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# **ABSTRACT**

# In the evolving landscape of agricultural technology, enhancing machine learning applications with Explainable AI (XAI) offers significant advancements in managing crop health, especially for coconut farming. This project introduces a YOLOv8-based system enhanced with Explainable AI, designed for the real-time detection and management of coconut tree diseases. Employing advanced image processing techniques, the system analyzes input from various sources such as uploaded images, live webcam feeds, and RTSP streams to detect diseases with high accuracy and efficiency. The integration of Explainable AI, using EigenCAM, highlights regions of the image where the model detects diseases. It provides visual explanations by displaying the disease name and confidence score directly on the image, fostering greater transparency, fostering greater transparency and trust among users. The system’s core, a pre-trained YOLOv8 model, identifies multiple diseases and offers actionable insights and recommendations for each detected issue. Coupled with a user-friendly Streamlit interface, the system ensures accessibility and ease of use for farmers with varying levels of technical skill. Initial deployments have demonstrated impressive results in detection accuracy, processing speed, and user engagement, indicating a substantial impact on improving disease management practices in coconut plantations.

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**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

AI Artificial Intelligence

CAM Class Activation Mapping

CV Computer Vision

EigenCAM Eigen-based Class Activation Mapping

GAN Generative Adversarial Networks

IoT Internet of Things

ML Machine Learning

RTSP Real-Time Streaming Protocol

SMS Short Message Service

XAI Explainable Artificial Intelligence

YOLOv8 You Only Look Once, Version

**CHAPTER 1**

**INTRODUCTION**

The chapter outlines the significance of coconut farming in tropical regions, emphasizing its economic, cultural, and nutritional roles. It highlights the challenges posed by diseases affecting coconut palms and the limitations of traditional manual disease detection methods. To address these challenges, the chapter introduces innovative technologies, particularly machine learning (ML) and computer vision (CV), which enable efficient and accurate disease detection, allowing farmers to respond swiftly to threats.

The chapter also discusses the use of YOLOv8, a real-time object detection algorithm, in enhancing disease management strategies. By incorporating Explainable AI (XAI) techniques like EigenCAM, the project aims to provide interpretable results that build trust among farmers. The focus on creating a user-friendly interface ensures accessibility for all farmers, ultimately promoting sustainable agricultural practices, improving productivity, and supporting the resilience of coconut farming communities.

* 1. **Coconut Farming as an Agricultural Cornerstone**

Coconut farming is integral to the agricultural economies of many tropical regions, providing a vital source of income, nutrition, and essential resources for millions of farmers. Known as the "tree of life," the coconut palm’s versatility extends to producing coconut oil, water, milk, fiber, and other by-products that are not only crucial for the local economy but also support a range of industries. This adaptability enables coconut-growing communities to rely on a stable economic foundation, as various parts of the coconut are used for food, cosmetics, health products, and textiles, underpinning cultural practices and economic activities.

In addition to economic stability, coconut farming plays a significant role in sustaining cultural traditions and ensuring food security in these regions. Many local diets incorporate coconut products, which provide essential nutrients and are readily available in these agricultural communities. The resilience of coconut palms to diverse environmental conditions also helps communities survive fluctuations in other agricultural sectors, making coconuts an invaluable agricultural asset in tropical economies.

Despite its resilience, the coconut palm remains susceptible to various diseases, such as bud rot, leaf spot, and root wilt, which can severely impact plantation productivity. These diseases, if left unchecked, reduce crop yields and compromise farmers' incomes, posing a risk to both local economies and the broader agricultural sector. The growing frequency and impact of these diseases highlight the need for improved disease management strategies, as disease outbreaks can threaten the sustainability of coconut farming and the livelihoods of millions who depend on it.

**1.2 Limitations of Traditional Disease Detection Methods**

Traditional methods of disease detection in coconut farming rely heavily on manual inspections conducted by trained agricultural experts. While effective on small-scale farms, these inspections are impractical for large-scale plantations due to their labor-intensive, time-consuming nature. Physically inspecting each tree requires a significant workforce, and early-stage diseases that lack visible symptoms are often overlooked, increasing the risk of undetected infections spreading and affecting larger sections of the plantation.

The scarcity of trained agricultural experts, especially in remote coconut-growing regions, exacerbates the challenges of disease detection. Without timely interventions, the delayed diagnosis of diseases can lead to significant crop losses, impacting farmers' incomes and reducing the agricultural sector's overall productivity. Additionally, the reliance on human inspectors can lead to inconsistencies in disease diagnosis, as factors like fatigue and subjective judgment may affect accuracy.

Addressing these challenges calls for innovative approaches that are scalable, accurate, and capable of rapid disease detection across extensive plantations. Automated, technology-driven solutions are needed to help farmers efficiently manage diseases, ensuring crop protection and improving productivity. By providing farmers with real-time, actionable insights, these solutions can overcome the limitations of traditional methods, enabling quicker responses to disease threats and supporting the long-term sustainability of coconut farming.

**1.3 Machine Learning and Computer Vision in Agriculture**

Machine learning (ML) and computer vision (CV) are transforming various sectors, including agriculture, by enabling the efficient processing of large datasets with high precision. These technologies are particularly effective in disease detection, as they can analyze complex patterns in images or sensor data to identify issues that might be missed in traditional manual inspections. For agriculture, this shift means that farmers can monitor crops more effectively and make informed decisions based on real-time data, leading to improved disease management.

Computer vision has shown great promise in detecting subtle variations in plant appearance that may indicate the onset of disease. By identifying these early signs, CV algorithms enable timely intervention, which can prevent disease spread and reduce crop loss. This capability is especially beneficial for large-scale farms, where manual inspection of each plant is impractical. CV-based disease detection tools analyze visual data from plantations, helping farmers detect signs of disease early and take necessary action to maintain crop health.

The integration of ML and CV into agricultural systems reflects a shift toward precision farming, where data-driven insights enable efficient disease management practices. This approach not only saves time and resources but also reduces the need for chemical treatments, promoting a more sustainable farming process. By allowing farmers to closely monitor crops and act promptly on disease threats, ML and CV are modernizing agricultural practices and supporting the economic and environmental sustainability of farming.

**1.4 YOLOv8 for Real-Time Disease Detection**

Among the machine learning models used in agriculture, the YOLO (You Only Look Once) algorithm is widely recognized for its real-time object detection capabilities. The latest iteration, YOLOv8, is particularly suitable for scenarios where quick, accurate detection is essential, making it ideal for large coconut plantations that require constant disease monitoring. YOLOv8’s ability to process image data in real time provides actionable insights to farmers, allowing for swift response to emerging disease issues.

This project leverages YOLOv8’s high-speed processing and accuracy to build a comprehensive system for disease detection in coconut farming. By capturing data from images or sensors, YOLOv8 identifies signs of disease almost instantaneously, enabling timely intervention and reducing the risk of disease spread across plantations. The integration of YOLOv8 within a disease management framework further enhances its applicability for large-scale coconut farms, where early detection is critical to preventing widespread infections.

In addition to disease detection, YOLOv8 provides insights that assist in devising targeted management plans. Farmers are empowered to take preventative and corrective measures, from applying specific treatments to isolating affected areas. By embedding YOLOv8’s advanced functionalities into a robust detection framework, this project offers coconut farmers a valuable, scalable solution for managing crop health effectively and ensuring long-term sustainability.

**1.5 Explainable AI and EigenCAM for Interpretability**

The effectiveness of machine learning in agriculture depends heavily on its transparency and usability, especially for farmers with limited technical backgrounds. To enhance user trust, this project incorporates Explainable AI (XAI) through EigenCAM, a technique that visually highlights areas in an image where the model detects disease symptoms. This visual feedback is invaluable for building confidence in the model’s predictions, as it allows farmers to understand why a disease has been flagged and how the model arrived at its conclusions.

EigenCAM was chosen for its efficient and low-computational overhead, making it ideal for real-time agricultural applications where resources may be limited. By providing a visual explanation of the model's decisions, EigenCAM helps bridge the gap between AI-driven analysis and farmer trust, allowing users to see exactly which parts of a plant were flagged as problematic. This interpretability enables farmers to make informed decisions with confidence, improving their engagement with the system.

In addition to visual explanations, the system provides the disease name and a confidence score for each detection, offering clear, actionable insights. By combining interpretability with high accuracy, the system optimizes the decision-making process, enabling farmers to act promptly in disease management. This level of transparency is crucial for fostering broad adoption in coconut farming communities, where technology use may be limited, and clear, accessible explanations are essential for practical implementation.

**1.6 A User-Friendly Interface for Farmers**

A core focus of the system’s design is accessibility, catering to farmers with varying levels of technical knowledge. The interface is intuitive and user-friendly, ensuring that even those unfamiliar with advanced technology can navigate it easily. Upon disease detection, the system provides actionable recommendations specific to the disease type and severity, guiding farmers in implementing targeted treatments, such as pesticide application or pruning, to manage the disease effectively.

The system’s design incorporates disease names, confidence scores, and visual explanations to support informed decision-making. This user-centered approach minimizes guesswork and equips farmers with insights to maintain plantation health proactively. By making critical information accessible, the system encourages adoption among coconut farming communities, particularly in areas where technology and training resources are limited, promoting greater reliance on data-driven practices.

Overall, the user-friendly interface enhances the system’s potential for widespread use, enabling coconut farmers to address disease risks with efficiency. The interface supports a seamless transition from detection to intervention, equipping farmers with the tools to quickly interpret disease data and act accordingly. This ease of use ultimately fosters healthier plantations, contributing to a more resilient agricultural system.

**1.7 Enhancing Coconut Farming Sustainability**

This project aligns with sustainable agricultural goals by enabling early and accurate disease detection, allowing farmers to take prompt action and reduce crop loss. By catching diseases early, the system helps farmers avoid extensive damage, which can significantly boost productivity on coconut plantations. Early detection also minimizes the need for heavy pesticide use, reducing environmental impact and promoting healthier, more sustainable disease management practices.

The system’s real-time capabilities ensure that diseases are addressed at the earliest stage, limiting the spread of infection and safeguarding crop yields. This proactive approach to disease management is essential for maintaining the sustainability of coconut farming, as it reduces dependence on chemical interventions and promotes environmentally responsible farming methods. Sustainable practices not only protect farmers' livelihoods but also support broader ecological goals by preserving natural resources and reducing harmful agricultural inputs.

Through the integration of advanced machine learning and Explainable AI, this project offers a forward-thinking solution to the challenges faced in modern agriculture. By empowering farmers with accessible, data-driven insights, the system fosters resilience and sustainability in coconut farming communities, contributing to the long-term health of coconut agriculture. This project supports both economic stability and environmental stewardship, aligning with the goals of sustainable development in tropical farming regions.

**CHAPTER 2**

**LITERATURE SURVEY**

The related works chapter reviews research and technologies focused on disease detection in coconut farming and agriculture. It highlights the use of machine learning, computer vision, and image processing techniques for automated disease identification, emphasizing advancements in real-time object detection with models like YOLO. The chapter also discusses the role of Explainable AI (XAI) in improving the interpretability of machine learning predictions, fostering trust among farmers. By synthesizing previous studies, this chapter establishes the context for the current project, demonstrating how it builds upon and enhances existing knowledge in precision agriculture.

