# An Eco-Friendly, Autonomous Beach-Cleaning Robot based on path planning

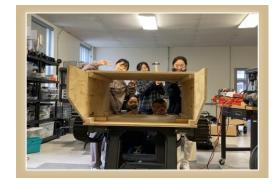
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# "Autonomous Beach Cleaning roBOT"



### Why 'ABC Bot'?

#### Environment

=> World will have 710 million metric tons of plastic that will pollute the environment by 2040 [1]

#### Injured people

=> Multiple labeled garbage collection dating back 30 years, as well as broken glass and toilet-related waste<sup>[2]</sup>

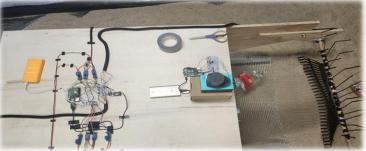
#### Tourism

=> Stranded litter may potentially reduce local tourism income by 39.1%, representing losses of up to US\$ 8.5 million per year [3]

### **About 'ABC Bot'**





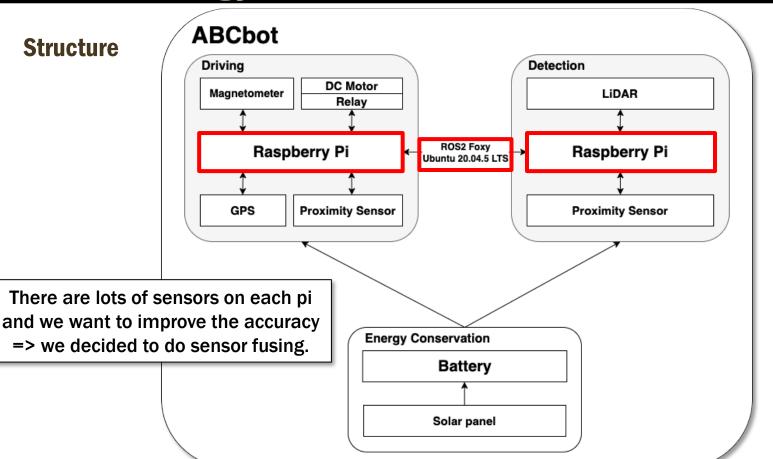


#### **About 'ABC Bot'**

- Drive automatically
- Path planning based on GPS tracking
- Utilizes LiDAR to avoid obstacles
- Detect with proximity sensors and a camera for detection and movement system
- Keeping the beaches clean without labor & saving the financial costs

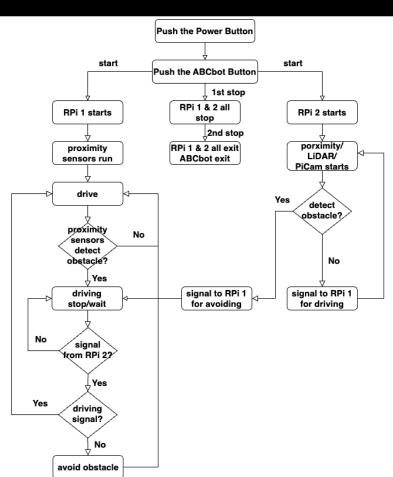
### Methodology

#### **Structure**



## Methodology

### **Flow Diagram**



## Methodology

### **Development Environment**

|                 | Version                            |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Raspberry Pi OS | Ubuntu Server 20.04.5 LTS (64-bit) |  |  |  |  |  |
| ROS             | ROS 2 foxy                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Python version  | 3.8.10                             |  |  |  |  |  |



### Why ROS2?

✓ Investigating various ways for communication
 => Decided to use the robot software platform



- 1. Highly reusable
  - => Considering ROS can be managed as a package, can focus on what we want to develop and use the package for the rest



2. Communication may be easily performed through the node package







### Why ROS2?

- Famous and generally used in robotics
  - => there are lots of references

Real-time processing



### How? [4]

- Workspace > two packages & one interface file
- Pacakge > publisher/<u>subscri</u>ber nodes
  - => operate through a 'Topic' for message delivery

Multiple nodes

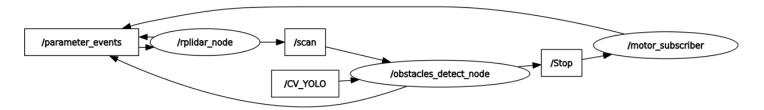
Used as an ROS communication channel for messages between nodes

- rplidar\_node
- obstacles\_detect\_node
- motor\_subscriber node
- => all connected via sensor fusing

