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COMPUTER VISION BASED COTTON HARVESTING ROVER

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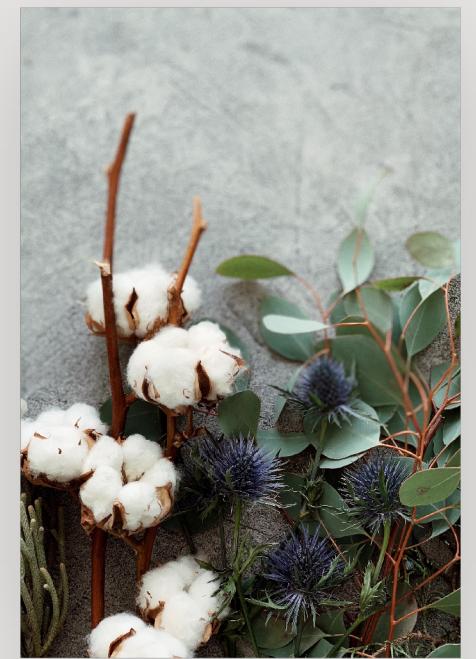
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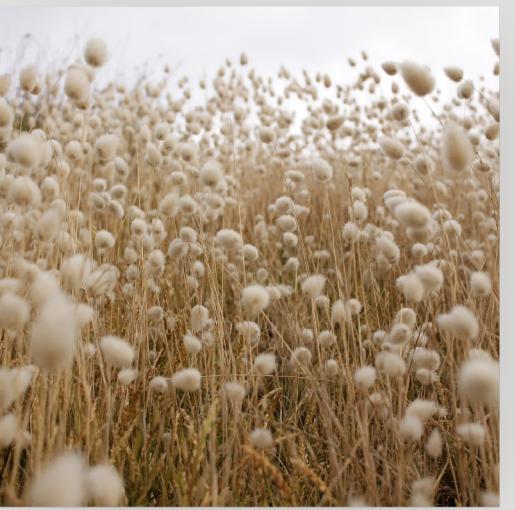
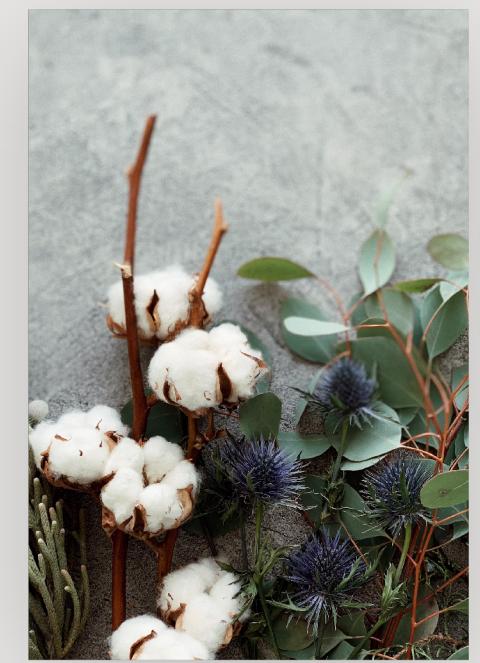
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Introduction

- *The idea of the project is to develop an advanced cotton picking robot that incorporates computer vision to enhance and upgrade the efficiency and accuracy of cotton harvesting.*
- *Traditionally cotton picking was done by using methodologies such as hand picking, chemical defoliation, mechanical stripping, manual picking machines etc.*
- *The challenges faced due to these techniques were labor-intensive work, slow process, inefficiency, involved use of chemicals, constant supervision ,etc.*
- *Computer vision technology is a revolutionary solution to provide higher efficiency, increased yields and reduced environmental impact.*
- *OpenCV – Open Source Computer Vision. It is one of the most widely used tools for computer vision and image processing tasks. It is used in various applications such as face detection, video capturing, tracking moving objects, object disclosure.*
- *Using image processing and open cv the cotton bolls can be detected based on its features and the robotic arm aims to pick them and store it in a container.*





Literature Review

Sr No .	Authors and Year of Publication	Journal Name	Methodology Used	Advantages	Limitations/ Drawbacks
1.	Author: Kadeghe Fue Published: 30 July 2020	Center-articulated hydrostatic cotton harvesting rover using visual-servoing control and a finite state machine	Development of 4-wheeled center-articulated rover which moves linearly ,vertically and horizontally to pick cotton bolls which were detected by image-based visual servoing using stereo camera.	1.Increased efficiency. 2.Improved accuracy. 3.Reduced labour costs. 4.Increased safety. 5.Scalability.	In real field due to obstruction caused by branches and other leaves it can result in longer picking time. Implementation cost due to hardware, software and maintenance is high.
2.	Author: ZHONGJIAN XU Published: December 27, 2021	Detecting White Cotton Bolls Using High-Resolution Aerial Imagery Acquired Through Unmanned Aerial System	The methodology used in this research involves image processing techniques to detect white cotton bolls in high-resolution aerial imagery acquired through unmanned aerial systems.	Simple and efficient image processing technique for monitoring agricultural crops, uses high-resolution aerial imagery, good efficiency in distinguishing crops or weeds in high ground rice fields	Detects only white cotton bolls therefore may not be directly applicable to other types of crops or monitoring scenarios. Requires specialized equipment.
3.	Author: Edward Barnes Published: 28 May 2021	Opportunities for robotic systems and automation in cotton production.	The proposed system uses an autonomous rover equipped with a center-articulated vehicle, an x-y picking manipulator, and a combination vacuum and rotating tines end-effector to pull bolls off the plant.	Cotton production is more profitable for farmers as cotton is picked before the quality is at risk, stereo cameras, RTK-GPS helps in navigating and locating cotton bolls with minimal damage.	Potential challenges faced can be field obstacles, theft, cost, etc. Due to system being autonomous they must require minimal management time.



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4.	Author: Amanda Issac Published: 22 November 2022	Dimensionality Reduction of High-throughput Phenotyping Data in Cotton Fields	This paper involves the use of Principal Component Analysis (PCA) for data reduction in high-throughput phenotyping (HTP) pipelines for cotton fields.	This paper demonstrates the potential of employing machine learning techniques for the data reduction pre-processing step prior to performing subsequent analysis.	Specifies the use case of detecting cotton bloom flowering patterns , and does not specify other use cases. Does not specify the computational requirement and time complexity.
5.	Author: Adalberto I. S. Oliveira Published: 2019	On the Intelligent Control Design of an Agricultural Mobile Robot for Cotton Crop Monitoring	This system uses a methodology based on the kinematics approach for modelling and control design of a wheeled mobile robot capable of performing autonomous navigation tasks in agricultural fields.	Use of robot which uses differential gear system and can identify cotton bolls exactly from the fields.	This paper specifies only crop monitoring and using a mobile robot whose accuracy is 8/10 use cases.
6.	Author: Fue, K. G. Published: 2019	VISUAL ROW DETECTION USING PIXEL-BASED ALGORITHM AND STEREO CAMERA FOR COTTON-PICKING ROBOT	Discussion on the cotton production process from pre-planting to harvest and ginning, identifying areas where there is potential for automation, as well as automation applications in other crops that could be adapted to cotton production.	Automated systems could help with weed control, reduce the risk of crop damage due to extreme weather events, and improve the accuracy of harvesting and ginning.	New automated machines will have to match the reliability, self-sufficiency, and economic competitiveness of the existing harvester used in the U.S.



