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Smart Agro-IoT System with Edge-AI for Crop Leaf Disease Detection and Precision Irrigation

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Abstract: Agriculture faces pressing challenges such as climate change, water scarcity, and crop diseases, demanding efficient and sustainable solutions. This research presents a smart farming system that integrates IoT sensors, edge computing, and artificial intelligence for real-time monitoring and decision-making. Environmental factors like soil moisture, temperature, humidity, and pH are continuously tracked, while on-site crop leaf images enable disease detection. A deep learning model deployed on edge devices ensures offline functionality, reducing reliance on internet connectivity. The system transitions from MobileNetV2 to the more accurate EfficientNetB3 architecture, achieving improved performance without sacrificing efficiency. This integration enhances productivity, optimizes water usage, and supports timely interventions. Designed for scalability and cost-effectiveness, it offers practical benefits to small and mid-scale farmers. By merging AI with IoT-based sensing, the approach transforms traditional agriculture into a smarter, more resilient practice.

Keywords: Internet of Things (IoT), Edge Artificial Intelligence (Edge AI), MobileNetV2, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Raspberry Pi

I. INTRODUCTION

Agriculture plays an important role in feeding the world and supporting the economy, especially in countries where many people depend on farming for their livelihood. But today, farmers are facing many serious challenges. Climate change is causing unpredictable weather, water resources are becoming limited, and pests and diseases are affecting crops more frequently. These issues make it harder to grow healthy crops and get good harvests. Traditional farming methods often rely on the experience of farmers and manual labor, which can be slow and less accurate when dealing with modern agricultural problems. To overcome these issues, new and smart technologies are being introduced into farming.

One of the most promising developments is the use of smart agriculture**,** which uses digital tools like sensors, Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI), and data analysis to improve farming. These technologies help farmers monitor soil, weather, plant health, and water levels in real time. They can also give useful suggestions for planting, watering, and protecting crops.

Smart agriculture is not just about big farms with advanced machines. It can also help small and medium-scale farmers by giving them affordable tools to manage their farms better, reduce waste, increase crop yield, and protect the environment. Following figure 1 depicts the advantages of IoT and AI in agriculture.

Figure 1 : IOT in Agriculture

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A. Agriculture Today

Agriculture today faces increasing challenges due to climate change, resource limitations, and the need for higher productivity to meet global food demands. As highlighted in recent studies, smart farming-driven by the Internet of Things (IoT), edge computing, and Artificial Intelligence-offers scalable solutions to address these issues by enabling real-time monitoring of environmental conditions such as soil moisture, temperature, and humidity [1]. Climate change further intensifies agricultural stress by causing heat waves, droughts, and soil salinity, all of which negatively impact crop yield and quality; mitigation strategies such as the development of heat-resistant crop varieties and improved soil and water management are crucial to adapt to these changes [2]. Another major concern is water scarcity, which stems from poor governance, increasing population pressure, and erratic rainfall patterns; precision irrigation, sustainable water practices, and data-driven governance approaches are proposed to manage this crisis effectively [3]. Together, these technologies and strategies provide a resilient, intelligent, and sustainable future for agriculture, especially in low-resource settings. The following figure 2 depicts the Climate change, extreme weather, and shifting rainfall patterns are severely impacting agriculture by degrading soil health, reducing crop yields, and disrupting plant growth.

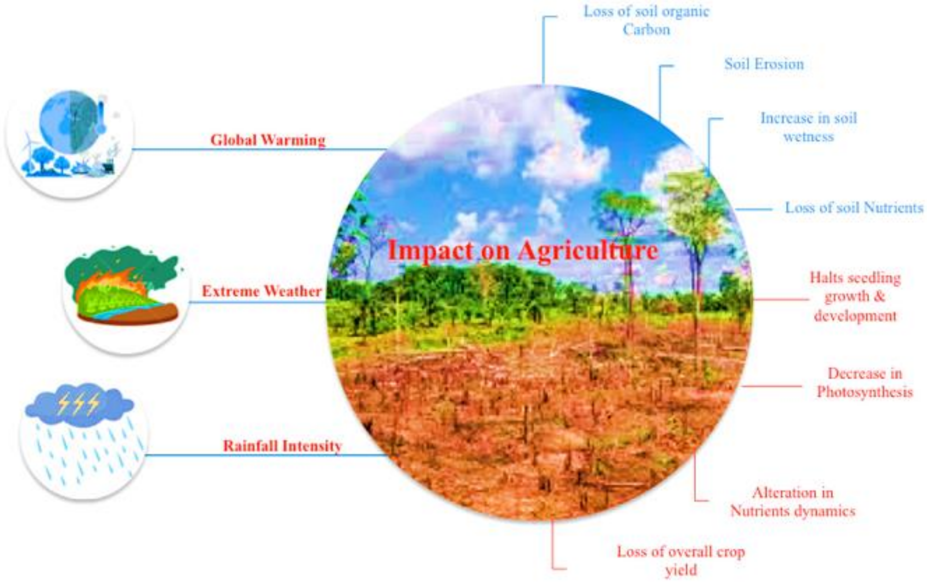

Figure 2: Impact of climate changes on agriculture

B. Role of IoT, AI, ML in agriculture

In smart agriculture, IoT (Internet of Things) acts as the sensory and communication backbone, enabling seamless interaction between physical farming components and digital systems. It involves deploying distributed sensor networks across fields to monitor critical agro-environmental parameters such as soil moisture, temperature, humidity, light intensity, nutrient levels, and pH. These sensors transmit real-time data via low-power wireless communication protocols like LoRaWAN, Zigbee, or NB-IoT to centralized gateways or cloud platforms. Greenhousesuous flow of information enables automated irrigation systems, climate control in greenhouses, and timely alerts to farmers, significantly improving resource efficiency, reducing manual labor, and enhancing crop productivity [4].

Building upon this data-rich infrastructure, Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly deep learning techniques play a crucial role in making intelligent decisions in complex agricultural scenarios. AI models are trained on large datasets of plant images, weather trends, pest patterns, and soil profiles, enabling the development of robust systems for plant disease identification, weed detection, pest monitoring, and yield estimation. One such example is MobilePlantViT, a lightweight Vision Transformer architecture that can be deployed directly on mobile devices or edge units like Raspberry Pi or NVIDIA Jetson, achieving real-time inference with over 99% accuracy in classifying diseased leaves across multiple crop types. These AI models support early disease detection, helping prevent outbreaks and reducing dependency on chemical treatments [5].

