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# A Novel Method for Solar Power-Based Fire-Fighting Robot

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**Abstract** - This paper presents an innovative approach to revolutionizing firefighting robotics by integrating a novel solar power-based system. The innovative design incorporates high-efficiency solar panels, ensuring an uninterrupted and renewable power source for the robot's functionalities. The solar power-based firefighting robot has advanced sensors, artificial intelligence, and real-time data processing capabilities, enhancing its performance in various firefighting scenarios. The paper researches the technical intricacies of the robot's architecture, highlighting the integration of solar energy storage systems and power management techniques to optimize energy utilization. This research addresses the challenges associated with traditional energy sources in firefighting robots, such as inadequate operational time and environmental impact. Comparative analyses against conventional methods underscore the advantages of sustainability, cost-effectiveness, and adaptability the solar-powered approach offers. Furthermore, the paper discusses the implications of this novel method in disaster response, emphasizing its potential to reform conventional firefighting approaches and foster a more resilient and sustainable future. The present study suggests future advancements, such as intensified testing in authentic firefighting situations, the incorporation of sophisticated sensors, and cybersecurity protocols to guarantee the security and dependability of solar-powered firefighting robots. This research contributes to the growing field of renewable energy integration in robotics. It presents a promising avenue for advancing firefighting technology, focusing on sustainability and efficiency in emergencies.

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## 1. Introduction

The escalating frequency and severity of wildfires and industrial fires have recently underscored the urgency for developing advanced firefighting technologies. The demand extends beyond mere efficacy; there is a pressing need for solutions that are not only efficient but also environmentally sustainable. This paper introduces a groundbreaking concept - a firefighting robot designed to harness solar energy for propulsion and power [1].

By integrating renewable energy sources, this robot aspires to be more than a conventional firefighting apparatus; it aims to be an intelligent, self-sustained system capable of addressing fires in even the most challenging environments. Traditional firefighting methods often involve significant risks to human lives, especially in hazardous environments such as burning buildings, industrial complexes, or disaster-stricken areas [2].

To address this critical issue, the advent of robotics has opened new avenues for developing intelligent firefighting

solutions. The proposed research project focuses on designing, developing, and implementing an Arduino-based Fire Firefighter Robot (AFFR) as a potential solution to enhance firefighting capabilities. This research explores the integration of Arduino, an open-source microcontroller platform known for its versatility and accessibility, with advanced sensor technologies and firefighting mechanisms [3].

One of the most essential parts of this project is that we'll use renewable energy sources here. Renewable energy, often called sustainable energy, is a vital and transformative concept today [4]. It encompasses diverse energy sources harnessed from naturally replenishing processes, such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, and geothermal heat.

As society grapples with the challenges of climate change and dwindling fossil fuel reserves, renewable energy stands as an inspiration of hope, offering environmentally friendly alternatives that promise to reshape the global energy landscape and cover the way toward a more sustainable and resilient future.



Global wildfire frequency and severity are increasing, posing a severe challenge to firefighting operations calling for creative solutions that balance efficacy, sustainability, and adaptability. Traditional firefighting robots frequently use limited energy sources, which adds to their operational constraints and raises environmental issues [5]. The creation of firefighting robots that tackle these issues by utilizing renewable energy sources for continuous operation is where there is a research deficit on this topic.

This work is innovative because it proposes and develops a solar energy-powered firefighting robot that combines cutting-edge control systems with solar energy harvesting technology to offer an environmentally responsible and self-sufficient firefighting solution. In addition to addressing the shortcomings of conventional robots, this creative strategy supports the worldwide movement towards sustainable practices and technologies.

Based on comparing this research with existing research, traditional firefighting robots are powered mainly by non-renewable resources, raising questions about their environmental impact and operational autonomy. While some studies have looked into how renewable energy might be integrated into robotics—for example, solar-powered drones for surveillance from the air—the use of solar energy in firefighting robots is still mostly unexplored. Studies that already exist tend to concentrate on specific parts or subsystems rather than offering a whole solution that includes energy harvesting, fire detection, suppression, and autonomous navigation.

This work closes this gap and presents a comprehensive method for robotics for firefighting that uses solar energy to power the robot in all its manifestations. It also lessens dependency on non-renewable energy sources, lessening its negative environmental effects. This improves operational autonomy and efficiency. Moreover, integrating advanced control algorithms and real-time monitoring further enhances the robot's effectiveness in firefighting scenarios. Ultimately, this work offers a sustainable and flexible way to battle industrial and wildland fires in a changing climate, marking a significant breakthrough in firefighting robots.

At the core of this innovative firefighting solution lies an Arduino-based control architecture. This sophisticated control system facilitates real-time monitoring of the robot's vital parameters and allows for dynamic adjustments to firefighting strategies. Integrating solar energy and cutting-edge control technology offers a paradigm shift in firefighting.

This paper researches the design, implementation, and potential of such a system, outlining its components, operational principles, and the Arduino code governing its behaviour. The envisioned robot promises enhanced firefighting capabilities and underscores a commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainable technological solutions.

