

Autonomous Vehicle Development for Greenhouse Asparagus Growth Monitoring

應用於設施蘆筍之自動導航監測載具車開發

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Background of Asparagus

Mother stalk method

Region: subtropical zone

Operation keypoints:

- (1) Keep a certain amount of stalks for photosynthesis
- (2) May harvest the spears twice a day.



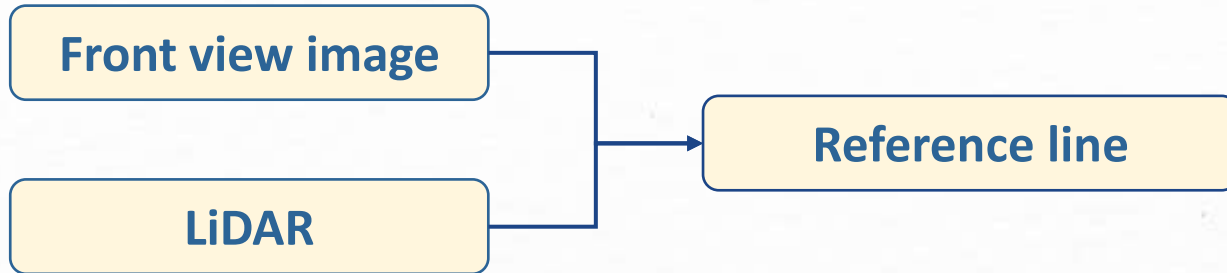
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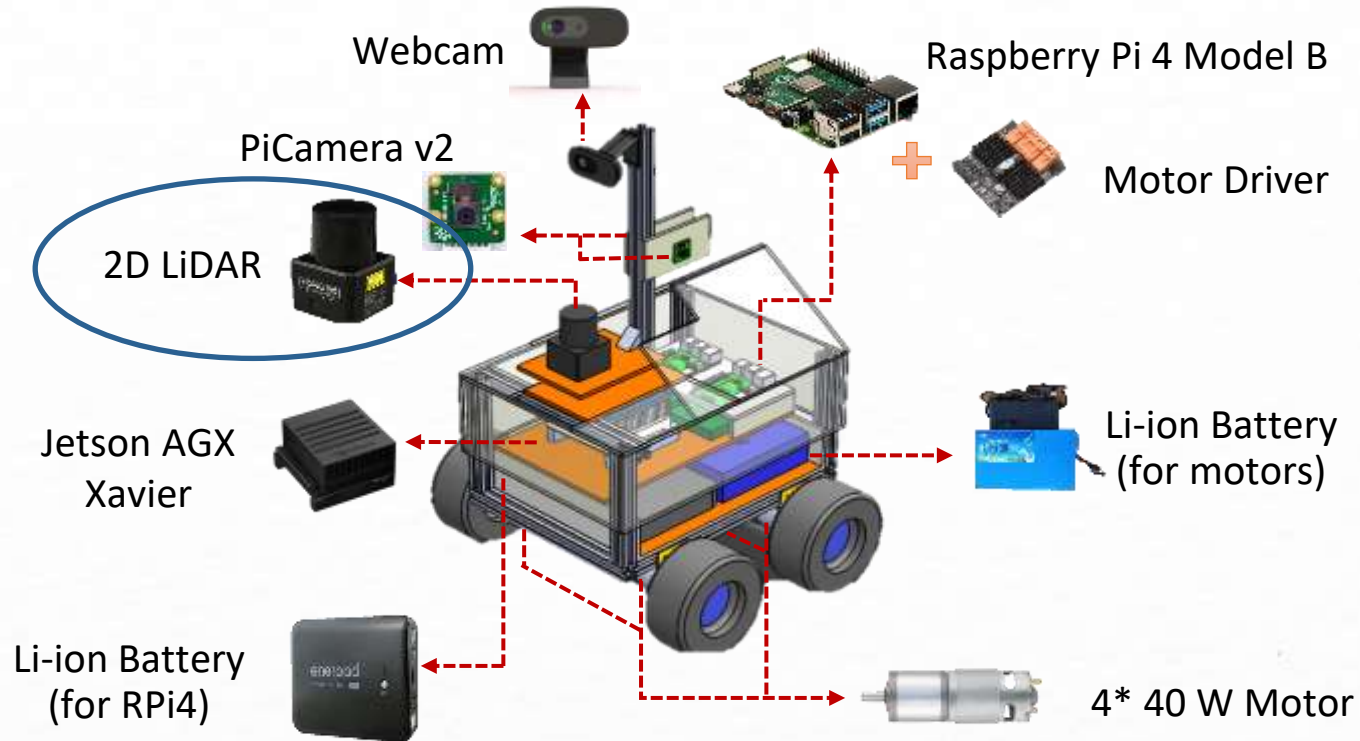
Objectives

