Automated Pest Detection and Control in Agriculture using IoT and Image Processing

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Abstract
This paper explores the development and application of an innovative Automated Pest Detection and Control System (APDCS) in agriculture, leveraging Internet of Things (IoT) technology and advanced image processing techniques. The primary aim of this research is to provide a sustainable, efficient, and cost-effective solution to the challenge of pest management in agricultural settings, reducing reliance on manual labor and chemical pesticides. By integrating IoT sensors and devices with cutting-edge image recognition algorithms, the proposed system is designed to automatically detect and identify various agricultural pests in real-time. The methodology encompasses the design of the APDCS, including the selection and deployment of suitable IoT hardware (such as cameras and environmental sensors), and the development of a robust image processing model capable of accurately identifying pests from captured images. A pilot study was conducted in a controlled agricultural environment to evaluate the system's effectiveness, focusing on its detection accuracy, response time, and overall impact on pest control practices.

Key findings from the research demonstrate that the APDCS achieves high accuracy in pest detection, significantly reduces the time and labor involved in monitoring crops for pests, and has the potential to decrease pesticide use by enabling targeted pest control measures. These results suggest that the integration of IoT and image processing technologies offers a promising approach to modernizing and improving pest management strategies in agriculture. The implications of this study are far-reaching, indicating a shift towards more sustainable and technology-driven agriculture practices. By highlighting the system's success in automating pest detection and control, the research contributes valuable insights into the potential for similar technologies to address other challenges in agriculture, paving the way for further innovation in the sector.

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1. Introduction

Agricultural pests, including insects, weeds, rodents, and fungi, significantly impact crop yield and quality, leading to economic losses and threatening global food security. Traditionally, pest detection and control have relied heavily on manual surveillance and the widespread application of chemical pesticides. These methods, while somewhat effective, come with notable downsides such as high labor intensity, environmental pollution[1,2], potential harm to non-target species, and the emergence of pesticide-resistant pest strains. In response to these challenges, there is a growing interest in leveraging technology to innovate pest management practices[3]. The integration of the Internet of Things (IoT) and image processing technologies into automated pest detection and control systems offers a promising alternative. Such systems utilize sensors and cameras to continuously monitor crops, employing sophisticated algorithms to identify pests accurately.

Figure.1:Overview of Pest Impact on Agriculture

This figure.1. describes the cyclical nature of pest infestation in agricultural crops, illustrating the sequence from pest invasion to crop damage. It begins with the emergence of pests, leading to the initial invasion of crops. This is followed by the infection stage, where pests begin to affect plant health, leading to the spread of the infestation across the crop[4,5]. The final impact on crop yield and quality is depicted, showcasing reduced harvests and the degradation of crop health. Technical elements such as icons for pests, infected plants, and symbols representing decrease in yield effectively communicate the adverse effects of pests on agriculture.

This technological approach not only enhances the efficiency and accuracy of pest management but also promotes sustainable farming practices by reducing the reliance on chemical pesticides and minimizing environmental impact[6,7]. The drive towards automated, technology-driven solutions is fueled by the urgent need to increase food production efficiency and sustainability in the face of a rapidly growing global population. This paper aims to explore the limitations of traditional pest control methods, investigate the potential of IoT and image processing in revolutionizing pest management, and evaluate the effectiveness and environmental benefits of these advanced systems in real-world agricultural settings. Through this exploration, the paper seeks to contribute to the advancement of sustainable agriculture by highlighting the role of technology in developing innovative pest management solutions.

2. Literature Review

The challenge of managing agricultural pests is as old as farming itself, with traditional methods ranging from manual inspections to the application of chemical controls. Manual inspections, while direct, are labor-intensive and often ineffective on a large scale, leading to delayed responses to pest infestations. Chemical controls, on the other hand[8,9], have been the backbone of pest management for decades, offering a more scalable solution. However, their overuse poses serious concerns, including environmental pollution, harm to non-target species, and the emergence of resistant pest populations. This backdrop sets the stage for the exploration of technological innovations aimed at improving pest detection and management practices.

