

Spectral Imaging for Plant Phenotyping

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Introduction

- Gerrit Polder,
 - 30 years at Wageningen University & Research.
 - Senior scientist computer vision for plant phenotyping
- Background: Electronics/Applied Physics.
 - PhD on Spectral Imaging
- Aim of this lecture:
 - To introduce spectral imaging and show its value to applications in plant phenotyping.

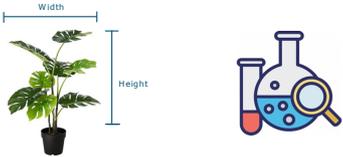


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Properties to monitor



- **Physical structure** such as height, width, number of leaves etc.
- **Chemical components** such as chlorophyll, anthocyanin, moisture etc.

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Why spectral imaging?



Biosystems Engineering
Volume 164, December 2017, Pages 49-67

Close range hyperspectral imaging of plants: A review

Close Range Spectral Imaging for Disease Detection in Plants Using Autonomous Platforms: a Review on Recent Studies

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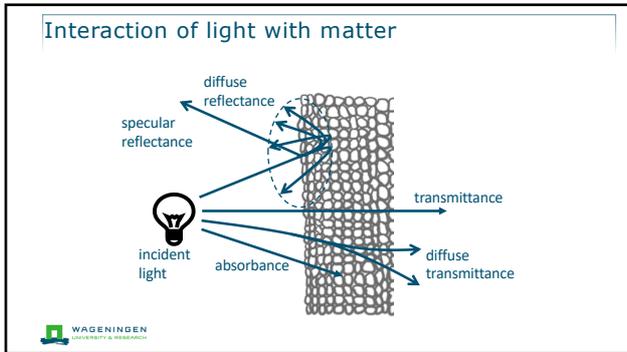
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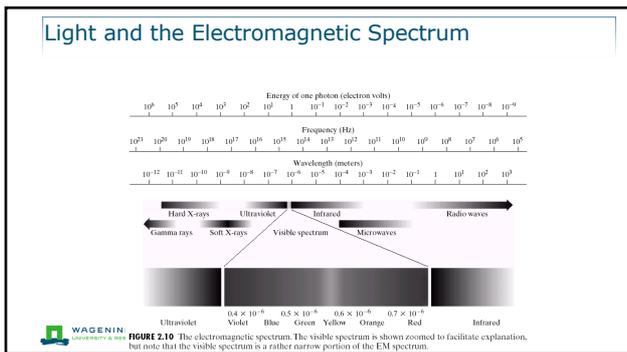


