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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The base for on-board navigation is a local DEM which is used by path planning in terms of traversability, possible hazards, locomotion costs, reliability and information content. Terrain modelling can be performed by a laser scanner, laser illuminated cameras, radio-frequency (RF) imagers or stereovision cameras which appear the best compromise for reliability and accuracy on one side and mass, power consumption and space qualification readiness on the other. Within PRoViScout a 3D-TOF camera is used for this purpose. DEM resolution should be much better than a wheel rover size to allow terrain crossing analysis. The current solution implemented in the Eurobot Ground Prototype follows the long-range navigation strategy. This navigation approach will be adapted to the PRoViScout solution, supported by the 3D Vision toolchain, is presented in the ProViScout deliverable.

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