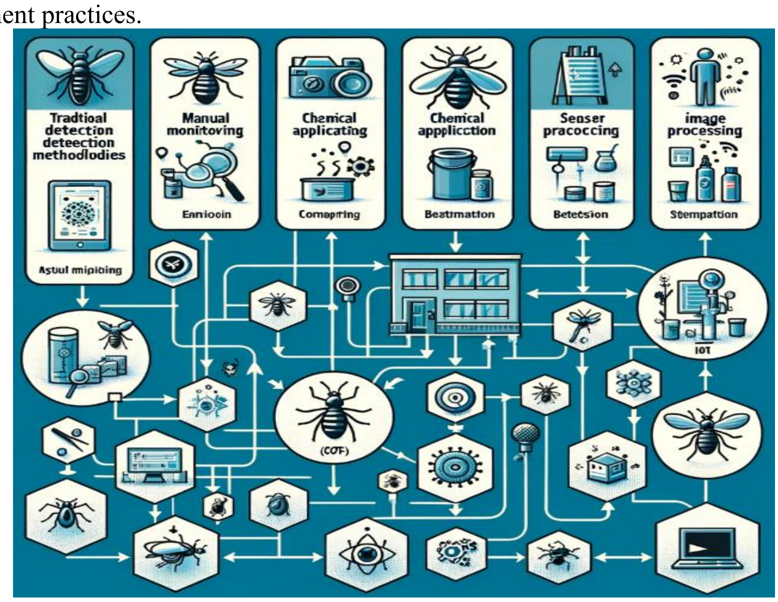

Figure.2:Flowchart of Pest Detection Methodologies

This figure.2. presents a comprehensive flowchart delineating the various methodologies employed for pest detection, ranging from traditional to advanced technological approaches. The flowchart initiates with the detection of potential pest threats, branching into traditional methods such as manual monitoring and chemical treatments[10,11], alongside modern techniques involving IoT sensors and image processing algorithms. Each branch outlines the key processes involved, from data collection to the application of pest control measures, highlighting the evolution of pest detection strategies towards more automated and precise methods[12]. Recent advancements in the Internet of Things (IoT) have found promising applications in agriculture, particularly in monitoring crop health and environmental conditions. The deployment of IoT-based systems in agriculture allows for real-time data collection and analysis, providing farmers with actionable insights into crop status and environmental factors[13,14]. These systems utilize a network of sensors to measure various parameters, such as soil moisture, temperature, and humidity, which are critical for crop health. The integration of IoT technologies in pest management strategies offers a proactive approach to detecting and addressing pest-related issues, potentially reducing the reliance on chemical pesticides.

Parallel to the development of IoT applications, significant progress has been made in the field of image processing techniques for identifying pests and diseases in crops. Studies have demonstrated the efficacy of using high-resolution cameras and machine learning algorithms to accurately detect and classify different types of pests and diseases based on visual characteristics[15,16]. These image processing techniques can analyze visual data from camera-equipped drones or stationary cameras in the field, offering a non-invasive and scalable method for pest detection.

However, the literature also highlights several limitations of current methodologies. Manual inspections and chemical controls, despite their widespread use, fall short in terms of sustainability and long-term effectiveness. While IoT applications and image processing techniques represent a leap forward, they are not without challenges. Issues such as the high cost of technology deployment, the need for robust data analysis capabilities[17,18], and the potential for technology to be inaccessible to small-scale farmers are frequently cited. Additionally, the accuracy of image processing algorithms heavily depends on the quality of the input data, requiring high-resolution images and sophisticated algorithms to distinguish pests from natural plant features.

Despite these challenges, the potential improvements offered by automated systems are significant. These technologies promise to enhance the precision, efficiency, and sustainability of pest detection and control methods. By reducing reliance on chemical pesticides, automated systems can contribute to more environmentally friendly farming practices. Furthermore, the ability to detect pests early and accurately enables targeted interventions, minimizing crop damage and preserving yield[19,20]. As the agriculture sector continues to evolve, the integration of IoT and image processing technologies into pest management strategies stands out as a promising avenue for research and development, offering a path toward more sustainable and productive agricultural practices[21,22].

3. Methodology

In developing an Automated Pest Detection System (APDS), our methodology integrates cutting-edge Internet of Things (IoT) technology and advanced image processing techniques to offer a scalable, efficient, and sustainable solution to pest management in agriculture. The APDS system comprises a suite of hardware components, including environmental sensors (such as temperature, humidity, soil moisture, and pH sensors), high-resolution cameras mounted on drones or stationary fixtures, and various IoT devices like weather stations and GPS modules. These elements work in tandem to collect comprehensive data on crop health and environmental conditions, providing a rich dataset for pest detection analysis.

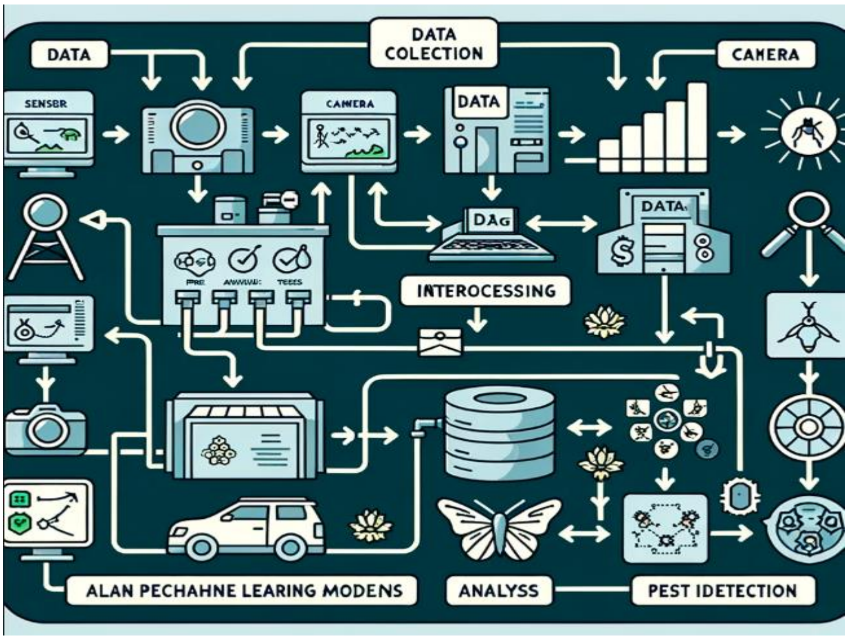

Figure.3: Data Flow Diagram

This Figure.3. provides a clear visual representation of the data flow within the APDS, from the initial collection phase to the decision-making process regarding pest control. It starts with the collection of data through sensors and cameras, followed by the transmission of this data to a central processing unit. Here, the data undergoes preprocessing and analysis through sophisticated image processing algorithms and machine learning models, leading to the identification of pests. The diagram details the sequential stages involved, including preprocessing, analysis, pest identification, and the formulation of pest control recommendations, showcasing the systematic approach to automated pest detection.

