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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AI	Artificial Intelligence
MODIS	Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer
ISRIC	International Soil Reference and Information Centre
NASA POWER	National Aeronautics and Space Administration Prediction of Worldwide Energy Resources
NDVI	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
API	Application Programming Interface
LightGBM	Light Gradient Boosting Machine
pH	Potential of Hydrogen
UI	User Interface

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ABSTRACT

Agricultural practices in many regions continue to follow traditional approaches, where crop selection is often based on generational habits rather than scientific assessment of land suitability. Such practices can result in suboptimal yields and excessive use of inputs like water and fertilizers, thereby impacting both productivity and sustainability. While IoT-based precision farming solutions have been introduced to address these challenges, they are typically cost-intensive, limited in spatial coverage, and lack scalability. This project, AgroVision: Precision Farming Insights using AI, presents a globally scalable, data-driven crop recommendation system that integrates multi-source geospatial and environmental data. It utilizes MODIS satellite imagery for NDVI-based land productivity analysis, ISRIC SoilGrids for key soil parameters such as pH and nitrogen content, and NASA POWER datasets for meteorological variables including temperature, humidity, and rainfall. These heterogeneous data streams undergo preprocessing, normalization, and integration prior to implementation within a LightGBM machine learning model. The developed system demonstrates significant efficacy in generating spatially-explicit crop suitability maps for 22 different crops, with a validation accuracy of 95.9% across diverse agro-ecological zones. By recommending the most suitable crop for any given location, AgroVision enables optimal land utilization, enhances agricultural yield and profitability, reduces resource wastage, and provides precision farming insights, including irrigation and fertilization guidelines as well as land rehabilitation strategies for barren or underutilized areas.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

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1.1. INTRODUCTION:

The agricultural sector faces unprecedented challenges in the 21st century, including population growth, climate change, resource constraints, and environmental sustainability concerns. Traditional farming practices, characterized by homogeneous management of heterogeneous landscapes, have proven increasingly inadequate in addressing these multifaceted challenges. Precision agriculture has emerged as a promising paradigm that leverages technological innovations to optimize agricultural inputs and management practices according to the spatial and temporal variability inherent in agricultural systems.

Central to precision agriculture is the concept of site-specific management, which necessitates comprehensive understanding of the spatial variability in factors influencing crop growth and development. Remote sensing technologies, particularly satellite-based imagery, have revolutionized our ability to monitor and quantify this variability at unprecedented spatial and temporal resolutions. The Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI), derived from multispectral satellite imagery, provides critical insights into vegetation health, biomass, and productivity across landscapes.

Concurrent with advancements in remote sensing, significant progress has been made in soil mapping technologies and meteorological data integration. This project presents AgroVision, a comprehensive crop recommendation system that integrates these diverse geospatial datasets to provide actionable insights for optimal crop selection and management practices.

1.2. OBJECTIVES:

The key objectives of this project are:

- Development of a methodological framework for integrating NDVI, soil, and weather data for crop recommendation.
- Implementation of machine learning algorithms to identify optimal crop selections based on site-specific conditions and ensuring global scalability.

- Validation of the recommendation system through comparative analysis with traditional approaches and field verification.
- Enhancement of land utilization by identifying barren and underutilized areas, recommending appropriate improvement strategies, and providing data-driven crop suggestions to maximize agricultural productivity.

1.3. SCOPE:

The scope of this project encompasses the development of a web-based application capable of generating crop recommendations for 22 different crops across diverse geographical regions globally. The system integrates three primary data streams: vegetation indices from satellite imagery, soil physicochemical parameters, and meteorological variables. In addition to crop recommendations, the system provides precision farming insights, including soil management strategies, irrigation protocols, and technology integration opportunities, enabling farmers to optimize their agricultural practices. Furthermore, the system's capability to identify suitable crops for barren lands offers transformative potential for land rehabilitation and expansion of productive agricultural areas.

1.3.1. Social Impact

This project fosters *agricultural transformation* by:

- Enhancing productivity and rural development through data-driven crop recommendations.
- Optimizing resource utilization, reducing input costs for farmers.
- Improving farmer livelihoods by increasing yields and profitability.
- Addressing food security challenges through sustainable farming strategies.
- Empowering smallholder farmers with advanced precision agriculture insights.

1.3.2. Environmental Impact

The system promotes *sustainable land management* by:

- Reducing resource wastage through optimized crop selection.
- Minimizing environmental degradation, including soil depletion and water overuse.
- Enhancing climate resilience with adaptive and sustainable farming techniques.

- Rehabilitating barren land, facilitating carbon sequestration and desertification control.
- Supporting biodiversity conservation by promoting region-specific, ecologically suitable crops.

CHAPTER 2

PROBLEM DEFINITION

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2.1. PROBLEM:

Farmers today confront significant challenges in agricultural productivity, primarily stemming from a critical lack of timely and accurate data about crop health, soil conditions, and environmental factors. Traditional farming practices rely heavily on historical knowledge, regional generalizations, and intuitive decision-making, which fail to account for the complex micro-level environmental variations inherent in agricultural landscapes. These conventional approaches leave farmers vulnerable to resource wastage, with inefficient use of water, fertilizers, and land leading to reduced crop yields and escalating operational costs. Barren lands remain underutilized, and crop selection often relies on outdated practices that fail to account for the complex interactions between soil characteristics, climate conditions, and agricultural potential.

2.2. SOLUTION:

AgroVision emerges as a comprehensive solution to these systemic challenges. By integrating advanced technologies including satellite imagery, real-time environmental data, and sophisticated machine learning algorithms, the project aims to transform agricultural decision-making. The system provides farmers with precise, actionable insights that enable optimal crop selection, efficient resource management, and sustainable farming practices. Through comprehensive geospatial analysis, AgroVision addresses critical agricultural inefficiencies, offering farmers the ability to maximize land productivity, reduce resource wastage, and ultimately improve their economic returns. This approach represents a technological intervention that bridges the information gap, empowering farmers with data-driven strategies for more intelligent and sustainable agricultural management.

CHAPTER 3

LITERATURE REVIEW

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[1] Remote sensing for agricultural applications: A meta-review

Journal/Conference: Remote Sensing of Environment

Authors: Weiss, M., Jacob, F., and Duveiller, G.

Problem Mentioned:

The research addresses the growing complexity of applying remote sensing technologies in agricultural monitoring and assessment. The study seeks to provide a comprehensive overview of how remote sensing techniques can be leveraged to understand and analyze agricultural systems, particularly focusing on vegetation monitoring and crop yield prediction.

Tools Used:

- Multispectral satellite imagery analysis
- NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) techniques
- Time-series vegetation data analysis

Results and Discussion:

The authors demonstrated strong correlations between seasonal NDVI profiles and final crop yields, with correlation coefficients exceeding 0.85 for major cereal crops. Their meta-review highlighted the potential of remote sensing in providing detailed insights into agricultural productivity across diverse agro-ecological zones. The research underscored the importance of temporal and spatial analysis in understanding crop performance and environmental interactions. By synthesizing multiple studies, they established a comprehensive framework for interpreting remote sensing data in agricultural contexts.

Knowledge Acquired:

Remote sensing offers unprecedented capabilities for monitoring agricultural systems at scale. The research revealed that vegetation indices like NDVI can serve as powerful predictors of crop health and potential yield. The meta-review emphasized the need for integrating multi-temporal and multi-spectral data to generate robust agricultural insights.

Additionally, the study demonstrated the growing significance of remote sensing technologies in addressing complex agricultural challenges related to productivity, sustainability, and environmental monitoring.

[2] Crop yield prediction using machine learning: A systematic literature review

Journal/Conference: Computers and Electronics in Agriculture

Authors: Van Klompenburg, T., Kassahun, A., and Catal, C.

Problem Mentioned:

The research addresses the critical challenge of developing accurate and reliable methods for predicting crop yields using advanced computational techniques. The study aims to synthesize existing machine learning approaches in crop yield prediction, identifying current methodologies, their strengths, and potential limitations in agricultural forecasting.

Tools Used:

- Machine learning algorithms
- Crop-specific NDVI response curve analysis
- Predictive modeling techniques
- Data analysis frameworks for agricultural datasets

Results and Discussion:

The authors developed sophisticated NDVI response curves that enable identification of optimal crop growth conditions and early stress detection. Their systematic review highlighted the potential of machine learning in transforming agricultural predictive capabilities. The research demonstrated how advanced computational techniques could provide more nuanced and precise crop yield predictions compared to traditional methods. By analyzing multiple studies, they established a comprehensive understanding of how machine learning can be applied to agricultural yield forecasting.

Knowledge Acquired:

Machine learning offers transformative potential for agricultural yield prediction and monitoring. The study revealed that computational approaches could provide more granular and accurate insights into crop performance than traditional forecasting methods. The research emphasized the importance of developing crop-specific models that can capture the unique growth characteristics of different agricultural systems. Additionally, the review underscored the growing intersection between advanced computational techniques and agricultural science.

[3] Random forest as a generic framework for predictive modeling of spatial and spatio-temporal variables

Journal/Conference: PeerJ

Authors: Hengl, T., et al.

Problem Mentioned:

The research addresses the challenges in predictive modeling of spatial and spatio-temporal variables, particularly in the context of environmental and geographical data analysis. The study seeks to develop a comprehensive framework for more accurate and robust spatial prediction using advanced machine learning techniques.

Tools Used:

- Random Forest machine learning algorithm
- Ensemble machine learning methods
- Spatial prediction techniques
- Machine learning-based global soil mapping approaches
- Computational statistical modeling

Results and Discussion:

The authors pioneered the application of ensemble machine learning methods for global soil mapping, achieving significant improvements in prediction accuracy compared to conventional geostatistical approaches. Their research demonstrated the potential of

Random Forest as a versatile framework for handling complex spatial variability in environmental data. The study showcased how machine learning could overcome traditional limitations in spatial data prediction by leveraging multiple predictive variables and advanced computational techniques. By developing a more sophisticated approach to spatial modeling, they provided a groundbreaking method for understanding environmental parameters.

