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Advances in Smart Agriculture: Integrating IoT with Smart Sensors for Sustainable Farming

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Abstract: Underwater imaging, robotics, navigation, automation, and remote sensing are just a few of the many fields that use sensors today. Particularly important in the fields of smart agriculture and remote sensing are sensors that use cutting-edge approaches such as artificial intelligence (AI). By enabling the use of a wide range of sensor-based equipment and systems, the rise of the Internet of Things (IoT) has brought useful tools to the agricultural domain, and systems. Sensors enabled by artificial intelligence (AI) serve as intelligent sensors. With a focus on remote sensing and agricultural applications, this article offers a thorough analysis of the latest developments in smart sensors and the IoT. Some examples of these uses include drone deployment, crop monitoring, robot harvesting and weeding, and weather and soil quality evaluation. With a focus on specific types of sensors and sensor technologies, this study thoroughly analyzes, compares, and proposes improvements to the Internet of Things (IoT). The study's authors hope that researchers, farmers, remote sensing experts, and policymakers would all benefit from the study's findings, both in theory and in practice.
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INTRODUCTION

The monitoring of physiological indicators and the automation of driving systems are only two examples of the many diverse applications that find extensive use for sensors. Computer vision is quickly becoming the dominant subject, although sensors play an essential role in a wide range of modern scientific, technical, and technological domains that deal with detection and vision-related processes [1]. The Internet of Things (IoT) is a promising new area that makes use of smart sensors; it uses distributed networks of wireless sensors to gather data in real-time and then processes it in a way that produces the required results [2, 3]. Artificial intelligence (AI) and sensors are two of the most important components for making IoT devices smarter and more perceptive. AI is crucial for the effective use of sensors in various applications, as it enables them to function as intelligent sensors. Among these applications are weather forecasting, satellite imaging, general environmental monitoring, specific environmental factor monitoring, self-driving cars, healthcare management, and hazard event monitoring (e.g., landslide detection) [4, 5]. In the healthcare and diagnostics sectors of the aforementioned industry, the use of intelligent gadgets has recently seen a meteoric rise. People use these devices to physically and remotely monitor a variety of patients' health conditions.

Modern scientific and research undertakings achieve optimal computational performance through the employment of advanced sensors. Remote sensing, environmental monitoring, and human health surveillance have become more sophisticated due to the widespread use and demand for sensors and the incorporation of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies. In recent years, the use of various sensor technologies in agriculture has become more common. These technologies allow for the effective monitoring and regulation of a broad variety of environmental factors, such as soil quality, radiation, air quality, water contamination, temperature, and humidity. This academic study explores the integration of IoT and smart sensors into modern agriculture, focusing on their use in irrigation management, crop monitoring, and precision farming. This work evaluates and analyzes various applications thoroughly.

Table 1 provides a synopsis of the advancements in the IoT and sensors developed for various uses in the environmental, agricultural, and remote sensing fields. The table displays the methods used, the results achieved, and the limitations faced by a particular group of articles. This study focuses on smart sensors and the IoT, particularly remote sensing and agriculture.

Tab. 1. IoT and sensor-related research studies, theories, and surveys

Research/Survey Category	Method Used, and Contributions
Smart Monitoring [6]	This study covered environmental monitoring systems that assess air, water, and radiation quality with the use of sensors and the Internet of Things. There is a critical review and suggestions in the research.
Modern Sensors [7]	Various types of sensors are covered in this book, including their physics, uses, and ranges. The research presented in this book highlights recent advances in sensors used in many different industries, including agriculture and remote sensing.
Internet of Things [2,3]	Theoretical frameworks, ideas, reviews, and surveys of various IoT classes are covered in this study. The talk covers all the bases when it comes to the Internet of Things (IoT), from theory to practical implementations, and even touches on privacy issues. The study thoroughly examines the available implementation alternatives and the challenges that come with them.
IoT and Edge Computing [8]	Edge computing's principal value is in the way it makes Internet of Things applications possible. The IoT paradigm and framework are suggested as free source. The diversity of the applications is the key focus, going beyond just agriculture and related fields.
Sensor Networks [9]	This study focuses on a few subsets of WSNs. While investigating the possibilities of various networks for various purposes, this research looks at how sensor networks are used in the deployment of various Internet of Things (IoT) technologies and sensors.
Pervasive Sensors [10]	Health monitoring makes use of Miniaturized Pervasive Sensors. Installing smart health monitoring systems is crucial for the growth of smart cities. Therefore, this research dives into a thorough analysis of miniature ubiquitous sensors, focusing on their possible uses and their ranges of application. The domains of agriculture and remote sensing are particularly promising for the application of this technology.
IoT: Comprehensive Survey [2]	An extensive overview of the IoT and its applications is provided in this article. In this research, we offer a thorough evaluation of surveys about the IoT and its uses. The objective is to provide standards for the selection of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies and smart sensors that are most suited to certain remote sensing applications.

