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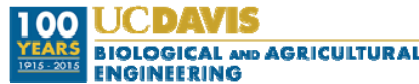


智慧農業機器人： 當前最佳狀態和未來方向

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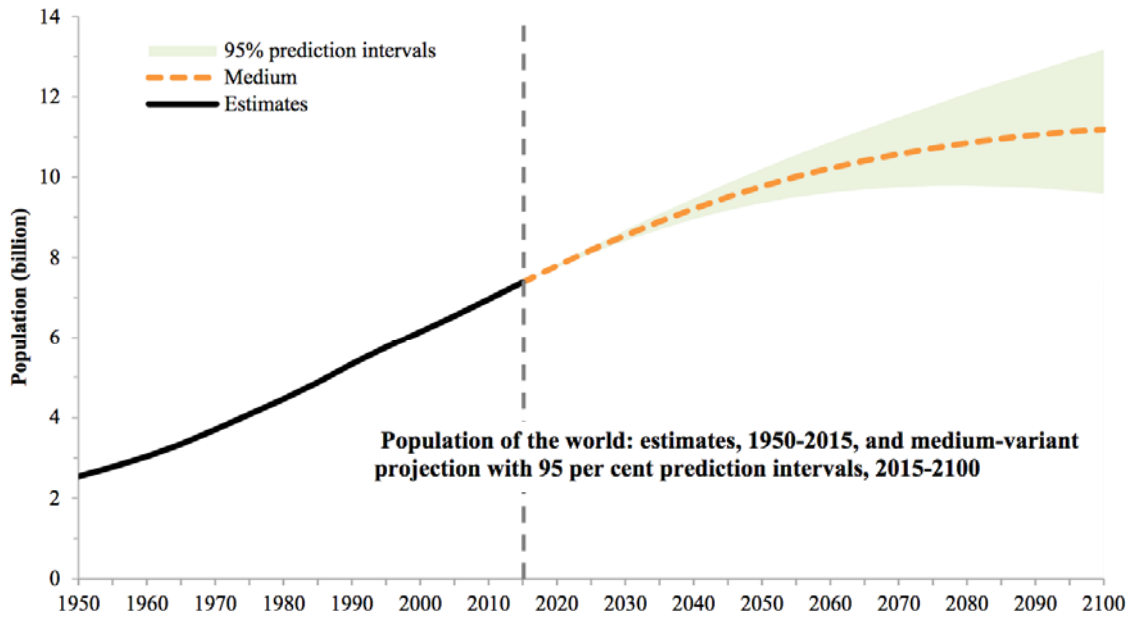
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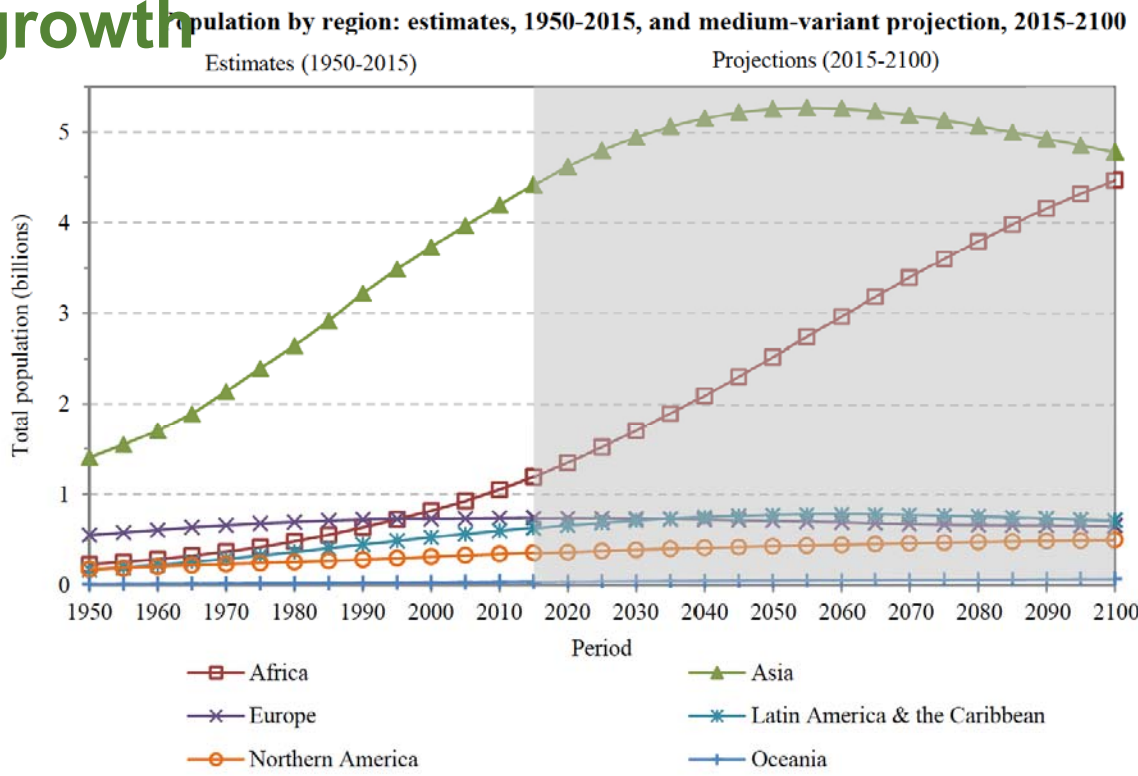
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Trend: Population growth



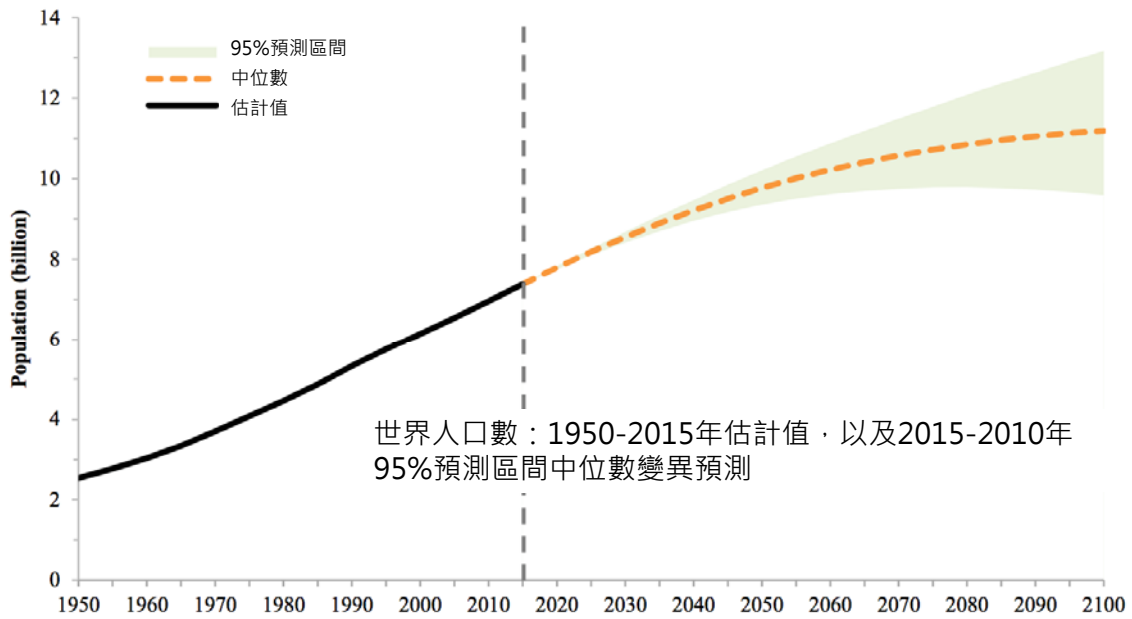
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Population growth per region



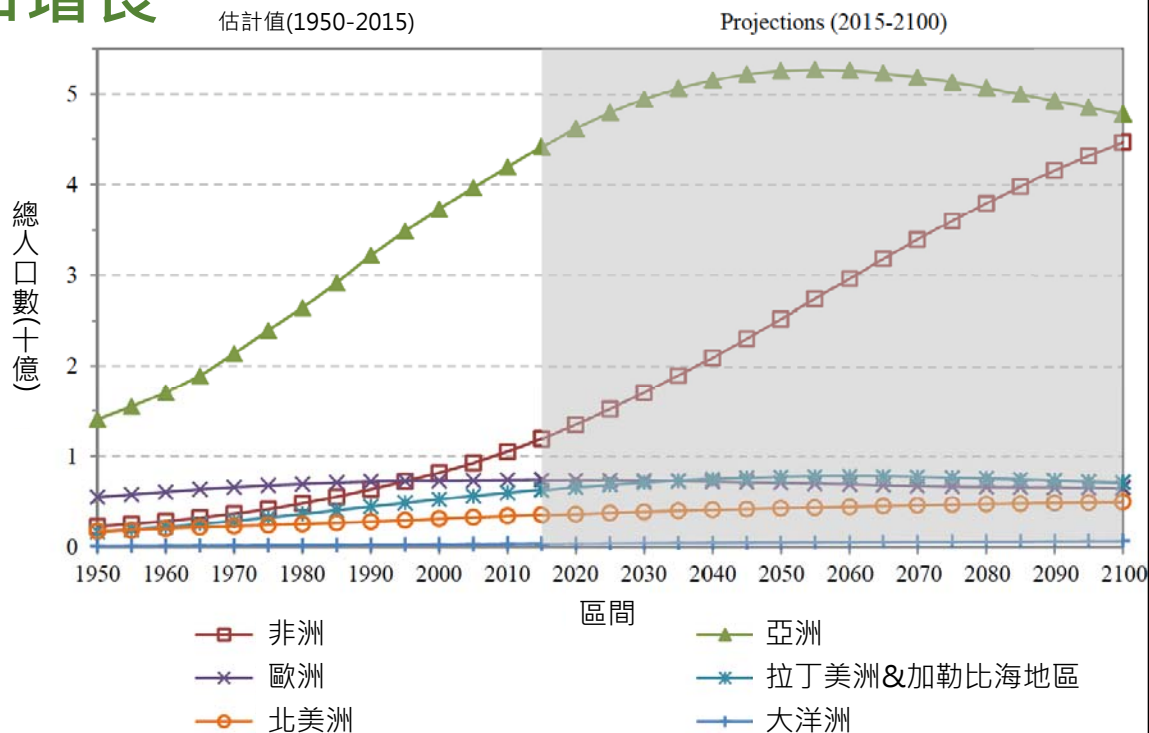
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趨勢：人口增長



