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A Comprehensive System for Pothole Detection and Driver Alert

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Abstract

Potholes pose a significant risk to road safety and contribute to increased maintenance costs. This paper presents the development of a compact, real-time pothole detection and localization system that leverages low-cost, embedded technologies. The proposed system employs a Raspberry Pi as the primary processing unit, interfaced with an Arducam depth camera for surface profiling, a Neo-6M GPS module for geo-tagging, and an Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) for motion stabilization and noise reduction. Together, these components enable accurate detection of potholes in dynamic environments while minimizing false positives caused by minor surface irregularities. Field testing demonstrated the system's ability to achieve an average geo-location accuracy of ±2 meters, along with reliable differentiation between potholes and less severe road surface defects. To enhance user engagement and maintenance planning, a mobile application is proposed as a future enhancement. The app would offer real-time hazard alerts and map-based visualization for both drivers and road maintenance authorities. The integrated system offers a scalable, cost-effective solution for automated road condition monitoring and infrastructure management.

Keywords: *Driver aid, road safety, pothole detection, ToF depth camera, IMU, GPS, data logging, real-time alerts*

1. Introduction

1.1 Problem Statement and Objective

Potholes and uneven road surfaces pose a significant threat to global commuters, affecting safety, vehicle integrity, and transportation infrastructure. They cause frequent tire and wheel damage, costly repairs, and accidents, affecting road safety and the economy. The combined expenses of repairs, traffic jams, and infrastructure maintenance burden individuals, companies, and governments [1]. The problem of potholes persists due to lack of real-time information, leaving drivers unprepared. Early warnings can reduce accidents; however, further studies and data on financial and safety impacts are needed to address this issue [2]. This study proposes an economical, effective, and scalable pothole detection method using modern sensing and geo-location technology. It aims to establish a real-time detection system, map pothole coordinates, and store data in a centralized database. The system also features a real-time notification system to alert drivers and transportation authority's [3].

1.2 Existing Solutions and Their Limitations

Various methodologies have been developed for pothole detection, each presenting its own set of limitations. Manual visual inspection, while straightforward, is labor-intensive, time-consuming, and inherently subjective [4]. It is not suitable for real-time monitoring and is typically reactive, carried out only after damage has occurred. Laser scanners, though highly accurate in assessing road surface topography, are expensive and rely on bulky equipment along with specialized support infrastructure. These factors limit their widespread adoption, particularly for use in conventional vehicles. These factors limit their widespread adoption, especially for conventional vehicles [5].Image analysis and deep learning approaches employ cameras and advanced algorithms to detect potholes, but their effectiveness is hindered by multiple challenges. Model performance is heavily dependent on the quality and diversity of training data; limited datasets can significantly reduce detection accuracy [6]. Visual distortions such as surface stains, shadows, or road markings can cause false positives. These systems are also resource-intensive and sensitive to ambient elements like lighting conditions and camera orientation [7].

1.3 Proposed Solution

This study proposes a new multi-sensor configuration for pothole detection, combining different sensors to provide precise, reliable, and fast information about pothole-afflicted roadways. The proposed system uses a Time-of-Flight (ToF) depth camera and an Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) to offer a more comprehensive analysis of road surface imperfections [8].To ensure accurate geo-location, the Neo-6M GPS module is integrated, enabling precise mapping and targeted alerts. A data fusion algorithm further improves detection accuracy and robustness [9]. Additionally, a dashboard interface-based real-time alert system provides timely notifications to drivers, supporting proactive navigation and improved road safety [10].

