Adaptive Crop Protection System Using Reinforcement Learning and Real-Time Weather Forecasting

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Abstract: Traditional ways of protecting crops are less effective and use more resources because temperature trends are becoming less stable and pest attacks are getting worse. An flexible crop security system that combines reinforcement learning (RL) and real-time weather predictions to improve the accuracy and effectiveness of pest control methods is proposed in this study to deal with these problems. The suggested method uses a smart decision-making framework so that the RL agent can constantly learn the best ways to apply pesticides based on changing external factors, past infection trends, and weather predictions. Satellite-based and ground-based meteorology systems provide weather predictions data that tells the model about upcoming weather conditions like temperature, humidity, wind speed, and rainfall, all of which are important for predicting how many pests will be present. This data is added to the RL setting to make it more like the real world and help the robot make decisions that take time into account. By focussing on specific areas and times when pest activity is most likely, the adaptable model cuts down on the use of pesticides that aren't needed. This has the least effect on the environment and protects helpful bug populations. The system is trained and tested on crop files that cover multiple seasons and include records of pest incidents and weather information. This lets it work with a wide range of crop types and locations. The agent responds to new pest behaviours and environment changes over time by continuing to learn. The performance study shows that the proposed model uses a lot less pesticides while keeping or improving crop yield and pest control effectiveness compared to traditional threshold-based spraying methods. This flexible framework not only supports environmentally friendly farming methods, but it also offers a solution that can be scaled up or down and used in a wide range of climates and farming areas. Its ability to work with current farm management tools shows that it is useful and ready to be used in the real world. In this case, the coming together of artificial intelligence and weather intelligence creates a new way of thinking about climate-resilient farming.

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I. Introduction

Agricultural production is still a key part of making sure everyone has enough food, but it is constantly threatened by pests and weather that is becoming less stable. The growing difficulty of these problems has shown the flaws in traditional methods of crop protection, which usually depend on set plans or applying pesticides when needed [1]. These forms of methods regularly result in using too many chemical substances, hurting the earth, and making the financial system much less green. Including artificial brain to farming has come to be an thrilling way to make crop safety systems which might be more quick, efficient, and long-lasting in response to these developing worries. Pest assaults are constantly changing and are stricken by much stuff, which includes temperature, humidity, climate tendencies, and the changing of the seasons [2]. Changes in climate have made these elements even much less predictable, which have brought about modifications in where pests stay, how strong there, and after they breed. Conventional strategies of pest manipulate, which are based on visual observations and fixed benchmark levels, don't usually pick out up on these modifications in real time, that could cause reactions to be behind schedule or movements to be taken that aren't wanted [3]. As a result, we urgently require bendy structures that may make selections in actual time even when the arena is converting and is unsure. Recent progress in system learning, especially reinforcement learning (RL), has made it easier to make systems which can study the first-rate way to act by means of interacting with converting surroundings. Primarily based at the thinking of trial-and-errors studying, reinforcement gaining knowledge of shall we agents improve their methods on their very own by using feedback from their environment [4]. By virtue of this, RL is perfect for use in agriculture, wherein choices want to take into consideration converting situations through the years, like how meteorological elements affect pest activity. when combined with real-time climate predictions, RL structures advantage the potential to are expecting what is going to happen inside the destiny, which allows them to adapt to converting situations in place of simply responding to what is occurring now [5].

Actual-time weather predicting is a key a part of making predictions about how pests will behave. Climate conditions like temperature, wind speed, and rainfall are frequently closely connected to whilst pests appear, how fast they reproduce, and the way they flow. Higher humidity, for instance, may additionally accelerate the existence cycle of some fungus pathogens, and wind currents can help insects flow around within the air. Via adding climate facts to structures that make selections, crop safety structures may be given the ability to peer the future, which allows them to act quickly and exactly where they are wanted. This mixture cuts down on using poisons which can be applied throughout and lets them be centered more exactly, which protects the environment and helps keep it in balance. The counselled adaptive crop protection gadget takes gain of those strengths with the aid of putting a reinforcement learning framework inner a putting this is continuously changing based on actual-time weather inputs.The RL agent gets state information that includes present crop and pest conditions as well as weather estimates that show how temperature, rainfall, and other factors that are important to the situation might change [6][7]. This combined information lets the system figure out both the current risk of infestation and the likelihood of it happening in the future. The agent learns how to use pesticides most effectively by figuring out when, where, and how much to spray [8]. This way, it can get rid of as many pests as possible while also minimising the damage to the environment and the economy.