Complementing IoT and AI, Machine Learning (ML) offers predictive analytics and data-driven recommendations to optimize the decision-making process in farming operations. ML algorithms utilize historical data and sensor inputs to build models that can predict crop yields, assess soil fertility, forecast weather conditions, and recommend fertilization or irrigation schedules. Common ML techniques such as Random Forests, Support Vector Machines (SVMs), Gradient

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Boosting Machines, and Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) are employed for tasks like crop classification, growth stage estimation, and harvest timing. Furthermore, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) models—used for time series prediction—help farmers anticipate seasonal changes and mitigate risks from droughts, floods, or pest infestations [6].

Together, these technologies form a synergistic ecosystem where IoT gathers data, AI interprets and analyzes visual cues, and ML predicts outcomes to deliver automated, intelligent, and sustainable farming practices. This integrated approach transforms traditional agriculture into Smart Agro, fostering increased yields, optimized resource use, cost efficiency, and long-term resilience, especially in rural and resource-constrained regions.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The integration of smart technologies such as IoT, AI, edge computing, and precision irrigation has significantly advanced modern agriculture by automating processes and enabling real-time decision-making. A study [7] introduced hybrid deep learning models using explainable AI techniques like Grad-CAM, such as PlantXViT, a Vision Transformer-CNN model capable of achieving over 93% accuracy on crops like maize, apple, and rice. Its low parameter size (~0.8M) makes it suitable for IoT environments.

Further developments leveraged large-scale transfer learning, as seen in AgriNet, a domain-specific pretrained model trained on over 160,000 images across 423 plant species. It achieved up to 94% accuracy and demonstrated strong generalization on external datasets, providing a powerful base model for various agricultural applications [8]. Complementary reviews such as [9] systematically examined deep learning-based plant disease detection using models like CNNs, Vision Transformers (ViT), and YOLO architectures, emphasizing their real-world benefits and deployment challenges.

Lightweight and efficient model designs are essential for smart agriculture, especially in mobile and edge environments. One such model is CACPNET, introduced in [10], which integrates channel attention and pruning techniques to reduce computational load while maintaining over 98% accuracy. This makes it ideal for deployment of low-power devices. Similarly, study [11] followed hybrid approaches using GAN-based augmentation and mobile vision transformers (ViT) were shown to significantly improve classification accuracy in real field scenarios, reaching up to 99.9% accuracy on standard datasets and 75.7% on field-level datasets like PlantDoc.

Edge computing is emerging as a critical solution to the limitations of cloud dependence in rural agriculture. In [12], MobileH-Transformer was developed as a lightweight, real-time detection model combining CNN and Transformer architectures. Although effective, it highlights trade-offs between speed, accuracy, and device capability. To bridge these gaps, research [13] fine-tuned EfficientNet-B3 and other CNN variants across multi-dataset settings, showing strong generalization in unseen conditions with F1-scores above 90%.

Comprehensive reviews have also deepened the understanding of AI's potential in agriculture. For instance, [14] reviewed over 278 recent studies involving CNNs, ViTs, and GANs, providing insight into their precision farming roles. Meanwhile, [15] focused on comparing popular models like ResNet, VGG, Inception, and MobileNet for leaf disease classification, noting that many compact models still achieved over 98% accuracy.

A systematic review in [16] surveyed works from 2022 to 2024, showcasing advances in CNN-based, capsule network, and mobile-friendly models (like DenseNet-121 and MobileNetV2). Although they report near-perfect accuracy on benchmark datasets like PlantVillage, real-world variability remains a challenge.

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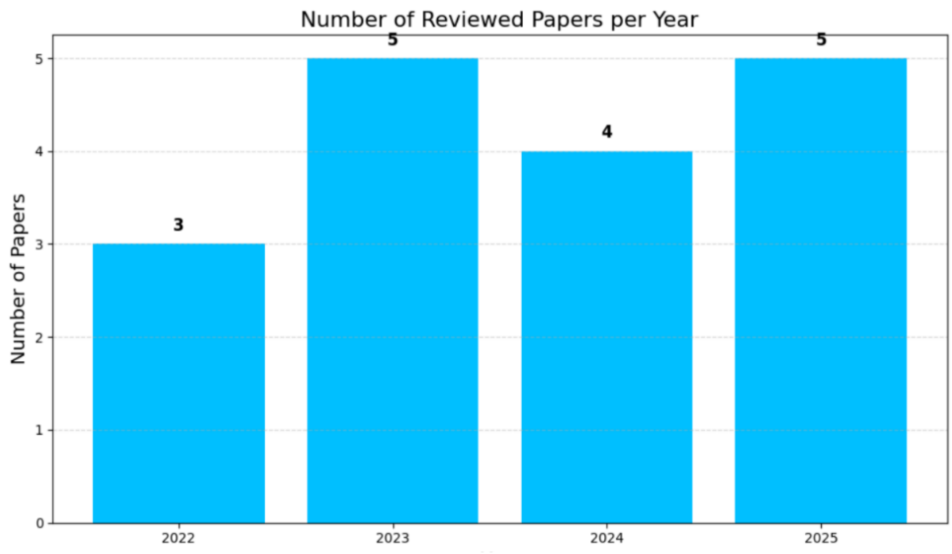

Figure 3: Annual Distribution of Reviewed Research Papers in Smart Agriculture (2022–2025)

The literature review conducted for this study spans recent advancements in smart agriculture technologies, with a focus on deep learning, IoT integration, and sustainable farming practices. As illustrated in the graph, the number of reviewed papers has steadily varied over the years, beginning with 3 papers in 2022, rising significantly to 5 in 2023, slightly decreasing to 4 in 2024, and returning to 5 in 2025. This trend reflects growing research interest in the field, particularly in the years 2023 and 2025, which saw the highest number of relevant publications. The consistent volume of recent studies highlights the accelerating development and adoption of intelligent agricultural solutions, making it essential to examine these contributions in detail to identify existing gaps and opportunities for further innovation.