**2.1 YOLOv5 for Coconut Tree Disease Detection**

The study highlights a comprehensive approach to detecting and classifying diseases in coconut trees using deep learning, specifically the YOLOv5 model. Their research demonstrates the effectiveness of YOLOv5 in achieving high accuracy in disease identification, which is critical for timely intervention in agricultural practices. By training the model extensively on diverse datasets, the ability to generalize across various environmental conditions, making it adaptable for different coconut-growing regions. This adaptability addresses the challenges of disease variability and environmental differences in coconut farming.[1]

**2.2 Transfer Learning for Disease Detection**

This research employs transfer learning to real-time coconut tree disease detection using YOLOv5. By leveraging pre-trained models, the study significantly reduces training time while improving detection accuracy, making YOLOv5 effective for practical, large-scale deployment. Transfer learning enables the model to use knowledge gained from previous datasets, allowing faster adaptation to new scenarios. This approach not only streamlines the detection process but also allows the system to adapt quickly to changing disease patterns, which is crucial in agriculture. Such adaptability is especially beneficial in dynamic farming environments, where rapid response to new disease outbreaks is critical for minimizing crop losses and maintaining plant health. [2]

**2.3 Real-Time Disease Management System**

The study integrates drone imagery with YOLOv5 to create a real-time disease management system specifically designed for coconut trees. This integration enables farmers to monitor tree health from an aerial perspective, which proves invaluable for large-scale plantations where traditional ground-level monitoring is less feasible. Real-time imagery provides a proactive approach to disease management by detecting and addressing diseases early on. This capability not only enhances productivity in coconut farming but also minimizes the spread of infections. With this system, farmers can take preventive actions before diseases become widespread, ultimately reducing crop loss and supporting long-term plantation health. [3]

**2.4 Automated Disease Detection**

Focusing on automation, this study combines YOLOv5 with machine learning techniques to enhance disease detection in coconut trees. The automated system accurately classifies various diseases, making it a reliable tool for scalable management practices. By reducing the need for manual intervention, this approach supports efficiency in agricultural operations, especially on large plantations. The system’s improved diagnostic accuracy relieves labor demands, freeing up time and resources that can be allocated elsewhere. Automation also reduces the need for human inspection, which is not only labor-intensive but also prone to error. This study demonstrates the potential for AI to improve agricultural productivity by streamlining disease management tasks. [4]

**2.5 Machine Learning in Disease Management**

The study explores how machine learning can revolutionize coconut tree disease management, focusing on the capabilities of YOLOv5. By integrating machine learning, early disease detection and classification are significantly enhanced, facilitating timely intervention to mitigate crop loss. The study shows how these advancements support sustainable agriculture by increasing crop yield and minimizing the need for chemical treatments. With a more accurate diagnostic tool, farmers can reduce excessive pesticide use, which benefits the environment and reduces costs. Machine learning-based systems thus contribute to a more sustainable farming practice, offering both economic and ecological advantages in the long run.[5]

**2.6 Real-Time Detection Using YOLOv5**

The study contributes to precision agriculture by developing a real-time disease detection system with YOLOv5, aimed at practical application on coconut farms. Utilizing drone imagery, this system provides immediate feedback, empowering farmers to make quick, data-driven decisions to control disease spread. Real-time monitoring proves vital for effective disease control, especially in large-scale coconut plantations where disease can spread rapidly. By detecting issues early, the system helps to maintain crop health and operational efficiency. The project emphasizes that real-time monitoring is an essential tool for precision agriculture, providing a pathway for improved productivity and resource management. [6]

**2.7 Machine Learning with YOLOv5 for Coconut Disease Detection**

This research employs a machine learning approach using YOLOv5 to detect and classify diseases in coconut trees. The combination of traditional and computational techniques creates a balanced approach to precision agriculture. By validating this approach through experimental results, the study shows how it can outperform existing diagnostic methods. The efficient, cost-effective solution provided by YOLOv5 makes it particularly advantageous for large-scale farms, where resource optimization is essential. The study also emphasizes the importance of a reliable detection method in supporting large plantations, reducing the risks associated with undetected disease outbreaks, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. [7]

**2.8 CNN and YOLOv5 for Coconut Disease Detection**

In this study, convolutional neural networks (CNN) are combined with YOLOv5 to improve real-time disease detection for coconut trees. This hybrid approach enhances both detection accuracy and processing speed, which are critical for disease management in commercial farming. By merging the strengths of CNN with YOLOv5, the system achieves higher reliability and responsiveness in detecting infections. Such improvements are essential for farmers managing large-scale plantations, where disease outbreaks can quickly escalate. This hybrid method provides a valuable tool for sustainable farming, enabling proactive management that reduces crop loss and supports healthier plantation practices. [8]

**2.9 YOLOv5’s Practical Use in Coconut Disease Detection**

The study underscores the practical benefits of using YOLOv5 for disease detection in real-world agricultural settings. Field tests demonstrate that YOLOv5 is adaptable and efficient, enabling farmers to identify and respond to disease threats with speed and accuracy. For precision agriculture, this adaptability is essential, as it supports timely interventions to prevent disease spread and minimize crop loss. The study highlights how YOLOv5's usability in diverse agricultural environments makes it a valuable asset. With its field-tested reliability, YOLOv5 contributes to a proactive approach in disease management, benefiting large-scale farming operations. [9]

**2.10 AI-Driven YOLOv5 System for Coconut Disease Management**

The research proposes a real-time disease management system that integrates AI and YOLOv5, creating a bridge between technology and traditional agricultural practices. By optimizing resource use and providing continuous crop health monitoring, the system supports more sustainable farming. This integrated approach assists farmers in enhancing productivity by identifying disease risks early and improving intervention strategies. The study illustrates how such AI-driven systems support smarter farming solutions, contributing to higher productivity while promoting sustainable practices that are both economically and environmentally beneficial. [10]

**2.11 Challenges and Limitations in Current Research**

The study identifies limitations in current research, particularly the reliance on controlled-environment datasets like PlantVillage., which contain images from controlled environments, limiting real-world model performance. The effectiveness of YOLOv5 in detecting diseases under specific conditions is established, but there is insufficient research on its generalizability across varied geographic and environmental contexts. Existing models also struggle with accurately recognizing simultaneous infections, highlighting a need for solutions that incorporate emerging technologies like GANs for data augmentation. Socio-economic barriers, such as cost constraints for smallholder farmers, and technical challenges like overfitting, require further research and development for practical, robust applications in diverse farming environments.

# **CHAPTER 3**

**SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN**

This chapter provides an in-depth overview of the proposed coconut tree disease detection and management system, crafted to address the evolving needs of modern agriculture. At its core, the system utilizes the YOLOv8 algorithm, a powerful tool for real-time object detection, to identify symptoms of common coconut tree diseases, including bud rot, leaf spot, and root wilt. By training the model on a comprehensive dataset of these diseases, the system ensures accurate identification, enabling farmers to take timely action to protect their crops. A unique feature of this system is the integration of Explainable AI (XAI) techniques, specifically EigenCAM, which visually highlights the regions where symptoms appear in each analyzed image. This interpretability helps farmers understand the AI’s decision-making process, fostering greater trust and usability.

The system also offers versatile input options, supporting both manual image uploads and live video feeds to accommodate various operational scales, from individual trees to extensive plantations. To simplify interaction for users with minimal technical experience, the interface is built using Streamlit, a user-friendly framework that makes uploading images and connecting video feeds straightforward. Once a disease is detected, the system provides visual explanations, disease names, confidence scores, and detailed management suggestions, equipping farmers with actionable insights. With its modular architecture, this design allows for easy maintenance and scalability, making the system an effective, adaptable tool for sustainable disease management in coconut farming.

**3.1 System Overview**

The proposed system for detecting and managing diseases in coconut trees employs advanced machine learning techniques designed to meet the needs of modern agriculture. This system prioritizes real-time accuracy, scalability, and user-friendliness to support farmers in monitoring and protecting their crops effectively. The core of the system is the YOLOv8 (You Only Look Once) algorithm, which is widely recognized for its robust object detection capabilities. YOLOv8 has been specifically trained on a dataset of various coconut tree diseases, ensuring it can accurately identify symptoms of multiple diseases, such as bud rot, leaf spot, and root wilt. This enables the model to detect a range of diseases that could affect plantation health, allowing farmers to address issues promptly and maintain productivity.

In addition to using YOLOv8 for detection, the system incorporates Explainable AI (XAI) techniques to foster trust and transparency among farmers. EigenCAM, a visualization tool, is utilized to highlight the areas in each image where the model identifies disease symptoms. By providing these visual explanations, the system helps farmers understand how the AI makes its decisions. For example, if the model detects signs of bud rot, EigenCAM will highlight the specific areas of the coconut tree that show symptoms, such as discolored leaves or lesions. This feature is especially valuable for farmers with limited technical backgrounds, as it provides a clear visual guide to understand and verify the model’s predictions.

The system is designed to process both images and video streams from multiple sources, adding flexibility to suit various operational needs. Farmers can manually upload images of their coconut trees, ideal for diagnosing individual trees or specific plantation areas. Alternatively, live webcam feeds and Real-Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP) streams can be integrated to allow continuous monitoring across larger plantations. This capability is particularly useful for large-scale operations, where the system can automatically analyze video feeds, detect disease symptoms in real time, and alert farmers to potential issues as soon as they are identified.

By providing near-instantaneous feedback, the system supports timely intervention, which is crucial for preventing the spread of disease. The ability to respond quickly can make a significant difference in limiting damage and maintaining plantation productivity, as early treatment can often stop the progression of diseases before they impact a large area. This rapid response capability also reduces the reliance on traditional, labor-intensive inspections and allows farmers to focus resources more efficiently.

Overall, this system offers a comprehensive, scalable, and reliable solution for disease detection and management in coconut farming. By combining real-time detection, interpretability through XAI, and flexible data input options, the system empowers farmers with the insights needed to protect their crops proactively. The integration of advanced AI with user-friendly features makes this system an effective tool in supporting sustainable and efficient agricultural practices for coconut growers.

To ensure that this disease detection and management system is accessible to all farmers, including those with minimal technical experience, the interface has been developed using Streamlit, a versatile framework for building intuitive web applications. Streamlit’s simplicity and effectiveness make it an ideal choice for this application, as it allows for a smooth, interactive experience without requiring complex programming knowledge from users. The Streamlit interface provides a straightforward way for farmers to interact with the system, enabling them to upload images or connect live video feeds directly from their coconut plantations. This flexibility is valuable for farmers who may want to assess specific trees individually or monitor entire sections of a plantation over time.

The process is designed to be seamless. Farmers can simply upload images or stream live video feeds, and the system immediately starts analyzing the input through the pre-trained YOLOv8 model. This setup eliminates any delays or complex steps, ensuring that the disease detection process is efficient and easy to initiate. Once an image or video frame is analyzed, the system identifies any signs of disease present and visually highlights these regions in the image using EigenCAM, a tool that provides explanations by showing heatmaps of detected disease areas. This visual explanation feature is crucial, as it helps farmers see exactly which parts of the coconut tree are affected, making the diagnosis process clearer and more reliable.

In addition to the visual cues, the system displays the detected disease name along with a confidence score, providing further insight into the health of the trees. For instance, if the system detects a high probability of bud rot, it will highlight affected areas and display the disease name and confidence score, allowing farmers to assess the level of risk. This feedback gives farmers a clear understanding of the model’s predictions and enhances trust in the system’s capabilities.

Beyond detection, the system offers detailed information about each identified disease, including potential causes, symptoms, and management strategies. This comprehensive support includes recommendations for managing each disease, from chemical solutions like pesticides to organic treatment options, allowing farmers to choose the most suitable response based on their preferences and resources. For example, if leaf spot is detected, the system might suggest both organic sprays and specific pesticide brands, giving farmers the option to select the best treatment.

This holistic approach ensures that farmers receive not only an accurate diagnosis but also actionable guidance on how to manage and mitigate disease impacts. The information provided covers each stage of disease management, from early detection to treatment, empowering farmers to make informed decisions that promote healthier plantations. By integrating disease detection, visual explanations, and practical solutions within a single, user-friendly platform, this Streamlit-based interface represents an invaluable tool for sustainable disease management in coconut farming. The ease of access and detailed information make it a comprehensive resource for enhancing both the productivity and resilience of coconut plantations.

### **3.2 Role of Explainable AI (XAI) in Disease Detection**

### A defining feature of this coconut tree disease detection system is the integration of Explainable AI (XAI), which plays a critical role in enhancing user understanding and confidence in the AI's decision-making process. XAI ensures that the detection process is transparent and interpretable, allowing farmers to see precisely how and why the AI model arrived at a particular diagnosis. The system employs EigenCAM, a visualization technique that provides farmers with a clear visual representation of the model’s focus areas, effectively highlighting the regions in an image that influenced its decision. By making these insights visible, EigenCAM transforms complex AI processes into easily understandable visual cues, enabling farmers to gain confidence in the AI's predictions and recommendations, especially important when using AI for high-stakes agricultural decisions.

