

High-throughput screening tools for identification of traits contributing to salinity tolerance in *Arabidopsis thaliana*



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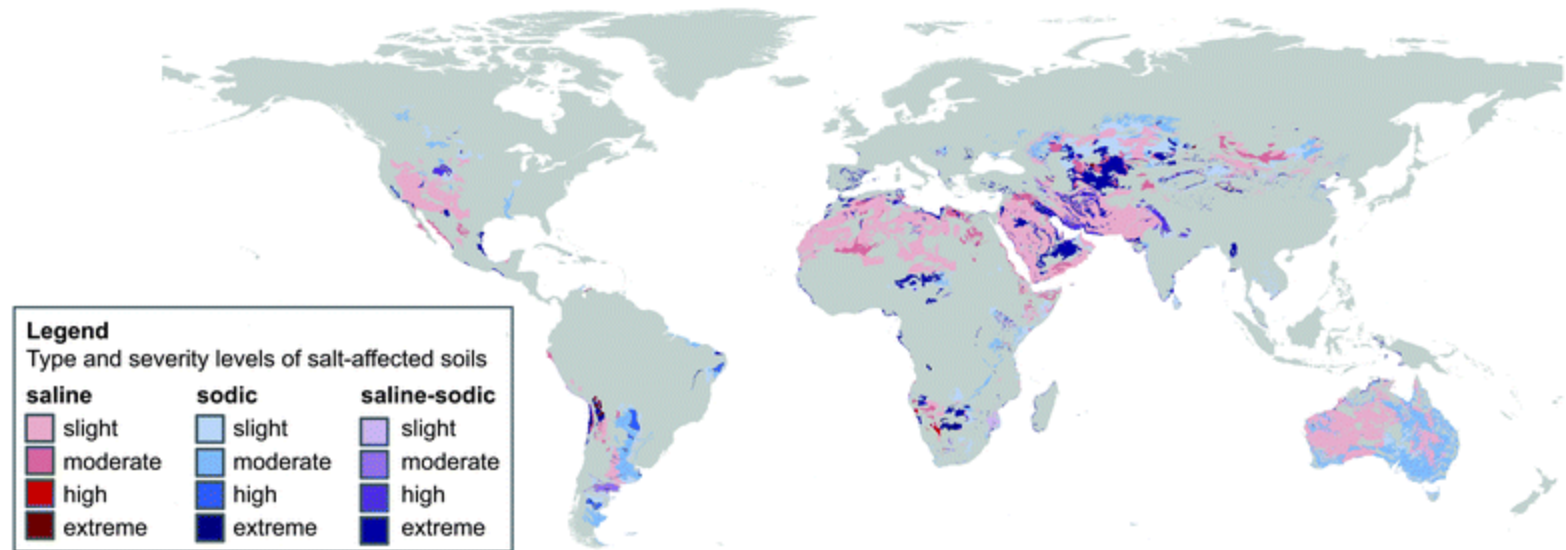
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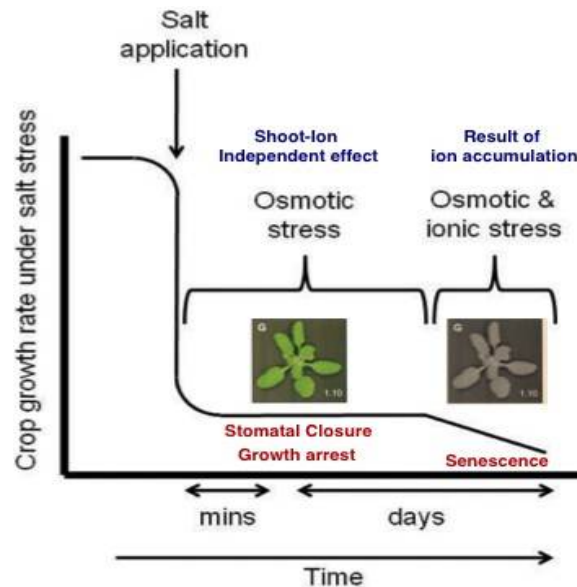
...from the Czech Republic since 1994



Soil salinity



FAO, 2008



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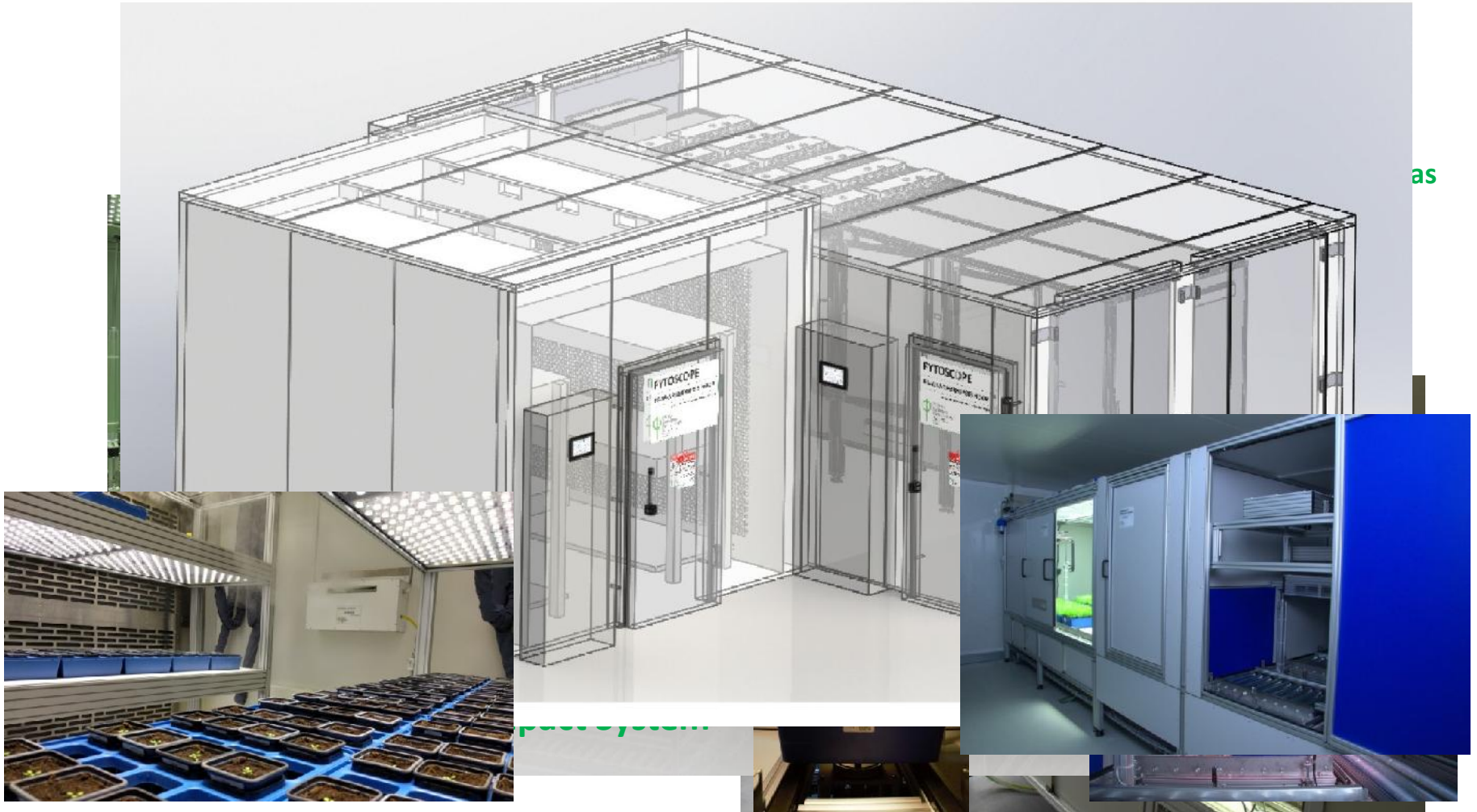


