WCR Beetle Detection

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Background of project

- Western corn rootworm beetles (Diabrotica virgifera virgifera)
- Native to North America, and one of the most destructive pests of corn in the United States.
- Larvae feed on the roots of corn plants leads to reduced crop yields and plant death.
- Problematic because it developed resistance to many insecticides.
- Farmers continue using these insecticides and BT crops rather than other measures continuing the issue.





Beetle Traps

- Currently, traps spread across the fields are used to count and predict the estimated number of beetles in an area.
- A drone is used to take pictures and manually count the number of beetles in each trap.
- Farmers tend to use this less due to the convenience of using insecticides and BT corn.
- Predicting and avoiding large beetle populations can save lots of money for farmers and prevent beetles from developing resistance.





Details about measurement

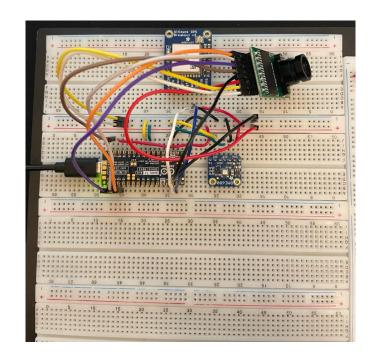
- Camera
 - Save photo
 - Name in .CSV for ease of use
- BME
 - Environmental data
 - Compare amounts to other measurements like temp
- RTC
 - Timestamp (in .CSV)
- GPS
 - Location for trap validation



Details about board

Components:

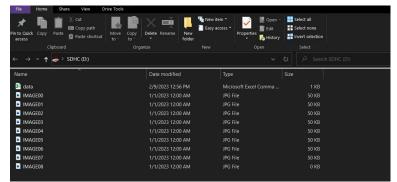
- Arduino Nano
 - Lighter and more powerful than the mega. Ideal for ML task mounted on drone.
- Arducam 2MP camera (i2c & SPI)
- Ultimate GPS (combined RTC) (UART)
- BME680 (i2c)





Details about data acquisition

- Format of the Data
 - Save Image
 - Write CSV
 - Measurements
 - Image name
 - Time to save image



```
> void writeCSV(String picname, String speed_knots, String direction) { ...
}
String picturename = "IMAGE00.JPG";
> void getphoto() { ...
}

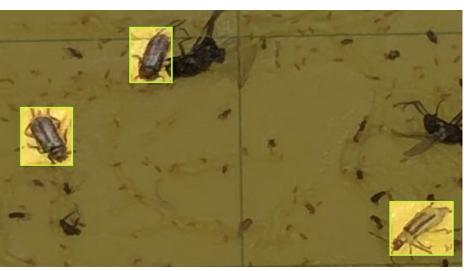
myFiley.print(_TIME_);myFiley.print(",");myFiley.print(_DATE_);myFiley.print(",");
myFiley.print(picname);myFiley.print(",");myFiley.print(speed_knots);myFiley.print(",");myFiley.println(direction);
Serial.println("Finished writing to file.");
lcd.setCursor(0,1);
lcd.print("Closing");
myFiley.close();
```



Data Analysis

Labeled Dataset







Cropping

- Idea: cropping the background out makes the job easier on the ML model
- Problem: finding the boundaries of the trap and transforming the shape into a rectangle
- Use "magic wand" algorithm to find boundary of yellow trap
 - Closely related to color filtering
- Warp quadrilateral boundary into rectangle ("perspective mapping")

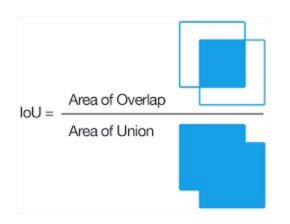


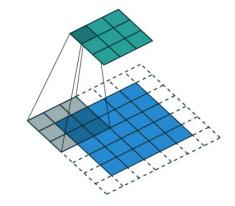




Machine Learning Terminology

- Intersection over Union (IoU)
 - Quantifies degree of overlap between two regions
- Precision
 - Proportion of predicted positives that were correct
- Recall
 - Proportion of actual positives that were predicted correctly
- Average Precision
 - Area under precision-recall curve, calculated class-wise
- mean Average Precision (mAP)
- Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
 - Great for Computer Vision
 - Extracts high-level features like edges

