

UAV high-throughput phenotyping Summary

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List of spectral vegetation indices developed

| Feature Name | Formula | Abbreviation |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Canopy Cover | - | CC |
| 95 th percentile Canopy Height | $CHM = DSM - DTM$ | CH |
| Canopy Volume | - | CV |
| Average Excess Green Index | $ExG = 2G - R - B$ | ExG |
| Average Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) | $\frac{NIR - R}{NIR + R}$ | NDVI |
| Average Normalized Difference Red Edge Index (NDRE) | $\frac{NIR - RE}{NIR + RE}$ | NDRE |

NOTE: CHM: Canopy Height Model, DTM: Digital Terrain Model, DSM: Digital Surface Model. Reflectance obtained in the red band is denoted by R, green band by G, red edge by RE, and near infrared by NIR.

UAV Data Collection and Processing Update

| Location | Flights | UAS-Hub Project created | Processing & Data Delivery | Notes |
|-----------------------------|---------|---|---|--|
| TX-College Station/McGregor | 25 | 2022 College Station Winter Wheat/ 2022 McGregor Wheat | CC, CH, CV, ExG, NDVI, NDRE [†] | McGregor NDVI and NDRE not processed yet |
| TX-Amarillo Irrigated | 23 | 2022 Amarillo Irrigated | CC, CH, CV, ExG, NDVI, NDRE | - |
| Kansas-Colby | 12 | 2022 Colby Wheat | CC, CH, CV, ExG, NDVI, NDRE | - |
| Kansas-Hays | 7 | 2022 Hays Wheat | CC, CH, CV, ExG, NDVI, NDRE | Need to re-upload the 06/16 flight |
| UC Davis | 9 | 2022 DA Wheat Irrigation | CC, CH, CV, ExG, NVDI, NDRE | - |

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| Idaho | 11 | 2022 Idaho Wheat | Waiting for boundary correction | - |
| Cornell | 2 | 2022 Cornell Wheat | Expected Delivery: 10/31/2022 | Needed Plot Layout (received 9/28/2022) |
| WSU (Washington) | 4 | 2022 Washington Wheat | Expected Delivery: 10/31/2022 | Need Plot Layout (contacted on 8/27/2022) |
| UIUC | 8 | 2022 UIUC Wheat – St. Peter | Expected Delivery: 10/31/2022 | Need Plot Layout (received 9/28/2022) |
| UNL Lincoln/Sidney | 4/6 | 2022 UNL Wheat – Lincoln | Expected Delivery: 10/31/2022 | Lincoln: Need GCPs & re-upload 0602_sfyld flight Sidney: Need GCPs & re-upload 0527_multi, 0616_multi, 0616_rgb, 0718_multi flights |
| USU (Utah) | 6 | 2022 Utah Wheat | Expected Delivery 10/31/2022 | Need to re-upload 06/21 and 07/05 flights |

Programs that will process their own UAS data

- Example programs
 - Colorado State University
 - Oklahoma State University
 - Virginia Tech
- Tasks
 - Report the number of flights
 - Status of data analysis
 - Submit to T3



Bottlenecks: Efficient Data Processing & Delivery

- Programs use different sensors (from the proposed sensors and platforms - See User's Manual)
- Programs not following data collection and transferring protocol
 - Data upload protocol not followed: uploading photos individually, instead of uploading the whole flight as a single zip file.
 - Field layout not clearly documented
 - Incomplete submission (have to wait for GCP survey results to start processing)
 - Problems with GCPs
 - Some programs used white square plates as GCPs without a black & white cross pattern
 - GCPs were removed or covered by plants

Bottlenecks: Efficient Data Processing & Delivery

- Boundary creation and matching with field layout is very time-consuming (read the manual)
 - Takes 2-3 days to do boundary delineation for a single field
- If no dataset collected before plant emergence (read the manual)
 - Certain phenotypic features (canopy height and canopy volume) can't be reliably computed
 - Long process
 - interpolation procedure to create the Digital Terrain Model
 - Requires a significant manual process and takes a lot of time and effort

