

Exchange event between the European
phenomic community and industry

Progress on novel techniques and
methods for environmental and plant
measurements

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Part I – Proper environmental characterization in phenotyping experiments is a cost-effective way to turn nuisance effects into benefits

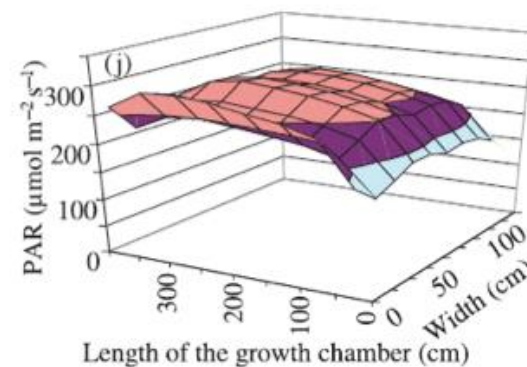
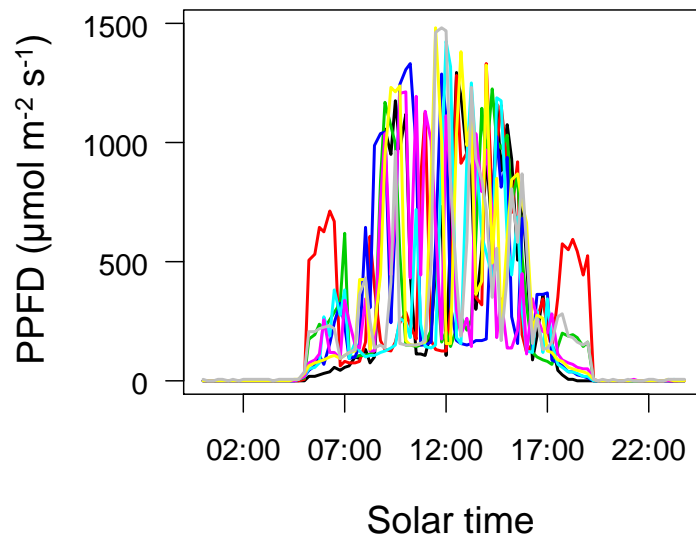
- Spatial and temporal variability in statistical analysis
- Feed plant/canopy/plot dynamic variables into models
- Assemble phenotype-rich datasets from complementary platforms
- Combine similar datasets from different platforms (repeatability)
- Re-use existing data