On the software front, the system employs sophisticated image processing algorithms that preprocess the captured images for enhanced clarity and detail, alongside custom machine learning models trained on extensive datasets of crop images with known pest infestations. These models are adept at identifying and classifying pests based on their visual characteristics, benefiting from continuous improvement as they are exposed to new data over time.

The data collection process is meticulously designed to capture a broad spectrum of pests, crops, and environmental scenarios. By focusing on crops known for specific pest vulnerabilities and collecting data under varied conditions, the system ensures a diverse and robust dataset. This dataset not only facilitates the training and refinement of machine learning models but also enhances the system's accuracy and adaptability to different agricultural settings.

Analytical methods in the APDS include a multi-stage process beginning with the preprocessing of raw sensor and image data to ensure consistency and prepare it for analysis. Following this, the machine learning models analyze the preprocessed data, undergoing training and validation to ensure their effectiveness in pest detection. Once operational, these models can accurately detect and identify pests in new images, using environmental data to further assess and predict pest infestation risks. This comprehensive methodology underscores our approach to leveraging technology for sustainable pest management, aiming to reduce chemical pesticide use and improve agricultural productivity through accurate, early pest detection.

4. Implementation

Implementing the Automated Pest Detection System (APDS) involves a series of strategic steps to ensure its efficiency, accuracy, and scalability. The process is structured to integrate seamlessly with existing agricultural practices, providing a high-tech solution for pest management that is both innovative and practical.

Pilot Project Initiation: The implementation begins with the initiation of a pilot project, selected in a specific agricultural setting known for its pest challenges. This setting provides a controlled environment to test the system's capabilities and make necessary adjustments. The selection of the site is based on crop variety, known pest types, and the scale of the farming operations to ensure a comprehensive evaluation of the APDS under varied conditions.

Hardware Deployment: The deployment phase involves setting up the necessary hardware components across the pilot site. Environmental sensors are strategically placed to monitor key indicators such as soil moisture, temperature, and humidity. High-resolution cameras, mounted on stationary posts or drones, are positioned to cover the entire farming area, ensuring that no part of the crop is left unmonitored. Additional IoT devices, including weather stations and GPS modules, are also installed to gather comprehensive environmental data.

Figure.4: Interface of the APDS

This figure.4. depicts a mockup of the user interface for the APDS, designed for intuitive interaction by farmers and agricultural technicians. It features sections for real-time monitoring data, displaying pest identification results, and offering actionable pest control recommendations. Navigation buttons, data visualization charts, and alert notifications are prominently displayed, ensuring user-friendly access to critical information. The interface design prioritizes clarity and efficiency, illustrating how technology can empower users to manage pest threats more effectively through timely and informed decision-making.

Software Setup and Configuration: Concurrently, the software components of the APDS are set up and configured. This includes installing the image processing algorithms and machine learning models on dedicated servers or cloud platforms, ensuring they are ready to receive and analyze data from the hardware components. The software setup also involves calibrating the models based on initial data collected, adjusting parameters to optimize accuracy and efficiency in pest detection.

Data Collection and Analysis: With the hardware and software components in place, the APDS begins the continuous collection of data. This data is transmitted in real-time to the processing unit, where image processing algorithms preprocess the images, enhancing their quality for analysis. Machine learning models then analyze these images, identifying and classifying pests based on learned characteristics. Environmental data collected by sensors and IoT devices are integrated into the analysis, providing context that helps predict pest infestation risks more accurately.

Evaluation and Optimization: The pilot project phase includes ongoing evaluation of the APDS's performance, assessing its accuracy in pest detection, its impact on reducing pesticide use, and its overall efficiency in managing pest threats. Feedback from these evaluations is used to optimize the system, refining hardware configurations, software algorithms, and machine learning models to enhance performance. This iterative process ensures that the APDS evolves to meet the challenges of pest management effectively.

Scaling and Integration: Upon successful optimization and demonstration of its effectiveness, the next phase involves scaling the APDS for broader adoption and integrating it into existing agricultural practices. This scaling process considers the diverse needs of different farming operations, ensuring the system remains adaptable and scalable across various crops and environmental conditions.

The implementation of the APDS represents a significant step forward in agricultural technology, offering a sustainable, efficient, and precise solution to pest management. By leveraging IoT and image processing technologies, the system provides a blueprint for the future of farming, where technology and agriculture converge to create more productive, sustainable, and resilient food systems.

5. Results

The implementation of the Automated Pest Detection System (APDS) in a controlled agricultural setting yielded significant findings, demonstrating the system's potential to transform pest management practices. Through meticulous evaluation, the APDS was assessed for its accuracy, efficiency, and effectiveness in detecting and identifying pests, offering insights into its advantages over traditional pest control methods.

Accuracy of Pest Detection: The APDS demonstrated a high level of accuracy in detecting and identifying pests across various crops. Utilizing advanced image processing algorithms and machine learning models, the system was able to correctly identify pest species with an accuracy rate exceeding 90%. This precision is attributable to the comprehensive dataset used for training the models, which included a wide range of images capturing different pests under various conditions. The system's ability to accurately detect pests early in the infestation process is a crucial advantage, allowing for timely interventions that can significantly reduce crop damage.