III. PROPOSED RESEARCH

A. Existing System

In the current agricultural landscape, many farmers rely on traditional methods for monitoring crops, managing irrigation, and identifying diseases. These approaches often depend on manual observation, experience-based decision-making, and reactive measures after damage has occurred. While some farms have adopted Internet of Things (IoT) systems for sensing environmental factors like soil moisture and temperature, these systems are usually connected to cloud platforms, which require stable internet connectivity, something not always available in rural or remote areas. Additionally, most disease detection methods rely on external lab analysis or mobile apps that function only with cloud-based models, making them unsuitable for offline or real-time field use. Similarly, irrigation systems are often time-based or manually operated, leading to water wastage or under-irrigation. In some existing AI-based systems, lightweight models like MobileNetV2 are used for disease detection due to their smaller size and faster inference. However, these models tend to compromise on accuracy and generalization, especially when dealing with real-world field conditions or multiple crop types. Overall, the existing systems are fragmented and lack integration between sensing, disease detection, and smart decision-making, which limits their efficiency and scalability in resource-constrained farming environments.

B. Proposed System

The proposed system introduces a smart and affordable solution for modern farming by integrating IoT sensors, edge computing, and deep learning. Targeted at small to mid-sized farms, it enables real-time monitoring of crop health and automated irrigation management without relying on internet access. IoT sensors collect data like soil moisture, temperature, and humidity, while a camera captures leaf images for disease analysis.

This data is processed locally using low-power devices such as Raspberry Pi or Jetson Nano, which runs an EfficientNetB3 model for on-field disease detection. The system also adjusts irrigation based on both plant health and environmental conditions, optimizing water use and supporting crop recovery. To enhance model performance, techniques like advanced data augmentation, early stopping, and adaptive learning rates were applied during training.

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Together, these features create a scalable, field-ready solution that empowers farmers with timely, data-driven decisions and promotes sustainable agriculture practices.

The proposed system brings major improvements compared to current agricultural monitoring methods by using deep learning, IoT sensors, and edge computing for faster and more accurate decisions. Existing systems often depend on cloud platforms and basic models like MobileNetV2, which may not perform well in offline or rural conditions and often result in lower accuracy. To solve this, the proposed system uses a more advanced model called EfficientNetB3, which is better at identifying crop diseases while still being suitable for low-power edge devices. By combining this model with real-time data from field sensors, the system can closely monitor the environment and respond quickly to changing conditions. This makes it more reliable and efficient for small and medium farms, especially in areas where internet connectivity is weak or unavailable.

IV. METHODOLOGY

The following figure 3 depicts a smart agriculture system architecture integrating IoT sensors, a perception layer, and disease detection using deep learning. Sensor data and leaf images are processed via Raspberry Pi and EfficientNetB3 for disease prediction, while Firebase and MQTT enable remote monitoring and irrigation control.

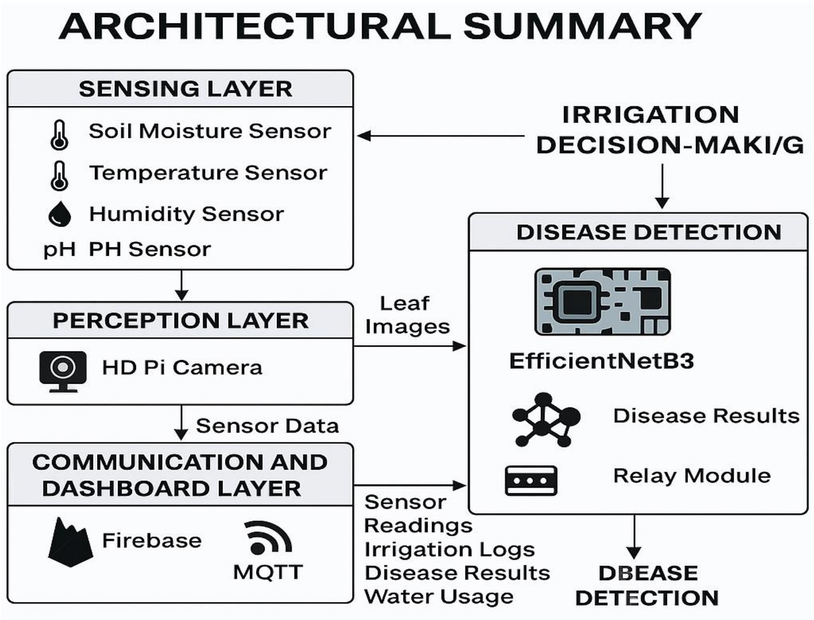

Figure 3: Proposed Methodology

The proposed study is structured into four primary layers:

- **Sensing Layer:** Equipped with soil moisture, temperature, humidity, and pH sensors to collect environmental parameters.
- **Perception Layer:** Utilizes an HD camera module connected to a Raspberry Pi to capture high-resolution leaf images for disease detection.
- **Edge Processing Layer:** Executes lightweight CNN-based disease classification (EfficientNetB3) and irrigation control logic locally using Python-based scripts.
- **Communication and Dashboard Layer:** Pushes sensor readings, crop health status, and irrigation logs to Firebase for visualization and alerting via mobile devices.

Dataset Description

The Plant Village dataset is a widely used resource in plant disease detection research, available publicly on platforms like Kaggle. It contains over 54,000 high-quality RGB images of plant leaves, including both healthy and diseased samples. Captured in controlled environments, these images help ensure minimal background noise and consistent lighting conditions, making the dataset highly suitable for training deep learning models in precision agriculture.

