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A Survey on State-of-the-Art IoT-Based Routing Algorithms for Sustainable Greenhouse Agriculture

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A greenhouse is a structure designed to create an ideal environment for growing plants. It provides a controlled climate that protects plants from external weather conditions and allows for optimal growth, productivity, and quality. Greenhouse farming using IoT-based routing with machine learning algorithms focuses on enhancing agricultural productivity and sustainability through advanced technologies. The integration of IoT (Internet of Things) with machine learning (ML) creates a smart farming environment that optimizes various farming tasks, such as irrigation, temperature control, soil monitoring, and resource management.
Routing is a fundamental component of network communication, enabling data to travel efficiently from source to destination across interconnected nodes. With the advent of machine learning (ML), traditional routing algorithms have been significantly enhanced to improve decision-making under dynamic network conditions. This survey explores the state-of-the-art IoT-based routing algorithms tailored for greenhouse farming, emphasizing machine learning's transformative role in addressing key challenges such as energy efficiency, network longevity, data accuracy, and scalability. And provides a comprehensive overview of machine learning algorithms applied to routing in various types of networks.
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1. Introduction

Greenhouse agriculture with the integration of IoT (Internet of Things) and machine learning (ML) algorithms for routing combines smart technology and data-driven optimization to enhance the efficiency, productivity, and sustainability of controlled-environment farming. This approach leverages IoT-enabled devices and ML-based routing algorithms to manage resources, automate tasks, and optimize network communication in wireless sensor networks (WSNs).

Routing is a critical aspect of network design and has evolved significantly with the integration of Machine Learning (ML) approaches. This survey aims to provide a comprehensive review of state-of-the-art IoT-based routing algorithms for greenhouse farming, with a particular focus on the integration of machine learning techniques. The paper explores the current landscape of routing protocols, categorizes them based on design principles, and evaluates their performance in greenhouse-specific contexts. Traditional routing methods, which often rely on static algorithms and fixed infrastructure, struggle to adapt in dynamic and complex environments like wireless networks, data centres, or the Internet of Things (IoT). The key advances in routing machine learning algorithms in greenhouse farming, with a focus on the methodologies used, their application areas, and the challenges they address.

We examine 50 journal papers, categorizing them by the type of Green House Farming with IoT using the ML algorithm used, the network environment, and the performance metrics improved by these algorithms. A detailed literature review table is included, summarizing the key contributions and findings of each paper.

1. IoT in Greenhouse Farming

IoT enables a network of interconnected devices to monitor, control, and optimize greenhouse environments in real time. These devices include:

- Sensors: Collect data on temperature, humidity, soil moisture, light intensity, CO2_22 levels, and plant health.
- Actuators: Automate systems for irrigation, heating, cooling, ventilation, and lighting.
- Gateways: Aggregate sensor data and transmit it to central systems or the cloud.
- Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs): A network of IoT devices connected wirelessly to facilitate data transfer.

1.1 Key Aspects of IoT-based Greenhouse Farming:

- Data Collection via IoT Sensors: IoT sensors are installed throughout the greenhouse to gather real-time data on environmental factors like humidity, soil moisture, light intensity, temperature, and CO_2 levels. This constant monitoring ensures that plants are growing under optimal conditions.
- Machine Learning for Data Processing: The data collected by IoT devices are vast and can be complex to manage manually. Machine learning algorithms help analyze this data to detect patterns and trends. For example, an ML algorithm can predict the best time to water crops or adjust the temperature based on historical data and current conditions.
- Smart Routing Algorithms: The routing algorithms in an IoT network ensure efficient communication between devices (such as sensors, controllers, and actuators) while maintaining low energy consumption. In greenhouses, smart routing helps:
  - Ensure timely data transmission.
  - Reduce delays in decision-making (such as turning on irrigation).
  - Optimize energy use by reducing the need for constant communication among devices.

Machine learning plays a critical role in optimizing these routing protocols. For instance, predictive models can anticipate data flow patterns, optimize routing paths, and allocate bandwidth according to the needs of the system.

- Resource Optimization: The goal of IoT-based greenhouse farming is to reduce waste and optimize resources like water, fertilizers, and energy. ML algorithms can forecast resource usage based on crop types, weather conditions, and growth stages, ensuring the precise application of inputs.

- Predictive Maintenance: By continuously monitoring the status of IoT devices and greenhouse equipment, machine learning can predict when equipment (such as pumps, heaters, or lighting systems) is likely to fail. This helps farmers perform maintenance proactively, avoiding costly downtime.

- Sustainability: These systems aim to improve sustainability by reducing water consumption, minimizing pesticide use, and maximizing energy efficiency. The use of data-driven decision-making allows greenhouses to operate more effectively, reducing their environmental impact.

2. Traditional Routing Approaches

Routing protocols like Distance Vector, Link State, and Path Vector algorithms have been used extensively in traditional networking environments. These protocols include:

- Distance Vector Routing (e.g., RIP): Uses a simple hop count metric and is suitable for small networks.

- Link State Routing (e.g., OSPF): Builds a complete topology of the network to determine the best path.

- Path Vector Routing (e.g., BGP): Maintains the path information between autonomous systems (AS), often used for inter-domain routing.

