

IoAT(Internet of Agro Things) BASED AUTOMATIC PEST CONTROL DEVICE FOR SMART AGRICULTURE

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ABSTRACT

In Conventional Agriculture majority of the crops were infected by microbial diseases. Also, the constantly mutating pathogens cannot be known to the knowledge of the farmer, due to which, there arises a demand to develop a disease prediction system. This helps in maintaining the crop's health. This project introduces an innovative idea of the Internet-of-Agro-Things (IoAT) with an explanation of the automatic detection of plant disease and also provide infected crops with required amount of respective pesticides. To perform this, we use a trained Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model to perform an analysis of the crop image captured by a health maintenance system. The image capturing along with continuous monitoring is performed by an external power supply. The sensor node houses a developed soil moisture sensor which has a high longevity compared to its peers. Areal time implementation of the proposed system is demonstrated using an externally powered sensor node with a camera module, a microcontroller and an IOT module, using which an agricultural officer can monitor the field in the IOT website dedicated for it. Along with it a set of motors are fixed for spraying the pesticide.

Keywords— IoAT, CNN, Convolution Neural Network, Pest Control

1. INTRODUCTION

Insects and Rodents have always been a nuisance for farmers. They feed on their efforts and infest on crops to spread various diseases. Controlling and maintaining their population is therefore important for a farmer to ensure crop health. Pesticides and insecticides have played a major role in preventing infestations. However, they pose different environmental and social consequences. Extreme use of pesticides can result in severe water & soil contamination and can also intoxicate plants with harmful chemicals. Additionally, insects and bugs become reluctant against them with continuous exposure that forces farmers to rely on heavier pesticides. Even though other methods like genetic seed manipulation are also being used to make crops more robust against the pest attack, they are quite expensive for practical application.

Execution of Internet of Agro Things in the agriculture sector has brought in a major development related to on-field pest management. A farm owner can now use different sensors to monitor the growth of pests and take further countermeasures to manage them. Below is a list of different sensors that are being used to identify and track the growth of insects.

2. METHODOLOGY

A. Proposed Solution

To prevent this problem, we use a trained Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model to perform an analysis of the crop image captured by a health maintenance system. The image capturing along with continuous sensing and intelligent automation is performed by the solar sensor node. The sensor node houses a developed soil moisture sensor which has a high longevity compared to its peers. A real time implementation of the proposed system is demonstrated using a solar sensor node with a camera module, a microcontroller and a smartphone application using which a farmer can monitor the field.

B. Existing Work

The existing system also provides essential features for agricultural analysis and monitoring. But there does not present any wireless sensors that will update the values and condition of the agricultural field. This system consists only of some of the parameters such as sensors and micro controllers. The microcontroller used here is not as efficient.

C. Scope of the Project

This is an automatic device that is useful in farming. It assists the farmer in increasing crop efficiency while also reducing the requirement for physical labor. This project helps in maximizing the output of farmland using minimal resources. Farmers get to know about the frequently mutating pathogens and plant diseases. Weeding and pest and disease management will be handled by these devices. This system predicts plant diseases and has a smart irrigation system that we can monitor the crops as well as automate the irrigation.

3. COMPONENTS USED

A. BLOCK DIAGRAM

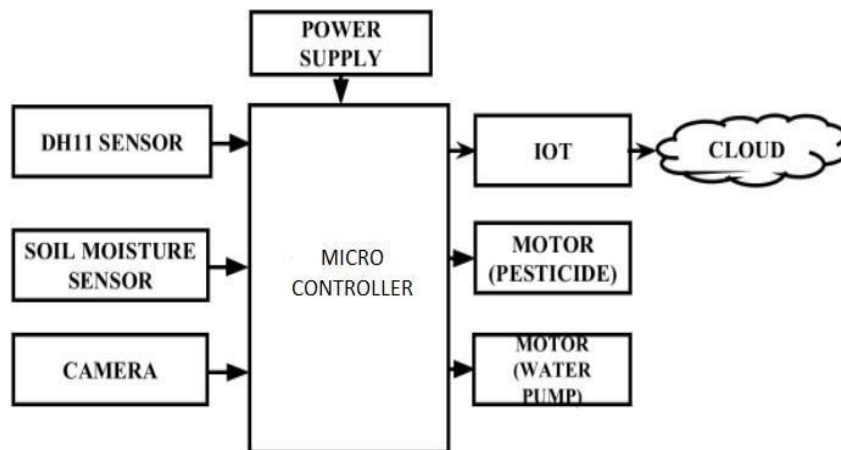


Fig 1: Block Diagram Of the system

B. HARDWARE COMPONENTS USED



1. Microcontroller – ARDUINO UNO

The Arduino Uno is an open-source microcontroller board based on the Microchip ATmega328P microcontroller and developed by Arduino.cc. The board is equipped with sets of digital and analog input/output (I/O) pins that may be interfaced to various expansion boards (shields) and other circuits.