- Establish an **autonomous field robot** to monitor the asparagus cultivated in the mother stalk method.
- Develop a **self-guided system** using camera and **LiDAR**.

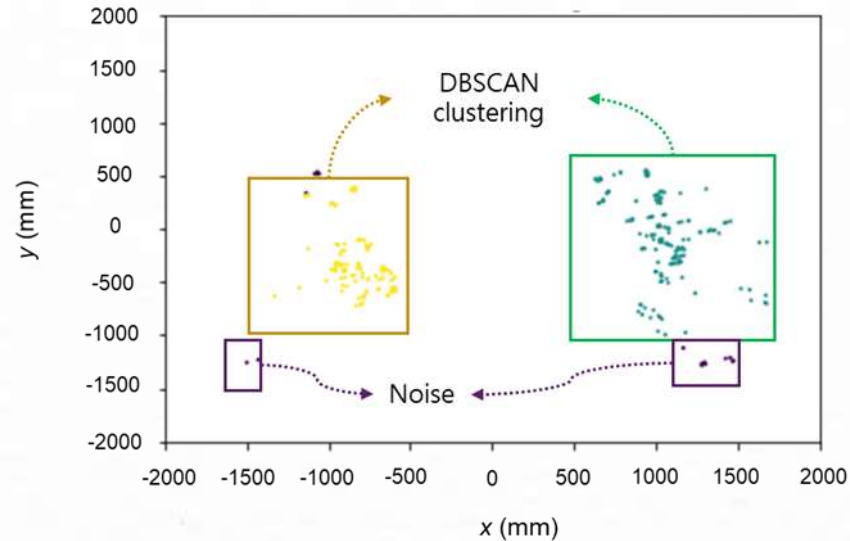
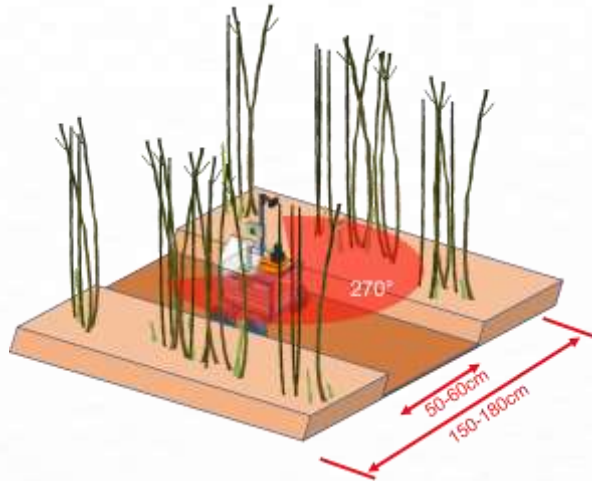
Guiding System



