

# FOREST FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM BASED ON WSN WITH ANN APPROACH

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**ABSTRACT:** A forest fire is a serious risk to forest assets and human life. In this paper, we propose a forest fire detection framework that has an artificial neural network calculation actualized in a wireless sensor network (WSN). The proposed detection framework mitigates the risk of forest fires by furnish precise fire caution with low upkeep cost. The exactness is expanded by the novel multi criteria detection, alluded to as an alert choice relies upon various qualities of a forest fire. The multi-criteria detection is executed by the artificial neural network calculation. In the interim, we have built up a model of the proposed framework comprising of the sun oriented player module, the fire detection module and the UI module.

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## INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we propose a forest fire detection framework that incorporates an artificial neural network calculation actualized in a WSN. In general, the fundamental commitments of this paper are as per the following:

- The multi criteria detection relies upon various characteristics of a forest fire and is acquainted into WSNs with increment the exactness of distinguishing a forest fire.
- An artificial neural network calculation is utilized to meld detecting information that compares to various properties of a forest fire into a caution choice.
- We present the rule of the proposed framework and a model containing TelosB sensor hubs and a sunlight based battery to control the WSN

## LITERATURE REVIEW

Wireless sensor networks (WSNs) have been the focus of research over the past few years because of their potential in environmental monitoring, target tracking, and object detection [I. Akyildiz, W. Su, Y. Sankarasubramaniam, and E. Cayirci, 2002]. WSNs have also been studied in the context of detecting forest fires, which threaten forest resources and human life. WSNs are not costly and can detect forest fires in real time, unlike current detection methods based on human observation and unlike spot weather forecasts or even satellite monitoring. WSNs can also provide information about environmental conditions within the forest, which is useful for predicting forest fires [B. Son, Y. Her, and J. Kim, 2006]. Moreover, forest fire detection and prediction is associated with specific location information provided by individual sensor nodes. Although some practical experiments have been conducted using WSNs to collect sensed data from a forest fire [D. Doolin and N. Sitar, 2005]-[M. Hefeeda and M. Bagheri, 2007], there are still some challenges to using WSNs for this purpose. A fire detector may sound an alarm based on a simple threshold, which gives rise to false alarms even though the sensing unit of the fire detector may be highly sensitive. False alarms occur for two main reasons:

- A photoelectric smoke sensing unit is sensitive to white aerosol particles from a smoldering fire but also to dust [G. Pfister, 1997].
- Environmental conditions in the forest often severely disturb the normal behavior of the sensing unit. Sunlight and artificial light are primary sources of interference with the flame sensing unit.

Limited power supply to sensor nodes makes it difficult to detect fires over a long period of time. The potential energy sources for sensor nodes can be classified according to whether they store energy within the sensor nodes (e.g., in a battery), distribute power to the sensor node through a wire, or scavenge available ambient power (e.g., using a solar battery on the sensor node). Considering the volume of the sensor node, manner of deployment, and forest conditions, the solar battery is one of the most promising sources of energy for detecting forest fires over a long period of time. However, existing works on solar batteries for sensor nodes, e.g., [M. Minami, 2005]-[J. Taneja, J. Jeong, and D. Culler, 2008], overlook the problem of intermittent sunlight in the forest.

## PROPOSED FOREST FIRE DETECTION METHOD

In our proposed framework, detection is made more precise by utilizing numerous criteria, which implies the promotion depends on different criteria of the forest fire. Multi criteria detection is actualized by the artificial neural network calculation. In view of the artificial neural network, the proposed framework has low overhead and makes them learn capacities.

### Multi-Criteria Detection

In a framework that relies upon one quality of a forest fire to raise alerts, there is a high likelihood of false cautions in view of natural framework disadvantages or outer aggravations. To conquer such disadvantages and counter outside unsettling influences, the framework must consider the numerous qualities of a forest fire. This is alluded to as multi-criteria detection (Definition 1). With multi-criteria detection, numerous qualities of a forest fire are detected by various kinds of detecting unit. In this way, a detecting unit that has been meddled with can't raise a false alert. Together, different detecting units affirm an alert. Multi-criteria detection builds the exactness of identifying a forest fire.