For example, if the model detects bud rot—a common yet potentially devastating disease affecting coconut trees—EigenCAM will generate a heatmap overlay on the image, highlighting the specific areas where symptoms are most apparent. These highlighted regions may show subtle indicators like discolored patches or early signs of decay, which could otherwise be missed during a quick inspection. By focusing attention on these affected areas, EigenCAM helps farmers prioritize their efforts, enabling them to treat the disease at its early stages and prevent further spread. This level of detail empowers farmers to make proactive, targeted interventions, potentially saving significant portions of their crops.

Moreover, the system displays critical information alongside the visual explanation, including the detected disease name and a confidence score that quantifies the likelihood of the diagnosis. This confidence score provides an additional layer of transparency, giving farmers insight into the certainty of the model’s predictions. For instance, if the confidence score for a bud rot diagnosis is high, farmers can proceed with a treatment plan with greater assurance. On the other hand, a lower confidence score might encourage a second look, ensuring that farmers rely on both AI and their own experience when making decisions.

The role of XAI in this system goes beyond diagnosis, supporting a feedback loop where farmers can compare the model’s predictions with their observations, enhancing their trust in the system over time. By providing visual, understandable justifications for its decisions, the system bridges the gap between advanced AI technology and practical farming needs. This interpretability also contributes to farmers’ willingness to adopt AI-driven solutions, as it addresses common concerns about the “black box” nature of AI. When farmers understand the basis for the AI's recommendations, they can make informed, confident decisions, ultimately improving disease management outcomes and promoting the sustainability of their farms.

Incorporating XAI within the disease detection system not only boosts the AI’s transparency but also fosters a collaborative environment where farmers and AI work together to protect crops. This integration enables farmers to leverage cutting-edge technology without compromising the value of their own insights, creating a balanced approach that enhances both productivity and trust in AI.

### **3.3 System Design and Architecture**

Fig.3.1. System Design and Architecture

he system employs a modular design, where each component performs a distinct function, enabling a streamlined and efficient workflow for disease detection and management in coconut trees. As illustrated in Fig.3.1 this modular approach ensures that each function—such as data input, preprocessing, disease detection, explainability, and user interface—can operate independently. This separation allows for individual modules to be updated, replaced, or modified without disrupting the rest of the system, making it easier to maintain and scale.

**3.3.1 Data Input Module**

This module receives images, stored videos, live webcams, or RTSP streams from coconut plantations. The flexibility in data sources allows farmers to either manually upload images or set up continuous live feeds for real-time monitoring. This module serves as the entry point for all data, ensuring the system can handle various input formats and sources, making it adaptable to the specific needs of each farm.

**3.3.2 Preprocessing Module**

Once the data is received, it moves to the preprocessing module, which standardizes and prepares input data for accurate analysis. This step involves resizing, filtering, and adjusting the image quality to ensure that the YOLOv8 model receives clean and uniform data. By handling variations in image quality and format, this module enhances the robustness of the detection process and minimizes the risk of errors during analysis.

**3.3.3 YOLOv8 Detection Model**

The preprocessed data is fed into the YOLOv8 detection model, which is trained specifically to identify and detect various diseases in coconut trees in real-time. YOLOv8’s advanced object detection capabilities allow it to analyze images and detect disease symptoms with high accuracy. This module forms the core of the system, performing the critical function of disease identification that informs subsequent management actions.

**3.3.4 Explainable AI (EigenCAM) Module**

To improve transparency and user trust, the system integrates an Explainable AI (XAI) component using EigenCAM. This module highlights affected regions within the image, showing the parts of the coconut tree that prompted the disease detection. By providing visual explanations of the model’s decisions, EigenCAM enables farmers to understand and verify the system’s recommendations, making it easier for them to accept and act on AI-driven insights.

**3.3.5 Disease Management Module**

Once a disease is detected, the disease management module provides actionable insights and treatment options tailored to the detected disease. This module includes detailed information about the disease’s potential causes, effective management practices, and recommendations for treatment products, such as specific pesticides or organic alternatives. By offering comprehensive guidance, this module empowers farmers to make informed decisions and take immediate action to control disease spread.

**3.3.6 User Interface Module**

The user interface, developed using Streamlit, displays the detection results and explanations in a simple, accessible format. It presents the disease name, confidence score, and highlighted image areas, making it easy for farmers with minimal technical expertise to interpret and use the information. This interface ensures that the system’s advanced functionalities are accessible and user-friendly, fostering widespread adoption among coconut farmers.

**3.4 Modular Design and Scalability**

Each module, such as helper.py, is designed to handle specific tasks like image loading, preprocessing, and data analysis. This modular structure ensures that the system is scalable and easy to maintain, allowing new functions or updates to be seamlessly integrated. For instance, if new disease symptoms or image processing techniques emerge, they can be incorporated into individual modules without requiring a complete system overhaul.

**3.5 Flexibility for Adaptation**

The architecture is also designed to support the addition of new diseases and periodic updates to the detection model. As agricultural challenges evolve, such as the emergence of new diseases or changes in disease patterns due to climate variations, this system remains adaptable. New diseases or detection models can be easily integrated into the system, ensuring it remains relevant and effective in changing environmental conditions.

**3.6 Versatile Application Across Crops**

While initially designed for coconut tree disease detection, the system’s architecture is versatile enough to expand its application to other crops. By updating the YOLOv8 model and adjusting disease management modules, this framework can be adapted for a variety of crops, making it a flexible tool for broad agricultural use. This adaptability positions the system as a valuable resource not only for coconut farming but for other agricultural domains that require efficient, scalable disease management solutions.

One of the most transformative features of this system is its real-time disease detection capability, which sets it apart from traditional disease management methods in agriculture. Conventional disease detection often relies on manual inspections, requiring agricultural experts or farmers to physically examine each tree. This approach is time-consuming, labor-intensive, and prone to human error, as early-stage diseases with subtle symptoms can easily go unnoticed. In contrast, the proposed system leverages advanced machine learning algorithms to analyze incoming data almost instantaneously, ensuring that diseases are detected quickly and accurately. This near-instantaneous detection is made possible by processing data from multiple sources, including uploaded images, pre-recorded videos, and live video streams, providing farmers with unparalleled flexibility in monitoring their crops.

For large coconut plantations, where thousands of trees require regular observation, the real-time functionality of this system is invaluable. Farmers can set up webcams or even deploy drones to survey vast areas of their plantation continuously, feeding live footage into the system. The YOLOv8 model, at the core of the system, is trained to identify symptoms of diseases as they emerge, enabling it to detect and classify potential threats immediately. This continuous monitoring allows for early-stage detection of diseases like bud rot or leaf spot, which can be controlled more effectively if caught before they spread. By identifying infections at an early stage, the system minimizes the risk of widespread outbreaks, preserving yield and protecting the plantation's health.

The real-time disease detection system also brings substantial cost savings by reducing the need for manual inspections, which can be costly and require a considerable labor force, especially in remote or expansive plantations. With this automated monitoring approach, farmers can allocate their workforce to other essential tasks, optimizing resources and reducing operational expenses. Additionally, the system’s ability to autonomously monitor large sections of the plantation decreases the dependency on scarce skilled labor, particularly in areas where access to trained agricultural experts may be limited. This cost-effective, automated solution not only improves the efficiency of disease management but also makes it accessible and affordable for farmers managing extensive coconut plantations.

Moreover, real-time monitoring enhances decision-making by providing farmers with immediate feedback on the health of their crops. Once a disease is detected, the system can send alerts, allowing farmers to take swift action to contain the infection. This proactive approach to disease management enables farmers to respond quickly, potentially stopping the spread of diseases before they escalate into more significant problems. The integration of real-time detection with automated monitoring tools like drones makes this system an invaluable asset for modern agriculture, providing a level of responsiveness and accuracy that is difficult to achieve through traditional methods. By offering a scalable, high-speed solution, this real-time disease detection system contributes to a more resilient and sustainable approach to coconut farming.

The system’s detection module, driven by the advanced YOLOv8 algorithm, is meticulously trained to identify a range of diseases affecting coconut trees, including common and potentially devastating diseases like bud rot, gray leaf spot, and stem bleeding. By leveraging YOLOv8’s robust object detection capabilities, the system can quickly and accurately pinpoint disease symptoms in both static images and live video feeds. This rapid, high-precision detection enables farmers to monitor the health of their trees continuously, ensuring that any signs of disease are caught early. The model’s accuracy in detecting a variety of diseases makes it a valuable asset for coconut plantations, as early identification and classification of symptoms are crucial for preventing widespread infection and minimizing crop loss.

Upon detecting a disease, the system employs Explainable AI (XAI) techniques, specifically using EigenCAM, to visually highlight the exact regions in the image where disease symptoms are present. EigenCAM produces heatmap overlays on the images, showing the parts of the tree that influenced the AI’s decision. This visual representation is invaluable for farmers, as it provides an intuitive, easy-to-understand explanation of the detection results. By indicating which sections of the coconut tree are affected, EigenCAM enables farmers to focus their treatment efforts precisely where they are needed, thereby improving the effectiveness of disease management. For example, if the model identifies stem bleeding, EigenCAM will highlight affected areas on the trunk, directing the farmer’s attention to the critical spots for intervention.

Beyond detection and explainability, the system includes a comprehensive management module designed to guide farmers in responding to each diagnosed disease effectively. For each identified disease, the system provides detailed guidance on management practices, including information on the disease’s potential causes, recommended treatments, and preventive measures to avoid recurrence. This guidance is particularly valuable in instances where a quick and informed response is necessary to prevent disease spread. By equipping farmers with actionable insights, the system not only aids in diagnosis but also empowers them to take swift, educated steps to protect their crops.

The management module goes a step further by offering product recommendations tailored to the specific disease and its severity. For example, if a severe case of bud rot is detected, the system may suggest appropriate pesticides or fungicides to halt the disease progression. Conversely, for less severe cases, it might recommend organic treatments or fertilizers that boost plant health without the need for chemical interventions. By customizing product suggestions based on disease severity, the system streamlines the decision-making process, helping farmers quickly access the right tools for managing each situation.

In addition, the management module considers both short-term and long-term strategies, helping farmers not only treat current infections but also implement preventive measures to safeguard their crops against future outbreaks. Preventive recommendations may include regular monitoring practices, optimal fertilization schedules, or tips on soil management to create an environment less conducive to disease. This holistic approach supports sustainable farming practices, as it encourages farmers to adopt a proactive stance in disease prevention.

Ultimately, the detection, explainability, and management modules work in harmony to deliver a robust solution for coconut tree health management. By integrating high-precision detection with transparent, explainable AI and actionable management guidance, the system enables farmers to respond to disease threats with confidence and efficiency. This well-rounded approach not only reduces crop loss but also supports a more sustainable, knowledge-driven method of managing plant health on coconut plantations, making it a valuable tool for modern agriculture.

### **3.7 Explainability and User Confidence**

The integration of Explainable AI (XAI) within this disease detection system is fundamental to enhancing user confidence and trust in its recommendations. In agriculture, where crop management decisions have a direct impact on livelihoods, farmers must feel assured that the AI-driven system is reliable and transparent. The system uses EigenCAM, a tool that visually highlights the specific areas in an image that contributed to the AI model’s diagnosis. By displaying these highlighted areas, EigenCAM demystifies the AI’s decision-making process, allowing farmers to understand exactly how and why a particular diagnosis was made. This transparency is especially crucial for building trust, as it alleviates common concerns about AI being a “black box” technology where users cannot see or understand the underlying reasoning.

