Intelligent machinery research

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Why Intelligent Machines?

- Why we do thing in a bad way?
 - Limits to time, limits to workforce, limits to complexity, cost.
- We need technology that allows us to do the things in a proper way
- Automatization of smart or intelligent functionality
- ➔ Intelligent machinery research seeks to find ways where we can by utilizing intelligent machines, enable new methods (for farming/working) and solve problems

Objectives of intelligent machine research 1 Increase the level of automation and autonomy





- Compatibility
- Interoperability
- Standardization

Objectives of intelligent machine research 2 Transforming farming plan to robot mission

A generic crop production plan needs to be transformed into something that a robot or human operator can do.

The process needs to take into account

- Precision farming principles •
- Available equipment •
- Environment
- Time constraints

Many farming practices have regional variations.

I might be sensible to build a flexible modular system.



Objectives of intelligent machine research 3 Intelligent machine as a part of farming system



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Robot platforms





Walker – robot tractor

- Autonomous tractor modified from Valtra N135D
- Equipped with external sensors (2x 3D Lidar, stereo-camera) for obstacle detection etc.
- Utilizes ISO 11783 (ISOBUS) and ISO 5231 (EFDI) standards for task description and communication internally and externally
- Sensor package updated in 2025-2026



Video: https://youtu.be/5kC69fpIN5k







TURO – mid size robot platform

- Electric powered modular robot platform for various field operations made by Luke
- Utilizes ISO 11783 (ISOBUS) and 5231 (EFDI) standard for task description and communication internally and externally
- Utilized as a base for specialized robots
 - Spreading
 - Strawberry picker







Strawberry picking



Full video: <u>https://youtu.be/CLv2w71e8IA</u>

AKI – small size robot platform

- Similar to TURO but smaller physical size
- Used as a base for operations in small and confined spaces
 - Produce transport
 - UVC treatments for strawberry growing in tunnels





UVC-treatment

Full video: https://vimeo.com/865526964









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