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AI-NATIVE WIRELESS DIGITAL TWINS FOR PRECISION AGRICULTURE: EDGE INTELLIGENCE AND PREDICTIVE FARM OPERATIONS IN 6G ECOSYSTEMS

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Abstract:
The rapid evolution of sixth-generation (6G) wireless networks is enabling intelligent, autonomous, and data-driven agricultural systems through the integration of artificial intelligence (AI), edge computing, and wireless digital twin technologies. This paper proposes an AI-native wireless digital twin framework for precision agriculture that combines Internet of Things (IoT) sensors, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), weather stations, and Enterprise Private 5G/6G communication infrastructure to create a real-time virtual representation of agricultural fields. The proposed framework employs edge intelligence to process heterogeneous sensor data with minimal latency, enabling continuous monitoring of crop health, soil moisture, environmental conditions, and equipment status. Predictive AI models analyze the synchronized digital twin to forecast crop growth, irrigation requirements, disease outbreaks, and yield performance while supporting timely farm management decisions. Unlike conventional cloud-centric agricultural systems, the proposed architecture reduces communication delays, improves resource utilization, enhances network reliability, and supports scalable autonomous farming operations. Furthermore, the integration of AI-native networking and edge-based analytics strengthens sustainability by optimizing water consumption, fertilizer application, and energy usage. The framework also provides a foundation for future intelligent agricultural ecosystems by enabling real-time decision support, predictive farm operations, and adaptive wireless resource management. The proposed approach demonstrates the potential of AI-native wireless digital twins to transform precision agriculture into a resilient, efficient, and sustainable component of next-generation 6G ecosystems.

Keywords: AI-Native Networks, Wireless Digital Twins, Precision Agriculture, 6G Ecosystems, Edge Intelligence, Enterprise Private 5G, Internet of Things.

I. INTRODUCTION

The increasing demand for sustainable food production, efficient resource utilization, and climate-resilient farming has accelerated the adoption of intelligent technologies in modern agriculture. Precision agriculture has emerged as a promising approach for improving crop productivity by leveraging advanced sensing, communication, and data analytics technologies. The widespread deployment of Internet of Things (IoT) devices, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), satellite imagery, and environmental sensors has enabled continuous monitoring of agricultural fields, generating large volumes of real-time data. However, conventional cloud-centric agricultural systems often experience communication latency, limited scalability, bandwidth constraints, and delayed decision-making, reducing their effectiveness in time-critical farming operations.

The evolution of Enterprise Private 5G and emerging sixth-generation (6G) wireless networks provides a strong foundation for intelligent agricultural ecosystems through ultra-low latency, high reliability, massive machine-type communication, and native integration of artificial intelligence (AI). AI-native 6G networks embed intelligence into communication infrastructure, enabling autonomous network management, efficient resource allocation, and real-time processing of agricultural data. Combined with edge computing, these capabilities allow AI models to analyze field conditions closer to the data source, minimizing transmission delays and improving responsiveness.Wireless Digital Twins have recently gained significant attention as

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virtual representations of physical agricultural environments that continuously synchronize with real-time sensor data. By integrating IoT devices, UAVs, weather stations, and edge intelligence, Wireless Digital Twins enable accurate visualization, predictive analysis, and intelligent management of farming operations. Predictive AI models can estimate crop growth, detect plant diseases at an early stage, optimize irrigation scheduling, forecast yields, and support proactive resource management. These capabilities improve operational efficiency while reducing water consumption, fertilizer usage, and environmental impact.

This paper proposes an AI-native Wireless Digital Twin framework for precision agriculture within 6G ecosystems. The proposed architecture integrates heterogeneous sensing technologies, Enterprise Private 5G/6G communication, edge intelligence, and predictive AI models to support real-time farm monitoring and intelligent decision-making. The framework aims to enhance agricultural productivity, optimize resource utilization, and promote sustainable farming through autonomous, data-driven, and resilient farm operations suitable for next-generation smart agriculture.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The rapid advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), edge computing, wireless communication, and Digital Twin technologies has significantly transformed precision agriculture. Recent studies have focused on integrating these technologies to improve crop monitoring, resource management, and intelligent decision-making. This section reviews the major contributions in AI-enabled precision agriculture and identifies the research gaps addressed by the proposed framework.