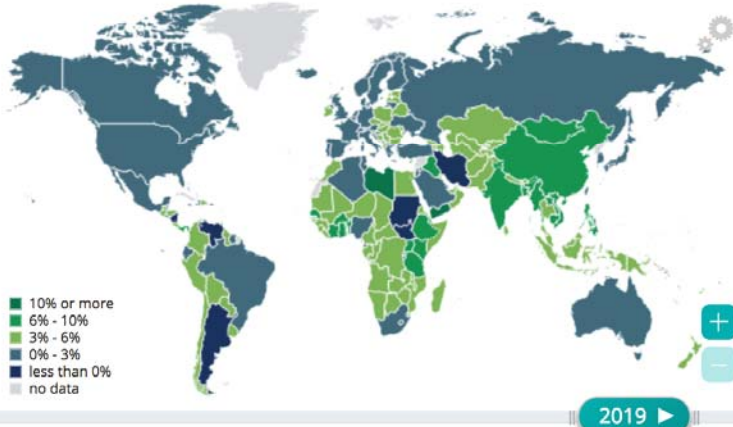
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不同地區人口增長



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Annual percent change



country **region** analytical group

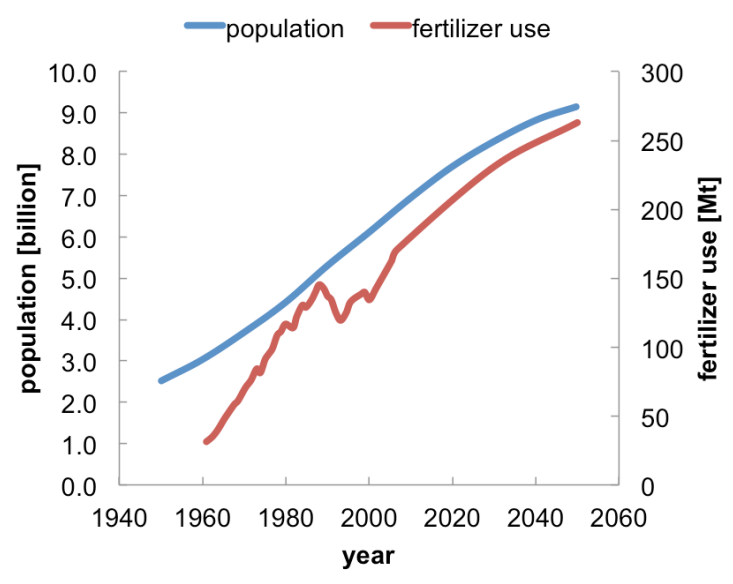
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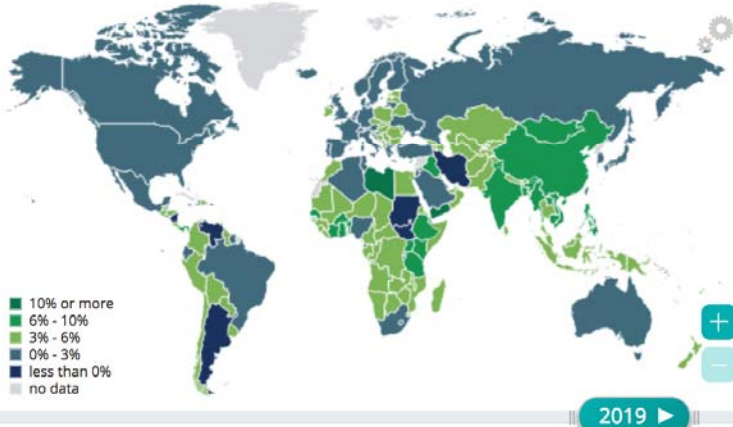
Trend: GDP growth

Trend: Increasing environmental impact

world population and fertilizer use



Annual percent change



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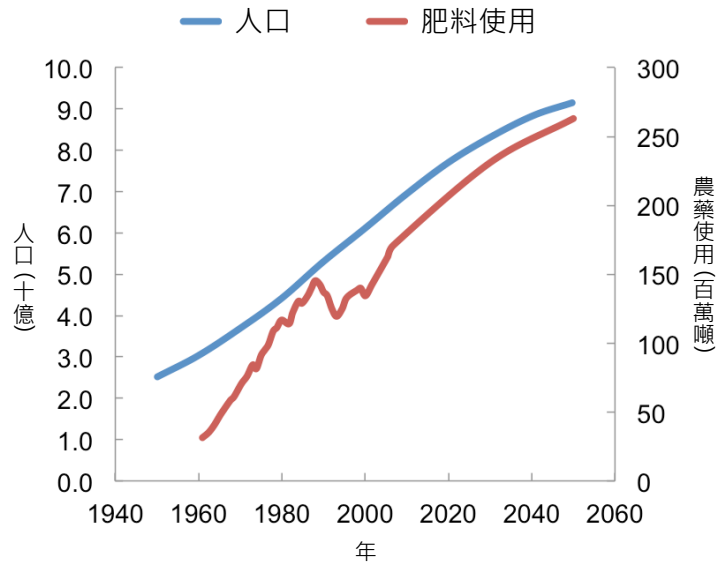
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趨勢：國內生產毛額 (GDP) 成長

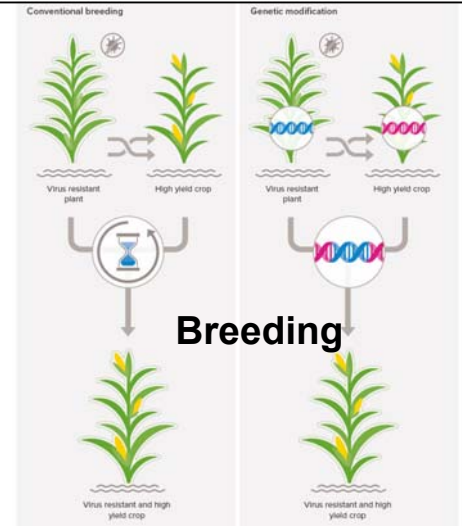
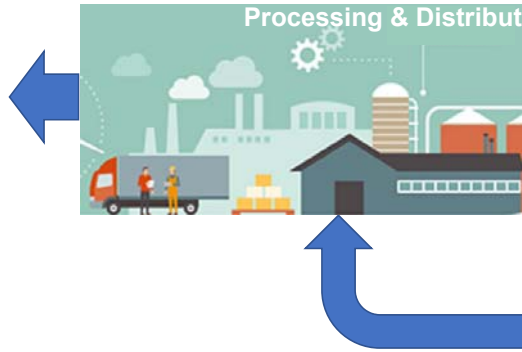
趨勢：環境影響增加

世界人口和肥料使用



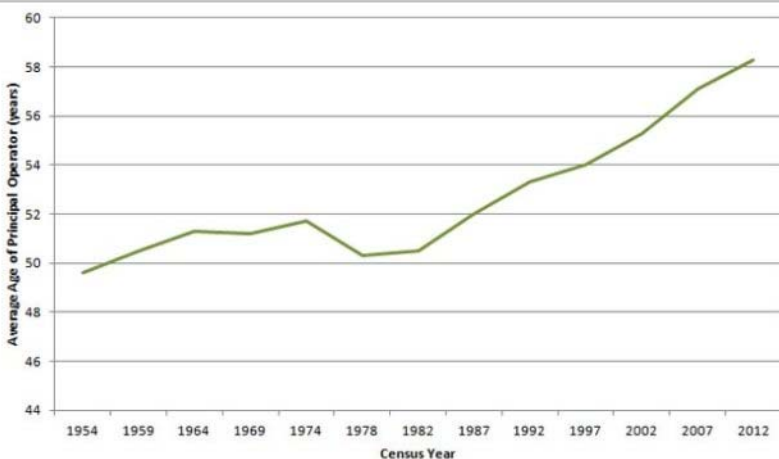
AGRI-FOOD Chain

Challenge #1: Increase sustainably the supply of food, feed, fuel & fiber.