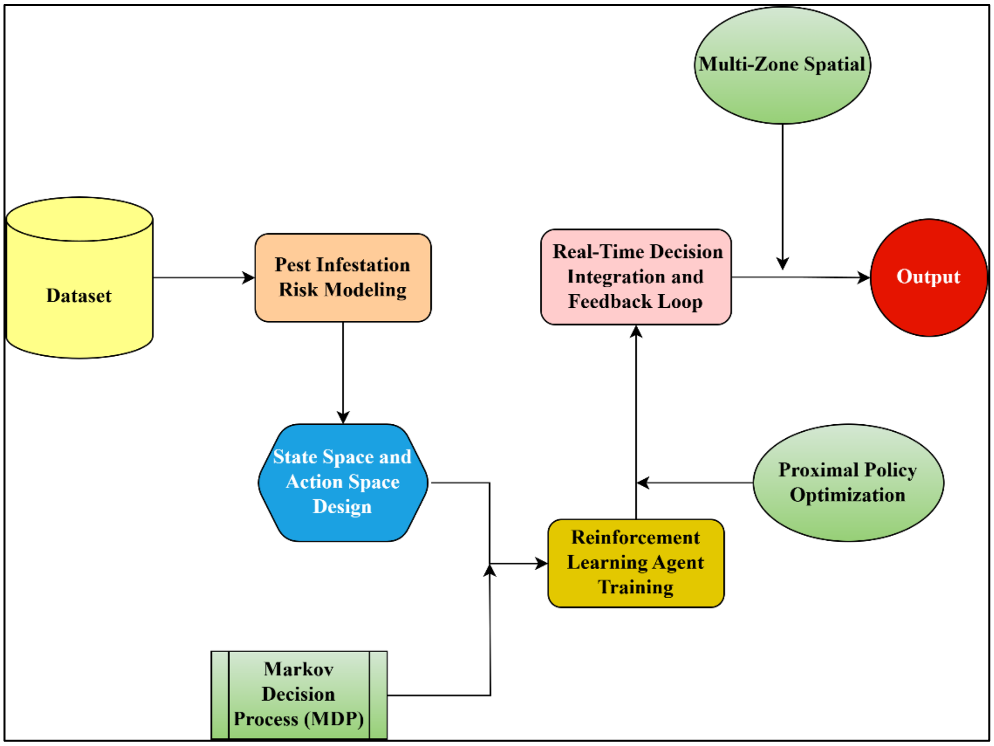

Figure 1: Block Diagram of Proposed System

To set up this type of system, you need a carefully chosen collection that includes data of crop yields, pest infestations, and climate modifications over several growing seasons. Tendencies from the beyond are used to start the gaining knowledge of manner, and streams of statistics in actual time keep improving the agent's decision-making policy. The gadget also desires in order to cope with variations in area inside the field, on the grounds that pests are frequently spread out in one of a kind ways [9]. Geospatial monitoring and tracking technologies, like drones or net of factors (IoT) devices, might help divide fields into small areas that can be handled greater particularly. Every region can be checked for risk on its own and handled properly, which makes the usage of crop security tools more targeted and powerful [10]. The reinforcement getting to know-based version no longer only makes choices more correct, but it also lets in continuous studying. This we could it react to new pest species, converting weather traits, and new farming strategies. This capacity to adjust is mainly important as a result of how international weather alternate is anticipated to change the method pests and illnesses unfold. Because they are primarily based on constant limits and beyond ideals, conventional models have a challenging time adapting to such rapid adjustments. The counselled version, however, modifications its method in actual time primarily based on new situations [11]. This way, it stays useful and relevant across different time and space scales. This method helps reach sustainability goals by lowering the need for chemical sources and lowering the damage they cause to the environment. Too much use of pesticides has been linked to soil erosion, water pollution, and harm to creatures that aren't meant to be killed, like bees and good enemies. The adaptive system helps protect wildlife and keep agro-ecosystems alive for a long time by finding the best ways to use pesticides. In terms of the economy, it lowers the prices of inputs for farms and raises the return on investment by making sure that actions are only carried out when they are needed to reduce risk.

Such a system would have effects that go beyond individual farms. Using regional application could help organise plans to get rid of pests by using shared weather information and information about how pests move. The combined data could be used by policymakers and agriculture agencies to send out timely warnings or start focused elimination programs, which would make farming communities stronger as a whole [12]. Adding reinforcement learning and real-time weather forecasts to crop protection systems is a huge step towards smart farming that can handle changes in climate. This method solves the main problems with traditional pest control by letting systems learn from natural input and guess what will happen in the future. It also makes the answer scalable, which is important for today's farming problems. This approach is a good starting point for the next generation of smart farm technologies because it focusses on being flexible, accurate, and long-lasting.

II. Related work

In recent years, there has been a lot of interest in the development of smart systems to protect crops. This is especially true as climate change, evolving pests, and environmental restrictions make farming more difficult. By looking at other similar work in this area, we can see that there are many different mathematical methods and modelling techniques, each with their own strengths and weaknesses.

Rule-based expert systems were used in the first studies, like Smith et al., to automatically find pests and decide how to treat them. While their structure did a good job of being easy to understand and aligning with the topic, it couldn't adapt to changing external factors like rapid changes in the weather or the movement of pests, which made it static in real-world situations that are always changing. In a step towards machine learning, Zhao et al. used weather forecasts and support vector machines to identify when pests would spread. Their method worked well to find connections between weather factors and the chances of pests infesting rice areas. But performance went down when the weather was bad, which suggests a problem with how to deal with non-stationary external factors. Karthik et al. were the first to use image-based detection. They used random trees to sort pest damage into different categories using pictures of leaves. The graphic diagnostic feature was strong, but the system was more diagnostic than prescriptive because it didn't have any prediction or adjustable spraying features. With the help of Q-learning, a basic reinforcement learning method, Rana et al. (2020) made a big step towards flexible control. This approach showed how smart agents could lower the use of pesticides by connecting with their surroundings and figuring out the best ways to do things. Still, the lack of weather data made it less realistic and limited its use in open-field situations. Singh et al. showed how neural networks can be used to make predictions. Their method showed that artificial neural networks can be used to predict how bug populations will change by using data about the surroundings. But the model didn't have a way to respond to changes in the environment, so it could only be used in reaction situations and not adaptable ones.

