



# Smartphone-based application for plant phenotyping

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- **Hundreds of genotypes** under evaluation could **turn into long time** for measuring traits (White et al., 2011)
  - ✓ Often, **few instruments** available (costly)
  - ✓ **Phenotyping** on many genotypes should be “**synchronous**”
  - ✓ Time needed for phenotyping could lead to use “**small**” **sample sizes (to save time)**
- **A-synchronous phenotyping** on different genotypes and/or **sub-optimal sample sizes** could generate **uncertainty**
  - ✓ that could be **larger** than **differences between genotypes**

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- Greenhouse and field platforms, robots



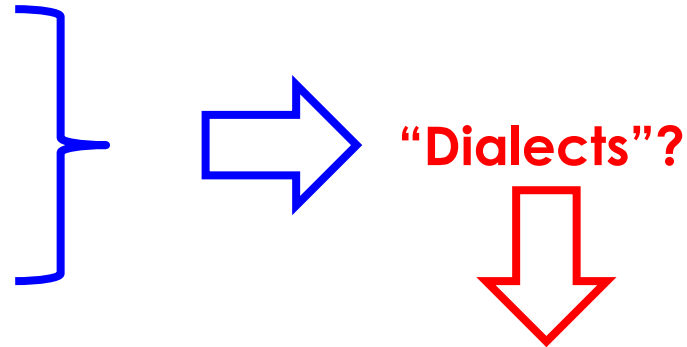
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    - ✓ Which kind of traits can be actually quantified
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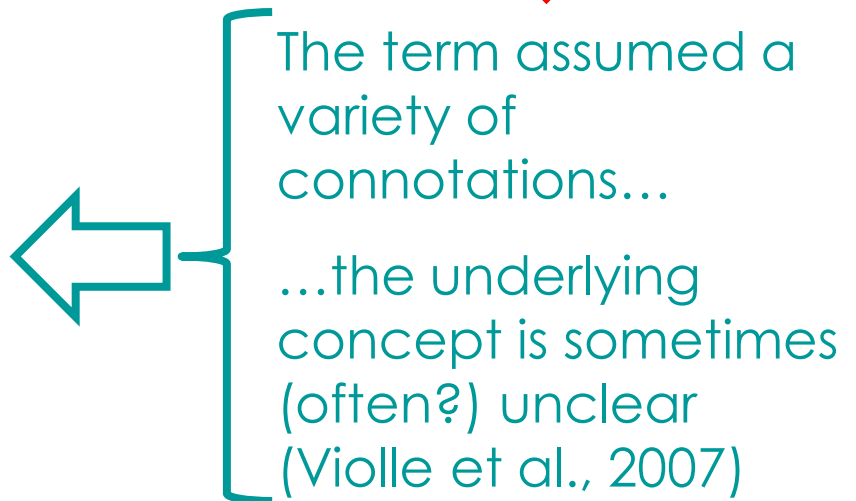
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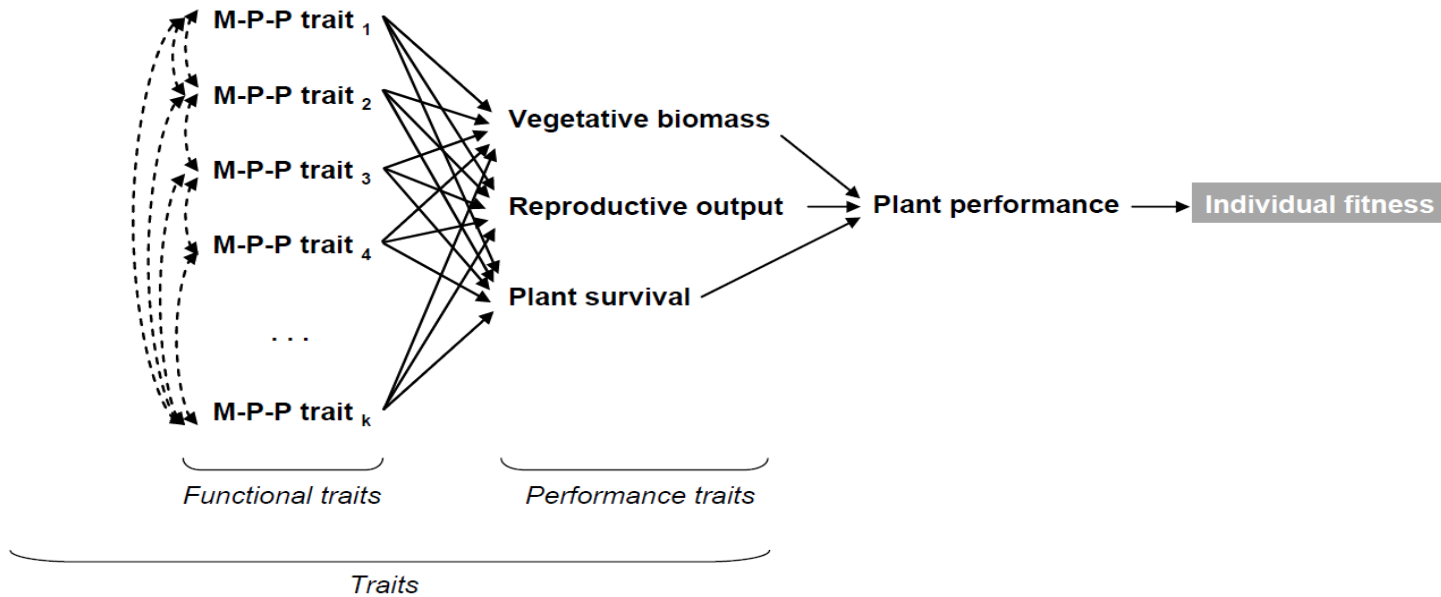
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- ✓ Development of disciplines
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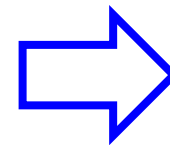
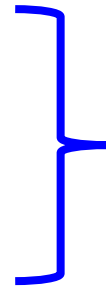


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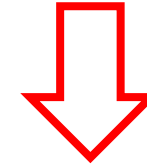
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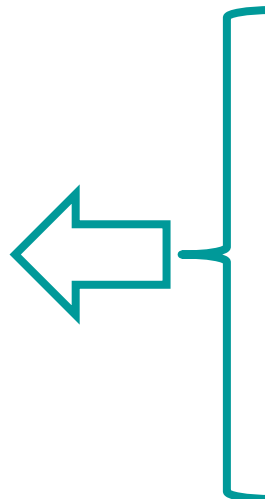


**“Dialects”?**



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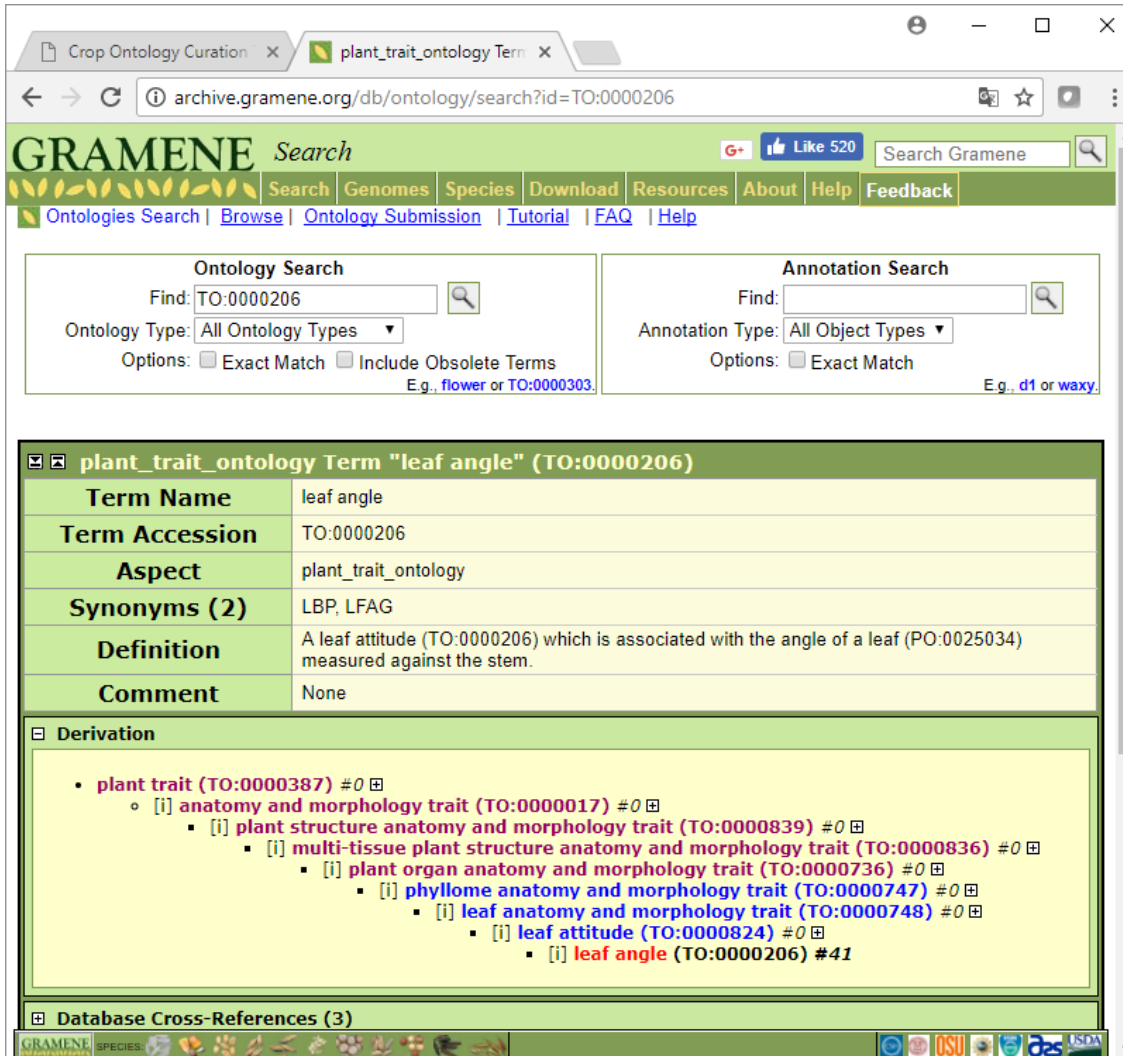
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The term assumed a variety of connotations...  
...the underlying concept is sometimes (often?) unclear (Violle et al., 2007)



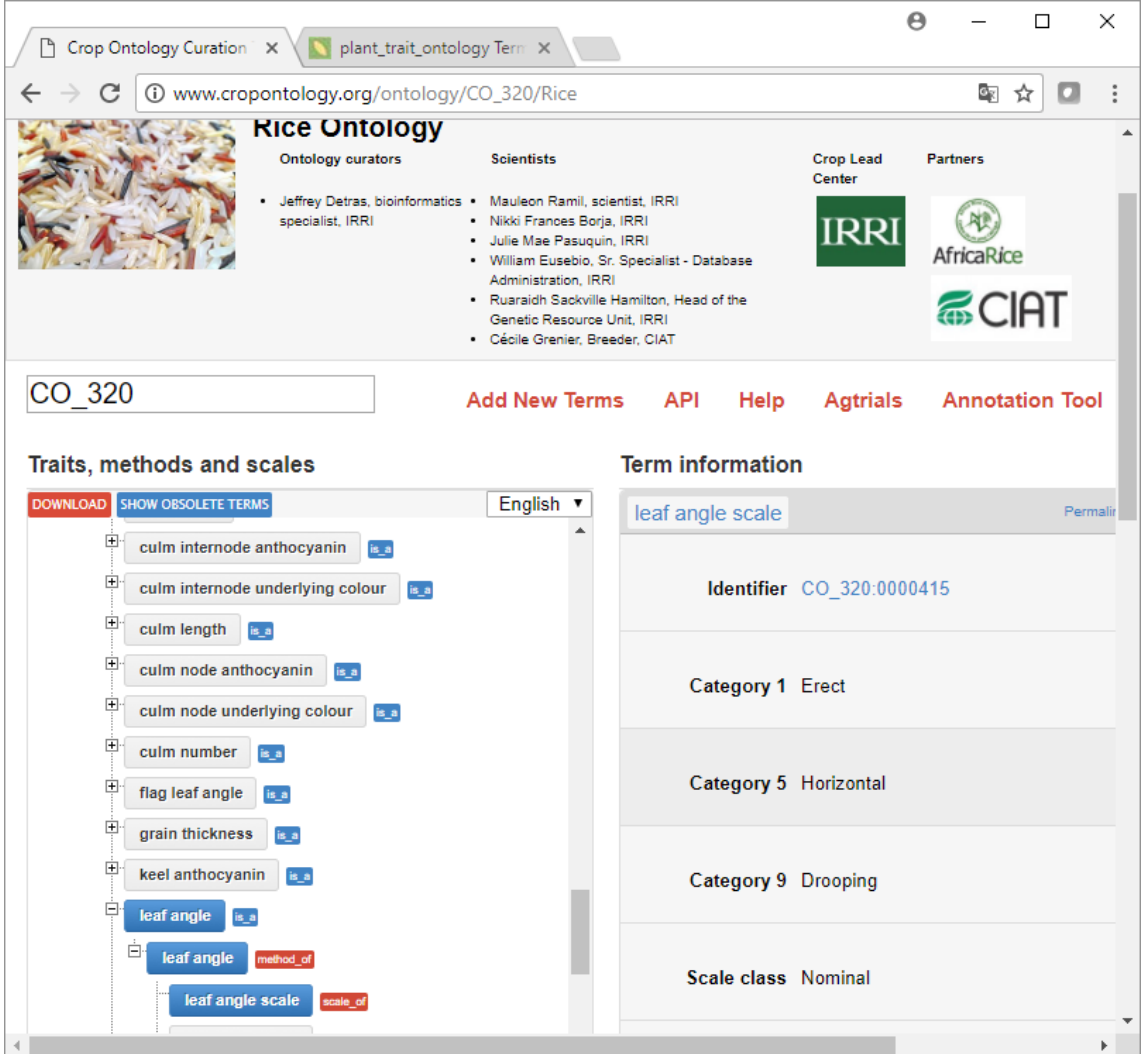
- Trait ontologies:



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the GRAMENE ontology search results for the term "leaf angle" (TO:0000206). The browser address bar shows the URL: `archive.gramene.org/db/ontology/search?id=TO:0000206`. The page header includes the GRAMENE logo, a search bar, and navigation links such as "Search", "Genomes", "Species", "Download", "Resources", "About", "Help", and "Feedback". Below the header, there are two search boxes: "Ontology Search" and "Annotation Search". The "Ontology Search" box contains the search term "TO:0000206" and a dropdown menu for "Ontology Type" set to "All Ontology Types". The "Annotation Search" box is empty. Below the search boxes, the results for the term "leaf angle" (TO:0000206) are displayed in a table format. The table includes fields for Term Name, Term Accession, Aspect, Synonyms (2), Definition, and Comment. Below the table, there is a "Derivation" section showing a hierarchical tree of related terms. At the bottom, there is a "Database Cross-References (3)" section. The footer of the page features the GRAMENE logo and various partner logos including OSU, ODS, and USDA.