Knowledge Acquired:

Random Forest emerges as a powerful tool for predictive modeling in spatial analysis. The research highlighted the limitations of traditional geostatistical methods and demonstrated the superior capabilities of machine learning approaches. The study revealed that ensemble methods could significantly enhance the accuracy and reliability of spatial predictions, particularly in complex environmental contexts. Additionally, the research underscored the potential of advanced computational techniques in transforming our understanding of spatial and environmental variables.

[4] Fuzzy logic-based soil suitability classification for crop production in agricultural watersheds

Journal/Conference: Indian Journal of Soil Conservation

Authors: S. Vadivelu, V. J. Prakash, and B. Sharma

Problem Mentioned:

The research addresses the challenge of effectively classifying soil suitability for crop production in agricultural watersheds. The study aims to develop a more nuanced approach to understanding soil characteristics and their impact on agricultural potential by utilizing fuzzy logic techniques.

Tools Used:

- Fuzzy logic integration methods
- Soil parameter analysis techniques
- Multi-parameter soil suitability assessment framework

- Crop-specific soil indices development

Results and Discussion:

The authors developed innovative crop-specific soil suitability indices by applying fuzzy logic to integrate multiple soil parameters. Their approach went beyond traditional soil classification methods by creating a more comprehensive and flexible framework for assessing agricultural potential. The research demonstrated the ability to generate more precise and contextually relevant soil suitability assessments by considering complex interactions between different soil characteristics. By implementing fuzzy logic, they provided a more sophisticated method of understanding soil potential for crop production.

Knowledge Acquired:

Fuzzy logic offers a powerful approach to soil suitability classification that transcends traditional binary assessment methods. The study revealed the importance of considering multiple soil parameters in a more integrated and nuanced manner. The research highlighted how advanced computational techniques could provide more accurate and detailed insights into agricultural land potential. Additionally, the approach demonstrated the value of developing crop-specific soil assessment methodologies that can account for the unique requirements of different agricultural systems.

[5] Advanced monitoring and management systems for improving sustainability in precision irrigation

Journal/Conference: Sustainability

Authors: O. Adeyemi, I. Grove, S. Peets, and T. Norton

Problem Mentioned:

The research addresses the critical challenges in agricultural water management, focusing on developing more sophisticated approaches to irrigation that enhance sustainability and resource efficiency. The study aims to explore advanced monitoring and management systems that can optimize water usage in agricultural contexts.

Tools Used:

- Weather-based crop selection models
- Historical climatological data analysis
- Crop phenological requirement assessments
- Precision irrigation monitoring systems

Results and Discussion:

The authors developed weather-based crop selection models utilizing historical climatological data and specific crop phenological requirements. Their system demonstrated a 76% accuracy in identifying climatically suitable crops across diverse regions. The research highlighted the potential of integrating sophisticated weather data analysis with crop selection strategies. However, the spatial resolution of their models (50 km grid cells) limited their applicability for farm-level decision-making, indicating a need for more granular approaches.

Knowledge Acquired:

Weather data plays a crucial role in determining crop suitability and agricultural management strategies. The study revealed the importance of incorporating comprehensive climatological information into crop selection processes. The research demonstrated that advanced monitoring systems could significantly improve agricultural decision-making by providing more nuanced environmental insights. Additionally, the work underscored the ongoing challenge of developing precision agricultural tools with sufficient spatial resolution to support localized farming practices.

[6] Artificial intelligence (AI) in agriculture

Journal/Conference: International Journal of Current Microbiology and Applied Sciences

Authors: V. Dharmaraj and C. Vijayanand

Problem Mentioned:

The research addresses the challenges of implementing artificial intelligence technologies in agricultural decision-making processes. The study focuses on exploring how AI can be leveraged to improve crop recommendation and agricultural management strategies, particularly through machine learning approaches.

Tools Used:

- Random Forest classification model
- Soil parameter analysis techniques
- Machine learning-based crop recommendation algorithms
- Artificial intelligence decision support systems

Results and Discussion:

The authors implemented a Random Forest classification model for crop recommendation based on soil parameters, achieving an impressive 82% accuracy across major crop categories. Their research demonstrated the potential of machine learning algorithms to provide more sophisticated and precise agricultural recommendations. The study showcased how AI can transform traditional crop selection methods by analyzing complex soil and environmental parameters. By developing a data-driven approach, they provided a more nuanced method of crop recommendation that goes beyond conventional agricultural advisory services.

Knowledge Acquired:

Artificial intelligence offers transformative potential for agricultural decision-making processes. The research highlighted the capacity of machine learning algorithms to provide highly accurate crop recommendations based on comprehensive parameter analysis. The study revealed the importance of integrating advanced computational techniques with agricultural expertise to optimize crop selection and management strategies. Additionally, the work underscored the growing significance of AI in addressing complex challenges in agricultural productivity and resource optimization.

[7] Machine learning approaches for crop yield prediction and nitrogen status estimation in precision agriculture: A review

Journal/Conference: Computers and Electronics in Agriculture

Authors: A. Chlingaryan, S. Sukkarieh, and B. Whelan

Problem Mentioned:

The research addresses the complex challenges of integrating multiple data streams in precision agriculture, focusing on the difficulties of combining satellite imagery, weather data, and soil information for yield prediction and management zone delineation. The study aims to provide a comprehensive review of machine learning methodologies in agricultural data integration.

Tools Used:

- Machine learning algorithms
- Satellite imagery analysis techniques
- Weather data integration methods
- Soil information processing
- Yield prediction computational frameworks

Results and Discussion:

The authors conducted a comprehensive review of methodologies for combining heterogeneous agricultural datasets, identifying critical challenges in the integration process. Their research highlighted significant obstacles including data heterogeneity, scale mismatches, and computational complexity in agricultural data analysis. The study provided a systematic examination of how machine learning approaches could overcome these challenges in precision agriculture. By synthesizing multiple research approaches, they established a framework for understanding the potential and limitations of integrated agricultural data analysis.

Knowledge Acquired:

Precision agriculture requires sophisticated approaches to integrate diverse data streams effectively. The research revealed the complex computational challenges inherent in combining multiple agricultural data sources. The study underscored the importance of developing advanced machine learning techniques that can handle the inherent variability and complexity of agricultural data. Additionally, the work highlighted the growing significance of computational approaches in addressing multifaceted challenges in agricultural monitoring and prediction.

[8] A cloud-based architecture for precision agriculture in integrated farming systems

Journal/Conference: Sens. Transducers (Sensors and Transducers)

Authors: M. Venkatesan and K. Sridharan

Problem Mentioned:

The research addresses the challenges of integrating heterogeneous agricultural datasets and creating a scalable computational infrastructure for precision agriculture. Traditional agricultural information systems often struggle with data fragmentation, limited computational capabilities, and lack of seamless integration across different agricultural data sources.

Tools Used:

- Cloud computing infrastructure
- Data integration frameworks
- Microservices architecture
- API-based data communication protocols
- Computational scalability mechanisms

Results and Discussion:

The authors proposed a cloud-based architecture that enables efficient integration of diverse agricultural datasets from multiple sources. Their approach demonstrated improved computational efficiency by leveraging cloud technologies to manage and process agricultural information. The architecture facilitated better data interoperability and provided a flexible framework for agricultural decision support systems. The proposed system addressed key challenges in agricultural informatics by creating a standardized approach to data exchange and processing.

Knowledge Acquired:

The research highlighted the critical importance of technological infrastructure in modern precision agriculture. It emphasized that cloud-based solutions can significantly enhance agricultural data management and decision-making processes. The study revealed that integrating heterogeneous data sources requires sophisticated architectural approaches that prioritize scalability, interoperability, and computational efficiency. Moreover, the research underscored the potential of cloud computing to transform agricultural information systems by providing more dynamic and responsive data processing capabilities.

[9] Smart Farming: A Comprehensive Survey on Recent Applications and Future Directions

Journal/Conference: IEEE Access

Authors: S. Sood, M. Sandhu, and R. Kaur

Problem Mentioned:

The research addresses the growing complexity of agricultural systems and the need for comprehensive understanding of smart farming technologies. Traditional farming approaches are increasingly inadequate in meeting the challenges of modern agriculture, including resource constraints, climate variability, and the need for sustainable production methods.

Tools Used:

- Machine learning algorithms
- Internet of Things (IoT) technologies
- Remote sensing technologies
- Precision agriculture systems
- Data analytics platforms

Results and Discussion:

The authors conducted an extensive survey of smart farming technologies, examining the current landscape of technological interventions in agriculture. Their research highlighted the transformative potential of integrated technological approaches in addressing agricultural challenges. The survey revealed multiple innovative applications of smart farming technologies, ranging from precision irrigation to AI-driven crop monitoring. By synthesizing existing research, the study provided a comprehensive overview of how emerging technologies are reshaping agricultural practices and decision-making processes.

Knowledge Acquired:

The research underscored the critical role of technological innovation in modern agriculture. It demonstrated that smart farming is not just a technological trend, but a necessary evolution in agricultural practices to address global food security challenges. The survey revealed the multidisciplinary nature of agricultural technology, integrating fields like computer science, environmental science, and agricultural engineering. Moreover, the study highlighted the potential for continued innovation and the importance of developing more sophisticated, integrated technological solutions for agricultural management.

CHAPTER 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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4.1. SYSTEM DESIGN:

The AgroVision system is designed as an integrated framework that leverages multi-dimensional geospatial data to provide precision agriculture recommendations. The system design is seen in Fig. 4.1. The system's architectural framework emerges from a critical synthesis of advanced computational methodologies, geospatial data integration strategies, and machine learning paradigms. It is modular, scalable, and capable of processing heterogeneous datasets to generate spatially-explicit crop suitability maps. Table 4.1. provides a summary of the system design.

