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Wireless Control Of A 2-DOF Robotic Rover With Embedded Low-Power EMP System For Remote Operations

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Abstract
The goal of this work is to show how to design and build a mobile robotic rover that has a controlled electromagnetic pulse (EMP) unit built in. This will help reduce threats from a distance in dangerous places. The main goal of the system is to limit the length of time that people are exposed to dangerous situations by making it possible for a robotic rover with a two-degree-of-freedom (2-DOF) robotic arm to work wirelessly. EMP may hit the target with perfect accuracy with the arm. The system uses microcontrollers to control the movement of the rovers, the activation of the arms, and the triggering of EMP. It does this using a wireless link. The EMP generator unit makes a low-power electromagnetic pulse to show how electronic circuits can be disrupted without touching them. The model that has been shown does not focus on high-power uses. Instead, it focuses on safe implementation and controlled experimentation. The goal of this project is to come up with a cheap, modular, and scalable solution. It combines the ideas behind electromagnetic pulses and robots, which will help make remote safety systems and non-contact electronic disruption technologies better in the future.
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I. Introduction

In the last few years, the usage of electronic systems has become very important in areas like defense, surveillance, and industrial automation, and it has increased quickly. These improvements have made operations more efficient, but they have also created new hazards from unknown electronic threats or possible explosive devices. Being directly involved in these kinds of situations is quite perilous and can have serious effects. Because of this, there is a growing need for systems that can work at a distance while keeping operators safe and solving the problem [4], [13]. Robotic systems have shown that they can be trusted to undertake jobs in dangerous situations. Mobile robotic rovers are very useful since they can traverse through difficult and unstructured terrain while carrying important tools or supplies [8]. Most of the methods used today, on the other hand, depend on physical actions, such as mechanical disarmament or direct neutralizing measures. These techniques often necessitate a significant level of accuracy and may nevertheless expose the system to substantial risk [15].

Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) technology provides an alternative, non-contact method for interfacing with electronic systems. EMPs can create short bursts of electromagnetic radiation that might cause temporary voltages in nearby circuits, which could make them not work properly [2], [9].

There are high-power EMP systems out there, but they are usually very expensive, hard to use, and have severe safety rules that make them hard to use [12]. This shows that we need to look into low-power, controlled implementations that can safely show how the idea works. This research proposes a mobile robotic rover equipped with a regulated low-power electromagnetic pulse (EMP) unit for remote operation in hazardous areas. The technology has a robotic arm with two degrees of freedom, which lets you accurately position and aim the EMP source [7].

Also, the rover can be controlled wirelessly, which lets operators control the device from a safe distance [10]. The proposed work seeks to demonstrate a proof-of-concept model that successfully integrates robotic mobility, controlled actuation, and electromagnetic pulse (EMP) principles in a manner that is both secure and scalable.