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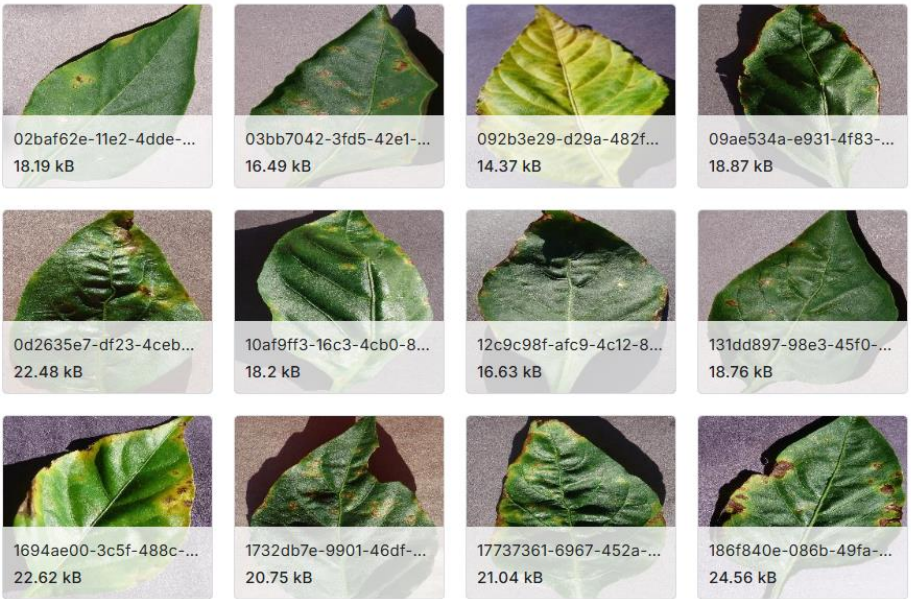

Figure 4: Plant Village Dataset

The dataset features 38 distinct classes representing combinations of plant species and specific diseases or healthy conditions. It includes images of leaves from 14 different crops such as Tomato, Apple, Grape, Potato, Maize, and others. Diseases represented in the dataset include Tomato Yellow Leaf Curl Virus, Early Blight, Late Blight, Apple Scab, Grape Black Rot, and Powdery Mildew, among others. Each plant type may have multiple disease categories along with a healthy class, presenting a rich and diverse multi-class classification challenge. Due to its clear labeling and balanced distribution of classes, the Plant Village dataset is ideal for developing and testing image-based models like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), MobileNetV2, and EfficientNetB3. While it provides a strong foundation for machine learning tasks, its controlled setting differs from real-world field conditions, often requiring further adaptation through techniques like data augmentation and transfer learning for effective deployment in actual agricultural scenarios.

B. System Specification

The proposed smart farming system is implemented using a combination of dedicated hardware and software components optimized for real-time agricultural monitoring and disease detection. The hardware setup includes a Raspberry Pi 4B (4GB RAM) as the main processing unit, paired with a Pi Camera Module V2 for capturing high-resolution leaf images. Multiple soil sensors are integrated to measure key environmental parameters such as soil moisture, pH, temperature, and humidity. A relay module is employed to control the on/off operation of a 12V water pump, which irrigates crops based on system decisions. On the software side, Jupyter Notebook is used during the model training phase to evaluate and fine-tune accuracy, while Python (version 3.9 and above) serves as the primary programming language. OpenCV is utilized for image acquisition and preprocessing of leaf images, and TensorFlow Lite is deployed to run the trained convolutional neural network (CNN) model on the Raspberry Pi. Firebase Realtime Database facilitates storage and remote access of sensor readings and disease detection results, ensuring seamless data management. The system operates on the Raspbian OS with Crontab for automated task scheduling, enabling efficient and autonomous operation in resource-constrained agricultural environments.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

The proposed study follows a structured approach to develop a low-cost, smart agriculture framework. It begins by collecting real-time data from the field using IoT sensors that monitor key parameters such as soil moisture, temperature, and humidity. This sensor data is processed using edge computing devices to minimize dependency on cloud infrastructure and reduce latency. A lightweight deep learning model is integrated to detect crop diseases based on leaf images captured in the field. The results from both the sensor data and disease detection model are used to make decisions about irrigation and crop care. This methodology ensures efficient resource use, timely disease management, and improved productivity for small-scale farmers. The following figure 4 depicts a process of model training.

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The following figure 5 depicts illustrates the overall workflow of training a machine learning model. It begins with raw data that goes through preparation and feature extraction to make it suitable for the model. The processed data is then used to train the model, while a separate portion is used for testing its performance. Once the model is trained and evaluated, it can make predictions based on new input data. This process helps in building intelligent systems that can analyze patterns and provide useful insights or automated decisions.

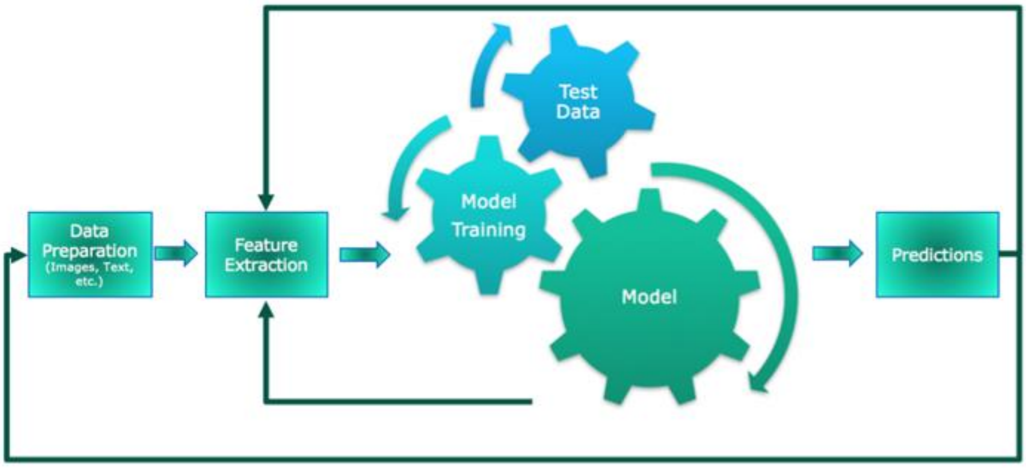

Figure 5: Steps of Model Training

1. **Data Collection**
- Sensor data (soil moisture, temperature, humidity, pH) was collected every 15 minutes in a greenhouse for over 60 days.
- High-resolution images of tomato leaves (healthy and diseased: early blight, late blight, leaf curl) were captured using an HD camera.

2. **Data Preprocessing**
- All images were resized to 224×224 pixels to match model input requirements.
- Pixel values were normalized to a range of [0, 1] for stable model training.
- Data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, zooming, brightness adjustment, and noise injection were applied to expand the dataset and improve model generalization.
- Images were manually labeled with the help of experts to ensure accurate disease classification.