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<b>Term Accession</b>	TO:0000206
<b>Aspect</b>	plant_trait_ontology
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<b>Definition</b>	A leaf attitude (TO:0000206) which is associated with the angle of a leaf (PO:0025034) measured against the stem.
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- Trait ontologies:



The screenshot shows the Rice Ontology web interface. The browser address bar displays [www.cropontology.org/ontology/CO\\_320/Rice](http://www.cropontology.org/ontology/CO_320/Rice). The page title is "Rice Ontology".

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The search bar contains "CO\_320". Navigation links include "Add New Terms", "API", "Help", "Agrtrials", and "Annotation Tool".

**Traits, methods and scales**

Language: English

- culm internode anthocyanin (is\_a)
- culm internode underlying colour (is\_a)
- culm length (is\_a)
- culm node anthocyanin (is\_a)
- culm node underlying colour (is\_a)
- culm number (is\_a)
- flag leaf angle (is\_a)
- grain thickness (is\_a)
- keel anthocyanin (is\_a)
- leaf angle (is\_a)
  - leaf angle (method\_of)
    - leaf angle scale (scale\_of)

**Term information**

leaf angle scale (Permalink)

Identifier: CO\_320:0000415

Category 1: Erect

Category 5: Horizontal

Category 9: Drooping

Scale class: Nominal

- Trait ontologies:
  - ✓ They **appear as good solutions** but unfortunately they are **not as good as they would like** to be
    - **Definitions** are **not** completely **unambiguous**
    - Sometimes **traits** are **not** described in a **quantitative** way
- ...**Breeders** have to
  - ✓ phenotype **hundreds** of **lines**
  - ✓ in a **short** interval of **time**

 **Trait** = “something that can be measured easily and rapidly”

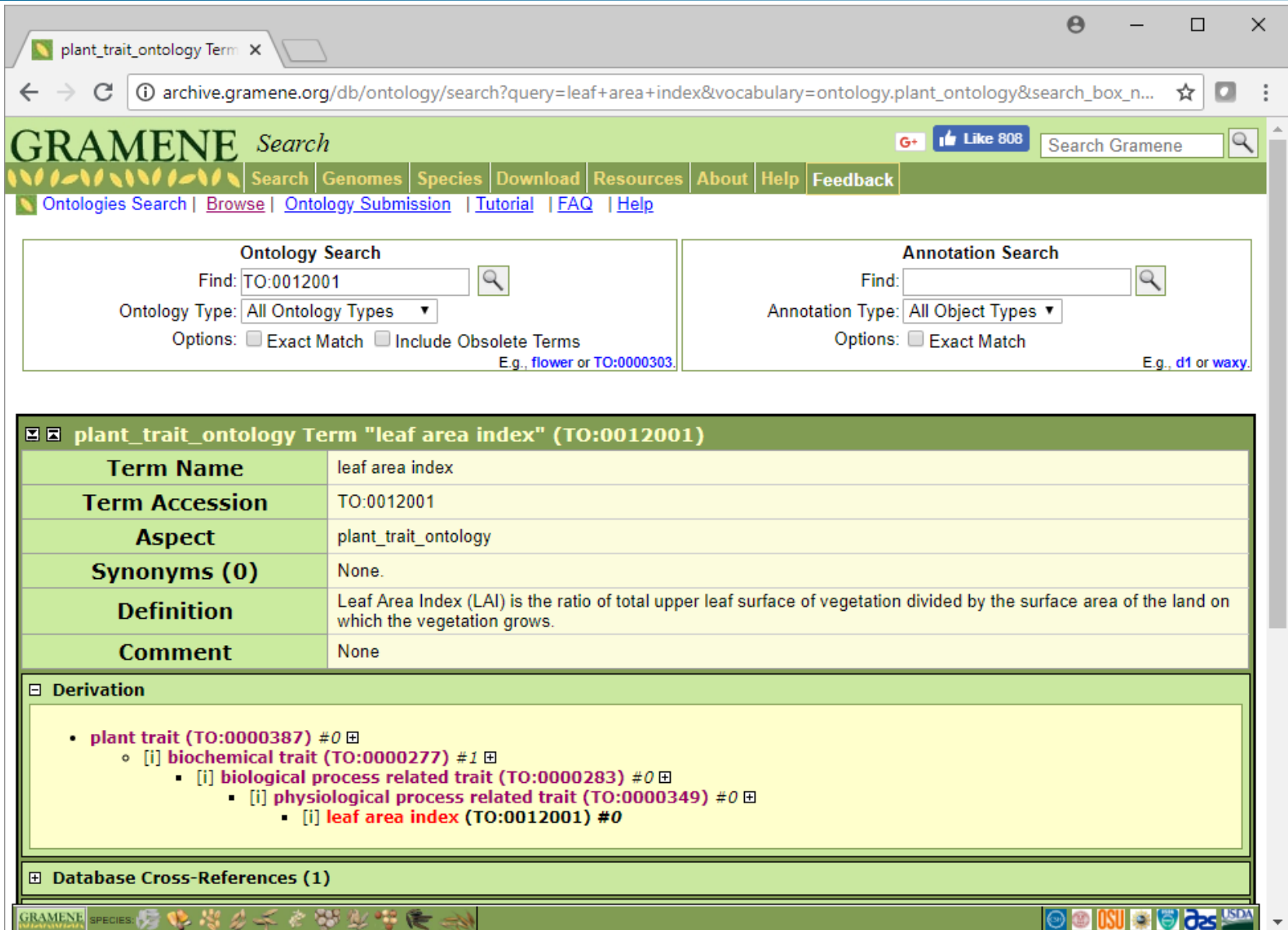
This is a **potential source** of **misunderstandings** and **uncertainty**

- Greenhouse and field platforms, robots
  - ✓ Cost?
  - ✓ Which kind of traits can be actually quantified
  - ✓  $G \times E$  interaction?
    - Greenhouse platforms
      - plants in pots
      - “environmental” conditions...
      - gradients inside the greenhouse
    - Field platforms
      - transport them?
      - how many?

- We are traveling along a different road:
  - ✓ **Low cost** → **many instruments** → parallel work
  - ✓ **Clear** what a **trait** is
  - ✓ Integrated **ecosystem of tools** to support
    - phenotyping
    - “tagging” measurements
    - storing/pre-processing/exporting data

We propose **a suite of apps for smartphone** for estimating the following traits:

Trait	App name	References (examples of studies where the traits was estimated)
Leaf area index (LAI)	PocketLAI	e.g., Royo et al. (2004)
Leaf angle/leaf angle distribution	PocketPlant3D	e.g., Li et al. (2015)
Leaf N content (or greenness)	PocketN	e.g., Graziani et al. (2010)
Resistance to pathogen/% tissue affected	PocketDisease	e.g., Kongprakhon et al. (2009)



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**Ontology Search**

Find: TO:0012001

Ontology Type: All Ontology Types

Options:  Exact Match  Include Obsolete Terms

E.g., flower or TO:0000303.

**Annotation Search**

Find:

Annotation Type: All Object Types

Options:  Exact Match

E.g., d1 or waxy.





plant\_trait\_ontology Term "leaf area index" (TO:0012001)

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<b>Synonyms (0)</b>	None.
<b>Definition</b>	Leaf Area Index (LAI) is the ratio of total upper leaf surface of vegetation divided by the surface area of the land on which the vegetation grows.
<b>Comment</b>	None

**Derivation**

- **plant trait (TO:0000387) #0**
  - [i] **biochemical trait (TO:0000277) #1**
    - [i] **biological process related trait (TO:0000283) #0**
      - [i] **physiological process related trait (TO:0000349) #0**
        - [i] **leaf area index (TO:0012001) #0**

**Database Cross-References (1)**

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### Traits, methods and scales

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- Intertile spike number
- Intertile tiller number
- Leaf area index
  - LAI Computation (method\_of)
    - index (scale\_of)
- Lodging incidence
- Peduncle neck break
- Plant early vigour
- Plant growth habit
- Plant height
- Plant hybrid necrosis incidence
- Plant stand
- Plant vigour

### Term information

LAI Computation [Permalink](#) **General** 0 Comments

**Identifier** CO\_321:0000362

**Formula** (LAI = leaf area / ground area, m2 / m2)

**Method class** Computation

**Method description** LAI can be determined directly by taking a sample of canopy from a plant canopy, measuring the leaf area per sample plot with an area meter or image scanner and dividing it by the plot land surface area. Indirect methods use ceptometer to measure canopy geometry or light extinction and relate it to LAI. (LAI = leaf area / ground area, m2 / m2).

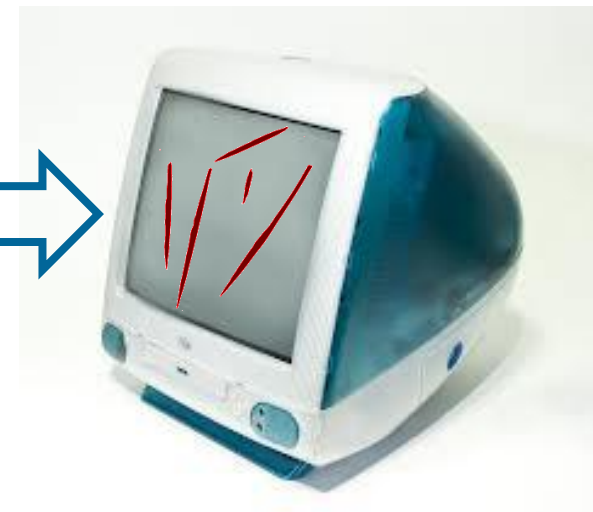
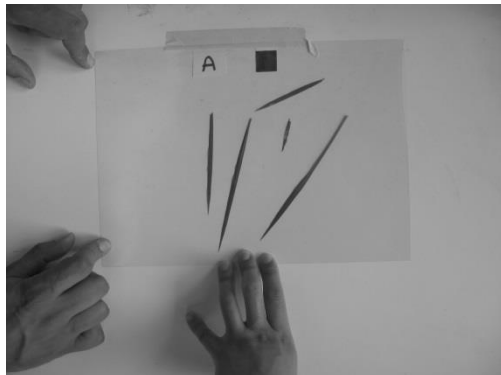


Type of measurement	Instrument (examples)	References (e.g.)
Direct	Planimeter	e.g., Borrel et al. (2000)
Indirect-proximal	Digital/hemispherical photography	e.g., Casedeus and Villegas (2014)
Indirect-remote	Reflectance (relationships with vegetation indices)	e.g., Haboudane et al. (2004)

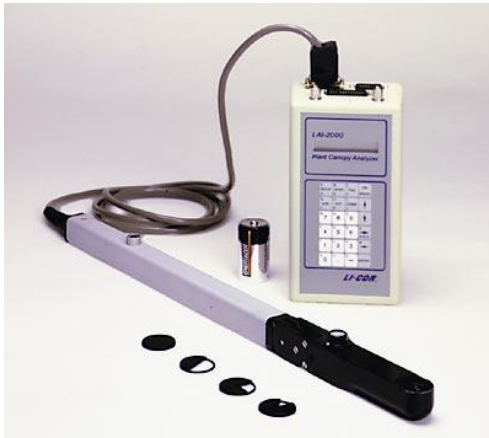
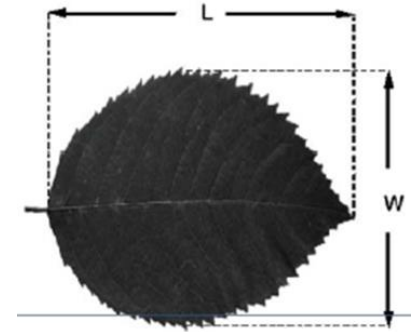
Total one-sided area of leaf tissue per unit ground surface



- It can be **measured**
  1. collection of leaves
  2. measurement of their area
    - ✓ dedicated instruments
    - ✓ acquiring and processing leaf images



- It can be **estimated** (indirect methods)
  - allometric relationships
  - inversion of light transmittance models
    - ✓ LAI-2000, LAI-2200
    - ✓ ceptometers (AccuPAR, SUNSCAN)
    - ✓ hemispherical camera



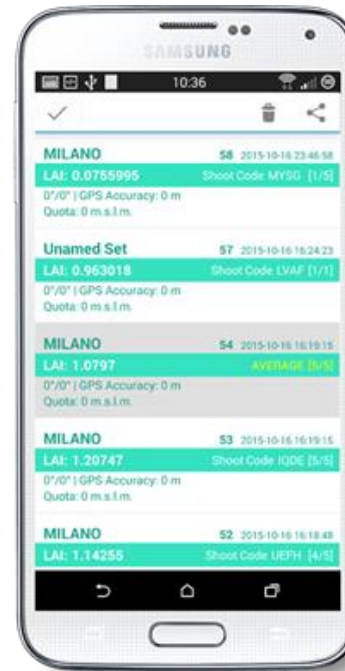
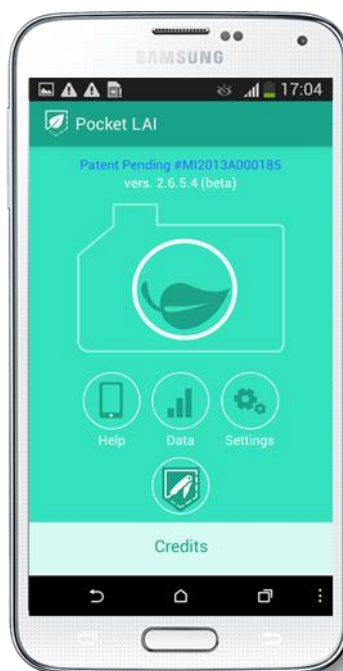
LAI-2000 (now LAI-2200) and ceptometers

- quite **expensive** (4000 – more than 10000 \$)
- characterized by **low portability** (12×24×109 - 65×14×43 cm;  
4.15 - 6.5 kg – with cases)
- long and expensive **maintenance services** in case of damages

