

# Smart Agriculture Remote Monitoring System Using Low Power IOT Network

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## ABSTRACT

Climate changes and rainfall has been erratic over the past decade. Due to this in recent era, climate-smart methods called as smart agriculture is adopted by many Indian farmers. One of the important applications of IoT is Smart Agriculture. It reduces wastage of water, fertilizers and increases the crop yield. Smart agriculture is an automated and directed information technology implemented with the IoT (Internet of Things). IoT is developing rapidly and widely applied in all wireless environments. In this project, sensor technology and wireless networks integration of IoT technology has been studied and reviewed based on the actual situation of agricultural system. Temperature sensor, Moisture sensor and pH sensor which senses the temperature, moisture content and pH in the soil which are connected to Raspberry pi. A combined approach with internet and wireless communications, Remote Monitoring System (RMS) is proposed. Nowadays IoT is the growing technology in the present era. As considering all the aspects into picturization we proposed a new methodology in which a farmer can easily identify the status of his field and proceed for the crop to be irrigated. In this we calculate the Temperature, Humidity, SoilMoisture, and pH of the field. By visualizing all the parameters, we considered the respective individual can easily identify the nature of his field and the crop that can be cultivated in the field.

**Keywords:** IoT, Remote monitoring system, Raspberry Pi, Sensors, Smart Agriculture.

## 1. Introduction

IOT describes the network of physical objects i.e., things that are embedded with sensors, software, and other technologies for the purpose of connecting and exchanging data with other devices and systems over the internet.

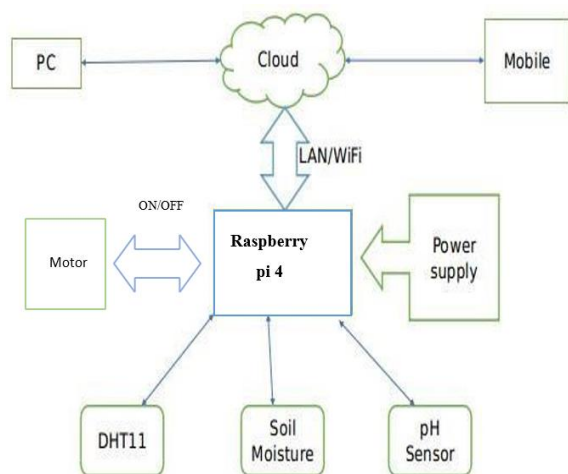
In India there have been advancements in technologies in various sectors, but in agriculture there is no advancement in the technology. As India has the largest agriculture land but the growing and yielding of the crops are not up to the mark. Agriculture is one of the largest sectors in India. The share of agriculture in GDP is increased to 19.9% in 2020-2021 from 17.8% in 2019-2020. Many people were facilitated by agriculture sector, but it still lacks in modernization and advancement. Technology can be used for updating the agriculture and mainly the irrigation methods to get efficient yield and control. Nowadays IoT has brought tremendous changes in agriculture in many different ways just like using the sensors. When sensors like moisture sensors, temperature and humidity sensors are placed across the fields, farmers are able to receive more accurate data and can able to do schedule irrigation periods. In this proposed research we developed a smart irrigation system that continuously monitors and automatically irrigates the field whenever it is requires. It helps us to prevent the crop

from excessive watering or lack of watering at the required times which will adversely affect the crop production. There are two sections namely transmitter and receiver in this paper. Transmitter side consists of sensors which sense the field parameters and passes this information to the receiver. At receiver side receives the data and a mini submersible pump is connected to Raspberry pi 4. Accordingly to the received data the Pump will turn on/off automatically by comparing with given Threshold values. And this information is passed to the cloud, so that we can be able to observe the data from anywhere through laptops or mobile phones. Unlike the other systems we are adding few more parameters that are to be analysed for better yield and control. It is a trans-receiver module that we are using in this project to collect the data within the range of 1.5 kilo-meter. So, this method gives much more accurate results for smart irrigation with low cost.

## 2. System Development

### 2.1: Hardware Architecture

The Raspberry pi 4 board is connected with the various sensors to measure the field in different parameters. As the Raspberry pi 4 board as internal WIFI, we tend to connect the module to the Thing Speak software to store the data in the cloud. Through the cloud we can send the information of the field parameters to the Farmers directly to their Mobile phones. By using this type of module the Farmers get to know their fields in a great way in this pollution world where everything is polluted.



