



High thoroughput Plant phenotyping : Light interception measurement Anjana K N, Dr. Stephen Nuske | Field Robotics Centre, Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

OBJECTIVES

- To collect high-precision, high-resolution measurements of plants in field settings using distributed sensor networks
- Calculation of Leaf Area Index and proportionate leaf area estimation in various heights and radii

INTRODUCTION

- High-throughput image-based phenotyping is a technology that can image hundreds of plants per day with minimal time and effort
- Plant traits are captured non-destructively





Fig.1: Image of the sorghum field with the phenotyping system

METHODS

- Tools used
 - Ueye camera (IDS-UI1246LE-C-HQ)
 - Pointgrey Camera (Flea3 GigE)
 - Fish eye lenses
 - ROS, MATLAB, OpenCV
- Experiment:
 - Fish eye lens attached to the upward facing monocular camera, positioned 6 inches above the ground

Collected images subjected to binary thresholding for image segmentation



Fig.2: Captured images and segmented images

Leaf area and Leaf Area Index (LAI) calculated using camera calibration parameters

> LAI= Total one-sided area of leaf tissue per unit ground surface area

RESULTS

Leaf area is found at various radii with respect to the camera center for light interception calculation

Fig.3: Proportional leaf area in various radii

GPS coordinates

Map of the field generated from the data using

Fig.4: Field map with color bar

The processed data can then be used to quantify genotype by phenotype and by environment interaction

FUTURE WORK

- Validating the results with data from light measurement meters and other techniques
- Capturing more plant traits
- Extending the technique to other crop varieties

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