Robot Architecture



Guiding System - LiDAR



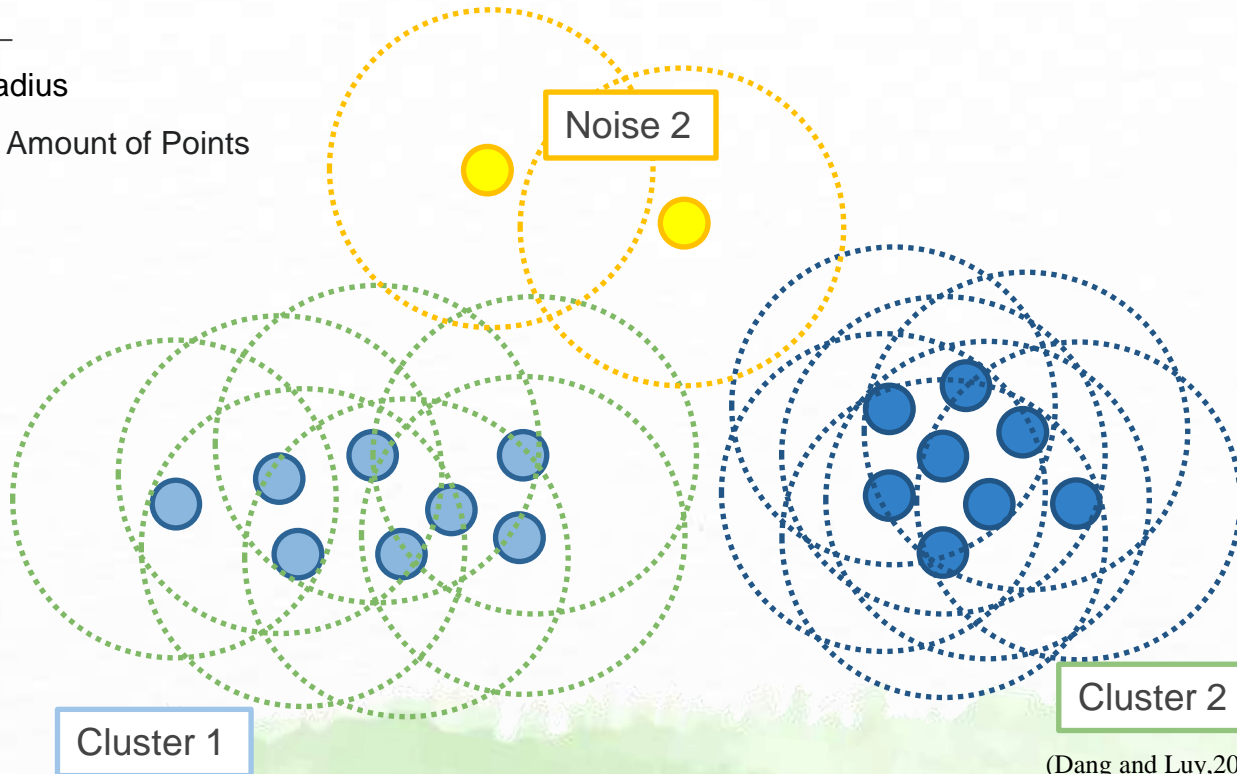
- Density-based spatial clustering of applications with noise
- Determine the final number of Clusters based on the nature of the data.