Table 1 provides a concise summary of relevant research on sensors and the Internet of Things (IoT), with an emphasis on its applications in weather monitoring, farming, and remote sensing. This table summarizes each study's methods, findings, and limitations. Arridha et al. (2017) [6] focuses on critical evaluations and recommendations in their study of the Internet of Things (IoT) and sensors in environmental monitoring systems. Similarly, Sinha (2020) [7] gives a comprehensive overview of modern sensors, including topics like their theory, design, and use in areas as varied as agriculture and remote sensing.

Smart Sensors for Remote Sensing Applications

The integration of intelligent sensors is of paramount importance in augmenting the functionalities of remote sensing applications through the facilitation of real-time data detection and processing. In the realm of remote sensing, Table 1.1 presents an example application scenario that encompasses many domains like navigation, surveillance, communication [11], forecasting, biological research, earth resource monitoring, and atmospheric condition monitoring [12], among others. The utilization of diverse sensor technologies is crucial in the fields of remote sensing, namely in climate monitoring, navigation, communication, and forecasting assistance. The sensors employed in these applications demonstrate intelligent operations due to the incorporation of artificial intelligence (AI) methodologies, which are also customized to align with the specific goals of the Internet of Things (IoT).

This study seeks to explore the interplay between supply chain practices and management accounting, and how they collectively influence the performance of firms in Udham Singh Nagar, a district known for its burgeoning industrial sector. This study aims to fill that gap by investigating how modern management accounting systems and ERP-driven supply chain practices affect the performance of firms in Udham Singh Nagar. The findings will contribute valuable insights into the role these systems play in enhancing decision-making processes and operational efficiency, providing a roadmap for companies in the district seeking to optimize their business practices.

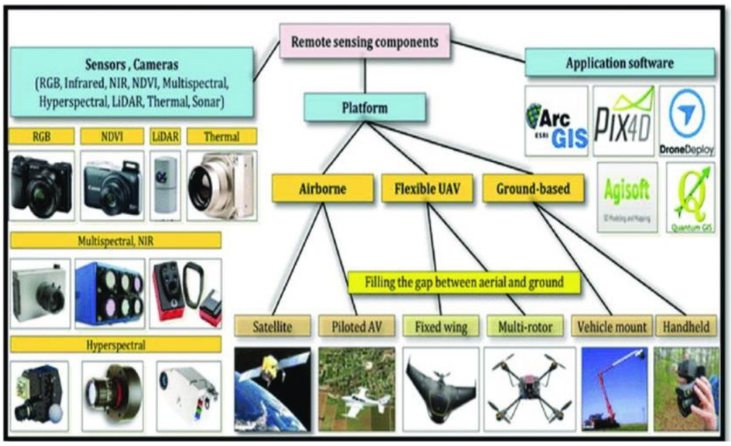

Fig. 1. Typical components of a remote sensing platform for smart farming

Table 2 provides a summary of a limited number of research publications pertaining to smart sensors for remote sensing applications, highlighting a few significant research efforts that have the potential to make a substantial impact.

Tab. 2. Research studies on intelligent sensors designed for remote sensing applications

Research	Method Used	Contributions and Limitations
Understanding smart sensors [6.13]	Theory and fundamentals of smart sensors	Smart sensors for a wide range of applications are covered in the studies with their potential use for a variety of real time uses including agriculture and remote sensing applications.
Remote monitoring and its impact [14]	Development actors for sensing impacts	Sensing impacts of sensors, marketability and scope are discussed. This scope of the sensing application is very limited in this contribution.
Remote Sensing and precision agriculture [15]	Satellite data processing and precision agriculture	LiDAR-based remotely sensed data are used for precision agriculture applications covering the soil quality estimation, crops selectivity and enhanced productivity. More focus is on agriculture applications and the less emphasis is on remote sensing aspect.