Phenotyping fields

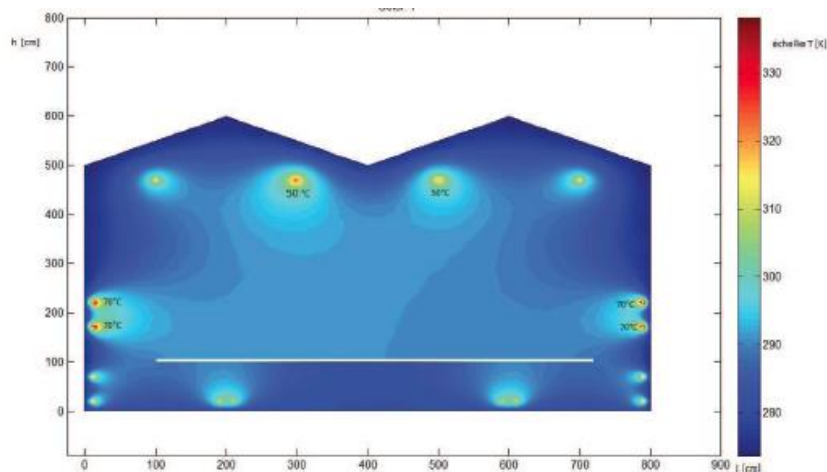
Greenhouses

Growth chambers

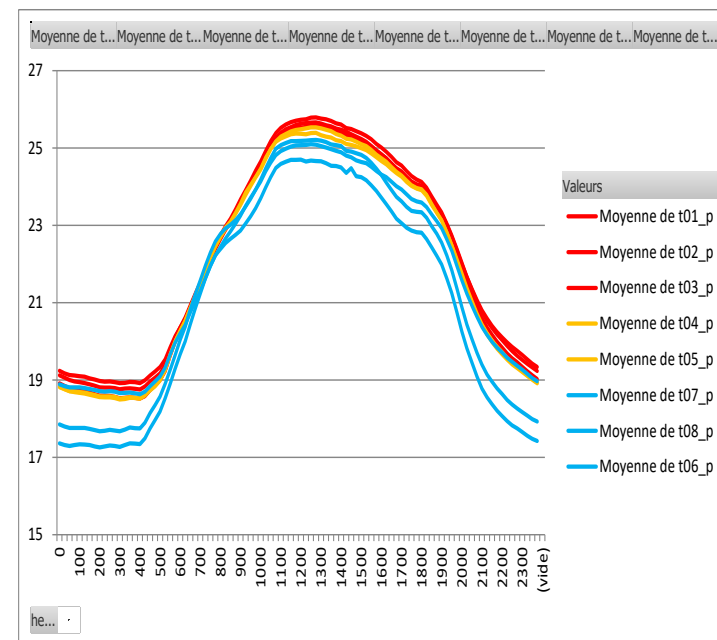


Granier et al 2006

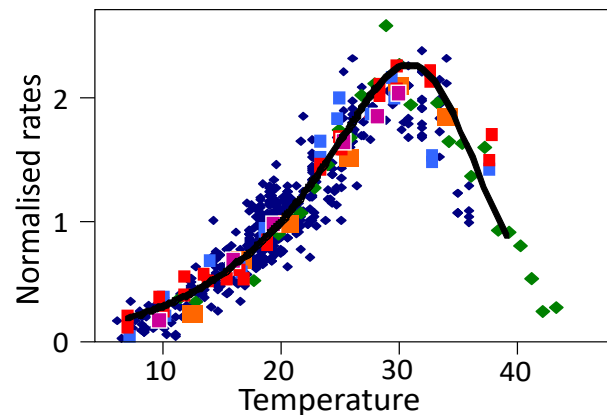
Temperature is heterogeneous / dynamic in PP



Air temperature (°C)

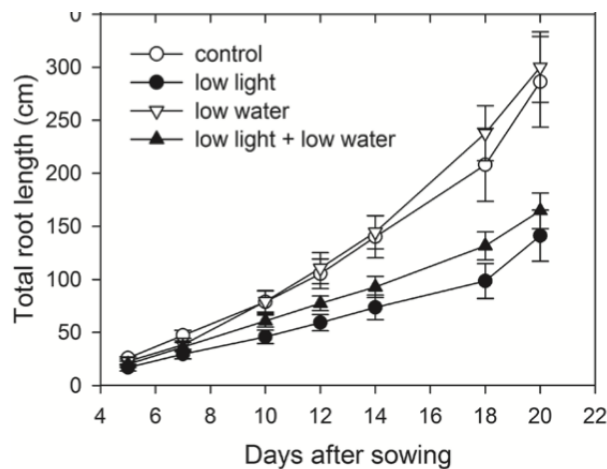


Hour