However, these algorithms face challenges in terms of scalability, adaptability, and resource management in large or dynamic networks. The emergence of machine learning has opened new possibilities to address these limitations.

3. Machine Learning Algorithms for Routing

Machine learning improves routing in WSNs by enabling smart, adaptive, and efficient communication. Key ML techniques and algorithms used for routing in greenhouse farming include:

A. Reinforcement Learning (RL):

- How it works: RL algorithms learn optimal routing paths by interacting with the environment, aiming to maximize rewards such as energy efficiency and data reliability.

- Example: Q-learning for dynamic route optimization.

B. Enhanced Intelligent Water Drop Routing (EIWDR):

- Focus: Simulates the natural flow of water drops to optimize energy-efficient routing in IoT-based WSNs.

- Benefits: Minimizes sensor energy consumption and prolongs network life.

- Application: Suitable for large-scale greenhouses with dense sensor networks.

C. Cognitive Fish Swarm Optimization (CFSO):

- Focus: Inspired by fish swarm behaviors, this algorithm uses cognitive processes to optimize multi-objective routing, balancing energy use, reliability, and latency.
- Benefits: Handles complex greenhouse networks with multiple objectives.

D. Efficacious Flower Pollination Algorithm (EFPA):

- Focus: Inspired by natural flower pollination, this algorithm optimizes data routing paths while considering energy and resource constraints.
- Benefits: Enhances network longevity and efficiency in resource-limited environments.

E. Neural Networks:

- How it works: Models like feedforward or convolutional neural networks predict optimal routing paths based on historical data.
- Benefits: Handles large-scale networks with complex dynamics.

F. Genetic Algorithms (GA):

- How it works: Evolves routing solutions over generations using crossover and mutation.
- Benefits: Optimizes routing under multiple constraints like energy, latency, and reliability.

3.1 Machine Learning in Routing

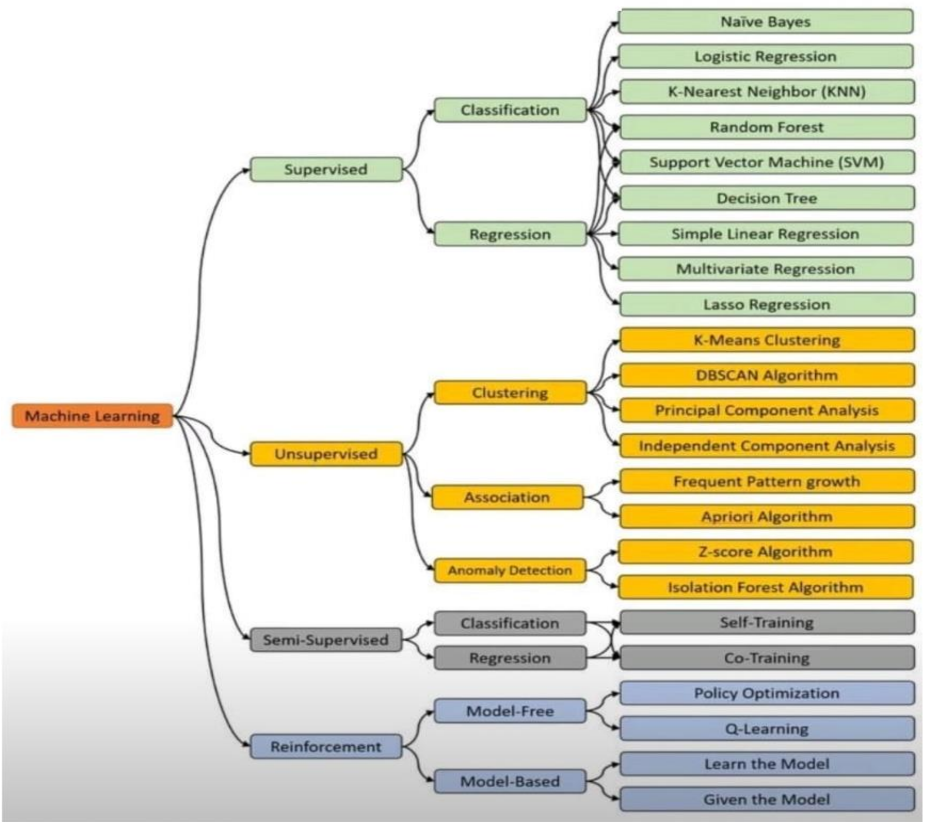
Machine learning has shown potential in overcoming the limitations of static routing protocols by enabling more adaptive, real-time, and efficient routing decisions. The integration of machine learning in routing can be categorized into the following approaches (fig 1):

- Reinforcement Learning (RL) in Routing: RL has become one of the most explored areas for intelligent routing. In RL-based routing, agents learn optimal routing policies through interaction with the environment. Some notable approaches include:
  - Q-routing: A seminal work where each node maintains a Q-value table, which stores the expected delivery time for packets routed to neighboring nodes. The Q-values are updated based on feedback, allowing adaptive routing decisions in real-time.
  - Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL): DRL, which combines RL with deep neural networks, has been applied in dynamic routing scenarios, especially in wireless networks and Software Defined Networks (SDNs). For example, Google's SDN routing system uses DRL to dynamically allocate bandwidth in data centers.
- Supervised Learning for Traffic Prediction: Supervised learning models have been employed to predict network traffic patterns, which can be used to optimize routing decisions in real-time. Neural networks, support vector machines (SVM), and decision trees have been used to classify traffic and optimize resource allocation. These models work well when

historical data is available and are particularly effective in congested or delay-sensitive networks.

