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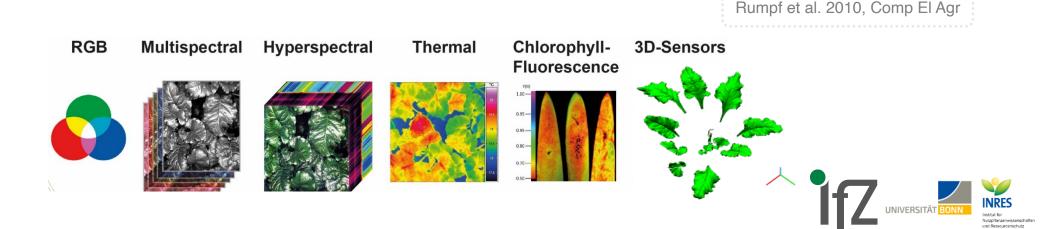


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# Optical sensors for the detection of diseases

• Host-pathogen interactions differ in their symptom severity, leading to specific spatial patterns and spectral signatures

 Sensor technologies enable reproducible and objective detection of plant diseases



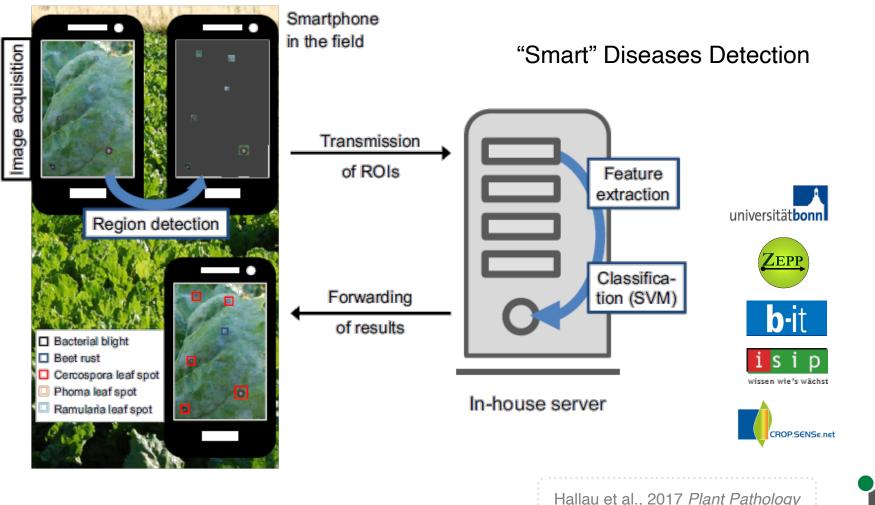
Mahlein et al. 2012, Plant Meth

## Optical sensors for the detection of diseases: RGB

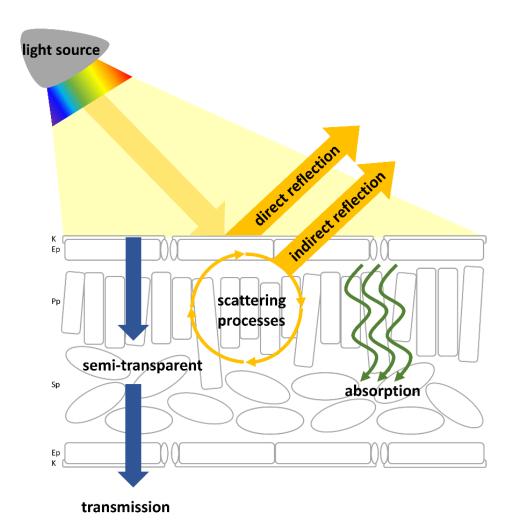
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## Optical sensors for the detection of diseases: RGB