Automated phenotyping in controlled environment

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Method for screening plant performance under salinity stress

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**Automated weighing –
watering system**



Water use monitoring

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RGB camera



Plant growth rate
Plant morphology
Color analysis

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**Chlorophyll fluorescence
camera**



Photosynthetic performance

Morphological and color analysis with RGB imaging

Color segmented image
RGB image



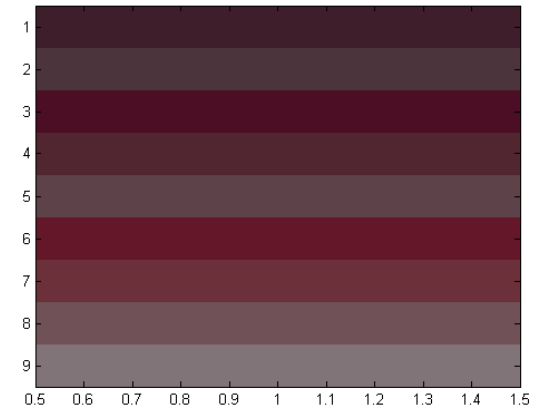
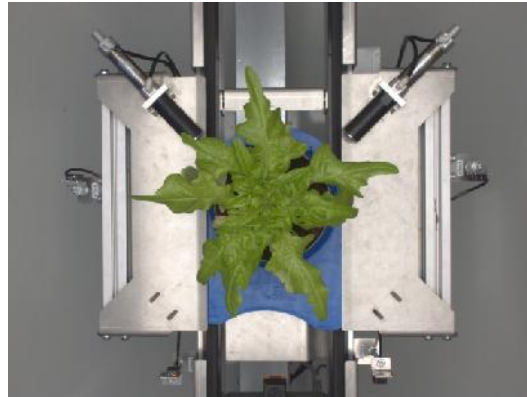
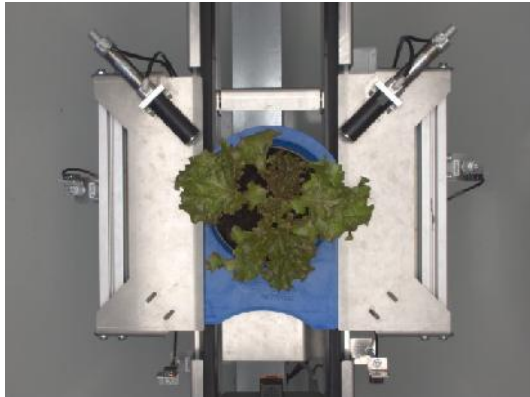
Applications

Shoot biomass, growth dynamics, shoot shape, color index,...

- ✓ Area
- ✓ Perimeter
- ✓ Roundness
- ✓ Compactness
- ✓ Eccentricity
- ✓ RMS (Rotational Mass Symmetry)
- ✓ SOL (Slenderness of Leaves)
- ✓ Color index
- ✓ Leaf development tracking
- ✓ Plant biomass
- ✓ RLGR
- ✓ ...

Morphological and color analysis with RGB imaging

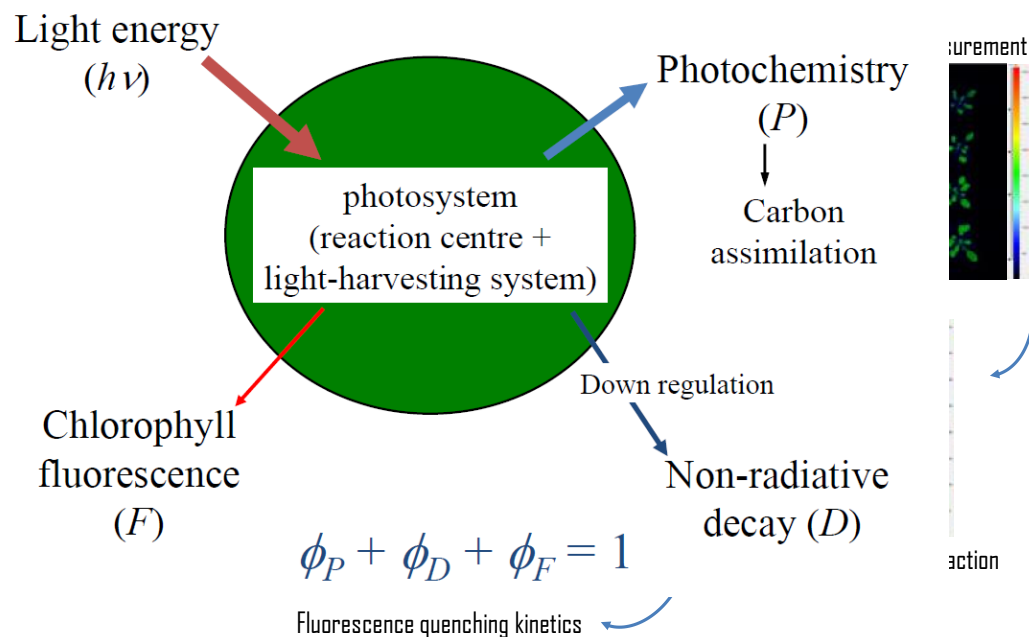
Color index analysis



Color index analysis of 3 weeks old berry and raspberry fruits

Photosynthetic performance and kinetic chlorophyll fluorescence imaging

PAM light LED panel for kinetic imaging



Applications

Photosynthetic status, quantum yield, ETR, non-photochemical quenching, ...