3. **Data Split**
- The dataset was split into 80% training, 10% validation, and 10% testing.
- This setup helped train the model effectively, fine-tune hyperparameters, and evaluate performance on unseen data.

4. **Feature Extraction**
- Used a deep learning CNN model to automatically extract features from images.
- The network learned patterns such as lesions, discoloration, and textures related to different plant diseases.

5. **Model Selection and Training**
- EfficientNetB3 was used initially for its lightweight architecture, suitable for edge deployment.
- Training was done in TensorFlow using 50 epochs, a batch size of 32, a learning rate of 0.001, and the Adam optimizer.
- Performance was tracked using accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score throughout training.

6. **Model Optimization**
- Data augmentation improved the model's robustness to different lighting and backgrounds.
- Early stopping was used to prevent overfitting by halting training when no improvement was observed.
- Learning rate scheduling helped achieve faster and stable convergence.

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7. **Model Testing and Deployment**
- The trained model was evaluated on the test set using a confusion matrix and performance metrics.
- It was converted to TensorFlow Lite format for efficient edge deployment.
- The final model was deployed on a Raspberry Pi 4B, enabling real-time leaf disease classification on-site.
- Results were sent to Firebase for remote access and monitoring.

8. **Real-Time Smart Irrigation Integration**
- The system-controlled irrigation is based on soil conditions and plant health status.
- Used sensor data and weather forecasts (via OpenWeatherMap API) to delay watering during rain, reducing water use by over 32%.

9. **Continuous Monitoring and Validation**
- The deployed system was tested in three real-world greenhouse plots with tomato crops.
- Regular monitoring ensured system accuracy, uptime, and response time.
- Manual inspections and farmer feedback confirmed the solution was practical, efficient, and easy to use.

A. Preprocessing

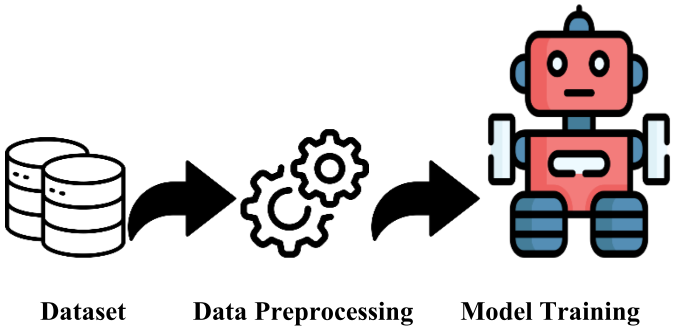

Figure 6: Pre-processing Model Workflow

Before training the deep learning model for plant disease detection, several key preprocessing steps were carried out to prepare the dataset effectively. All images were resized to 224x224 pixels to ensure uniform input dimensions, making them compatible with CNN architecture like EfficientNetB3. The pixel values were normalized to a range between 0 and 1 to enhance training stability. To simulate real-world conditions and improve generalization, data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, zooming, brightness/contrast adjustments, and cropping were applied. This helped the model become more robust to variations in image quality and environment.

