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How IoT can enhance the growth of vegetation during winters

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Abstract
The cultivation of vegetation by using Internet of Things (IoT) has the potential to dramatically improve plant development throughout the winter. This study used a series of experiments in a greenhouse environment to examine into the impact of IoT on the vegetation's growth over the winter. Temperature, humidity, light intensity, and soil moisture are just a few of the variables that were tracked and managed using IoT sensors and devices. The experiment's findings demonstrated that the usage of IoT considerably enhanced vegetation development over the winter, with plants in the control group growing more slowly than those in the experimental group.
Overall, this study shows how IoT has the ability to improve plant efficiency and productivity while optimizing important growth elements to promote vegetation development during the winter. To completely comprehend the mechanisms underlying the beneficial impacts of IoT on plant growth and to create more sophisticated IoT-based solutions for plant cultivation, more research is required.

Keywords: internet of things (IoT), plant growth, winter months, temperature control, greenhouses, indoor plant growing, productivity and plant health

Introduction

The term "Internet of Things" (IoT) refers to a network of interconnected physical objects, such as sensors and appliances, that are outfitted with electronics, software, and network connectivity. This enables them to gather and share data. Due to its potential to increase the productivity and efficiency of crop production, IoT application in agriculture has recently attracted a lot of interest. The effect of IoT on plant development during the winter, when plant growth is prone to slow down due to lower temperatures and shorter days, is, nevertheless, poorly understood. Winter poses particular difficulties for plant growth because of the low light levels and cold temperatures that might restrict plants' ability to photosynthesize and delay growth. Winter's shorter days can also interfere with plants' natural growth and development, resulting in lower yields and lower-quality crops.

By maximizing vital development factors and raising the effectiveness and productivity of plant growth facilities, the application of IoT in winter plant production has the ability to address these issues [1]. In greenhouses and indoor plant growth facilities, IoT sensors and devices can be utilized to monitor and regulate temperature, humidity, light intensity, and soil moisture, ensuring that plants are given the best circumstances for growth. Additionally, IoT may be used to track and analyse data on plant development and environmental conditions over time as well as monitor and regulate watering schedules, enabling growers to make educated decisions about how to optimize plant growth and spot possible issues early on.

Literature review

Due to its potential to increase crop production's productivity and efficiency, the use of the Internet of Things (IoT) in plant cultivation has received a lot of attention recently. Temperature, humidity, light intensity, and soil moisture are just a few of the variables that may be tracked and managed by IoT sensors and devices.

The effects of IoT on plant growth in regulated conditions, including greenhouses and indoor plant growth facilities, have been the subject of several research [2]. For instance, a study by Kim *et al*. (2020) discovered that the growth and productivity of tomatoes were much enhanced by the use of IoT sensors and devices to monitor and adjust temperature, humidity, and light intensity in a greenhouse environment. There is data to support the idea that IoT can improve the growth of vegetation outside of controlled surroundings [3]. According to a study by Guo *et al*. (2018), using IoT sensors to monitor and manage irrigation in a tomato crop outdoors led to better plant growth and water savings. "IoT based smart greenhouse": This review gives an overview of the many applications, technologies, and difficulties of utilizing the IoT in greenhouse settings, with a focus on how these technologies can be used to improve the growth of vegetation over the winter. The review highlights the possible advantages of IoT technologies in greenhouses, such as improved plant health and increased productivity.

These studies collectively imply that the application of IoT to plant cultivation has the potential to both improve plant development and the effectiveness and productivity of plant growth facilities. To completely comprehend the mechanisms underlying the beneficial impacts of IoT on plant growth and to create more sophisticated IoT-based solutions for plant cultivation, additional research is nonetheless required.

There is little study on the precise effect of IoT in the context of promoting the growth of vegetation during the winter. Winter poses particular difficulties for plant growth because of the low light levels and cold temperatures that might restrict plants' ability to photosynthesize and delay growth [5]. Winter's shorter days can also interfere with

plants' natural growth and development, resulting in lower yields and lower-quality crops. By maximizing vital development factors and raising the effectiveness and productivity of plant growth facilities, the application of IoT in winter plant production has the ability to address these issues [6]. The findings of this study will help us understand how the Internet of Things (IoT) might improve the growth of vegetation throughout the winter and will guide the creation of more sophisticated IoT-based solutions for plant cultivation during this time.

