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# Rider Optimization With Deep Learning Based Image Encryption for Secure Drone Communication

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**ABSTRACT** In recent years, drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) got significant attention among researchers because of their extensive application in commercial applications, border surveillance, etc. As the conventional terrestrial communication system does not work effectively on heavy calamities namely floods, landslides, cyclones, earthquakes, etc., UAVs can offer a potential solution for inexpensive, rapid, and wireless communication. Despite the drones' benefits in emergency monitoring, security is been a main factor because of the existence of wireless connections for transmission. Therefore, this article introduces optimal deep learning with image encryption-based secure drone communication (ODLIE-SDC) technique. The major intention of the ODLIE-SDC technique lies in the effectual secure communication and classification process in emergency monitoring scenarios. To accomplish this, the presented ODLIE-SDC technique designs a hyperchaotic map-based image encryption technique and its optimal keys are produced by the use of a rider optimization algorithm (ROA). The image classification process is performed encompassing EfficientNet-B4-CBAM feature extraction and enhanced stacked autoencoder (ESAE) classification. Finally, the hyperparameter tuning of the EfficientNet-B4-CBAM technique takes place using the Bayesian optimization (BO) algorithm. The experimental validation of the ODLIE-SDC technique is tested on the AIDER dataset. The comprehensive comparative analysis reported the enhanced performance of the ODLIE-SDC technique over other existing approaches.

**INDEX TERMS** Drones, image classification, secure communication, encryption.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The reliance and usage of drones have been steadily increasing in various fields. This is because of the drones' capability to provide image capture, live-stream and real-time video, in conjunction with the capability to fly and transport goods [1]. Consequently, over 10,000 drones come into existence for commercial usage within the next five years. This is

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primarily a result of their benefits over commercial helicopters when it comes to budget and costs. Furthermore, technological development allows easier manipulation through smartphones to fly mini-drones rather than using remote controllers. Indeed, the usage of drones is not constrained to commercial and personal purposes [2]. Currently, drones are described as aircraft that fly with no pilots at the controls but are instead supported by automated flight or ground operators without human interference. Now, they are available for different applications and are utilized for crop monitoring,

vegetation mapping, habitat destruction assessment, marine fauna detection, and surveillance of crime scenes. In addition, drone mapping has a large number of applications in different fields involving infrastructure inspection, construction, agriculture, and mining [3]. In recent times, the application of drones to humanitarian relief [4], [5]. Precise collection of data might be highly complicated in an emergency due to the lack of coordinated action by different agencies during the emergency [6]. Nevertheless, it was recommended that to enhance efficiency of the emergency management, recent technologies and methodologies are needed to conceptualize systems that integrate a mixture of spatial/temporal-oriented, telecommunication tools, and remote sensing databases. Even though this application was most promising to offer comfort and safety to all, it could bring disastrous results if the drone transmission link was misused and hacked [7].

Being resource-constrained, drones are extremely vulnerable to cyber and physical threats or attacks [8]. The battery and storage capacity of drones is limited and if appropriate management is not provided, it becomes easier to hack the sensors and the chips installed on the drone circuits to attain the information stored. As a result, it is extremely imperative to emphasise the safety requirements for drone transmission as their application increases [9]. The reliance on wireless communication makes drones vulnerable to different attacks. This type of attack might have dramatic effects, involving commercial and non-commercial losses. In that regard, there is a lack of clear understanding on how hacker hijacks a drone and performs their attacks, to crash or even interrupt it [10]. Indeed, drones could also be compromised for malicious purposes.

This article introduces optimal deep learning with image encryption-based secure drone communication (ODLIE-SDC) technique. The presented ODLIE-SDC technique designs a hyperchaotic map-based image encryption technique and its optimal keys are produced by the use of a rider optimization algorithm (ROA). The image classification process is performed encompassing EfficientNet-B4-CBAM feature extraction and enhanced stacked autoencoder (ESAE) classification. Finally, the hyperparameter tuning of the EfficientNet-B4-CBAM technique takes place using the Bayesian optimization (BO) algorithm. The experimental validation of the ODLIE-SDC technique is tested on the AIDER dataset

## II. RELATED WORKS

Alrayes et al. [11] establish an AI-oriented Secure Communication and Classification for Drone-Enabled Emergency Monitoring System (AISCC-DE2MS). This system mostly utilizes encrypt and classifier methods for emergency conditions. Primarily, the proposed technique utilizes an artificial gorilla troops optimizer (AGTO) technique with an ECC-related ElGamal Encryption system for accomplishing security. For the emergency condition classifier, the proposed scheme includes a DenseNet extraction feature, penguin

search optimizer (PESO) based hyperparameter tuning, and LSTM-based classifier. Rabieh et al. [12] present a proxy re-encryption-based sharing method for enabling 3rd party for accessing only restricted videos with no need for an original encrypted key. The expensive pairing functions in proxy re-encrypt could not be utilized for allowing quick access and delivery of surveillance video for 3rd party. The basic management was controlled by a trusted control centre that performs as a proxy to re-encrypt the data.