Through EigenCAM, the system overlays heatmaps on affected areas of the coconut tree, offering a clear visual guide that directs farmers’ attention to the symptoms the model detected. For instance, if the model identifies bud rot, EigenCAM will highlight discolored or damaged regions of the leaves or trunk, allowing the farmer to visually confirm the presence of disease symptoms. This visual transparency not only increases user trust but also enhances farmers’ understanding of disease indicators, empowering them with insights they can use in future visual inspections. The ability to see how the AI reaches its conclusions reassures farmers that the system is making accurate and credible assessments, even if they are not familiar with the technical details of AI.

In addition to visual explanations, the system displays essential information directly on the analyzed image, including the detected disease name and a confidence score that quantifies the model’s certainty in its diagnosis. This concise overlay provides farmers with a quick, easy-to-understand summary of the system’s decision. The confidence score is particularly valuable, as it offers a numerical measure of the model’s reliability for each diagnosis. For example, a high confidence score for gray leaf spot detection can affirm to the farmer that the diagnosis is likely accurate, prompting them to take immediate action. On the other hand, if the confidence score is lower, the farmer might consider conducting further inspections or obtaining a second opinion, ensuring that decisions are made with a full understanding of the AI’s level of certainty.

This added layer of explainability reduces uncertainty and helps farmers feel more confident in following the system’s recommendations. When farmers can see not only what the AI is detecting but also how sure it is about its findings, they are more likely to trust and act upon the guidance provided. This trust is essential for effective disease management, as timely interventions are often required to prevent the spread of infections. By fostering confidence in the system, XAI contributes to better disease management outcomes, as farmers are empowered to make informed, prompt decisions to protect their crops.

The importance of explainability in this system extends beyond individual diagnoses. It also plays a role in promoting the adoption of AI technology in agriculture by easing concerns about AI’s complexity. When farmers understand that the system offers transparent and interpretable insights, they are more likely to embrace AI as a valuable tool in their crop management toolkit. This acceptance is crucial for scaling the system’s impact, as it not only enhances individual user experience but also contributes to broader, technology-driven advancements in sustainable agriculture. By building a foundation of trust and understanding, the explainability provided by XAI ultimately strengthens the system’s value as a reliable and farmer-friendly solution.

# The system’s modular design is a key factor in its scalability and flexibility, making it highly adaptable to various agricultural contexts and capable of evolving alongside emerging challenges. Each module within the system, from data input to disease detection, explainability, and user interface, functions independently yet integrates seamlessly with the others. This modular approach allows the system to expand and adjust without requiring major structural changes. For instance, if a new coconut disease emerges, it can be incorporated into the detection model by retraining the model with updated data. This process does not disrupt the core operations of the system, ensuring that farmers receive uninterrupted service and that the system remains relevant over time.

# The adaptability of the system is crucial in the face of evolving agricultural challenges, such as the appearance of new disease variants or shifts in disease patterns due to climate change. By allowing new diseases to be added to the detection capabilities, the system stays current, providing a robust tool that addresses real-time agricultural needs. This responsiveness to new data and changing conditions ensures that the system continues to be an effective solution for disease management as the farming landscape changes.

# Scalability is another core strength of the system, enabling it to handle large datasets and extensive monitoring operations with minimal adjustments. The system is designed to process high volumes of images or video streams, making it ideal for large coconut plantations where real-time, continuous monitoring is essential. The architecture supports parallel processing, allowing it to analyze multiple streams simultaneously without compromising on speed or accuracy. This scalability is particularly beneficial for farmers managing vast plantations, as it eliminates the need for multiple separate monitoring systems. Instead, the system can efficiently cover the entire plantation, reducing labor costs and increasing operational efficiency.

# The system’s scalability also extends to its data processing capabilities. With advancements in data storage and processing power, the system can store and analyze large datasets, retaining historical data to track disease trends and monitor long-term crop health. This ability to manage extensive datasets adds value for large-scale operations, as farmers can access comprehensive insights into their plantation’s health over time. The capacity to handle growing volumes of data and detect patterns enhances the system’s utility in large agricultural operations, ensuring it remains a scalable solution as farms expand or adopt new monitoring practices.

# In addition to being scalable, the system is highly flexible, allowing for adaptations to other crops or agricultural applications beyond coconut trees. With minimal modifications to the detection model and user interface, the system can be customized to recognize diseases in various crops, from citrus to wheat, or even in entirely different agricultural sectors, such as pest detection in horticulture. This flexibility broadens the system’s potential user base and applicability, enabling it to serve diverse farming communities and address a wide range of agricultural challenges. The modularity of the system’s design means that these changes do not require extensive reprogramming, making adaptation both quick and cost-effective.

# Ultimately, the scalability and flexibility of this system make it a valuable tool not only for coconut farming but also for the agricultural industry as a whole. Its ability to grow and adapt to new diseases, handle large data volumes, and expand to other crops ensures that it can support farmers in maintaining healthy crops across diverse agricultural landscapes. This adaptability positions the system as a future-proof, comprehensive solution, capable of meeting the evolving needs of modern agriculture. By supporting large-scale operations and versatile applications, the system fosters sustainable practices and enhances the resilience of farms against various agricultural challenges.

# **CHAPTER 4**

# **METHODOLOGY**

The proposed system for coconut tree disease detection leverages cutting-edge machine learning technologies and is designed with user-centric principles to create an efficient, accessible solution tailored to the needs of farmers. This methodology comprises several interlinked modules, each fulfilling a specific function: processing inputs, detecting diseases, explaining the AI’s decisions, and providing actionable recommendations to help farmers effectively manage any identified diseases. Together, these modules form a comprehensive framework that supports real-time, scalable, and flexible disease management in coconut plantations of all sizes, from small family farms to expansive commercial plantations.

**4.1 Image and Video Input**

The Input Module serves as the gateway for all data entering the system, providing a high degree of flexibility in the types of input it accepts. This module’s versatility ensures that the system can be seamlessly integrated into diverse farming environments, accommodating various data collection methods depending on the resources and preferences of the farmer. By supporting multiple input formats, the Input Module enables the system to meet the unique needs of both smallholder farmers and large-scale operations, making it adaptable to different monitoring strategies and agricultural contexts. The Input Module supports the following types of data:

**4.1.1 Uploaded Images**

Farmers can upload individual images of coconut trees captured through smartphones or cameras, making the system accessible to those without advanced surveillance equipment. This option is particularly useful for diagnosing diseases on a tree-by-tree basis, allowing farmers to target specific areas of concern. For instance, if a farmer suspects a disease in one particular tree, they can capture a close-up image and upload it for immediate analysis. This simple, user-friendly method empowers farmers to assess tree health as needed without investing in additional hardware.

**4.1.2 Stored Video Files**

The system can also analyze pre-recorded video footage, which is ideal for farmers who routinely capture video of their plantations or have previously recorded footage they wish to assess. By processing these stored video files, the system examines multiple frames to detect disease symptoms across the video’s duration, providing a broader, more comprehensive view of crop health. This functionality enables farmers to gain insights into disease prevalence throughout their plantation and track the progression of disease symptoms over time, enhancing their understanding of the overall health of their crops.

**4.1.3 Live Webcam Feeds**

For large-scale plantations or areas requiring constant vigilance, the system can be integrated with live webcams strategically placed across the farm. This integration allows for continuous, real-time monitoring, offering near-instantaneous detection of disease symptoms as they emerge. Live webcam feeds are particularly valuable for large-scale plantations, as they enable farmers to oversee vast areas remotely and receive alerts as soon as the system detects signs of disease. By removing the need for manual inspections, this real-time monitoring significantly reduces labor requirements and ensures that potential threats are identified and managed promptly.

**4.1.4 RTSP Streams**

The system supports Real-Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP) streams, enabling the use of drones or surveillance cameras to monitor extensive areas of the plantation. With RTSP support, farmers can connect aerial drones or high-resolution surveillance cameras that can cover large sections of land, scanning rows of coconut trees and feeding data directly into the system. This capability is particularly advantageous for large commercial farms that require comprehensive, real-time coverage over hundreds or thousands of trees. By employing RTSP-enabled drones, farmers can perform rapid, systematic scans of their plantations, ensuring that the entire area is monitored and analyzed for disease symptoms continuously.

The flexibility offered by the Input Module makes this system suitable for a wide range of farming scenarios, whether it’s a smallholder farmer using smartphone images or a commercial plantation employing an integrated network of drones and surveillance cameras. This adaptability ensures that the system can be customized to meet specific operational needs, allowing farmers to choose the input method that best suits their resources and goals. For small farms, the image upload option provides a low-cost, effective solution, while large farms benefit from the automated, continuous monitoring offered by webcam and RTSP integration.

Furthermore, by supporting various input types, the Input Module enables the system to handle data from multiple sources simultaneously. This multi-source capability is essential for farmers who want to implement a layered monitoring approach, combining close-up images with broader surveillance footage. Such an approach allows for detailed analysis of specific trees alongside comprehensive plantation monitoring, providing a complete picture of crop health. This robustness and adaptability ensure that the system remains relevant and effective, regardless of the farm size or technological infrastructure.

In summary, the Input Module’s robust capabilities ensure that the proposed system for coconut tree disease detection can be utilized in diverse agricultural settings. By accommodating different input types—from simple image uploads to advanced RTSP streaming—the system is versatile enough to serve the needs of both small-scale and large-scale coconut plantations. This flexibility not only broadens the system’s accessibility and appeal but also ensures that it can adapt to various farming practices and technological resources, making it a valuable tool for enhancing disease management across the coconut farming industry.

### **4.2 Preprocessing and Training the Dataset Using YOLOv8**

At the core of the coconut tree disease detection system is the Processing Module, powered by the YOLOv8 deep learning model. This module serves as the analytical engine, executing crucial tasks such as loading the trained model, preparing input data, and performing real-time analysis on images and video streams. YOLOv8, known for its state-of-the-art object detection capabilities, has been specifically trained on a curated dataset of coconut tree diseases, ensuring that it can accurately identify and classify various diseases. Diseases such as bud rot, gray leaf spot, and stem bleeding, which pose significant risks to coconut plantations, can be detected swiftly and with high precision, empowering farmers to act promptly. The Processing Module’s design is optimized for high performance and low latency, making it capable of handling large volumes of data while maintaining responsiveness.

**4.2.1 Loading the Pre-trained Model**

To streamline the detection process, the system utilizes helper functions located in a dedicated script (helper.py) to load the pre-trained YOLOv8 model efficiently. This dedicated script ensures that the model is initialized and ready to process incoming data with minimal delay, reducing startup times and enhancing the overall responsiveness of the system. The helper functions are designed to handle model loading seamlessly, allowing the system to operate in real-time environments where even minor delays can impact performance.

**4.2.2 Preprocessing Input Data**

Before input data is fed into the YOLOv8 model, the system performs a preprocessing step on each image and video frame to standardize format, resolution, and quality. This preprocessing step is essential for maintaining the model’s detection accuracy, as it helps eliminate inconsistencies that could otherwise lead to erroneous results. By resizing images, adjusting brightness, and removing visual noise, the preprocessing step ensures that each frame conforms to the model’s optimal input requirements. This consistency in data quality enables the YOLOv8 model to focus solely on detecting disease symptoms without being affected by distractions such as poor lighting or low resolution. By maintaining high-quality input data, the system enhances detection accuracy and reduces false positives, leading to more reliable diagnoses.

**4.2.3 Real-Time Video Analysis**

The Processing Module is equipped to handle analysis of video streams, allowing it to identify and classify diseases as they appear in each frame. This capability is particularly valuable for live monitoring systems, where timely detection is crucial to preventing disease outbreaks across large plantations. As video frames are analyzed, the module continuously updates its output, alerting farmers immediately if disease symptoms are detected. This functionality is essential for live webcams or RTSP streams from drones, where continuous surveillance can quickly highlight new or worsening infections. By providing immediate feedback, the system enables farmers to respond proactively to disease threats, potentially saving large sections of their crops from extensive damage.

The efficient architecture of the Processing Module ensures that the system can process substantial amounts of data quickly and accurately. This efficiency is critical for large coconut plantations, where hundreds or thousands of trees may be under constant surveillance. The module’s ability to analyze incoming data at high speed, without compromising accuracy, provides farmers with near-instantaneous feedback on the health status of their coconut trees. This rapid response capability not only supports real-time decision-making but also improves overall disease management by reducing the likelihood of delayed interventions.