### Artificial Neural Network Algorithm

We utilize the multilayer back propagation artificial neural network for multi-criteria detection. In spite of the fact that information combination in WSNs has been shrouded in a great part of the point has not been considered with regards to forest fires. A multi-layer back spread artificial neural network is broadly used to imitate the nonlinear connection between its info and yield. Be that as it may, calculation in this sort of network isn't mind boggling in light of the fact that the network is a mix of neurons managing basic capacities. Besides, multilayer back engendering artificial neural network is fit for self-realizing, which implies it can prepare itself to develop relations between the sources of info and wanted targets.

### Making an Alarm Decision

Without loss of generality, we assume that the multilayerback propagation artificial neural network is implemented on  $s_j$  with  $l$  types of sensing units that cover  $l$  attributes of the forest fire. Sensing data  $o^j_i$  of  $u^j_i$  on  $s_j$  corresponds to  $r^j_i$  of the forest fire.

$$A^0 = [a^0_1, \dots, a^0_l]^T \quad (1)$$

For clarity, let all  $o^j_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq l$  comprise a column vector  $A^0$  (1), where  $a^0_i = o^j_i$ . Vector  $A^0$  is the input to the multiplelayer artificial neural networks. Specifically,  $A^0$  is the input to the first layer of the multilayer artificial neural network. In the first layer,  $A^0$  is multiplied by weight matrix  $W^1$  with dimension  $s^1 \times l$  and bias vector  $B^1$ , including  $s^1$  neurons in the first layer. The intermediate computation result of the first layer is denoted  $N^1$  and is given by:

$$N^1 = W^1 A^0 + B^1 \quad (2)$$

Then,  $N^1$  is sent to transfer function  $F^1$ , which may be a linear or nonlinear. That is,  $F^1$  may be a hard limit function or sigmoid function depending on the specific problem it needs to solve. In general, transfer functions in the multilayer artificial neural network are easy to compute. Transfer function  $F^1$  operates on every element of  $N^1$ . The result of transfer function  $F^1$ , denoted  $A^1$ , is the output of the first layer:

$$A^1 = F^1(N^1) = \begin{bmatrix} F^1(n^1_1) \\ \vdots \\ F^1(n^1_s) \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

The fusion of sensing data proceeds in the second layer of the multilayer artificial neural network. The output  $A^1$  of the first layer becomes the input of the second layer. The calculation process of the second layer is similar to that of the first layer except the second layer has its own  $W^2$ ,  $B^2$ , and  $F^2$ . In general, the calculation of the  $i$ th layer is given by:

$$A^i = F^i(W^i A^{i-1} + B^i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq m-1 \quad (4)$$

where  $m$  is the number of layers in the artificial network. For a decision to be made on whether there is a forest fire or not, the output of the  $m$ th layer,  $A^m$  (5), is confined to one element.

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This is done by letting the  $m$ th layer contain only one neuron. If the alarm decision is confined to a Boolean value, we need to choose the transfer function, the output of which is a Boolean value, for the  $m$ th layer, such as the hard limit function.

### Self-Learning Capability

Given sensing data that corresponds to multiple attributes of a forest fire and given correct alarm decisions, the multilayer back propagation artificial neural network trains itself to build relationships between the sensing data and correct alarm decisions. However complex the relationship, it is easy for the multi layer back propagation artificial neural network to fulfill the task. Essentially, self learning means having the output of the multilayer back propagation artificial neural network approximate the target output by adjusting the weight matrixes and biases. This adjustment is made in order to minimize the mean square error (MSE) between the output and target output. Suppose  $q$  inputs are denoted  $A^0_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq q$ . Corresponding to  $A^0_i$ , the output is denoted  $A^m_i$ , and the target output is denoted  $T^m_i$ . Thus, the MSE for the  $i$ th iterated adjustment is:

$$MSE(i) = E[(T^m_i - A^m_i)^2] \quad (6)$$

After self learning, the multilayer back propagation artificial neural network builds up a mathematical relationship between the sensing data and correct alarm decisions. Then, the artificial neural network can make an accurate alarm decision.

### IMPLEMENTATION

We have developed a prototype of the forest fire detection system using an artificial neural network in a WSN. The system mainly comprises three parts: the solar battery, fire detection module, and user interface.

