Breeding Strategies Generation and Crop Genetic Enhancement Based on Generative Adversarial Networks

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This paper endeavors to propose a novel Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) framework specifically designed for crop breeding, aimed at augmenting crop genetic information and formulating efficient breeding strategies. It addresses the pivotal scientific question of how to enhance the diversity and quality of crop genetic information and develop efficient breeding strategies to elevate the efficacy and success rates of crop breeding initiatives. This work proposes a methodology leveraging GANs to enrich crop genetic information and craft effective breeding strategies. Through an in-depth examination of GANs-based methodologies for the enhancement of crop genetic information, this research aims to simulate and generate crop genetic data characterized by elevated genetic diversity, thereby significantly expanding the genetic resource pool and offering a wider array of genetic materials for breeding purposes. Specifically, by simulating rare or inadequately explored genetic variations, GANs hold the potential to unveil novel genetic traits and characteristics, thus opening new avenues for crop enhancement. Moreover, this study will leverage the augmented genetic information to refine breeding strategies through GANs models, encompassing not only the optimization of hybrid combinations but also the prediction of environmental factors and management practices on the expression of crop traits. In essence, this research aspires to provide

scientific and precise decision-making support for breeders, markedly enhancing the success rate and efficiency of breeding programs.

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1 Introduction

Facing the challenges of global population growth and climate change, traditional breeding methods are becoming increasingly inadequate due to their long cycles, high costs, and low efficiency. In current agricultural breeding practices, the problems mainly focus on the following aspects: limitations on genetic diversity [1] , lengthy breeding cycles [2] , unclear genetic mechanisms of complex traits and inadequate data processing capacity. As an advanced machine learning technology, Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) [3] have the potential to simulate crop genetic variation processes and predict their impact on environmental adaptability, providing powerful tools for developing new varieties with high yield and stress resistance. This data- and model-based breeding method, compared to traditional experimental breeding, can more quickly respond to global food security challenges and is an important direction for the development of modern agricultural technology [4]. GANs have shown strong potential in various fields such as image generation and speech recognition [5] . Through the self-optimization process of two competing networks, GANs can generate high-quality, realistic transgenic data. If applied to crop genetic breeding, this technology has the potential to significantly enhance, simulate, and predict crop genetic traits, thereby greatly improving breeding efficiency and accuracy [6]. In terms of breeding strategy generation, GANs can help researchers predict the phenotypic gene expression of crops under specific genetic combinations by simulating genetic data changes during complex crossing and variation processes. This not only optimizes existing breeding plans but also may reveal new breeding paths, providing a powerful complement to traditional breeding methods. Introducing GANs technology into the field of crop breeding can build efficient mathematical models for predicting crop genetic traits, accelerating the process of crop improvement [7]. This contributes to a deeper understanding of crop genetic mechanisms and enables the rapid cultivation of crop varieties adapted to different environmental conditions, which is of great significance for improving agricultural productivity and ensuring global food security.

Crop breeding is an important research field in agronomy [8] , and the rapid advancement of information technology in agriculture has led to a doubling of efficiency in the cultivation of new varieties.

In enhancing crop genetic information, traditional methods rely on field trials and phenotype selection, which are time-consuming and inefficient. By utilizing genetic information generated by GANs, researchers can rapidly expand genetic information databases, accelerating the process of improving crop traits. For example, a study demonstrated how GANs can enhance the genetic basis of crop adaptability to the environment, thereby increasing crop yield and resistance to stress [9].

Furthermore, the generation of efficient breeding strategies is another important direction in current crop improvement research. By analyzing genetic information generated by GANs, researchers can identify genetic variations favorable for improving specific traits. This method not only enhances breeding precision but also significantly shortens the breeding cycle. Relevant studies emphasize the critical role of crop genomics in global food security and point out that the use of advanced computational methods, such as GANs, can further accelerate the process of improving crop traits [10].

GAN as an advanced artificial intelligence technology show tremendous potential in accelerating the breeding process and improving breeding efficiency. GANs generate high-quality, realistic genetic and phenotypic data, providing strong data support for crop breeding. These technologies not only simulate missing genetic data but also analyze the interaction between complex genetic traits and environmental conditions, thereby providing powerful tools for precision breeding and crop improvement. Additionally, GANs demonstrate efficiency in handling large-scale genetic information and phenotype data, contributing to the acceleration of the crop variety improvement process and supporting sustainable agricultural development.