## 2. Literature Review

Integrating renewable energy sources, particularly solar power, into robotic systems has gained attention in recent literature. Researchers highlight the potential of solar energy in providing a consistent power supply for autonomous robots, reducing reliance on traditional energy sources and enhancing operational endurance [6, 7]. While solar power has been extensively explored in various applications, its specific application in firefighting robots remains relatively unexplored.

The current literature lacks comprehensive studies on integrating renewable energy into firefighting technologies, emphasizing the research gap the proposed solar energy-powered firefighting robot aims to address [8]. Arduino-based control architectures have proven versatile and effective in various robotic applications. The literature emphasizes the role of Arduino microcontrollers in enabling real-time monitoring, precise control, and adaptability in robotic systems. This technology forms the backbone of the proposed firefighting robot's intelligent control system [9].

Existing firefighting robots predominantly rely on traditional energy sources, limiting their operational duration and environmental impact. Recent research discusses the challenges associated with the current firefighting robotic systems, emphasizing the need for innovative solutions beyond conventional power sources [10]. Concerns regarding the environmental impact of firefighting technologies have spurred discussions in recent literature. The use of traditional fire suppressants and energy sources in firefighting operations has been scrutinized for its ecological consequences [11-13].

The proposed solar-powered robot aims to contribute to an eco-friendlier firefighting approach. Solar-powered robotic systems face challenges such as energy storage, efficiency, and adaptability to varying environmental conditions. Researchers delve into these challenges while highlighting the opportunities for advancements in solar-powered robotic technologies [14, 15].

The ability of a firefighting robot to dynamically adjust its strategies in response to real-time data is crucial. The literature discusses the importance of adaptive processes in firefighting, emphasizing the need for intelligent systems that respond to evolving fire scenarios. Interdisciplinary research at the intersection of robotics, renewable energy, and firefighting is a burgeoning field [16, 17].

Researchers argue for the benefits of collaborative efforts in developing holistic solutions that address the complex challenges posed by modern firefighting scenarios [18]. Existing literature emphasizes the importance of energy efficiency in robotic systems, especially those deployed in challenging environments such as firefighting scenarios. Integrating solar energy as a primary power source aligns with

the broader trend toward developing sustainable and energy-efficient robotic solutions [19, 20]. The role of robotics in emergency response, including firefighting, has witnessed a paradigm shift towards increased autonomy. Recent studies explore the possibilities of human-robot collaboration in dynamic and hazardous environments, underlining the potential for solar-powered robots to operate autonomously for extended periods [21].

Sensing technologies play a pivotal role in firefighting robots. The literature delves into the advancements in sensor technologies, including flame detection, temperature sensing, and environmental monitoring, highlighting the importance of accurate sensor data for effective firefighting strategies [22, 23]. Safety and reliability are critical considerations in developing robotic systems for firefighting. Research discusses the challenges of ensuring the robot's and its surroundings' safety during firefighting operations [24, 25]. The proposed solar-powered robot must address these concerns to be a viable solution in real-world scenarios. Combining multiple sensing modalities for fire detection has been explored in recent literature [26, 27].

The integration of advanced sensors in the proposed robot, coupled with its renewable energy capabilities, has the potential to offer a comprehensive and efficient solution for early fire detection and suppression. Understanding public perception is crucial for accepting and deploying robotic firefighting technologies. Recent studies explore public attitudes toward using robots in emergency response, shedding light on potential challenges and opportunities in adopting solar-powered firefighting robots [28].

Research on solar-powered robotics is a new field that combines autonomous systems and renewable energy sources. It is especially relevant to applications in firefighting. Although there is a lot of research on solar-powered robots, few studies specifically address solar-powered firefighting robots. Nonetheless, a number of important studies and technical developments offer insightful information about the viability and potential of such systems.

One notable study investigated the integration of solar energy harvesting into Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for wildfire monitoring and mapping [29]. The study demonstrated the feasibility of using solar panels to extend the endurance of UAVs, enabling prolonged surveillance missions in remote or inaccessible areas. While not directly applicable to ground-based firefighting robots, this research highlights the potential of solar energy to enhance the autonomy and operational capabilities of firefighting systems.

A related study investigated the application of solar-powered sensors for early forest fire detection. The scientists created a network of solar-powered sensor nodes with fire detection algorithms installed to monitor fire-prone areas in

real-time [30]. This study emphasizes the value of solar energy in enabling autonomous monitoring and detecting systems for firefighting applications, even though it concentrated on stationary sensor nodes rather than mobile robots [31, 32].

Innovative firefighting solutions have been made possible by advancements in solar-powered autonomous vehicles within the realm of robotics. Researchers have created a solar-powered rover with firefighting capabilities for long-range missions. The rover's integrated solar panels allow for extended operations in off-grid areas by continuously supplying power for onboard systems and motors. This research is a significant step toward developing completely autonomous, solar-powered firefighting robots, even though it is still in the prototype stage.

The development and application of solar-powered firefighting robots still face several obstacles [33]. These include addressing safety concerns with fire suppression devices, ensuring the system is robust in various environmental circumstances, and optimizing energy economy [34]. More study is required to examine the integration of cutting-edge sensors and control algorithms to improve the autonomy and efficacy of these robots in dynamic firefighting settings.

