

Optical sensors based on plant fluorescence



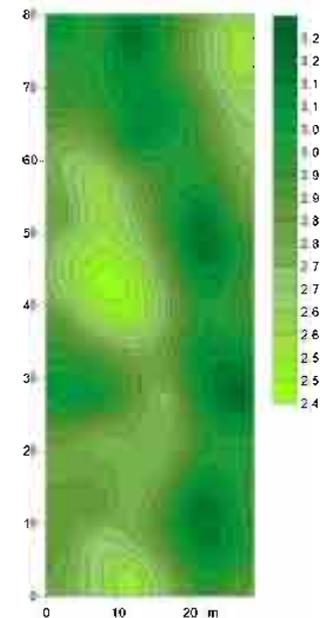
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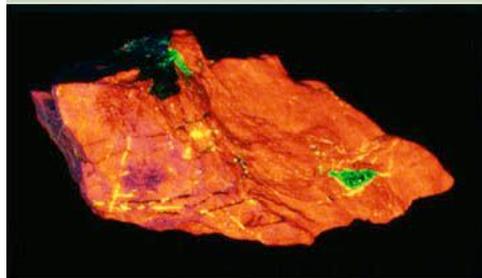
"to see the invisible"



Fluorescence under UV light



VIS



UV



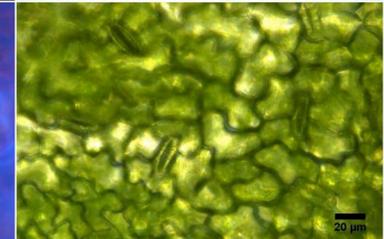
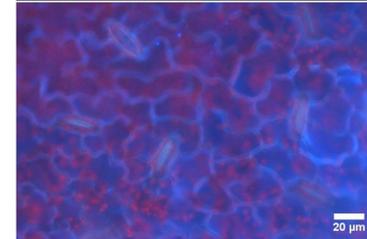
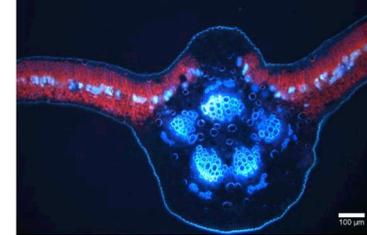
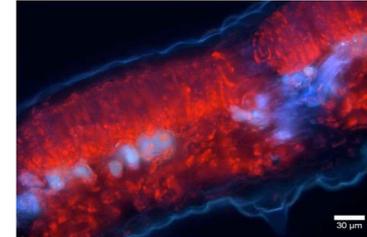
Mineralogy

Forensics

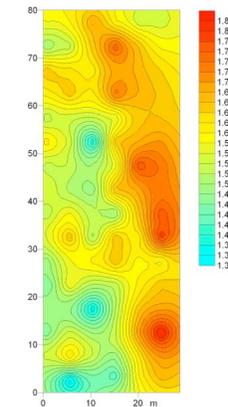


UV

VIS

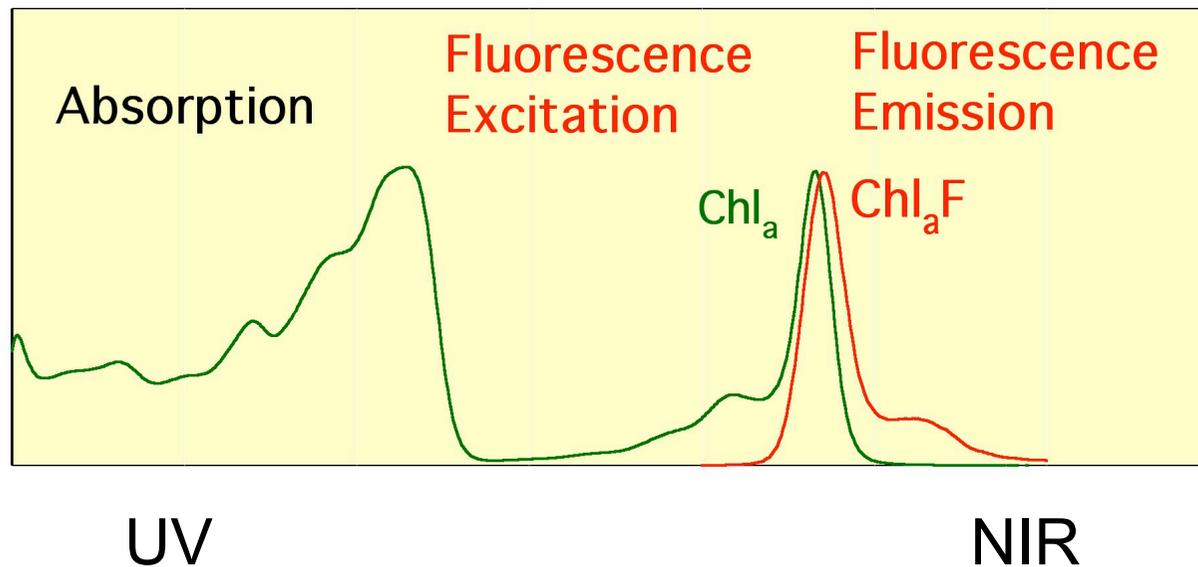


Plants & Agriculture



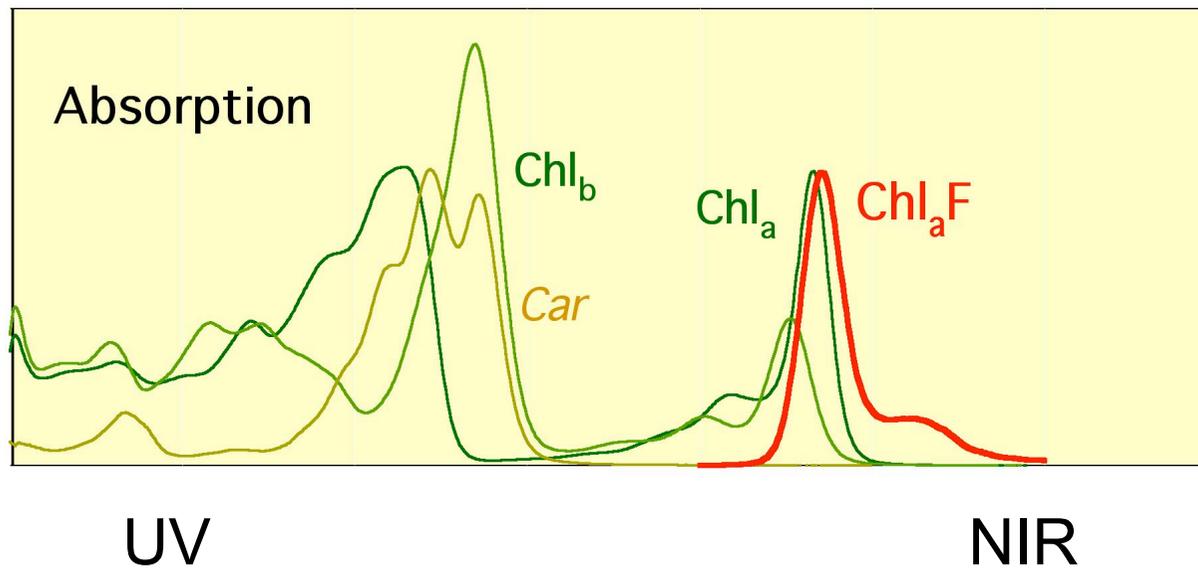
Chlorophyll fluorescence

Chlorophyll a in solution



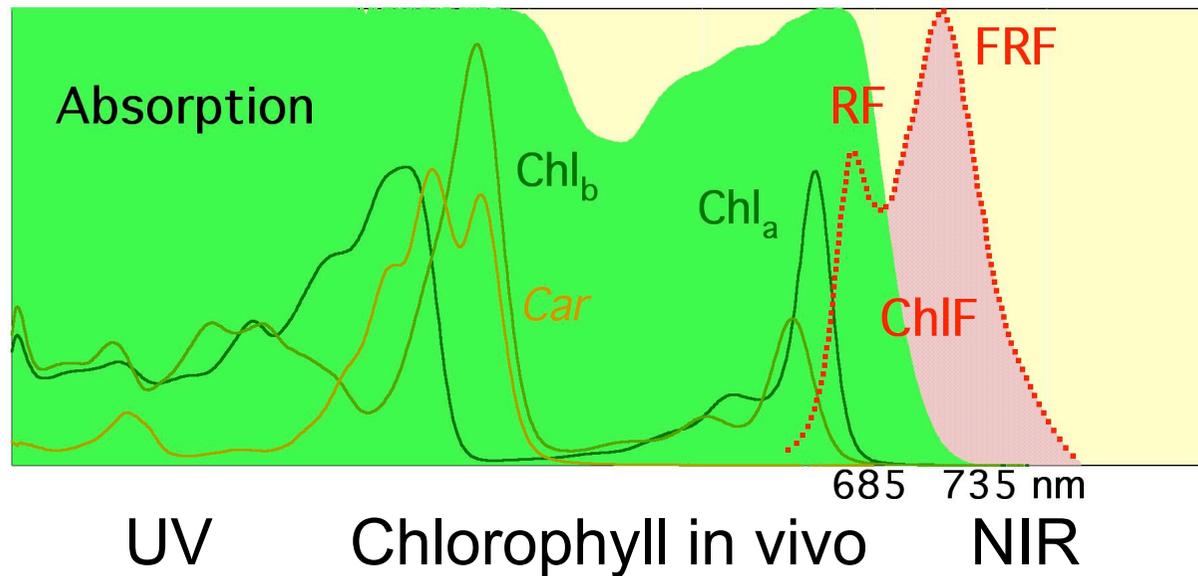
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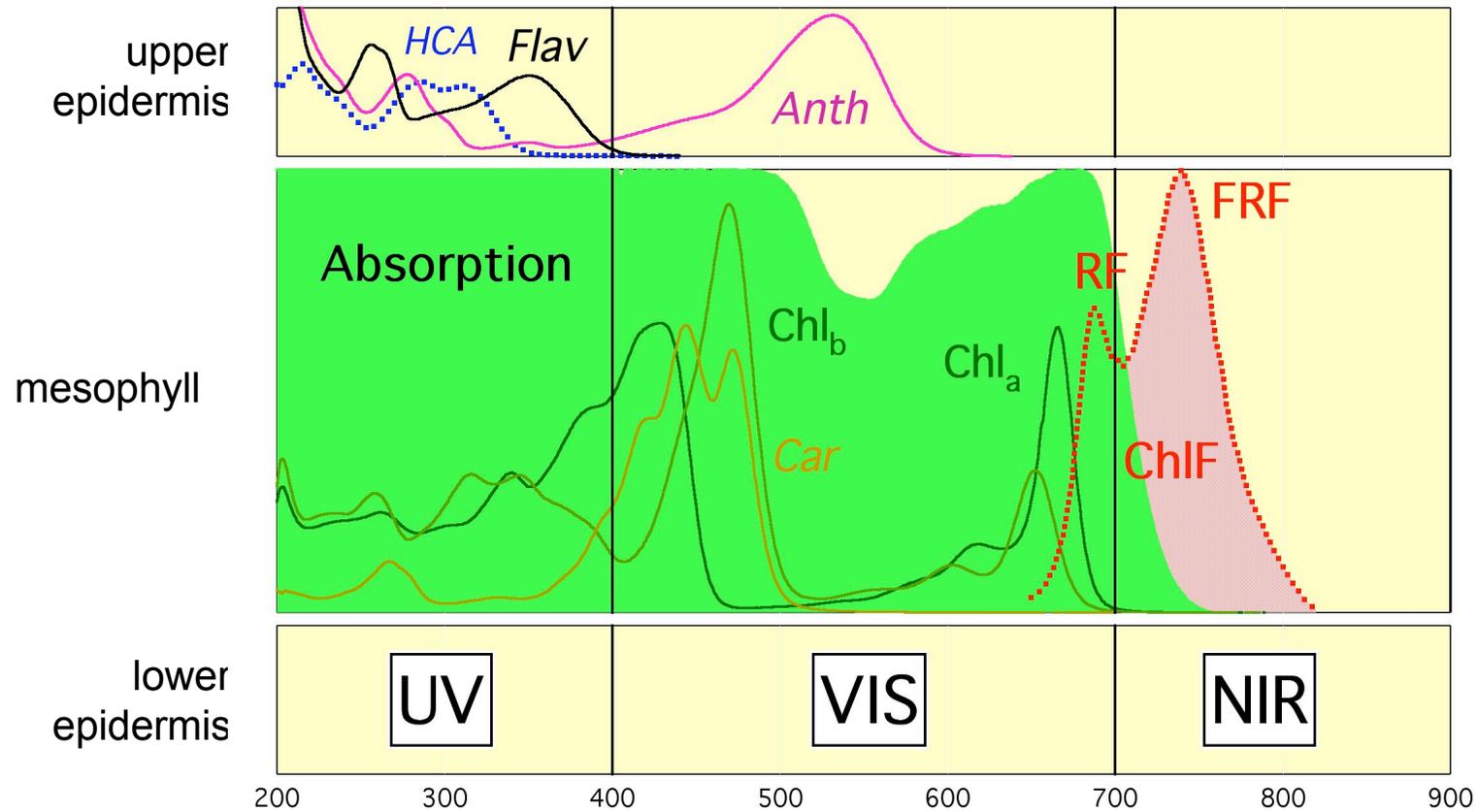


