

Multiscale monitoring

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Available technologies:

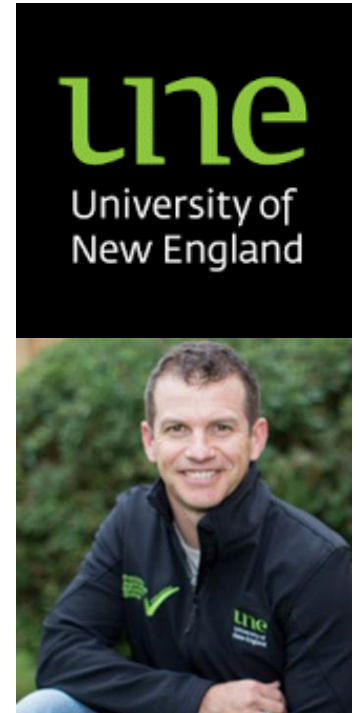
- Satellite – remote sensing
- Satellite – geo-positioning
- LiDAR
- Machine vision
- Fruit DM assessment
- Cloud computing

→ Improved farm management ?

→ Automated activity ?

Satellite imaging - UNE

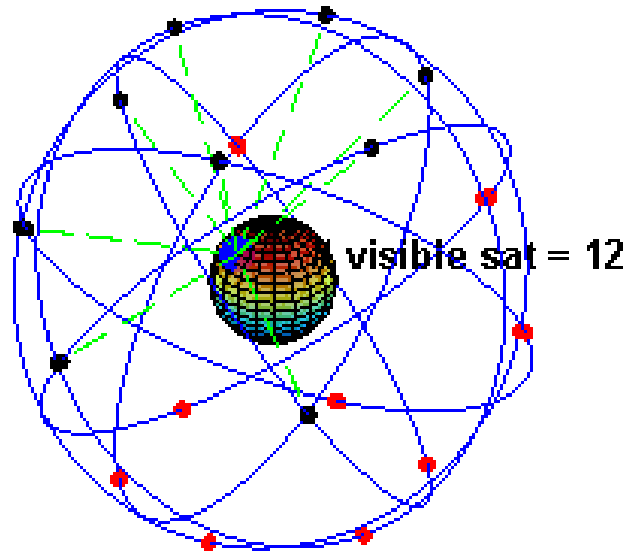
- used in yield monitoring of sugar cane



GNSS

Global coverage by 20-30 medium Earth orbit satellites

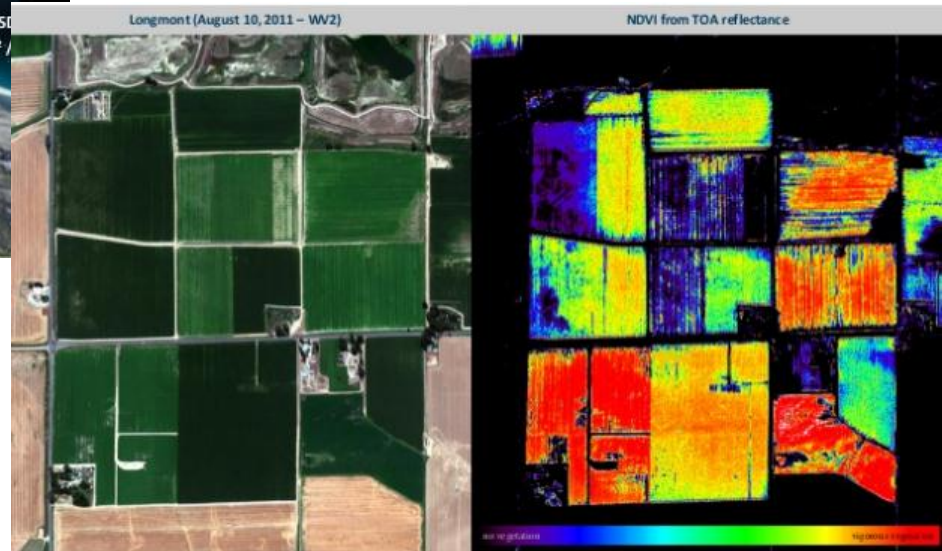
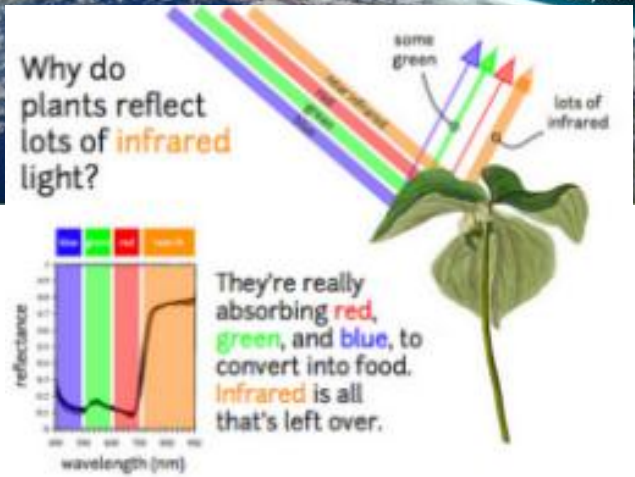
Orbital inclination of $>50^\circ$ and orbit time of ca 12 h at 20,000 km