Ingle et al. [13] examined an earlier fusion-based video synopsis. Primarily, the authors fused the 2-D camera and 3-D LIDAR point cloud data; secondarily, the authors executed abnormal object recognition utilizing a customized sensor on the integrated dataset and lastly extracting only the basic information to create a synopsis. In [14], the authors examine that UAVs are utilized for distributing virus-related tests to probably sick patients. A new technique which the authors present is to utilize the present drone structure for performing this task, whereas drones maintained and worked by distinct private and public entities can be retrofitted for the distribution of necessities in crises. Miao et al. [15] introduce a drone-supported smart air agent from a 6-G edge fusion scheme. Primarily, the energy-effective dynamic routing scheme dependent upon a joint air-ground control optimizer was planned for improving fusion sensing efficacy and extending service hours of drone swarms. Eventually, an airborne data fusion scheme dependent upon multiple source sensing was planned for solving the connected cognitive optimizer issue for multi-modal data.

Nedelea et al. [16] examine the real possibility of utilizing drones in rescue operations, along with in non-segregated airspace, to attain solutions to monitor aerial work and activities supporting the public health system in an emergency. The particularity of the concept system was the usage of the “swarm” of fast drones for an aerial investigation that operates together, thereby enhancing the identification and search time while rising the operability of the system and the information area. Whenever required, a carrier drone with portable devices or medical supplies is incorporated that could also provide two-way video and audio transmission abilities. Mershad et al. [17] developed a technique which allows the drone to store significant information that it necessitates during its flight within the lightweight blockchain (BC) mechanism. Furthermore, the author proposed a new BC consensus model where different miners produce the block simultaneously that reduces the time required to securely add transactions to BC and meets the requirements of delay-sensitive applications.

## III. THE PROPOSED MODEL

In this article, we have developed a new ODLIE-SDC method for effectual secure communication and classification processes in emergency scenarios. The ODLIE-SDC technique encompasses hyperchaotic map-based encryption, ROA-based key generation, EfficientNet-B3-CBAM feature

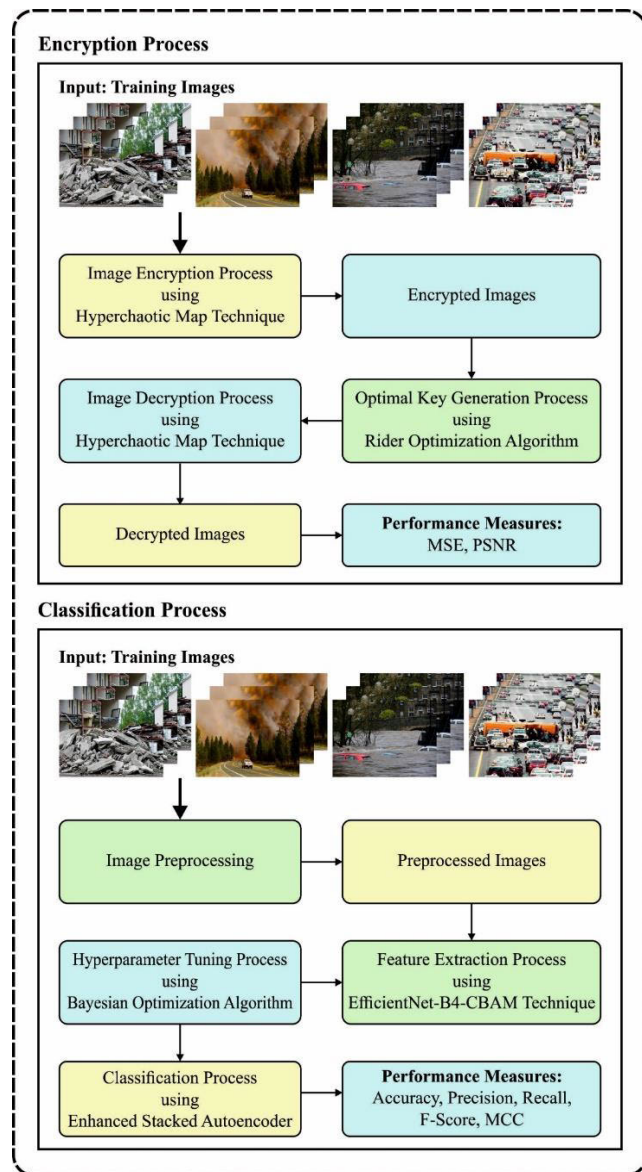
extraction, BO-based hyperparameter optimizer, and ESAE classification. Fig. 1 demonstrates the overall procedure of the presented ODLIE-SDC algorithm.

**A. IMAGE ENCRYPTION PROCESS**

In this work, the encryption of the images captured by the drones takes place using hyperchaotic map-based encryption [18]. To enhance secrecy, the optimal keys can be produced by the ROA.

**1) ENCRYPTION PROCEDURE**

In this section, the process involved in the transformation of the input image into a cipher image is discussed.



**FIGURE 1.** The overall procedure of the ODLIE-SDC system.

- Step 1: Read a plain image ( $I_m$ ) of size  $m \times n$ .
- Step 2: Change  $I_m$  in 2D into 1D for more processing.

Step 3: Create optimum primary parameters like  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, k,$  and  $l$ ; and encrypted features (viz,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ).

Step 4: Create confidential keys  $v'_1, v'_2, v'_3, v'_4,$  and  $v'_5$  using 5D hyper-chaotic map.

Step 5: Utilize  $v'_1$  and  $v'_2$  for changing the pixel value of  $I_m$  as

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \text{mod}(I_m + v'_1, 256) \\ R &= \text{mod}(S + v'_2, 256) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

At this point,  $R$  refers to the upgraded image.

