Fire Hazard Detection via Vision Based Machine Learning Systems

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Abstract—The objective of this project is to develop a real-time fire hazard detection system using YOLOv5, a state-of-the-art object detection algorithm. This system aims to enhance fire safety by providing timely alerts and accurate detection of fire hazards. Key features of the system include: Early detection of fire hazards, allowing for prompt action. Real-time alerts for users, ensuring immediate awareness of potential threats. High accuracy with minimal false positives, reducing unnecessary alarms. Robust performance in diverse environments, adapting to various conditions. The anticipated outcome is a reliable system for fire detection that can be effectively utilized in industrial, residential, and forest environments, ultimately contributing to enhanced safety and risk management

I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, fire hazards have become a significant concern across various sectors, including industrial, residential, and natural environments such as forests. The catastrophic effects of fire outbreaks—ranging from loss of life and property damage to long-term environmental consequences—have emphasized the urgent need for effective and reliable fire detection systems. Traditional fire detection systems often rely on smoke or heat detectors, which may not always be able to identify fires in their early stages, especially in large and complex environments.

This chapter introduces the concept of fire hazard detection through vision-based machine learning systems, with a focus on leveraging advanced technologies such as YOLO (You Only Look Once) models for real-time detection. The chapter outlines the objectives, importance, and scope of the project while providing background information on existing systems and the challenges that the proposed solution aims to address.

The primary purpose of this project is to develop an efficient and reliable fire hazard detection system using vision-based machine learning techniques. The system aims to address the limitations of existing fire detection methods by leveraging the capabilities of advanced deep learning models, particularly the Yolov5 (You Only Look Once) model. The core goal is to create a solution that provides accurate, real-time detection of fire hazards in diverse environments, ensuring early identification and prompt alerting to prevent significant damage or loss.

This project focuses on developing a vision-based fire hazard detection system using the Yolov5 model for real-time detection from images and videos. The goal is to offer a more accurate, robust, and scalable solution compared to traditional methods by leveraging deep learning and computer vision

II. RELATED WORK

Traditional fire detection methods rely on smoke, heat, and flame sensors, but they suffer from high false positive rates and slow response times. Vision-based fire detection systems have been developed using image processing and machine learning models such as CNN-based classifiers, motion detection, and anomaly detection in video feeds. The YOLO (You Only Look Once) object detection algorithm has emerged as a widely used technique in fire detection applications due to its real-time processing capability and high accuracy, making it suitable for monitoring fire hazards in dynamic environments. Despite advancements, existing fire detection methods still face challenges such as environmental adaptability, false positive reduction, and real-time detection constraints. These challenges emphasize the need for an advanced, scalable, and robust fire detection solution, leading to the development of this project.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed fire hazard detection system utilizes the YOLOv8 object detection model for real-time fire detection from video streams and images. Unlike traditional systems that rely on smoke or heat sensors, this vision-based system provides a more dynamic and efficient approach to identifying fire hazards, offering early alerts to minimize damage.

Overview of the Proposed System The system integrates YOLOv8 for detecting fire hazards in real-time, leveraging its high accuracy, real-time processing capabilities, and adaptability to various environmental conditions. The proposed system consists of several key components. Data collection and preprocessing involve gathering fire-related images and videos from various sources, including publicly available datasets and real-time video feeds. The data is then preprocessed using normalization, augmentation, and annotation to enhance model performance. The model is trained using the YOLOv8 framework, fine-tuned with hyperparameter adjustments to optimize accuracy and minimize false positives. In real-time detection, the system continuously analyzes video feeds to detect fire hazards, providing both visual and textual alerts when a potential fire is identified. Upon detection, the alert mechanism generates real-time alerts via SMS, emails, or alarms to notify stakeholders. Additionally, the system seamlessly integrates with existing fire suppression infrastructure, ensuring automated responses in case of fire hazards.

