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χαμηλού ύψους έως δορυφόρους για
εφαρμογές γεωργίας ακριβείας**

**From proximal to remote sensing for
precision farming applications**

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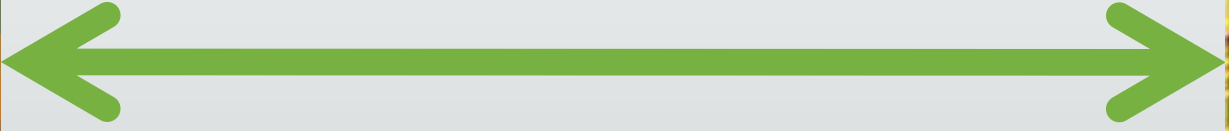


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Plant Science



Engineering

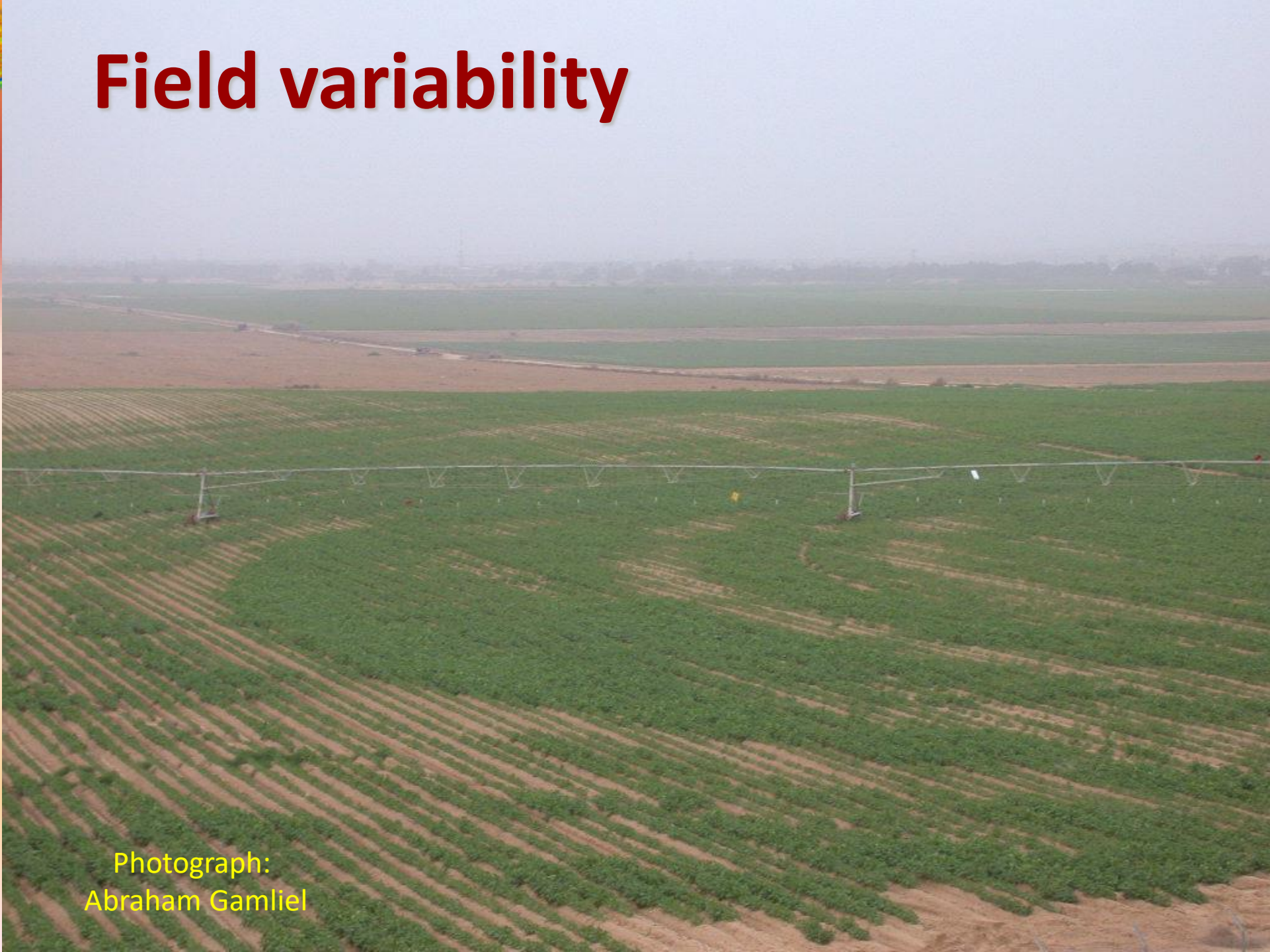


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Field variability



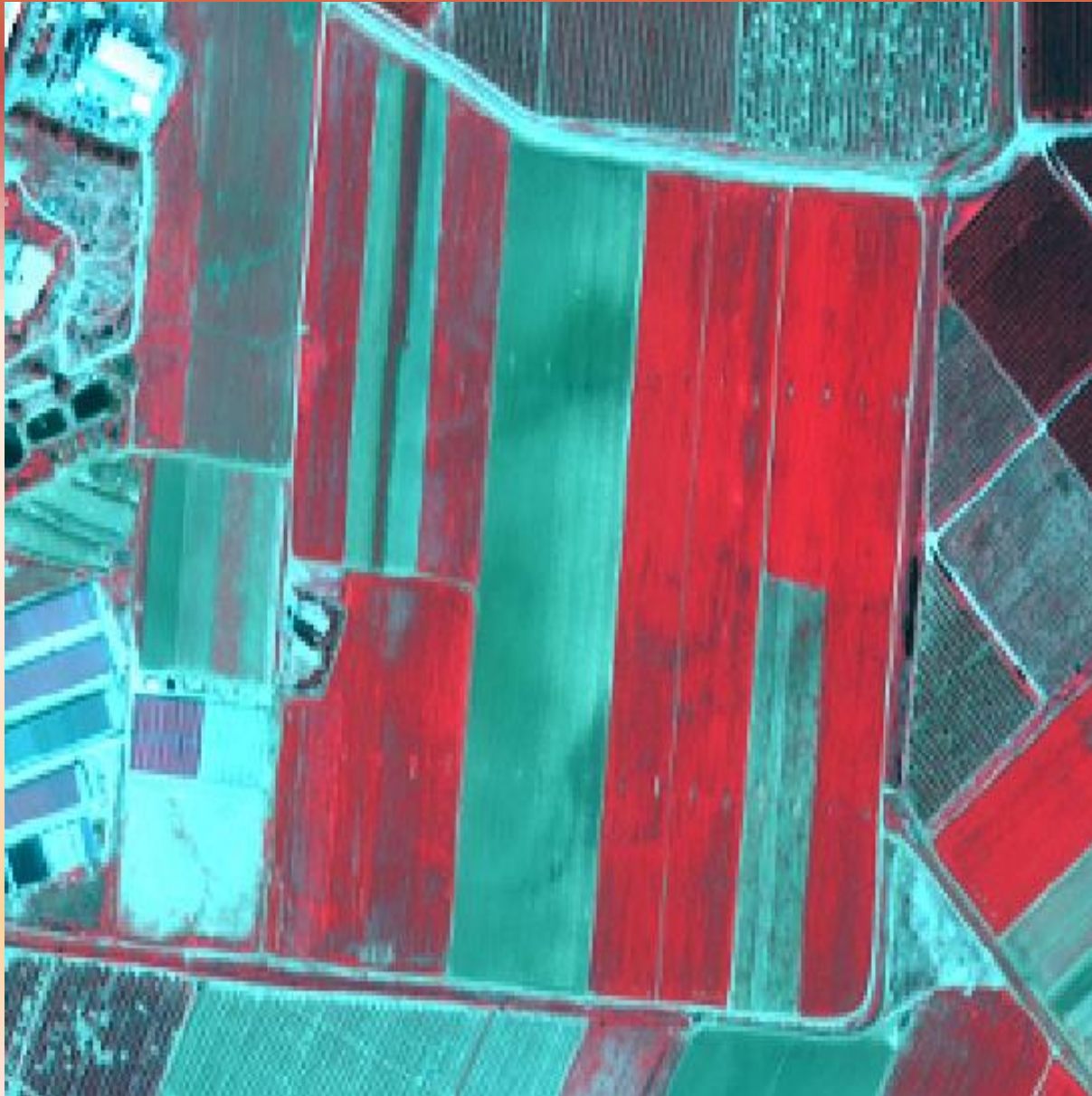
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Field variability



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**Improper soil disinfection ?
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Variability



Precision Agriculture (PA)

Technology...

Site-specific management

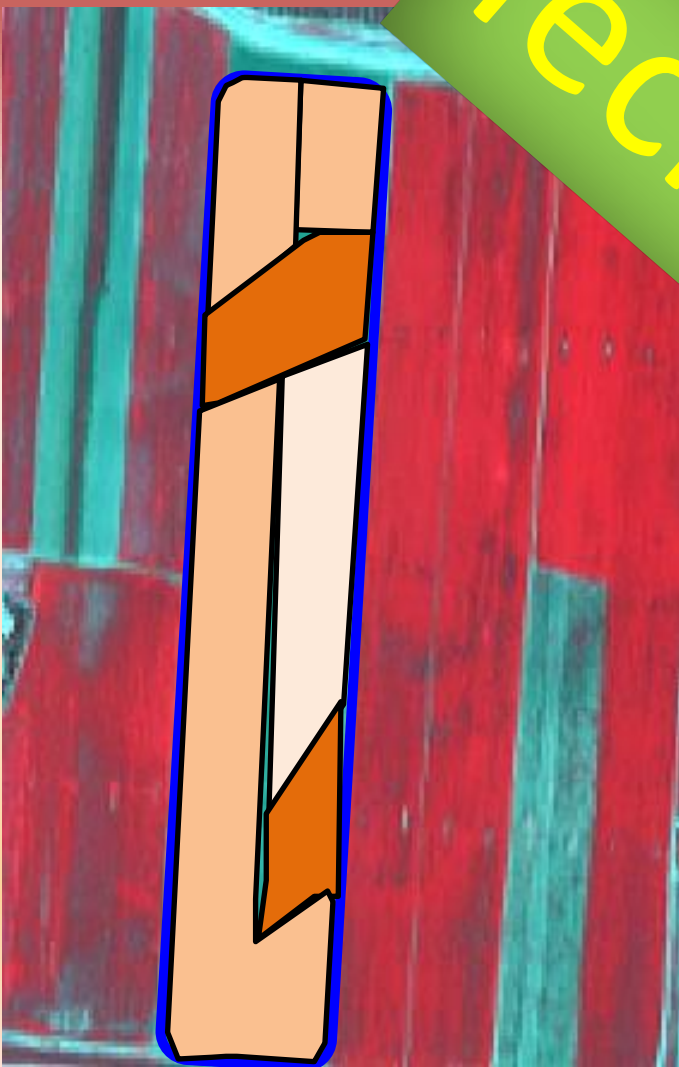
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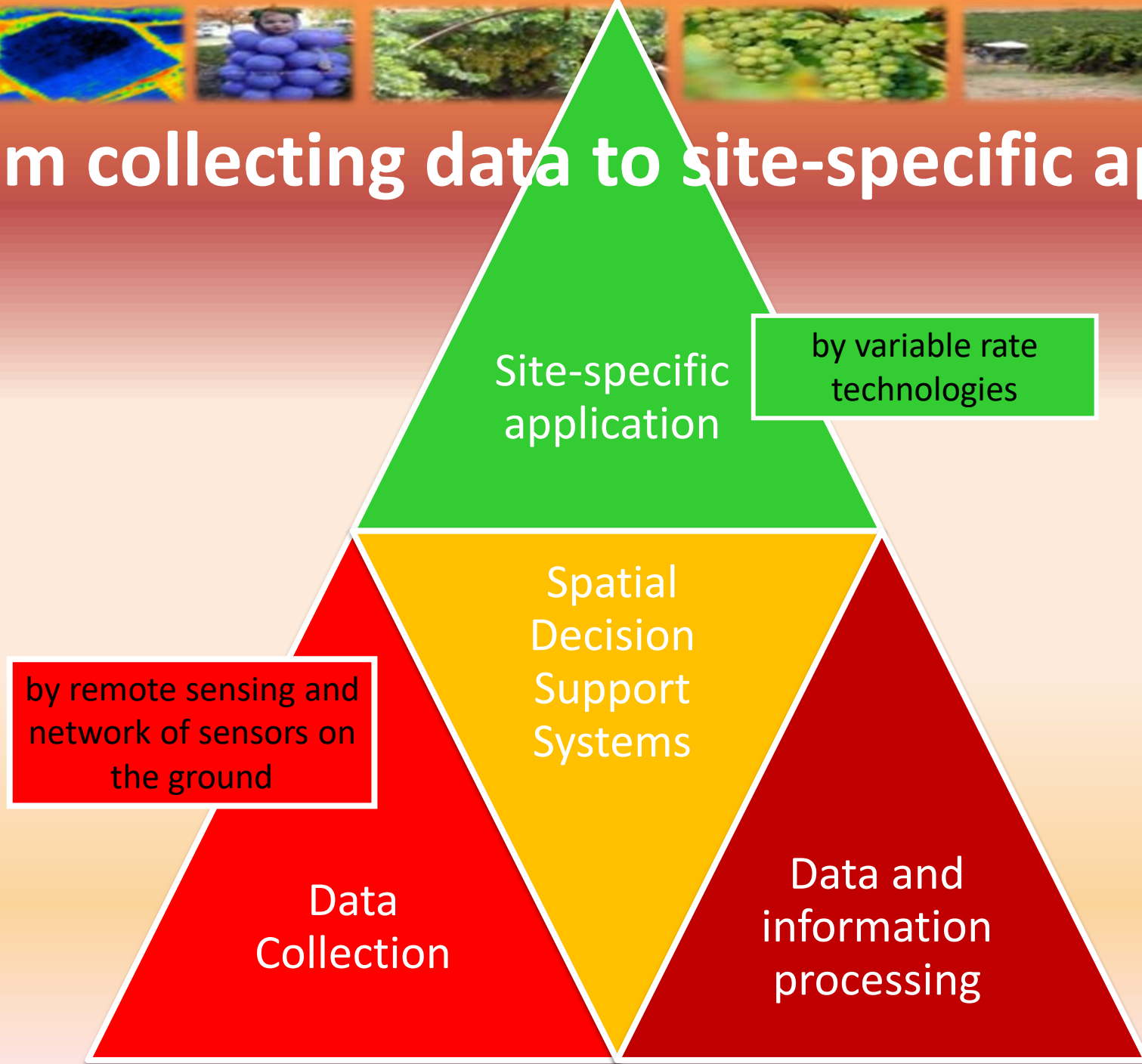
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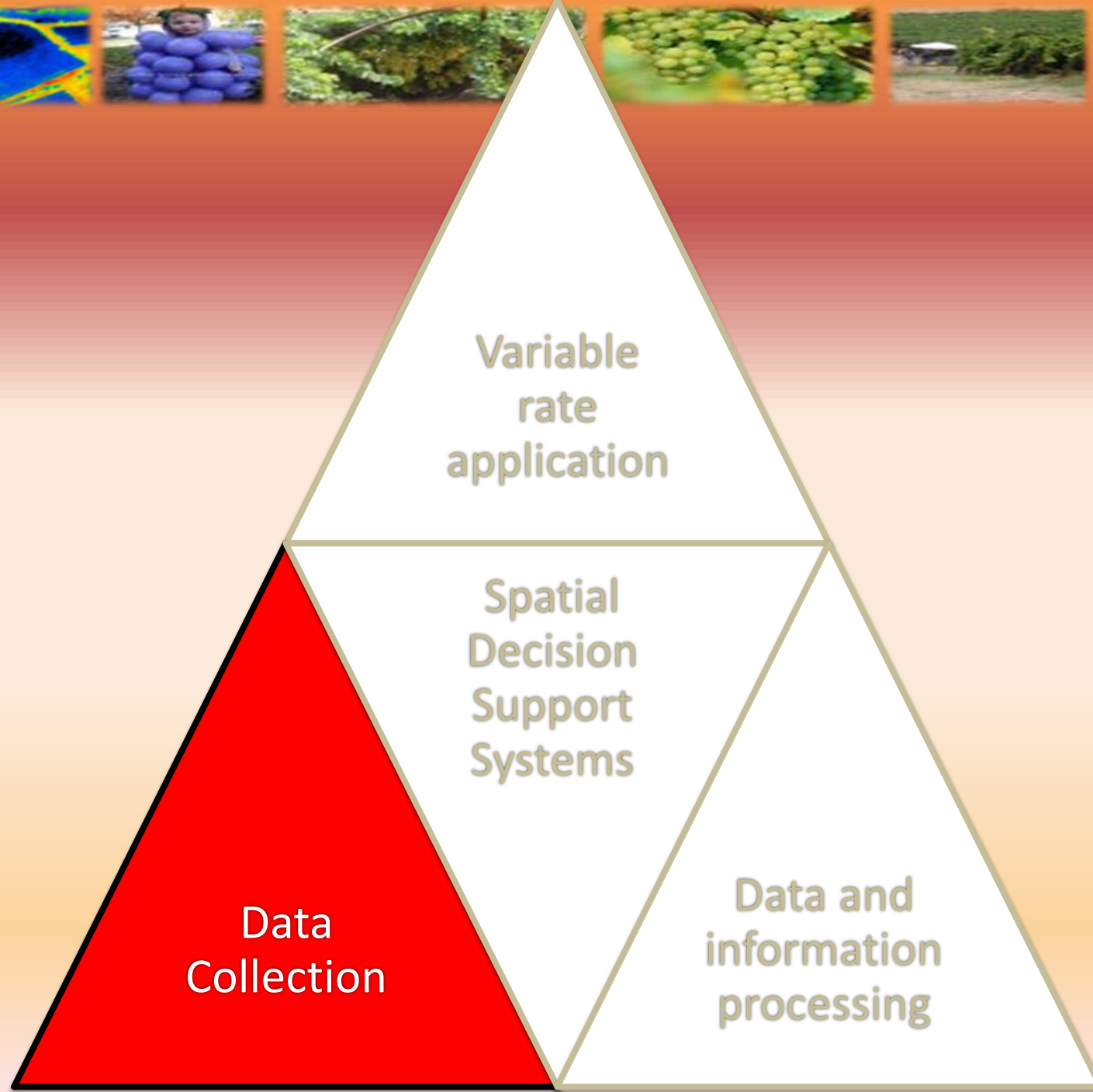
at the *right* time.





