

# Off-Road Drivable Area Extraction Using 3D LiDAR Data

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**Abstract—nothing.**

## I. INTRODUCTION

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## II. RELATED WORKS

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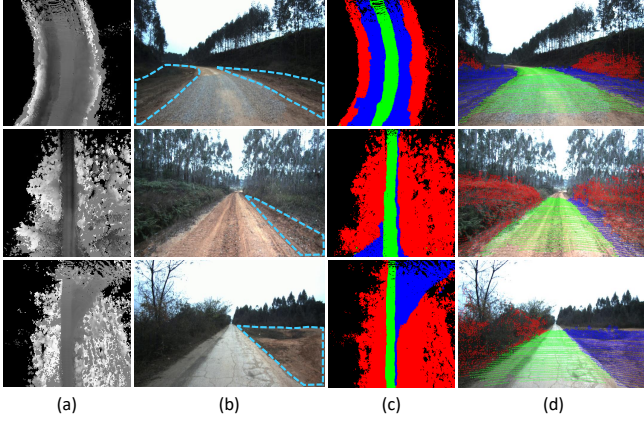


Fig. 1. The ambiguities in off-road drivable area extraction. (a) Input LiDAR data in bird's-eye view. (b) Image reference of input data. (c) Human annotation. (d) Projected point clouds in camera coordinate.

## III. METHODOLOGY

### A. Problem Definition

The origin data are point clouds from 3D LiDAR sensor, which are denoted as  $PC = \{pt_i\}_{0 \leq i < N}$ , where  $N$  is the number of points. In order to get a bird's-eye view height map with denser point clouds, we aggregate point clouds from a few frames to one height map  $X$  as our networks' input.  $X = \{x_{j,k}\}_{0 \leq j < H, 0 \leq k < W}$  is in the size of  $H \times W$  and  $x_{j,k}$  means the physical height of pixel  $(j, k)$ .

We let  $G = \{g_{j,k}\}_{0 \leq j < H, 0 \leq k < W}$  denote human annotated ground truth, where  $g_{j,k} \in \{unknown, drivable\ zone, obstacle\ zone, gray\ zone\}$

### B. Data Processing

### C. Drivable Area Extraction / Network Architecture

$$L^{br} = - \sum_i y_i^{br} \log P(y_i^{br} | \Theta^{br}), \quad br \in \{dri, obs\} \quad (1)$$

$$y_i^{br} = \begin{cases} \vec{br}, & \text{if } y_i = g\vec{re} \\ y_i & \text{if } y_i \in \{dri, obs\} \end{cases}$$

$$L_{semi}^{br} = -\lambda \sum_j \widetilde{y}_j^{br} \log P(y_j^{br} | \Theta^{br}), \quad br \in \{dri, obs\} \quad (2)$$

$\widetilde{y}_j \in \widetilde{Y}$ , Auto-generated Labels

$$S = \begin{cases} S_1, & \text{if } S_1 > \alpha_1 \\ 1 - S_2, & \text{if } S_2 > \alpha_2 \\ \frac{1-S_2}{1-S_1+1-S_2}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### D. Cost Map Generation

### E. Weakly and Semi Supervised Extraction

## IV. IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

### A. Training Setup

### B. Ground Truth Labeling

### C. Evaluation

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### B. Proposed Method Results

### C. Limitations

## VI. CONCLUSION

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## APPENDIX

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TABLE I  
EVALUATION MEASURES

| Drivable Zone                     |  | Obstacle Zone                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Definition                        | Explanation                                | Definition                      | Explanation                              |
| $Q_1 = TP(G_{dri})/\ Y_{dri}\ $   | $TP(G_{dri}) = \ G_{dri} \cap Y_{dri}\ $   | $Q_1 = TP(G_{obs})/\ Y_{obs}\ $ | $TP(G_{obs}) = \ G_{obs} \cap Y_{obs}\ $ |
| $Q_2 = TP(G_{dri})/\ G_{dri}\ $   | $TP(G_{dri}) = \ G_{dri} \cap Y_{dri}\ $   | $Q_2 = TP(G_{obs})/\ G_{obs}\ $ | $TP(G_{obs}) = \ G_{obs} \cap Y_{obs}\ $ |
| $Q_3 = TP(VP_{dri})/\ VP_{dri}\ $ | $TP(VP_{dri}) = \ VP_{dri} \cap Y_{dri}\ $ | /                               | /  |
| $F_1 = 2Q_1Q_2/(Q_1 + Q_2)$       | $F_1$ Measure                              | $F_1 = 2Q_1Q_2/(Q_1 + Q_2)$     | $F_1$ Measure                            |