- ◆ Leaf elongation
- ◆ Seedlings elongation *Lehenbauer 1914*
- Cell division *Ben Haj Salah 1995*
- Leaf initiation *Warrington 1983*
- Leaf appearance *Warrington 1983*
- Germination

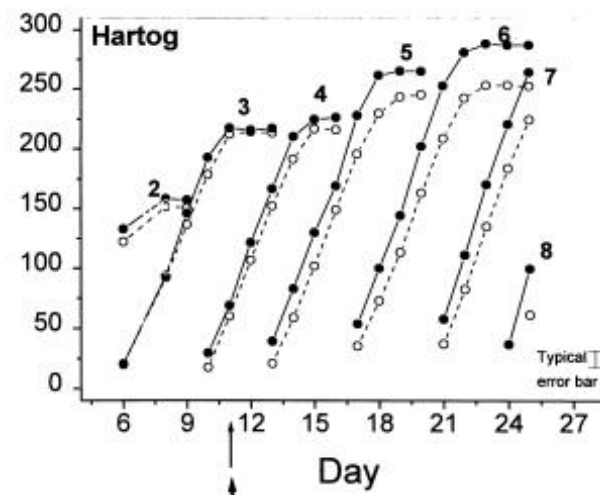
Parent et al. 2009 J. Exp Bot



High light

Low light

Nagel et al. 2015 J. Exp. Bot.