Step 6: Afterward, the pixel of  $R$  was permutation utilizing  $v'_3$ . Primarily,  $v'_3$  has been arranged and it can be obtained  $v_3$ . Next, it is determined the value position of  $v'_3$  in  $v_3$  and keep the different positions in  $C_p$ . Afterwards, the element of  $R$  can be permutation by employing  $C_p$  as

$$R'(j) = R(C_p(j)), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m \times n \quad (2)$$

In which  $R'$  indicates the permutation image.

Step 7: The permutation image  $R'$  is again permutation utilizing  $v'_4$  to optimum confusion. Similar to Step 6, sorting was executed on  $v'_4$  and the resultant matrix was kept in  $v_4$ . Afterwards, the value position of  $v'_4$  is initiated in  $v_4$  and altered positions are kept in  $C'_p$ . After that, every element of  $R'$  is permutation by utilizing  $C'_p$  as

$$R''(j) = R'(C'_p(j)), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m \times n \quad (3)$$

Step 8: Diffusion was carried out on  $R''$  utilizing  $v'_5$  and encrypt feature  $\beta$  for obtaining the encrypted image  $EN'$ .

$$EN'(j) = \text{mod}(v'_5 \times R''(j) + (1 - \beta) \times v'_5, 256) \quad (4)$$

Step 9: Again more than one level of diffusion is applied on  $EN'$  to optimum security. A key  $K$  is established in the groups of all 5 confidential keys. At that moment,  $K$  was utilized with another encrypted feature  $\alpha$  for performing diffusion on  $EN'$  for obtaining the last encryption image.

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \text{mod}(v'_1 \oplus v'_2 \oplus v'_3 \oplus v'_4 \oplus v'_5, 256) \\ EN(j) &= \text{mod}(K \times EN'(j) + (1 - \alpha) \times K, 256) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Step 10: Change 1D  $EN$  into a 2D matrix and send it to the receiver.

**2) DECRYPTION PROCEDURE**

In this section, the process involved in the reconstruction of the input image from the cipher image is discussed. To decipher a novel image, the receiver requires the similar primary parameters of a 5D hyper-chaotic map and encrypted features ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ) which are utilized in encrypting. So, it can be essential to transfer the desired parameters with a receiver on a secured channel. The decrypt method is just the inverse of encrypt method. The steps of the decrypt method are discussed as follows

Step 1: The receiver received an encrypted image  $EN$  on a public network. The vital primary parameters  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4,$

$v_5, k, l, \alpha,$  and  $\beta$  are received by the receiver with a secured channel.

Step 2: Confidential keys ( $v'_1, v'_2, v'_3, v'_4,$  and  $v'_5$ ) are established.

Step 3: Create a key  $K$  by XORing every confidential key. Besides, change the  $EN$  in the 2D to 1D matrix.

$$K = \text{mod} (v'_1 \oplus v'_2 \oplus v'_3 \oplus v'_4 \oplus v'_5, 256) \quad (6)$$

Step 4: Execute  $\alpha$  and  $K$  on  $EN$  to decipher and obtain  $EN'$ .

$$EN' = EN - (1 - \alpha) \times \frac{K}{\alpha} \quad (7)$$

Step 5: Execute  $\beta$  and  $v'_5$  on  $EN'$  and obtain decipher image ( $R''$ ).

$$R'' = EN' - (1 - \beta) \times \frac{v'_5}{\beta} \quad (8)$$

Step 6: Implement sorting on  $v'_4$  and supply the resultant into  $v_4$  Afterwards, determine the position of elements of  $v'_4$  in  $v_4$  and keep them into  $C'_p$ . Then,  $R''$  is permutation as

$$R'(j) = R''(C'_p(j)) \quad (9)$$

Step 7: Implement sorting on  $v'_3$  as completed in Step 6 and kept the transformed position from  $C_p$ . Next,  $R'$  is permutation as

$$R(j) = R'(C_p(j)) \quad (10)$$

Step 8: Execute  $v'_1$  and  $v'_2$  on  $R$  for obtaining the last decrypt image  $DN$ .

$$S = \text{mod} (R - v'_2, 256) \\ DN = \text{mod}(S - v'_1, 256) \quad (11)$$

### 3) OPTIMAL KEY GENERATION PROCEDURE

In this work, the optimal key generation process of the hyperchaotic maps can be produced by the use of the ROA. ROA is designed on the concept of a rider being aggregated to accomplish their goal [19]. The groups of riders include follower, bypass rider, attacker, and overtaker. Each rider was arranged and later divided into groups. Every group generates their performance individually to accomplish the target. This process pursues a sequential process in a step-by-step way. Initially, parameter initialization of groups and riders have been taken place. In the ROA technique, the defined group was denoted as  $T$  and randomly take the location. Therefore, the mathematical formula for the procedure of group initialization is shown as follows:

$$G^t = \{G^t(S_a, S_b)\}; \quad 1 \leq S_a \leq NR_t, \quad 1 \leq S_b \leq DI_t \quad (12)$$

Now,  $NR_t$  indicates the number of riders existing in the race concerning time,  $DI_t$  signifies the dimension concerning time  $t$ . The location of the rider is represented as  $G^t(S_a, S_b)$ . The notation denotes the overall amount of riders namely bypass rider, follower, overtaker, and attacker  $BR, F, O,$  and  $AT$ , whereby ( $T = BR + F + O + AT$ ). The parameter that is

regarded are acceleration, steering angle, brake, and the gear, and they are installed in all the groups of rider. The steering angle ( $SA^t$ ) can be mathematically expressed as follows:

$$SA^t = \{SA^t_{S_a, S_b}\}; \quad 1 \leq S_a \leq NR_t; \quad 1 \leq S_b \leq DI_t \quad (13)$$