## Hyperspectral imaging of plants



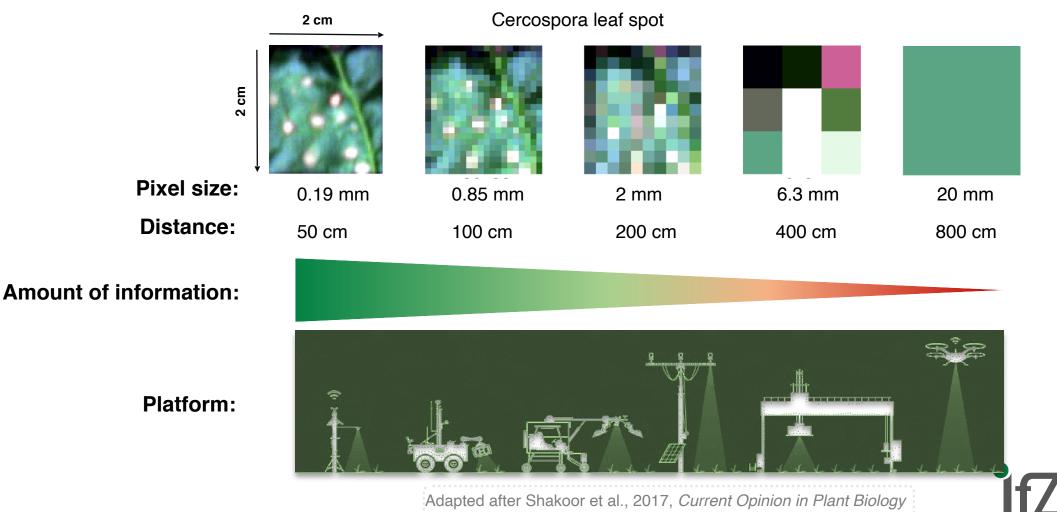


## Spectral sensors for the detection of diseases – the path of light Weather Various leaf physiological and meteorological effects influence the path of light Inner reflection Abiotic and biotic factors influence the reflection of the leaf in a characteristic way Absorption

Adapted after Mahlein et al., 2018, Annual Review of Phytopathology

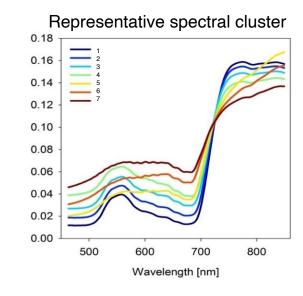


# Spectral sensors for disease detection – spatial resolution

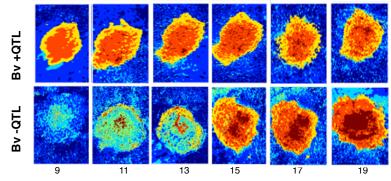




# Hyperspectral measurements on different scales: symptom level

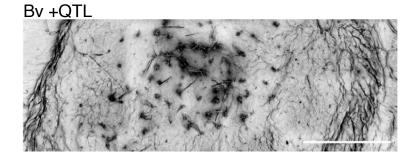


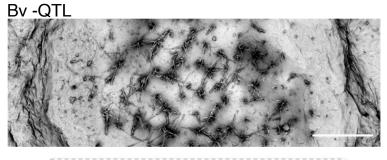
#### spectral symptom-phenotypes



Clustering of Cercospora symptom-types

Scanning electron microscopy





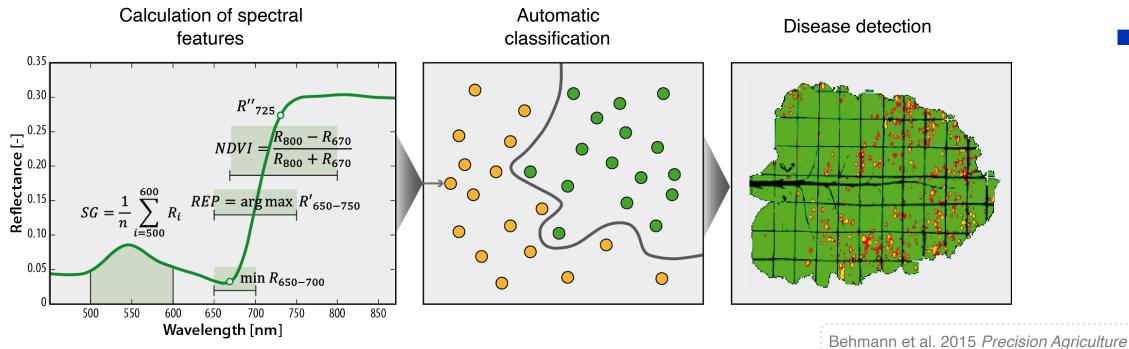
Connection of **spectral phenotypes** and **sporulation intensity**  Leucker et al. 2016 Phytopathology