Trends: Aging farmer population and farm labor shortage

Average age of U.S. farmers



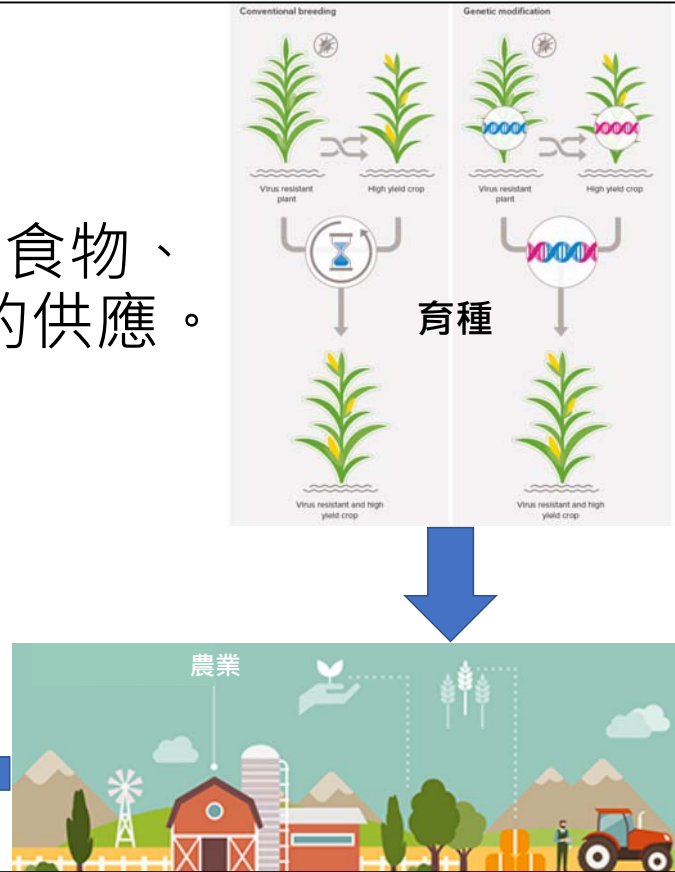
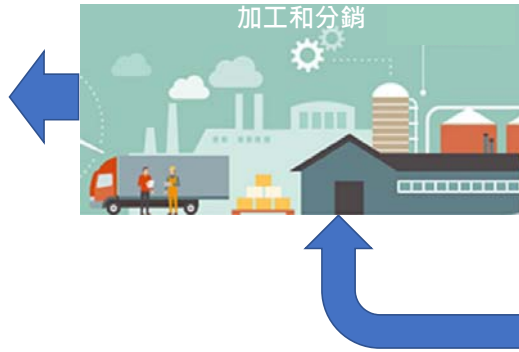
U.S. Hired Farm Workers & Wage Rates 1910 - 2010



USDA-NRCS, September 2010

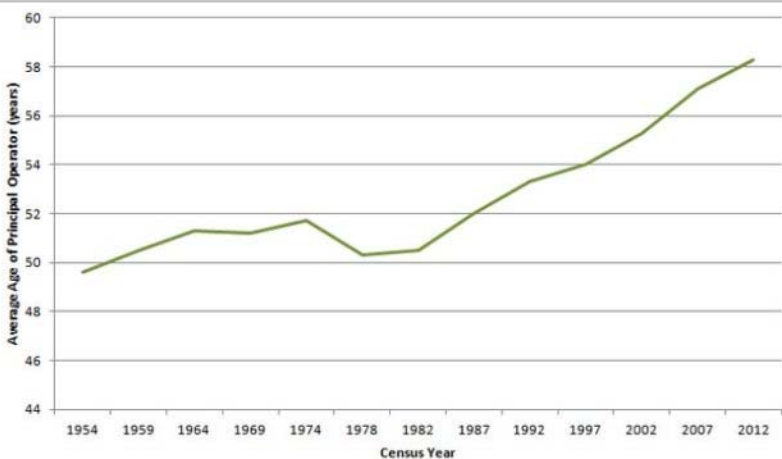
農業食品鏈

挑戰 # 1：永續增加食物、飼料、燃料和纖維的供應。

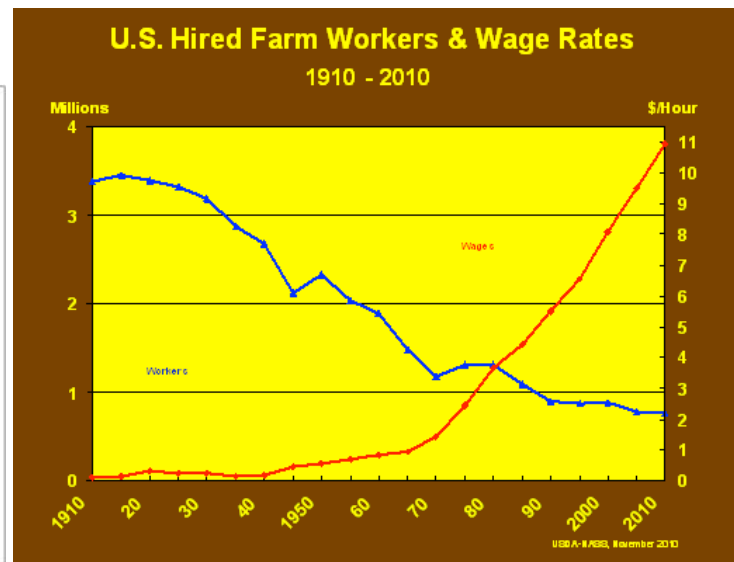


趨勢：農民人口高齡化和農業勞動力短缺

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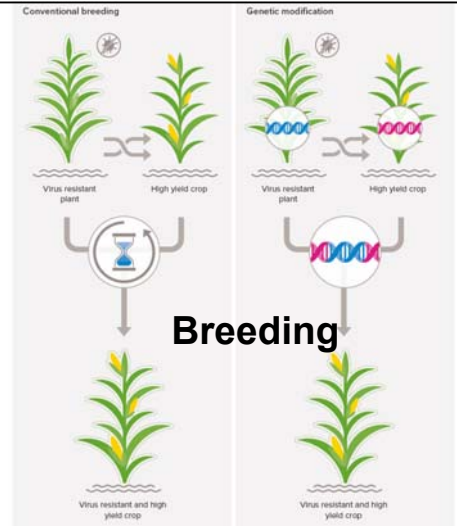


美國農場受雇勞動者和工資



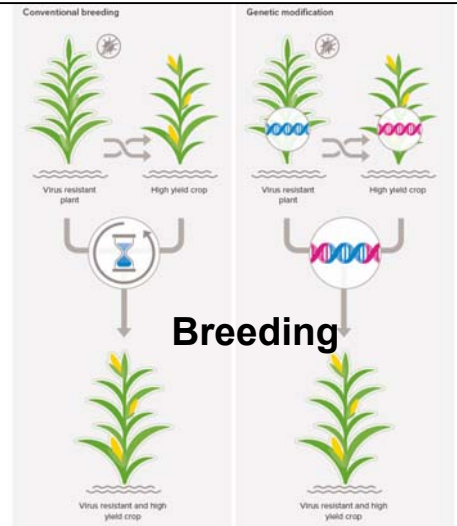
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Challenge #2: Address farm labor shortages.



“Smart Agriculture”

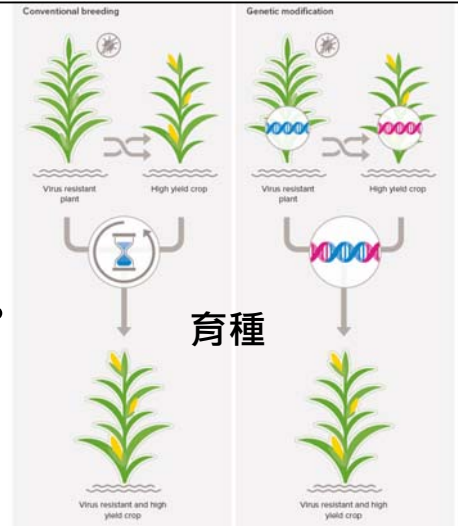
The use of technology (e.g., robots, sensors, data, algorithms, cloud) to increase the output & efficiency of the agri-food chain.



農業食品鏈



挑戰 # 2 :
解決農業勞動力短缺問題。

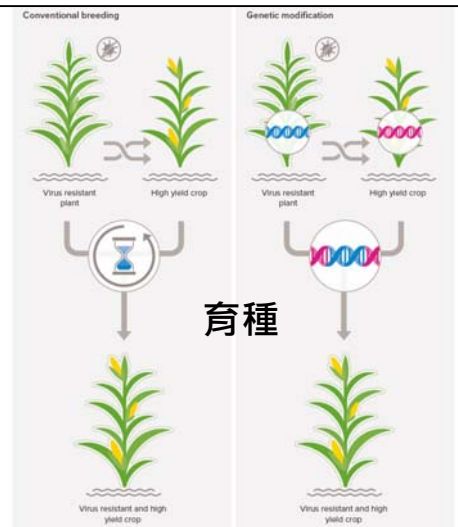


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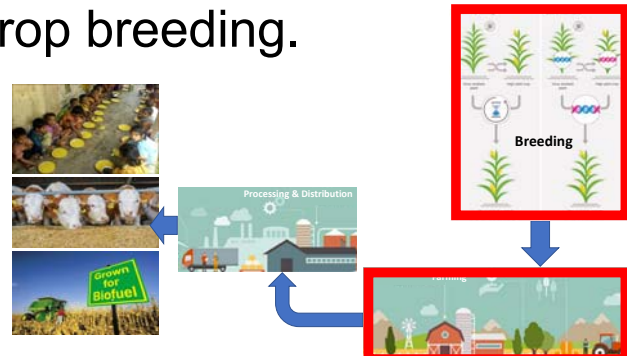
使用技術（例如：機器人、感應器、數據、演算法、雲端）來提高農業食品鏈的產量和效率。



育種

Agricultural robotic technologies

- They offer automated sensing and actuation services.
- Intended primarily for implementing:
 - Precision agriculture for crop production.
 - Labor savings for crop production.
 - High-throughput phenotyping for crop breeding.
- Applications in livestock and fish farming are not covered today.



