vision is confined to a small portion of the electromagnetic spectrum called visible light. Enhanced spectral range allows the viewer to take advantage of non-visible sources of electromagnetic radiation (such as near-infrared or ultraviolet radiation). Some animals such as the mantis shrimp and trout can see using much more of the infrared and/or ultraviolet spectrum than humans. Sufficient intensity range is simply the ability to see with very small quantities of light.

Many animals have better night vision than humans do, the result of one or more differences in the morphology and anatomy of their eyes. These include having a larger eyeball, a larger lens, a larger optical aperture (the pupils may expand to the physical limit of the eyelids), more rods than cones (or rods exclusively) in the retina, and a tapetum lucidum.

Enhanced intensity range is achieved via technological means through the use of an image intensifier, gain multiplication CCD, or other very low-noise and high-sensitivity arrays of photodetectors.

This magnifies the amount of received photons from various natural sources such as starlight or moonlight. Examples of such technologies include night glasses and low light cameras. In the military context, Image Intensifiers are often called "Low Light TV" since the video signal is often transmitted to a display within a control center. These are usually integrated into a sensor containing both visible and IR detectors and the streams are used independently or in fused mode, depending on the mission at hand's requirements.

The image intensifier is a vacuum-tube based device (photomultiplier tube) that can generate an image from a very small number of photons (such as the light from stars in the sky) so that a dimly lit scene can be viewed in real-time by the naked eye via visual output, or stored as data for later analysis. While many believe the light is "amplified," it is not.

When light strikes a charged photocathode plate, electrons are emitted through a vacuum tube and strike the microchannel plate. This causes the image screen to illuminate with a picture in the same pattern as the light that strikes the photocathode and on a wavelength the human eye can see. This is much like a CRT television, but instead of color guns the photocathode does the emitting.



Night Vision Camera

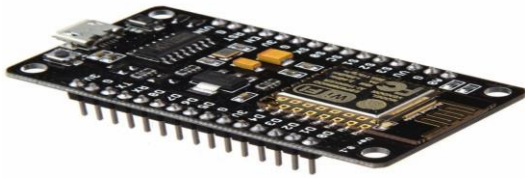
The image is said to become "intensified" because the output visible light is brighter than the incoming light, and this effect directly relates to the difference in passive and active night vision goggles. Currently, the most popular image intensifier is the drop-in ANVIS module, though many other models and sizes are available at the market. Recently, the US Navy announced intentions to procure a dual-color variant of the ANVIS for use in the cockpit of airborne platforms.

4.2 Node MCU

Node MCU is an open source IOT platform. It includes firmware which runs on the ESP8266 Wi-Fi SoC from Espressif Systems, and hardware which is based on the ESP-12 module. The term "Node MCU" by default refers to the firmware rather than the development kits. The firmware uses the Lua scripting language. It is based on the eLua project, and built on the Espressif Non-OS SDK for ESP8266. It uses many open source projects, such as lua-cjson and SPIFFS.

As Arduino.cc began developing new MCU boards based on non-AVR processors like the ARM/SAM MCU and used in the Arduino Due, they needed to modify the Arduino IDE so that it would be relatively easy to change the IDE to support alternate toolchains to allow Arduino C/C++ to be compiled for these new processors. They did this with the introduction of the Board Manager and the SAM Core. A "core" is the collection of software components required by the Board Manager and the Arduino IDE to compile an Arduino C/C++ source file for the target MCU's machine language. Some ESP8266 enthusiasts developed an Arduino core for the ESP8266 WiFi SoC, popularly called the "ESP8266 Core for the Arduino IDE". This has become a leading software development platform for the various ESP8266-based modules and development boards, including NodeMCUs.

Configure ESP8266 node MCU as an Arduino, Download its driver from this link CH341SER. That time run blinking LED program this program no need circuit, and connect the WIFI network.



NodeMCU_ESP8266_development_board

4.3 Passive infrared sensor

A passive infrared sensor (PIR sensor) is an electronic sensor that measures infrared (IR) light radiating from objects in its field of view. They are most often used in PIR-based motion detectors. PIR sensors are commonly used in security alarms and automatic lighting applications.

PIR sensors are commonly called simply "PIR", or sometimes "PID", for "passive infrared detector". The term passive refers to the fact that PIR devices do not radiate energy for detection purposes. They work entirely by detecting infrared radiation (radiant heat) emitted by or reflected from objects.