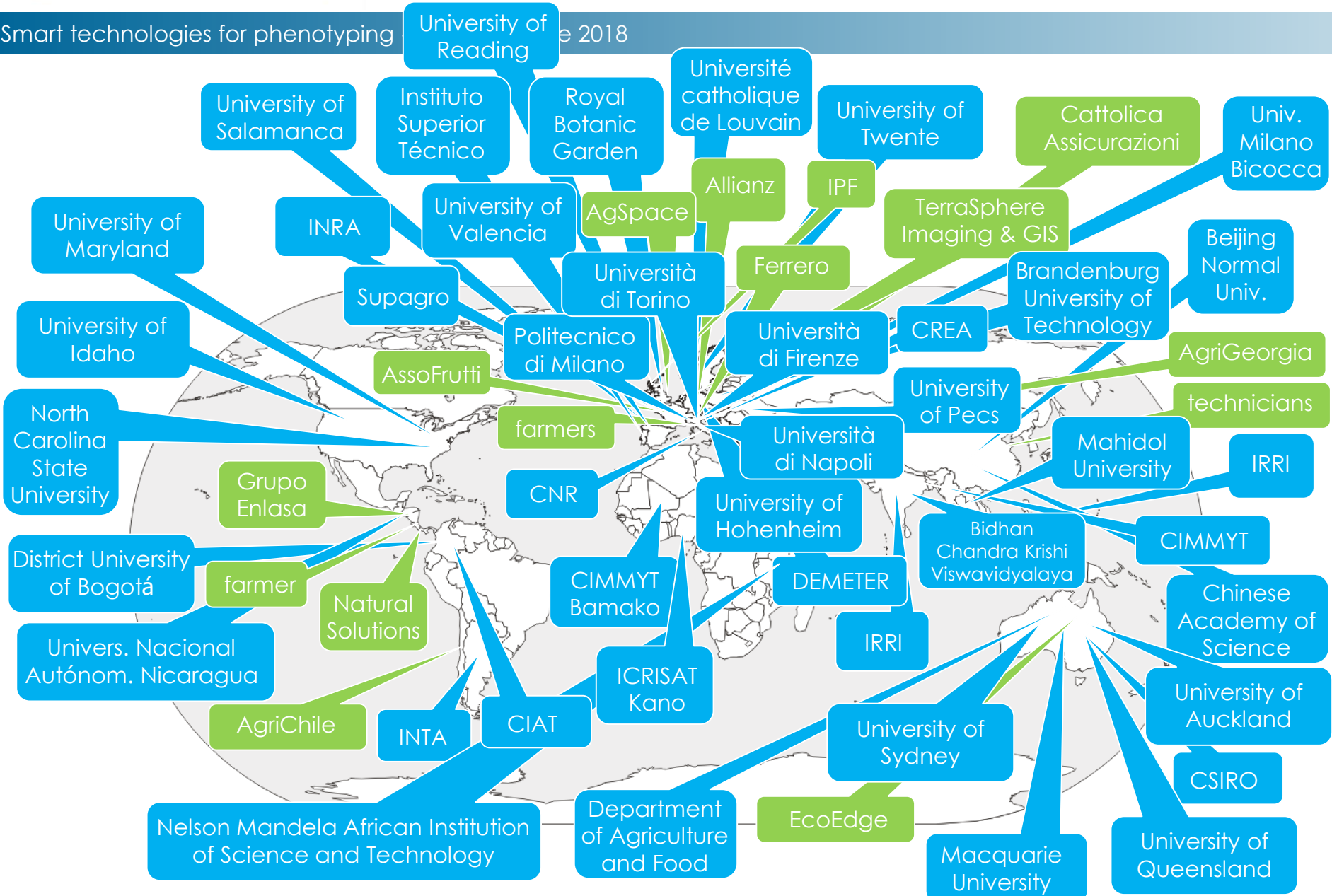
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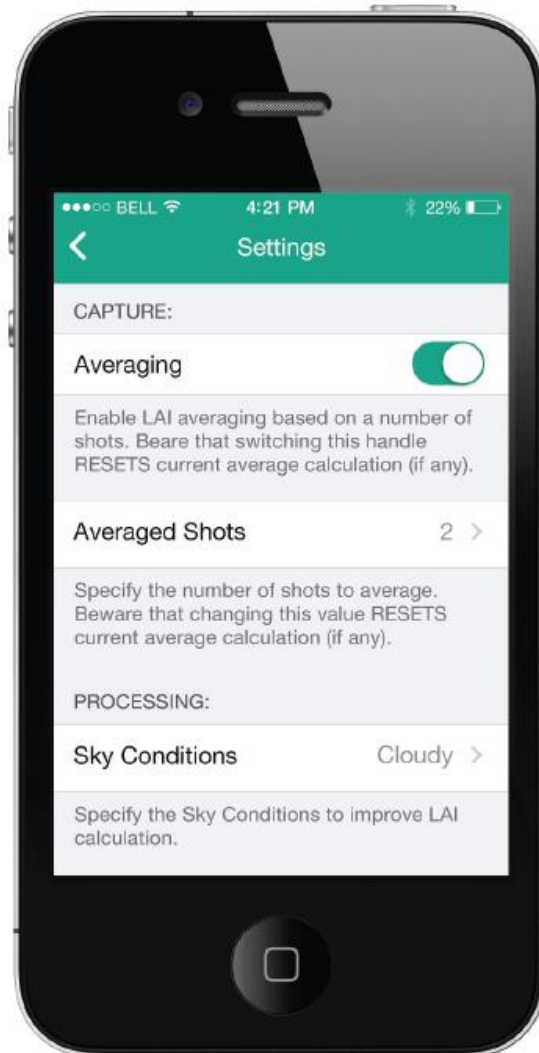
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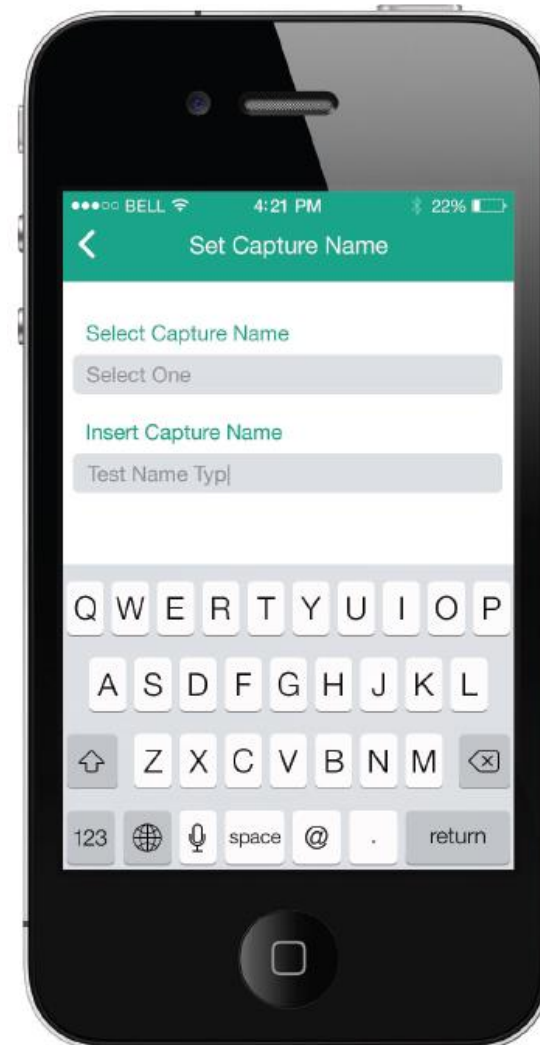
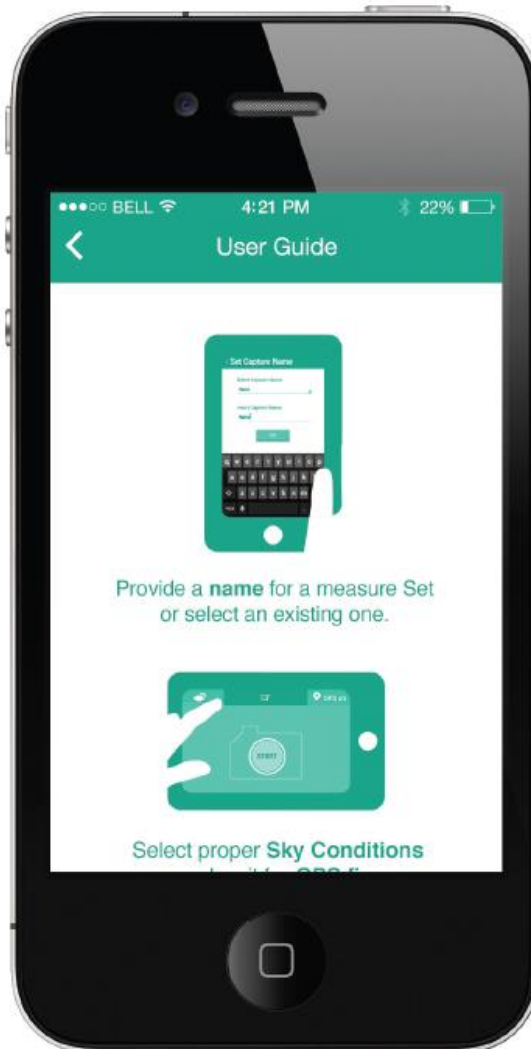
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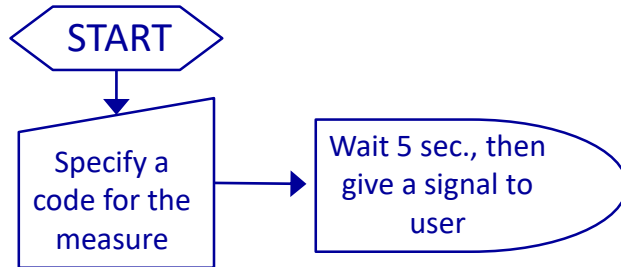


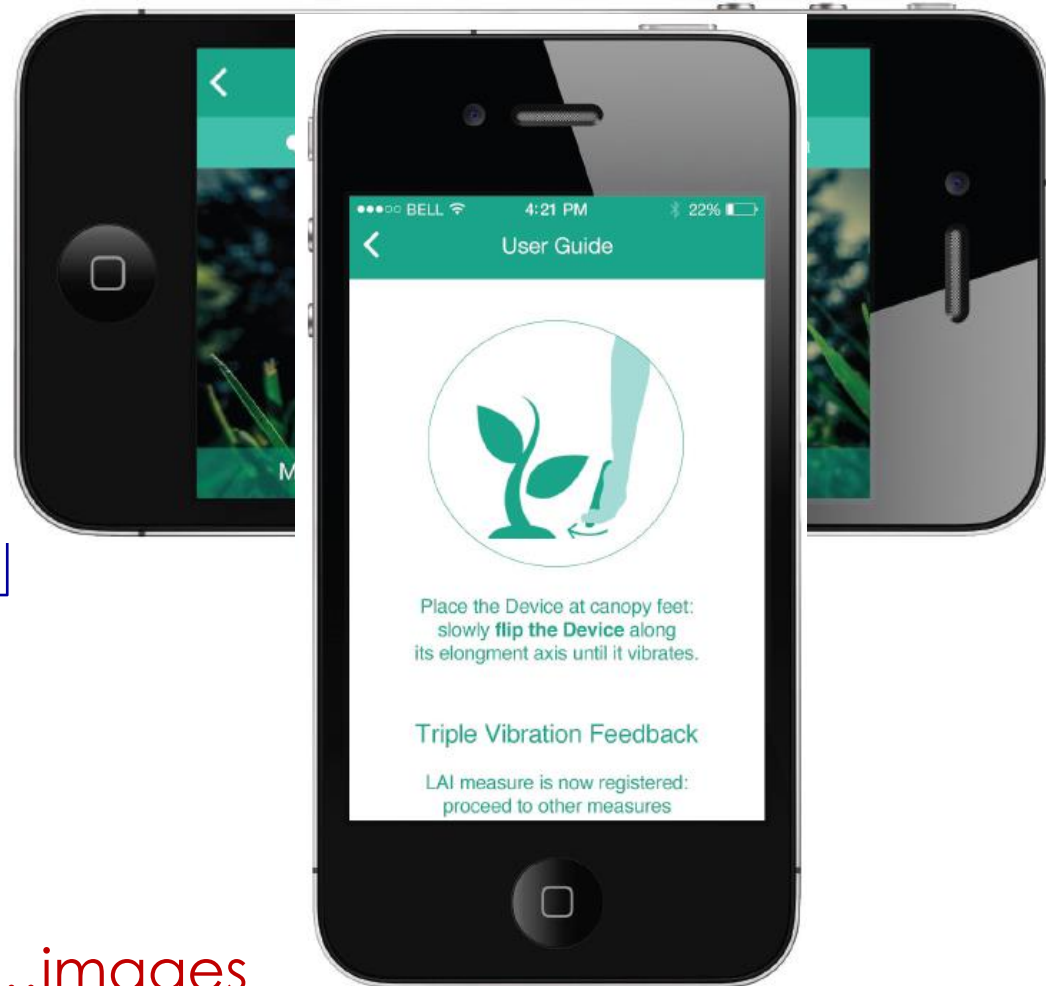
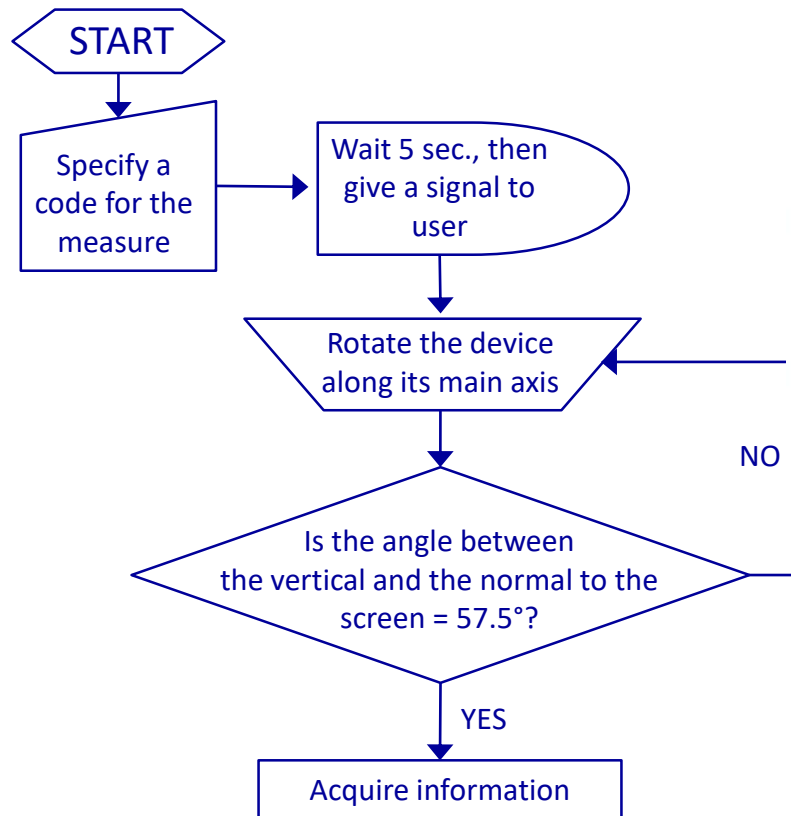