DigitalGlobe Constellation



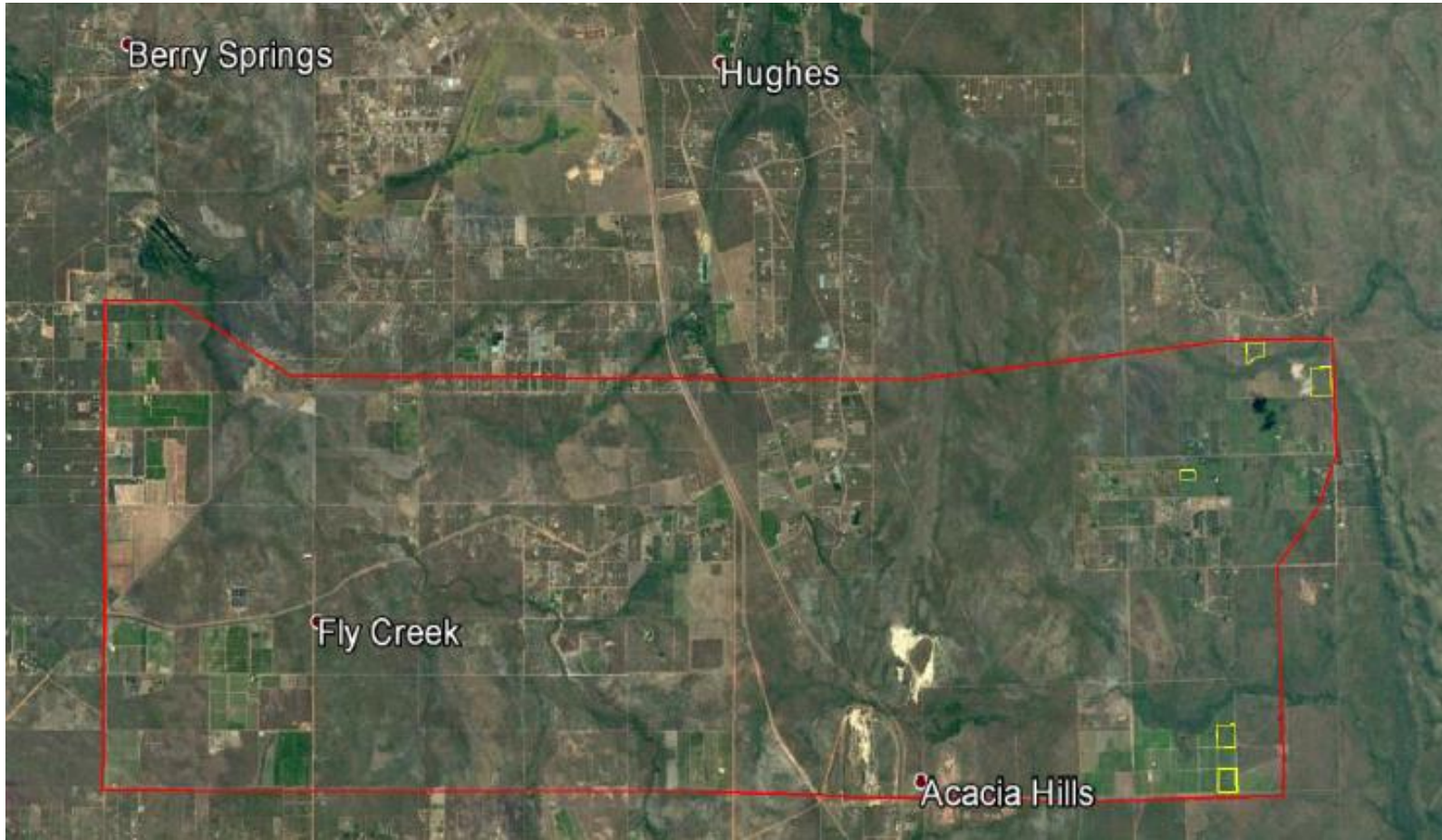
30 cm resolution
18 bands
1 d revisit time



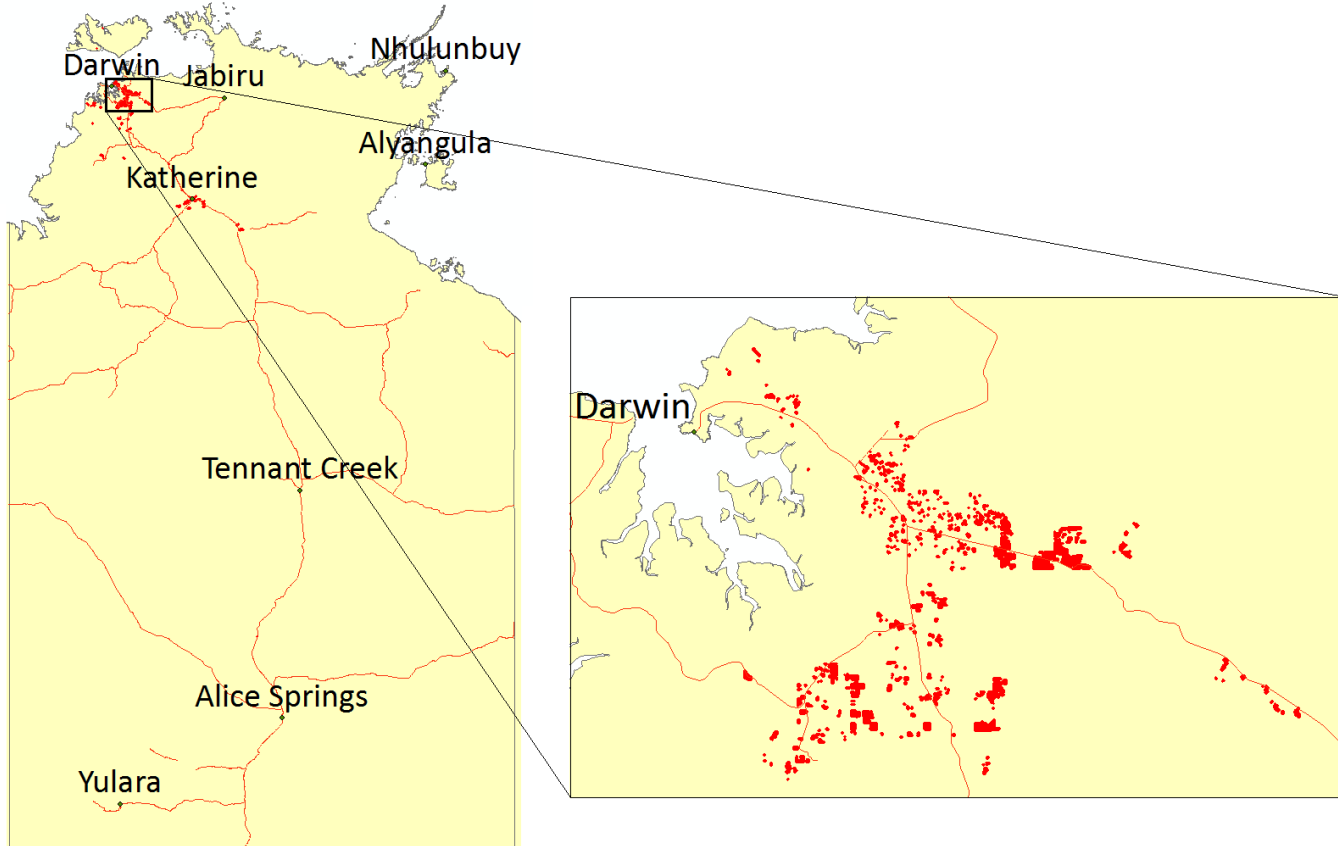
World View 3

Area of $\sim 100 \text{ km}^2$
for approx. \$4000.

