Drone Energy Delivery DEC1705

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Goals

- Autonomous flight to node
- Locate destination with image processing

Functional Requirements

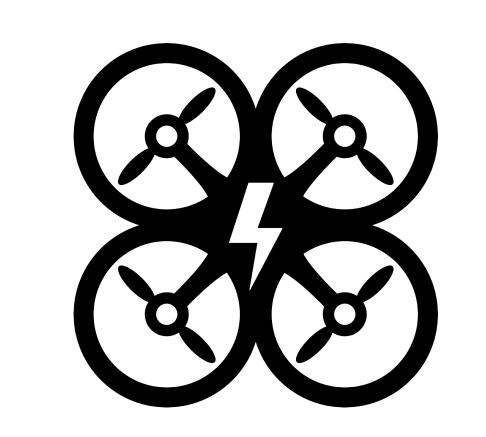
- Application must be able to take command and fly to node
- Drone must land autonomously on node
- Drone must be able to charge node by landing on it
- Drone must be able to return to base

Autonomous landing on node Eurotional observing unit

• Functional charging unit

Non-functional Requirements

- Ability to request and update GPS position data
- Predetermined symbol on node for image processing
- Must be able to process images quickly enough to update commands



• Requires a robust tracking method for final guidance

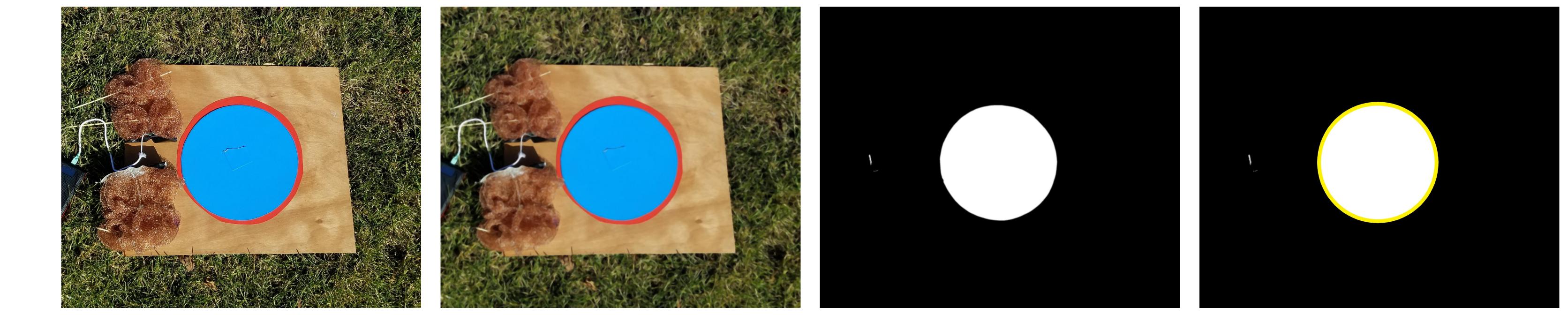


About

- DJI Phantom 3 Standard
- Interfaced with SDK
- High resolution camera
- Android Device communication via ad-hoc wifi network

Navigation

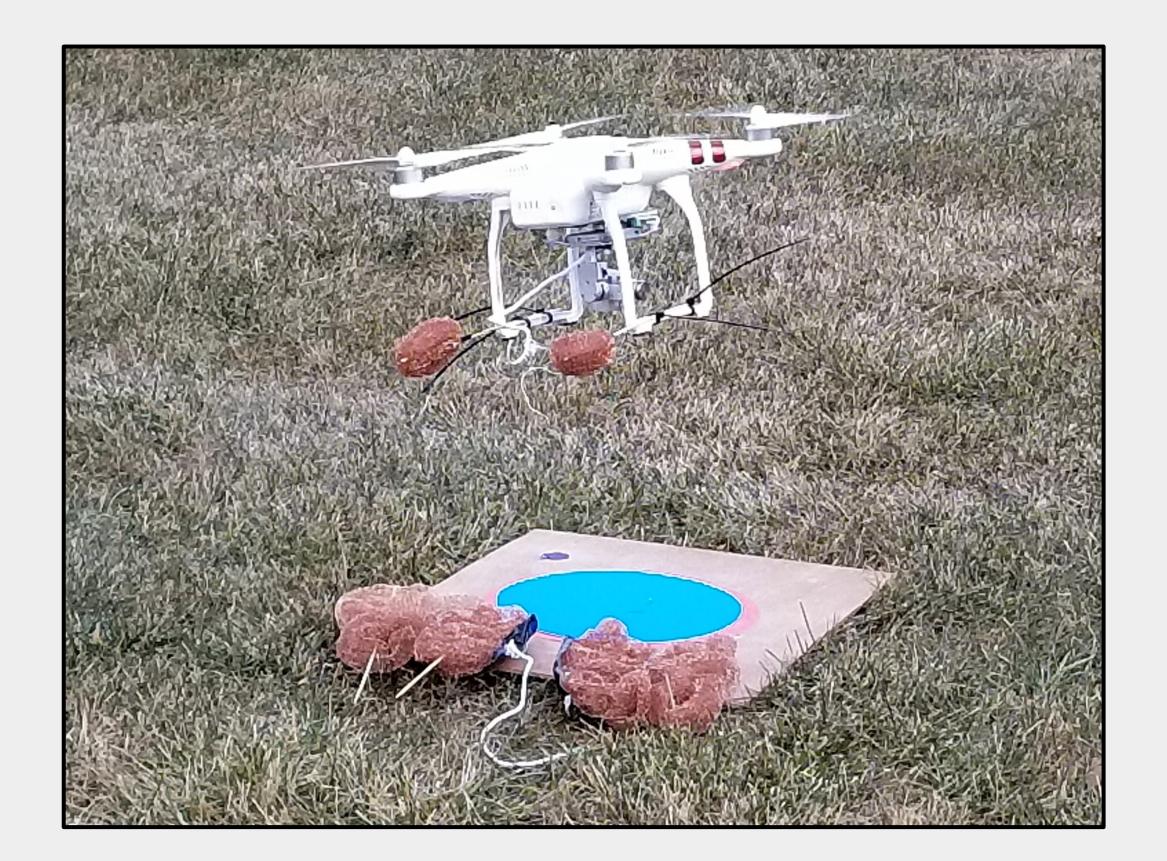
- Uses GPS for general flight guidance
- Flight altitudes modifiable based on information stored about node



- Original retrieved image
- Image blurred using Gaussian and median filters
 - Threshold for hue applied
 Image is dialated to produce smoother edges
- Circle Hough transform algorithm applied
- Tracked object is marked

Landing

- Video stream images analyzed to find target
- Position error from images fed to PID controller
- PID output transmitted to drone
- Altitude calculated by target size



- PID values scale with altitude
- Drone is locked facing north
- Copper wool used for electrical contact surfaces

Group Accomplishments

- Autonomous flight between GPS coordinates
- Image tracking of marked nodes

- Use of PID controllers to center and land drone on node
- Charging remote node using autonomous drone