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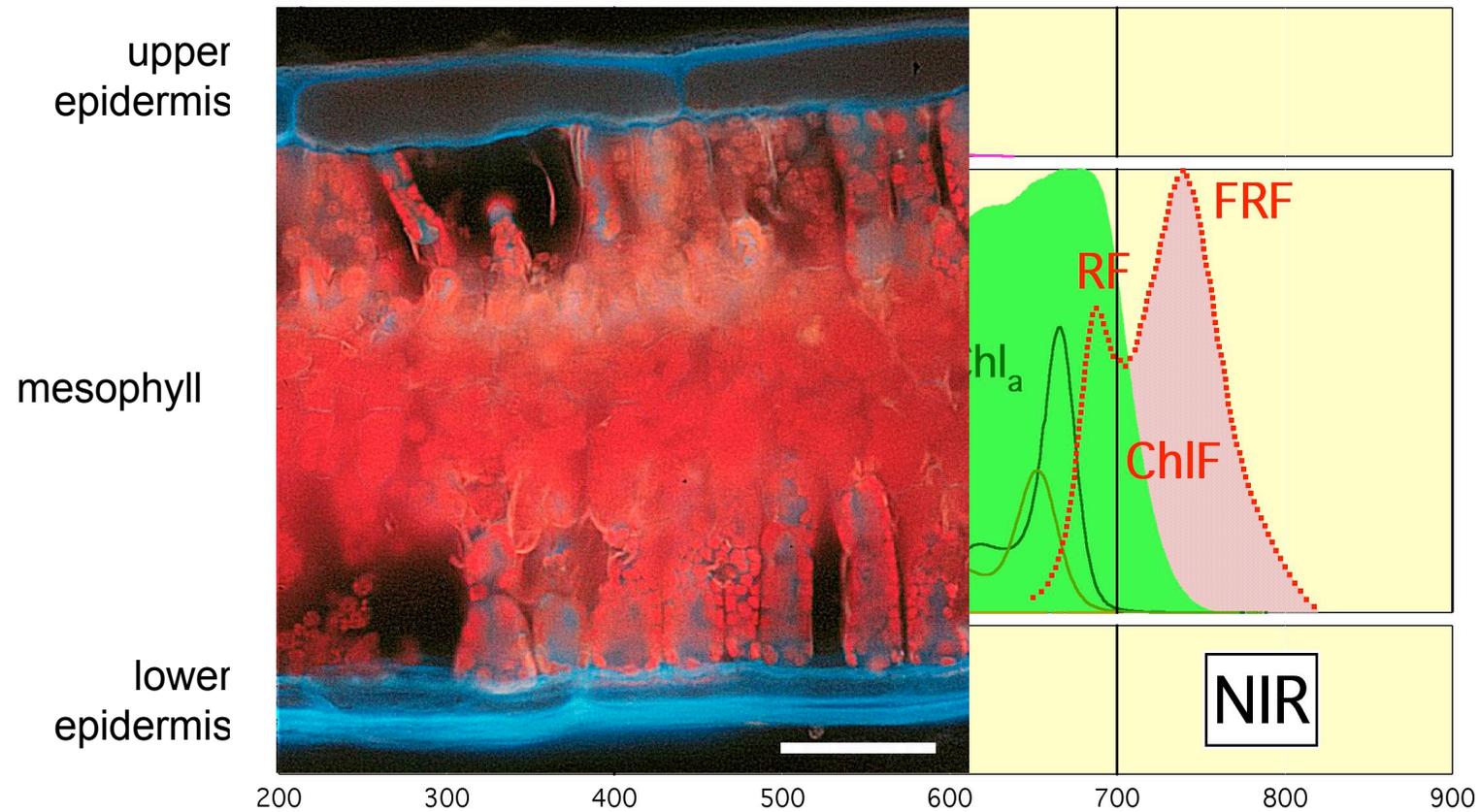


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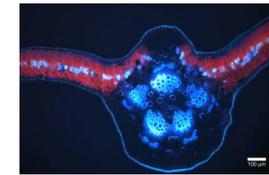
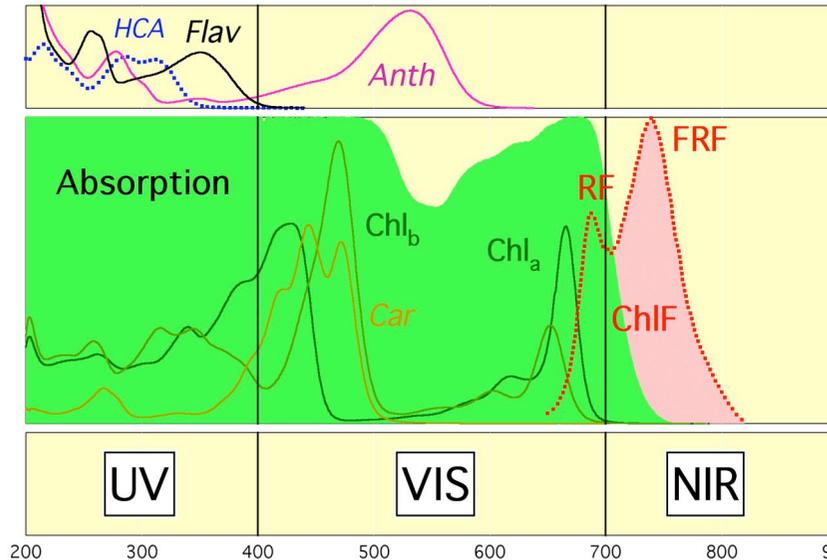
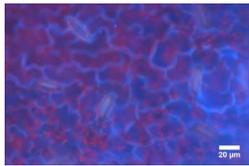
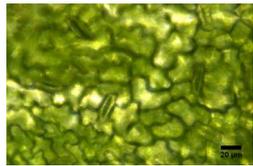
Cerovic et al. (1999) *Agronomie*, 19: 543

Chlorophyll fluorescence



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Nomenclature and type of plant fluorescence



Chlorophyll Fluorescence = ChIF
 Red Fluorescence = FRF (685)
 Far-Red Fluorescence = FRF (735)

Blue-Green
 Fluorescence
 = BGF

FRF_G
 emission_excitation

ChIF_VIS

ChIF_UV

BGF_UV

FRF_VIS
"variable"
fluorescence

FRF/RF
emission
ratio

FRF_R/FRF_UV
excitation
ratio

BF_UV/FRF_UV
"blue"
fluorescence

Stress

Chl

Flav

HCA

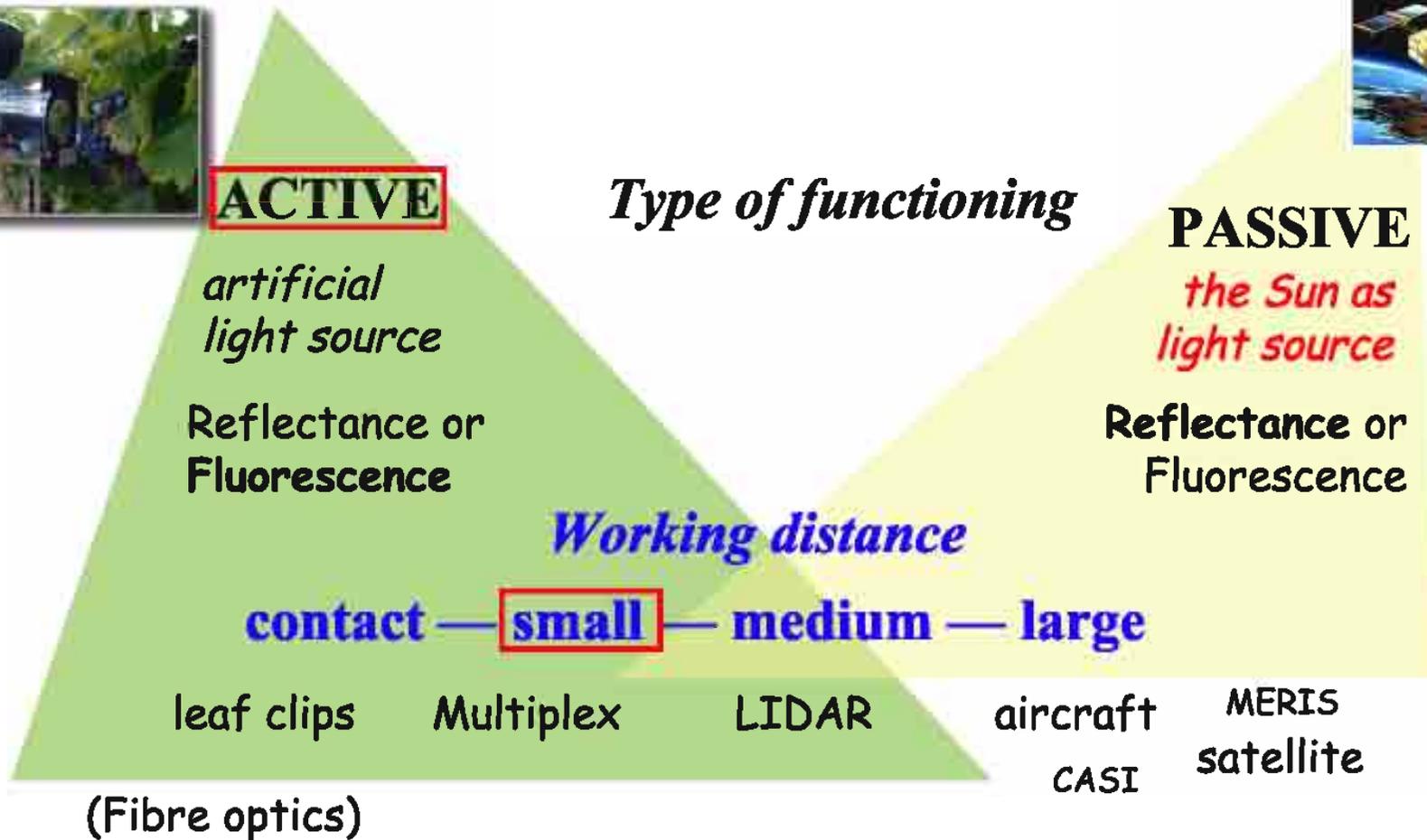
PAM sensors
 Imaging

MiniVeg
 Laser-N-Detector
 Multiplex

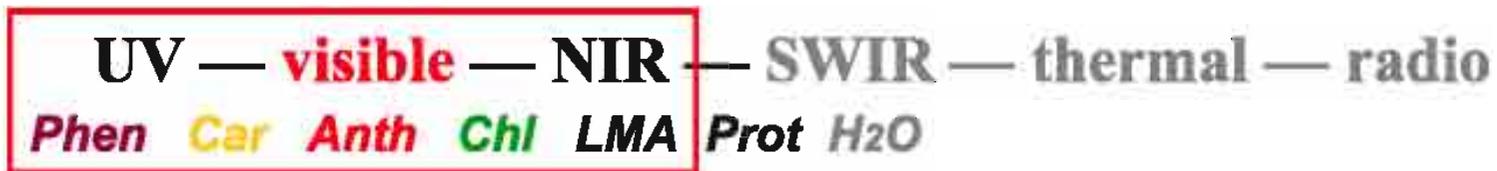
UV-A PAM
 Dualex
 Multiplex

Multiplex
 Imaging **Fungi**

Proximal sensing of vegetation

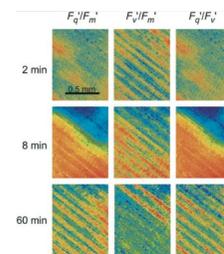
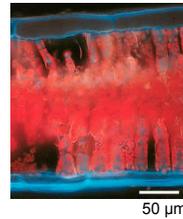