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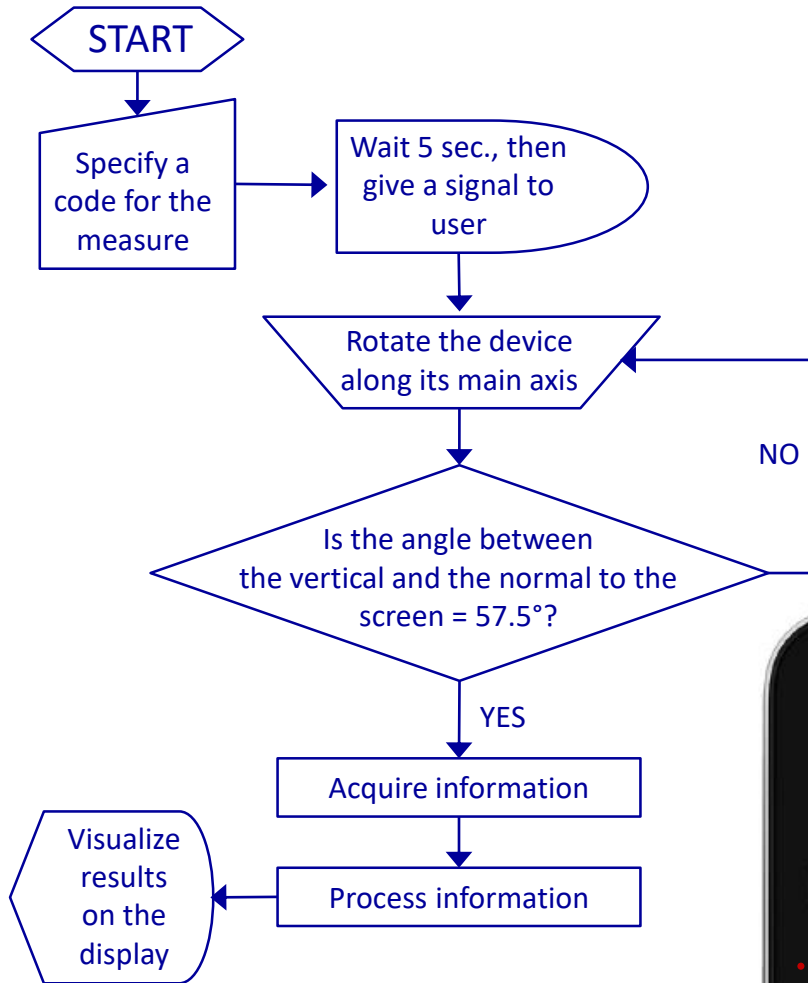
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automatically acquired at 57.5°  
while the user is rotating the device



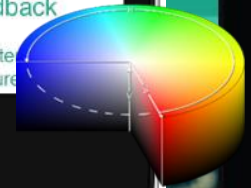
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segmentation based on pixels  
**chromatic values** in an **HSB** color  
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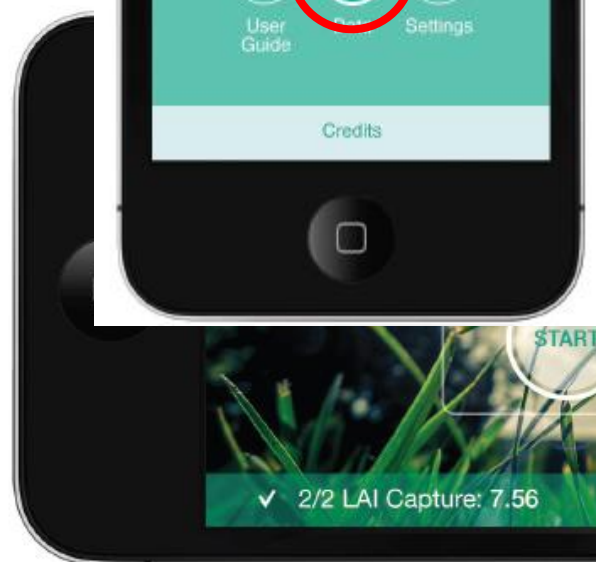
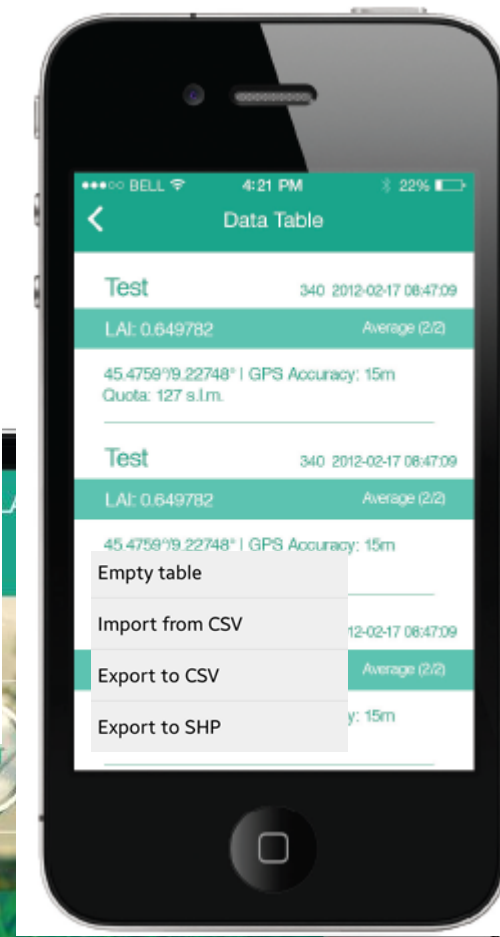
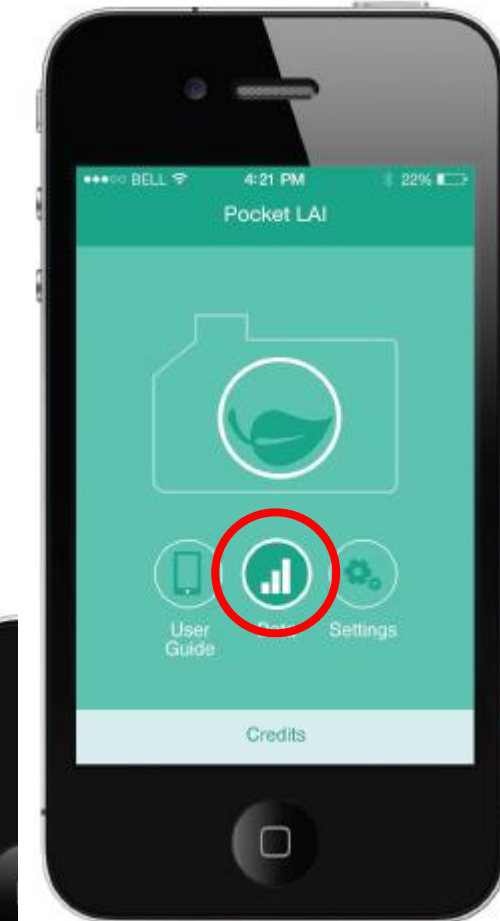
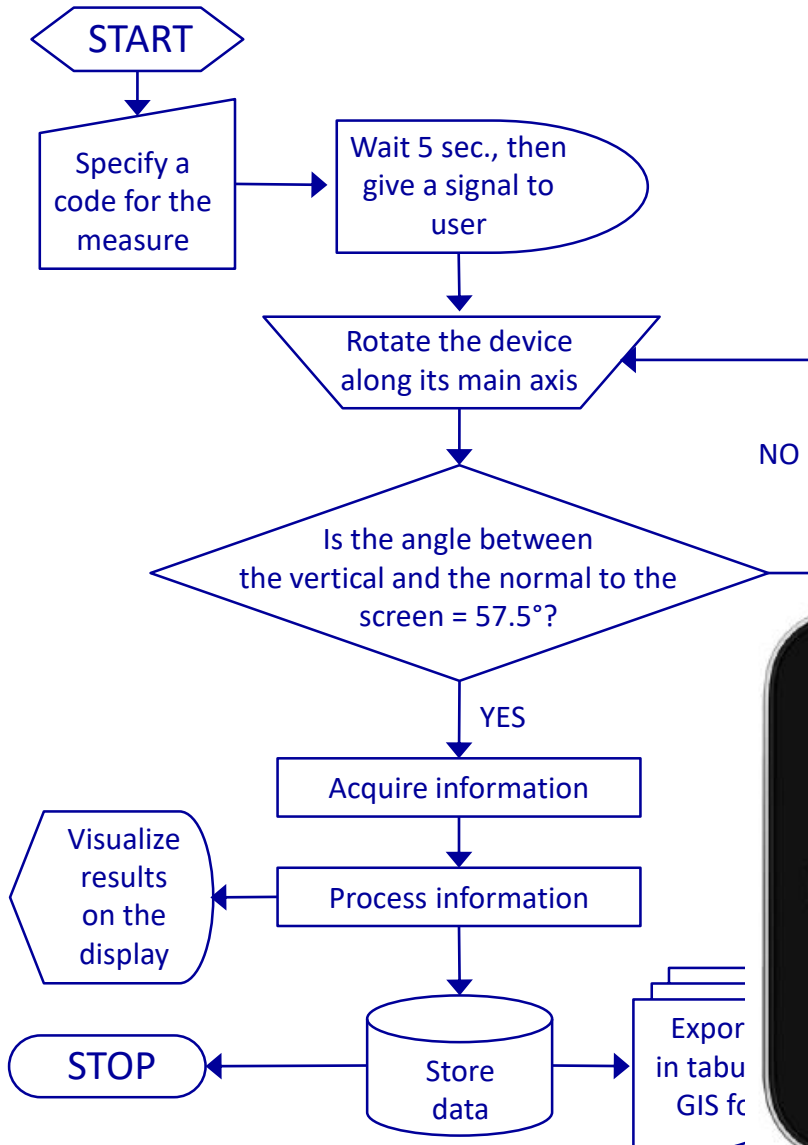


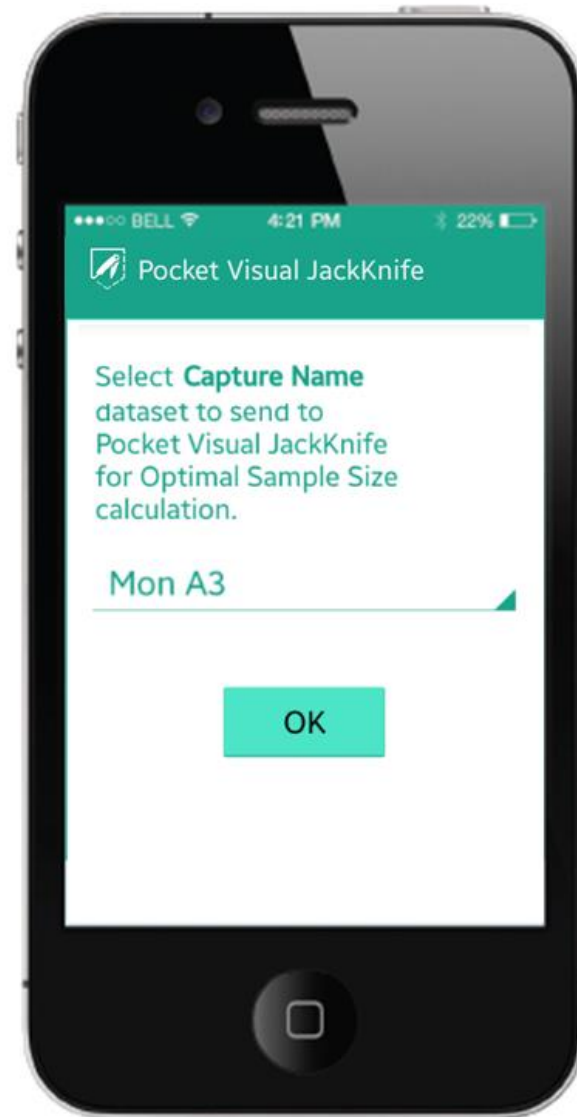
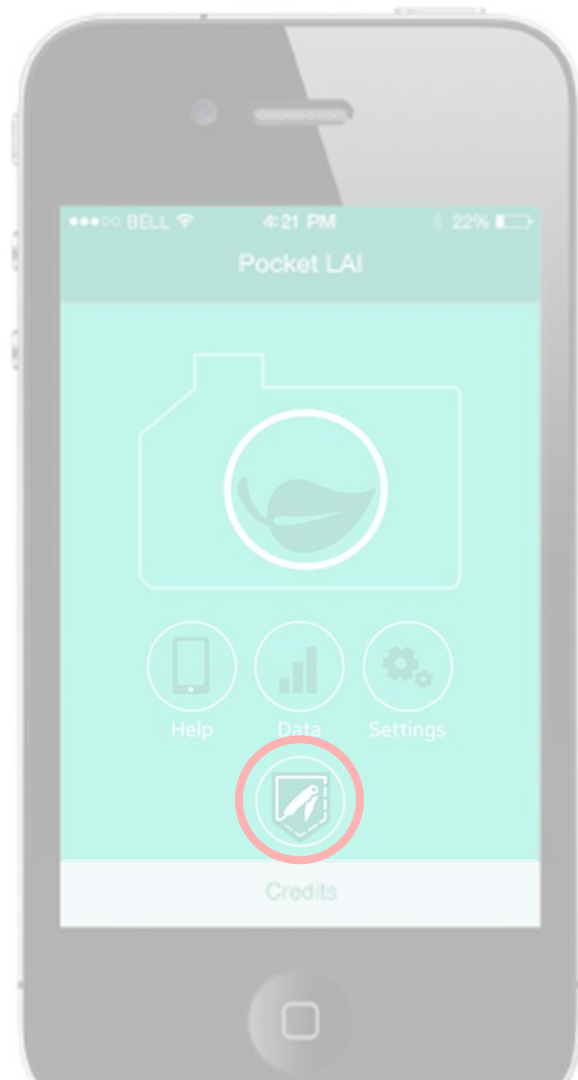
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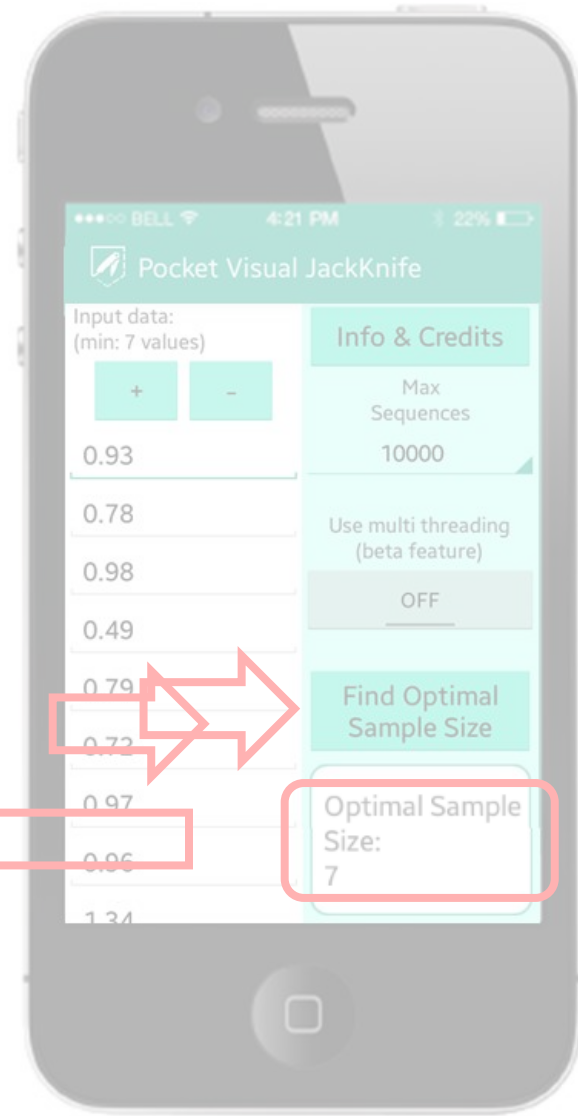
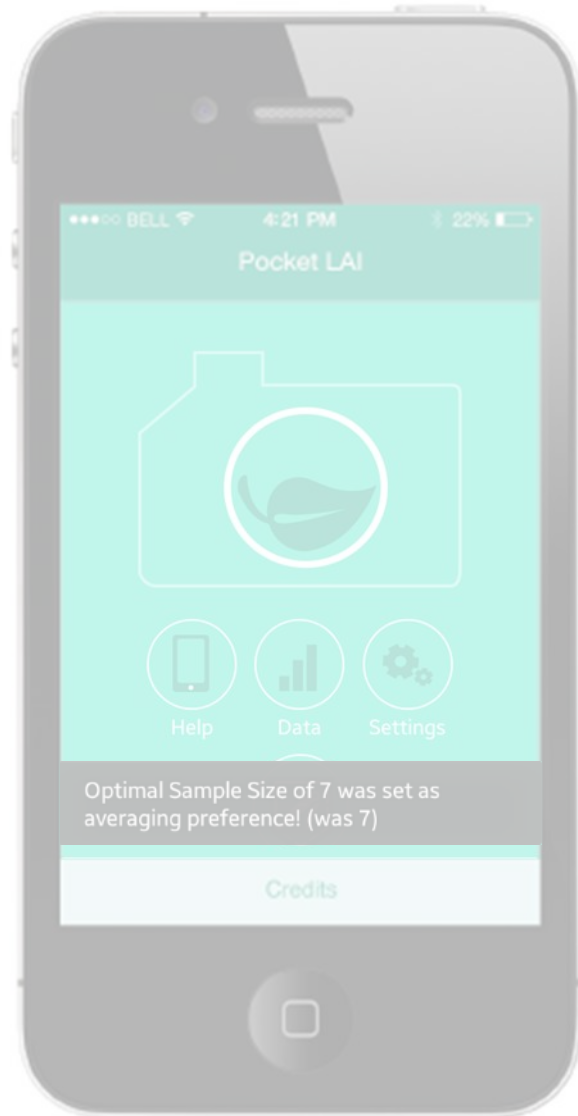