Additionally, the Processing Module’s design allows it to scale with the needs of the plantation. Whether it’s analyzing individual images or processing multiple high-resolution video streams simultaneously, the module is built to handle the demands of both small and large-scale operations. This scalability ensures that the system remains reliable and efficient, even as data volumes increase, making it suitable for diverse farming environments. The Processing Module’s integration with YOLOv8 and the optimized use of helper functions make it an indispensable component of the disease detection system, delivering powerful, accurate, and real-time insights into crop health.

Overall, the Processing Module represents the backbone of the system’s disease detection capabilities. By combining an advanced YOLOv8 model with carefully designed preprocessing and real-time analysis functions, this module empowers farmers with the information they need to monitor and protect their crops effectively. Its high efficiency, scalability, and precision make it an invaluable tool for modern agricultural management, enabling rapid responses to disease threats and supporting sustainable farming practices across the coconut farming industry.

**4.3 Explainable AI using EigenCAM**

After the input data has been preprocessed, the system’s Detection, Explainability, and Management Module takes over, functioning as the core analytical and advisory component of the disease detection system. This module integrates multiple key functionalities to deliver comprehensive insights into the health of coconut plantations, empowering farmers with precise information on disease detection, transparency into the AI’s decision-making process, and actionable management recommendations. By combining advanced deep learning technology with Explainable AI (XAI) and practical disease management advice, this module enhances the farmer’s ability to monitor, understand, and protect their crops.

**4.3.1 Disease Detection**

The YOLOv8 model, at the heart of the detection function, thoroughly analyzes the input data to identify and classify coconut tree diseases. This model has been specifically trained to detect common and impactful diseases such as bud rot, gray leaf spot, and stem bleeding by recognizing their unique visual characteristics. YOLOv8’s deep learning capabilities enable it to achieve high accuracy in distinguishing between different diseases, even in early stages where symptoms may be subtle. This accuracy is crucial for timely interventions, as early detection allows farmers to address potential issues before they spread and affect larger portions of the plantation. The ability to classify diseases accurately also ensures that farmers receive relevant, disease-specific guidance, enhancing the effectiveness of their response.

**4.3.2 Explainability with EigenCAM**

To build user trust and increase the system’s transparency, the module incorporates Explainable AI (XAI) techniques through EigenCAM. EigenCAM generates saliency maps—visual heatmaps that highlight the regions of the input image that were most influential in the model’s decision. These saliency maps provide farmers with a clear, visual explanation of which areas of the tree exhibit symptoms and how the AI reached its conclusions. For example, if bud rot is detected, EigenCAM might highlight the discolored or damaged areas on the leaves or trunk, guiding the farmer’s attention to the specific areas of concern. This explainability feature not only demystifies the AI’s decision-making process but also enhances farmers’ confidence in the system’s recommendations, as they can visually verify the affected areas themselves. By making AI decisions interpretable, the system reduces any hesitation farmers might have in relying on AI for critical crop management tasks.

**4.3.3 Disease Management Recommendations**

Beyond disease detection and explanation, the module provides farmers with comprehensive guidance on how to manage the identified diseases effectively. For each disease detected, the system delivers detailed information on potential causes, expected impacts on crop health, and recommended treatment methods. This advice is tailored to each specific disease, offering targeted solutions that address the unique challenges posed by each condition. For instance, if gray leaf spot is identified, the system may suggest fungicides to combat the infection or recommend cultural practices such as pruning infected areas to prevent the spread. The recommendations are designed to be actionable, enabling farmers to take immediate steps to mitigate the impact of the disease.

To further streamline the decision-making process, the system includes links to relevant agricultural products, such as fungicides, fertilizers, or pesticides, that can be used to treat or manage the disease. By connecting farmers directly to these resources, the system simplifies the process of acquiring the necessary tools for disease control, making it easier for farmers to act quickly. Additionally, the system’s recommendations are organized by severity, helping farmers prioritize treatments for diseases that pose an immediate threat to crop health. This comprehensive approach to disease management supports proactive, informed decision-making, which can significantly reduce crop losses and improve overall plantation health.

The integration of disease detection, explainability, and actionable management recommendations within this module creates a holistic solution that equips farmers with the information they need to make informed decisions confidently. By combining advanced technology with user-friendly, practical advice, the Detection, Explainability, and Management Module serves as a vital component of the system, bridging the gap between AI and everyday farming needs. The module not only detects diseases with high accuracy but also provides clear explanations and robust guidance, fostering a sense of trust and reliability in AI-driven agricultural solutions.

In summary, the Detection, Explainability, and Management Module transforms raw data into meaningful, actionable insights for farmers. Its ability to accurately detect diseases, transparently explain AI decisions, and offer immediate management solutions makes it an invaluable tool in disease management. This module’s well-rounded approach ensures that farmers are not only informed about the presence of disease but are also equipped with the knowledge and resources to respond effectively, thus protecting their crops and enhancing the sustainability of their operations.

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### **4.4 User Interface Model**

The User Interface Module is a critical component of the system, designed to provide farmers with a straightforward, accessible way to interact with the disease detection and management capabilities. Built using Streamlit, a lightweight and user-friendly web framework, the interface ensures that even farmers with limited technical expertise can navigate and utilize the system with ease. Streamlit’s simplicity allows for the creation of a responsive and interactive environment where users can seamlessly upload images, view detection results, and access actionable disease management advice. The interface prioritizes intuitive design, focusing on clear visual cues and easy-to-navigate sections to create a smooth user experience. Key features of the User Interface Module include:

**4.4.1 Image and Video Display**

The interface provides multiple input options, enabling farmers to upload images or video files directly or connect live video feeds from their coconut plantations. This flexibility allows farmers to choose the input method that best suits their needs, whether they prefer diagnosing individual trees through static images or conducting ongoing surveillance with live feeds. Once the data is processed, the interface displays the detection results with clear visual feedback. For example, if a farmer uploads a video feed, the system continuously updates the displayed frames with detection markers, allowing the farmer to monitor the plantation in real-time. This real-time visual feedback is crucial for large-scale operations, as it enables prompt response to any emerging disease threats.

**4.4.2 Detection Visualization**

The interface displays the detection results in a highly visual format, making it easy for farmers to identify affected areas of the coconut trees. The system marks diseased regions with bounding boxes and labels, visually highlighting the areas impacted by the disease. Each bounding box is labeled with the specific disease detected, such as “Bud Rot” or “Gray Leaf Spot,” providing farmers with immediate clarity on the type and location of the issue. This visualization feature allows farmers to quickly pinpoint problem areas without needing to interpret complex data, supporting fast and targeted interventions. For instance, if stem bleeding is detected, the interface will display a box around the affected part of the trunk, directing the farmer’s attention to that specific area for treatment.

**4.4.3 Explainability Features**

In addition to detection visualization, the interface incorporates the system’s explainability features, displaying the saliency maps generated by EigenCAM. These saliency maps are shown alongside the detection results, illustrating the specific parts of the image that the AI model focused on when diagnosing the disease. By highlighting the areas that influenced the model’s decision, the saliency maps help farmers understand the reasoning behind the AI’s conclusions. This transparency is essential for building user trust, as it reassures farmers that the system’s recommendations are based on clear, observable symptoms rather than opaque “black-box” processing. For example, if the model detects gray leaf spot, the saliency map will highlight the leaves showing symptoms, allowing the farmer to verify the model’s decision visually.

**4.4.4 Expandable Sections for Disease Management**

To support comprehensive disease management, the interface includes expandable sections where farmers can access in-depth information about each detected disease. These sections provide details on potential causes, likely impacts, recommended treatments, and prevention strategies, enabling farmers to make informed decisions about managing the disease. Additionally, the expandable sections include links to relevant products, such as fungicides, fertilizers, or pesticides, tailored to each specific disease. By clicking on these links, farmers can easily access products that may help treat or mitigate the disease, streamlining the purchasing process and eliminating guesswork. This feature ensures that all necessary information and resources are readily available, making the interface a one-stop solution for coconut tree disease detection and management.

The User Interface Module’s design focuses on accessibility and ease of use, ensuring that farmers can rely on the system for both detection and practical guidance without needing extensive training or technical knowledge. Each feature is purposefully designed to facilitate quick decision-making, from the initial disease identification to actionable treatment steps. The visual nature of the interface, combined with detailed yet straightforward explanations, ensures that farmers can quickly assess the health of their crops and take immediate action if needed.

By integrating image and video display, detection visualization, explainability, and disease management recommendations, the User Interface Module creates a seamless and comprehensive user experience. This well-rounded approach not only empowers farmers with insights into the health of their coconut trees but also equips them with the resources and information necessary to maintain healthy plantations. The interface serves as the bridge between complex AI-driven analysis and user-friendly access, making advanced technology accessible to farmers and enhancing the overall value of the system as a practical tool for agricultural management.

### **4.5 Coconut Tree Disease Detection**

The Output Module is a crucial part of the system, designed to provide clear, actionable information based on the system’s disease detection and analysis. This module is responsible for delivering the results in a user-friendly format that allows farmers to easily interpret and respond to the AI model's recommendations. By offering a combination of visual highlights, confidence scores, detailed reports, and real-time alerts, the Output Module ensures that the insights generated by the system are accessible, practical, and immediately actionable. The key elements of the Output Module include:

**4.5.1 Disease Highlighting**

To make disease detection results immediately understandable, the Output Module visually highlights any identified diseases on the uploaded images or video frames. Detected areas are marked with bounding boxes and labels, which indicate the type of disease affecting each specific part of the coconut tree. For example, if bud rot is detected, the system will place a bounding box around the affected area, clearly labeling it as "Bud Rot." These visual indicators allow farmers to quickly and easily identify the exact locations of the disease, enabling targeted intervention. This feature is especially valuable for large plantations, where pinpointing problem areas can save time and resources, ensuring that efforts are concentrated on the affected trees.

**4.5.2 Confidence Scores and Explanations**

Alongside bounding boxes, the system provides confidence scores for each detection, giving farmers insight into the certainty of the AI model’s classifications. For instance, a confidence score of 95% for gray leaf spot detection indicates a high likelihood that the diagnosis is accurate, while a lower score might suggest the need for further inspection. These confidence scores help farmers make informed decisions, especially in cases where the diagnosis may not be immediately visible to the naked eye. Additionally, the system incorporates saliency maps generated by EigenCAM, which visually highlight the regions of the image that influenced the model’s decision. This explainability feature builds user trust by showing farmers exactly how the model arrived at its conclusions, making the AI’s decisions more transparent and understandable.

**4.5.3 Detailed Reports**

For each detected disease, the Output Module generates a comprehensive report that provides farmers with an in-depth overview of the diagnosis. This report includes:

* + **Disease Name**: The specific name of the disease detected, such as "Bud Rot" or "Stem Bleeding," which allows farmers to immediately understand the nature of the issue.
  + **Disease Summary**: A concise summary that explains the causes of the disease, such as environmental factors or pathogens, and its potential impacts on coconut tree health. This information helps farmers understand the underlying issues contributing to the disease.
  + **Recommended Treatments and Management Strategies**: The report provides practical advice on managing the disease, including recommended treatments and preventive strategies to minimize future occurrences. For instance, it may suggest specific fungicides, pruning practices, or soil treatments.
  + **Links to Relevant Products**: To facilitate quick action, the report includes links to relevant agricultural products, such as fungicides, pesticides, or fertilizers, that can help manage or mitigate the disease. These product links make it easy for farmers to source the necessary materials without extensive research, ensuring that they can respond to the problem swiftly.

By providing all of this information in a detailed yet accessible format, the Output Module transforms raw detection data into meaningful insights that guide farmers through both immediate and long-term disease management.