**Fig.1: Block Diagram**

#### 2.1.1: Raspberry Pi 4

Raspberry Pi 4 is a stand-alone third generation computer with Broadcom BCM2837B0, 64bit quad-core ARM processor. It has memory of 1GB, dual band 2.4GHz and 5GHz IEEE 802.11.b/g/n/ac WLAN, Bluetooth 4.2, BLE and Ethernet over USB2.0. There are 40 GPIO pins for interfacing and 4 USB ports. Pi 4 has separate HDMI port for video output, MIPI camera serial interface port and display serial interface port, a dedicated micro SD card slot to load Operating System (OS) and data storage. The OS RASPBIAN is booted onto the SD card. Python programming language is used mainly. A large set of library files required for programming can be downloaded and installed timely according to the requirement. Raspberry Pi is a series of small single-board computers (SBCs) developed in the United

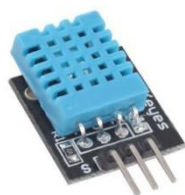
Kingdom by the Raspberry Pi Foundation in association with Broadcom. The Raspberry Pi project originally leaned towards the promotion of teaching basic computer science in schools and in developing countries. The original model became more popular than anticipated, selling outside its target market for uses such as robotics. It is widely used in many areas, such as for weather monitoring, because of its low cost, modularity, and open design. It is typically used by computer and electronic hobbyists, due to its adoption of HDMI and USB devices.



**Fig. 2: Raspberry pi 4**

### 2.1.2: DHT11

The DHT11 is a commonly used Temperature and humidity sensor that comes with a dedicated NTC to measure temperature and an 8-bit microcontroller to output the values of temperature and humidity as serial data. DHT11 is a Temperature and humidity sensor. It uses thermistor and capacitive type humidity sensor.



**Fig. 3: DHT 11 sensor**

### 2.1.3: pH Sensor

A pH sensor helps to measure the acidity or alkalinity of the water with a value between 0-14. When the pH value dips below seven, the water starts to become more acidic. Any number above seven equates to more alkaline. Each type of pH sensor works differently to measure the quality of the water.

The overall working rule of pH sensor and pH meter depends upon the exchange of ions from sample solution to the inner solution (pH 7 buffer) of glass electrode through the glass membrane. The porosity of the glass membrane decreases with the continuous use that decreases the performance of the probe.



**Fig.4: pH Sensor**

#### **2.1.4: Battery**

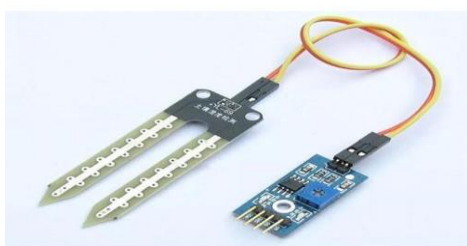
An electric battery is a source of electric power consisting of one or more cells with external connections for powering electrical devices. When a battery is supplying power, its positive terminal is the cathode and its negative terminal is the anode. The terminal marked negative is the source of electrons that will flow through an external electric circuit to the positive terminal. When a battery is connected to an external electric load, a redox reaction converts high-energy reactants to lower-energy products, and the free-energy difference is delivered to the external circuit as electrical energy.



**Fig. 5: Battery**

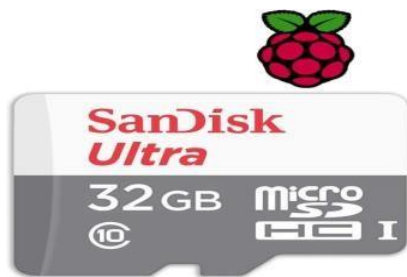
#### **2.1.5: Soil Moisture**

The soil moisture sensor consists of two probes which are used to measure the volumetric content of water. The two probes allow the current to pass through the soil and then it gets the resistance value to measure the moisture value. When there is more water, the soil will conduct more electricity which means that there will be less resistance. Therefore, the moisture level will be higher. Dry soil conducts electricity poorly, so when there will be less water, then the soil will conduct less electricity which means that there will be more resistance. Therefore, the moisture level will be lower. soil moisture sensor consists of 4 pins.



**Fig. 6: Soil Moisture sensor****2.1.6: SD Card**

The SD card is a key part of the Raspberry Pi; it provides the initial storage for the Operating System and files. Storage can be extended through many types of USB connected peripherals. If there is no SD card inserted, it will not start. Raspberry Pi basically uses a microSD card as a hard drive and to store any information. For this reason, we recommend using a Class 10 microSD card in your Raspberry Pi. There is also a separate, even faster category called UHS-1 (for Ultra High Speed), often both are used.