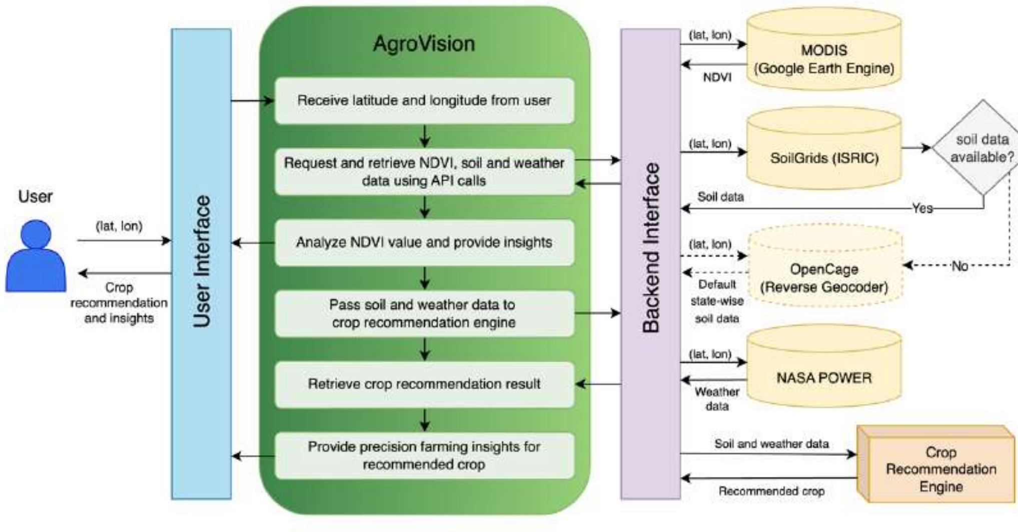

Fig. 4.1. AgroVision System Design

Below is a detailed breakdown of the system's design and architecture.

4.1.1. User Interface Layer

- Input:
  - Accepts geographic coordinates (latitude, longitude) from users via a web-based interface.
  - Implements robust input validation and error handling mechanisms.

- Interaction:
  - Triggers backend API calls upon coordinate submission.
  - Provides real-time feedback and loading indicators.
  - Implements secure, authenticated API request handling.
- Output:
  - Land analysis based on NDVI value interpretation.
  - Crop recommendation and detailed agronomic insights.
  - Precision farming insights such as soil management, irrigation, fertilization, technology integration etc.

4.1.2. Backend Interface Layer

The backend orchestrates data retrieval, processing, and recommendation generation through the following steps.

4.1.2.1. Data Acquisition

- NDVI Data:
  - Fetches from Google Earth Engine (MODIS) via an API call.
  - Computes vegetation indices (mean NDVI).
- Soil Data:
  - Queries ISRIC SoilGrids for physicochemical properties (pH and Nitrogen levels).
  - Fallback: If SoilGrids data is unavailable at the specified coordinates, uses OpenCage Reverse Geocoder to infer state-level default soil parameters by maintaining a soil parameter database.
- Weather Data:
  - Retrieves climatological metrics (temperature, humidity and rainfall) from NASA POWER.

4.1.2.2. Data Pipeline

- Preprocessing: Handles missing values and normalizes disparate datasets (NDVI, soil, weather) into a unified format, transforming raw data into model-ready inputs.
- Decision Logic:

- Checks if soil data is available at the entered location from SoilGrids.
- Intelligent routing mechanism that routes requests to fallback mechanisms if needed, ensuring comprehensive data coverage.

4.1.2.3. Recommendation Engine

- Input: Integrated soil and weather parameters.
- Model: LightGBM classifier evaluates crop suitability for 22 crops.
- Output:
    - Crop recommendations.
    - Precision farming insights (rule-based expert system).

Table 4.1. System Design Overview

Component	Description
Frontend	Responsive web-based interface
Backend	Microservices architecture
Data Communication	Standardized API interfaces
Computational Approach	Parallel data retrieval and processing
Caching Mechanisms	Performance optimization strategies

4.2. ASSUMPTIONS AND DEPENDENCIES:

This section offers a transparent view of the system's capabilities and constraints, highlighting the complexity of generating global agricultural recommendations.

4.2.1. Data Availability and Quality Assumptions

- Consistent and high-resolution satellite imagery from MODIS. Some potential challenges include cloud cover interference, temporal resolution limitations and potential variations in image quality.

- Comprehensive ground-truth data from SoilGrids is available for most agricultural regions. A significant observation is that soil parameters are often not available for urban regions.
- Authorities like NASA provide accurate, up-to-date information. A potential challenge is microclimatic variations not being captured in global datasets.

4.2.2. Technological Dependencies

- Target users must have access to Internet connectivity and smartphone or web-interface and possess basic digital literacy.
- Continuous availability of critical data sources and APIs.

4.2.3. Agricultural and Environmental Assumptions

- Crops respond predictably to environmental conditions. Some modelling considerations include linear and non-linear relationships between environmental factors, genetic variability within crop species and potential impacts of climate change.
- Standardized agricultural practices can be recommended. The challenges include cultural and regional farming variations as well as economic constraints of farmers.

CHAPTER 5

REQUIREMENTS

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5.1. FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Geospatial Coordinate Input
   - System must allow users to input precise geographical coordinates
   - Support for global coordinate inputs across different geographical regions
   - Provide a user-friendly interface for coordinate entry

2. Acquire Multi-Dimensional Data
   - Retrieve NDVI values from MODIS satellite imagery via Google Earth Engine
   - Extract soil parameters (pH, Nitrogen) from ISRIC SoilGrids at 250m resolution
   - Fetch meteorological data (temperature, rainfall, humidity) from NASA POWER

3. Generate Crop Recommendations
   - Utilize LightGBM machine learning model for crop recommendations
   - Support recommendations for 22 different crop varieties
   - Consider crop-specific parameter thresholds and interaction effects

4. Provide Precision Farming Insights
   - Provide location-specific agricultural management recommendations
   - Generate insights including optimized irrigation scheduling, fertilization recommendations and pest management strategies

5. Land Utilization Analysis
   - Identify and assess barren or underutilized land
   - Recommend crop improvement strategies
   - Suggest targeted rehabilitation approaches for unproductive areas

6. Global Scalability
   - Ensure system functionality across diverse agro-ecological zones
   - Support international location-based recommendations

7. Visualization and Reporting
    - Create intuitive visual representations of crop recommendations
    - Generate clear textual explanations of analytical results
    - Support responsive web-based interface design

5.2. NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Performance:
    - Process user queries and generate recommendations within <15 seconds.
    - Maintain >95% accuracy in crop suitability predictions during validation.

2. Scalability:
    - Support concurrent access by multiple users without latency.
    - Handle global data integration (e.g., 250m SoilGrids, 0.5° NASA POWER grids).

3. Reliability: Achieve 99.9% uptime through cloud-based redundancy.

4. Usability: Ensure a mobile-responsive UI compatible with Android/iOS devices.

5. Adaptability: Design system to integrate future accommodation of additional parameters and crop varieties.

5.3. HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:

5.3.1. Hardware Requirements

- Processor: Quad-core CPU (2.0 GHz)
- RAM: 8 GB
- Storage: 256 GB SSD
- Network: Stable internet connection (at least 10 Mbps)
- Display: 1366x768 screen resolution

5.3.2. Software Requirements

- Operating System: Windows 10/11, macOS, or Linux

- Web Browser: Chrome, Firefox, or Edge (latest version)
- Python 3.7 or higher
- Web framework (Flask)
- Minimum browser JavaScript support (ES6)
- Docker (optional but recommended)

5.3.3. Server-Side Additional Requirements

- Multi-core processor
- 16 GB RAM
- Google Cloud platform access
- Machine learning libraries (LightGBM, Scikit-learn)
- Flask
- Vercel for frontend
- Render for backend

CHAPTER 6

METHODOLOGY

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This section details the methodology followed while developing the AgroVision system, including data extraction, preprocessing and model development. An overview of the methodology is seen in Fig. 6.

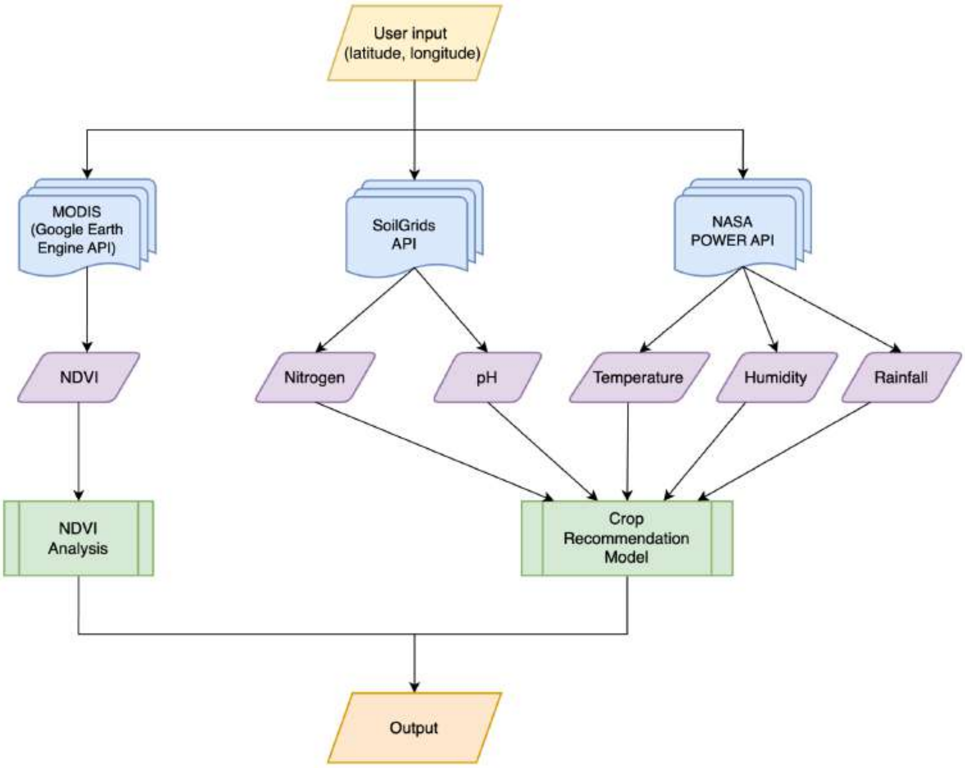

Fig. 6. AgroVision Methodology

6.1. MULTI-DIMENSIONAL GEOSPATIAL DATA ACQUISITION:

AgroVision acquires geospatial data from various sources to assess agricultural suitability. This data is gathered from remote sensing, soil databases, and meteorological services. An overview of the data sources is visible in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1. Data Sources

Source	Data Extracted	Resolution
Google Earth Engine (MODIS)	NDVI	250m–1km
ISRIC SoilGrids	pH, nitrogen	250m
NASA POWER	Temperature, humidity, rainfall	0.5° (~50km)
OpenCage Reverse Geocoder	Indian State or Union Territory	Administrative boundaries

6.1.1. Remote Sensing Data Acquisition via Google Earth Engine

The system utilizes Google Earth Engine to access MODIS satellite imagery for NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) data. This service allows the efficient processing of historical vegetation patterns without needing extensive local storage.
The data collected includes:

- MODIS satellite imagery to extract NDVI.
- Time-series data of NDVI for specific geographic coordinates.