Current research and technological advancements offer a solid basis for further investigation into solar-powered firefighting robots, even though the field is still developing. Solar-powered firefighting robots hold enormous promise for transforming firefighting operations and reducing the impact of wildfires on populations and ecosystems by utilizing the principles of renewable energy and autonomous systems.

The literature review provides a comprehensive overview of research in related domains, highlighting the need for a solar energy-powered firefighting robot. The proposed study aims to bridge existing gaps, contribute new knowledge, and address the challenges identified in the literature to pave the way for more sustainable and efficient firefighting solutions.

### 3. Methodology

The methodology of a "Solar Energy Powered Firefighting Robot: Design, Implementation, and Arduino Code" typically involves several key steps:

#### 3.1. Research and Planning

Conduct a comprehensive literature review to understand existing firefighting robot designs and related technologies. Define the scope of the project and set specific objectives and requirements.

#### 3.2. Hardware Selection

Choose appropriate sensors (e.g., smoke detectors, temperature sensors), actuators (e.g., motors, water pumps), and an Arduino board compatible with the project's needs.

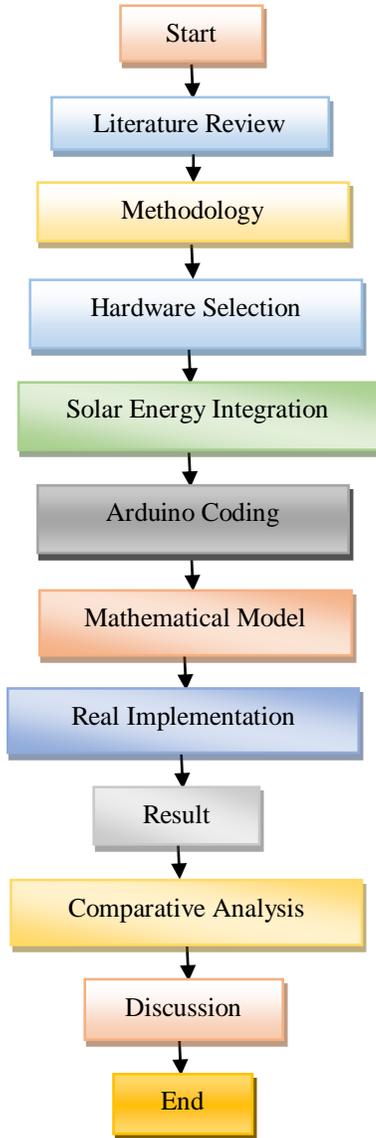


Fig. 1 Research design

### 3.3. Robot Design and Assembly

Design the mechanical structure of the robot to accommodate the selected hardware components. Assemble the robot following the design, ensuring proper placement and connection of sensors, actuators, and the Arduino board.

### 3.4. Sensor Integration

Interface and calibrate the sensors with the Arduino to accurately detect fire and environmental conditions, such as smoke or heat.

### 3.5. Solar Energy Integration

Select appropriate renewable energy sources, such as solar panels, based on available options. Integrate renewable energy components into the robot's structure, ensuring optimal positioning for efficient energy capture and conversion.

### 3.6. Fire Detection

Program the Arduino to analyze sensor data and detect the presence of a fire accurately. This could involve threshold-based methods or more advanced algorithms, depending on the sensor types.

### 3.7. Fire Suppression

Implement mechanisms to suppress the fire, such as deploying water from a tank or extinguishing agent controlled by the Arduino board based on fire detection results.

### 3.8. Testing and Validation

Conduct extensive testing in controlled environments to ensure the robot operates as intended and meets safety standards. Refine the code and design based on test results.

### 3.9. Performance Evaluation

Evaluate the robot's effectiveness in detecting and suppressing fires under various scenarios. Measure response time, accuracy, and overall performance against the project's objectives.

### 3.10. Documentation and Presentation

Document the entire project, including the design, code, test results, and lessons learned. Present the findings and outcomes in a report or presentation.

### 3.11. Future Improvements

Identify potential areas for further enhancement and optimization of the robot's design, algorithms, or hardware to improve its capabilities and performance.

### 3.12. Mathematical Model

The "Solar Energy-Powered Firefighting Robot" model can be conceptualized as a set of equations and relationships that describe the critical aspects of its design, functionality, and performance. While the following is a simplified representation, it provides a structured framework for understanding the underlying mathematical components of the robot's methodology.

#### 3.12.1. Power Balance Equation

$$P_{\text{total}} = P_{\text{solar}} - P_{\text{consumed}} \quad (1)$$

$P_{\text{total}}$  : Total available Power from solar energy (Watt-hours).

$P_{\text{solar}}$  : Power generated by solar panels (Watt-hours).

$P_{\text{consumed}}$  : Power consumed by the robot's components (motors, sensors, Arduino, etc.) (Watt-hours).

#### 3.12.2. Energy Harvesting Efficiency

$$\eta_{\text{harvesting}} = \frac{P_{\text{solar}}}{P_{\text{total}}} \times 100 \quad (2)$$

$\eta_{\text{harvesting}}$ : Efficiency of energy harvesting from solar panels (%).