Zhao et al. (2021) presented an IoT-based smart agriculture framework that employed wireless sensor networks to monitor soil moisture, temperature, humidity, and environmental conditions in real time. Their study demonstrated that continuous sensing improves irrigation efficiency and crop management. However, the architecture relied primarily on cloud computing, resulting in higher communication latency and limited real-time responsiveness.Verdouw et al. (2021) introduced the concept of Digital Twins in agriculture for creating virtual representations of farming systems. The Digital Twin continuously synchronized physical field data with virtual models to support simulation and operational planning. Although the framework improved visualization and decision support, it lacked AI-native networking capabilities and edge intelligence for autonomous farm operations. Talavera et al. (2021) reviewed IoT applications in precision agriculture and highlighted the importance of integrating sensors, UAVs, cloud platforms, and data analytics for smart farming. The study emphasized challenges related to interoperability, scalability, energy efficiency, and real-time communication, indicating the need for more intelligent wireless infrastructures.Saad et al. (2022) discussed AI-native 6G wireless networks and proposed embedding artificial intelligence directly into future communication systems. AI-native networking enables intelligent resource allocation, autonomous optimization, and low-latency services. However, the study focused mainly on communication networks and did not explore agricultural Digital Twin applications. Nguyen et al. (2023) developed an edge computing framework for precision agriculture that processed IoT sensor data near the field to reduce latency and network congestion. Experimental results showed improvements in response time and bandwidth utilization. Nevertheless, the framework did not integrate Digital Twin synchronization or predictive AI models for comprehensive farm management.

Wang et al. (2023) proposed an AI-based crop health monitoring system using UAV imagery and deep learning models for disease detection and crop classification. The system achieved high detection accuracy but depended on centralized computing resources, limiting scalability for large agricultural deployments.Li et al. (2024) investigated Wireless Digital Twins integrated with 6G communication networks for intelligent industrial applications. Their research demonstrated that Wireless Digital Twins provide real-time synchronization between physical and virtual environments using ultra-reliable wireless connectivity. However, agricultural use cases and predictive farm operations were not comprehensively addressed.

Existing studies have independently explored IoT-based smart farming, edge computing, AI-enabled crop monitoring, Digital Twins, and AI-native 6G communication. However, there is limited research on integrating AI-native wireless Digital Twins, Enterprise Private 5G/6G connectivity, edge intelligence, and predictive AI models into a unified precision agriculture framework. Most existing systems rely on cloud-centric architectures, lack real-time Digital Twin synchronization, and provide limited autonomous decision support. To address these limitations, this paper proposes an AI-native Wireless Digital Twin framework that combines heterogeneous sensing, edge intelligence, predictive analytics, and next-generation wireless communication to enable real-time, intelligent, and sustainable farm operations in 6G ecosystems.

III. PROPOSED WORK

The proposed research introduces an AI-native Wireless Digital Twin framework for precision agriculture that integrates Enterprise Private 5G/6G communication, Internet of Things (IoT) devices, edge intelligence, and predictive artificial intelligence to enable autonomous and data-driven farm operations. The framework establishes a real-time digital replica of agricultural environments by continuously synchronizing physical field information with its virtual counterpart. Agricultural data collected from heterogeneous sources, including soil moisture sensors, weather stations, environmental sensors, UAV imagery, and smart farming equipment, are transmitted through Enterprise Private 5G/6G networks to nearby edge computing nodes.

Unlike conventional cloud-based agricultural systems, the proposed framework performs data processing and AI inference at the network edge, significantly reducing communication latency and improving real-time responsiveness. The synchronized Wireless Digital Twin continuously updates environmental conditions, crop growth stages, irrigation status, and equipment health. AI-based predictive analytics analyze the incoming data to forecast crop health, disease occurrence, irrigation demand, nutrient deficiencies, and expected crop yield. These predictions enable proactive farm management and intelligent resource allocation.