2/2 LAI Captins: 1.6

LAI Average: 6.7









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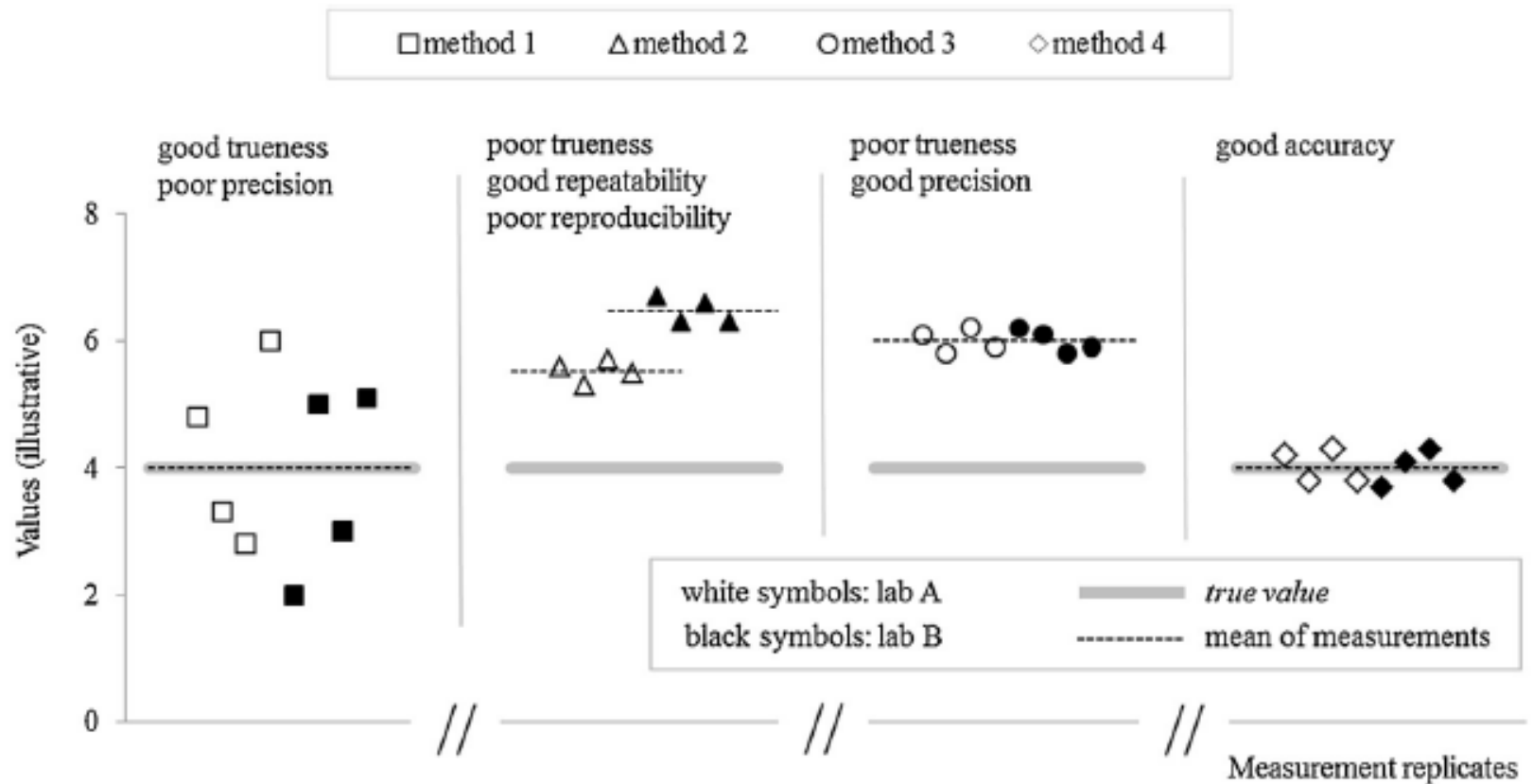
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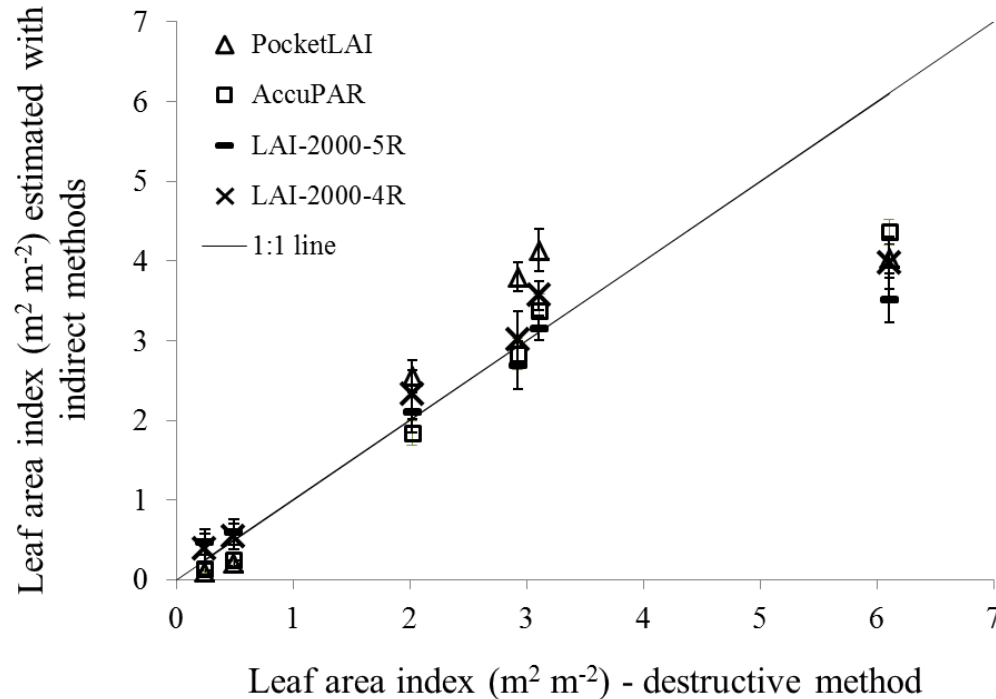


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The **ISO 5725-2 protocol** was **adapted** for in vivo field methods, to derive Accuracy, i.e., Trueness & Precision (Repeatability & Reproducibility)





- The methods present **similar performances**
- They have the same tendency to **underestimate high LAI values**

**PocketLAI:**  
**one of the**  
**most precise,**  
for both  
- repeatability  
- reproducibility

Date	Plot	Method	Mean LAI (m <sup>2</sup> m <sup>-2</sup> )		Repeatability		Reproducibility	
			Destructive	Estimated	r <sup>a</sup>	RSD <sub>r</sub> <sup>b</sup>	R <sup>c</sup>	RSD <sub>R</sub> <sup>d</sup>
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		LAI-2000 5R		0.60 <sup>a</sup>	1.04 <sup>f</sup>	63.30 <sup>f</sup>	1.04	63.30
		LAI-2000 4R		0.54	0.88	54.79	0.91	56.99
	D2	PocketLAI	0.25	0.09	0.15	57.76	0.15	57.94
		AccuPAR		0.13	0.28 <sup>f</sup>	75.00 <sup>f</sup>	0.28	75.00
		LAI-2000 5R		0.47	0.89 <sup>f</sup>	68.14 <sup>f</sup>	0.89	68.14
		LAI-2000 4R		0.39	1.04 <sup>f</sup>	95.60 <sup>f</sup>	1.04	95.60
9/7/2012	D1	PocketLAI	3.11	4.13	1.45 <sup>f</sup>	12.50 <sup>f</sup>	1.45	12.50
		AccuPAR		3.37	1.16	12.30	1.19	12.56
		LAI-2000 5R		3.16	0.83 <sup>f</sup>	9.43 <sup>f</sup>	0.83	9.43
		LAI-2000 4R		3.56	0.98 <sup>f</sup>	9.85 <sup>f</sup>	0.98	9.85
	D2	PocketLAI	2.02	2.55	1.11 <sup>f</sup>	15.54 <sup>f</sup>	1.11	15.54
		AccuPAR		1.84	0.84 <sup>f</sup>	16.36 <sup>f</sup>	0.84	16.36
		LAI-2000 5R		2.11	1.42 <sup>f</sup>	24.04 <sup>f</sup>	1.42	24.04
		LAI-2000 4R		2.32	1.67 <sup>f</sup>	25.70 <sup>f</sup>	1.67	25.70
30/7/2012	D1	PocketLAI	6.10	4.03	0.97	8.56	1.03	9.12
		AccuPAR		4.37	0.79	6.43	0.95	7.74
		LAI-2000 5R		3.51	1.51 <sup>f</sup>	15.39 <sup>f</sup>	1.51	15.39
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	D2	PocketLAI	2.92	3.80	0.96	9.03	1.02	9.58
		AccuPAR		2.84	0.84	10.62	1.17	14.74
		LAI-2000 5R		2.69	1.58	20.93	1.70	22.59
		LAI-2000 4R		3.02	1.86	22.05	2.01	23.79

<sup>a</sup>: repeatability limit.

<sup>b</sup>: relative standard deviation of repeatability.

<sup>c</sup>: reproducibility limit.

<sup>d</sup>: relative standard deviation of reproducibility.

<sup>e</sup>: laboratory 3 is an outlier according to the Cochran test.