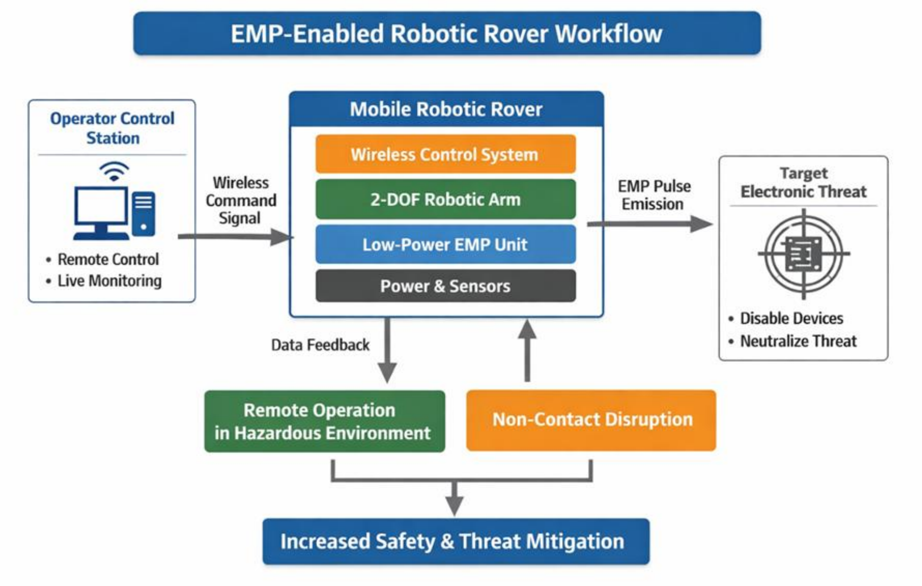

Fig. 1 Functional Workflow of Wireless EMP-Based Robotic Rover System

Figure 1 illustrates the overall workflow of the proposed EMP-enabled mobile robotic rover system. The process begins at the operator control station, where commands are transmitted wirelessly to the rover for remote navigation and operation. The rover integrates key subsystems including a wireless control unit, a 2-DOF robotic arm, and a low-power EMP generator, enabling precise positioning and targeted emission. Upon reaching the target, the EMP unit generates controlled electromagnetic pulses to disrupt nearby electronic devices without physical contact. Simultaneously, sensor data and system status are sent back to the operator as feedback, ensuring real-time monitoring and safe operation. Overall, the workflow demonstrates an efficient approach for remote threat mitigation in hazardous environments while minimizing human risk.

II. Related Work

Recent progress in robotics and electromagnetic technologies has played a big role in making systems that can work in dangerous and limited spaces. People have looked into mobile robotic platforms a lot for uses including surveillance, bomb disposal, and industrial inspection. Research published in IEEE Access and Robotics and Autonomous Systems demonstrates that autonomous and semi-autonomous rovers can proficiently traverse unstructured terrains while minimizing human exposure to hazardous conditions [4], [13]. To work reliably at a distance, these systems usually combine sensors, actuators, and embedded controls.

Wireless connectivity has made robotic systems even better by letting people control and monitor them in real time. The IEEE Internet of Things Journal released research that shows how well wireless architectures work to make sure that data can be sent between operator stations and robotic units without any problems, even in complicated settings [10]. Also, improvements in embedded systems and designs based on microcontrollers have made these robotic platforms more efficient, responsive, and scalable [11].

Robotic manipulators, especially those with only a few degrees of freedom, such 2-DOF arms, are often used for precision item handling and targeted tasks. Previous research in IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics underscores the significance of precise control techniques for attaining high accuracy in limited robotic systems [7]. Most current solutions, on the other hand, depend on physical interaction methods, which could still be dangerous when working with sensitive or dangerous targets.

At the same time, researchers have looked into electromagnetic pulse (EMP) technology as a way to affect electronic equipment without touching them. Studies published in IEEE Transactions on Electromagnetic Compatibility and IEEE Transactions on Plasma Science demonstrate that electromagnetic pulses (EMPs) can generate transient voltages and currents in electronic circuits, thereby impairing their operation [2], [9]. High-power EMP devices have been investigated for defense purposes; however, their implementation is constrained by prohibitive costs, complexity, and stringent safety restrictions [12].

Recent work has been on making low-power and regulated electromagnetic interference systems that can safely show EMP effects in a controlled way. These kinds of methods try to find a compromise between safety and effectiveness, which makes them good for use in experiments and prototypes. Nonetheless, the amalgamation of EMP technology with mobile robotic systems is still inadequately investigated.

So, the proposed work fills this gap by putting together a wireless mobile robotic rover, a 2-DOF manipulator, and a low-power EMP unit into one system. This integration allows for accurate, remote, and non-contact engagement with electronic targets, making it a safer and more flexible option than traditional approaches.

III. Proposed Solution

A wireless EMP-enabled mobile robotic rover is presented to overcome the constraints of current hazardous-environment intervention systems, specifically their dependence on direct physical engagement and the absence of safe non-contact neutralizing methods. The system is engineered to guarantee operator safety, facilitate remote access, and enable regulated electronic disruption, all while ensuring cost-effectiveness and scalability for practical implementation.

System Design and Architecture

The suggested system employs a centralized control architecture, with a microcontroller (such as Arduino UNO or ESP32) serving as the primary processing unit, orchestrating all subsystems, including mobility, robotic arm actuation, wireless communication, and EMP creation.

The control unit decodes wireless commands from the operator and converts them into suitable control signals. The mobility system, comprising DC motors powered by an L298N motor driver, allows the rover to traverse unstructured and perilous terrains. A 2-DOF robotic arm, driven by servo motors (SG90/MG996R), offers accurate positioning capabilities for targeted tasks.