**dri**: Drivable zone    **obs**: Obstacle zone    **G**: Ground truth    **Y**: Prediction     $\|\mathbf{X}\|$ : Pixel number in X

TABLE II  
QUANTITATIVE EVALUATION OF DIFFERENT METHODS

|                          | Drivable zone |              |              |              | Obstacle zone |              |              |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|                          | $Q_1$ (PRE)   | $Q_2$ (REC)  | $Q_3$ (ACC)  | $F_1$        | $Q_1$ (PRE)   | $Q_2$ (REC)  | $F_1$        |
| 3-class FCN (fully-sup.) | 74.93         | 82.99        | <b>98.92</b> | 78.75        | 94.36         | <b>98.44</b> | 96.36        |
| Ours (fully-sup.)        | <b>76.01</b>  | <b>86.72</b> | 98.09        | <b>81.01</b> | <b>96.20</b>  | 96.75        | <b>96.47</b> |
| RG-FCN (weakly-sup.)     | 59.78         | 79.15        | 93.16        | 68.11        | 94.46         | 95.38        | 94.92        |
| Oxford PP (weakly-sup.)  | <b>97.00</b>  | 47.38        | 83.71        | 63.66        | <b>98.40</b>  | 89.84        | 93.93        |
| Ours (weakly-sup.)       | 72.38         | 78.83        | 95.21        | 75.47        | 96.31         | 94.84        | 95.57        |
| Ours (semi-sup.)         | 81.73         | <b>81.73</b> | <b>96.24</b> | <b>81.73</b> | 95.60         | <b>97.38</b> | <b>96.49</b> |

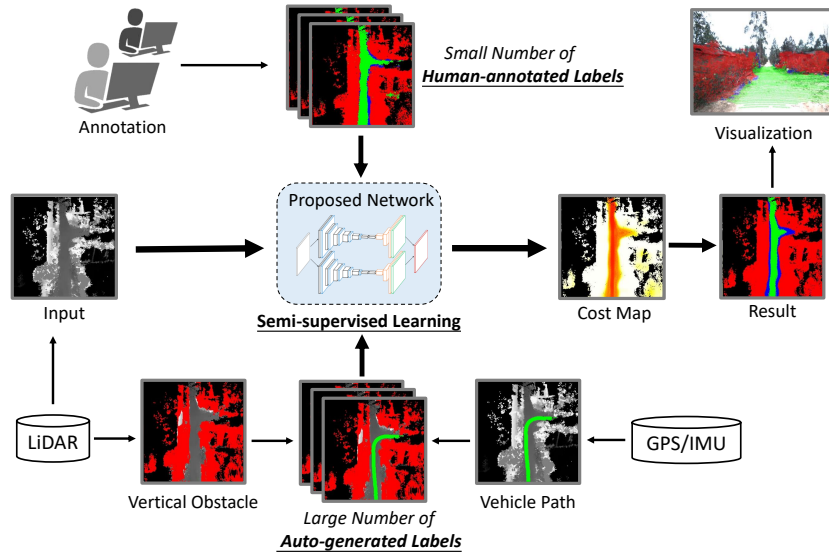


Fig. 2. Overview of the proposed off-road drivable area extraction framework

TABLE III  
QUANTITATIVE COMPARISON OF  $F_1$  MEASURE

| -             | 6.25% semi-sup. | 12.5% semi-sup. | 25% semi-sup. | 50% semi-sup. | Fully-sup. |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| $F_1$ measure | 73.86           | 75.04           | 78.96         | <b>81.73</b>  | 81.01      |