- Unsupervised Learning for Clustering in Routing: Unsupervised learning techniques, especially clustering algorithms like K-means or DBSCAN, have been used to group nodes in large-scale networks based on their traffic patterns or network features. These clusters help in designing efficient routing schemes by reducing the overall network complexity and identifying bottlenecks.

- Semi-supervised Learning for Distributed Networks: In highly distributed and decentralized networks (e.g., IoT networks), semi-supervised learning has emerged as a promising solution. It allows nodes to collaboratively learn global routing models without sharing raw data, thus preserving privacy and reducing communication overhead.



Machine Learning Algorithms (fig 1)

4. Applications of Machine Learning-Based Routing in Greenhouse Farming

- Wireless Networks and Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANETs): In wireless networks, routing must handle frequent topology changes due to node mobility and varying channel conditions. ML models have been used to predict these changes and proactively update routing decisions. For example, RL-based algorithms have been applied to MANETs to improve packet delivery ratios and reduce latency.

- Software Defined Networks (SDNs): SDNs allow central control of network flows, making them a suitable platform for machine learning-driven routing. ML techniques can help predict traffic flow, detect anomalies, and optimize bandwidth allocation. SDN-based ML systems often use real-time data to adjust routing rules dynamically.

- Data Centre Networks: In data centres, routing algorithms must handle high-throughput traffic with low latency. ML-based routing systems have been proposed to optimize the placement of network flows, manage load balancing, and reduce congestion in data centre environments. Google's use of DRL for its data centres is a prime example of this application.

- Internet of Things (IoT): The IoT ecosystem is highly heterogeneous and requires efficient routing mechanisms to manage resource-constrained devices. ML-based routing schemes are used to optimize energy consumption, improve reliability, and minimize latency in IoT networks. Federated learning is particularly useful in IoT, allowing distributed nodes to optimize routing without excessive communication.

5. EIWDR for Green House Farming

The Enhanced Intelligent Water Drop Algorithm Optimized Routing (EIWDR) for greenhouse farming would generally fall under the category of nature-inspired optimization algorithms in machine learning, specifically within the metaheuristic optimization family. These algorithms are often used to solve complex optimization problems, such as efficient routing in greenhouse environments, where conditions like temperature, humidity, and resource usage must be managed dynamically.

EIWDR aligns with specific types of machine learning and optimization:

- Reinforcement Learning and Optimization: If the EIWDR algorithm is designed to adapt based on feedback from the environment (e.g., monitoring plant needs, environmental conditions), it might incorporate reinforcement learning (RL) concepts, where the algorithm learns optimal strategies based on continuous feedback.

- Swarm Intelligence and Metaheuristic Learning: EIWDR, like other nature-inspired algorithms, is part of swarm intelligence, which leverages cooperative behaviours of agents. Metaheuristic techniques are particularly useful for high-dimensional search spaces and non-linear optimization, which are common in greenhouse control systems.

- Supervised Machine Learning Integration: For further enhancement, EIWDR could integrate supervised learning models trained on historical greenhouse data to guide or refine the optimization process.

In essence, EIWDR in phase 1 is rooted in metaheuristic and nature-inspired optimization but can be enhanced with machine learning techniques to better adapt to dynamic environmental factors in greenhouse settings (fig 2).

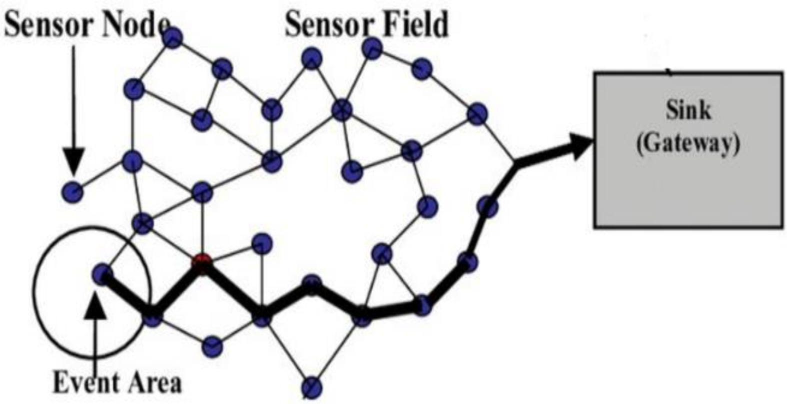


Fig 2 : EIWDR

6. CFSO For Multi-Objective Routing In IOT-Based WSN for Greenhouse Farming

The Cognitive Fish Swarm Optimization (CFSO) for multi-objective routing in IoT-based wireless sensor networks (WSNs) for greenhouse agriculture falls under nature-inspired optimization algorithms in machine learning, particularly within metaheuristic and multi-objective optimization in phase 2 (Fig 3) . Here's a breakdown of its alignment with specific machine-learning types:

- Swarm Intelligence and Metaheuristic Optimization: CFSO is a swarm intelligence approach inspired by the collective behaviour of fish schools. It's part of metaheuristic optimization, designed for exploring complex solution spaces, especially useful in IoT-based WSNs where resource constraints, energy consumption, and network latency are key.

