

AR - GLASSHOUSE



Background

- Greenhouses contribute to farming a lot.
- Automated Greenhouses involve the automatic monitoring and controlling of climatic parameters.
- Many organizations are in the process of automating the Greenhouses.
- “Augmented Reality” is quite new to the agriculture industry.
- The solution that we present is an Augmented Reality simulation of an IoT based Greenhouse.

Progress Path to Objectives

Climatic
Parameter

Theoretical
Approach

Distribution
model

AR
Simulation



Temperature



Light Intensity



Humidity

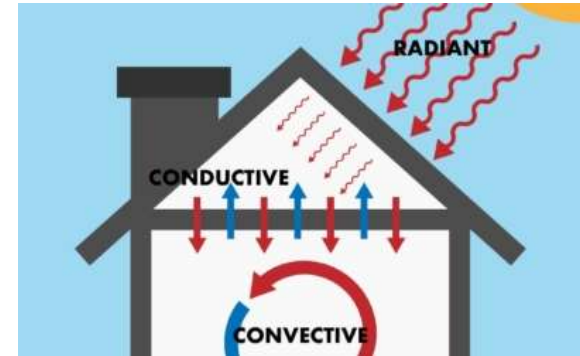


Soil Moisture

Thermal Distribution

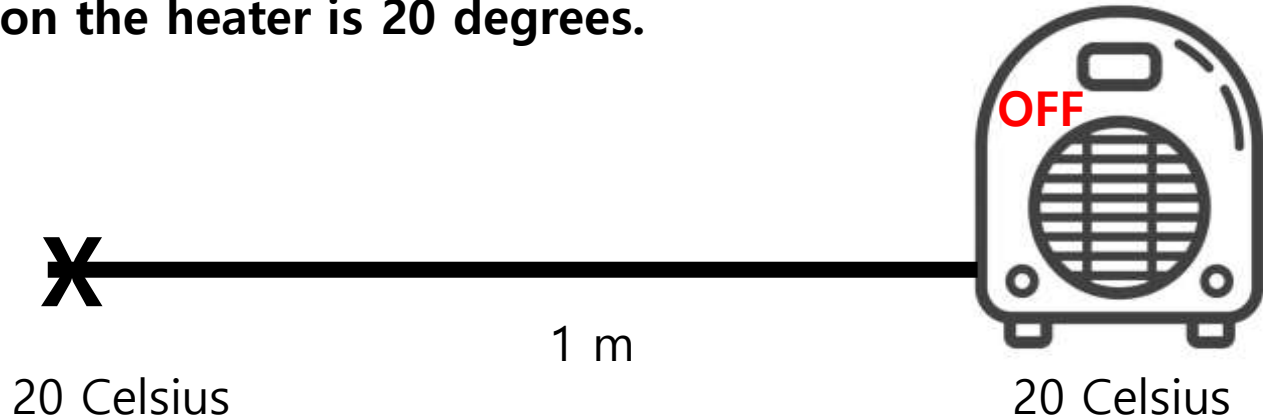
There are 3 ways of transferring heat.