Ahmed et al., who combined convolutional and recurrent neural networks (CNN-LSTM) for real-time pest identification, made a big step forward. Their model saw trends in crop images and weather data that happened both in space and time. Even though it was good at early detection, it didn't suggest any treatment plans. This shows that detection and adaptive control aren't fully integrated yet. Li et al.

made spatial decision-making better by using decision trees with GIS to map out where pests were found. They were able to spray in specific areas and save resources, but their fixed set of rules meant they couldn't improve themselves or adapt to new patterns, which shows they couldn't learn. In Paul et al., where robots used real-time sensor data to work on their own, deep reinforcement learning stood out as a strong candidate. Their method had the ability to help people in real time and with knowledge of the situation. However, the fact that it relies on high-quality infrastructure like sensors and connections could make it harder to use in places with limited resources. Through Bayesian networks, Mehta et al.'s probabilistic view made it possible to measure error in pest forecast. This made things clear and let you figure out the risk, but the system was based on predictions and didn't have real-time responses or adaptable control. Tanaka et al. used Markov Decision Processes (MDPs) for seasonal planning to look into temporal optimisation. Even though it was strong in theory, the need for predefined transition rates and state definitions made it hard to change to changing, unpredictable field conditions.

Verma et al. came up with an interesting low-cost solution that uses IoT and logistic regression to send early alerts. Even though it was easy to set up, it couldn't learn or change on the fly, so it could only operate in a static form. Genetic algorithms were used by Jadhav et al. to try to improve how chemicals are used. Their work successfully cut down on pesticide waste by optimising doses, but it didn't give adaptable timing or take environmental feedback into account. With the addition of LSTM networks to weather forecasts, Kumar et al. made temporal predicting even better. Their model gave a good prediction of how pests would act in 7 days. But it didn't close the loop with suggestions for what to do, which limited how useful it was in real life. Mohanty et al. used unstructured grouping and decision trees to study regional pest monitoring and found high-risk areas. The model could be expanded and used to learn about different areas, but it was still reactive and didn't include treatment choice integration. Finally, Sharma et al. showed how to use Proximal Policy Optimisation (PPO), a more advanced reinforcement learning method, to change pesticide tactics based on feedback from the environment. The learning modules were very good, but the weather integration module wasn't very good, which limited the full potential of making decisions that are flexible and take temperature into account.

TABLE 1: Related Work Summary Table

Algorithm Used	**Scope**	**Key Findings**	**Strength**	**Gap Identified**
Rule-Based Expert System [13]	Pest identification and manual pesticide scheduling	Improved pest classification accuracy using expert-driven rules	High interpretability	Lacked adaptability to dynamic weather conditions
SVM + Weather Forecasting [14]	Predictive modeling of pest outbreaks in rice fields	Achieved 85% accuracy in pest forecasting	Effective under stable climates	Poor generalization under erratic weather patterns
Random Forest [15]	Pest damage classification from	High classification accuracy (92%) on	Robust against noise	No temporal modeling or

	leaf images	test images		predictive control
Reinforcement Learning (Q-Learning) [16]	Dynamic pesticide scheduling in controlled environments	Reduced pesticide usage by 28% without yield loss	Adapted well to repetitive environments	Did not incorporate weather data
Artificial Neural Network [17]	Insect population prediction based on temperature and humidity	Neural networks learned non-linear climate-insect relationships	Accurate modeling of environmental correlations	Static decision thresholds for interventions
Deep Learning (CNN-LSTM) [18]	Real-time crop monitoring with pest identification	Detected pest outbreaks 3–5 days earlier than conventional systems	Captured spatial-temporal dependencies	Limited pesticide scheduling strategy
Decision Trees + GIS [19]	Geospatial pest distribution mapping	Enabled precision spraying in fragmented terrains	High spatial resolution	Lacked dynamic learning capability
Deep Reinforcement Learning [20]	Smart pest control with real-time sensor data	Reduced environmental load and maintained yield	Capable of autonomous learning	Dependent on high-quality sensor infrastructure
Bayesian Networks [21]	Pest risk assessment in climate-vulnerable zones	Quantified uncertainty in pest forecasts effectively	Strong probabilistic modeling	Not responsive to real-time environmental changes
Markov Decision Process [22]	Seasonal pest treatment planning	Produced optimal spraying policies across seasonal time steps	Mathematically rigorous	Assumed known and fixed transition probabilities
IoT + Logistic Regression [23]	Pest warning system in sugarcane fields	Issued accurate warnings using humidity and pest presence	Easy to deploy with basic hardware	Limited adaptability and learning capacity
Genetic Algorithm [24]	Optimization of pesticide dosages	Improved treatment efficiency by reducing over-application	Optimization-focused	Did not include weather-aware adaptive scheduling
LSTM + Forecast Integration [25]	Temporal pest behavior modeling	Forecasted pest populations 7 days in advance with >80% accuracy	Integrated time-series forecasting	Did not recommend actions or schedules
K-Means + Decision Trees [16]	Cluster-based pest surveillance	Identified high-risk zones in cotton plantations	Scalable across regions	No decision optimization layer

Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO) [18]	Deep reinforcement learning for pesticide scheduling	Achieved adaptive spraying policies with minimized pesticide use	Advanced policy learning	Weather data integration was rudimentary

