

Bottle Detection in the Wild Using Low-Altitude Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

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Good afternoon, everyone. I am Jinwang Wang from Wuhan University. In the next few minutes, I will introduce our “Bottle Detection in the Wild Using Low-Altitude Unmanned Aerial Vehicles”.



Outline

I will talk my work through the following sections.

1. Introduction
2. UAV-Bottle Dataset
3. Baselines and Methods
4. Conclusion and Future Work



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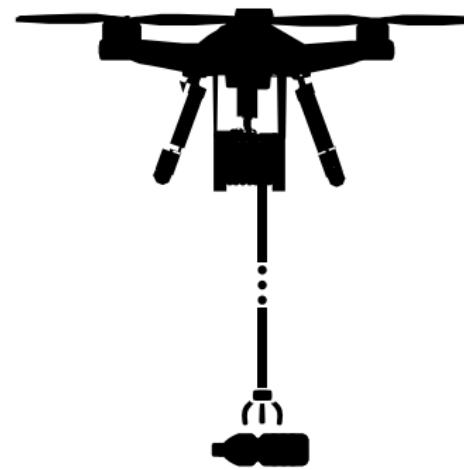
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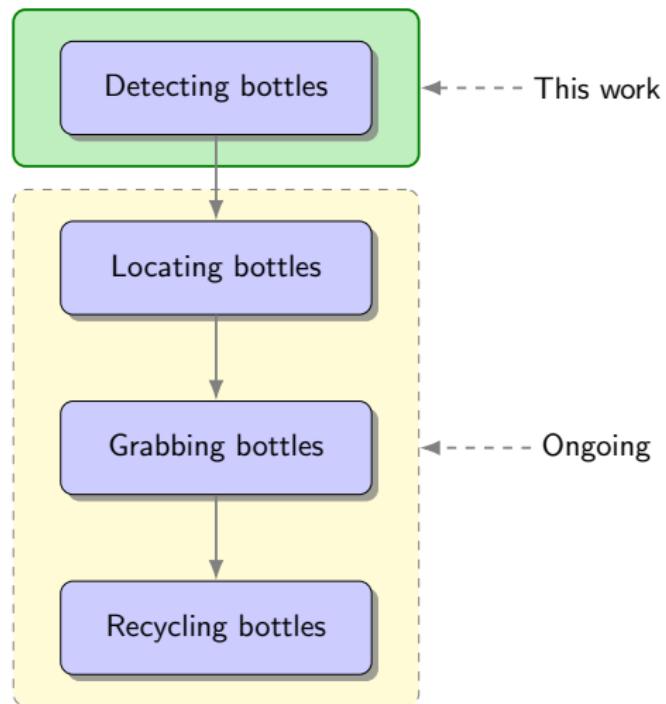
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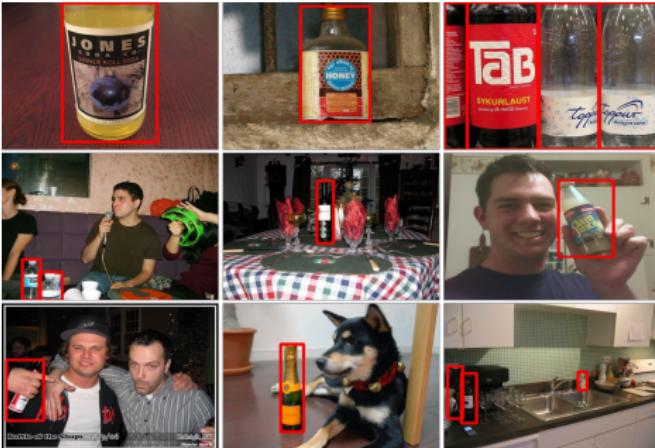


This work mainly focuses on bottles detection. The whole pipeline is shown as below. After bottles detection, bottles location, grab bottles and recycle is going on.



