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Smart Garbage Collection System

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Abstract: Waste collection and disposal is a complex process that requires the use of money and elaborate management of logistics. This paper will elaborate the structural design working and overall hierarchical description of the system. In this system, without making much of the alterations to the traditional garbage vehicle the proposed system could be mounted on the top of the vehicle canopy for automatically filled level detection. The design is based on two stereoscopic cameras dealing with depth ranging information for filled level detection. Based on deep simulation with image processing and trialling at day to day basis. The core of the proposed design lies depth estimation through a 3D model construction of captured image in using open source system. A tabulation of simulation data with field test experiments verify that design system works energy efficiently and in an orderly manner.

Keywords: waste management, open CV, raspberry pi, multi-stereoscopic camera, sustainability

I. INTRODUCTION

Waste, in general, appears in many different forms such as agricultural, biomedical, chemical, electronic, mineral, organic/inorganic, radioactive, and urban/municipal; etc. All of the above waste forms, apart from urban, are characterized by specific collection points, uniform, and predictable production, and equal, usually long, filling periods. On the contradictory a rundown or inappropriate urban waste collection may introduce or amplify problems disturbing the urban environment, the authorities, or even the citizens. One of the major problem raising is the remote fill-level estimation, since such a waste management could potentially lead to great improvements. Also it helps in optimizations of the overall process, to smoothen the waste collection system.

In most of the system, waste separation is done according to the type of the waste i.e. dry or wet. Similarly, the waste separation is done also on the basis of the type of garbage bin located at various locations. Over the last few decades, plenty of remedial ways were suggested dispensing with filled level detection of garbage vehicle, though it is still a tough challenge /arduous task

The detection of the fill-level for different garbage collection vehicle presents many difficulties due to the various irregularities of the bin-filling process, such as the irregular shape and the variety of the included materials. Likewise, the physical trialling with this process is difficult as the number of experiments needed to reach safe statistical deductions is very large. More challenges exist for the economical and energy efficient data aggregation from a large number of vehicles while the harsh environmental conditions (e.g., humidity, temperature, and dust) can significantly affect the sensor measurement accuracy and reliability. These challenges are being tackled with this work, which is part of the Hackathon Competition by Pune Municipal Corporation for Smart City Project[3]. The existing method of waste management is considerably inefficient when the contemporary development of technology is taken into consideration [4]. There is no guarantee that worker will arrive at the right time and garbage vehicle routing & garbage disposal will do properly and regular. Hence this work is an ascend taken in the direction of automating the waste management to make it more efficient [5].

In this paper, we put forward automatic Garbage Detection level in Garbage Van with the collective use of image processing using Raspberry pi and Open CV. The rest of the paper is organized as follows. The chapter II describe related works which are waste management approaches and proposed systems or available technology. After that, our proposal method in chapter III. The Chapter IV, deals with disparity map software analysis. Finally, conclusion of the paper in Chapter V.

II. RESEARCH BACKGROUND

Currently, many analysis approaches exist coping with problems associated with waste variety and management and particularly important data assortment at the purpose of waste disposal [6]-[7]. However, most of them are expensive in terms of total essential instruments, whereas a number of them are concern with collection of only ecological waste, which may be collected at less frequent intervals and have a additional stable production frequency. Moreover, a number of fill-level sensing prototypes & architectures may be found within the types of literature that are shortly delineated herewith.

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A paradigm waste-bin system was created for the town of Pudong, Shanghai, PR China [8] and in Malaysia [9]. The case study delineated herein focuses significantly on observation of the quantity of waste created and identification of categories of fabric gift within the collected waste and proposing the implementation of a network of sensorized waste containers joined to acknowledge management system.

The EU FP7 OUTSMART project designed a mesh wireless sensing element network for Berlin, Germany [11] using an ultrasonic sensor for fill-level estimation and a wireless sensing element network supported IEEE 802.15.4 for connecting nodes with gateways through multiple short-range hops. The EU FP7 Future Cities project developed an urban-scale living research lab within the town of port in European country. Within the context of the project, the Municipality of Port has developed an innovative waste management data collection system for observation fill-level of garbage containers.

A three-tier approach is followed additionally in [6], where multiple sensors are utilized in the lower tier: ultrasonic sensor for fill level, a load cell for weight, temperature and Humidity, Hall effect and measuring system for detecting garbage vehicle shield open or closed. The perceived values and operational parameters, like vehicle identity, date, time, and battery power level, are collected and transmitted once a canopy gap is perceived, so achieving energy-efficient, real-time fill-level reporting.