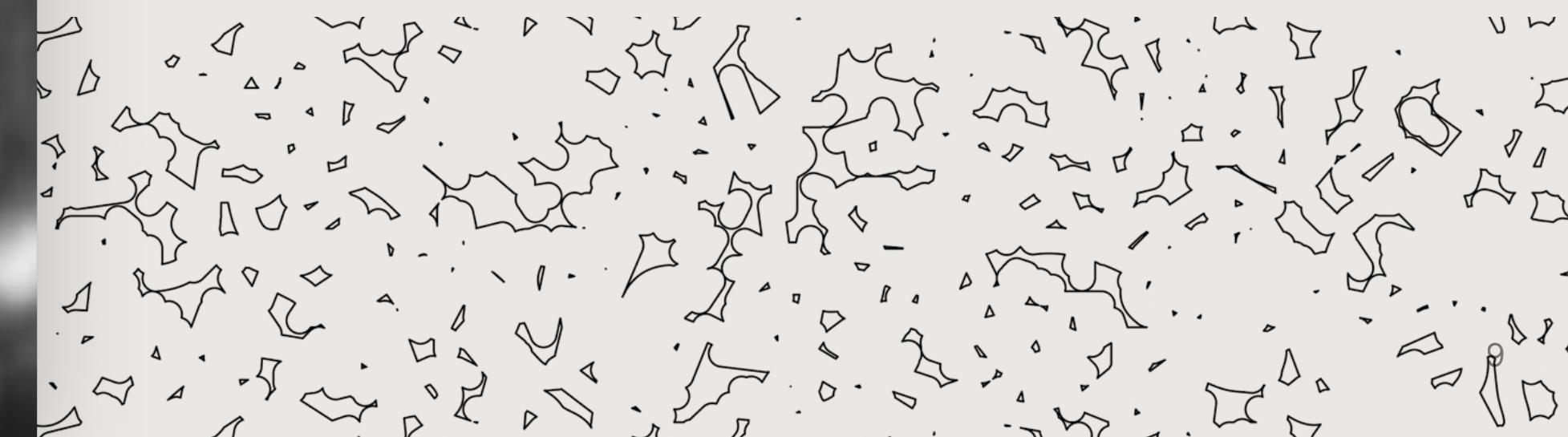
Literature Review

Sr No .	Authors and Year of Publication	Journal Name	Methodology Used	Advantages	Limitations/ Drawbacks
7.	Author: Nimkar Amey Sanjay Published: 5 July 2021	Cotton harvester through the application of machine learning and image processing techniques.	The machine uses a Camera captures images of the crop, the open cotton bolls are identified in real-time. Information is passed to a microcontroller, which carries out further functions of the bot.	Reduces the collection of trash, reduces the requirement of labor, reduced consumption of fuel and power.	This paper focuses on the development of cotton harvester using machine learning and image processing techniques and not on the practical use.
8.	Author: Kadeghe Fue Published: July 7–10, 2019	Visual Control of Cotton-picking Rover and Manipulator using a ROS-independent Finite State Machine	The robot is equipped with a ZED stereo camera system that takes images at a rate of 60 frames per second while the rover is stationary. The images are analyzed using OpenCV machine vision algorithms.	Smaller and less expensive. System uses visual controls to pick the bolls, which reduces the risk of damage to the cotton and improves the quality of the harvest	The system was struggling to get a boll if it is located behind the stem or branch. Sometimes it causes the system to leave behind some bolls.
9.	Author: Yong Wang Published: 2008	MACHINE VISION BASED COTTON RECOGNITION FOR COTTON HARVESTING ROBOT	Uses image acquisition, color analysis and cotton recognition method.	Cost effective, increased scalability, high accuracy.	Requires specific lighting conditions, Does not work well with certain types of cotton.

Gap Identification

From the literature survey following gaps are identified :

- *Obstruction caused due to leaves, branches or other materials can slower the picking time.*
- *Implementation cost due to hardware, software and maintenance.*
- *Autonomous systems must have lesser maintenance time.*
- *Only identifies specific cotton blooming patterns and not specifying other use cases.*
- *Could not identify cotton bolls which were hid behind some branches leaving behind some bolls.*



Problem Statement



**COMPUTER VISION
BASED COTTON
HARVESTING ROVER**

OBJECTIVES

Objective Complete:

- 1. To develop an image processing model which accurately identifies cotton bolls amongst other plants.***

Successfully developed a image recognition model which can recognize cotton bolls from its farm environment, the model is developed using a Pretrained YOLO model, Which was again train for a custom dataset of cotton bolls.

- 2. To distinguish mature cotton blooms from pre-matured ones***

Inorder to clearly classify and detect different phases of cotton , the model was trained on 5 classes: cotton bloom, cotton bud, early boll, matured boll, and split cotton boll.

- 3. To register a design patent for the suggested system and copyright its concept.***

Successfully Filled the copyright , new design for robot arm is developed and the patient process is initiated.



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OBJECTIVES

1. *To develop an image processing model which accurately identifies cotton bolls amongst other plants.*
2. *To ensure that plucked cotton bolls are not damaged.*
3. *To distinguish mature cotton blooms from pre-matured ones*
4. *To register a design patent for the suggested system and copyright its concept.*
5. *To ensure that hardware setup and software model are well integrated.*
6. *To guarantee that both manual and autonomous control are possible for the robotic arm.*



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PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Explanation for the block diagram:

1. The most important block of the whole cotton picking robot is its Processor and the computer, which are used for processing and computing the camera feed then sending the command to the robot arm and the rover.
2. The Arm block is integrated with the cotton picking block to remove and collect the cotton bloom from the plants.
3. The Robot motion block is responsible for the system to move in the farm lanes so as to collect the cotton.
4. The Camera block includes the camera on the Rover and the Arm. The camera on the rover is responsible for motion , where as the camera on the arm is responsible for the detection of cotton bloom.



