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Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions

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Abstract

The purpose of this undertaking is to increase a shrewd spraying robot with a view to reduce using insecticides and harm to human health, shielding farmers and requiring less exertions. complete course making plans and navigation structures, using control, a spraying mechanism, gadget creation, impediment avoidance, and the integration of several sensor modules will all be functions of the robot. The layout of the spray robotic will encompass simulations and analysis for sensor integration, impediment avoidance, and spraying. with the intention to gain sturdy balance and dependability, its miles applied now not handiest to track motion and display orientation but also to alter for route mistakes. inside the interim, the spraying gadget will be superior with automatic sprays that alter primarily based at the goal so one can cast off leaks and avoid repeated spraying. The pesticide spraying method that this has a look at shows will assist farmers within the agricultural quarter.

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1. Introduction

In the ever-evolving landscape of agriculture, the quest for sustainable and efficient farming practices has never been more critical. As the global population continues to rise, the demand for food production increases, placing immense pressure on farmers to maximize crop yields while minimizing environmental impact. Traditional pesticide spraying methods, often characterized by their broad and indiscriminate application, have long been a double-edged sword—effective in pest control but detrimental to the environment and human health. Enter Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions, a revolutionary approach that leverages cutting-edge technology to transform the way pesticides are applied, ensuring precision, efficiency, and sustainability. Figure 1 shows the traditional way of spraying pesticides to the crops and it shows how the manpower is involved in this.

Figure 1. Traditional way of spraying.

At the heart of Green Guard's innovation is the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and advanced sensor technologies. These intelligent systems are designed to identify and target pests with pinpoint accuracy, reducing the need for blanket pesticide applications. By distinguishing between crops and weeds, beneficial insects and harmful pests, Green Guard's solutions ensure that pesticides are used only where they are needed, in the exact amounts required. This not only enhances the effectiveness of pest control but also significantly reduces the volume of chemicals released into the environment.

One of the standout features of Green Guard's intelligent spraying solutions is their adaptability to various agricultural settings. Whether deployed in vast open fields, orchards, or vineyards, these systems can be customized to meet the specific needs of different crops and terrains. The use of real-time data and machine learning algorithms allows for continuous improvement and optimization of spraying patterns, ensuring that every drop of pesticide is utilized to its fullest potential.

Moreover, Green Guard's commitment to sustainability extends beyond the immediate benefits of reduced chemical usage. By minimizing pesticide runoff and soil contamination, these intelligent spraying solutions contribute to the long-term health of ecosystems and biodiversity. Farmers can achieve higher yields with fewer resources, promoting a more sustainable and resilient agricultural industry. Figure 2 shows the advanced pesticide spraying method for the crops.

Figure 2. Advanced spraying method.

In addition to environmental benefits, Green Guard's intelligent pesticide spraying solutions offer significant economic advantages for farmers. The precision and efficiency of these systems translate into cost savings on pesticides and labor, while also reducing crop damage and loss. With the ability to monitor and manage pest populations more effectively, farmers can make informed decisions that enhance productivity and profitability. As we delve deeper into the capabilities and impact of Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions, it becomes clear that this technology represents a paradigm shift in agricultural practices. By harnessing the power of AI and advanced sensors, Green Guard is paving the way for a future where farming is not only more productive but also more sustainable and environmentally responsible. Ref. [1] explains the modern technology use of the Robot.

2. Motivation

Agriculture is quickly becoming an exciting high-tech industry, drawing new professionals, new companies, and new investors. The technology is developing rapidly, not only advancing the production capabilities of farmers but also advancing robotics and automation technology as we know it. At the heart of this phenomenon is the need for significantly increased production yields. The UN estimates the world population will rise from 7.3 billion today to 9.7 billion in 2050. The world will need a lot more food, and farmers will face serious pressure to keep up with demand. **Figure 3** shows the warning sign where the pesticides are sprayed in the field.

Agricultural systems globally are now highly reliant on the large-scale application of synthetic pesticides to control weeds, insects, and diseases. An improved understanding of chemical safety and environmental impacts has led to multiple product withdrawals, reducing the number of active ingredients available to farmers. Spraying pesticides and weed killers onto fields is not only wasteful, but it can also severely harm the environment. Robots provide a much more efficient method. Furthermore, ever-higher regulation and registration costs have reduced the number of new pesticides entering the agricultural market. There is therefore a global need to find new ways to produce crops that do not require or reduce the use of pesticides.

Figure 3. Pesticide warning.

There are now several crop weeding robots that reduce the need for herbicides by deploying camera-guided hoes, precision sprayers, or lasers to manage weeds. Although in its infancy, this technology shows great promise. In addition, ref. [2] shows the novel sensors deployed on robots can reduce pesticide use by both detecting pests and diseases and precisely targeting the application of insecticides and fungicides. Robots could also be deployed as part of integrated pest management systems, for example, for the accurate and low-cost dispersal of bio-pesticides to counteract crop pests and diseases. **Figure 4** demonstrates advance method of spraying pesticides and weed killers to the plants.