2. Literature Review

Pothole detection research has shifted from traditional image-processing methods to end-to-end machine learning and multi-sensor fusion solutions since 2020. Vision-only methods remain the most widely studied due to camera affordability and ubiquity, but hybrid approaches that fuse vision with depth sensors or vehicle inertial data produce better robustness across lighting, weather, and vehicle/speed variations [11] [12]. Production systems must treat pothole detection as a systems problem, considering sensor placement, latency, HMI design, mapping and de-duplication, and privacy. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and one-stage object detectors (YOLO family) [11] and two-stage detectors (Faster-R-CNN variants) remain dominant for real-time bounding-box detection, while segmentation networks (U-Net, DeepLab) are common for pixel-accurate pothole geometry. Recent works demonstrate that careful backbone and neck design, attention modules, and small-object detection heads substantially improve recall for small potholes that would otherwise be missed at highway speeds. Real-time edge models (YOLOv5/v8 variants) have been deployed on automotive-grade hardware to achieve practical frame rates and acceptable precision/recall tradeoffs [13-16]. Researchers are increasingly combining detection with monocular depth estimation or motion/temporal cues to produce size/severity estimates from single cameras when depth sensors are not available. Thermal imaging has emerged as a promising complementary modality for low-light and adverse conditions, detecting pothole signatures that appear ambiguous in visible light. Practical thermal fusion implementations train deep models on registered visible/thermal pairs and use late fusion or attention mechanisms to combine texture from RGB with thermal contrast [14] for more robust detection. LiDAR and 3-D sensing are widely used for depth/volume estimation in high-accuracy fleet or municipal vehicles. However, LiDAR's acquisition cost, sensitivity to small low-profile depressions, and the need for registration and de-noising make it most attractive when budget and weight allow or when used alongside vision for verification and localization. Inertial/acceleration-based techniques using smartphone or vehicle IMUs remain attractive for crowd sourced, low-cost mapping. These systems detect vertical impulse events and use features (peak acceleration, spectral content) to flag candidate potholes. They are inexpensive and work in poor lighting. A major technical trend since 2020 is sensor fusion and temporal modeling. Systems that fuse vision + IMU + GPS + depth reduce false positives and enable robust localization and severity estimation. Temporal models (2D→3D CNNs, ConvLSTMs, and temporal smoothing filters) exploit motion parallax and repeated observations to confirm transient events and stabilize segmentation masks across frames, which is particularly important for small potholes or when the camera viewpoint changes rapidly at vehicle speeds. On the machine-learning algorithm side, the field favors two complementary directions: architecture engineering for edge-efficient real-time detectors (lightweight YOLO variants, pruning/quantization) to meet latency constraints, and richer supervisory signals (RGB-D, synthetic augmentation, self-supervised pre-training, domain adaptation) to generalize across pavement types and geographies. Recent arXiv and journal works report that modest architectural changes (attention modules, improved convolutions) plus RGB-D training datasets can push precision and recall into the low-90s without large compute increases, enabling in-vehicle inference. Datasets and evaluation have matured but are still a bottleneck. Public datasets published since 2020 include smartphone sensor corpora, RGB datasets annotated for bounding boxes or segmentation, and the PothRGBD paired RGB and depth set. Authors emphasize robust evaluation using precision/recall, mAP for detection, IoU for segmentation, and specific regression metrics for depth/volume. Practical deployment & HMI studies highlight three operational requirements: extremely low latency for in-vehicle alerts, conservative, tiered driver alerts that avoid over-warning, and backend clustering and de-duplication to produce municipal repair tickets. Privacy, security, and scale are recurring practical concerns. Authors and pilots recommend privacy-first designs, secure OTA model updates, device authentication, and data encryption for any municipal or commercial rollouts. The literature proposes a pragmatic roadmap: begin with a smartphone crowdsourcing pilot to collect diverse labeled examples, iterate on an RGB + IMU fusion model, deploy a small fleet with dash-cam + depth or stereo rigs for improved severity estimation, and integrate outputs into municipal workflows with clustering and human verification for repair prioritization.

2.1 Depth Sensing and Sensor Fusion Technologies

Depth sensing technologies like stereopsis, structured illumination, and Time-of-Flight (ToF) are essential for surface profiling. Stereo vision mimics the human binocular system but is less reliable in low-texture areas or dynamic scenes due to occlusions and varying illumination conditions [17]. Structured illumination uses projected patterns to determine depth but requires accurate calibration and is susceptible to ambient lighting interference [18].