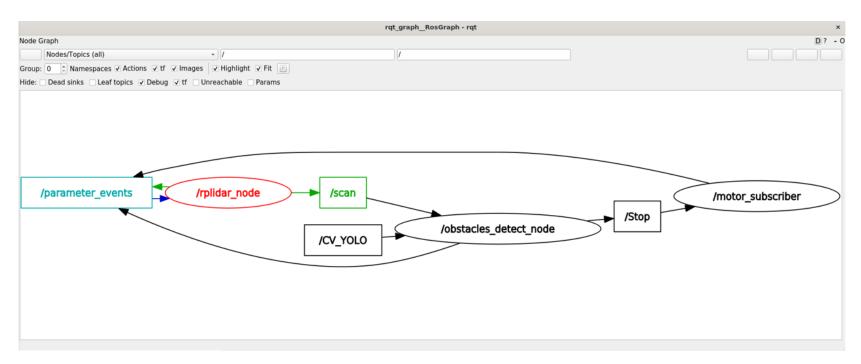


#### How?

- Combines the data obtained from each sensor
   supplement the parts that cannot be achieved with a single sensor
- ➤ Perform a complex and autonomous function and reduce errors of existing sensors
- ➤ Sensors were fused by sending information to the motor to control the direction of wheels



#### How?

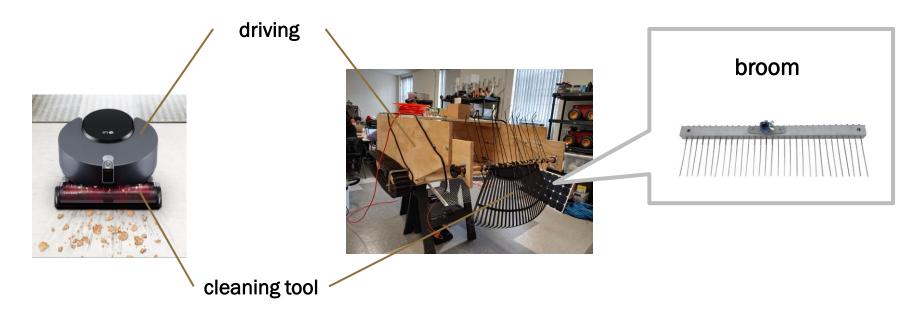


### **Driving**

- What the self-driving robots need
  - Controlling movement
  - Localization
  - Path planning
  - Getting surrounding information

detection, sensor fusing, computer vision and etc.