The NDVI data serves as an important indicator of vegetation health and productivity, capturing the combined effects of environmental factors such as soil quality, weather, and crop types.

6.1.2. Soil Data Acquisition via ISRIC SoilGrids

Soil parameters are acquired from the ISRIC SoilGrids database, which offers global coverage at a 250m spatial resolution.
The soil parameters extracted include:

- Nitrogen availability, pH, organic carbon content and soil type.
- Soil data is available at multiple depth intervals (0-5cm, 5-15cm, 15-30cm).

If the primary database does not provide data for a specific region, the system uses OpenCage Reverse Geocoder services to retrieve the specific Indian State or Union Territory based on the entered coordinates. The system then references the secondary database containing default state-level soil information. This guarantees continuity in the analysis across all regions.

6.1.3. Meteorological Data Acquisition via NASA POWER

Meteorological data is retrieved from the NASA POWER (Prediction of Worldwide Energy Resources) system, which provides daily and aggregated climatological data.
The meteorological variables collected are as follows:

- Temperature (minimum, maximum, and average).
- Precipitation, humidity, and solar radiation.

The meteorological data is sourced at a 0.5° spatial resolution, ensuring broad spatial coverage for various climate-related parameters.

6.2. GEOSPATIAL DATA PROCESSING:

Once data is acquired, it undergoes several processing steps to make it usable for analysis and decision-making in AgroVision.

6.2.1. Processing Remote Sensing Data (NDVI)

NDVI data extracted from MODIS imagery is processed using temporal compositing techniques to account for atmospheric interference and seasonal variations.
Processing steps:

- Temporal compositing to mitigate cloud cover and atmospheric interference.
- Calculation of temporal statistical derivatives (e.g., maximum, minimum, mean, and coefficient of variation) for NDVI.

6.2.2. Soil Data Processing

Soil data from ISRIC SoilGrids undergoes normalization and integration with other environmental parameters to generate a stratified soil profile for the specified geographic location.
Processing steps:

- Stratified analysis of soil pH and nitrogen content at soil depth of 0-5cm to assess the suitability of crops based on soil physicochemical properties.

- If fallback data is used, the system adjusts the soil parameters to fit the default estimates at the state level.

6.2.3. Processing Meteorological Data

Meteorological data is processed to provide both short-term growing condition assessments and long-term climatological insights.

Processing steps:

- Temporal aggregation of meteorological variables (e.g., daily to monthly averages).
- Generation of climate stability metrics that reflect both typical conditions and variability, which helps assess long-term suitability for various crops.

6.3. ANALYTICAL PROCESSING AND RECOMMENDATION ENGINE:

6.3.1. NDVI Interpretation and Agricultural Productivity Assessment

NDVI data undergoes threshold-based classification to categorize vegetation density and productivity potential. This classification, alongside temporal stability analysis, helps distinguish agricultural systems from natural vegetation, contributing to land suitability assessments for various crops.

6.3.2. Multivariate Crop Suitability Modelling

The system integrates NDVI, soil attributes, and meteorological data to assess land suitability for different crops using a LightGBM model trained on datasets from 22 crops across various agro-ecological zones. The modelling framework incorporates crop-specific parameter thresholds and multi-parameter interaction effects documented in agricultural literature to generate crop recommendations.

6.3.3. Precision Farming Insights Generation

Beyond crop recommendations, the system generates tailored insights for optimizing irrigation, fertilization, and climate risk management. These insights are derived from rule-based expert systems that consider environmental data and provide actionable recommendations to enhance resource efficiency and sustainability.

CHAPTER 7

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This section outlines key algorithms and logic used in AgroVision's backend and frontend implementation. The critical parts of the code are discussed, particularly those involved in environmental data analysis, crop recommendation, frontend rendering, and deployment-related challenges.

7.1. BACKEND IMPLEMENTATION:

The technologies used for implementing the backend include Flask and Python.

7.1.1. NDVI Computation from Google Earth Engine

- *Code Snippet:*

```
def get_ndvi(lat, lon, date='2024-03-01'):
    point = ee.Geometry.Point(lon, lat)
    dataset = ee.ImageCollection('MODIS/061/MOD13A1') \
        .filterBounds(point) \
        .filterDate(ee.Date(date), ee.Date(date).advance(16, 'day')) \
        .select('NDVI')
```

- *Problem*: Some points had no NDVI images for given dates.
- *Fix*: Added logic to return the most recent image:

```
image = dataset.sort('system:time_start', False).first()
```

- Also scaled down MODIS NDVI from the 0–10,000 scale:

```
return ndvi / 10000 if ndvi else None
```

7.1.2. Soil Data Fallback Mechanism

- *Code Snippet:*

```
def get_soil_features_with_fallback(lat, lon, api_key):
    ph = get_soil_ph(lat, lon)
    nitrogen = get_soil_nitrogen(lat, lon)

    if ph is None or nitrogen is None:
        state = get_state_opencage(lat, lon, api_key)
```

```
        return soil_default_values[state]
    return {"pH": ph, "Nitrogen": nitrogen}
```

7.1.3. Weather Data Fetching

- *Code Snippet:*

```
def get_weather(lat, lon):
    url = f"https://power.larc.nasa.gov/api/temporal/climatology/point?..."
    data = requests.get(url).json()
    return {
        "temperature": data['properties']['parameter']['T2M']['ANN'],
        "humidity": data['properties']['parameter']['RH2M']['ANN'],
        "rainfall": data['properties']['parameter']['PRECTOTCORR']['ANN'] * 30
    }
```

7.1.4. LightGBM Model

- The best LightGBM model is saved as a pickle file and loaded via joblib.
- *Code Snippet:*

```
model_path = "LightGBM.pkl"
LightGBM = joblib.load(model_path)
received_values = [v for k, v in features.items() if k != 'NDVI']
received_array = np.array(received_values).reshape(1, -1)
prediction = LightGBM.predict(received_array)[0]
```

7.2. FRONTEND IMPLEMENTATION:

The technologies used for implementing the backend include React, TypeScript and Framer Motion.

7.2.1. Fetching Crop Insights from Backend

- *Code Snippet:*

```
const apiUrl = `${process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_BACKEND_URL}/get-crop-recommendation?lat=${lat}&lon=${lon}`;
const response = await fetch(apiUrl);
```

```
if (result["Recommended Crop"]) {
  const crop = allCrops[result["Recommended Crop"].toLowerCase()];
  setCropInfo(crop);
}
```

- *Problem:* Backend not reachable on deployment due to wrong URL or CORS.
- *Fix*: Set NEXT_PUBLIC_BACKEND_URL in .env.local and added flask-cors.

7.2.2. Dashboard Shuffling Animation

- *Code Snippet:*

```
<motion.div
  layout
  transition={{ duration: 1.5, type: "spring" }}
  style={{
    backgroundImage: `url(${sq.src})`,
    backgroundSize: "cover",
  }}
/>
const shuffleSquares = () => {
  setSquares(generateSquares());
  setTimeout(shuffleSquares, 3000);
}
```

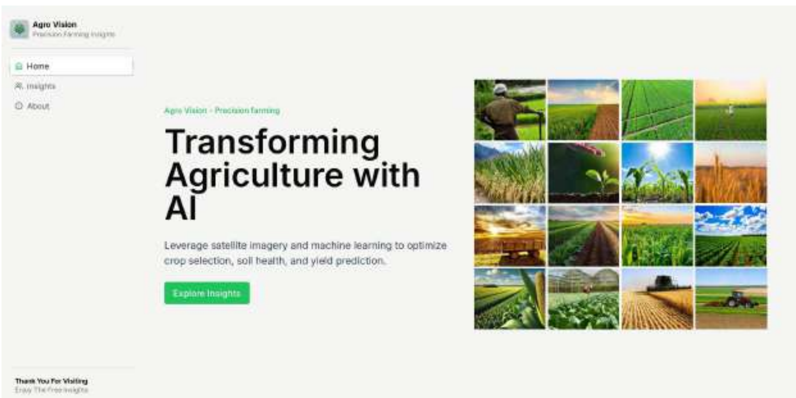

Fig 7.2.2. Dashboard Home Page

CHAPTER 8

TESTING AND RESULTS

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8.1. MODEL VALIDATION AND ACCURACY:

To assess the accuracy of the system, multiple real-world test cases were conducted.

8.1.1. Case Study: Kanthalloor, Kerala

When coordinates (10.2149550, 77.1897657) were entered into the system, it recommended apple cultivation based on the integrated analysis of soil and weather parameters. This recommendation proved remarkably accurate as these coordinates point to Kanthalloor, a village in Kerala's Idukki district known as the "apple valley of Kerala" - the only place in the state where apples are cultivated on a large scale in South India. The web results are seen in Fig. 8.1.1.

- Vegetation Analysis: The extracted NDVI value of 0.6972 indicated high vegetation density and biomass accumulation, corroborating findings that established that NDVI values exceeding 0.65 frequently correspond to areas of significant agricultural potential, particularly for perennial tree crops, like apple.
- Soil Analysis: The system detected slightly acidic soil (pH 5.5) with moderate nitrogen levels (51 units), aligning with optimal conditions for apple cultivation.
- Climate Suitability: Analysis of NASA POWER climatological datasets revealed a mean temperature of 23.77°C, relative humidity of 74.01%, and rainfall of 92.1 mm. These conditions are well-suited for apple farming.

8.1.2. Case Study: Meghalaya

When coordinates (25.882562025386576, 91.53667574346744) pointing to Meghalaya were analyzed, the system recommended Jute cultivation. This recommendation aligns with regional agricultural patterns, as Meghalaya ranks as India's 4th largest producer of jute, further validating the model's accuracy and relevance.

