### Application Research of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Remote Sensing Technology in Agricultural Pest and Disease Monitoring

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Abstract: This study aims to explore the application of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring to improve monitoring efficiency and accuracy. Through literature review and empirical research, the current application status, advantages, and challenges of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring were systematically studied. The study first analyzed and principles summarized the and characteristics of UAV remote sensing technology, and then conducted case studies and field investigations on its specific application in agricultural pest and disease monitoring. The research results show that UAV remote sensing technology has the advantages of high resolution, high spatiotemporal coverage, and high efficiency in agricultural pest and disease monitoring. It can provide multi-source data acquisition and analysis during crop growth to achieve rapid identification and dynamic monitoring of agricultural pest and disease. The findings of this study have important implications for guiding the application and promotion of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring.

Keywords: UAV Remote Sensing Technology; Agricultural Pest and Disease Monitoring; Data Processing; Image Interpretation; Cooperation Mechanism.

### 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Research Background and Significance

Agricultural pest and disease are important factors affecting crop yield and quality, and they have significant implications for agricultural production and food security. Traditional methods of agricultural pest and disease monitoring have limitations such as manual work, time consumption, and limited coverage. In recent years, the rapid UAV development of remote sensing technology has provided new solutions for agricultural pest and disease monitoring. This study aims to explore the application of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring to improve monitoring efficiency and accuracy and provide scientific basis for agricultural production. [1-6]

### **1.2 Research Objectives**

The purpose of this study is to demonstrate the application of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring, verify its advantages in improving monitoring efficiency and accuracy. Through detailed demonstration and empirical analysis, the feasibility of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring is discussed, and corresponding strategies and suggestions are proposed to provide scientific basis for agricultural pest and disease prevention and control.

### 2. Related Theories and Methods

### 2.1 Overview of UAV Remote Sensing Technology

UAV remote sensing technology refers to the use of UAV platforms equipped with remote sensing sensors to acquire and process data such as high-resolution, multi-angle, and multi-spectral information of ground targets. It has the advantages of high spatiotemporal resolution, strong flexibility, and low data acquisition cost. UAV remote sensing technology can obtain high-resolution images, thermal infrared images, spectral data, and other multi-source data of farmland, and achieve the monitoring and identification of agricultural pest and disease through image processing and interpretation. [7-10]

### 2.2 Importance and Challenges of

### Agricultural Pest and Disease Monitoring

Agricultural pest and disease monitoring is of great importance to the growth and yield of crops. By timely monitoring the occurrence and spread of pest and disease, corresponding control measures can be taken to reduce crop losses. However, traditional methods of agricultural pest and disease monitoring have many problems, such as difficult data acquisition, long monitoring cycle, and limited coverage. Therefore, finding an efficient, accurate, and reliable method of agricultural pest and disease monitoring is of significant importance.

#### **3.** Application of UAV Remote Sensing Technology in Agricultural Pest and Disease Monitoring

### 3.1 Data Acquisition and Processing

UAV remote sensing technology can quickly obtain high-resolution images, spectral data, thermal infrared images, and other multisource data of farmland. Through reasonable flight plans and data acquisition schemes, comprehensive coverage and efficient data acquisition of farmland can be achieved. Meanwhile, through image processing and data analysis, the characteristic information of agricultural pest and disease can be extracted to support subsequent pest and disease identification and monitoring. [11-14]

### **3.2 Image Interpretation and Feature Extraction**

Using high-resolution images obtained by UAV, accurate identification and positioning of agricultural pest and disease can be achieved. Through image interpretation algorithms, agricultural pest and disease targets can be distinguished from other elements in the images, and the feature information of pest and disease can be extracted. For example, automatic recognition and classification of pest and disease can be achieved based on spectral features, morphological features, and texture features.

### 3.3 Pest and Disease Monitoring and Dynamic Warning

Using UAV remote sensing technology, dynamic monitoring and warning of agricultural pest and disease can be realized. Through regular UAV flights and data acquisition, the development trend and changes of pest and disease can be monitored in real-time. Based on the collected data, a spatiotemporal distribution model of agricultural pest and disease can be established to predict the occurrence risk of pest and disease and take timely control measures.

#### 4. Advantages and Challenges

### 4.1 Advantages of UAV Remote Sensing Technology

UAV remote sensing technology has the advantages of high spatiotemporal resolution, strong flexibility, and low data acquisition cost. By using UAV remote sensing technology, high-quality data of farmland can be quickly obtained, achieving accurate monitoring and warning of pest and disease and improving the efficiency and accuracy of agricultural pest and disease prevention and control.

#### 4.2 Challenges and Issues

In the application of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring, there are still challenges and issues to be addressed. Firstly, the safety and reliability of UAV flights and data acquisition need to be ensured. Secondly, the accuracy and stability of image interpretation and feature extraction algorithms need to be further improved. In addition, the efficiency and automation of data processing and analysis need to be enhanced.

### 5. Implementation Strategies and Suggestions

# 5.1 Data Processing and Algorithm Optimization

To improve the application effectiveness of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring, optimization of data processing and image interpretation algorithms is crucial. By adopting machine learning and deep learning methods, the accuracy of pest and disease identification and classification can be improved, achieving more accurate monitoring and warning.

Data processing is a key link in optimizing algorithms. By processing and analyzing a large amount of image data obtained by UAV, key features related to pest and disease can be extracted. These features can be used for

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model training to enable it to identify and classify different pest and disease. At the same time, preprocessing of image data, such as denoising and enhancing contrast, can further improve the robustness and accuracy of the algorithm.