1. Conduction
2. Convection
3. Radiation



Temperature

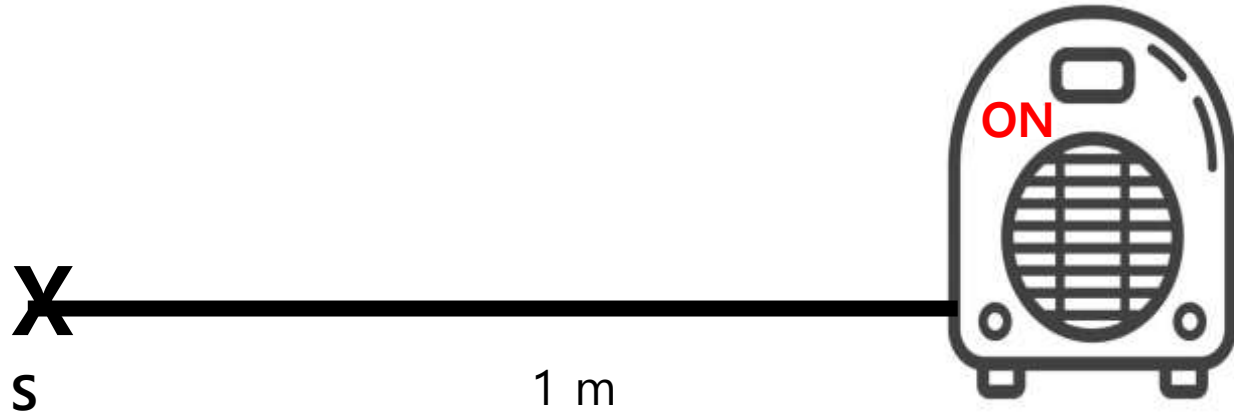
- Here we mainly consider how the temperature varies with the distance.
- Assume the Temperature inside the Greenhouse before switch on the heater is 20 degrees.



Temperature

10 minutes after switching on the heater

Thermal conductivity at 20 Celsius = 0.02514 J



Temperature

$$Q = mc\Delta T$$

- m (mass of air) = 1.204 kg/m^3
- c (Specific Heat) = 1007 J kg K
- Thermal conductivity at 20 degrees = 0.02514 W/m -K



After 5 min of turning on the Heater

$$\Delta T = \frac{Q}{mc}$$

$$\Delta T = \frac{0.02514 * 100 * 5 * 60}{1 \cdot 204 * 1007}$$

$$\Delta T = 0.63$$

❖ So, Temperature at S = 20.63

Optimum Temperature levels



17 Celsius



18 Celsius



25 Celsius

Light Intensity

Adding artificial light in a greenhouse enables a host of benefits to plants by acting as a supplement when natural light hours are limited or when radiation from the sun is low.





Light Intensity

Here we mainly consider the how intensity level varies with the surface area.

$$E_{v(lx)} = \frac{P_{(w)} \times \eta_{(lm/w)}}{A_{(m^2)}}$$

$E_{v(lx)}$ - illuminance in lux

$P_{(w)}$ - power in watts

$\eta_{(lm/w)}$ - luminous efficiency in lumens per watt

$A_{(m^2)}$ - surface area in square meters

Light Intensity



We assume to fix a bulb which has 25 W power and cover 1 square meter from the plantation.

$$E_{v(lx)} = \frac{P_{(w)} \times \eta_{(lm/w)}}{A_{(m^2)}}$$

Applying the above equation,

$$E_{v(lx)} = \frac{25 \times 60}{(1)^2} = 1500 \text{ lux}$$

Optimum Lux levels



19100 lux



12000 lux



13704 lux

How many bulbs needed?



X 12



X 8



X 9

Soil Condition

- Any component of soil that affect plant growth and development shall be tested or detected.
- Some of them are nutrients, moisture, pollutants, ph, thermal conductivity, temperature, electrical conductivity.



Most influential factors - Moisture, Temperature

Moisture



- The most accurate method of soil moisture measurement is through weight ('gravimetric') measurements
- Volumetric Water Content(VWC) sensors include Probes and Dielectric Probes.
- Most VWC sensors measure soil dielectric properties.
- It is usually desirable to measure at several points in the root zone profile. Some moisture probes accommodate this by providing an array of sensors, in a single probe, positioned at different depths.
- Time domain reflectometry (TDR) is an indirect measure of soil water content

Time Domain Reflectometry



Is an indirect measure of soil water content based on the travel time of a high frequency electromagnetic pulse through the soil
The **dielectric constant/Permittivity** is a constant that tells you how strong the electric force is.