Proposed Methodology: Detection

1. Data Collection: Gathered cotton images from various sources; used Roboflow dataset.

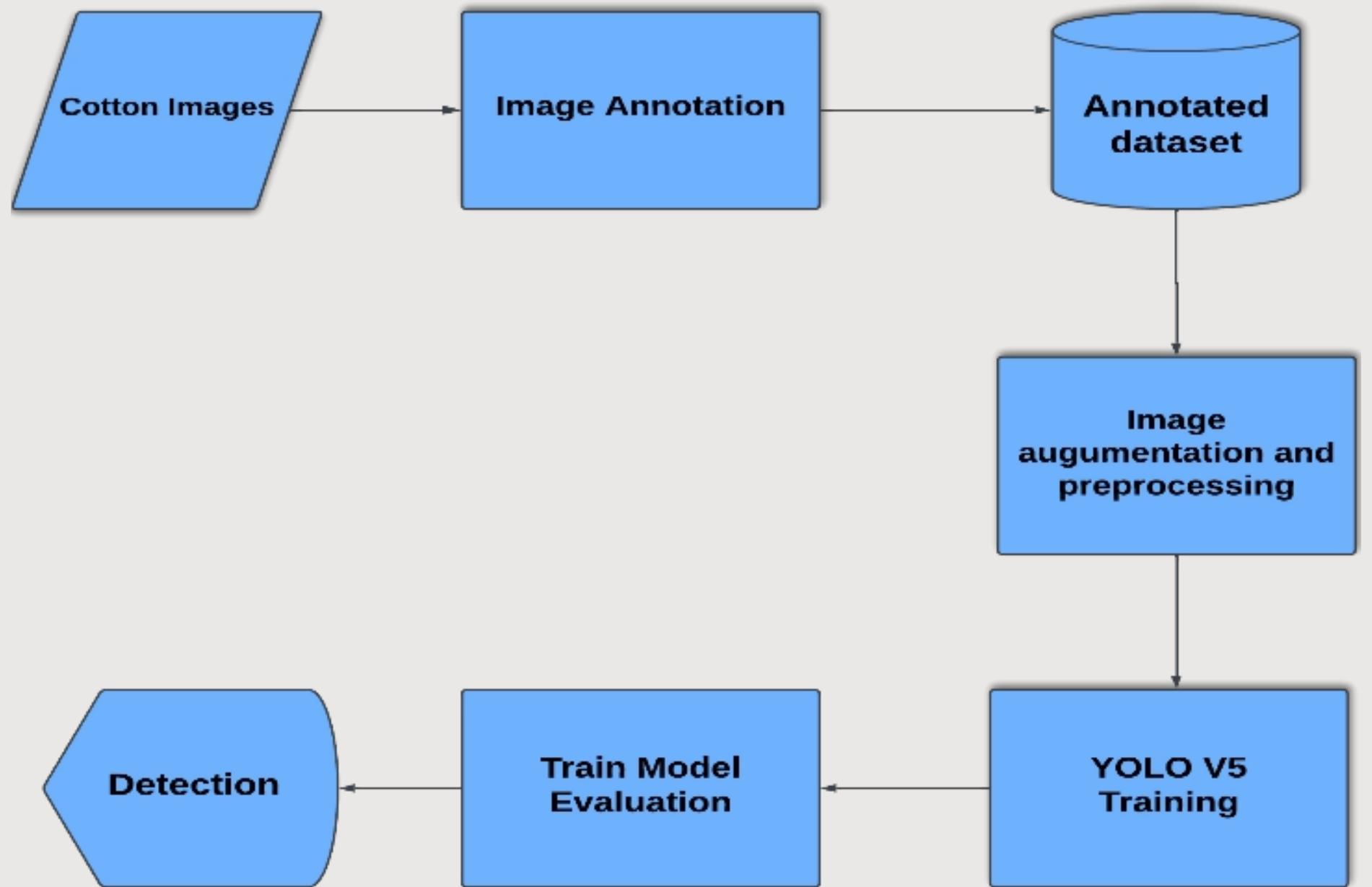
2. Image Annotation: Annotated images using tools; created two classes.

3. Dataset Preparation: Split into test, validation, and training sets; augmented data.

4. YOLOv5 Training: Exported data to Colab; trained model with 150 epochs and batch size of 32; achieved 0.83 accuracy.

5. Model Evaluation: Tested on unseen data; evaluated using precision, mAP, and accuracy.

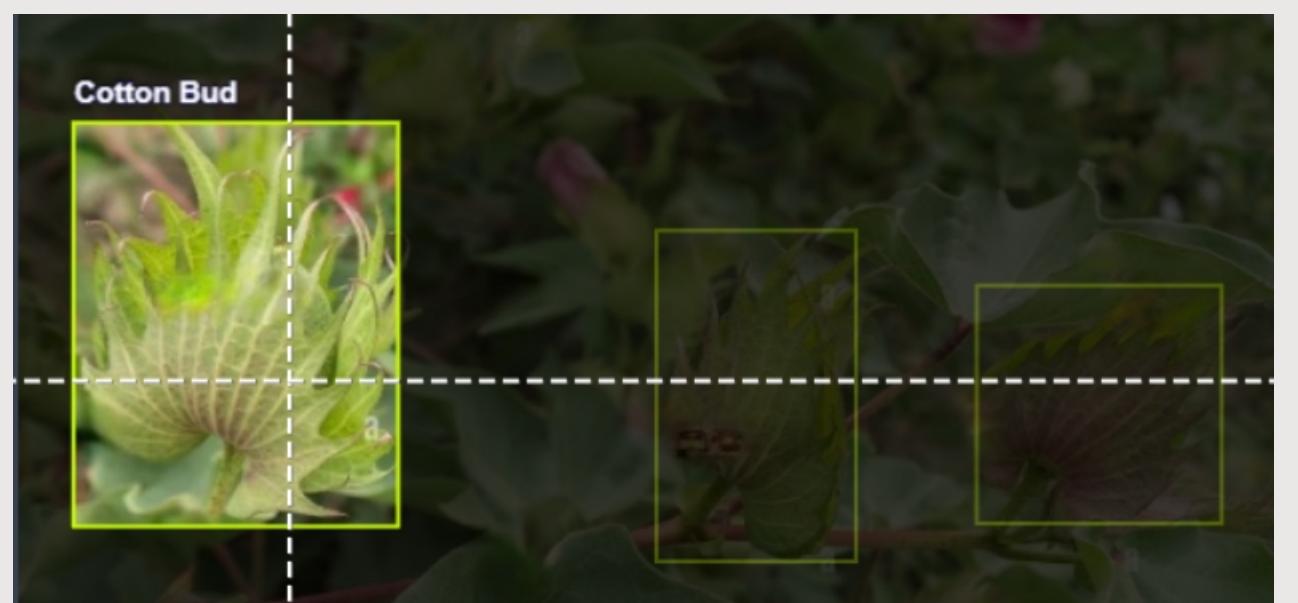
6. Detection: Bounding boxes show detected cotton with confidence levels (e.g., 0.8 for 80% confidence).