18 spectral data
bands



Digital mapping of NT orchards and preparing growers for new sensor technologies

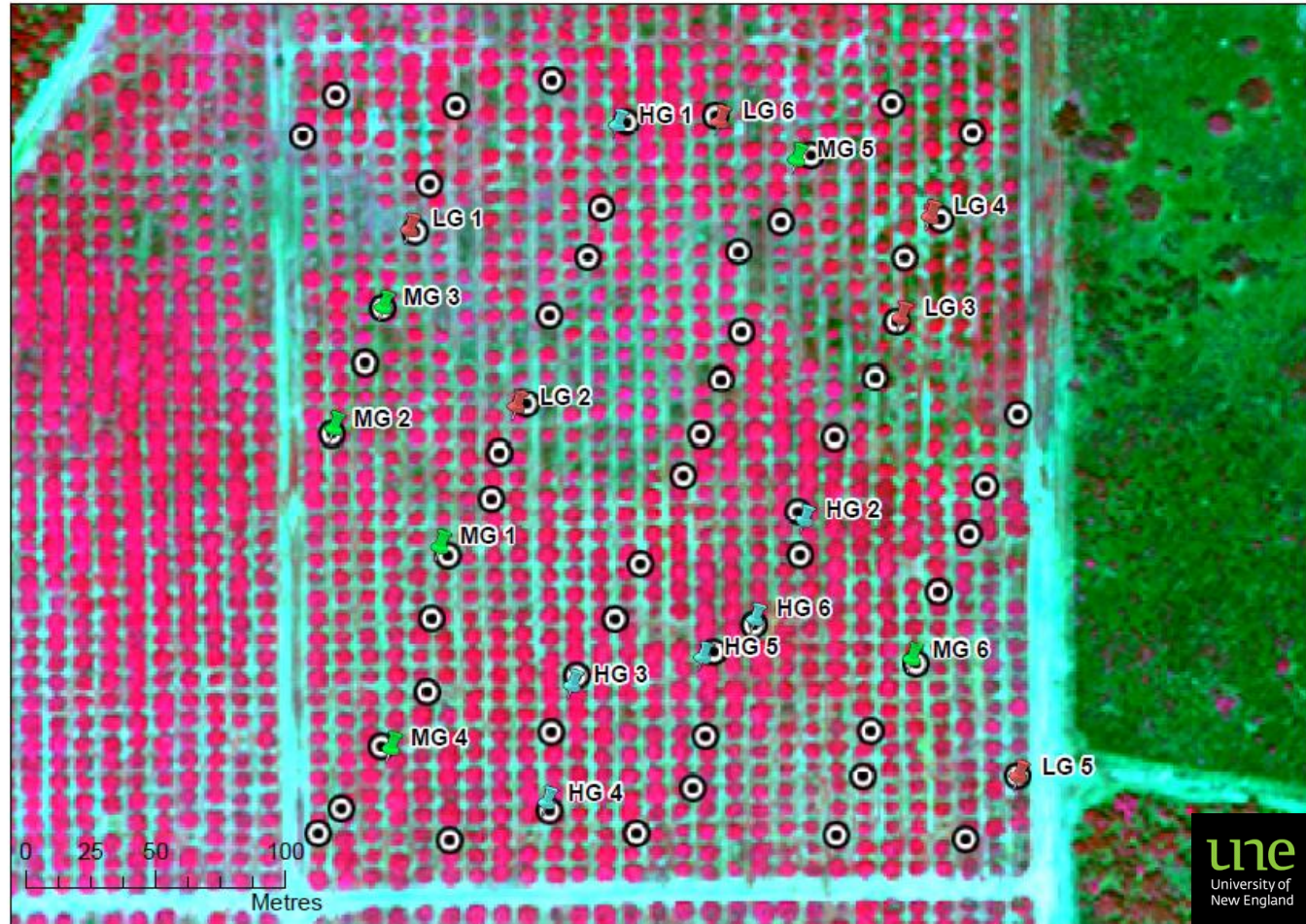


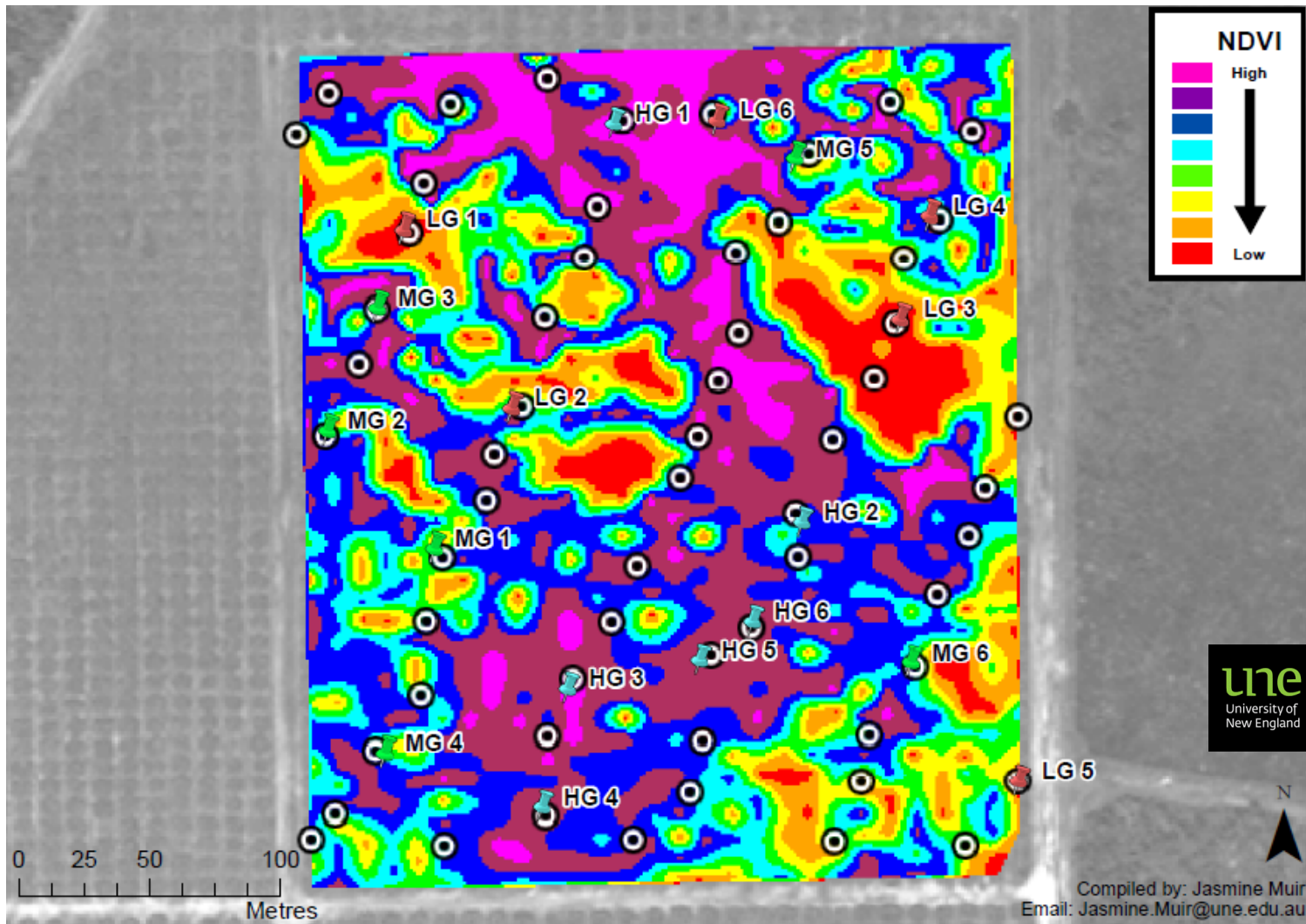


a satellite image of a mango field
- crown size, tree vigour, tree history

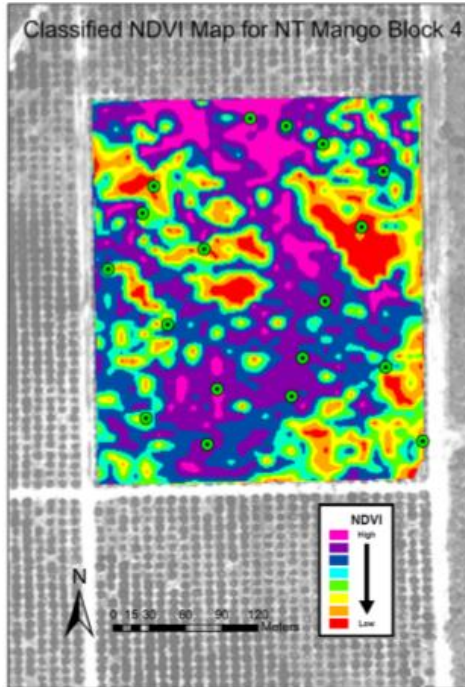
Block 1 NDVI Zonal Classification Worldview 3 - 23 October 2016 (1.2m resolution)

