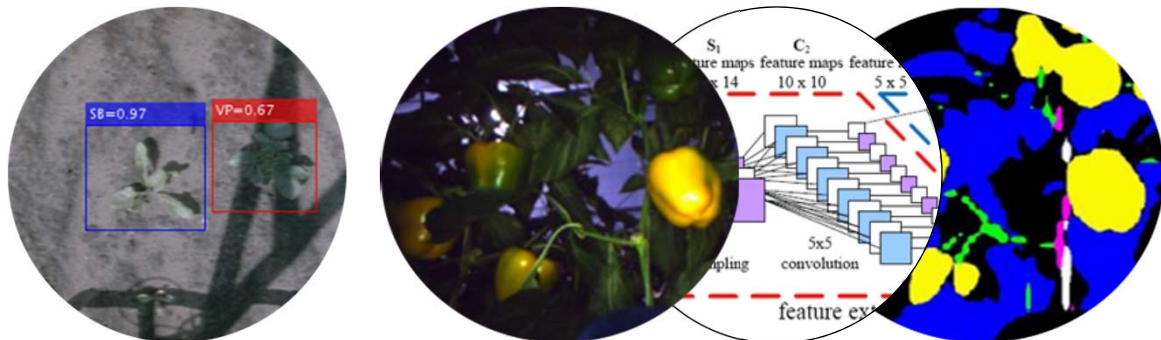


## Deep Learning experience WUR

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NVTL study day - March 6, 2018

## Intro

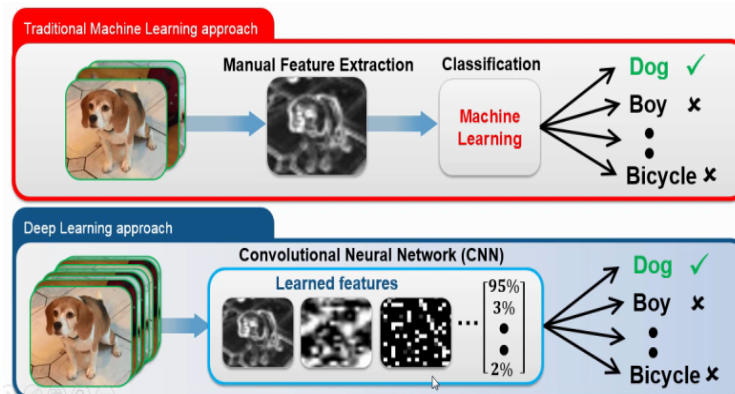
- **Jochen Hemming**, PhD in Horticultural Science, Senior Researcher Computer Vision & Robotics in Horticulture.
- Since 2000: at Wageningen University & Research
- Expertise
  - Computer Vision (hard- and software)
  - Robotics
  - Mechatronics & Automation in plant production
  - ICT (Programming, Databases)
- Projects
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Harvesting robots</li> <li>● Bush trimming robots</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pest and disease detection</li> <li>● Vision based weed control</li> </ul>
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## Difference Deep Learning and Machine Learning

- With machine learning, manual extraction of the relevant features of an image is needed.
- With deep learning, the raw images are fed directly into a deep neural network that learns the features automatically.



## Challenge: Many Deep Learning flavours

- Different frameworks.
- Different network architectures.
- Different platforms/tools
  - Web-based (e.g. AWS)
  - Linux
  - Windows
- The field moves fast and keeping up is tricky.



## Projects @ WUR that are using/have used deep-learning



[www.agrofoodrobotics.nl](http://www.agrofoodrobotics.nl)

Sweeper

### Sweet-pepper robot

- EU Horizon 2020 ICT use case project
- 6 partners from 4 countries (The Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden and Israel).
- The project focusses on technology transfer rather than R&D