### **Broom Control**





caterpillar wheel

12V DC motor

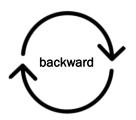
12V battery

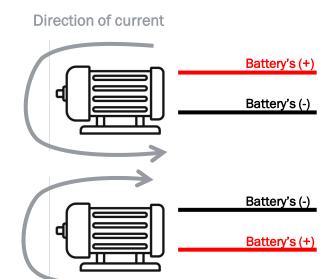


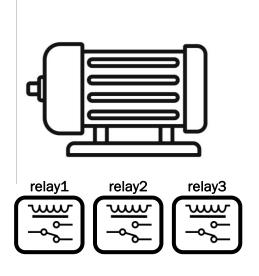
#### **Control**

### Spinning direction

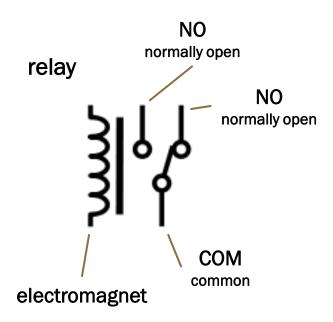


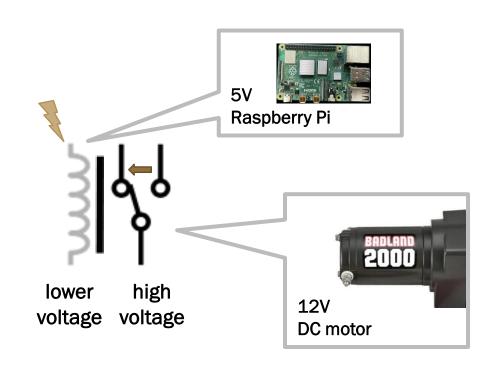




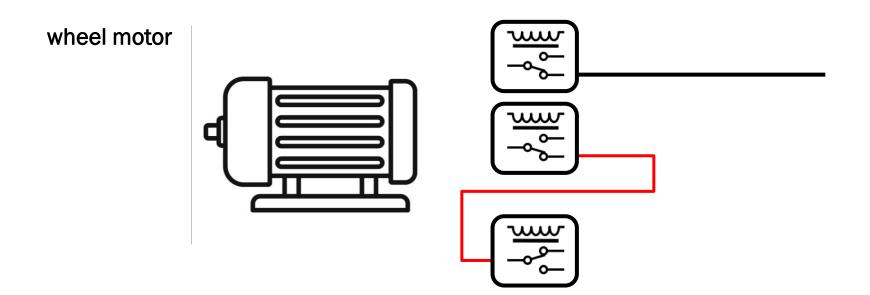




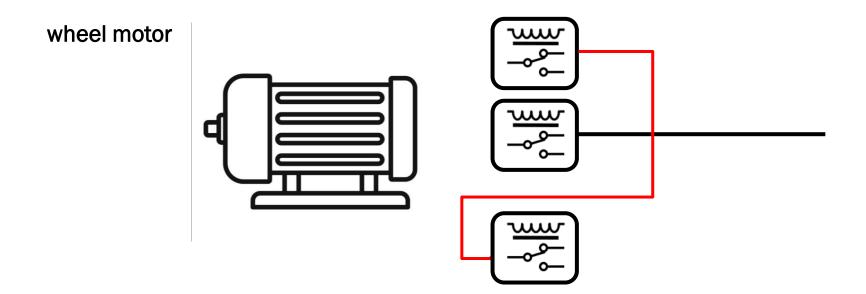




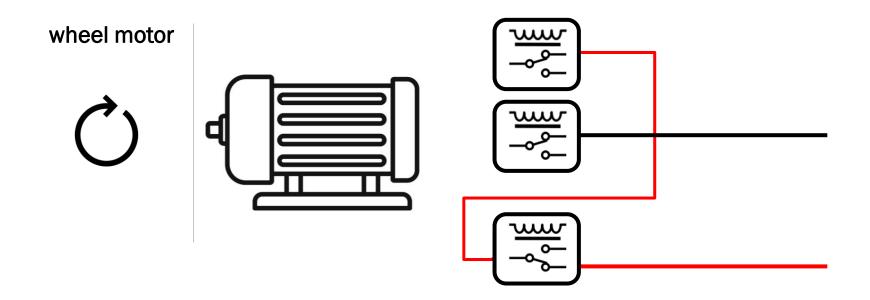










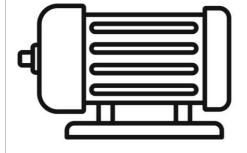




### **Control**

### broom motor









| DC motor left |            |            | DC motor right |            |            | broom<br>motor | left caterpillar | right caterpillar | driving    | broom spin |
|---------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| relay<br>1    | relay<br>2 | relay<br>3 | relay<br>1     | relay<br>2 | relay<br>3 | relay          | wheel            | wheel             | direction  | 2100m cpm  |
| С             | С          | С          | С              | С          | С          |                | forward          | forward           | forward    |            |
| 0             | 0          | С          | 0              | 0          | С          |                | backward         | backward          | backward   |            |
| 0             | 0          | С          | С              | С          | С          |                | backward         | forward           | turn right |            |
| С             | С          | С          | 0              | 0          | С          |                | forward          | backward          | turn left  |            |
|               |            | 0          |                |            | 0          |                | stop             | stop              | stop       |            |
|               |            |            |                |            |            | 0              |                  |                   |            | stop       |
|               |            |            |                |            |            | С              |                  |                   |            | run        |



- How the robot chooses its action
  - Path
  - Interruptions by the detection unit
  - Surrounding obstacles
  - Amount of the collected trash



