

Project brief

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Project

- Goal:
 - Project proposal for a new use of sustainability robotics
 - 5 minute presentation / video
- Project proposal
 - Introduction
 - Concept and objectives
 - State-of-the-Art
 - Implementation
 - Methodology
 - Impact
 - Timeline and future plans
 - Budget
 - Technical demo / pilot result

Individual Project

- Topic: Anything related to sustainability robotics
 - E.g., Monitoring, precision agriculture, fruit picking, weeding
 - Run it past us!
- Will have constraints on choice of robot, sensor, manipulator, and video / dataset

Constraints

- You can freely choose between components from the *Clearpath Robotics* e-shop
- Justify your choice in robot / sensor / manipulator
 - Some components will be “better” than others, but could be excessive
 - E.g., Price vs functionality
 - E.g., Weight

Constraints – Robot

- Choice of robot – Clearpath robotics
 - Husky, warthog, jackal, ridgeback



Ridgeback



Warthog



Husky



Jackal

Constraints – Sensor choice

- 2D LIDAR
 - Hokuyo UTM-30LX-EW, Hokuyo URG-04LX
- 3D LIDAR
 - Blickfeld Cube 1 Outdoor, Velodyne Puck, Velodyne Ultra Puck
- Camera
 - FLIR Ladybug6, Intel RealSense D455 (and D455f), Stereolabs ZED 2i, FLIR A400/A700 Smart Sensor, FLIR Blackfly S
- IMU
 - Xsens MTi-610, Lord Sensing 3DM-CX5-10

Constraints – Manipulator

- Arm
 - Kuka iiwa 14 R280, Universal Robotics UR(3, 5, 10)
- Gripper
 - qbrobotics Softhand2 Research, qbrobotics Softhand Industry, qbrobtics softclaw
- You can mount other tools onto the arm, so long as its reasonable and feasible. You must justify why.
 - Choosing not to use a manipulator is also an option

Non-Clearpath choices

- Laser rangefinder: Garmin LLV3HP
- Thermal image: Terabee Evo Thermal 90
- Hyperspectral camera: HySpex Mjolnir S-620, HySpex Mjolnir VS-620
- Multi-spectral camera: Mapir Survey 3N (choice of filter)

Constraints summary

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Demo

- In the proposal, we need evidence that your team is technically good to proceed
- Must do *something* technical that relates to your chosen topic
 - E.g., Localise a robot in a field, detection of fruits / vegetables, detection of crop rows
 - Should relate to your given topic!
- Will be given a choice of datasets
 - You need to show the results within the presentation

Demo – Dataset 1: Rosario

- Robot navigating a field
- Available data:
 - Image sequences (video)
 - Encoders, IMU
 - GPS-RTK as a baseline
- Options:
 - Crop row detection
 - Robot localisation
- *There are five different “sequences” (videos)*
 - *Only use sequence 1 or 2*



Demo – Dataset 2: RumexWeeds

- Weeds in grasslands
- Data includes:
 - Video with bounding boxes for weeds
 - 100 images with labelled and segmented weed masks
- Options:
 - Weed detection
 - Weed segmentation



(a) Ground truth masks

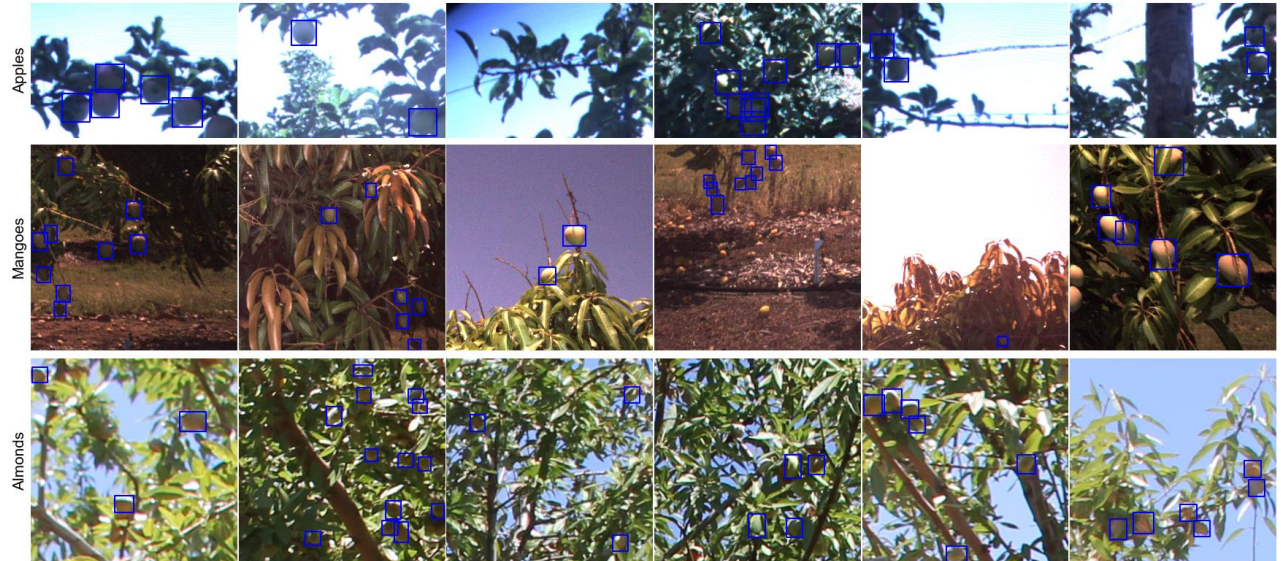


(b) Rumex Crop Predictions



Demo – Dataset 3: ACFR Orchard Fruit Dataset

- Fruit on vines
 - Apples, mangoes, almonds
 - 1120, 1964, 620 images total
- Data
 - Images not in sequence
 - Not a video
- Options
 - Fruit detection
 - Fruit classification



Project: Upcoming Timeline

- Individual project
- Projects chosen before/during class on March 4th
 - Develop 2-3 project options
- March 12th
 - Tutorial on Image Manipulation in MATLAB and Rosario dataset
- Weekly project work during tutorial
 - TA will meet with every group to discuss progress / technical challenges
- Guest tutorial presentations:
 - Take advantage of the knowledge
- Final presentation videos on May 26th
 - Submission on Moodle the day before