Let  $SA^t_{S_a, S_b}$  be the steering angle of the existing rider and the initial phase of the steering angle is demonstrated below:

$$SA^t_{S_a, S_b} = \begin{cases} \theta_a; & \text{if } S_b = 1 \\ SA^{t=0}_{S_a, S_b} = 1 + \alpha & \text{if } S_b \neq 1 \\ 0; & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

The angle of the present rider is denoted as  $\theta_a$  and the term  $\alpha$  indicates the existing rider location. The group leader is created for measuring the success rate. The leader was centralized and utilized the concept of arbitrary search in each direction which reflect in the improvement of the success rate. The key parameter considered for measuring success rate is distance and it can be mathematically expressed as follows:

$$CR_{dis} = \frac{S_a + D_v}{S_a - D_v} \quad (15)$$

From the expression,  $S_a$  indicates the position of the existing rider and  $D_v$  shows the destination. The rate of the leader detection process is preceded to increase the success. The central concept behind the leader selection process is that leader that is selected has minimal distance (highest success rate) from the destination and they are dynamic, differing based on the time, speed, and position. Then, the location updating takes place based on the group of riders. Initially, the location updating of the bypass rider is formulated as follows:

$$G^{BR}_{t+1}(S_a, S_b) = \gamma [G^t(\eta, S_b) \times \mu(S_b) + G^t(e, S_b) \times [1 - \mu(S_b)]] \quad (16)$$

Now,  $\gamma$  indicates an arbitrary value that lies within  $[0, 1]$ ,  $\eta$  represents the random number that ranges from 1 to  $T$ , and  $\mu$  signifies a random number ranging between 0 and 1 of size  $1 \times D$ . Next, location updating of follower rider is given below:

$$G^F_{t+1}(S_a, S_b) = G^{L_{index}}(L_{index}, c) + \left[ \cos(SA^{t=0}_{S_a, S_b}) \times G^{L_{index}}(L_{index}, c) \times d^t_{S_a} \right] \quad (17)$$

Here,  $G^{L_{index}}$  denotes the leader position,  $L_{index}$  shows the leader index,  $SA^{t=0}_{S_a, S_b}$  represents the existing rider steering angle, and  $d^t_{S_a}$  indicates additional distance required for covering the existing rider. Next, the location updating of the overtaker rider is formulated as

$$G^O_{t+1}(S_a, S_c) = G_t(S_a, S_c) + [Y^t_t(S_a) * G^{L_{index}}(L_{index}, S_c)] \quad (18)$$

where,  $G_t(S_a, S_c)$  represents the existing rider position, and  $Y^t_t(S)$  shows the existing rider direction. Lastly, the location

updating of the attacker riders is formulated by

$$G_{t+1}^{AT}(S_a, S_c) = G^{L_{index}}(L_{index}, S_b) + \left[ \cos(SA_{S_a, S_b}^{t=0}) \times G^{L_{index}}(L_{index}, S_b) \right] + d_{S_a}^t \quad (19)$$

where,  $G^{L_{index}}(L_{index}, S_b)$  indicates the leader location and  $SA_{S_a, S_b}^{t=0}$  signified steering angle of existing riders. Afterwards the computation of the group update, the success rate was evaluated amongst the riders. Based on the measurement, the new position and the leader were selected.

To achieve a better outcome, it is crucial to define an effective objective function. The ROA derived a fitness function by the maximization of the PSNR. The keys with maximum PSNR values can be chosen as optimal keys by the ROA.

$$fitness = \max \{PSNR\} \quad (20)$$

### B. IMAGE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS

To recognize the different classes, an image classification process is performed encompassing EfficientNet-B4-CBAM feature extraction, BO-based hyperparameter optimization, and ESAE classification.

#### 1) FEATURE EXTRACTION

For feature vector generation, the EfficientNet-B4-CBAM model is employed here. EfficientNet is an extremely correct network acquired with a machine search [20]. It utilizes an easy and effectual compound co-efficient for equally scaling the resolution, width, and depth of networks. Besides, related to other CNN techniques which reach the same accuracy on ImageNet database, EfficientNet is much lesser. For precisely identifying several classes, a novel DL technique named EfficientNet-B4-CBAM was generated merging the EfficientNet-B4 and CBAM components EfficientNet-B4-CBAM method was mostly collected from the EfficientNet-B4 method and CBAM component. During the EfficientNet-B4-CBAM method, the EfficientNet-B4 technique has accountable for extracting features, but the CBAM component has responsible to realize the refinement of extraction features. The EfficientNet-B4 technique encompasses generally a mobile inverted bottleneck convolutional, with a 3-channel image with a pixel resolution of  $380 \times 380$  as input and detection outcome as output. Pointwise convolutional, depthwise convolutional, and squeeze-and-excitation (SE) components are the 3 primary modules of MBConv. Afterwards, a  $5 \times 5$  depthwise convolutional was executed, and then the overview of the SE component for boosting the expressiveness of the method. Afterwards,  $1 \times 1$  pointwise convolutional has been utilized for returning the feature mapping to their novel channel dimensional. Eventually, drop connect was applied, and skip connection of input was executed.