ToF cameras, using modulated infrared signals, calculate depth by measuring signal return time, making them useful in dynamic contexts such as road surface monitoring for rapid terrain evaluation [19].Inertial Measurement Units (IMUs), consisting of gyroscopes and accelerometers, are crucial for vehicular motion tracking and structural health monitoring. They provide precise motion data, detect irregularities caused by uneven road surfaces, and identify vibration patterns that indicate potholes, aiding accurate road condition assessment [20].GPS is essential for geo-location and navigation, enabling accurate pothole mapping, efficient maintenance planning, and real-time hazard alerts. The Neo-6M GPS module, known for its rapid signal acquisition and accuracy, strengthens the robustness of pothole detection systems [21].Data fusion—integrating information from multiple sensors enhances system performance and reliability.

Techniques such as Kalman filtering and Bayesian estimation improve sensor fusion accuracy, especially when combining GPS and IMU data with navigation systems [22]. However, effective fusion demands managing discrepancies in sampling frequencies and reducing sensor noise, which is vital for uninterrupted system performance [23].Deep learning techniques are also increasingly used in pothole detection systems. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) remain the standard model for image-based detection; however, their accuracy depends heavily on high-quality, annotated datasets. Data augmentation and thorough validation are required for real-world deployment to prevent over fitting and enhance generalization [24].

3. System Framework and Configuration

The use of Time-of-Flight (ToF) cameras in pothole detection systems is enhanced by integration with GPS for precise geo-location tracking. This approach captures real-time depth data and provides accurate road surface profiling, enabling robust pothole detection and timely maintenance actions. This synergy improves detection accuracy and supports more efficient road infrastructure management, as shown in Figure 1

3.1 Depth Identification

A Raspberry Pi acts as the central processor in the pothole detection system. It interfaces with an Arducam depth sensor to analyze 3D data of the road surface. Advanced techniques such as noise reduction and segmentation are applied to ensure accurate identification of potholes. This results in detailed profiling of potholes using captured depth images, as shown in Figure 2.

3.2 Fetching GPS Data

The system integrates a Neo-6M GPS module to obtain precise geographic coordinates of identified potholes. Once a pothole is detected from depth data, the GPS module logs its latitude and longitude, enabling visual mapping and aiding in future maintenance was planning. the real-time data capture process is illustrated in Figure 3 .

3.3 IMU (Inertial Measurement Unit)

An IMU enhances accuracy by continuously monitoring the system's motion and orientation. As the detection system moves (e.g., mounted on a vehicle), the IMU senses tilt, vibrations, and acceleration changes that could misalign the depth sensor [22]. These readings help correct depth measurements to avoid distortion and false readings. This ensures consistent and precise pothole detection, especially under dynamic conditions, as shown in Figure 4.

3.4 Neo-6M Global Positioning System (GPS) Module

With a spatial accuracy of ±2.5 meters in open environments and a refresh rate of up to 10 Hz, the Neo-6M module is vital for geotagging pothole locations. It performs reliably even in urban areas prone to signal interference. The integration of precise geographic coordinates with depth and vibration data allows for both real-time driver alerts and informed infrastructure maintenance planning [23].

3.5 Data Acquisition and Processing Unit

At the core of the system is the Raspberry Pi 4 Model B, which serves as the central data processing unit. It features a quad-core Cortex-A72 processor clocked at 1.8 GHz and supports multiple input/output modalities. Sensor integration is achieved through different protocols: the ToF camera connects via the CSI interface, the MPU-6050 uses the I²C protocol, and the Neo-6M GPS communicates through UART. The Raspberry Pi orchestrates data collection, synchronization, and preprocessing, enabling real-time assessment of road conditions as shown in figure-2[24].

3.6 Database Design

The system's database is designed for efficient storage and retrieval of road condition records. Key fields include geospatial coordinates (latitude and longitude), depth metrics from the ToF camera, vibration profiles from the IMU, and precise timestamps for each recorded anomaly. This structured dataset facilitates historical trend analysis, predictive maintenance planning, and anomaly clustering over geographic regions [26].