When a PIR sensor is configured in a differential mode, it specifically becomes applicable as a motion detector device. In this mode when a movement is detected within the "line of sight" of the sensor, a pair of complementary pulses are processed at the output pin of the sensor. In order to implement this output signal for a practical triggering of a load such as a relay or a data logger, or an Alarm device alarm, the differential signal is rectified using a bridge rectifier and fed to a transistorized relay driver circuit. The contacts of this relay close and open in response to the signals from the PIR, activating the attached load across its contacts, acknowledging the detection of a person within the predetermined restricted area.



Passive Infrared Sensor

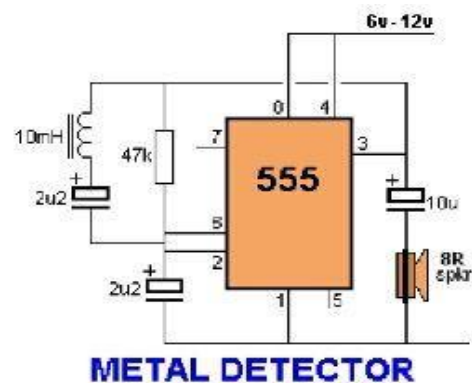
4.4 Metal detector

A metal detector is an electronic instrument that detects the presence of metal nearby. Metal detectors are useful for

finding metal inclusions hidden within objects, or metal objects buried underground. They often consist of a handheld unit with a sensor probe which can be swept over the ground or other objects. If the sensor comes near a piece of metal this is indicated by a changing tone in earphones, or a needle moving on an indicator. Usually the device gives some indication of distance; the closer the metal is, the higher the tone in the earphone or the higher the needle goes. Another common type are stationary "walk through" metal detectors (see § Security screening below) used at access points in prisons, courthouses, and airports to detect concealed metal weapons on a person's body.

The simplest form of a metal detector consists of an oscillator producing an alternating current that passes through a coil producing an alternating magnetic field. If a piece of electrically conductive metal is close to the coil, eddy currents will be induced (inductive sensor) in the metal, and this produces a magnetic field of its own. If another coil is used to measure the magnetic field (acting as a magnetometer), the change in the magnetic field due to the metallic object can be detected.

Larger portable metal detectors are used by archaeologists and treasure hunters to locate metallic items, such as jewelry, coins, clothes buttons and other accessories, bullets, and other various artifacts buried beneath the surface.



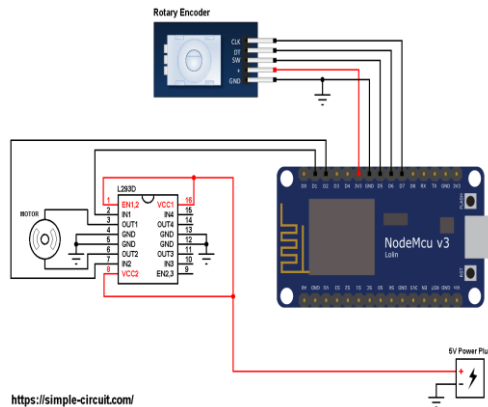
Metal Detector

4.5 DC Motor

A DC motor is any of a class of rotary electrical motors that converts direct current electrical energy into mechanical energy. The most common types rely on the forces produced by magnetic fields. Nearly all types of DC motors have some internal mechanism, either electromechanical or electronic, to periodically change the direction of current in part of the motor.

DC motors were the first form of motor widely used, as they could be powered from existing direct-current lighting power distribution systems. A DC motor's speed can be controlled over a wide range, using either a variable supply voltage or by changing the strength of current in its field

windings. Small DC motors are used in tools, toys, and appliances. The universal motor can operate on direct current but is a lightweight brushed motor used for portable power tools and appliances. Larger DC motors are currently used in propulsion of electric vehicles, elevator and hoists, and in drives for steel rolling mills. The advent of power electronics has made replacement of DC motors with AC motors possible in many applications.



DC Motor Drive

4.6 Mobile Phones or Personal Computer

To operate and control the robot a versatile controlling device would be required. By the conventional method a dedicated remote controller would have to be used. Such type of controllers would have restrictions of specific and limited utility because of its limited control buttons and would always be required to be carried along with the robot everywhere. To overcome this issue the operation & control of the robot would be done through an Android based Smart phone which will be very easy to use and user friendly and can be upgraded as when required.

4.7 WebPage

A web page (or webpage) is a specific collection of information provided by a website and displayed to a user in a web browser. A website typically consists of many web pages linked together in a coherent fashion. The name "web page" is a metaphor of paper pages bound together into a book.