High CO2

Low CO2

Masle 2000 Plant Physiol



Option 1: control (platform design, hard to change)



Option 2: monitor (experiment management)

Option 3: do nothing (and sign the death certificate...)

Strategy

Step 1 – Agree on targets

Level 1 (awareness of heterogeneity) – Year 2

Level 2 (maps) – Year 5

Step 2 – Monitor progress of individual platforms

2	Installation	Country	Last update	Parameter	Type of sensor	Units	Location in installation	Number of sensors in installation	Logging interval (hh:mm)	Data transfer	Storage
3	4PMI	France	03-2020	Light	PAR sensor	umoles/m2.s	Inside (fixed)	50	00:005	Wireless	Database
4	4PMI	France	03-2020	Air temperature	Thermistance	°C	Inside (fixed)	10	0:05	Cable	Database
5	4PMI	France	03-2020	Air temperature	Thermocouple	°C	Inside (fixed)	50	0:05	Wireless	Database
6	4PMI	France	03-2020	Air humidity	Humidity sensor (capacity)	%	Inside (fixed)	10	0:05	Cable	Database
7	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Light	Pyranometer	W/m2	Outside	2	0:15	Cable	Text files
8	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Light	PAR sensor	umoles/m2.s	Outside	2	0:15	Cable	Text files
9	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Light	Diffuse / Direct sensor	umoles/m2.s	Outside	2	0:15	Cable	Text files
10	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Air temperature	Other	°C	Outside	5	0:15	Wireless	Text files
11	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Air temperature	Thermistance	°C	Outside	2	1:00	Wireless	Database
12	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Air humidity	Humidity sensor (capacity)	%	Outside	5	0:15	Wireless	Text files
13	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Air humidity	Humidity sensor (capacity)	%	Outside	1	1:00	Wireless	Database
14	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	CO2	CO2 Sensor	ppm	Outside	8		Cable	Text files
15	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Organ temp.	Thermocouple	°C	Outside	10	0:15	Wireless	Text files
16	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Soil humidity	TDR	m3/m3	Outside	72	0:15	Cable	Text files
17	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Soil humidity	TDR	m3/m4	Outside	120	1:15	Wireless	Text files
18	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Soil temperature	Thermistance	°C	Outside	72	0:15	Cable	Text files
19	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Soil temperature	Thermistance	°C	Outside	120	1:15	Wireless	Text files
20	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Wind	Sonic	m/s	Outside	1	0:15	Cable	Text files
21	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Wind	cup	m/s	Outside	1	1:00	Wireless	Database
22	Pheno3C	France	03-2020	Rain	Gauge	mm	Outside	12	0:15	Wireless	Text files



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Go to sensors (fo	Conductivity					
2	Air humidity	Light					
3	Air pressure	Rain					
4	Air temperature	Soil moisture					
5	CO2	Wind speed					
6	Parameter	Type of sensor	Brand	Model + link to doc	Price	Installation	User feedback
72	Light	Quantum senso	Licor	LI-190 and LI1400		Phenovator	
73	Light	Quantum sensor	Skye Instruments	SKP 215		Phenoarch + Phenopsis	
74	Light	Quantum sensor	Licor	Li 190SA		GS-Rhizo (A-HTR-R2) + GS-Chambers + B	
75	Light	QuantumSensor	Apogee	SQ-212 PAR		ALSIA	
76	Light	QuantumSensor	Aria Horticulture	SD-PAR-2500u.E		RootPhAir	
77	Light	QuantumSensor	Skye	SKP 215		Pheno3C + PhenoArch + Phenodyn	
78	Light	spectrometer	Licor	Li-180		Hounsfield	
79	Light	spectrometer	PSI	SpectraPen mini		MTA	
80	Light	Spectrometer	▼ Newport	OSM2-400UV/VIS-U		ExpoSCREEN + SunSCREEN	
81	Light	UVB Meter	▼ Gigahertz-Optik	Radiometer Messkopf UV 3702		ExpoSCREEN	
82	Light	UVB Meter	▼ Deka Sensor + Tec	DK-UVB		SunSCREEN	
83	Light		CambridgeHOK			NPCC_Lemnatec	
84							
85	Rain	Rain gauge	Young	Pluvio 52203		Pheno3C	
86	Rain	Heated rain gauge	Young	Pluvio 52202		Pheno3C	
87							
88	Soil Moisture	Humidity sensor (capacity)	Decagon	EC-5		Growscreen + BreedFACE	
89	Soil moisture + temperature		Campbell Scientific	CS655		Pheno3C	
90	Soil Temperature	Digital thermometer	Dallas	DS18B20		Growscreen + BreedFACE	
91							
92	Wind speed	Sonic	Gill instrument	Windsonic 4		Pheno3C	