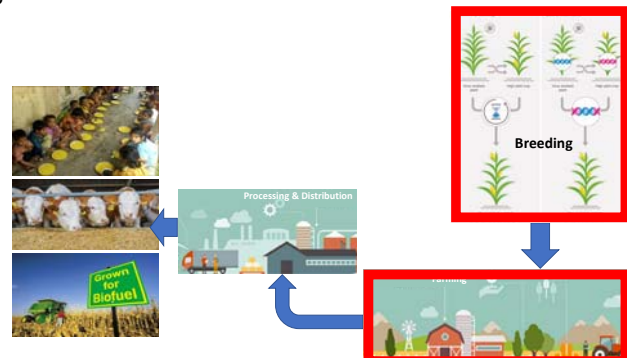
Agricultural robot types for crops

- Flying vehicles.
- Self-propelled ground vehicles.
- Smart implements.



農業機器人技術

- 提供自動感應和驅動服務。
- 主要用於：
 - 精準農業。
 - 節省作物生產所需的勞動力。
 - 用於作物育種的高通量表型分析。
- 不包含在家畜和漁業養殖中的應用



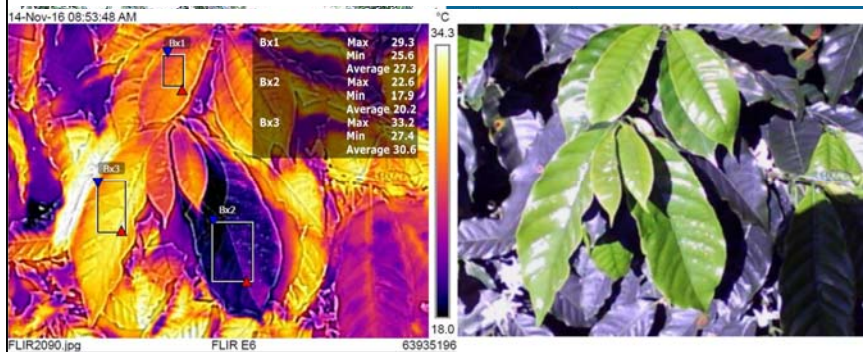
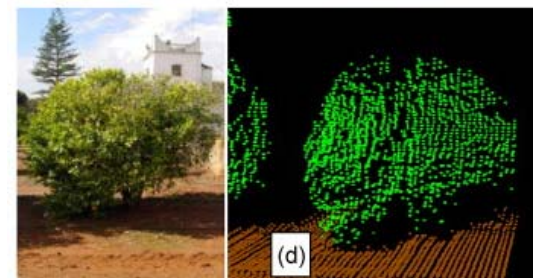
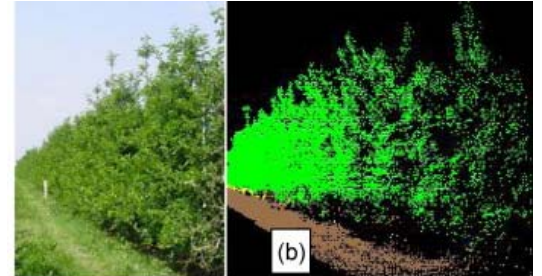
農業機器人種類

- 飛行器
- 自動式地面車輛
- 智慧工具



Agricultural robots - Sensors

- Robots use *sensors* to gather data;
e.g.:
 - GNSS.
 - LIDAR.
 - 2D and 3D Cameras.
 - Thermal & multispectral imaging.



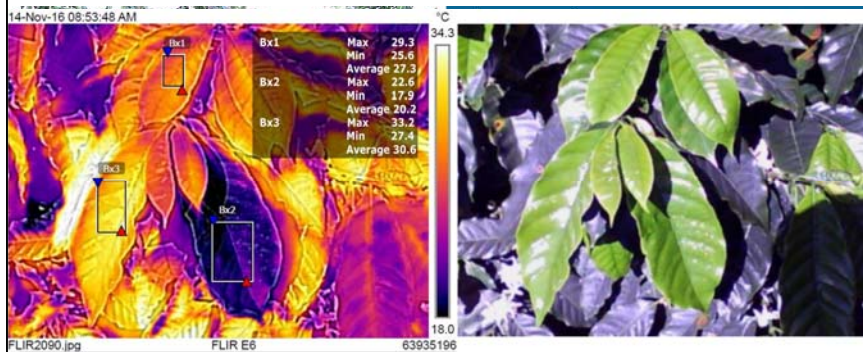
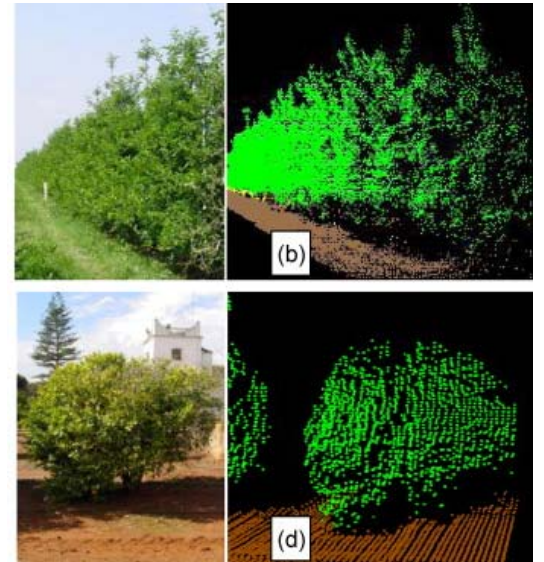
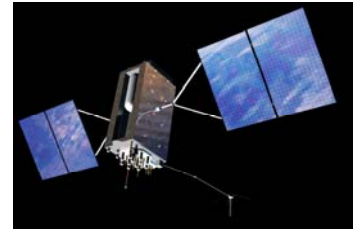
Agricultural robots - Actuators

- Robots use *actuators* to interact with crops and their environment.
- Mass delivery
 - Spray, fertilize.
- Mass removal
 - Prune, sample, harvest.
- Energy delivery
 - Heat, press, vacuum.



農業機器人 - 感應器

- 機器人使用感應器收集數據，例如：
 - 全球導航衛星系統 (GNSS)
 - 光學雷達 (Lidar)
 - 2D和3D相機。
 - 熱影像和多光譜影像。



農業機器人 - 趨動器

- 機器人使用趨動器與作物及其環境互動。
- 大量投遞
 - 噴灑、施肥。
- 大量移除
 - 修剪、採樣、收成。
- 能量輸送
 - 加熱、按壓、真空。

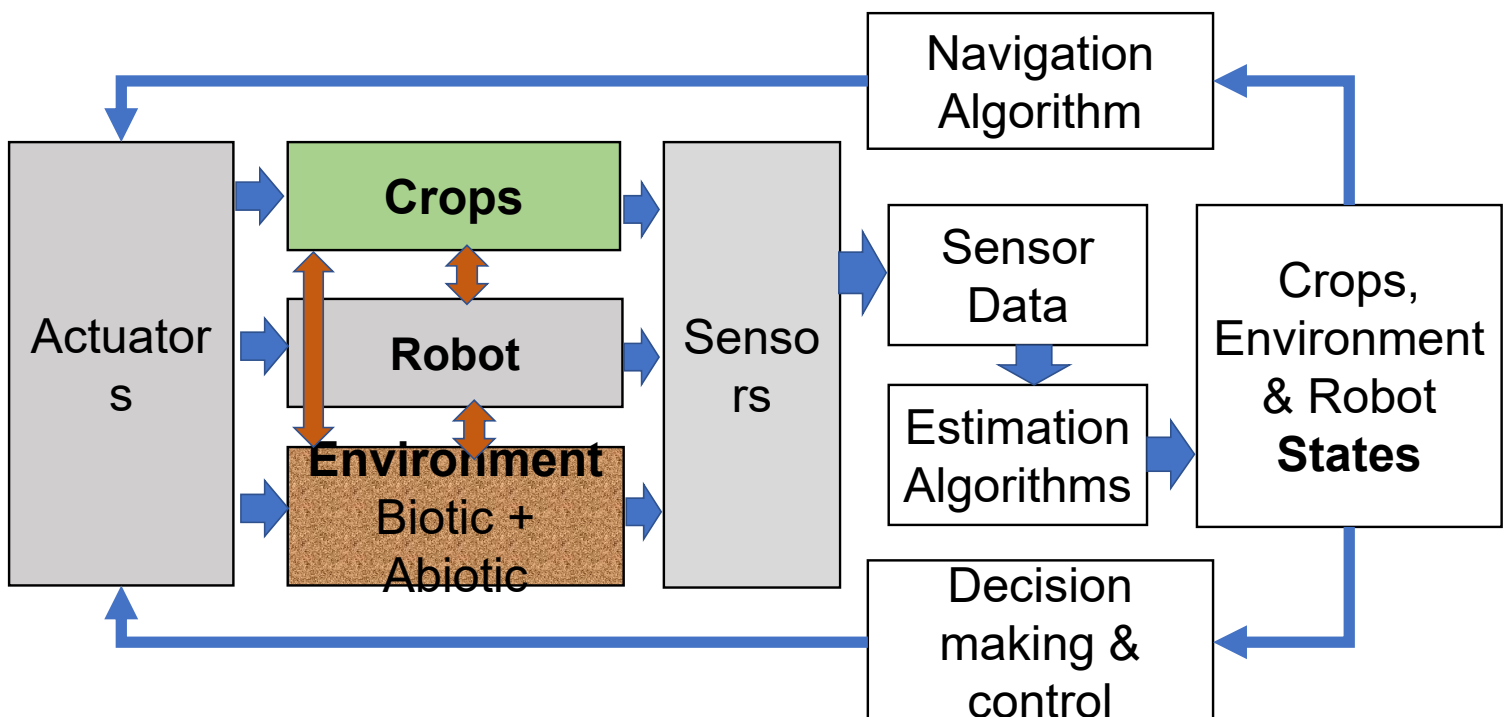


Agricultural robots - Algorithms

- Use real-time *algorithms* to:
 - Move/operate autonomously, safely and reliably (navigation).
 - Extract task-relevant information from sensor data (estimation).
 - Compute appropriate actions (decision making & control).