Generally assessed parameters:

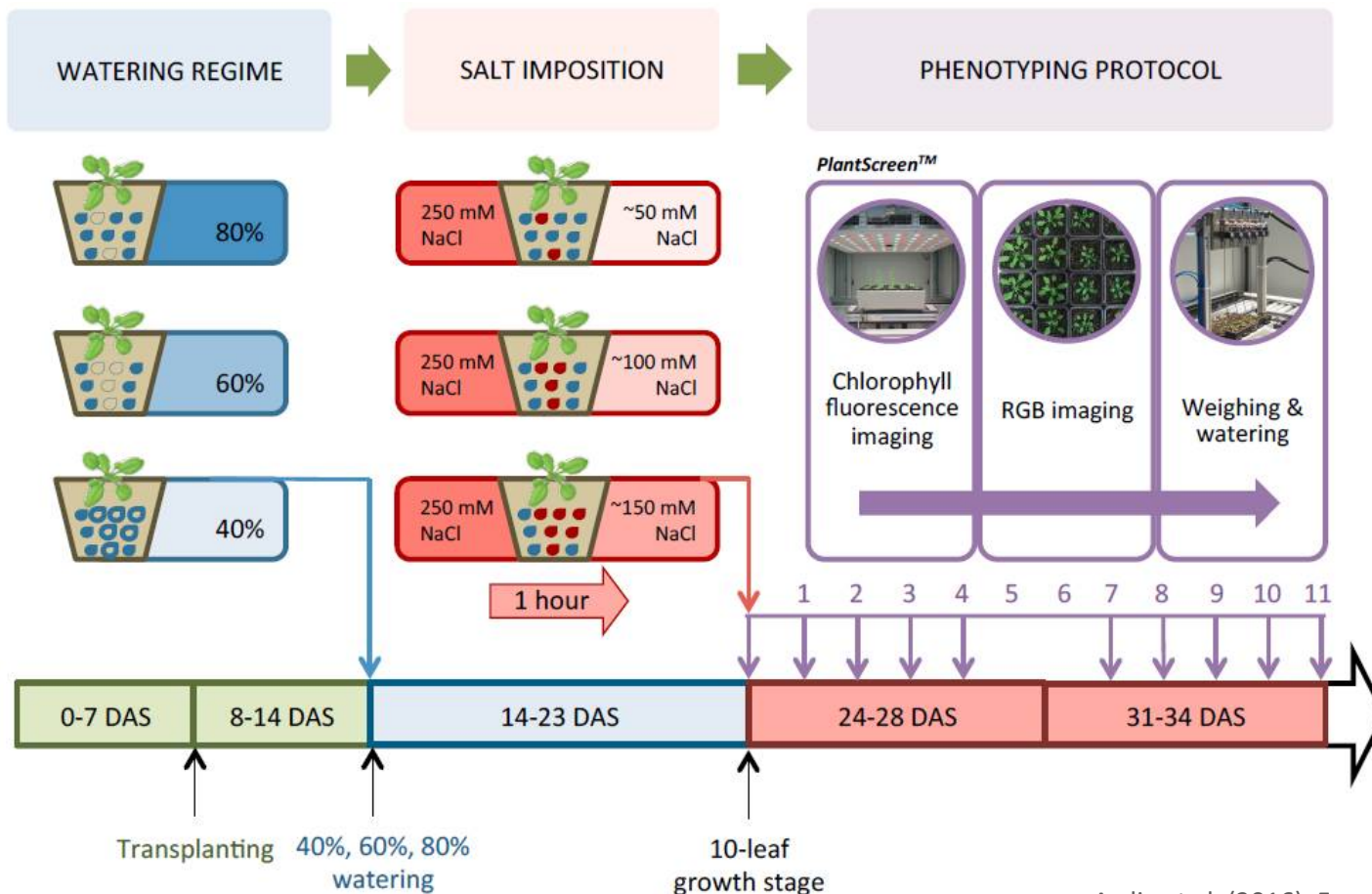
Measured parameters : F_O , F_M , F_V , $F_{O'}$,

$F_{M'}$, F_V , F_T

Calculated parameters: F_V/F_M , $F_V'/F_{M'}$,

Φ_{PSII} , NPQ, qN, qP, Rfd,...