Tools and methods (Level 2)

Step 1 – Test / develop

Step 2 – Deploy

1. Maps of temperature (GH)

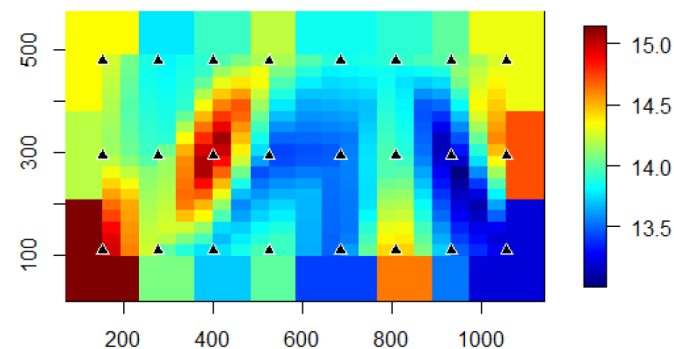
2. Maps of light (GH)

3. Maps of CO₂ (FACE)

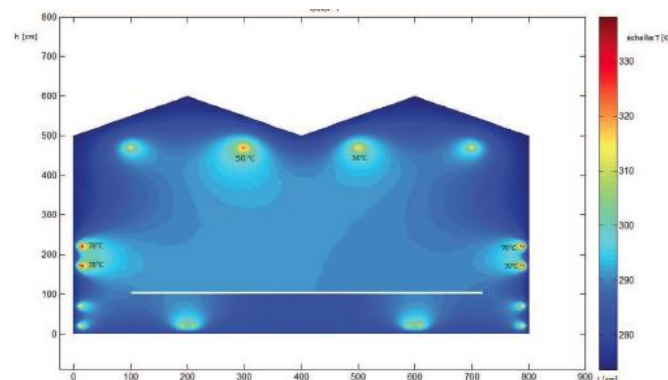