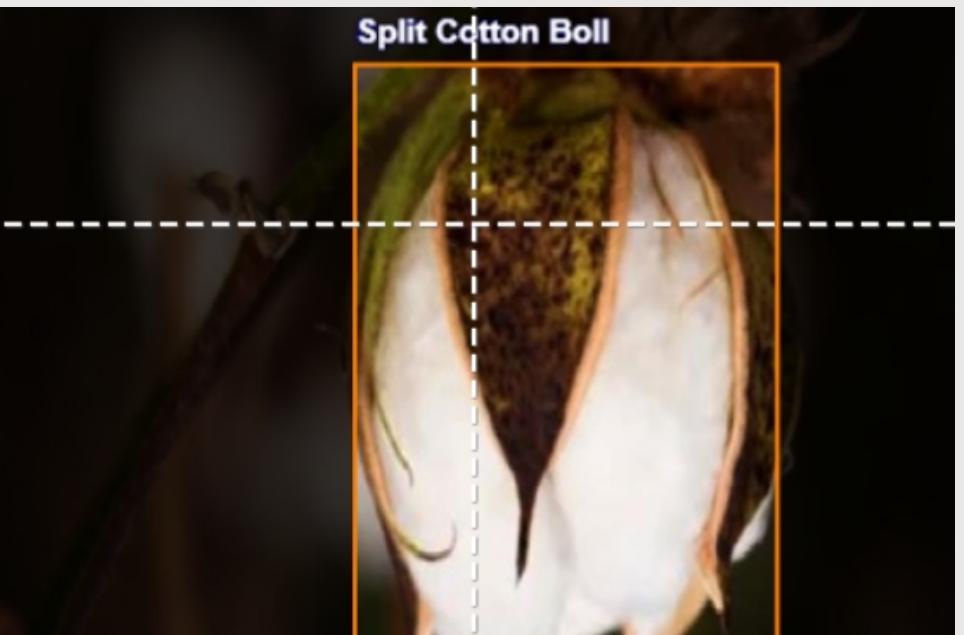
DATA SET



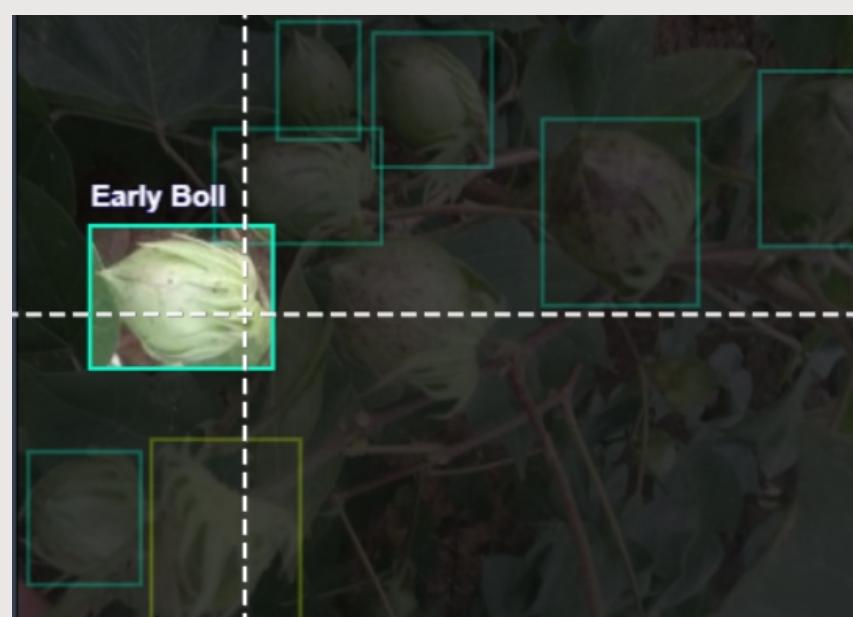
Matured



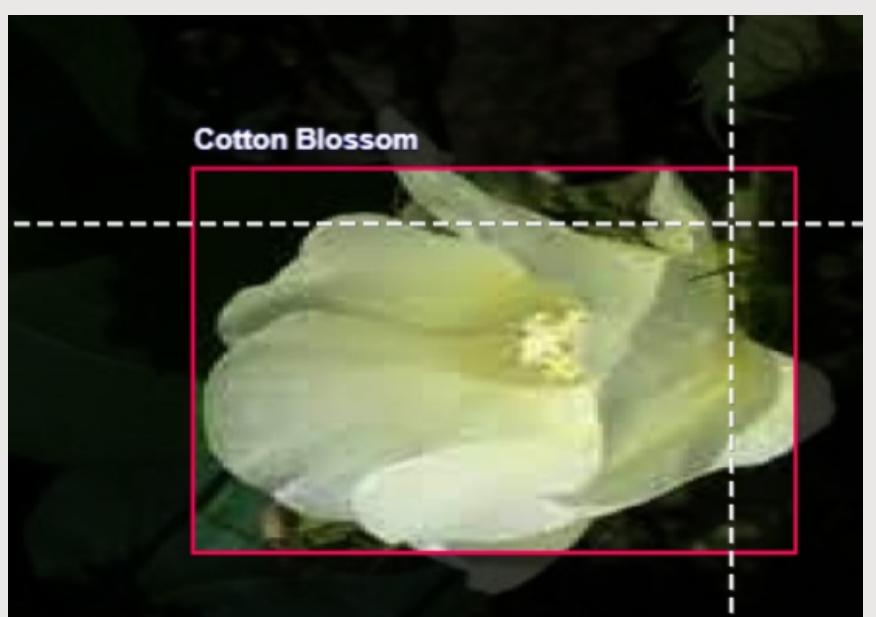