From collecting data to site-specific application



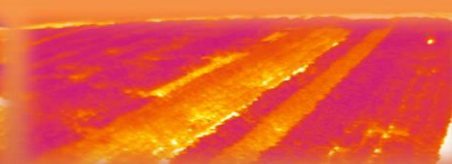
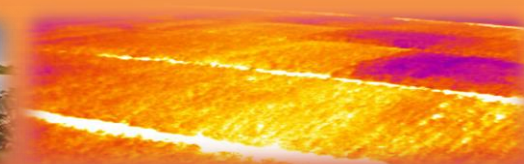


Variable
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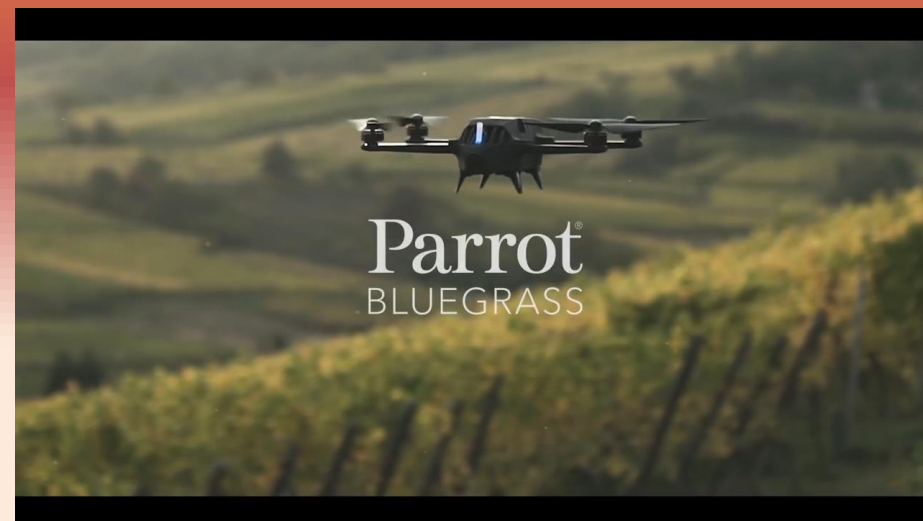
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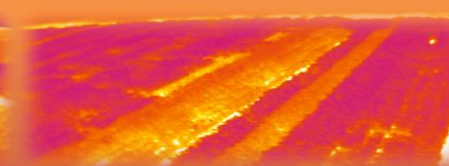
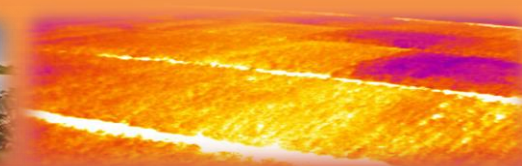
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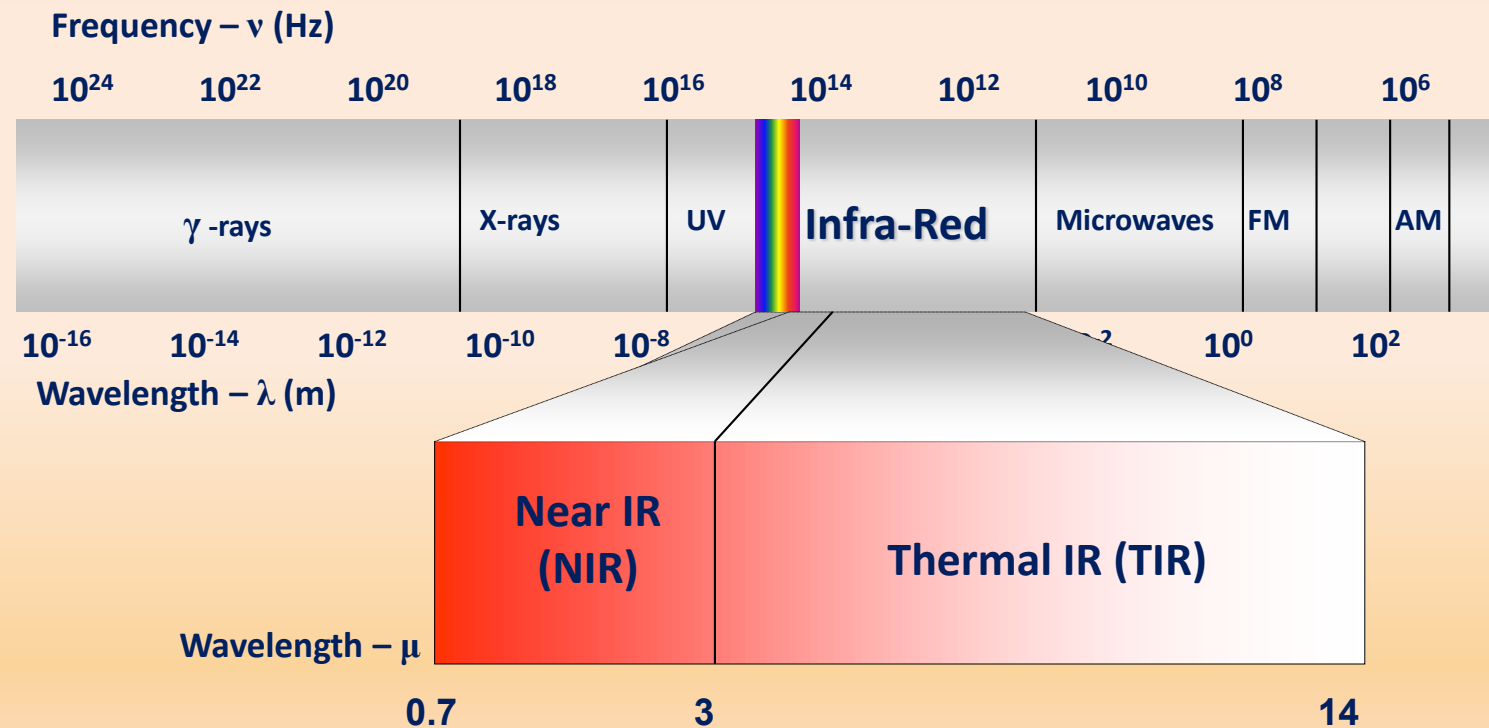
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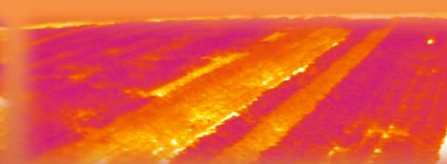
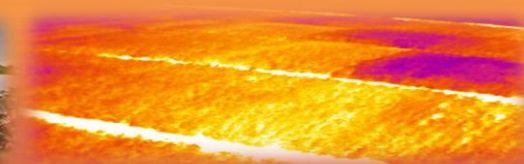


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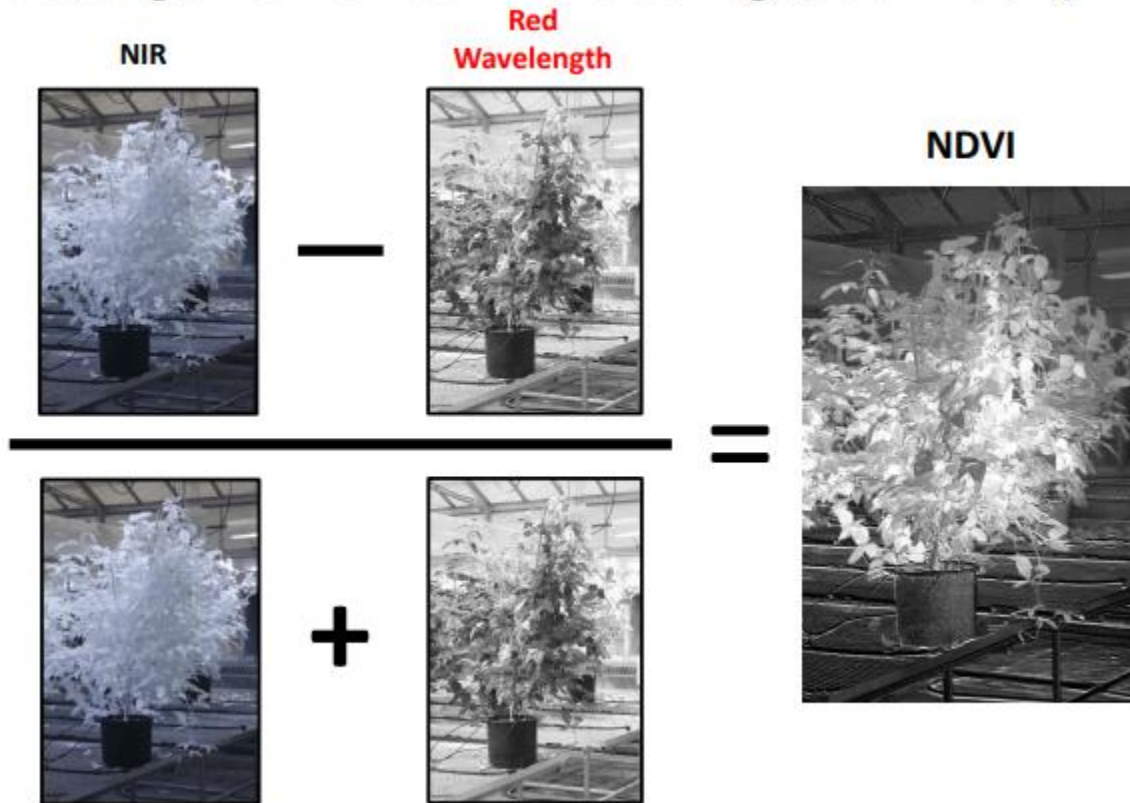


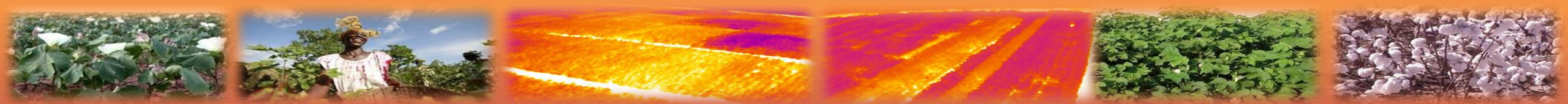
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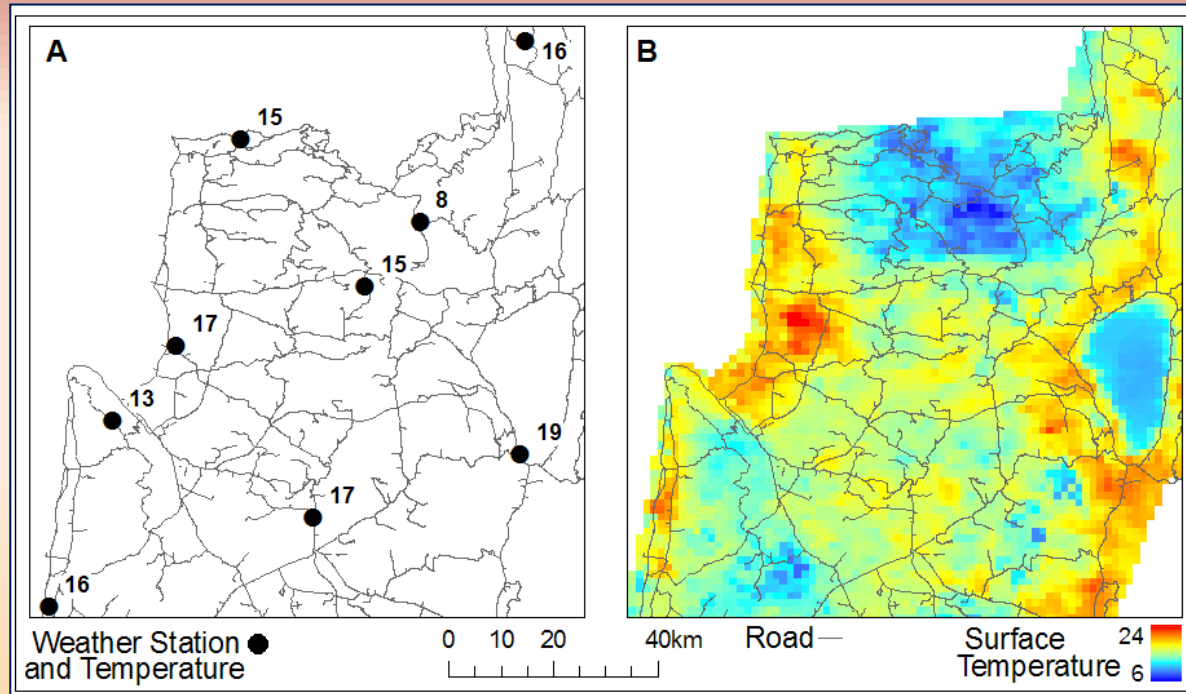


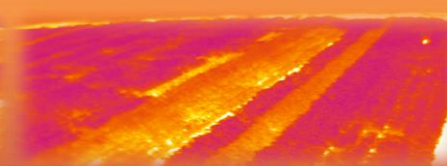
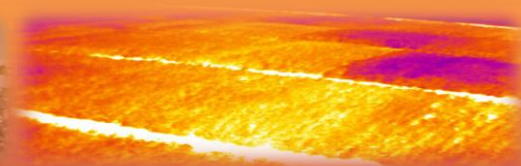
Creating a Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)





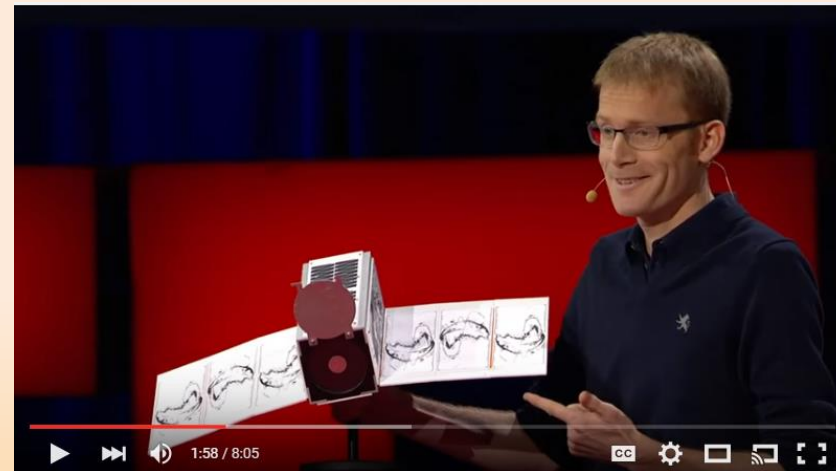
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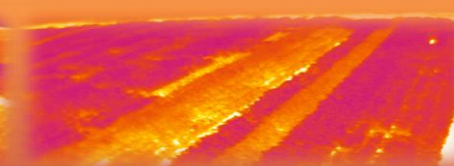
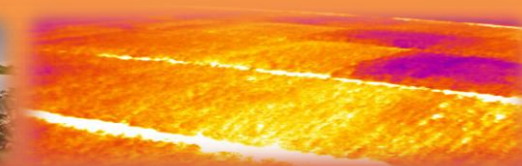


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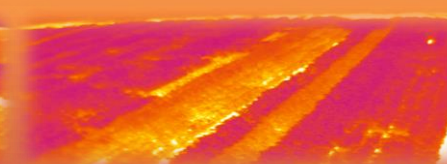
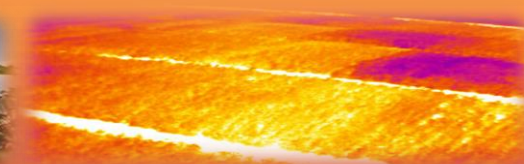


Current technology



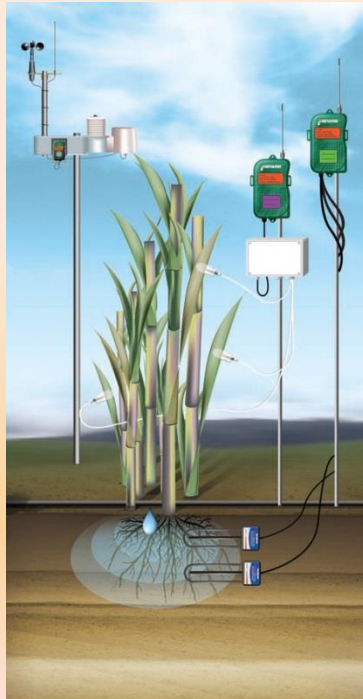
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Irrigation management

- Pan A evaporation
- Model based ETp
- Soil water potential
- Leaf water potential
- Dendrometers and alike