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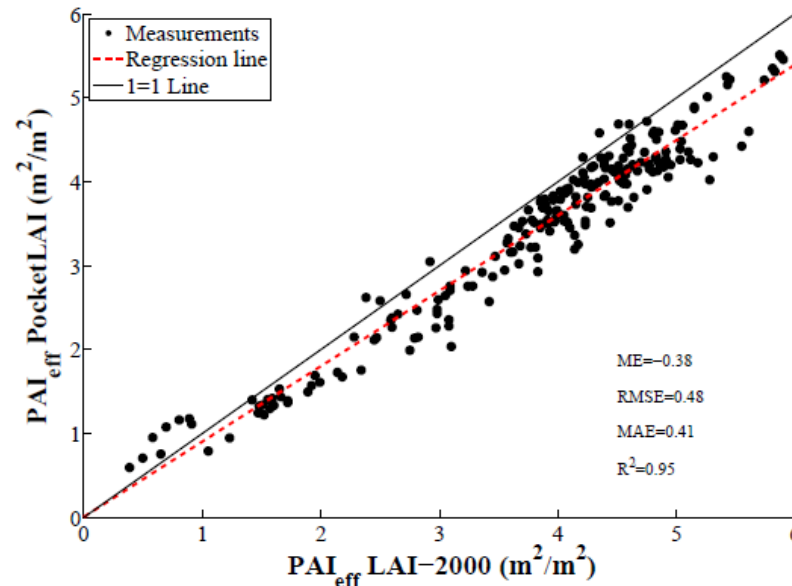
*remote sensing*



Article

## Multitemporal Monitoring of Plant Area Index in the Valencia Rice District with PocketLAI

Manuel Campos-Taberner <sup>1,\*</sup>, Francisco Javier García-Haro <sup>1</sup>, Roberto Confalonieri <sup>2</sup>,  
Beatriz Martínez <sup>1</sup>, Álvaro Moreno <sup>1</sup>, Sergio Sánchez-Ruiz <sup>1</sup>, María Amparo Gilabert <sup>1</sup>,  
Fernando Camacho <sup>3</sup>, Mirco Boschetti <sup>4</sup> and Lorenzo Busetto <sup>4</sup>



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Short communication

Comparison of leaf area index estimates by ceptometer and PocketLAI smart app in canopies with different structures<sup>☆</sup>



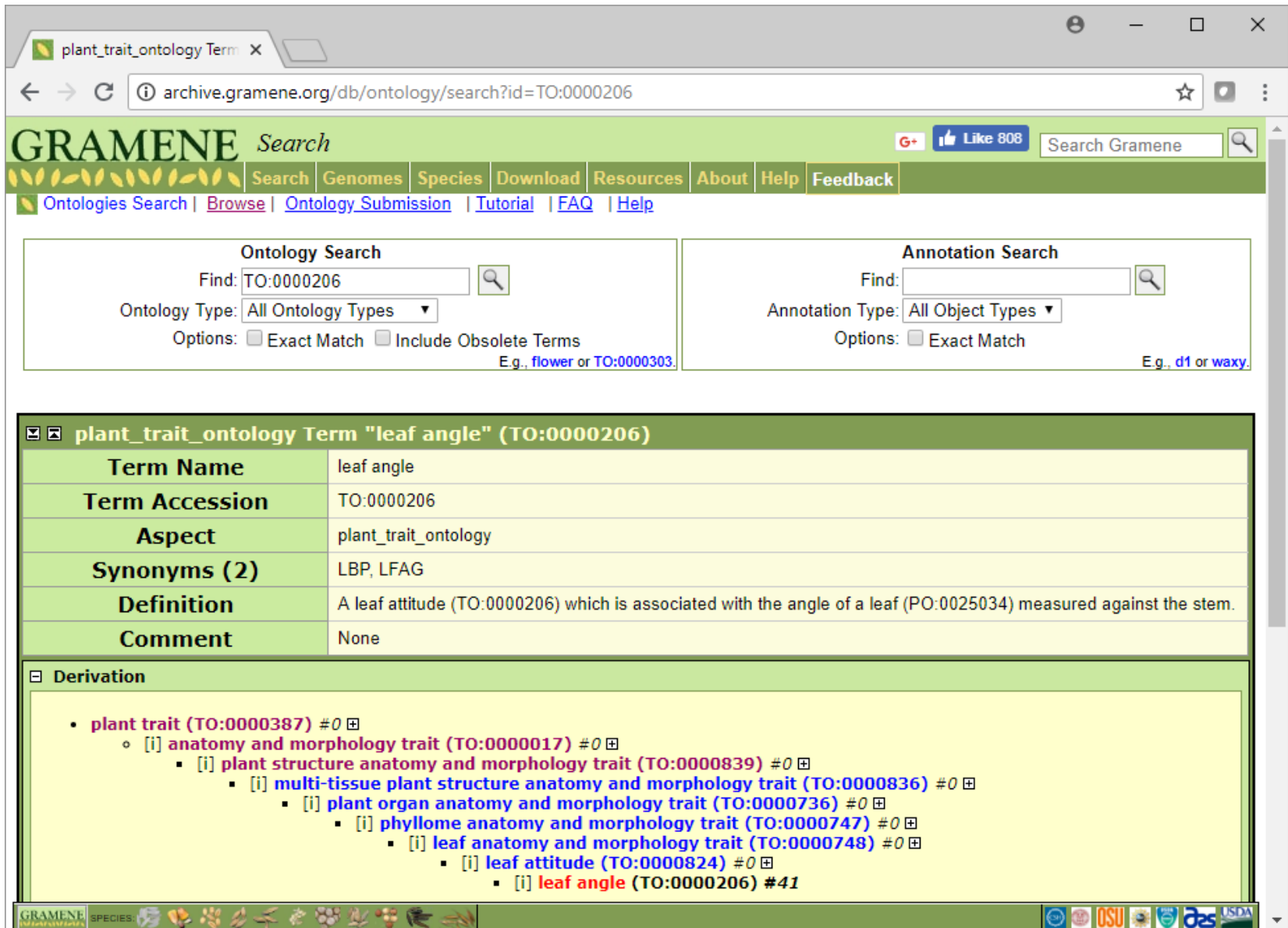
C. Francone<sup>a</sup>, V. Pagani<sup>a</sup>, M. Foi<sup>b</sup>, G. Cappelli<sup>a</sup>, R. Confalonieri<sup>a,\*</sup>



*Applied Vegetation Science* 18 (2015) 716–723

## Estimating leaf area index in tree species using the PocketLAI smart app

Francesca Orlando, Ermes Movedi, Livia Paleari, Carlo Gilardelli, Marco Foi, Michele Dell'Oro & Roberto Confalonieri



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plant\_trait\_ontology Term "leaf angle" (TO:0000206)

<b>Term Name</b>	leaf angle
<b>Term Accession</b>	TO:0000206
<b>Aspect</b>	plant_trait_ontology
<b>Synonyms (2)</b>	LBP, LFAG
<b>Definition</b>	A leaf attitude (TO:0000206) which is associated with the angle of a leaf (PO:0025034) measured against the stem.
<b>Comment</b>	None

**Derivation**

- **plant trait (TO:0000387) #0**
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            - [i] **leaf anatomy and morphology trait (TO:0000748) #0**
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- grain thickness is\_a
- keel anthocyanin is\_a
- leaf angle is\_a
  - leaf angle method\_of
    - leaf angle scale scale\_of
    - leaf angle scale scale\_of
- leaf blade anthocyanin is\_a
- leaf blade greenness is\_a
- leaf blade pubescence is\_a
- leaf length is\_a

### Term information

leaf angle scale [Permalink](#) **General** 0 Comments

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**Identifier** CO\_320:0000415

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**Category 1** Erect

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**Category 5** Horizontal

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**Category 9** Drooping

Type of measurement	Instrument (examples)	References (e.g.)
Direct	Inclinometer	e.g., Deckmyn et al (2000)
Indirect-proximal	LAI-2000	e.g., Zou et al. (2014)
Indirect-remote	Stereo imaging	e.g., Biskhup et al. (2007)



- E.g., Pioneer

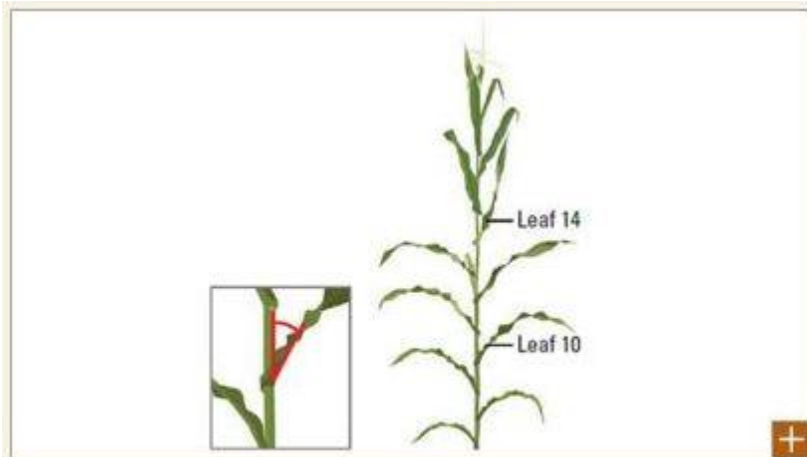


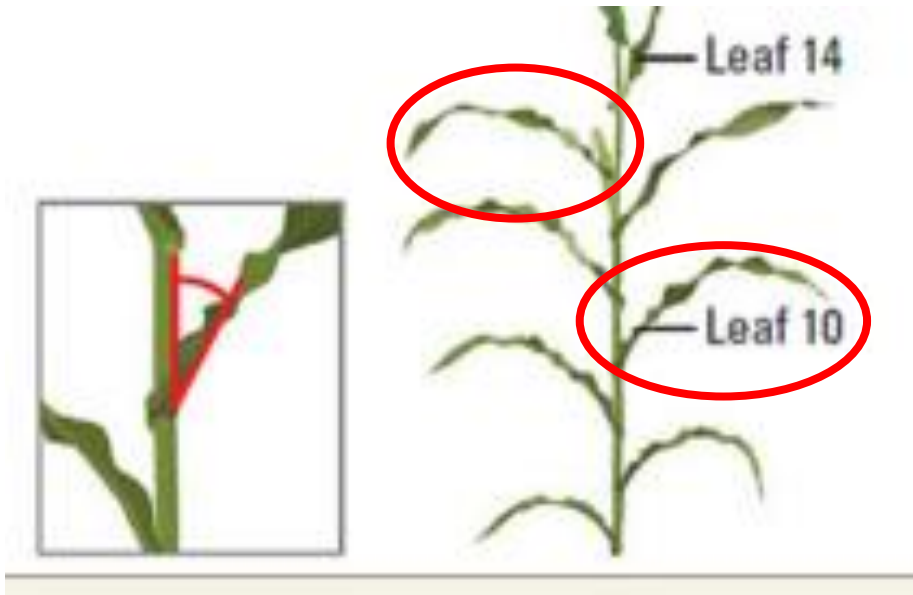
Figure 1. Leaf angle measurements on leaf 10 and leaf 14.



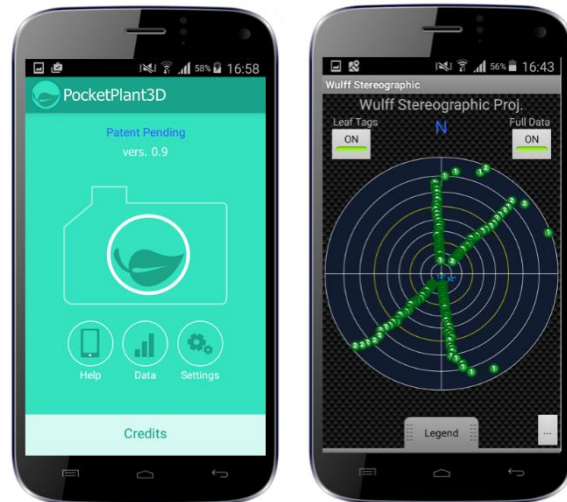
Figure 2. Leaf angle measurements were taken using a clinometer smartphone app.

- This does not represent the angle of photosynthetic tissues...

- We developed a smart app for
  - ✓ Measuring angle of leaf **insertion**
  - ✓ Measuring angles of **photosynthetic tissues**
  - ✓ Deriving synthetic **parameters** of **distributions** of the angles of photosynthetic tissues (**3D canopy scan**)



**Leaves can bend!**



## Research Paper

### PocketPlant3D: Analysing canopy structure using a smartphone



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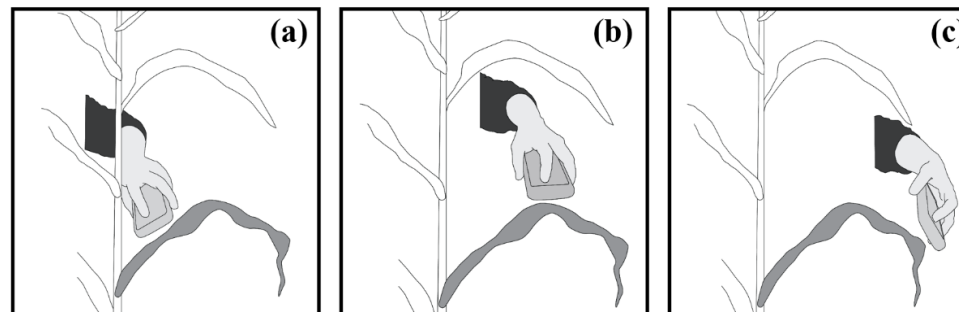
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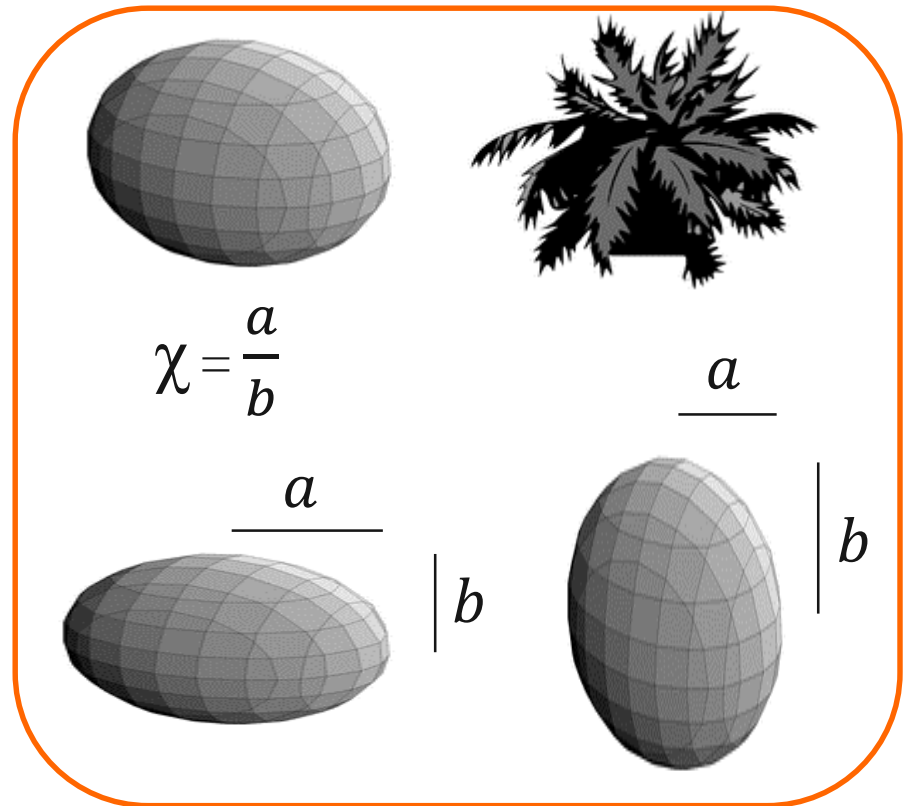
- Campbell's ellipsoidal distribution (Campbell, 1986)

$$G = \frac{x^2 \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}{Ax}$$

$$A = 1 + \frac{\ln[(1 + \varepsilon_1)/(1 - \varepsilon_1)]}{2\varepsilon_1 x^2} \quad \text{for } x > 1$$

$$A = 1 + \frac{\sin^{-1} \varepsilon_2}{x \varepsilon_2} \quad \text{for } x < 1$$