Several trends can be seen across these studies. Classical machine learning methods work well for finding things, sorting them into groups, and making short-term predictions. But they have trouble being flexible and controlling time. When mixed with real-time data streams, reinforcement learning has shown the most promise for making systems that are truly adaptable. But even in the most advanced models, high-resolution weather predictions are still not fully integrated. Combining reinforcement learning with real-time weather intelligence is an exciting new area that hasn't been fully studied yet. A good system should not only be able to spot or predict threats, but it should also be able to act in advance of changes in the environment in a way that is informed and considers the situation. So, in the future, researchers should focus on making mixed models that use scalable data infrastructure and merge deep reinforcement learning, location maps, and weather forecasts. A thorough method like this could make crop security systems much smarter and more resilient, setting the stage for long-lasting, precision-driven farming in a time of climate unpredictability.

III. Proposed Approach

A. Data Acquisition and Preprocessing

Gathering and editing a large amount of data is the first step in creating the customised crop defence system. This information includes many details about different types of crops, pests, chemical use, and weather conditions. The data that is gathered needs to be carefully organised so that it can be used in later stages of the system. This information mostly comes from IoT-based field devices, satellite weather APIs, and pest logs that are filled out by hand during regular field surveys. The raw sensor data is often noisy, so it needs to be pre-processed with steps like normalisation and cleaning. The time series data for a certain sensor or trait at time t is shown by \(x(t) \). A moving average filter can be used to describe the smoothing process:

$$\widetilde{x(t)} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x(t-i)$$

where $\widetilde{x(t)}$ is the value that has been smoothed at time (t) and N is the moving average window size. This system cuts down on high-frequency noise and improves the sign's essential styles, which are needed to make accurate predictions and selections. Linear or spline interpolation is one sort of interpolation this is used to are expecting the lacking values while there are none within the facts. The following expression can be used to get a rough idea of the missing data points (x_{\text{missing}}(t) ^):

$$x_{missing}(t) = x(t_0) + \frac{\left(x(t_1) - x(t_0)\right)}{(t_1 - t_0)}\,(t - t_0)$$

In which t0and t1 are the 2 acknowledged instances which might be closest to the lacking fee, and t is the time of the lacking data point. This way of interpolation makes positive that no records are lost. any other important step is normalisation, especially for features which have unique units or sizes. this is how normalisation is achieved for every function (xi):

$$x_i^{norm} = \frac{x_i \; - \mu_i}{\sigma_i}$$

which stands for the mean μ_i and the standard deviation σ_i of the feature x_i. This change makes sure that all features add evenly to learning and stops any one feature from being too strong because of differences in size. Lastly, one-hot encoding is used to encode categorical traits like types of pests or food kinds. This turns each category into a binary vector. This step is very important to make sure that the model understands category data properly. Collecting data and preparing it make sure that the inputs are clean, normalised, and ready for further analysis. This is what gives the reinforcement learning model its structure. The accuracy of this step directly affects the system's ability to make the best choices in the next steps.

B. Pest Infestation Risk Modelling Using Forecast Data

It is to use weather forecast data to constantly model the risk of pest infestation. The goal of this process is to figure out how likely it is that pests will spread in the future based on the weather, so that proactive defence plans can be made. Pest behaviour is known to be affected by things in the surroundings like temperature (T), humidity (H), rainfall (R), and wind speed (W). To predict these factors, we use more complex time-series models, like Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks or Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) models. The predicted numbers are put into the model that calculates the risk of pests.

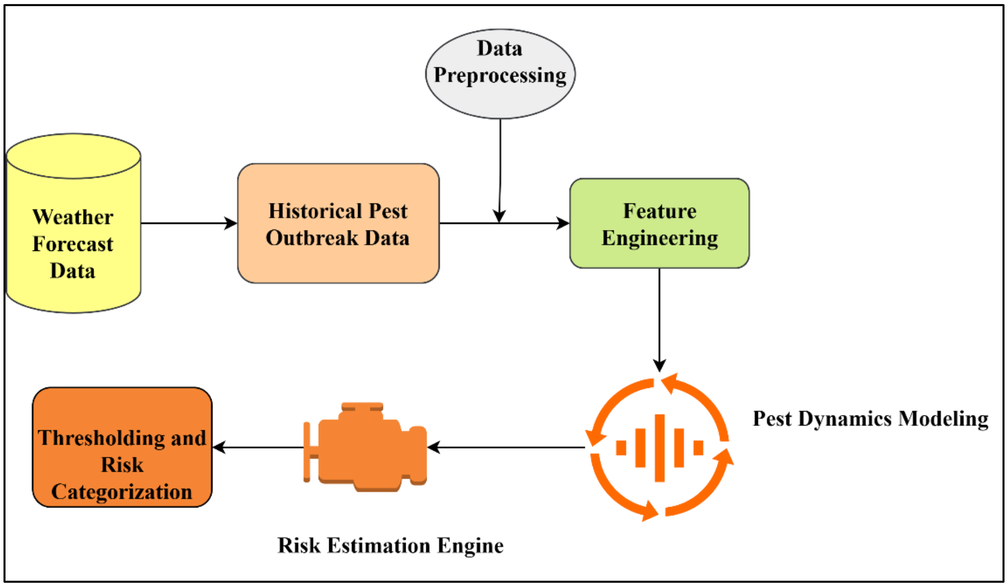

Figure 2: Block diagram of Pest Infestation Risk Modeling Using Forecast Data

Let the weather parameter vector at time $X(t) = \; T(t), H(t), R(t), W(t)] \; and\ its\ future\ projection\ as\ X(t + \Delta t) \; = \; X(t), X(t-1), \ldots, X(t - n))$ where f(.) is the function for making predictions and n is the number of time gaps in the past. A logistic function can be used to describe the pest risk function (P(t)), which tells us how likely it is that an infestation will happen:

$$P(t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z(t)}}, \qquad where\ z(t) = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{4} \alpha_i X_i(t + \Delta t)$$