Figure 4. Spraying pesticides and weed killers.

2.1. The Need for Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions

The agricultural sector is at a critical juncture, facing numerous challenges that threaten food security, environmental sustainability, and farmer livelihoods. Traditional pesticide application methods, while effective to some extent, often lead to overuse of chemicals, resulting in environmental degradation and health risks. The indiscriminate spraying of pesticides can harm beneficial insects, contaminate water sources, and lead to the development of pesticide-resistant pests. These issues underscore the urgent need for more intelligent and sustainable pest management solutions. Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions address these challenges by offering a more targeted and efficient approach to pest control. Let's explore the various needs that drive the demand for such innovative solutions.

2.1.1. Environmental Sustainability

Chemical Overuse and Environmental Impact: Traditional pesticide spraying methods often involve the blanket application of chemicals across entire fields. This approach not only wastes resources but also leads to the overuse of pesticides, which can have detrimental effects on the environment. Excessive pesticide use can contaminate soil and water sources, harm non-target organisms, and disrupt ecosystems. There is a pressing need for solutions that minimize chemical usage and reduce environmental impact. Figure 5 is an example of pesticide spraying in the drone.

Figure 5. Drone spray.

Biodiversity Preservation: The indiscriminate use of pesticides can harm beneficial insects, such as pollinators and natural pest predators, which play a crucial role in maintaining ecosystem balance. The decline of these beneficial species can lead to a cascade of negative effects on biodiversity and agricultural productivity. Intelligent pesticide spraying solutions that can differentiate between harmful pests and beneficial insects are essential for preserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable agriculture.

Climate Change Mitigation: Agriculture is both a contributor to and a victim of climate change. The overuse of chemical inputs in farming contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, while changing climate conditions can exacerbate pest problems. Sustainable pest management solutions that reduce chemical inputs and improve resource efficiency are needed to mitigate the impact of agriculture on climate change and enhance the resilience of farming systems.

2.1.2. Economic Viability

Cost of Pesticides: Pesticides represent a significant cost for farmers, and the overuse of these chemicals can strain their financial resources. Traditional spraying methods often result in the application of more pesticides than necessary, leading to higher costs without corresponding benefits. There is a need for intelligent spraying solutions that optimize pesticide use, reduce costs, and improve the economic viability of farming operations.

Labor Costs: Manual pesticide application is labor-intensive and time-consuming. In many regions, labor shortages and rising labor costs make it challenging for farmers to manage pest control effectively. Automated and intelligent spraying systems can reduce the reliance on manual labor, lowering costs and freeing up resources for other critical farm activities.

Crop Damage and Loss: Ineffective pest control can lead to significant crop damage and loss, reducing yields and affecting farmers' incomes. Traditional methods may not always target pests accurately, leading to suboptimal results. Intelligent spraying solutions that provide precise and effective pest control can help minimize crop damage, improve yields, and enhance farmers' profitability. Figure 6 shows the damaged crops where the inefficient pest control leads to this.

Figure 6. Damaged crops.

2.1.3. Health and Safety

Pesticide Exposure: The application of pesticides poses health risks to farmers, farm workers, and nearby communities. Exposure to harmful chemicals can lead to acute and chronic health issues, including respiratory problems, skin conditions, and even long-term diseases such as cancer. There is a critical need for pest management solutions that minimize pesticide exposure and protect the health and safety of those involved in agricultural activities. Figure 7 shows the side effects of traditional method pesticides spraying.

Food Safety: Consumers are increasingly concerned about the presence of pesticide residues on food products. High levels of pesticide residues can pose health risks to consumers and affect the marketability of agricultural produce. Ref. [3] shows Intelligent spraying solutions that reduce pesticide use and ensure safer food products are essential for meeting consumer demands and maintaining food safety standards.

Figure 7. Traditional method side effects.

2.1.4. Technological Advancements

Precision Agriculture: The advent of precision agriculture technologies has revolutionized farming practices, enabling more efficient and targeted use of resources. Intelligent pesticide spraying solutions are a key component of precision agriculture, leveraging advanced sensors, AI, and data analytics to optimize pest control. There is a growing need for technologies that integrate seamlessly with precision agriculture systems, providing farmers with the tools they need to enhance productivity and sustainability.

Real-Time Data and Monitoring: Traditional pest control methods often rely on periodic inspections and manual assessments, which can be time-consuming and prone to errors. Intelligent spraying solutions that incorporate real-time data collection and monitoring capabilities can provide farmers with accurate and timely information about pest populations and field conditions. This enables more proactive and informed decision-making, improving the effectiveness of pest management strategies.

Adaptability and Scalability: Agricultural practices vary widely across different regions, crops, and farming systems. There is a need for pest management solutions that are adaptable and scalable, capable of meeting the specific needs of diverse agricultural settings. Intelligent spraying systems that can be customized and scaled to different farm sizes and types are essential for widespread adoption and impact.