Guiding System - LiDAR

DBSCAN

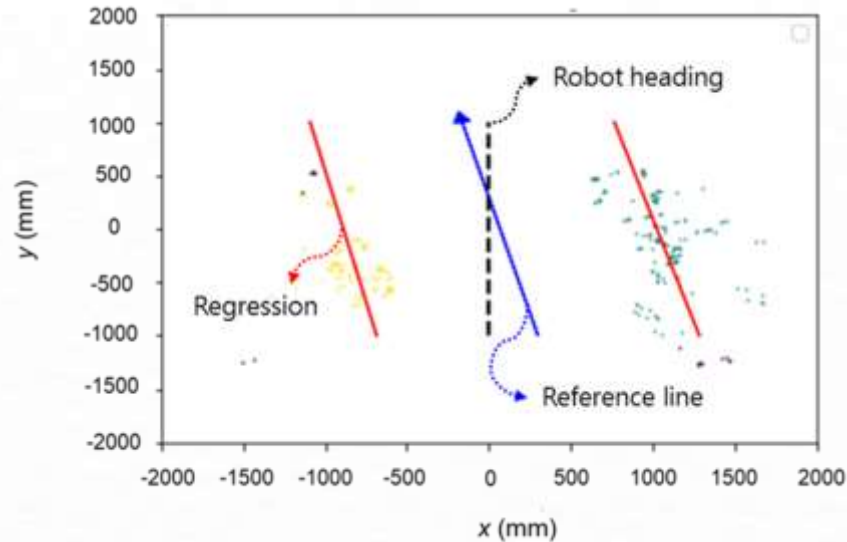
Epsilon radius

Minimum Amount of Points



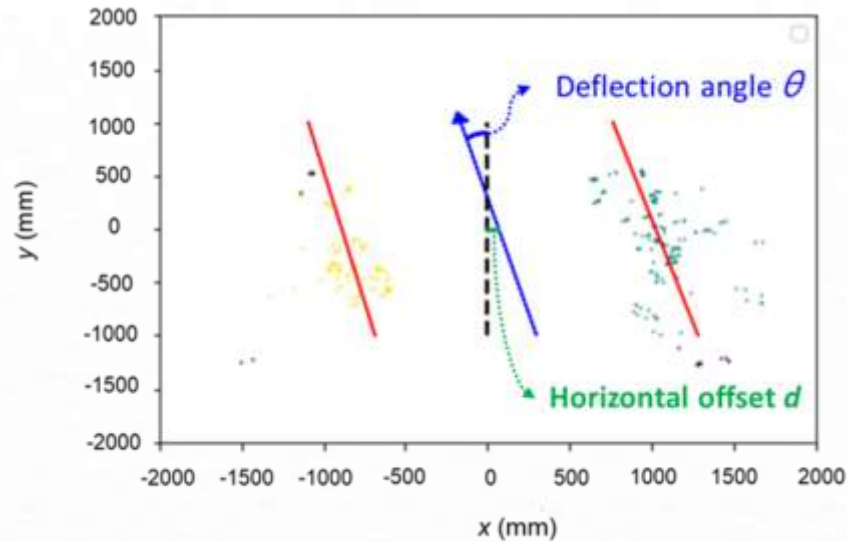
(Dang and Luy, 2022)

Guiding System - LiDAR



Linear Regression

Guiding System - LiDAR



Output θ , d

Control Strategy

Driving Error (E_i, E_l) :

$$E_i = W_\theta \frac{\theta_i}{\theta_{\max}} + W_d \frac{d_i}{d_{\max}}, \quad (-1 \leq E \leq 1)$$

Speed of Motors (V_R, V_L) :

$$V_R = V_0 + E_i V_0, \quad V_L = V_0 - E_i V_0$$

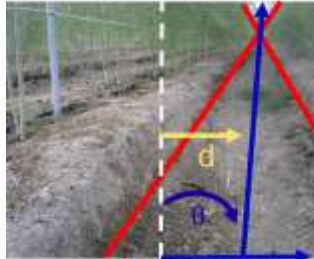
V_0 = speed of motor = 1 m/s

θ_{\max} = maximum of $\theta = 90^\circ$

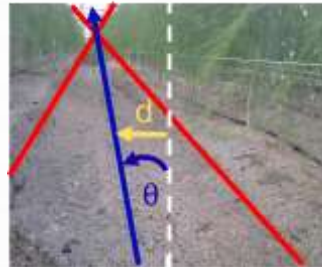
d_{\max} = maximum of d

= 240 pixels (image)

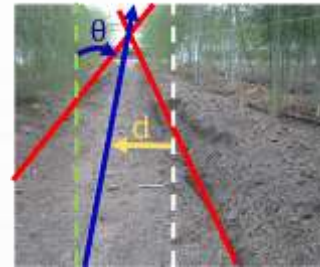
= 1000 pixels (LiDAR)