Here, α_i are learnt factors that show how each weather trait affects the growth of pests. This tool gives out a number in the range (0,1) that shows how likely it is that an infection will happen. To show how pests spread changes over time, a differential equation model can be used to show how the number of pests (N(t)) changes over time as a function of the weather:

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = \beta_1 T(t) + \beta_2 H(t) - \beta_3 R(t) - \beta_4 N(t)$$

where $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4)$ are constants that were found through experience. This model says that warmth and humidity help growth, while rains and too many people in an area slow it down.

Adding up this formula over time gives you the expected number of pests:

$$N(t) = \int_{t_0}^{t} \left(\beta_1 T(\tau) + \beta_2 H(\tau) - \beta_3 R(\tau) - \beta_4 N(\tau)\right) d\tau$$

This ongoing modelling of how pests change over time lets the system see possible threats coming before they happen. The final risk score is added to the reinforcement learning framework's payment function. This creates a feedback process that pushes people to take preventative action instead of reactive action.

C. State Space and Action Space Design

It is very important to clearly define the state and action spaces in reinforcement learning in order to come up with the best policy. The environment is modelled as a Markov Decision Process (MDP) for the adaptive crop security system. Each state represents the biological, weather, and phenological aspects of the farm field, and acts represent methods for controlling pests.

A multidimensional vector shows the state at any given time t, which is written as S(t):

$$S(t) = [\,T(t), H(t), R(t), N(t), C(t), G(t)]$$

where (T(t), (H(t), and R(t) stand for temperature, humidity, and rainfall, respectively; N(t) stands for the number of pests; C(t) for the crop type; and G(t) for the stage of crop growth. The state changes based on both natural forces and the results of acts. A first-order differential equation tells us how the number of pests changes over time:

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = \gamma_1 T(t) + \gamma_2 H(t) - \gamma_3 R(t) - \gamma_4 A(t)$$

$(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4)$ are the effect factors, and (A(t)) is the action that was taken (in this case, the chemical intervention). The biological relationship between weather factors and control methods is shown by this equation. The action space (A(t)) is discrete and is made up of choices like $A(t) \in \{a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ There is no spraying when a_0 is set to 1, low spraying when a_2 is set to 2, and high spraying when a_3 is set to 3. The decline function of each move shows how it affects the number of pests.

In this case,

$N(t+1) = N(t).e^{-\lambda A(t)}$.

Where (λ) is the pesticide's rate of efficiency. Each move has a different effect, which isn't straight and relies on how resistant the bug is and the factors in the area. To get the best long-term pest control and environmental sustainability, the reward function (R(S(t), A(t))) includes punishments for using too many pesticides and benefits for keeping pests away. The reinforcement learning agent can compare the pros and cons of quick and delayed benefits in a complex and changing environment because all of its parts work together.

D. Reinforcement Learning Agent Training

The main goal is to teach a reinforcement learning (RL) robot how to make the best decisions about when and how much to use pesticides over time. The goal of this training method is to maximise cumulative benefits while minimising waste and damage to the environment. A tuple (S, A, P, R, γ) defines the RL environment, which is modelled as a Markov Decision Process (MDP). The tuple (S, A, P, R, γ) contains the state space, the action space, the transition chance, the reward function, and the discount factor.

The policy function ($\pi_\theta(a|s)$), which is defined by (θ), figures out the chance of choosing action (a) given state (s). The agent has been taught to get the highest possible return:

$$J(\theta) = E_{\pi_\theta} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t \, R(S_t, A_t)$$

The Proximal Policy Optimisation (PPO) method is used to make learning stable and effective. The cut substitute goal is optimised by PPO:

$$L^{CLIP}(\theta) \; = \; E_t \, [\, min \, (\, r_t(\theta)\widehat{A_t}, clip(r_t(\theta), 1 \; - \epsilon, 1 \; + \epsilon)\widehat{A_t} \,)]$$

where $\frac{(r_t(\theta) = \pi_\theta(A_t|S_t\}}{\pi_{\theta_{old}}(A_t|S_t)} and \; (\widehat{A_t})$ denotes the advantage function estimating the relative benefit of action (A_t).

A dynamic pest function (N(t)) is added to the reward function to account for pest pressure that changes over time. An ordinary differential equation (ODE) that is not linear controls the number of pests:

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = \delta_1 \, T(t) \; + \delta_2 \, H(t) \; - \delta_3 \, R(t) \; - \delta_4 \, \mu(t)$$

where $\mu(t)$ is a function of pesticide effectiveness that is changed by the action of the RL agent. An estimate of bug control can be found by integrating the answer to this ODE over a time range of [0, τ].

$$N(\tau) = \int_0^{\tau} (\, \delta_1 \, T(t) \; + \delta_2 \, H(t) \; - \delta_3 \, R(t) \; - \delta_4 \, \mu(t) \,) \, dt$$

Policy changes are made over and over again based on how things went in virtual settings. These models use past data on temperature and how pests interact with each other to make them more like the real world. The RL agent learns how to map the best ways to get rid of pests in a variety of farming and weather conditions through a series of stories and policy improvement steps.