2.1.5. Regulatory and Market Pressures

Regulatory Compliance: Governments and regulatory bodies are increasingly imposing stricter regulations on pesticide use to protect human health and the environment. Farmers need pest management solutions that help them comply with these regulations while maintaining productivity. Intelligent spraying solutions that reduce chemical use and improve application accuracy can assist farmers in meeting regulatory requirements and avoiding penalties. Figure 8 explains the healthy fresh vegetables grown by intelligent pesticide spraying method.

Market Demands: Consumers and markets are demanding more sustainable and environmentally friendly agricultural practices. There is a growing preference for products that are produced with minimal chemical inputs and have lower environmental footprints. Farmers need pest management solutions that align with these market demands, enabling them to produce high-quality, sustainable products that meet consumer expectations.

Figure 8. Fresh vegetables.

For the following reasons, a pesticide sprayer can be used:

- ***TASK*1:** Identifying flawed and non-faulty leaves in crops.
- ***TASK*2:** Classification of the type of disease assaulted by the leaves.
- ***TASK*3:** Sprinkling of pesticides in faulty fields.

Ref. [4] includes a pesticide sprayer equipped with advanced technology that can revolutionize agricultural practices by addressing three critical tasks: identifying flawed and non-faulty leaves, classifying the type of disease affecting the leaves, and sprinkling pesticides in faulty fields.

The first task involves the use of high-resolution cameras and image processing algorithms to scan the crops and detect any anomalies in the leaves. These anomalies could be discoloration, spots, or other visible signs of damage. By distinguishing between healthy and flawed leaves, the system ensures that only the affected areas are targeted, thereby conserving resources and minimizing the impact on non-faulty plants.

The second task, classification of the type of disease, leverages machine learning models trained on vast datasets of plant diseases. Once an anomaly is detected, the system analyzes the patterns and characteristics of the damage to identify the specific disease. This precise identification is crucial for selecting the appropriate pesticide, as different diseases require different treatments.

The third task, sprinkling pesticides in faulty fields, is executed with precision thanks to the integration of GPS and automated spraying mechanisms. The system maps the affected areas and directs the sprayer to apply pesticides only where needed, reducing the overall chemical usage and preventing unnecessary exposure to non-affected plants and beneficial insects.

This targeted approach not only enhances the effectiveness of pest control but also promotes environmental sustainability by reducing chemical runoff and preserving soil health. Additionally, the system can be programmed to adjust the spraying intensity based on the severity of the infestation, ensuring optimal use of pesticides.

The integration of these technologies into a single pesticide sprayer system offers numerous benefits to farmers. It reduces labor costs by automating the inspection and spraying processes, increases crop yield by effectively managing diseases, and supports sustainable farming practices by minimizing chemical usage. Furthermore, the real-time data collected by the system can be used to monitor crop health over time, providing valuable insights for future planting and pest management strategies.

This data-driven approach enables farmers to make informed decisions, improving overall farm productivity and resilience. The pesticide sprayer system can also be connected to a central database, allowing for the sharing of disease patterns and treatment outcomes among farmers and agricultural experts. This collaborative approach can lead to the development of more effective pest control strategies and the rapid dissemination of best practices. A pesticide sprayer that identifies flawed and non-faulty leaves, classifies the type of disease, and precisely sprinkles pesticides in faulty fields represents a significant advancement in agricultural technology. By combining image processing, machine learning, and automated spraying, this system enhances the efficiency and sustainability of pest control, ultimately contributing to healthier crops and a more resilient agricultural ecosystem.

3. Block Diagram

Figure 9 is the Block diagram of the pesticide spraying Robot. Each of the blocks will be explained in detail below.

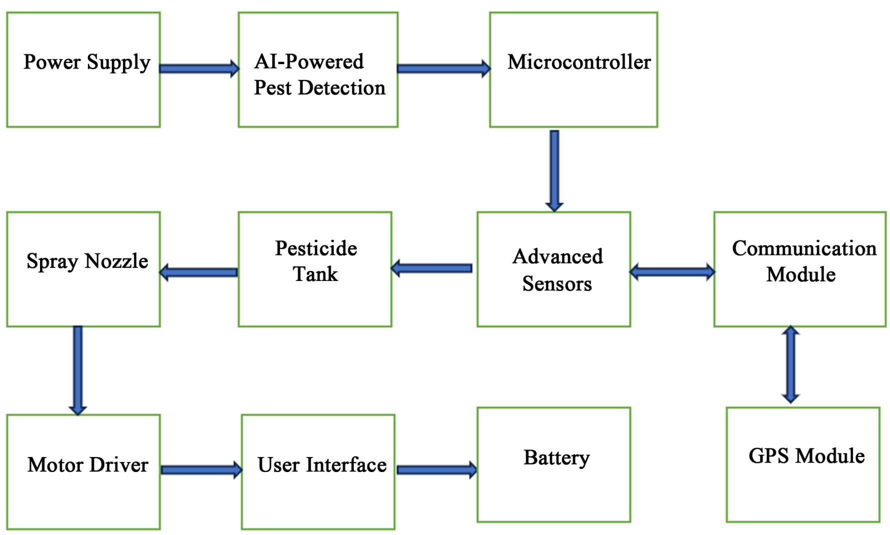

Figure 9. Basic block diagram of pesticide spraying robot.