#### **Control**

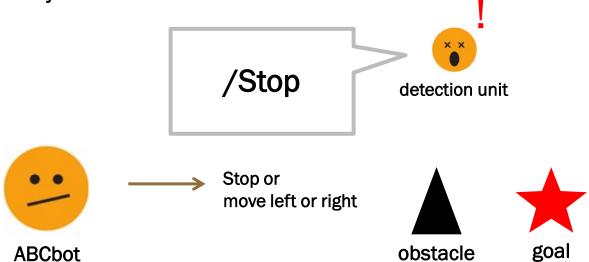
Path





#### Control

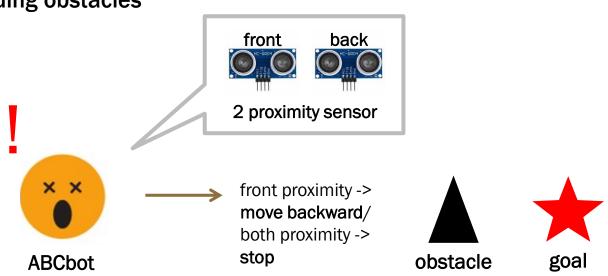
Interruptions by the detection unit





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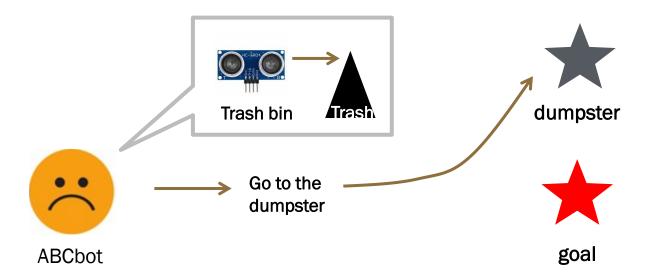
Surrounding obstacles





### **Control**

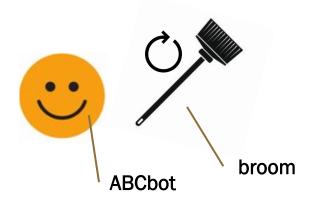
The amount of collected trash

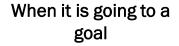




#### Control

Broom







When it is avoiding obstacles or going to a dumpster



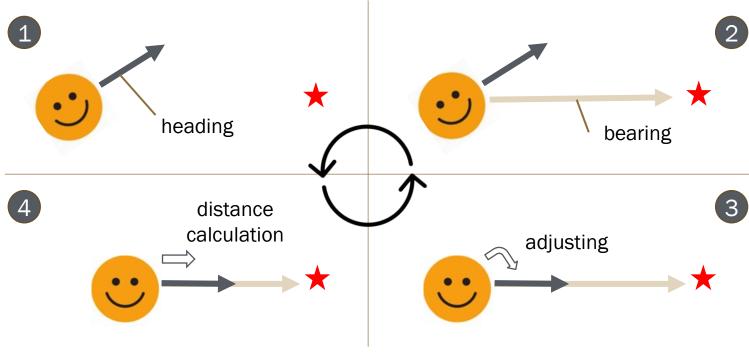
#### Localization

- GPS(Global Positioning System)
  - global navigation satellite systems
  - The location is denoted by a latitude and a longitude.





### Localization



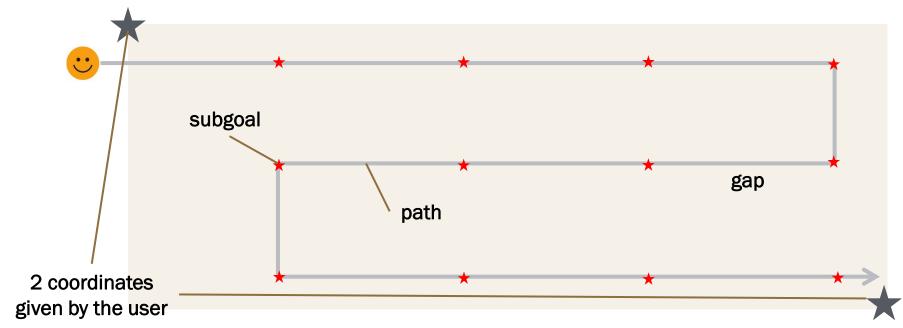


### **Path planning**





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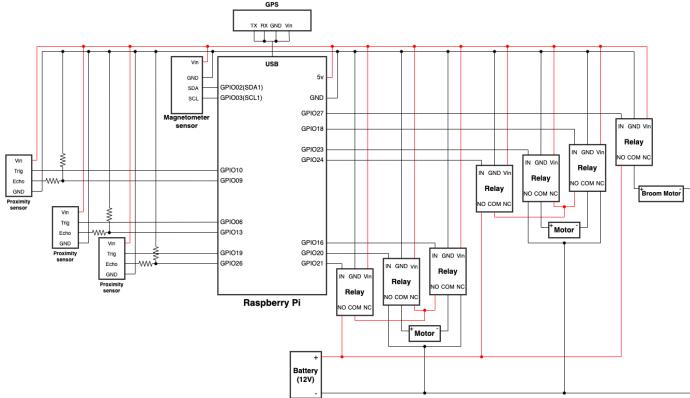