Spectral Domain



Imaging

Parallel imaging,
CDD cameras,
microscopy, macroscopy
(only as illustration)

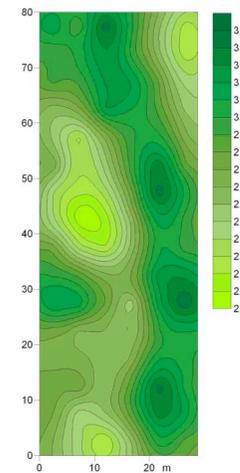


Not adapted
for fluorescence
from a distance

Push-broom imaging (scanning),
DAD sensors,
spectro-microscopy, remote sensing



Raster imaging (scanning),
Single point measurement,
microscopy, macroscopy
Proximal sensing



excitation

emission

Single source

Single detector

Visible

(G, O, R)
laser, LED

RF
FRF
ChIF

Variation of *fluorescence yield*

- with time or light intensity
- Photosynthesis related

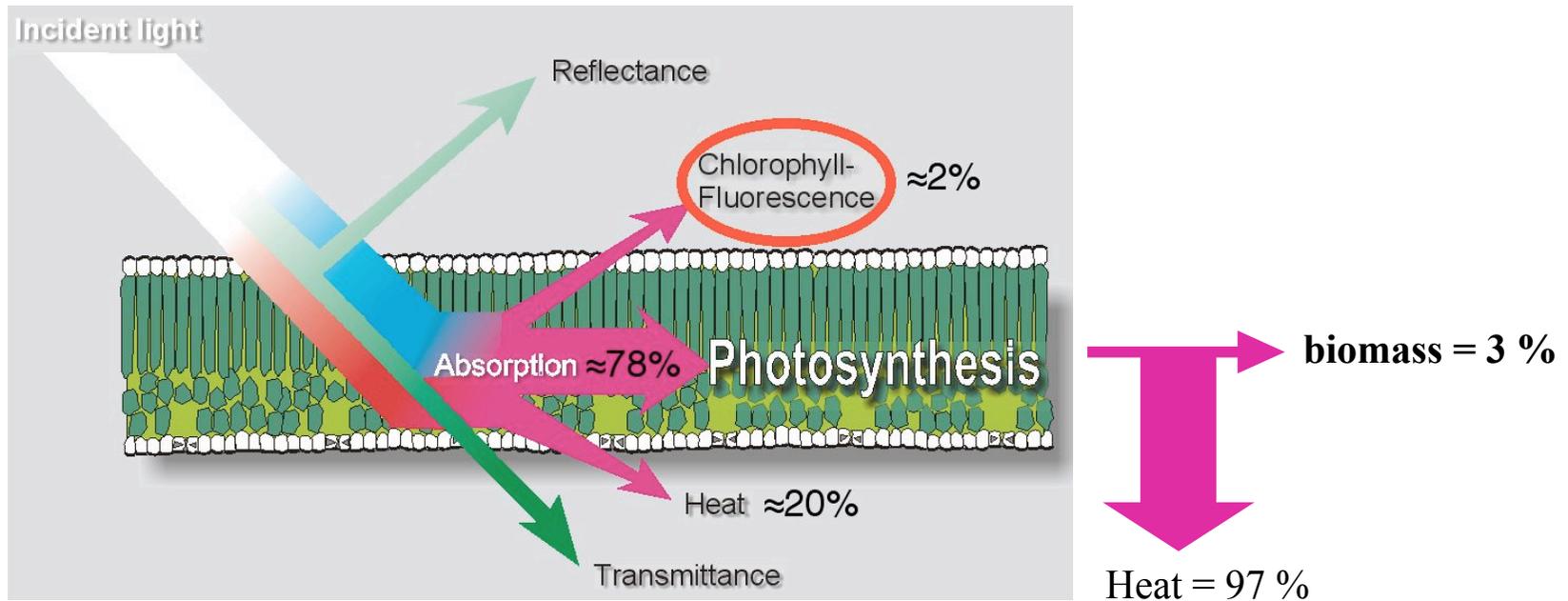
STRESS
photoinhibition
freezing
chilling
heat
nutrition
salinity
drought

Limitation:
need for pre-darkening

Chlorophyll a Fluorescence. A Signature of Photosynthesis. (2004)
Papageorgiou G.C. & Govindjee (Eds.) Springer, Dordrecht

Reflected & back-diffused
(Reflectance = I_r/I_o)

visible (PAR = 48 % of Solar irradiance)



Transmitted & forward diffused
(Transmittance = I_t/I_o)

Absorbed
(absorptance = $1 - R - T$)
(absorbance = $-\log T$)