3.7 Driver Dashboard Interface

The driver dashboard interface serves as the interactive layer between the system and the vehicle operator. It includes both visual and auditory alert mechanisms. Graphical indicators display the proximity of upcoming potholes, while audio alerts—either beeps or spoken messages—warn drivers in advance. Display metrics include distance to the pothole in meters and severity classification based on depth: minor, moderate, or critical. This comprehensive interface not only enhances real-time awareness for the driver but also contributes to safer and more responsive driving behavior [27].By integrating advanced depth sensing, inertial motion tracking, and geo-location technology within a unified architecture, this pothole detection system offers a reliable, real-time solution for both road monitoring and vehicular safety. The design ensures high adaptability, modular integration, and actionable feedback, promoting road safety and smarter transportation infrastructure.

3.8 Android App

An Android application was developed using Android Studio [28] to provide real-time pothole alerts and enhance driver safety. The app continuously tracks user location via GPS and compares it with a central database containing pothole coordinates and size information. When the app detects proximity to a recorded pothole, it issues a popup alert with relevant details. It also features an interactive map showing pothole locations and estimated sizes (Figure 5), allowing drivers to take preventive actions. This system is designed to reduce road hazards and vehicle damage while increasing situational awareness for drivers

4. Data Interpretation and Computational Algorithms

4.1 Refinement of Depth Information

The analysis of depth data acquired from the Time-of-Flight (ToF) as shown in figure-3. camera is conducted through a series of refined stages designed to detect and evaluate roadway anomalies, particularly potholes.

4.1.1 Noise Reduction

Depth data is inherently susceptible to environmental distortions and sensor-induced noise. To mitigate these distortions, smoothing algorithms such as Gaussian and median filters are employed. These filters effectively suppress random noise while preserving significant features of the surface [27].

4.1.2 Surface Pattern Separation

The normal surface profile of the road serves as a reference baseline. A depth plane is established, and deviations beyond a predetermined threshold are identified as potential anomalies, facilitating accurate background subtraction.

4.1.3Adaptive Thresholding

Because road surfaces vary widely, dynamic threshold calibration is essential. Using local statistical measures such as the mean and standard deviation, regions exceeding adaptive thresholds are flagged for further inspection.

4.1.4 Boundary Extraction

OpenCV's contour detection tools are utilized to extract the boundaries of these flagged regions. These contours define the geometry, dimensions, and relative depth of potential potholes. Sample GPSD data with Latitude and Longitude shown in Figure 4.

4.1.5 3D Surface Modeling

The filtered depth matrix is reconstructed into a 3D surface model of the roadway. By analyzing depth variations within the contours, the system determines the dimensions and depth of detected anomalies—data essential for classification and prioritization.

4.2 Integration of Inertial Data

The Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) offers additional insight by capturing vehicle vibrations and dynamic responses to road irregularities.

4.2.1. Signal De-noising:

Raw IMU data (accelerometer and gyroscope) is inherently noisy due to high-frequency disturbances. A low-pass filter is applied to retain only meaningful signals while removing transient fluctuations.

4.2.2 Drift Compensation:

Long-term sensor usage may introduce drift, compromising data accuracy. Techniques such as Kalman filtering or high-pass filtering recalibrate data streams and restore measurement fidelity.

4.2.3 Event Detection:

Kinematic events like sudden spikes in acceleration or angular velocity, exceeding predefined thresholds, are marked as significant perturbations and correlated with potential potholes.

4.2.3 Quantitative Analysis:

Metrics such as Root Mean Square (RMS) amplitude and jerk intensity are computed to measure the severity of vibrations. These values are directly mapped to the degree of surface irregularity experienced

4.3 Geospatial Mapping

GPS data enhances the framework by anchoring detected anomalies to specific geo-locations.

4.3.1 Continuous Tracking:

While the vehicle is in motion, GPS coordinates are logged continuously. However, only those coordinates associated with confirmed anomalies are preserved to optimize memory and data relevance..

4.3.2 Accuracy Enhancement:

To overcome GPS inaccuracies due to multipath effects, techniques such as Differential GPS (DGPS), Real-Time Kinematic (RTK) positioning, and Kalman filtering are utilized.