**Fig.7: SD card****2.1.7: MCP3008**

MCP3008 is a 10-bit Analogue to Digital converter having eight single ended input channels. It has a 4-wire serial SPI compatible interface that is used to get digital output for all channels. It has an onboard sample and holds circuitry.

**2.1.8: Jumper Wires**

A jump wire (also known as jumper, jumper wire, jumper cable, DuPont wire or cable) is an electrical wire, or group of them in a cable, with a connector or pin at each end (or sometimes without them – simply "tinned"), which is normally used to interconnect the components of a breadboard or other prototype or test circuit, internally or with other equipment or components, without soldering.

**2.1.9: Power Bank**

Portable Power Banks are comprised of a special battery in a special case with a special circuit to control power flow. They allow you to store electrical energy (deposit it in the bank) and then later use it to charge up a mobile device (withdraw it from the bank). The Power Banks are available of different power according the power of the chargeable devices. It is easy to carry Power bank for an individual.

**2.1.10: Water Pump**

A water pump is an electromechanical machine used to increase the pressure of water to move it from one point to another. Modern water pumps are used throughout the world to supply water for municipal, industrial, agricultural, and residential uses. There are several types of water pumps including positive displacement pumps and centrifugal pumps, which provide the same service, however, operate differently.

**2.1.11: Relay**

A relay is an electrically operated switch. It consists of a group of input terminals for one or multiple control signals, and a group of operating contact terminals. The switch may have any number of contacts in multiple contact forms, such as make contacts, break contacts, or combinations thereof. Features: RW Series Relay covers switching capacity by 10A in spite of miniature size to comply with the user's big choice.

## **2.2: Software Requirement**

### **2.2.1: Python IDLE**

IDLE (short for Integrated Development and Learning Environment) is an integrated development environment for Python, which has been bundled with the default implementation of the language since 1.5.2b1. It is packaged as an optional part of the Python packaging with many Linux distributions. It is completely written in Python and the Tkinter GUI toolkit (wrapper functions for Tcl/Tk). Python programming languages can be used to write the code.

### **2.2.2: Raspberry Pi Software**

Raspbian is a free operating released in July2012that runs on the Raspberry Pi single board computer. It is derived from Debi a Linux, and uses the LXDE desktop environment by default. Raspberry Pi OS is highly optimized for the Raspberry Pi line of compact single-board computers with ARM CPUs. It runs on every Raspberry Pi except the Pico microcontroller. Raspberry Pi OS uses a modified LXDE as its desktop environment with the Open box stacking window manager, along with a unique theme. The default distribution is shipped with a copy of the algebra program Wolfram Mathematic, VLC, and a lightweight version of the Chromium web browser.

### **2.2.3: ThingSpeak**

ThingSpeak is an open data platform for the Internet of Things. Your device or application can communicate with ThingSpeak using a Restful API, and you can either keep your data private, or make it public. In addition, use ThingSpeak to analyze and act on your data. ThingSpeak provides an online text editor to perform data analysis and visualization using MATLAB<sup>®</sup>. ThingSpeak is used for diverse applications ranging from weather data collection and analysis, to synchronizing the colour of lights across the world.

### **2.2.4: PuTTY Software**

**PuTTY** is a free and open-source terminal emulator, serial console and network file transfer application. It supports several network protocols, including SCP, SSH, Telnet, rlogin, and raw socket connection. It can also connect to a serial port. The name "PuTTY" has no official meaning.