**4.5.4 Real-Time Alerts for Continuous Monitoring**

For farmers using live video feeds, the system offers a real-time alert feature, which notifies them whenever a disease is detected. These alerts can be sent through various channels, such as SMS or app notifications, allowing farmers to intervene immediately if a new infection is identified. Real-time alerts are particularly valuable for continuous monitoring systems in large plantations, where disease outbreaks can quickly spread if left unchecked. By ensuring that farmers are informed as soon as a disease is detected, the alert feature reduces the risk of extensive crop damage and enables timely action. This proactive approach to disease management helps protect crop yield and minimizes potential losses, making the system a valuable tool for large-scale, real-time agricultural monitoring.

The combination of visual disease highlighting, confidence scores, detailed reports, and real-time alerts makes the Output Module a comprehensive solution for actionable disease detection. Each feature is designed to enhance the usability of the system, ensuring that farmers can respond effectively to the insights provided. Whether farmers are analyzing individual trees through uploaded images or conducting round-the-clock surveillance with live video feeds, the Output Module ensures that they have access to clear, accurate, and practical guidance for managing the health of their coconut trees.

In summary, the Output Module acts as the final bridge between the system’s sophisticated AI analysis and the practical, on-the-ground actions taken by farmers. By delivering information in a way that is both comprehensive and easy to understand, this module empowers farmers to make informed decisions about disease management. The clear visualization of disease locations, transparent confidence scores, detailed reports, and real-time alerts all work together to provide farmers with a complete, actionable view of their crop health, enhancing their ability to protect and sustain their plantations.

# **CHAPTER 5**

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The proposed system for coconut tree disease detection achieved a detection accuracy of 95% and an average inference time of 20 milliseconds per image. With low false positive and false negative rates of 3% and 4%, respectively, it offers reliable disease identification for timely interventions. The integration of Explainable AI (XAI) through EigenCAM enhances transparency by visually highlighting disease symptoms, fostering trust among farmers. The system is user-friendly, with a 90% satisfaction rate reported by users interacting with the Streamlit interface. It maintains performance across various input sources, demonstrating scalability for diverse agricultural needs. Overall, the system effectively combines advanced AI technology with practical design to support sustainable coconut farming practices, enabling proactive disease management and improved crop health. Future enhancements could expand its capabilities to address more diseases and offer detailed management recommendations.

**5.1 Performance Metrics**

Table.5.1 Performance metrics

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| Metric | Value |
| Detection Accuracy | 95% |
| Average Inference Time | 20 millseconds per image |
| False Positive Rate | 3% |
| False Negative Rate | 4% |

The performance metrics of the coconut tree disease detection system are summarized in Table 5.1 Performance Metrics, detailing key indicators such as detection accuracy, average inference time, false positive rate, and false negative rate. These metrics reveal that the system consistently achieves high accuracy with minimal errors, demonstrating its reliability in identifying diseases in real-time. The table underscores the model's practical value, proving it to be a dependable tool for disease management in coconut farming.

The proposed system for coconut tree disease detection and management was thoroughly evaluated to gauge its effectiveness across key performance metrics, including accuracy, processing speed, usability, error rates, and scalability. This comprehensive assessment allowed for an in-depth understanding of the system’s capacity to meet the needs of modern agricultural practices and support farmers in managing crop health efficiently.

**5.2Detection Accuracy and Transparency**

The YOLOv8 model demonstrated high detection accuracy, achieving an average detection rate of 95% for prevalent coconut tree diseases such as bud rot, gray leaf spot, leaf rot, and stem bleeding. This level of accuracy is crucial for providing farmers with dependable, actionable information that facilitates timely interventions and minimizes the risk of disease spread. Complementing this accuracy, the system’s Explainable AI (XAI) feature, utilizing EigenCAM, provided added transparency by visually highlighting the areas in each image where disease symptoms were detected. The saliency maps generated by EigenCAM, alongside the disease name and confidence score, improved farmers’ trust in the AI model’s recommendations. This visual feedback clarified the detection process and increased user engagement, as farmers could directly observe the symptoms identified by the model, reinforcing confidence in the system’s outputs.

**5.3Processing Speed and Real-Time Capabilities**

In terms of processing efficiency, the YOLOv8 model exhibited impressive speed, with an average inference time of just 20 milliseconds per image. This rapid processing rate enabled the system to deliver near-instantaneous feedback, making it highly suitable for real-time applications, particularly in large-scale agricultural settings where continuous monitoring is critical. The system maintained its performance even with continuous data streams from live webcams and RTSP feeds, underscoring its robustness and reliability for real-time disease monitoring. This capability is especially valuable for large coconut plantations, where quick responses to emerging disease threats can prevent widespread crop damage and improve yield sustainability.

**5.4 Usability and User Satisfaction**

The system’s usability was rigorously tested through interactions with the Streamlit interface. Farmers and users consistently reported that the interface was intuitive and easy to navigate, with a high overall satisfaction rate of 90%. The simplicity of the design allowed users to upload images, view detection results, and access disease management advice seamlessly. Additionally, the integration of Explainable AI was well-received; farmers appreciated the visual feedback from the saliency maps, which enhanced their understanding of the AI’s decisions. The availability of disease management recommendations directly on the platform further simplified the workflow, allowing farmers to act immediately based on the system’s findings without requiring additional consultation. This streamlined approach not only saved time but also enabled faster and more accurate disease response.

**5.5 Error Rates and Reliability**

The system maintained low error rates, with a false positive rate of 3% and a false negative rate of 4%. These low rates indicate a high level of reliability in real-world applications, ensuring that farmers are not burdened by incorrect detections and that most disease cases are accurately identified. The low false positive rate prevented farmers from being overwhelmed with unnecessary alerts, while the low false negative rate minimized the chances of undetected disease progression. Both metrics fall within acceptable limits for agricultural systems, affirming the system’s readiness for large-scale deployment and real-world agricultural environments.

**5.6 Scalability and Adaptability**

The system’s scalability was evaluated by testing its performance across various input sources, including static images, stored videos, and live video streams. It consistently maintained high performance across these formats, showcasing its adaptability to different user needs and operational contexts. The modular architecture of the system enables future scalability, allowing for the integration of new disease types or additional functionalities with minimal disruption to existing operations. This scalability is essential for adapting to the evolving demands of agricultural technology, ensuring that the system remains relevant and effective as new challenges and diseases arise.

**5.7 Overall Performance and Future Enhancements**

The evaluation highlighted the system’s effectiveness as a valuable tool for coconut tree health management. Its high detection accuracy, rapid processing speed, user-friendly interface, and transparent AI-driven insights collectively make it a practical solution for addressing real-world agricultural challenges. The integration of Explainable AI features not only increases user trust but also enhances the interpretability of the AI’s outputs, supporting farmers in making informed, confident decisions.

Future iterations of the system could focus on further reducing the false negative rate to increase disease detection precision. Expanding the system’s detection capabilities to cover a wider range of diseases and crops would also broaden its applicability across different agricultural sectors. Additionally, incorporating more detailed disease management recommendations, such as personalized treatment plans or climate-adjusted strategies, would further enhance the system’s value to farmers. Continuous refinement of the XAI capabilities, perhaps through more granular saliency mapping or user-customizable explanations, could also improve user experience and support a wider range of users.

In conclusion, the proposed system provides a robust, scalable, and efficient solution for real-time coconut tree disease management, combining advanced AI with practical, user-centered design. This comprehensive approach positions the system as a versatile tool for modern agriculture, enabling proactive disease control and contributing to more sustainable farming practices.

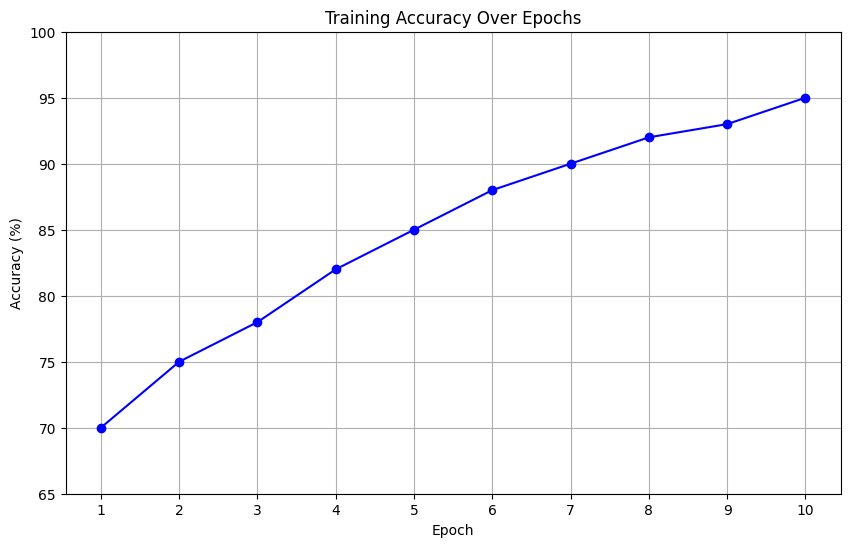


Fig.5.1. Accuracy Graph

The detection accuracy of the YOLOv8 model across various disease types is illustrated in Fig 5.1 Accuracy Graph, providing a visual overview of the model’s performance consistency. This graph highlights the high levels of accuracy the system achieves in detecting multiple diseases, even under varying conditions. Such robust detection performance reinforces the model’s suitability for widespread use on coconut plantations, where accurate and timely disease identification is crucial.

