Remote Sensing and Environmental Plant Physiology

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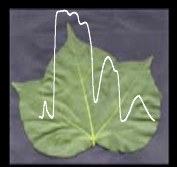
What is Remote Sensing?

Remote Sensing

- Remote sensing is defined as the art and science of obtaining information about an object without in direct physical contact with the object.

- It is a scientific technology that can be used to measure and monitor important biophysical characteristics and human activities on Earth.

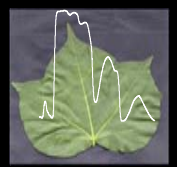


Remote Sensing Includes ….

- Remote sensing often involves collection of diverse pieces of information or data for a particular site, field or a target.

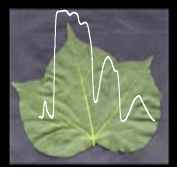
- The data is combined and interpreted to provide useful information concerning the site or the target.

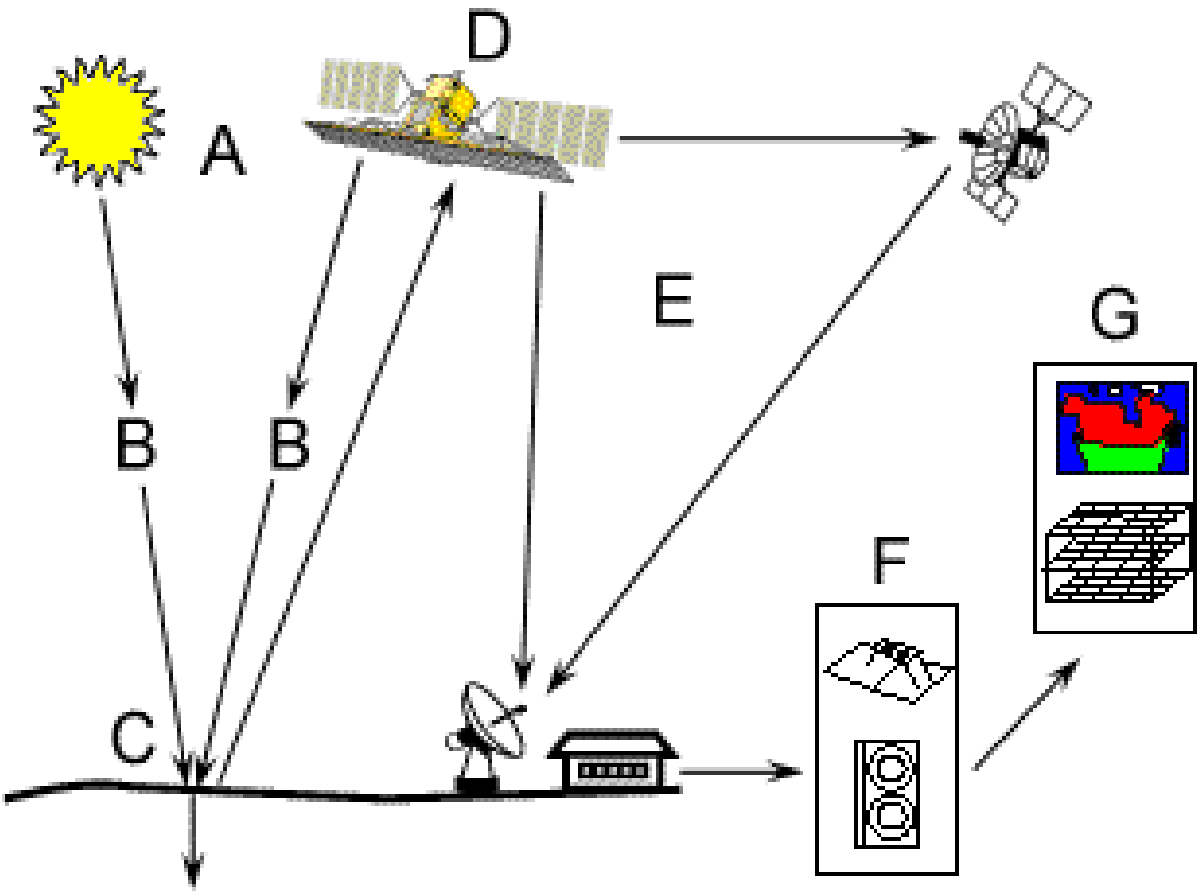
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS),Geographic Position Systems (GPS) and geo(spatial)-statistics are sometimes used to organize spatial data.



