

Smart AI Drone for Leaf-Level Precision Spraying

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- ❖ **Problem Statement Title** -
Intelligent Pesticide Sprinkling System Determined by
the Infection Level of a Plant
- ❖ **Theme** - Agriculture, Food Tech & Rural
Development
- ❖ **PS Category** - Hardware
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~ **Proposed Solution**

A modular drone system that captures leaf images, runs AI-based infection detection at a central hub, and sends precise spray commands to the drone's 1-axis spray arm — spraying only infected plants, not entire fields.

~ **Explanation**

- *Capturing crop images through camera (esp32cam) mounted on a drone.*
- *Analyzing plant health at a central hub set up using AI models to detect infections.*
- *Sending precise commands back to the drone to spray only the infected areas using a controlled 1-axis spray arm.*
- *Providing a farmer-friendly dashboard to monitor crop health, pesticide levels, battery status, and overall coverage in real time*

~ **How it addresses the problem**

Reduce Pesticide Usage

Cuts costs, improving crop yield and quality.

Protects the environment by minimizing chemical overuse.

~ **Innovation & Uniqueness**

Leaf-level precision spraying

Integration of AI + IoT + Drones

Dynamic infection-based spraying

Technologies

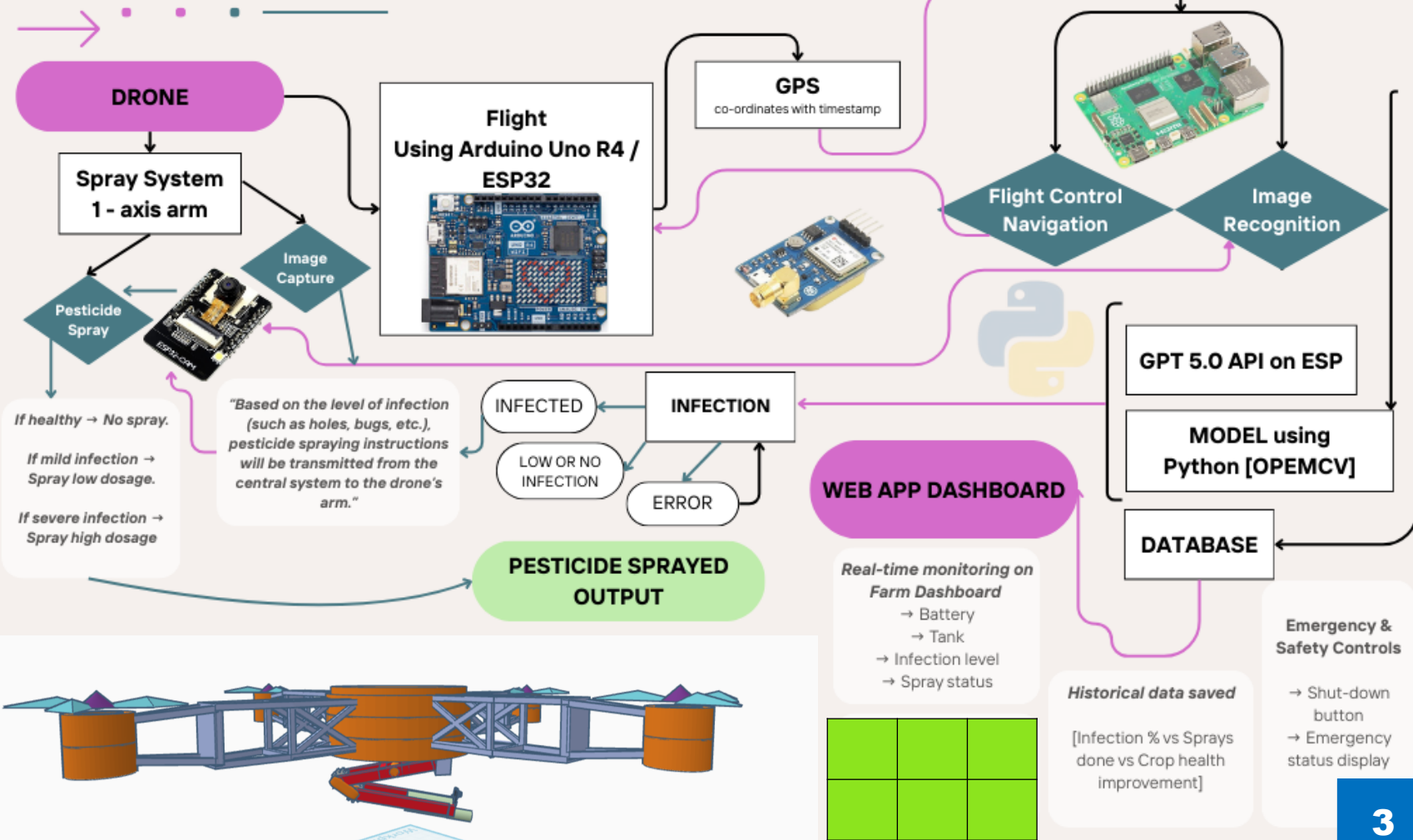
1-axis spray and esp32cam arm.
ESP32-CAM for image capture
Raspberry Pi 5 for on-site processing