Finally, the hyperparameter tuning of the EfficientNet-B4-CBAM technique takes place using the BO algorithm. BO is one of the robust methods for resolving functions which is

computationally expensive for finding the extrema [21]. It is used for resolving the function without closed-form expression. Also, it is applied for the non-convex function or the expensive function to compute; the derivative is difficult to assess. In the presented work, the optimization aims at finding a maximal value at the sample point for the  $f$  unknown function.

$$x^+ = \arg \max_{x \in A} f(x). \quad (21)$$

In Eq. (21), A shows the search space of x. BO derived from the Bayes theorem:

$$P(M | E) \propto P(E | M) P(M). \quad (22)$$

The abovementioned equation reflects the fundamental idea of BO. BO aims to integrate the priori distribution of function  $f(x)$  with the sampling dataset to attain the posterior function; next, the posterior data is applied to finding the function  $f(x)$ , where it is maximized based on the criterion. The function  $u$  defines the next sample point for maximizing the predicted utility. While searching the sampling region, it is essential to consider exploitation (sample from that with higher value) and exploration (sample from an area of high uncertainty). This might assist in reducing the sampling count. Additionally, the performance would be enhanced even while the function has local maxima.

Besides the sampling data, BO relies on the prior distribution of function  $f$ , which is an essential component in statistical inference. Generally, the Gaussian function is presumed to be very suitable for BO's priori distribution. The Gaussian function is easy to handle and extremely flexible. Hence the BO employs the Gaussian function to fit data and upgrade the posterior distribution.

Where  $D_{1:f-1} = \{x_n, y_n\}_{n=1}^{t-1}$  characterizes the training data that comprises of  $t - 1$  observation of  $f$  function. As mentioned above, the process comprises two parts: maximizing the acquisition function (step 2) and updating the posterior distribution (steps 3 and 4). As the observation accumulates, the posterior distribution is constantly upgraded; based on the new posterior. The entire procedure is reiterated until the difference between the present and the optimum values attained so far is lesser than the predetermined threshold or the maximal amount of iterations is attained. It is worth noting that BO doesn't need the explicit expression of the function  $f$  more than that of other optimization techniques, namely the gradient descent algorithm. Hence, it has a large number of applications.

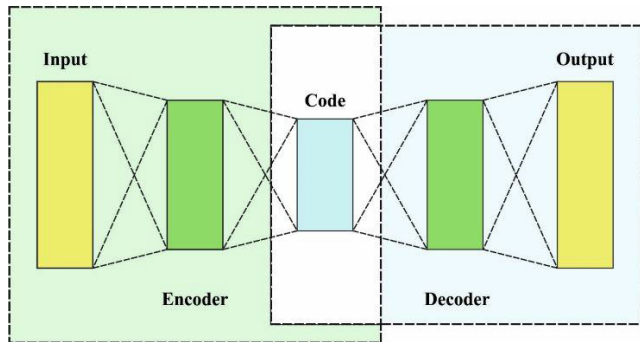
The BO algorithm derives a fitness function from accomplishing superior classification performance. It defines the positive integer to illustrate the superior performance of candidate solutions. The reduction of classification error rate is viewed as a fitness function, as follows.

$$fitness(x_i) = ClassifierErrorRate(x_i) = \frac{\text{number of misclassified samples}}{\text{Total number of samples}} * 100 \quad (23)$$

**Algorithm 1** Bayesian Optimization

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For  $t = 1, 2, \dots$ 
  Find  $x_t$  by augmenting acquisition function  $u$  over function  $f$ .
   $x_t = \arg \max_x u(x|D_{1:t-1})$ .
  Sampling the objective function:  $y_t = f(x_t)$ .
  Increase the data  $D_{1:t} = \{D_{1:t-1}, (x_t, y_t)\}$  and upgrade the posterior of function  $f$ .
End for
    
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**FIGURE 2.** The architecture of SAE.

2) IMAGE CLASSIFICATION

Here, the classification of distinct kinds of classes takes place using the ESAE model. SAE could efficiently extract the deep feature in the dataset and has the features of faster convergence based on its underlying concept [22]. However, based on the theory of information bottleneck, still, the capability of feature extraction can be optimized. When the depth of NN is increased, the pertinent data of the extracted features by the network and original data will be decreased. Consequently, the study presents an ESAE model to preserve more original information during feature extraction. The model trains the original information as further data of the hidden layer (HL) in the pretraining phase. It could make original information wholly participate in the coding process so that additional data based on the original information are retained during the process of feature extraction.

ESAE is the same as SAE during the process of training, separated into reverse finetuning and pretraining. During the pretraining, the HL information of every AE is exploited as input for the following AE. Furthermore, the original information is included to improve training procedures. In the pretraining technique, ESAE first input the original information  $x_{data}$  into AE1 to obtain the HL dataset  $h^{(1)}$  of the AE1. Next, the  $h^{(1)}$  hidden layer of AE1 is integrated into the original dataset as the input  $x^{(2)} = [h^{(1)}, x_{data}]$  of AE2. Similarly, the AE2 trained as AE1 to attain  $h^{(2)}$  hidden layer. The abovementioned steps are repeated to attain the depth of the model set. During the ESAE reverse finetuning, the network parameter attained in the network pretraining is exploited as an initialization parameter to build a deep

network with several HLs. Fig. 2 depicts the infrastructure of SAE.

**IV. PERFORMANCE VALIDATION**

The proposed model is simulated using Python 3.6.5 tool on PC i5-8600k, GeForce 1050Ti 4GB, 16GB RAM, 250GB SSD, and 1TB HDD. The parameter settings are given as follows: learning rate: 0.01, dropout: 0.5, batch size: 5, epoch count: 50, and activation: ReLU. The experimental validation of the ODLIE-SDC technique is tested by utilizing the AIDER Dataset [23]. The dataset holds 8540 samples with five classes as represented by Table 1. Fig. 3 illustrates the sample images.