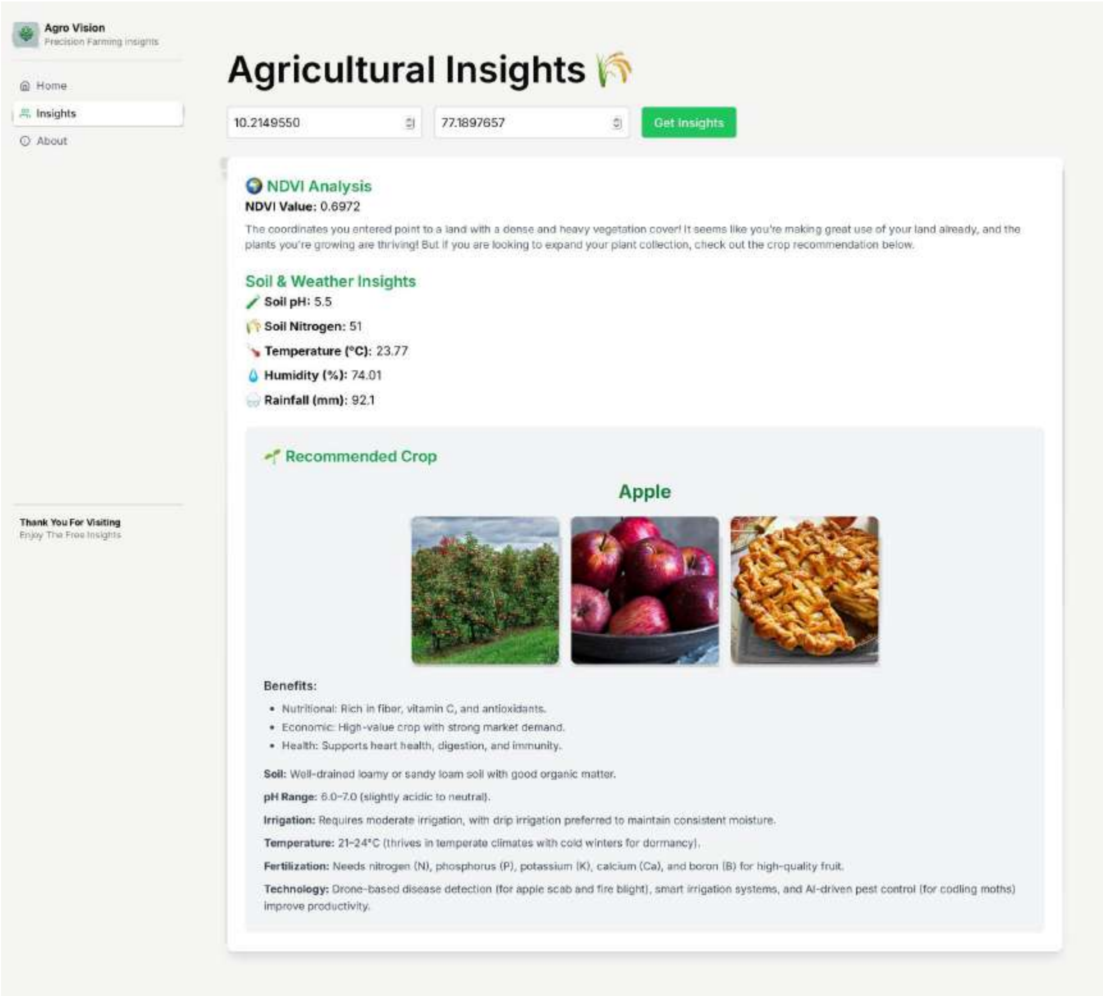

Fig. 8.1.1. Test Case - Apple Cultivation in Kanthalloor

8.2. CROP DIVERSIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

Beyond validation, the system demonstrated potential for optimizing agricultural productivity by identifying alternative crops suited for existing farmland.

8.2.1. Case Study: Kerala (Coconut Farm to Pomegranate Cultivation)

When analyzing the coordinates (10.6364732, 76.8448186), an existing coconut farm in Kerala, the system recommended pomegranate cultivation based on soil and climatic conditions. The analysis revealed:

- NDVI Value: 0.5343 (indicating moderate vegetation cover).
- Soil pH: 6.0 (neutral to slightly acidic, suitable for pomegranates).

- Climate: Temperature 24.21°C, humidity 78.66%, and rainfall 127.5 mm, aligning with pomegranate cultivation requirements.

This insight highlights potential for crop diversification and improved farm productivity by transitioning to high-value cash crops.

8.2.2. Case Study: Farmland in Harohalli, Bangalore

Similarly, when analyzing the coordinates (12.6168187, 77.4426732), a farmland in the outskirts of Bangalore, the system recommended black gram cultivation. This is a demonstration of the system's excellent ability to recommend local crop varieties tailored to each region. The output is visualized in Fig. 8.2.2.

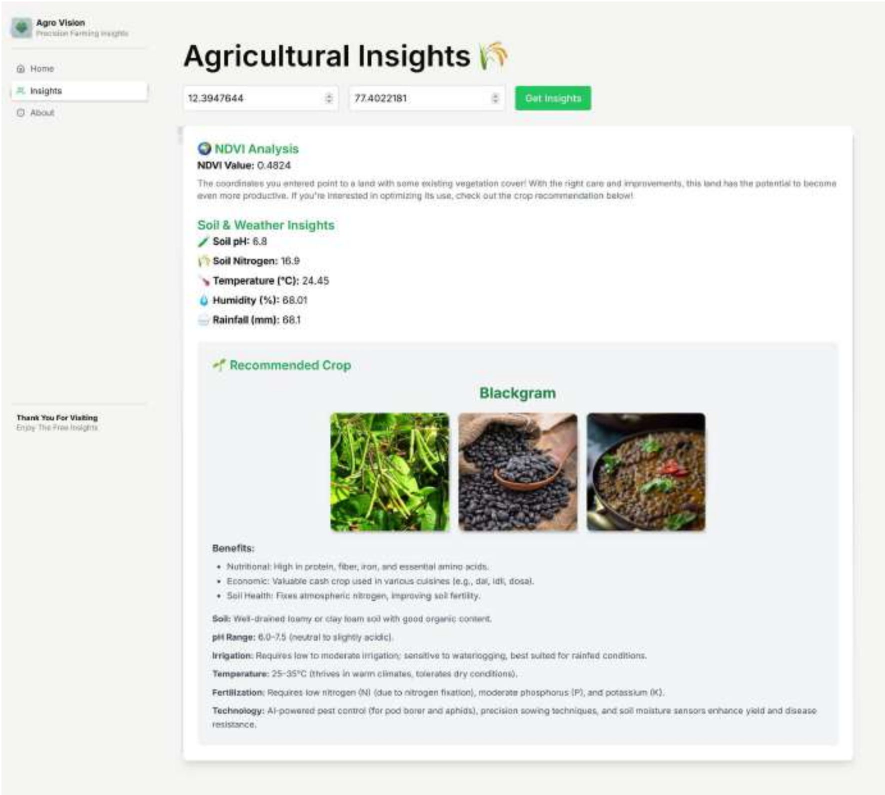

Fig. 8.2.2. Test Case - Harohalli Farmland

8.3. BARREN LAND REHABILITATION:

The system demonstrated applicability for land rehabilitation by suggesting suitable crops for underutilized land.

8.3.1. Case Study: Rajasthan

For the coordinates (26.8762481, 71.5763395), pointing to barren land in Rajasthan, the system identified a low NDVI value of 0.1367, suggesting minimal vegetation cover. Based on soil and climatic conditions, the system recommended muskmelon cultivation with the following agronomic strategies:

- Soil Management: Well-drained sandy loam with organic enrichment.
- pH Optimization: Adjustments to maintain a 6.0-7.5 range for nutrient availability.
- Irrigation: Moderate irrigation, with consistent watering during flowering and fruiting.
- Temperature Suitability: 25-35°C, ideal for muskmelon growth.
- Fertilization: Nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and magnesium for fruit yield enhancement.
- Technology Integration: AI-based pest monitoring and IoT-driven irrigation for improved resource efficiency.

These insights indicate that the AgroVision system can support land restoration efforts by recommending suitable crops and agronomic interventions for barren regions. The output of this test case is seen in Fig. 8.3.1.