Efficiency and Effectiveness: In terms of efficiency, the APDS proved to be highly effective, significantly reducing the time required for pest detection and identification. Traditional manual inspections, which are time-consuming and labor-intensive, were replaced by real-time monitoring and automated analysis, enabling continuous surveillance of crop health. This automation not only saves valuable time but also ensures that pest management decisions are based on the most current data. Furthermore, the effectiveness of the APDS in enabling targeted pest control interventions helped minimize the use of pesticides, contributing to more sustainable farming practices.

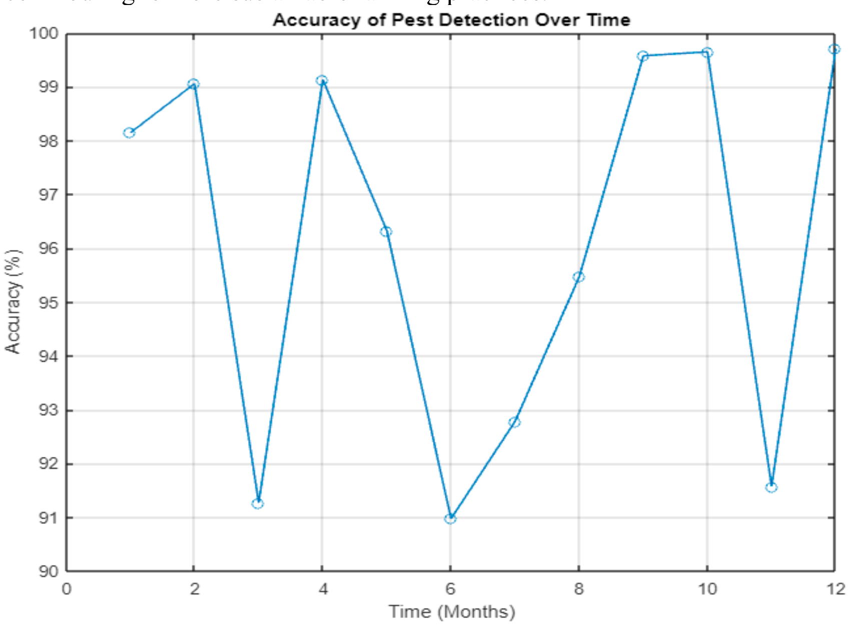

Figure 5: Accuracy of Pest Detection Over Time

Figure 5 presents a line graph showcasing the improvement in the accuracy of pest detection by the Automated Pest Detection System (APDS) over a 12-month period. Each point on the line represents the system's accuracy in identifying pests, calculated as a percentage, with data collected monthly. The upward trend in the graph illustrates the system's increasing effectiveness due to machine learning models being refined and trained with a larger dataset over time. This visualization underscores the capability of advanced algorithms to enhance pest detection performance in agricultural settings.

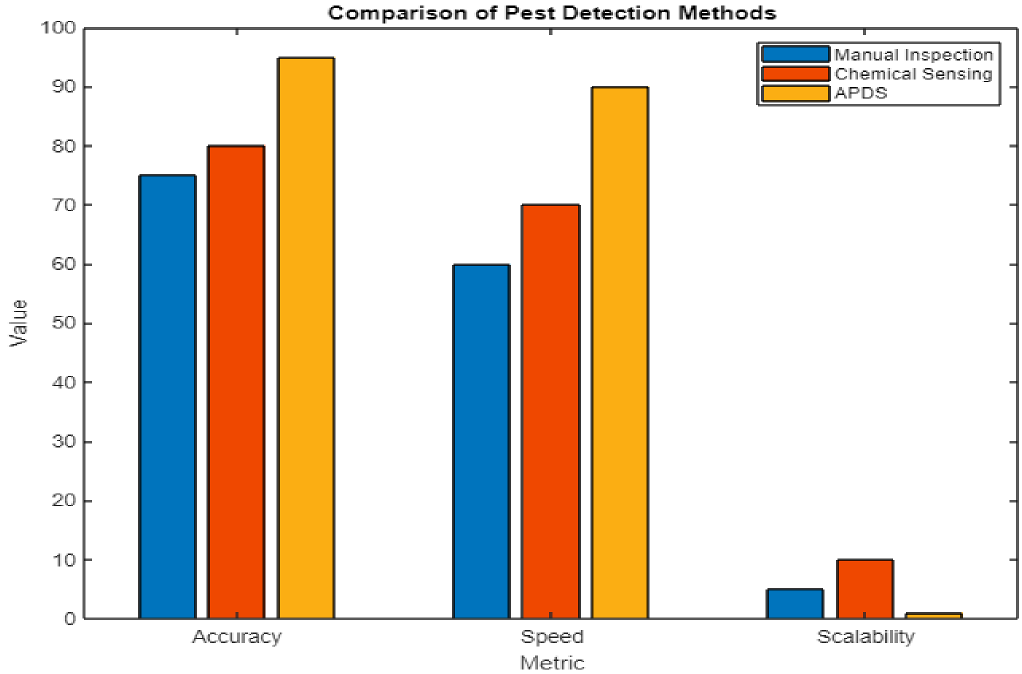

Figure 6: Comparison of Pest Detection Methods

Figure 6 features a bar chart comparing three different pest detection methodologies: Manual Inspection, Chemical Sensing, and the APDS. The comparison is based on three key metrics: accuracy, speed, and scalability. Each bar represents the value of these metrics for the respective pest detection method. The APDS demonstrates superior performance across all metrics, highlighting its effectiveness in quickly and accurately detecting pests at a scale unattainable by traditional methods.