HORIZON 2020

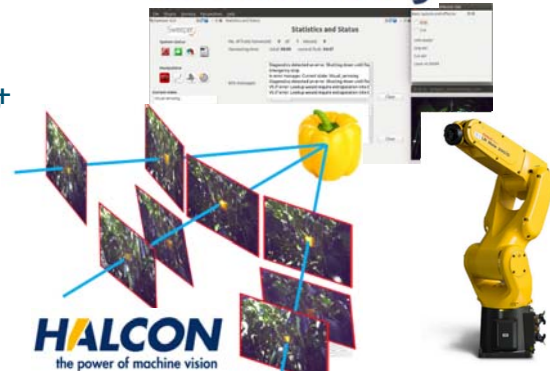
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## Modules

- **End-effector** (grasp, cut)
- + **Camera** (location, distance and ripeness detection)
- + **Illumination** (better detection under alternating conditions)
- **Deep-learning** (to avoid obstacles)
- **Robot arm** (to search, move to fruit and convey fruit)
- **Platform** (to move robot in the greenhouse)
- **Logistics** (to convey picked fruits)

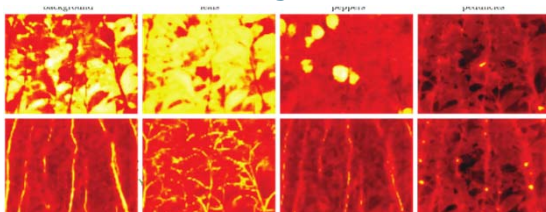


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## Deep-Learning for plant part localization in images

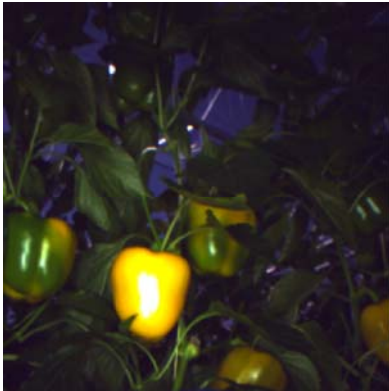
- DeepLab V2 on top of Caffe for semantic segmentation (per-pixel, no instance detection).
- Synthetic dataset is used to bootstrap the model.
- Trained network deployed for real-time obstacle detection and to determine best end-effector alignment.



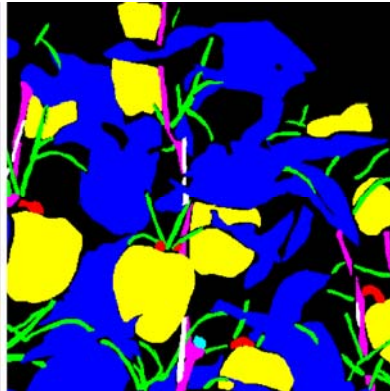
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## Results on empirical images

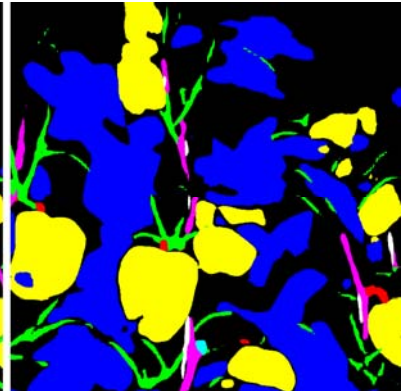
Empirical images



Ground truth



Segmentation



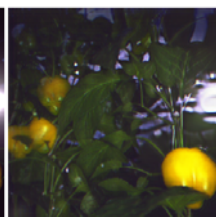
## Optimising Realism of Synthetic Images using Cycle Generative Adversarial Networks, Cycle-GAN

- Current bottleneck is the requirement of large annotated datasets.
- Dissimilarity gap remains caused by sub-optimal manual modelling.
- Optimising the realism of synthetic images by unpaired image-to-image translation from the synthetic to empirical domain.

Synthetic



Synthetic→Empirical



Empirical



Barth, R. ; IJsselmuiden, J.M.M. ; Hemming, J. ; Henten, E.J. van (2017): *Optimising Realism of Synthetic Agricultural Images using Cycle Generative Adversarial Networks*. In: *Proceedings of the IEEE IROS workshop on Agricultural Robotics 2017*.