The core element of a web page is one or more text files written in the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML). Many web pages also make use of JavaScript code for dynamic behavior and Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) code for presentation semantics. Images, videos, and other multimedia files are also often embedded in web pages.

Each web page is identified by a distinct Uniform Resource Locator (URL). When the user inputs a URL into their browser, that page's elements are downloaded from web

servers. The browser then transforms all of the elements into an interactive visual representation on the user's device. If the user clicks or taps a link to another page, the browser repeats this process to display the new page, which could be part of the current website or a different one.

From the perspective of server-side website deployment, there are two types of web pages: static and dynamic. Static pages are retrieved from the web server's file system without any modification, while dynamic pages must be created by the server on the fly, typically drawing from a database to fill out a web template, before being sent to the user's browser.

4.8 Arduino Compiler

The Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) is a cross-platform application (for Windows, macOS, Linux) that is written in functions from C and C++. It is used to write and upload programs to Arduino compatible boards, but also, with the help of third-party cores, other vendor development boards.

Arduino Pro IDE	
Developer(s)	Arduino Software
Preview release	v0.1.2 / 14 September 2020; 4 months ago
Repository	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> github.com/arduino/Arduino
Written in	C, C++
Operating system	Windows, mac OS, Linux
Platform	IA-32, x86-64, ARM
Type	Integrated development environment
License	LGPL or GPL license
Website	blog.arduino.cc/2020/08/24/cli-and-ide-get-better-together/

The source code for the IDE is released under the GNU General Public License, version 2. The Arduino IDE supports the languages C and C++ using special rules of code structuring. The Arduino IDE supplies a software library from the Wiring project, which provides many common input and output procedures. User-written code only requires two basic functions, for starting the sketch and the main program loop, that are compiled and linked with a program stub main() into an executable cyclic executive program with the GNU toolchain, also included with the IDE distribution. The Arduino IDE employs the program avrdude to convert the executable code into a text file in hexadecimal encoding that is loaded into the Arduino board by a loader program in the board's firmware. By default, avrdude is used as the uploading tool to flash the user code onto official Arduino boards.

With the rising popularity of Arduino as a software platform, other vendors started to implement custom open source compilers and tools (cores) that can build and upload sketches to other microcontrollers that are not supported by Arduino's official line of microcontrollers.

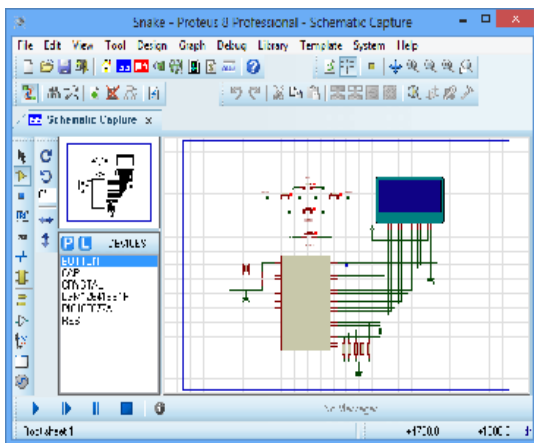
In October 2019 the Arduino organization began providing early access to a new Arduino Pro IDE with debugging and other advanced features.

4.9 Proteus

The Proteus Design Suite is a proprietary software tool suite used primarily for electronic design automation. The software is used mainly by electronic design engineers and technicians to create schematics and electronic prints for manufacturing printed circuit boards.

The Proteus Design Suite is a Windows application for schematic capture, simulation, and PCB (Printed Circuit Board) layout design. It can be purchased in many configurations, depending on the size of designs being produced and the requirements for microcontroller simulation. All PCB Design products include an auto router and basic mixed mode SPICE simulation capabilities.

Schematic capture in the Proteus Design Suite is used for both the simulation of designs and as the design phase of a PCB layout project. It is therefore a core component and is included with all product configurations.



Proteus Design Suite

The PCB Layout module is automatically given connectivity information in the form of a netlist from the schematic capture module. It applies this information, together with the user specified design rules and various design automation tools, to assist with error free board design. PCB's of up to 16 copper layers can be produced with design size limited by product configuration.

4.10 HTML

Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) is the standard markup language for documents designed to be displayed in a web browser. It can be assisted by technologies such as Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) and scripting languages such as JavaScript. Web browsers receive HTML documents from a web server or from local storage and render the documents into multimedia web pages. HTML describes the structure of a web page semantically and originally included cues for the appearance of the document.