γ -rays

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UV

Transpiration

Infra-Red

Microwaves

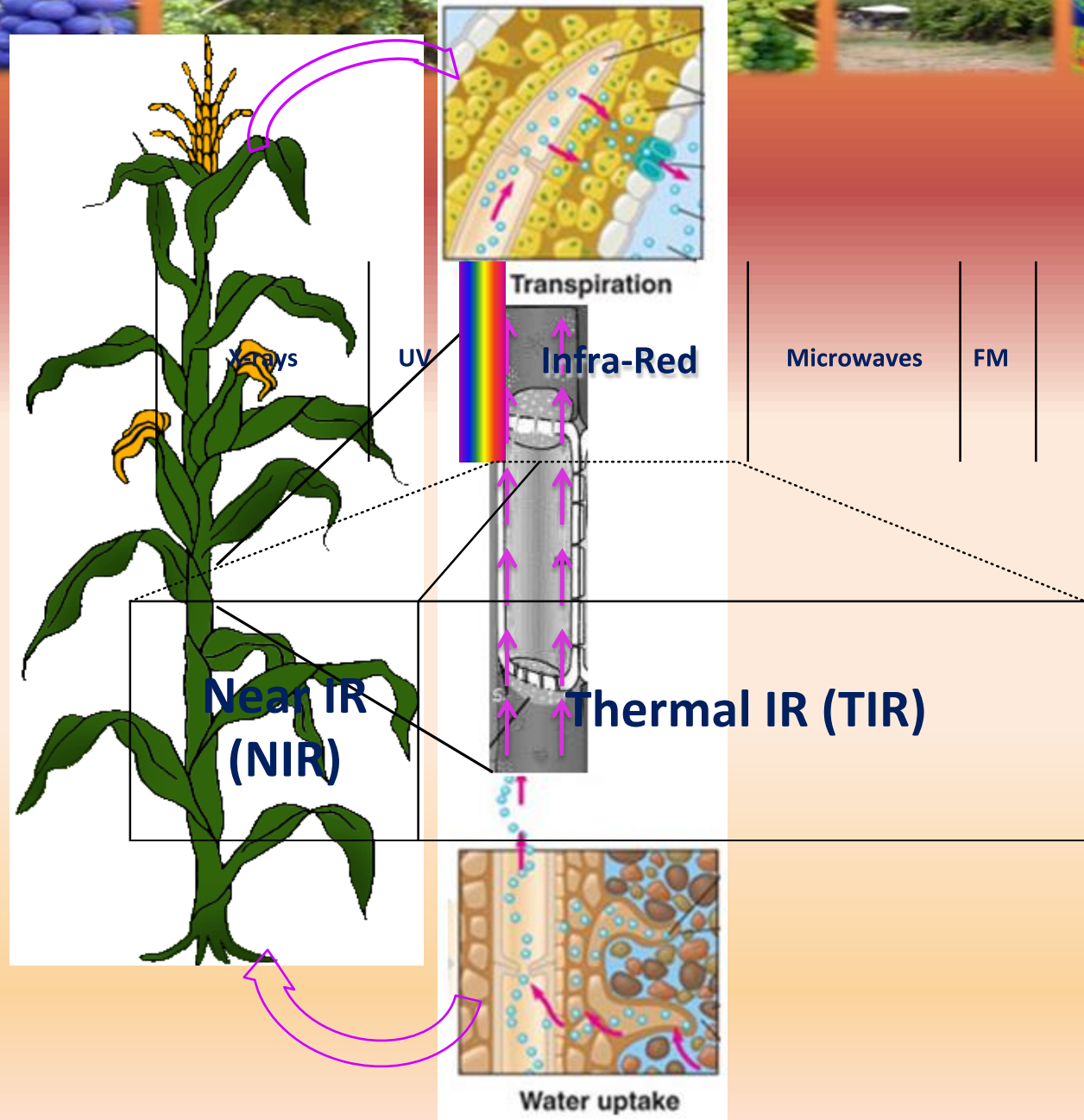
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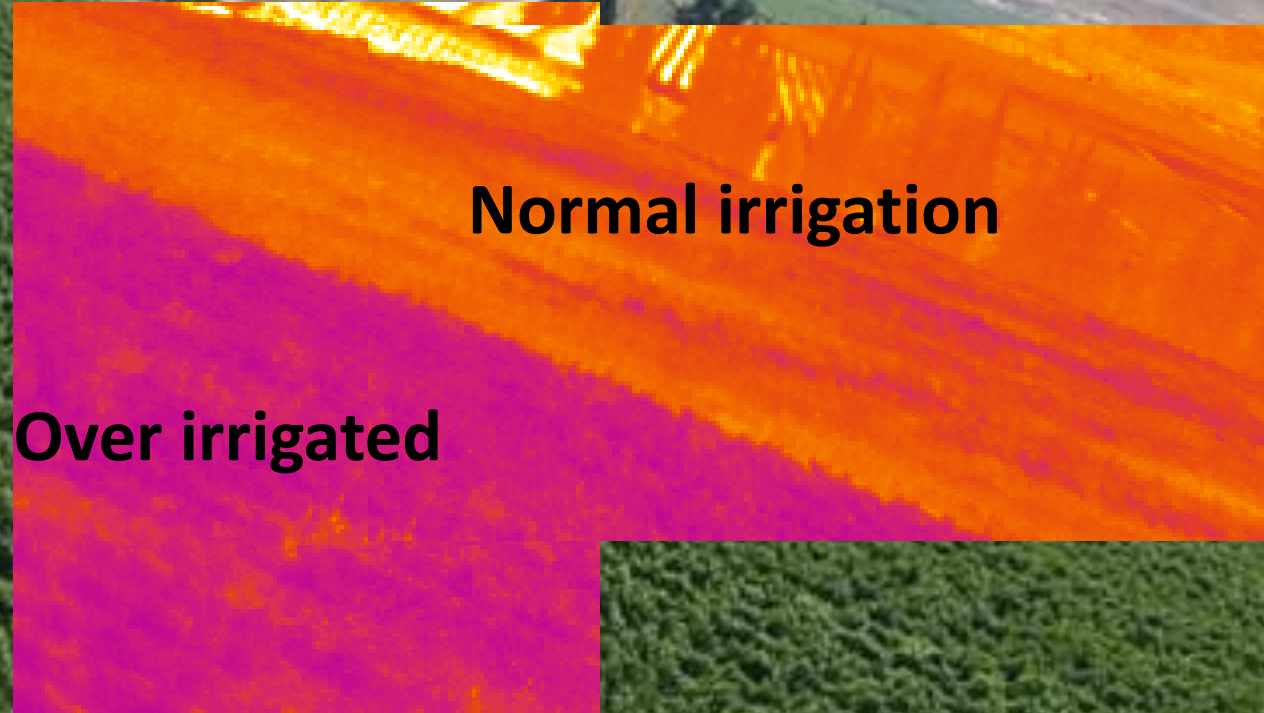
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Near IR (NIR)

Thermal IR (TIR)

Water uptake



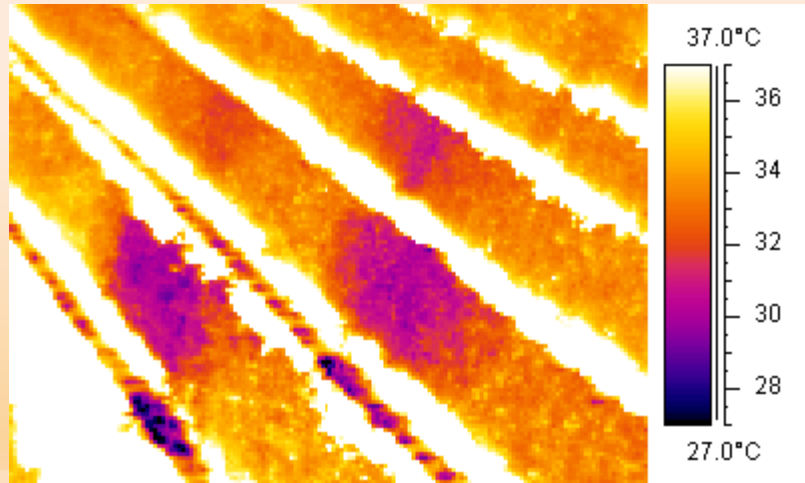
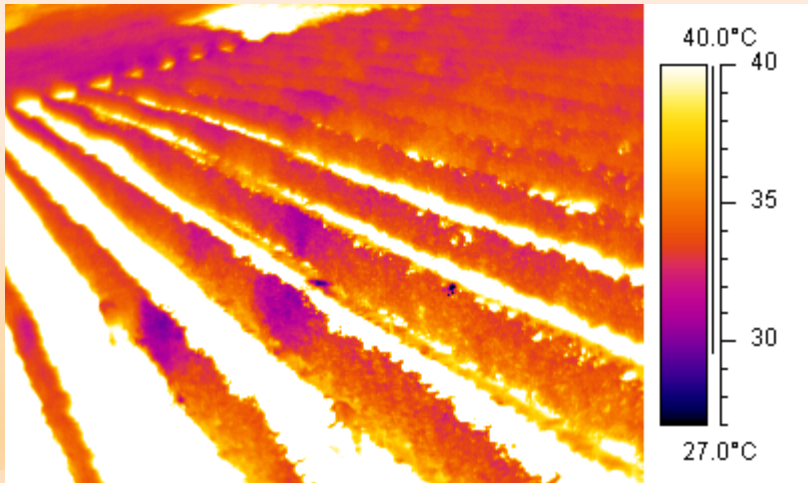




Detection of irrigation malfunctions: grapevines

Leach in single drippers...

Vineyard, Upper Galilee



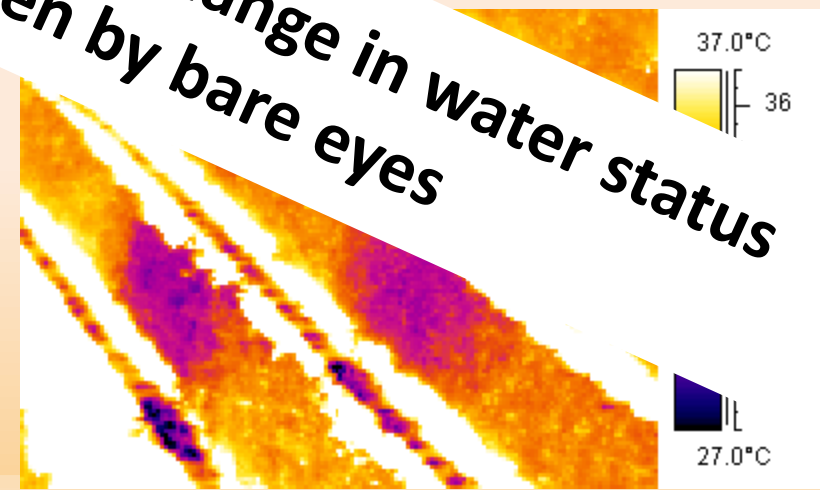
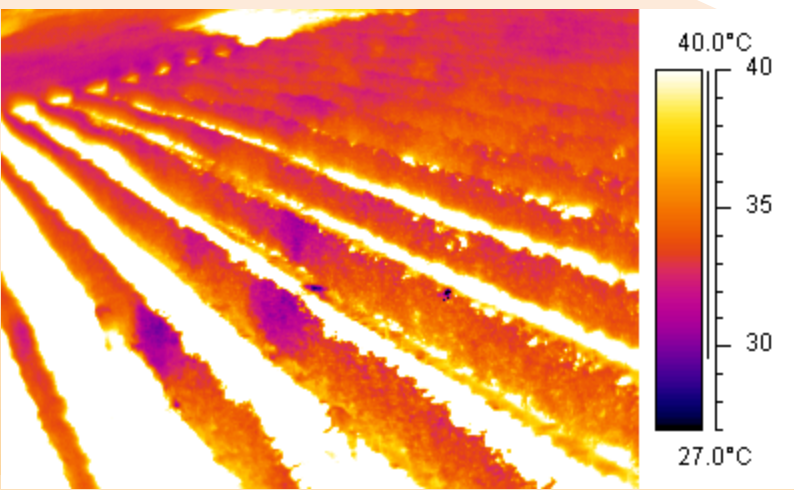
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Thermal images can detect change in water status before it is seen by bare eyes

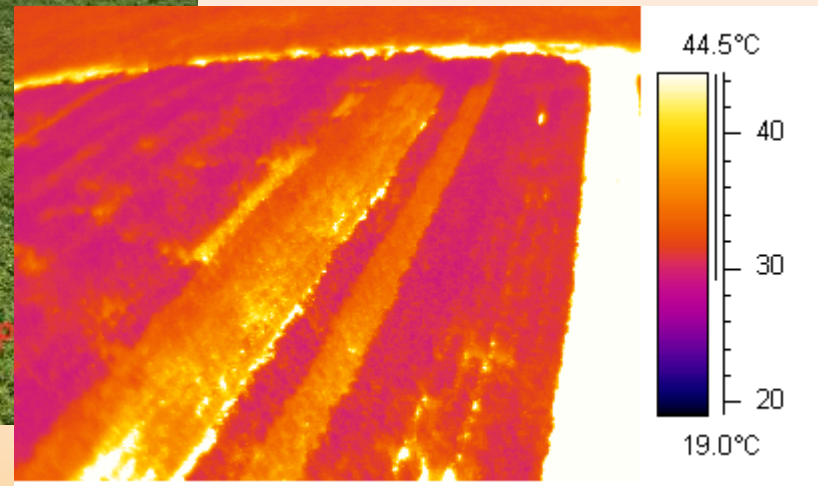
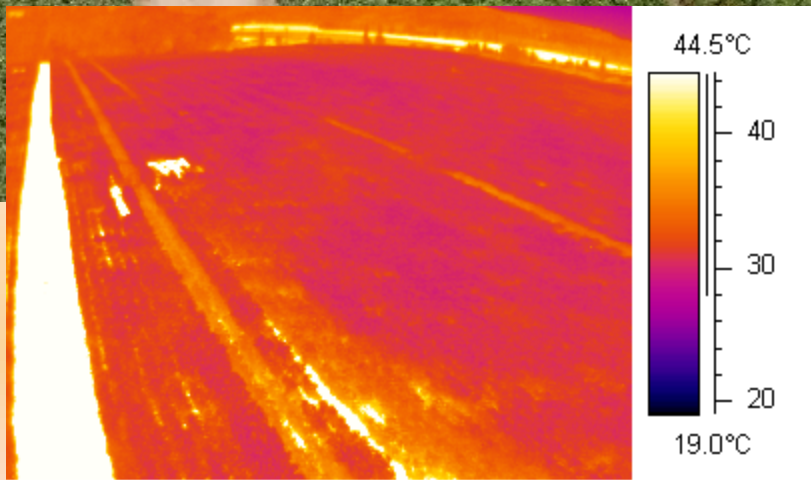


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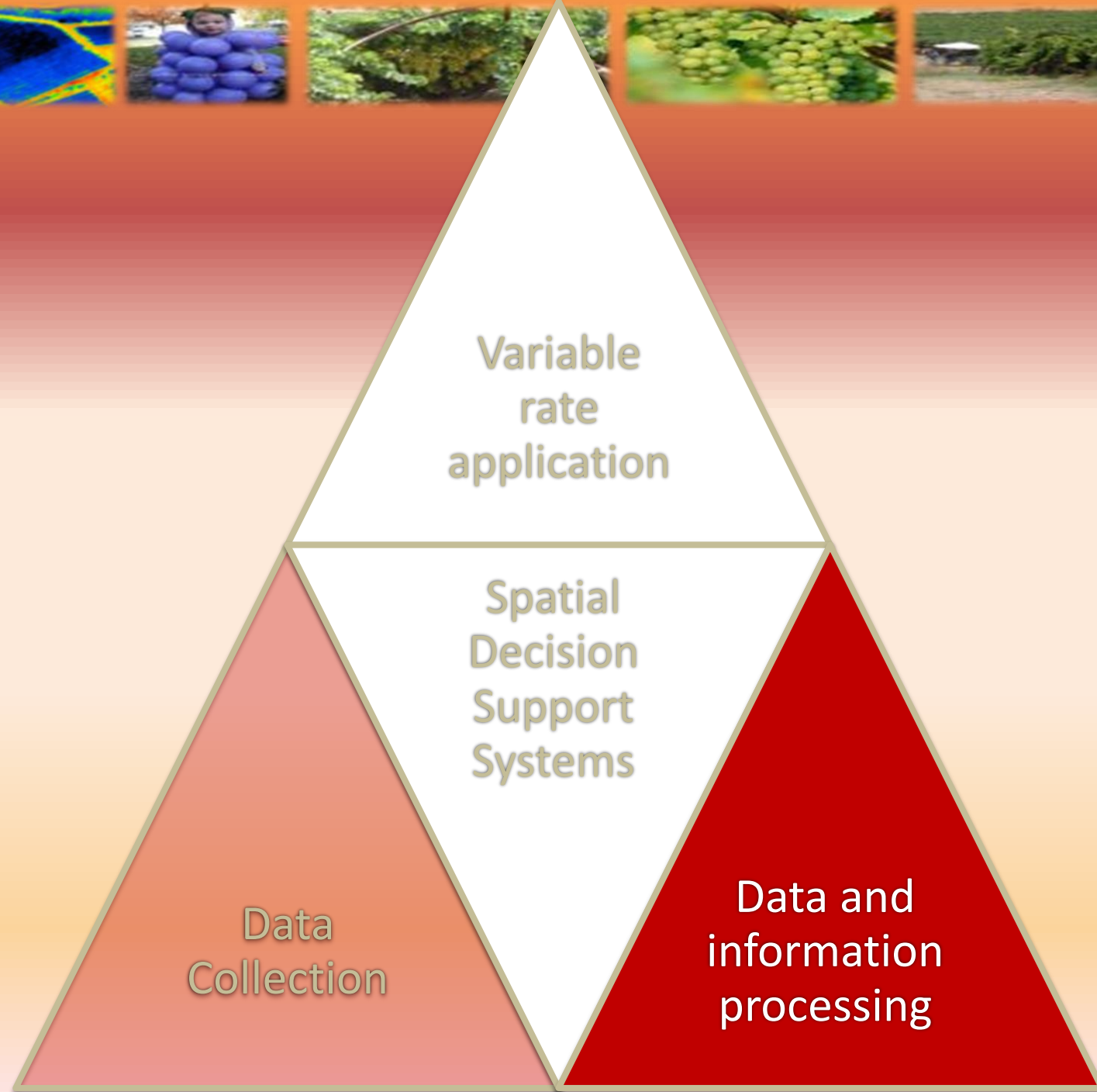


Detection of irrigation malfunctions: cotton



Clogging in drippers...