NDVI
(vegetation
health)





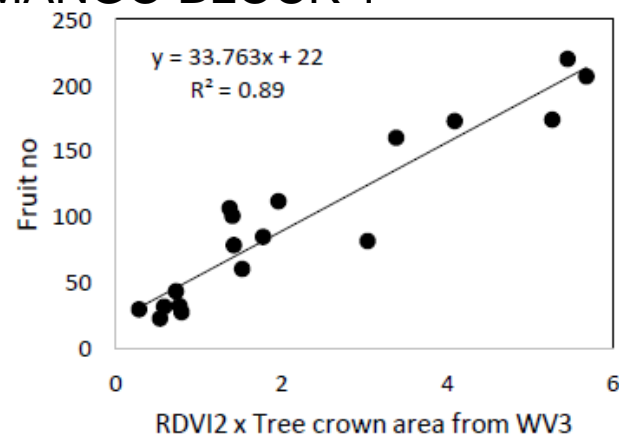
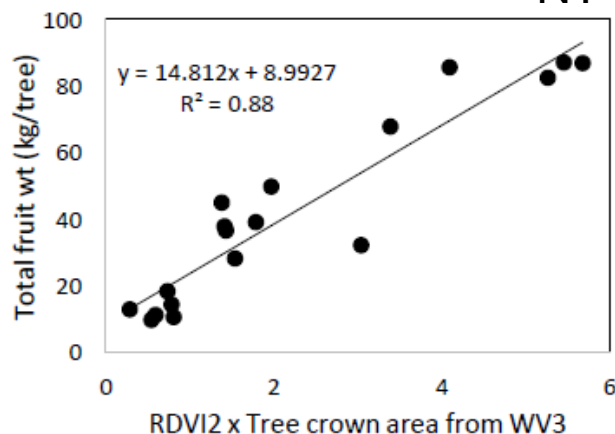
remote sensing: a tool for mangos?



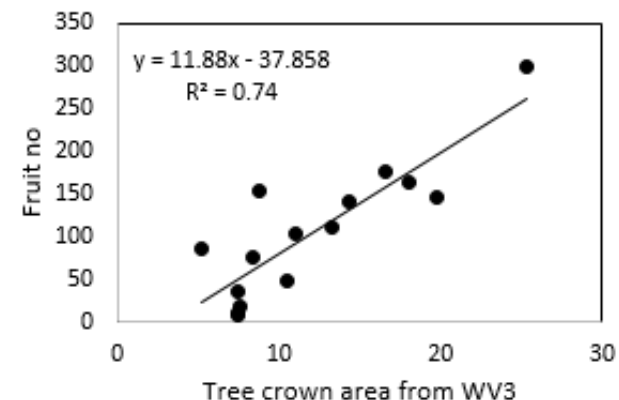
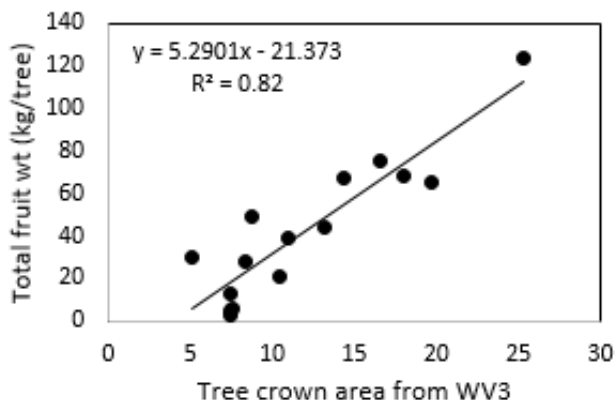
Yield predictions with WVIII

Using NDVI and canopy crown area combined (or by themselves) can relate to yield of individual trees.