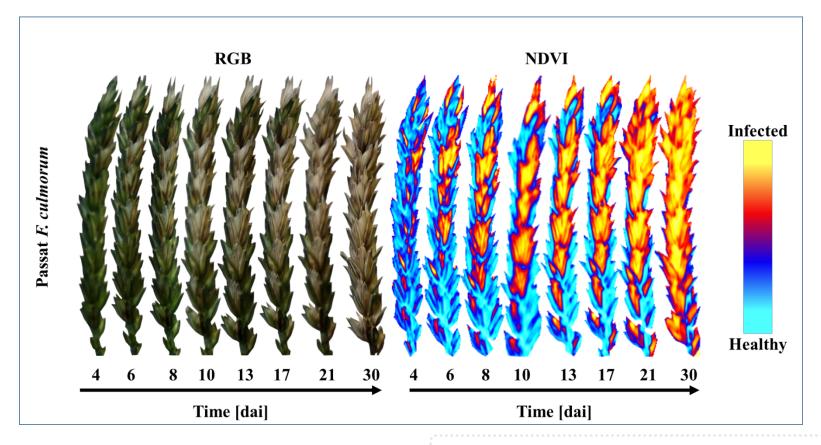
Days after inoculation

### Hyperspectral measurements on different scales: leaf level

- Before symptoms are visible?
- Supervised classification using "Support Vector Machines (SVM)"



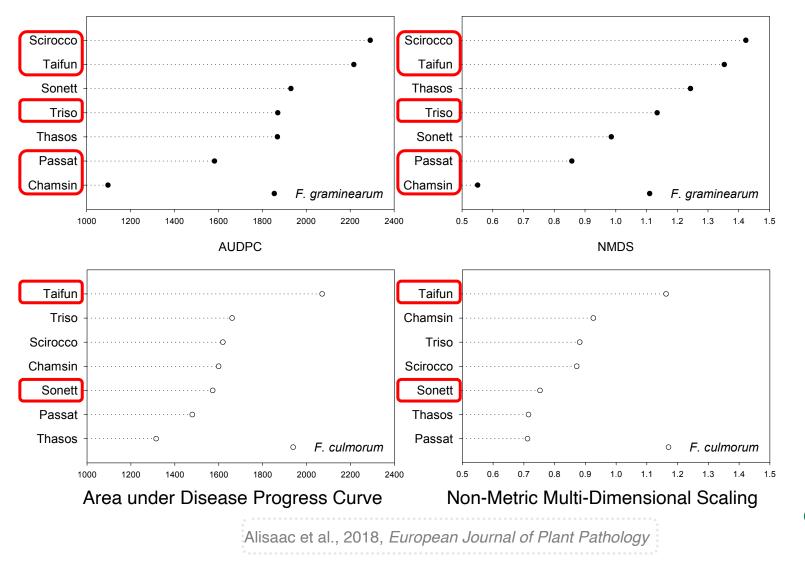
## Hyperspectral measurements on different scales: kernel level



Alisaac et al., 2018, European Journal of Plant Pathology



## **Two Ways Variety Ranking**





## *Fusarium* infected kernels cv. ('Sonett')







10<sup>4</sup> Spore/ml

2.5x10<sup>5</sup> Spore/ml

10<sup>6</sup> Spore/ml



Alisaac et al., 2019, *Toxins* 

Summer wheat kernels cv. ('Sonett') inoculated with *Fusarium* species (*F. culmorum*, *F. graminearum* and *F. poae*) at different spore densities