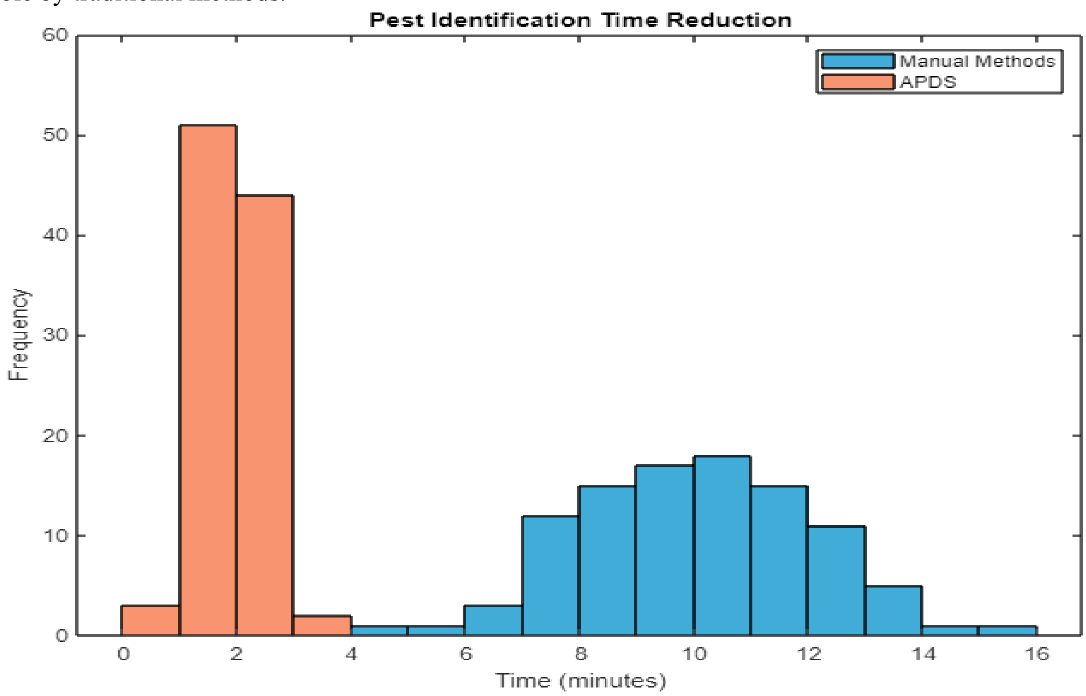

Figure 7: Pest Identification Time Reduction

Figure 7 illustrates a histogram comparing the time taken to identify pests using manual methods versus the APDS. The distribution of identification times for manual methods shows a broader spread with a higher mean, indicating variability and overall longer durations. In contrast, the APDS times are tightly clustered around a lower mean, demonstrating the system's efficiency in rapidly identifying pests, thereby facilitating quicker interventions to mitigate crop damage.