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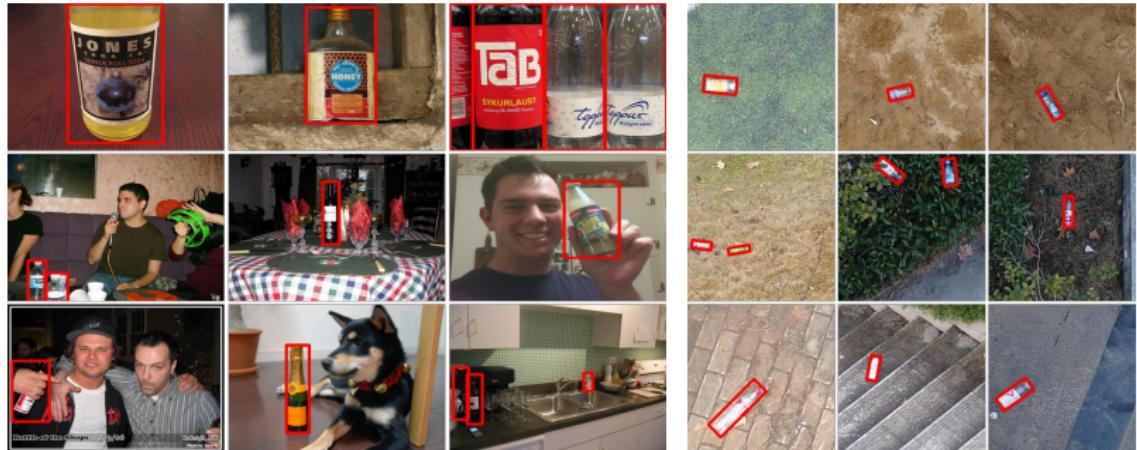


In order to detect bottles on UAV, a high quality bottle dataset is needed for training deep learning based detection models. There are exactly bottles in the PASCAL VOC, Microsoft COCO, etc. datasets, why don't we use these bottles to training models?



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Because in UAV images, the bottles look completely different from the bottles in PASCAL VOC etc. datasets. As to UAV image, as you can see, detecting bottles exists several unique challenges. First, bottles are very small, generally less than 50×50 pixels; Second, the backgrounds of the bottles are very complex. Third, in contrast to conventional object detection dataset, the bottles in UAV images often appear with arbitrary orientations. Fourth, plastic bottles are often transparent, thus the background will can be seen through the bottles.



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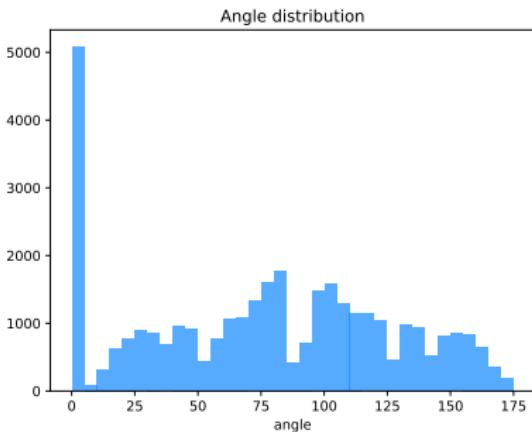
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Forest land	285	5724	3702	4891
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Plastic stadium	336	6807	4180	4998
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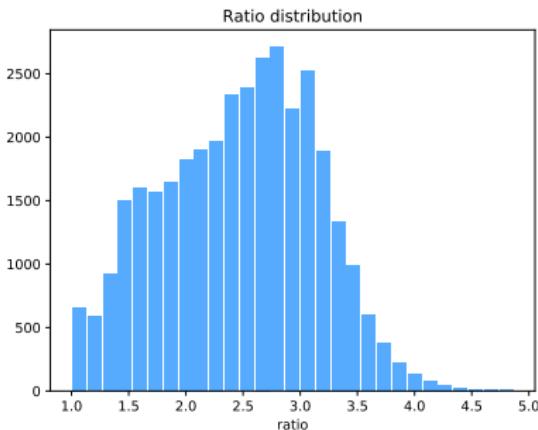
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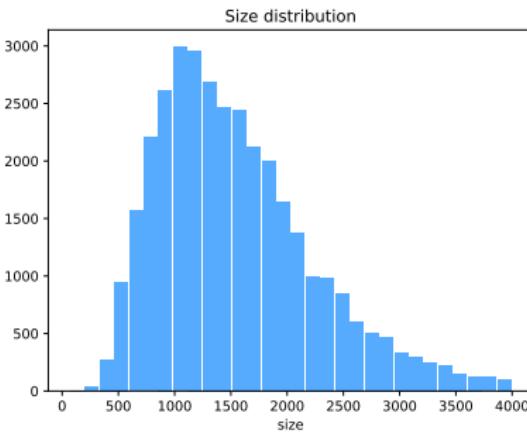
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Baselines and Methods