A set of measures used to examine the performance of the proposed model are mean square error (MSE), peak signal-to-noise ratio (PSNR), accuracy, precision, recall, F-Score, MCC, and computation time (CT).

**TABLE 1.** Details of dataset.

Class	Description	No. of Samples
Abnormal-1	Collapsed Building/Rubble	700
Abnormal-2	Fire/Smoke	740
Abnormal-3	Flood	700
Abnormal-4	Traffic Accidents	700
Normal	Normal	5700
Total No. of Samples		8540



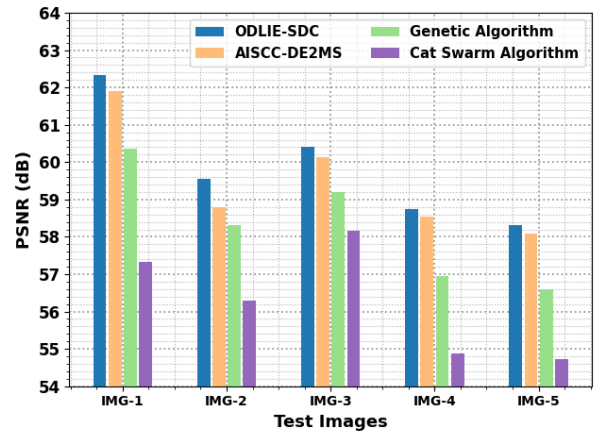
**FIGURE 3.** Sample images.

In Table 2, a brief study of the ODLIE-SDC technique with other methods in terms of MSE and PSNR is given. Fig. 4 examines a comparative MSE examination of the ODLIE-SDC technique. The results signify that the ODLIE-SDC technique reaches effectual outcomes with minimal values of MSE. For instance, on IMG-1, the ODLIE-SDC technique results in a reduced MSE of 0.038 while the

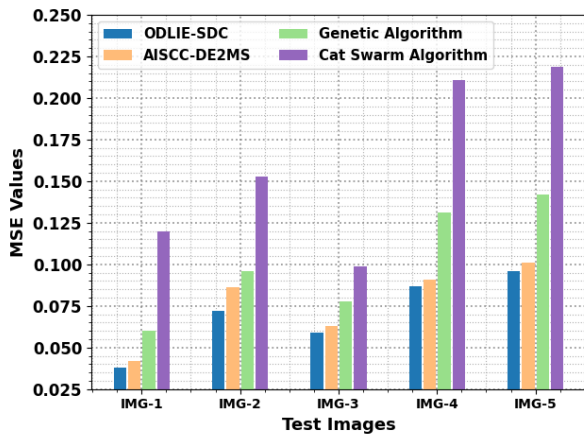
AISCC-DE2MS, GA, and CSA models attain increased MSE of 0.042, 0.060, and 0.120 respectively. Simultaneously, on IMG-3, the ODLIE-SDC technique results in a reduced MSE of 0.059 while the AISCC-DE2MS, GA, and CSA techniques attain increased MSE of 0.063, 0.078, and 0.099 correspondingly. Concurrently, on IMG-5, the ODLIE-SDC approach results in reduced MSE of 0.096 while the AISCC-DE2MS, GA, and CSA techniques attain increased MSE of 0.101, 0.142, and 0.219 correspondingly.

**TABLE 2.** MSE and PSNR analysis of the ODLIE-SDC algorithm with different test images.

No. of Test Images	ODLIE-SDC		AISCC-DE2MS		Genetic Algorithm		Cat Swarm Algorithm	
	MSE	PSNR	MSE	PSNR	MSE	PSNR	MSE	PSNR
TEST IMG-1	0.038	62.33	0.042	61.898	0.060	60.349	0.120	57.339
TEST IMG-2	0.072	59.56	0.086	58.786	0.096	58.308	0.153	56.284
TEST IMG-3	0.059	60.42	0.063	60.137	0.078	59.210	0.099	58.174
TEST IMG-4	0.087	58.74	0.091	58.540	0.131	56.958	0.211	54.888
TEST IMG-5	0.096	58.31	0.101	58.088	0.142	56.608	0.219	54.726

