



# Detecting potato late blight in the field

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# Plant disease phenotyping for...

- Plant breeding
- Precisions agriculture



Review

## High-Throughput Field-Phenotyping Tools for Plant Breeding and Precision Agriculture

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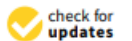
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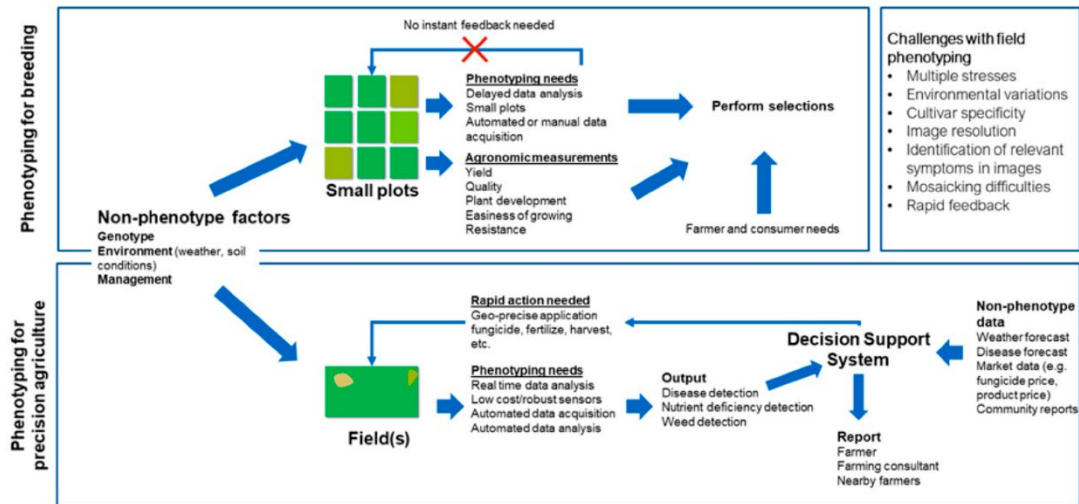
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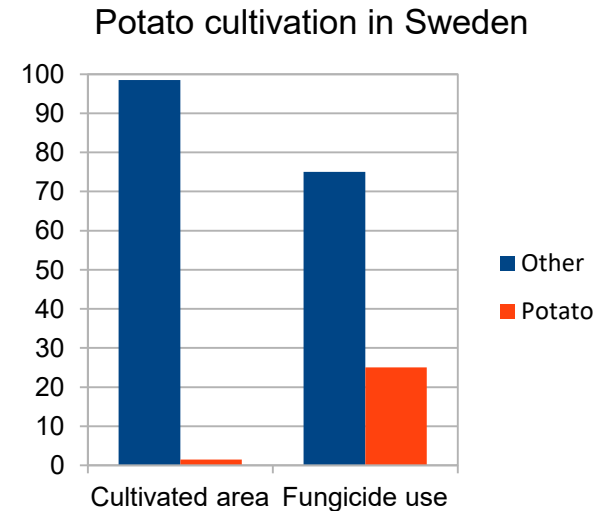


**Abstract:** High-throughput field phenotyping has garnered major attention in recent years leading to the development of several new protocols for recording various plant traits of interest. Phenotyping of plants for breeding and for precision agriculture have different requirements due to different sizes of the plots and fields, differing purposes and the urgency of the action required after phenotyping.

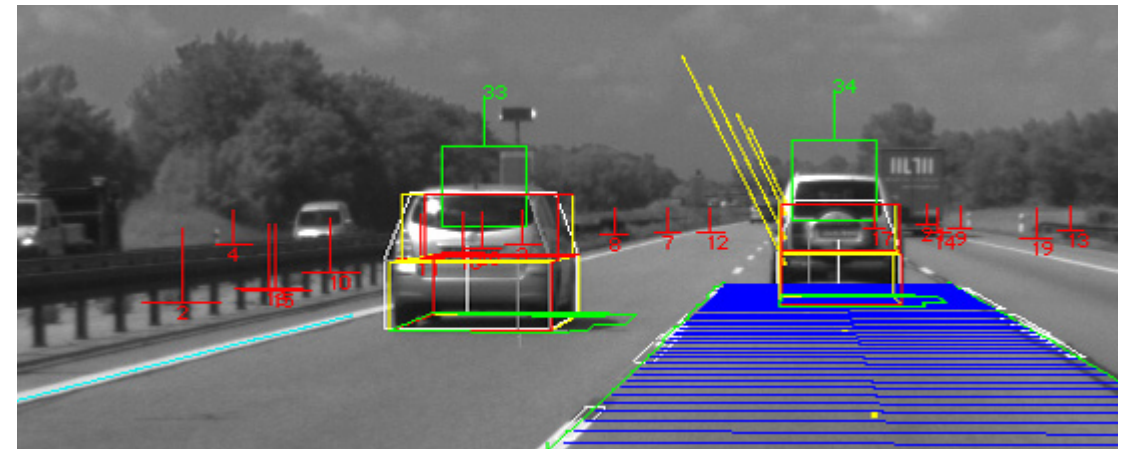
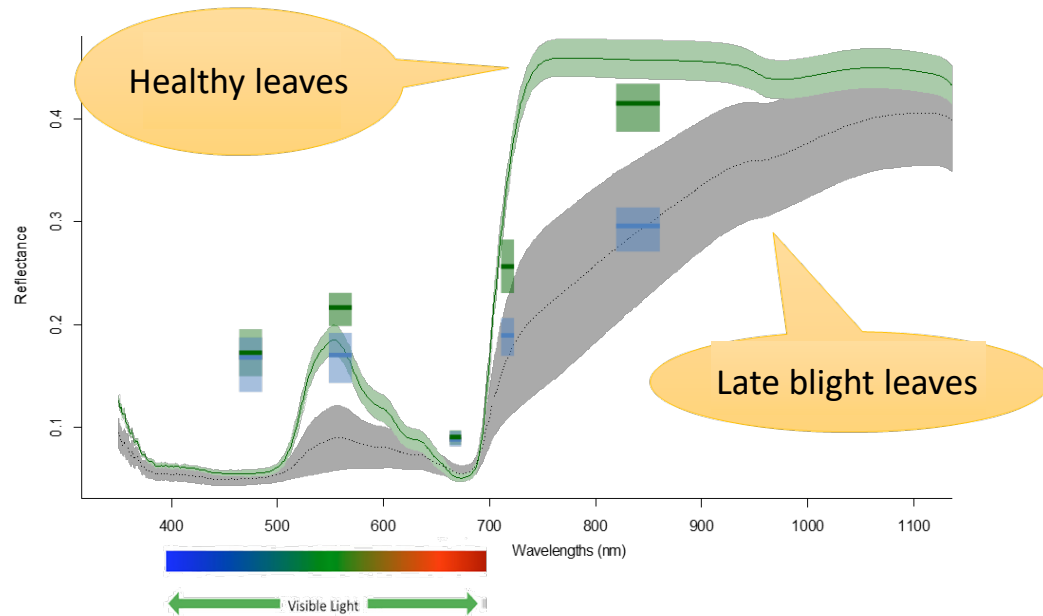


# Relevance phenotyping Potato late blight

- Potato: high value crop and 3rd most important food crop
- *P. infestans* causing potato late blight costs 7 billion USD per year
- High fungicide use in Sweden – pro-active spraying
- Early and accurate detection
- Resistant breeding material needed