Portable field fluorometers

"Variable" ChlF

Stress

**PAM-2000
Portable Chlorophyll
Fluorometer**

for investigating
photosynthesis in the field,
greenhouse and laboratory



**MINI-PAM
Photosynthesis Yield Analyzer**

the ultimate answer to portability
and ease of operation



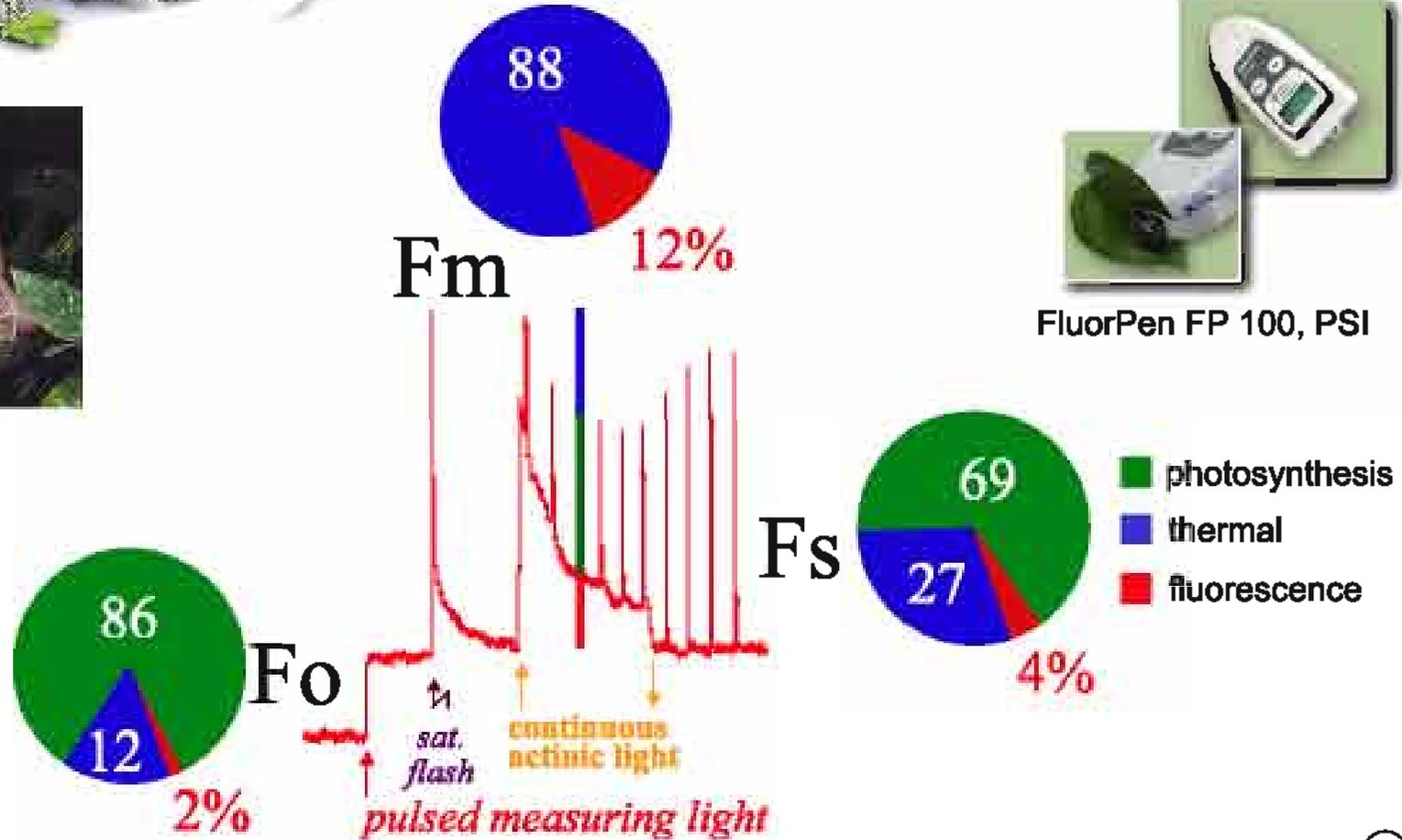
PEA, Hansatech, UK



**EARS-PPM,
Netherlands**



FluorPen FP 100, PSI

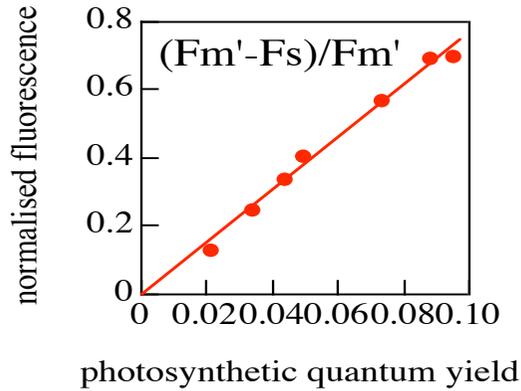


LIDARs & micro-LIDARs

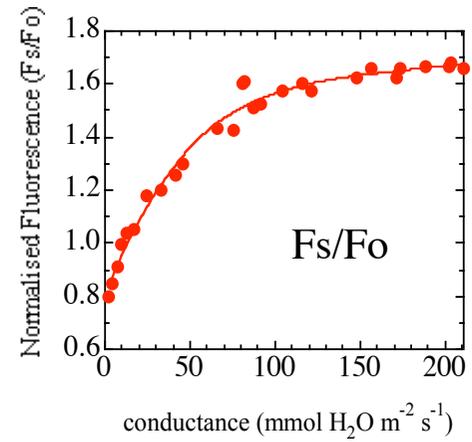
Stress



Laser-PAM LURE



Genty et al. (1989) BBA, 990: 87

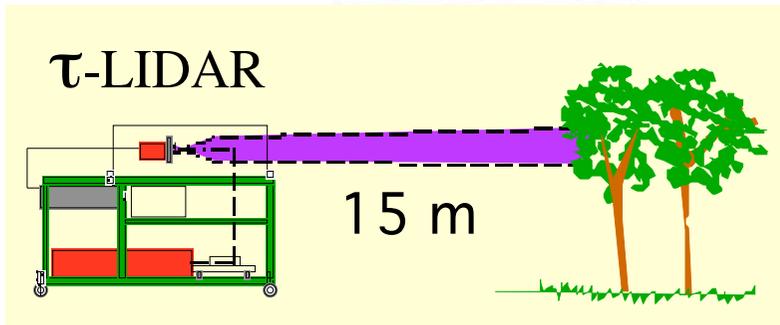


Flexas et al. (2000) RSE, 73: 283

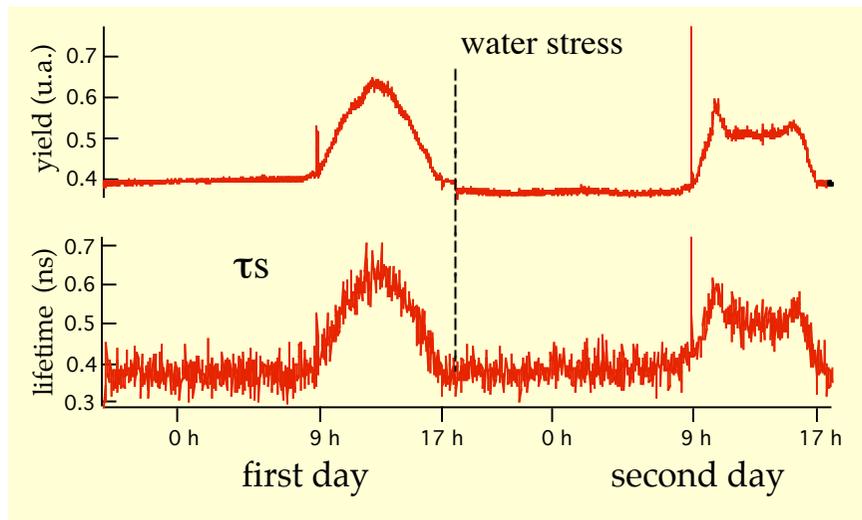


LEAF

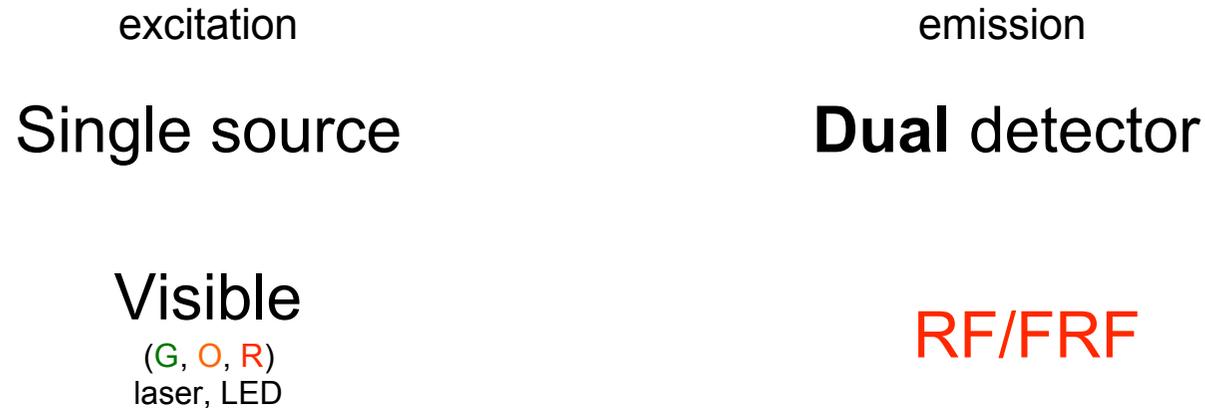
LIFT



Lifetime LIDAR LURE



Cerovic et al. (1996) RSE, 58: 311



Chlorophyll quantification

- nitrogen nutrition related
- (cover fraction)

Limitation:
influence of "variable" ChlF

Chlorophyll estimation from fluorescence reabsorption

Chl

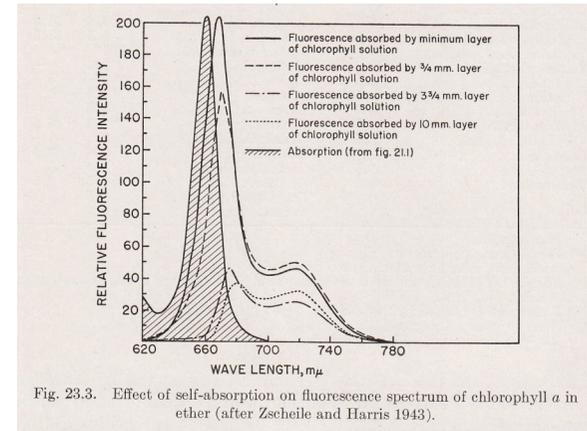
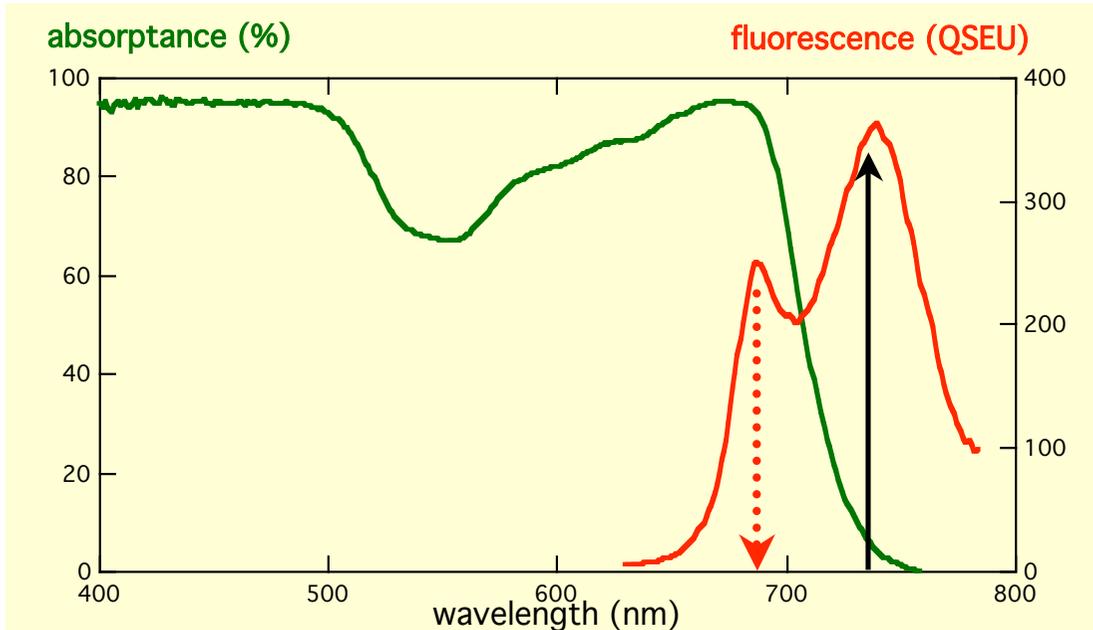
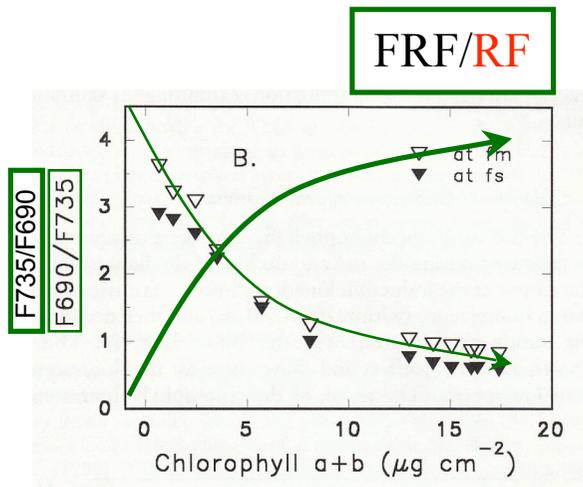
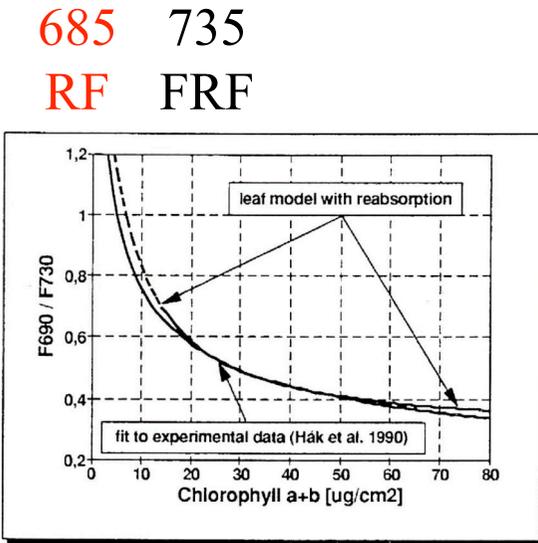


Fig. 23.3. Effect of self-absorption on fluorescence spectrum of chlorophyll a in ether (after Zscheile and Harris 1943).

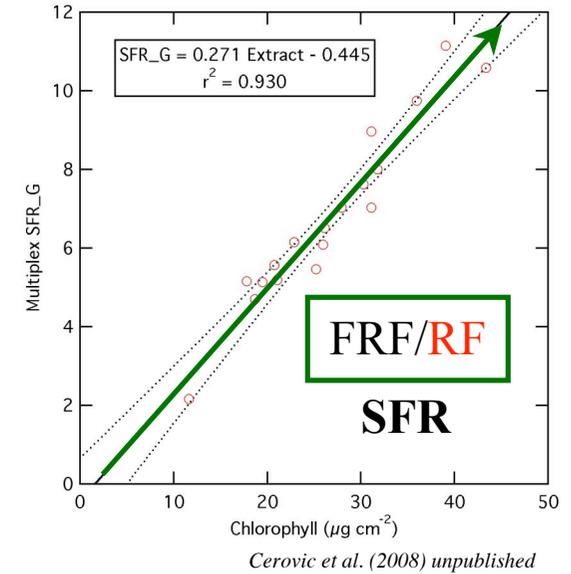
Rabinowitch (1951) Book



Babani et al. (1996) JPP, 148: 471



Dahn et al. (1992) EARSeL Adv. Remote Sens., 1: 12

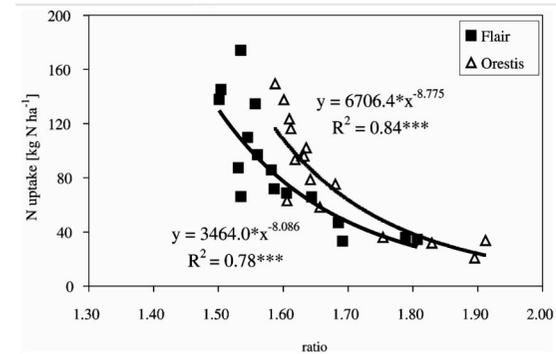


Cerovic et al. (2008) unpublished

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maps ?