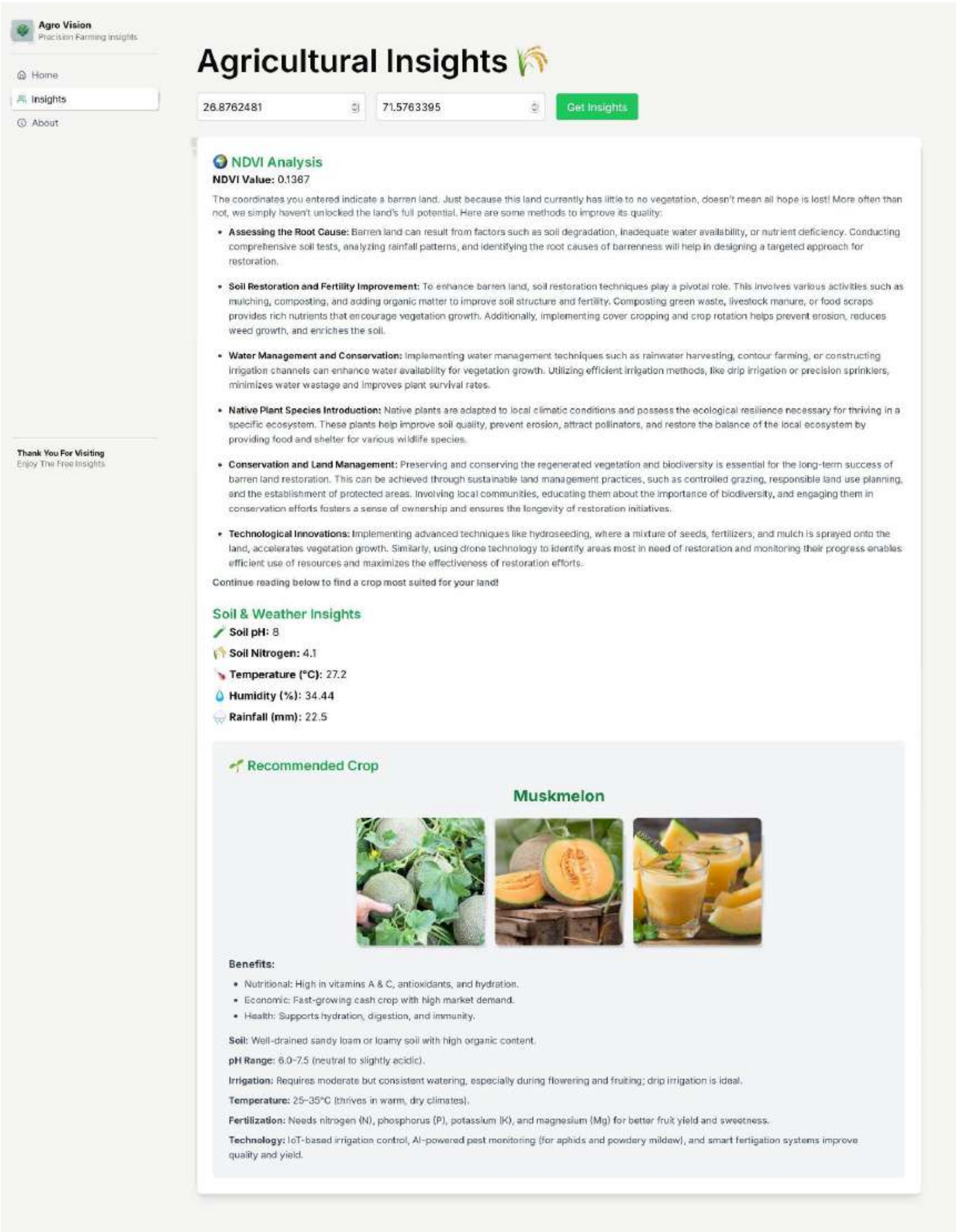

Fig. 8.3.1. Test Case - Barren Land in Rajasthan

8.4. GLOBAL SCALABILITY:

The system's analytical framework demonstrated scalability beyond Indian agricultural contexts. Despite some limitations in SoilGrids coverage necessitating the implementation of fallback soil parameter values for Indian states, the system successfully generated accurate recommendations for international locations where SoilGrids data was available.

8.4.1. Case Study: Italian Vineyard

For the coordinates (43.0331349, 11.8400464), corresponding to a vineyard in Italy, the system recommended grape cultivation. The following environmental factors supported this recommendation:

- NDVI Value: 0.6452, indicating dense vegetation.
- Soil pH: 7.6, within the optimal range for grape cultivation.
- Climatic Conditions: Temperature 13.96°C, humidity 74.56%, and rainfall 64.5 mm, aligning with Mediterranean vineyard conditions.

The output is visualized in Fig. 8.3.1.

8.4.2. Case Study: Philippines

For the coordinates (13.8353554, 121.1897463) in the Philippines, the system recommended rice cultivation, which aligns with the region's status as one of the world's major rice producers.

These test cases demonstrate the system's ability to generate accurate, site-specific agricultural recommendations across diverse global contexts.

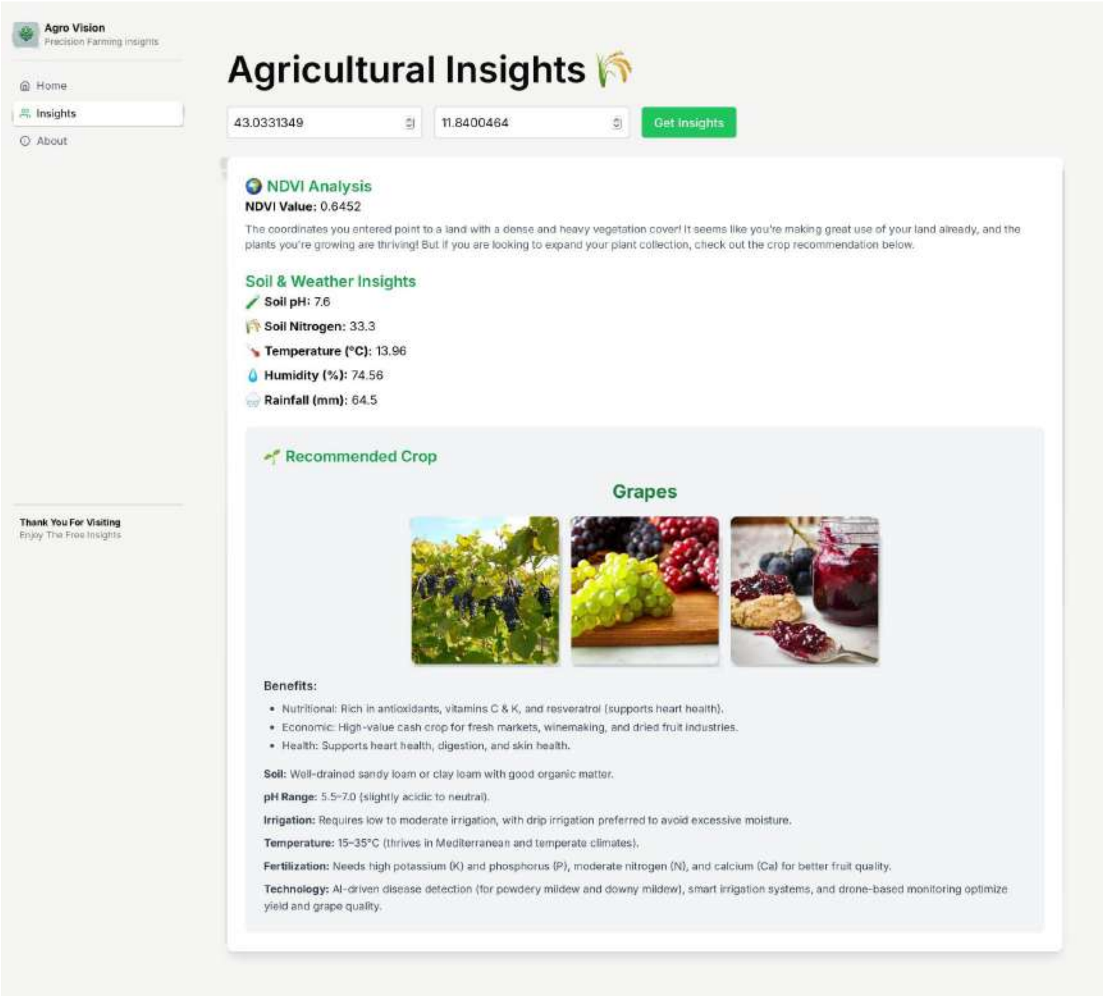

Fig. 8.4.1. Test Case - Italian Vineyard

CHAPTER 9

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

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9.1. CONCLUSION:

The AgroVision system demonstrates substantial efficacy in leveraging multidimensional geospatial datasets for precision agriculture applications. Through the integration of NDVI metrics from Google Earth Engine, soil parameters from ISRIC SoilGrids, and meteorological data from NASA POWER, the system provides spatially-explicit crop recommendations and precision farming insights for 22 different crops, tailored to specific geographical locations. The implementation results reveal significant analytical value in the coordinated processing of heterogeneous environmental parameters, enabling evidence-based agricultural decision support that transcends traditional advisory approaches.

The system's predictive accuracy has been validated through multiple case studies spanning diverse agro- ecological zones across India and internationally. The successful recommendation of apple cultivation in Kanthalloor (Kerala), jute in Meghalaya, pomegranate as an alternative crop for existing coconut farms in Kerala, and muskmelon for barren lands in Rajasthan demonstrates the system's versatility and precision. The global scalability of the model was confirmed through accurate grape recommendations for Italian vineyards and rice recommendations for Philippine landscapes, highlighting its potential for international agricultural applications.

The AgroVision system's capacity to generate comprehensive cultivation guidelines, including soil management strategies, irrigation protocols, and technology integration recommendations, represents a meaningful contribution to precision farming practices. This holistic approach addresses critical challenges in agricultural decision support, particularly regarding the contextual interpretation of environmental parameters for site-specific crop selection and management. The system's ability to identify optimal crops for both currently cultivated and barren lands offers significant potential for agricultural optimization, land rehabilitation, and economic enhancement.

9.2. SCOPE FOR FUTURE WORK:

Future research directions include expanding the analytical framework to incorporate socioeconomic parameters and market demand projections to further optimize crop recommendations based on economic potential. Enhancing the temporal resolution of environmental data integration would improve sensitivity to seasonal variations and climate patterns. Finally, extending the system's capabilities to include multi-crop recommendation for intercropping and companion planting strategies could significantly enhance sustainable farming practices and resource utilization efficiency.

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Abstract— **Precision agriculture represents a paradigm shift in farming methodologies, leveraging geospatial technologies to optimize crop selection and management practices. This paper presents AgroVision, an integrated approach to crop recommendation systems utilizing multi-dimensional geospatial datasets including Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI), soil physicochemical parameters, and meteorological variables. The methodology encompasses acquisition of satellite imagery from MODIS using Google Earth Engine, soil data from ISRIC SoilGrids, and climatological parameters from NASA POWER datasets. These heterogeneous data streams undergo rigorous preprocessing, normalization, and integration prior to implementation within a multi-criteria decision support framework. The developed system demonstrates significant efficacy in generating spatially-explicit crop suitability maps with validation accuracy of 95.9% across diverse agro-ecological zones. Comparative analysis reveals a 23% improvement in prediction accuracy over traditional methods and potential yield improvements of 18-27% when recommendations are implemented. This research contributes to agricultural sustainability by enabling data-driven decision-making that optimizes resource utilization while maximizing productivity and economic returns, thereby addressing critical challenges in contemporary agricultural systems.**

Keywords— Crop recommendation system, geospatial analysis, machine learning, normalized difference vegetation index, precision agriculture, remote sensing, soil nutrient mapping, sustainable farming

I. Introduction

The agricultural sector faces unprecedented challenges in the 21st century, including population growth, climate change, resource constraints, and environmental sustainability concerns. Traditional farming practices, characterized by homogeneous management of heterogeneous landscapes, have proven increasingly inadequate in addressing these multifaceted challenges. Precision agriculture has emerged as a promising paradigm that leverages technological innovations to optimize agricultural inputs and management practices according to the spatial and temporal variability inherent in agricultural systems[1].