Cotton, Northern Israel, Megido



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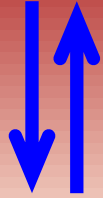
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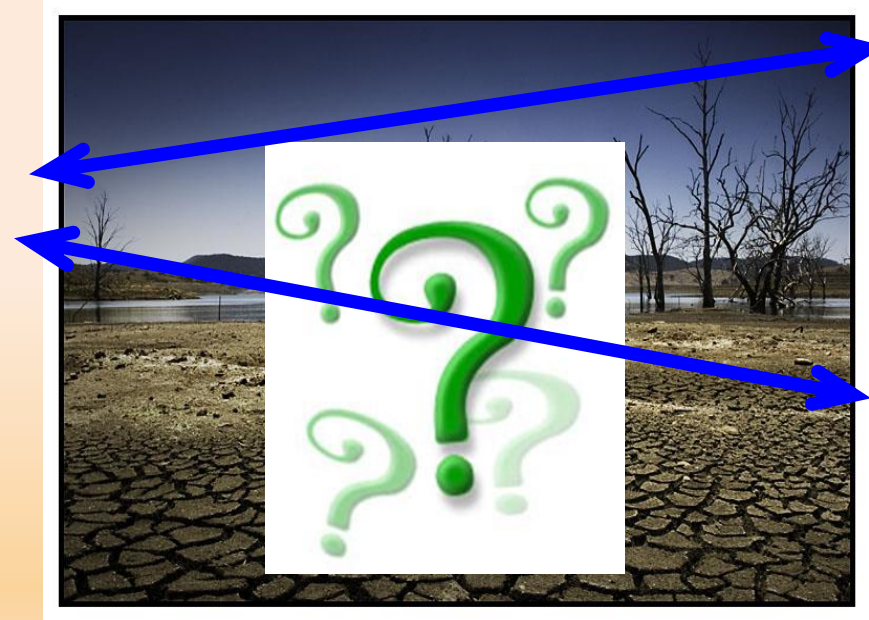
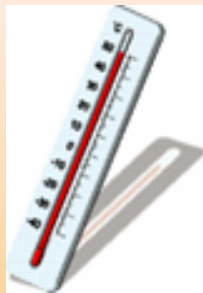


Irrigation Scheduling



Water Stress

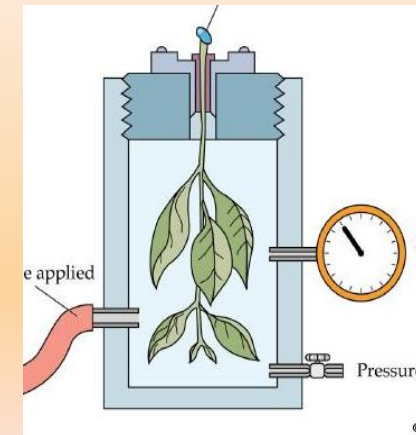
Canopy
Temperature



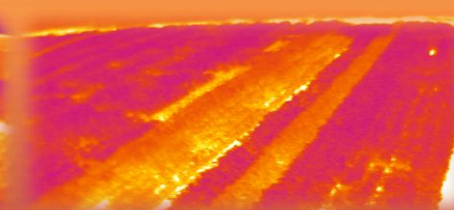
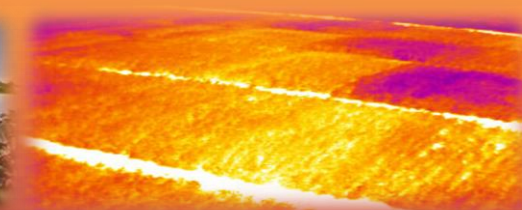
Stomatal
Conductance



Leaf Water
Potential



Pressure Chamber



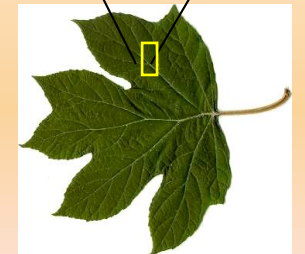
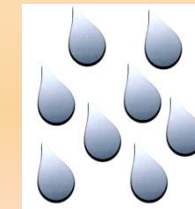
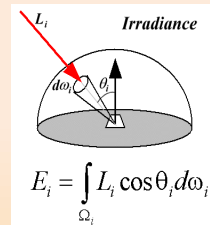
Canopy Temperature ↔ Water Stress

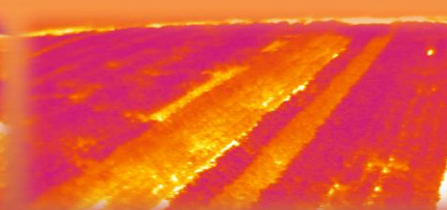
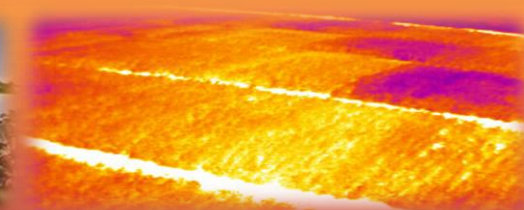
Canopy temperature as is ≠ crop water status

Leaf temperature is a function of:



- Air temperature
- Net Radiation
- Wind speed
- Vapor Pressure Deficit (VPD)
- Leaf Boundary Layer





Crop Water stress Index – CWSI

A Quantitative way to measure crop water stress via canopy temperature

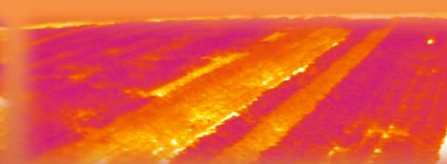
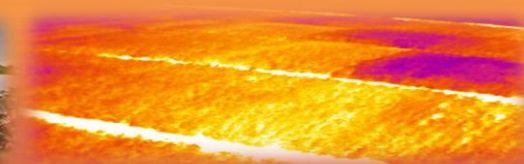
$$CWSI = \frac{(T_{canopy} - T_{min})}{(T_{max} - T_{min})}$$

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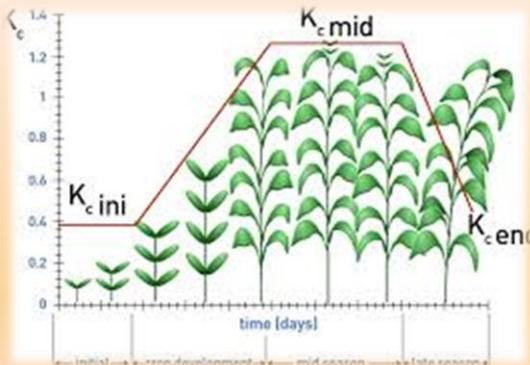
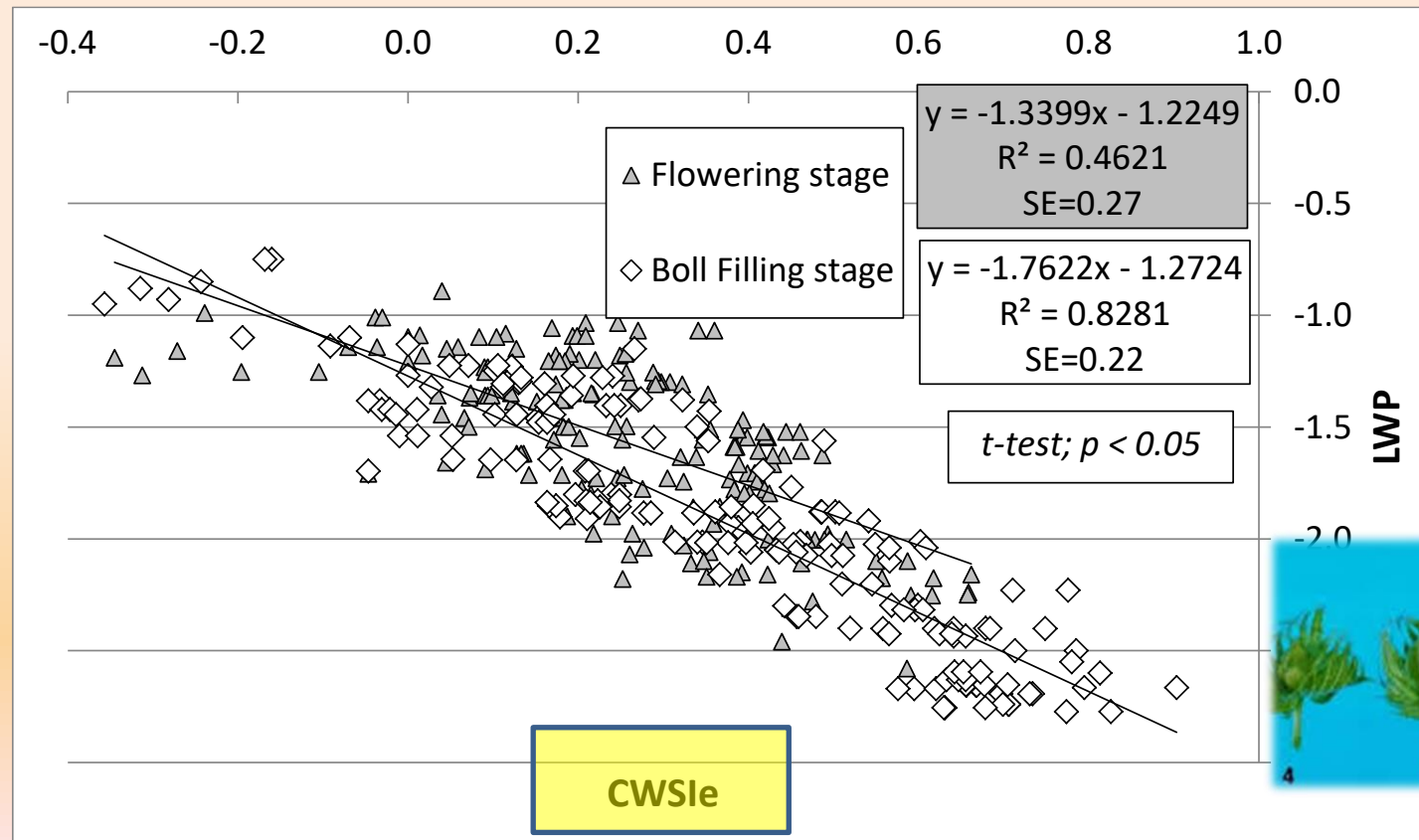
- T_{canopy} = measured canopy temperature
- T_{min} = Fully transpiring leaves temperature
- T_{max} = Fully stressed leaves temperature

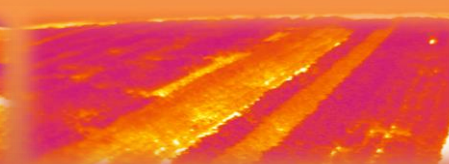
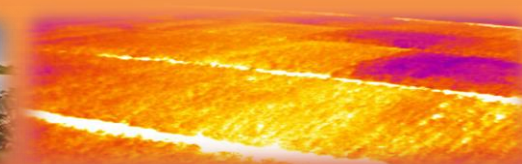
Lower Baseline

Upper Baseline



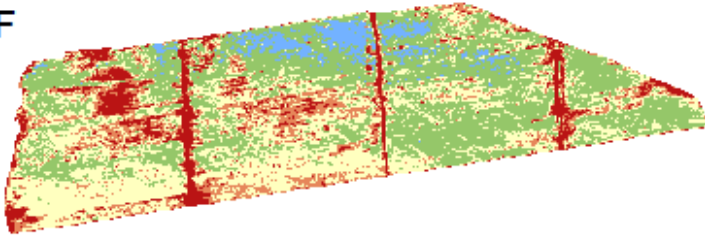
Model for cotton irrigation management using Thermal Remote Sensing



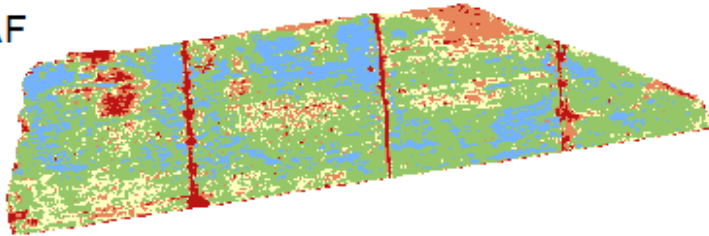


Semi automated mapping of leaf water potential enables irrigation management of commercial fields

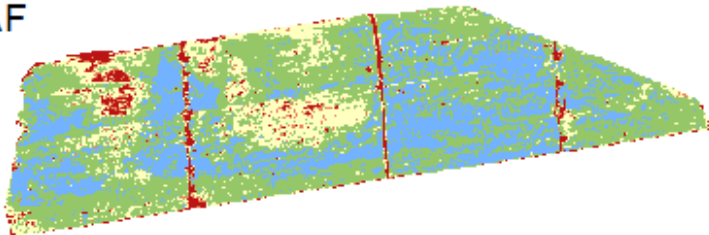
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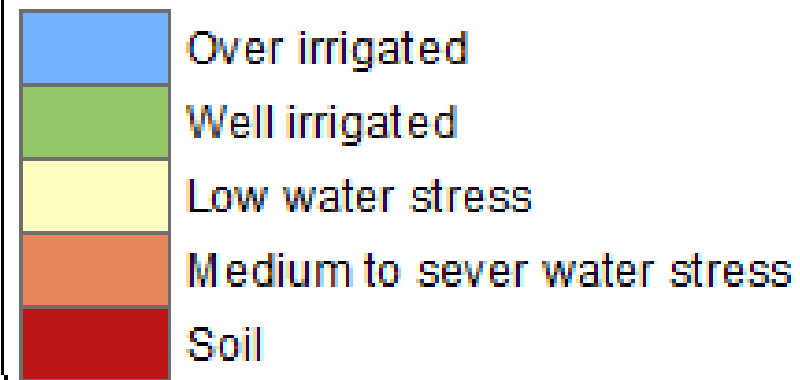
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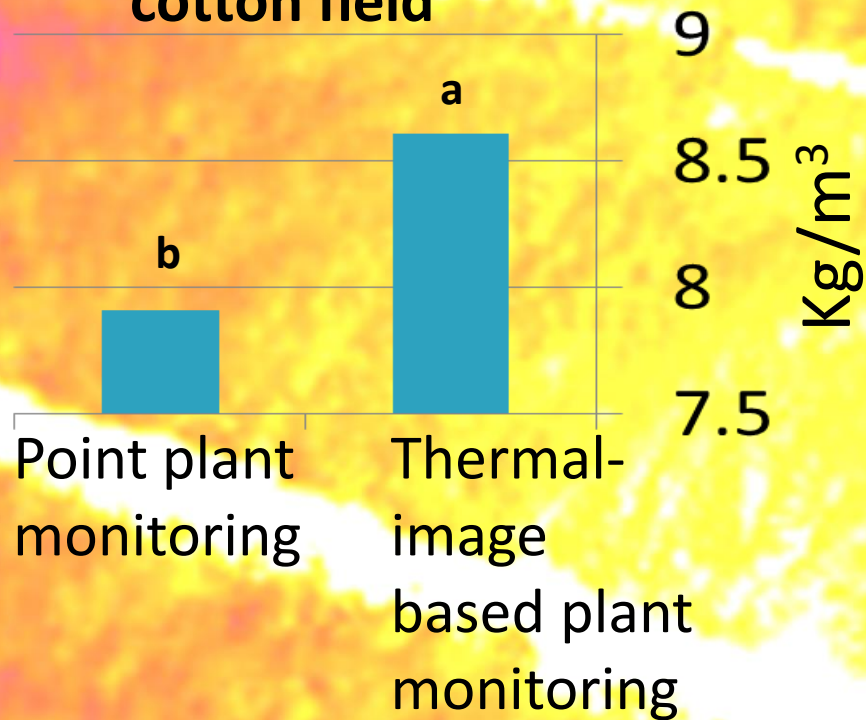


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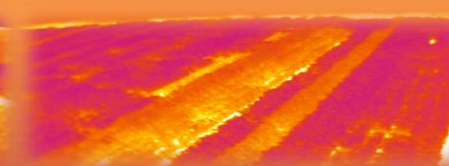
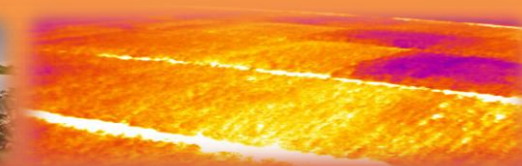
Irrigation management using remote thermal sensing