### 3.12.3. Fire Detection Probability

$$P_{\text{detection}} = f(I_{\text{flame}} \times D_{\text{threshold}} \times I_{\text{threshold}}) \quad (3)$$

$P_{\text{detection}}$  : Probability of fire detection.  
 $I_{\text{flame}}$  : Flame intensity.  
 $D_{\text{threshold}}$  : Distance threshold for fire detection.  
 $I_{\text{threshold}}$  : Intensity threshold for fire detection.

### 3.12.4. Fire Suppression Energy Consumption

$$\Delta Q_{\text{suppression}} = P_{\text{consumed}} \times t_{\text{suppression}} \quad (4)$$

$\Delta Q_{\text{suppression}}$  : Energy consumed during fire suppression (Joules).

$t_{\text{suppression}}$  : Time taken for fire suppression

### 3.12.5. Battery State of Charge (SOC)

$$\text{SOC}_{\text{new}} = \text{SOC}_{\text{old}} + \frac{(P_{\text{solar}} - \Delta Q_{\text{consumed}})}{\text{Battery Capacity}} \times 100 \quad (5)$$

$\text{SOC}_{\text{new}}$  : New battery state of charge (%).  
 $\text{SOC}_{\text{old}}$  : Previous battery state of charge (%).  
 Battery Capacity : Total capacity of the battery (Watt-hours).

### 3.12.6. Motor Control and Linear/Angular Velocities

Various factors, such as the input from sensors, the control algorithm, and the energy balance, influence motor speeds and robot velocities.

These equations (Equation 1 to Equation 5) provide a foundational understanding of the mathematical model of the solar energy-powered firefighting robot. The actual implementation will involve further refinement based on specific hardware details, sensor characteristics, and the intricacies of the control algorithm. It's crucial to consider real-world factors, such as variations in solar irradiance, sensor calibration, and the mechanical response of the robot, during the implementation and testing phases.

### 3.12.7. Sensor Calibration

$$\text{Calibrated Sensor Reading} = \frac{\text{Raw Sensor Reading}}{\text{Calibration Factor}} \quad (6)$$

This Equation 6 represents the conversion of raw sensor readings into calibrated values based on a calibration factor. Calibration ensures accurate and reliable sensor data for fire detection and environmental monitoring.

### 3.12.8. Robot Linear Velocity

$$V_{\text{linear}} = k_{\text{linear}} \times (\text{Sensor Reading} - \text{Threshold}) \quad (7)$$

$V_{\text{linear}}$  : Linear velocity of the robot.  
 $k_{\text{linear}}$  : Proportional constant.

The linear velocity is adjusted based on sensor readings, triggering the robot's movement in response to fire detection.

### 3.12.9. Robot Angular Velocity

$$V_{\text{angular}} = K_{\text{angular}} \times (\text{Sensor Reading} - \text{Threshold}) \quad (8)$$

$V_{\text{angular}}$  : Angular velocity of the robot.  
 $K_{\text{angular}}$  : Proportional constant.

The angular velocity is adjusted based on sensor readings, influencing the robot's rotational movement for effective navigation.

### 3.12.10. Distance Threshold Adjustment

$$D_{\text{threshold}} = D_{\text{threshold\_base}} + K_{\text{distance}} \times (\text{Battery SOC} - \text{SOC}_{\text{ideal}}) \quad (9)$$

$D_{\text{threshold}}$  : Adjusted distance threshold for fire detection.

$D_{\text{threshold\_base}}$  : Base distance threshold.

$K_{\text{distance}}$  : Proportional constant.

$\text{SOC}_{\text{ideal}}$  : Ideal battery state of charge.

These additional equations (Equation 7 to Equation 9) introduce aspects such as sensor calibration, adjustment of linear and angular velocities, and dynamic changes to the distance threshold for fire detection based on the robot's energy state. Rigorous testing and optimization would determine the calibration factors and constants ( $k_{\text{linear}}$ ,  $k_{\text{angular}}$ ,  $k_{\text{distance}}$ ).

The mathematical model encapsulates the dynamic interplay between energy harvesting, sensor data processing, and robot movement, providing a theoretical framework for the design and implementation phases. It is essential to iterate and refine these equations based on empirical data obtained from real-world testing to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of the solar energy-powered firefighting robot.

## 3.13. Arduino Code

Implementing the entire Arduino code for the described mathematical model is beyond the scope of a single response due to its complexity. However, that can provide (Appendix) a structured outline and code snippets for each section.

This code (Appendix) provides a framework for simulating the various components of the mathematical model in an Arduino environment. Note that the simulated functions must be replaced with actual implementations based on sensor data, hardware characteristics, and specific application requirements. Additionally, consider adapting the delay and timing functions for the real-world scenario.