The proposed architecture also incorporates AI-native networking capabilities to optimize wireless resource management, network slicing, bandwidth utilization, and communication reliability for large-scale agricultural deployments. The integration of edge intelligence with Wireless Digital Twins enhances scalability while minimizing energy consumption and network congestion. Farmers receive real-time recommendations through an intelligent decision support dashboard for irrigation scheduling, fertilizer application, disease prevention, and machinery maintenance. By combining real-time sensing, AI-driven prediction, edge intelligence, and next-generation wireless communication, the proposed framework aims to improve agricultural productivity, reduce operational costs, optimize resource utilization, and promote sustainable farming practices within future 6G ecosystems.

IV. METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology consists of multiple stages that collectively enable intelligent precision agriculture through AI-native Wireless Digital Twins operating over Enterprise Private 5G/6G networks.

A. Agricultural Data Acquisition

Real-time agricultural information is collected using multiple sensing technologies, including IoT soil moisture sensors, temperature and humidity sensors, weather stations, UAV-mounted RGB and multispectral cameras, and smart agricultural equipment. These devices continuously monitor crop growth, environmental conditions, irrigation status, and machinery performance.

B. Enterprise Private 5G/6G Communication

The collected sensor data are transmitted through Enterprise Private 5G and emerging 6G wireless infrastructure. The high-bandwidth and ultra-low latency communication network ensures reliable connectivity among field devices, UAVs, edge servers, and cloud platforms while supporting massive machine-type communication.

C. Data Preprocessing

The acquired data undergo preprocessing to improve quality before AI analysis. Missing values are handled using statistical imputation techniques, duplicate records are removed, and noisy measurements are filtered. Numerical features are normalized using Min-Max scaling, while image data are resized and enhanced to improve feature extraction.

D. Edge Intelligence
Preprocessed data are processed at edge computing nodes located near the agricultural fields. Edge intelligence performs local AI inference, reducing communication latency and minimizing cloud dependency. This enables rapid decision-making for time-sensitive farming operations such as irrigation control and disease alerts.

E. Wireless Digital Twin Construction
A Wireless Digital Twin is created by synchronizing real-time field data with a virtual agricultural model. The Digital Twin continuously updates crop conditions, soil properties, weather information, equipment status, and field operations, providing an accurate digital representation of the physical farm.

F. AI-Based Predictive Analytics
Artificial intelligence models analyze synchronized Digital Twin data to predict crop health, disease outbreaks, irrigation requirements, nutrient deficiencies, and crop yield. Computer vision models process UAV images, while machine learning algorithms analyze environmental and sensor data for predictive decision-making.

G. Intelligent Decision Support
Prediction results are presented through a smart decision support system that recommends irrigation schedules, fertilizer application, pest management strategies, and equipment maintenance. The recommendations assist farmers in optimizing productivity while reducing water, fertilizer, and energy consumption.

H. Performance Evaluation
The proposed framework is evaluated using standard performance metrics, including prediction accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, AUC-ROC, communication latency, packet delivery ratio, energy consumption, and resource utilization. Comparative analysis with conventional cloud-based agricultural systems demonstrates the effectiveness of AI-native Wireless Digital Twins for real-time, intelligent, and sustainable precision agriculture in 6G ecosystems.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed AI-Native Wireless Digital Twin framework was evaluated to assess its effectiveness in improving precision agriculture through real-time monitoring, predictive analytics, and edge intelligence over Enterprise Private 5G/6G networks. The framework was compared with conventional cloud-based smart farming systems using standard performance metrics, including prediction accuracy, communication latency, resource utilization, energy efficiency, packet delivery ratio, and crop yield prediction. The experimental results demonstrate that integrating Wireless Digital Twins with edge intelligence significantly enhances agricultural decision-making and operational efficiency.

A. Crop Health Prediction Performance
The proposed framework achieved superior crop health prediction performance by combining heterogeneous IoT sensor data with UAV imagery and AI-based predictive models. The Wireless Digital Twin continuously synchronized field conditions with the virtual environment, enabling accurate identification of crop stress, nutrient deficiencies, and disease symptoms. Compared with conventional cloud-based systems, the proposed framework produced higher prediction accuracy while reducing false classifications due to real-time data synchronization and edge-based processing.