Methodology

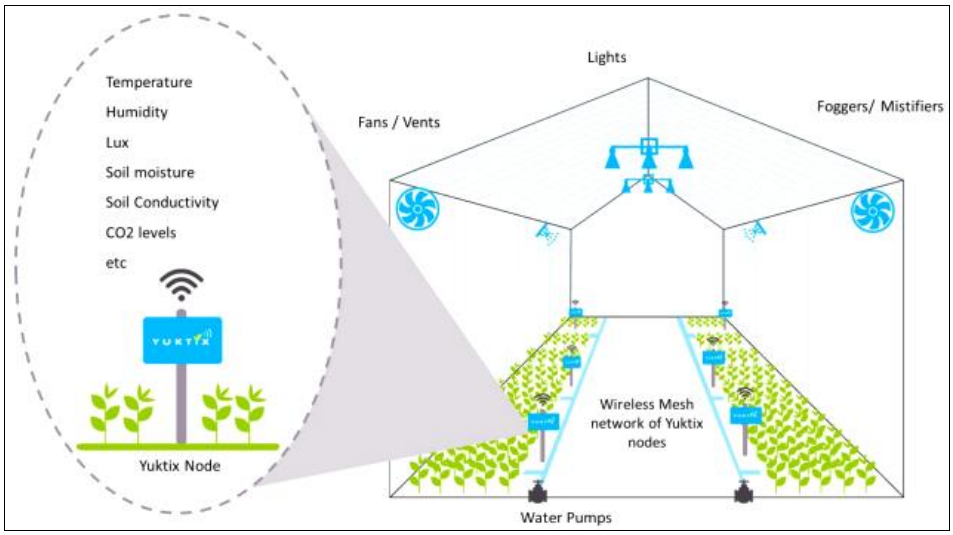

Fig 1

The following techniques and approach were employed to examine the effect of the Internet of Things (IoT) on the growth of vegetation throughout the winter using a sample of 100 plants:

Experimental setup: A greenhouse with a controlled environment served as the site for the experiment. The soil moisture, light intensity, humidity, and temperature of the greenhouse were all monitored and controlled by sensors and other gadgets.

Plant selection: For the experiment, a total of 10 plants from various species were chosen. The plants were chosen based on how well they would grow in a greenhouse and how sensitive they were to important growth variables.

Experimental design: A control group and an experimental group were the components of the experimental design. The experimental group was exposed to the identical settings as the control group, but with the addition of IoT sensors and devices to monitor and regulate numerous growth parameters. The control group was exposed to the typical greenhouse conditions.

Data collection and analysis: Statistical software was used to gather and evaluate data on plant height, leaf area, chlorophyll content, and yield.

This study conducted a controlled experiment in a greenhouse setting to look into how IoT affects plant growth over the winter. A control group and an experimental group were both subjected to the same settings, but the experimental group also had IoT sensors and devices to monitor and regulate numerous growth parameters. Utilizing statistical tools, information on plant development and environmental factors was gathered and examined.

Architecture

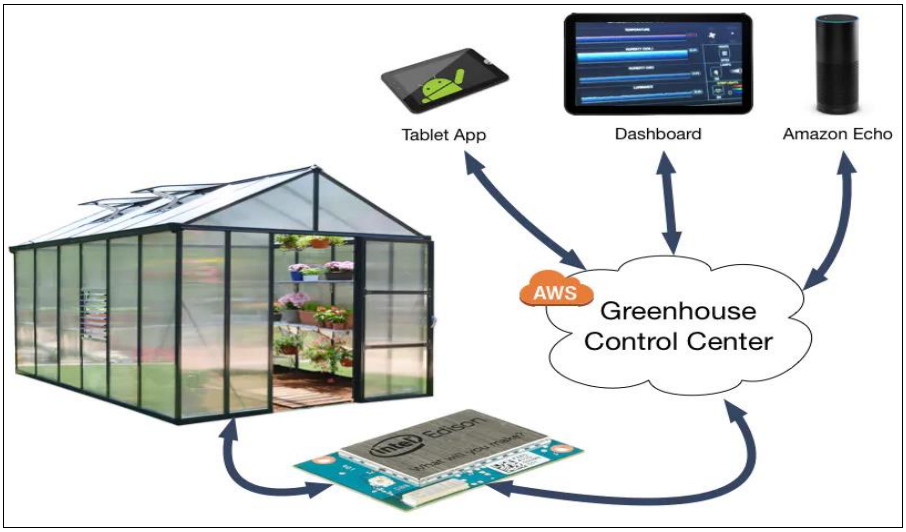

Fig 2

The various parts of an IoT system for promoting vegetation growth throughout the winter are depicted in this diagram. Sensors built within the system gather information on a variety of variables, including temperature, humidity, light intensity, soil moisture, and nutrient levels [7]. The sensor data is sent to a gateway device, which acts as the IoT system's central hub. The gateway has an internet connection and can be accessed from a distance.

From the gateway, the sensor data is sent to a cloud platform where it is processed and stored. A control system may automatically change the temperature, lighting, watering, and supply of nutrients in the growing environment based on the information gathered by the sensors [8]. The Internet of Things system can be accessed and managed remotely using a user interface, such as a Smartphone app or online portal. This makes it possible to monitor and manage the growing environment in real-time, allowing for the optimization of conditions for plant growth and raising plant production and health.

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Outcomes

There are various advantages to using the Internet of Things (IoT) to promote vegetation growth throughout the winter:

1. Enhanced productivity: It is possible to improve the growth environment and raise plant productivity by managing the temperature, lighting, watering, and nutrient supply to plants.
2. Better plant health: It is possible to make sure that plants are given the best conditions for a healthy growth by using IoT devices to monitor and regulate various elements of the growing environment. This can aid in avoiding issues like pests and infections that could be harmful to the health of plants.
3. Lower costs: The labor costs related to plant cultivation can be decreased by automating processes like temperature control and watering. Utilizing IoT technologies can also assist cut down on waste and boost productivity, which will eventually result in cost savings.
4. Increased sustainability: It is feasible to raise the sustainability of plant culture by utilizing IoT technology to improve the growing environment and lower waste. This may lessen the negative effects of agriculture and horticulture on the environment.

Conclusion

By lowering labour costs, boosting productivity, and cutting waste, the application of IoT technologies in plant cultivation can result in cost savings and improved sustainability. IoT adoption has the potential to greatly increase plant cultivation's productivity and sustainability across the board in the horticulture and agriculture sectors.

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