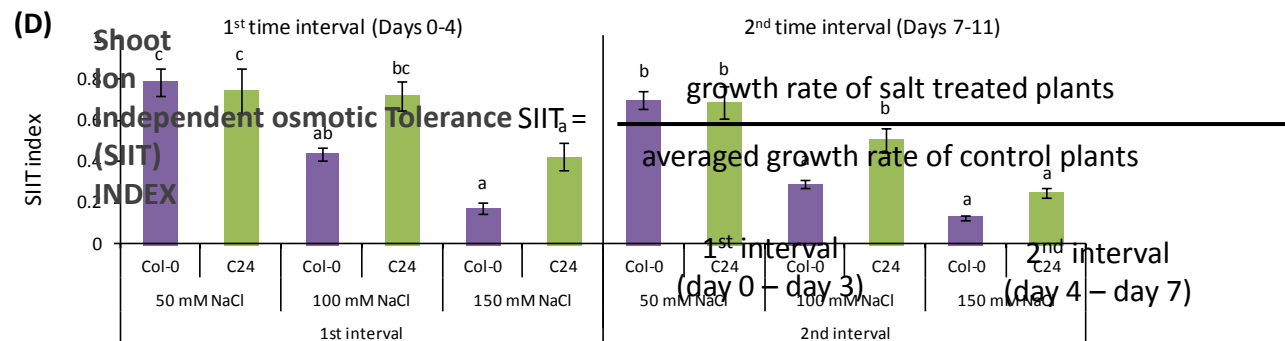
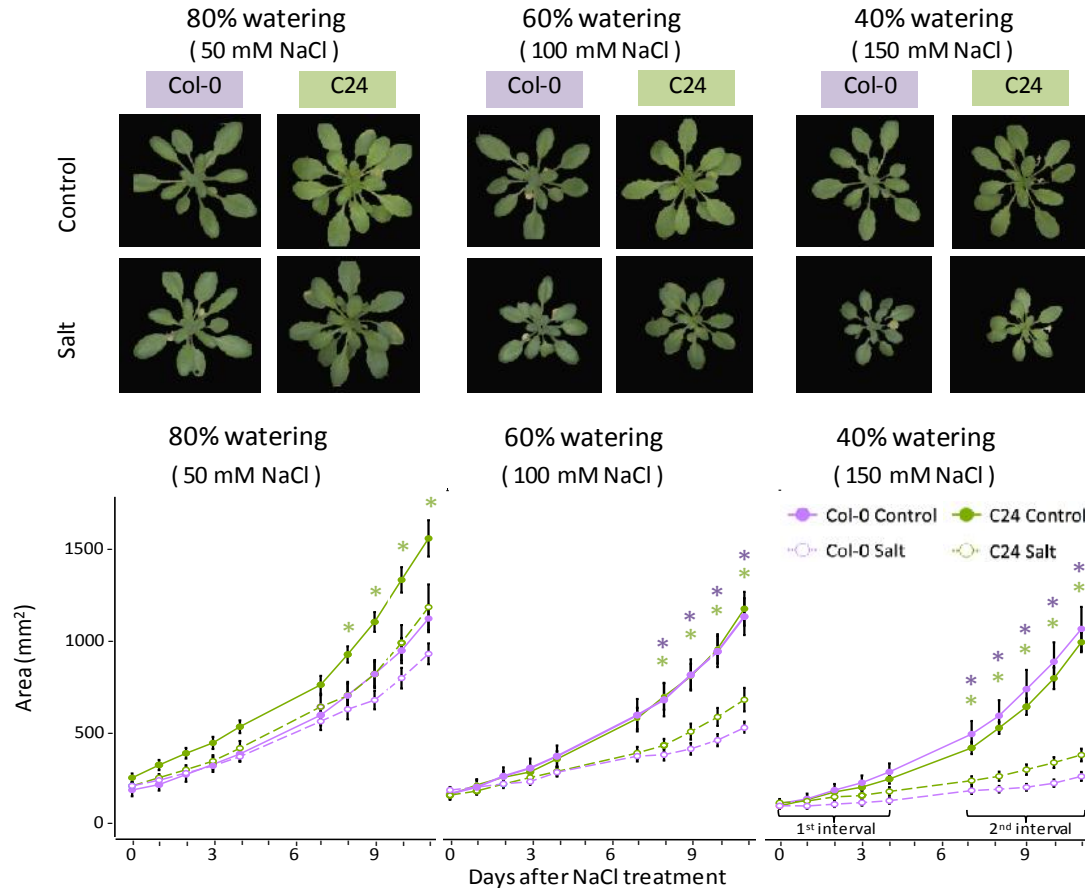
Protocol development for screening plant performance under salinity stress



Awlia et al. (2016), Front. Plant Sci.

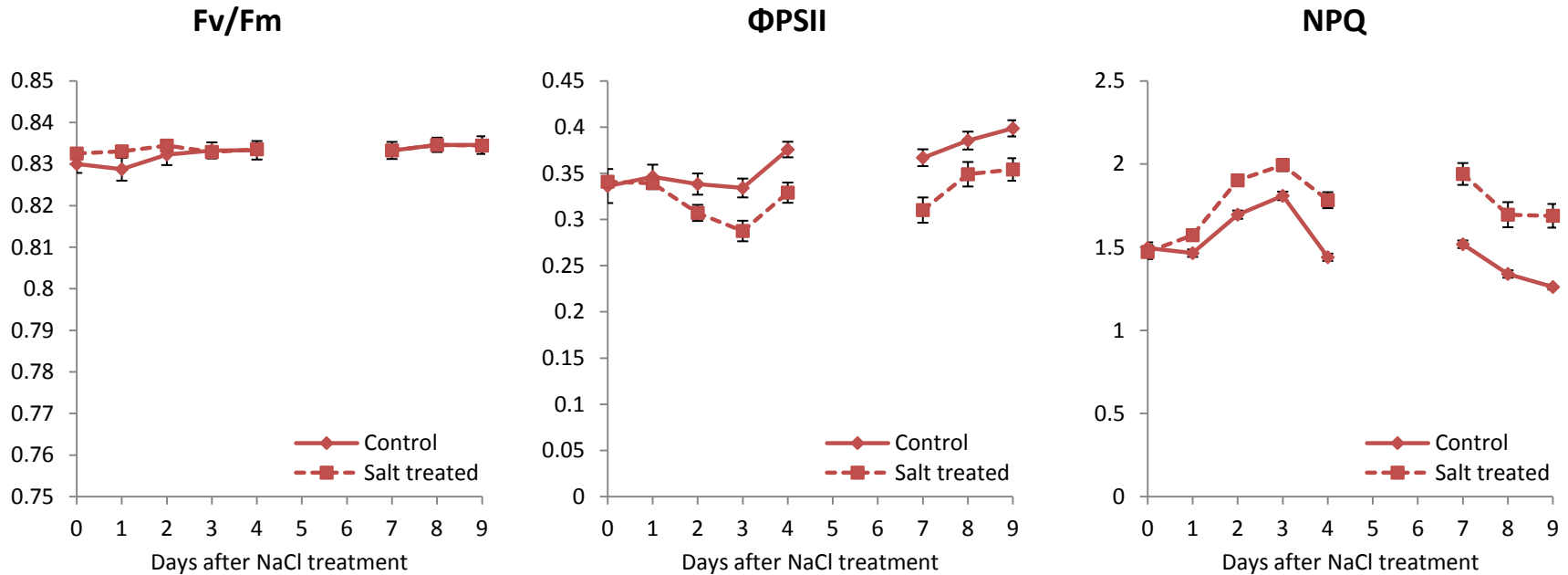
Salt stress application and phenotyping protocol.
Col-0 and C24 accessions were used for method development and validation.