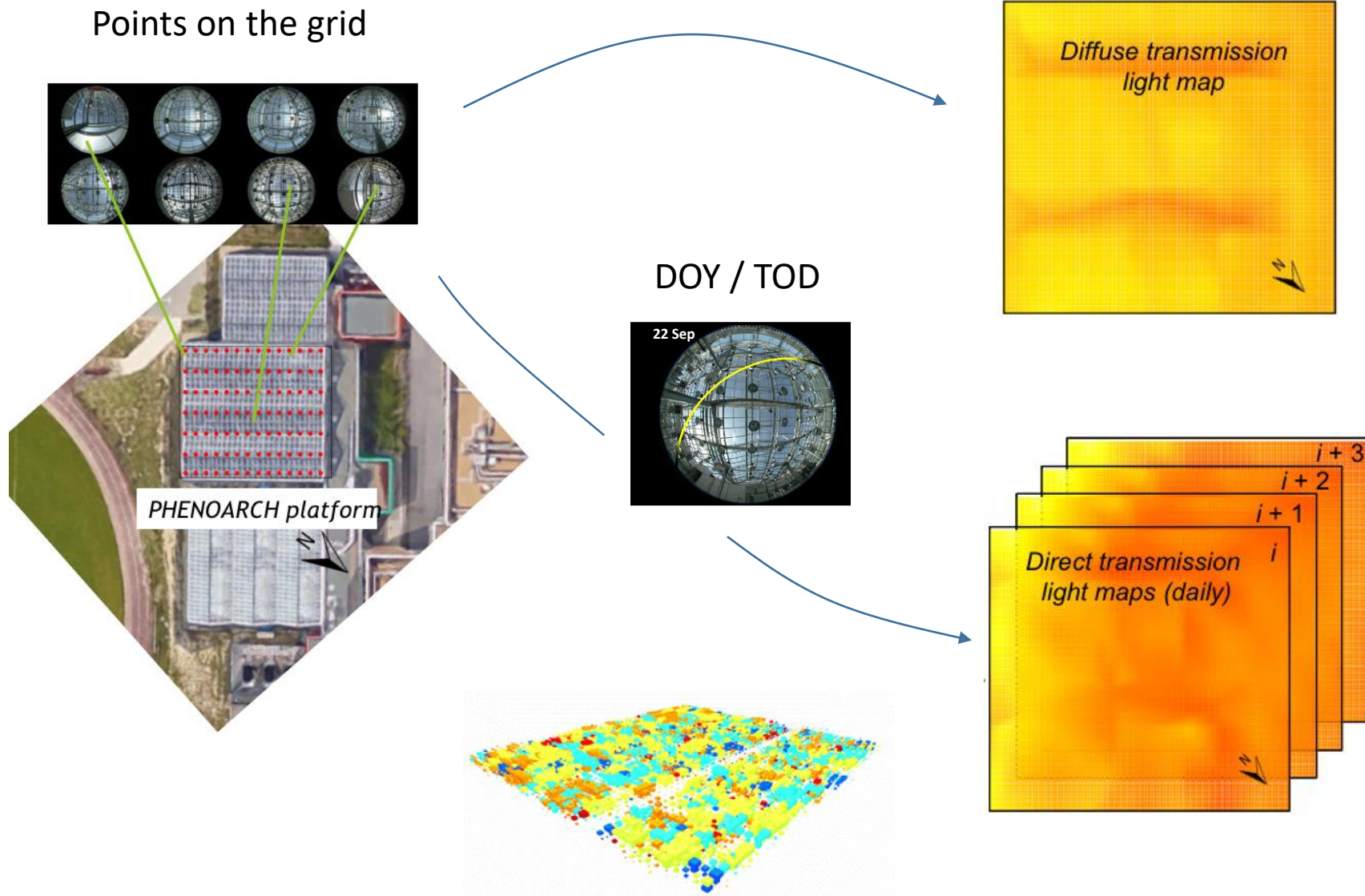


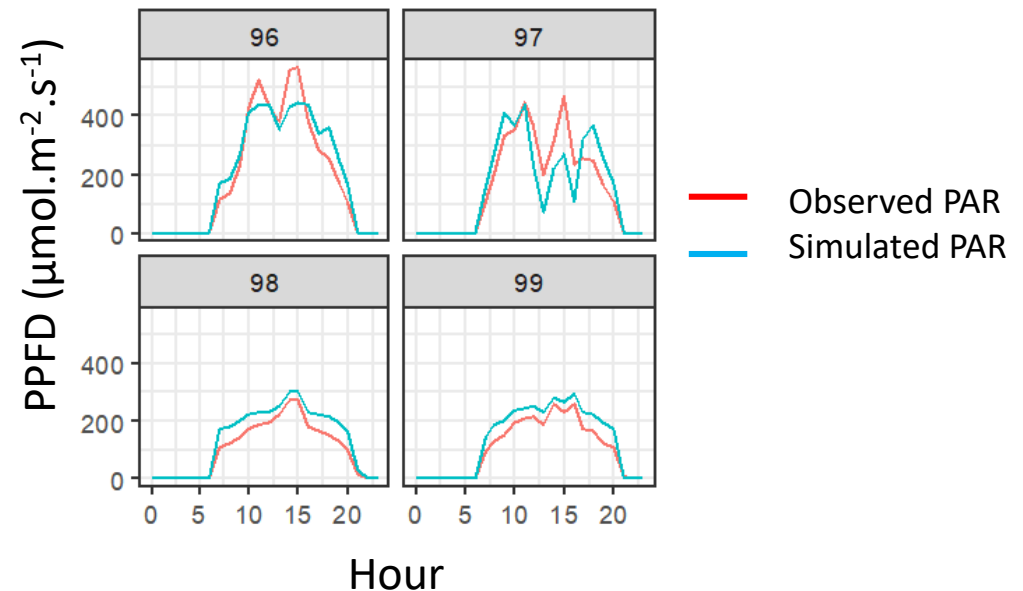
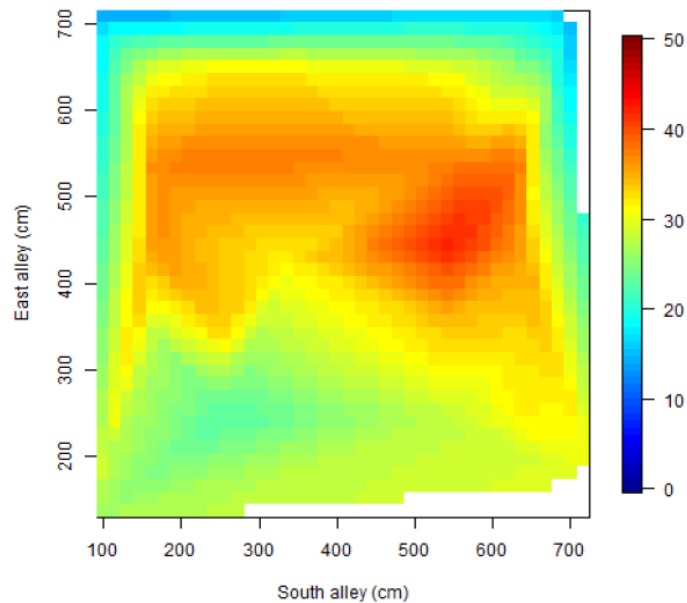
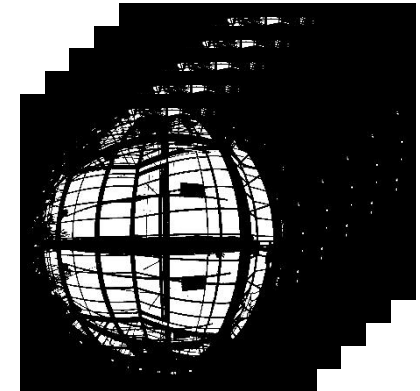
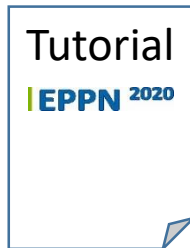
Spatial interpolation Grid of sensors (IoT)