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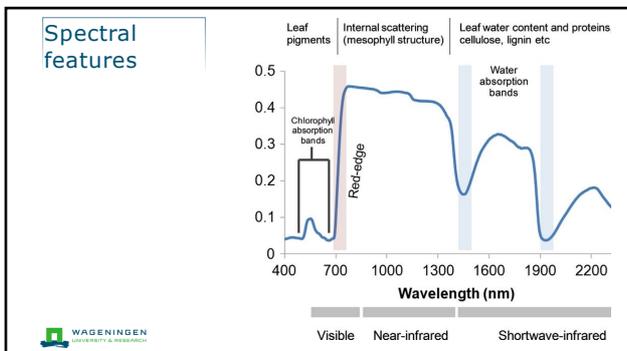
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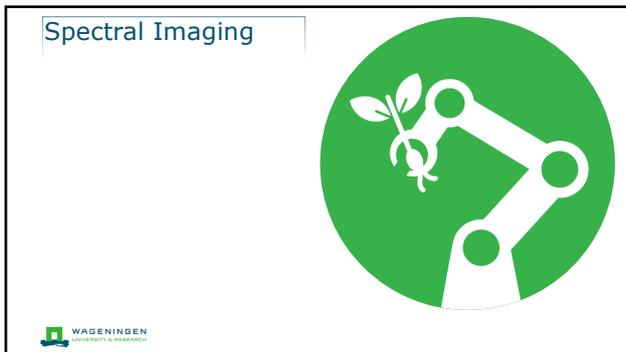
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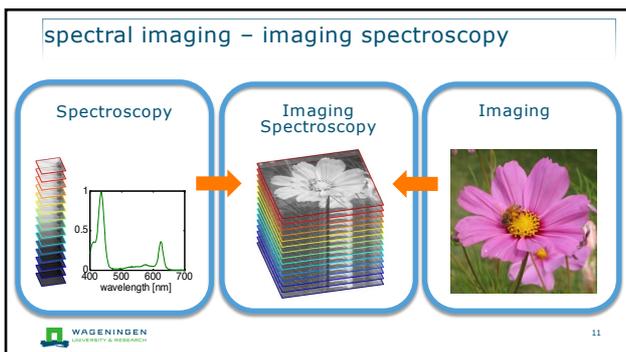
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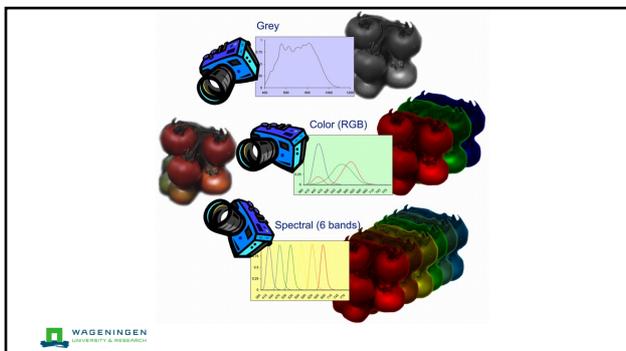
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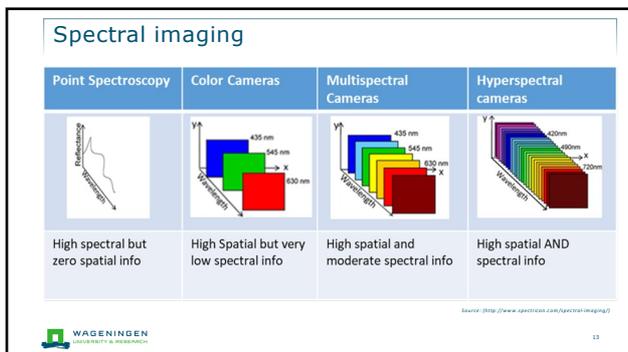
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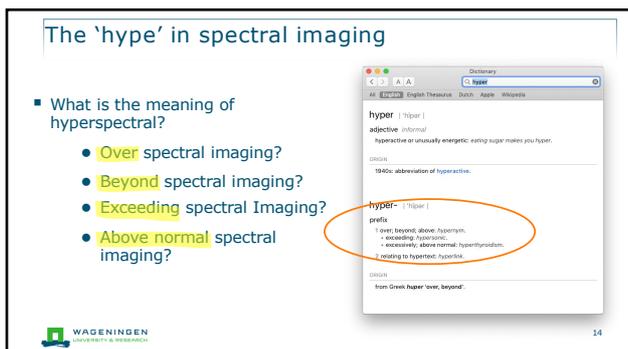
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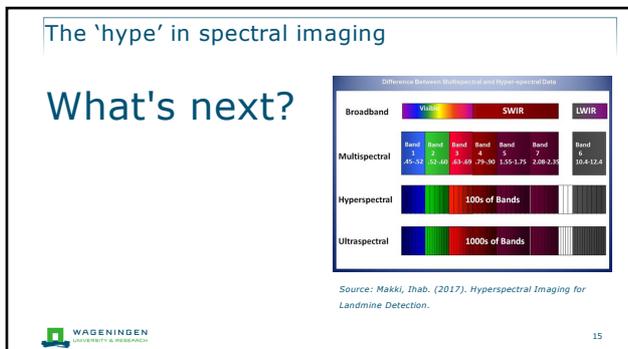
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What about spectral data?

Usually with different x , y and λ dimensions, the data matrix is not a cube at all!



.....'images' are combined to form a three-dimensional (x,y,λ) hyperspectral data cube

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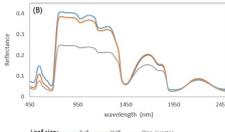
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Hyperspectral analysis?

- Example of publications where the term hyperspectral analysis is used for normal point spectroscopy
- Hyperspectral analysis of soil polluted with four types of hydrocarbons**
- Hyperspectral Analysis of Leaf Pigments and Nutritional Elements in Tallgrass Prairie Vegetation**

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<https://aviris.jpl.nasa.gov>



Please note that we are working to use the terms "imaging spectroscopy" and "imaging spectrometer data" rather than "hyperspectral." This allows us to communicate more clearly with our physics, chemistry, and biology science colleagues.