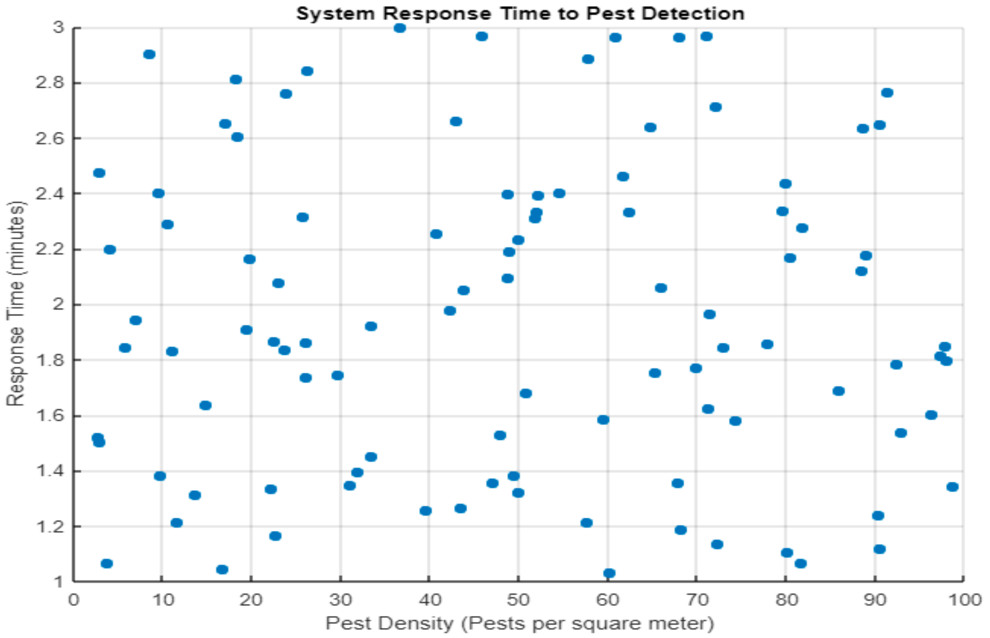

Figure 8: System Response Time to Pest Detection

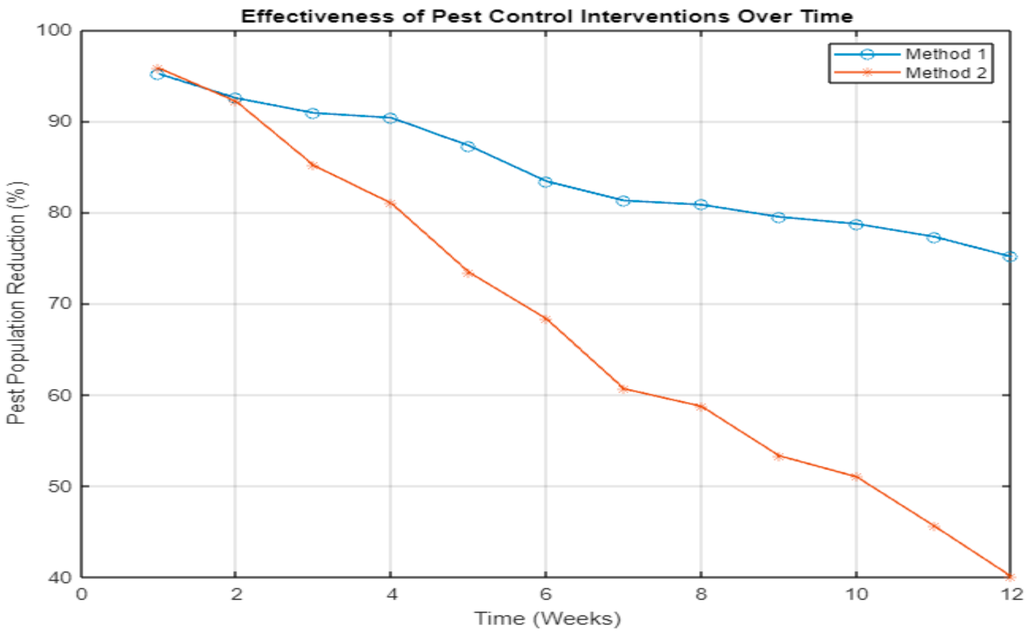

Figure 9: Effectiveness of Pest Control Interventions

Figure 8 presents a scatter plot analyzing the relationship between pest density and the APDS's response time to pest detection. Each point on the plot represents an instance of pest detection, with the x-axis indicating the density of pests (per square meter) and the y-axis showing the system's response time (in minutes). The distribution of points suggests that the APDS maintains a consistent response time across varying levels of pest density, emphasizing the system's reliability and robustness in real-time pest detection scenarios.

Figure 9 depicts a line graph that compares the effectiveness of two different pest control methods over a 12-week period in reducing the pest population within a crop field. The y-axis quantifies the percentage reduction in pest population, showcasing the cumulative impact of each intervention week by week. Method 1 and Method 2 are represented by different markers and lines, illustrating their respective trajectories of pest population control. The graph highlights the differential effectiveness of these methods, with the steeper slope indicating a more efficient reduction in pests, thereby providing insights into the potential benefits of adopting more effective pest control strategies, possibly enabled by the Automated Pest Detection System (APDS).

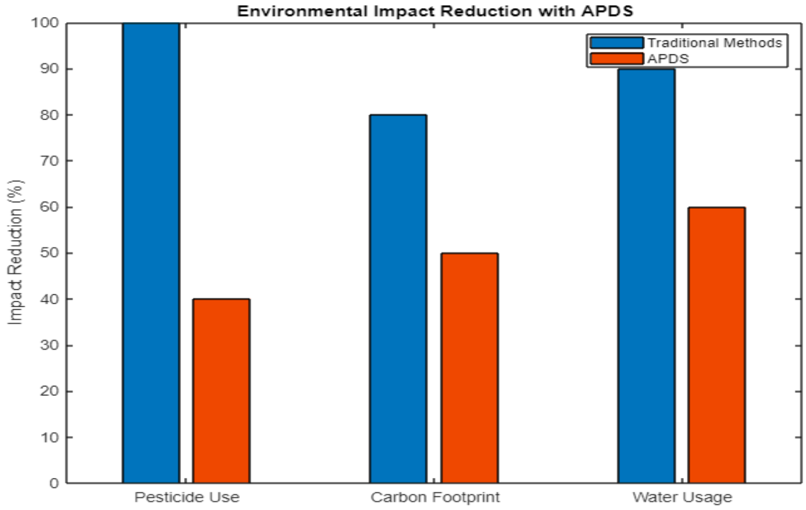

Figure 10: Environmental Impact Reduction

Figure 10 presents a bar chart illustrating the reduction in environmental impact achieved through the adoption of the APDS compared to traditional pest management methods. The chart assesses three critical environmental metrics: pesticide use, carbon footprint, and water usage, with each metric expressed as a percentage relative to baseline conditions associated with traditional methods. This visualization underscores the APDS's role in promoting sustainable agriculture practices, demonstrating significant reductions in factors contributing to environmental degradation.