$\theta, d > 0$



$\theta, d < 0$

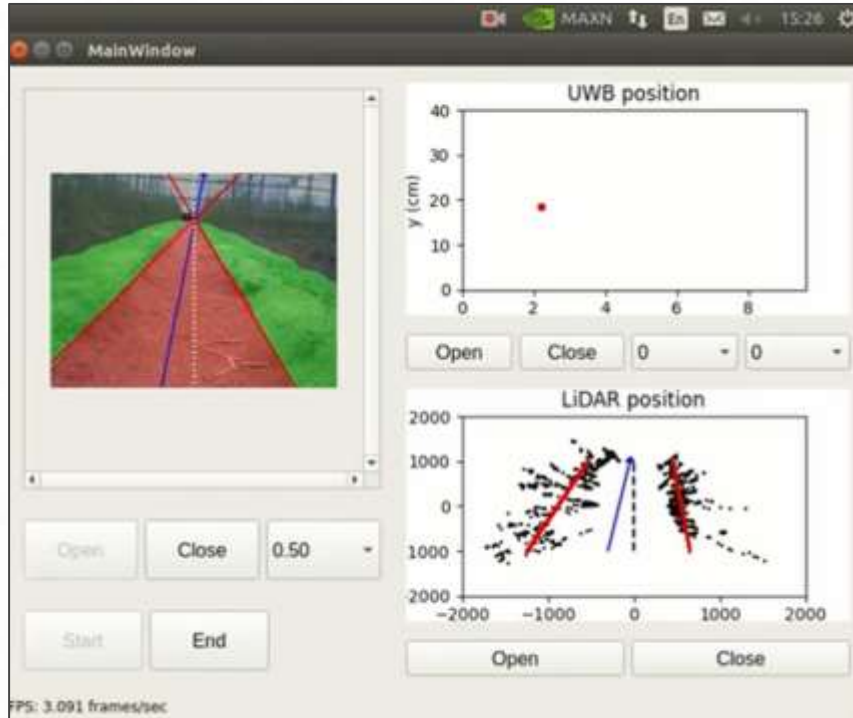


$\theta > 0, d < 0$

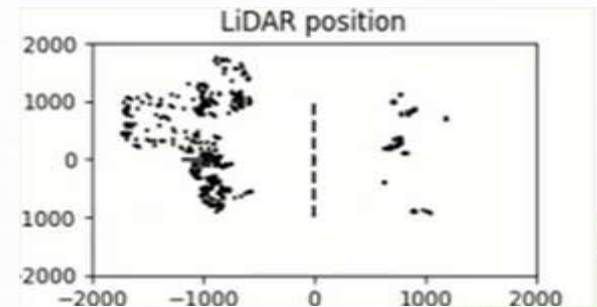


$\theta < 0, d > 0$

Demo Video



- reference lines are not available occasionally
- Large density difference



Disadvantages of DBSCAN

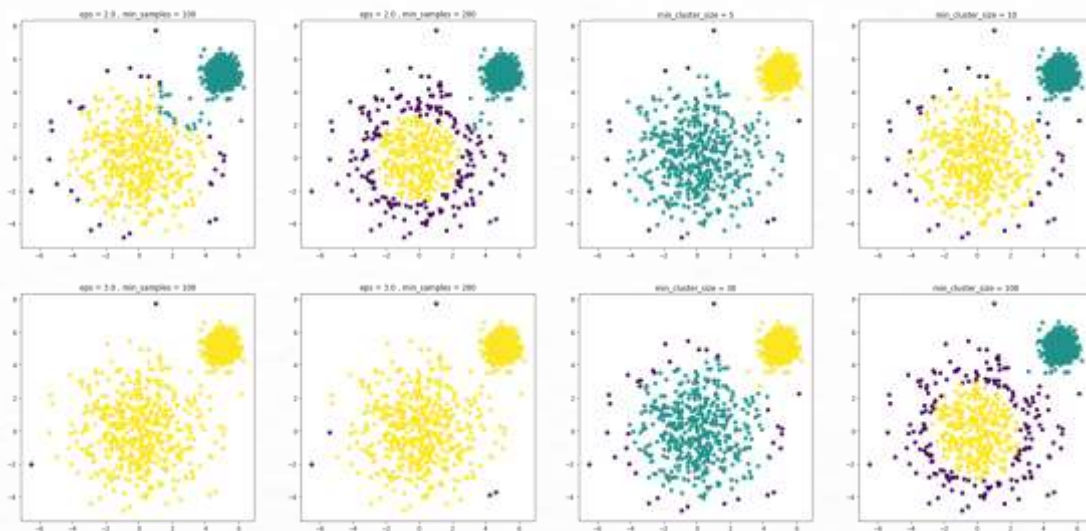
- Sensitive to parameters values
- Difficult to adjust parameters
- Assumes that all clusters have similar densities

Epsilon radius

Minimum Amount
of Points

Future work

- Hierarchical DBSCAN (only 1 parameter: min cluster size)
- Optimize navigation strategy



DBSCAN

HDBSCAN

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