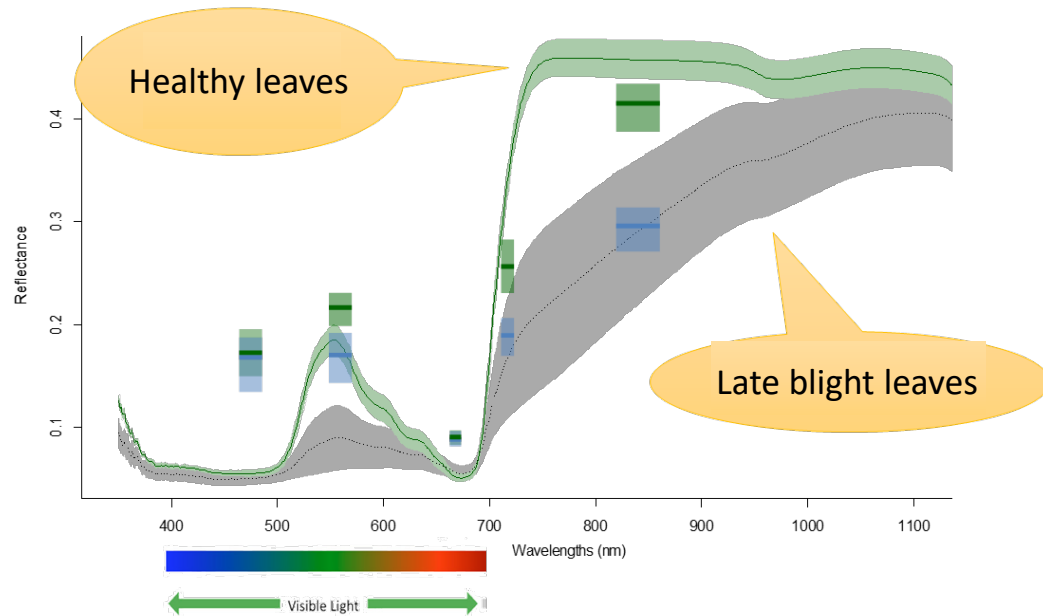
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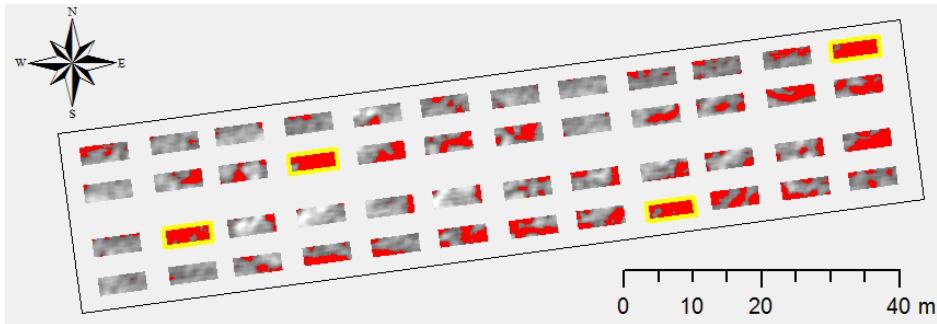
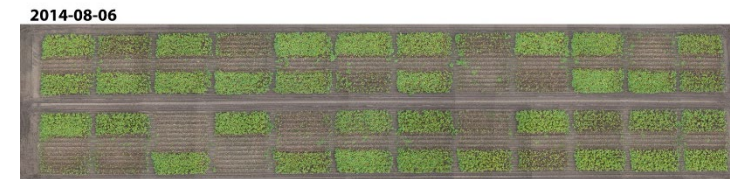
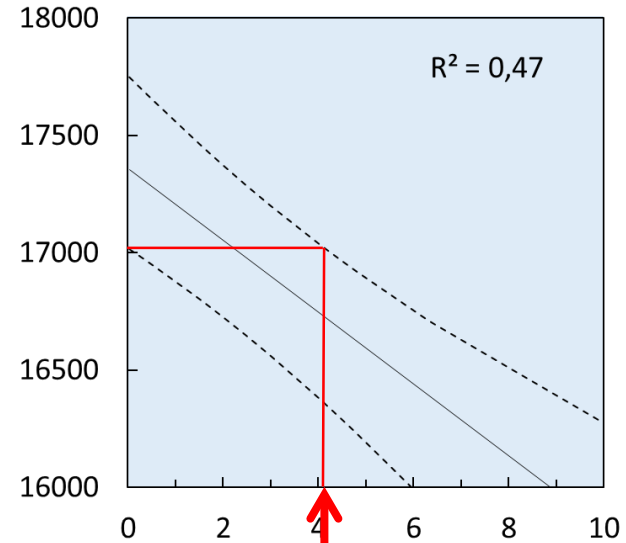
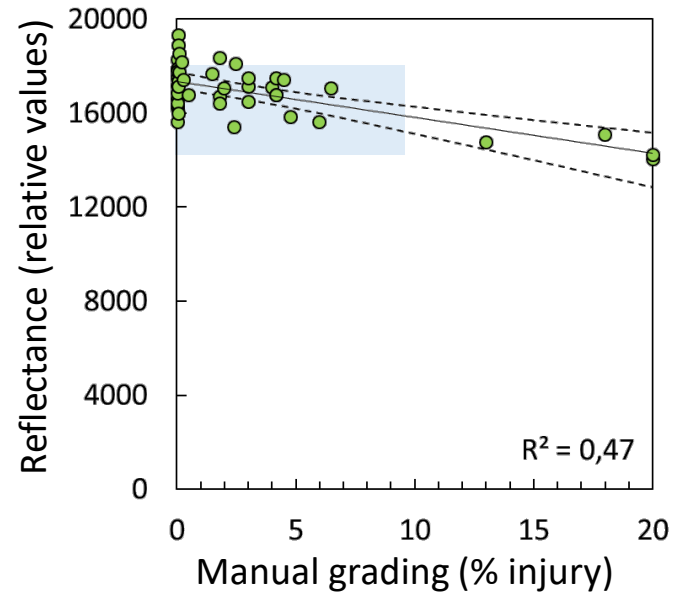
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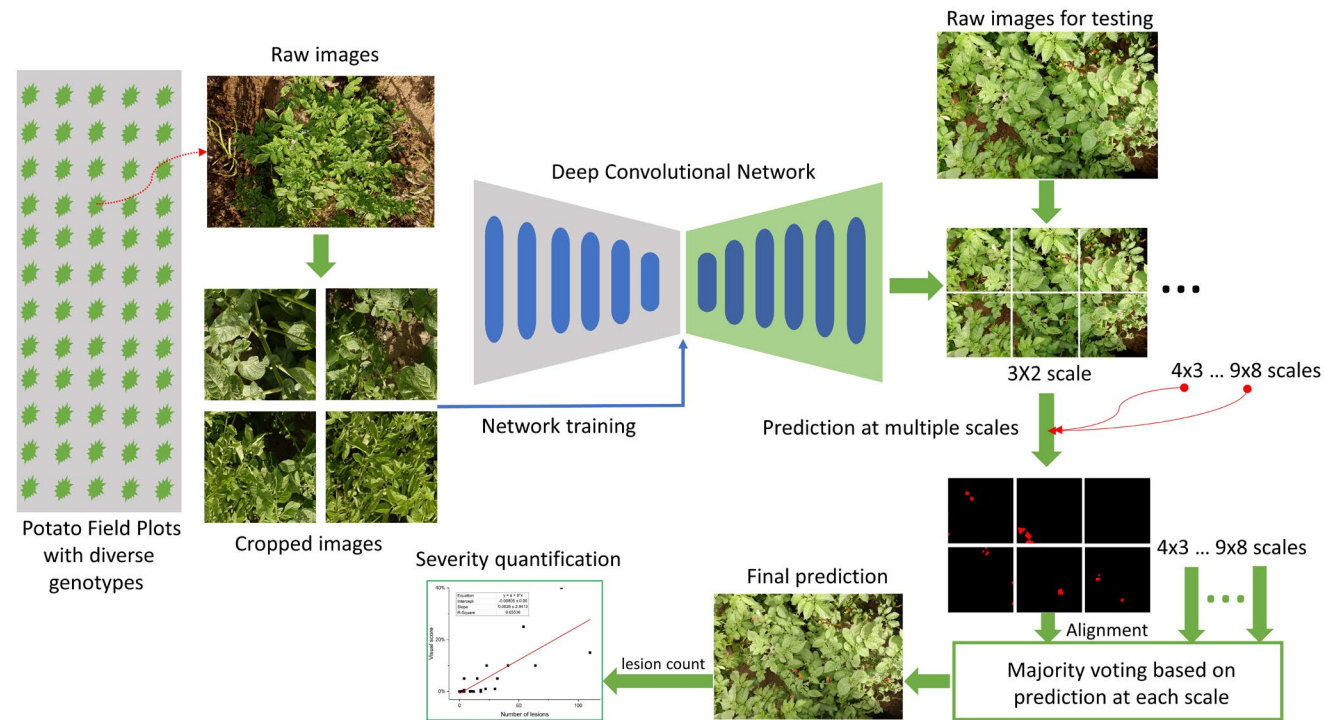