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For further reading

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Peer Reviewed Letter **openaccess**

The hype in spectral imaging

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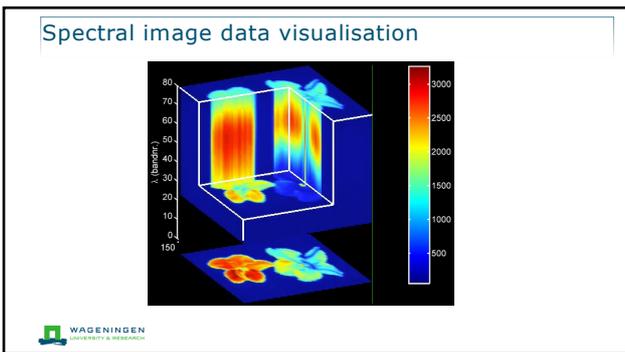
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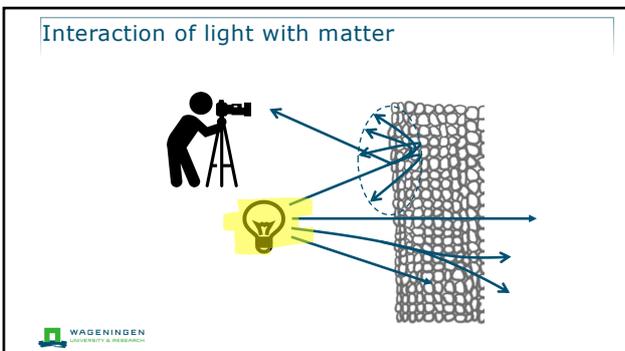
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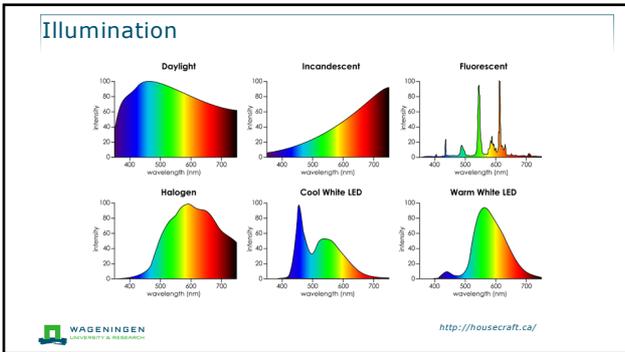
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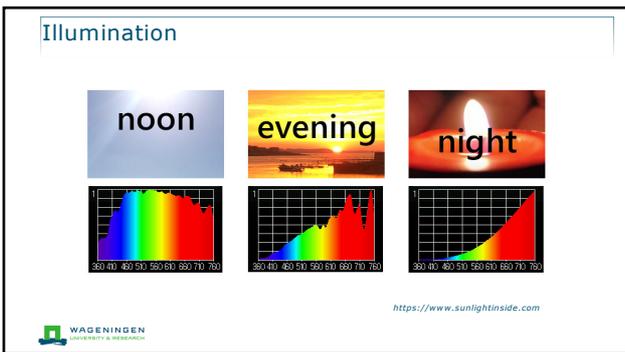
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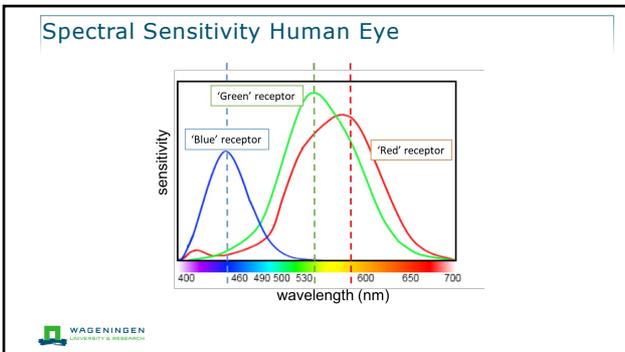
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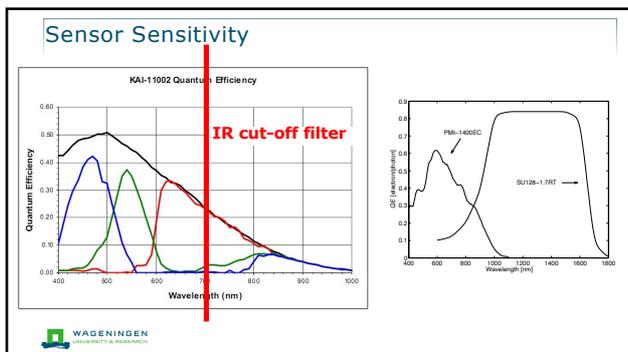
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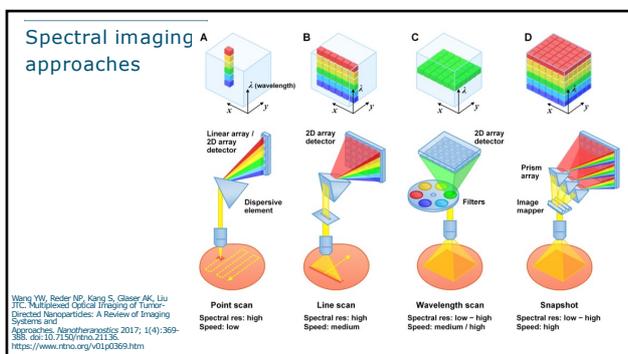
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Pushbroom spectrograph

