



Exploring the Light Environment within Complex Crop Canopies using 3D Reconstruction and Ray Tracing

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 - Ray Tracing
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- Future Work







Architecture, Photosynthesis and Biomass Production







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Assessing Canopy Productivity







Digital Plant Reconstruction

Work by Dr Michael Pound (CPIB, University of Nottingham)

- Method consisting of four stages:
 - Image Capture
 - Point Cloud Reconstruction
 - Surface Estimation
 - Canopy Formation



Pound MP, French AP, Murchie EH, Pridmore TP (2014) Automated Recovery of Three-Dimensional Models of Plant Shoots from Multiple Color Images. Plant Physiology **166**: 1688–1698





Stage 1: Image Capture



- 3 cameras
- Turntable
- Backing paper
- Calibration target
- Lighting
- Plants grown in a canopy (glasshouse/growth room/field) and dug up
- Taken to 360° imaging studio

Alternatively

• Image capture from plants growing *in situ* in the field/glasshouse





Stage 2: Point Cloud Reconstruction



 VisualSFM (Wu, 2011) is used to to perform automatic camera calibration and PMVS (Patch-based Multi-view Stereo, Furukawa and Ponce, 2010) to reconstruct a three-dimensional point cloud model of a plant and scene, based on multiple two dimensional input images.





Stage 3: Surface Estimation

 There are a number of problems that must be solved before our model is suitable for use in ray tracing:

Noise

 Difficult to extract a surface from even a small section of leaf

No surface data

- Cannot be used for ray tracing
- Measurements like area are hard to compute



Non-leaf points

 Must not be included in a final reconstruction

Missing Data

Should be reconstructed











Overview: Single Plant Reconstructions







Bambara Groundnut (Dip-C)



Basil

Lettuce

Coriander





Stage 4: Canopy Population







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Distance, arbitrary units





Application: Canopy Measurements Leaf Angle Distributions







Application: Canopy Measurements Cumulative Leaf Area Index Parent Line 6 5 **Cumulative LAI** Line 1 3 2 **Parent Line** Line 1 Line 2 300 100 200 400 500 0 Depth Line 2





Linking Canopy Architecture and the Environment









fastTracer (Song et al. 2013).





Application: Canopy Light Distribution







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Application: Canopy Measurements







Application: Photosynthesis Modelling





Model Output

- Acclimation: what is the optimal P_{max} value for a section of leaf? And at the whole canopy scale?
- Photoinhibition: what is the effect of too much light on Carbon gain?

Burgess AJ, Retkute R... (2015) High-resolution 3D structural data quantifies the impact of photoinhibition on long term carbon gain in wheat canopies in the field. *Plant Physiology 2015 : pp.15.00722v1-pp.00722.2015*





Acclimation Model: Wheat



Parent Line (Ashby)

- Upright Canopy
- Lower LAI



Line 1

- Intermediate leaf
 curling
- Higher LAI



Line 2

- Extreme leaf curling
- Higher LAI





Future Work

- Reconstructions
 - Optimise the Reconstruction Method
 - Improve surface detail- separate out leaves and reduce gaps
 - Automate the reconstruction process
 - Automated Turntable
 - Robot Arm
 - Incorporate movement
- Photosynthetic Modelling
 - Canopy Level Acclimation

Extension of: Retkute R, Smith-Unna SE, Smith RW, Burgess AJ, Jensen OE, Johnson GN, Preston SP, and Murchie EH (2015). Exploiting heterogeneous environments: does photosynthetic acclimation optimize carbon gain in fluctuating light? *Journal of experimental botany*: erv055.

Assessing further canopies and light distributions



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