## Hardware used for the training



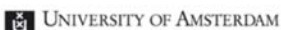
GPU acceleration is needed to train Deep Learning networks.  
4x NVIDIA Titan X 12GB, 128 GB Ram, I7 CPU and a lot of cooling.



## TrimBot2020: A Robot for Hedge, Rose and Topiary Trimming



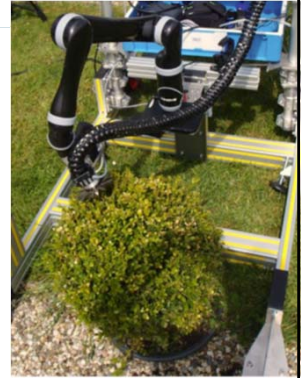
- Prototyping next generation, intelligent gardening robots.
- Focused on the development of intelligent hedge, rose and bush trimming capabilities.
- Robot navigates over varying garden terrain, to approach bushes, and restore them to their ideal tidy shape.
- Targeting the consumer market, as well as gardening professionals



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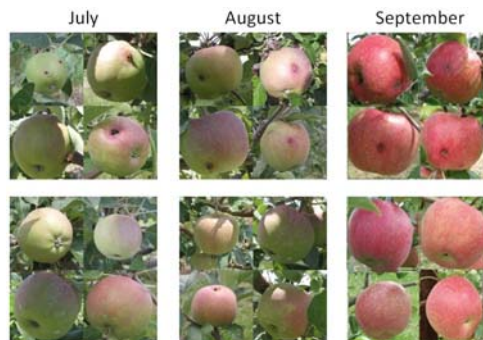
## DeepLearning in Trimbot2020

- University of Freiburg
  - FlowNet for Optical Flow Estimation
- University of Amsterdam
  - CNN-based Intrinsic Image Decomposition to decompose images in reflectance (albedo) and shading.
  - Faster-RCNN and SegNet for Semantic Garden Segmentation.

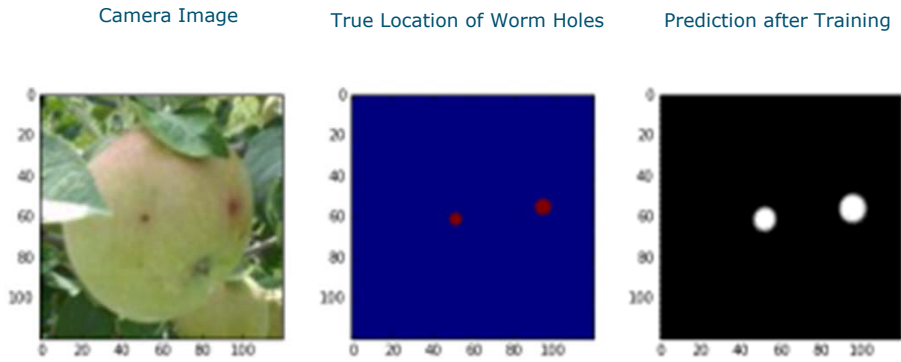


## Worm Damage Detection in Apples

- RGB images of apples under uncontrolled conditions in orchard (CASC IFW Apple Dataset from Purdue Univ.)
- Detection of holes left by worms infesting apples.
- Input images from dataset:



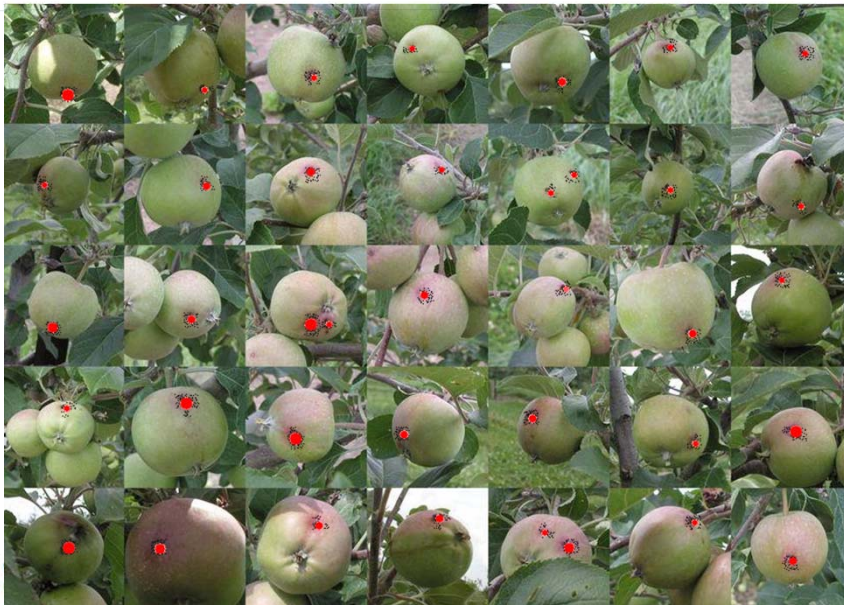
# Apples: Disambiguation using context



Context helps distinguish worm damage from the bottom of the apple.



# Apples: Input / Output Pair Examples



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Hennie de Villiers



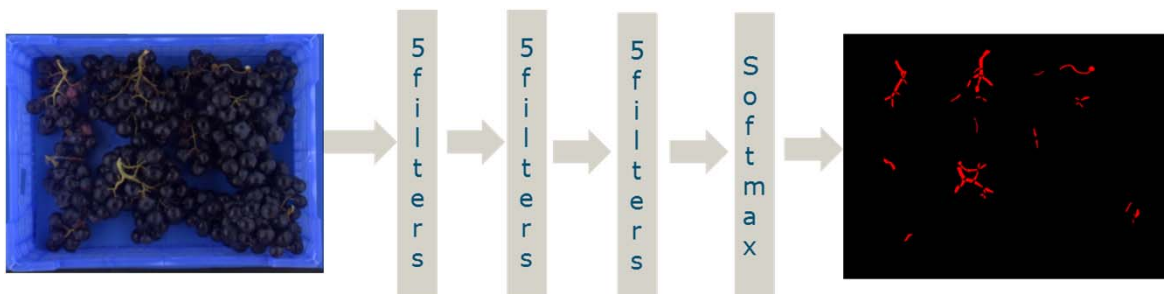
## Automated segmentation of grape stem

- RGB images of blue / red and white grapes
- Task is to detect the stalks for subsequent pickup by robot
- Input images from dataset:

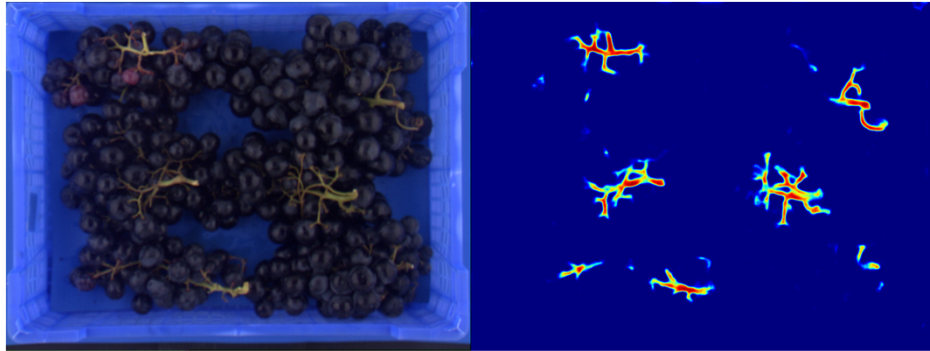


## Deep Learning for segmentation of grape stem

- Fully Convolutional Neural Networks on Theano/Lasagne



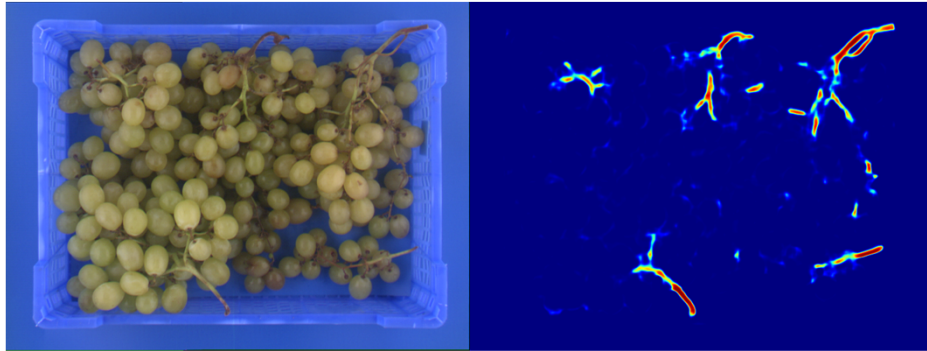
## Grapes: Sample Results (Blue Grapes)



## Grapes: Sample Results (Red Grapes)

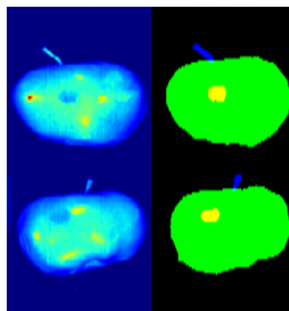


## Grapes: Sample Results (Green Grapes)

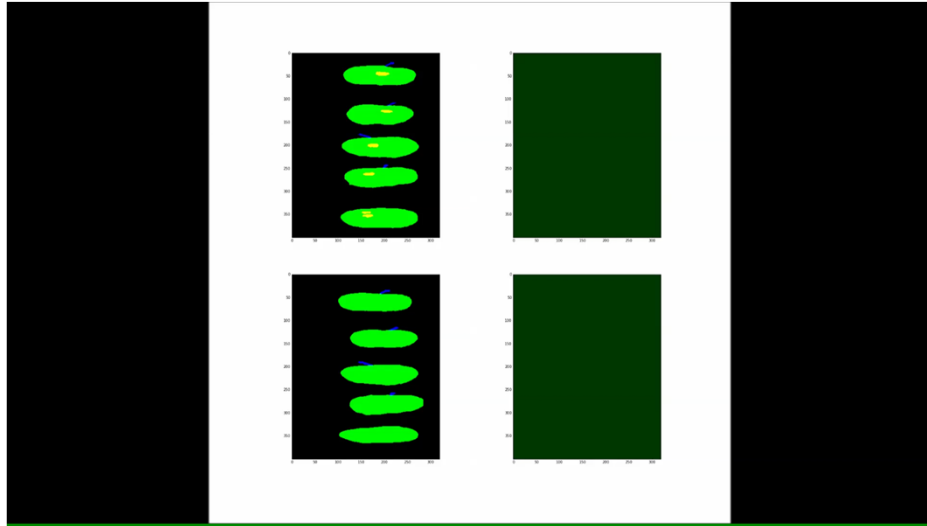


## Apple Bruise Detection

- Hyperspectral images of apples (dataset captured by KU Leuven)
- Detection of bruises due to handling
- Fully Convolutional Neural Networks on Theano/Lasagne
- Examples from dataset:



## Apples: Training Visualization



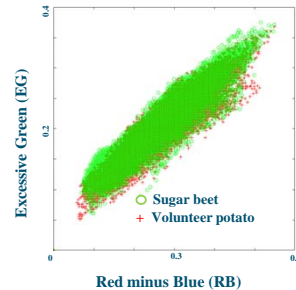
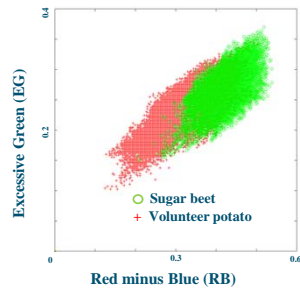
## EU SmartBot project: weed classification

- **Conventional approach (for weed detection):**
  - Color based detection.
  - Use of cover for controlled environment & artificial lighting
- **Problems:** color-based approach not work, requires extra structure



