

Adaption to new growing conditions

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Abstract

This presentation summarizes the parameters adjustment required for developing the fruit detection modules. Proper values for these parameters will result in a more accurate and faster detection.

Fruit detection and localization modules using ROS code includes sweet peppers, apples and grapes from both platform sensors and gripper sensors.

Fruit detection : platform

- There are several parameters that affect the process of fruit detection and supplying the proper values for these parameters will result in a more accurate and faster detection.
- The parameters control these aspects are:
 1. Detect red-only or red and green fruit
 2. Use pruning methods (or not)
 3. Define working distance from robot
- The next slide lists the different parameters and the slide after that explains how to choose the appropriate values.

Fruit detection – Parameters

- `has_registration`: Set to 1 to work with registered images and to 0 for depth only.
- `svm_model`: Set to `pepperModel.txt` or `appleModel.txt` according to the crop type
- `min_z` and `max_z`: These parameters have a great effect in terms of speed and detections results. When the distance from the foliage and its width are known (even roughly), set `min_z` to the distance from the camera to beginning for the foliage and `max_z` to the distance from the camera to the end of the foliage.

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Fruit detection – Parameters

■ params_file: Path to internal parameter file. File options:

1. paramsAllPeppers_noPruning.txt : Detect peppers of all colors, do not use pruning.
2. paramsAllPeppers_withPruning.txt : Detect peppers of all colors, use pruning based on highlights.
3. paramsRedPeppers_withPruning.txt : Detect red peppers, use pruning based on the fruit redness.
4. paramsAllApples_noPruning.txt : Detect apples of all colors, do not use pruning.
5. paramsAllApples_withPruning.txt : Detect apples of all colors, use pruning based on highlights.
6. paramsRedApples_withPruning.txt : Detect red apples, use pruning based on the fruit redness.

Fruit detection – Clarifications

- pruning algorithms are designed according to the supplied dataset WUR200. Therefore, new images should be taken in the same setting for best results.
- min_z and max_z: Measuring foliage distances accurately is not needed. Just make a coarse measurement and define min_z to be slightly less than the measurement and max_z to be slightly more.

Fruit detection – Clarifications

Params file Selection strategy:

1. Choose one from either 1-3 or 4-6 according to crop type.
2. When working with red fruit, choose 3 or 6. If red fruit is not detected switch to work with 1 or 4 (3 and 6 are better and faster as long as the fruit is red)
3. When working with non-red fruit, choose 2 or 5. If the fruit is not detected switch to work with 1 or 4 (2 and 5 are better and faster when fruit have highlights. This depends on the chosen lighting conditions).

Highlight detection with application to sweet pepper localization

The algorithm is based on two components:

1. Detection of candidate highlights (based on luminance & saturation).
2. Voting for candidates according to a model of specular highlight.



Extract
candidates



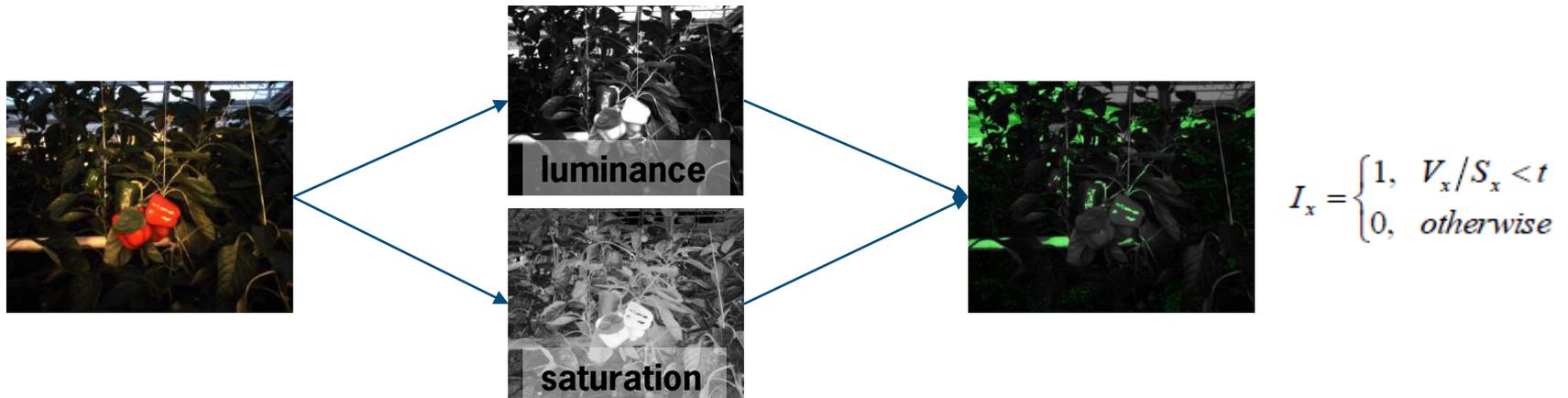
Vote for
candidates



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1. Extraction of candidate highlights:

Based on luminance saturation values that characterize highlights.



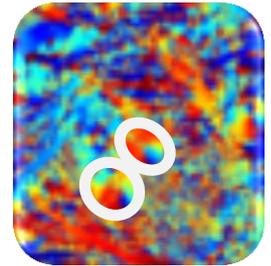
Luminance and saturation thresholds require adjustment to achieve best output.

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2. Voting for extracted candidates:

based on detecting unique pinwheel signatures of highlights.

- **The model:** concentric circles (C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n) of increasing radii, encoding the expected orientation values.
- Voting is done based on:
 - Td = The agreement for a single orientation value.
 - Tc = The agreement percentage per circle in the model.
 - Th = Required number of “agreement” circles.
- All three parameters require adjustment:
 - To adapt to new illumination conditions.
 - In order to detect highlights at different expected sizes.



Fruit detection : gripper

- There are several parameters that affect the process of fruit detection and supplying the proper values for these parameters will result in a more accurate and faster detection.
- The parameters control these aspects are:
 1. Luminance thresholds
 2. Model size

Fruit detection : gripper

■ Luminance thresholds

Current default Luminance threshold is based on FestoGH100 and CSIC9 datasets, for thresholds adjustment change the **Luminance** parameter.

■ Model size

Current default Model size is based on FestoGH100 and CSIC9 datasets, for adjustment change the **Model size** parameter according to the new data set average fruit size according to the working distance from robot

Grape detection parameters

- The Grape detection algorithm isolates grape bunches by detecting and grouping individual grapes.
- Grape detection parameters include:
 - Expected Grape Radius
 - To be determined based on grape size and platform distance
 - Grape Color Range
 - Should match the target crop, this parameter has a very high tolerance and can include a wide range of colors. Adjustment is necessary to distinguish blue grapes from red grapes, for example.
 - Valid luminance values
 - Should match expected lighting conditions at the deployment site. High/Low luminance areas are ignored. This parameter has a very high tolerance and will not need adjustment in most cases.