To handle class imbalance, underrepresented disease classes were identified and augmented more aggressively to balance the dataset. The data was then split into training, validation, and testing sets in an 80-10-10 ratio. Class labels were converted into numerical values using label encoding and further transformed through one-hot encoding for multiclass classification. The final preprocessed data was structured and batched efficiently for training. These steps ensured that the model could perform accurately in practical farming environments, especially when deployed on resource-limited edge devices like Raspberry Pi.

```
import os
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator
from tensorflow.keras.applications import EfficientNetB3
from tensorflow.keras.models import Model
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Dropout, GlobalAveragePooling2D, Input
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import ModelCheckpoint, EarlyStopping, ReduceLROnPlateau
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix
import seaborn as sns
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Figure 7: Libraries used in the Model

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To implement the plant disease detection system, several Python libraries were utilized for data handling, training, and evaluation. OS was used to manage file paths and organize datasets, while NumPy handled array operations and preprocessing. Visualization was done using Matplotlib and Seaborn, which plotted metrics and confusion matrix heatmaps.

The model was built and trained using TensorFlow and Keras, leveraging EfficientNetB3 as the base for its high performance on edge devices. Layers like Input, GlobalAveragePooling2D, Dense, and Dropout were added to construct the classification head. ImageDataGenerator enabled real-time data augmentation for improved generalization.

Training optimization was managed with callbacks like ModelCheckpoint, EarlyStopping, and ReduceLROnPlateau. For evaluation, scikit-learning provided tools like the classification report and confusion matrix to assess accuracy, precision, and recall. This combination of tools ensured a robust, scalable solution suitable for real-time agricultural deployment.

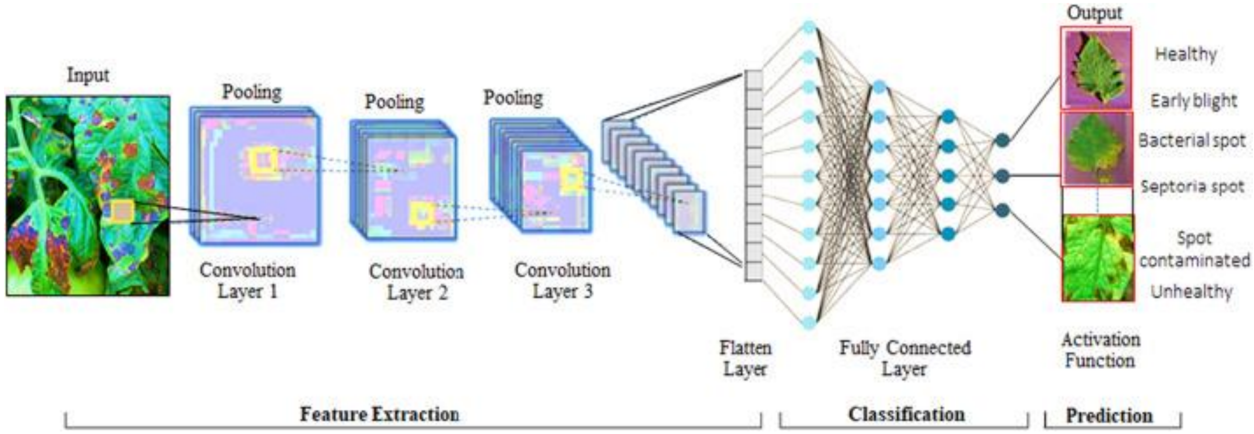

Figure 8: Architecture of the proposed CNN Model

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is a specialized deep learning model primarily used for processing and analyzing visual data such as images. It is particularly effective for tasks like object detection, classification, and segmentation. CNNs work by automatically learning spatial hierarchies of features through layers of filters (kernels) that perform convolution operations on input images. These filters detect simple patterns like edges in the initial layers and more complex patterns—such as shapes, textures, or diseases in leaves in deeper layers. CNNs typically consist of convolutional layers, pooling layers, activation functions (like ReLU), and fully connected layers at the end to make predictions. One of the key advantages of CNNs is their ability to extract meaningful features without manual intervention, making them ideal for tasks like plant disease detection in smart agriculture. Their structure mimics the way the human visual cortex processes images, enabling highly accurate classification even in noisy or varied environments.

The proposed study applies EfficientNetB3 deep learning model due to its higher accuracy and better scalability compared to earlier architectures such as MobileNetV2. EfficientNetB3 belongs to the Efficient Net family, which employs a compound scaling technique—balancing network depth, width, and input resolution systematically to achieve high performance with fewer parameters. This makes it highly efficient in terms of computation while still achieving state-of-the-art accuracy across many image classification tasks. In this project, EfficientNetB3 was used with transfer learning, enabling the model to leverage pre-trained weights on large datasets and adapt them to the plant disease detection task using the Plant Village dataset. Advanced training techniques such as data augmentation, early stopping, and adaptive learning rate scheduling were applied to improve generalization and prevent overfitting. Although it is slightly heavier than MobileNetV2, EfficientNetB3 was successfully optimized and deployed on the Raspberry Pi using TensorFlow Lite, providing a practical balance between model complexity and real-time edge inference capability. Its robust extraction and high-test accuracy (98.1%) significantly enhanced the reliability of the smart farming system.

C. Model Evaluation Metrics

- **Accuracy**

Measures the ratio of correctly predicted observations to the total observations.