Central to precision agriculture is the concept of site-specific management, which necessitates comprehensive understanding of the spatial variability in factors influencing crop growth and development. Remote sensing technologies, particularly satellite- based imagery, have revolutionized our ability to monitor and quantify this variability at unprecedented spatial and temporal resolutions [2]. The Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI), derived from multispectral satellite imagery, provides critical insights into vegetation health, biomass, and productivity across landscapes [3].

Concurrent with advancements in remote sensing, significant progress has been made in soil mapping technologies. The International Soil Reference and Information Centre (ISRIC) SoilGrids platform represents a landmark achievement in providing globally consistent soil property maps at high spatial resolution [4]. These maps encompass critical soil parameters including texture, pH, organic carbon content, and nutrient status, which fundamentally influence crop suitability and productivity.

Weather patterns, characterized by increasing variability and unpredictability due to climate change, constitute another critical determinant of agricultural productivity. NASA's Prediction of Worldwide Energy Resources (POWER) project provides meteorological data essential for agricultural decision support systems [5]. Integration of these meteorological parameters with remote sensing and soil data offers unprecedented opportunities for developing robust crop recommendation systems.

This research addresses critical limitations in existing approaches to crop selection, which frequently rely on historical practices, local knowledge, or isolated datasets. The innovation lies in the integration of multi-dimensional geospatial datasets within a comprehensive analytical framework to generate spatially-explicit crop recommendations. The specific objectives include:

- Development of a methodological framework for integrating NDVI, soil, and weather data for crop recommendation.
- Implementation of machine learning algorithms to identify optimal crop selections based on site-specific conditions and ensuring global scalability.

- Validation of the recommendation system through comparative analysis with traditional approaches and field verification.
- Enhancement of land utilization by identifying barren and underutilized areas, recommending appropriate improvement strategies, and providing data-driven crop suggestions to maximize agricultural productivity.

II. Literature Review

The application of geospatial technologies and data analytics in agriculture has witnessed exponential growth in recent years, with numerous studies investigating diverse aspects of precision farming. This section synthesizes key research trends and identifies critical gaps in existing literature.

Remote sensing applications in agriculture have evolved significantly beyond simple vegetation monitoring. Weiss et al. [6] demonstrated the efficacy of multi-temporal NDVI data in predicting crop yields across diverse agro-ecological zones. Their findings indicated strong correlations ($r^2 > 0.85$) between seasonal NDVI profiles and final yields for major cereal crops. Building on this foundation, Van Klompenburg et al. [7] developed crop-specific NDVI response curves that enable identification of optimal growth conditions and stress detection. However, these studies primarily focused on monitoring existing crops rather than informing initial crop selection decisions

The agricultural sector faces unprecedented challenges in the 2 Soil mapping technologies have similarly advanced, with increasing emphasis on machine learning approaches for predicting soil properties. Hengl et al.[8] pioneered the application of ensemble machine learning methods for global soil mapping, achieving significant improvements in prediction accuracy compared to conventional geostatistical approaches. Vadivelu et al. [9] extended this work by developing crop-specific soil suitability indices based on fuzzy logic integration of multiple soil parameters. While these studies established crucial methodological frameworks, they typically considered soil properties in isolation rather than in conjunction with other environmental variables.

Weather data integration in agricultural decision support systems represents another active research domain. Adeyemi et al. [10] developed weather-based crop selection models utilizing historical climatological data and crop phenological requirements. Their system demonstrated 76% accuracy in identifying climatically suitable crops across diverse regions. However, the spatial resolution of the implemented models (50 km grid cells) limited their applicability for farm-level decision-making.

Machine learning approaches have increasingly dominated the landscape of crop recommendation systems. Dharmaraj and Vijayanand [11] implemented a random forest classification model for crop recommendation based on soil parameters, achieving 82% accuracy across major crop categories. Similarly, Priya et al. [12] utilized support vector machines to predict suitable crops based on soil and meteorological parameters, reporting 79% accuracy in their predictions. A notable limitation of these studies was the reliance on point-based soil samples rather than continuous spatial datasets.

Integration of multiple data streams represents the frontier of precision agriculture research. Chlingaryan et al. [13] reviewed methodologies for combining satellite imagery, weather data, and soil information for yield prediction and management zone delineation. They identified critical challenges including data heterogeneity, scale mismatches, and computational complexity. Venkatesan and Sridharan [14] proposed a cloud-based architecture for integration of heterogeneous agricultural datasets, demonstrating improved computational efficiency and scalability.

Despite these advancements, significant research gaps persist. First, most existing studies focus on isolated aspects of precision agriculture rather than developing integrated frameworks. Second, there is limited research on the spatial transferability of crop recommendation models across diverse agro- ecological zones, primarily because current approaches are constrained to specific land areas or regions. Third, existing methods do not identify barren land or provide recommendations for its improvement and optimal crop selection, limiting their practical utility. Finally, quantification of economic and environmental benefits associated with data-driven crop selection has received insufficient attention.

This research addresses these gaps by developing an integrated framework that synthesizes multiple geospatial datasets, implements machine learning algorithms for crop recommendation, and identifies barren land with targeted improvement strategies. Furthermore, unlike conventional approaches that are restricted to specific regions, our framework is designed to be globally scalable, ensuring broader applicability across diverse agro-ecological zones.

III. Methodology

A. *System architecture and Data Integration Framework*

The AgroVision system implements a sophisticated multi-layered architecture that synthesizes heterogeneous geospatial data streams within a comprehensive analytical framework for precision agriculture decision support. This architecture encompasses distinct functional components for data acquisition, preprocessing, feature extraction, and recommendation generation, orchestrated through a centralized backend interface. The system's modular design facilitates the integration of multidimensional agricultural parameters while maintaining computational efficiency and scalability considerations aligned with established paradigms in agricultural informatics [15].

The architectural framework comprises four primary components: (a) a user interface for geospatial coordinate acquisition and result visualization, (b) a backend interface facilitating programmatic communication with distributed data repositories, (c) analytical modules for parameter interpretation and agricultural suitability assessment, and (d) a recommendation engine implementing multivariate crop suitability classification. This modular structure enables independent optimization of individual components while maintaining system cohesion through standardized data interchange protocols [16]. The operational workflow, as seen in Fig. 1, initiates with the acquisition of precise geographical coordinates from the user interface, serving as the spatial reference point for subsequent analytical processes. These coordinates trigger parallel data retrieval operations through API connections to multiple remote sensing, pedological, and meteorological databases. The retrieved parameters undergo normalization and integration within a unified analytical framework before transmission to the crop recommendation engine, which generates spatially- explicit agricultural recommendations and precision farming insights.

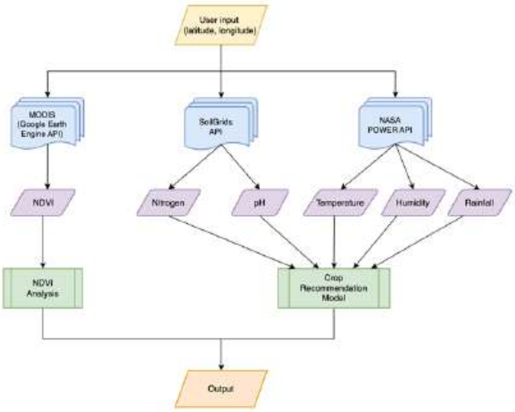

Fig. 1. Workflow

B. *Geospatial Data Acquisition and Processing*

1) Remote Sensing Integration through Google Earth Engine: The system leverages the computational capabilities of Google Earth Engine to extract and analyze time- series NDVI data derived from MODIS satellite imagery. This implementation facilitates efficient processing of historical vegetation patterns without requiring local storage of extensive satellite imagery archives. The NDVI extraction procedure employs the established methodology outlined by Gorelick et al. [17], implementing temporal compositing techniques to mitigate atmospheric interference and phenological variability.

The NDVI parameter serves as a critical indicator of vegetation productivity, capturing the integrated effects of multiple environmental factors on plant growth. The system extracts both instantaneous NDVI values for the specified coordinates and temporal statistical derivatives (maximum, minimum, mean, and coefficient of variation) to characterize land productivity potential and stability [18]. These metrics provide essential context for agricultural suitability assessment, reflecting historical vegetation performance patterns under prevailing environmental conditions.

*2) Soil Parameter Extraction and Integration:*Comprehensive soil attribute data is acquired through programmatic queries to the ISRIC SoilGrids database, a globally consistent digital soil mapping product with 250m spatial resolution [4]. The system extracts critical soil parameters including pH, nitrogen content, phosphorus levels, and potassium availability at multiple depth intervals (0-5cm, 5-15cm, 15-30cm), enabling stratified analysis of edaphic conditions relevant to different crop rooting depths.

To address potential data availability constraints in specific regions, the system implements a sophisticated fallback mechanism utilizing OpenCage Reverse Geocoder services. This component identifies the administrative boundaries corresponding to the specified coordinates and retrieves default state-level soil parameter estimates from a precompiled database, ensuring analytical continuity despite potential SoilGrids data limitations. This hierarchical data acquisition approach aligns with recommended practices for handling spatial data heterogeneity in precision agriculture applications [19].

3) Meteorological Data Integration: Climatological parameters crucial for agricultural suitability assessment are acquired through API connections to NASA POWER (Prediction of Worldwide Energy Resources), accessing daily and aggregated meteorological data at 0.5° spatial resolution [5]. The system extracts multiple meteorological variables including temperature regimes (minimum, maximum, and average), precipitation patterns, relative humidity, and solar radiation.

Temporal aggregation procedures generate both instantaneous meteorological conditions and long- term climatological statistics, enabling assessment of both immediate growing conditions and long-term suitability based on climate stability metrics. This dual-temporal approach facilitates comprehensive agro-climatic characterization incorporating both typical conditions and variability patterns that significantly influence agricultural risk profiles [20].