# Late blight detection by spectral analysis



An infection of 5 % is associated with a significant decrease in mean reflectance in red-edge band

# “Automatic late blight lesion recognition and severity quantification based on field imagery of diverse potato genotypes by deep learning”



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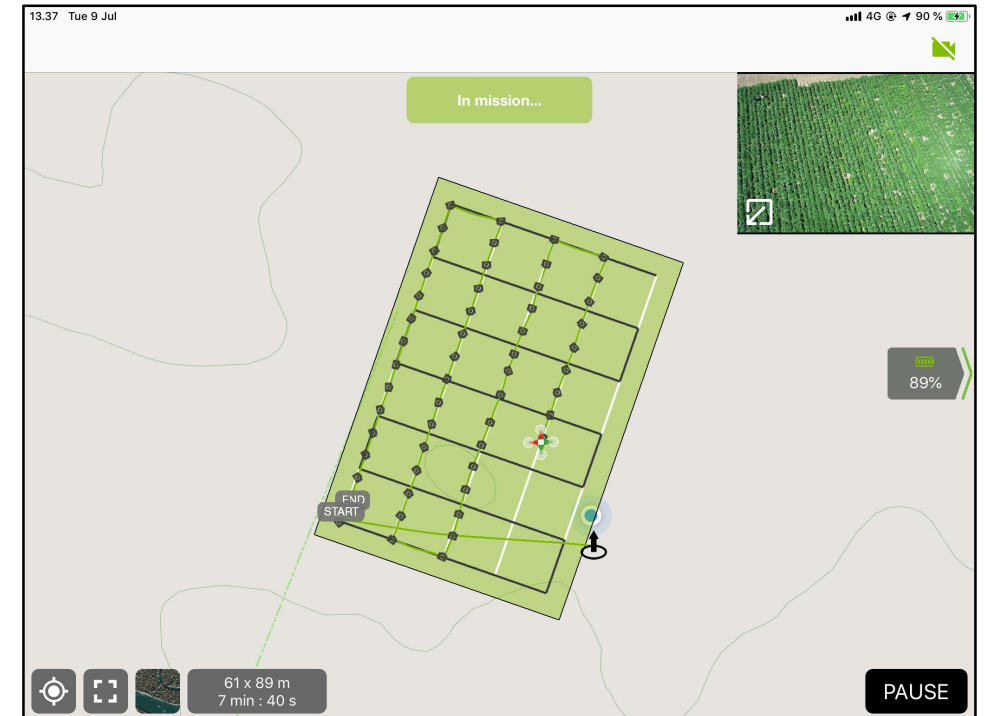
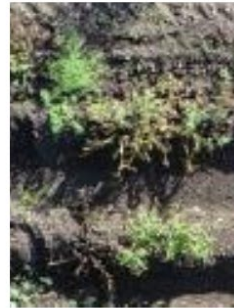
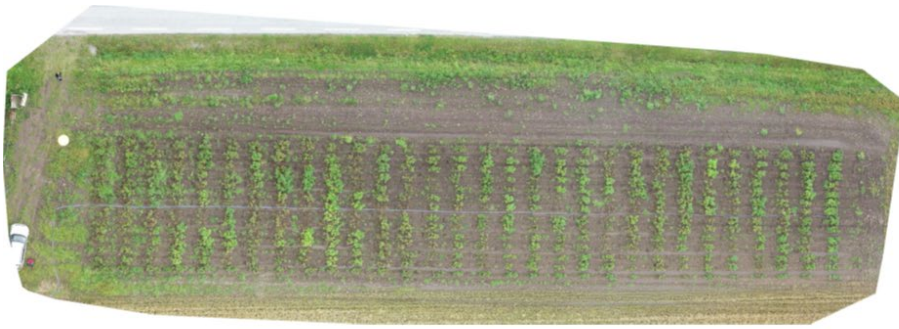
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# Book chapter "Computer vision and less complex image analyses to monitor potato traits in fields"