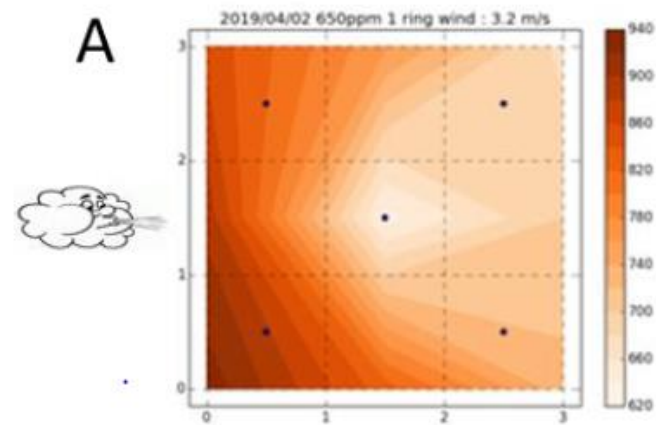
Modelling GH climate



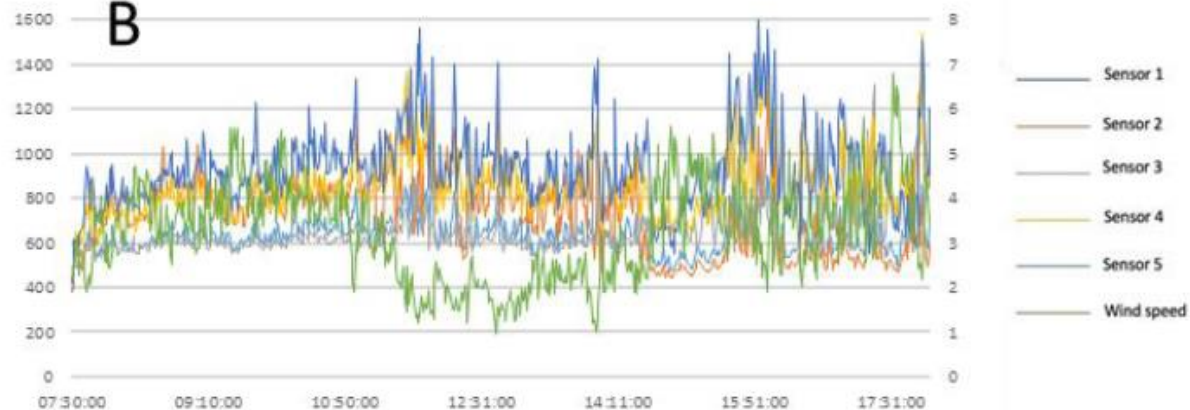




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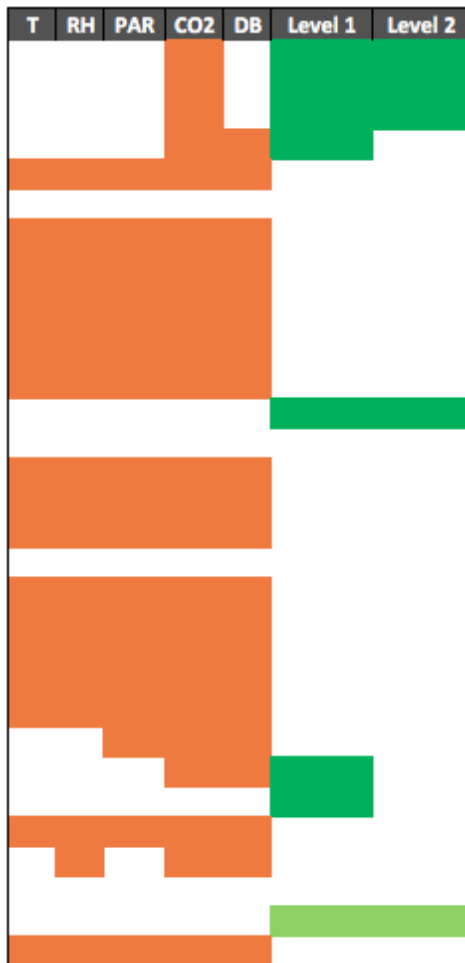


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Did we reach our target ?

EPPN2020 Kick off meeting



Four years later



Part II – Suitable calibration is a pre-requisite to data fusion from different experiments or PP

Level 1

- 1) Grow a set of plants in the installation
- 2) Measure using imaging procedures (pixels)
- 3) Measure physical traits manually/in lab (cm)
- 4) Establish regression equation of (3) to (2)
- 5) Perform the real experiment (pixels)
- 6) Predict physical variables from (5) using (4)



An online calibration tool for 2D camera systems

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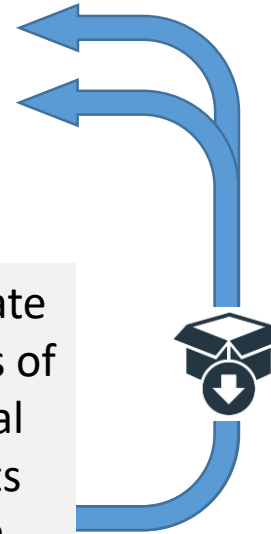
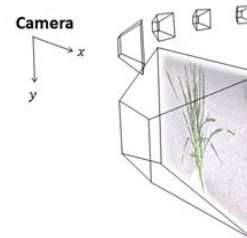
Capture
target
images