Considering proposed systems for garbage collection, the main issue lies with accurate fill-level estimation. Weigh Scale is ideal solution to measure the garbage contents, but calibration and cost of heavy duty scales leads to discourage this suggested prototype. By using sensors, the weighing is possible, but the environmental conditions, maintenance and limitations in range of sensors, applied solutions will not sustain for long term usage. To measure the depth of garbage area, the image processing can be solution. The OpenCV with real-time video capture & analysis for graph based system is feasible to implement on Android based system [12]. But the hardware cost with dual camera with recent Android OS can be costly. So, the same OpenCV can be implemented using Raspberry Pi, which will help to get clear depth mapping.

III. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

A. Block Diagram

Our proposed smart garbage collection system is envisaged to be mounted on the top of garbage collection vehicle and it consists of the Raspberry pi model 3B and Multi-stereoscopic camera as well as a protective enclosure for the cameras and the raspberry pi that may optionally include an external battery source. The block diagram of system can be generalized as follows.

The block diagram shown is having stereoscopic camera vision circuit which performs all the functions of disparity map and depth analysis with distance measurement with the help of Raspberry Pi.

Stereoscopic Camera is the system having 2 cameras of same pixel and same focal length kept at certain distance from each other. This two camera captures at the same time and process the image for further depth measurement.

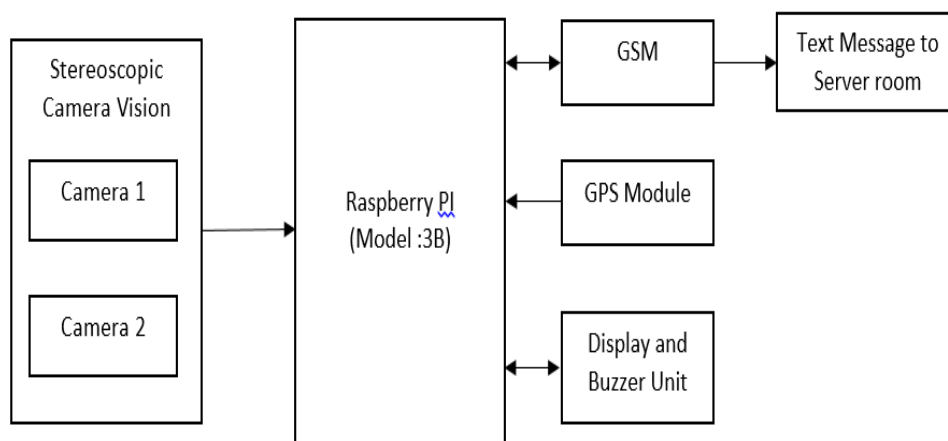


Fig. 1 System Block Structure

As we can see from the block diagram consists of different modules. The aforementioned modules are described in the following paragraphs. First we describe about the Stereoscopic camera shown in fig. 2 and them followed by various other hardware components.

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Fig.2 Stereoscopic Cameras

The system implemented with Raspberry PI and Open CV shows the filled-level of Garbage Collection Vehicle Bin. Stereoscopic Camera system will capture two simultaneous images and then it will proceed further for depth measurement. After depth measurement it is possible to know the garbage available in the garbage collection truck or it is empty. Real Time system will help the authority to know about the fulfillment of the garbage collected at any time just by placing the identity number of the truck.

The figure 3 of Jet colouring map Video shows us the colour level in which if it detects the dark object then it changes colour to red and if fair object comes in frame then it shows blue colour region other colour are in the range from red to blue. The image captured is then processed and threshold filled – level of garbage in the vehicle is estimated. The processed image of the partially or fully filled garbage vehicle is compared with preloaded empty garbage vehicle. After the whole analysis, it will further generate the text message to the Server Authority Room. If the vehicle bin full or above the defined limit of 90% then it will directly go to dumping area, otherwise the authority at the server room will reroute that garbage collection vehicle to some other nearby area so to collect the garbage and get it full up to its level and then send to dumping area.