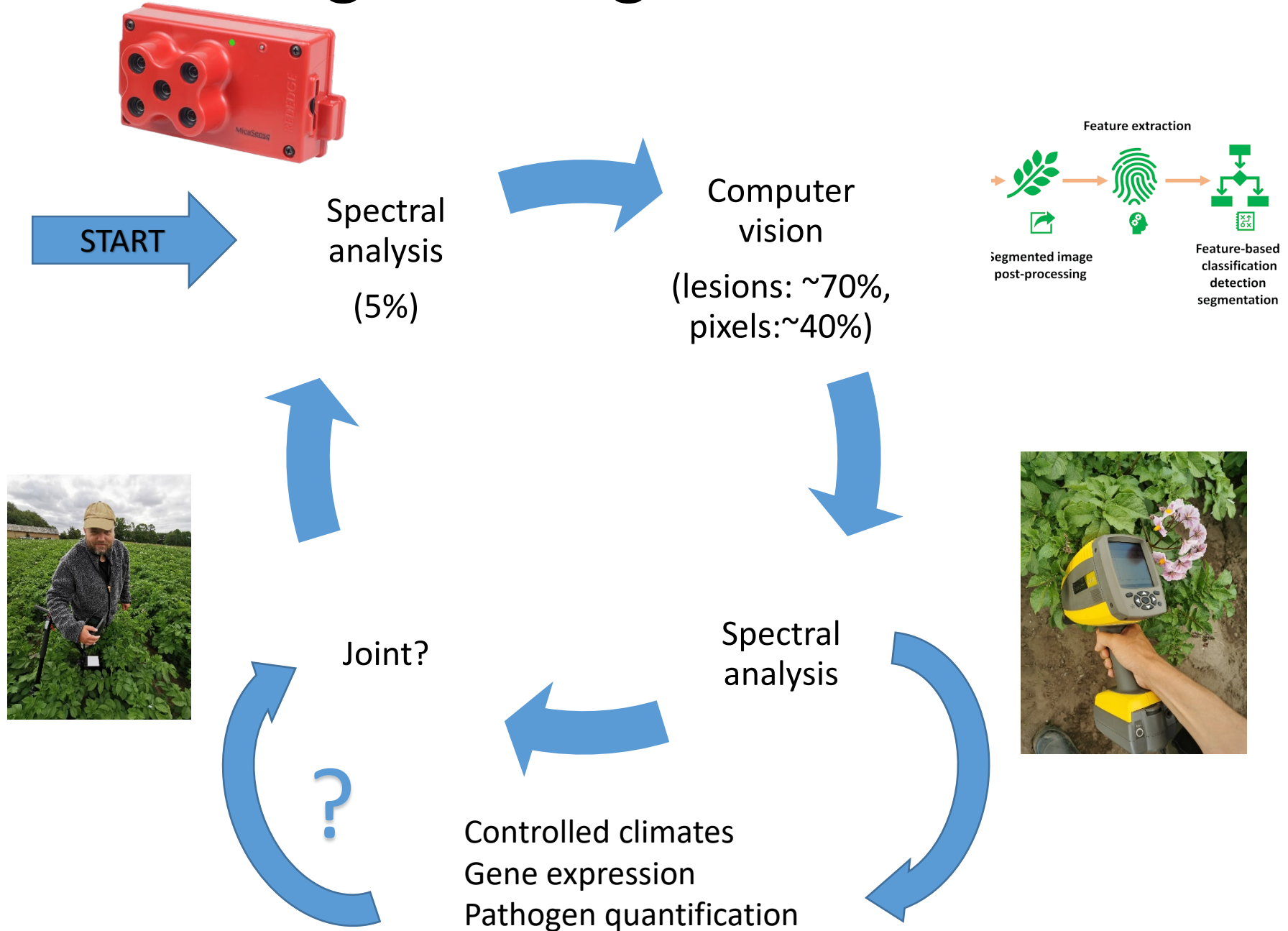
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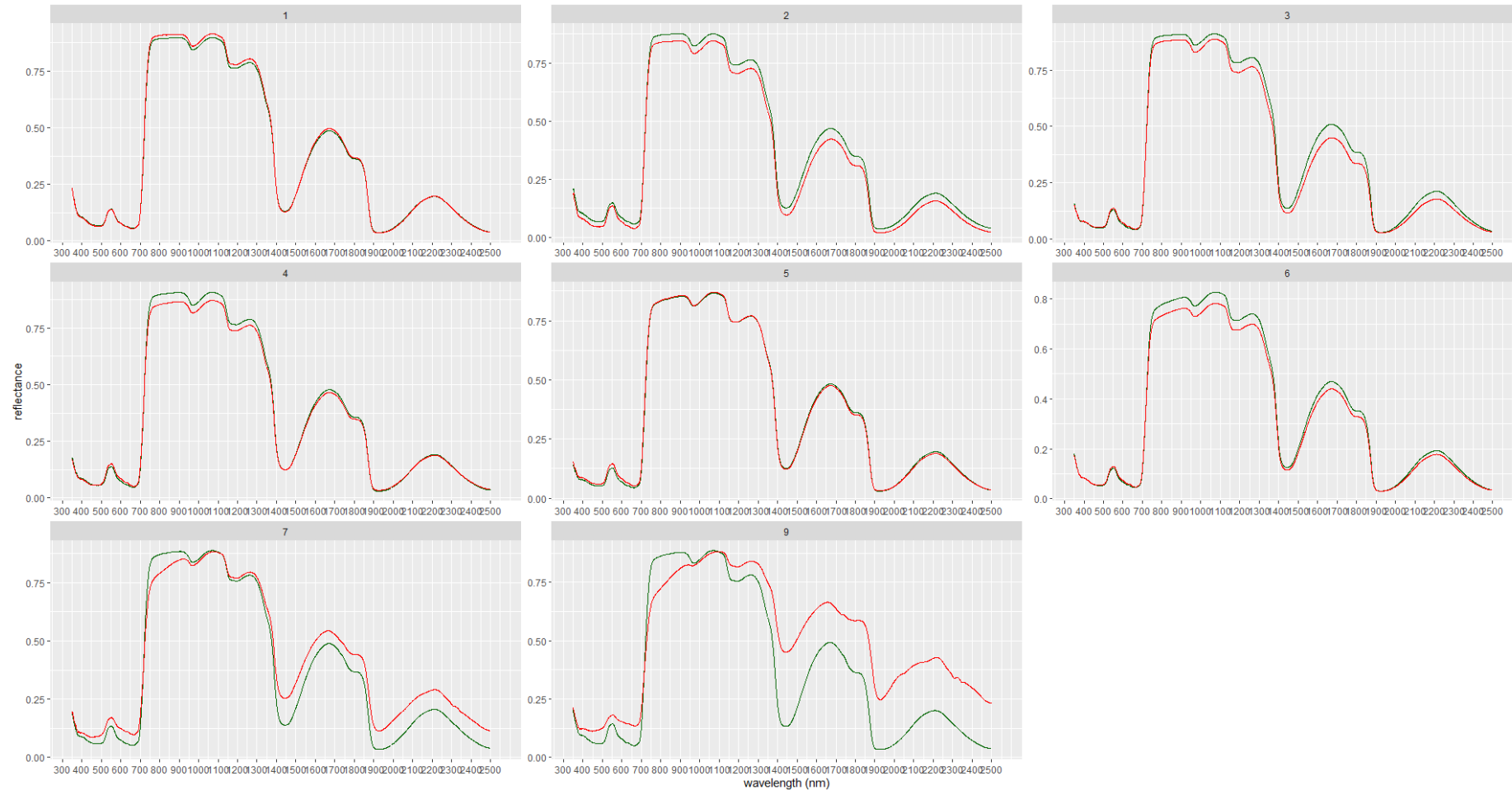




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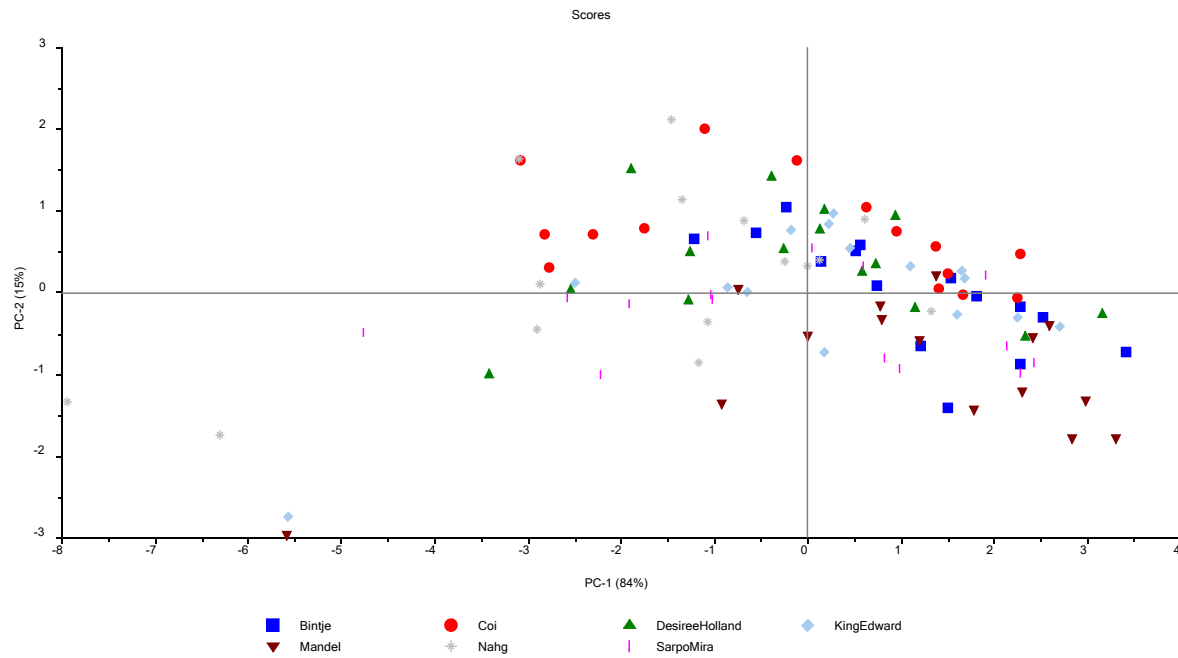
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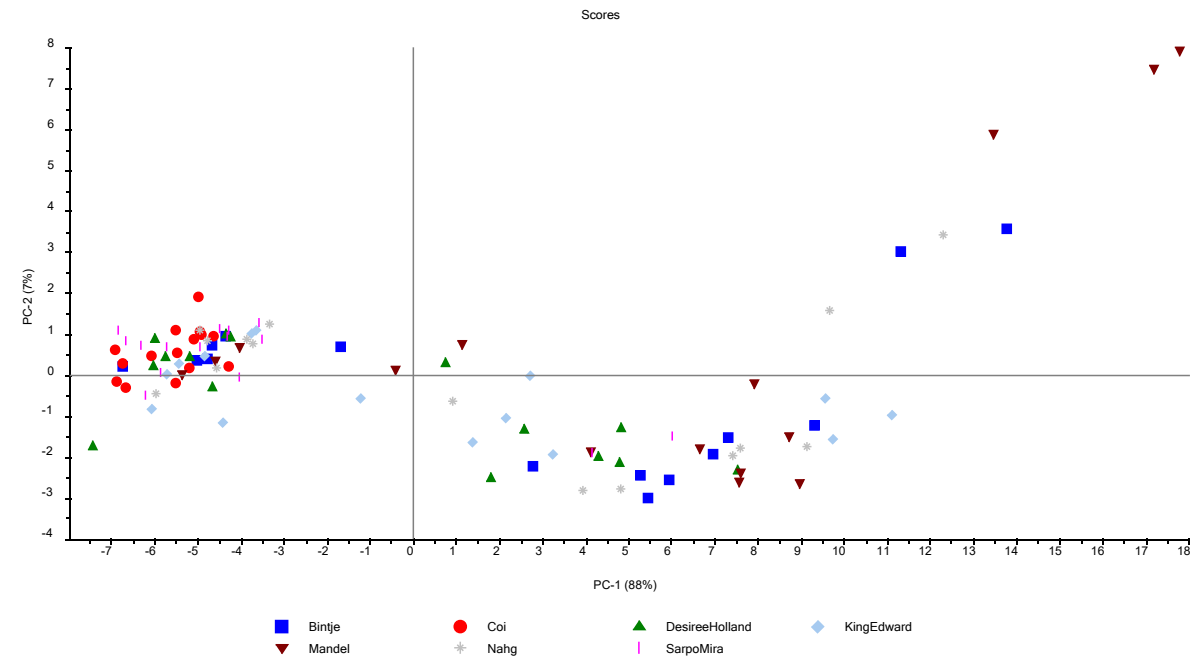
Average reflectance from control (in green) and infected (in red) potato plants (cv. Bintje) on different dates.