The application of GANs in the field of bioinformatics is gradually increasing. Min et al [11]. demonstrated how to use GANs to process gene expression data , providing new ideas for finding potential biomarkers and disease mechanisms. In addition, Frid-Adar et al. used GANs to enhance medical images [12], which improved the accuracy of image analysis and showed the application potential of GANs in biomedical image processing. Although GANs have been relatively little studied in the field of crop breeding, their successful applications in other fields indicate that GANs have the potential to significantly improve breeding efficiency and accuracy. Currently, the main research focuses on simulating crop growth environments and predicting crop traits. For example, Ghosal et al. used a deep learning model to predict crop diseases [13], which did not directly apply GANs, but provided a basis for the potential application of GANs in crop breeding.

In summary, our contributions include:

This article introduces a novel GANs framework for crop breeding, designed to augment crop genetic information and develop effective breeding strategies in response to global population growth and climate change challenges. Traditional breeding methods, characterized by lengthy cycles, high expenses, and inefficiency, are becoming increasingly inadequate. Leveraging deep learning and artificial intelligence, this study aims to extract essential features from genetic data, facilitating the generation of optimized breeding strategies to hasten the development of desirable crop traits. It emphasizes enhancing genetic data quality and diversity, elucidating the genetic information-crop trait relationship, and boosting breeding precision and efficiency, thereby offering robust support for future crop improvements. The research meticulously analyzes crop genetic data's high dimensionality, complex variation patterns, and nonlinear relationships, setting precise model requirements. A tailored GANs model is developed, focusing on optimizing network structures, selecting suitable activation and loss functions, and devising efficient training and optimization methods to enhance the model's generalization capability, efficiency, and simulation accuracy. Introducing GANs into crop breeding illustrates the potential for generating high-quality genetic and phenotypic data, supporting breeding efforts by simulating missing data and analyzing genetic-environment interactions for precision breeding. Moreover, GANs effectively manage vast genetic and phenotypic datasets, accelerating crop variety improvement and endorsing sustainable agriculture. The proposed GANs framework signifies a pioneering method for enriching crop genetic information and crafting effective breeding strategies, promising enhanced breeding program success rates and efficiency by simulating rare genetic variations and optimizing breeding strategies through advanced genetic insights.

2 Methods

The aim of this study is to propose a GANs approach tailored for crop breeding, aiming to enhance crop genetic information and generate efficient breeding strategies. Through deep learning and artificial intelligence techniques, key features will be extracted from existing genetic data, and these features will be utilized to generate optimized breeding strategies, thus accelerating the cultivation of crop varieties with desired traits. The research will focus on improving the quality and diversity of genetic data, exploring the relationship between genetic information and crop traits, and enhancing breeding efficiency and accuracy to provide robust technical support for future crop improvement.

In-depth analysis of the characteristics of crop genetic data, such as high dimensionality, complex variation patterns, and nonlinear relationships, will be conducted. Key requirements for models to meet when processing such data will be defined, and a GANs model specifically tailored for crop genetic data characteristics will be constructed.

The construction of this model will include optimization of the generator and discriminator network structures, selection of appropriate activation functions and loss functions [14] for handling genetic data, and the development of efficient training strategies and optimization algorithms. This aims to enhance the generalization ability, processing efficiency, and simulation accuracy of GANs models when handling crop genetic data. For example, optimizing the network structures of the generator and discriminator can help the model better learn and simulate the complex relationships in genetic data, while suitable activation functions and loss functions can improve the model's adaptability and sensitivity to genetic data characteristics [15].

2.1 Methodology for Enhancing the Quality and Diversity of Genetic Datasets using GANs

This study proposes leveraging the powerful capabilities of GANs to enhance the quality and diversity of crop genetic datasets. GANs, as a type of deep learning model, have demonstrated significant advantages in generating complex, high-dimensional data. The research will first conduct an in-depth analysis of the current status of crop genetic datasets, identifying key limiting factors such as data sparsity, imbalance, and lack of diversity.

Subsequently, GANs models tailored to address these limitations will be designed and implemented. These models aim to generate missing genetic information, simulate unobserved genetic variations, and increase the diversity within the dataset. Additionally, the study will explore adjustments to GANs architectures suitable for crop genetic data characteristics, including but not limited to optimization of generator and discriminator design, selection of loss functions, and adjustments to training strategies to ensure that the generated data is both realistic and representative.

Through these methods, the research anticipates significant improvements in the quality and diversity of genetic datasets, providing richer and more accurate data resources for subsequent breeding research and genetic analysis.