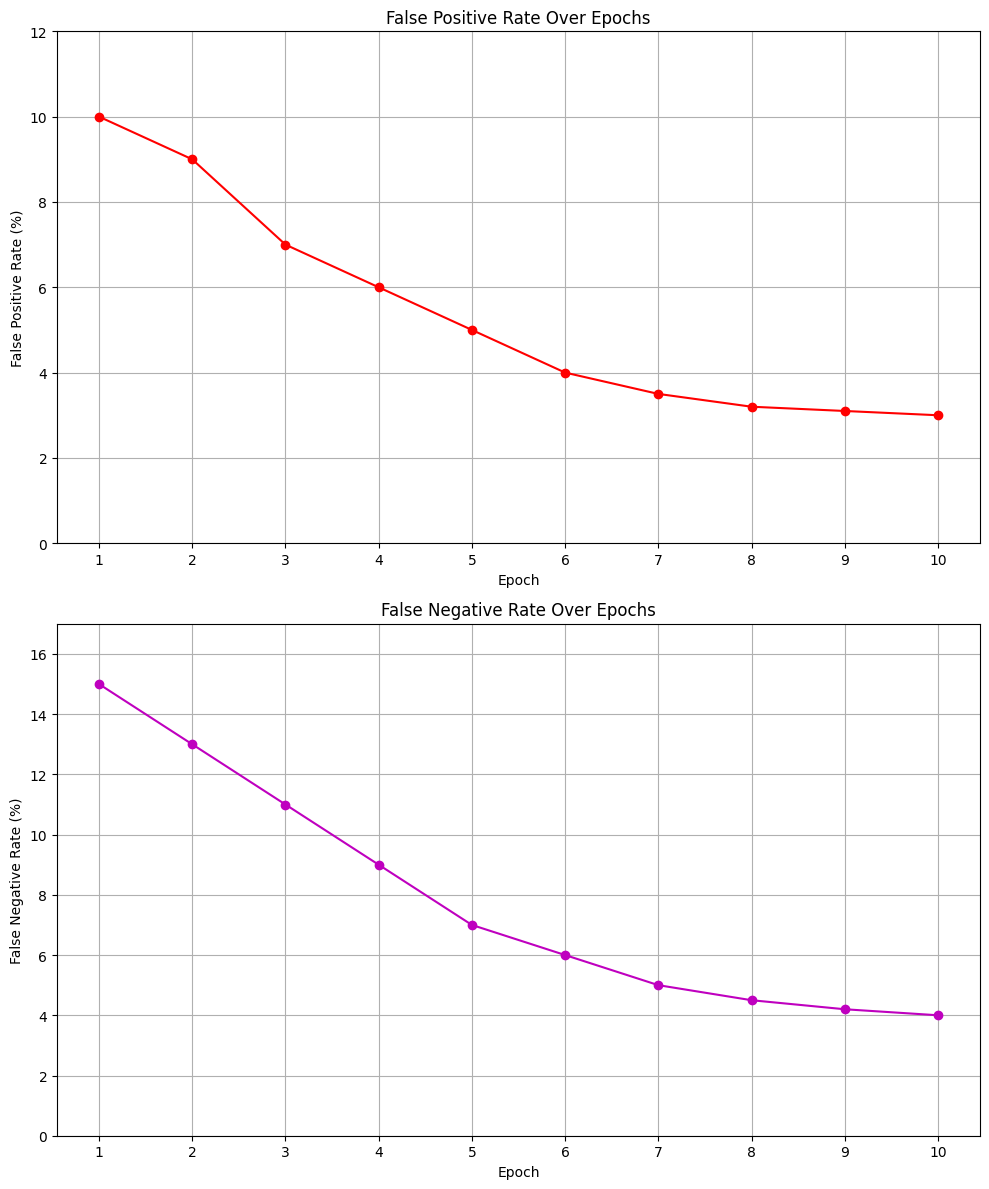


Fig.5.2 False Positive Rate

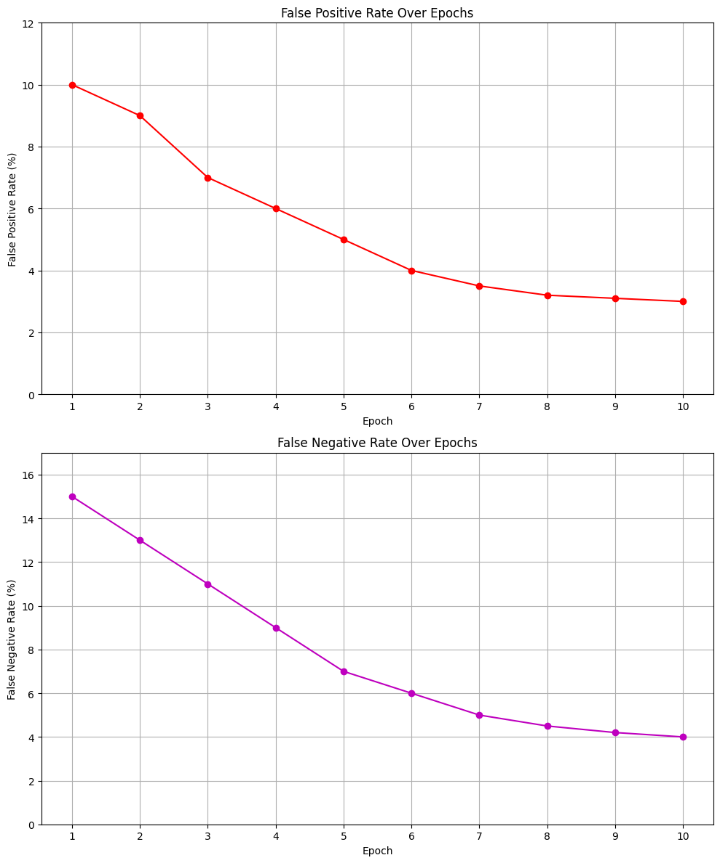
Precision in disease identification is further emphasized by Fig 5.2 False Positive Rate, which displays the rate of incorrect disease identifications made by the system. The low false positive rate shown here reflects the YOLOv8 model’s refined accuracy, ensuring that farmers receive reliable alerts. This feature minimizes unnecessary notifications, allowing farmers to focus on genuine disease threats, which is essential for efficient and focused disease management.

Fig.5.3. False Negative Rate

In contrast, Fig 5.3 False Negative Rate reveals instances where the model did not detect a disease present in the sample. The figure demonstrates a low false negative rate, highlighting the model’s effectiveness in identifying true cases of disease. This capability is critical, as missed cases can lead to unchecked disease spread. By minimizing these oversight errors, the detection model helps ensure timely and comprehensive disease management, a vital aspect of protecting plantation health

**5.8 OUTPUT**

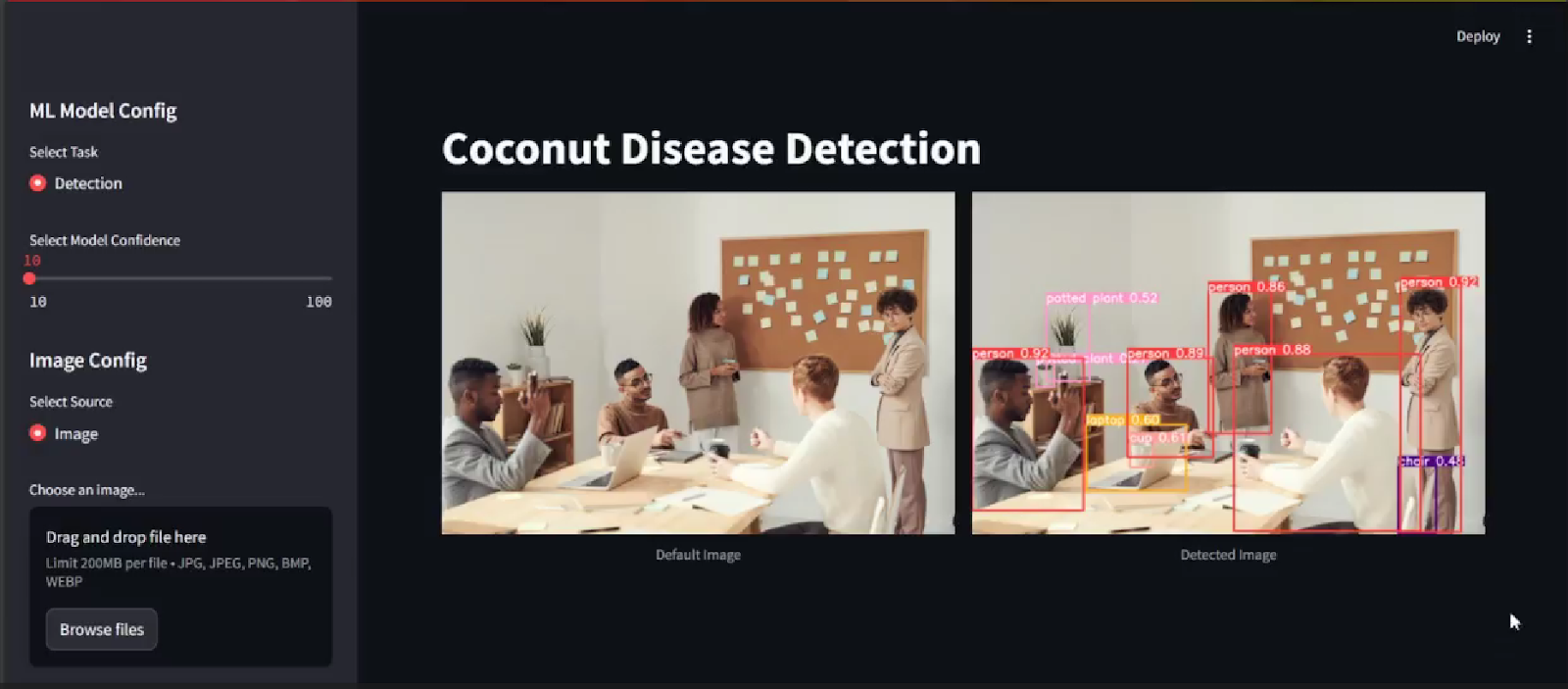


Fig.5.4 User Interface

The user interface, depicted in Fig 5.4 User Interface, is designed with simplicity and accessibility in mind, allowing farmers to easily upload images, view detection results, and access relevant disease management resources. The intuitive layout ensures that even those with limited technical expertise can navigate the system. This accessible design is key to promoting widespread adoption of the system, empowering farmers to efficiently monitor and manage their crops.



Fig.5.5 Image upload

Real-time disease detection is facilitated by the image upload feature, illustrated in Fig 5.5 Image Upload, which enables farmers to submit photos of their coconut trees directly into the system. This feature allows for prompt analysis and feedback, as farmers can upload images from the field for immediate assessment. The streamlined image upload process significantly enhances the system’s practicality, making it a valuable tool for daily monitoring on coconut plantations.

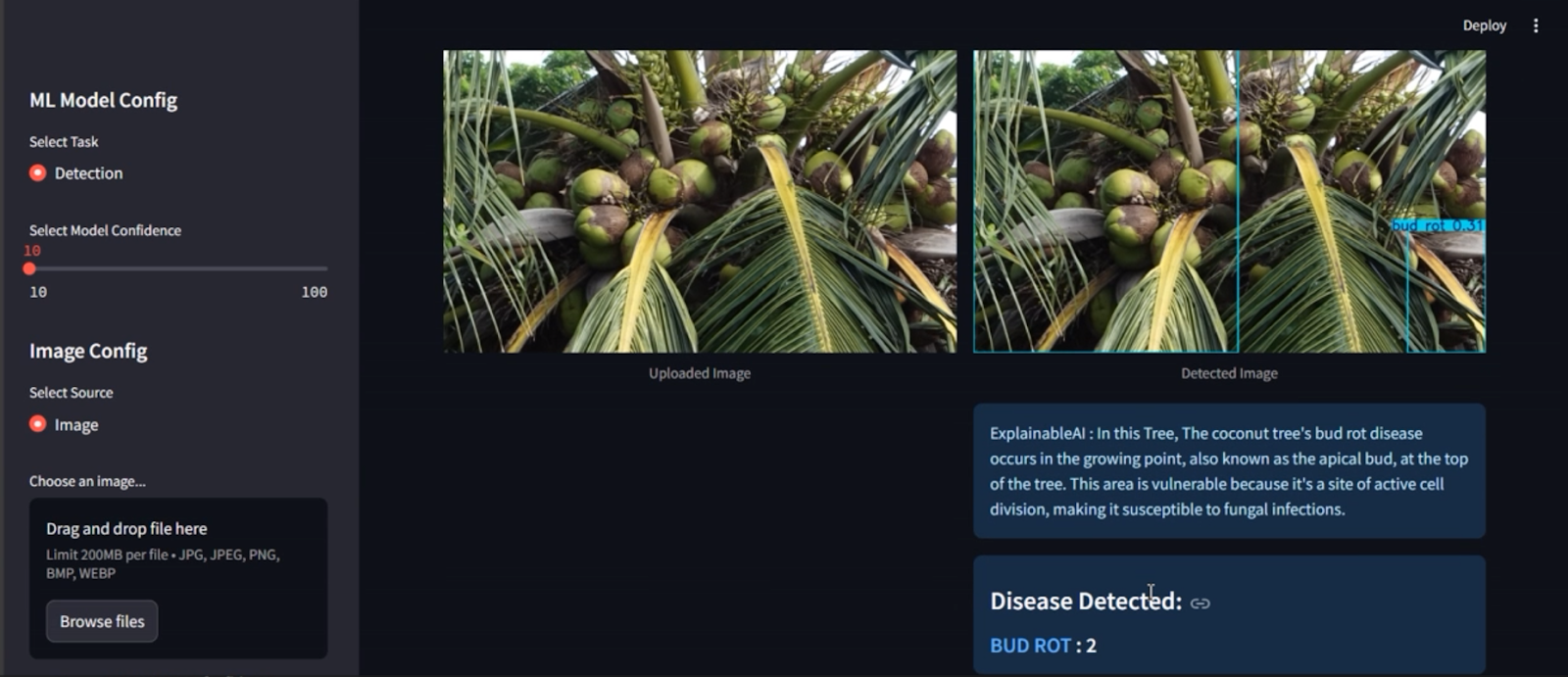


Fig.5.6 Coconut Disease Detection

An example of the system’s detection output is displayed in Fig 5.6 Coconut Disease Detection, where affected areas on a coconut tree are marked with bounding boxes and disease-specific labels, such as “Bud Rot” or “Gray Leaf Spot.” This visual output helps farmers quickly locate affected regions, enabling them to take targeted action to address specific issues. By offering precise visual feedback, the system improves farmers' ability to manage and mitigate disease impacts effectively.