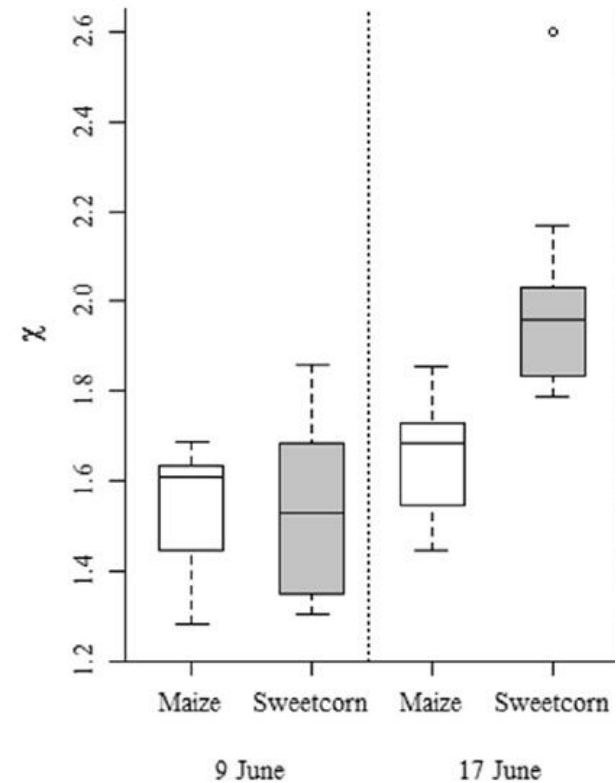
$$A = 2 \quad \text{for } x = 1$$



$$k = \frac{\sqrt{\chi^2 + \tan^2 \theta_L}}{A}$$

$$A \approx \chi + 1.774 (\chi + 1.182)^{-0.733}$$

- Campbell's ellipsoidal distribution (Campbell, 1986)



- $\beta$ -distribution (Goel and Strebel, 1984; Pisek et al., 2011)

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\beta(\mu, \nu)} (1-t)^{\mu-1} t^{\nu-1}$$

$$t = 2 \cdot \theta_L / \pi$$

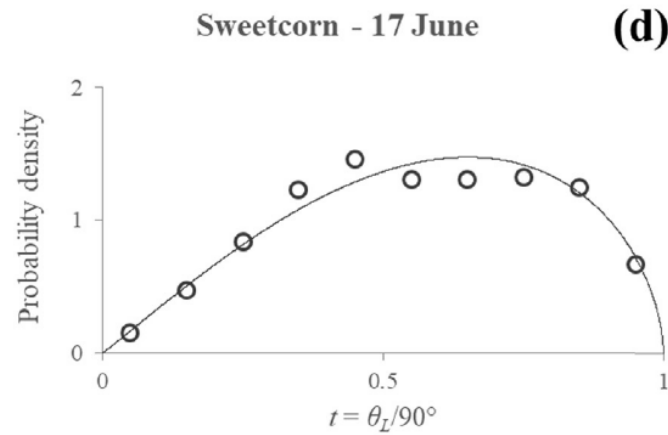
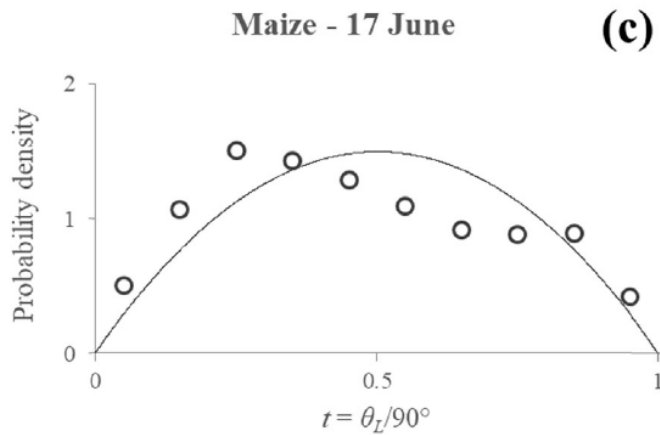
$$\beta(\mu, \nu) = \frac{\Gamma(\mu) \Gamma(\nu)}{\Gamma(\mu + \nu)}$$

$$\mu = (1 - \bar{t}) \left( \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_t^2} - 1 \right)$$

$$\nu = \bar{t} \left( \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_t^2} - 1 \right)$$

$$\sigma_0^2 = \bar{t}(1 - \bar{t})$$

- $\beta$ -distribution (Goel and Strebel, 1984; Pisek et al., 2011)

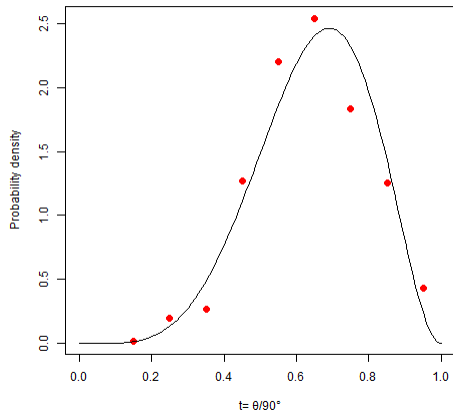


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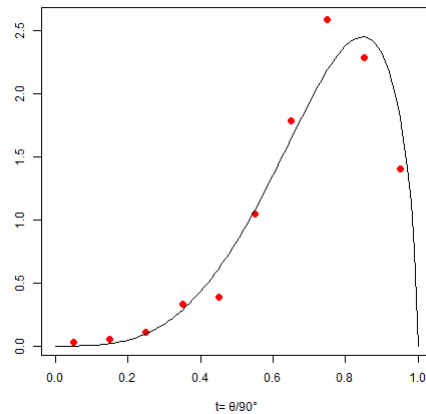


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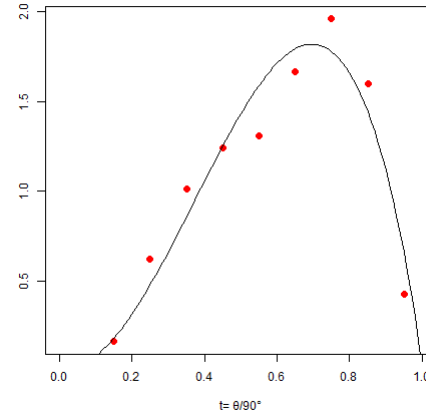
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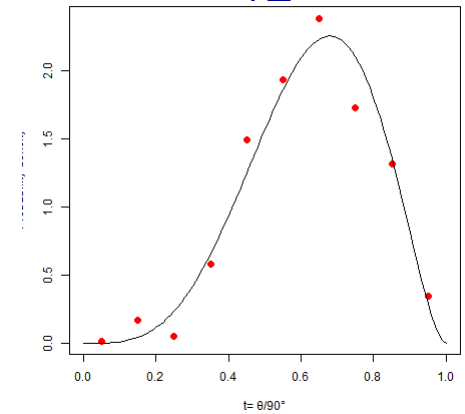
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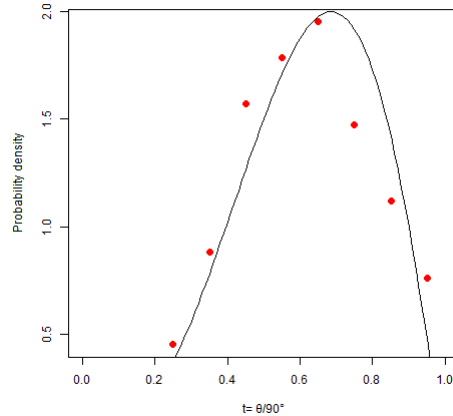
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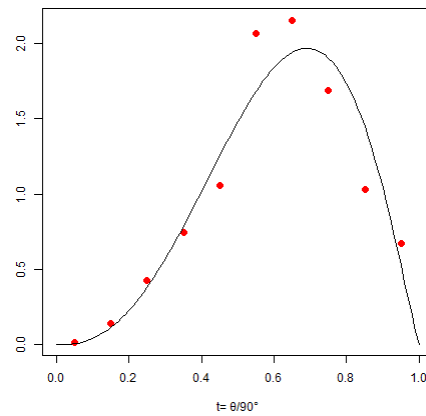
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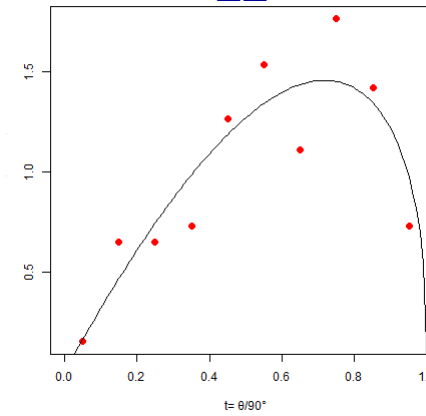
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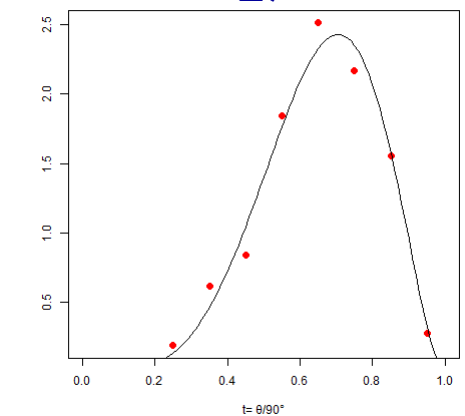
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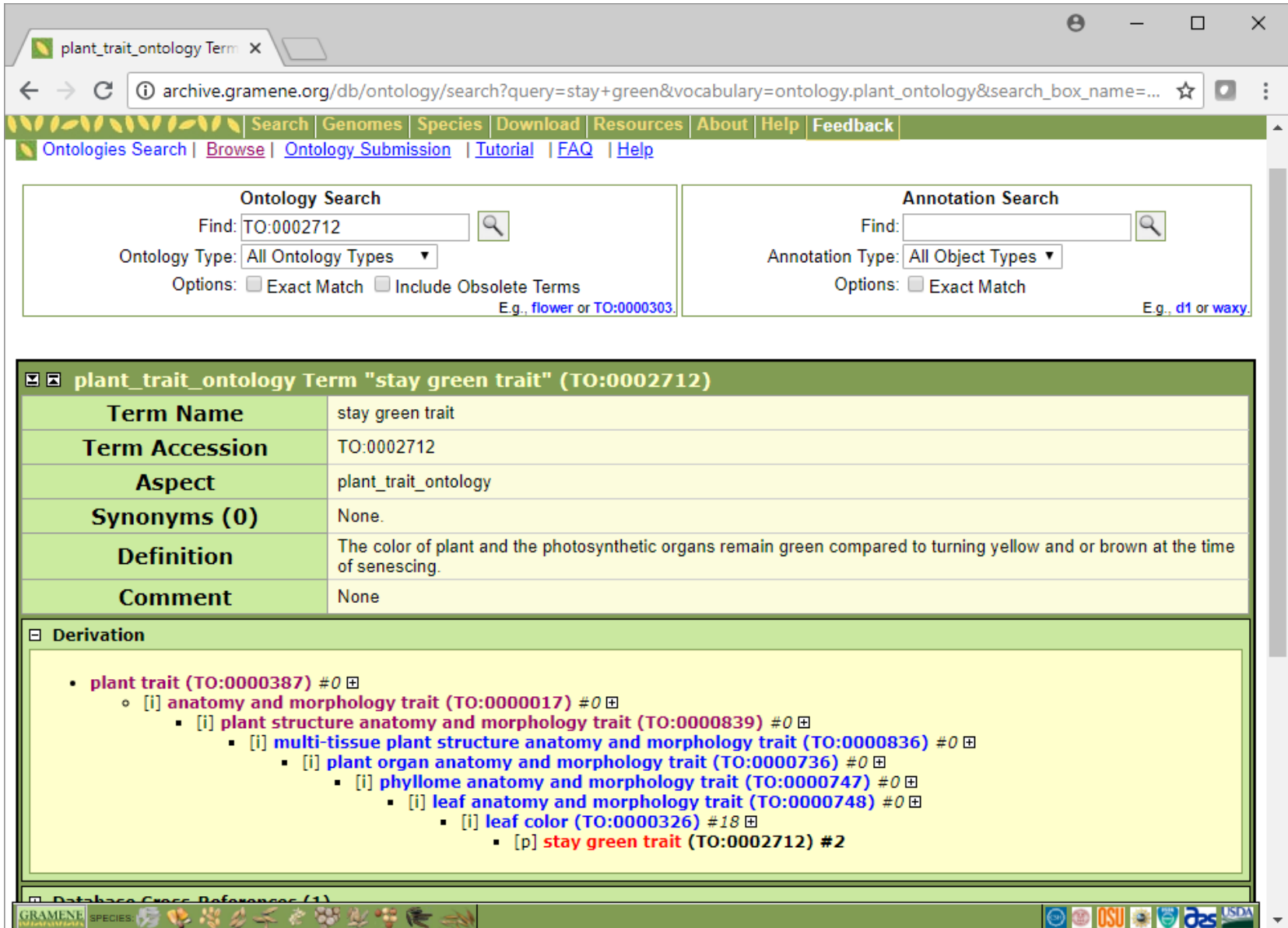
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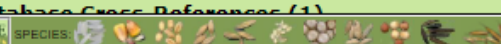


☑ ☒ plant\_trait\_ontology Term "stay green trait" (TO:0002712)

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<b>Term Accession</b>	TO:0002712
<b>Aspect</b>	plant_trait_ontology
<b>Synonyms (0)</b>	None.
<b>Definition</b>	The color of plant and the photosynthetic organs remain green compared to turning yellow and or brown at the time of senescing.
<b>Comment</b>	None

☒ **Derivation**

- **plant trait (TO:0000387) #0** ☒
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- leaf blade pubescence [is\\_a](#)

### Term information

leaf blade greenness scale [Permalink](#) [General](#) 0 Comments

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Category 0 000= Not visible under anthocyanin

Category 3 061= Light green

Category 3 060= Medium Green

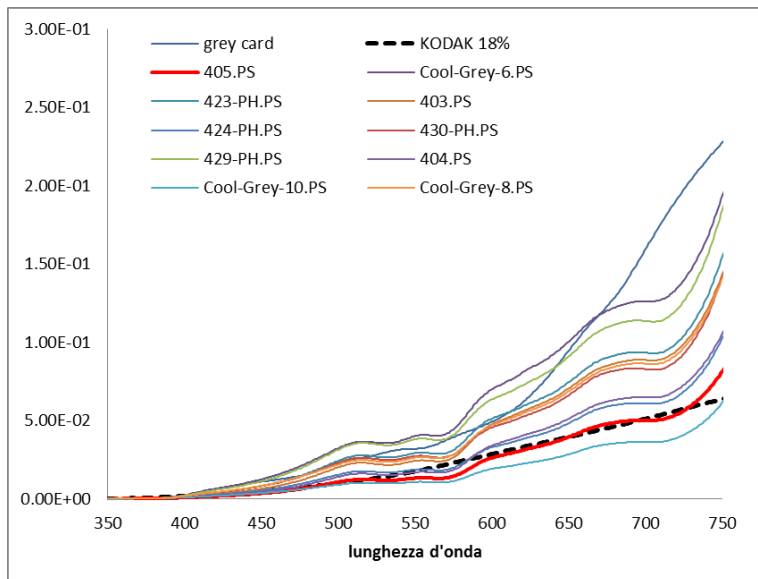
Category 7 063= Dark green

Type of measurement	Instrument (examples)	References (e.g.)
Direct	Elemental analyzer	e.g., Vigneau et al. (2011)
Indirect-proximal	SPAD	e.g., Cabangon et al. (2011)
Indirect-remote	Reflectance (relationships with vegetation indices)	e.g., Babar et al., (2006)