- Slit-spectrometer collects a "wall" of data: pushbroom allows acquisition of a complete data cube.

The diagram illustrates the components of a pushbroom spectrograph. Light from a 'Target' passes through an 'Objective lens' and an 'Entrance slit'. It then goes through 'Inspector optics' to a 'Matrix detector'. The detector is oriented along a 'Spatial axis' and a 'Spectral axis'. A small inset shows a 2D data cube. The Wageningen University & Research logo is at the bottom left.

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Some examples of cameras

A collage of various hyperspectral cameras. It includes the SPECIM IQ camera (with a 'reddot award 2018 winner' badge), an imec camera, and other models. A spectral graph is shown on the left. The Wageningen University & Research logo is at the bottom left.

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Latest developments 'snapshot cameras'

A collage of the latest 'snapshot camera' developments. It features the cubert camera, the SPECIM IQ camera (with a 'reddot award 2018 winner' badge), and the imec SnapScan SWIR VNIR camera. The Wageningen University & Research logo is at the bottom left.

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IMEC HSI APPROACH: FABRY-PEROT FILTERS

Wavelength selection depends on cavity length L
 $k\lambda = 2nL \cos \theta$

Build a staircase with varying depth L, monolithically integrated on CMOS imager:

Transmission efficiency (%)

FWHM ~ 10-20nm

Wavelength (nm)

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DIFFERENT HSI CAPTURE APPROACHES

Line-Scan design

Snapshot design

versus

SCANNING movement needed	NO SCANNING needed
highest spatial and spectral resolution (e.g. 100bands of 4KPx)	Real-time acquisition of HSI data-cubes @ video-rate

→ Built on same technology: 'Fabry-Perot' interferometer spectral filters applied at pixel level
 → Available in both standard or customized spectral filter pattern designs

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UV-VIS-NIR
 Light Field-based
 Hyperspectral Video Camera

Filter
 Lens array
 CMOS Sensor

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Exercise 1
Google Colab




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Calibration /
normalisation




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Calculation spectral reflectance

$$R_{\lambda} = \frac{I_{\lambda} - B}{W_{\lambda} - B}$$

- R_{λ} - real reflection at wavelength λ
- I_{λ} - original measured reflection
- W_{λ} - spectral radiation of the illuminant
- B is the black reference
- This calculation/measurement of W_{λ} and B , needs to be done at a regular interval, at least as fast as the drift in the disturbing factors.



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Challenge with imaging spectroscopy

$Reflectance = \frac{I_{Plant}}{I_{White}}$

- Plants can be of varying sizes and white reference is flat can be at varying heights causing multiplicative effects in the Reflectance

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More effects from leaves

- Apart from global intensity differences, there can be differences due to local inclinations

- Altogether, a mix of additive and multiplicative effects

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Challenge with imaging spectroscopy

Spectral camera
 R_{Plants}

Sample Plant **Segmented Image**

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A solution is chemometric normalisation



Before **After**

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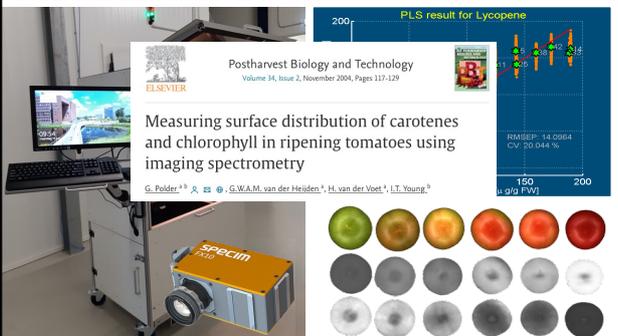