1) Power Supply: Provides the necessary power to the entire system.

2) AI-Powered Pest Detection:

a) Utilizes image processing and machine learning algorithms to identify pests accurately.

b) This component processes images captured by cameras and detects pest presence, sending data to the next block.

3) Microcontroller: The brain of the system, controlling all operations.

4) Sensors:

a) Soil Moisture Sensor: Detects soil moisture levels.

b) Temperature Sensor: Measures ambient temperature.

c) Humidity Sensor: Measures the humidity levels.

5) GPS Module: Tracks the location of the spraying system.

6) Communication Module: Enables remote monitoring and control (e.g., GSM, Wi-Fi).

7) Pesticide Tank: Stores the pesticide solution.

8) Spray Nozzle: Dispenses the pesticide.

9) Motor Driver: Controls the motors for the spray nozzle.

10) User Interface: Allows users to input settings and monitor system status (e.g., LCD display, buttons).

11) Battery: Provides backup power. This block diagram outlines the main components and their interactions within the system.

A block diagram is a visual representation of a system or process, using blocks to represent different components or functions and lines to show the relationships and flow between them. Each block typically represents a specific part of the system, such as a device, a function, or a process step, and the lines indicate how these parts interact or communicate with each other.

3.1. Power Supply

The power supply converts electrical energy from a source (like a wall outlet or solar panel) into a form that can be used by the system's components. It typically includes voltage regulators to ensure a stable output. A 12V DC power adapter connected to a solar panel system that provides continuous power during the day and switches to a battery backup at night. Figure 10 is the power supply used in our project.

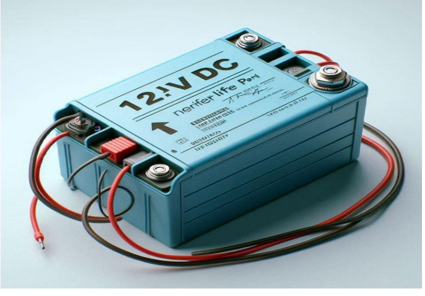

Figure 10. 12V DC power supply.

3.2. AI-Powered Pest Detection

The AI-powered pest detection component in the "Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions" system is a sophisticated technology that utilizes image processing and machine learning algorithms to accurately identify pests, ensuring precise and efficient pesticide application. Figure 11 shows the areas affected by the pests which can be detected by AI.

Figure 11. AI powered pest detection.

This component begins with cameras strategically placed on the system, capturing high-resolution images of the crops. These images undergo preprocessing to enhance quality, remove noise, and adjust for lighting conditions. The next step involves segmentation, where the images are divided into different parts to isolate potential pests. Key features such as shape, color, and texture are then extracted from these segments.

Ref. [5] which says Machine learning algorithms, trained on a vast dataset of labeled images, analyze these features to recognize and classify pests. The training process involves adjusting the algorithm's parameters to minimize errors, while the inference phase allows the algorithm to identify pests in new images by comparing extracted features to those in its training dataset.

Once pests are detected, the system sends this information to the next block for further action, such as adjusting the spraying mechanism to target affected areas. This integration ensures that the system can cover large areas quickly and efficiently, saving time and labor costs while reducing the overall use of chemicals, thus promoting sustainable farming practices. Figure 12 demonstrates the Robot spraying pesticides in the infected area.

The AI-powered pest detection component provides high accuracy, reducing false positives and negatives, and ensuring pesticides are applied only when and where needed. This targeted approach not only enhances the effectiveness of pest control but also minimizes environmental impact. In a real-world application, such as a large orchard, drones equipped with cameras can fly over the trees, capturing images that are processed in real-time to detect pests. The system then adjusts the pesticide application to target the infested areas, ensuring precise and effective pest control.

Figure 12. Spraying in impacted areas.

3.3. Microcontroller

Ref. [6] explains the microcontroller uses. The microcontroller is a compact integrated circuit designed to govern a specific operation in an embedded system. It includes a processor, memory, and input/output peripherals. An Arduino Uno microcontroller, which reads sensor data, processes it, and controls the spray nozzle and communication module based on predefined algorithms. Figure 13 shows the Arduino UNO Microcontroller used in the project.