Cotton Bud



Split Cotton



Early boll



Cotton Blossom

Real Time Detection

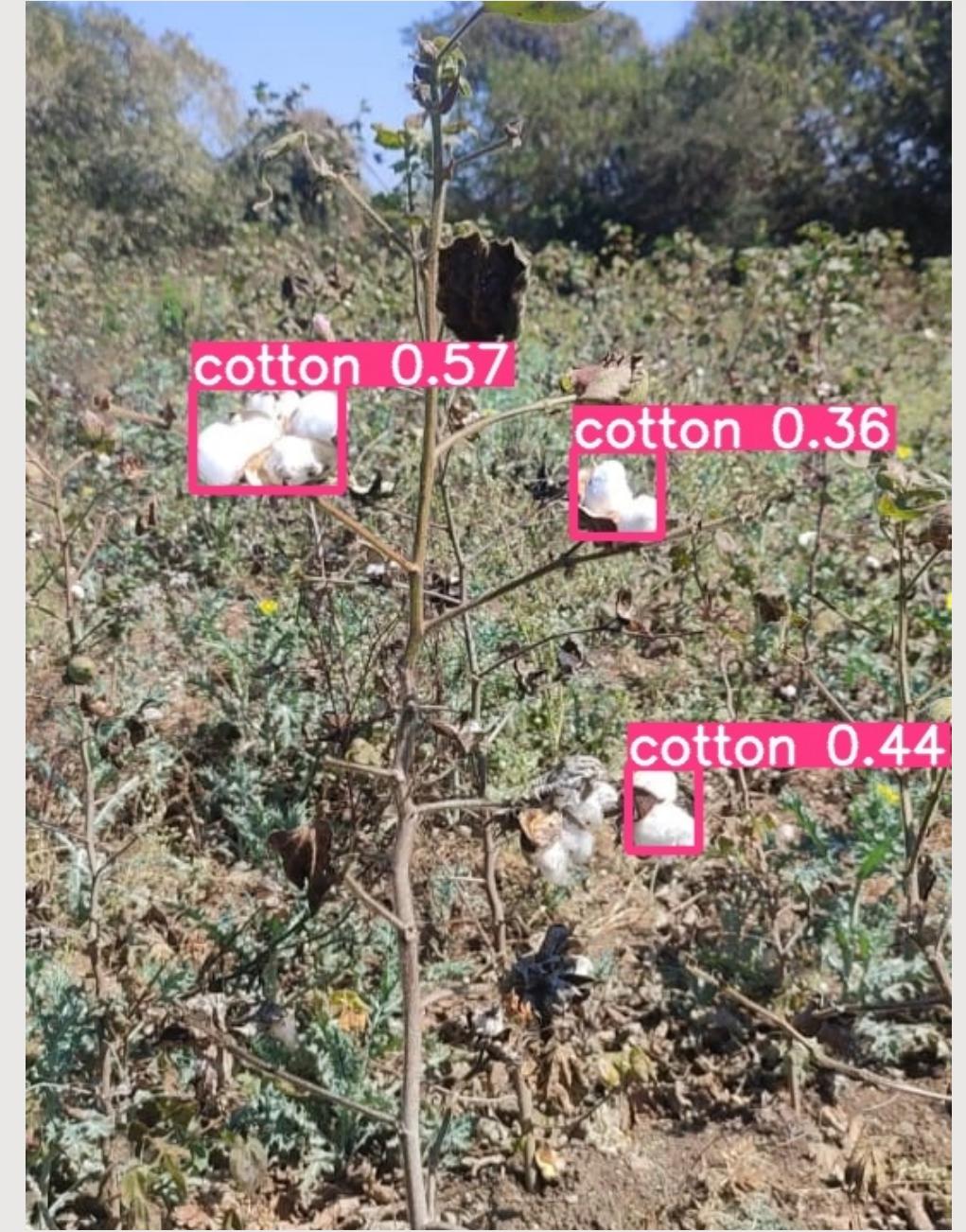
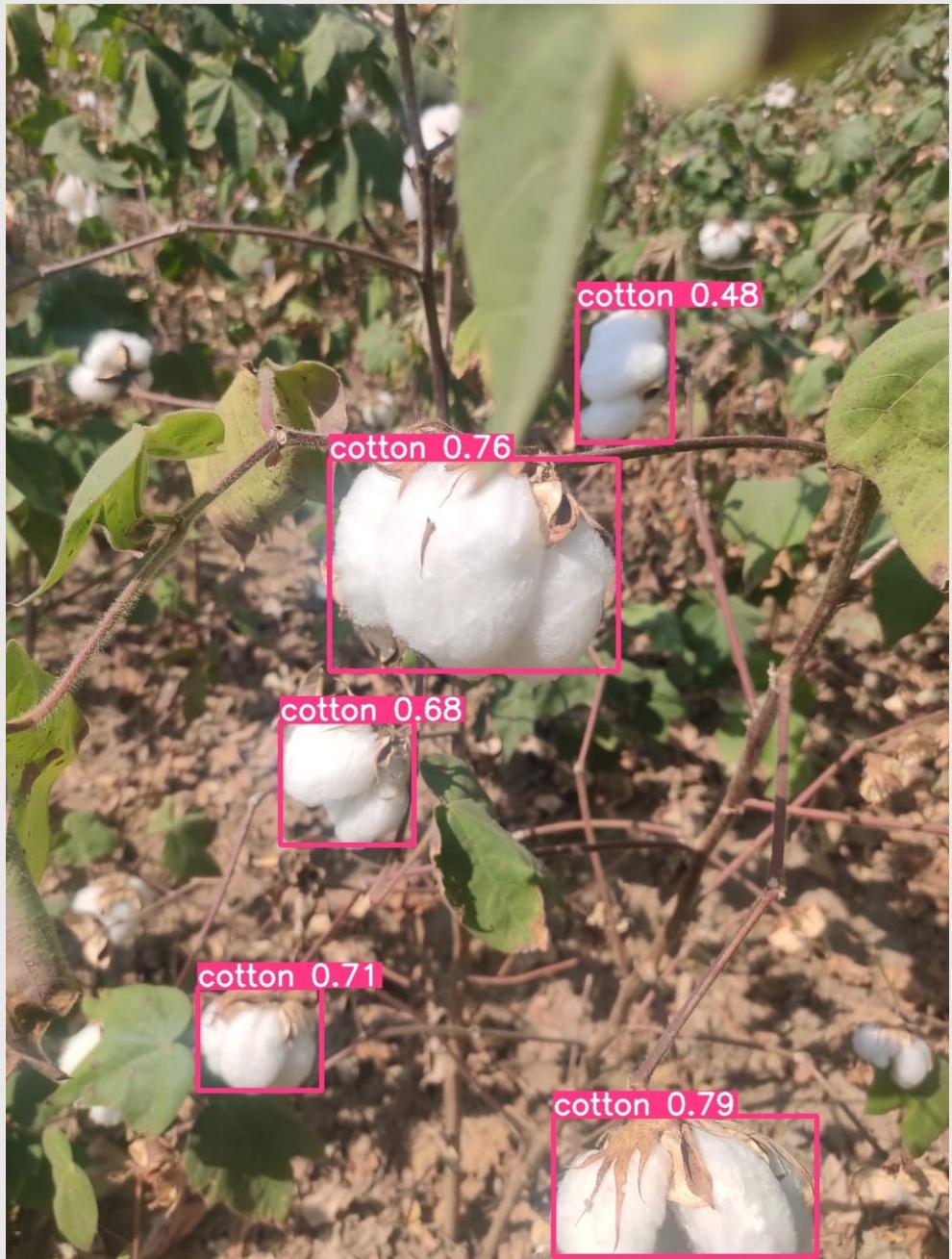