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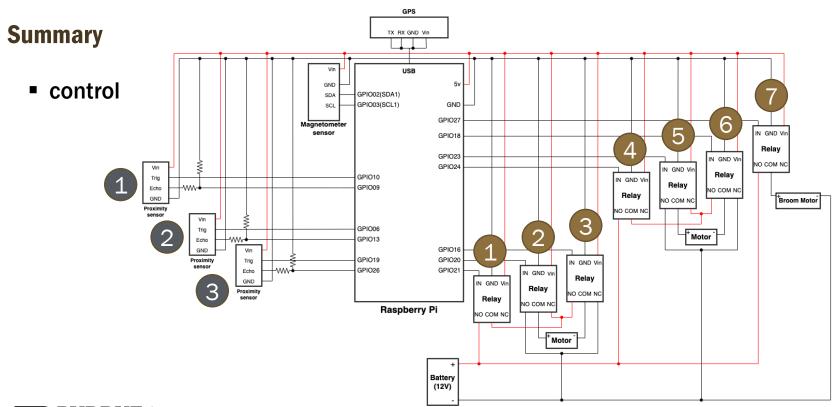




### **Summary**

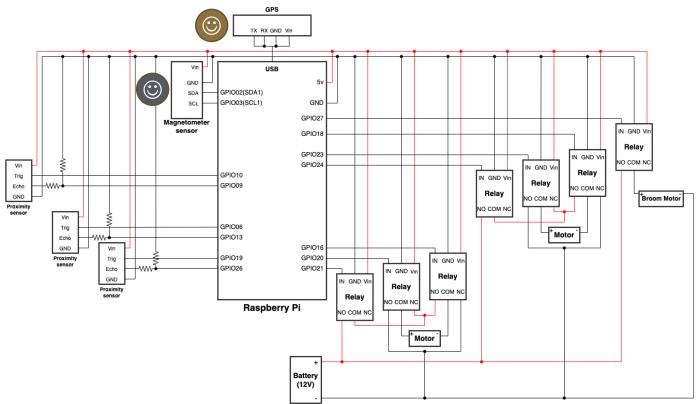






### **Summary**

path







#### **Detection**



#### **Detection**

2D LiDAR



- Power Supply: 5V
- Detection Range: 12 meters
- Sample Rate: 8,000 Samples/s
- Angular Resolution: 1 degree

Data are within Full 360-degree using
 x and y axis cartesian coordinates

#### **Detection**

- 2D LiDAR Algorithm
- 1. Send data from the obstacles around the LiDAR
- 2. Subscribe /scan topic
- 3. Preprocessed the range of distance points set (120 degrees)
- 4. Divide into 3 parts: left, front, and right side
- 5. The distance of the scanning point is added to each of the parts
- 6. Compare the 3 parts



#### **Detection**

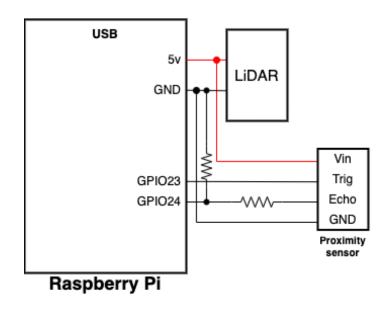
Proximity Sensor



- HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Module Distance Sensor
- HC-SR04 Power Supply : 5V DC; Quiescent
  - Current : <2mA,; Effectual Angle: <15°</li>
  - Detection Distance: 2cm~500 cm

#### **Detection**

- Proximity Sensor Algorithm
  - 1. Execute proximity sensor (ultrasonic waves)
  - 2. Return data to GPIO





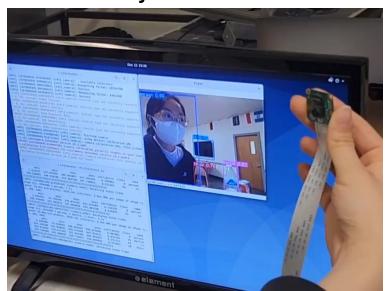
#### **Detection**

- Raspberry Pi Camera Module V2 8-megapixel sensor 3280 \* 2464 1080p V2.1
- Robot vision to recognize entities on the z-axis that the 2D LIDAR cannot detect
- Image Sent through ROS2
- Pre-trained YOLO v5 and YOLO v7 are used for analyzing images taken by the Pi Camera.