Optimization of image interpretation algorithms is crucial to improve the effectiveness of pest and disease monitoring. Traditional image interpretation algorithms often rely on manual feature extraction and rule-making, which limits their application effectiveness. Machine learning and deep learning methods, on the other hand, can learn and discover patterns from a large amount of data, achieving automatic recognition and classification of pest and disease in farmland images. By training deep neural network models, accurate prediction and positioning of pest and disease in farmland images can be realized.

Establishing data standardization and sharing platforms is also an important part of optimizing algorithms. Standardized data can comparability and improve consistency between different data sources, providing a reliable basis for algorithm training and application. At the same time, the establishment of data sharing platforms can promote information exchange and cooperation among different institutions, fully utilizing data resources and improving the training and validation effectiveness of algorithms.

### 5.2 Data Sharing and Cooperation Mechanism

Strengthening cooperation with agricultural research institutions, producers, and government departments is crucial in the application of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring. By establishing data sharing and cooperation mechanisms. information sharing and exchange can be promoted, and joint prevention and control of agricultural pest and disease can be strengthened, improving the efficiency and sustainability of agricultural production.

Agricultural producers play an important role in the application of UAV remote sensing technology. They have in-depth understanding of the actual conditions and pest and disease issues in farmland. Cooperation with agricultural producers can help research institutions and government departments better understand the actual conditions of farmland and carry out targeted monitoring and control work.

institutions have professional Research expertise and experience in the research and development of UAV remote sensing technology. They can provide technical support and guidance to agricultural producers, helping select UAV equipment, optimize them monitoring plans, and analyze and interpret data. Cooperation with research institutions can promote continuous innovation and upgrading of technology, improving the effectiveness and accuracy of agricultural pest and disease monitoring.

Government departments play an important guiding and management role in the promotion and application of UAV remote sensing technology. Through policy support and resource allocation, the establishment of data sharing and cooperation mechanisms can be encouraged. Government departments can also organize training and promotion activities to improve the awareness and application level of UAV remote sensing technology among agricultural producers and research institutions. establishing When data sharing and cooperation mechanisms, several aspects need to be considered. First, ensure data security and privacy protection, clarify the permissions and scope of data sharing. Second, establish information exchange and communication platforms to promote communication and cooperation among all parties. Finally, formulate relevant policies and regulations to standardize the procedures and methods of data sharing and cooperation.

# 5.3 Practical Cases and Successful Experiences

Many successful experiences and practical cases have been achieved in the application of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring. By combining practical cases from actual farmland, the application effectiveness can be better summarized, providing valuable references for agricultural producers and relevant institutions. A successful practical case is the use of UAV remote sensing technology for farmland pest and disease monitoring. In this case, UAVs equipped with high-resolution remote sensing devices can quickly obtain image data of farmland. Through analysis and processing of these image data, the occurrence of pest and disease in farmland can be timely and accurately detected.

Through this technology, agricultural producers can take corresponding control measures before pest and disease occurrence, avoiding serious damage to crops. At the same time, UAV remote sensing technology can help agricultural producers develop more accurate and effective pest and disease control strategies, improving crop yield and quality.

In addition to the advantages of timeliness and accuracy, UAV remote sensing technology also has the characteristics of high efficiency and cost-effectiveness in agricultural pest and disease monitoring. Compared with traditional manual inspection and sampling methods, the use of UAV remote sensing technology can quickly cover large areas of farmland, improving work efficiency. Moreover, the cost of UAV remote sensing technology is relatively low, effectively reducing the monitoring costs of agricultural producers.

Furthermore, UAV remote sensing technology can be combined with other agricultural technologies, such as agricultural Internet of Things and artificial intelligence analysis algorithms, to further improve the accuracy and effectiveness of farmland pest and disease monitoring. Through the application of UAV remote sensing technology, agricultural producers can achieve comprehensive monitoring and management of farmland pest and disease, providing strong support for the healthy growth of crops.

### 6. Conclusion

### 6.1 Summary of Research Results

Through detailed demonstration of the application of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring, the following conclusions can be drawn: Efficiency: UAV remote sensing technology can quickly cover large areas of farmland and obtain a large amount of high-resolution image data. Compared with traditional manual inspection and sampling methods, UAV remote sensing technology has higher efficiency and can timely monitor the occurrence and spread of pest and disease. Accuracy: By analyzing and processing the image data obtained by

UAV, accurate identification and classification of pest and disease can be achieved. Moreover, with the combination of machine learning and deep learning methods, the accuracy of pest and disease identification can be further improved, reducing subjectivity and errors in human judgment. Broad application prospects: UAV remote sensing technology has broad application prospects in agricultural pest and disease monitoring. It can not only help agricultural producers take timely control measures to reduce crop losses but also assist in the development of more accurate and effective pest and disease control strategies, improving crop yield and quality.

Through detailed demonstration of the application of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring, the results show that this technology has the advantages of high efficiency, accuracy, and broad application prospects in agricultural pest and disease monitoring. Further technological innovation and cooperative efforts will promote the development of UAV remote sensing technology in the agricultural field and make greater contributions to the sustainable development of agricultural production.

### 6.2 Outlook for Future Development

In the future, with the continuous development of UAV technology and remote sensing technology, the application of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring will become more widespread and mature. At the same time, further optimization of data processing algorithms, strengthening data sharing and cooperation mechanisms, and promoting the widespread application of UAV remote sensing technology in agricultural pest and disease monitoring are needed.

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