Water use efficiency in cotton field

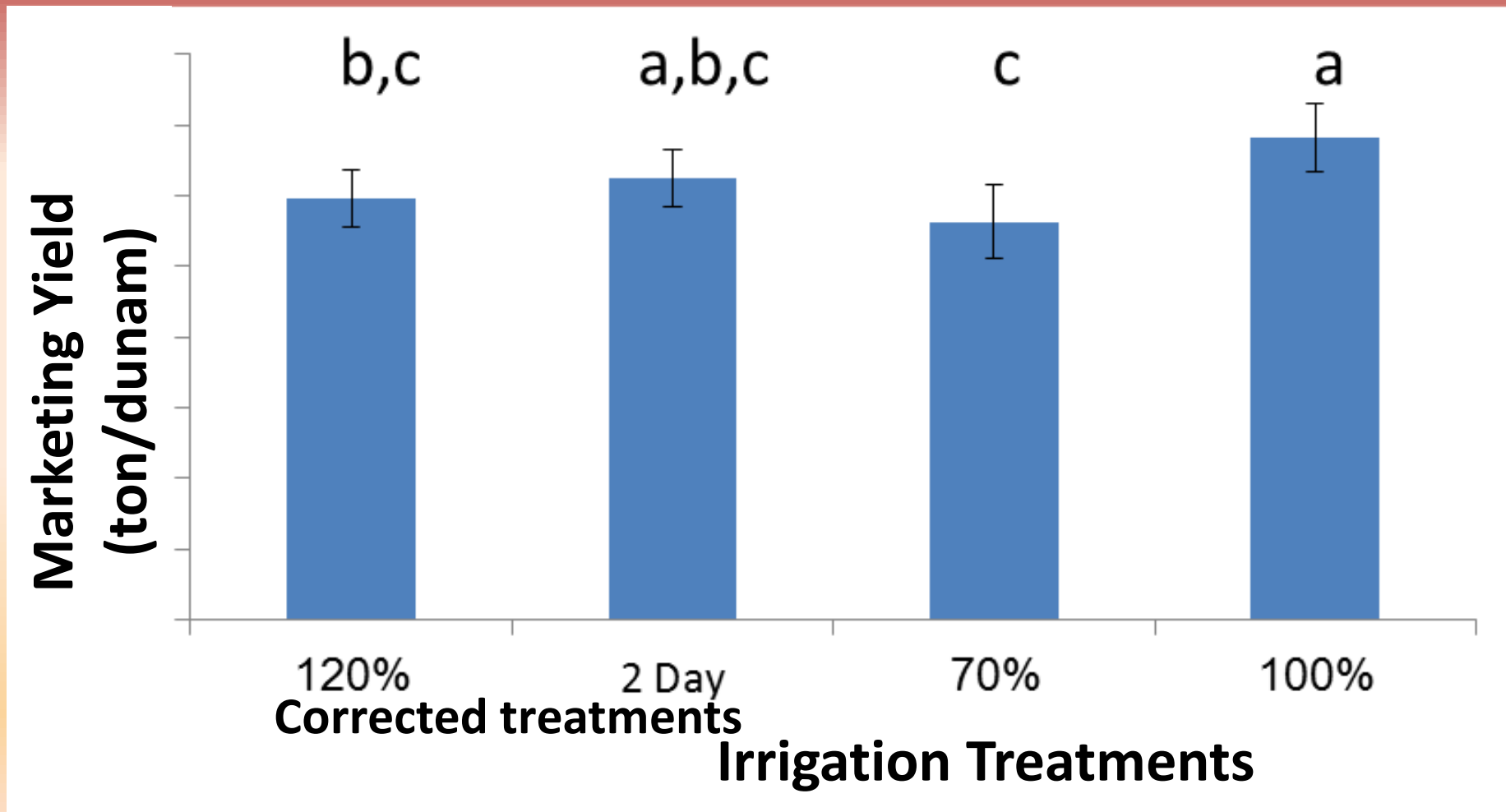


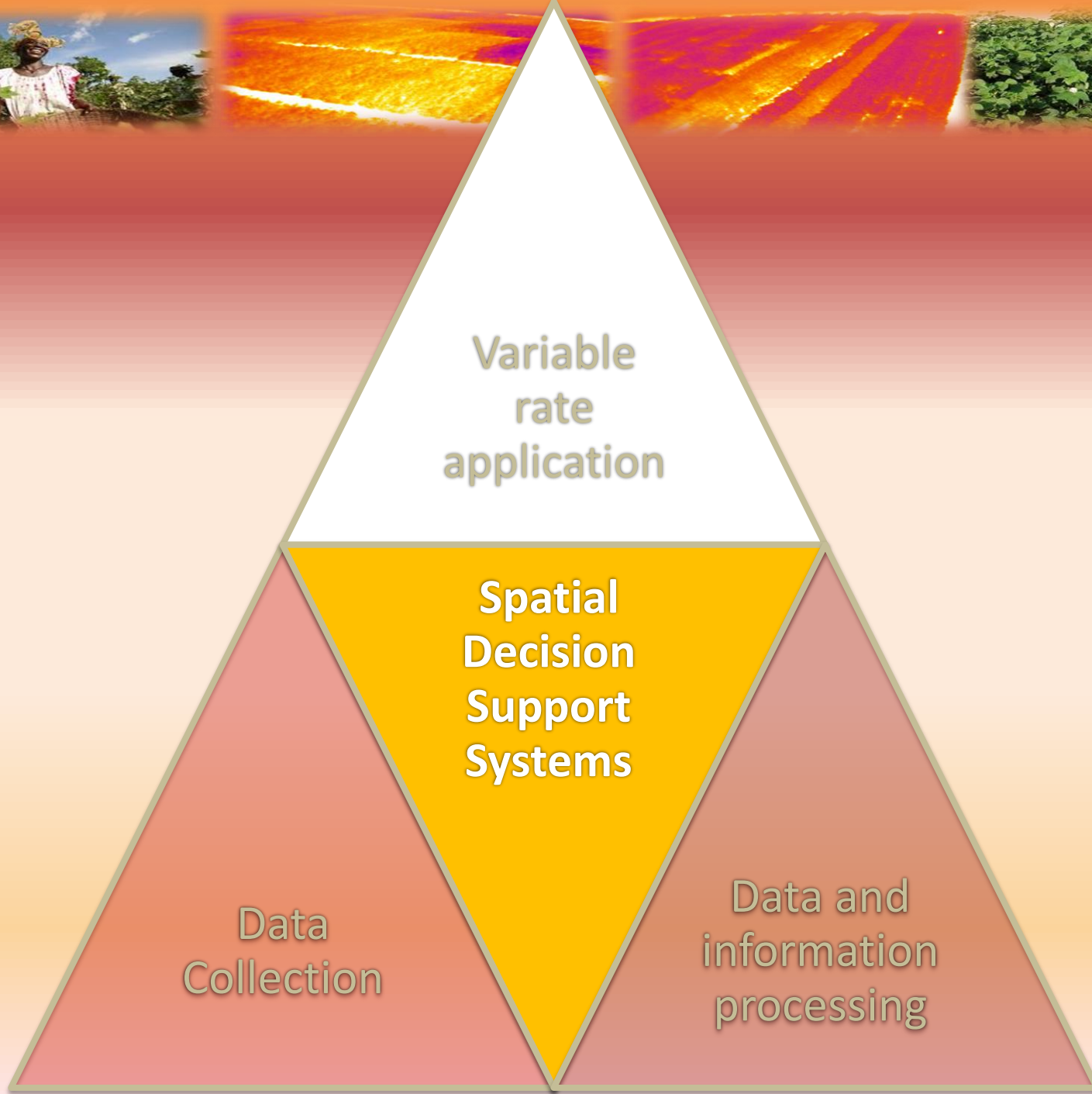
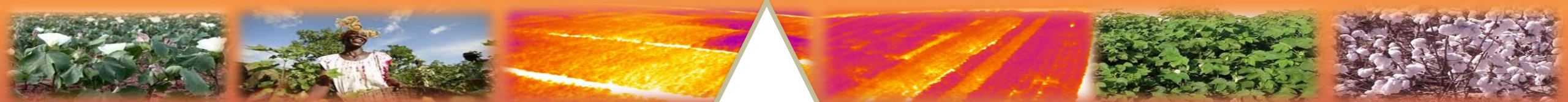
Thermal imaging can increase water use efficiency

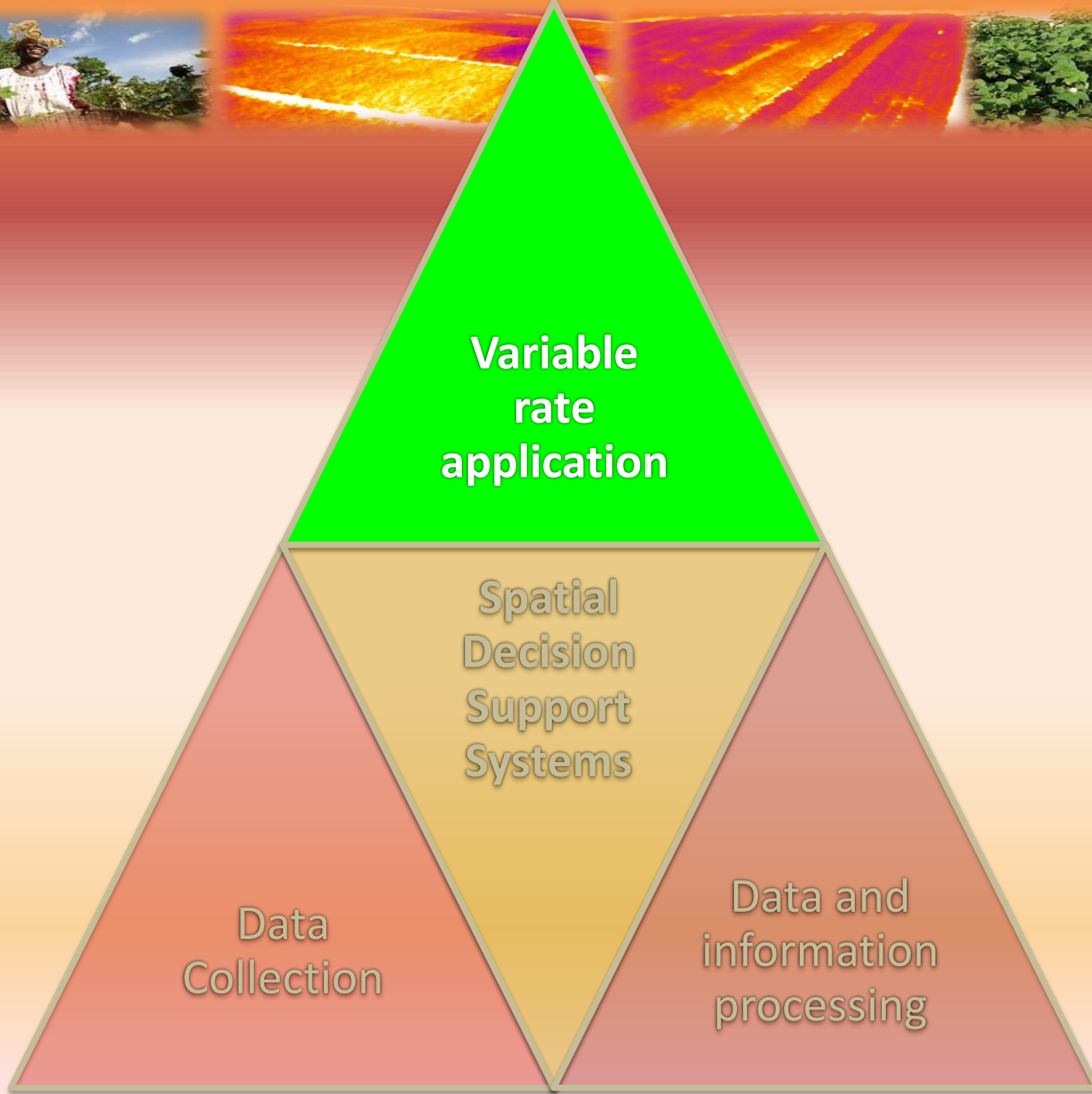
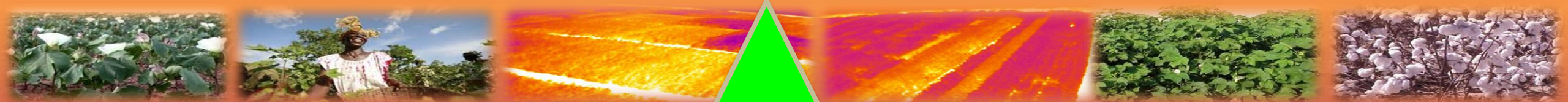
(Rosenberg et al., 2014, 2015)



Yield - Potatoes

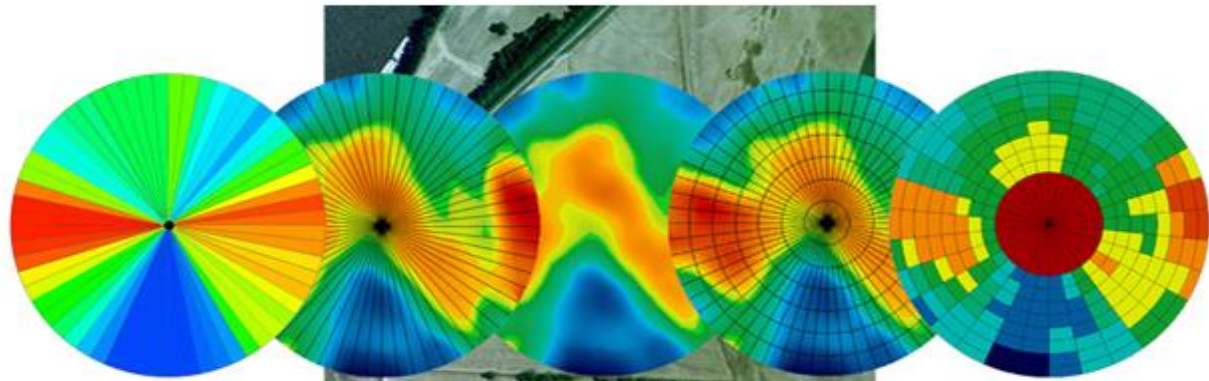
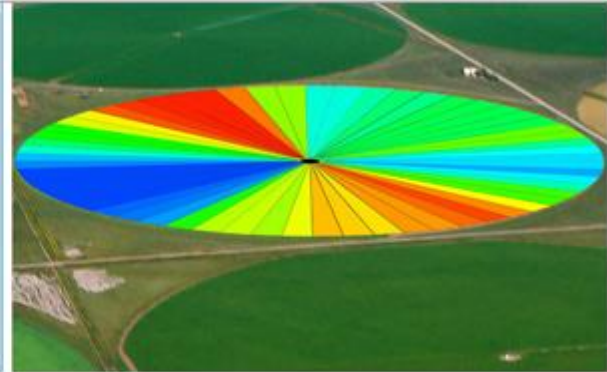
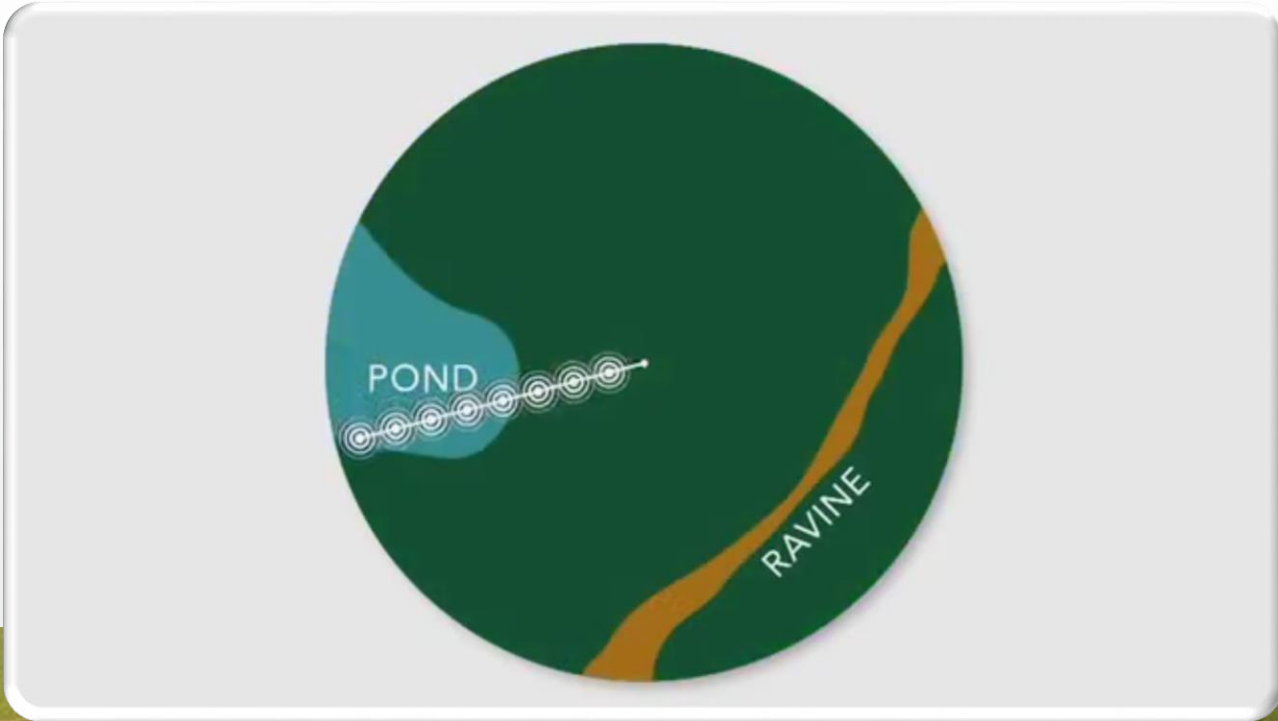


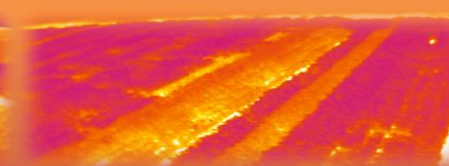
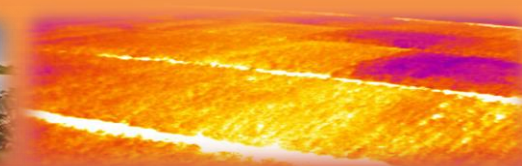






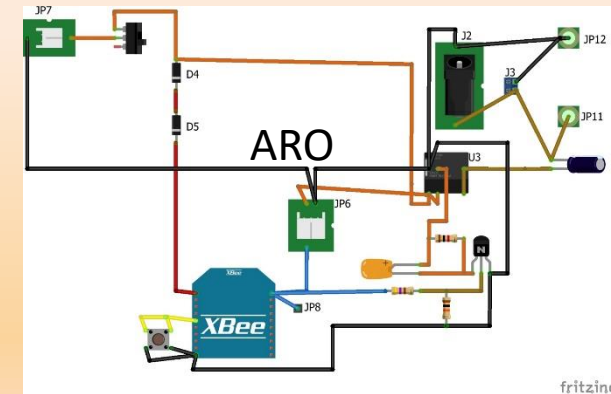
Variable rate irrigation





VRI in drip and micro irrigation

- Prototypes constructed by Netafim and ARO
- Dripper with VRI capabilities under development in ARO



Thermal imaging for the detection of biotic stress in orchards





The red palm weevil

Rhynchophorus ferrugineus (Olivier)

The red palm weevil, *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*, is a species of snout beetle