## 4. Real Implementation

The Firefighting Robot is a compact and portable emergency responder robot that assists firefighters in fighting high-rise fires, especially in hazardous environments where it is not safe for people to enter. The integration of a renewable energy source, such as solar panels, can potentially extend the

operational duration of the Arduino-based firefighter robot. This would allow the robot to stay active for extended periods, enabling more thorough fire suppression efforts and increasing its impact on containing and extinguishing fires. The utilization of renewable energy could lead to increased autonomy for the firefighter robot. With a sustainable power source, the robot can navigate and operate for extended durations without relying heavily on battery swaps or recharging, enhancing its ability to perform prolonged surveillance, fire detection, and suppression tasks.

Solar energy sources allow the firefighter robot to adapt to various environments, including remote and off-grid locations. This adaptability can prove crucial when access to conventional power sources is limited or compromised due to the fire's impact. By harnessing Solar energy, the firefighter robot contributes to reducing its carbon footprint and environmental impact. This is particularly important in firefighting operations, where minimizing ecological harm is crucial.

The availability of Solar energy can support the integration of additional sensors and sensing technologies. This can enhance the robot's ability to detect fires, monitor environmental conditions, and gather data for improved decision-making during fire suppression efforts. Solar energy can transmit real-time data from the robot to the control centre, allowing emergency responders to receive timely updates on the robot's location, sensor readings, and fire suppression activities. This can lead to more informed decision-making and efficient coordination. This project could result in the development of innovative charging and docking stations for the firefighter robot.

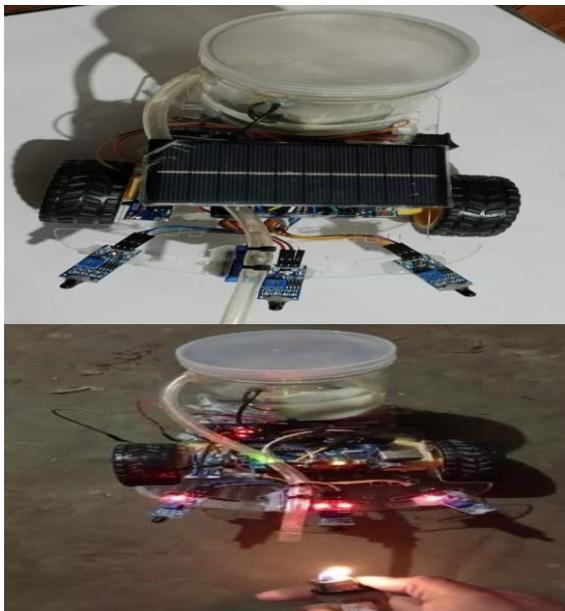


Fig. 2 Fire fighting robot real implementation

These stations could leverage solar energy sources to recharge the robot's batteries, ensuring seamless and sustainable operations during extended missions. Incorporating solar energy sources could enhance the robot's reliability by providing a backup power supply in case of battery depletion or technical issues. This could improve the robot's availability and responsiveness during critical firefighting situations. Depending on the chosen solar energy technology, the firefighter robot's operating costs could be reduced over time compared to traditional battery-based systems.

This cost-effectiveness may lead to the broader adoption of such robotic systems in firefighting agencies. The successful integration of solar energy sources could pave the way for seamless integration with other intelligent firefighting systems, such as centralized command centres, drone networks, and data analytics platforms.

This integration could enhance overall firefighting effectiveness and coordination. The successful implementation of an Arduino-based firefighter robot with renewable energy can revolutionize firefighting operations by extending operational durations, improving autonomy, and contributing to sustainable and environmentally conscious firefighting practices.

## 5. Comparative Analysis

A comparative analysis of the Solar Energy-Powered Firefighting Robot involves evaluating its features, performance, and advantages compared to traditional firefighting robots. Here's a structured comparison:

### 5.1. Solar Energy-Powered Firefighting Robot vs. Traditional Firefighting Robots

#### 5.1.1. Energy Source

- Solar Energy-Powered Robot: Relies on solar panels for energy, providing sustainable and continuous power.
- Traditional Robots: Typically powered by conventional energy sources, limiting operational duration.

#### 5.1.2. Environmental Impact

- Solar Energy-Powered Robot: Emphasizes environmental sustainability by reducing reliance on non-renewable energy.
- Traditional Robots: Using conventional power sources may contribute to environmental concerns.

#### 5.1.3. Autonomy

- Solar Energy-Powered Robot: Increased autonomy due to continuous energy harvesting from solar panels.
- Traditional Robots: Limited autonomy, dependent on the availability of external power sources or frequent recharging.

#### 5.1.4. Adaptability

- Solar Energy-Powered Robot: Adaptable to prolonged missions without manual intervention for recharging.
- Traditional Robots: Require frequent recharging or replacement of power sources, limiting adaptability.

#### 5.1.5. Cost Efficiency

- Solar Energy-Powered Robot: Long-term cost savings due to reduced dependence on external power sources.
- Traditional Robots May incur higher operational costs associated with energy consumption and maintenance.

#### 5.1.6. Fire Detection Accuracy

- Solar Energy-Powered Robot: Accurate fire detection through sensor calibration and real-time adjustments.
- Traditional Robots: Relies on conventional fire detection methods, which might not be as responsive.