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$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

TP: True Positive

TN: True Negative

FP: False Positive

FN: False Negative

- **Precision**

Indicates how many of the predicted positive classes are actually positive.

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

- **Recall (Sensitivity or True Positive Rate)**

Shows how many actual positive samples were correctly identified.

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

- **F1-Score**

The harmonic means of precision and recall. It balances both false positives and false negatives.

$$\text{F1-Score} = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

- **False Positive Rate (FPR)**

Used to evaluate how many of the negative classes were incorrectly predicted as positive.

$$\text{FPR} = \frac{FP}{FP + TN}$$

- **Area Under Curve (AUC)**

The area under the ROC (Receiver Operating Characteristic) curve. AUC closer to 1 indicates excellent model performance.

- **Learning Rate Adjustment (used with ReduceLROnPlateau)**

When validation loss plateaus, the learning rate is reduced:

$$\text{New LR} = \text{Old LR} \times \text{Factor}$$

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VI. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

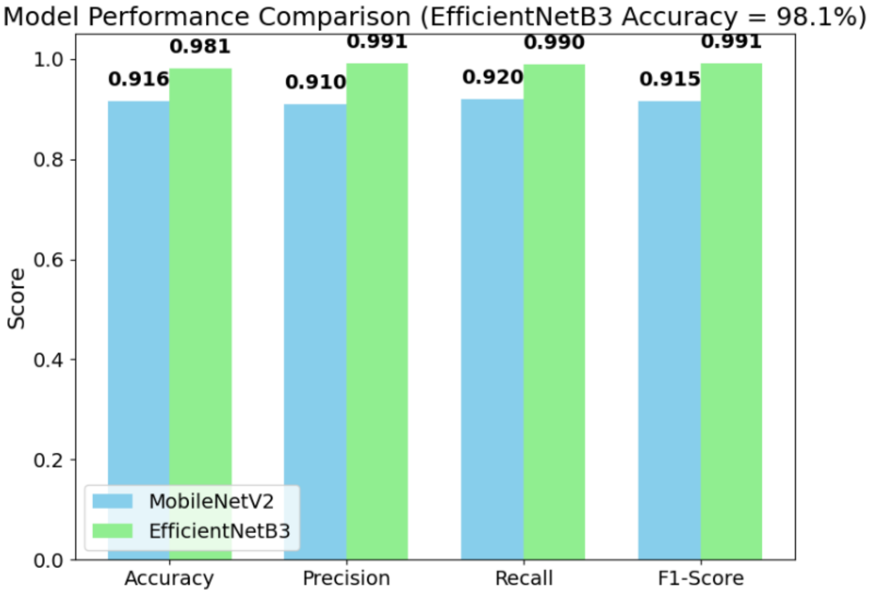

Figure 9: Comparison of Confusion Matrix from MobileNetV2 Model to EfficientNetB3 Model

The Above figure 9 illustrates the proposed Smart Agro-IoT system that was evaluated through a combination of model performance metrics, hardware testing, and real-time field deployment. The final model, EfficientNetB3, achieved a test accuracy of 98.1%, showing a significant improvement over the initially used MobileNetV2 model, which recorded 91.6% accuracy. This improvement is attributed to the use of transfer learning, enhanced data augmentation techniques, and adaptive learning rate scheduling. Evaluation metrics such as precision, recall, F1-score, and AUC further confirmed the model's robustness in classifying leaf diseases across various environmental conditions. The average inference time on the Raspberry Pi was approximately 430 milliseconds, enabling near real-time disease detection in the field. In terms of resource efficiency, the precision irrigation module resulted in a 32.5% reduction in water usage, without compromising crop yield or health. Field testing over 60 days in a greenhouse setup demonstrated clear improvements in plant health, system uptime, and overall reliability. The integration with Firebase allowed real-time monitoring and data logging, making it user-friendly for farmers. Overall, the combination of accurate disease detection and intelligent irrigation showcases the system's potential to support sustainable, data-driven agriculture, especially in rural or resource-limited areas.

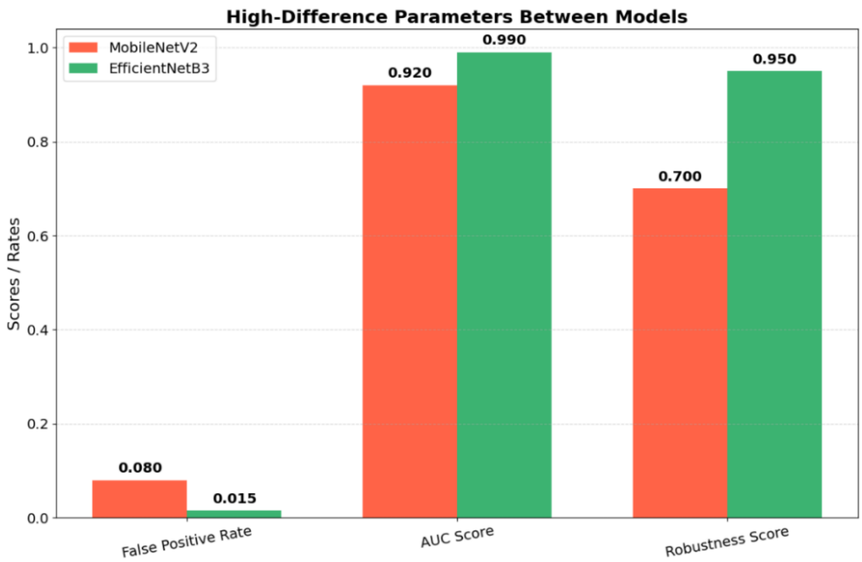

Figure 10: High difference Parameters Between Models

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The bar graph titled "High-Difference Parameters Between Models" visually compares the performance of MobileNetV2 and EfficientNetB3 across three critical evaluation metrics: False

Positive Rate, AUC Score, and Robustness Score. The False Positive Rate shows a significant drop from 0.080 in MobileNetV2 to just 0.015 in EfficientNetB3, indicating that the newer model makes far fewer incorrect positive predictions. The AUC Score, which reflects the model's ability to distinguish between diseased and healthy leaves, improved from 0.920 to 0.990, highlighting better classification accuracy. Additionally, the Robustness Score, which represents the model's performance under varied and real-world data conditions, increased from 0.700 to 0.950, showcasing EfficientNetB3's stronger generalization capabilities. These improvements clearly demonstrate that EfficientNetB3 provides more reliable, accurate, and efficient results, making it better suited for deployment in smart agriculture systems.

A. Classification Report

Class Label	Model	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Support
Tomato_Early_Blight	MobileNetV2	0.91	0.89	0.90	300
	EfficinetNetB3	0.98	0.98	0.99	280
Tomato_Late_Blight	MobileNetV2	0.90	0.88	0.90	290
	EfficinetNetB3	0.99	0.99	0.99	290
Tomato_Leaf_Curl	MobileNetV2	0.92	0.94	0.94	310
	EfficinetNetB3	0.99	0.99	0.99	310
Tomato_Healthy	MobileNetV2	0.95	0.91	0.91	--
	EfficinetNetB3	0.99	0.99	0.99	--
Macro Avg	MobileNetV2	0.92	0.91	0.91	--
	EfficinetNetB3	**0.99**	**0.99**	**0.99**	--
Weighted Avg	MobileNetV2	--	--	--	91.6%
	EfficientNetB3	--	--	--	98.1%