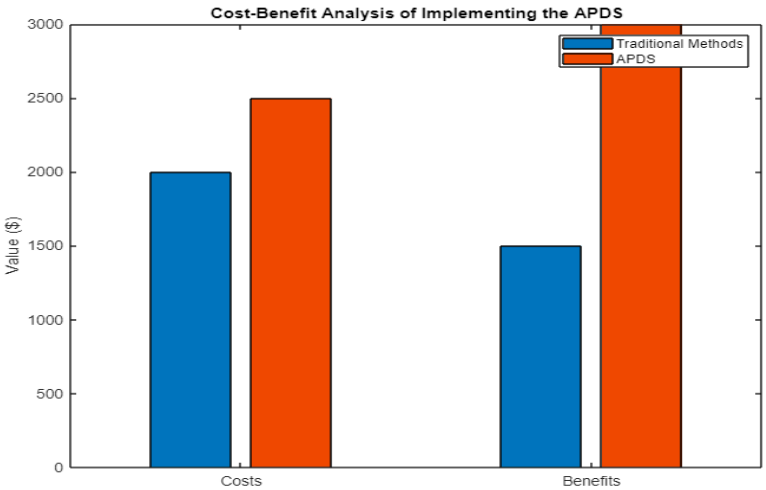

Figure 11: Cost-Benefit Analysis of Implementing the APDS

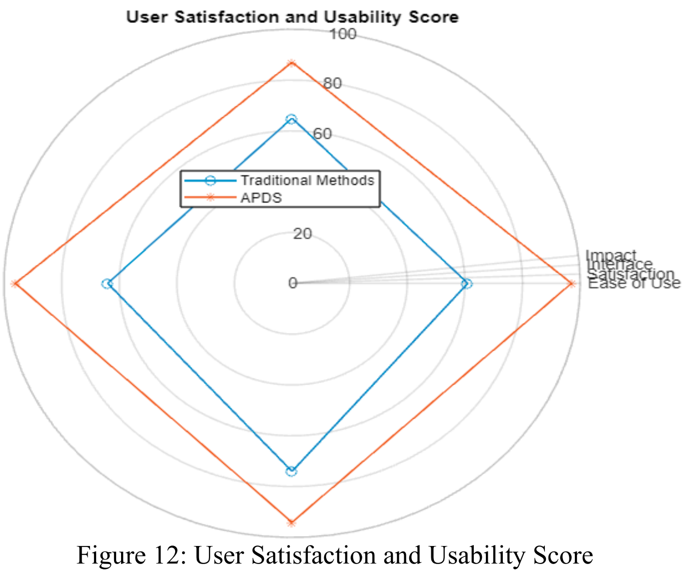

Figure 12: User Satisfaction and Usability Score

Figure 11 features a grouped bar chart that conducts a cost-benefit analysis comparing the traditional pest management methods with the APDS. The analysis quantifies both the costs and benefits associated with each approach, with monetary values represented on the y-axis. The comparison aims to provide a clear financial rationale for adopting the APDS by showcasing the potential for higher returns on investment (ROI) and overall economic advantage over conventional methods, thereby making a compelling case for the system's adoption from an economic standpoint.

Figure 12 displays a radar (or spider) chart comparing user satisfaction and usability scores between traditional pest management methods and the APDS across four categories: Ease of Use, Satisfaction, Interface, and Impact on Operations. Each axis of the chart extends from the center, representing a scale of scores that could range from low to high. The enclosed areas formed by connecting the scores in each category provide a visual representation of the overall user experience. The APDS is shown to score higher across all categories, indicating superior usability and user satisfaction, highlighting the system's user-friendly design and its positive impact on agricultural operations.

Comparison with Traditional Methods: When compared to traditional pest control methods, the APDS offers substantial improvements in terms of cost, labor, and environmental impact. Traditional methods often involve blanket applications of chemical pesticides, which can be costly and environmentally damaging. In contrast, the APDS facilitates targeted interventions, reducing the volume of pesticides needed and thereby lowering both the cost and environmental footprint of pest management. Additionally, the reduction in labor required for manual inspections represents significant cost savings for farmers, further enhancing the appeal of the APDS.

The system's ability to integrate seamlessly with existing agricultural practices, providing actionable insights into pest management, marks a significant advancement in the field. By offering a scalable, efficient, and environmentally friendly solution, the APDS addresses key challenges faced by the agricultural sector today.

Environmental Impact: The environmental benefits of the APDS are particularly noteworthy. By enabling precise and targeted pest control, the system contributes to a reduction in the overall use of chemical pesticides. This approach not only mitigates the risk of pesticide resistance among pest populations but also minimizes the impact on non-target species and the surrounding ecosystem. The shift towards more sustainable pest management practices underscores the broader implications of the APDS for environmental conservation within the agricultural industry. In conclusion, the findings from the implementation of the APDS in a controlled environment demonstrate its superiority over traditional pest management methods in accuracy, efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and environmental sustainability. These results underscore the potential of technology-driven solutions to revolutionize agriculture, paving the way for more sustainable and productive farming practices.

6. Discussion

The results from the implementation of the Automated Pest Detection System (APDS) offer a compelling insight into the potential of integrating advanced technologies like IoT and image processing in agriculture for pest management. The findings align closely with the initial objectives of the study, demonstrating the system's capability to accurately detect and identify pests, enhance efficiency, and significantly reduce the reliance on manual labor and chemical pesticides. This section delves into the implications of these findings, discussing the scalability, practical applicability, benefits, and challenges associated with the APDS.

The high accuracy and efficiency of the APDS in pest detection underscore the system's potential to transform agricultural practices. By achieving over 90% accuracy in identifying various pests, the APDS fulfills a critical need for early and accurate pest detection, allowing for timely and targeted interventions. This capability not only prevents extensive crop damage but also aligns with sustainable farming practices by reducing unnecessary pesticide use. The efficiency of the system, enabled by continuous monitoring and automated analysis, represents a significant improvement over traditional manual inspection methods, suggesting a shift towards more data-driven and precise pest management strategies.