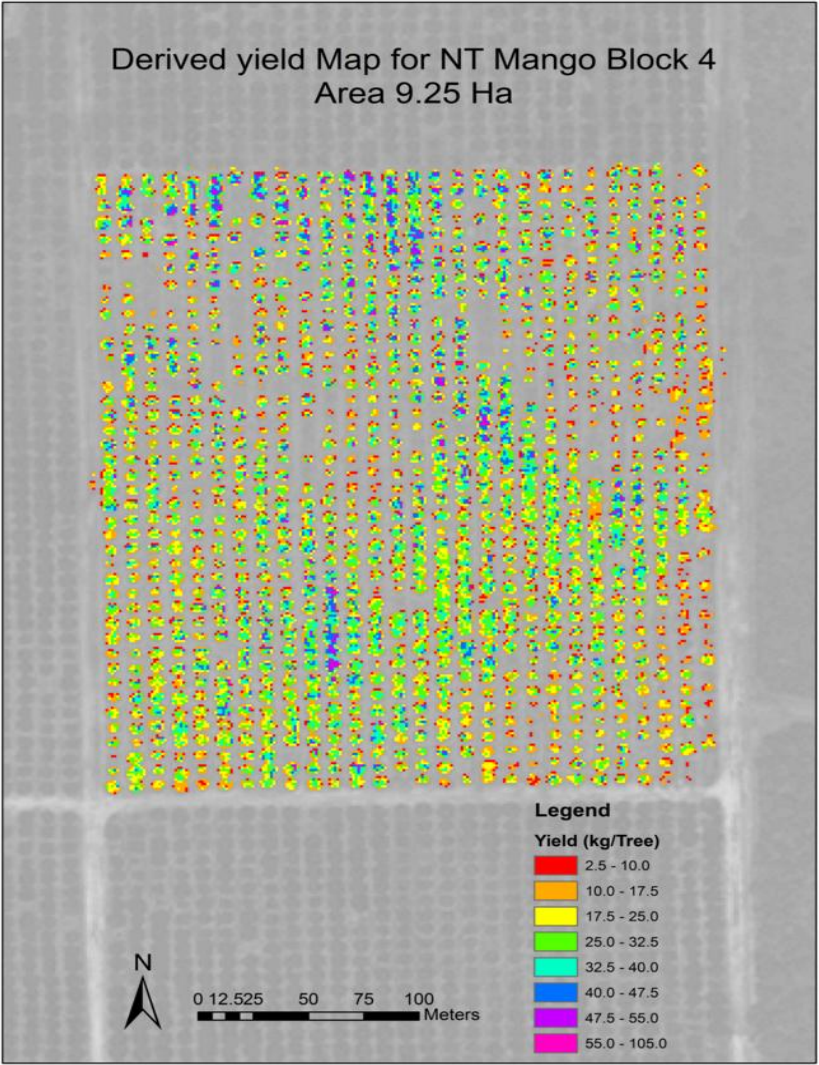
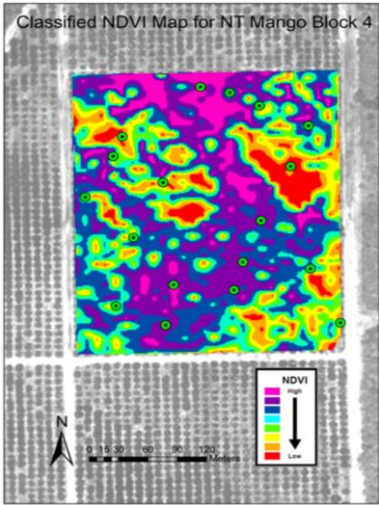
NT MANGO BLOCK 1



QLD MANGO BLOCK 1



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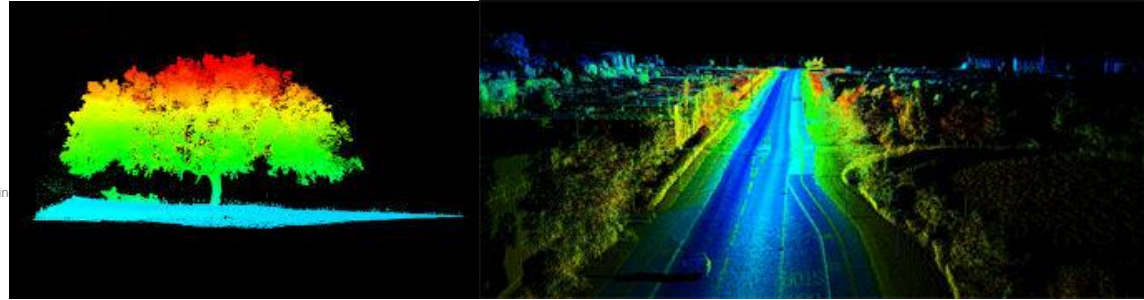


LiDAR

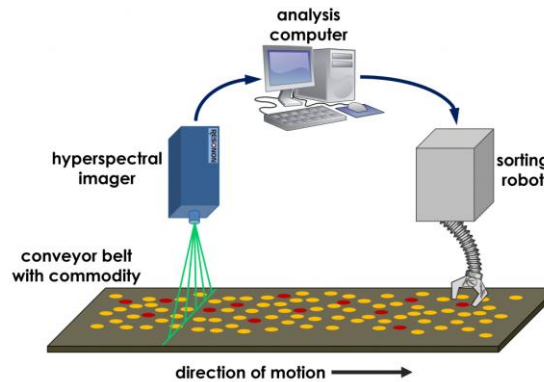


Web Browser Interface for IP-S2 Data Logging and Application Software

<http://www.positionpartners.com.au/news/topcon/topcons-ip-s2-allows-fast-and-accurate-precision-mapping-and-surveying>



