

# Vision-based Autonomous Landing in Catastrophe-Struck Environments

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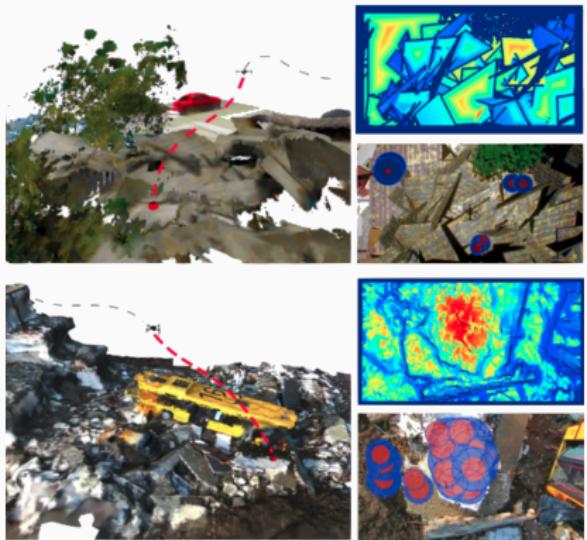
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# Introduction

Intro.

- Why it's important  
(bioradiolocation, also  
emergency landing)
- previous work



# Technical Approach

Brief introduction to ch. 3, describe approach and then discuss details.

- State Estimation
- Landing Site Detection
- 3D Volumetric Mapping
- Landing Trajectory Estimation

## Technical Approach: State Estimation

ORB-SLAM2 + IMU + barometer + GPS (EKF multi-sensor fusion).

## Technical Approach: Landing Site Detection

Cost functions + clustering.

$$J = c_1 J_{DE} + c_2 J_{FL} + c_3 J_N + c_4 J_{EC}$$

with  $c_i \in [0, 1]$  weighting parameters such that  $\sum_i c_i = 1$ .

## Technical Approach: Landing Site Detection

Confidence in DEPTH INFORMATION  $J_{DE}$ :

$$J_{DE}(p) = 1 - \frac{D(p)^2 - \min\{D^2\}}{\max\{D^2\}}$$

## Technical Approach: Landing Site Detection

FLATNESS INFORMATION  $J_{FL}$ :

$$di(B, p) = \min \left\{ \|p - q\| \mid B(q) = 1 \right\}$$

$$J_{FL}(p) = di(Canny(D), p)$$

## Technical Approach: Landing Site Detection

STEEPNESS INFORMATION  $J_N$ :

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(\hat{n}_z)$$

$$n(p) = \exp \left\{ -\frac{\theta^2}{2\theta_{th}^2} \right\}$$

description  $\theta_{th} = \pi/12$ .

## Technical Approach: Landing Site Detection

ENERGY CONSUMPTION INFORMATION  $J_{EC}$ :

$$J_{EC}(p) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} P(t)dt$$

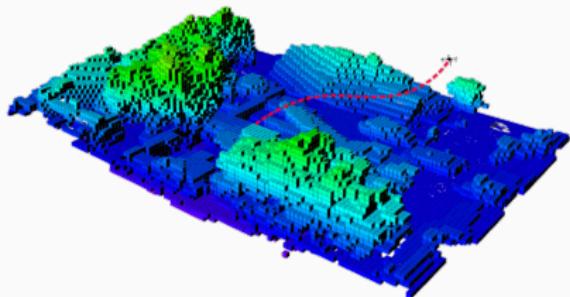
## Technical Approach: 3D Volumetric Mapping

OctoMaps and Voxblox

# Technical Approach: Landing Trajectory Estimation

RRT\* and minimum-jerk trajectory.

- First.
- Second.



# Experimental Evaluation

Description:

- Hyperrealistic Simulation
  - Real-World Outdoor (Training Center for Rescue, Germany)
- + computation costs

# Experimental Evaluation: Hyperrealistic Simulation

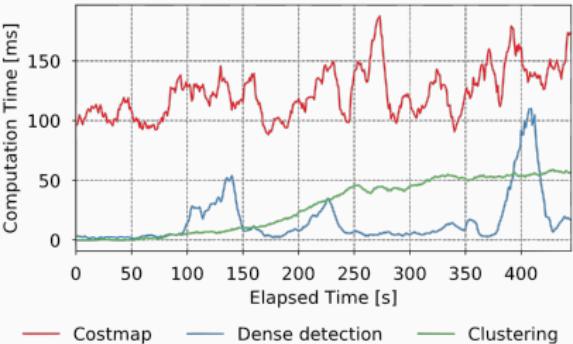
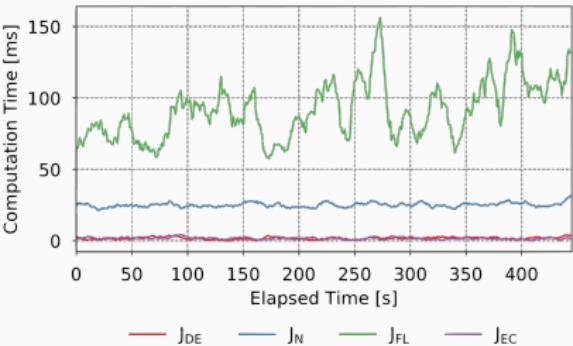
Hyperrealistic Simulation Experiments

# Experimental Evaluation: Real-World Outdoor

Real-World Outdoor Experiments

# Experimental Evaluation: Computation Costs

Computation costs



# Conclusion

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Q&A

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