Laser-N-Detector (Planto)

Schächtl et al. (2005) *Prec. Ag.* 6: 143



MiniVeg (Fritzmeier)

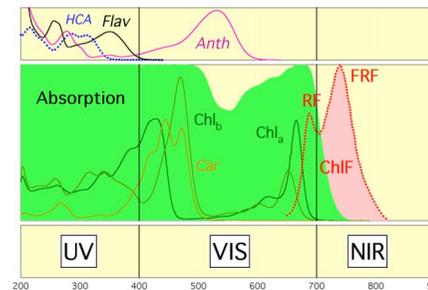
excitation

emission

Dual source

Single detector

UV & Visible
laser, LED



FRF
ChIF

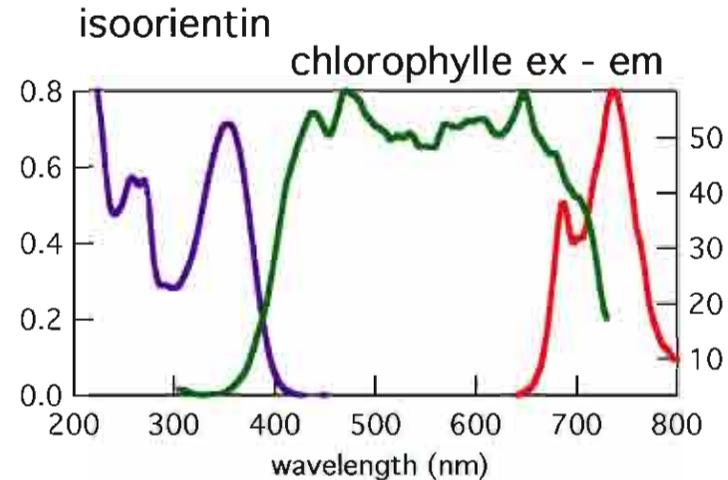
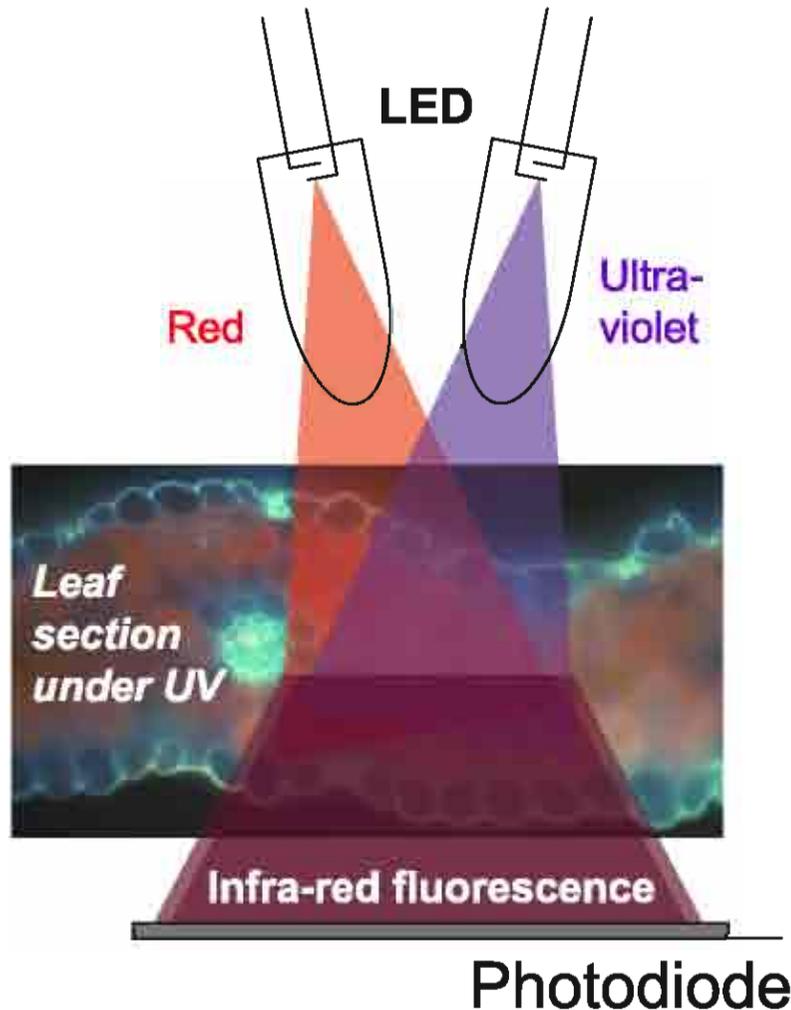
UV-absorption by the screening effect

- Phenolic compounds quantification
- (Green absorption)

Limitation:
UV sources

Dualex FLAV - based on ChlF screening method

Goulas et al. (2004) *Applied Optics* 43, 4488-4496

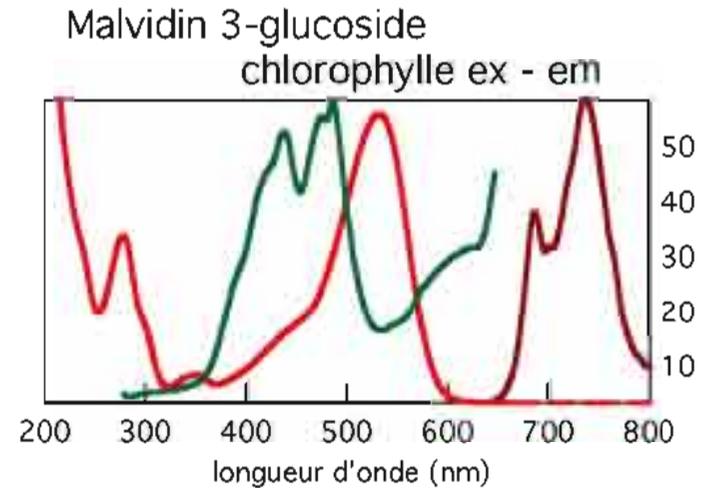
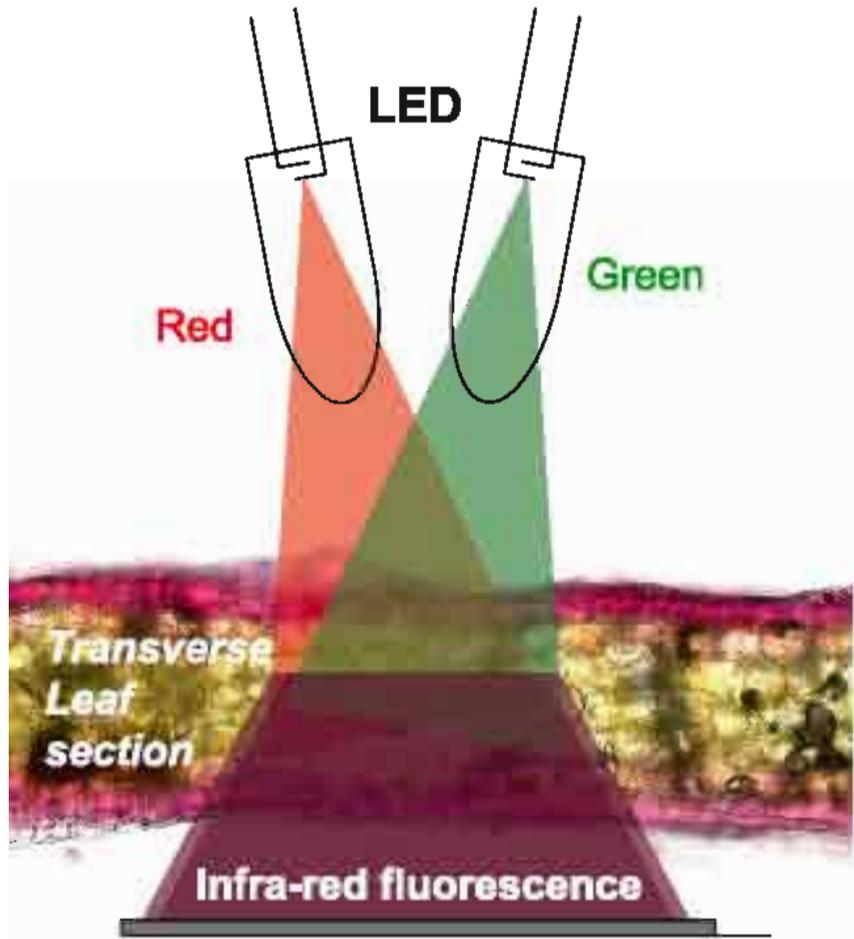


Flavonoids are present in the epidermis. They absorb UV radiation and screen the mesophyll.

Chlorophyll from the mesophyll emits near-IR fluorescence measurable on both sides of the leaf.



acc. Goulas et al. (2003) Patent WO03029791



When anthocyanins are present in the epidermis they absorb green light and screen the mesophyll.

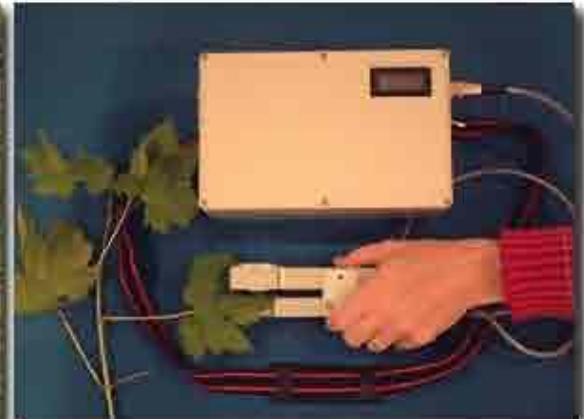
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Dualex 1 - Field (2002)



Dualex 2 (2003)



Dualex 3.2 (2004)



Dualex 1 - Lab (2001)

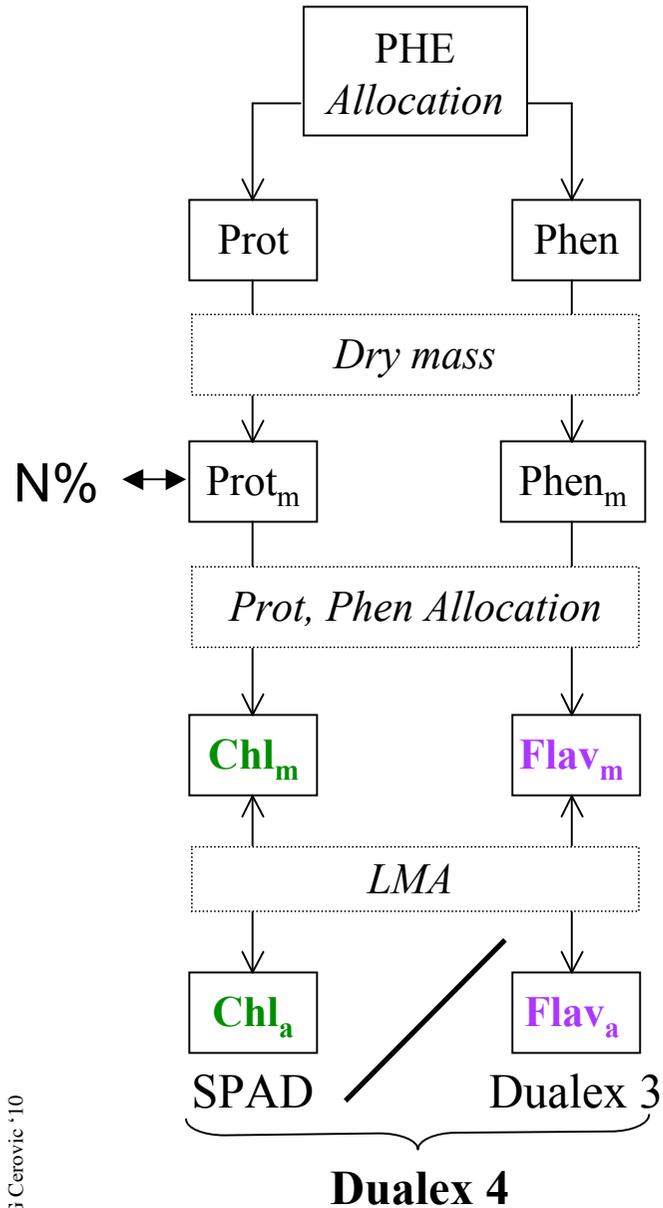


Dualex 4 (2009)



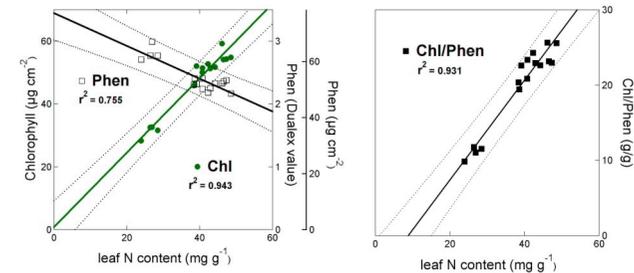
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The Chl/Phen ratio: Nitrogen Balance Index (NBI)