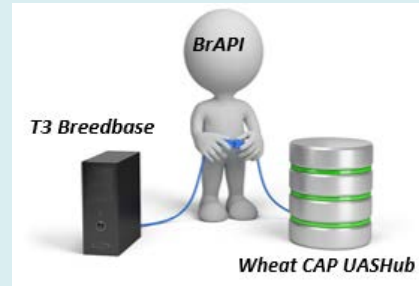
Bottlenecks: Efficient Data Processing & Delivery

- Please read and follow the User's Manual
- Each of the 19 programs is allowed 1 location, two acres, two sensors (RGB and Multi-spectral), 10 flights
- The location must be a spatially continuous field. When you have two fields that are smaller than 1 acre each and they are not spatially connected, it will be considered as two locations even though the total area is less than 2 acres.
- Fly only the WheatCAP germplasm
- Train students to do the plot boundaries (see Manual)
- Submit your data as soon as possible after each flight
- Please send your field layout and plot details in Excel templates ASAP (See Manual)
- Smooth transfer of field layout and plot detail from programs to T3 and UAS-Hub is of paramount importance and requires cooperation
- The UAS-Hub and A&M team is not a service component

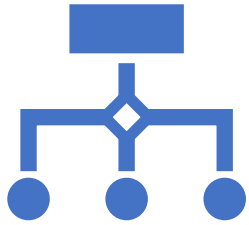
PYTHON CODE DEVELOPMENT

- BrAPI – Breeding Application Programming Interface
 - Interchanging plant phenotypic and genotypic information between crop breeding applications
 - The Python code gets input as the Trial_id and gives a response in the form of plot map information in csv format.

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env python
2 # coding: utf-8
3
4 ### Importing the libraries
5
6 # In[1]:
7
8
9 import requests
10 import pandas as pd
11 import numpy as np
12
13
14 ##### Input the Trial_ID
15
16 # In[2]:
17
18
19 #--Specifying the ID of the trial to collect from T3
20 trial_id = 9324
21
22
23 # In[3]:
24
25
26 #--Connecting to the T3 Breedbase using the endpoints
27 auth_key = "xathjomydyqaphonizvmschintyzvzhccoaithzifngdzsbmzrqvufjowdmbLvqaymLmb" #--not really in a
28
29 api_base_url = "https://wheatcap.triticacn.toolbox.org"
30
31 endpoint_path = f"/brapi/v2/observationunits?studyObId={trial_id}&pageSize=1000" #--Page size was kept a
32
33 endpoint = f"{api_base_url}{endpoint_path}"
34
35 head = {"Authorization": 'token {}'.format(auth_key)}
36
37 #----The request
38 r = requests.get(endpoint, headers=head)
39
40
41 olani@ISMAL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/GDSL/BrAPI
42 $ python BrAPI_Plots_08-02-22.py
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WORK IN PROGRESS



PULL – done (Plot Map Information)



PUSH from UAShub DB to T3 Breedbase DB

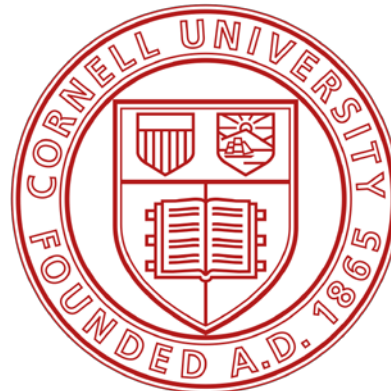
Pushing phenotypic information.

Studying the data structure of T3 DB.

Linking the data from T3 with a unique identifier

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UAS Hub Technical Support

- For technical support with the Wheat CAP UAS Hub, contact Jose L. Scott at: jose.landivarscott@ag.tamu.edu
- Office: (361) 265-9201
 - Access
 - Project creation
 - Data submission
 - Data download
 - Etc.