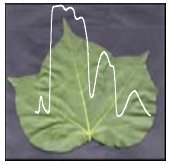
Scientific Principles

- Sunlight strikes the Earth's surface and certain wavelengths are either absorbed, reflected or transmitted.
- Various materials absorb sunlight over specific wavelength intervals resulting in absorption features in reflectance spectra.
- The location and shape of these unique absorption features provide information on the chemical composition of materials.





A-Energy source or Illumination
B-Radiation and atmosphere
C-Interaction with target
D-Recording energy of target by sensor
E-Transmission, reception & processing
F-Interpretation & Analysis
G-Application



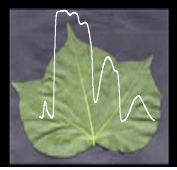
Spectral Characteristics of the Vegetation

- A healthy leaf intercepts incident radiant flux directly from the Sun or from diffuse skylight scatted on to the leaf.
- Using the energy balance equation, we can keep track of what happens to all the incident energy.
- The general equation for interaction of spectral radiant flux on and within the leaf is

Incident radiant flux = reflectance + transmittance + absorbance

Reflectance = Incident radiant flux - (Absorbance + Transmittance)

Percent reflectance = (target / reference) * 100



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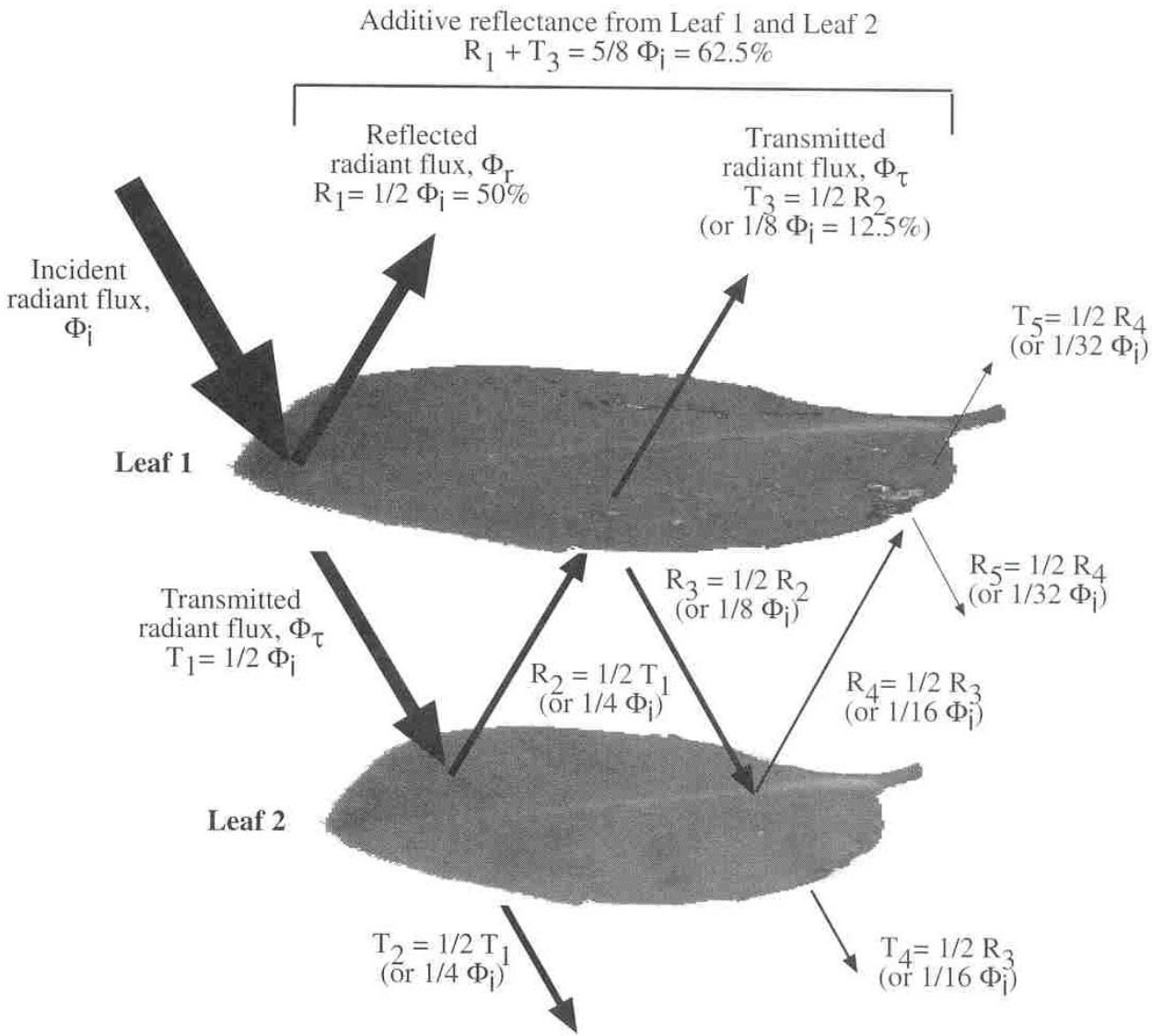
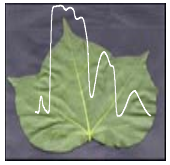
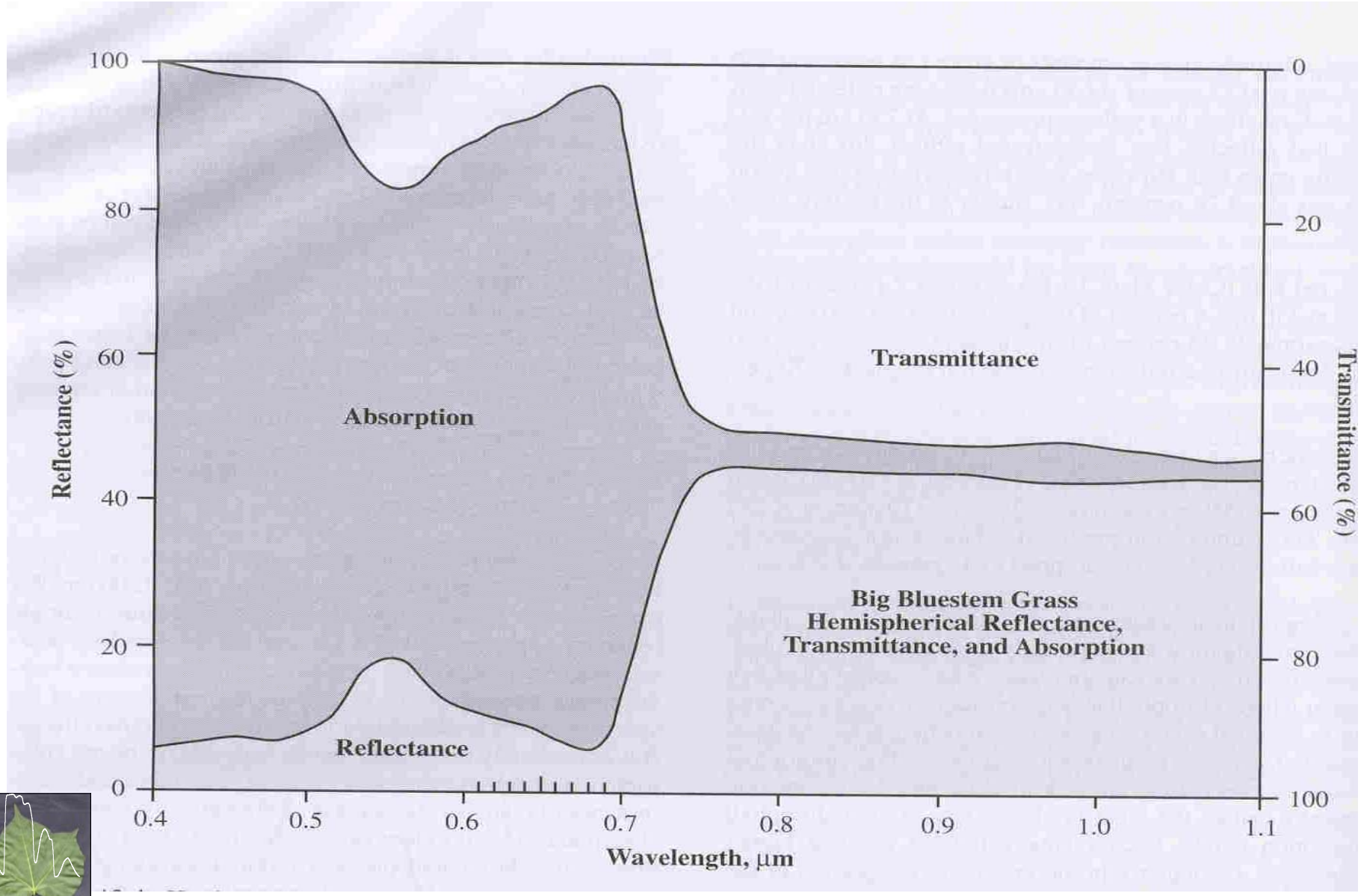
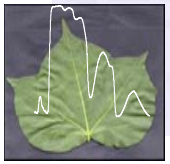