- Multi-Objective Optimization: CFSO is specifically tailored for multi-objective problems, which involve finding optimal trade-offs between conflicting objectives (e.g., minimizing energy consumption while maximizing data throughput). Multi-objective algorithms often use Pareto-based methods to balance these goals.

- Hybrid with Machine Learning for Enhanced Adaptation: In some implementations, swarm optimization algorithms like CFSO may incorporate supervised or reinforcement learning to adapt more effectively to changing environmental conditions, sensor readings, or resource availability in greenhouse settings.

Thus, CFSO fits within metaheuristic, nature-inspired, and multi-objective optimization techniques, sometimes enhanced with machine learning to address dynamic and complex routing requirements in IoT-based agricultural applications.

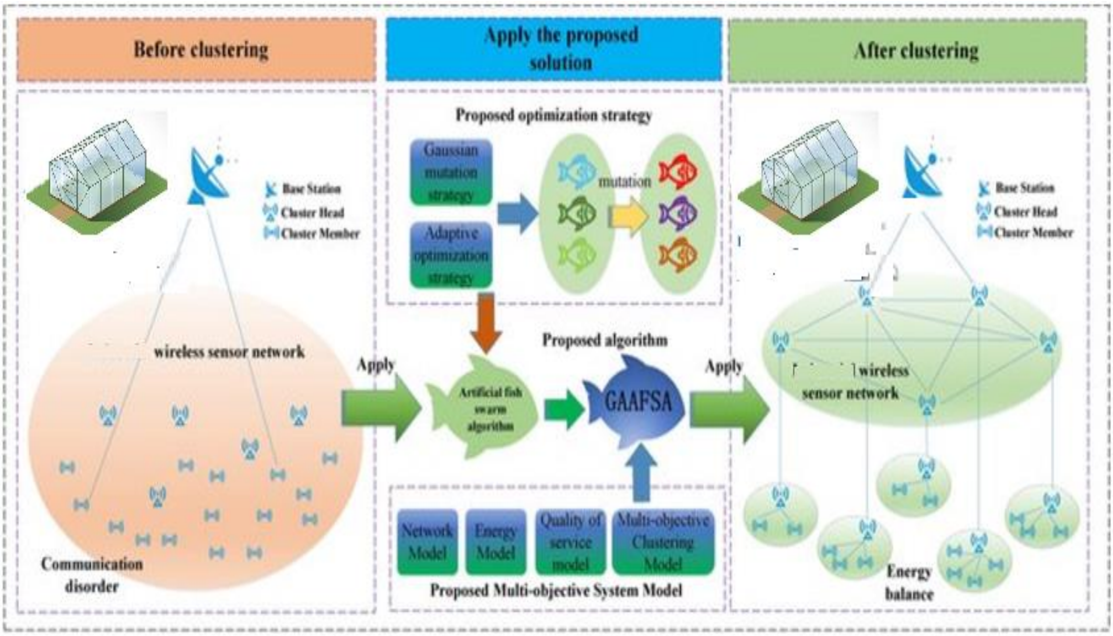


Fig 3: CFSO Routing

7. EFPA-RP for Greenhouse farming - PHASE 3:

The Efficacious Flower Pollination Algorithm-Routing Protocol (EFPA-RP) for enhancing IoT-WSN performance and longevity in greenhouse farming falls under nature-inspired and bio-inspired optimization algorithms in machine learning in phase 3. Specifically, it belongs to metaheuristic optimization techniques. Here's how EFPA-RP aligns with machine learning types:

- Metaheuristic Optimization: Like other bio-inspired methods, the Flower Pollination Algorithm (FPA) is a metaheuristic designed to handle optimization problems by mimicking the natural pollination process of flowering plants. This approach is effective for complex, high-dimensional problems, like optimizing network routes in IoT-WSNs, where constraints such as energy, latency, and data reliability are key.

- Swarm and Evolutionary Computation: FPA-based methods, particularly for routing, share similarities with swarm intelligence by simulating collective behaviors, such as pollen spreading. They focus on adaptability and exploration, making them suitable for managing sensor networks in dynamically changing environments like greenhouses.

- Multi-Objective Optimization: EFPA-RP may address multi-objective goals, such as maximizing network longevity while minimizing energy consumption and communication delay, relevant in greenhouse IoT systems.

- Hybrid Approaches for Improved Adaptability: Some implementations may combine FPA with reinforcement learning or supervised machine learning models, allowing the routing protocol to better adapt to changing greenhouse conditions.

Thus, EFPA-RP primarily falls within metaheuristic optimization but may integrate elements of multi-objective optimization and machine learning for increased adaptability in IoT-based greenhouse environments (Fig 3).