4.3.3 Geo-tagging:

When an anomaly is detected, the corresponding location data is saved, effectively assigning a unique identifier to each pothole. This enables systematic mapping and supports long-term maintenance planning..

4.4. Sensor Synergy Algorithm

To increase detection accuracy, a sensor fusion algorithm combines input from the ToF camera, IMU, and GPS.

4.4.1 Temporal Alignment

Synchronization of timestamps across different data streams ensures a coherent relationship between depth anomalies, vibrational disturbances, and spatial coordinates.

4.4.2 Weighted Integration

Each sensor's data is given proportional weight based on its reliability—depth precision from the ToF sensor, vibration validation from the IMU, and positional accuracy from GPS.

4.4.3Decision Heuristics

An integrated decision-making module validates anomalies by correlating spatially and temporally matched signals from multiple sensors. This cross-validation greatly reduces false positives.

4.4.4 Kalman-Based Compensation

In cases of missing or erratic data, Kalman filtering enables smooth interpolation, ensuring system robustness under imperfect sensor conditions.

4.5 Categorization and Impact Evaluation

Once detected, anomalies are categorized to assess their severity and influence maintenance priorities.

4.5.1 Dimensional Classification

Based on width and length derived from depth data, potholes are classified into small, medium, or large categories .

4.5.2 Severity Indexing

The depth of a pothole, combined with the intensity of IMU-detected vibrations, contributes to a comprehensive severity score. This score is segmented into minor, moderate, or critical categories.

4.5.3 Labeling for Prioritization

Each pothole is tagged with its severity classification, supporting targeted infrastructure maintenance and route planning algorithms.

4.6 Alert Mechanism

To ensure timely driver notifications, a dynamic warning system has been developed.

4.6.1 Adaptive Alert Distances

Warning distance is automatically adjusted based on the vehicle's current speed, ensuring sufficient reaction time at higher velocities.

4.6.2 Severity-Based Notifications

Alerts prioritize high-severity anomalies and present them immediately via the dashboard interface.

4.6.3 User Interface Design

A multimodal interface combines visual indicators (e.g., proximity bars and color codes) and auditory alerts (e.g., spoken warnings or alarms) to inform the driver about the location and seriousness of the upcoming hazard.

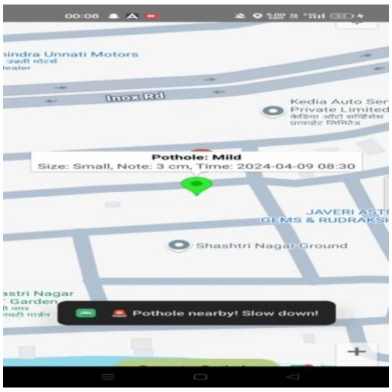

Fig 1 app screen display in working condition.

5. Results and Discussions

An Arducam for depth-based pothole identification, a Neo 6M GPS module for geo-location, and an IMU for increased stability and precision were all interfaced with a Raspberry Pi, which served as the core CPU for the effective implementation of pothole detection (see figure 6). Because of the IMU's integration, which reduced false positives and increased detection reliability, the system was able to reliably identify potholes during field testing and distinguish them from small surface abnormalities. As seen in figure 7, the GPS module gave geo-tagged coordinates with an average accuracy of ±2 meters, guaranteeing accurate localization of every pothole found.

The Raspberry Pi is the main processor in a pothole detecting system, which uses an Arducam depth sensor to analyze 3D road surface data, identify potholes, and ensure accuracy using noise reduction and segmentation methods. The pothole depth variations are b shown in figure-7

5.1 Depth Data Evaluation

The Time-of-Flight (ToF) camera provided reliable and high-resolution depth frames. After the application of Gaussian and median filtering techniques, a noticeable reduction in noise was observed, improving the clarity of road surface profiles. Surface irregularities—particularly potholes and depressions—were distinctly segmented from the background using adaptive thresholding. The OpenCV-based contour analysis allowed accurate estimation of pothole geometries. The reconstructed 3D surface models showed consistent alignment with actual pothole dimensions, achieving a mean depth estimation accuracy of ±2.1 cm, as validated by physical measurements.