# Controlled environment (Biotron), 2019

## Before infection



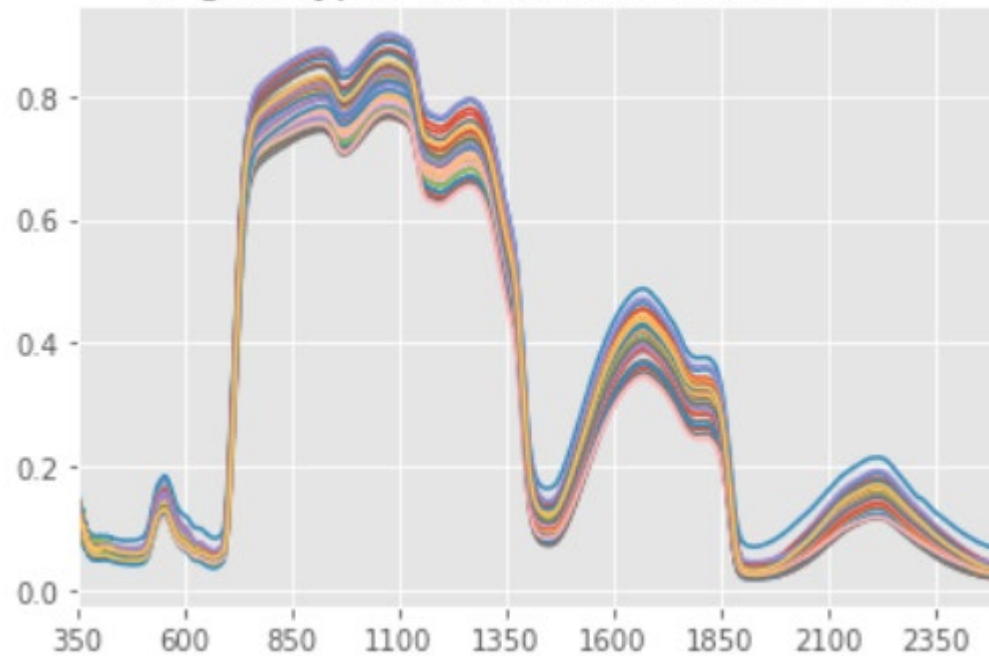
## Last timepoint



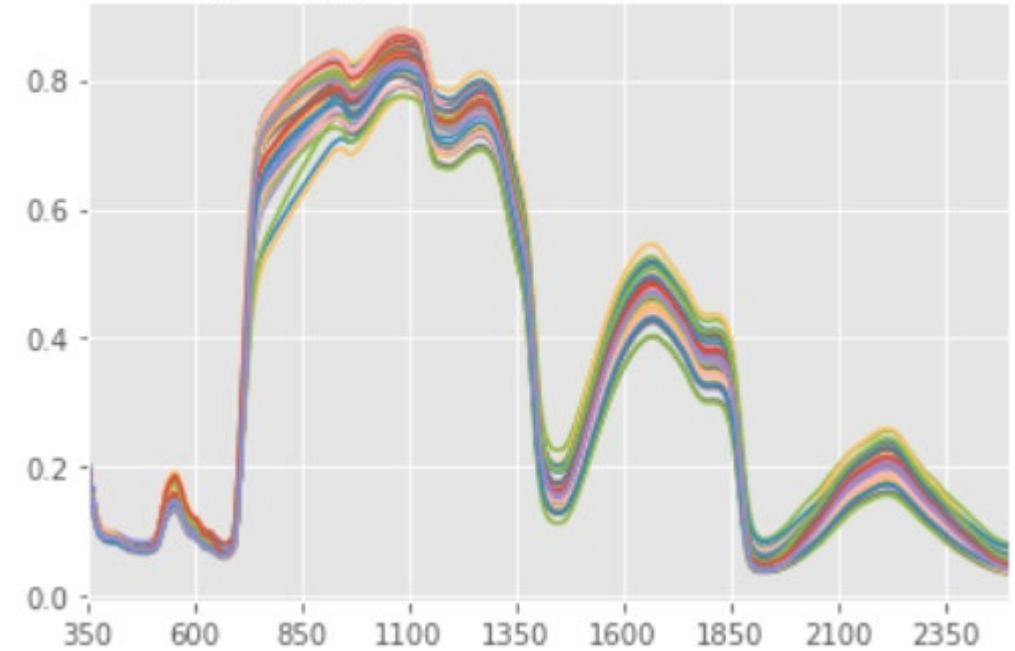


# Field, 2019

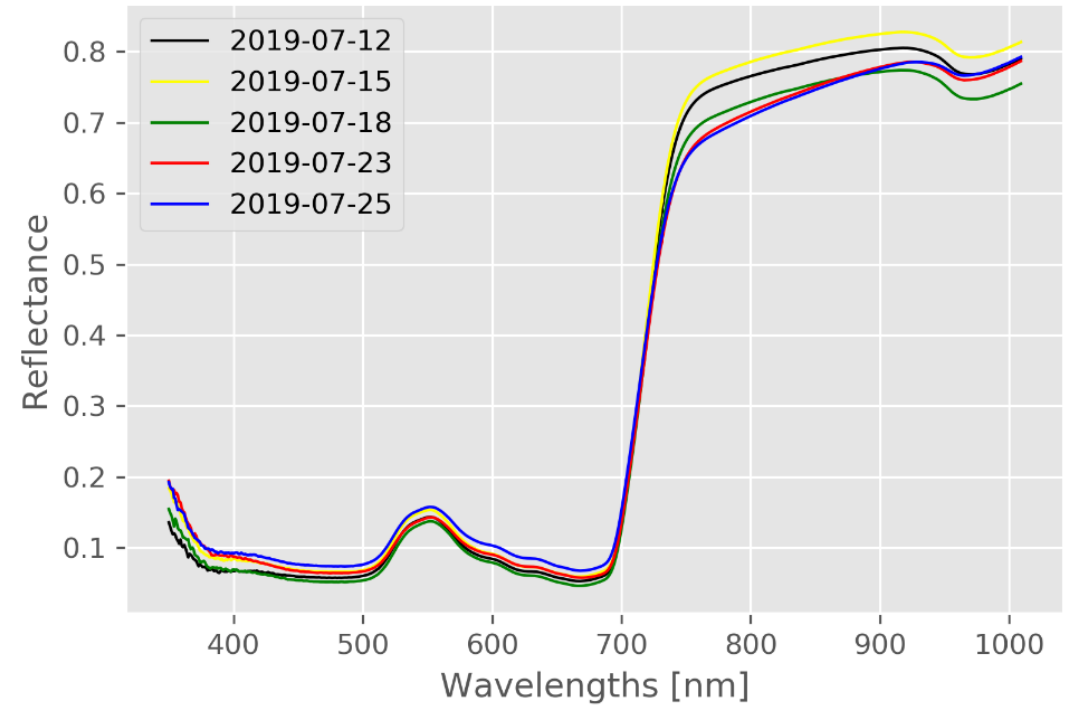