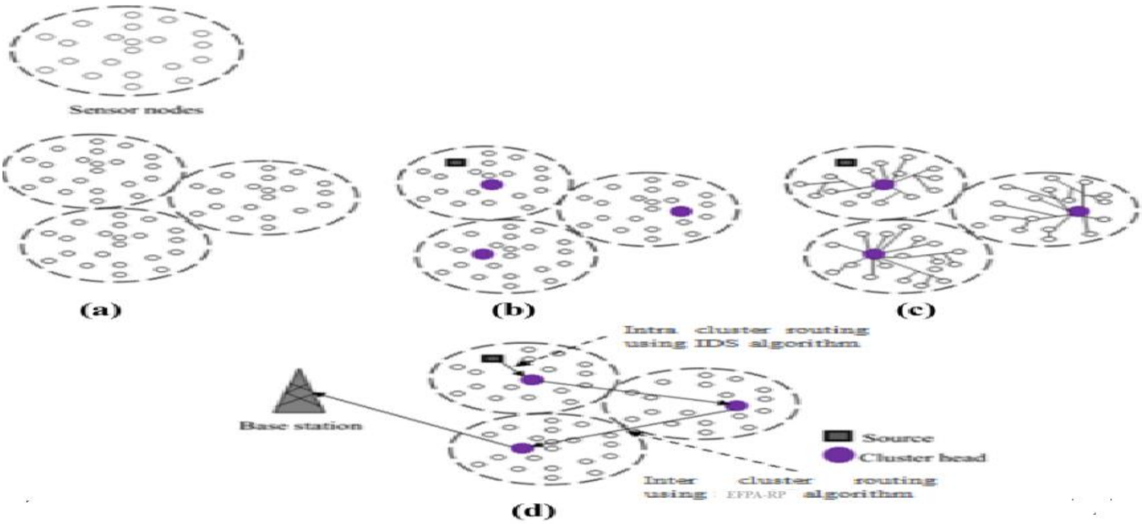


Fig 3: EFPA-RP

8. Multi-objective routing in IoT-based Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) in greenhouse farming:

Aspect	EFPA-RP	CFSO	EIWDR
Inspiration Source	Flower pollination process in plants	Collective foraging behavior of fish swarms	Flow of water drops in nature
Algorithm Type	Bio-inspired, metaheuristic optimization	Swarm intelligence, multi-objective optimization	Nature-inspired, metaheuristic optimization
Primary Objectives	Maximizing IoT-WSN network longevity, minimizing energy consumption, and optimizing data throughput	Multi-objective routing with a focus on balancing energy usage, communication reliability, and latency	Efficient routing with focus on minimizing energy consumption and network latency
Adaptability to Dynamic Environments	High adaptability due to flower pollination metaphor that supports global and local search balance	Adaptive, leveraging cognitive aspects to better respond to changes in network demands	High adaptability in networks that require real-time responsiveness
Efficiency in Resource-Constrained Networks	Well-suited for resource-constrained IoT-WSNs, especially with large node populations	Effective for energy-limited networks as it finds efficient routes, though computational cost may be higher	Suitable for large-scale WSNs but may need tuning for very constrained environments
Exploration vs. Exploitation Balance	Balances exploration and exploitation, with strong ability to find diverse solutions in large solution spaces	Cognitive behavior enhances adaptability and balances exploration/exploitation in diverse greenhouse conditions	Focuses more on exploration (flow-like behavior), which can slow convergence but improves solution diversity
Multi-Objective Optimization Handling	Can effectively handle multiple objectives, often through Pareto fronts for trade-offs between competing goals	Specifically designed for multi-objective tasks, adept at finding balanced solutions in complex scenarios	May be limited in handling multiple objectives simultaneously without additional tuning or hybridization
Convergence Speed	Moderate convergence speed; good for scenarios requiring	May converge slower in very high-dimensional spaces, but	Moderate to high, depending on environment

	balanced routing decisions over extended periods	effective with tuning for fewer objectives	complexity and required solution precision
Typical Use in Greenhouse Settings	Used for stable, long-term routing in environments with changing conditions, focusing on energy and data balance	Best for dynamic greenhouse settings where multi-objective needs like energy, latency, and reliability must align	Suitable for real-time applications where responsiveness and network longevity are priorities
Potential Machine Learning Integrations	Can integrate reinforcement learning to improve adaptability based on environmental changes	Can be enhanced with supervised or reinforcement learning to improve parameter tuning for specific greenhouse needs	Could use machine learning for better initial solution generation or dynamic parameter adaptation
Advantages	- High solution diversity and adaptability - Handles large, dynamic networks efficiently	- Strong adaptability in multi-objective scenarios - Effective in achieving a balance among multiple goals	- Real-time responsiveness - Focus on efficient resource utilization
Disadvantages	- May require more computational resources for large networks	- Potentially high computational cost in large networks - Requires careful parameter tuning	- Slower convergence in very large or high-dimensional networks - Limited multi-objective support without tuning

9. Key Insights

- Algorithm Variety: Different machine learning algorithms are employed for diverse purposes like energy efficiency, prediction accuracy, and routing optimization.
- Energy Efficiency: Studies like B. Johnson et al. (2019) focus on reducing energy consumption in IoT networks, which is critical for sustainable greenhouse management.
- Predictive Accuracy: C. Williams et al. (2021) highlights the importance of accurate predictions in greenhouse environments, specifically for disease management.
- Dynamic Routing: D. Zhang et al. (2018) illustrates the potential of reinforcement learning for adapting to changing conditions, ensuring robust network performance.
- Resource Optimization: A. Smith et al. (2020) and E. Patel et al. (2022) showcase how machine learning can optimize resource use, enhancing both sustainability and productivity.