2.2 GANs for Deciphering Complex Genetic Mechanisms Controlling Crop Economic Traits

Utilizing advanced techniques of GANs to unravel the complex genetic mechanisms controlling crop economic traits. Economic traits such as yield, disease resistance, and quality are key objectives in crop breeding, whose genetic basis typically involves interactions of multiple genes and the influence of environmental factors, exhibiting high complexity. Traditional genetic analysis methods face numerous challenges in dealing with such complex traits, particularly in data interpretation and prediction of genetic mechanisms [16]. In this study, GANs will be employed to simulate the genetic variations of crop economic traits and how these variations are expressed under different environmental conditions. In this way, GANs can help researchers to gain a deeper understanding of the complex genetic networks controlling economic traits, including those genetic effects and gene-environment interactions that are difficult to detect through traditional methods.

2.3 Enhanced Simulation of Genetic Information and Optimization of Efficient Breeding Strategies

By utilizing computational models and deep learning techniques, particularly GANs, the simulation of genetic variation processes can be achieved without the need for actual genetic manipulation to generate genetic information with desired traits. This process not only involves simulating genetic variation but also involves in-depth analysis of the interaction between genetic information and environmental factors, aiming to understand the performance of different genetic combinations under specific environmental conditions and their effects on crop traits. Through this approach, the research aims to optimize breeding strategies to ensure that selected genetic combinations perform well under various environmental conditions [17].

Further optimization of genetic combinations is achieved through rapid iterations using computational models. This means that a large number of interactions between genetic combinations and environmental factors can be simulated and evaluated in a short period, swiftly identifying candidate genes or gene combinations with the most potential to achieve breeding goals. This process significantly enhances breeding efficiency and success rates, thereby shortening the time from conception to market.

Ultimately, the generated breeding strategies will guide actual breeding work, including gene editing, hybrid selection, and other methods, to achieve specific breeding objectives. This simulation-based approach provides a novel perspective and tool for crop improvement, accelerating the breeding process, while also enhancing its precision and predictability.

3 Data

In the context of crop breeding, particularly when involving the use of advanced technologies such as GANs, the collection and analysis of a variety of experimental data are imperative to ensure the scientific rigor and effectiveness of the breeding process. By systematically collecting, analyzing, and applying these data, the success rate and efficiency of breeding can be significantly enhanced.

4 Methodology

This paper aims to explore the breakthrough of GANs in intelligent crop breeding , especially its potential in simulating complex genetic information distributions [18]. The technical of this paper is detailed in Figure 1 to achieve the goals, we will adopt the following experimental methods:

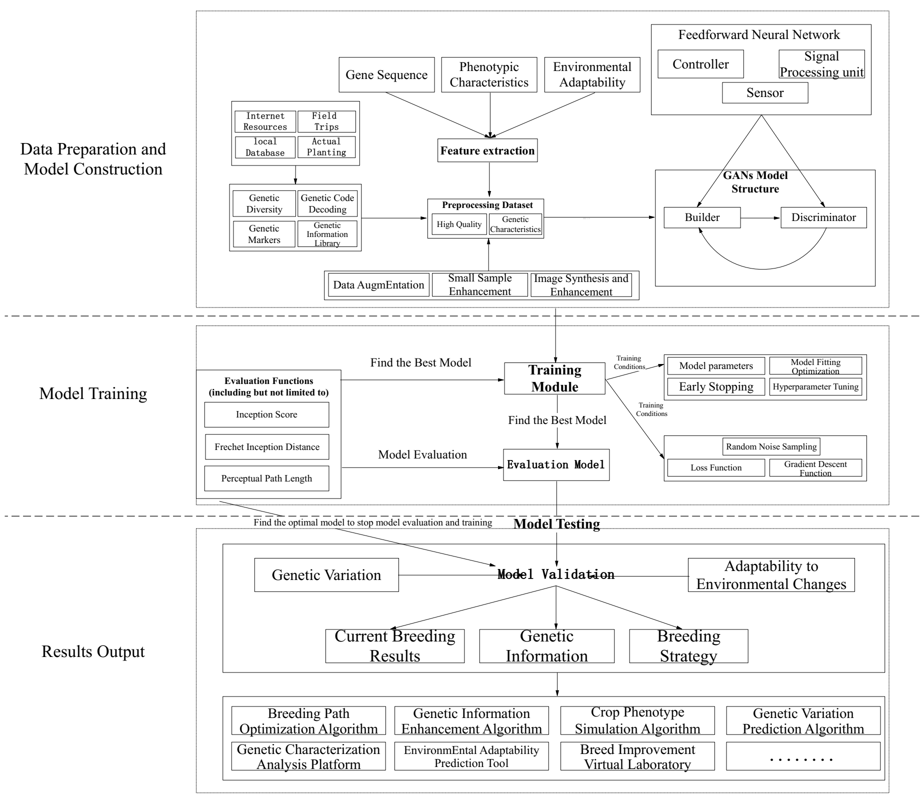

Fig. 1. Architecture of Technical

Collection of Genetic Information and Phenotypic Data: Collaborate with domestic and international agricultural research institutions to obtain reliable and high-quality data based on crop high-throughput genotype data, environmental data, and phenotypic data platforms. This includes genetic sequences, gene expression data, genetic markers, and phenotypic features.