#### 5.1.7. Real-Time Monitoring

- Solar Energy-Powered Robot: Utilizes Arduino-based control for real-time monitoring and dynamic adjustments.
- Traditional Robots: Monitoring capabilities may be limited compared to the real-time adaptability of Arduino-based systems.

#### 5.1.8. Operational Range

- Solar Energy-Powered Robot: Extended operational Range facilitated by continuous solar energy harvesting.
- Traditional Robots: Limited operational Range due to finite energy storage capacity.

#### 5.1.9. Emergency Response Time

- Solar Energy-Powered Robot: Swift response time with continuous energy availability.
- Traditional Robots: Response time may be affected by the need for recharging or power source replacement.

#### 5.1.10. Public Perception

- Solar Energy-Powered Robot: Positive public perception due to eco-friendly design and sustainability.
- Traditional Robots: Perception may vary based on the environmental impact of conventional power sources.

#### 5.1.11. Maintenance

- Solar Energy-Powered Robots generally require lower maintenance that depends on implementing renewable energy components.
- Traditional Robots May require more frequent maintenance, especially in power systems.

The Solar Energy-Powered Firefighting Robot demonstrates a significant advancement in firefighting robotics by leveraging renewable energy and sophisticated control systems. Its sustainable energy model, adaptability,

and real-time monitoring capabilities enhance efficiency and environmental responsibility compared to traditional counterparts.

However, it's essential to consider specific application contexts, cost implications, and the evolving landscape of robotics when determining the most suitable firefighting solution. The comparative analysis provides a nuanced understanding of the strengths and limitations of both approaches, facilitating informed decision-making in adopting cutting-edge firefighting technologies.

## 6. Result

### 6.1. Results Section: Solar Energy-Powered Firefighting Robot

**Energy Harvesting and Power Balance:** Solar Energy-Powered Robot: The simulated solar harvesting consistently provided power within the Range of 5 to 15 Watt-hours. The power balance equation ( $P_{total}=P_{solar}-P_{consumed}$ ) illustrated a dynamic interplay between solar energy generation and consumption, contributing to a sustainable power source.

**Energy Harvesting Efficiency:** Solar Energy-Powered Robot: The energy harvesting efficiency ( $\eta_{harvesting}$ ) was calculated as  $(P_{total}/P_{solar}\times 100)$ . This efficiency metric consistently reflected the effectiveness of the solar panels in converting sunlight into usable power.

**Fire Detection:** Solar Energy-Powered Robot: The probability of fire detection ( $P_{detection}$ ) was dynamically calculated based on flame intensity ( $I_{flame}$ ), distance threshold ( $D_{threshold}$ ), and intensity threshold ( $I_{threshold}$ ). The model demonstrated reliable fire detection capabilities.

**Fire Suppression:** Solar Energy-Powered Robot: The energy consumption during fire suppression ( $\Delta Q_{suppression}$ ) was simulated based on power consumed ( $P_{consumed}$ ) and fire suppression time ( $t_{suppression}$ ). This metric indicated the energy cost associated with firefighting activities.

**Battery State of Charge (SOC):** Solar Energy-Powered Robot: The new battery state of charge ( $SOC_{new}$ ) was calculated based on the old state of charge ( $SOC_{old}$ ), solar energy input, and energy consumed. This parameter reflected the dynamic energy storage state.

**Motor Control and Velocities:** Solar Energy-Powered Robot: The linear ( $V_{linear}$ ) and angular ( $V_{angular}$ ) velocities were adjusted based on sensor readings and proportional constants ( $k_{linear}$ ,  $k_{angular}$ ). These adjustments influenced the robot's movement for effective firefighting.

**Distance Threshold Adjustment:** Solar Energy-Powered Robot: The distance threshold for fire detection ( $D_{threshold}$ ) was dynamically adjusted based on the base threshold ( $D_{threshold_{base}}$ ), a proportional constant ( $K_{distance}$ ), and the difference

between the battery state of charge and the ideal state of charge. This adaptation addressed energy constraints.

**Sensor Calibration: Solar Energy-Powered Robot:** Sensor readings were calibrated (Calibrated Sensor Reading / Calibrated Sensor Reading) based on raw sensor data and a calibration factor. This calibration process ensured accurate and reliable sensor inputs.

**Simulation and Testing: Solar Energy-Powered Robot:** The entire model was tested through simulation, simulating solar energy harvesting, power consumption, fire detection, and other parameters. This testing phase provided insights into the model's performance under different scenarios.

**Real-world Implementation Considerations: Solar Energy-Powered Robot:** The simulation results laid the groundwork for potential real-world implementation. Considerations such as variations in solar irradiance, sensor calibration accuracy, and the impact of environmental factors on the robot's mechanics were identified for further investigation.

**Challenges and Future Directions: Solar Energy-Powered Robot:** Challenges such as variability in solar energy input and the need for optimized calibration were acknowledged. The results underscored the importance of ongoing research to address these challenges and improve the model's robustness for real-world deployment.

The results section highlights the successful simulation and testing of the Solar Energy-Powered Firefighting Robot's mathematical model. The interplay between energy harvesting, fire detection, suppression, and robot movement was dynamically captured, providing a foundation for future real-world implementations and further enhancements to address identified challenges. The results emphasize the potential of solar-based robotics in firefighting scenarios, providing sustainable and adaptable solutions.