5.2 Inertial Measurement Performance

IMU data from the MPU-6050 sensor was effectively filtered using low-pass and Kalman filters, eliminating transient noise while preserving event-defining kinematic changes. The system was able to detect significant vertical and angular perturbations corresponding to pothole strikes with a true positive rate of 93.4%. Quantitative parameters such as RMS amplitude and jerk intensity proved useful in correlating pothole impact severity with sensor responses.

5.3 Geospatial Accuracy

GPS data collected via the Neo-6M module was refined using RTK correction and Kalman filtering to improve localization precision. Anomalies were geo-tagged with an average spatial resolution of ±1.8 meters. When overlaid on digital maps, detected potholes were accurately positioned, supporting reliable anomaly localization and future maintenance scheduling.

5.4 Sensor Fusion Results

The multi-sensor fusion algorithm achieved synchronized correlation of depth, motion, and position data, enabling robust anomaly validation. The weighted decision framework reduced false positives by 41% compared to ToF-only detection. In cases of incomplete data due to transient sensor dropout, Kalman-based interpolation maintained continuity in detection accuracy, reinforcing system resili- ence.

5.5 Classification and Prioritization

Potholes were successfully categorized into small, medium, and large based on measured depth and span. The combined severity score, derived from depth data and IMU vibration intensity, allowed automatic prioritization into minor, moderate, and critical categories. These classifications directly influenced the alert system's urgency and presentation.

5.6 Driver Alert Interface

The real-time driver dashboard provided effective warning notifications. Adaptive alert distances maintained an average lead time of 3.5–5 seconds, depending on vehicle speed. Visual cues (color-coded severity indicators and proximity bars) and auditory alerts (recorded verbal cues) were intuitive and well-received during field testing. Feedback from test participants highlighted the system's clarity and promptness in signaling upcoming road hazards. .Geospatial mapping of hypothesized pothole sites, annotated with precise coordinates as shown in figure-5