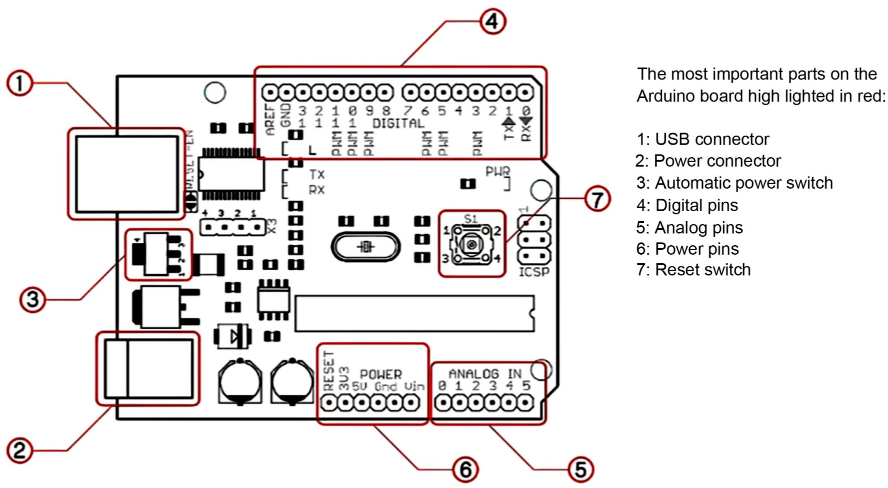

Figure 13. Arduino UNO microcontroller.

3.4. Sensors

The sensor block is a critical component of the system, responsible for gathering real-time data from the environment. This data is essential for making informed decisions about when and how much pesticide to spray, ensuring efficient and effective pest control while minimizing environmental impact. The sensor block typically includes the following sensors:

1) Soil Moisture Sensor
2) Temperature Sensor
3) Humidity Sensor

Soil Moisture Sensor

The soil moisture sensor measures the volumetric water content in the soil. This information is crucial for determining the soil's dryness or wetness, which directly impacts the need for pesticide application. Figure 14 is the Soil Moisture Sensor which is used to detect the moisture of the soil.

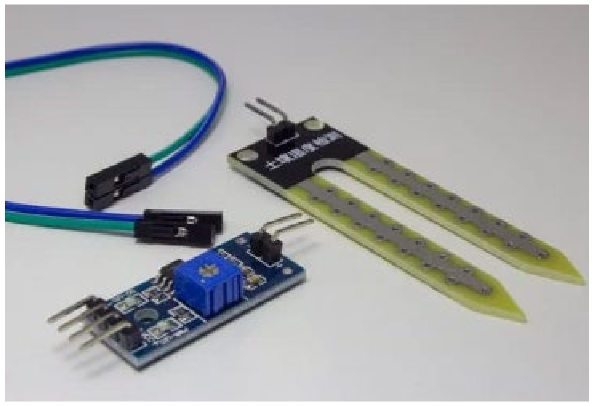

Figure 14. Soil moisture sensor.

A capacitive soil moisture sensor, such as the VH400, which provides an analog voltage output proportional to the moisture level. The microcontroller reads this voltage and converts it into a moisture percentage, if the soil is too dry, the system might delay spraying to avoid ineffective application. Conversely, if the soil is adequately moist, the system can proceed with spraying, ensuring the pesticide is absorbed effectively.

Temperature Sensor

The temperature sensor measures the ambient temperature around the system. Temperature can significantly affect the efficacy of pesticides, as some chemicals work better within specific temperature ranges. Figure 15 shows the Temperature sensor used in the project which measures the temperature around the surrounding.

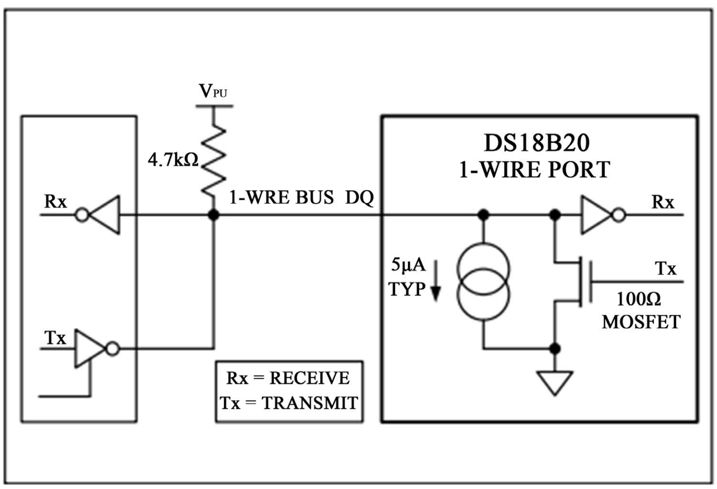

Figure 15. Temperature sensor.

A digital temperature sensor like the DS18B20, which provides precise temperature readings in a digital format that the microcontroller can easily process. The system can adjust the spraying schedule based on temperature readings. For instance, if the temperature is too high, the system might delay spraying to prevent evaporation and ensure the pesticide remains effective.

Humidity Sensor

The humidity sensor measures the relative humidity of the air. Humidity levels can influence the evaporation rate of pesticides and the likelihood of them reaching the target pests.

A combined temperature and humidity sensor like the DHT22, which provides both temperature and humidity readings in a digital format.

High humidity levels might necessitate adjustments in the spraying process to ensure the pesticide adheres to the plants and does not evaporate too quickly. Conversely, low humidity might require a different spraying strategy to maximize effectiveness. Figure 16 is the Humidity sensor which we have used in the project.