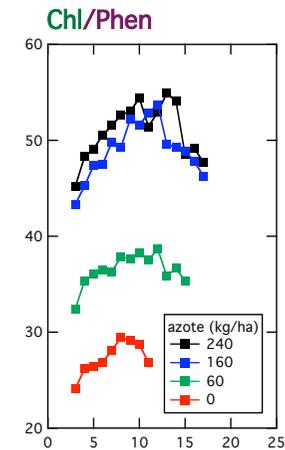


Three Beneficial effects

1. The **opposite dependence** on nitrogen increases the dynamic range



2. The **parallel dependence** on leaf age decreases leaf position influence



3. The ratio of **two surface-based measurements** avoids the influence of LMA



Alternative source of information

- Leaf phenology
- Presence of pathogen

Limitation:

multiple potential fluorophores
temperature variation

Autofluorescence of wheat leaves under UV-excitation

Variable ChIF
Photosynthesis

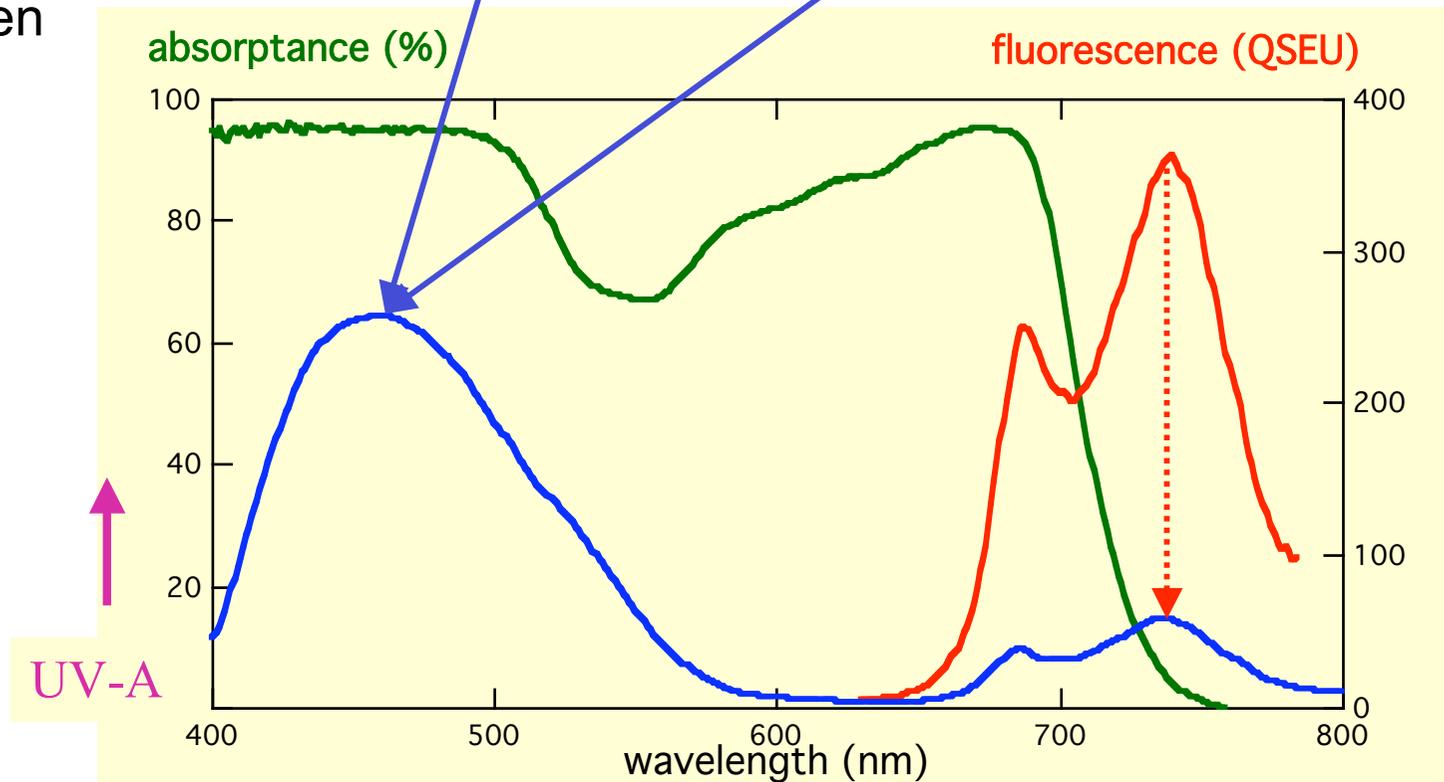
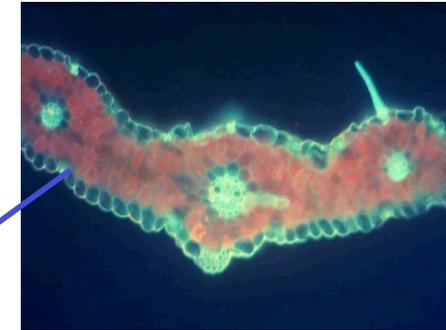
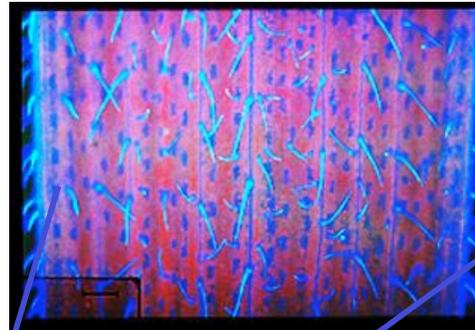
Stress

RF/FRF ratio
Chl content

Chl

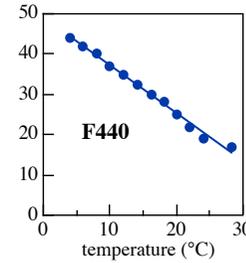
ChIF UV-screen
Phenolics

BGF
Structure

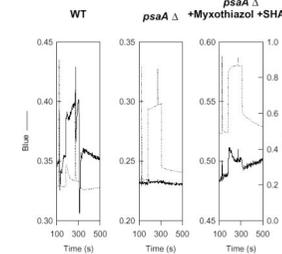
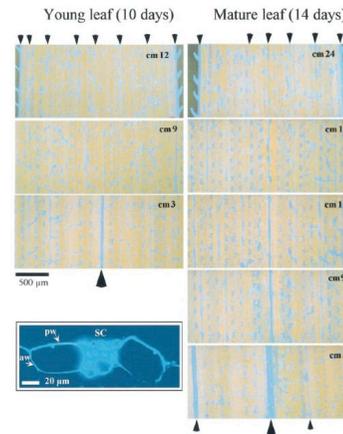


Plant and pathogen fluorescence

- Temperature
 - Redox state [NAD(P)H]
 - Water stress
 - Leaf development
 - Nutrition
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- Pathogen on leaf
 - Leaf response
 - Field infection



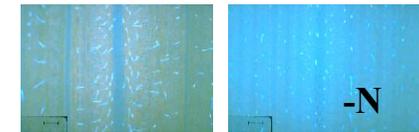
I. Goulas (1992) thesis



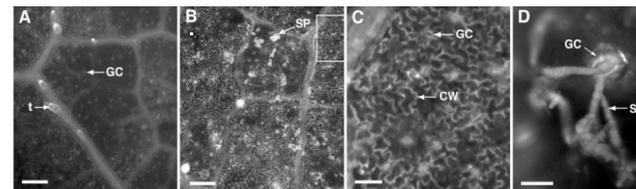
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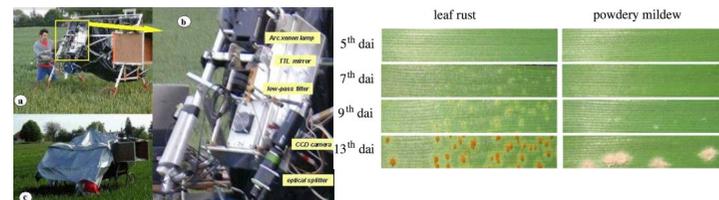
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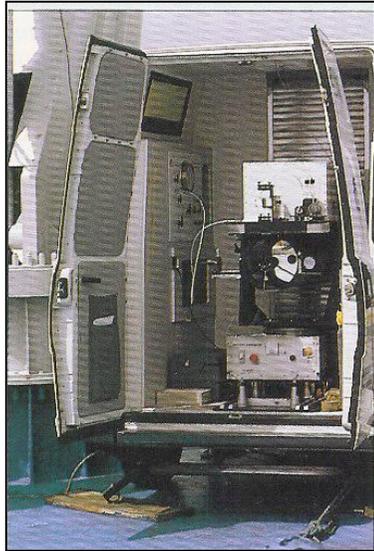


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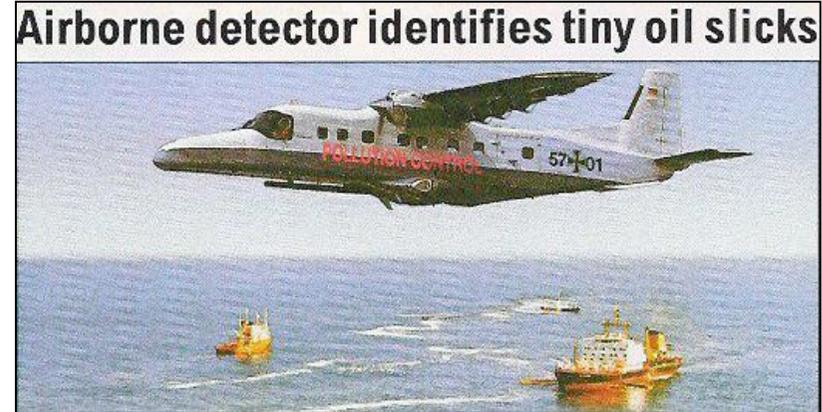
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Bravo et al. (2004)
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XeCl Excimer lasers
308 nm