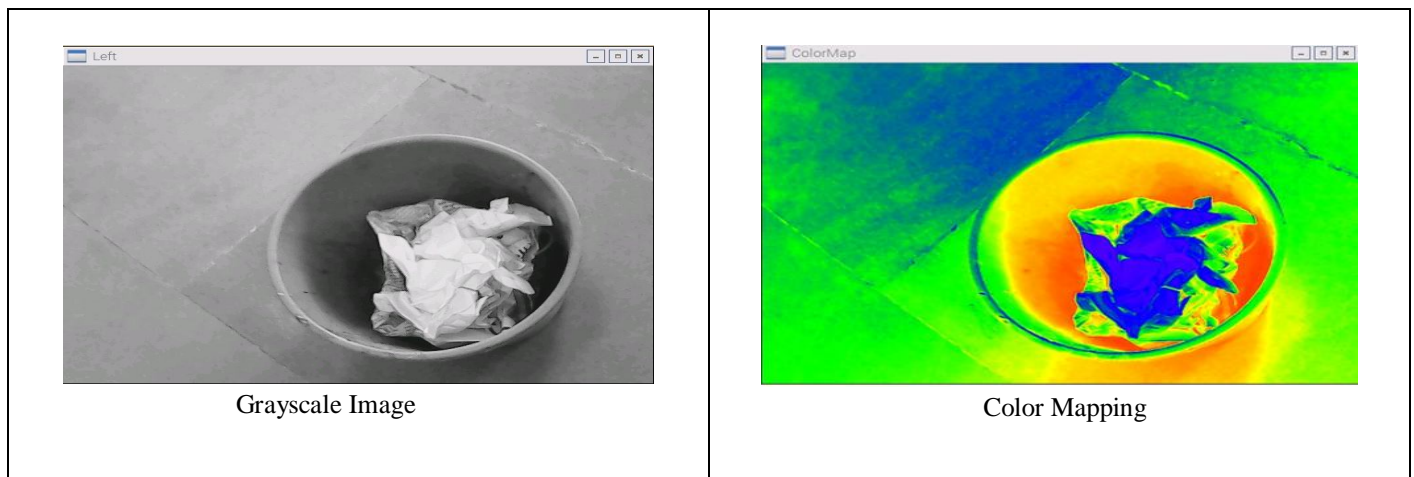


Fig.3 jet Colour Mapping Video Analysis

The text message generated by the system as shown in fig.4 will contain the GPS coordinate as well as the time and level of garbage collected in the bin. Message will be automatically generated after filling 50% and will give the information about the partial level of the bin and to take decision for dumping the garbage or to reroute to some other nearby area. The message will also be generated after 90% so as to take decision for dumping area. Also if the authority need to know the garbage level filled in truck then the authority can raise flag to receive the level indication using text message any time. The Text message system is sent online and is completely authenticated. The message will be sent online only to the verified number by the authority. The message won't be able to send to unknown number or it can't get any reply back from unknown telephone number. This will help to track the garbage

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collection and to get information about the areas where garbage collection or dumping is problem.



Fig.4 GSM based text message system

B. Figures and Tables

The following tables shows the comparison between the available (sensor based) systems and proposed (stereoscopic) system.

TABLE I SYSTEM COMPARISON

| Sensor Based System | Stereoscopic Camera System |
|--|--|
| Weight Sensor System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Precision is not possible. b. Working in different weather is difficult. c. Observation changes with change in air pressure, humidity. d. Heavy weight and large in size. e. Cost is high. f. After implementing and placing sensor in Van the observation changes on mountainous and slope region. | Stereoscopic Vision Open-CV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Stereoscopic requires 2 camera. b. Depth measurement is possible. c. Multiple images helps to process and find depth. d. Open-CV shows precise observations. e. Cost is Low. f. Real time video and data analysis is possible. |

Table 1. Showing comparison between sensor based and open CV based system

C. Software Implementation

In this system we are using Raspbian Jessie operating system. It is a free operating system based on Debian, optimized for the Raspberry Pi hardware. The following flowchart shows the operational flow of the whole system. The flowchart also shows the flow of the coding done for system design. Flowchart is a way to communicate how a process works or should work without any technical or group-specific jargon.