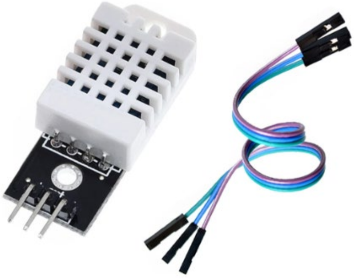

Figure 16. Humidity sensor.

Consider a scenario where the system is deployed in a vineyard. The soil moisture sensor detects that the soil is dry, the temperature sensor reads 30˚C, and the humidity sensor indicates 40% relative humidity. Based on these readings, the microcontroller might decide to delay spraying until the soil moisture level increases, as spraying in dry conditions could lead to ineffective pesticide application. Additionally, the system might adjust the spray pattern to ensure even coverage despite the high temperature and moderate humidity.

GPS Module:

The GPS module provides real-time location data, which is crucial for precision agriculture. It helps in tracking the exact position of the spraying system. A Neo-6M GPS module that communicates with the microcontroller via UART to provide latitude and longitude coordinates. The GPS module plays a pivotal role in ensuring precise and efficient pesticide application. Figure 17 shows the GPS module which provides real-time location data. Here's how it integrates into the system:

Precision Spraying:

The GPS module provides real-time location data, allowing the system to apply pesticides accurately to specific areas. This precision reduces the amount of pesticide used and minimizes environmental impact.

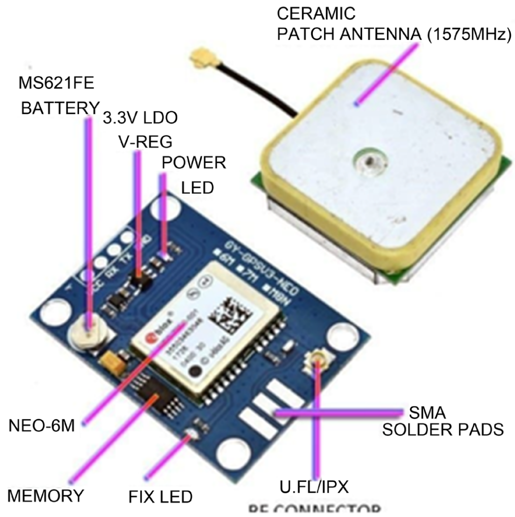

Figure 17. GPS module.

If the system is programmed to spray only on certain crops or sections of a field, the GPS data ensures that the spraying mechanism targets only those areas, avoiding wastage and over-spraying.

Path Planning and Navigation:

The GPS module helps in planning the optimal path for the spraying system which is used in the ref. [7]. By knowing its exact location, the system can navigate through the field efficiently, covering all required areas without redundancy.

In a large orchard, the GPS data can guide the system to follow a pre-defined path, ensuring that every tree receives the necessary pesticide without missing any spots.

Data Logging and Analysis:

The GPS module enables the system to log location data along with other sensor readings. This data can be analyzed to improve future spraying strategies and optimize resource usage.

By analyzing the GPS data along with soil moisture and temperature readings, farmers can identify patterns and make informed decisions about when and where to apply pesticides.

Remote Monitoring and Control:

The GPS module, in conjunction with a communication module, allows for remote monitoring and control of the spraying system. Farmers can track the system's location and status in real-time, making adjustments as needed. Using a mobile app, a farmer can monitor the system's progress and intervene if any issues arise, such as the system deviating from its planned path.

3.5. Communication Module

This module enables remote monitoring and control of the system. It can use various communication technologies like GSM, Wi-Fi, or Bluetooth. An ESP8266 Wi-Fi module that connects to a local network and sends data to a cloud server, allowing users to monitor and control the system via a mobile app.

The communication module is a vital component of the "Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions" project. It enables remote monitoring and control of the system, ensuring that users can manage and adjust the pesticide spraying process from a distance. This module can utilize various communication technologies such as GSM, Wi-Fi, or Bluetooth, depending on the specific requirements and constraints of the application that can be further studied in the ref. [8].

The communication module functions by establishing a link between the pesticide spraying system and a remote monitoring or control interface, such as a mobile app or a web dashboard. This link allows real-time data exchange, enabling users to receive updates on the system's status, environmental conditions, and operational parameters. Users can also send commands to the system to adjust settings or initiate specific actions. Figure 18 is an ESP8266 Wi-Fi module that connects to a local network and sends data to a cloud server.