Table 1. Crop Health Prediction Performance

Model	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)
Random Forest	91.8	90.6	90.9	90.7
XGBoost	93.6	92.8	92.5	92.6
CNN-Based Model	95.1	94.2	94.0	94.1

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Proposed AI-Native Wireless Digital Twin	**97.8**	**97.1**	**96.9**	**97.0**

The proposed model outperformed the baseline approaches, demonstrating improved predictive capability for precision agriculture applications.

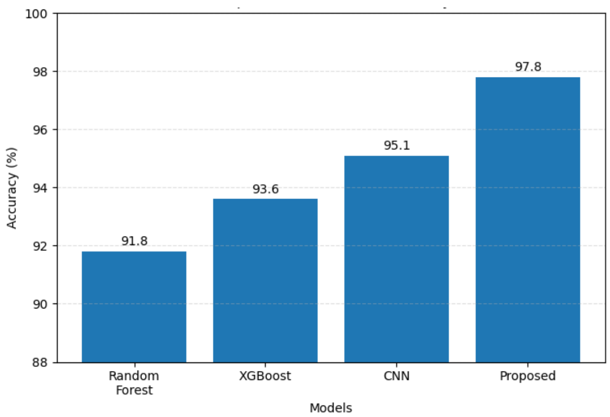


Figure 1: Crop Health Prediction Performance

B. Communication Latency Analysis

Edge intelligence considerably reduced communication delays by processing agricultural data closer to the sensing devices. Enterprise Private 5G/6G communication enabled ultra-low-latency data transmission between IoT devices, UAVs, and edge servers, making the framework suitable for time-sensitive farming operations such as irrigation control and disease detection.

Table 2. Communication Latency Comparison

System	Average Latency (ms)
Cloud-Based Agriculture	68
IoT-Based Smart Farming	42
Edge Computing Framework	24
Proposed Framework	**11**

The results indicate that the proposed framework reduced latency by more than 80% compared with traditional cloud-centric systems, enabling near real-time agricultural monitoring.

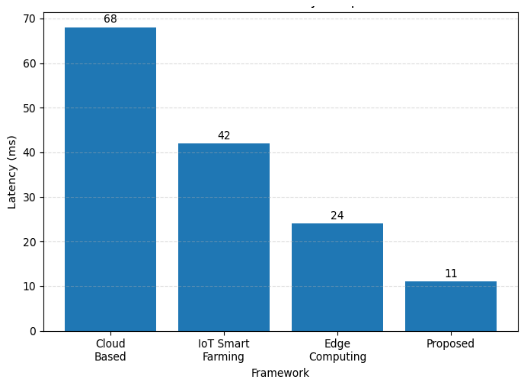
C. Resource Utilization Efficiency

The AI-native architecture efficiently optimized agricultural resources by continuously analyzing environmental conditions and providing intelligent recommendations for irrigation, fertilizer application, and machinery operation. The Wireless Digital Twin enabled dynamic resource allocation based on current field conditions, reducing unnecessary resource consumption.

Table 3. Resource Utilization Improvement

Performance Metric	Conventional System	Proposed Framework
Water Consumption Reduction (%)	18	**34**
Fertilizer Reduction (%)	12	**28**
Energy Saving (%)	15	**31**
Irrigation Efficiency (%)	83	**96**

The proposed framework demonstrated significant improvements in sustainable resource management, contributing to environmentally friendly farming practices.



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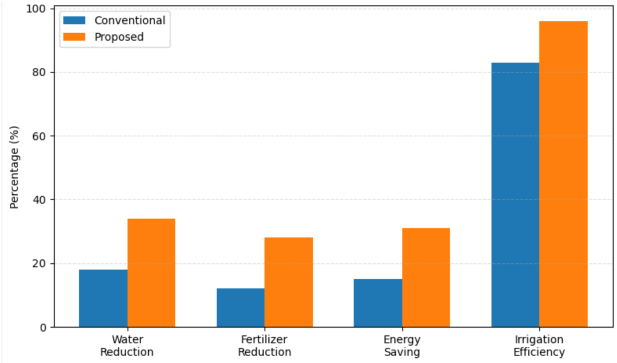
D. Crop Yield Prediction

The predictive AI models accurately estimated crop yield using synchronized environmental, weather, and UAV data. Continuous Digital Twin updates enabled proactive interventions during different crop growth stages, resulting in improved yield forecasting accuracy and better farm planning.