Agricultural robot operations

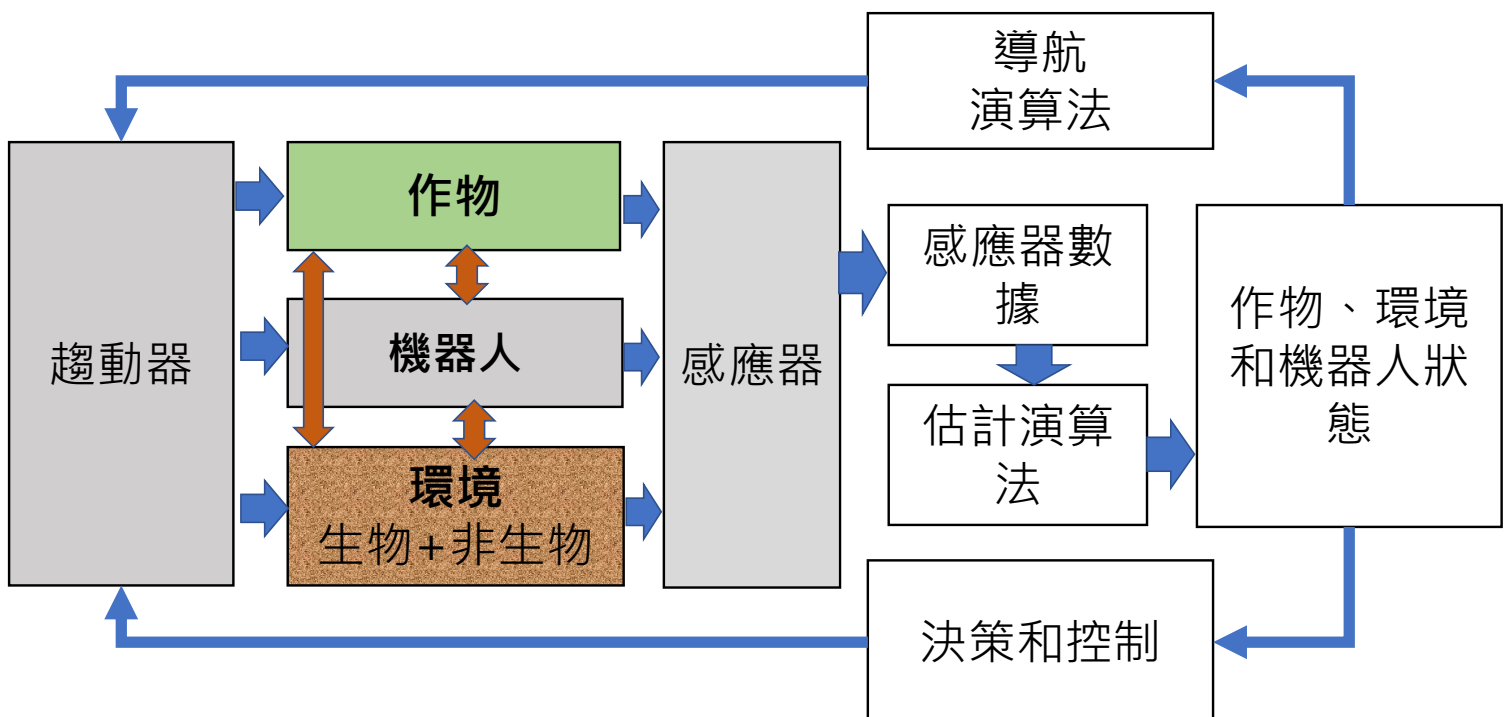


農業機器人 - 演算法

- 使用即時演算法：
 - 安全可靠地自動移動/操作 (導航) 。
 - 感應器數據提取任務相關訊息 (估算) 。
 - 計算適當的行動 (決策和控制) 。



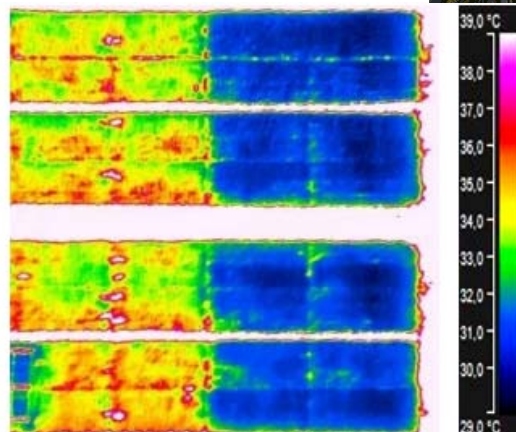
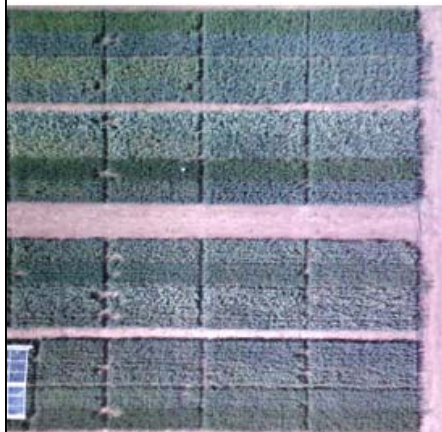
農業機器人操作



Categories of Ag robot operations

- Sense-only; no actuation upon crops or environment.
 - Crop scouting and phenotyping.

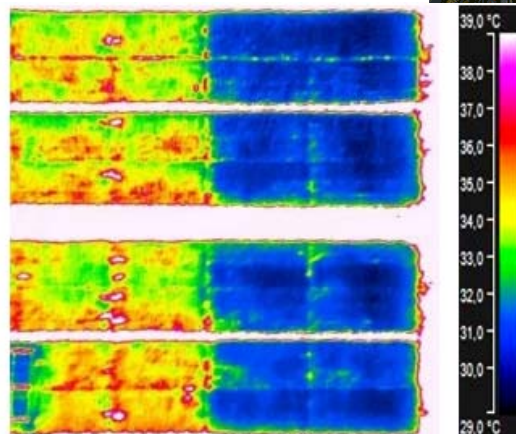
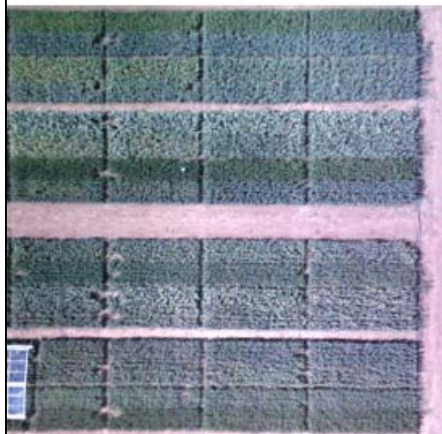
Sense-only: Crop imaging - scouting



農業機器人操作類別

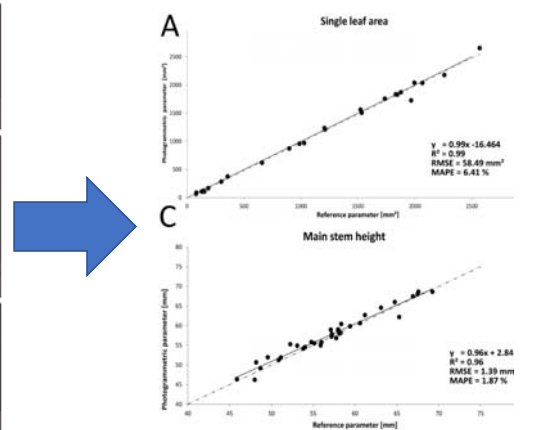
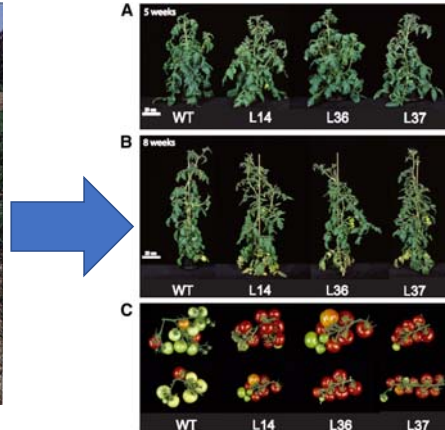
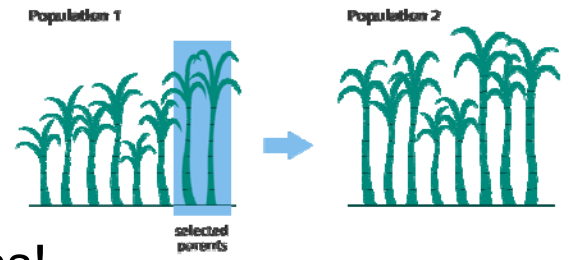
- 感應型：對作物或環境沒有驅動作用。
 - 作物偵察和表型分析。

感應型： 作物成像 - 偵察



Sense-only: Phenotyping

- Breed productive and resilient plants.
- A numbers 'game': try more combinations!
- Data collection and analysis are expensive & slow.