2. DH11 Sensor

DHT11 Temperature & Humidity Sensor features a temperature & humidity sensor complex with a calibrated digital signal output. By using the exclusive digital-signal-acquisition technique and temperature & humidity sensing technology, it ensures high reliability and excellent long-term stability. This sensor includes a resistive-type humidity measurement component and an NTC temperature measurement component, and connects to a high-performance 8-bit microcontroller, offering excellent quality, fast response, anti-interference ability and cost-effectiveness. Each DHT11 element is strictly calibrated in the laboratory that is extremely accurate on humidity calibration. The single-wire serial interface makes system integration quick and easy.

3. Soil Moisture Sensor

Soil Moisture Sensors measure soil moisture with patented TDT (Time Domain Transmission) technology. BiSensors are self-calibrating for all soil types and conditions and are unaffected by salty soil conditions or soils with a high pH. BiSensors can be connected to a two-wire path or conventional wire and provide continuous measurements and real-time feedback for the controller to make smart irrigation decisions specific to the landscape the biSensor is installed in.

4. DC Motor

A direct current (DC) motor is a type of electric machine that converts electrical energy into mechanical energy. DC motors take electrical power through direct current, and convert this energy into mechanical rotation.

5. IOT Module

An IoT ecosystem consists of web-enabled smart devices that use embedded systems, such as processors, sensors and communication hardware, to collect, send and act on data they acquire from their environments. Cloud computing enables users to perform computing tasks using services provided over the Internet. The use of the Internet of Things in conjunction with cloud technologies has become a kind of catalyst: the Internet of Things and cloud computing are now related to each other. These are true technologies of the future that will bring many benefits.

C. SOFTWARE USED

1. Arduino IDE

Arduino IDE is an open-source platform used for building electronics projects. Arduino consists of both a physical programmable circuit board (often referred to as a microcontroller) and a piece of software, or IDE (Integrated Development Environment) that runs on your computer, used to write and upload computer code to the physical board.

2. Embedded C

Embedded C is a set of language extensions for the C programming language by the C Standards Committee to address commonality issues that exist between C extensions for different embedded systems.

4. RESULT

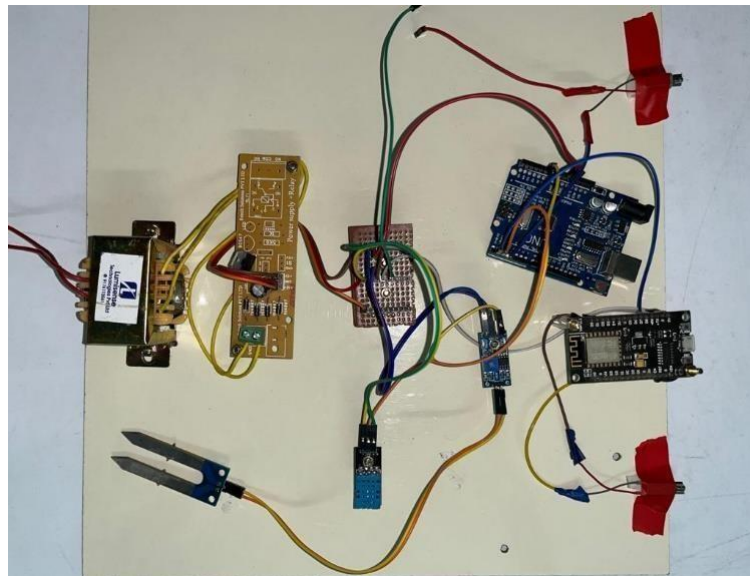


Fig 2: Field Module

5. CONCLUSION

The project deals with identifying the disease affected crop. This is achieved through the Convolutional Neural Network Algorithm. If the crop is affected by disease, then the information is shared through IOT module and the respective pesticides are sprayed based on the disease. In the future aspects of the proposed solution, the developed IoAT app can be made available for usage in various regional languages for the ease of use by the farmer and a multi-platform app can also be developed enabling app usage in Android and iOS. A database for various other crop diseases can be built and used to train the model, increasing the efficiency of the solution and enabling coverage of more crops and their diseases. Security and privacy issues in the smart agriculture also need research within the energy consumption constraints.

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