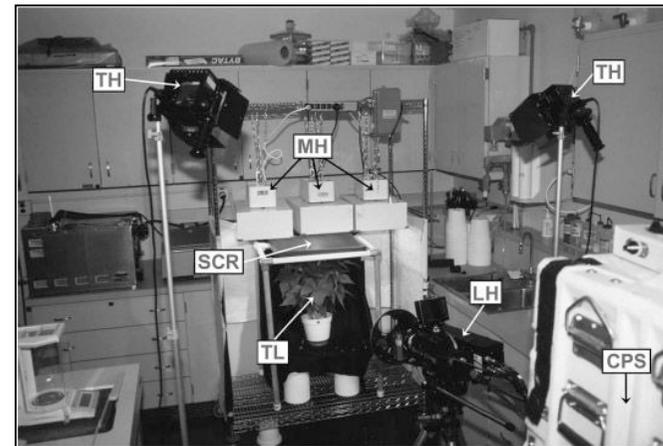
FLIDAR-3
IROE-CNR
Firenze

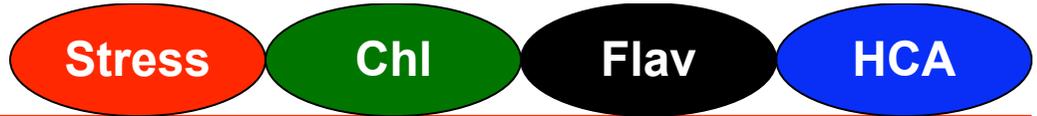


Airborne detector identifies tiny oil slicks

Optimare + Oldenburg University

Frequency tripled YAG lasers 355 nm





excitation

emission

Multiple source

Multiple detection

Lamp +
Monochromator
LED

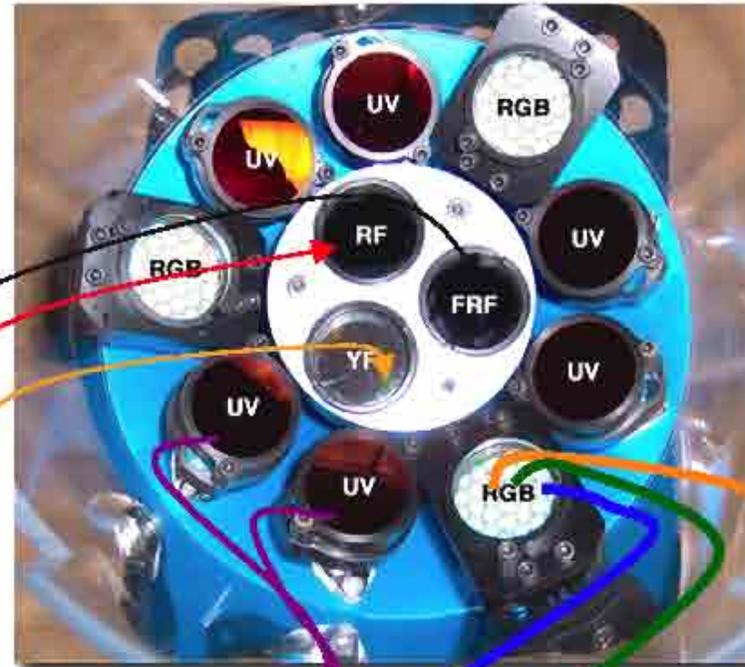
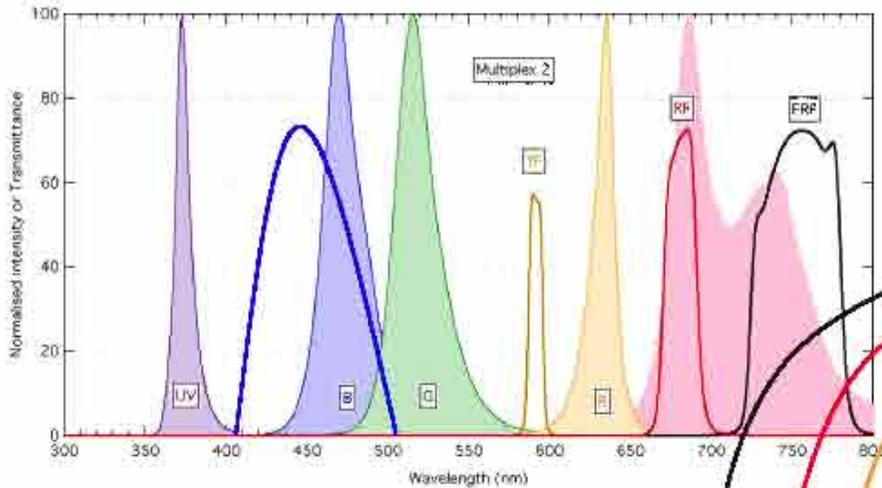
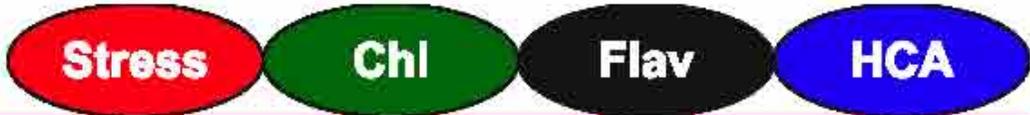
Monochromator
+ *detector* (*PM, PD*)
(Spectrograph)
Multi-detectors

Complete information

- Quantification
- Statistics

Limitation:
often laboratory set-ups
slit entrance

The Multiplex sensor

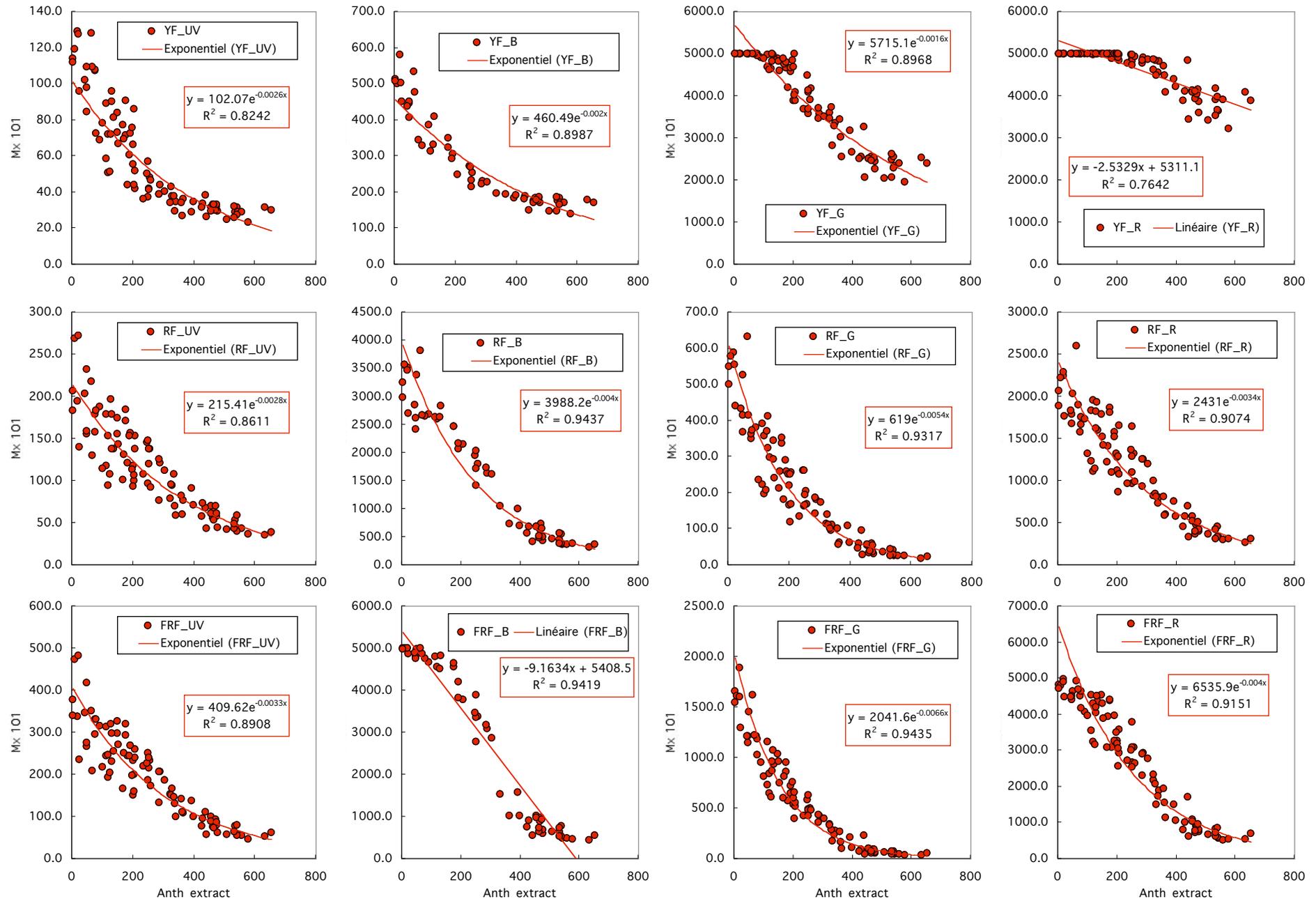


20 μ s flashes
 4 excitations
 3 emission channels
 Repeated 500 times
 6000 measurements
 0.5 s per sample
 In situ
 Under daylight

Emission (nm)	Excitation			
	UV	Blue (B)	Green (G)	Red-Orange (R)
YF (590)	YF_UV	YF_B=R	YF_G=R	YF_R=R
RF (685)	RF_UV	RF_B	RF_G	RF_R
FRF (735)	FRF_UV	FRF_B	FRF_G	FRF_R



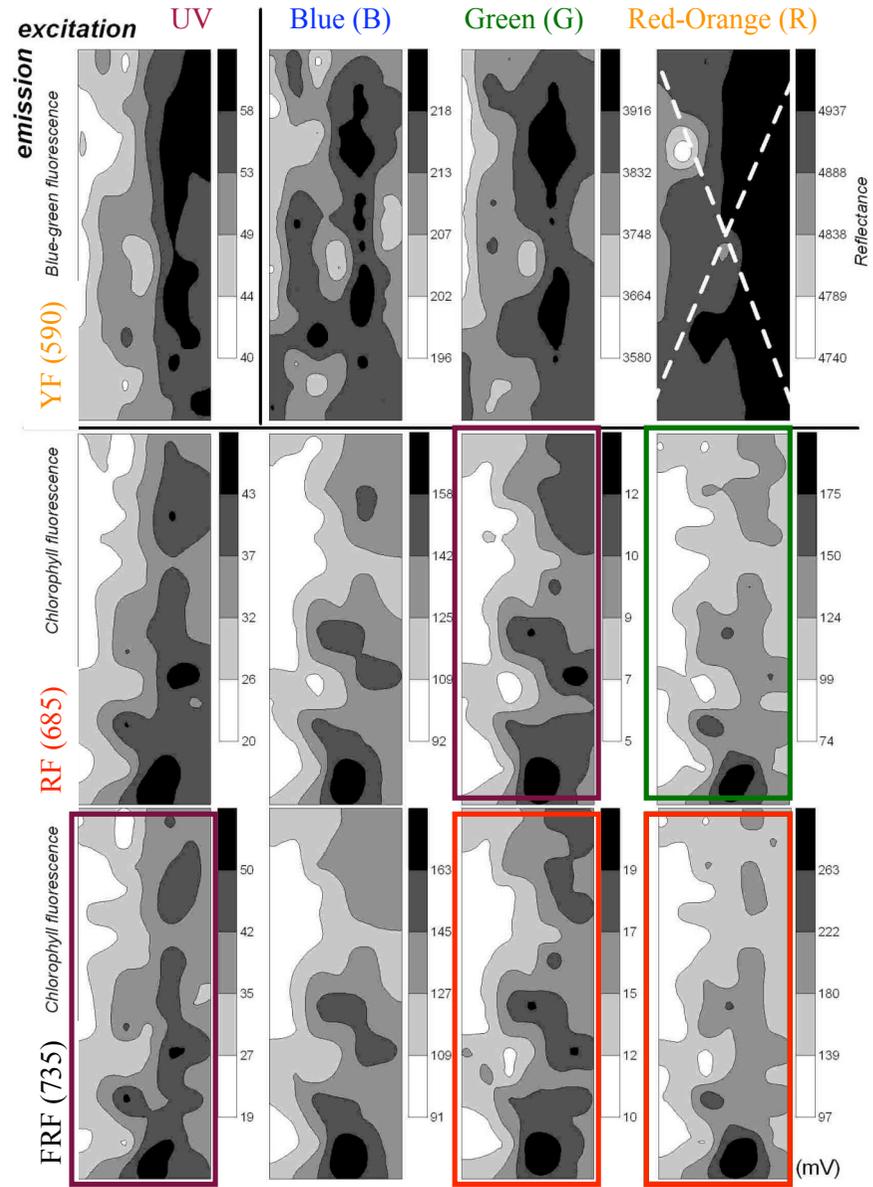
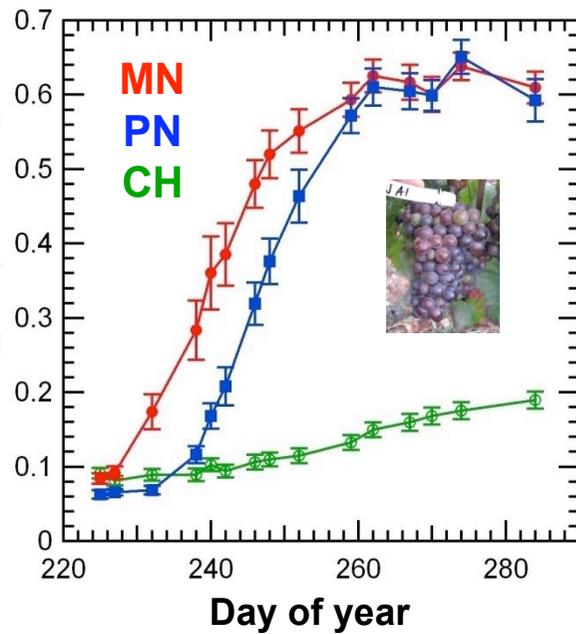
Multiplex signals (grapes maturation)



The Multiplex signal matrix: time & space

Grape maturation kinetics

40 marked clusters
ANTH_RG (Mx units)



Grape at harvest

Mapping / Zoning / Block selection

Anth

Chl

Mounted Multiplex

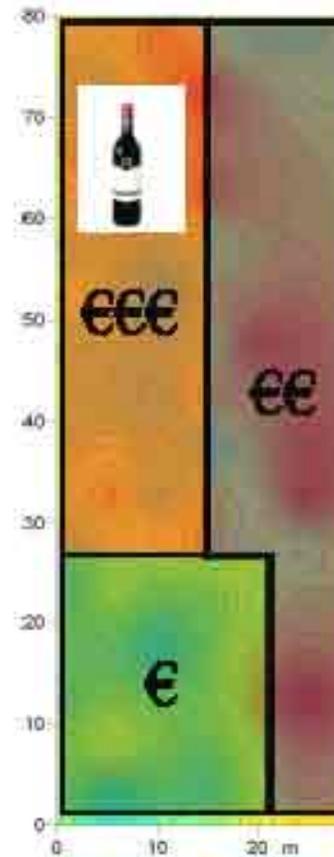
Vine mapping

(N status, Chl)