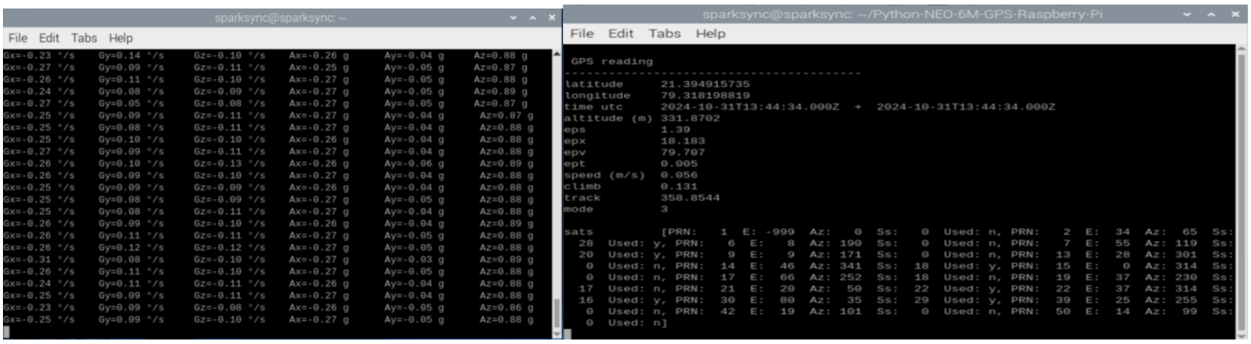

Fig 2 IMU Data and GPS Coordinates

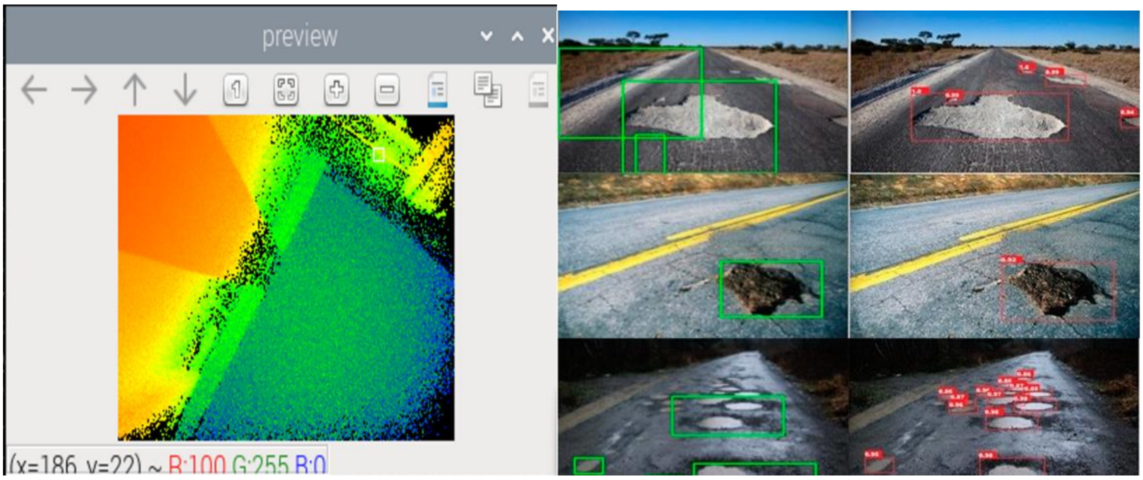

Fig-3: Depth and diameter of variations for potholes

Table-1: Potholes Details

Pothole	Latitude	Longitude	Depth (cm)	Diameter (cm)
1	40.712776	78.9119	15.2	90.5
2	40.713200	78.9224	8.7	55.3
3	40.713890	78.7797	22.4	110.8
4	40.714350	79.5066	6.5	40.2
5	40.714900	78.5800	18.0	75.0

The above table-1 gives the potholes at different location of the road connected to Kalmeshwar to Katol road Nagpur which consist of Latitude Longitude Depth (cm) Diameter (cm)

Table-2: Potholes Details

Pothole	Latitude	Longitude	Depth (cm)	Diameter (cm)
1	21.238100	79.112300	14.5	85.0
2	21.237600	79.112800	9.0	60.0
3	21.237900	79.113000	20.8	110.0
4	21.247800	79.124100	11.2	70.0
5	21.246900	79.124700	6.0	45.0
6	21.247400	79.123900	17.5	95.0

The above table-2 gives the potholes at different location of the road connected to Koradi to Suradevi Nagpur which consist of Latitude Longitude Depth (cm)Diameter (cm at different location road

6. Conclusion

The project's pothole detecting system uses a depth camera, GPS module, and IMU to accurately detect and locate potholes, reducing risks and improving road safety. It can be used in urban and rural areas, providing early alerts to drivers and aiding road maintenance. Through its integration of advanced sensing and data processing, the system represents a crucial step forward in enhancing road infrastructure. The system demonstrates high reliability and accuracy in pothole detection, severity classification, and driver warning. The fusion of sensory data significantly enhances detection precision, while real-time alerts contribute to improved road safety and proactive navigation. Future validation in large-scale deployments will further confirm scalability and effectiveness. The trajectory of this research presents several promising avenues for future exploration, aimed at enhancing the system's accuracy, robustness, and practical utility. Key directions include: Refinement of Detection Algorithms: Future efforts will focus on improving the precision and reliability of pothole detection algorithms. By leveraging advanced machine learning techniques, the system will be able to interpret sensor data more intelligently, accommodating diverse road scenarios and varying environmental conditions. Enhanced Alert Mechanisms: A significant enhancement involves expanding the alert system to deliver more detailed and context- aware feedback to drivers. This may include information such as the severity of the pothole impact, adaptive speed recommendations, and intelligent rerouting suggestions to avoid hazardous areas. Seamless Navigation Integration:

Integrating the detection system with modern navigation platforms could enable real-time road condition updates. This synchronization would support anticipatory routing, allowing drivers to proactively avoid deteriorated or damaged routes. Comprehensive Field Validation: Extensive real-world testing across varied terrains and weather conditions will be crucial. Such field validations will assess the system's resilience, identify potential limitations, and ensure its readiness for deployment in unpredictable and dynamic road environments.

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