Machine vision



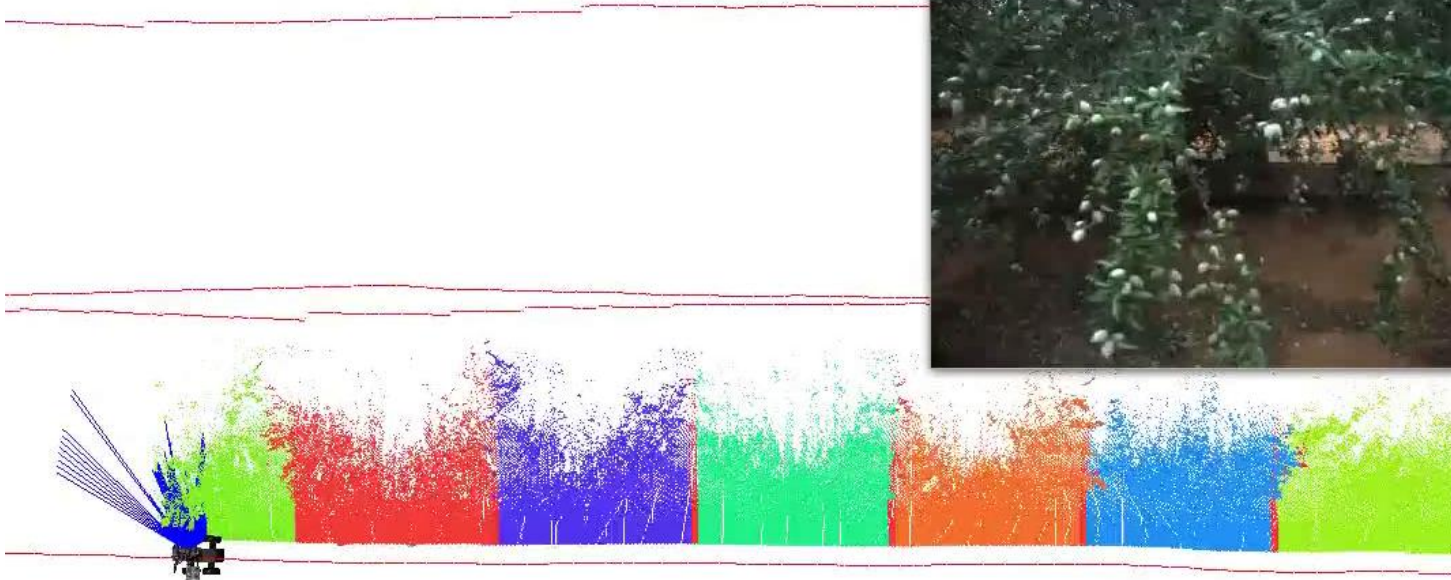
Intelligent Information Systems for Tree Crops

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The Australian Centre for Field Robotics