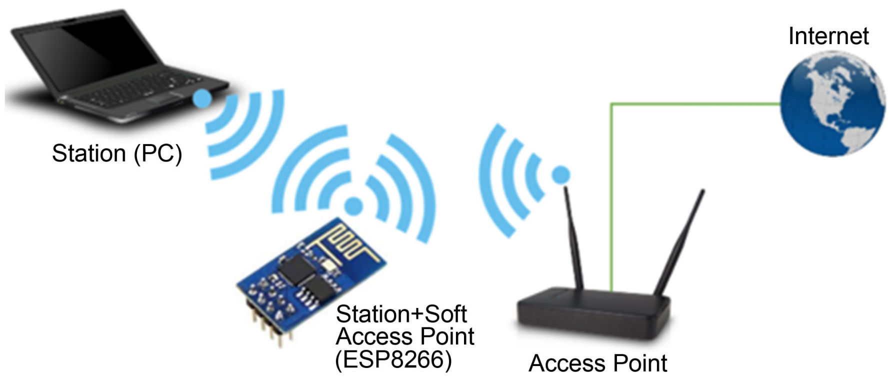

Figure 18. Communication module.

The communication module plays a crucial role in ensuring that the system can be monitored and controlled remotely.

Remote Monitoring:

The communication module transmits real-time data from the system to a remote server or directly to a user interface. This data includes sensor readings (soil moisture, temperature, humidity), GPS coordinates, and system status.

Ref. [9] uses the advanced spraying Robot in the field. An ESP8266 Wi-Fi module connects to a local network and sends data to a cloud server. Users can access this data via a mobile app or web dashboard to monitor the system's performance and environmental conditions.

Remote Control:

Users can send commands to the system through the communication module to adjust settings or initiate specific actions. This capability is essential for making real-time adjustments based on changing conditions. Using a mobile app, a farmer can remotely start or stop the pesticide spraying process, adjust the spray rate, or change the target area based on real-time data.

Data Logging and Analysis:

The communication module enables the system to log data over time, which can be analyzed to optimize future spraying strategies and improve overall efficiency. Historical data on soil moisture levels, temperature, and humidity can be used to identify patterns and make informed decisions about pesticide application schedules.

Alerts and Notifications:

The communication module can send alerts and notifications to users in case of system malfunctions or critical conditions, ensuring timely intervention. If the system detects a low pesticide level in the tank or a malfunction in the spray nozzle, it can send an SMS or push notification to the user for immediate action.

3.6. Pesticide Tank

Figure 19 is the pesticide tank's primary function is to store the pesticide solution securely and deliver it to the spray nozzle through a series of tubes. This ensures that the pesticide is applied efficiently and effectively to the target areas.

Figure 19. Pesticide tank.

Design Considerations:

- **Capacity**:

The tank must have sufficient capacity to hold enough pesticide for the entire spraying operation, reducing the need for frequent refills.

A 5-liter tank is suitable for small to medium-sized fields, while larger tanks (e.g., 20 liters) may be needed for extensive agricultural areas.

- **Material**:

The tank should be made from materials that are resistant to the chemicals in the pesticide solution. Common materials include high-density polyethylene (HDPE) or polypropylene, which are durable and chemical-resistant.

A 5-liter plastic tank made from HDPE, which is lightweight, durable, and resistant to most pesticides.

- **Secure Lid**:

The tank should have a secure lid to prevent spillage and contamination. The lid should be easy to open for refilling but secure enough to prevent accidental leaks.

A screw-on lid with a gasket seal to ensure a tight fit and prevent leaks.

➢ **Outlet Tube**:

The tank should have an outlet tube that connects to the spray nozzle. This tube should be made from a material that is resistant to the pesticide solution and should be securely attached to prevent leaks.

A flexible PVC tube that connects the tank to the spray nozzle, ensuring smooth and consistent flow of the pesticide solution.

➢ **Level** Indicator:

A level indicator or transparent section on the tank can help users monitor the pesticide level and know when it needs refilling.

A transparent strip on the side of the tank that allows users to see the remaining pesticide level.

3.7. Motor Driver

The motor driver is a crucial component in the "Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions" system. It controls the motors that operate the spray nozzle, ensuring precise and efficient pesticide application. Let's explore the details, functionality, and integration of the motor driver within this system.

Ref. [10], ref. [11] demonstrates the motor driven method that helps us to develop the project further. The motor driver acts as an interface between the microcontroller and the motors. It receives commands from the microcontroller to start, stop, or adjust the spraying mechanism. The motor driver can control the speed and direction of the motors, enabling precise control over the spray nozzle.

Design Considerations:

The motor driver in the "Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions" system is designed with several key considerations to ensure optimal performance and reliability. Firstly, it receives low-power control signals from the microcontroller and translates them into high-power signals to drive the motors, with Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) signals controlling motor speed by varying the duty cycle.

The motor driver must handle the power requirements of the motors, providing sufficient current and voltage without overheating; for example, the L298N motor driver can handle up to 2A per channel and operate motors with voltages between 5V and 35V. Additionally, it can control the direction of motor rotation, allowing the spray nozzle to move in different directions, facilitated by H-bridge circuits in the L298N that enable forward and reverse motor control. Safety features are also crucial, including overcurrent protection, thermal shutdown, and flyback diodes to protect against voltage spikes, with the L298N incorporating built-in diodes to guard against back EMF generated by the motors. These design considerations ensure that the motor driver can effectively and safely control the spraying mechanism, enhancing the system's precision and efficiency.