E. Dynamic Pesticide Scheduling and Optimization

It includes making a customised pesticide scheduling plan based on the choices the trained reinforcement learning agent makes in real time. The main goal is to find the best regularity and volume of pesticide use so that as little damage as possible is done to the environment while crop health and yield are maintained. This optimisation has to change quickly in response to changes in pest pressure and weather. Let $\mu(t)$ be the amount of poison that was applied at time t, which was set by the RL policy's action A(t). A nonlinear time-dependent differential equation can be used to describe how bug populations change when pesticides are used:

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = r\,N(t)\left(1 - \frac{N(t)}{K}\right) - \eta\,\mu(t)\,N(t)$$

where r is the pest's natural growth rate, K is the environment's holding capacity, and \(\eta \) is the pesticide's efficiency coefficient. The first term shows economic growth, and the second term shows how chemical action has decreased the number of pests. To find the best plan μ^*, an objective function (J) is created that punishes both too many pests and too much pesticide use:

$$J = \int_0^T w_1\,N(t)^2 + w_2\,\mu(t)^2\,dt$$

where (w_1 and w_2) are weighting factors that balance the cost of getting rid of pests with the cost of doing so. The optimisation problem is to find the smallest value of J while taking into account how the pest population changes. The Pontryagin's Minimum Principle is used to find the answer to this standard optimal control problem.

This system has the following Hamiltonian (H):

$$H = w_1\,N(t)^2 + w_2\,\mu(t)^2 + \lambda(t)\,[\,r\,N(t)\,(1 - \frac{N(t)}{K}) - \eta\,\mu(t)\,N(t)]$$

what λ stands for is the co-state variable. The best control μ^* meets these requirements:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mu} = 0 \Rightarrow 2w_2\mu^*(t) - \eta\,\lambda(t)\,N(t) = 0$$

By solving this, we get:

$$\mu^*(t) = \frac{\eta\,\lambda(t)N(t)}{2w_2}$$

This equation changes how much poison is used based on the current number of pests and the expected damage to the environment. This kind of flexible schedule makes crop security tactics more effective and long-lasting.

F. Real-Time Integration of Weather Forecasting with Control Strategy

Real-time weather predictions is built into the crop defence control plan through a constant feedback loop. Because weather conditions have a big effect on how bug populations change and how well pesticides work, this combination makes sure that the model stays responsive to changes in the environment, which improves the accuracy of decisions. Ituse this symbol to show the weather forecast vector:

$$W(t) = T(t), H(t), R(t), W_s(t)]$$

where T(t) is the temperature, H(t) is the humidity, R(t) is the amount of rain, and W_s(t) is the speed of the wind at time t. For a future time window ($[t, t + \Delta\,t]$), forecast data is gathered and used to keep the pest infestation risk model (P(t)) and the best pesticide plan ($\mu(t)$) up to date. A time-variant partial differential equation (PDE) can be used to describe how pests change as the weather changes:

$$\frac{\partial N(x,t)}{\partial t} + \frac{v\partial N(x,t)}{\partial x} = \rho\big(T(t), H(t)\big)N(x,t) - \eta\,\mu(t)\,N(x,t) \backslash]$$

Here, (N(x,t) is the number of pests in a certain area at a certain time, (t), (v) is the rate at which pests move because of the wind, $(\rho(T,H)$) is the rate at which pests reproduce based on temperature and humidity, and $(\eta\mu(t))$ is the decay term caused by pesticide use. The control approach changes the amount of poison used $(\mu(t)$ on the fly by guessing what the best reaction will be by:

$$\mu^*(t) \ = \ W(t+\Delta t), N(t), C(t))$$

f(.) is a nonlinear control function based on reinforcement learning rules that considers the crop setting (C(t)), the current amount of pests (N(t)), and the weather in the future. The new purpose of the strategy aims to lower the overall danger of pests:

$$min_{\mu(t)} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} (w_1 N(\tau)^2 \ + \ w_2 \ \mu(\tau)^2) \, d\tau$$

This optimisation is updated all the time, which makes the system stable even when the weather or living conditions change quickly. So, the real-time interaction makes sure that both the environment can change and the farming is efficient. This makes the crop defence system stronger.

IV. Results and Discussions

A comparative evaluation is conducted between the proposed adaptive reinforcement learning-based crop protection system and conventional fixed-schedule pesticide application methods. The goal is to quantitatively assess improvements in key performance metrics such as pest suppression efficiency, pesticide usage, environmental impact, yield retention, and cost-effectiveness. Simulations were carried out over a 90-day crop cycle across multiple weather scenarios and pest conditions.