An essential feature of the proposed system is the incorporation of a low-power EMP unit that produces regulated electromagnetic pulses for non-contact engagement with electronic targets. The system operates on a tiny Li-ion battery pack, guaranteeing portability and operating versatility.

Communication Framework

The system utilizes wireless connection via Bluetooth (HC-05) or Wi-Fi (ESP module) to provide secure and effective remote operation. This facilitates instantaneous command transmission and system response while ensuring a secure distance between the operator and the perilous environment. The communication framework is engineered to be economical, dependable, and straightforward to install, rendering it appropriate for both prototype and scalable applications.

Methodology

The system is built on a movable rover chassis, with all components firmly affixed to guarantee mechanical stability and optimal weight distribution. The DC motors are connected to the motor driver and regulated by the microcontroller for directional control and speed modulation.

The robotic arm is engineered with two degrees of freedom, facilitating both horizontal and vertical movement. Servo motors regulated by Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) signals provide precise placement of the EMP unit towards the target. The lightweight construction guarantees efficient mobility without sacrificing stability.

The control mechanism functions by wireless commands sent via a user interface, such as a mobile device or control station. The microcontroller executes these commands instantaneously to manage rover mobility, arm positioning, and EMP activation. This guarantees the coordinated functioning of all subsystems. A low-power EMP coil is utilized to demonstrate non-contact interaction. The EMP unit is operated using a switching circuit managed by the microcontroller, producing brief electromagnetic pulses. These pulses generate transient voltages in adjacent electronic circuits, exemplifying the phenomenon of electrical disruption without physical contact. The design rigorously complies with low-power and safe operational parameters, rendering it appropriate for controlled experimental validation.

All subsystems are consolidated into a cohesive platform, and comprehensive testing is performed to guarantee synchronization, responsiveness, and operational stability. System performance is assessed under regulated settings, and requisite optimizations are implemented to reduce latency and enhance coordination.

Execution

The suggested solution is executed as a compact, modular robotic platform. The hardware components are integrated into a rover chassis to guarantee correct alignment and facilitate mobility. The DC motors, regulated by the L298N driver, facilitate bidirectional motion, whereas the servo-operated robotic arm allows for accurate targeting.

The EMP device is incorporated via a specialized switching mechanism, enabling pulse creation solely when necessary. The wireless communication module enables effortless remote operation, allowing the operator to control navigation, arm movement, and EMP activation from a secure location.

The microcontroller implements the control algorithms, guaranteeing the synchronized operation of all subsystems. The modular architecture facilitates autonomous testing and future expansion, rendering the system suitable for sophisticated research and practical applications.