## **3. Work Flow**

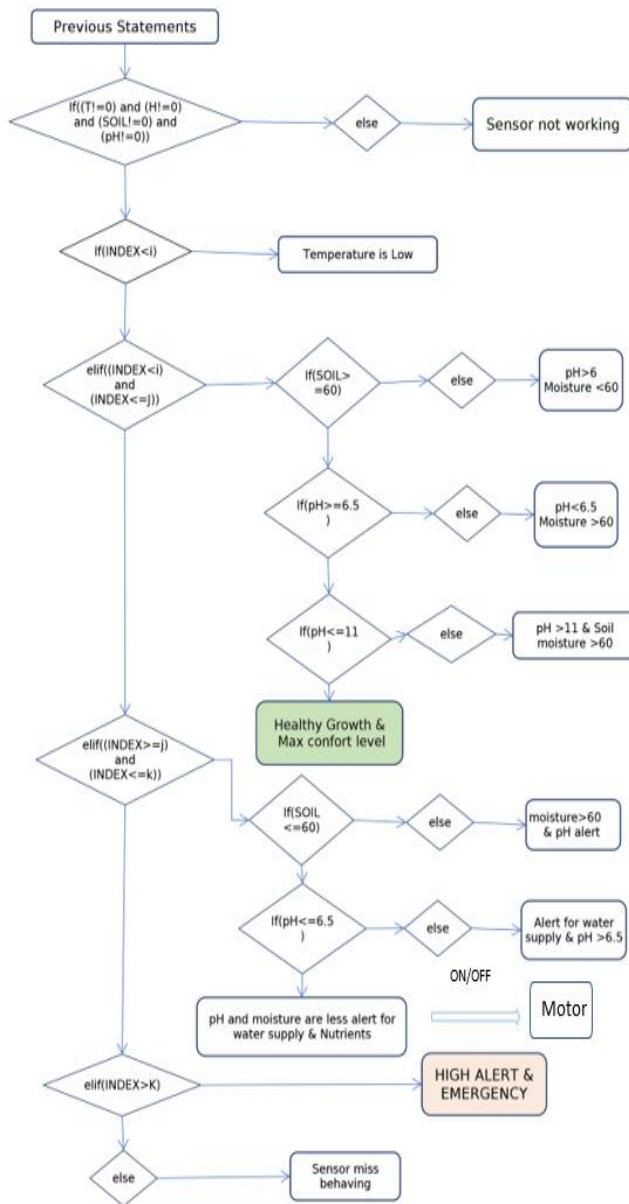


Fig. 8: Flowchart

#### 4. Proposed Methodology

Here when we give power supply to the Raspberry pi using power bank or direct connection using charger (adapter), we will see that all sensor get active by glowing led which is inbuilt in sensor and raspberry pi. Usually, we require keyboard and mouse for controlling and monitor for visualizing the screen which is present inside the Raspberry pi memory. But rather than using that we will be taking help of VNC. Here Raspberry pi will act as VNC server and we will be using mobile as VNC viewer for controlling. VNC act as bridge for connecting the raspberry pi and mobile. Make sure that you are using same source of WIFI i.e., from router or personal hotspot for raspberry pi and mobile. VNC viewer has inbuilt keyboard as well as mouse option for working as professional desktop setup. Make sure that

all pins of sensor are correctly connected to right pin of power supply (5v and GND) and raspberry pi. Code is written and then run, following thing will happen, DHT11 sensor will send the Humidity and Temperature values to the Raspberry pi in similar way when pH sensor is connected to the UART pins of the Raspberry pi the data is generated by the sensor like temperature, pH, depth and length are send to raspberry pi through serial communication when we provide it with power supply. Finally Soil Moisture sensor will send analog signals and digital signal (1 and 0), to get the accurate values we will be using MCP3008 IC which will convert analog values to digital values, hence we will be getting values range from 0 to 100.

This all values are printed in the console window every time based on the time delay given. We have written our formula for status of soil in code such that it will take parameters of the sensor and calculate the result and then display the status of the soil. If we ON the WIFI of the raspberry pi then the values will be stored in cloud, here we have used “Thingspeak” cloud to visualize the values in form of graph which are provided in the output section in this research Paper. The status of motor is sent to the authenticated owner.



**Fig 9: Proposed System**

From the literature survey which we made we came across the ‘MISSENARD Index’ formula which later changed to ‘CMM’ in CLAY-MIST: IoT-cloud enabled CMM index for smart agriculture monitoring system. From the CMM index formula we made some modification as we have used more sensors than there method. Here we can get the data of soil from various sensors such as Temperature, Humidity, pH and Soil Moisture. These all are individual data, we have proposed our formula named as INDEX which will be use constant, and all sensor values in it such that there will be one single value by which we can predict the nature of soil. The values observed by the sensors are uploaded to cloud, gets analyzed and runs in parallel with the program code inputs. Furthermore, this data consistently determines the motor activity and statistic i.e ON\OFF states of the motor. Below is the formula

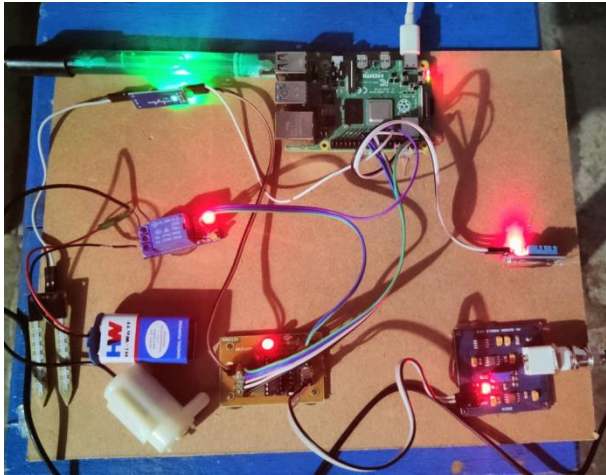
**Index = ((T\*A+B)-0.5\*((1-H/100)\*(1-SOIL/100)\*(1-pH/14))\*(T\*A-28))** Where,