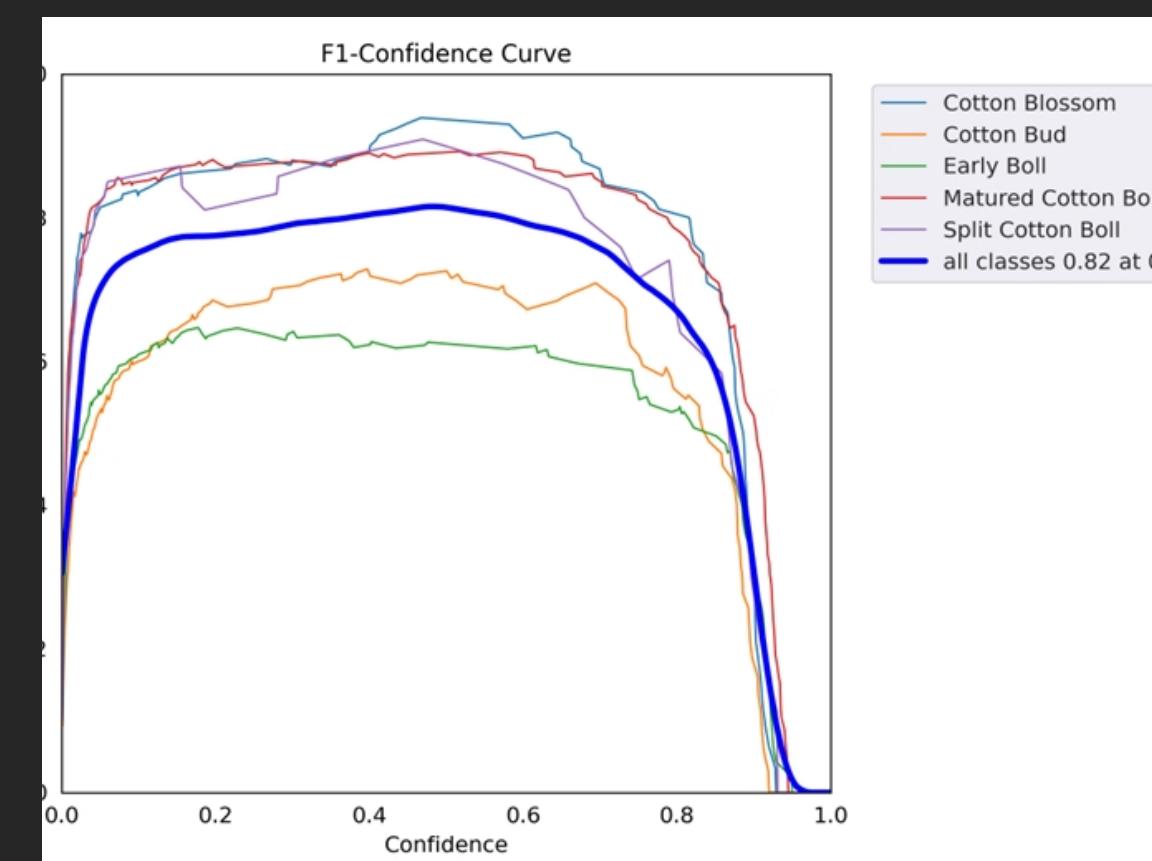
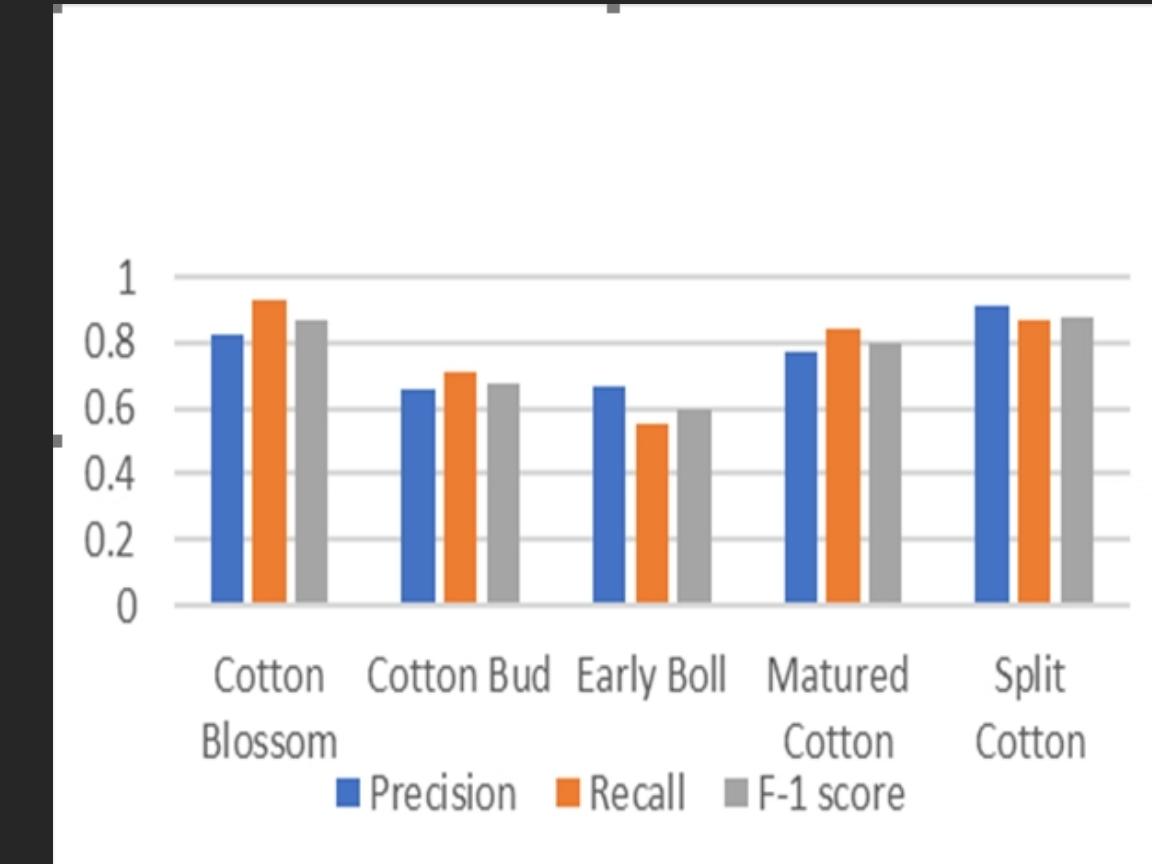
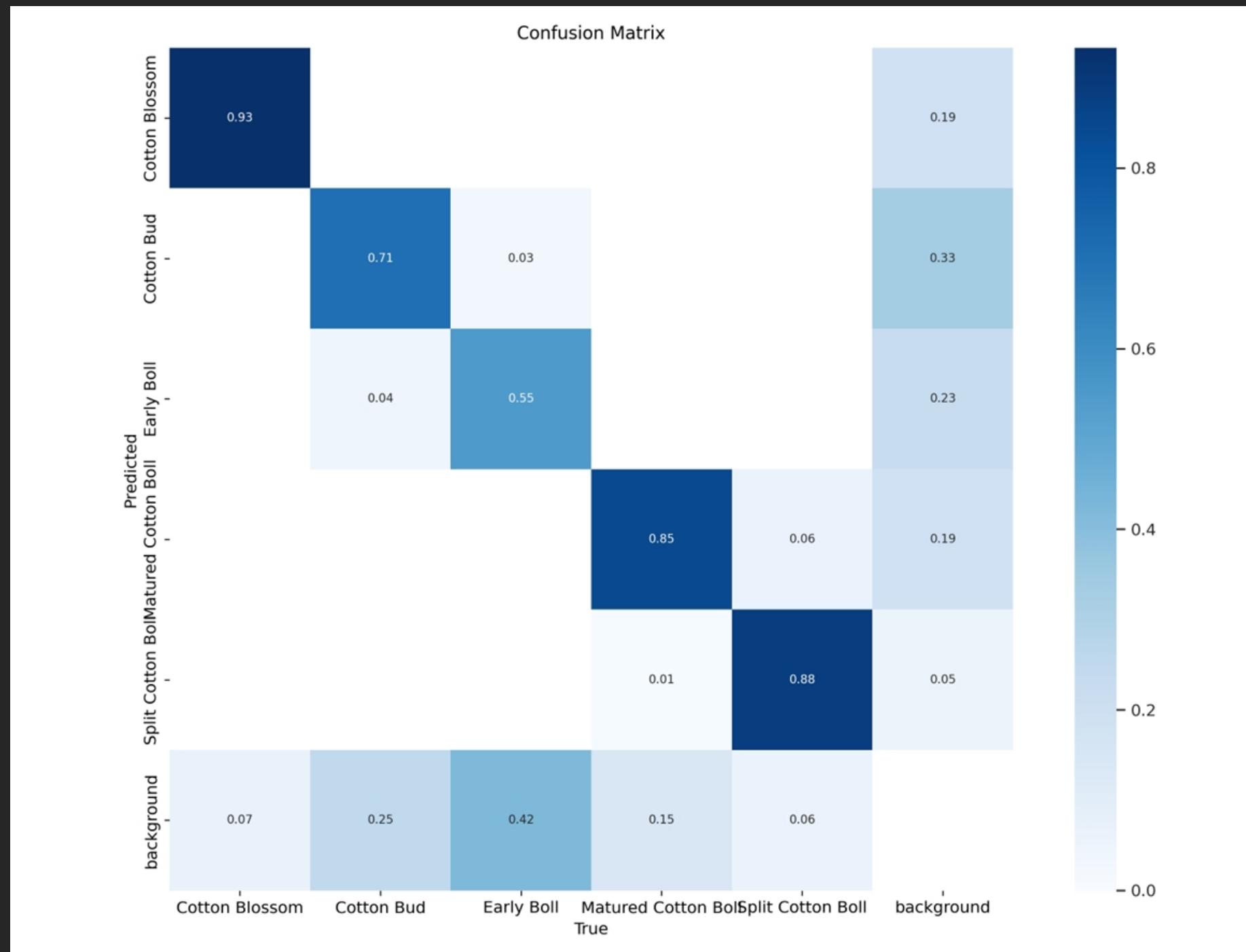