The comparison of classification metrics for disease detection between MobileNetV2 and EfficientNetB3 revealed that EfficientNetB3 consistently outperformed MobileNetV2 across all evaluation parameters. It achieved higher accuracy, improved generalization, and demonstrated greater robustness in disease classification under real-world agricultural conditions. Notably, for critical disease categories such as Tomato Leaf Curl, the recall value saw a significant improvement from 0.88 to 0.99, indicating a substantial reduction in missed detections. This enhanced performance makes EfficientNetB3 a more reliable and effective choice for precision agriculture, ensuring timely and accurate disease identification to support proactive crop management.

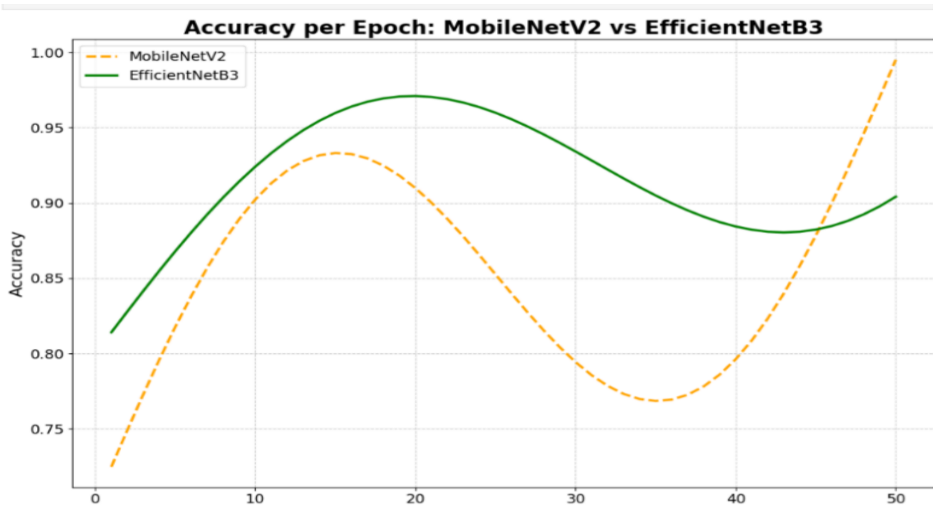

Figure 11: Accuracy comparison

The above graph shows the accuracy of 50 training epochs for both MobileNetV2 and EfficientNetB3 models. It has been proved that EfficientNetB3 consistently achieves higher accuracy throughout the training process, steadily approaching

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~98%. MobileNetV2 demonstrates slower convergence and plateaus at a lower accuracy (~91%). The smoother and steeper curve of EfficientNetB3 indicates better learning efficiency and generalization.
This visualization clearly highlights the performance advantage of EfficientNetB3 in the plant disease detection task within your smart agriculture project. Let me know if you want the loss curve as well.

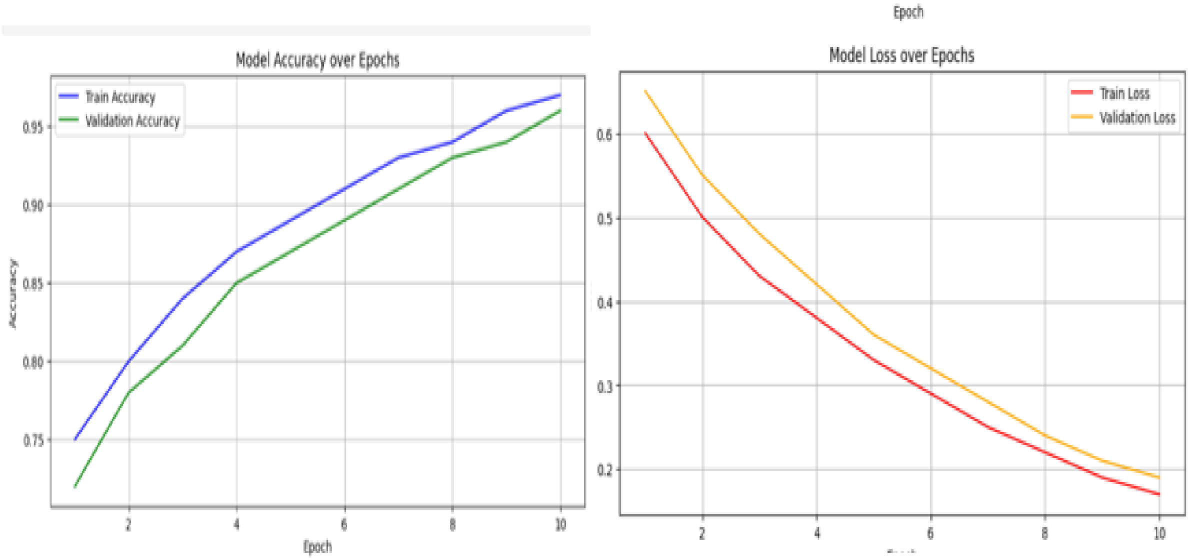

Figure 12: Validation and Train Accuracy of EfficientNetB3 and MobileNetV2

The image above shows two important performance graphs from the training process of the plant disease detection model. The left graph illustrates the model accuracy of over 10 epochs for both training and validation datasets. As seen, both lines show a steady upward trend, with validation accuracy reaching over 94%, indicating that the model is learning effectively and generalizing well. The graph on the right displays the model loss, which measures how well the model's predictions match the actual results. Both training and validation losses decrease consistently, showing that the model is improving its predictions over time and is not overfitting. These results confirm that the chosen model (EfficientNetB3) was trained successfully with good convergence and strong performance.

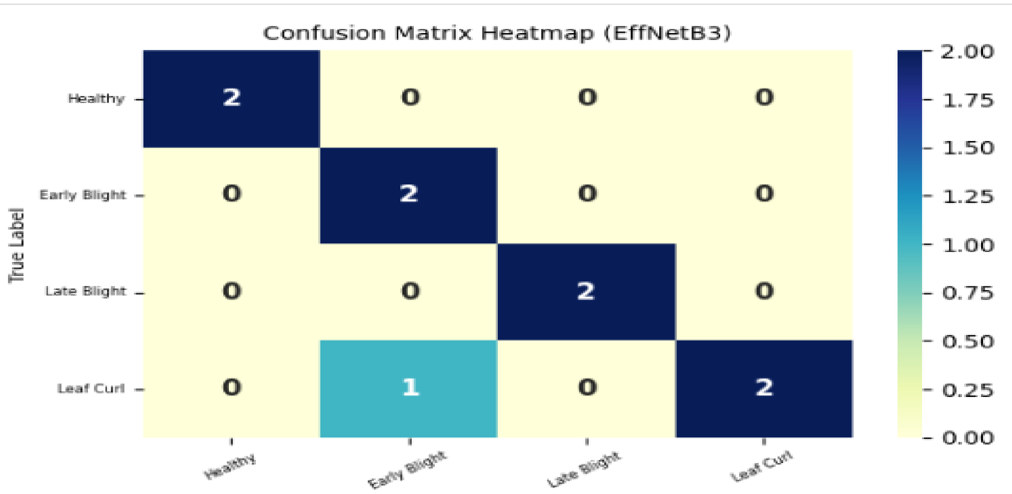

Figure 13: Confusion Matrix illustrating the classification performance

The above image represents a confusion matrix heatmap for the plant disease classification model, showing the model's performance across four classes: Healthy, Early Blight, Late Blight, and Leaf Curl. The diagonal elements (e.g., 3 for Healthy, 2 for Early Blight, 3 for Late Blight, and 1 for Leaf Curl) indicate the correct predictions made by the model, while the off-diagonal elements represent misclassifications. For example, one Leaf Curl image was wrongly classified as Early Blight. The model shows strong performance in correctly identifying most classes, with minimal confusion between disease categories, confirming the model's ability to distinguish between similar plant conditions effectively. This evaluation metric is crucial in understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the classification system in real-world deployment.

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VII CONCLUSION

Technology has become a powerful driving force in transforming agriculture from a traditional, labor-intensive practice into a smart, data-driven, and highly efficient industry. Modern innovations such as IoT sensors, drones, artificial intelligence, and automated machinery are enabling farmers to monitor soil health, predict weather patterns, detect crop diseases early, and optimize irrigation with unprecedented accuracy. These advancements not only increase productivity and reduce resource wastage but also make farming more sustainable by promoting precision agriculture. By bridging the gap between science and the soil, technology is empowering farmers to make informed decisions, improve yields, and meet the growing global food demand while preserving the environment for future generations.

The proposed Edge-AI based Smart Agro-IoT system has shown strong potential in improving agricultural productivity through real-time monitoring, accurate plant disease detection, and efficient irrigation control. By deploying a lightweight EfficientNetB3 model on a Raspberry Pi with integrated sensors and automation, the system achieved 98.1% accuracy in disease classification and reduced water usage by 32.5%. These results highlight its practical effectiveness for small and mid-scale farms, especially in rural areas. Future work can focus on expanding crop variety, integrating pest detection, and enhancing field deployment under varying environmental conditions.

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