Salt stress affects growth-related traits through time



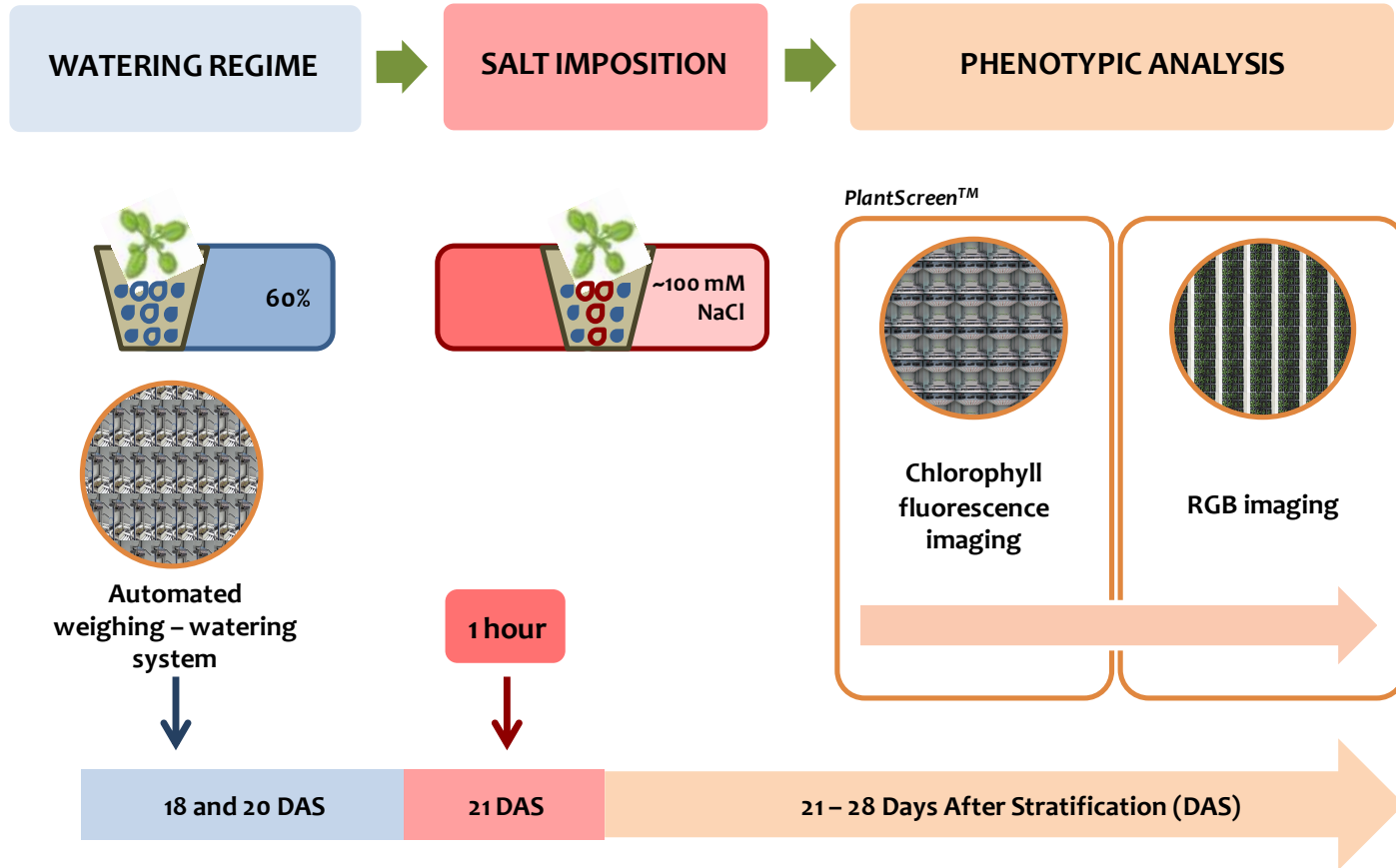
Light curve-derived chlorophyll fluorescence reflects early salt stress responses

Col-0
60% watering regime



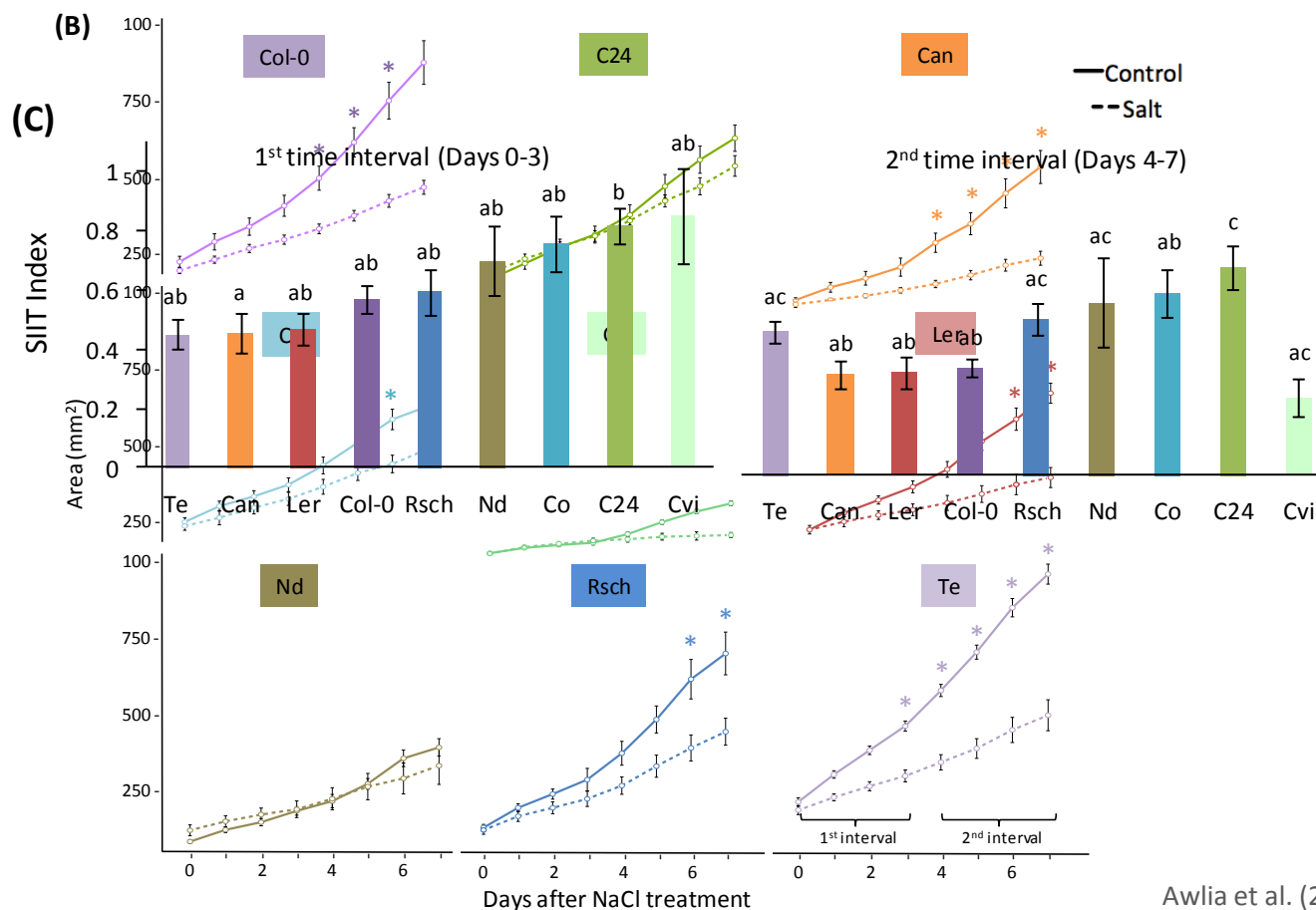
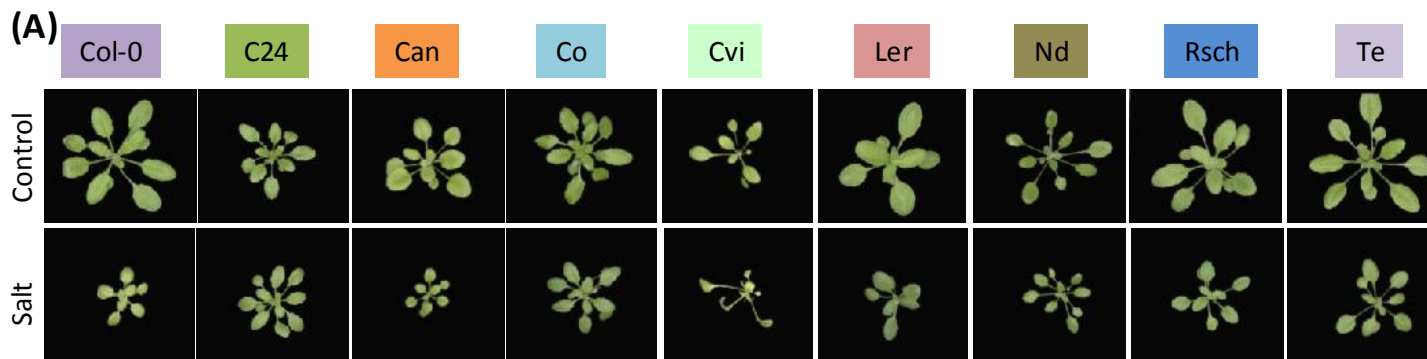
Photosynthetic performance is rapidly changed in salt-treated plants.