Fig : Detection

PERFORMANCE METRICS



Algorithm

YOLO v5



YOLO is an acronym that stands for You Only Look Once. We are employing **Version 5**, which was launched by **Ultralytics** in June 2020 . It is a novel convolutional neural network (CNN) that detects objects in real-time with great accuracy. This approach uses a single neural network to process the entire picture, then separates it into parts and predicts bounding boxes and probabilities for each component. Its architecture mainly consisted of three parts, namely-

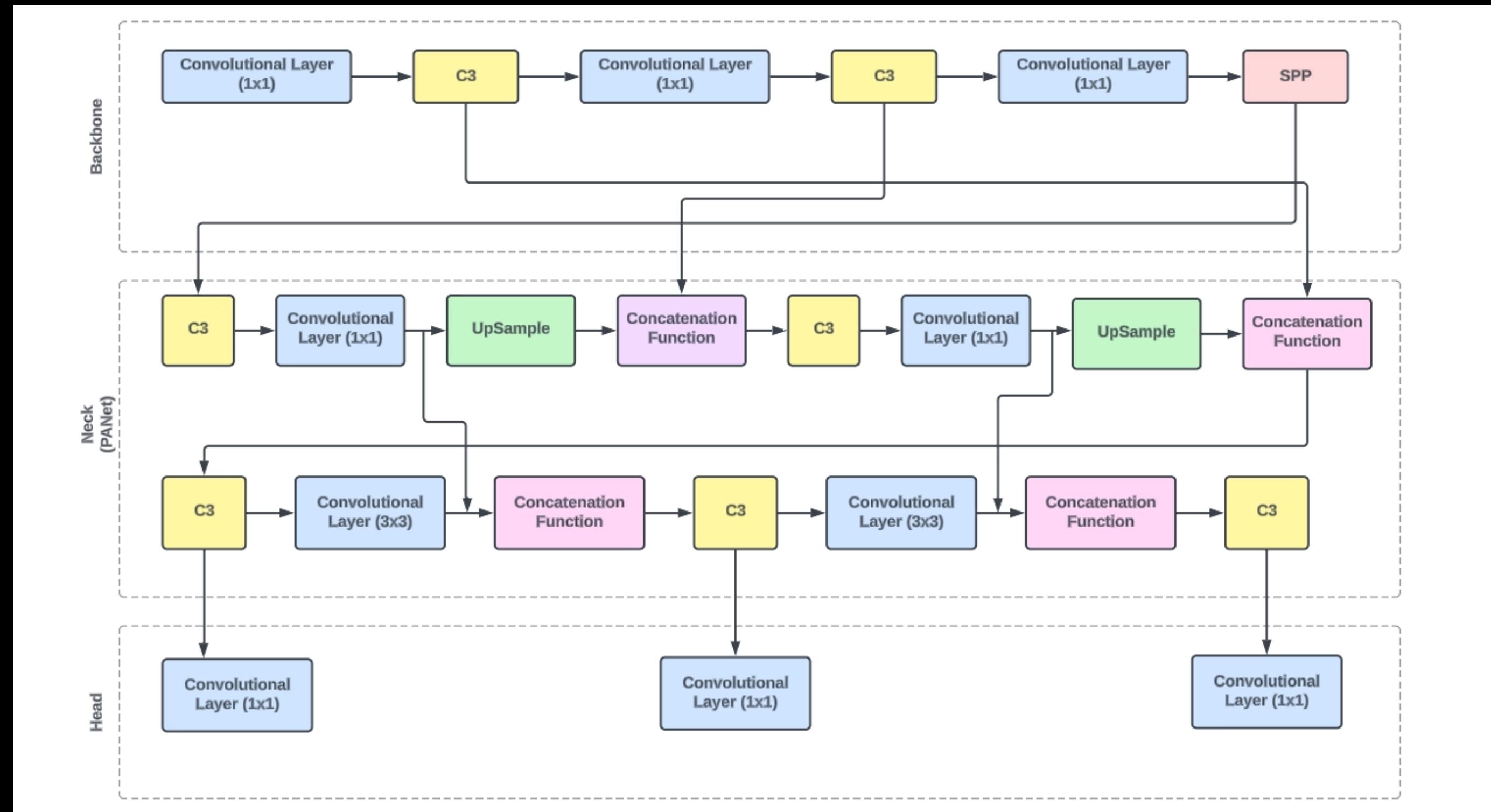
- Backbone
- Neck
- Head

Advantages of YOLO v5:

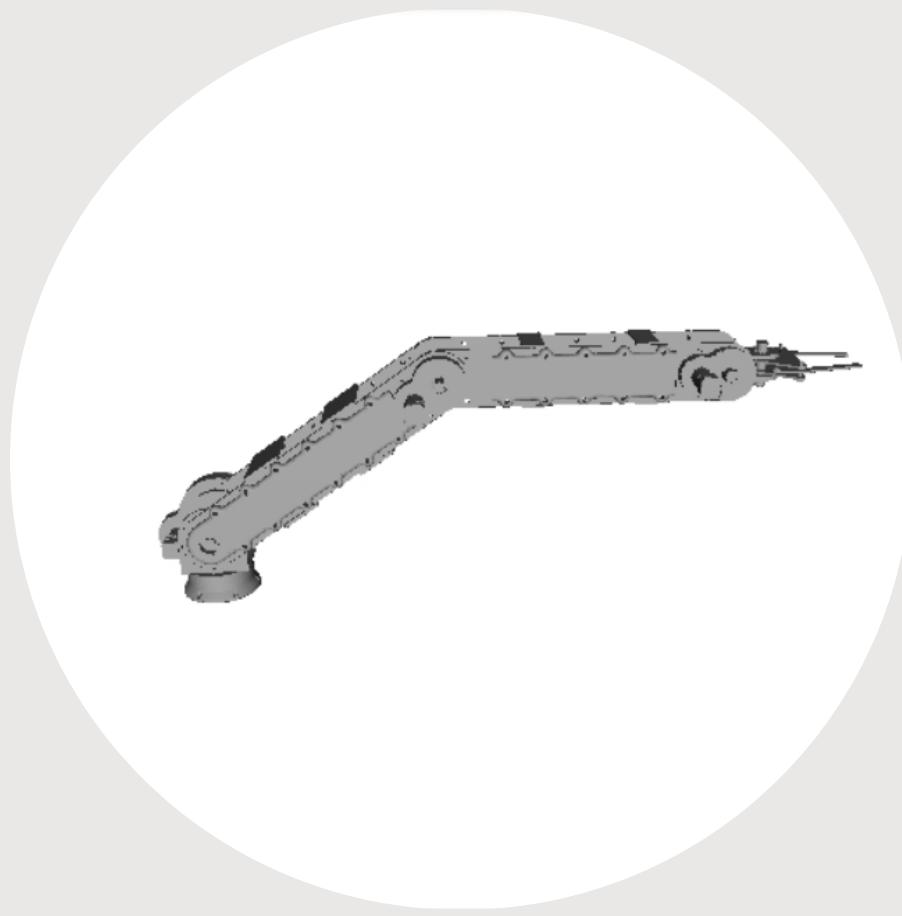
- It is about 180% faster than YOLOv4 (140 FPS vs 50 FPS)
- It is roughly as accurate as YOLOv4 on the same task (0.895 mAP vs 0.892 mAP)
- It is about 88% smaller than YOLOv4 (27 MB vs 244 MB)