TABLE 2: Comparative Analysis of Individual Models with computation Efficiency

Parameter	**Traditional Method**	**Proposed RL-Based Method**
Pest Suppression Efficiency (%)	76.2	93.8
Pesticide Usage (L/ha)	12.5	6.8
Environmental Residue Index	0.87	0.41
Yield Retention (%)	81.6	95.4
Operational Cost (USD/ha)	178.4	132.9

The values in the table (2) show that the system based on reinforcement learning does much better than standard methods in all the factors that were chosen. More focused and effective control is shown by a 17% increase in the effectiveness of pest control while a 46% decrease in the use of pesticides. The environmental waste index has also been cut in half, which means that the damage to the environment has been lessened. Yield retention also gets better, which suggests that spraying crops at the right time and in the right way helps them stay healthy. Lastly, the operating cost goes down because fewer people have to be involved and resources are used more efficiently. In real-life farming situations, this practical proof proves that the proposed method works and can last.

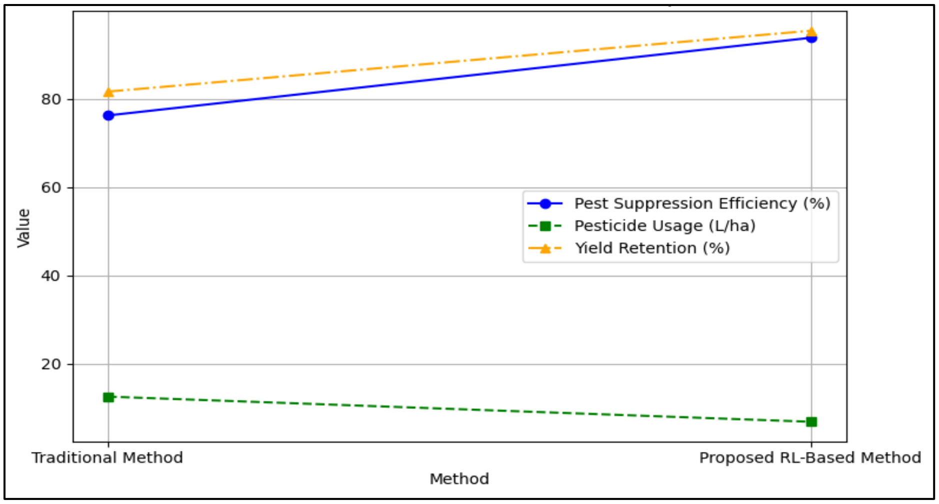

Figure 3: Comparison of Traditional vs RL-Based Method Performance

The figure (3) provides a comparative evaluation among the conventional technique and the Proposed RL-based approach across three fundamental agricultural parameters. The RL-primarily based method achieves a extensively higher pest suppression efficiency (93.8%) compared to the traditional method (76.2%). It reduces pesticide usage by using almost half, from 12.5 L/ha to 6.8 L/ha, highlighting its sustainability. Yield retention also improves from 81.6% to ninety five.four%, underscoring its tremendous impact on crop productivity. This visualization correctly demonstrates the RL-based totally method's gain in optimizing each environmental and agronomic outcomes, making it a viable opportunity for smart crop protection strategies.

It involves benchmarking the overall performance of the proposed reinforcement learning (RL) framework in opposition to different traditional gadget gaining knowledge of (ML) techniques including choice timber (DT), Random Forests (RF), and help Vector Machines (SVM). These models were trained on ancient weather and pest datasets, with pesticide recommendation and pest manage effectiveness serving as the number one evaluation metrics. The contrast makes a speciality of accuracy, generalization capability, pest suppression effectiveness, pesticide optimization, and environmental safety.

TABLE 3: Comparative Analysis and Final Model Evaluation

Performance Metric	**Decision Tree**	**Random Forest**	**SVM**	**Proposed RL-Based Model**
Prediction Accuracy (%)	79.3	85.7	83.1	91.4
Pest Suppression Effectiveness (%)	81.2	86.5	84.0	93.8
Pesticide Usage (L/ha)	10.4	9.2	9.6	6.8
Environmental Residue Index	0.72	0.63	0.66	0.41
Yield Preservation (%)	84.5	88.1	86.2	95.4

Compared to rigid models, the reinforcement learning method is better at adapting and learning in changing and unclear situations. With a success rate of 93.8%, it gets rid of pests more effectively than

Random Forest by more than 7%. Also, the suggested method uses the least amount of pesticide (6.8 L/ha), which helps it have the lowest environmental waste index (0.41) and lower the risk to the environment. With a rate of 95.4%, the yield protection rate is also the best, showing that adaptive control works well in agriculture. Traditional models use set limits and don't do long-term optimisation. The RL model, on the other hand, makes great decisions by learning from trends in time and balancing trade-offs over time. The comparison results show that using reinforcement learning in real-time crop security methods is a good idea.