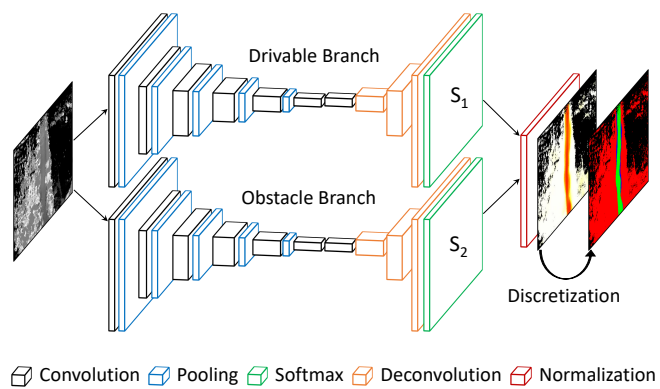


Fig. 3. Framework

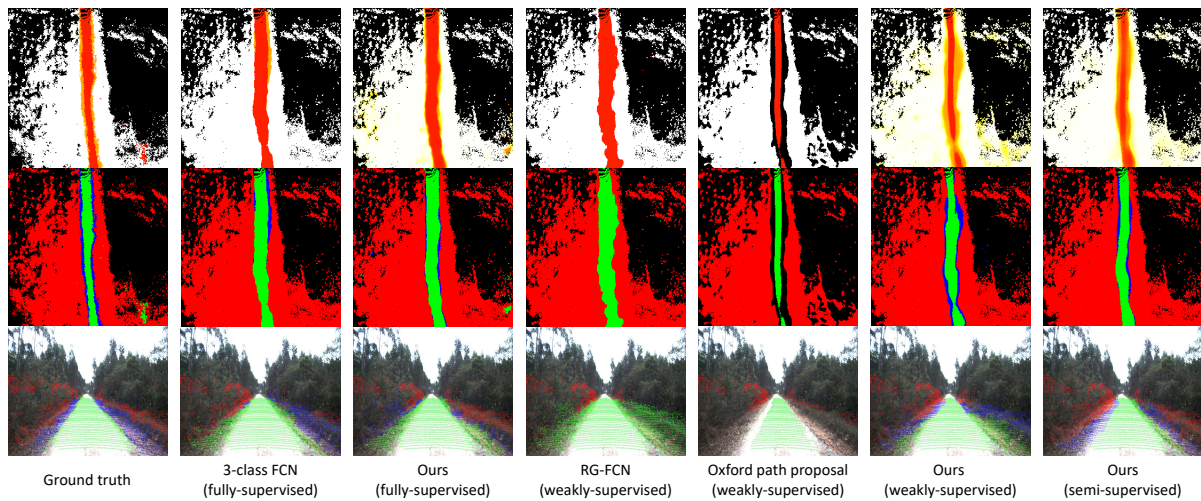


Fig. 4. Qualitative results at straight road scene.

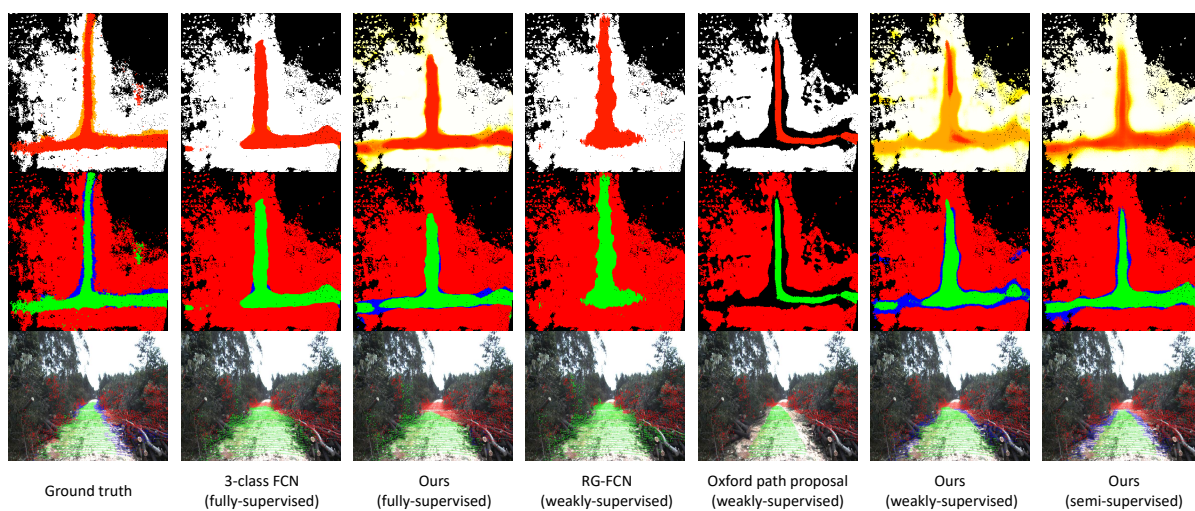


Fig. 5. Qualitative results at cross road scene.

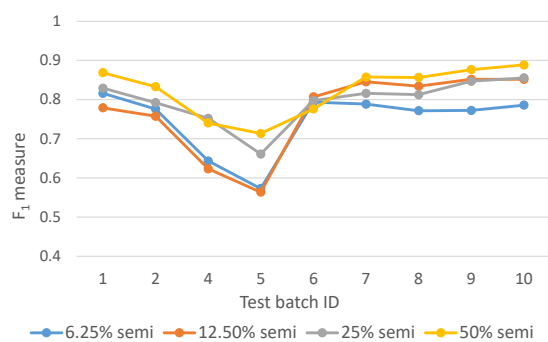


Fig. 6. Quantitative comparison on test set.