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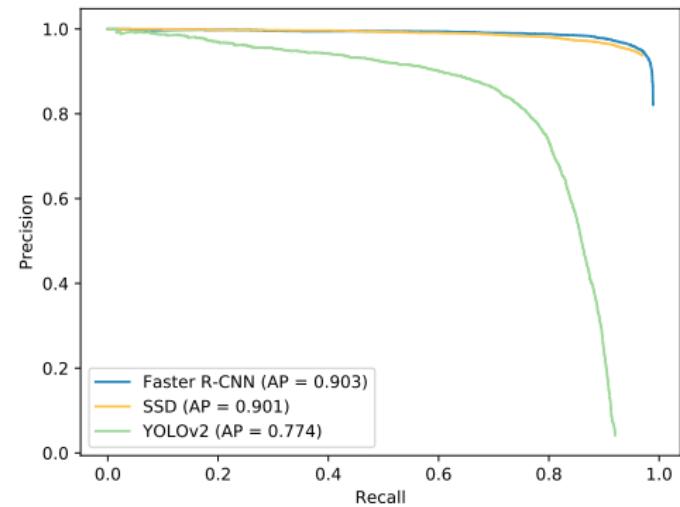
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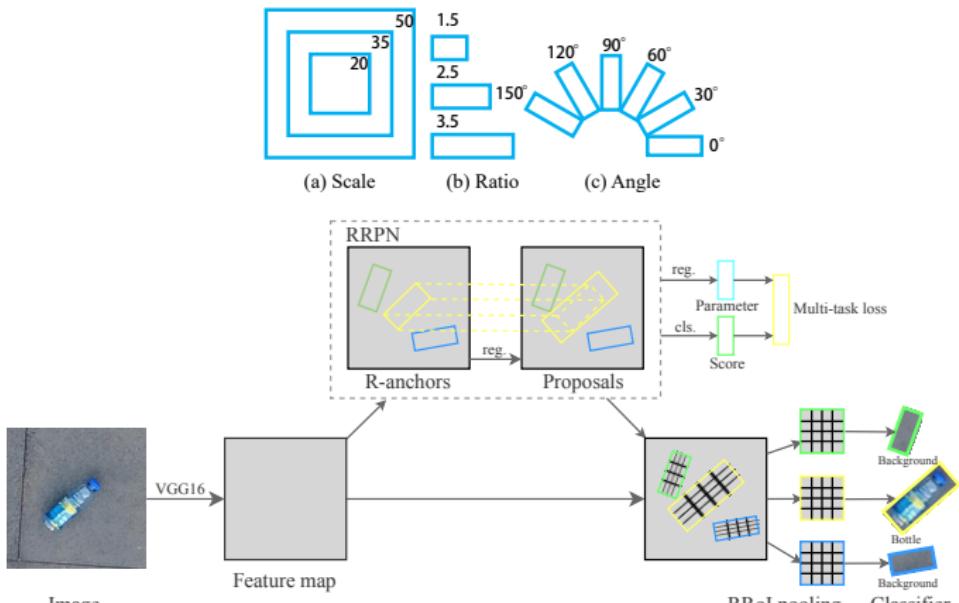