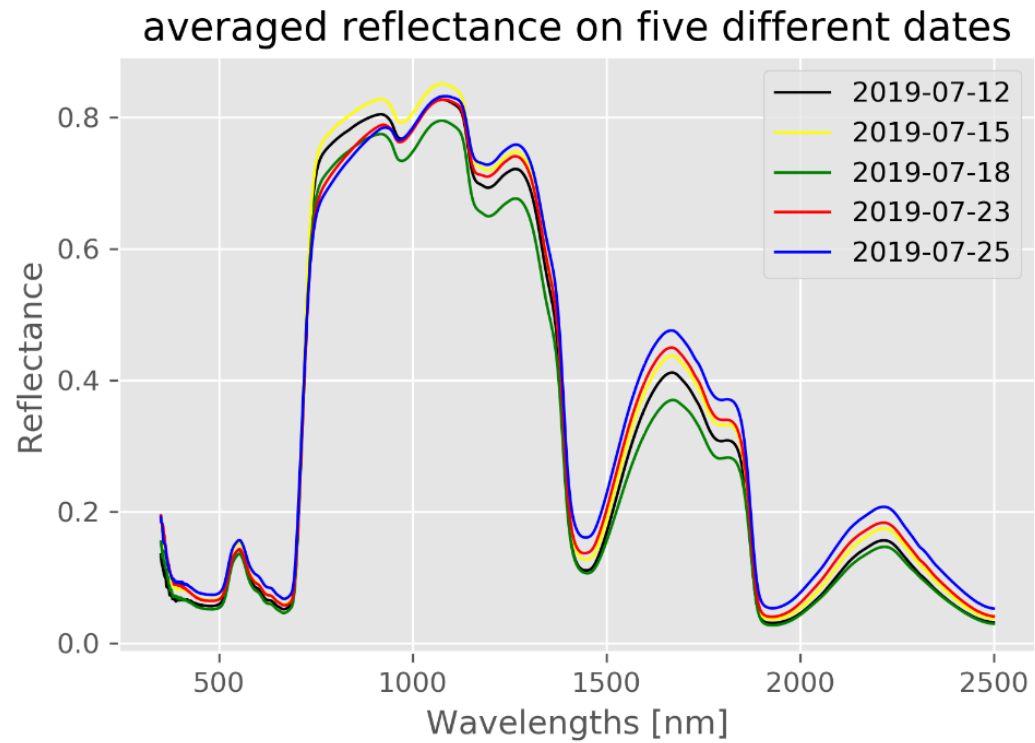
40 genotypes on the date of 2019-07-12



40 genotypes on the date of 2019-07-25

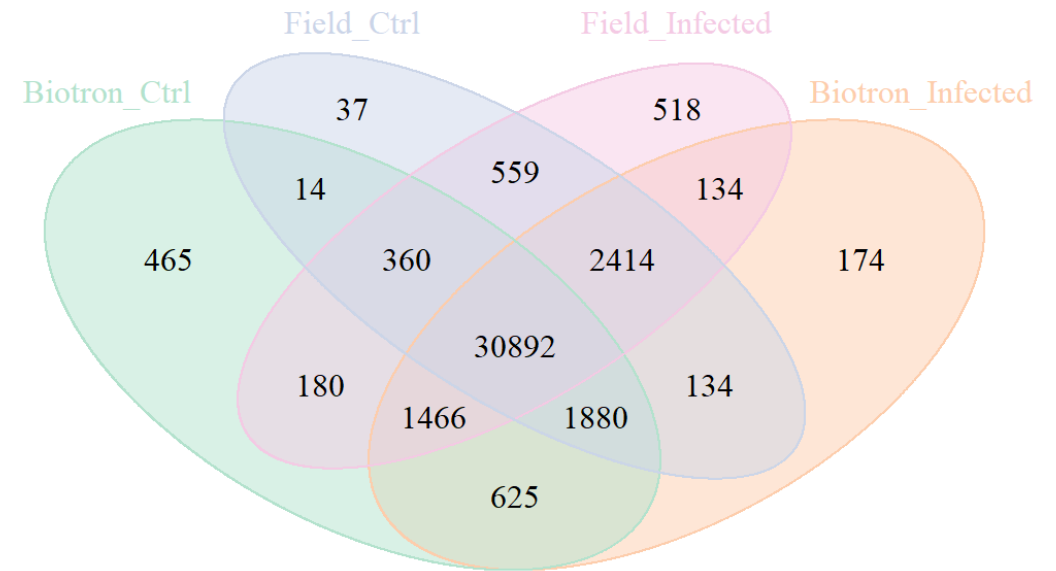
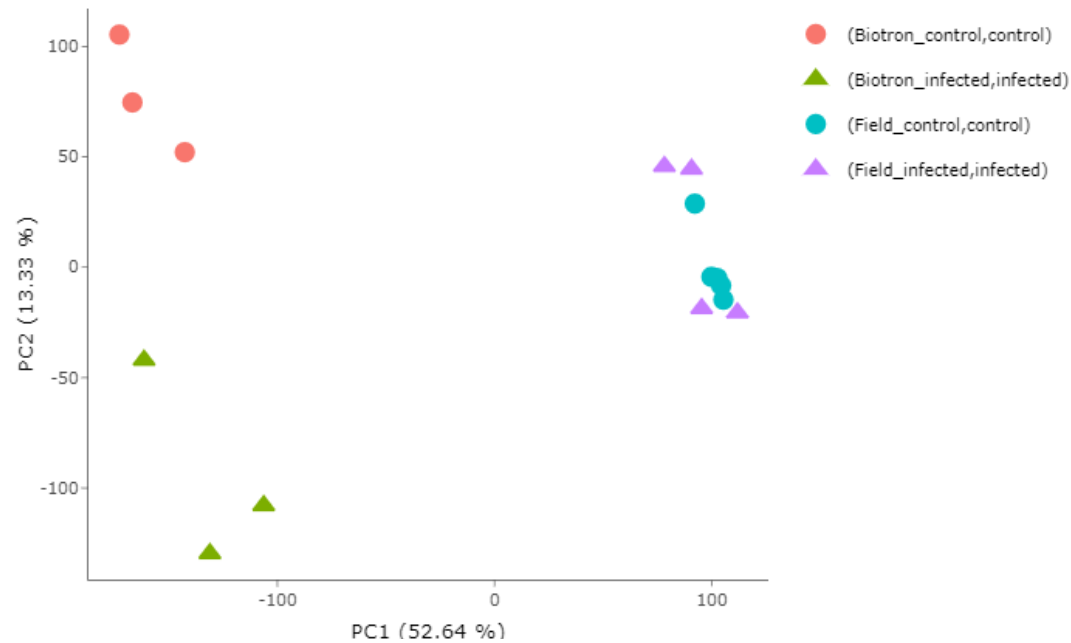