## EU SmartBot project: weed classification

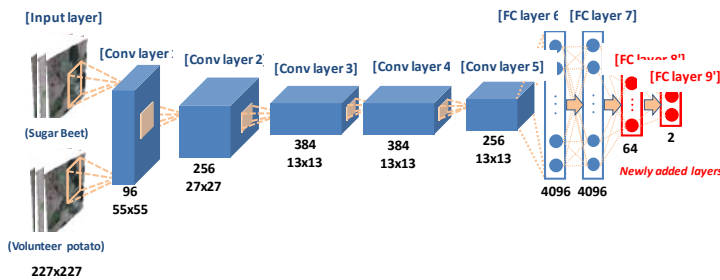
Seasonal effects



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## EU SmartBot project: weed classification

- Deep learning (CNN) for weed/crop classification (2015)
  - Transfer learning based on pre-trained deep network (AlexNet)

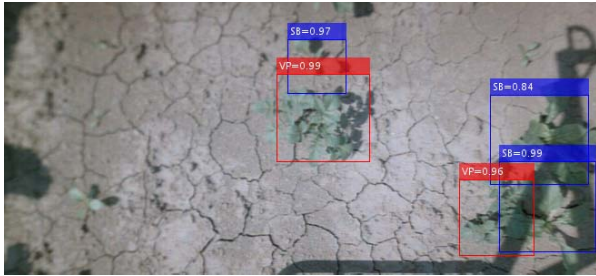


Suh, H.K., J.W. Hofstee, J. IJsselmuiden, & E.J. van Henten (Under review). Transfer learning using AlexNet for the classification of sugar beet and volunteer potato under field conditions (Manuscript submitted for publication in Biosystems Engineering in 2016).



## EU SmartBot project: weed detection

- Weed detection: Faster R-CNN
  - VP → Volunteer potato (weed)
  - SB → Sugar beet (cash crop)



Contact: Hyun Suh

## Detecion of bacteria infection in seed potatoes

- Detection of virus infection and Erwinia (bacterium) in seed potato plants.
- Hyperspectral scans of the plants are analysed.
- Deep Learning with PyTorch (Python based scientific computing package).



Contact: Hennie de Villiers/Gerrit Polder/Jan Kamp

# PeMaTo-EuroPep (2017–2019) C-IPM

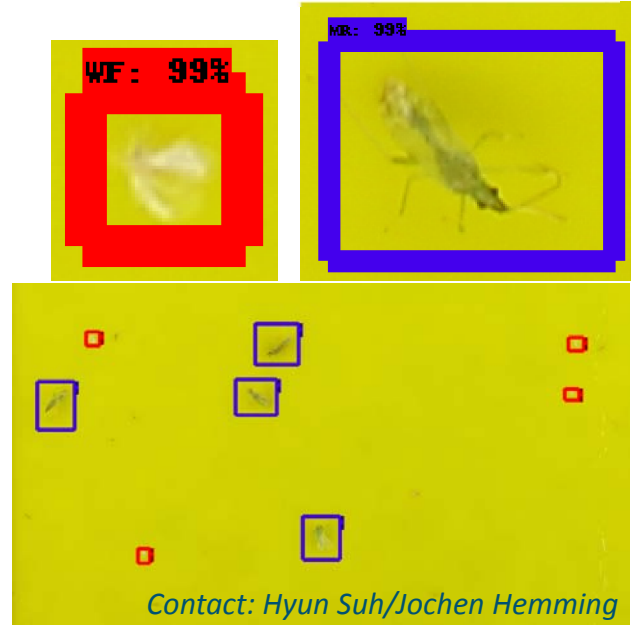


Coordinated Integrated Pest Management in Europe

F-RCNN (bounding boxes) for automatic counting of white fly and beneficial insects trapped on yellow sticky traps.