Screening method for salinity tolerance traits in Arabidopsis

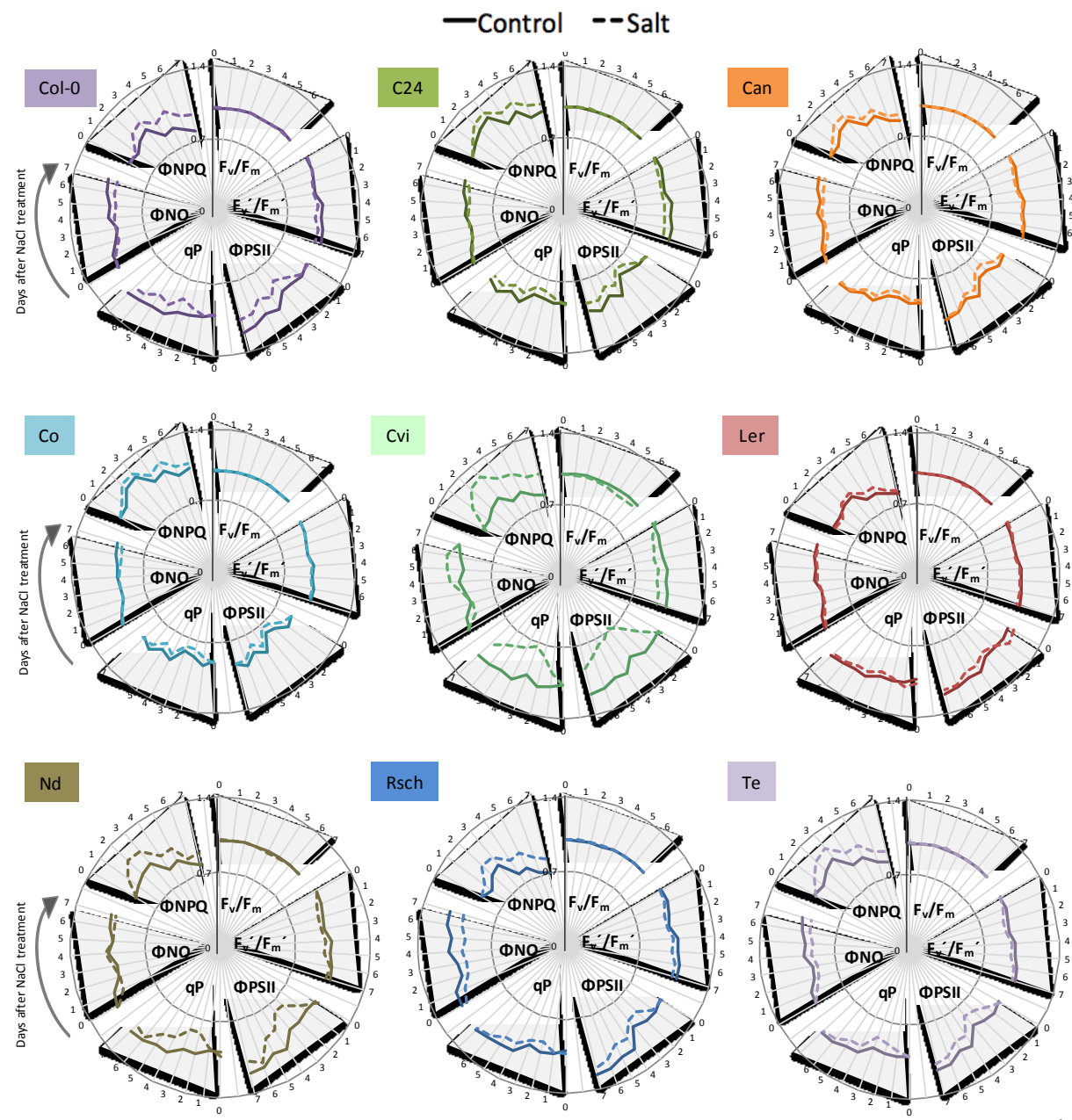


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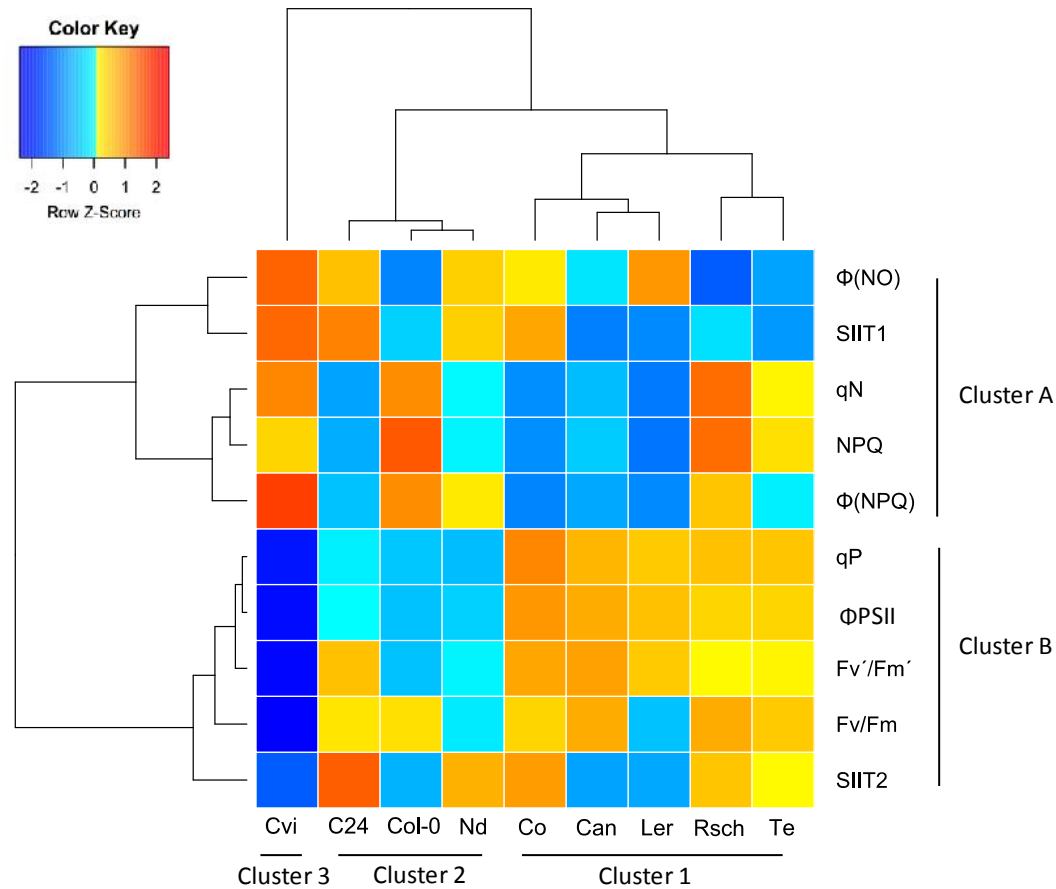
Natural variation in the early and late responses to salt stress



Natural variation in the salt-induced chlorophyll fluorescence changes



Non-photochemical protective processes are associated with early salt-induced growth reduction



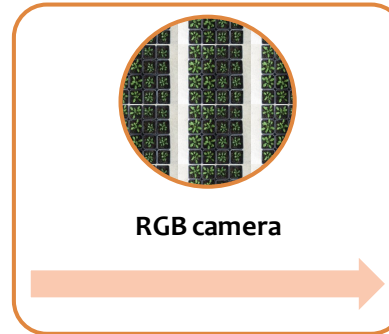
Conclusions

- phenotyping multiple quantitative traits in one experimental setup can provide new insights into the dynamics of plant responses to stress

Impact of salinity stress on

- plant growth
- leaf color pattern
- plant morphology