### Spectral signature of infected kernels

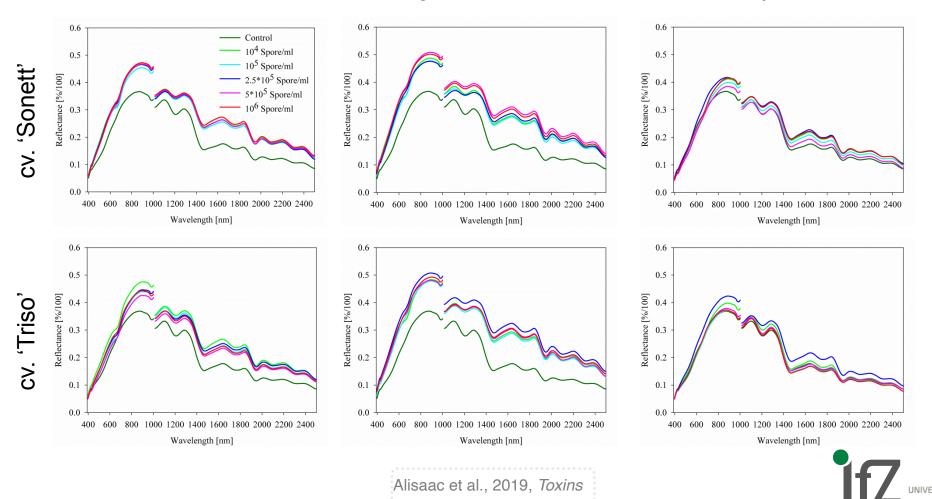
#### F. culmorum

F. graminearum

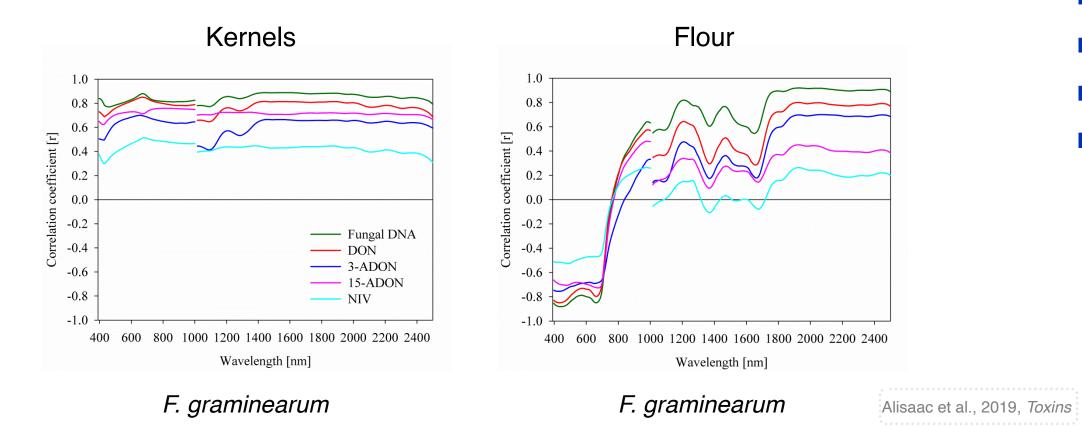
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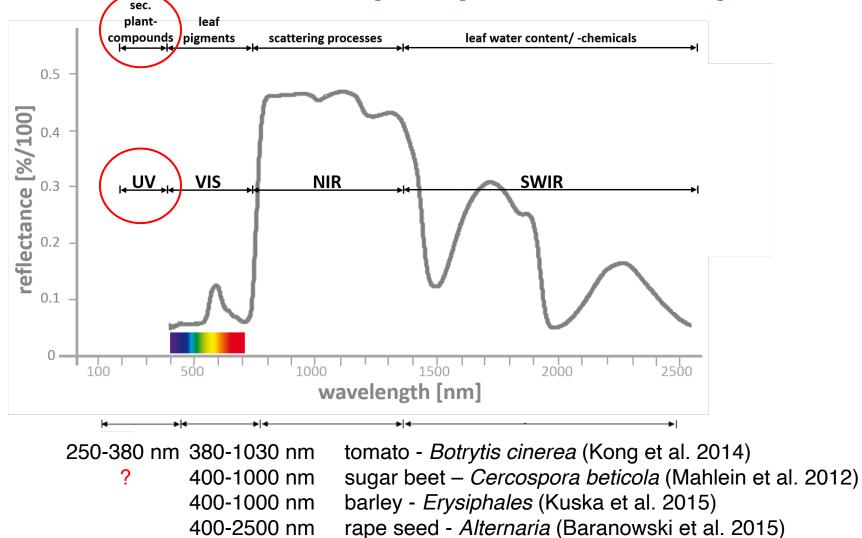