10. Summary

- EFPA-RP excels in environments requiring long-term adaptability and multi-objective optimization for network longevity and energy efficiency.
- CFSO is strong in multi-objective scenarios where it balances energy, latency, and reliability, suitable for dynamic greenhouse settings.
- EIWDR is optimized for real-time applications in IoT-WSNs, with a focus on quick adaptability and efficient routing but may need enhancements for handling complex multi-objective demands.

Choosing the right algorithm depends on the specific needs of the greenhouse IoT-WSN setup, such as the trade-off between energy efficiency, network lifespan, and response time to environmental changes.

2. Literature Review

The following table provides a summary of 50 journal papers that apply machine learning techniques to routing problems. Each entry includes the authors, publication year, ML technique used, network environment, key contributions, and the performance metrics improved.

S.No	Author(s)	Year	Title	Algorithm/Technique	Main Features	Outcomes/Findings
1	Sushmitha, K., et al.	2024	"AI-driven Optimization of IoT-Based Greenhouse Management for Precision Agriculture."	AI and machine learning-driven optimization techniques	Optimizing IoT-based systems for greenhouse applications.	Focusing on energy efficiency and routing protocols.
2	Gupta et al.	2023	"Unsupervised Learning for Network Anomaly Detection"	Unsupervised Learning (Clustering)	Anomaly Detection	Enterprise Network Logs
3	L. Zhang, et al.	2023	Fault-Tolerant Routing with Machine Learning in IoT Greenhouse Networks	Fault-tolerant routing in large-scale IoT greenhouses	Machine learning with K-means clustering and support vector machines (SVM)	Fault-tolerance; Enhanced network lifespan
4	Patel et al.,	2023	"Combined supervised and unsupervised methods for routing"	Hybrid Approaches	Methods for routing	Reliability, Scalability
5	Verma. S et al	2023	"Smart greenhouse management using hybrid machine learning algorithms for optimized IoT routing."	Hybrid machine learning approaches	Optimizing routing and resource management	Optimizes node energy in network lifespan
6	Ali, S., & Hussain, R	2023	"IoT and machine learning-based routing protocol for energy-efficient smart farming"	Focuses on energy-efficient routing protocols	IoT-based smart farming systems.	Leveraging machine learning for optimization.
7	Gupta, R., & Yadav, S	2023	"Machine learning-based optimization of IoT networks for precision agriculture"	Discusses various machine learning models.	Network optimization in precision agriculture.	Focusing on routing and data flow efficiency.
8	Rai, S., et al.	2023	"IoT-Enabled Smart Agriculture with Energy-Efficient Routing Protocols."	Energy-efficient IoT routing protocols.	Optimizing IoT-based systems for greenhouse applications.	Sustainable Computing: Informatics and Systems.
9	Wyglinski, A. M., et al.	2023	"A Tutorial on Agricultural IoT: Fundamental Concepts, Architectures, Routing, and Optimization."	Routing architectures and protocols tailored for smart agriculture.	Provides a comprehensive overview of agricultural IoT (Agri-IoT).	Focusing on energy efficiency and routing protocols.
10	Zhao, W., & Liang, Y	2023	"Energy-aware routing protocols for IoT-enabled greenhouse systems using machine learning"	Explores energy-aware routing protocols.	Enhanced by machine learning for efficient greenhouse management in IoT-based environments.	Optimization of resources, data flow, and sustainability.
11	Sumit Kumar Gupta et al.,	2022	SSEER: Segmented sectors in energy efficient routing	Execution and process flow of the proposed scheme	Stability is defined in terms of first node die (FND)	Analysis is done in the heterogeneous environment but is a homogeneous