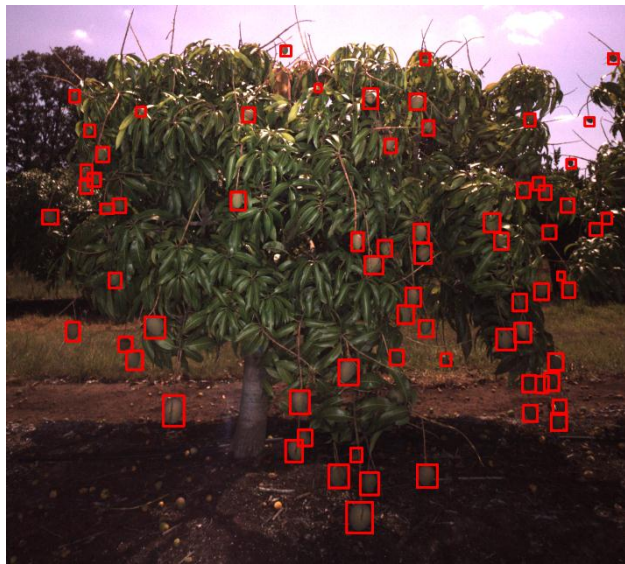
Tree Segmentation



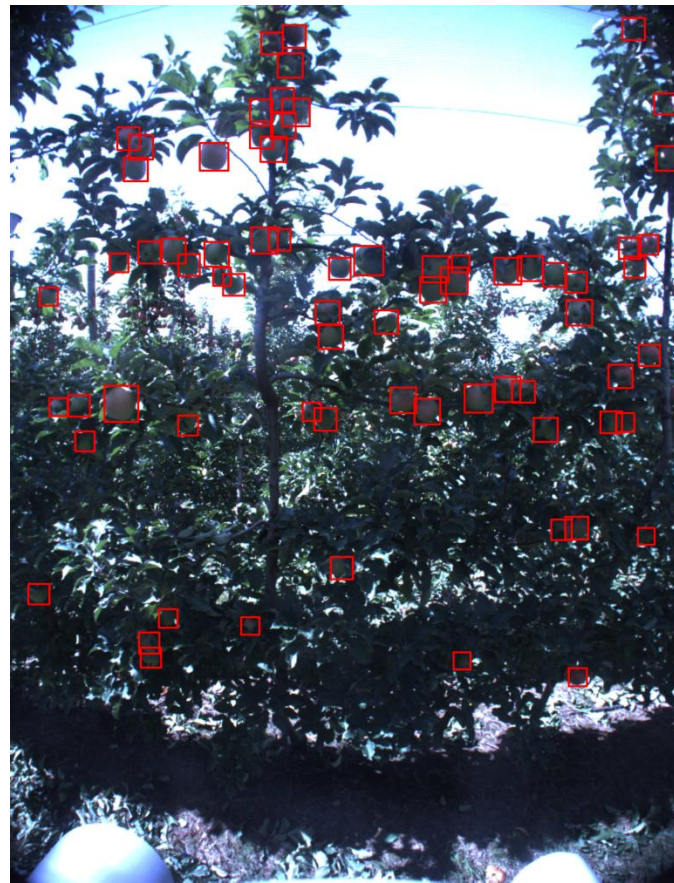
Fruit Detection



Almonds

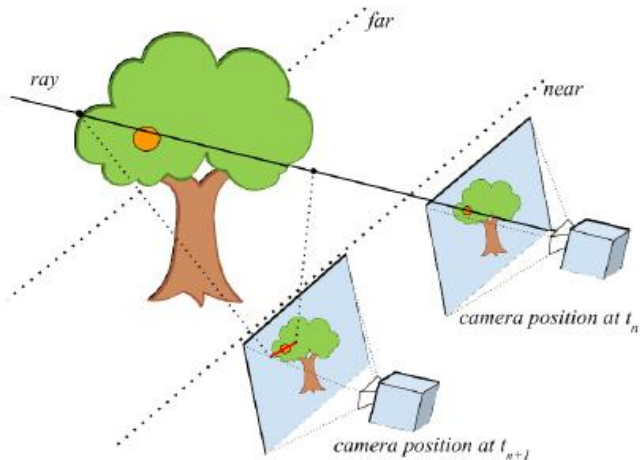


Mangos



Apples

Locating every piece of fruit

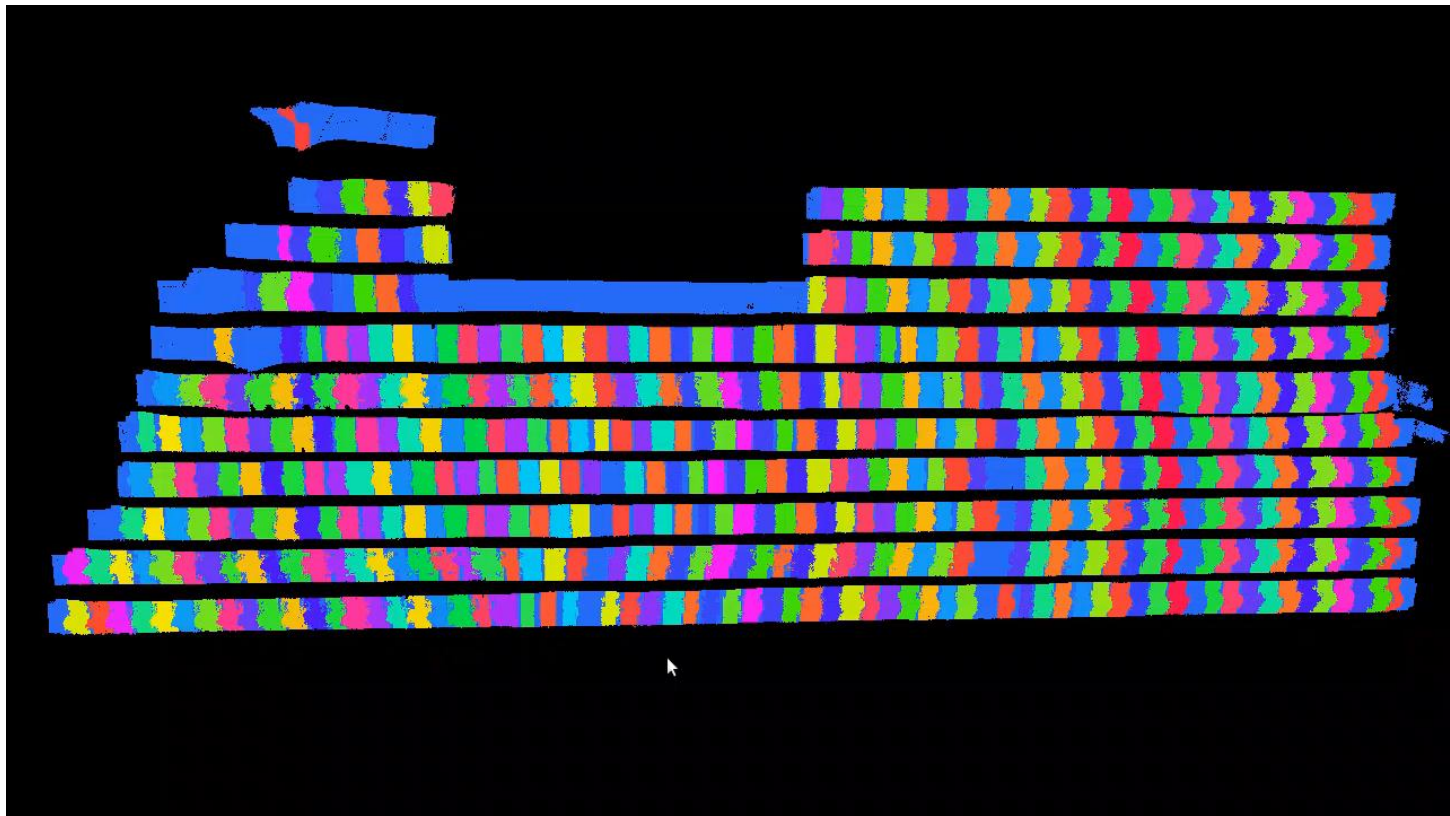
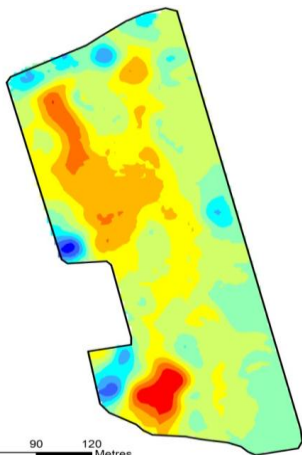
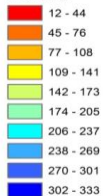