Data Preprocessing: Perform quality control, normalization, and feature extraction on the collected data to ensure that the data quality meets the requirements for subsequent GANs model training. Data collection and preprocessing are illustrated in Figure 2.

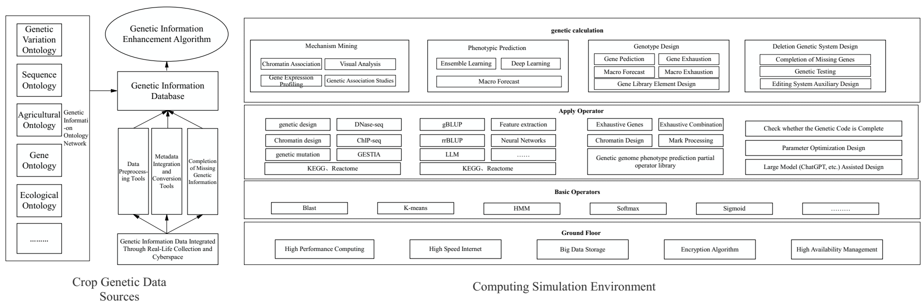

Fig. 2. Data collection and preprocessing

In the domain of crop breeding, GANs have significantly advanced data simulation for more precise breeding decisions. They address gaps in genetic information, predict gene expression under stress, and generate phenotypic data for new variety evaluation. GANs enhance genetic analysis through indistinguishable sequence generation, multi-scale feature extraction, and integrating genetic with phenotypic and environmental data for improved outcomes. They also improve genetic data quality, supported by deep learning technologies for enhanced understanding and application of genetic information. Innovations include cross-species genetic transfer learning to overcome resource limitations and efficient breeding strategy generation through crop performance simulation under varied conditions. This heralds a transformative era in agricultural breeding, leveraging deep learning and simulation technologies to significantly enhance breeding efficiency and accuracy, providing innovative solutions to global food security challenges.

5 Experiment

Crop genetic information enhancement refers to the improvement of genetic characteristics of crops through various genetic methods and technologies to enhance performance in aspects such as yield, disease resistance, and adaptability. A review of the literature summarized common approaches and limitations of crop genetic information enhancement. To achieve a deep integration of GANs technology with crop breeding, the core of this paper's experimental design lies in clearly defining the specific content of inputs and outputs, ensuring close alignment of experimental goals with key requirements in the field of crop breeding.

5.1 Enhancement and Efficient Breeding Strategy Generation Technology Based on GANs

Crop genetic information enhancement refers to the improvement of crop genetic traits through various genetic methods and technologies to enhance aspects such as yield, disease resistance, and adaptability. Common approaches and limitations of crop genetic information enhancement are summarized through literature review. In order to achieve deep integration of GANs technology with crop breeding, the core of the experimental design in this paper lies in clarifying the specific contents of input and output, ensuring close alignment between the experimental objectives and the key requirements of crop breeding. The schematic diagram of crop genetic information enhancement is shown in Figure 3, followed by a detailed explanation of the experimental design.

This study integrates genotypic data, including DNA sequences and gene markers, phenotypic data reflecting crop traits like yield and disease resistance, and environmental data such as climate and soil conditions. It aims to employ GANs to simulate genetic interactions and predict phenotypic outcomes under various conditions, thereby generating optimized genetic trait data. This approach facilitates the identification of ideal gene combinations for breeding, accelerating the breeding process and improving crop quality by understanding the complex interplay of genetics and environment on crop traits.

5.2 Detailed experimental steps

In the exploration of applying GANs for the enhancement of crop genetic information and breeding strategy generation, we synthesize the theoretical underpinnings across data preparation, model construction, and model training and optimization. The theoretical basis for these techniques primarily encompasses the management of high-dimensional data, the architecture and refinement of deep learning models, and the evaluation metrics for model performance.