Sense-only: Phenotyping

- Robots can automate field data collection.

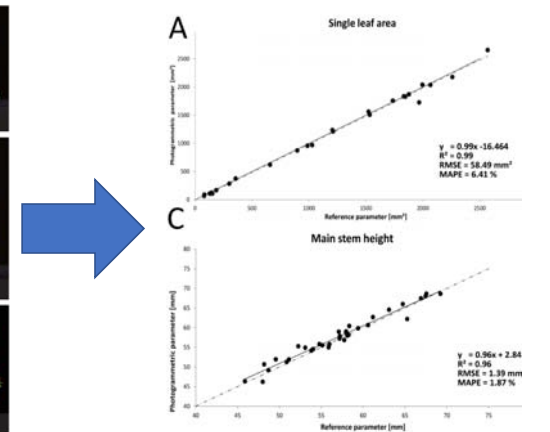
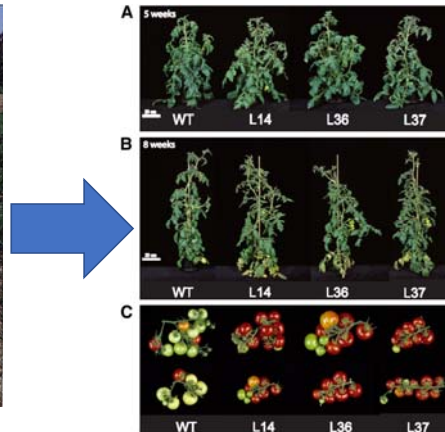
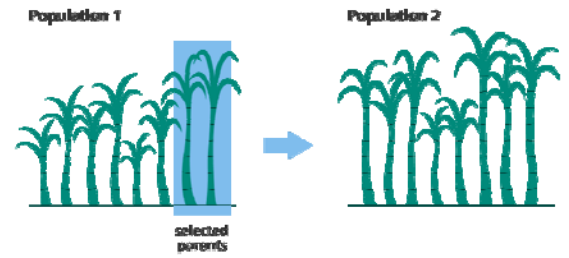
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感應型：表型分析

- 培育有生產力和適應力強的植物。
- 數字「遊戲」：嘗試更多組合！
- 數據收集和分析既昂貴又緩慢。



感應型：表型分析

- 機器人可以自動化田間數據收集。

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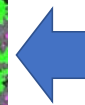
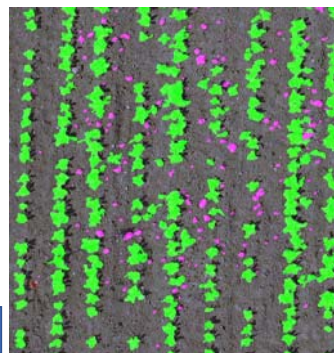
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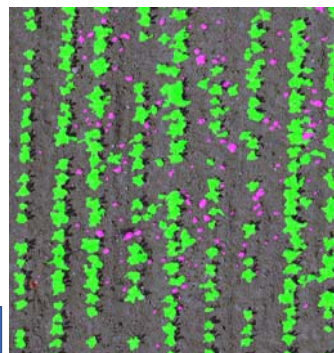
Sense; later, act selectively



農業機器人操作類別

- 感應型：
 - 作物偵察和表型分析。
- 先感應，後選擇性行動
 - 基於指示的精準農業。

先感應，後選擇性行動

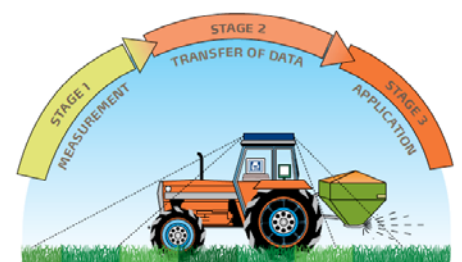


Categories of Ag robot operations

- Sense-only.
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- Sense only, and later, act selectively
 - Prescription-based precision farming.
- Sense and act selectively, in real-time.
 - On-the-go precision farming.
 - Weeding, thinning.
 - Harvesting fruits and vegetables.

Sense and act selectively, in real-time

- On-the-go precision farming (Variable Rate Applications).

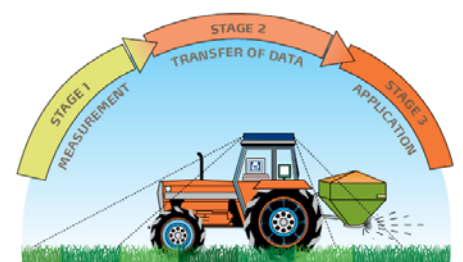


農業機器人操作類別

- 感應型：
 - 作物偵察和表型分析。
- 先感應，後選擇性行動
 - 基於指示的精準農業。
- 即時感測和選擇性行動
 - 即時反應的精準農業。
 - 除草、疏苗。
 - 採收水果和蔬菜。

即時感測和選擇性行動

- 即時反應的精準農業
(可變速率應用)



Sense and act selectively, in real-time

- Thinning and weeding (commercial technologies).



Sense and act selectively, in real-time

- Harvesting fruits and vegetables (prototype stage technologies).



即時感測和選擇性行動

- 疏苗和除草
(商業技術)



即時感測和選擇性行動

- 採收水果和蔬菜
(原型時期技術) 。



Sense and act selectively, in real-time

➤ Human-robot collaboration.



NRI: Robotic Harvest-Aiding Orchard Platforms

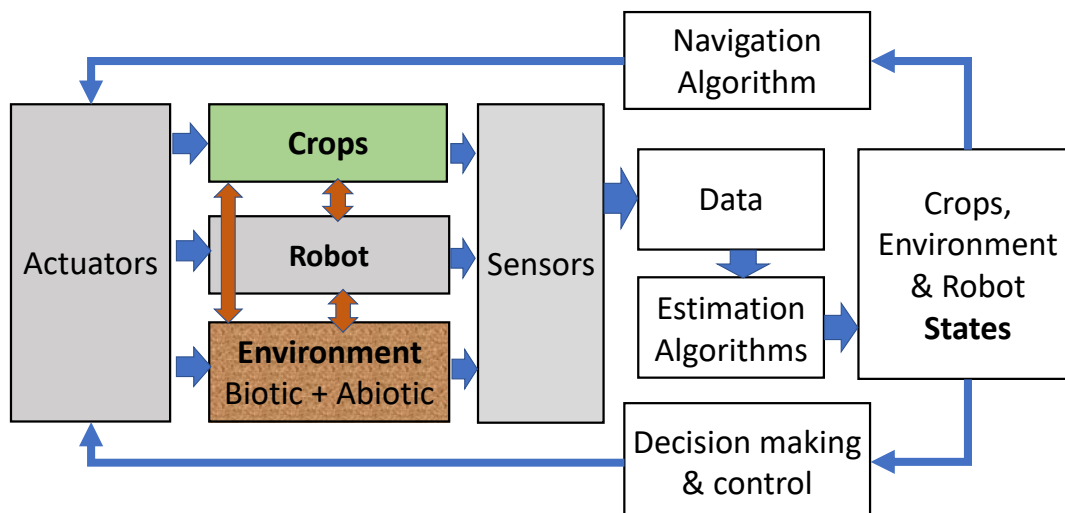


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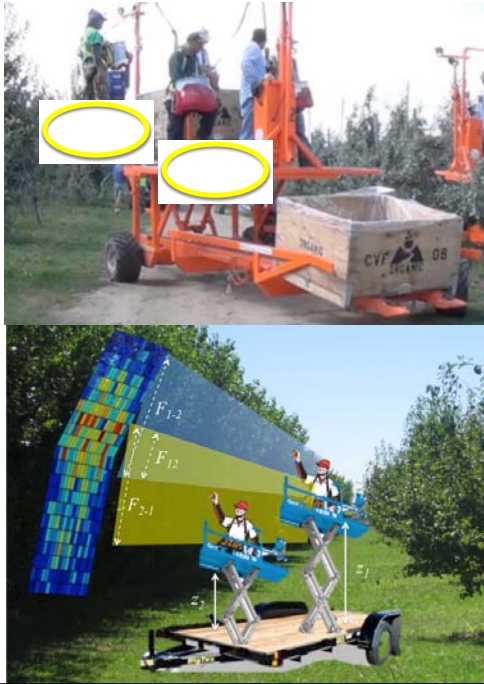