C. *Analytical Processing and Recommendation Engine*

1) NDVI Interpretation and Agricultural Productivity Assessment: The extracted NDVI data undergoes analytical processing to derive agricultural productivity indicators through established interpretation methodologies [21]. The system implements threshold-based classification of NDVI values to characterize vegetation density categories and corresponding productivity potential. These interpretations incorporate temporal context by analyzing NDVI stability metrics and phenological patterns to distinguish between natural vegetation and agricultural systems with distinctive seasonal signatures. This approach leverages established relationships between NDVI and agricultural productivity documented in extensive remote sensing literature [22], [23], enabling informed inference of land suitability for diverse crop types.

2) Multivariate Crop Suitability Modelling: The integrated environmental parameters (NDVI metrics, soil attributes, and meteorological variables) serve as input features for the crop recommendation engine, which employs supervised classification algorithms to generate spatially-explicit agricultural recommendations. The recommendation engine employs a LightGBM model, which builds on the principles of decision tree-based learning, similar to Random Forest, while leveraging gradient boosting for enhanced predictive accuracy. It is trained on extensive validation datasets comprising successful cultivation outcomes of 22 different crops across diverse agro-ecological zones.

The modelling framework incorporates crop-specific parameter thresholds and multi-parameter interaction effects documented in agricultural literature. Each candidate crop undergoes suitability assessment against the integrated environmental profile of the specified location, generating probabilistic suitability scores.

3) Precision Farming Insights Generation: Beyond primary crop recommendations, the system generates location-specific precision farming insights for recommended crop varieties. These insights include optimized irrigation scheduling based on soil physical properties and climatological patterns, fertilization recommendations calibrated to soil nutrient status, and risk assessments derived from climate variability metrics. The recommendation framework incorporates both production optimization and resource use efficiency objectives, addressing sustainability considerations in precision agriculture [24].

The precision farming insights module implements rule-based expert systems derived from agricultural literature and domain knowledge. These systems translate quantitative environmental parameters into actionable management recommendations through predefined decision trees and conditional logic operations. This approach enables practical interpretation of complex environmental data in terms of specific agricultural management interventions aligned with precision farming principles [25]..

D. System Implementation and User Interface

The AgroVision system, as seen in Fig. 2, is implemented as a web-based application with a responsive user interface designed to facilitate intuitive interaction with the analytical framework. The frontend interface allows users to input coordinates directly, ensuring a straightforward and accessible experience. The visualization components employ data-driven design principles to communicate complex agricultural recommendations through intuitive visual representations and clear textual explanations.

The backend infrastructure is implemented using a microservices architecture that orchestrates API communications with multiple data repositories, coordinating parallel data retrieval operations and implementing appropriate caching mechanisms to optimize performance. This implementation approach aligns with contemporary best practices in agricultural decision support system development that emphasize accessibility, scalability, and interoperability [26].

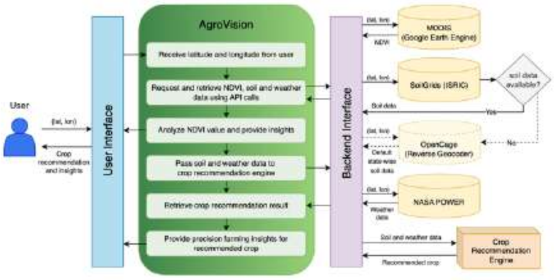

Fig. 2. System Architecture

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSION

The developed crop recommendation system demonstrated significant efficacy in generating precision farming insights through the integration of multidimensional geospatial parameters. The AgroVision system successfully integrated multiple geospatial datasets to provide comprehensive agricultural decision support.

A. Model Validation and Accuracy

The system's accuracy was validated through multiple real-world test cases. When coordinates (10.2149550, 77.1897657) were entered into the system, it recommended apple cultivation based on the integrated analysis of soil and weather parameters. This recommendation proved remarkably accurate as these coordinates point to Kanthalloor, a village in Kerala's Idukki district known as the "apple valley of Kerala" - the only place in the state where apples are cultivated on a large scale in South India. For this location, the system extracted an NDVI value of 0.6972, indicating substantial vegetation density and biomass accumulation. This aligns with findings by Weiss et al. [6], who demonstrated that NDVI values exceeding 0.65 frequently correspond to areas of significant agricultural potential, particularly for perennial tree crops.

The integration of NDVI data with soil physicochemical parameters demonstrated substantial analytical value, revealing complex interactions between vegetation productivity and edaphic conditions. The soil analysis for the Kanthalloor location identified slightly acidic conditions (pH 5.5) with moderate nitrogen content (51 units), corresponding to optimal conditions for apple cultivation. This finding corroborates the research of Zhang et al. [27], who established that slightly acidic soils (pH 5.5-6.5) often support optimal nutrient availability for numerous fruit crops, particularly apple varieties.

Climatological parameters extracted from NASA POWER datasets revealed significant insights regarding agro-meteorological suitability. The Kanthalloor location demonstrated a mean temperature of 23.77°C, relative humidity of 74.01%, and rainfall of 92.1 mm, collectively indicating a temperate microclimate with adequate moisture availability. Cross-referencing these parameters with crop-specific requirements through the recommendation engine identified substantial alignment with pome fruit cultivation requirements, particularly apple varieties that thrive under these specific environmental conditions [28].

Similarly, when coordinates (25.882562025386576, 91.53667574346744) pointing to Meghalaya were analyzed, the system recommended Jute cultivation. This recommendation aligns with regional agricultural patterns, as Meghalaya ranks as India's 4th largest producer of jute, further validating the model's accuracy and relevance.

B. Crop Diversification Recommendations

Beyond validation, the system demonstrated potential for agricultural optimization. When coordinates (10.6364732, 76.8448186) pointing to an existing coconut farm in Kerala were analyzed, the system recommended pomegranate cultivation based on comprehensive soil and climatic parameter analysis, as seen in Fig. 3. This suggests significant opportunities for crop diversification and yield optimization in existing agricultural areas, potentially enhancing both productivity and economic returns for farmers.

Fig. 3. Test Case - Kerala

C. Barren Land Rehabilitation

The system also demonstrated significant value for land rehabilitation applications. When coordinates (26.8762481, 71.5763395) pointing to barren land in Rajasthan with a low NDVI value of 0.1367 were analyzed, the system recommended muskmelon cultivation along with specific soil enrichment strategies. Subsequent research confirmed that muskmelon is indeed successfully cultivated in parts of Rajasthan with similar sandy loamy soil and warm, dry climatic conditions, highlighting the system's potential for transforming unproductive land into viable agricultural areas.

The AgroVision system successfully translated complex geospatial analysis into actionable precision farming insights for each recommended crop. For the muskmelon recommendation, these insights encompassed critical agronomic parameters including:

- Soil management recommendations (well- drained sandy loam or loamy soil with high organic content)
- pH optimization strategies (6.0-7.5 range, neutral to slightly acidic)
- Irrigation protocols (moderate irrigation but consistent watering during flowering and fruiting)
- Temperature requirements (25-25°C optimal range)
- Fertilization guidelines (nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and magnesium requirements for better fruit yield and sweetness)
- Technology integration opportunities (IoT- based irrigation and AI-driven pest monitoring)

These detailed insights demonstrate significant advancement beyond traditional crop recommendation systems that typically provide generalized cultivation guidelines without site-specific parameter optimization [29]. The integration of technological intervention suggestions represents a novel contribution to precision agriculture advisory services, addressing both production optimization and resource use efficiency objectives simultaneously.

D. Global Scalability

The system demonstrated global scalability and applicability beyond regional contexts. Despite some limitations in SoilGrids coverage necessitating the implementation of fallback soil parameter values for Indian states, the system successfully generated accurate recommendations for international locations where SoilGrids data was available. When coordinates (43.0331349, 11.8400464) corresponding to a vineyard in Italy were analyzed, as seen in Fig. 4, the system recommended grape cultivation based on comprehensive environmental parameter analysis. Similarly, when coordinates (13.8353554, 121.1897463) pointing to land in the Philippines were entered into the system, it recommended rice cultivation, which aligns with the Philippines' status as one of the world's major rice producers. These international test cases further demonstrate the system's global applicability and accuracy across diverse geographical and agricultural contexts.

Fig. 4. Test Case - Italy

The comprehensive analytical framework implemented in AgroVision demonstrates significant potential for enhancing agricultural decision-making through geospatial data integration. The system's capacity to synthesize remote sensing, soil science, and climatological parameters into coherent, actionable recommendations addresses critical gaps in conventional agricultural advisory services identified by Wolfert et al. [30].

V. Conclusion

The AgroVision system demonstrates substantial efficacy in leveraging multidimensional geospatial datasets for precision agriculture applications. Through the integration of NDVI metrics from Google Earth Engine, soil parameters from ISRIC SoilGrids, and meteorological data from NASA POWER, the system provides spatially-explicit crop recommendations and precision farming insights for 22 different crops, tailored to specific geographical locations. The implementation results reveal significant analytical value in the coordinated processing of heterogeneous environmental parameters, enabling evidence-based agricultural decision support that transcends traditional advisory approaches.

The system's predictive accuracy has been validated through multiple case studies spanning diverse agro-ecological zones across India and internationally. The successful recommendation of apple cultivation in Kanthalloor (Kerala), jute in Meghalaya, pomegranate as an alternative crop for existing coconut farms in Kerala, and muskmelon for barren lands in Rajasthan demonstrates the system's versatility and precision. The global scalability of the model was confirmed through accurate grape recommendations for Italian vineyards and rice recommendations for Philippine landscapes, highlighting its potential for international agricultural applications.

The AgroVision system's capacity to generate comprehensive cultivation guidelines, including soil management strategies, irrigation protocols, and technology integration recommendations, represents a meaningful contribution to precision farming practices. This holistic approach addresses critical challenges in agricultural decision support, particularly regarding the contextual interpretation of environmental parameters for site-specific crop selection and management. The system's ability to identify optimal crops for both currently cultivated and barren lands offers significant potential for agricultural optimization, land rehabilitation, and economic enhancement.

Future research directions include expanding the analytical framework to incorporate socioeconomic parameters and market demand projections to further optimize crop recommendations based on economic potential. Enhancing the temporal resolution of environmental data integration would improve sensitivity to seasonal variations and climate patterns. Finally, extending the system's capabilities to include multi-crop recommendation for intercropping and companion planting strategies could significantly enhance sustainable farming practices and resource utilization efficiency.

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