# Field, 2019



# RNAseq from both Biotron and field

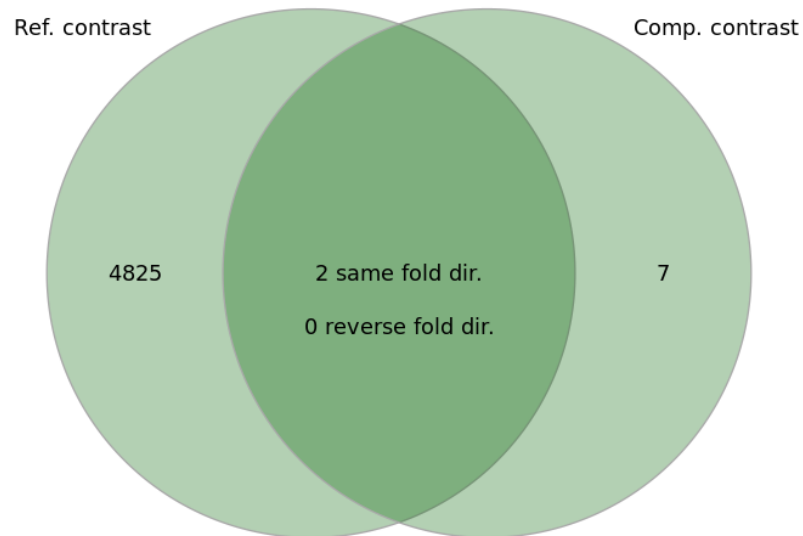
## Global expression



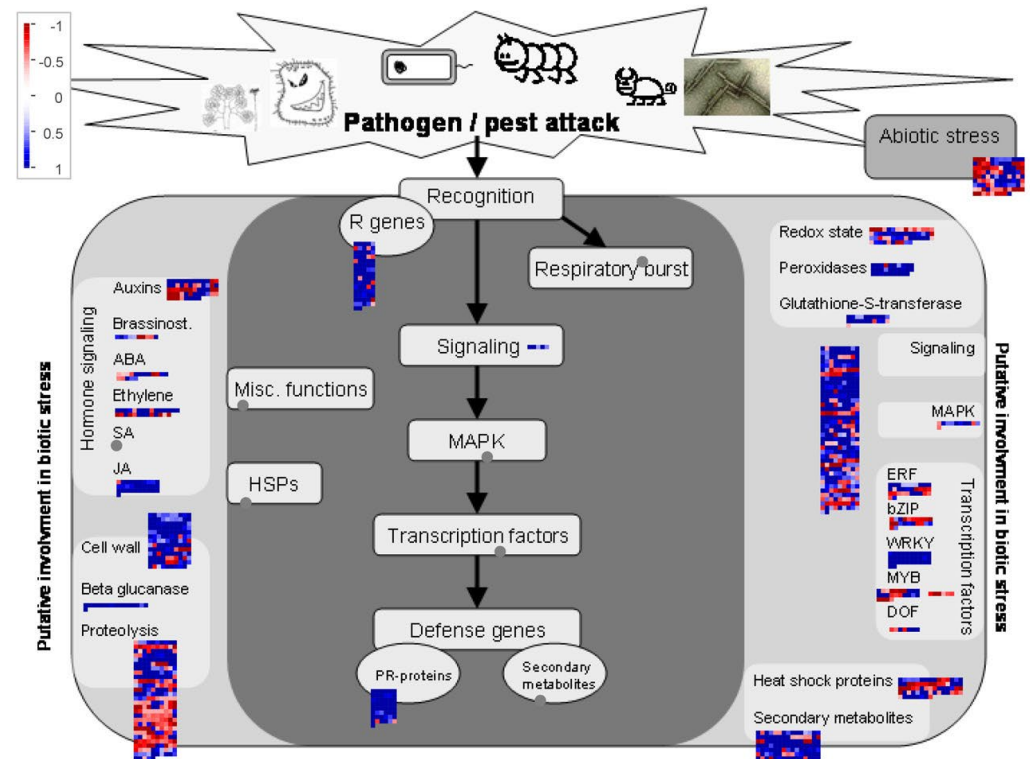


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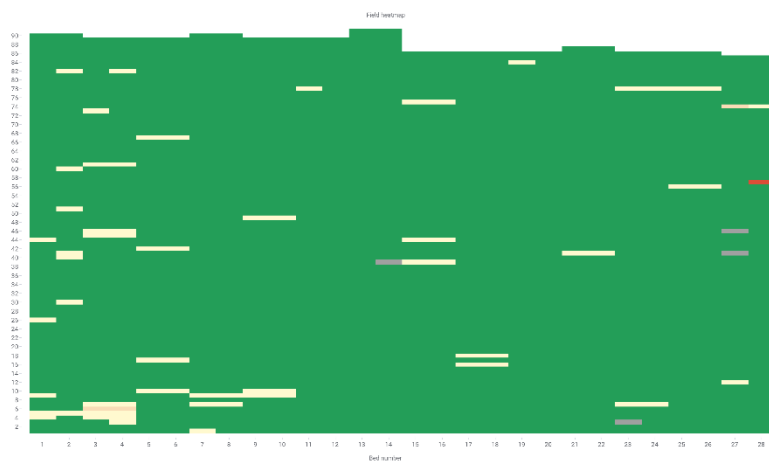
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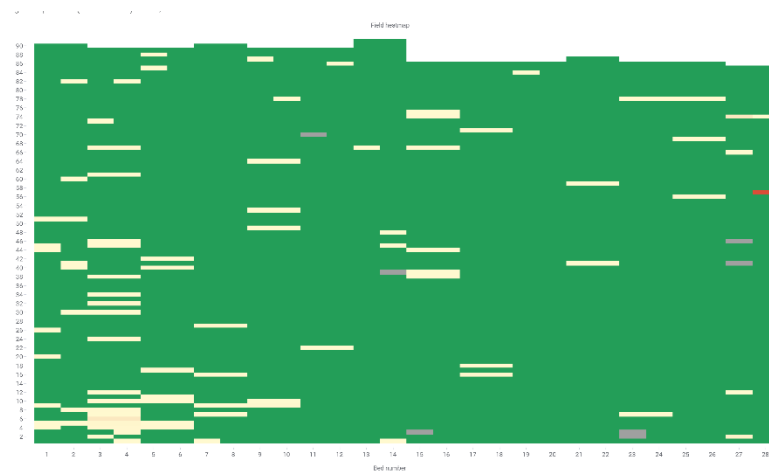
Metabolic pathways involved



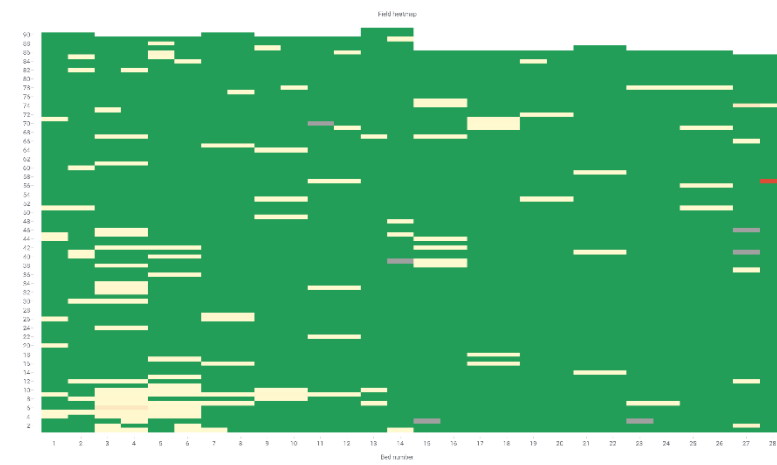
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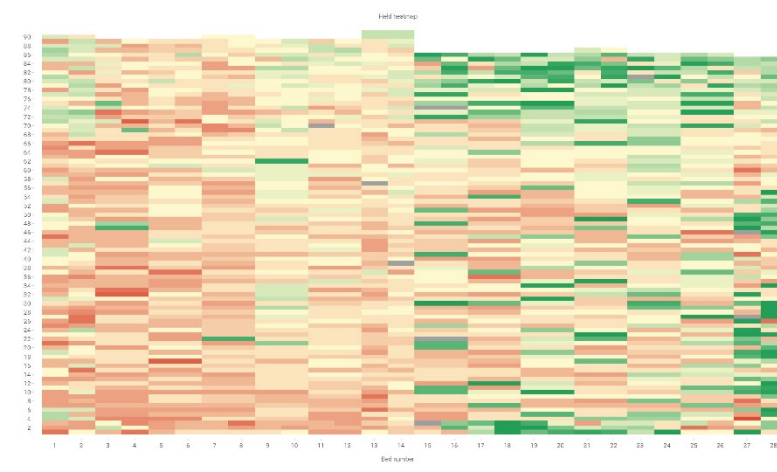
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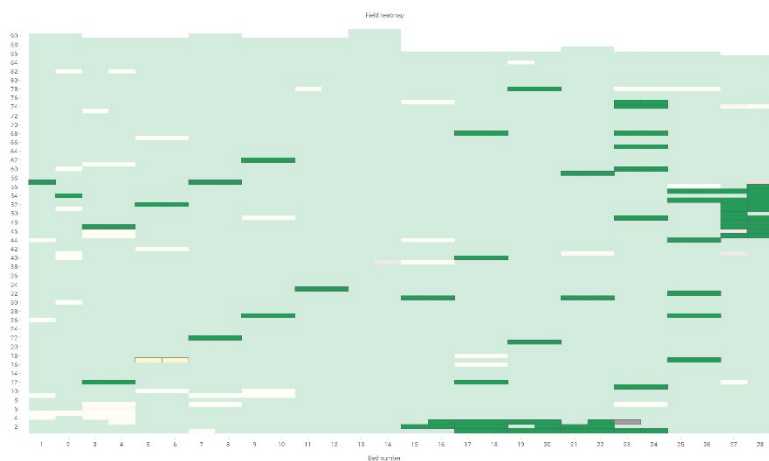