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Projects



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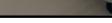
Postharvest Biology and Technology
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Measuring surface distribution of carotenes and chlorophyll in ripening tomatoes using imaging spectrometry

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PLS result for Lycopene

RMSEP: 14.0964
CV: 20.044 %



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Ripening of tomatoes

- Scatter plot of feature analysis of the RGB and spectral images.
- Classes 1-5 represent the

SPECTRAL IMAGE ANALYSIS FOR MEASURING RIPENESS OF TOMATOES

Published by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers, St. Joseph, Michigan www.asabe.org

Citation: Transactions of the ASAE, Vol. 45(4): 1155-1161, (doi: 10.13031/2013.9924) @2002

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Example cases - Cherry sweetness

- Cherry sweetness is a major quality indicator
- Here we try to predict sweetness in cherry non-destructively

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Light penetration in tomatoes

Lambert's Law: $\frac{I}{I_0} = e^{-\mu x}$

engineering proceedings MDPPI

Proceeding Paper
Light Penetration Properties of Visible and NIR Radiation in Tomatoes Applied to Non-Destructive Quality Assessment †
 Merel Arink¹, Haris Ahmad Khan¹ and Gerrit Polder^{2,*}

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Salinity stress in tobacco leaves

- Salinity stress severely affects plant growth and causes significant yield reductions
- It commonly occurs in arid and semi-arid zones naturally or because of anthropogenic influences such as irrigation with reclaimed water

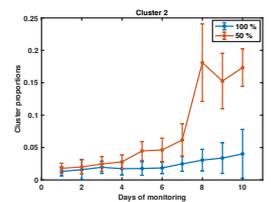



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Drought stress in Arabidopsis plants with portable imaging spectroscopy




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Drought stress detection in arabidopsis in digital phenotyping framework



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Monitoring crop status - goal

- Crop growers need information on status of the leaves before they are removed during crop cultivation.
- Currently this can only be done using leaf samples send to an external laboratory.
- Can spectral imaging be used for measuring leaf and fruit compounds non-destructively?



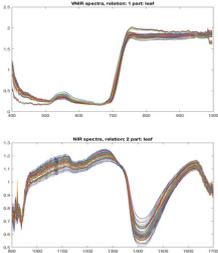
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Monitoring crop status - experiment

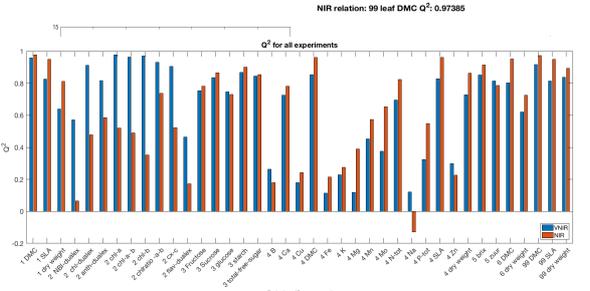
- VNIR HSI, Specim V10e, 400-1000nm
- NIR HSI, Specim N17, 900-1700nm
- 412 leaf samples
- 200 fruits
- Supervised foreground/background segmentation
- Average spectrum per sample
- Reference measures
- Partial Least Square (PLS) regression, using leave one out cross validation.


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Monitoring crop status - results