Larva



Pupal Case



Pupa



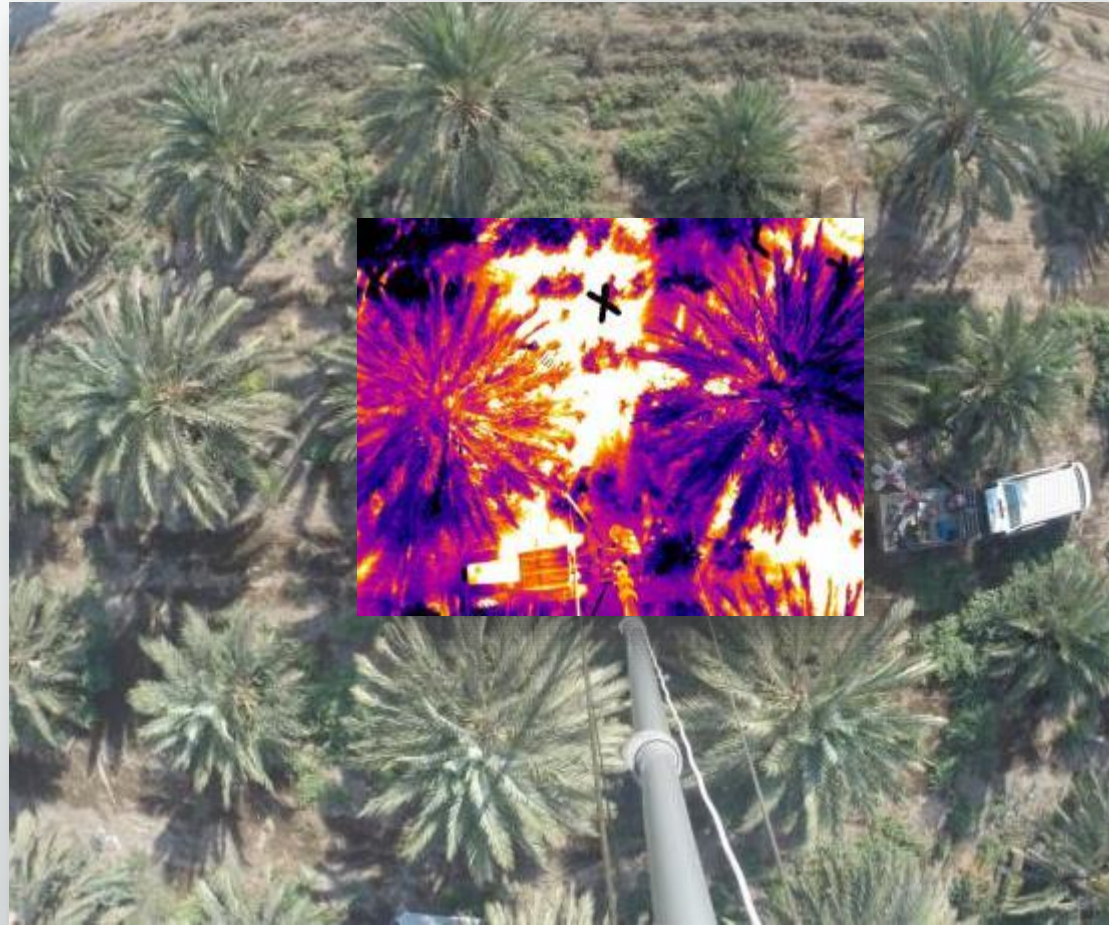
Adults



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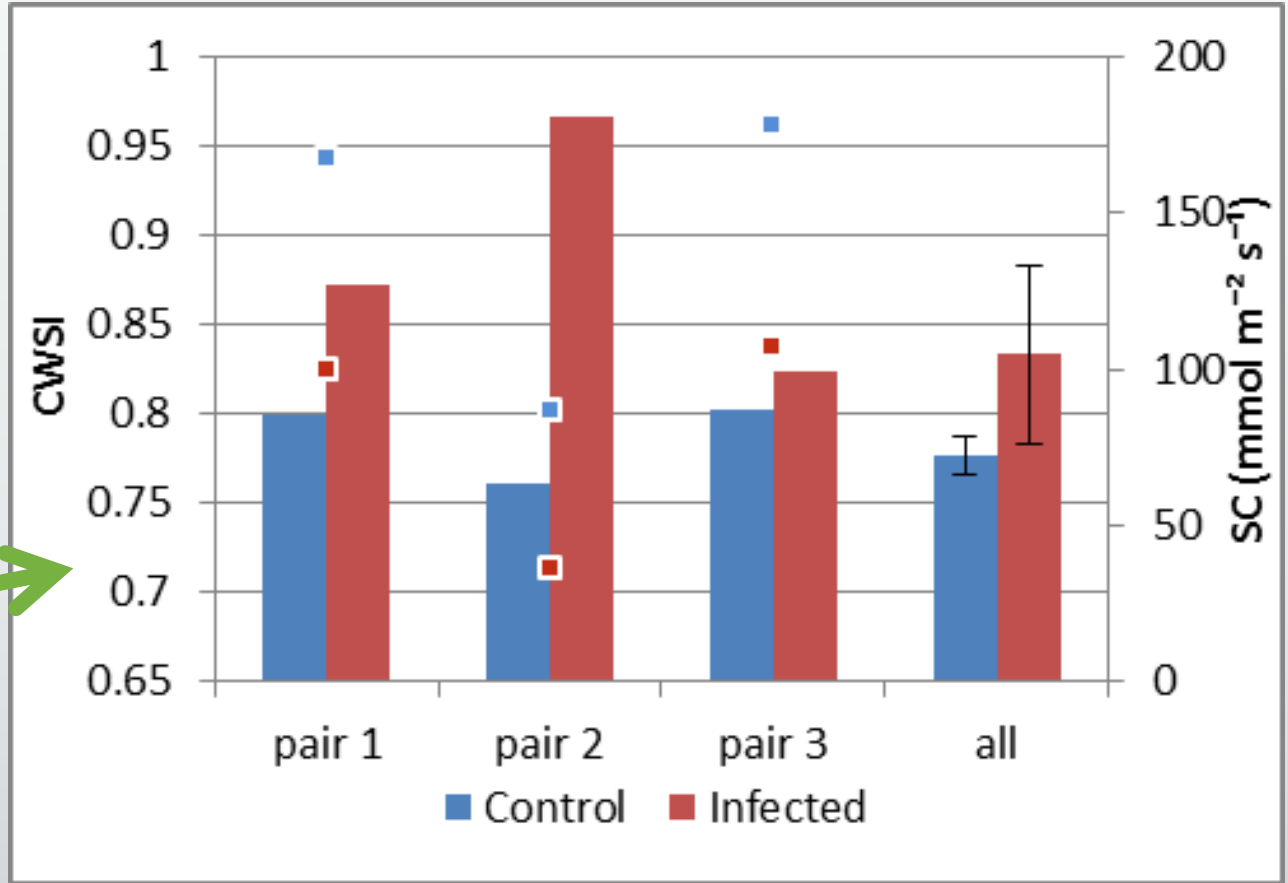
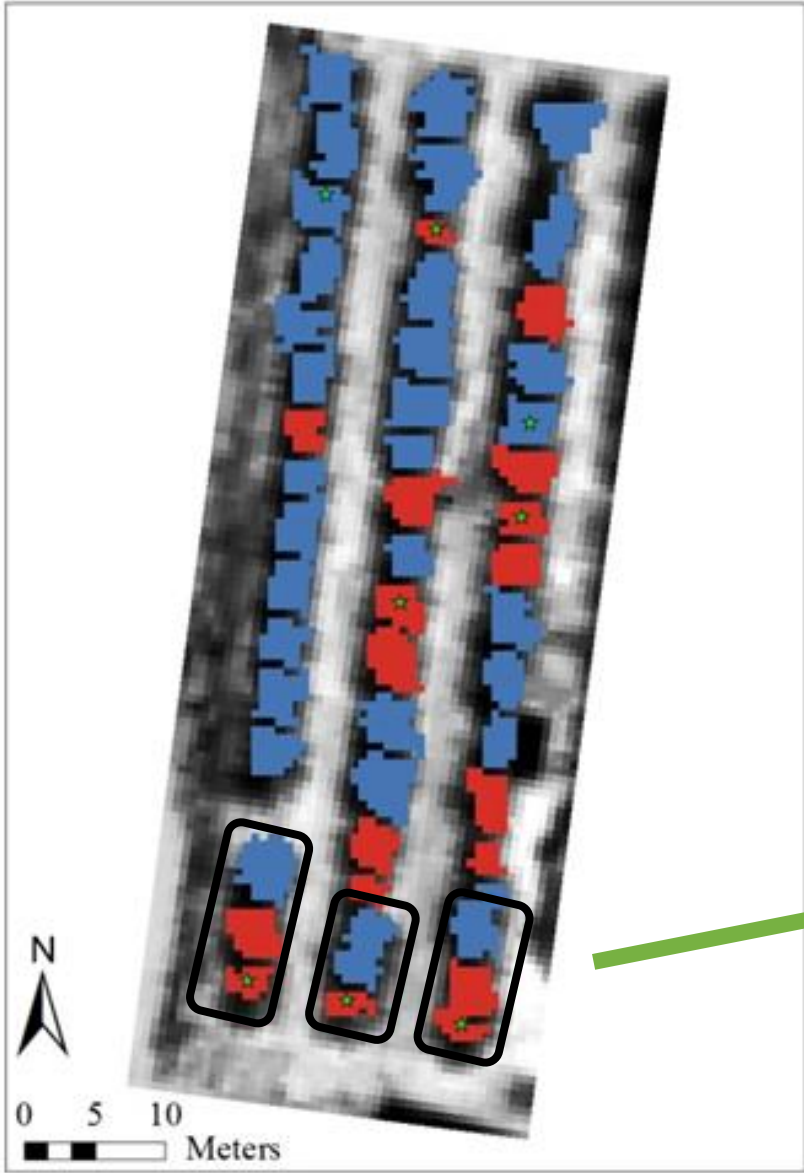
Diurnal dynamic of canopy temperature - commercial orchard





Ma'ale Gamla. 'Hayani' date palm, Sep. 2013

Detection Accuracy: 75%
Overestimation: 25%



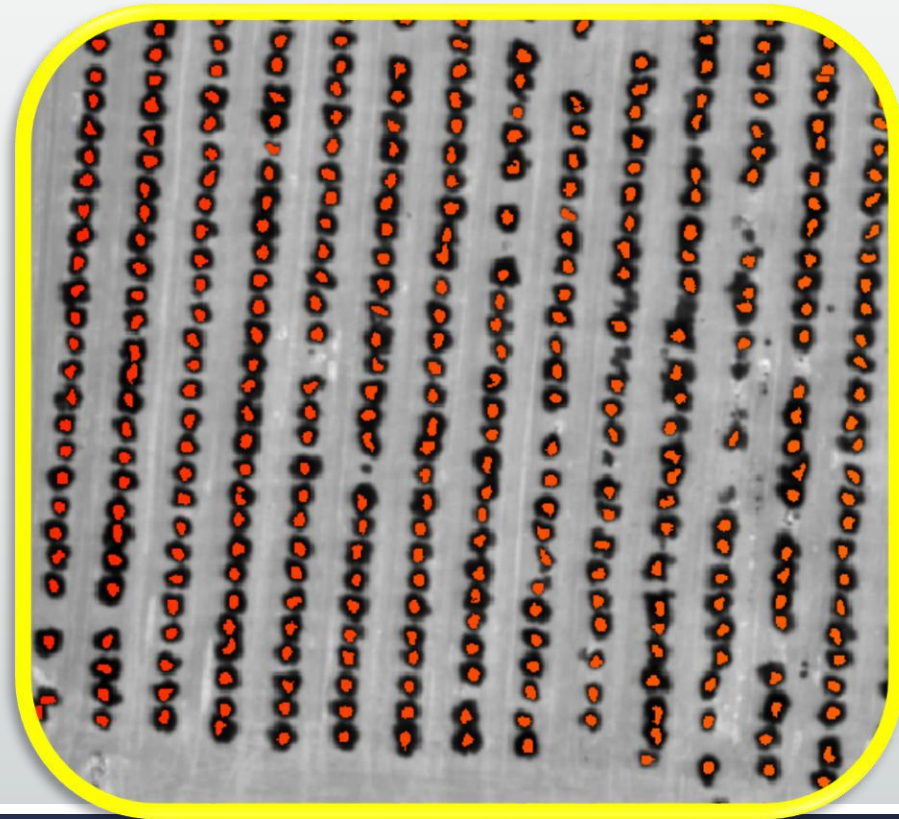
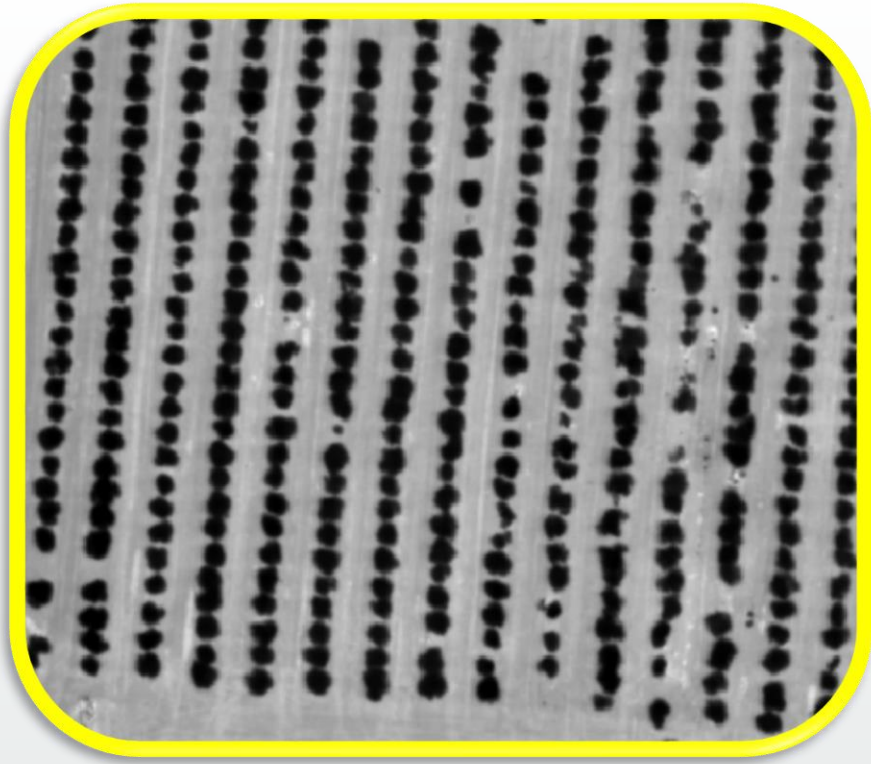


Thermal imaging for the detection of Jojoba plants infected by *Fusarium oxysporum*





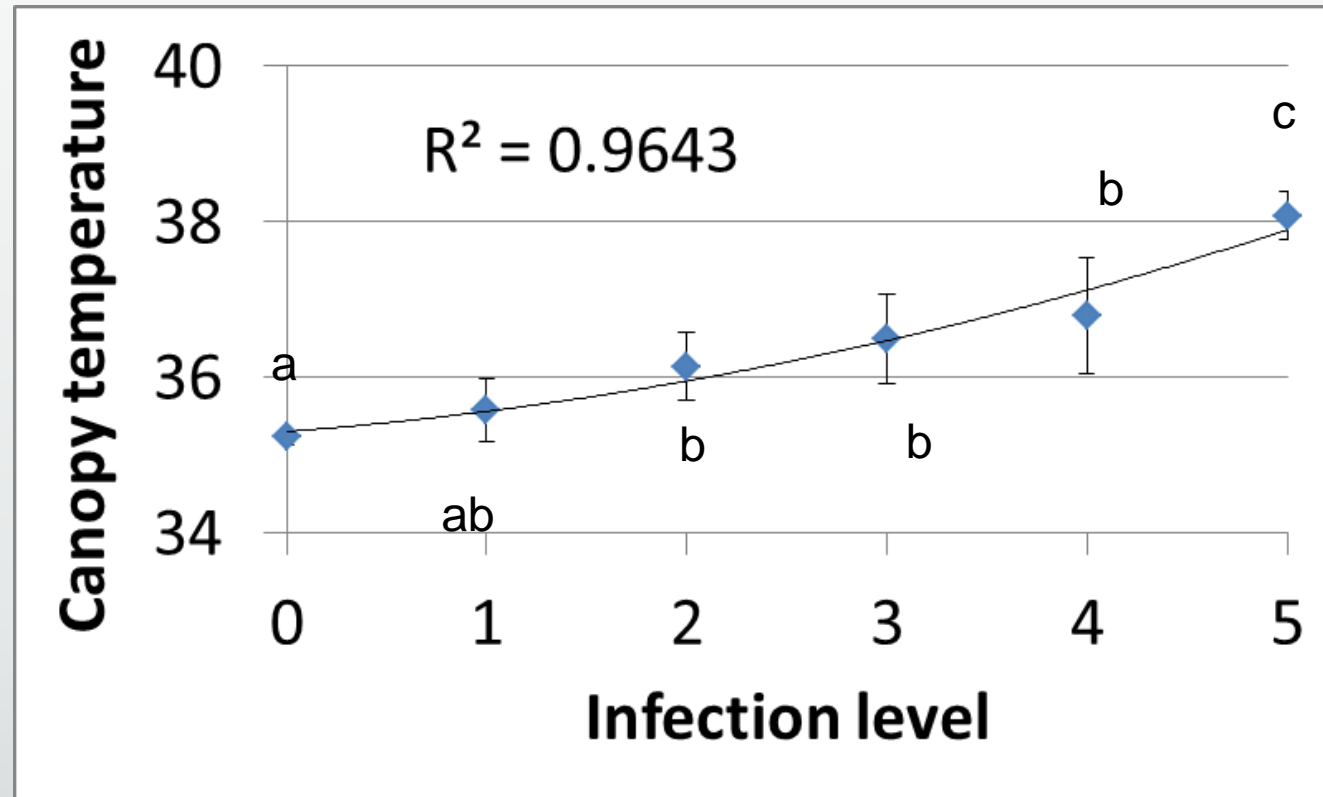
Canopy Segmentation





Results

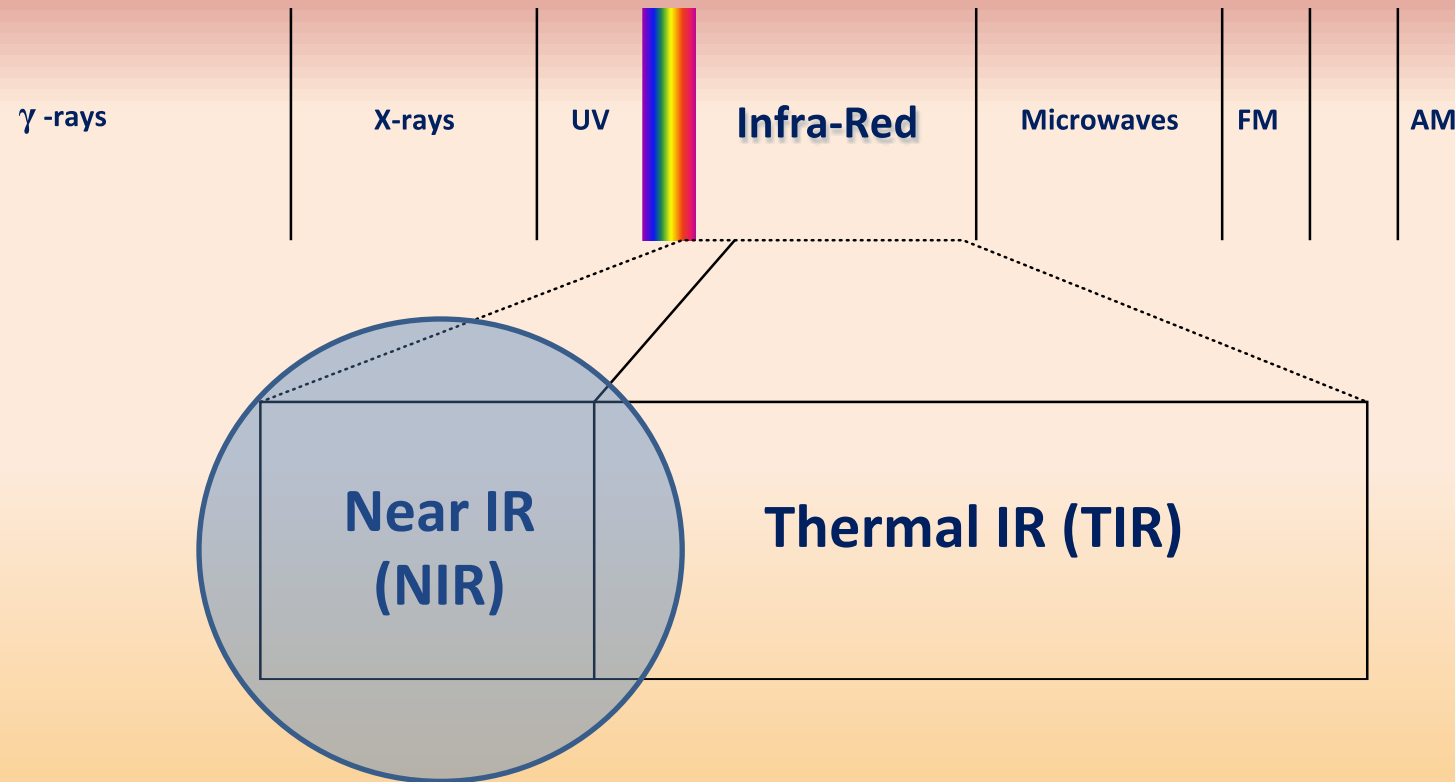
Canopy temperature increases with infection level