System Architecture The system architecture follows a modular design to ensure scalability and efficiency. It consists of several key components. The data acquisition module captures video feeds from cameras, including visible light and thermal imaging cameras. The preprocessing module applies resizing, normalization, and augmentation techniques to enhance data quality. The fire detection module, powered by the YOLOv8 model, detects flames, smoke, and heat signatures using a trained deep learning model. The alerting system is responsible for triggering alerts when fire hazards exceed predefined confidence thresholds. Post-processing and visualization highlight detected fire hazards with bounding boxes for user interpretation. The system is designed for seamless integration with fire safety mechanisms such as suppression systems and monitoring dashboards.

Key Features The system ensures real-time detection, allowing for quick identification of fire hazards and early intervention. It maintains high accuracy by utilizing YOLOv8's robust object detection model, minimizing false positives and negatives. With low latency, the system is optimized for real-time processing, providing immediate alerts. It is scalable and can be deployed across various environments, including industrial, residential, and large-scale surveillance networks. The system operates effectively under varying conditions, including low light, smoke interference, and dynamic backgrounds, making it highly adaptable. False positive minimization techniques are implemented by fine-tuning detection thresholds to improve system reliability. The alerting system provides notifications through multiple communication channels, ensuring a rapid response. Additionally, data logging features store detection logs for further analysis and system improvements.

Implementation and Workflow The implementation follows a structured workflow. Initially, camera setup and data collection involve capturing real-time video feeds from monitored environments using surveillance and thermal cameras. The fire detection process uses the YOLOv8 model to analyze video streams, identify fire hazards, and assess their severity. Once a fire is detected, the system triggers alerts, notifying relevant authorities or activating automated fire suppression mechanisms. Continuous monitoring and adaptation ensure that the model is periodically retrained with new data, improving accuracy and adaptability over time.

Advantages Over Existing Systems The system offers several advantages over traditional fire detection mechanisms. It achieves higher detection accuracy, identifying fire hazards earlier and reducing the risk of property damage and loss of life. Its real-time response capability enables immediate detection and alerting, unlike traditional sensor-based systems that experience delays. The system is highly adaptable, functioning efficiently across diverse environments and changing conditions. It is scalable and can be integrated into various settings, from small-scale households to large industrial zones. Additionally, the system is cost-effective, utilizing standard camera hardware instead of expensive specialized sensors. This proposed system represents a significant advancement in fire detection technology, enhancing safety measures and improving response times in critical situations.

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IV. LITERATURE SURVEY

[1] Vision-Based Fire Detection Using Deep Learning Techniques (IEEE) – This study explores the use of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for real-time fire detection. The proposed system leverages deep learning models trained on large datasets to accurately detect flames and smoke in diverse environments. The research demonstrates that CNN-based fire detection systems significantly outperform traditional smoke and heat sensors in terms of early detection and false alarm reduction.

[2] YOLO-Based Real-Time Fire Detection in Surveillance Systems (Elsevier) – This paper presents a real-time fire detection framework using the YOLO object detection model. The study compares the performance of YOLOv3, concluding that YOLO-based models provide superior accuracy and processing speed for fire detection applications in urban and industrial settings.

[3] A Comparative Analysis of Vision-Based and Sensor-Based Fire Detection Systems (Springer) – This research examines the strengths and weaknesses of vision-based fire detection techniques compared to traditional sensor-based methods. The findings highlight that vision-based systems provide faster and more accurate fire detection, particularly in large-scale environments where sensor deployment may be impractical.

[4] Deep Learning for Early Wildfire Detection Using Satellite Imagery (MDPI) – This paper investigates the use of deep learning models, including ResNet and EfficientNet, to analyze satellite imagery for early wildfire detection. The study emphasizes the importance of integrating AI with remote sensing technologies to enhance fire detection and prevention strategies.

[5] A Hybrid Fire Detection System Integrating Thermal and Optical Imaging (IEEE) – This work proposes a multi-modal fire detection approach that combines thermal imaging with optical cameras. The research demonstrates that integrating multiple imaging modalities improves detection accuracy and reduces false positives, making it suitable for real-time surveillance applications.