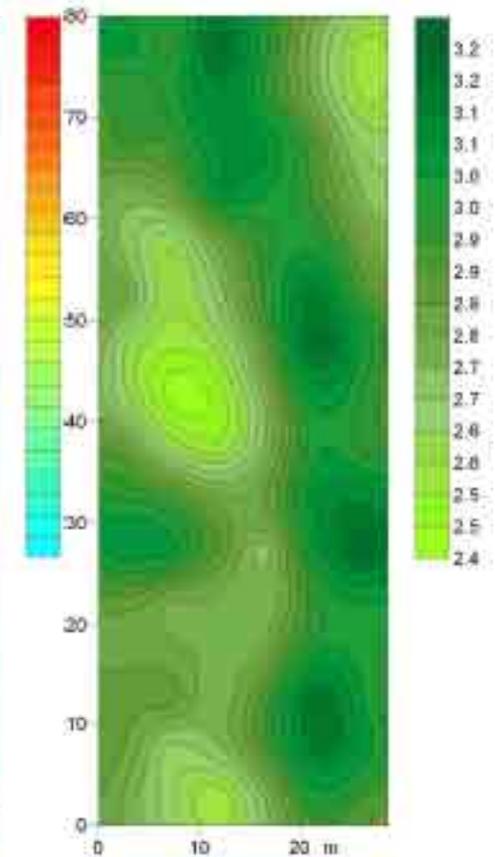
Grape quality zoning



ANTH Map
Cuhins 2007



CHL Map
Cuhins 2008

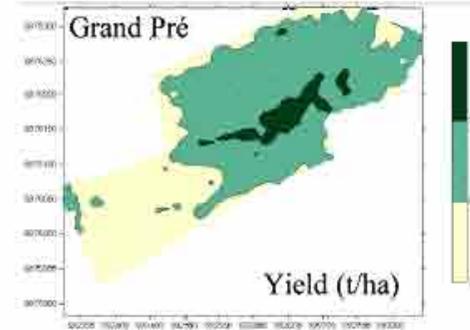
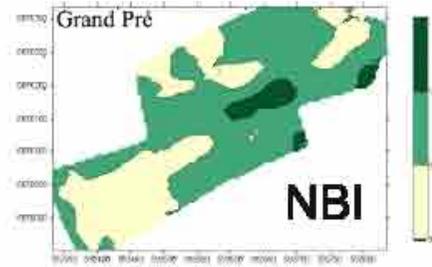


Precision agriculture: Multiplex NBI mapping



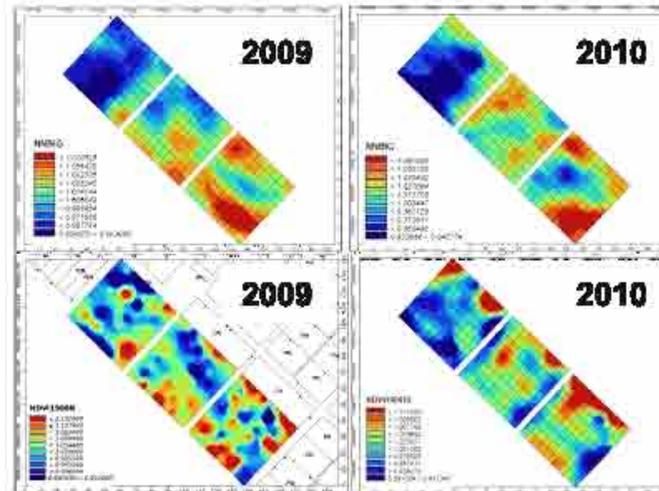
wheat

Martinson et al. (2010)
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grapevine

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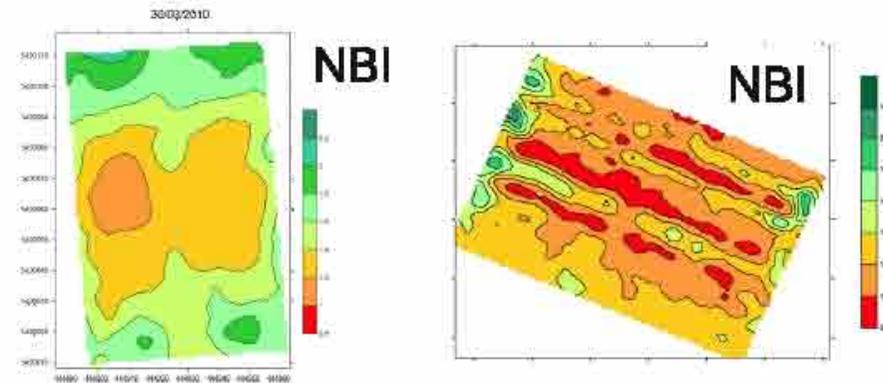
NBI $r^2 = 0.75$

NDVI $r^2 = 0.11$



turf

Lejealle et al. (2010)
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Plant descriptors and fluorescence indices for agronomy

Light machines

Autotrophic organisms

Energy capture and conversion

"variable" ChlF
FRF/RF

Biochemical machines

Dependent on health

Development - respiration

temperature - BGF

Water pumps

*Soil-plant-atmosphere
continuum*

water stress - Fs/Fo

Primary producers of biomass

Mineral nutrition

H₂O, CO₂, N, K, Pi, S ...

Nitrogen - NBI

Prone to pathogens and pests

30 % crop losses

Defence - Phytoalexins

Susceptibility - NBI

pathogens - BGF

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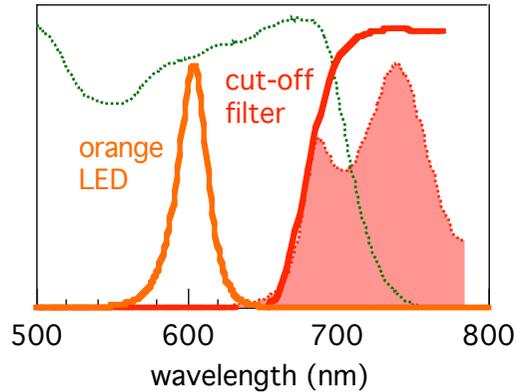
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Passive vs. active fluorescence sensing

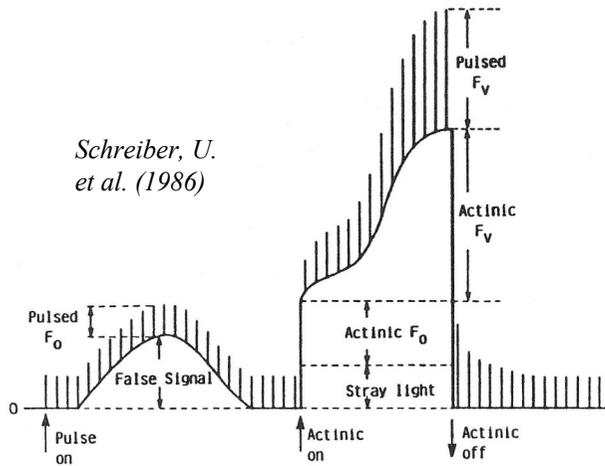
Active sensing *Short distance*



Low yield < 1%

Need to enrich the fluorescence signal

Schreiber, U. et al. (1986)



microsecond flashes

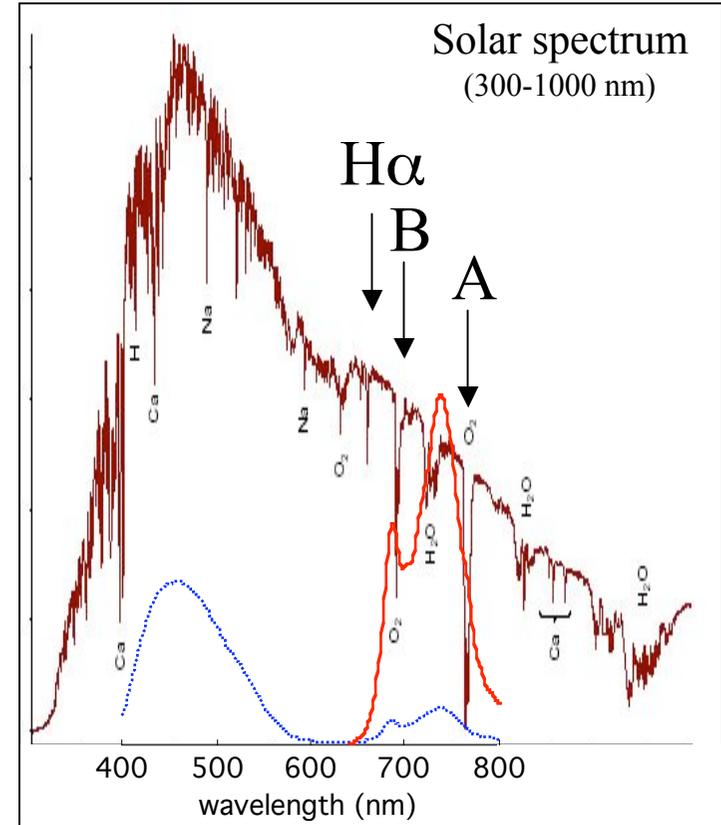
synchronised detection

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Spectral and time selection

Variations in fluorescence yield

Passive sensing *Long distance*

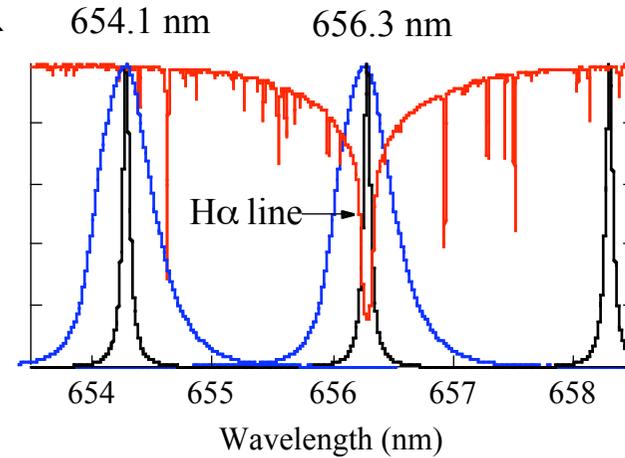
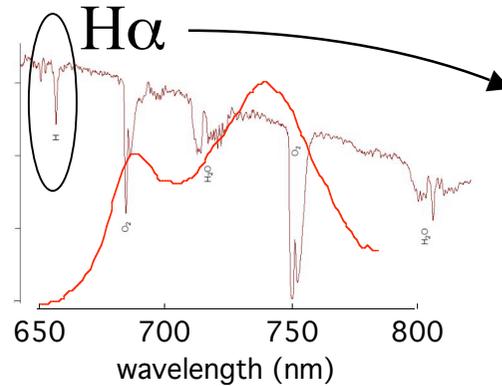


Fluorescence = 25 & 2.5 % of reflected light

Hyper-spectrale selection

FLD (Fraunhofer Line Discriminator) passive sensing

*red
fluorescence*



projects

FLEX (ESA)

FLEXSAT (NASA)



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FKD MKII

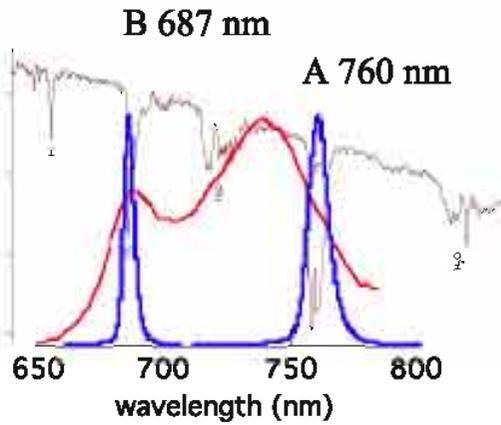
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FLD in the oxygen bands

red
fluorescence

Ratio
NIR/Red



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