NIR relation: 99 leaf DMG Q^2 : 0.97385

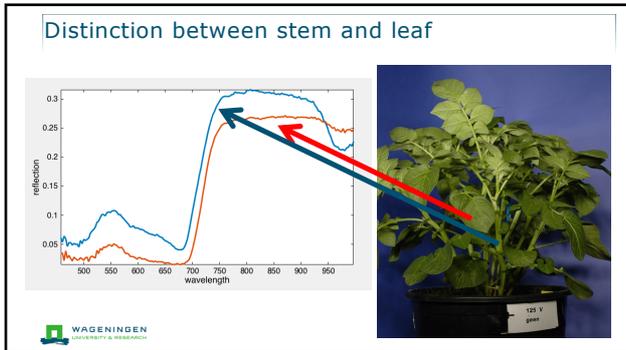


Q² for all experiments

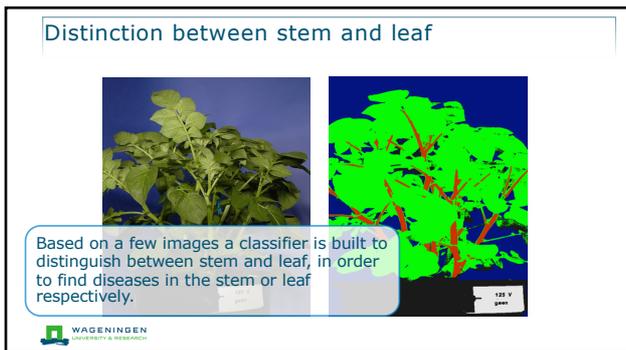
Relation/Compound



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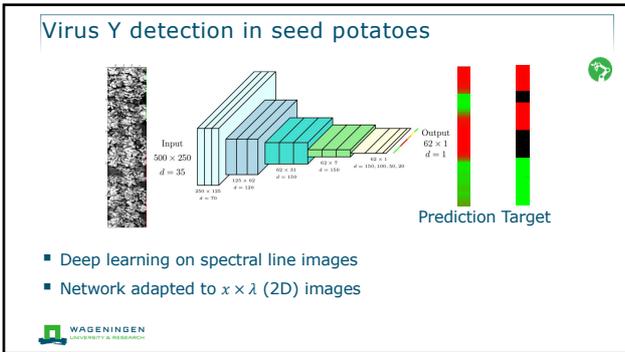
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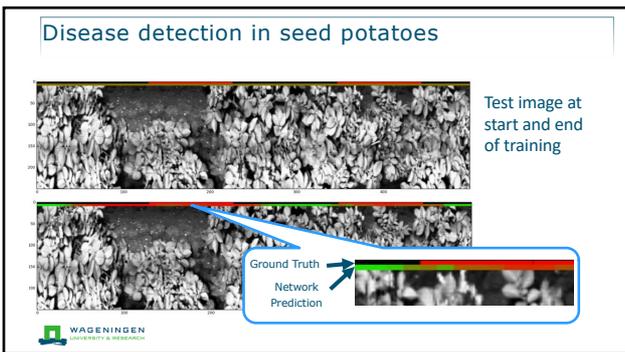
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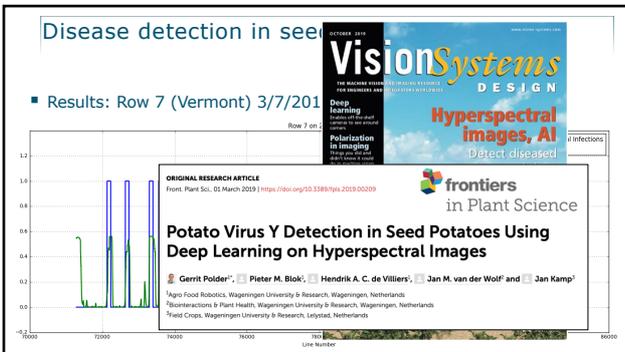
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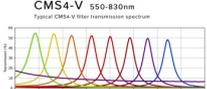
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Early disease detection using multispectral imaging

- SILIOS CMS-V 4
- 8 wavelength
- Resolution
 - 2048 x 2048 (raw)
 - 682 x 682 (spectral)



The slide contains a graph titled 'CMS4-V 550-830nm' showing the typical filter transmission spectrum with eight distinct peaks. To the right of the graph are four panels of leaf images, each with red circles highlighting areas of interest for disease detection.

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Exercise 2
Google Colab



The slide features a large green circular logo with a white stylized figure holding a plant. The Wageningen University & Research logo is visible in the bottom-left corner.

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Take home message

- Close range imaging spectroscopy is widely deployed for physicochemical analysis of plants
- Key benefits are non-destructive and non-contact uses, which allow same plant to be monitored during complete time-frame of experiments
- Illumination correction is still a challenge, the spectral normalisation techniques seems to be the easiest and the most effective option



<https://www.wur.nl/en/Research-Results/Projects-and-programmes/Agro-Food-Robotics.htm>

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Take home message

- From my wide range of experience and application I can recommend that imaging spectroscopy is a very useful tool for plant analysis and particularly for plant phenotyping
- Future trend will be related to combining imaging spectroscopy, chemometric knowledge and artificial intelligence to mine the enormous data generated by imaging spectroscopy.



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