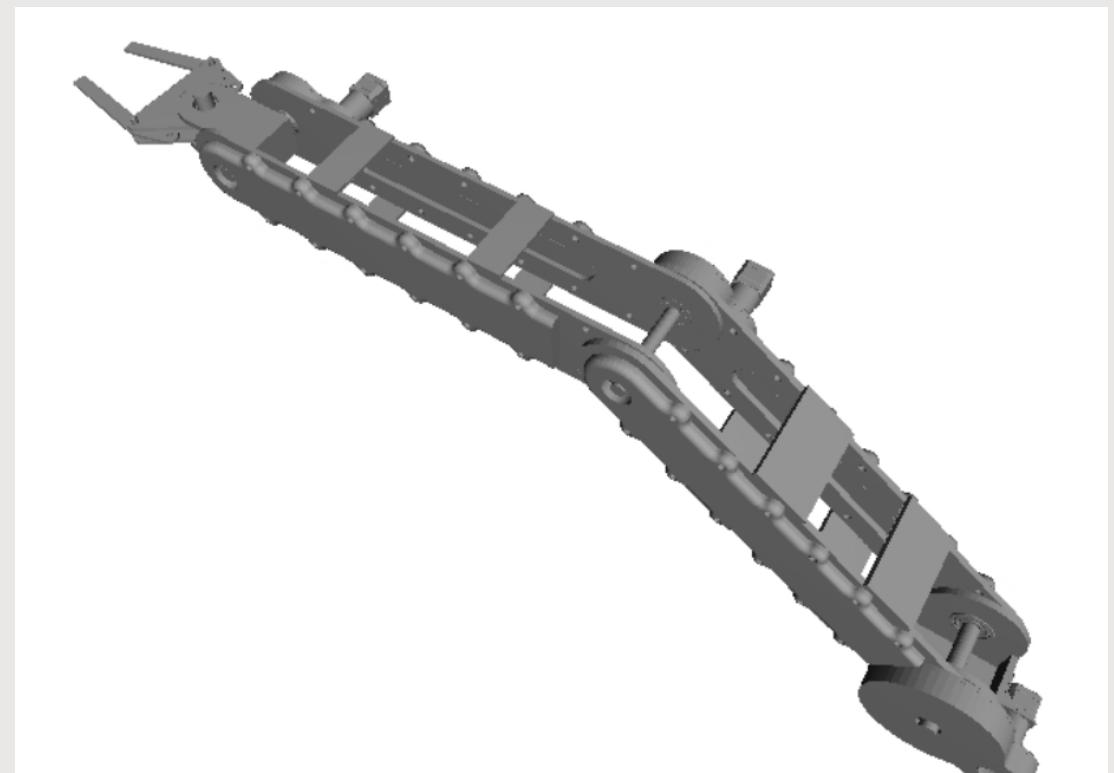
YOLOv5 Architecture



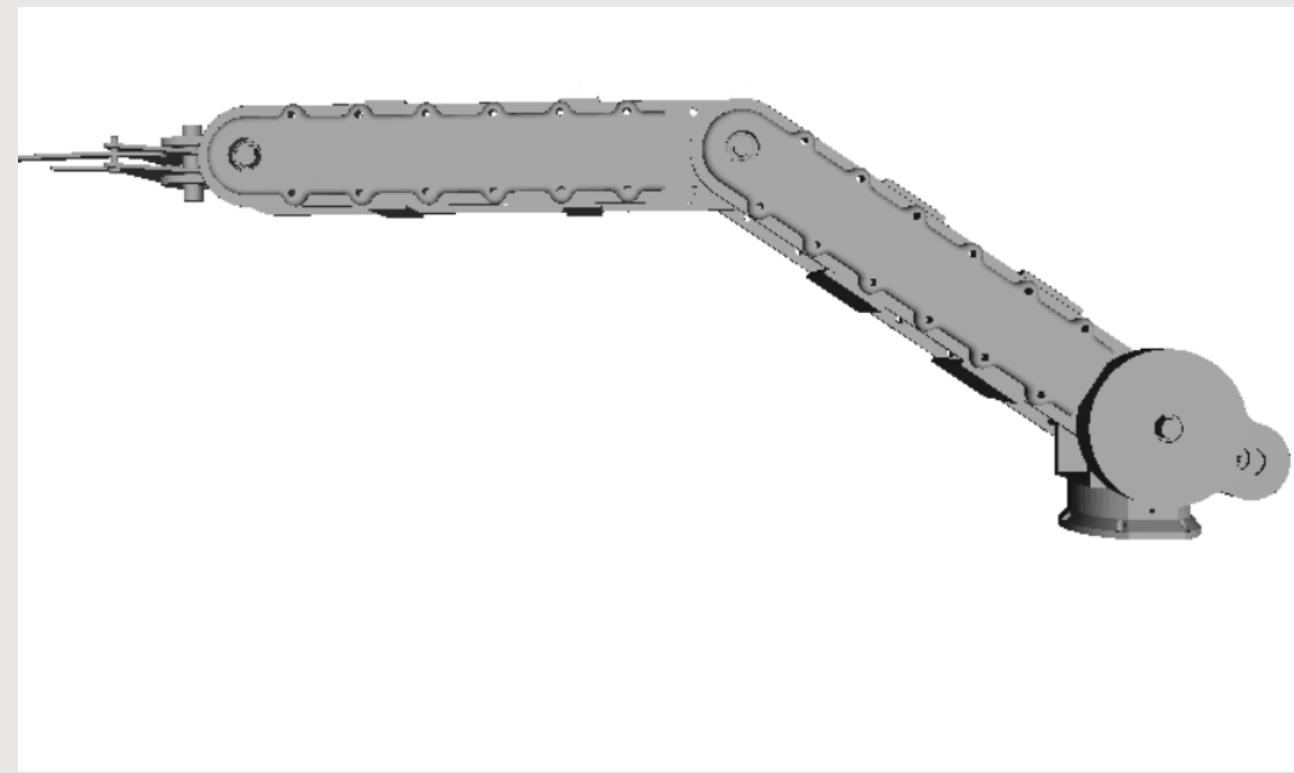
ROBOTIC ARM DESIGN



LEFT SIDE
VIEW



TOP VIEW



RIGHT SIDE
VIEW

Advantages

- By using OpenCV, the robot can work autonomously, reducing the need for human intervention and labor costs.
- The real-time image processing capabilities of OpenCV can increase the speed of cotton picking, making the process more efficient.
- OpenCV algorithms can be fine-tuned to improve the accuracy of cotton boll detection, reducing the chances of missing or damaging them during picking
- By reducing the reliance on manual labor, farms are less vulnerable to labor shortages or fluctuations in labor costs.





Expected Conclusion

- *Model categorizes cotton bolls into five stages: cotton bloom, cotton bud, early boll, matured boll, and split cotton boll.*
- *Post-training, the model accurately identified and categorized cotton boll stages.*
- *Robotic arm intended to execute picking operations but not integrated with the detection model within this project.*
- *Simulated robotic arm functionality showed precise location and picking task execution.*
- *Future work: Integrate the robotic arm with the YOLOv5 detection model for an autonomous cotton-picking system.*



Research Paper

The following process was undertaken to publish the review paper:

01

Composing the research paper

Writing a research paper was started in response to the analysis carried out by looking over each research paper that was relevant to our study. It consisted of the findings from our approach as well as the current and updated methodologies that we employed.

02

Applying the paper on different conferences

We applied the paper for various conferences , out of which the paper was selected for 2 conferences.

03

Selection of the review paper

After 3 weeks we received an email notifying that the paper was selected on IEEE INCET and Springer.

04

Registration

We have registered our paper on their official sites by paying the requested fees. We are waiting for the confirmation of the conference.

05

Paper Presentation

Confirmation received and paper was presented on 25th May at IEEE INCET 2024 Conference.





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