## Correlations between spectral signature in relation with fungal DNA and mycotoxin contents





## Spectral reflection properties of plants



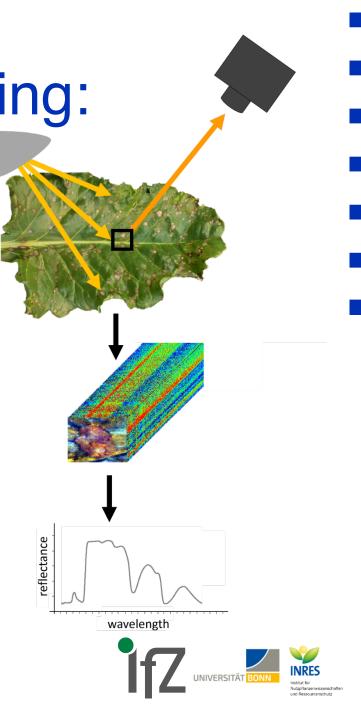
## Motivation for UV-imaging:

Early host-pathogen interactions show an influence on plant substances like secondary metabolites (flavones, phenol etc.)

**Hypothesis:** Changes in the hyperspectral range can be visualized in the UV-range

#### Requirements to be developed:

- Homogeneous illumination in the spectral range 250-400
   nm
  - $\rightarrow$  Tissue damage to plant material must be avoided
  - → Safety aspects during measurements must be taken into account
- Hyperspectral camera with UV-sensor
  - $\rightarrow$  Establishment of measurement protocols
- Development of a processing and evaluation routine
- Biological interpretation of hyperspectral UV signatures



## Processing and evaluation of the data

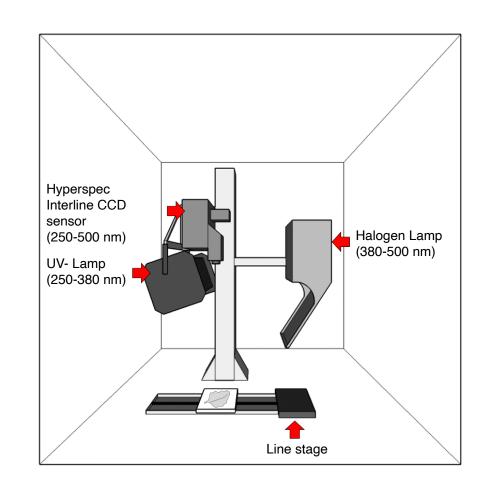
#### • Hyperspectral Measurement:

- UV-VIS-Interline CCD Sensor (250-500 nm)
- Spectral resolution 14 nm and focal length 28,3 mm
- Measurement cabinet:
  - opaque cabinet
  - 92 cm x 61 cm x 92 cm

#### • Illumination:

- UV-lamp *Guardian* von UniLux
- Halogen lamp 21 DC von TechniQuip
- Evaluation of data:
  - ENVI 5.4









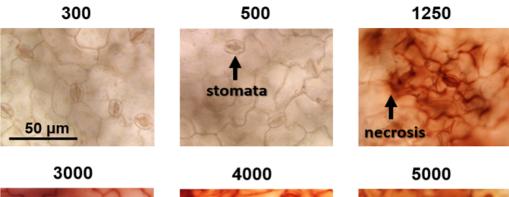
## Phototoxicity of UV-irradiation

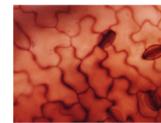
- First measurements of sugar beet leaves revealed tissue damage
- Determination of non-phtotoxic UV-intensities
  - Detection of cell death by staining H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (DABstaining after Thordal-Christensen *et al.* 1997)
    - Sugar beet leaves display no phototoxic effect after illumination with intensities from 300-1250 lux
    - **Barley leaves** display no phototoxic effect after illumination with intensities from **300-2500 lux**

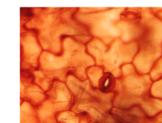
Brugger et al., 2019, Remote Sensing

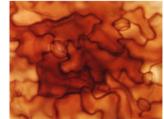


Tissue damage of sugar beet leaf after illumination with 3500 lux









Microscopic observation of sugar beet leaves after illumination with different intensities

### Phototoxicity of UV-irradiation during timeseries measurements



8 dai

16 dai

• Time series measurements of sugar beet leaves showed tissue damage after 5 measurements and illumination with 1250 lux