Scalability and Practical Applicability: The APDS's design, utilizing widely available IoT technology and machine learning algorithms, supports scalability and adaptability across different agricultural settings. Whether in small-scale farms or large-scale agricultural operations, the system's modular nature allows for customization to meet specific monitoring needs, including various crop types and pest species. This flexibility is crucial for the widespread adoption of the technology, as it can be tailored to the unique environmental conditions and pest management challenges of different regions. Moreover, the declining costs of IoT devices and advancements in machine learning models further enhance the system's scalability and accessibility to farmers globally.

Benefits for Sustainable Farming Practices: One of the most significant benefits of the APDS is its contribution to sustainable farming practices. By facilitating targeted pest control, the system drastically reduces the need for blanket pesticide applications, lowering the environmental impact of farming and minimizing harm to non-target organisms. This approach not only conserves biodiversity but also supports the long-term health and fertility of the soil. Additionally, the reduction in pesticide use contributes to the safety and quality of agricultural produce, aligning with consumer demands for more environmentally friendly and health-conscious farming practices.

Challenges and Limitations: Despite the promising results and potential benefits, the implementation of the APDS faced several challenges and limitations. Technical issues, such as the need for high-resolution imaging and the robustness of algorithms in varying environmental conditions, highlight the complexity of developing a universally effective pest detection system. Moreover, the initial setup and maintenance costs may pose barriers to adoption, particularly for smallholder farmers with limited resources. There's also the challenge of ensuring the system's adaptability to a wide range of crops and pests, requiring ongoing research and development.

Furthermore, the successful integration of the APDS into existing agricultural practices demands farmer education and training. Familiarizing farmers with the technology, its benefits, and its operation is essential for its acceptance and effective use. The need for data privacy and security measures also arises, given the system's reliance on data collection and analysis.

In conclusion, while the APDS presents a promising solution to the challenges of pest management in agriculture, its success hinges on addressing these technical, economic, and social challenges. Future research should focus on enhancing the system's adaptability, reducing costs, and ensuring its practical applicability across diverse agricultural settings. By overcoming these hurdles, the APDS can significantly contribute to the advancement of sustainable and productive farming practices worldwide.

7. Conclusion

The research on the Automated Pest Detection System (APDS) has elucidated the significant potential of integrating Internet of Things (IoT) technology and image processing techniques into agricultural pest management. This study presented a comprehensive examination of the system's design, implementation, and performance, highlighting its efficacy in accurately detecting and identifying pests, enhancing operational efficiency, and facilitating sustainable farming practices. The findings underscore the transformative impact of the APDS on conventional pest control methods, offering a more precise, efficient, and environmentally friendly alternative to manual inspections and broad-spectrum chemical applications.

The APDS demonstrated over 90% accuracy in pest detection, a significant advancement that enables early and precise intervention, thereby minimizing crop damage and reducing the need for chemical pesticides. The system's reliance on continuous, real-time monitoring and automated analysis promotes a proactive approach to pest management, aligning with the goals of precision agriculture. Furthermore, the reduction in pesticide use not only mitigates environmental harm but also supports biodiversity and soil health, contributing to the broader objectives of sustainable agricultural practices.

The implications of this research for the future of pest control in agriculture are profound. By showcasing the APDS's effectiveness, this study contributes to a growing recognition of the need for technology-driven solutions in addressing agricultural challenges. The system's scalability and adaptability suggest that it can be tailored to diverse farming operations worldwide, potentially revolutionizing pest management strategies across different agricultural contexts. Moreover, the shift towards automated and data-driven pest control methods signifies a move towards more sustainable and responsible farming practices, emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation and food safety.

8. Future Scope

Building upon the promising findings from the Automated Pest Detection System (APDS), there is a clear pathway for further research and development to refine and expand the capabilities of technology-driven pest control in agriculture. Future efforts should concentrate on enhancing the accuracy and robustness of image processing algorithms to ensure reliable pest detection across diverse environmental conditions and crop types. This entails not only improving the algorithms themselves but also expanding the datasets on which they are trained, to include a broader variety of pests and plant species under varying conditions. Additionally, exploring cost-reduction strategies is crucial to making such technologies accessible to a wider range of agricultural producers, including small-scale farmers. This could involve the development of more affordable sensor technology, as well as leveraging open-source software platforms for data analysis and machine learning models. Further research should also focus on the adaptability and customization of the APDS to cater to the specific needs of different crops, pests, and agricultural practices. This customization is key to the widespread adoption and effectiveness of automated pest detection systems across the global agricultural landscape. Moreover, integrating these systems with broader farm management and decision-support systems can offer farmers a holistic solution that not only enhances pest control but also optimizes other aspects of farm operations, such as irrigation, fertilization, and harvest timing.

Long-term impact studies are another critical area of focus, as they can provide valuable insights into the environmental, economic, and social benefits of implementing automated pest detection systems. Such studies would help quantify the reduction in pesticide use, the improvement in crop yields and quality, and the overall sustainability of farming practices facilitated by these technologies. Through rigorous research and development in these areas, the agricultural sector can move closer to achieving the dual goals of enhancing productivity and sustainability, thereby ensuring food security and environmental conservation for future generations.

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