**CROP NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT
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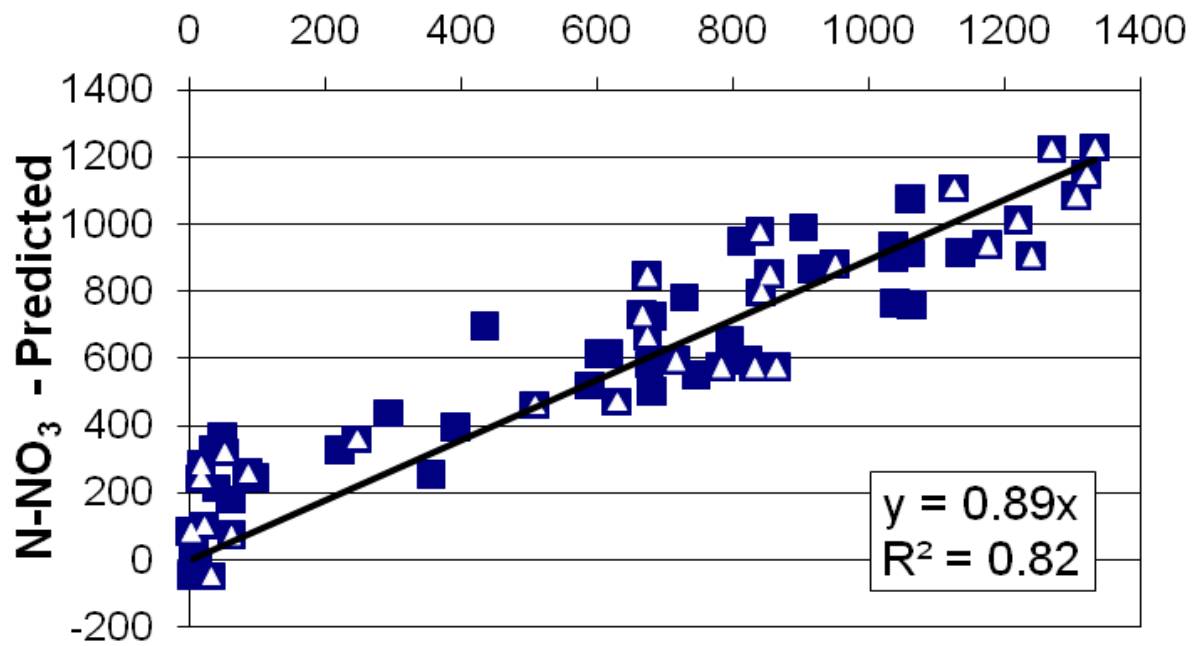


**Nitrogen
in
potatoes**





N-NO₃ - Measured

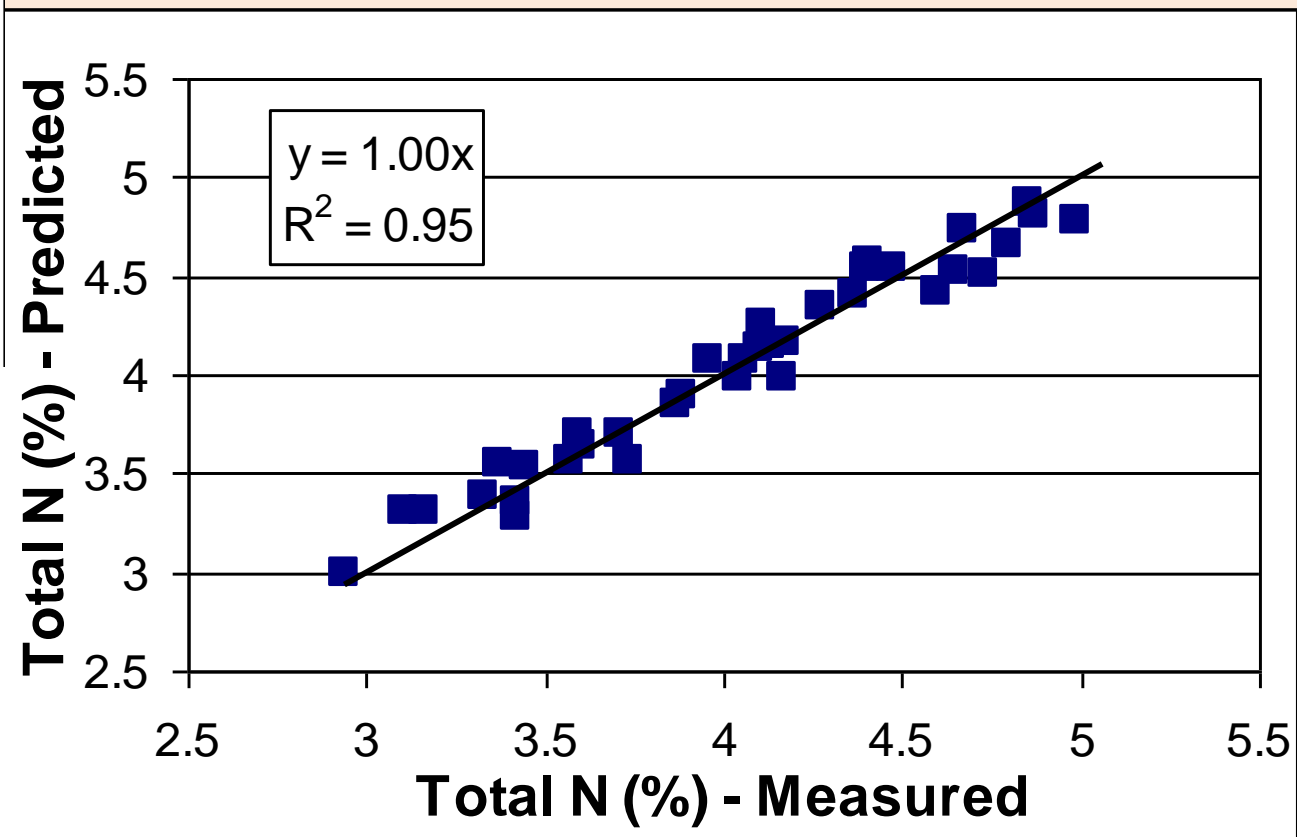


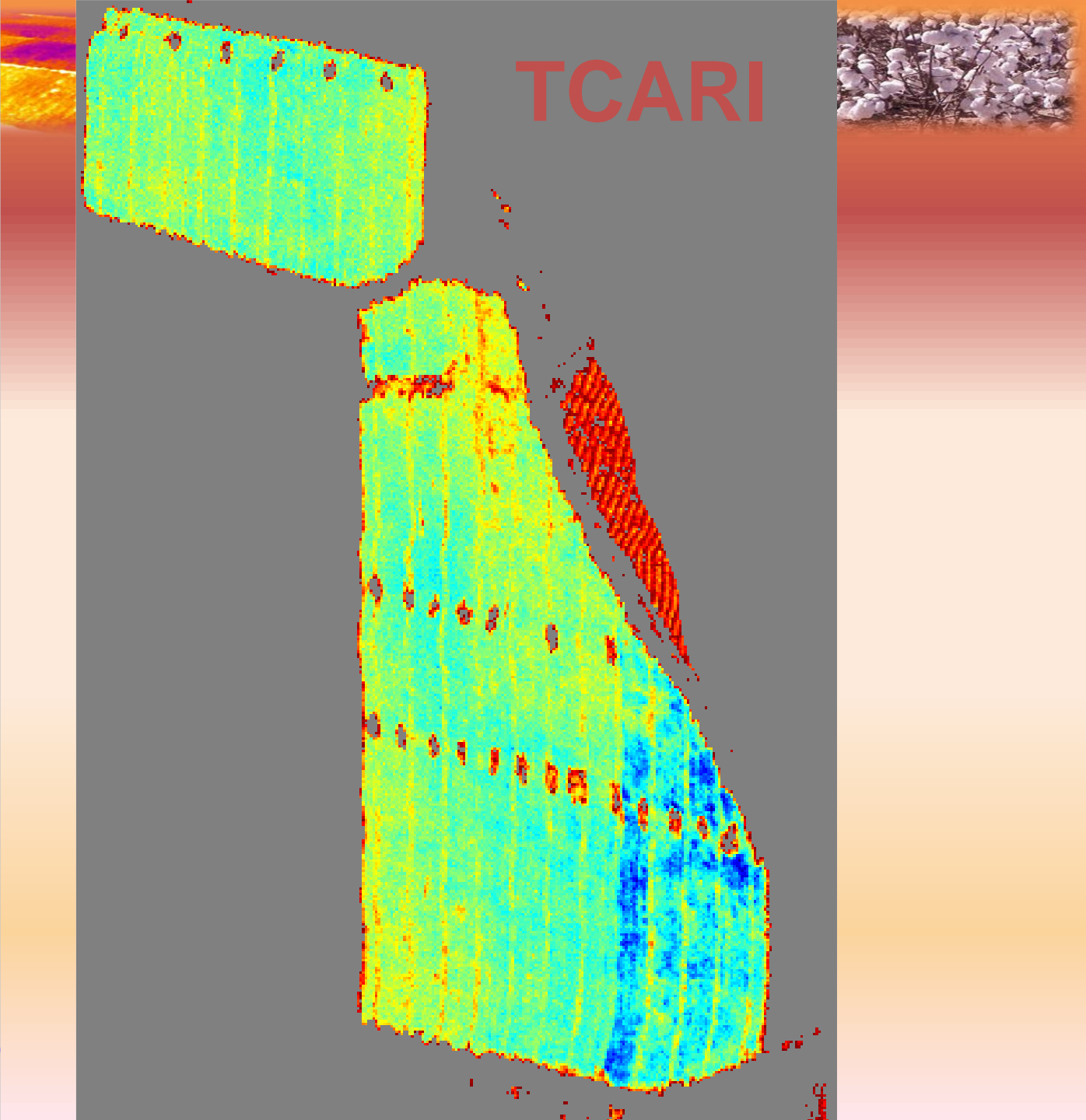
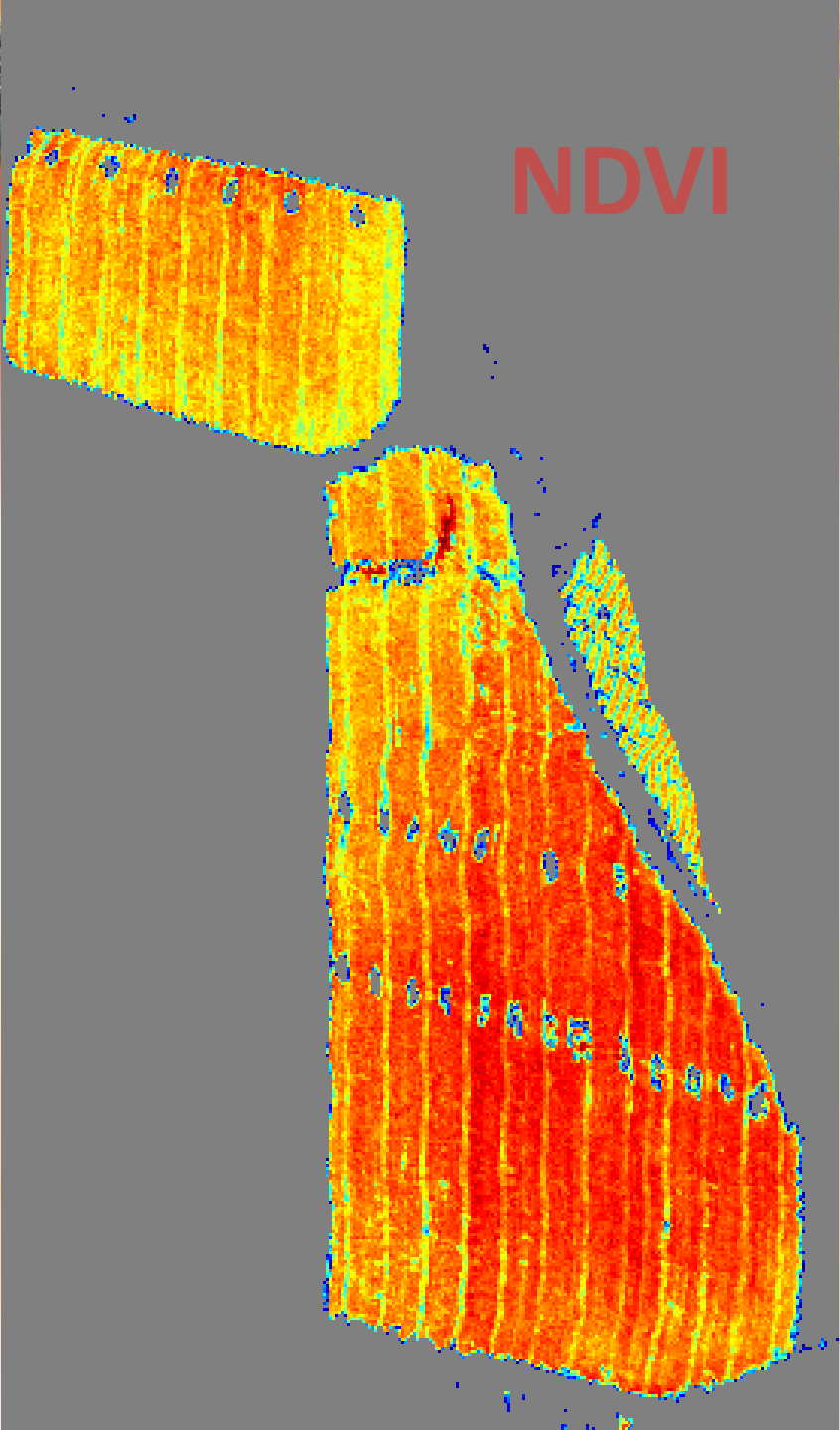
Average petiol nitrate content estimated from PLSR- 2007

RMSECV= 182 ppm

Average leaf nitrogen content estimated from PLSR- 2007

RMSECV= 0.11%







Early detection of corn and sunflower stress induced by chemical spraying



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Objective

Detect abiotic stress using leaf spectral reflectance.