Time-series measurements can not be conducted with the same sample for sugar beet leaves Assessment of symptom stages with one sample per measurement



## Summary

- Optical sensors can detect, quantify and identify plant diseases
- Smartphone based solutions spread information about plant disease detection
- Application possible on different scales : from cell to field
- Spectral changes also visible from infected kernels
- Hyperspectral measuring protocols in the UV-range established
- Phototoxicity of UV-illumination was evaluated, time-series measurements can not be conducted for sugar beet leaves
  - Symptom stage assessment with one sample per measurement for sugar beet leaves
- Sugar beet leaves inoculated with *C. beticola* and *U. betae* causes changes in the reflectance properties in the UV-range
- Susceptible and resistant barley genotypes lead to different spectral signatures



## Plant phenotyping

Aim: accelerate resistance breeding and selection of relevant genotypes

Influenced by: - genotype



- genotype
- environmental conditions
- management

Size: small plots



Measurement: various traits of genotype, host-pathogen interaction, susceptibility, yield, quality

Technique: RGB imaging, thermal imaging, hyperspectral imaging

Data processing: Delayed data analysis, related to genotyping

**Result:** Development of new cultivars

#### Challenges:

- advancement of phenotyping techniques for improving the selection efficiency
- automated monitoring
- cost efficiency

## Plant phenotyping examples





Greenhouse Scanalyzer, an automatic plant-tosensor system in which hyperspectral cameras can be mounted into measurement cabins. Field Scanalyzer, an automatic sensor-to-plant system in which a camera can be mounted on the probe head.





## **Precision agriculture**

Aim: detect spatial heterogeneity within crop stand

Influenced by: - genotype



- management

Size: fields				

Measurement: real-time mapping systems of crop, soil and environment variables

Technique: Optical sensors, GPS, imaging platforms, robots, UAVs, satellite images

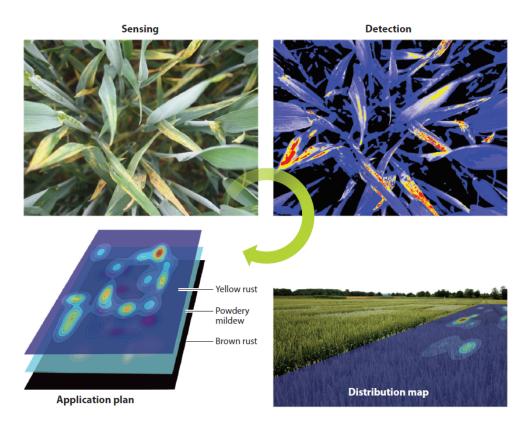
Data processing: Real time data analysis, online, automated data analysis

**Result:** Decision support for management practice

Challenges:

- quality of the acquired data and data analysis
- automated monitoring
- cost efficiency

### **Precision agriculture**



Mahlein et al., 2018, Annual Review of Phytopathology

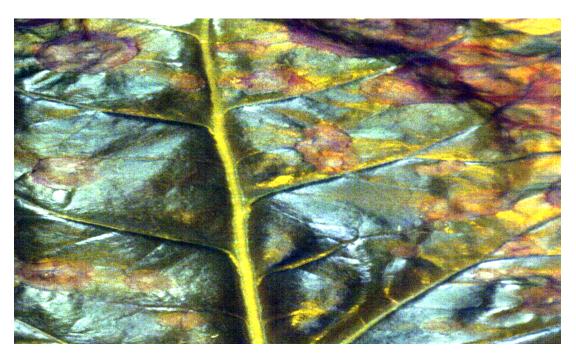


## Outlook

- $\rightarrow$  Research findings have to be transferred into practice
- $\rightarrow$  Implement sensor into plant phenotyping to accelerate resistance breeding and selection of relevant genotypes
- $\rightarrow$  Implement sensor into precision agriculture with the aim to exam spatial heterogeneity
  - $\rightarrow\,$  Imaging platforms, robots and UAVs
- $\rightarrow$  Data has to be evaluated with machine learning techniques and data mining methods
- → Hyperspectral changes will be linked to microscopically and molecular biologically recorded interaction parameter
- $\rightarrow$  Cooperation with project partners for evaluation with data-driven/ "non-supervised" high-throughput methods



### Thank you for your attention



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