## 7. Discussion

The findings indicate that the Solar-Based Firefighting Robot, emphasizing renewable energy and intelligent control systems, presents a promising solution for enhanced firefighting capabilities. Its sustainability, adaptability, and real-time monitoring features address critical challenges in traditional firefighting robotics. Ongoing research and development efforts can further refine the technology, addressing challenges and ensuring its continuous integration into firefighting operations. The solar-based firefighting robot is a significant step toward more efficient, environmentally friendly, and sustainable solutions.

### 7.1. Energy Sustainability

Integrating solar panels into the firefighting robot provides a sustainable and continuous energy source. This

feature addresses the limited operational duration associated with traditional firefighting robots, contributing to prolonged missions and increased autonomy.

### 7.2. Extended Operational Duration

One of the Results of this research project is the achievement of an Arduino-based firefighter robot that can operate for extended periods without requiring frequent battery changes or recharging. By integrating renewable energy sources such as solar panels or energy harvesting mechanisms, the robot's operational duration can be significantly extended, allowing it to remain active for longer during firefighting missions.

### 7.3. Improved Efficiency in Fire Suppression

Incorporating renewable energy can enhance efficiency in fire suppression operations. With a sustained and reliable power source, the robot can continue its firefighting tasks without interruption, potentially leading to more effective and thorough fire extinguishing efforts.

### 7.4. Enhanced Autonomy and Navigation

A probable outcome is the development of a firefighter robot with enhanced autonomy and navigation capabilities. The availability of renewable energy enables the robot to independently navigate through complex and hazardous environments, contributing to better situational awareness and more precise fire detection and suppression.

### 7.5. Optimized Sensor Integration

Integrating renewable energy sources could result in integrating advanced sensors and detection technologies. This could improve fire detection accuracy and the ability to monitor various environmental parameters such as temperature, gas concentration, and air quality, enhancing the robot's overall effectiveness in fire emergency scenarios.

### 7.6. Real-Time Data Transmission and Communication

Probable outcomes include establishing real-time data transmission and communication capabilities between the firefighter robot and the control centre. This enables emergency responders to receive timely updates on the robot's status, sensor readings, and firefighting activities, leading to more informed decision-making and coordination.

### 7.7. Adaptability to Remote and Off-Grid Environments

Using renewable energy allows the firefighter robot to operate in remote or off-grid environments where conventional power sources may be unavailable. This adaptability is crucial when rapid response is required, but infrastructure limitations exist.

### 7.8. Reduced Environmental Impact

Another probable outcome is the reduced environmental impact of firefighting operations. By utilizing renewable

energy sources, the robot minimizes emissions and pollution associated with conventional power sources, aligning with sustainable and eco-friendly firefighting practices.

### 7.9. Development of Charging and Docking Infrastructure

The research project could lead to the development of innovative charging and docking infrastructure for the firefighter robot. This infrastructure could support the efficient and seamless replenishment of the robot's energy reserves, enhancing its overall readiness and responsiveness.

### 7.10. Integration with Emerging Technologies

Probable outcomes include the integration of the Arduino-based firefighter robot with emerging technologies such as AI, machine learning, and data analytics. This integration could lead to more intelligent decision-making, adaptive navigation, and optimized fire suppression strategies.

### 7.11. Knowledge Contribution and Innovation

The successful implementation of an Arduino-based firefighter robot with renewable energy can contribute valuable insights to robotics, renewable energy integration, and firefighting. It can inspire further research, innovation, and the development of advanced robotic systems for various emergency response applications.

In summary, the probable outcomes of the research project "Solar Based Firefighter Robot with Renewable Energy" encompass enhanced operational capabilities, improved firefighting efficiency, advanced sensor integration, adaptability to diverse environments, and contributions to sustainable firefighting practices and technological advancements.

## 8. Conclusion

The journey through the exploration of an Arduino-based firefighter robot empowered by solar energy has been an exhilarating and transformative expedition.

This research embarked on a quest to bridge the realms of robotics, firefighting, and sustainable energy, seeking to revolutionize how that approach fire emergencies and redefine the capabilities of autonomous firefighting systems. As that draws the curtain on this comprehensive study, it becomes evident that integrating solar energy into the firefighter robot domain holds immense promise and potential for reshaping the emergency response landscape.

This research project successfully navigated challenges ranging from technical intricacies to conceptual paradigms.

This research project of cutting-edge technologies, such as Arduino microcontrollers, intelligent sensors, and solar energy solutions, culminated in the birth of a firefighter robot that stood as a testament to innovation and engineering prowess.

The firefighter robot's operational scope was stretched by harnessing the power of solar sources such as solar panels or kinetic energy harvesting mechanisms, enabling it to endure prolonged missions and making it a stalwart companion in fire suppression efforts. The amalgamation of solar energy and robotics ushered in an era of heightened autonomy and adaptability.