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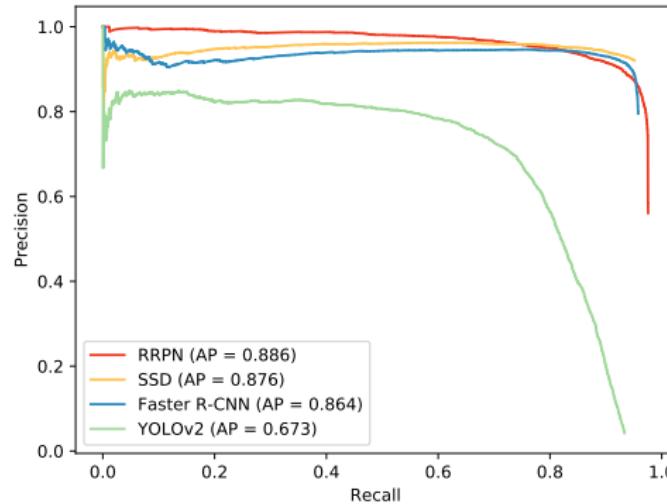
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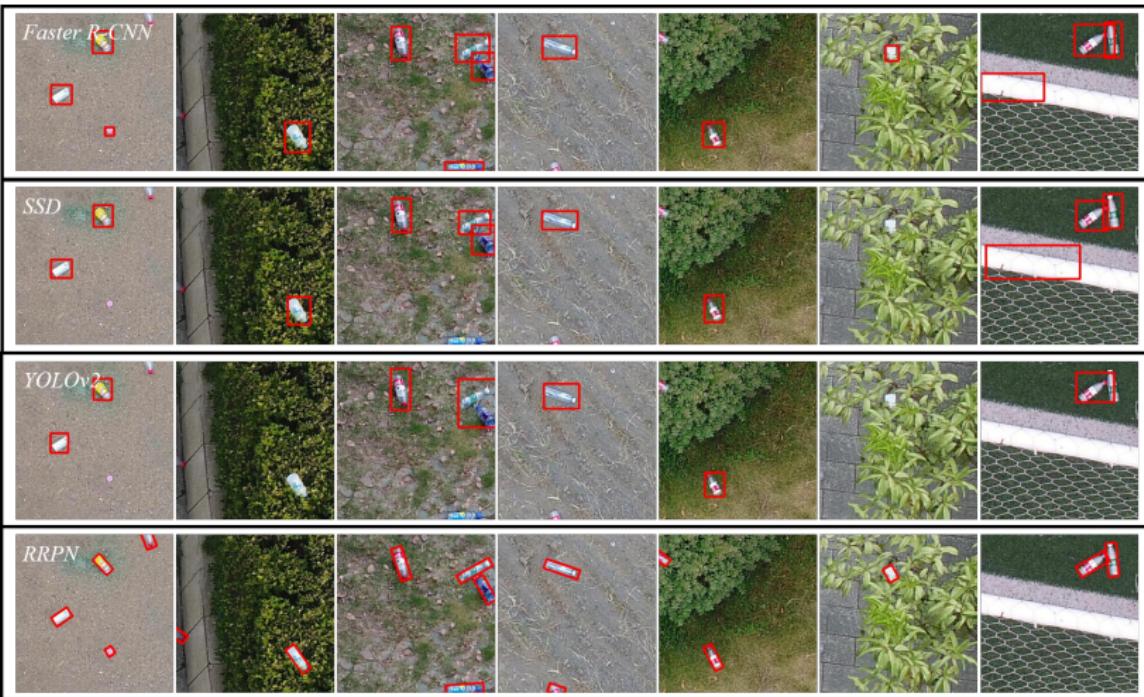
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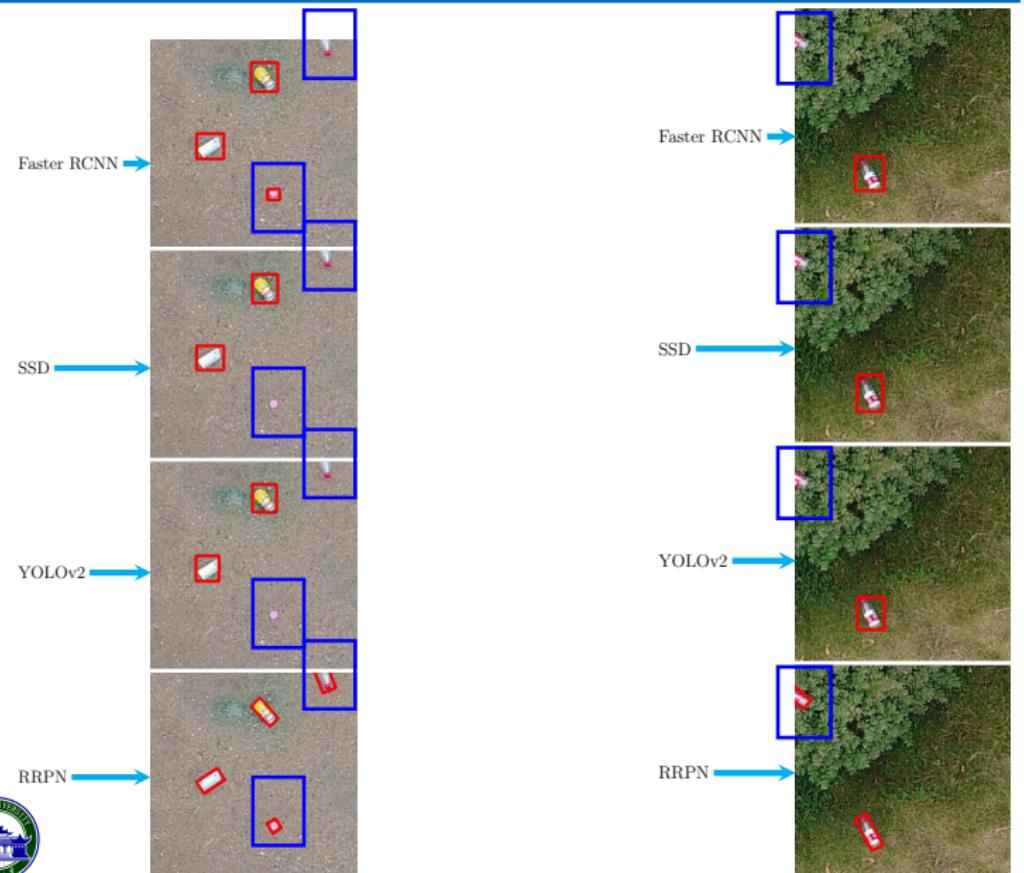
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Get UAV-Bottle Dataset

UAV-Bottle Dataset and Development Kit can be downloaded on Google Drive and Github.

UAV-Bottle Dataset

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