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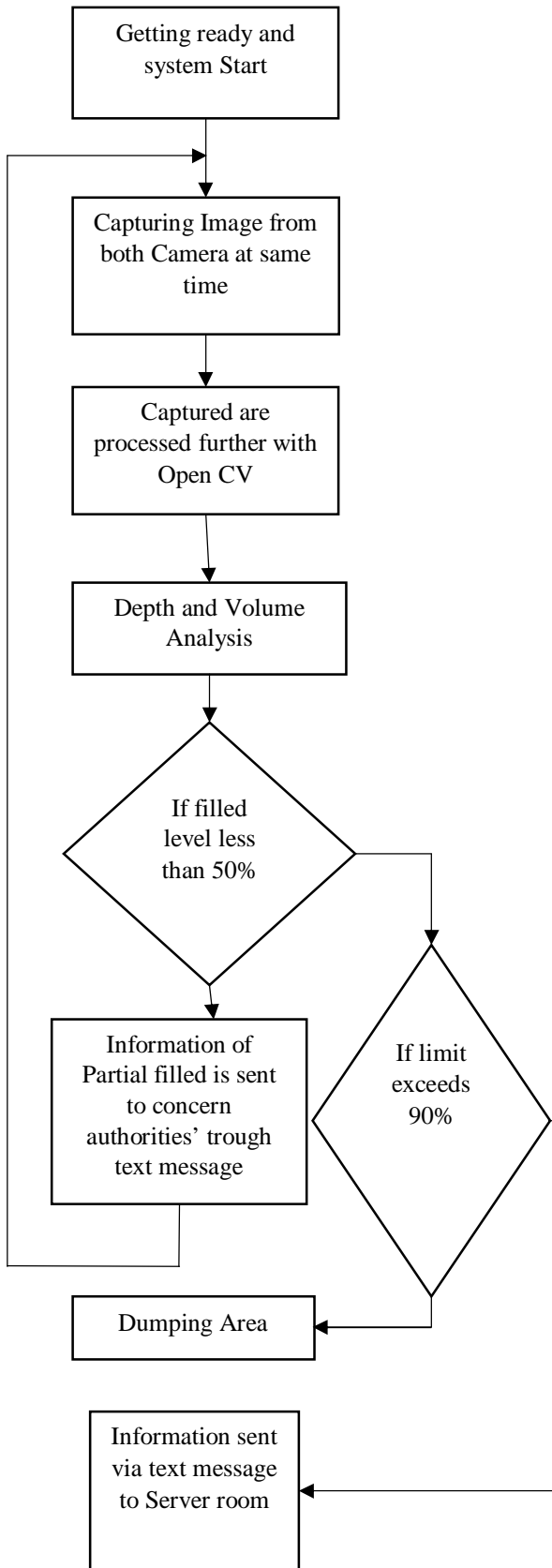


Fig. 4 flowchart of the system

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D. Analysis

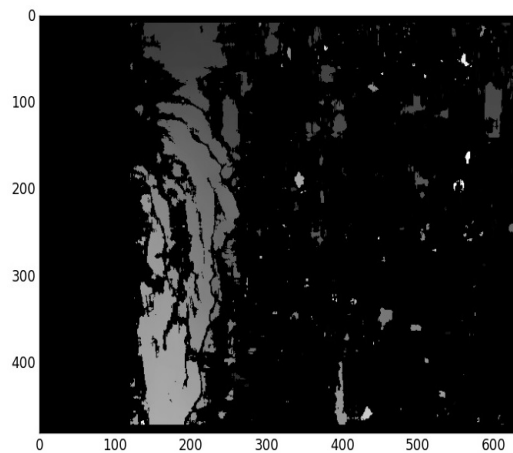
Disparity Mapping is carried by Block matching techniques. Stereoscopic Camera captures two images simultaneously and process for depth map using Stereo Block Matching algorithm and for some cases we have to go with Semi-Global Block Matching algorithm.



Left Image



Right Image



Disparity Mapping

E. Mathematical Analysis

$$disparity = \frac{stereo.compute(imgL, imgR).astype(np.float32)}{16}$$

Where:

imgL: Image capture from left camera

imgR: Image capture from right camera

The Equation calculates pixel value of the computed depth map image. This value further converted for distance measurement.

$$D = b * \frac{f}{d}$$

Where:

D: distance of point in real world

f: Focal length of camera

b: The distance between two cameras

d: Pixel Value of Disparity

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The aforementioned system has been designed as part of Smart city project by Pune Municipal Corporation for urban waste management. Our proposed architecture exploits digital image processing using OpenCV and raspberry pi to make it cheap organized operation and support variations at urban conditions. The field level analysis using multi stereo cameras and raspberry pi provides the desired result in both software and hardware. Herewith we have explained the prototype design, the physical

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implementation of it as well as we found the system gives adequate results with all the calculations and verified measurements. Thus a robust system is developed.

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