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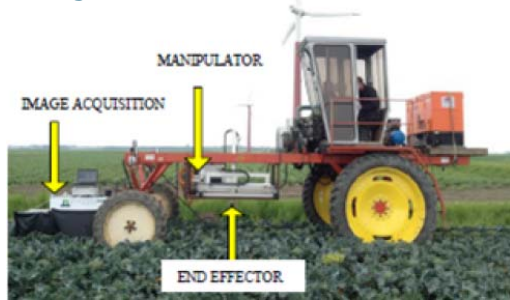
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## Projects @ WUR that plan to use using deep-l.



## Selective broccoli harvesting robot

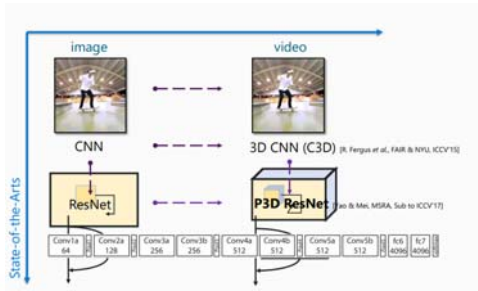
- Selective harvesting of broccoli based on minimum diameter of head.
- Deep-learning for better and more robust image classification



Contact: Pieter Blok

## Deep Learning in animal welfare

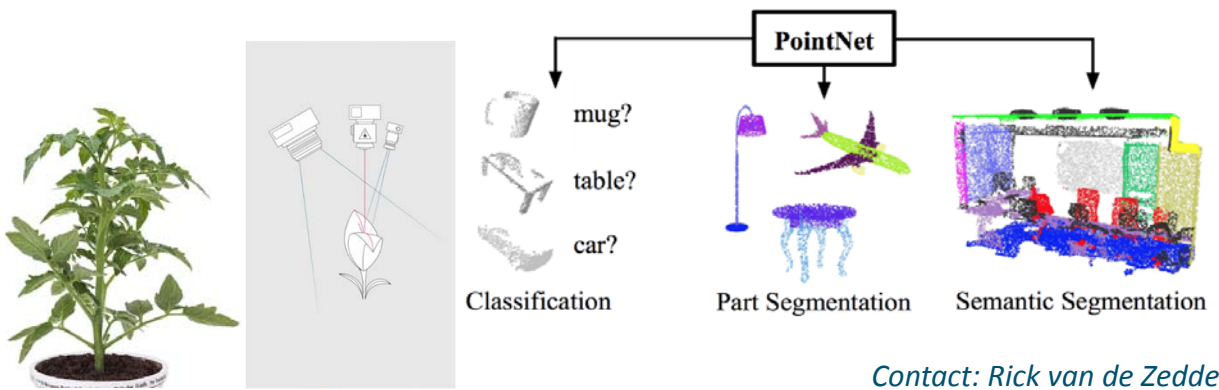
- Detect animal welfare (e.g. maladies) in video images of pigs/cows.
- Observation of the body language.
- Video representation learning.
- Pseudo-3D Residual Networks (P3D) [Yao & Mei, ICCV'17]
- PyTorch Deep Learning (Python based scientific computing package)





## 3D Tomato plant phenotyping

- Tomato plants scanned with a 6 DoF robot equipped with two Phenospex cameras for full 3D phenotyping.
- **PointNet**: Deep Learning on Point Sets for 3D Classification and Segmentation



## Deep learning for weed detection

- SAGA swarm robotics for weed control.
- SMARAGD: smart mechanisation, automation, robotics for arable farming.
- Weed detection on lawn or in grasslands.
- YOLO (You Only Look Once) or Faster RCNN.



## Disadvantages Deep Learning

- Training process is based on analysing large amounts of data, labour intensive labelling is needed.
- Expert knowledge is needed to select architecture, to get the (open source) framework installed.
- Expert knowledge is needed to bootstrap and fine tune network.
- Black box: deep-learning is incapable of providing arguments why it has reached a certain conclusion.
- Resource-Demanding Technology. High computational costs.



## Advantages Deep Learning

- No manual feature selection needed.
- Ability to generate new features from limited series of features in the training set.
- Potentially deep learning supports also unsupervised learning techniques.
- Superior classification results.



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