#### **Detection**

Real-time Object Detection Demo



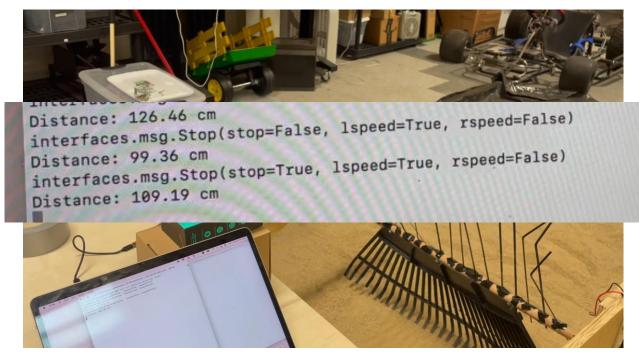


### **Detection Final Algorithm - Sensor fusing and Voting system**

- 1. Subscribe /scan topic
- 2. left=20°~60°, front=0~30°, 330~360°, right=300°~340°
- 3. voting points within three parts
  that do not exceed the threshold distance
- 4. execute proximity sensor
- 5. if proximity sensor detects shorten distance



#### **Detection Demo**



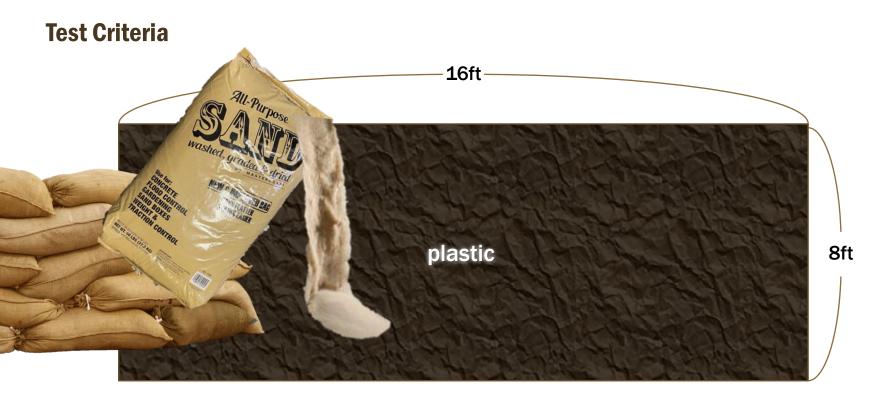


### **ABCbot**











### **Demo**





### **Challenge**

- 1. raspberry pi hw(CPU, PiCamera) -> pytorch, torchvision downgrade
  - => image transmission was delayed and worked slowly
  - => Jetson Nano and High-Quality Camera
- 2. In a very short time of four months,
  - => had to build everything from robot basics to software
- 3. Sensor Quality Problem
  - => proximity sensor, motor, PiCamera etc

| Model         | size          | objects | mAP  | Jetson Nano 1479 MHz | RPi 4 64-OS 1950 MHz |
|---------------|---------------|---------|------|----------------------|----------------------|
| NanoDet       | 320x320       | 80      | 20.6 | 26.2 FPS             | 13.0 FPS             |
| NanoDet Plus  | 416x416       | 80      | 30.4 | 18.5 FPS             | 5.0 FPS              |
| YoloFastestV2 | 352x352       | 80      | 24.1 | 38.4 FPS             | 18.8 FPS             |
| YoloV2        | 416x416       | 20      | 19.2 | 10.1 FPS             | 3.0 FPS              |
| YoloV3        | 352x352 tiny  | 20      | 16.6 | 17.7 FPS             | 4.4 FPS              |
| YoloV4        | 416x416 tiny  | 80      | 21.7 | 16.1 FPS             | 3.4 FPS              |
| YoloV4        | 608x608 full  | 80      | 45.3 | 1.3 FPS              | 0.2 FPS              |
| YoloV5        | 640x640 small | 80      | 22.5 | 5.0 FPS              | 1.6 FPS              |
| YoloV6        | 640x640 nano  | 80      | 35.0 | 10.5 FPS             | 2.7 FPS              |
| YoloV7        | 640x640 tiny  | 80      | 38.7 | 8.5 FPS              | 2.1 FPS              |
| YoloX         | 416x416 nano  | 80      | 25.8 | 22.6 FPS             | 7.0 FPS              |
| YoloX         | 416x416 tiny  | 80      | 32.8 | 11.35 FPS            | 2.8 FPS              |
| YoloX         | 640x640 small | 80      | 40.5 | 3.65 FPS             | 0.9 FPS              |



#### **Future Plan**

- Improve accuracy in terms of Path planning and Detection
- Enough Indoor & outdoor tests
- If others want stronger hw,

they can just change the robot base with existing sw.



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