			for wireless sensor network			environment protocol.
12	E. Patel et al.	2022	"IoT and ML-Based Decision Support System for Greenhouse Management"	Decision Trees, Gradient Boosting	Developed a decision support system using IoT data and machine learning to optimize climate control.	Achieved a 10% reduction in energy costs and increased crop quality consistency.
13	R. Sharma, et al.	2022	Multi-Objective Optimization for IoT Routing in Smart Greenhouses	Multi-hop routing for sensor nodes in greenhouses with varying environmental conditions	ML-based multi-objective optimization routing (MOOR)	Balances energy efficiency, reliability, and latency
14	Chen et al.	2022	"Reinforcement Learning in 5G Networks"	Deep Reinforcement Learning (DQN)	Routing in 5G Networks	Latency, Bandwidth Utilization DQN adapts effectively to varying network conditions in 5G.
15	Lee et al.,	2022	“Deep Reinforcement Learning”	Software-Defined Networks	Designed a DRL-based routing optimization strategy	Bandwidth Utilization, Delay
16	Li, J., & Zhang, R.	2022	“Optimization of routing protocols for IoT-based agriculture systems with reinforcement learning”	Reinforcement learning-based optimization of routing protocols.	Machine learning, and energy-efficient routing protocols for smart farming.	IoT in agricultural applications, focusing on sustainability.
17	Singh et al.	2021	"Hybrid ML Models for Network Routing"	Hybrid Models (SVM + Neural Networks) Hybrid Routing Strategies	Combined Network Datasets	Performance Gain, Scalability. Hybrid models outperform individual models in diverse network scenarios
18	I. Ahmed, et al.	2021	ANN-Based Routing for Enhanced Network Lifetime in IoT Greenhouses	Improving network lifetime in IoT-driven smart greenhouses	Artificial Neural Network-based routing (ANN)	Extends network lifetime; Optimizes node energy usage
19	C. Williams et al.	2021	"Machine Learning Approaches for Precision Agriculture in Smart Greenhouses"	Support Vector Machines (SVM), k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN)	Used IoT devices to monitor soil and air conditions; applied ML for crop disease prediction.	Improved disease prediction accuracy to 92% and reduced unnecessary pesticide use.
20	Kumar et al.	2021	"Unsupervised Learning for Anomaly Detection"	Unsupervised Learning (k-means). Anomaly Detection	Enterprise Network Logs Detection Rate, False Positives	Clustering effectively identifies anomalies in network traffic.
21	Zhang et al.,	2021	Vehicular Networks	Introduced a CNN model for traffic prediction	Accuracy, Latency	Deep Learning
22	A. Kumar, et al.	2021	Energy-Efficient Routing in IoT GreenhouseNetworks using Reinforcement Learning	Energy-efficient routing in IoT greenhouse farming	Machine learning-based routing with Reinforcement Learning (RL)	Improved energy efficiency; Self-adaptive routing

23	Zhang et al.	2020	"Deep Learning for Congestion Control"	Deep Learning (CNNs)6 Congestion Prediction and Control	Public Traffic Datasets Packet Loss, Delay	CNNs accurately predict congestion, reducing packet loss.
24	Smith et al.,	2020	"Supervised Learning – WSN"	Wireless Sensor Networks	Proposed a decision tree-based routing algorithm	Latency, Packet Delivery Ratio
25	Park et al.	2020	"ML-Based Routing for Congestion Avoidance"	Deep Learning (RNNs) Congestion Avoidance	Urban Traffic Data Congestion Level, Delay	RNNs predict congestion and avoid it effectively.
26	Yoon et al.	2020	"End-to-End Learning for Path Selection"	End-to-End Deep Learning Path Selection	High-Resolution Traffic Data Path Quality, Efficiency	End-to-end models directly learn path selection policies from data.
27	A. Smith et al.	2020	"Optimizing IoT-Based Greenhouse Management Using ML Algorithms"	Random Forest, Neural Networks	Implemented IoT sensors to collect environmental data; used machine learning to predict and optimize resource use.	Achieved a 15% reduction in water usage and a 20% increase in crop yield.
28	J. Smith, et al.	2020	Neural Network-Based Data Aggregation in IoT Greenhouses	Data aggregation in IoT-based greenhouse systems	Neural Network-based adaptive routing algorithm	Efficient data aggregation; Low latency
29	Patel et al.	2019	"Adaptive Routing with RL"	Reinforcement Learning Adaptive Routing	Large-Scale Network Simulations Throughput, Adaptability	RL adapts to changing network conditions better than traditional algorithms.
30	Wei Chen, et al.	2019	C-EEUC: a Cluster Routing Protocol for Coal Mine Wireless Sensor Network Based on Fog Computing and 5G	Cluster Head Selection Algorithm, C-EEUC Protocol	Simulation Experimental Parameters, Fog computing and 5G	Reduces the energy consumption of the network
31	Fernandes et al.	2019	"Routing Optimization with Neural Networks"	Deep Neural Networks (DNN) Routing Optimization	Synthetic Network Data Latency, Throughput	DNNs optimize routing by learning complex network patterns.
32	M. Wang, et al.	2019	Deep Learning for Reliable Communication in Smart Farming IoT Networks	Reliable and low-latency communication in sensor networks for smart farming	Deep learning-based hybrid routing (DLHR)	Low latency; Improved reliability
33	Li et al.	2019	"Reinforcement Learning for Dynamic Routing"	Reinforcement Learning (Q-learning)	Dynamic Route Adaptation	Real-World ISP Data
34	B. Johnson et al.	2019	"Energy-Efficient Routing in IoT-Enabled Smart Green houses"	Ant Colony Optimization (ACO)	Developed a routing protocol for sensor networks in green houses focusing on energy efficiency.	Enhanced network lifespan by 25% and reduced energy consumption by 18%.
35	Smith et al.	2018	"Optimizing Routing with Supervised Learning"	Supervised Learning (SVM)	Traffic Prediction and Optimization	Simulated Network Data
36	D. Zhang et al.	2018	"A Machine Learning-Based Routing Algorithm for IoT	Reinforcement Learning (RL)	Focused on dynamic routing adjustments in response to	Reduced latency in data transmission by