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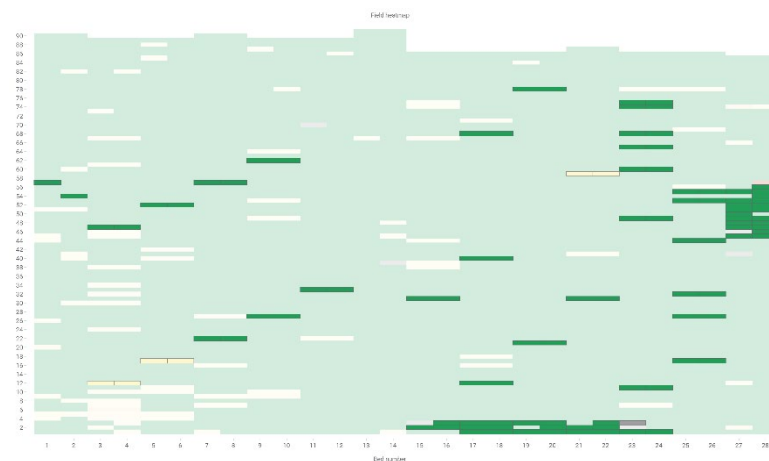


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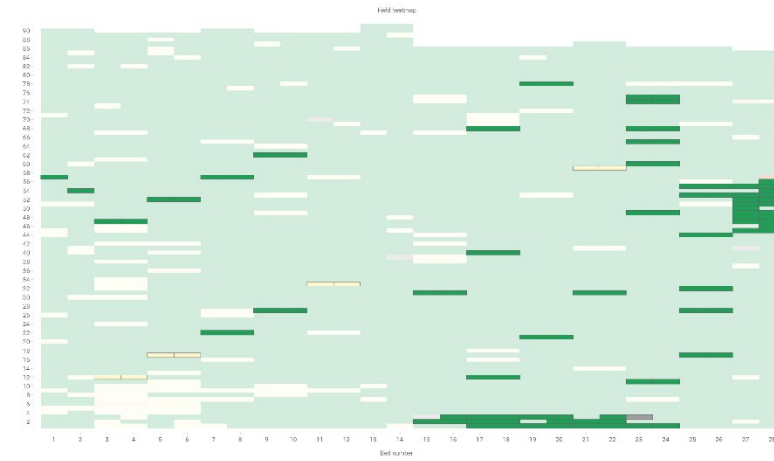
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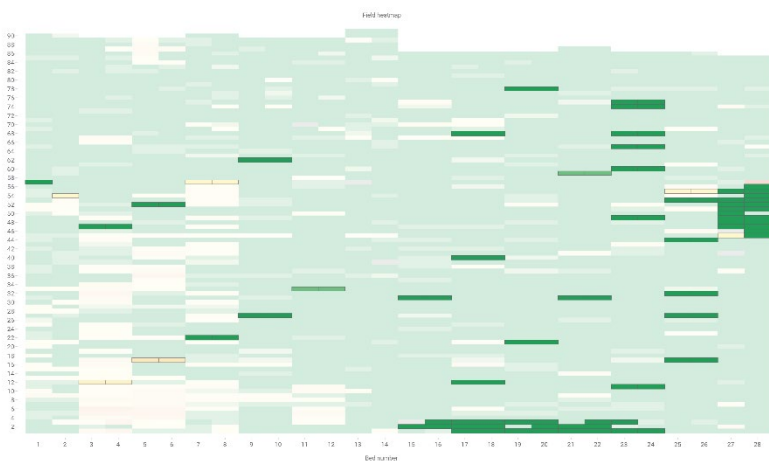
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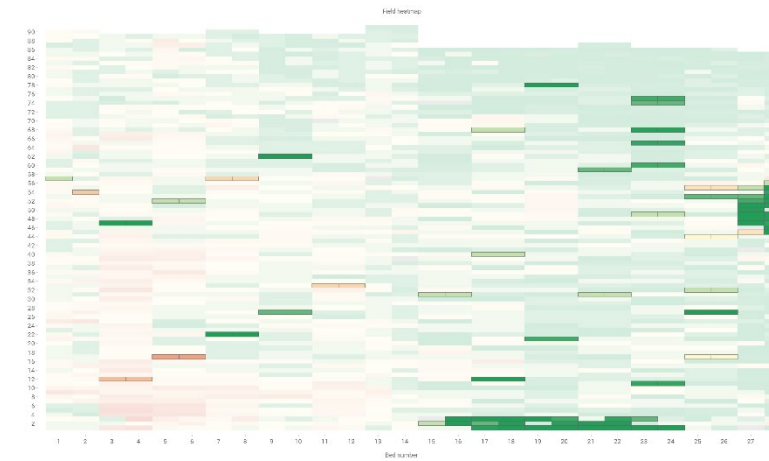
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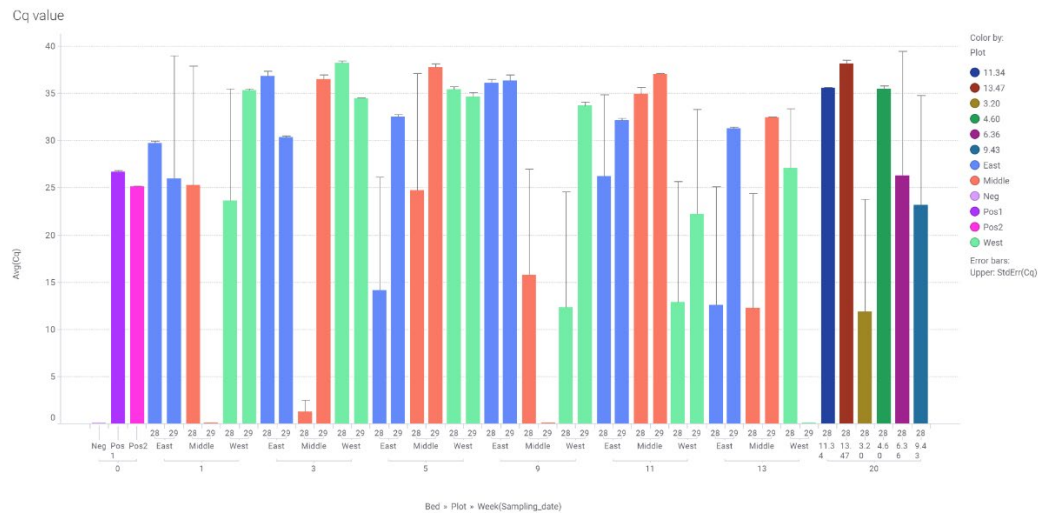


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## DNA quantification



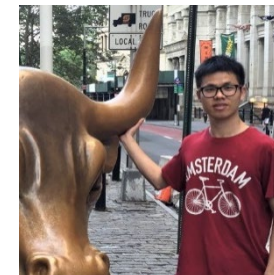
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- Spectral data 2019+2020
- Correction/normalization
- PLSR



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