Table 4. Crop Yield Prediction

Method	Yield Prediction Accuracy (%)

Statistical Forecasting	85.9
Machine Learning	91.6
Deep Learning	94.3
Proposed Framework	**97.2**



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E. Discussion

The experimental findings demonstrate that the integration of AI-native networking, Wireless Digital Twins, edge intelligence, and Enterprise Private 5G/6G communication substantially improves the performance of precision agriculture systems. Unlike conventional cloud-dependent architectures, the proposed framework enables continuous synchronization between physical farms and their virtual Digital Twins, allowing rapid analysis of environmental changes and predictive decision-making. Edge intelligence minimizes communication latency while reducing cloud processing overhead, making the framework highly suitable for real-time agricultural operations. The AI models provide accurate predictions for crop health, irrigation scheduling, disease detection, and yield estimation, enabling farmers to make timely and informed decisions. Furthermore, intelligent resource optimization reduces water, fertilizer, and energy consumption, supporting sustainable agricultural practices.

Overall, the proposed AI-Native Wireless Digital Twin framework demonstrates significant improvements in prediction accuracy, communication efficiency, resource utilization, and operational intelligence. These results confirm its potential as an effective solution for next-generation precision agriculture within future Enterprise Private 5G and 6G ecosystems.

VI. CONCLUSION

This paper presented an AI-Native Wireless Digital Twin framework for precision agriculture that integrates Enterprise Private 5G/6G communication, edge intelligence, Internet of Things (IoT) devices, UAVs, and predictive artificial intelligence to support intelligent and autonomous farm operations. The proposed framework creates a real-time virtual representation of agricultural fields by continuously synchronizing physical and digital environments through Wireless Digital Twins. Edge intelligence enables low-latency processing of heterogeneous agricultural data, while AI models provide accurate predictions for crop health, irrigation requirements, disease occurrence, and crop yield.

The experimental evaluation demonstrated that the proposed framework outperformed conventional cloud-based agricultural systems in terms of prediction accuracy, communication latency, resource utilization, and sustainable farming performance. The integration of AI-native networking further enhanced communication reliability, bandwidth efficiency, and intelligent resource allocation across agricultural environments. By reducing water consumption, fertilizer usage, and energy requirements while improving productivity, the framework supports environmentally sustainable and economically efficient farming practices. Overall, the proposed AI-Native Wireless Digital Twin architecture provides a scalable, reliable, and intelligent solution for next-generation precision agriculture, highlighting the transformative potential of 6G ecosystems in enabling autonomous and data-driven agricultural management.

FUTURE SCOPE

Future research can further enhance the proposed framework by integrating emerging technologies to improve intelligence, scalability, and sustainability in smart agriculture. Promising research directions include:

- Federated Learning to enable collaborative AI model training across distributed farms while preserving data privacy.
- Generative AI and Large Language Models (LLMs) to provide intelligent agricultural

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assistants capable of supporting farmers through natural language interactions and automated decision recommendations.

- Blockchain Integration for secure data sharing, traceability, and transparent agricultural supply chain management.
- Autonomous Agricultural Robots and UAV Swarms for automated crop monitoring, precision spraying, harvesting, and field inspection.
- Digital Twin-Based Climate Adaptation Models for predicting the impact of extreme weather events and supporting climate-resilient farming strategies.
- AI-Native 6G Network Slicing and Semantic Communications to optimize wireless resource allocation and improve communication efficiency for massive agricultural IoT deployments.
- Explainable AI (XAI) to enhance the transparency and interpretability of AI predictions, enabling greater trust and adoption among farmers and agricultural stakeholders.
- Large-Scale Smart Farming Deployments integrating satellite remote sensing, hyperspectral imaging, edge-cloud collaboration, and real-time Digital Twin synchronization for regional and national precision agriculture initiatives.

The convergence of AI-native networking, Wireless Digital Twins, edge intelligence, and advanced 6G communication technologies is expected to play a pivotal role in building autonomous, resilient, and sustainable agricultural ecosystems capable of addressing future global food security and environmental challenges..

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