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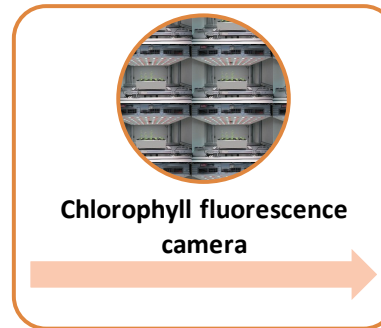


ROSETTE AREA

- ✓ Growth rate
- ✓ SIIT index
- ✓ Leaf greenness

- plant photosynthetic performance

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CHLOROPHYLL FLUORESCENCE PARAMETERS

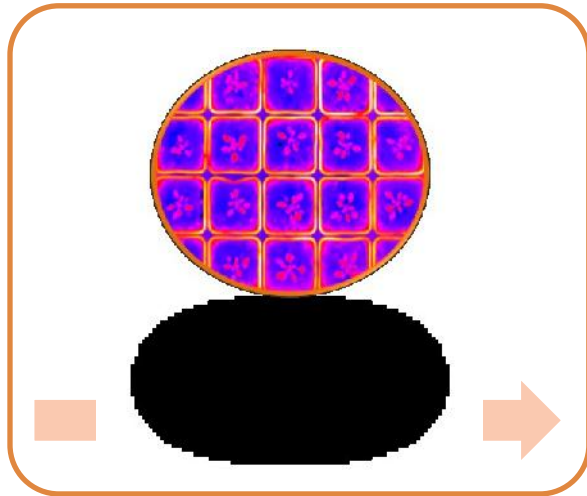
- ✓ NPQ
- ✓ qP
- ✓ F_q'/F_m'
- X F_v/F_m

- Identified a novel set of phenotypes that can serve as markers for early salt stress responses
- Natural variation in the early and late responses to salt stress
- Integrative approach allows simultaneous analysis of different phenotypic traits reflecting early salt stress responses and responses describing plant performance at later stage of salt exposure