HTML elements are the building blocks of HTML pages. With HTML constructs, images and other objects such as interactive forms may be embedded into the rendered page. HTML provides a means to create structured documents by denoting structural semantics for text such as headings, paragraphs, lists, links, quotes and other items. HTML elements are delineated by *tags*, written using angle brackets. Tags such as `` and `<input />` directly introduce content into the page. Other tags such as `<p>` surround and provide information about document text and may include other tags as sub-elements. Browsers do not display the HTML tags, but use them to interpret the content of the page.

5. PROPOSED SYSTEM

5.1 Installation

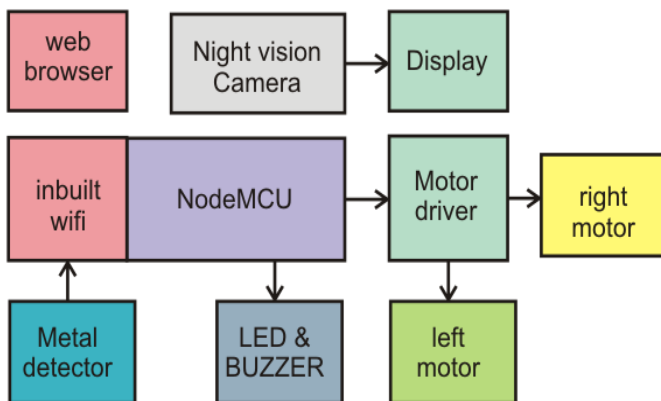
All the components shall be installed upon Node MCU is an open source firmware for which open source prototyping board designs are available. Both the firmware and prototyping board designs are source. The firmware uses the Lua scripting language. The firmware is based on the eLua project, and built on the Espressif Non-OS SDK for ESP8266. The prototyping hardware typically used is a circuit board functioning as a dual in-line package (DIP) which integrates a USB controller with a smaller surface-mounted board containing the MCU and antenna.

This board attach night vision camera, this camera main use to capture day or night images. also this board connected passive infrared sensor and metal sensor, main use of this PIR sensor to sense any activity like human and animal this activity capture through the camera and providing signal through LED and BUZZER to smart phone.

Same as metal detector like bomb can detect that time buzzer sound is on to providing message through smart phone. This robot can be move with the base of DC motor.

5.2 Methodology

The camera captures the day or night image data which will be transferred to the display of android smartphone over Wi-Fi connection. A PIR sensor would detect any movement in the surrounding vicinity which would trigger a LED light would blink and a buzzer would beep and signal accordingly. The entire robot would be controlled through the android app on a smartphone over app's GUI control buttons.



Block Diagram

More over the size & weight of the robot is also of prime concern as the robot will have to be made to operate at very small spaces and difficult terrain.

The overall assembly of the robot would be robust, water proof & shock proof so as to withstand critical working environments. The entire assembly shall have to be flexible enough so as to be mounted over wheelbase of varying size and terrains. The robot shall move over wheels or tracks as required.

6. UTILITY

Considering the difficult inaccessible location's and critical work situation's on the building & construction site like deep excavated ground surface, between close spaced walls, cramped up dark spaces within building elements like walls or shafts, or over high levels like metal roofing sheets over PEB structures, outer elevational projections of building or within metal ventilation ducts, utility ducts, false ceiling's etc.; such robots could easily reach such spaces and provide a proper view of the existing scenario and the constructed work. This would not only provide ease of vision to technical personnel's but also provides safety and convenience of observing remotely.

Also the Wi-Fi connection used for serial communication with the Android Smart phone will provide a robust & uninterrupted connection over longer range of distance efficiently and easily. The Android phone is available at cheaper cost and has a very user friendly interface making it easily operable by common user without much effort. Moreover, the robot can be operated by multiple android devices by various users without worrying to carry the remote controller along with the robot.

7. FURTHER WAY AHEAD

With more advancement of technology, such robots can be enhanced by addition of more functions to it like metal detection, sonar ranging, etc. Considering the advancement of technology over distant communications systems like IOT etc., the image feed of the camera can be broadcasted over remote devices over encrypted internet connection. This could facilitate monitoring by other related officials without actually visiting the site location which could save much time, money and fuel. Such robots could be mounted over drones to further provide access to higher and have an aerial view of the site.

8. CONCLUSION

The major difficulty of supervision and observation of critical components & building elements on construction site can be effectively overcome by use of such robots. The technology used is very user friendly and can be easily adopted widely.

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