A, B are constants



T = Temperature  
SOIL = soil moisture  
H = Humidity  
pH = PH

### 5. Results and Discussion



**Fig. 10: ThingSpeak Project Kit**

All the sensed values are uploaded into ThingSpeak cloud using internet. Below are the graphs taken from the ThingSpeak cloud, where we can see the values of all sensor w.r.t time and date.

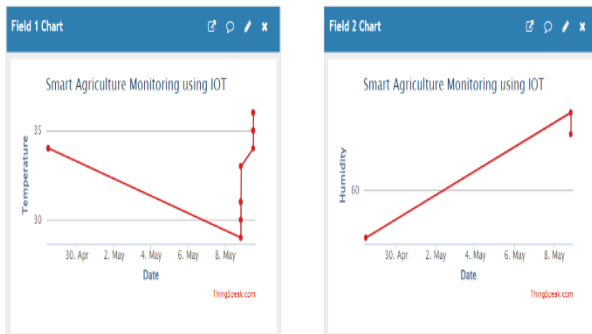
Field 1 chart: - Temperature

Field 2 chart: - Humidity

Field 3 chart: - pH

Field 4 chart: - Soil Moisture

Field 5 chart: - Motor



**Fig.11: Temperature and Humidity Graphs**

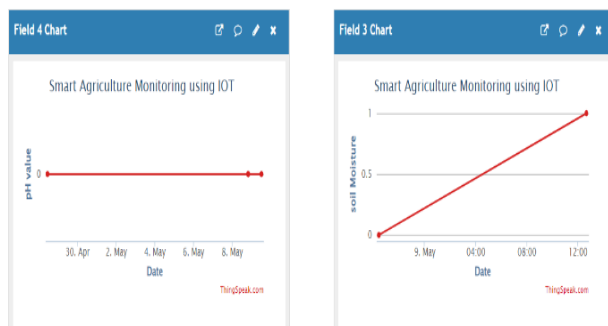


Fig.12: pH value and Soil Moisture Graphs

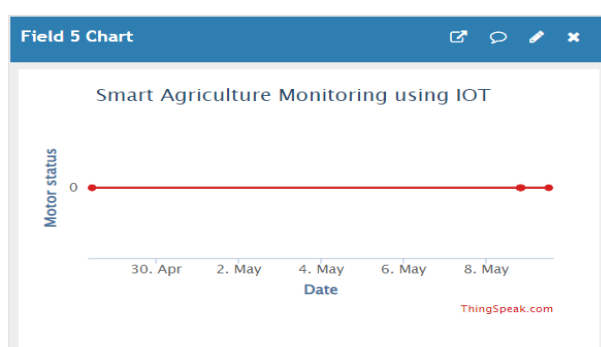


Fig.13: Motor status Graph

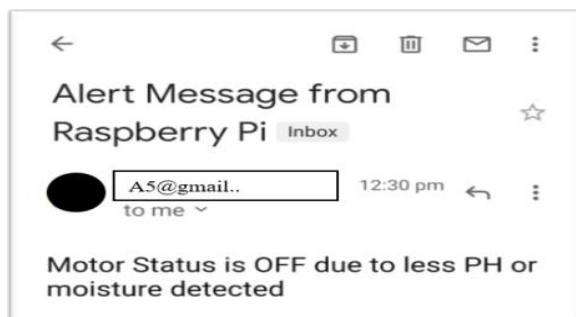


Fig.14: Alert Message

## 6. Conclusion

In this research Paper we have presented Measurement index for smart agriculture monitoring system to know the parameters of various fields in different locations to satisfy the particular to be grown for more yielding and making the farming lands more crop growing. As we said, prepared a module to find the various parameters of the land values. We also find a online tool to connect the module through Wi-Fi and store the information regarding the fields and to send the information to the individual by the cloud to their mobile phones. We have created a theme ON/OFF the motor according to the measurement index values from the different sensors in our project and to give information about the status of the motor to authenticated owner through Email. This research paper mainly focused on the pH value of the water to decrease the soil pollution.

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