DMCC, UND & Envtl Computing Workshop, 24-26/03/2021 **Precision Agriculture & Regional Collaborations (CRADR)**

Insights from *Collaborative Research and Engineering Digital Agriculture initiatives @ Agro-Informatics Lab,* Centre of Studies in Resources Engineering (CSRE), Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)

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(CRADR: Climate-Resilient Agriculture for Disaster Risk Reduction)

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Need for Disruptive Innovations in Precision Agriculture - MMA



Digital Agriculture – Need of Infrastructure

Agriculture, IoT, Sensing and Machine Learning - individually present unique challenges and opportunities Combining all the above modules and sub-modules, results in an integrated infrastructure



Digital Agriculture is NOT ALL about machine learning!!

Conventional methods of sensing are no more sufficient for generating deeper understanding of crop/plant behavior thereby **low innovations**

Sensing is not a stand-alone concept!!

understanding underlying interactions/processes/science, development of systems/ devices and data analytics and act accordingly are disruptive and finally **it requires a integrated infrastructure** that integrates all these components.





Disruptive Innovations – The Initiatives

Agro-Informatics Lab, CSRE, IIT Bombay work towards making systems SMART and adopt *MMA framework* to solve challenging problems in agriculture and its allied domains *in collaboration with multi-disciplinary groups from multi-institutions and nations:*

 GrIDSense [IIT Bombay, IIT Hyderabad, PDKV, Maharashtra Orange Growers Assoc.(MOGA)] (Groundwater-Irrigation-Disease Sensing Systems) (Information Technology Research Academy-Water of Min. of Elec. & IT, Govt. of India)

ICT application for water, pest/disease management for yield improvement in horticulture (Citrus) (Interoperable platform for remote monitoring and for near real-time decision making)

 DSFS (IIT Hyderabad, IIT Bombay, IIITH, PJTSAU, University of Tokyo) – (Data Science-based Farming Support system for Sustainable Crop Production under Climatic change) (Indo-Japan Joint Laboratory Project of DST/JST)

Develop data science based approaches using *high-end integrated information and agricultural sciences* such as IoT, big data analytics, deep learning, crop modeling and *omics (Genomics/ Phenomics)* to support high performance and sustainable agri-systems in semi-arid tropics of India





DSFS Project

Data Science-based Farming Support system for Sustainable Crop Production under Climatic change

Project Goal: To develop data science based approaches using high-end integrated information and agricultural sciences such as *IoT, big data analytics, deep learning, crop modeling* and omics (*Genomics/Phenomics)* to support high performance and sustainable agriculture – SMART FARMING

Big data in Cloud Drones National statistics Drones Boch-ond Jervers Drones Machinery Machinery Scound sensors Crowd sensing

Big Data collection & utilization for crop production by multi-layer IOT

Critical zone observatory (framework)

Focus on two major research topics:

- A. IT platform for Big Data based Smart Farming Support
- A. Applications for Farmer & Agriculture Stakeholder and Breeders Critical zone observatory (on the ground)



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Data Science-based Farming Support System for Sustainable Crop Production

Establishment of bilateral Joint Laboratory for research to support sufficient and environmentally friendly production of safe and quality crops under climatic change



1. Drone-based hyperspectral imaging for optimal crop management (PhD Student Rahul Raj and team)



water content leaves using PCA





Roadmap

2. Drone-based RGB imaging for crop height and LAI estimation (PhD Student Rahul Raj and team)







Data Science-based Farming Support System for Sustainable Crop Production under Climatic Change

WP6: High Performance Plant Breeding (Soumyashree Kar, PhD Student and Team)

LeasyScan platform and analysis

Focus: To accelerate plant breeding by enhancing precision of drought-tolerant crop selection using High Throughput Plant Phenotyping (HTPP) • The effect of spatial variation on phenotypic observations matched

Background

1. Defining a phenotype

assessment of plant phenotypes in response to their

genetic and environmental characteristics

P = G + E (+ GEI)

(Phenotype (P) is a function of genotype (G), environment (E), and the interaction between G and E i.e. GEI)



- The effect of spatial variation on phenotypic observations mask the genotypic diversity and affect the identification of desired genotypes.
- Main Objective Development of a Spatio-Temporal Analytic Pipeline' to process multiple replications of 100s of genotypes simultaneously and cluster them into discrete groups based on High, Medium and Low early vigor characteristics using temporal HTTP Data.

data for spatial variation and

GxE interaction analysis



Davs after sowing

Relation between water-use and yield

(Source: Zaman et al., 2011)

High Throughput Plant Phenotyping Platform – LeasyScan

The LeasyScan HTPP platform is equipped with Phenospex's 3D laser scanners (mounted with automated sprinkle irrigation) which provide 3-D images of the plants to extract leaf area, leaf angle, plant height, and average canopy leaf area. The platform has a total of 8 trenches (each having 2 columns) comprising 288 sectors (associated with individual load-cells gravimetric sensors/balances - that records the change in mass every 15 min that helps in changes in ET) in each column of a trench (total number of plants monitored simultaneously = 8x2x288 = 4608). FieldScan also includes a sensor network to measure the ambient weather parameters throughout the day, locally for minicking plant behavior in field conditions



International Center for Tropical Agriculture Since 1967 Science to cultivate change

Conducting field experiments ঠুনীd validation

Big Data Analytics in Precision/Smart Agriculture

(both a Top down and Bottom up approach)



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Climate-Resilient Agriculture for Disaster Risk Reduction



BACKGROUND

 Agriculture Working Group (AgWG)





• Disaster Mitigation Working Group (DMWG)



LIST OF PROJECT PARTNERS



IT for Agriculture

- National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO), Japan
 Centre of Studies in Resources Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India
- The University of Tokyo, Japan

Disaster Mitigation

- Academia Sinica Grid Computing Center (ASGC), Taiwan
- Hydro Informatics Institute (HII), Thailand



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- Thailand Research and Education Network (ThaiREN), Thailand
- ASEAN Hydroinformatics Data Centre



CASE STUDY AREA

Provincial Level: Phrae Province Water Resources Management Operation Center



Community Level: Ban Lau Nua (Happy Farm), Ban Klang sub-district, Song district, Phrae province



OBJECTIVES OF PROJECT

- To exchange the evaluation of meteorological parameters impact on agricultural production for climate-resilience agriculture
- To expand the use of STI for climate-smart agriculture by transferring technologies
- To create resilience and build the capacity of participating countries in relation to meteorological impacts on agricultural production
- To improve food security, livelihood and disaster resilience at local level



ACTIVITIES PLAN



- Kick-off & Background information of Case-study area (Phrae province and Happy Farm)
- Understanding the key technologies and innovations for Climate Smart Agriculture
- Disruptive innovations in precision agriculture

- Workshop 2 (Virtual Meetin • Key technologies and
- innovations for Climate Smart Agriculture
- Mitigation of short-term impacts, analysis of mitigation workflow and development of implementation plan
- Summary of the project and plan for the next step

MACRO Level

<u>Take Away</u>

- Precision Agriculture huge opportunities for innovations in farming through disruptive tools and techniques for developing state of the art GeoFarmatics
- Scientific/Community/Commercial-benefits
- Green to Digital Revolution (to achieve efficiency more crop per drop)
- Need for inter-disciplinary collaborations to improve/scale-up infrastructure, informatics culture in Agriculture/Rural communities and for Climate-resilient Agriculture/Food Security/Sustainability

Leverage SMART Technologies in Precision Agriculture (Scientific, Marketable, Affordable, Reliable & Time-saving)



Thank you

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