Table 2 illustrates the results of the many studies conducted on intelligent sensors for use in remote sensing applications. While some studies have concentrated on specific applications, such as LiDAR-based precision agriculture [15], others have investigated the theoretical underpinnings and fundamental ideas of intelligent sensors [6, 13]. An examination of the studies' strengths and flaws, as well as a summary of the research methodologies employed, are included in this table.

IoT for Remote Sensing Applications

Data acquisition, analysis, and interpretation are common uses of the Internet of Things (IoT) in many different fields. When it comes to studies and research in signal processing, remote sensing is very important. A number of environmental monitoring sectors have discovered smart sensors to be very useful, such as radiation assessment, water contamination assessment, and air quality control. These sensors could have an impact on various disciplines, some of which are listed below, and they are essential for monitoring both the local and global environments. An intriguing subfield of computer science, remote sensing applications make use of the IoT to empower smart systems to efficiently detect, perceive, and assess many aspects. The ability to thoroughly monitor the surroundings is substantially enhanced by this skill. The use of the Internet of Things (IoT) in several Remote Sensing applications is shown in Figure 1.2, a typical diagram. The following is a list of specific items:

- Forest monitoring and assessment of factors related to plants and animals
- Agriculture monitoring and assessment of soil quality, water quantity
- Industrial monitoring
- Data monitoring
- Security and surveillance applications

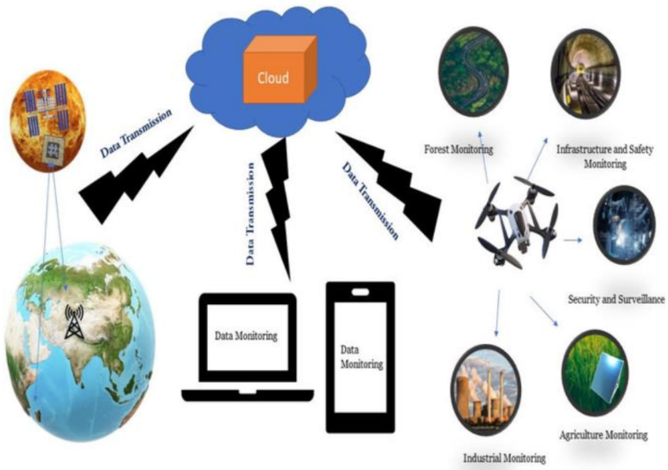

Fig. 2. Highlights of the role of IoT in remote sensing applications

There are a number of factors that must be considered in order to categorize apps that deal with environmental monitoring and make use of intelligent sensors. Figure 2 shows how the Internet of Things (IoT) is being used in remote sensing. This involves a shared cloud environment where sensors, processors, and signal transmitters are all linked to share data about important parameters and areas.

Table 3 provides an exhaustive review of many articles discussing the use of the Internet of Things (IoT) in remote sensing. A synopsis of their results, limitations, and potentially major ramifications are all part of the analysis.

Tab. 3. IoT for remote sensing applications

Research	Method Used	Contributions and Limitations
Geospatial Analysis and IoT [13]	Geospatial Analysis, IoT and Environment informatics are used.	Environmental Informatics obtained through IoT and the spatial analysis of geospatial techniques help in the interpretation of remotely sensed data. Useful for general purpose environmental research, the analysis however is useful in Remote Sensing applications.
Crop classification [15]	Time series analysis, crop classification.	Sentinel-1 data is used for crop classification and management using time series method and SAR(Synthetic Aperture Radar) data. Classification performance is evaluated in terms of F-1 score and other metrics. However, the method cannot be generalized for all different crops from any region.
Agricultural statistics analysis [16]	Data analysis and statistics.	The report presents a complete agricultural statistical analysis using Remote Sensing data.
Remote Sensing communication [6]	Remote Sensing communication model are used for wildfire detection.	The model presented helps in detection and avoidance of wildfire and associated hazards. The modeling is not used for dynamic hazardous cases.
Hyperspectral imaging technology [17]	Hyperspectral imaging techniques are used for agriculture applications. Regression techniques are used in classification.	UVA-based, satellite-based and airplane-based hyperspectral image analysis is used for agriculture applications.