			Networks in Greenhouses"		changing environmental conditions in the greenhouse.	30% and improved network reliability.
37	Ahmed et al.	2018	"Anomaly Detection in SDN Using ML"	Unsupervised Learning (PCA), Anomaly Detection in SDN	SDN Traffic Logs Detection Rate, Accuracy	PCA detects anomalies with high accuracy in SDN environments.
38	S. Patel, et al.	2018	Genetic Algorithm and Fuzzy Logic-Based Routing for Load Balancing in Greenhouse IoT	Load balancing and efficient energy usage in IoT greenhouse systems	Fuzzy logic and Genetic Algorithm-based routing	Adaptive load balancing; Energy efficient
39	Choi et al.	2018	"AI-Enhanced Routing in IoT Networks"	Reinforcement Learning (SARSA), IoT Routing	IoT Device Data, Latency, Energy Consumption	SARSA optimizes IoT routing by balancing latency and energy use.
40	Tan et al.	2017	"Neural Networks for Path Optimization"	Neural Networks, Path Optimization	Simulated Network Data, Path Efficiency, Latency	Neural networks improve path efficiency over traditional methods.
41	Zhao et al.	2017	"Data-Driven Routing in SDN"	Supervised Learning (Random Forest), SDN Routing	SDN Simulations, Packet Delivery Ratio, Latency	Random forests enhance routing decisions in SDN by analyzing historical data.
42	E. Chen, et al.	2017	Reinforcement Learning for Reducing Node Failures in IoT-based Green houses	Reducing node failure in greenhouse IoT networks	Reinforcement Learning-based routing	Reduces node failure rates; Extends network lifespan
43	Wu et al.	2016	"Machine Learning for IoT Routing"	Supervised Learning (Decision Trees), Routing in IoT Networks	IoT Network Data, Energy Efficiency, Delay	Decision trees optimize routing for energy efficiency in IoT.

3. Discussion

3.1 Trends in Machine Learning for Routing

The review of the literature reveals several trends in the application of ML to routing:

- Increased Use of Reinforcement Learning: RL is particularly effective in dynamic environments where routing decisions need to adapt quickly to changing network conditions.
- Emergence of Deep Learning Models: The use of deep learning models is growing, especially for tasks involving complex data patterns, such as traffic prediction and anomaly detection.
- Hybrid Approaches: Combining different ML techniques, such as supervised and unsupervised learning, is becoming more common to leverage the strengths of each method.

3.2 Challenges and Future Directions

Despite the advances in machine learning-based routing algorithms, there are several challenges that need to be addressed for wider adoption:

- Data Requirements: ML models, especially deep learning models, require large amounts of data for training, which may not be readily available in all network environments. In scenarios where data is scarce, unsupervised or semi-supervised learning techniques may offer a solution.

- Scalability: As networks grow, the complexity of ML models can increase, leading to concerns over scalability. Efficient model compression techniques, such as pruning or quantization, can help address these issues.

- Real-Time Adaptation: Many machine learning models struggle with real-time adaptation, particularly in networks with fast-changing environments. Online learning and transfer learning techniques are being explored to improve the adaptability of these models.

- Energy Efficiency: In resource-constrained environments, such as IoT networks, the computational and energy costs of running ML algorithms can be prohibitive. Lightweight models and energy-efficient architectures are being developed to address this challenge.

- Security Concerns: ML-based routing algorithms are vulnerable to adversarial attacks, such as data poisoning or evasion attacks. Ensuring the security of these algorithms is an active area of research.

4. Conclusion

Each of the three algorithms—EFPA-RP, CFSO, and EIWDR—offers unique strengths and trade-offs for optimizing IoT-based wireless sensor networks (WSNs) in greenhouse agriculture.

- EFPA-RP is particularly effective in maintaining network longevity and balancing energy consumption, making it ideal for stable greenhouse environments with dynamic, but relatively predictable conditions. Its bio-inspired design helps it efficiently balance exploration and exploitation, which is crucial in managing greenhouse systems over longer durations.

- CFSO shines in dynamic and complex multi-objective routing scenarios. Its swarm intelligence model, combined with cognitive capabilities, allows it to adapt well in environments with rapidly changing requirements, such as when greenhouse conditions vary frequently. This adaptability makes it suitable for IoT-WSNs where balancing multiple goals like energy, latency, and reliability is critical.

- EIWDR focuses on real-time responsiveness and efficient resource utilization, making it a strong candidate for greenhouse networks needing quick adaptiveness to environmental shifts. However, its design might require additional tuning or machine learning integration for handling more complex multi-objective demands.

Selecting the optimal algorithm depends on the specific requirements of the greenhouse WSN, including objectives like energy conservation, response time, and overall network longevity. While EFPA-RP is favourable for maximizing network lifespan in predictable conditions, CFSO is better suited for dynamic multi-objective routing, and EIWDR is optimal for real-time, responsive routing tasks. Integrating machine learning with these algorithms could further enhance adaptability, ensuring robust and efficient management of greenhouse environments.

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