Image Processing: OpenCV and a
lightweight model [or direct GPT API on
esp (easy approach)] for infection and
data

A web-based dashboard for real-time monitoring, live mapping, and emergency controls.

The system follows a continuous loop of

Capture → Analyze → Decide
→ Command → Execute →
Log.



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FEASIBILITY AND VIABILITY



Feasibility

Prototype → 3D CAD model, Circuit schematics, Tinkercad Arduino simulation test

Scalable & Modular Design → Swappable batteries, cartridge spray tanks

Technologies
ESP32, Raspberry Pi, GPS, Open CV, Python ML

Farmer-Friendly Ops → Mobile/Web Dashboard (low training need)

Challenges

AI Detection Accuracy across varying light / crop conditions

Limited Flight Time & Payload (20–30 min flight, small tank)

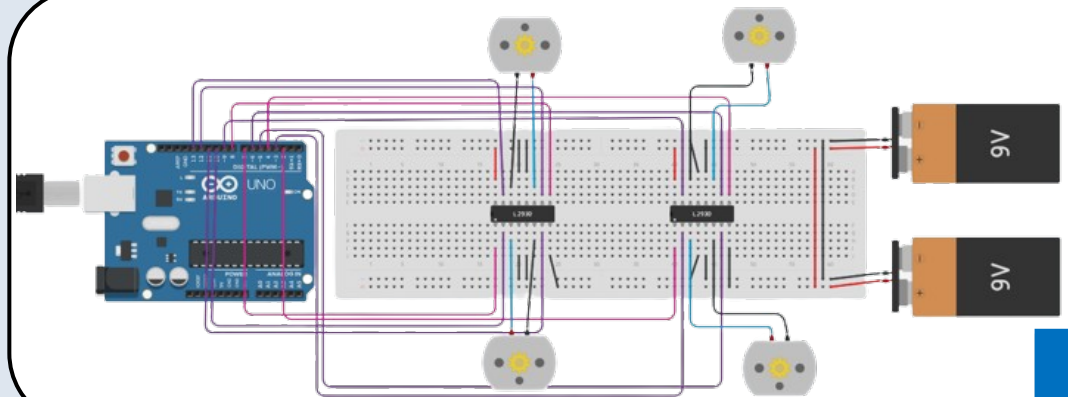
Connectivity Issues in remote farms

Solutions

Region-specific dataset training (Open CV + ML)

Quick Battery Swap + Modular Cartridge Refill

Edge AI on Raspberry Pi → Works offline





Potential Impact

- ✓ Our solution directly addresses the core problem of indiscriminate pesticide use.
- ✓ **Reduces Farmer Costs:** Drastically cuts down pesticide expenses by up to 50% through targeted spraying.
- ✓ **Saves Labor & Time:** Automates the manual, labor-intensive process of inspecting and spraying fields.
- ✓ **Boosts Crop Yield:** Ensures timely and precise treatment of infected plants, leading to healthier crops and better harvests.



Key Benefits

Economic: Increases profit margins and supports the financial sustainability of small and marginal farmers.

Environmental: Protects soil and water from chemical contamination and safeguards beneficial organisms like pollinators.

Social: Contributes to a safer food supply by reducing pesticide residue, benefiting both farmers and consumers.