Some research papers have looked at the IoT and how it could be useful for distant sensing (Table 1.3). Along with the technology and methodologies employed, the table details the limits and contributions of each study. By combining geospatial analysis with environmental informatics and the Internet of Things (IoT), Safari Bazargani et al. (2021) [13] explores methods for analyzing remotely sensed data. Research on crop classification using Sentinel-1 data and time series analysis is conducted by Beriaux et al. (2021) [15], who acknowledge the method's limitations in generalizing to all crop varieties.

Smart Sensors and IoT for Agriculture Applications

Smart sensors and Artificial Intelligence (AI) have become increasingly commonplace in contemporary farming. Improved agricultural yields, data quality evaluation, and farm management are all outcomes of this integration. Internet of Things (IoT) technology coupled with smart sensors has completely altered conventional farming practices, allowing for more efficiency and environmental friendliness. Table 1.4 provides a synopsis of the many ways in which smart sensors and the IoT are being used in farming. It takes a look at what these technologies can do, where they fall short, and where they might go from here.

A variety of agricultural applications rely heavily on smart sensors, including crop classification, soil moisture measurement, and animal husbandry operation monitoring. Thanks to the incorporation of AI, these sensors make it possible to accurately assess crop quality, track soil health, and analyze agricultural output. Improvements in operational efficiency and reductions in human expenses are brought about by the Internet of Things (IoT), which allows for the real-time monitoring and administration of agricultural activities.

Tab.4. Various applications of smart sensors and IoT in agriculture, addressing their contributions, and limitations

Research	Technology Involved	Key Contributions	Limitations
Crop Quality Assessment [17]	Al-integrated smart sensors	Enhanced accuracy in assessing crop quality	High initial setup cost
Soil Moisture [18]	Moisture sensors, loT-enabled	Improved water usage efficiency, reduced wastage	Long-term sensor stability concerns
Soil Health [18]	pH sensors, temperature sensors	Better understanding of soil conditions	Requires regular calibration
Husbandry [19]	IoT-enabled sensors, Al-based analytics	Early detection and prevention of crop diseases	Requires reliable network connectivity
Crop Disease Diagnosis [21]	loT-enabled sensors, Al-based analytics	Early detection and prevention of crop diseases	Requires reliable network connectivity
Irrigation and Pesticide Control [21,22]	Smart irrigation systems, loT	Optimal water and pesticide use, reducing environmental impact	Dependency on stable power supply
Seed and Crop Quality Analysis [1]	loT-based sensor networks	Enhanced monitoring of crop and seed quality	High data storage requirements
Smart Alarm Systems for Farm Management [21]	loT-enabled alerts, Al-based monitoring	Real-time alerts for crop and farm management	Potential cybersecurity risks
Multisensory Data Analysis [22]	Deep Learning, loT sensors	Improved security and surveillance in agriculture	High computational requirements for deep learning models

With an emphasis on the benefits and drawbacks of each strategy, Table 4 shows the various ways smart sensors and the internet of things (IoT) are being utilized in agriculture. Among the several applications listed in this table are soil moisture monitoring using Internet of Things (IoT) sensors [18] and crop quality evaluation [17]. The table begins by outlining the potential advantages of IoT in smart alarm systems for agricultural management [21], but it then moves on to detail some of the potential drawbacks, such as cybersecurity risks, expensive initial setup, and unstable sensors.

DISCUSSION OF THE REVIEW

High Cost and Sensor Maintenance: Challenges

High startup costs make smart agriculture technologies, especially IoT-enabled sensors and AI algorithms, difficult to deploy. Advanced sensors that monitor soil moisture, crop health, and ambient factors are expensive to buy and install. While IoT-enabled moisture sensors reduce water waste and improve water usage, they require ongoing maintenance. After exposure to harsh weather or soil degradation, these sensors need regular calibration to remain accurate. Smallholder farmers may find these costs excessive, making technology adoption difficult.

Sensor maintenance is also important. Environmental variables often degrade moisture and pH sensors, requiring periodic replacements or recalibrations. Farmers without the technical expertise to control these devices face operational issues and higher costs.

Suggested Solutions

There are numerous ways to save costs and maintenance:

Subsidies and Government Support: Farmers can reduce upfront expenses by receiving financial incentives from governments to use smart agriculture technologies.

Shared Sensor Networks: Farmers, especially smallholders, can construct sensor networks together. This arrangement may spread sensor and maintenance costs and ensure everyone benefits from technology.