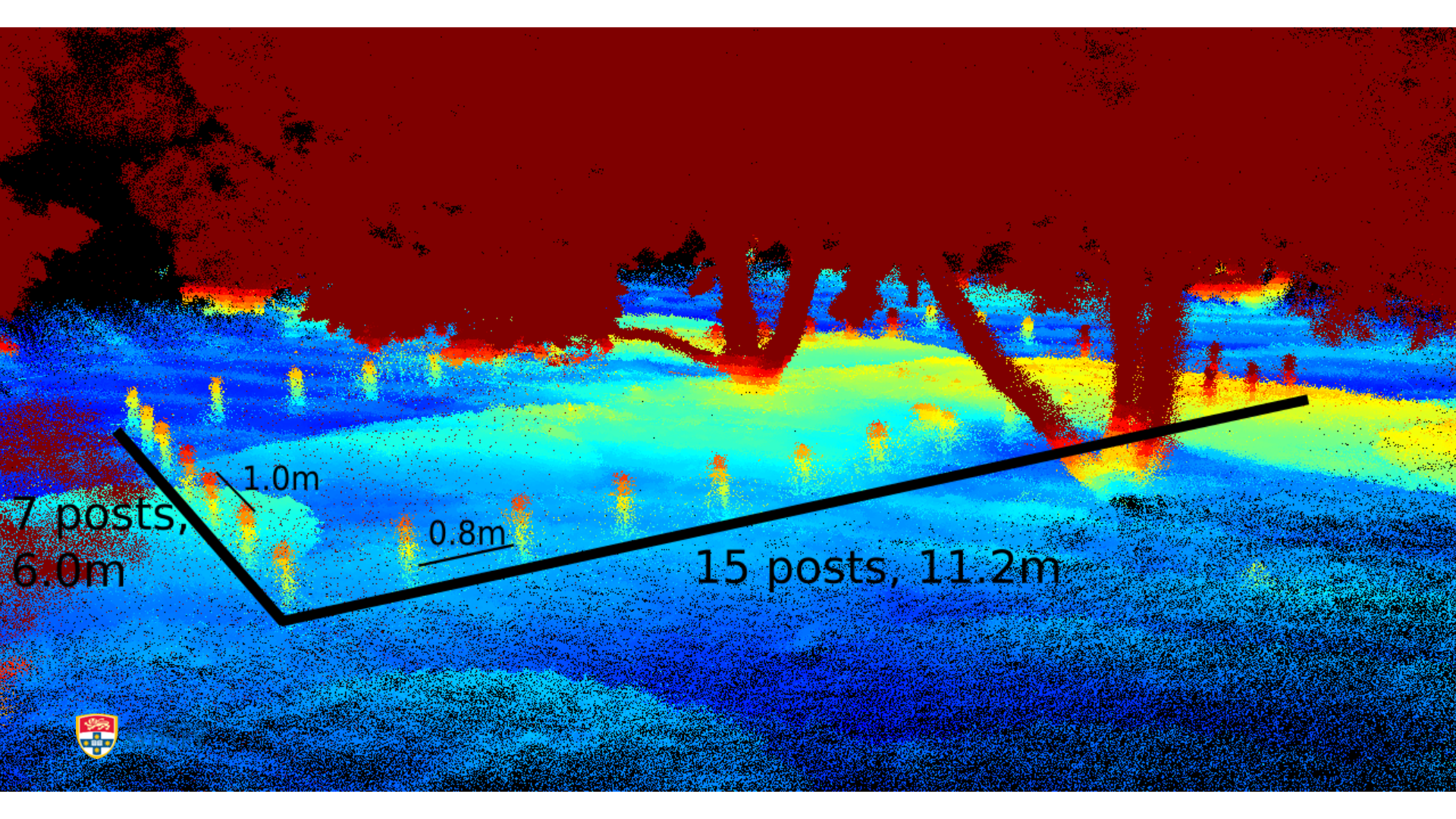
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Mango Maps

Mango Yield Fruit No.





7 posts, 6.0m

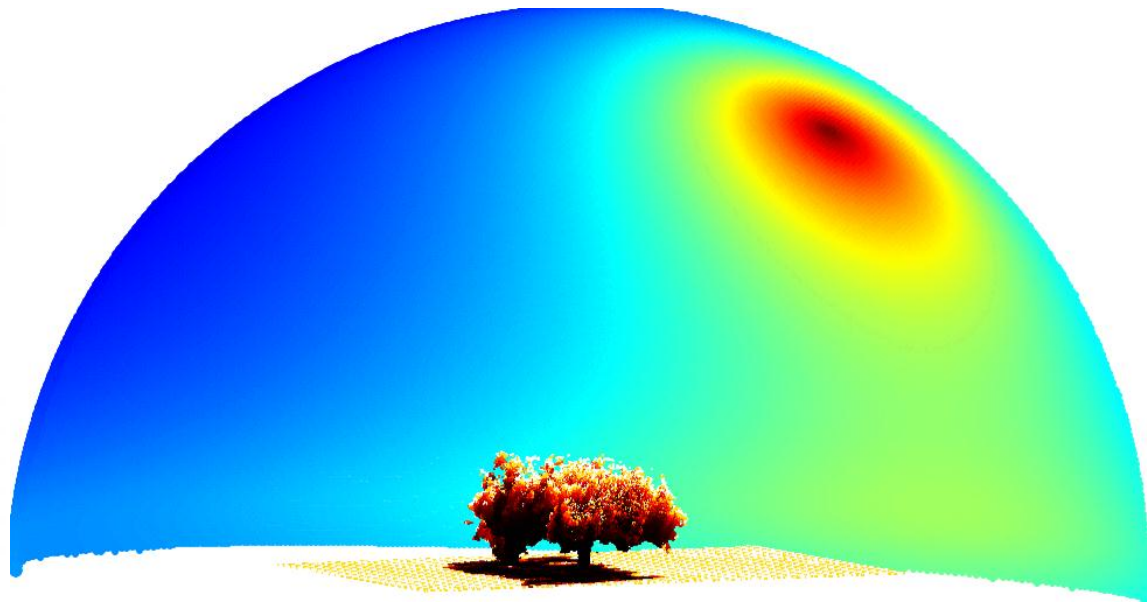
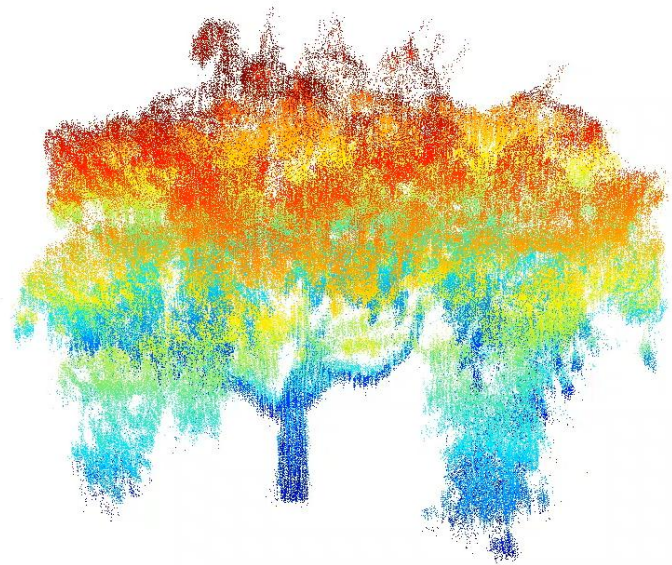
1.0m

0.8m

15 posts, 11.2m



3D Light Interception Modelling



Fruit load estimation...

Method	Estimate (fruit/block)
Count of every 20 th tree :	46,500 (22 trees counts in block of 446 trees) 32,000-57,000 (for 80% confidence require 198 trees sampled)
Satellite UNE	51,085
Machine vision USyd	
Multiview	52,579 (ca. +/- 4,000 2SD)
Dual view	58,468 (ca. +/- 6,000 2SD)
ACTUAL	56,720

Information gathering :

- Mapping the orchard environment – allows for autonomous activity
- Tree condition monitoring
- Fruit localisation : counting, yield maps
- Flower mapping : selective harvest
- Fruit DM assessment
- Data management/display

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