### Solar Battery

To consistently power the unattended sensor nodes deployed in a forest where only intermittent sunlight is available, we develop a solar battery (Figure. 1). The energy from the solar panels is buffered by the super capacitor. When the energy in the super capacitor reaches a threshold, the super capacitor starts to recharge the Li-ion battery. Because of the intermittent sun light in the forest, the energy produced by the solar panel is not enough to recharge the battery. If not buffered in the supercapacitor, this energy is wasted. On the other hand, the charge discharge cycles of the Li-ion battery are limited. It is better to charge a Li-ion battery until it is full; otherwise, the life of the battery decreases.

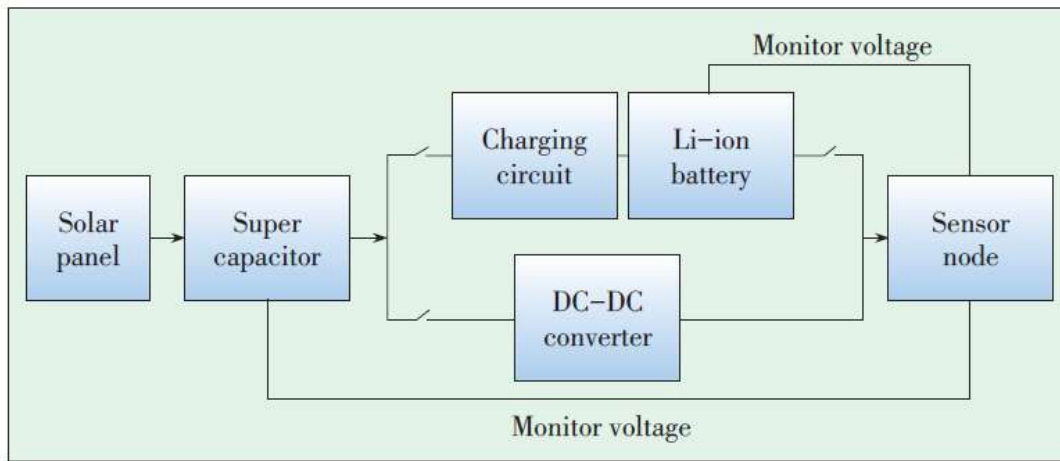


Figure 1: The solar battery architecture.

On the contrary, the super capacitor has almost infinite charge discharge cycles and is ideal for frequently pulsing applications. Here we discuss implementation of the solar battery in detail. The solar panel of the battery is 110 × 95 mm and comprises eight cells connected in parallel and generating 550 mA at 2 V. Theoretically, the maximum energy generated in one hour can sustain a sensor node for 26 days, i.e., 1100 mAh / (0.53 mA × 3.3 V × 24 h), provided that the sensor nodes work on a 10% duty cycle with an average current of 0.53 mA. Energy from the solar panel is buffered by two 150 F 2.5 V supercapacitors wired in parallel. A 3.7 V 700 mAh Li-ion battery is used to continually save energy. The fully charged Li-ion battery can power a sensor node working on a 10% duty cycle for 55 days, i.e., 700 mAh / (0.53 mA × 24 h). We chose MAX1674 and ISL6292 integrated circuits as the DCDC converters, which have a conversion efficiency of around 90%.

**Fire Detection Module**

The fire detection module is responsible for multi criteria detection. The module comprises five TelosB sensor nodes, four of which monitor the forest fire. That is, they convert the attributes of a forest fire into sensing data. The multi layer back propagation artificial neural network is implemented on each individual sensor node because the sensor node is endowed with four types of sensing units. However, for the purpose of analysis, raw sensing data besides the fire alarm are transmitted to users. The last sensor node acts as the base station, collecting sensing data and the fire alarm from the other four sensor nodes.

For simplicity, four sensor nodes communicate with the base station directly in one hop communication. Each TelosB sensor node has a 16 bit 8 MHz microcontroller, an RF transceiver compliant with IEEE 802.15.4, and four sensing units. These sensing units sense temperature ( -40 °C-123.8 °C ), relative humidity (RH), infrared light (320 nm-1100nm), and visible light (320 nm-730 nm). Hence, each sensor node can monitor the four attributes of a forest fire. The architecture of the artificial neural network is shown in Figure. 2. The back propagation artificial neural network in the fire detection module is a two layer network. There are four neurons in the first layer, because of the four sensing units in a TelosB sensor node, and one neuron in the second layer. The transfer function for the first layer is log sigmoid function (f1 in Figure. 2) and is given by:

$$f(x) = 1 / (1 + e^{-x}) \quad (7)$$

The transfer function for the second layer is a linear function (f2 in Figure. 2) and is given by:

$$f(x) = x \quad (8)$$

**User Interface Module**

The user interface module is responsible for displaying the raw sensing data to the user. First, the sensing data and fire alarm are transmitted from the base station to the user. The data flow is shown in Figure.3. Sensing data from sensor nodes are retransmitted to the base station by wireless communication. The base station is a gateway between WSNs and the Internet and forwards the sensing data to a user client. The medium between the base station and user client is the Internet. Therefore, the user may be located far away from the fire detection system. Socket communication is facilitated by Java.

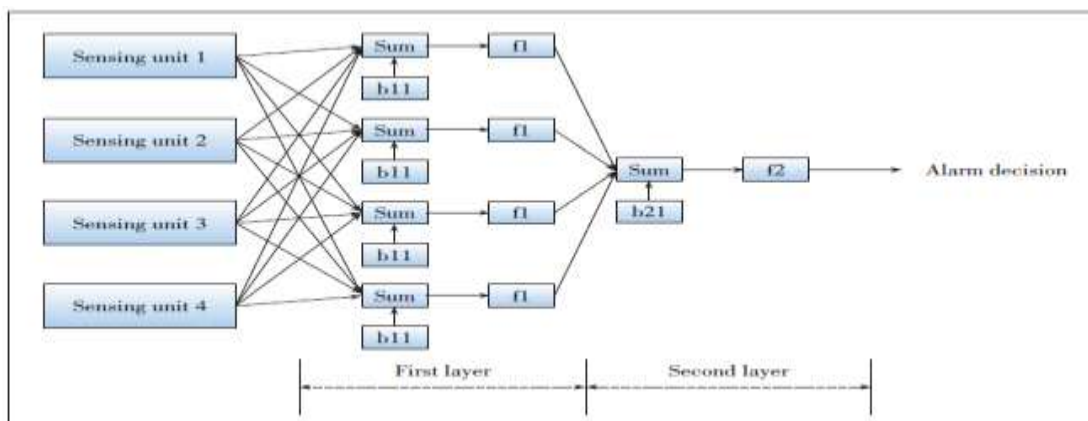
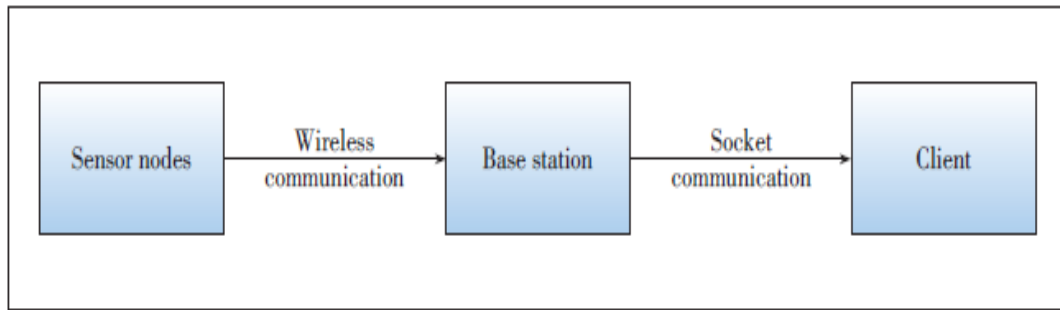


Figure 2: The back propagation artificial neural network.



**Figure 3: Data flow.**

Next, the user interface module displays the sensing data to the user. The graphical interface draws curves for each type of sensing data over time. The graphical interface is refreshed according to the arrival of new sensing data. Therefore, the curves of the graphical interface are synchronous with the sensing units on sensor nodes. Each type of sensing data is displayed by a tab in the graphical interface.

## CONCLUSION

A forest fire can threaten forest resources and human life. This threat can be mitigated by timely and accurate alarms. WSNs are widely used for environmental monitoring; therefore, we use a WSN for forest fire detection. To increase the accuracy of the detection system, we propose multi-criteria detection for forest fires. In this paper, multi-criteria detection is implemented by the artificial neural network algorithm. To power the sensor nodes in the forest where only intermittent sunlight is available, we develop a solar battery module. We developed an archetype of the proposed system comprising solar battery module, fire finding module, and user interface module.

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