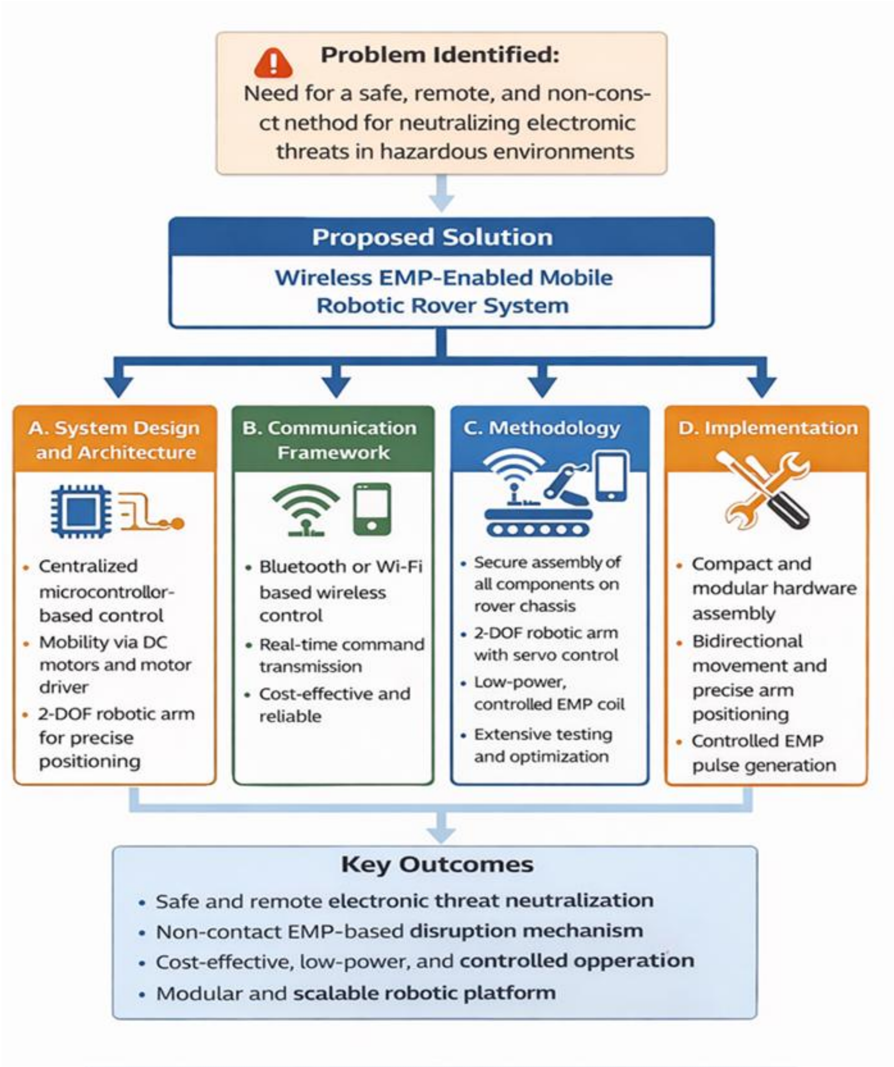

Fig. 2 Detailed Workflow of the Proposed Wireless EMP-Enabled Mobile Robotic Rover System

Figure 2 presents the detailed workflow of the proposed wireless EMP-enabled mobile robotic rover system, starting from problem identification to final implementation and outcomes. It highlights the need for a safe, remote, and non-contact solution for handling electronic threats in hazardous environments. The diagram systematically illustrates the proposed solution, followed by key modules including system design, communication framework, methodology, and implementation. Each stage emphasizes the integration of mobility, wireless control, robotic arm precision, and low-power EMP generation. Finally, the workflow concludes with key outcomes such as improved safety, effective non-contact disruption, cost efficiency, and system scalability.

IV. Result Analysis

The experimental evaluation of the developed system demonstrates the successful integration of mobile robots with a regulated low-power EMP mechanism. The rover shows that the control and communication architecture works by showing that it can navigate reliably and smoothly in response to wireless commands. The system maintains working smoothly even in risky conditions as long as the communication range is set, which makes remote handling safe. The EMP unit can be pointed exactly at the target since the 2-DOF robotic arm can position itself very accurately.

For concentrated operations, movements need to be stable, repeatable, and controllable. Servo-based actuation does all of these things. Also, it can be proven that low-power electrical circuits nearby are affected by the low-power electromagnetic pulses that the EMP device makes. This indicates that it's possible to interact without touching something, and it also illustrates that low-intensity pulses can change how electricity behaves across short distances. Environmental conditions do create tiny delays in transmission and changes in signals, but these don't have a big impact on how well the system works overall. The results confirm the proposed system's reliability in a controlled setting and illustrate its viability as a proof-of-concept for secure and remote electronic disruption applications.

Table 1 shows how well the planned system worked based on tests. It shows that all of the main subsystems, including as mobility, communication, robotic arm control, and EMP generating, work well within the parameters that were set. The results show that the system works consistently, that wireless control works well, and that non-contact electrical interface works well, all of which prove that the design is possible.

Table 1: Performance Evaluation of Proposed System

Parameter	Observed Performance	Remarks
Rover Mobility	Smooth and stable	Effective navigation in test environment
Wireless Communication	Reliable with minor delays	Suitable for real-time control
Robotic Arm Accuracy	Moderate to high	Precise positioning achieved
EMP Pulse Generation	Controlled low-power output	Safe and consistent operation
Target Interaction	Observable circuit disruption	Validates non-contact concept
System Stability	Stable	No major operational failures

Table 2 provides a comparative analysis between conventional methods and the proposed system. It clearly shows that the proposed approach offers significant advantages in terms of safety, reduced human involvement, and non-contact operation. Additionally, the system demonstrates better scalability, cost-effectiveness, and real-time responsiveness, making it a more efficient and practical solution for hazardous environment applications.