In the phase of data preparation, the integration of genotype, phenotype, and environmental data [19] from various sources is essential for ensuring high-quality inputs. Through processes such as data encoding and normalization, genotype data are transformed into a format amenable to computational models, while phenotype and environmental data are adjusted to suitable scales. This ensures both the effectiveness and consistency of the data during model training. Specifically, let X_g, X_p, and X_e represent the genotype, phenotype, and environmental datasets respectively. The processed composite dataset, X_{int}, can be represented as:

$$X_{int} = f(X_g, X_p, X_e) \tag{1}$$

Fig. 3. Schematic diagram of enhanced crop genetic information generation

where $f(\cdot)$ signifies the data preprocessing function, which includes encoding, normalization, and other operations.

The construction phase of the model involves the design of a generator G and a discriminator D. The generator G accepts random noise signals z and specific environmental conditions E as inputs, learning to simulate crop genetic trait data X' under these inputs:

$$G(z, E) \rightarrow X' \tag{2}$$

The discriminator's D task is to distinguish between real genetic trait data X and the data generated by $G(X')$, with its output being the probability that the given input data is real:

$$D(X) \to [0,1] \tag{3}$$

$$D(X') \to [0,1] \tag{4}$$

Model Evaluation: Assess the model's performance using an independent test set, particularly focusing on the accuracy in predicting genetic interactions and optimizing genetic trait data.Genetic enhancement through generative adversarial networks.

Model training and optimization involve an iterative process where the generator and discriminator are alternately trained to continuously enhance the quality of generated data. This process persists until the discriminator's ability to differentiate between real and synthetic data becomes significantly challenged. This alternating training mechanism ensures that both components of the GAN architecture evolve in a manner that promotes the generation of increasingly realistic and accurate genetic trait data.

5.3 Enhanced identification of wheat seed genetic information based on generative adversarial network

Employing gene editing and genetic techniques to enhance wheat's genetic information aims to improve yield, disease resistance, and environmental tolerance. This critical advancement seeks to create wheat varieties adaptable to diverse environments, addressing human needs more effectively. Preliminary research explores strategies such as regulating yield-associated genes for growth and grain improvement; employing gene editing for pathogen resistance; manipulating stress-related genes for resilience against drought, heat, and salinity; and adjusting quality-related genes to increase protein and gluten quality. A novel approach involves using GAN for advanced genetic information recognition in wheat seeds, marking a significant step in wheat breeding technology.

5.4 Crop cultivation strategy generation based on natural language generation

This study presents a framework that leverages large language models pre-trained on extensive text corpora for transforming genetic data into natural language descriptions, constraints, and optimization goals for breeding strategy generation. By parsing genetic sequences into programmable content generation (PCG) directives, the framework facilitates the creation of viable breeding strategies assessed for feasibility through deep reinforcement learning. This innovative approach significantly enhances the survival rate of generated strategies over traditional methods, demonstrating the practical applicability and effectiveness of using natural language processing and artificial intelligence in optimizing crop breeding strategies.

6 Conclusion

This paper discusses a novel Generative Adversarial Networks framework for crop breeding, aimed at enhancing crop genetic information and formulating efficient breeding strategies. Amidst the challenges of global population growth and climate change, traditional breeding methods are increasingly seen as insufficient due to their long cycles, high costs, and low efficiency. This study proposes the use of GANs to enrich crop genetic information and simulate rare or insufficiently explored genetic variations, thereby revealing new genetic traits and characteristics, and providing a broader genetic resource pool for breeding purposes. Additionally, it refines breeding strategies through GANs models by optimizing hybrid combinations and predicting the impact of environmental factors and management practices on the expression of crop traits. The paper further explores the potential of GANs in enhancing crop genetic information and generating high-quality, realistic transgenic data. By simulating complex crossing and mutation processes, GANs aid in predicting phenotypic gene expression under specific genetic combinations, optimizing existing breeding plans, and potentially unveiling new breeding pathways. Moreover, it integrates the latest advancements in crop transformation techniques, applications of molecular breeding technologies, and the use of high-throughput phenotyping platforms, highlighting the potential of deep learning and machine learning technologies to accelerate genetic improvement and precision breeding. In summary, the GANs framework proposed in this study offers an innovative approach to crop breeding by simulating and generating crop genetic data with higher genetic diversity, significantly expanding the genetic resource pool for breeding. Furthermore, utilizing enhanced genetic information to refine breeding strategies is expected to markedly improve the success rate and efficiency of breeding programs. By leveraging deep learning and artificial intelligence technologies, this research not only optimizes breeding strategies but also provides robust technical support for future crop improvement efforts, which is of great significance for enhancing agricultural productivity and ensuring global food security.

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