equation below was developed by Topp et al. (1980) for conversion of K_a to volumetric water content:

$$\theta = -5.3 \times 10^{-2} + 2.92 \times 10^{-2} K_a - 5.5 \times 10^{-4} K_a^2 + 4.3 \times 10^{-6} K_a^3$$

$$K_a = (ct/2L)^2$$

$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ (propagation velocity of electric signals and light in a vacuum)

t = the travel time (t) of the step pulse

L = transmission line or wave guide of length

K_a = the apparent dielectric constant

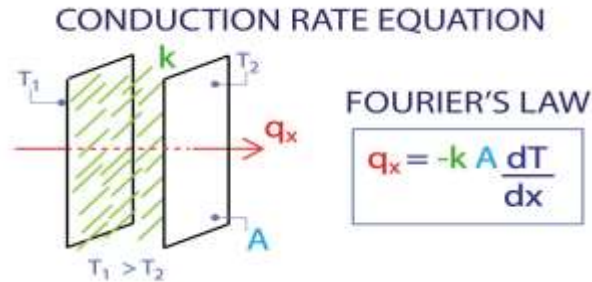
It has been shown that the relationship between volumetric water content (θ) and dielectric water constant (K_a) is essentially independent of soil texture, porosity, and salt content.

Soil Temperature



- Soil temperature is an important property that is essential for many soil processes
- Temperature can also defined as a measure of how warm or cold an object is.
- IoT Sensors are used to directly measure the temperature in C or K
- There are three major heat transfer processes in soils namely conduction, convection and radiation to view heat distribution in soil
- Heat Flow is what is calculated through temperature to view the the heat distribution in soil
- The law of heat conduction is also known as **Fourier's law**.

Heat flow in soil can be described by the following equation:



'Q' is the heat flow rate by conduction (W)

'k' is the thermal conductivity of body material ($\text{W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$)

'A' is the cross-sectional area normal to direction of heat flow (m^2) and

'dT/dx' is the temperature gradient ($\text{K} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$).



Humidity

$$RH_{in} = 1.36096 \frac{(RH_{out})^{0.923} (H)^{0.086}}{(V_r)^{0.002} (V_s)^{0.005} (LI_{out})^{0.0072} (U_{out})^{0.0072}}$$

RH_{in} = inside relative humidity (%)

RH_{out} = outside relative humidity (%)

V_r = roof ventilation (% of floor area)

V_s = side ventilation (% of floor area)

LI_{out} = outside light intensity (lux)

H = height of the greenhouse (m)

U_{out} = outside wind velocity (m sec-1)



Humidity

The number of sprinklers that were required was obtained using the following formula:

$$\text{number of sprinkler} = \frac{\text{Greenhouse area}}{\text{Sprinkler area}}$$

To calculate the required waterfall by a sprinkler, the following equation was used

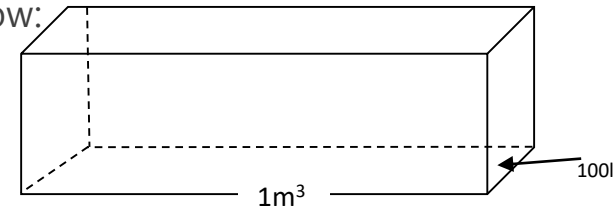
$$\text{Sprinkler waterfall} = \frac{\text{total required waterfall}}{\text{Number of sprinklers}}$$

The following assumptions were made when creating the mathematical model;

- Recommended working pressure = 2.0 – 3.5 kg/cm²
- Flow rate = 30 – 40 LPH
- Wetted diameter = 1.2m
- Constant temperature



The calculation of the above process is given below:



RH of greenhouse =	50%
RH that needs for plants optimal growth =	70%
RH difference =	20%
Volume of greenhouse =	1m ³

*Assumption – 1m³ = 100l = 100% RH

Required water volume	=	100l/100 * 20
	=	20l
Area of sprinkler	=	0.25m ²
Area of greenhouse floor	=	1m ²
No. of sprinklers needed	=	1m ² / 0.25m ²
	=	4
One sprinkler rainfall	=	20l/ 4
	=	5L



Limitations

- Limited Knowledge of physics
- Mathematical modelling of each factor is challenging
- Building up an equation for distribution of a factor needed so many theoretic concepts
- Requires the support and knowledge of physicists and agriculturalists