Feature/Criteria	Conventional Methods	Proposed System
Operation Type	Physical intervention	Non-contact EMP-based
Human Involvement	High	Minimal
Safety Level	Moderate (risk present)	High (remote operation)
Precision	Depends on manual handling	Controlled robotic precision
Cost	High (complex systems)	Low to moderate
Scalability	Limited	Modular and scalable
Response Time	Moderate	Real-time wireless control

Figure 3 shows how well the suggested system works based on important operational factors such mobility, communication dependability, arm accuracy, EMP generation, and overall system stability. The graph clearly shows that the system constantly performs well on all criteria, with stability and target interaction being two areas where it does especially well. This shows that the integrated design works well and that the system works reliably when conditions are regulated. The graphical representation also makes it easy to comprehend how the system works, showing that all subsystems are performing well, which is important for real-time and safety-critical applications.

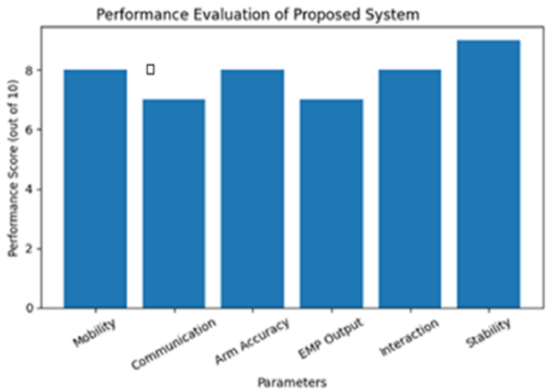

Fig. 3 Performance Evaluation of the Proposed EMP-Enabled Robotic Rover System

Figure 4 shows a comparison between the proposed system with traditional approaches based on important performance metrics as safety, human involvement, accuracy, cost, scalability, and response time. The graph makes it evident that the suggested system is safer, needs less human involvement, and responds in real time better than traditional methods. The picture shows how a non-contact, EMP-based robotic approach can be better, especially in dangerous places where safety is very important. In general, the figure shows that the proposed system is a better option than traditional methods because it is more efficient, scalable, and useful.

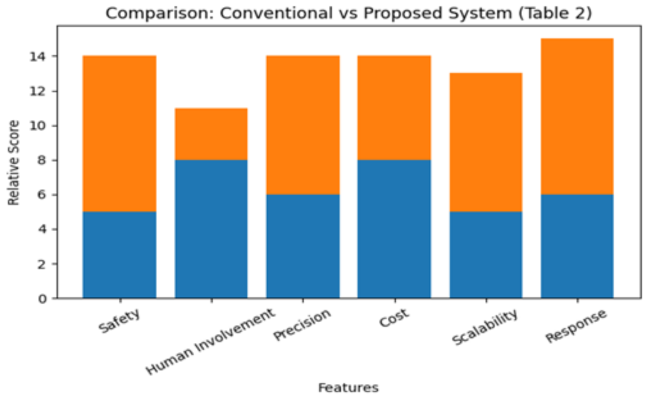

Fig. 4 Comparative Analysis Between Conventional Methods and Proposed System

V. Conclusion

This paper outlines the design and construction of a mobile robotic rover featuring a controlled electromagnetic pulse (EMP) unit, facilitating secure and remote operation in potentially hazardous environments. The system effectively demonstrates the concept of non-contact electrical interaction through a low-power and controlled approach, ensuring safety during testing. The 2-DOF robotic arm makes it easy to place the EMP unit exactly where it needs to be, and the wireless control system lets the user control the device from a safe distance. The design is modular, which means it can be changed and improved in the future. Future changes may be considered to improve the system's performance and capabilities. Adding cameras or vision systems makes it possible to watch things in real time and be more aware of what's going on around you. Combining targeting and control algorithms that use artificial intelligence may reduce mistakes made by people and improve accuracy. Also, the system's functionality can be greatly improved in complex environments by adding autonomous navigation capabilities. Future studies might look into advanced ways to make EMPs in controlled and regulated settings to find further uses for them. This research is a big step forward in making smart robots that can be used for safety-critical tasks and electrical interface technologies that don't require contact.

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