Compute
camera
settings



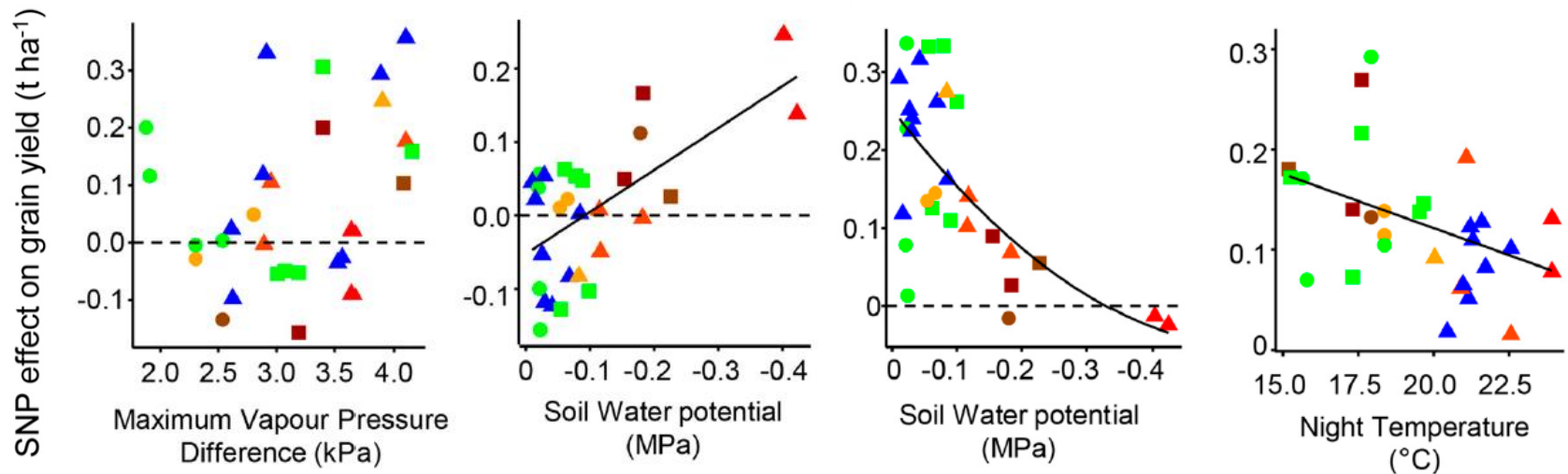
Simulate
images of
virtual
plants
with
virtual
camera



All PP use
the same
plants !!

Example of benefits

Improved QTL detection from a network of 29 field experiments following proper calibration of weather stations and soil sensors + data management + statistics



Plant Physiol. 172-749

EPPN 2020 productions presents

Joint platform experiment II

Featuring

ABER

4PMI

M3P

GrowScreenRhizo

IPK

RootPhAir

DIAPHEN

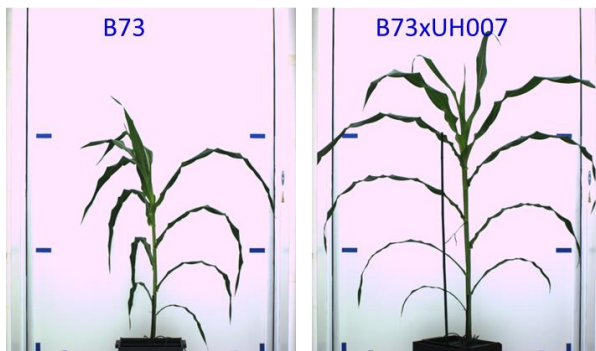
NaPPI

SPPU

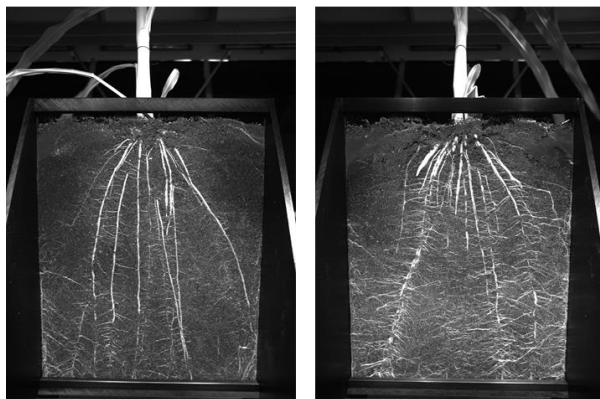
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Proper environmental characterisation procedures
Suitable statistical designs
Compatible data management
Common set of (up to) 31 maize genotypes
Complementarity of PP capabilities (root and shoot, GH and field).



VIS, side view



Objectives

Real-life test of joint experiment (whole process)

Design / replication in rhizotron experiments

Dimensionality of root architecture phenotypes

Whole plant integrated analysis of water uptake,
transpiration and growth