- Leaf color chart (LCC)
- KONICA MINOLTA SPAD-502
- Force-A Dualex 4



- Image processing (**greenness**)
- Background panel to guarantee **flat reflectance** under a wide range of light conditions



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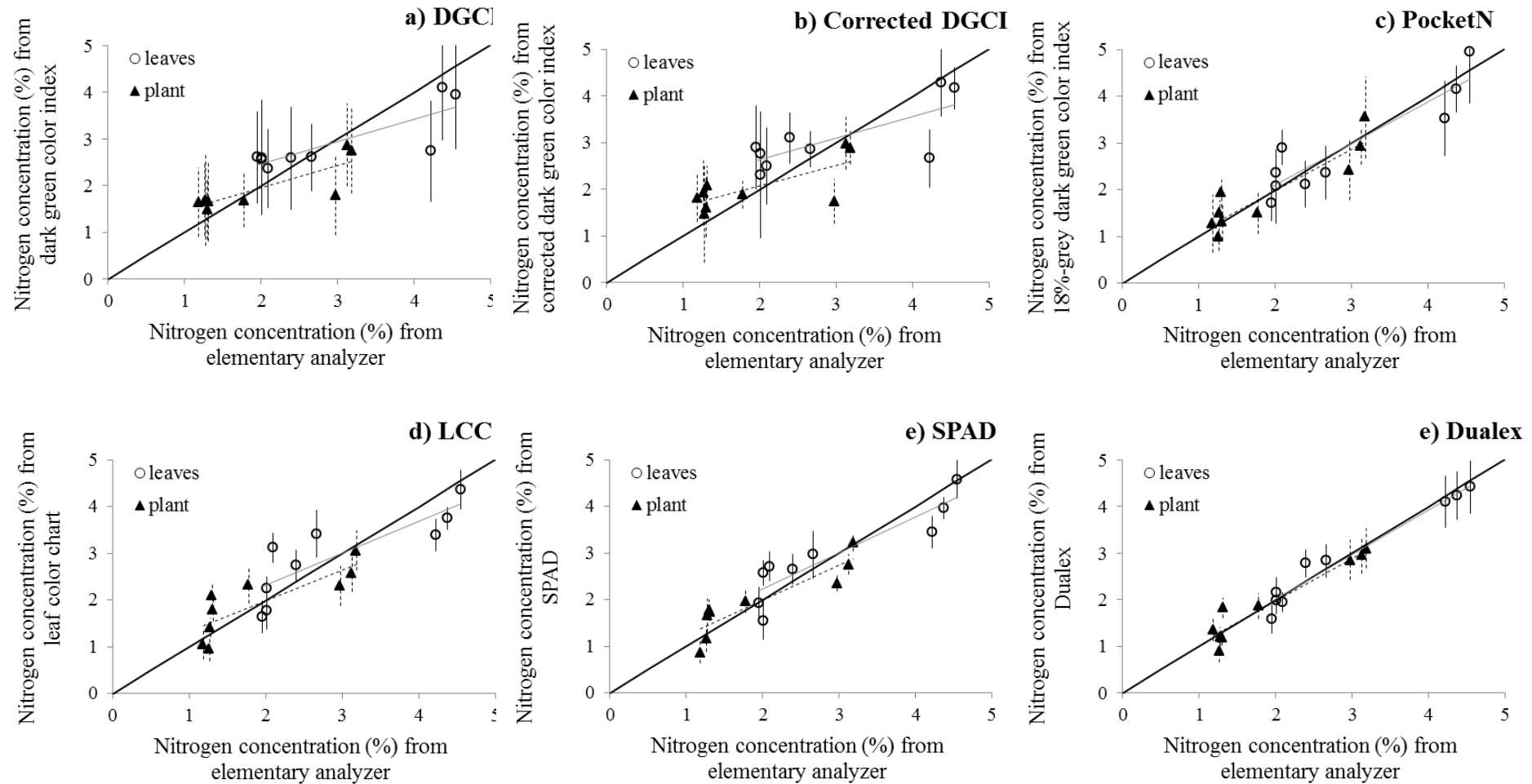


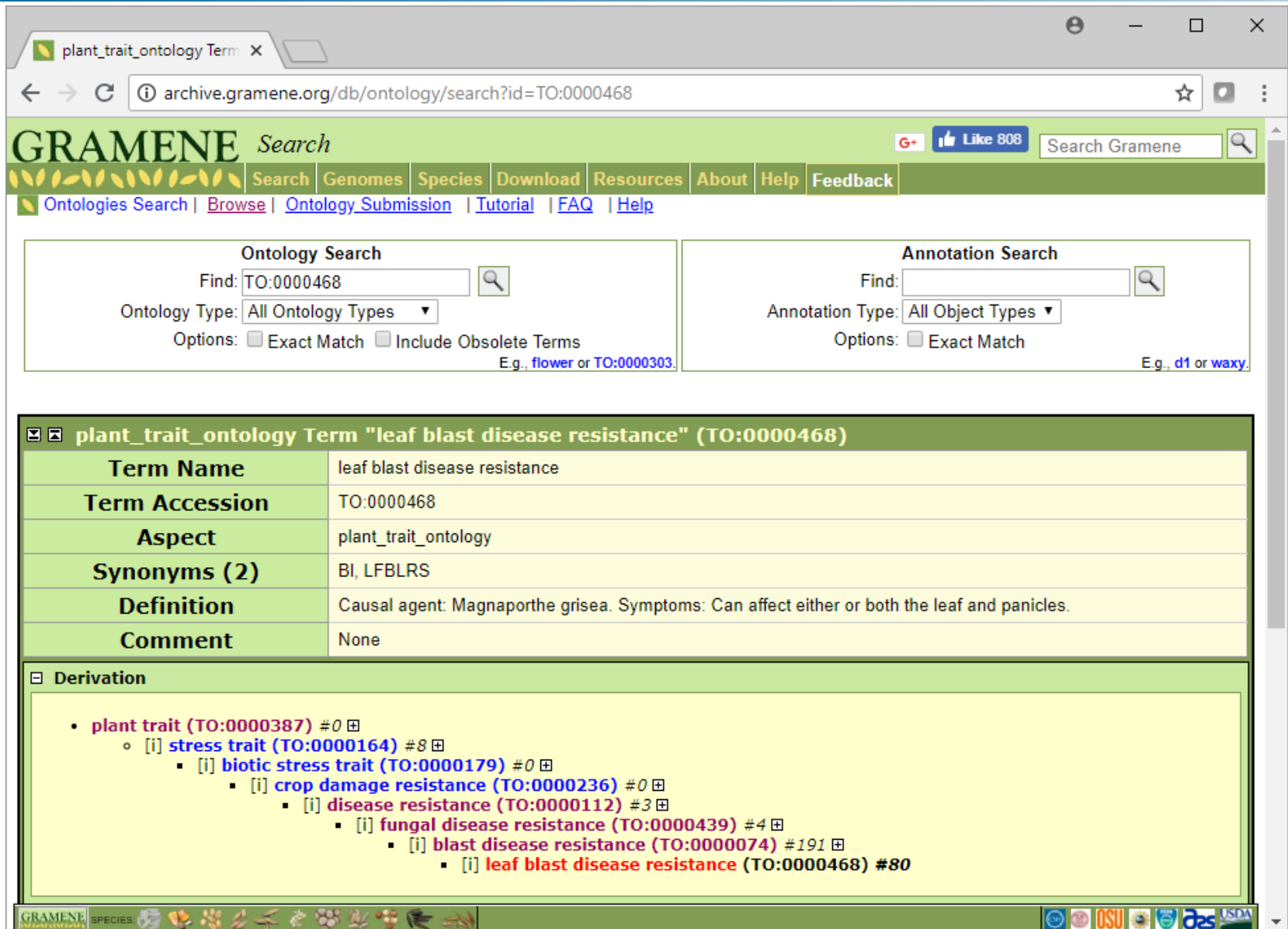
## Research Paper

### Improving *in vivo* plant nitrogen content estimates from digital images: Trueness and precision of a new approach as compared to other methods and commercial devices



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**plant\_trait\_ontology Term "leaf blast disease resistance" (TO:0000468)**

<b>Term Name</b>	leaf blast disease resistance
<b>Term Accession</b>	TO:0000468
<b>Aspect</b>	plant_trait_ontology
<b>Synonyms (2)</b>	BI, LFBLRS
<b>Definition</b>	Causal agent: Magnaporthe grisea. Symptoms: Can affect either or both the leaf and panicles.
<b>Comment</b>	None

**Derivation**

- **plant trait (TO:0000387) #0**
  - [i] **stress trait (TO:0000164) #8**
    - [i] **biotic stress trait (TO:0000179) #0**
      - [i] **crop damage resistance (TO:0000236) #0**
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- Rice traits
  - Abiotic stress
  - Agronomical
  - Biochemical
  - Biotic stress
    - Leaf blast damage
      - leaf blast damage amount (method\_of)
      - leaf blast damage estimation (method\_of)
        - leaf blast damage scale (scale\_of)
      - leaf blast damage type (method\_of)
    - bacterial blight damage

### Term information

leaf blast damage scale [Permalink](#) [General](#) 0 Comments

**Identifier** CO\_320:0000341

**Category 0** No lesions observed

**Category 9** More than 75% leaf area affected

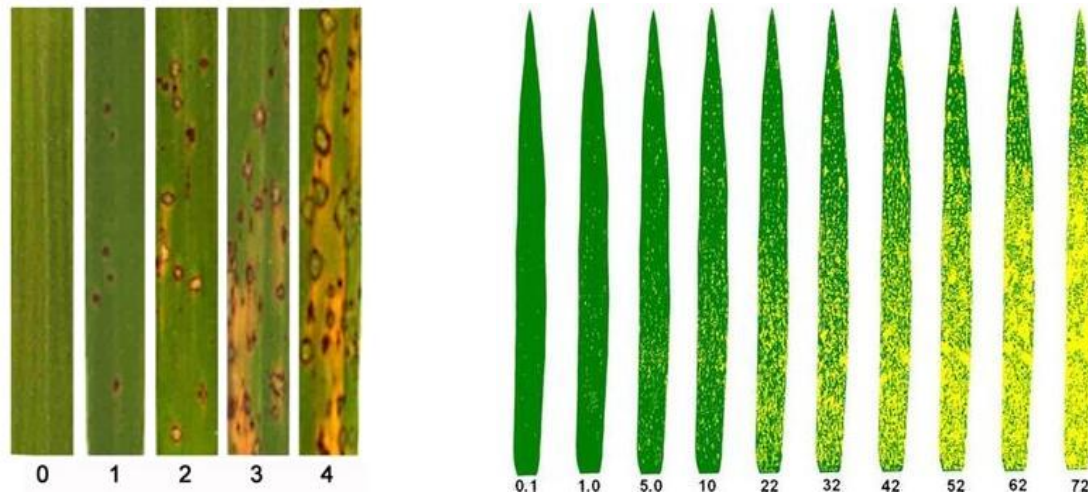
**Category 1** Small brown specks of pin-point size or larger brown specks without sporulating center

**Category 2** Small roundish to slightly elongated, necrotic gray spots, about 1.0 mm in diameter, with a distinct



Type of measurement	Instrument (examples)	References (e.g.)
Direct	“Visual”	e.g., Faivre-Rampant et al. (2010)
Indirect-proximal	Spectral reflectance	e.g., Huang et al. (2007)
Indirect-remote	Hyper-spectral imaging	e.g., Huang et al. (2007)

- Often, **visual assessments** are carried out, by means of **reference panels** like the one below:



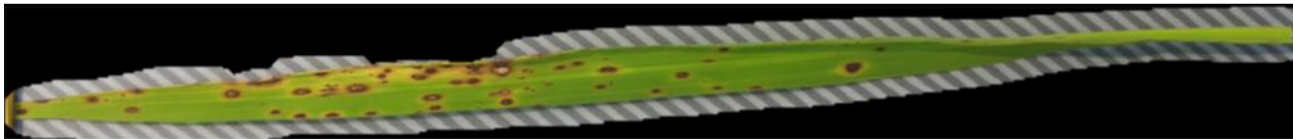


- Leaf pictures taken on a **dedicated background panel**:
- “flat reflectance” on a wide range of light conditions
  - **weft** to speed **focus**
  - **QR codes** for **normalizing picture size** regardless of the distance from the panel/angle



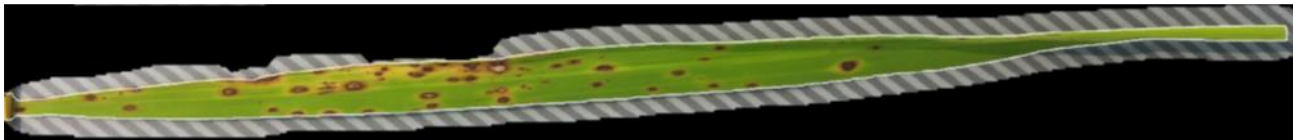
Automatic recognition of the **region** where the **leaf** is

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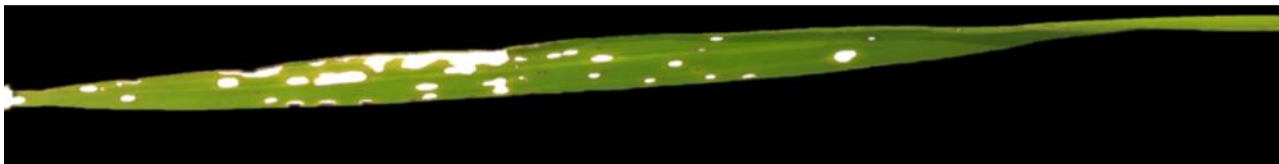
**Refining** the detection of the image **region of interest**

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**Detection of leaf borders** (marked in white)

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**Identification of lesions and measure of their area**

Source image: Collobiano\_5.jpg; Sample# 1.  
Leaf area: 1282.9 mm<sup>2</sup>; Lesion area: 157.52 mm<sup>2</sup> (12.28% of leaf area).

- It is based on **neural networks** for image processing
- Currently **under development**
  - ✓ Transferring the **network on the device** to **avoid backend services** (sometimes no Wi-Fi in field)

*Simplicity is complexity resolved*  
(C. Brâncuși)

*Thanks so much for your kind attention*



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