Challenges for Ag Robot Operations



即時感測和選擇性行動

➤ 人機協作。



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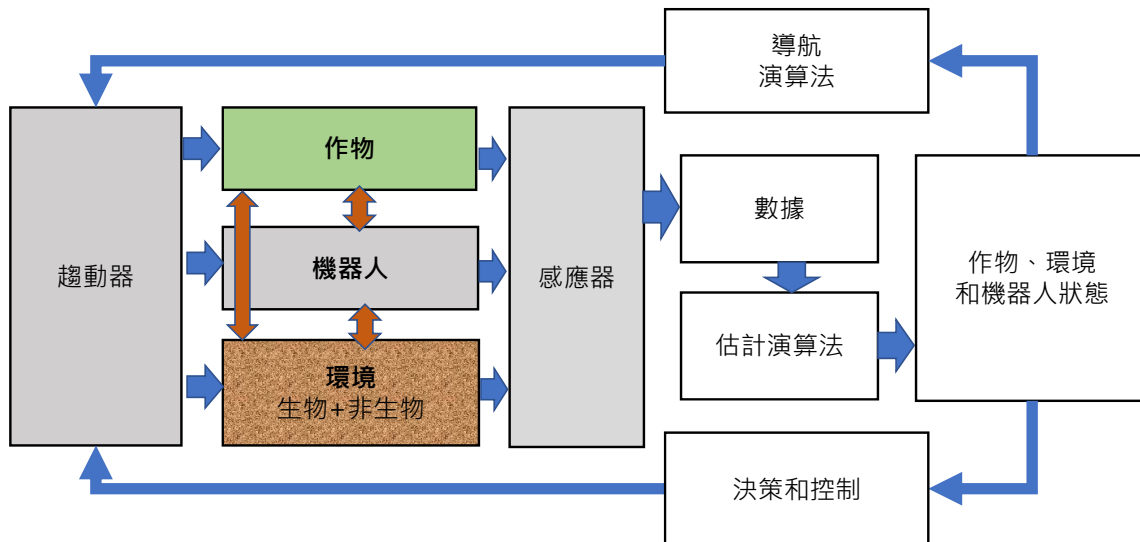
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農業機器人操作所面臨的挑戰

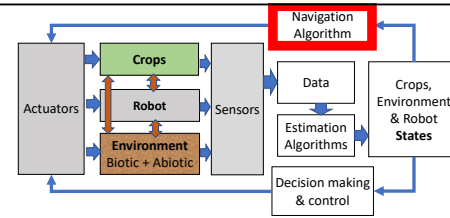


Navigation with unreliable GNSS

- **Goal:** Auto-guidance (e.g. in orchards), with accuracy, safety and reliability.

- **Challenges:**

- Biological, horticultural & environmental variability.
- Presence of people, animals, obstacles, and other machines.

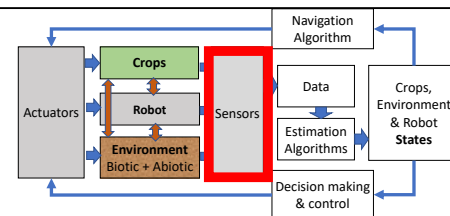


Sensing

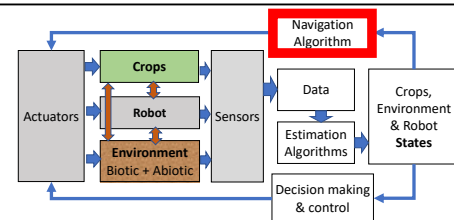
- **Goal:** Gather data relevant to crop and environment properties, at high throughput.

- **Challenges:**

- Dynamic, harsh environmental conditions;
- Complicated plant structures limit sensing (visibility);
- Large amounts of data (storage, transmission).



全球衛星導航系統的導航並不可靠



• 目標：準確、安全、可靠地自動導航（例如：在果園中）

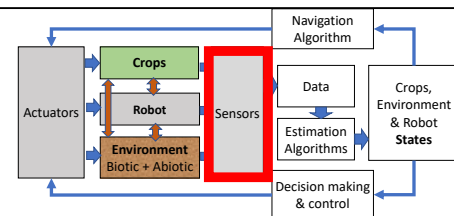
• 挑戰：

➢ 生物、園藝和環境變異。

➢ 人、動物、障礙、和其他機器的存在。



感測



• 目標：在高通量下收集與作物、環境特性相關的數據。

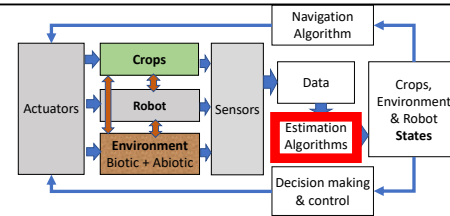
• 挑戰：

➢ 動態、惡劣的環境條件；

➢ 複雜的植物結構限制了感測（能見度）；

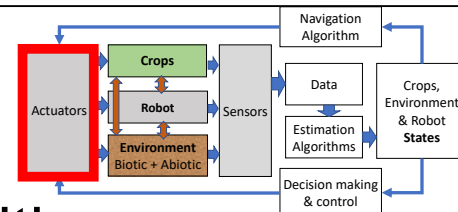
➢ 大量數據（存儲、傳輸）。

Estimation of crop & environment properties



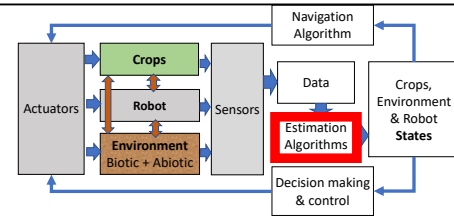
- **Goal:** Estimate crop and environment properties, from data, with *accuracy and precision*.
- **Challenges:**
 - Complexity and variability of plant responses.
 - Multiple causes can contribute toward a response.
 - Large amounts of data and compute power.

Actuation



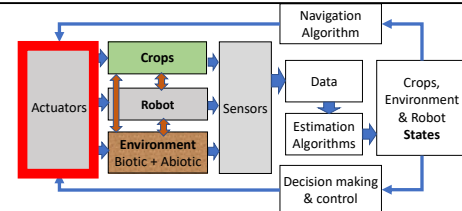
- **Goal:** Operate cost-effectively, with high speed and success rate.
- **Challenges:**
 - Plant tissues can be easily damaged.
 - Large variability in physical properties of the targeted plants or plant components.
 - Limited machine accessibility due to plant structure.

作物和環境特性估算



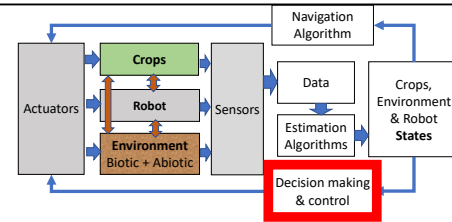
- 目標：根據數據，準確和精確地估算作物和環境特性。
- 挑戰：
 - 植物反應的複雜性和可變性。
 - 多種原因都會影響反應。
 - 大量數據和計算能力。

趨動



- 目標：以具成本效益的方式運營，高速和高成功率。
- 挑戰：
 - 植物組織很容易被破壞。
 - 目標植物或植物組成的物理性質變化大。
 - 由於植物結構，機器可達性有限。

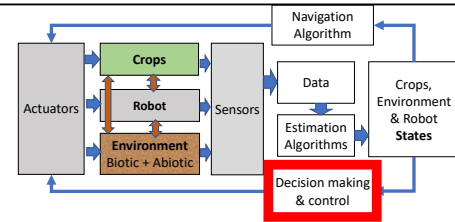
Decision making



- **Goal:** Map crop and environment properties into *management actions* that optimize cultivation objectives.
- **Challenges:**
 - Complexity and uncertainty in interactions of crop Genetics, Environment and crop Management (G×E×M).

Possible Future Directions

決策



- 目標：將作物和環境特性納入優化栽培目標的管理行動中。
- 挑戰：
 - 作物遺傳 (G)、環境 (E) 和作物管理 (M) 相互作用的複雜性和不確定性 ($G \times E \times M$)。

未來可能的方向

Teams of smaller robots

- The current trend:
- An alternative:



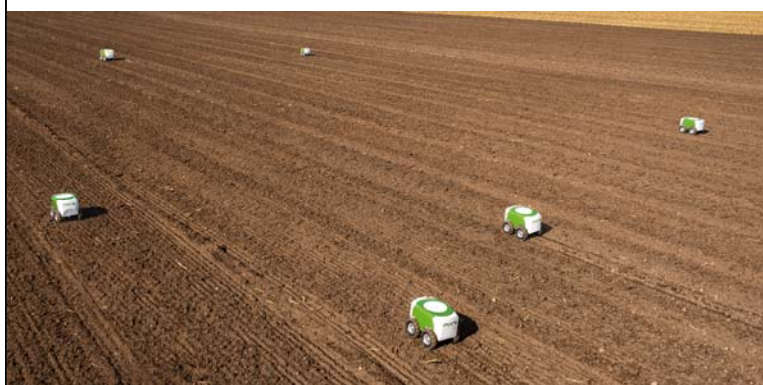
Teams of smaller robots

- Smaller robots may be affordable by small farmers too.



小型機器人團隊

- 目前趨勢：
- 另一種選擇：



小型機器人團隊

- 小農可能也負擔得起較小的機器人



Systems approach for robotic crop production

Engineering + Biology + Horticulture



- Co-develop plants (breed, train) and robots (design, program) to improve sensing and actuation.
- Introduce low-cost infrastructure to increase safety and reliability of robot operations.

Data sharing among Ag robots

- Robots collect and share data - via the cloud- from huge numbers of plants, at many different locations, under widely ranging environmental conditions and management strategies.
- Big data can be used to:
 - Calibrate models.
 - Train estimation algorithms.
 - Learn $G \times E \times M$ interactions.