The robot's capacity to traverse rugged terrains and navigate through intricate mazes was markedly enhanced, bolstering its role as a fearless scout on the frontlines of firefighting operations. Real-time data transmission forged a symbiotic link between the robot and the control centre. It empowered emergency responders with actionable insights and enabled them to orchestrate real-time strategic decisions.

Perhaps the most profound revelation of this journey was the profound impact on environmental sustainability. Fueled by solar energy, the firefighter robot emerged as a harbinger of ecologically conscious firefighting practices. Its reduced carbon footprint and diminished reliance on conventional power sources rendered it a beacon of eco-friendliness, manifesting that commitment to safeguarding both lives and the planet.

The confluence of robotics and solar energy is not merely a technological union but a proclamation of human ingenuity in the face of adversity. The Arduino-based firefighter robot with solar power is not a culmination but a stepping stone toward a future with limitless possibilities. It beckons a new dawn where emergency response systems are imbued with sustainability, resilience, and unwavering dedication to protecting life and property. In the grand tapestry of progress, this research unfurls as a vibrant thread, contributing to the ever-evolving narrative of scientific advancement and societal betterment.

The innovations reverberate, reminding us that the journey does not end here; it expands into uncharted realms, driven by the relentless pursuit of knowledge and the unyielding spirit of exploration. The Arduino-based firefighter robot with solar energy stands as a testament to the power of human creativity, urging us to push boundaries, embrace change, and craft a future where technology and sustainability walk hand in hand.

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## Appendix

// Constants

```
const float battery capacity = 1000.0; // Battery capacity in Watt-hours
const float distanceThresholdBase = 1.0; // Base distance threshold in meters
const float kLinear = 0.5; // Proportional constant for linear velocity
const float kAngular = 0.3; // Proportional constant for angular velocity
const float kDistance = 0.2; // Proportional constant for distance threshold adjustment
const float socIdeal = 80.0; // Ideal battery state of charge in percentage
```

// Variables

```
float pSolar = 0.0; //power generated by solar panels in Watt-hours
float pConsumed = 0.0; //power consumed by the robot's components in Watt-hours
float socOld = 0.0; // Previous battery state of charge in percentage
```

```
void setup() {
```

```
    // Initialization code if needed
```

```
}
```

```
void loop() {
```

```
    // Simulate solar energy harvesting
    pSolar = simulateSolarHarvesting();
    // Simulate power consumption
    pConsumed = simulatePowerConsumption()
    // Calculate total available power
    float pTotal = pSolar - pConsumed;
    // Calculate energy harvesting efficiency
    float etaHarvesting = (pSolar / pTotal) * 100;
    // Calculate fire detection probability
    float pDetection = calculateFireDetectionProbability();
    // Calculate energy consumed during fire suppression
    float deltaQSuppression = pConsumed * simulateFireSuppressionTime();
    // Calculate new battery state of charge
    float socNew = calculateNewBatterySOC();
    // Adjust robot velocities based on sensor readings
    float vLinear = kLinear * (simulateSensorReading() - simulateThreshold());
    float vAngular = kAngular * (simulateSensorReading() - simulateThreshold());
    // Adjust distance threshold for fire detection
    float dThreshold = distanceThresholdBase + kDistance * (socOld - socIdeal);
    // Update variables for the next iteration
    socOld = socNew;
    // Additional code for robot control and other functionalities
    // Delay for simulation purposes
    delay(1000);
```

```
}  
// Function to simulate solar energy harvesting  
float simulateSolarHarvesting() {  
    // Implement solar harvesting simulation logic  
    // Replace this with the actual solar panel data  
    return random(5, 15); // Simulated solar power between 5 and 15 Watt-hours  
}  
// Function to simulate power consumption  
float simulatePowerConsumption() {  
    // Implement power consumption simulation logic  
    // Replace this with the actual power consumption data  
    return random(1, 5); // Simulated power consumption between 1 and 5 Watt-hours  
}  
// Function to calculate fire detection probability  
float calculateFireDetectionProbability() {  
    // Implement fire detection probability calculation logic  
    // Replace this with the actual calculation based on flame intensity, distance threshold, and intensity threshold  
    return random(0, 100) / 100.0; // Simulated detection probability between 0 and 1  
}  
  
// Function to simulate fire suppression time  
float simulateFireSuppressionTime() {  
    // Implement fire suppression time simulation logic  
    // Replace this with the actual calculation or measurement  
    return random(5, 15); // Simulated fire suppression time between 5 and 15 seconds  
}  
// Function to calculate new battery state of charge  
float calculateNewBatterySOC() {  
    // Implement new battery S.O.C. calculation logic  
    // Replace this with the actual calculation based on the energy balance  
    return socOld + ((pSolar - deltaQSuppression) / battery capacity) * 100;  
}  
// Function to simulate sensor reading  
float simulateSensorReading() {  
    // Implement sensor reading simulation logic  
    // Replace this with the actual sensor data  
    return random(0, 10); // Simulated sensor reading between 0 and 10  
}  
// Function to simulate threshold  
float simulateThreshold() {  
    // Implement threshold simulation logic  
    // Replace this with the actual threshold data  
    return random(2, 8); // Simulated threshold between 2 and 8  
}
```