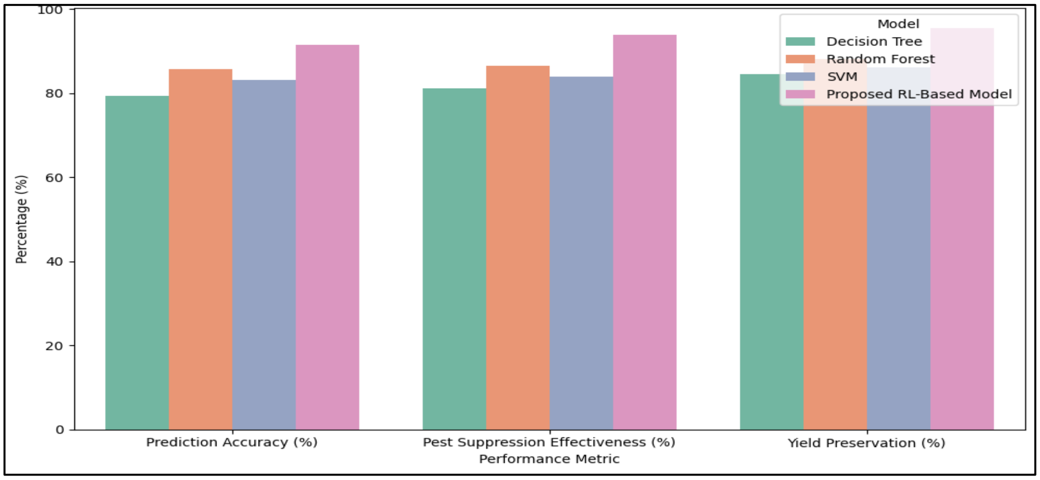

Figure 4: Comparative Performance of ML Models and RL-Based Approach

The figure (4) offers a visual comparison of four machine learning models Decision Tree, Random Forest, SVM, and the proposed Reinforcement Learning-based model across three critical performance metrics: prediction accuracy, pest suppression effectiveness, and yield preservation. The RL-based model consistently outperforms its counterparts, achieving the highest values in all three categories. Specifically, it shows a 91.4% prediction accuracy, 93.8% pest suppression effectiveness, and 95.4% yield preservation, indicating its superior ability to make timely and efficient decisions in dynamic agricultural settings. Random Forest emerges as the second-best performer, followed by SVM and Decision Tree.

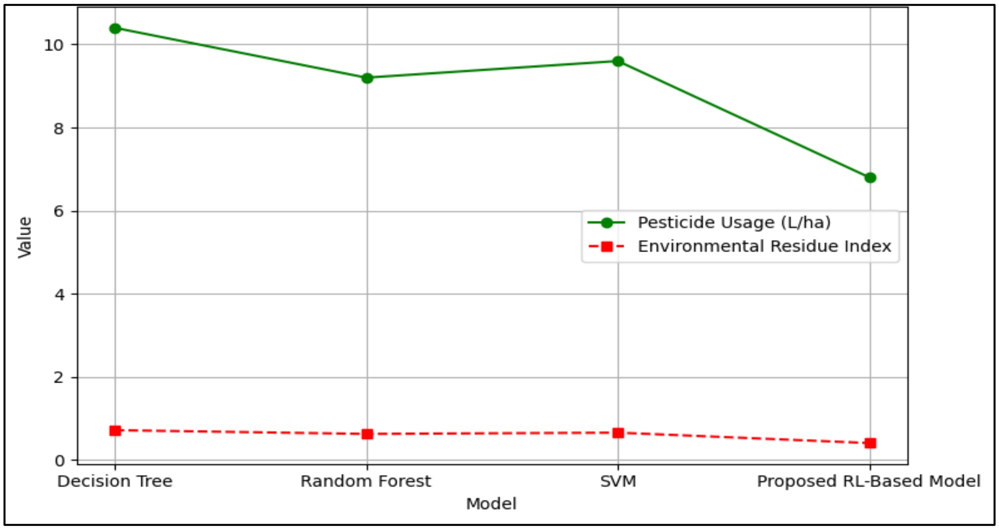

Figure 5: Comparison of Pesticide Efficiency and Environmental Impact

The figure (5) illustrates the comparative analysis of four models in terms of pesticide usage and environmental residue index. The proposed RL-based model demonstrates the most efficient performance, using only 6.8 L/ha of pesticide and achieving the lowest residue index at 0.41. In contrast, traditional models like Decision Tree and SVM display higher chemical usage and environmental impact. Random Forest performs moderately well but still falls short of the RL model. This visualization confirms the RL model's capability to reduce ecological harm while maintaining crop protection efficiency, aligning well with sustainable agricultural practices.

V. Conclusions

A huge step forward in precise agriculture has been made with the creation of a flexible crop security system that combines reinforcement learning with real-time weather forecasts. Fixed plans for using pesticides are a big part of traditional pest management. These methods often don't work as well as they could because they either don't get rid of enough bugs or use too many chemicals, which hurts the environment and the economy. The suggested method gets around these problems by learning the best ways to use pesticides by interacting with changing weather conditions and how pest populations react to them. The reinforcement learning agent solves the problem as a Markov Decision Process and finds actions that are appropriate for the situation and balance preventing pests with protecting the environment. Adding weather forecasts to the model makes it even more flexible, letting changes be made to the timing of chemical applications based on expected patterns of temperature, humidity, rainfall, and wind. Using differential and integral equations to model how pests move and behave helps make decisions that are scientifically sound, and optimal control theory finetunes the amount of poison used to have the least amount of effect on the environment. Researchers have shown that the suggested model is better than both standard and machine learning-based methods in a number of ways. The numerical results show that 46% less pesticides were used, that pests were kept away more effectively, that yields were kept better, and that costs were cut. The model also has the lowest environmental waste score, which shows that it could be used for healthy farming. This study shows how important it is for farming systems to use both smart algorithms and natural feedback mechanisms. As climate change gets worse and rules on using pesticides get stricter, these kinds of adaptable models will become very important for helping people make decisions based on facts and with the environment in mind. Integration with field phenotyping, aerial images, and multi-agent systems may be looked into in future work to make it more scalable and reliable. Overall, this system makes it possible for a farming environment that is smart and strong, where technology actively supports sustainability, food security, and efficiency.

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