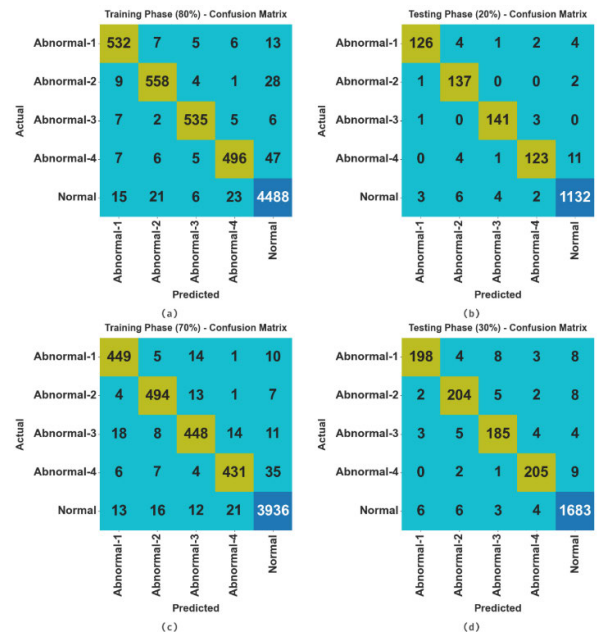


**FIGURE 5.** PSNR analysis of the ODLIE-SDC algorithm with different test images.



**FIGURE 4.** MSE analysis of the ODLIE-SDC algorithm with different test images.

In Fig. 5, a comparative PSNR study of the ODLIE-SDC technique is made under various images. The obtained values demonstrate that the ODLIE-SDC technique gains higher values of PSNR over other models. For instance, on IMG-1, the ODLIE-SDC technique obtains an increased PSNR of 62.33dB while the AISCC-DE2MS, GA, and CSA models reach decreased PSNR of 61.898dB, 60.349dB, and 57.339dB correspondingly. Meanwhile, on IMG-3, the ODLIE-SDC method attains an increased PSNR of 60.42dB while the AISCC-DE2MS, GA, and CSA techniques reach decreased PSNR of 60.137dB, 59.210dB, and 58.174dB correspondingly. Eventually, on IMG-5, the ODLIE-SDC method obtains an increased PSNR of 58.31dB while the AISCC-DE2MS, GA, and CSA methodologies reach



**FIGURE 6.** Confusion matrices of ODLIE-SDC approach (a-b) TRS/TSS of 80:20 and (c-d) TRS/TSS of 70:30.

decreased PSNR of 58.088dB, 56.608dB, and 54.726dB correspondingly.

The confusion matrix of the ODLIE-SDC technique on the classification procedure is depicted in Fig. 6. The results assured that the ODLIE-SDC technique can recognize different kinds of class labels accurately.

Table 3 exhibits comprehensive classification outcomes of the ODLIE-SDC technique. The results inferred that the ODLIE-SDC technique reaches effectual results under all aspects. For instance, with 80% of TRS, the ODLIE-SDC technique attains average  $accu_y$  of 98.69%,  $prec_n$  of 95.01%,  $reca_l$  of 94.18%,  $F_{score}$  of 94.58%, and MCC of 93.42%. Meanwhile, with 20% of TSS, the ODLIE-SDC method reaches average  $accu_y$  of 98.85%,  $prec_n$  of 95.19%,  $reca_l$  of 94.85%,  $F_{score}$  of 94.96%, and MCC of 94.01%.

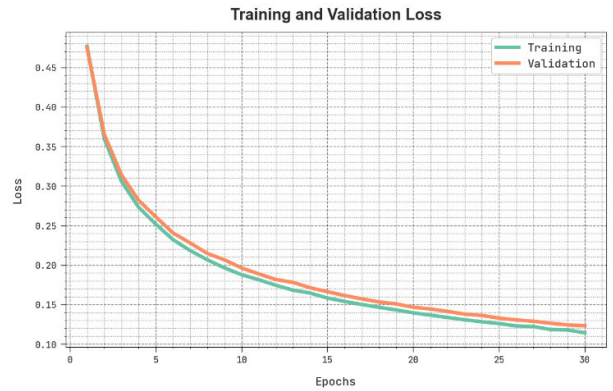
**TABLE 3. Classification outcome of the ODLIE-SDC system with a distinct measure.**

Labels	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F-Score	MCC
Training Phase (80%)					
Abnormal-1	98.99	93.33	94.49	93.91	93.36
Abnormal-2	98.86	93.94	93.00	93.47	92.84
Abnormal-3	99.41	96.40	96.40	96.40	96.08
Abnormal-4	98.54	93.41	88.41	90.84	90.09
Normal	97.67	97.95	98.57	98.26	94.75
Average	98.69	95.01	94.18	94.58	93.42
Testing Phase (20%)					
Abnormal-1	99.06	96.18	91.97	94.03	93.55
Abnormal-2	99.00	90.73	97.86	94.16	93.69
Abnormal-3	99.41	95.92	97.24	96.58	96.26
Abnormal-4	98.65	94.62	88.49	91.45	90.78
Normal	98.13	98.52	98.69	98.61	95.75
Average	98.85	95.19	94.85	94.96	94.01
Training Phase (70%)					
Abnormal-1	98.81	91.63	93.74	92.67	92.03
Abnormal-2	98.98	93.21	95.18	94.18	93.63
Abnormal-3	98.43	91.24	89.78	90.51	89.65
Abnormal-4	98.51	92.09	89.23	90.64	89.85
Normal	97.91	98.42	98.45	98.44	95.28
Average	98.53	93.32	93.28	93.29	92.09
Testing Phase (30%)					
Abnormal-1	98.67	94.74	89.59	92.09	91.41
Abnormal-2	98.67	92.31	92.31	92.31	91.58
Abnormal-3	98.71	91.58	92.04	91.81	91.11
Abnormal-4	99.02	94.04	94.47	94.25	93.72
Normal	98.13	98.31	98.88	98.59	95.79
Average	98.64	94.19	93.46	93.81	92.72