Robust Sensors: Researchers are developing more durable and energy-efficient sensors. These advanced sensors can resist harsh environments, reducing maintenance.

Low-cost alternatives: Small farmers can start using IoT-driven smart farming with low-cost, simple sensors. Less advanced sensors can nonetheless assist agricultural management with important data.

AI/IoT Impact on Agriculture: AI and IoT Architectures/Algorithms AI and IoT are making farming more precise and efficient. Several AI algorithms and IoT infrastructures are crucial to this transformation:

Agricultural AI Algorithms

Machine Learning (ML) Models: Deep learning and regression models are used to examine massive sensor data sets. Regression models forecast agricultural yields from previous data in crop quality evaluation. Deep learning systems can discover plant health patterns in drone or satellite photos.

Predictive analytics: Predictive models using AI algorithms predict weather, pests, and diseases. AI models trained on historical data can predict droughts and pest outbreaks, allowing farmers to prepare.

Natural Language Processing (NLP): Some AI systems employ NLP to speak with farmers in their local language and provide real-time farm management advice based on data analysis.

Smart Agriculture IoT Architectures: In isolated and rural locations with poor internet connectivity, edge computing is vital. IoT sensors process data locally and transfer only critical data to the cloud when connected. This enables real-time farm decision-making without constant internet access.

Cloud Computing: Cloud-based IoT systems aggregate data from various sensors throughout farms, giving farmers a central portal for monitoring and analysis. Machine learning algorithms can process massive agricultural data on the cloud to deliver meaningful insights.

Wireless Sensor Networks: WSNs are crucial to agricultural IoT design. These networks enable long-distance sensor communication and data transmission. They are very useful in big-scale farming with sensors over broad areas.

Different Farming Scale Implications

AI and IoT in agriculture effect farms of different sizes differently

Smallholder Farms: Limited financial resources and technical knowledge make smart agriculture technology adoption difficult for smallholder farms. IoT-enabled sensors can boost productivity by providing real-time soil health and crop conditions, but their high costs and maintenance requirements may inhibit uptake. These farms can benefit from shared sensor networks and government-subsidized technology access programs.

Possible Smallholder Farm Solutions

Smartphone-based Solutions: AI-driven smartphone apps can give small farmers real-time data and insights at cheaper cost. These apps evaluate simple, low-cost sensors or crowdsourcing data. Developing low-cost sensor kits including soil moisture, temperature, and pH sensors can let smallholder farmers enter smart farming without a large financial investment.

Large Commercial Farms: Large scale IoT and AI systems are more financially and technically feasible for large commercial farms. Advanced sensor networks, drone-based crop monitoring, and controlled watering systems can boost efficiency and reduce resource use on these farms. Precision farming techniques like predictive analytics for crop yields and pest management can optimize large-scale operations using AI.

Potential Large Commercial Farm Solutions: Large farms can use integrated farm management systems to combine sensor, drone, and satellite data. These devices can monitor soil health, crop growth, and everything else on the farm in real time.

Automation and Robotics: AI-driven robots can help large farms harvest, weed, and manage pests. These robots work 24/7, boosting productivity and decreasing manual labor.

This paper demonstrates the growing significance of Big Data, remote sensing, the IoT, and smart sensors. This integration improves precision agriculture by allowing for more comprehensive data analysis, which in turn increases its potential. Sophisticated cybersecurity solutions are required to protect sensitive agricultural data as data management gets increasingly complex.

Although smart sensors and the Internet of Things (IoT) have substantially improved agricultural output, several gaps remain. Some of these priorities include developing more energy-efficient Internet of Things (IoT) systems, enhancing the long-term accuracy and dependability of sensors, and ensuring that farmers of all sizes can afford these technologies.

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, smart sensors and the internet of things (IoT) are revolutionizing farming by making it more efficient and less harmful to the environment. These innovations have the potential to revolutionize farming by providing farmers with tools to increase productivity while decreasing their negative effects on the environment. The successful implementation of these technologies is contingent upon overcoming various difficulties, such as high expenses, the need for reliable infrastructure, and the management of vast amounts of data. The ever-evolving agriculture business is going to rely heavily on the ongoing development of smart sensors and the Internet of Things (IoT) to tackle global food security and environmental sustainability challenges. Research in the future should focus on reducing the obstacles to entry for smart agriculture technologies so that they can help farmers worldwide, particularly in underdeveloped regions.

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