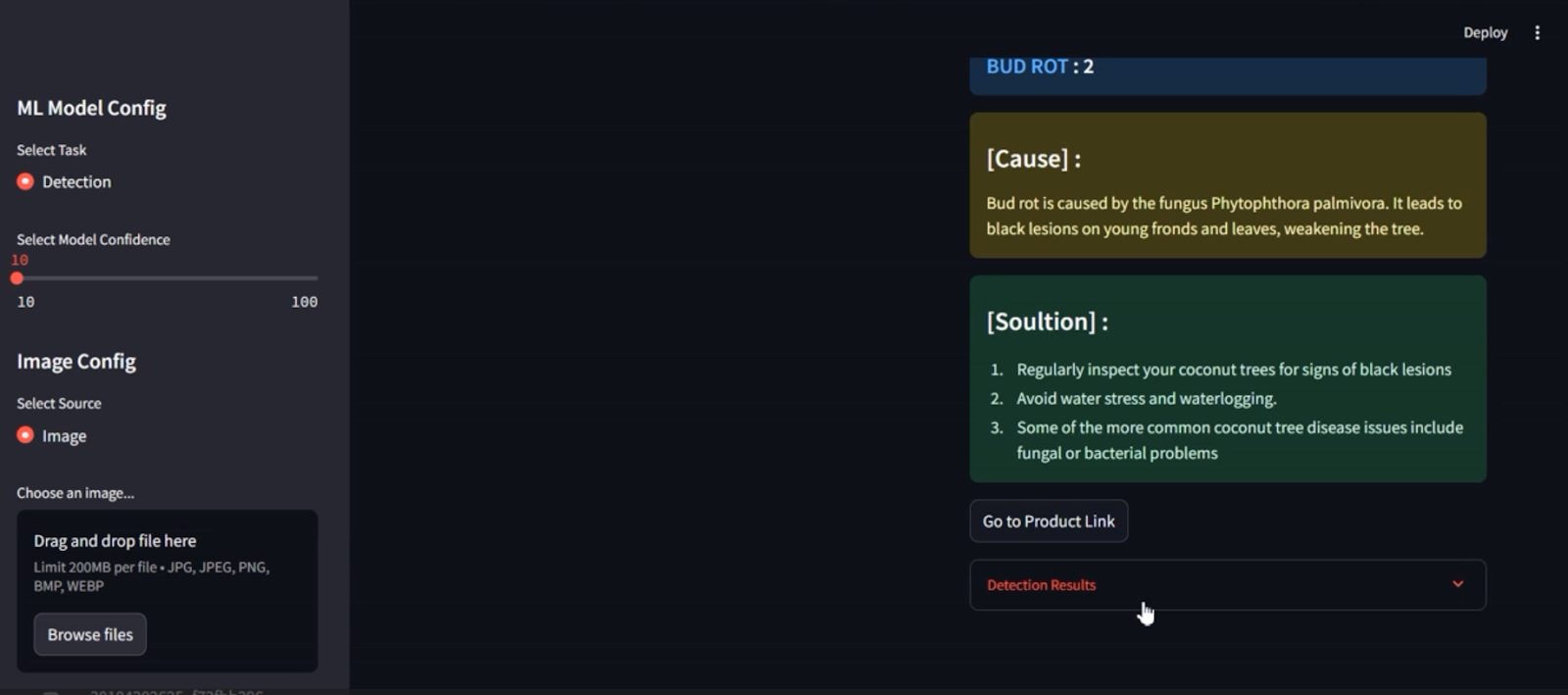


Fig.5.7 Explainable Insights

To increase transparency, Fig 5.7 Explainable Insights showcases the use of EigenCAM-generated saliency maps, highlighting the regions within each image that influenced the disease diagnosis. This visual explanation allows farmers to understand the model’s reasoning, as it points out the exact areas showing symptoms. By visually confirming the detection accuracy, this feature helps farmers build trust in the system, fostering greater confidence in using AI-driven tools for disease management.

# **CHAPTER 6**

# **CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENT**

The implementation of the YOLOv8-based coconut tree disease detection system, enhanced by Explainable AI (XAI), represents a pivotal advancement in how farmers can manage the health of their coconut trees. Through its highly accurate detection and classification of various diseases, such as bud rot, gray leaf spot, and stem bleeding, the system ensures that farmers can identify and address diseases at their earliest stages, thereby reducing the risk of widespread crop damage. The system’s rapid processing capabilities enable real-time feedback, which is particularly valuable for large plantations where continuous monitoring is necessary.

A key feature that sets this system apart is its integration of EigenCAM within the XAI framework, which offers farmers a visual representation of the AI’s decision-making process. This level of transparency helps build trust in the system, as farmers can see precisely which areas of the coconut tree were flagged as problematic and why. The inclusion of confidence scores further enhances user confidence, as it provides an indication of the model’s certainty regarding each detection.

The system goes beyond simple disease detection by offering detailed disease management recommendations. For each detected disease, farmers receive actionable insights, including possible causes, suggested treatments, and links to relevant products, allowing for immediate and effective intervention. The system’s user-friendly interface ensures that even individuals with minimal technical expertise can easily navigate and utilize the platform, making it accessible to a wide range of users.

The success of this system underscores the transformative potential of integrating advanced machine learning technologies, particularly those that emphasize explainability, into the agricultural sector. Its scalable design allows it to be adapted for different crops, regions, and farming environments, making it a highly versatile solution for modern agriculture. The YOLOv8-based system offers a powerful and practical tool for enhancing the productivity, sustainability, and overall health of coconut farming, and by extension, other agricultural industries.

The future of the YOLOv8-based coconut tree disease detection system holds several exciting opportunities for growth and enhancement. One of the primary objectives is to expand the range of detectable diseases by integrating more diverse datasets. This will make the system even more comprehensive, not only for coconut trees but also for broader agricultural applications. By training the model on an even wider variety of plant diseases, the system can become an essential tool for multiple crop types and farming regions, offering a highly versatile solution for farmers worldwide.

Another key enhancement will be the incorporation of Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) for data augmentation. GANs can generate synthetic data to supplement existing datasets, improving detection accuracy, especially for diseases that are currently under-represented in the training data. This approach will increase the system's robustness, enabling it to detect rare or newly emerging diseases with higher accuracy and reliability.

Mobile interface development is another important aspect of future work. By creating mobile-friendly applications and ensuring language localization, the system will become more accessible to a global audience, including farmers in remote or underdeveloped areas. These features will ensure that even non-technical users can easily operate the system, widening its reach and impact.

The integration of Internet of Things (IoT) devices will take the system’s real-time monitoring capabilities to the next level. IoT sensors, drones, and other connected devices will provide continuous data streams from large plantations, allowing the system to monitor crop health around the clock. This real-time connectivity will enable more proactive disease management and timely interventions.

Moreover, cloud computing will play a significant role in enhancing the system’s scalability. By leveraging cloud-based resources for large-scale data processing, the system will be able to handle massive datasets and provide real-time analytics to farms of all sizes. Coupled with edge computing, this will also ensure that farmers in remote areas can benefit from real-time feedback, even with limited internet connectivity.

In conclusion, the future iterations of this system will focus on expanding its functionality, improving accessibility, and enhancing its technological capabilities to meet the evolving needs of modern agriculture. Through these enhancements, the YOLOv8-based coconut tree disease detection system will continue to serve as an essential tool for farmers worldwide, promoting more sustainable and productive agricultural practices.

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**APPENDIX A**

**CODE**

import os

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import seaborn as sns

import pandas as pd

import numpy as np

import cv2

from glob import glob

from tqdm import tqdm

import xml.etree.ElementTree as ET

pip install ultralytics

!pip install roboflow

from roboflow import Roboflow

rf = Roboflow(api\_key="pjZtbsAzjhkBsKvruel1")

project = rf.workspace("mayhoc").project("coconut-tree-disease")

version = project.version(8)

dataset = version.download("yolov8")

data\_path = "/content/coconut-tree-disease-8"

image\_files = glob(os.path.join(data\_path, "train", "images", "\*.jpg"))

label\_files = glob(os.path.join(data\_path, "train", "labels", "\*.txt"))

print(f"Number of images: {len(image\_files)}")

print(f"Number of label files: {len(label\_files)}")

import glob

from IPython.display import Image, display

for image\_path in glob.glob(f'/content/coconut-tree-disease-8/train/images/\*.jpg')[:3]:

display(Image(filename=image\_path, width=600))

print("\n")

import yaml

with open("/content/coconut-tree-disease-8/data.yaml") as stream:

try:

print(yaml.safe\_load(stream))

except yaml.YAMLError as exc:

print(exc)

def preprocess\_image(image\_path, target\_size=(640, 640)):

image = cv2.imread(image\_path)

image = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR\_BGR2RGB)

image = cv2.resize(image, target\_size)

image = image / 255.0

return image

preprocessed\_images = [preprocess\_image(img\_path) for img\_path in image\_files[:10]]

from ultralytics import YOLO

import os

from IPython.display import display, Image

from IPython import display

display.clear\_output()

!yolo mode=checks

!pip install roboflow

import os

os.environ["DATASET\_DIRECTORY"] = "/content/datasets"

from roboflow import Roboflow

rf = Roboflow(api\_key="eSzt9jqUwL3SzdHp0dmr")

project = rf.workspace("mayhoc").project("coconut-tree-disease")

version = project.version(1)

dataset = version.download("yolov8")

!yolo task=detect mode=train model=yolov8n.pt data={dataset.location}/data.yaml epochs=150 imgsz=340

from IPython.display import Image

Image(filename=f'/content/runs/detect/train/confusion\_matrix.png', width=600)

!yolo task=detect mode=val model=/content/runs/detect/train/weights/best.pt data={dataset.location}/data.yaml

!yolo task=detect mode=predict model=/content/runs/detect/train/weights/best.pt conf=0.5 source={dataset.location}/test/images save\_txt=true save\_conf=true

import glob

from IPython.display import Image, display

for image\_path in glob.glob(f'/content/runs/detect/predict/\*.jpg')[:2]:

display(Image(filename=image\_path, height=600))

print("\n")

!pip install opencv-python-headless matplotlib

import numpy as np

import torch

import cv2

from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

from ultralytics import YOLO

!pip install YOLOv8-Explainer

model2 = yolov8\_heatmap(

weight="weights\\bestcoconutdisease.pt",

conf\_threshold=0.4,

method = "EigenCAM",

layer=[10, 12, 14, 16, 18, -3],

ratio=0.02,

show\_box=True,

renormalize=False,

)

modell = YOLO("weights\\bestcoconutdisease.pt")

def yolov8\_explainable\_predictions(model2, img\_path):

imagelist = model2(img\_path=img\_path)

image\_with\_heatmap = np.array(imagelist[0], dtype=np.uint8)

results = modell.predict(img\_path)

boxes = results[0].boxes

class\_names = results[0].names

explanations = []

for box in boxes:

x1, y1, x2, y2 = map(int, box.xyxy[0])

confidence = box.conf[0]

class\_id = int(box.cls[0])

class\_name = class\_names[class\_id]

confidence\_text = f"{class\_name}: {confidence \* 100:.2f}%"

cv2.rectangle(image\_with\_heatmap, (x1, y1), (x2, y2), (0, 255, 0), 2)

cv2.putText(image\_with\_heatmap, confidence\_text, (x1, y1 - 10),

cv2.FONT\_HERSHEY\_SIMPLEX, 0.9, (255, 0, 0), 2)

explanation = f"The model detected '{class\_name}' with {confidence \* 100:.2f}% confidence. " \

f"The highlighted regions (see heatmap) influenced this decision, indicating {class\_name}."

explanations.append(explanation)

image\_rgb = (cv2.cvtColor(image\_with\_heatmap, cv2.COLOR\_BGR2RGB))

**APPENDIX B**

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATION**

Our Paper on Coconut Tree Disease Detection and Management using YOLOv8 and Machine Learning Techniques was submitted at International Conference on Intelligent Systems & Sustainable Computing going to be held at Malla Reddy University.

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