用於機器人作物生產的系統方法

工程



+生物+



園藝



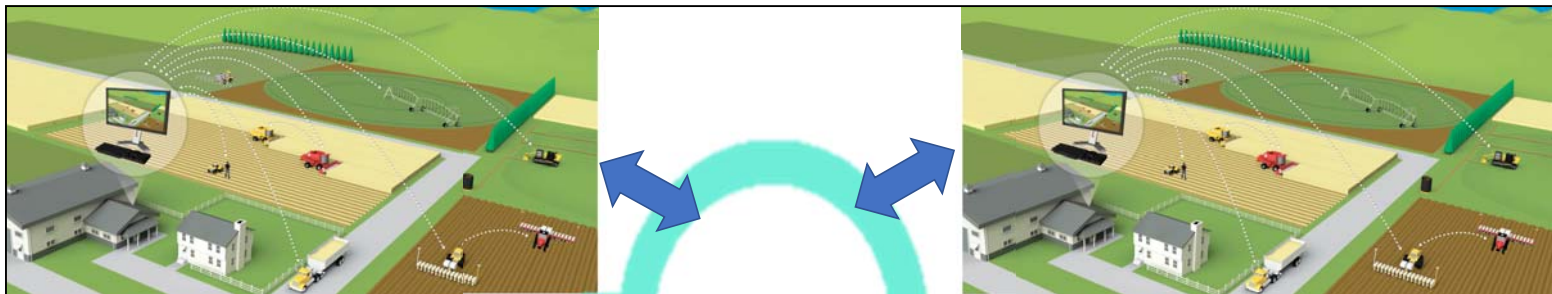
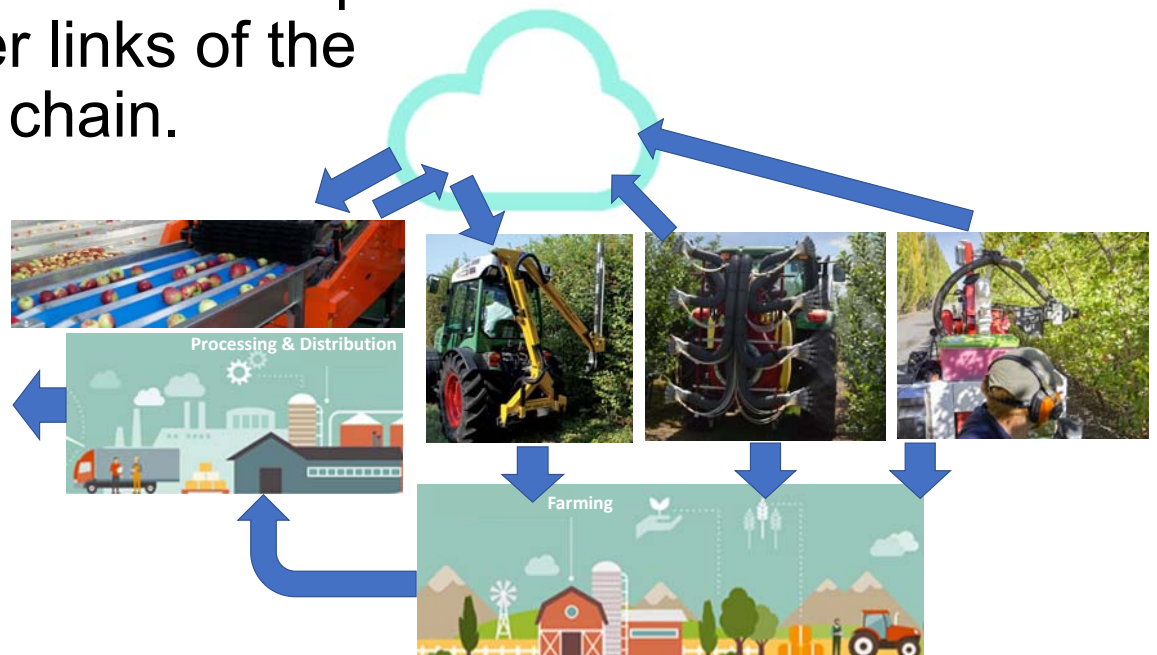
- 共同開發植物（育種、培育）和機器人（設計、程式）以改善感測和驅動。
- 引入低成本基礎設施，提高機器人操作的安全性和可靠性。

農業機器人之間的數據共享

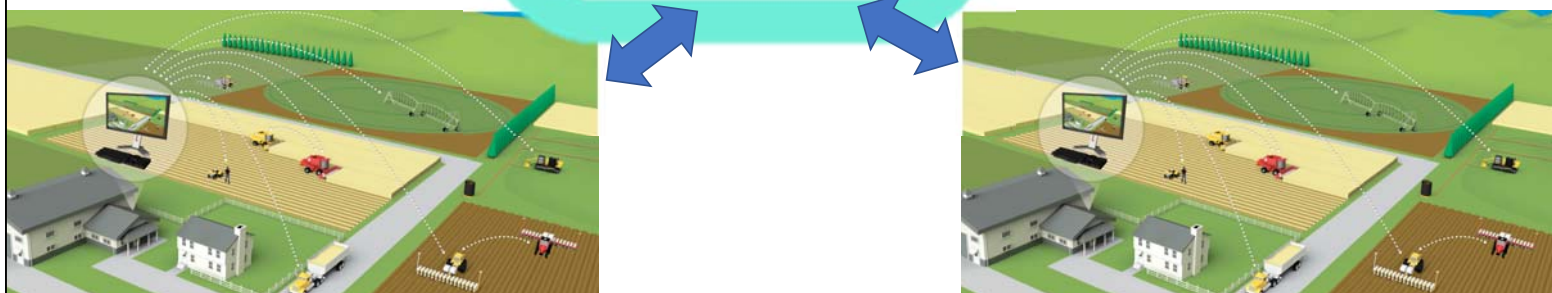
- 在廣泛的環境條件和管理策略下，機器人透過雲端，從位於許多不同地點的大量植物收集 and 共享數據。
- 大數據可用於：
 - 校正模型
 - 訓練估計演算法
 - 學習G×E×M互動

New data paths in the Agri-food chain

- Local decisions incorporate data from other links of the agri-food chain.

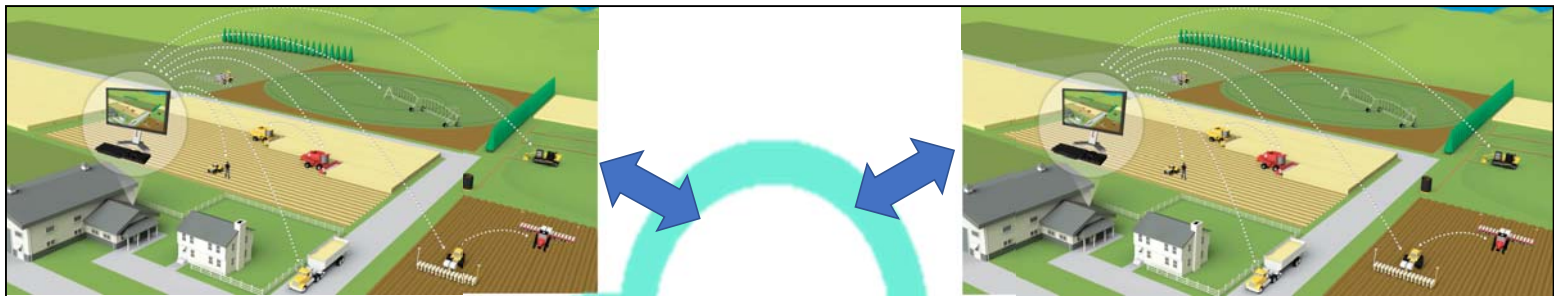


- Robots and sensors generate – and share – large amounts of data, in fields and the post-harvest chain.
- Distributed software helps optimize the entire agri-food chain.
- Ag robots are the physical components of a **Cyber-physical system**.

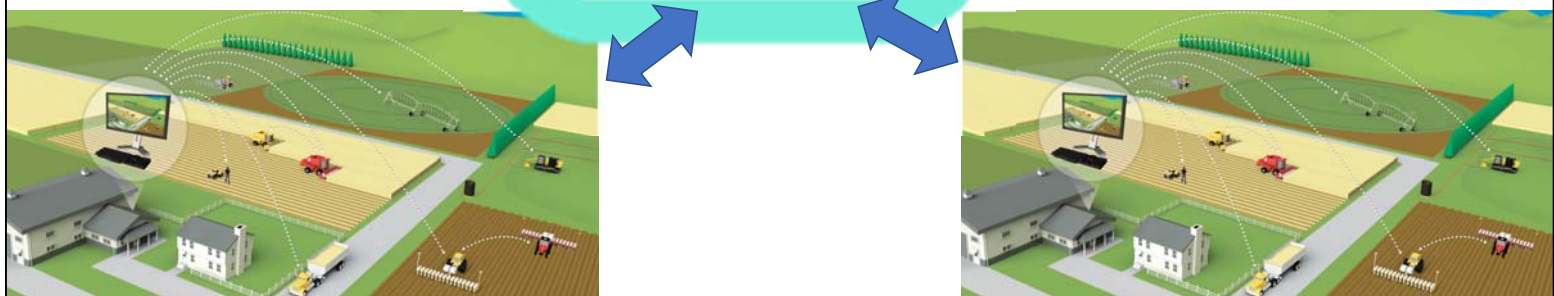


農業食品鏈中的新數據路徑

- 本地決策納入來自農業食物鏈中其他鏈結的數據



- 機器人和感應器在田地和後採收鏈中產生並共享大量數據。
- 分佈式軟體有助於優化整個農業食品鏈。
- 農業機器人是網路實體系統的物理構成要素。



Thank you!



Thank you!