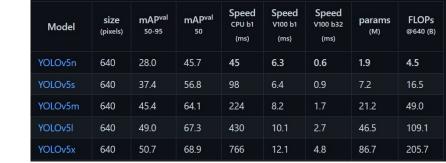




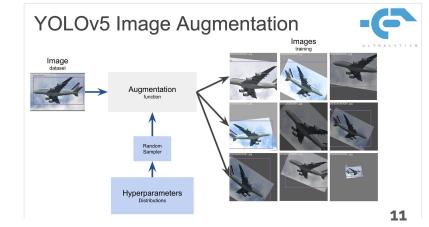


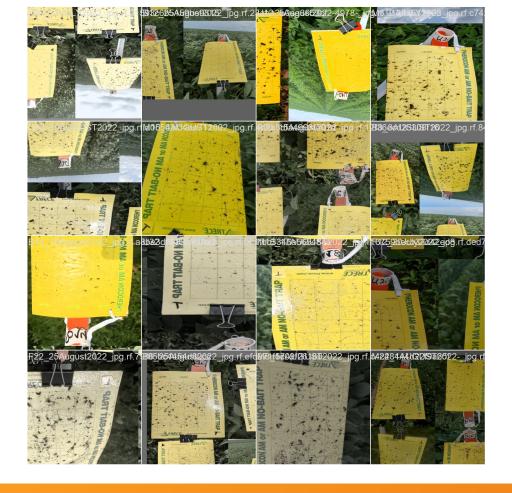
YOLOv5

- ~250 images, 41 beetles
- 80-20 train-test split
- Excellent computer vision AI for object detection and image classification
- Preprocessing methods:
 - Cropping
 - Normalization
- Data augmentation methods:
 - RandomPerspective
 - Mosaic
 - Vertical/Horizontal Flip
- Outputs bounding box location

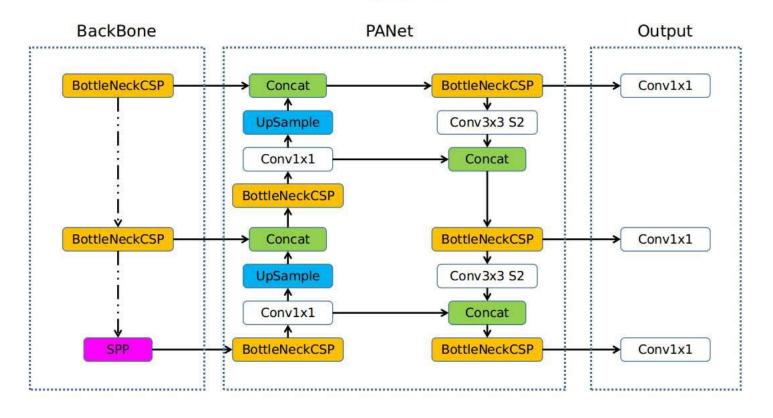








Overview of YOLOv5

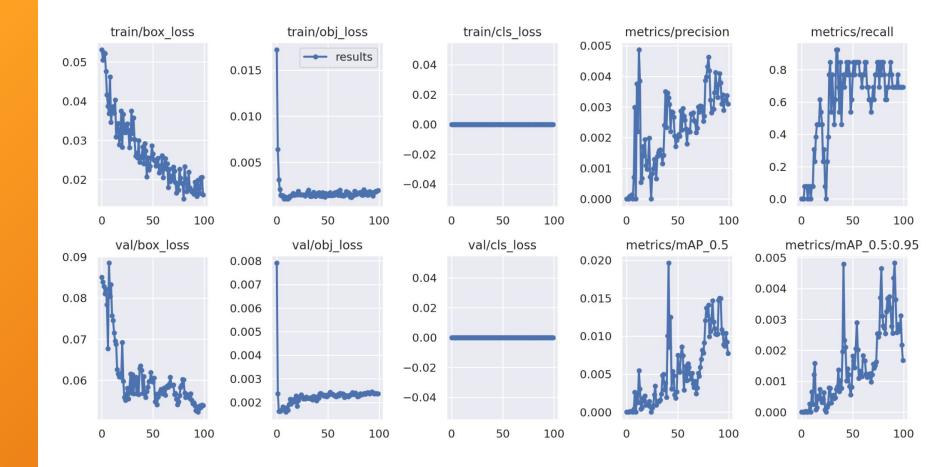












Trouble along the way...

- GPS Data reading
 - Satellite communication problem
- Code Complications
 - Looking into writing library
- Arduino Nano interface complications
- Making model more accurate (mAP)
- CAD Model (Air flow)



Plans

- PCB and case development
- Continue cropping
- Color filtering (detecting beetles by looking at the color)
- Vertical trap images currently we only have angled trap images
- Testing using spare traps
- Implementing ML model into part of data acquisition

Future Prospects

- Integrating a drone to help take pictures of traps in the field.
- Adding an ultrasonic module (to help find the right height to capture picture (HC-SR04)





Thank you for listening!

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