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## Visual IoT (V-IoT) for Intelligent Agriculture

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## Introduction

- Widespread deployment of the Internet of Things (IoT) has changed the way network services are developed, deployed and operated.
- Recently, most advanced IoT devices are equipped with visual sensors, subsequently forming the so-called visual IoT (V-IoT).
- The V-IoT utilizes visual processing techniques due to the need for sensing and processing visual data which has direct impact on computational complexity, cost (data storage and processing) and efficiency of transmissions

#### How IoT evolves in Agriculture







## **IoT Data Generation**



Figure 1: IoT data generation at different levels and deep learning models to address their knowledge abstraction. Source: IEEE Communications Surveys & Tutorials



## Issues with current IoT adoption

- NB-IoT & LPWAN IoT is limited to serial/time series data
- Constraint on limited coverage of LPWAN IoT esp. in the terrestrial landscapes / propagation in foliage-rich areas
- Optimisation and configuration of transmission parameters such as spreading factor (SF) and data rate for LPWAN IoT to transmit 2D/3D data (images, video, sounds etc) are not a straight forward task
- 5G is paving a way for better transmission of massive IoT data



## Objectives

The objectives of this project are:

- To develop an intelligent agriculture system based on Visual IoT (V-IoT) architecture;
- To evaluate the performance of the V-IoT framework in term of communication capability (latency, data rates and effective utilization of channels) using latest communication platform such as LTE/5G;
- To verify the proposed V-IoT architecture for intelligent agricultural applications in terms of analytical accuracy.



## Methods & Project Planning



Figure 2: 5G Visual-IoT Framework that will be developed at MARDI's Agro Technology Park, Langkawi



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- Based on our pilot study, a Deep Learning model was developed using Faster R-CNN pretrained model
- The model had accuracy around 93% on identifying insect pests in the field



Insect pests were labeled, recognized and counted using deep learning analytics



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Figure 4: This work will be extended to the full deployment of 5G V-IoT architecture at MARDI Agro Technology Park located near Kuah, Langkawi accessible to a TM 5G New Radio (NR) base station delivering 5G on 700MHz and C-Band simultaneously.



## Gantt Chart and Project Milestones

Milestones	Project Activities		2021									2022				
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Development of visual-based 5G I- IoT framework	Stakeholder engagement															
	Visibility investigation on hardware components for the end nodes															
	Design and development of a 5G vision-based IoT module															
	Re-train the pre-trained the deep learning model															
	Design and conversion of deep learning model at edge device															
	Communication protocol implementation															
Experimental Setup of the System	Test bed set up at MARDI Agro Technology Park															
	Updating the pre-trained model with new data															
	Run measurement campaign for 5G communication capability analysis for images data															
System Verification	Run the full 5G V-IoT pest recognition system at the test site															
	Validation of the data analytics accuracy of the pest															
	Efficiency assessment of full end-to-end application															
	Results interpretation, discussion and documentation															



## Benefits

- For community: Visual-IoT can be adapted for a wide range of applications
- For M&C Industry: help accelerate innovation and progress to be used once 5G technology is fully rolled out



Figure 5: IoT verticals and the foundational services. Source: IEEE Communications Surveys & Tutorials



# Standards Development

Table 1. Comparison of requirements for agricultural solutions based on IoT functional architecture

Requirements	Visual IoT- 5G	NB-IoT	LoRA
Computing	Complexity and computational capabilities		
Connectivity	Nodes– edge computing systems– cloud- based services (latency, data rates, effective utilization of channels)		V4 V2 V1 V5 V6 Cateway
Security	Confidentiality, integrity and authentication		
Manageability	Device, network and functionality management	() () () () () () () () () ()	Google
Analytics	Analytical accuracy		



## **Challenges and Future Trends**

- Challenges:
  - Computation: High noise visual data (overlapped and condensed insects on images; or complex image conditions: require high level computational algorithms)
  - Availability of **communication** network
- Future Trends:
  - Advanced data analytics algorithms to process large visual data at much faster rate are expected to boost the adoption of V-IoT applications in agriculture.
  - Wide and good coverage of communication network could improve adoption of the applications



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