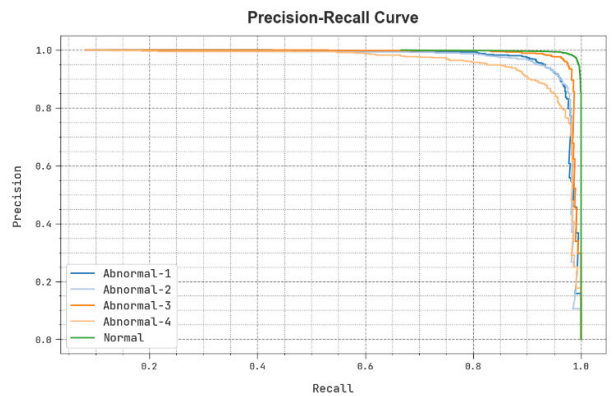


**FIGURE 7. TACC and VACC outcome of ODLIE-SDC algorithm.**

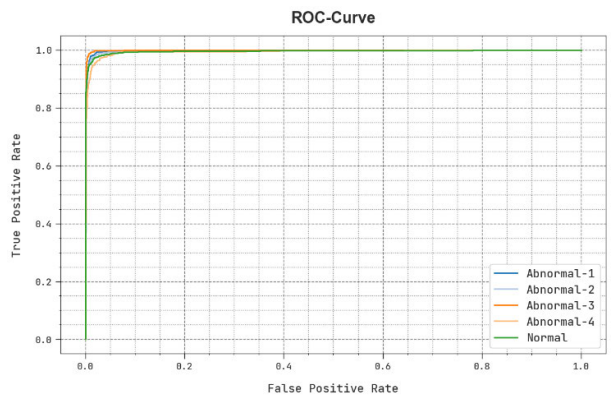
Eventually, with 70% of TRS, the ODLIE-SDC method gains average  $accu_n$  of 98.53%,  $prec_n$  of 93.32%,  $recal$  of 93.28%,  $F_{score}$  of 93.29%, and MCC of 92.09%. Finally, with 30% of TSS, the ODLIE-SDC algorithm achieves average  $accu_n$  of



**FIGURE 8. TLS and VLS outcome of ODLIE-SDC algorithm.**



**FIGURE 9. The precision-recall outcome of the ODLIE-SDC algorithm.**



**FIGURE 10. ROC outcome of ODLIE-SDC algorithm.**

98.64%,  $prec_n$  of 94.19%,  $recal$  of 93.46%,  $F_{score}$  of 93.81%, and MCC of 92.72%.

The TACC and VACC of the ODLIE-SDC approach are investigated on classification performance in Fig. 7. The figure displayed that the ODLIE-SDC approach has improved performance with increased values of TACC and VACC. Notably, the ODLIE-SDC methodology has reached maximum TACC outcomes.

The TLS and VLS of the ODLIE-SDC approach are tested on classification performance in Fig. 8. The figure inferred that the ODLIE-SDC system has better performance with the



**TABLE 4. Comparative analysis of the ODLIE-SDC system with other recent techniques.**

Methods	Accuracy (in %)	Computation Time (in ms)
ODLIE-SDC	98.85	8.95
AISCC-DE2MS Model	95.24	11.13
SCNet Model	85.70	14.18
SCFCNet Model	87.11	14.14
MobileNet Model	88.55	47.63
baseNet Model	88.34	21.12
ERNet Model	90.16	19.46

least values of TLS and VLS. Perceptibly, the ODLIE-SDC method has resulted in reduced VLS outcomes.

A clear precision-recall inspection of the ODLIE-SDC algorithm under the test database is given in Fig. 9. The figure designated that the ODLIE-SDC technique has resulted in enhanced values of precision-recall values under all classes.

The comprehensive ROC study of the ODLIE-SDC method under the test database is depicted in Fig. 10. The outcomes signified the ODLIE-SDC methodology has exposed its capability in classifying distinct classes.

Table 4 depicts the superiority of the ODLIE-SDC method, a widespread comparison study is made in terms of *accu<sub>y</sub>* and computation time (CT) [11].

The results represent that the ODLIE-SDC technique has obtained better performance over other DL models. Based on *accu<sub>y</sub>*, the ODLIE-SDC technique has gained improved *accu<sub>y</sub>* of 98.58% which is considerably higher than the existing models. Similarly, the ODLIE-SDC technique has obtained a CT of 8.95ms which is significantly lower than the compared methods. These results stated the supremacy of the ODLIE-SDC technique in disaster monitoring.

## V. CONCLUSION

In this article, we have developed a new ODLIE-SDC method for effectual secure communication and classification processes. To accomplish this, the presented ODLIE-SDC technique designed a hyperchaotic map-based image encryption technique and its optimal keys are produced by the use of the ROA. The image classification process is performed encompassing EfficientNet-B4-CBAM feature extraction and ESAE classification. Finally, the hyperparameter tuning of the EfficientNet-B4-CBAM technique takes place with the BO algorithm. The experimental validation of the ODLIE-SDC method is tested on the AIDER dataset. The comprehensive comparative analysis stated the enhanced performance of the ODLIE-SDC technique over other existing methods.

The ODLIE-SDC technique can protect the data captured and transmitted by drones, avoiding unauthorized individuals or malicious actors from intercepting and decoding the data. This practical implication assures the privacy and security of the data collected by drones. The proposed ODLIE-SDC scheme can be optimized for real-time encryption and decryption, guaranteeing secure and timely communication

between the drone and the ground station. This practical implication enables secure and responsive control and monitoring of drone operations. In future, the performance of the ODLIE-SDC method can be improvised by hybrid DL classification models. Besides, future work can explore new architectures, optimization techniques, or novel approaches to improve the security and efficiency of image encryption for drone communication. We also need to investigate the robustness of the ODLIE-SDC scheme against various attacks.

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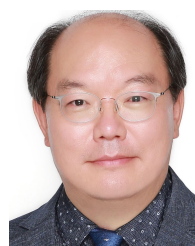
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