Detect inhibition of 3 mechanisms:

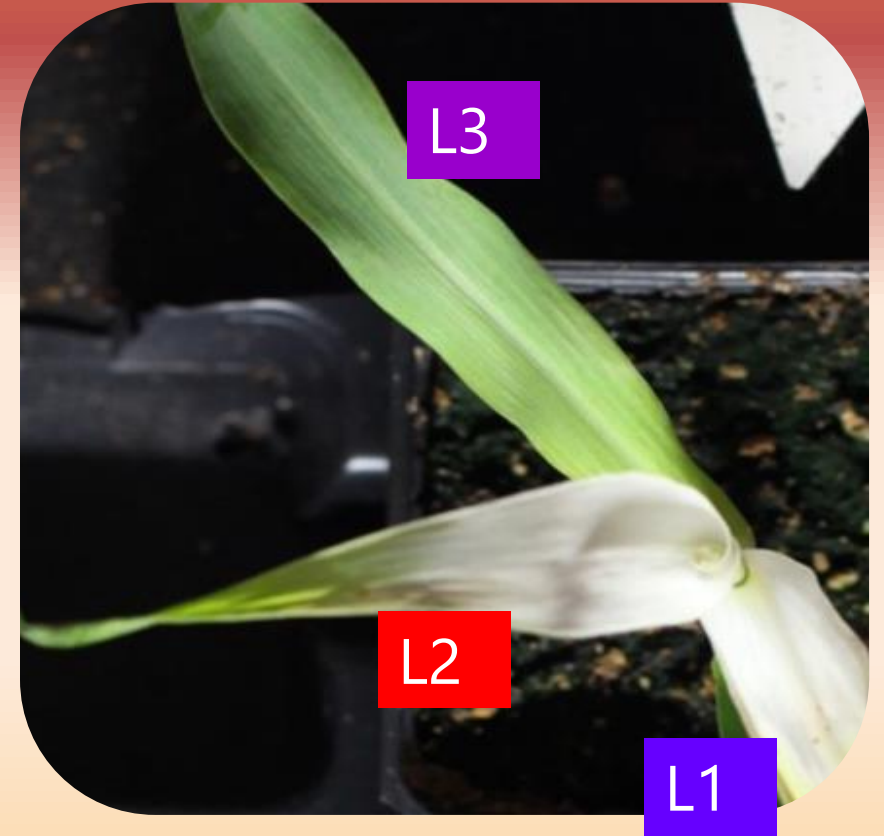
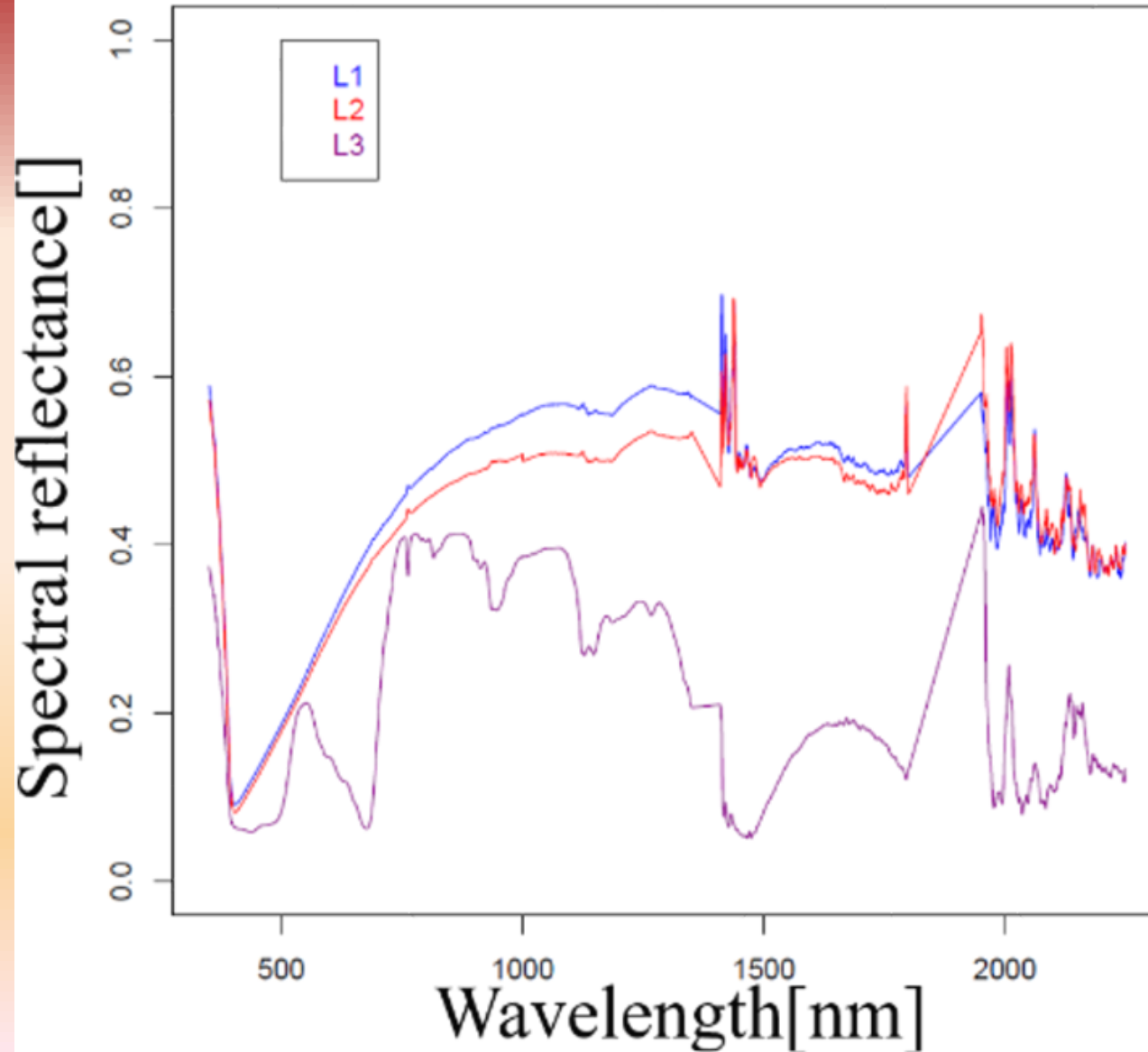
- lipid metabolism
- photosynthesis
- amino acid metabolism

mechanisms of action (MOA)



Data acquisition

Leaf spectral reflectance



Spectra were acquired from 2-3 leaves from each plant

PLS regression on average phenotypes

Results – All spectrum model

R-Squared

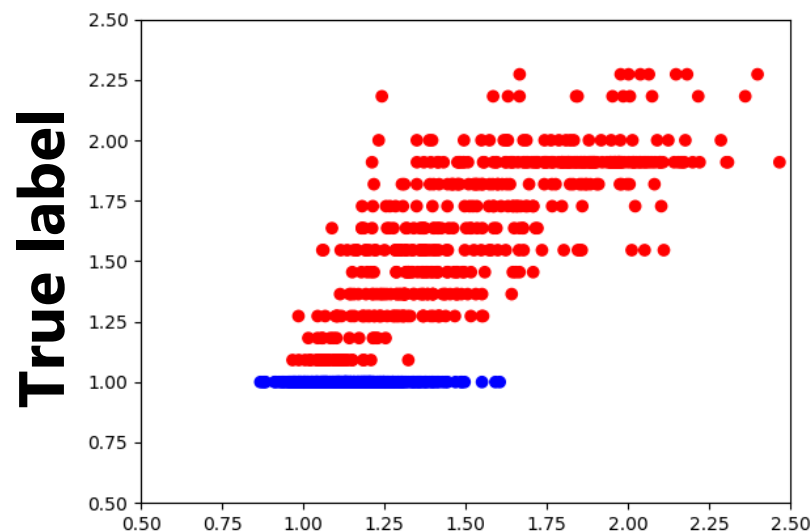
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R-Squared

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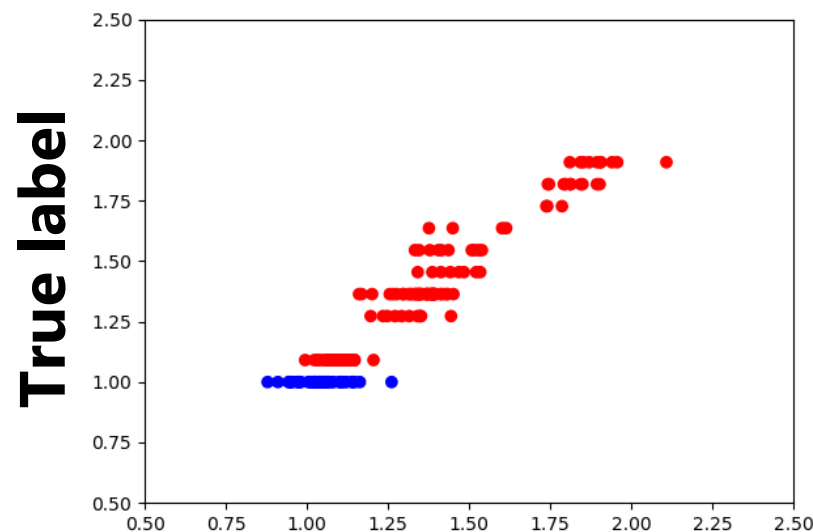
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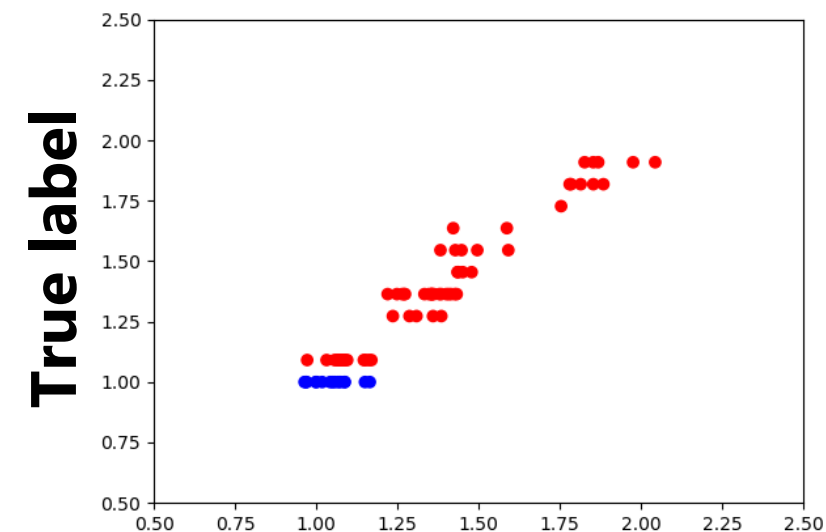
Predicted label

All corn



Predicted label

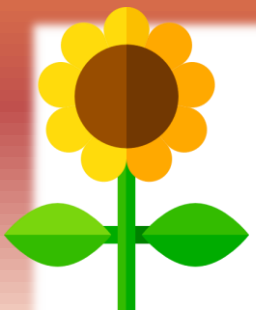
Amino acid metabolism corn



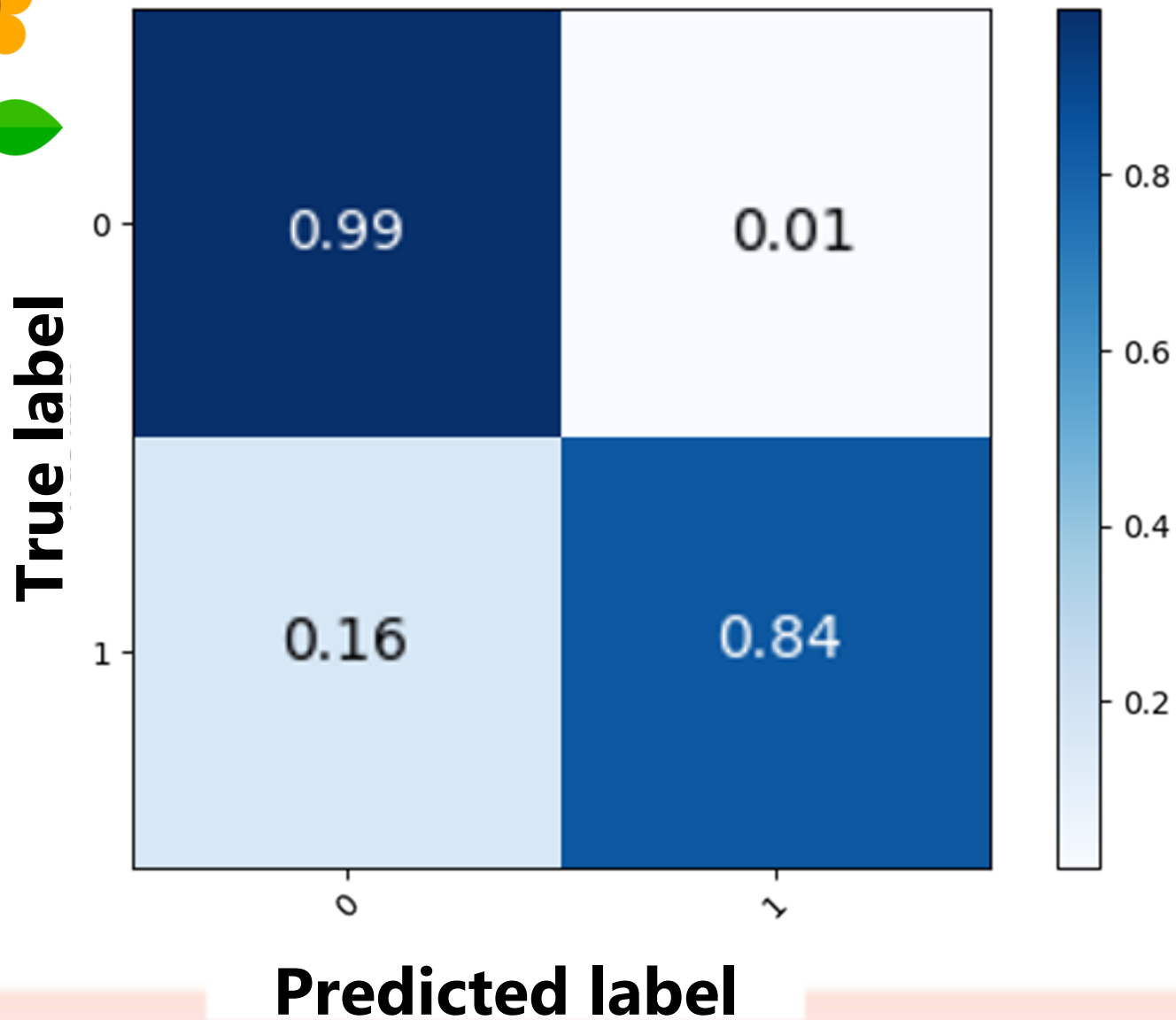
Predicted label

Amino acid metabolism corn L2

Random Forest

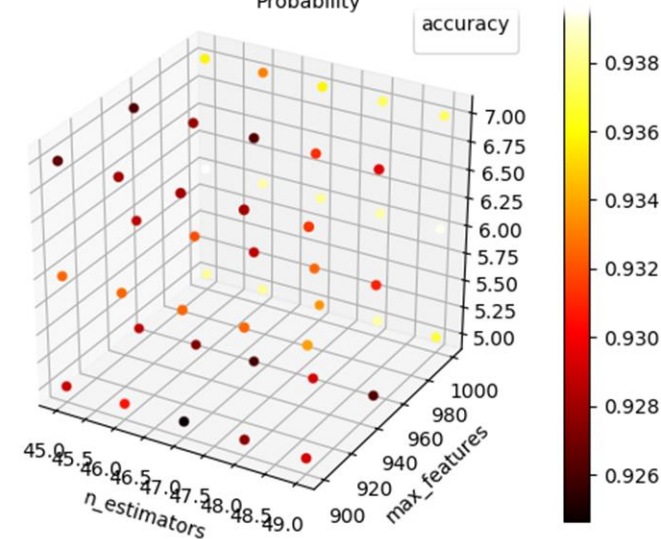
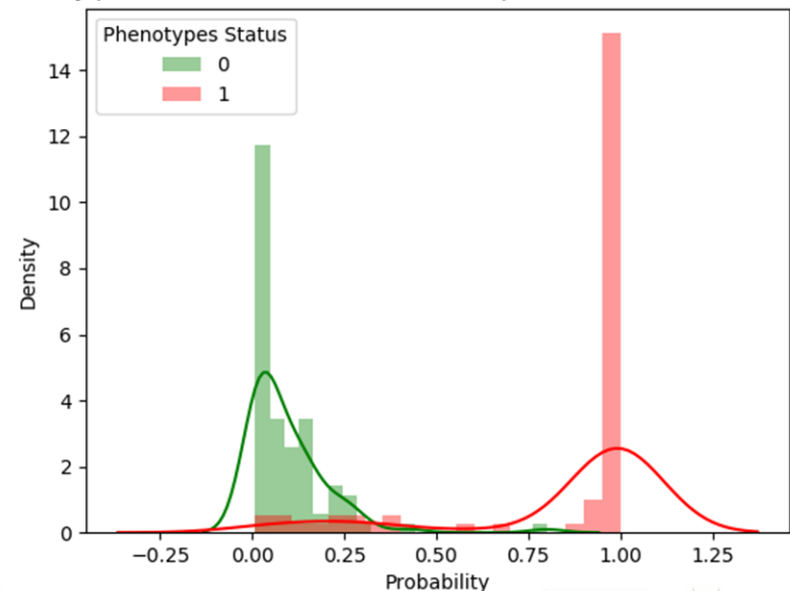


Normalized confusion matrix test DSunflower set



Machine Learning models

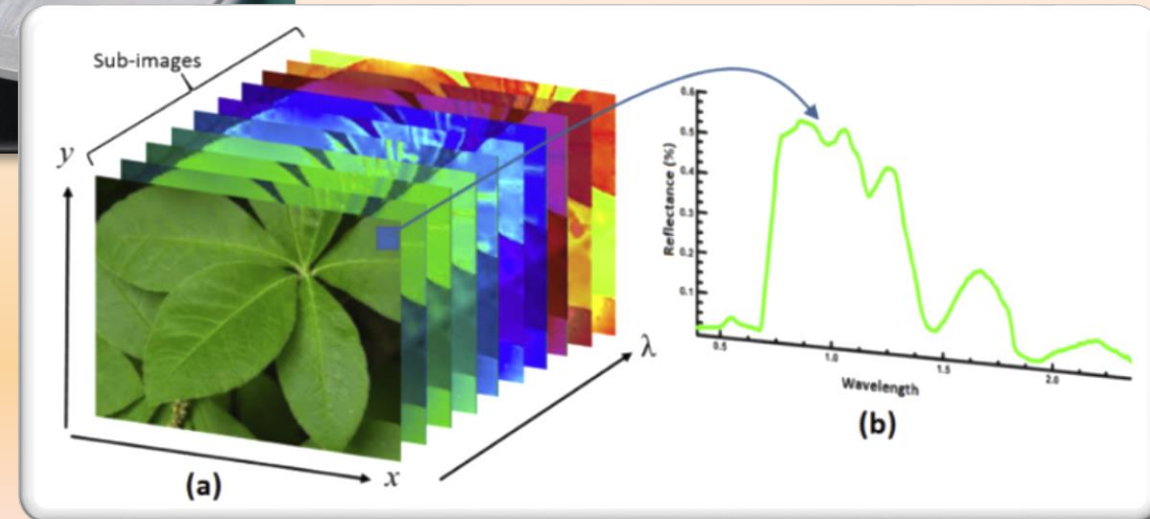
Density plot for infected and non-infected plant of the test DSunflower set

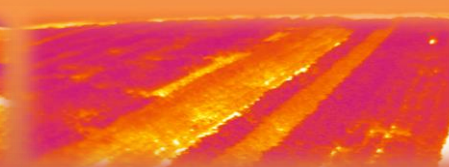
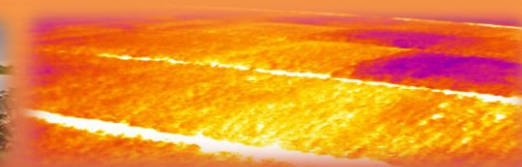


On-going work

**Hyperspectral
Image analysis**

**Υπερφασματική
απεικόνιση**





Other activities

- LIDAR sensing platform from UAV
- Super resolution algorithms for improving spatial resolution of remotely sensed data
- SAS – Software apps for scouting and ground truth data acquisition from farmers, and dissemination of research and extension services

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