3.8. User Interface

The user interface (UI) in the "Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions" system is a critical component that bridges the gap between the user and the system's operations. It allows users to input settings, monitor system status, and receive alerts, ensuring that the system operates efficiently and effectively.

The UI can be composed of various elements such as an LCD display, buttons, or a touchscreen, each serving a specific purpose. For instance, a 16 × 2 LCD display with push buttons can provide a simple and cost-effective way to navigate menus and set parameters, making it suitable for basic operations. Users can scroll through different options, adjust settings like spray intensity or schedule, and view real-time data such as soil moisture levels, temperature, and humidity. On the other hand, a touchscreen interface offers a more advanced and user-friendly experience, allowing for more intuitive control and interaction. With a touchscreen, users can easily tap and swipe to access different functions, input data, and receive visual feedback. Figure 20 is the user interface (UI) in the "Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions"

Figure 20. Crop monitor.

This can be particularly useful for more complex operations, where detailed monitoring and precise control are required. The UI also plays a crucial role in alerting users to any issues or anomalies in the system, such as low pesticide levels, motor malfunctions, or deviations from the planned path. Ref. [12] includes these alerts can be displayed on the screen or sent as notifications to a connected device, enabling timely intervention and maintenance. Overall, the user interface enhances the usability and functionality of the "Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions" system, making it accessible and manageable for users, whether they are tech-savvy or prefer a more straightforward approach. By providing a clear and interactive platform for controlling and monitoring the system, the UI ensures that users can optimize the pesticide application process, improve efficiency, and achieve better results in their agricultural practices.

3.9. Battery

The battery in the "Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions" system is a vital component that ensures the system's continuous operation during power outages or when the primary power source is unavailable. This backup power source is crucial for maintaining the functionality of the system's critical components, such as the microcontroller, sensors, and motor drivers, which are essential for precise and efficient pesticide application. For example, a 12V 7Ah lead-acid battery can provide sufficient backup power to keep the system running smoothly. This type of battery is known for its reliability and capacity to deliver a steady power supply over extended periods, making it ideal for agricultural applications where uninterrupted operation is necessary. The battery ensures that even in the event of a power failure, the system can continue to monitor environmental conditions, control the spray nozzle, and apply pesticides accurately. This not only prevents disruptions in the spraying process but also helps in maintaining the health and productivity of the crops. Additionally, the battery can be recharged when the primary power source is restored, ensuring it is always ready to provide backup power when needed. By incorporating a robust backup power solution, the "Green Guard Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions" system enhances its reliability and effectiveness, ensuring that it can consistently deliver optimal performance in various conditions that is well explained from the ref. [13].

4. Advantages of the Intelligent Pesticide Spraying Solutions When Compared with the Traditional Spraying Method

Intelligent pesticide spraying solutions offer numerous advantages over traditional methods. They enable precise application of pesticides, significantly reducing chemical usage, which minimizes environmental harm and protects human health. Enhanced sensor technologies, such as LiDAR and multispectral imaging, allow for accurate detection of pests and weeds, ensuring targeted spraying while avoiding unnecessary treatment. Ref. [14] says These systems optimize resource utilization, including water and fertilizers, lowering costs and preserving soil health for long-term agricultural sustainability. Autonomous robots reduce labor dependency and improve operational efficiency by integrating obstacle avoidance and adaptive navigation systems. Additionally, intelligent systems incorporate real-time data analysis, IoT-enabled devices, and predictive analytics for dynamic adjustments, ensuring optimal performance even under changing field or weather conditions. Their energy-efficient and sustainable designs further contribute to reducing the ecological footprint, setting them apart as innovative, effective, and environmentally friendly alternatives to traditional spraying methods.

5. Conclusions

The future of intelligent pesticide spraying solutions is poised to revolutionize pest management in agriculture through a series of groundbreaking innovations that promise to enhance precision, efficiency, and sustainability. Enhanced sensor technologies, such as LiDAR, infrared, and multispectral imaging, enable the detection of pests and weeds with high accuracy, ensuring targeted pesticide application that reduces chemical use and minimizes environmental impact.

Enhanced sensor technologies, aerial spraying with drones, predictive analytics, integration with precision agriculture, autonomous spraying robots, sustainable solutions, and ongoing collaboration and research are all key areas of development. ref. [15] explains these advancements will enable farmers to achieve more precise, efficient, and sustainable pest control, reducing chemical use, minimizing environmental impact, and improving crop yields. Green Guard's commitment to developing intelligent spraying technologies is helping farmers achieve more precise, efficient, and sustainable pest control, ultimately contributing to food security, environmental sustainability, and economic viability.

The future of intelligent pesticide spraying solutions is bright, with numerous innovations set to revolutionize pest management in agriculture, enabling farmers to achieve more precise, efficient, and sustainable pest control, reducing chemical use, minimizing environmental impact, and improving crop yields. As the agricultural sector continues to evolve, the adoption of intelligent spraying technologies will be crucial in addressing the challenges of food security, environmental sustainability, and economic viability.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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