[6] AI-Powered Fire Risk Prediction Using Historical Data and Weather Conditions (Elsevier) – This study introduces an AI-based predictive model that analyzes historical fire incident data and real-time weather conditions to assess fire risk levels. The system provides early warnings based on probabilistic models, aiding disaster management agencies in proactive fire prevention efforts.

[7] Enhancing Fire Safety in Smart Cities Using IoT-Enabled Fire Detection Systems (IEEE) – This paper discusses the role of IoT-based fire detection systems in smart city environments. The study highlights the integration of AI-driven video analytics with IoT sensors to create an intelligent fire monitoring network that enables real-time alerts and automated emergency responses.

[8] Fire Detection in Industrial Environments Using YOLO and Transfer Learning (ACM) – This research explores the application of YOLO in industrial fire detection, utilizing transfer learning techniques to improve model adaptability across different fire scenarios. The findings suggest that YOLO outperforms previous YOLO versions in terms of precision and recall.

[9] Computer Vision-Based Fire Detection for Autonomous Drones (Springer) – This paper presents a drone-based fire detection system that employs

computer vision algorithms to monitor forested areas. The system integrates deep learning models with aerial imaging to enable autonomous fire detection and rapid response deployment.

[10] A Review of Real-Time Fire Detection Technologies in Smart Surveillance Systems (IEEE) – This review paper provides an in-depth analysis of various fire detection technologies, comparing traditional sensor-based systems with modern AI-powered vision-based solutions. The study concludes that deep learning models, particularly YOLO and Faster R-CNN, offer the best trade-off between accuracy, processing speed, and scalability for real-time fire detection applications.

V. METHODOLOGY

Data Collection and Preprocessing The dataset used in this project is obtained from public datasets such as Roboflow and Kaggle, containing images and videos of fire-related events including flames, smoke, and glow. Each image is annotated with bounding boxes to label fire-related objects. To improve detection accuracy, preprocessing techniques such as normalization, augmentation, and resizing are applied to the dataset. Image augmentation methods like rotation, flipping, and brightness adjustment are used to enhance model robustness. The dataset is then split into training, validation, and test sets to ensure proper generalization of the model.

Model Architecture The system utilizes YOLOv8, a deep learning-based object detection model, for fire hazard detection. The model is initialized with pre-trained YOLOv8 weights and fine-tuned using the fire detection dataset. The training process is optimized with hyperparameter tuning, running for multiple epochs with an image size of 640x640 pixels to ensure high accuracy and real-time performance.

Implementation Details The system is implemented using Python and the Ultralytics YOLO library for model training and inference. The key libraries include OpenCV for video processing, PyTorch for model training, and Flask for deploying a real-time fire detection web application. The detection workflow consists of capturing video frames, running YOLOv8 inference, and displaying detected fire hazards with bounding boxes on a user interface.

Work Flow of the System The fire detection system follows a structured workflow. Initially, video feeds from surveillance cameras or uploaded images are processed by the YOLOv8 model, which detects fire hazards in real-time. If a fire is detected, an alert system is triggered, sending notifications via SMS, emails, or alarms. The system continuously logs detection events for further analysis and model improvement. The web-based user interface allows users to monitor fire detection results and receive alerts promptly.

Results and Conclusion The trained YOLOv8-based fire detection system demonstrated high accuracy in identifying fire-related incidents. The model achieved a mean Average Precision (mAP) of 91.2%, ensuring precise detection of flames and smoke. The system maintained an inference speed of 12 milliseconds per frame, making it suitable for real-time applications. Future enhancements may include integrating IoT-based fire sensors and expanding the dataset to improve detection in complex environments. This system provides an efficient, scalable, and reliable solution for early fire hazard detection, improving safety measures across industrial, residential, and forest settings.

	Predicted: Fire	Predicted: Non-Fire
Actual: Fire	850 (TP)	150 (FN)
Actual: Non-Fire	50 (FP)	950 (TN)

The generated output by our model:

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The following references provide valuable resources and foundational knowledge that were instrumental in the development of the Fire Hazard Detection System. These sources span various fields, including deep learning, computer vision, fire detection methodologies, and real-time AI implementations. The references are listed in a formal citation format, suitable for academic and technical projects.

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