Outlook and next steps

Thermal Imaging

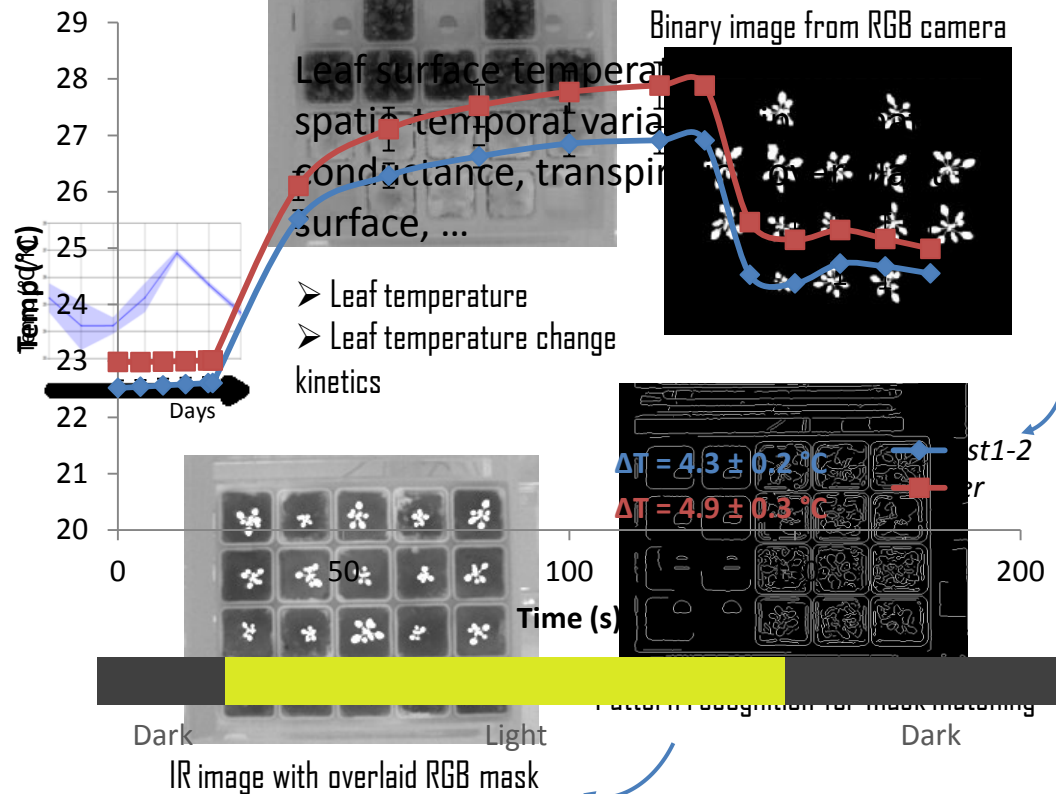
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Leaf surface temperature



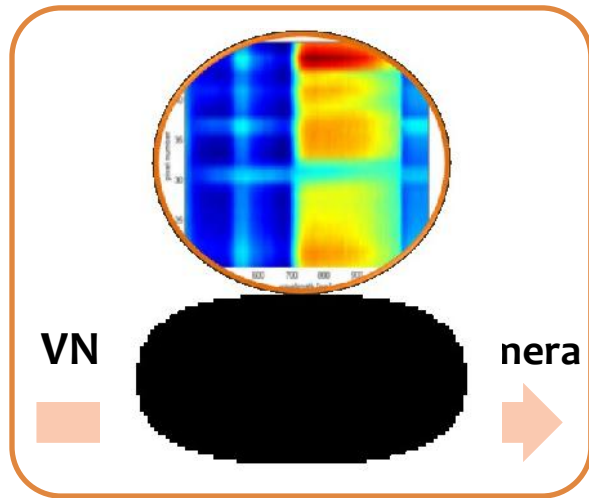
Original thermal image Applications
Light-induced thermography measurement in *Ler* and *ost1-2* mutant



Outlook

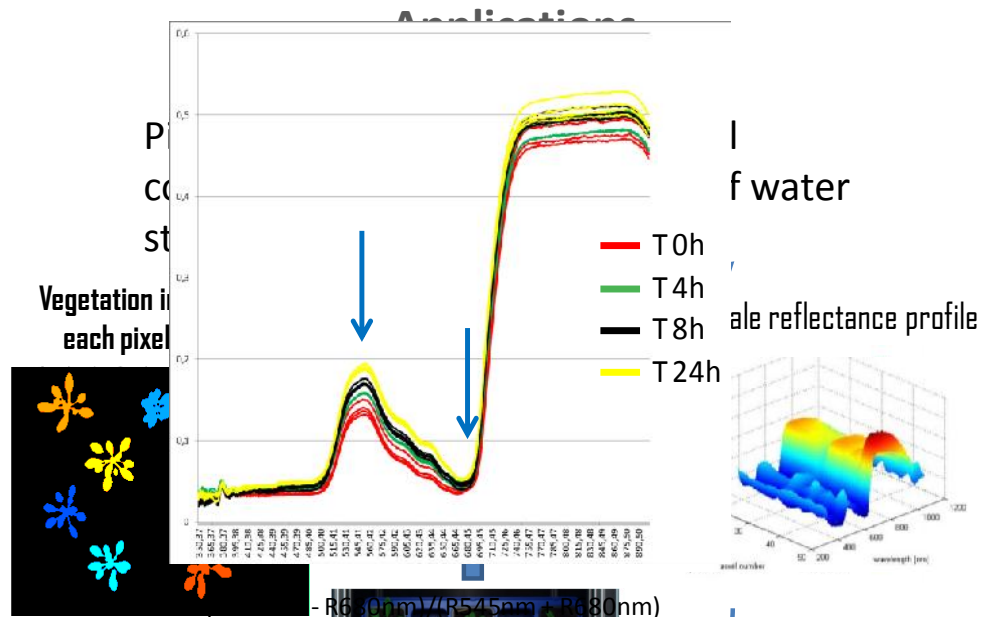
Hyperspectral Imaging

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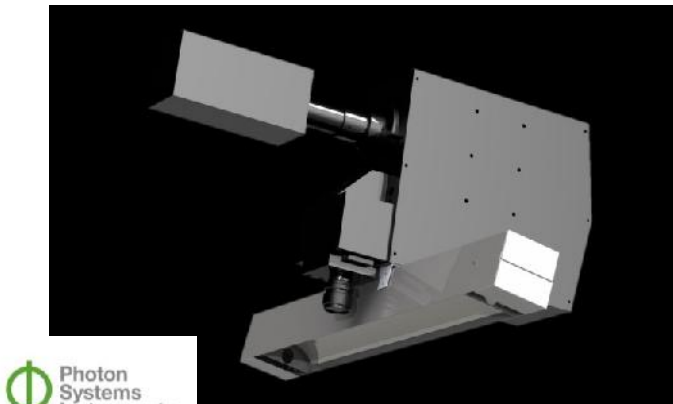
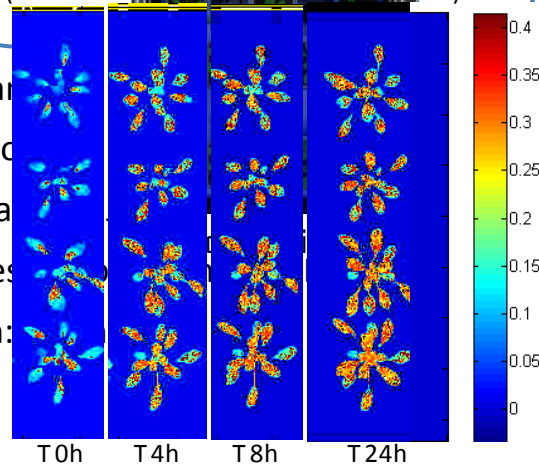


Chemical sensing, pigment classification

High light stress in 24-d old Arabidopsis plants



- Spectral range
- Spatial resolution
- Spectral band
- Spectral resolution
- Dispersion





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