Typical Reflectance, Transmittance and Absorption Characteristics of Big bluestem Leaf





Typical Leaf Spectrum and Atmospheric Water Absorption Bands

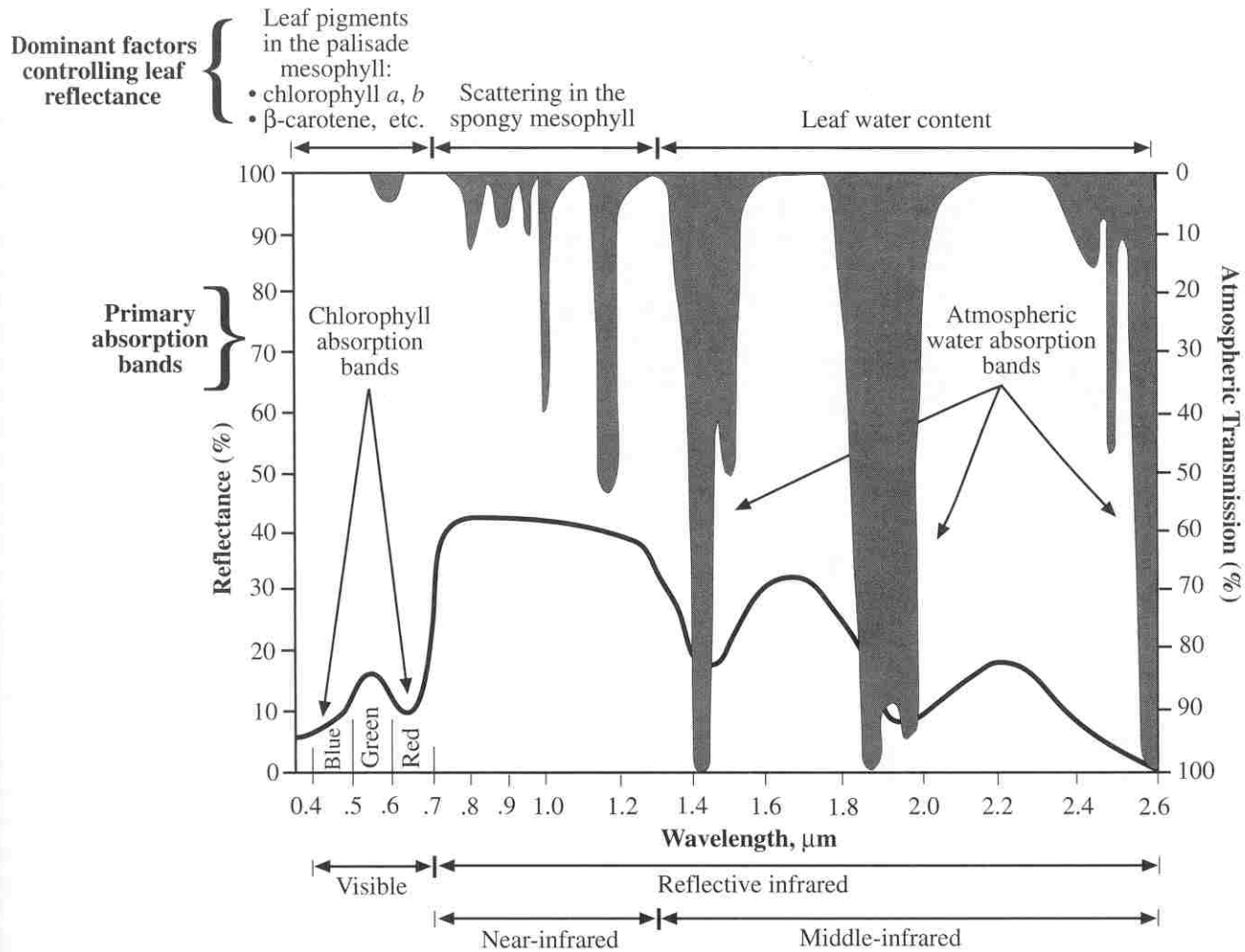
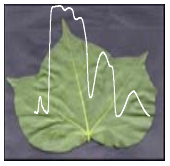
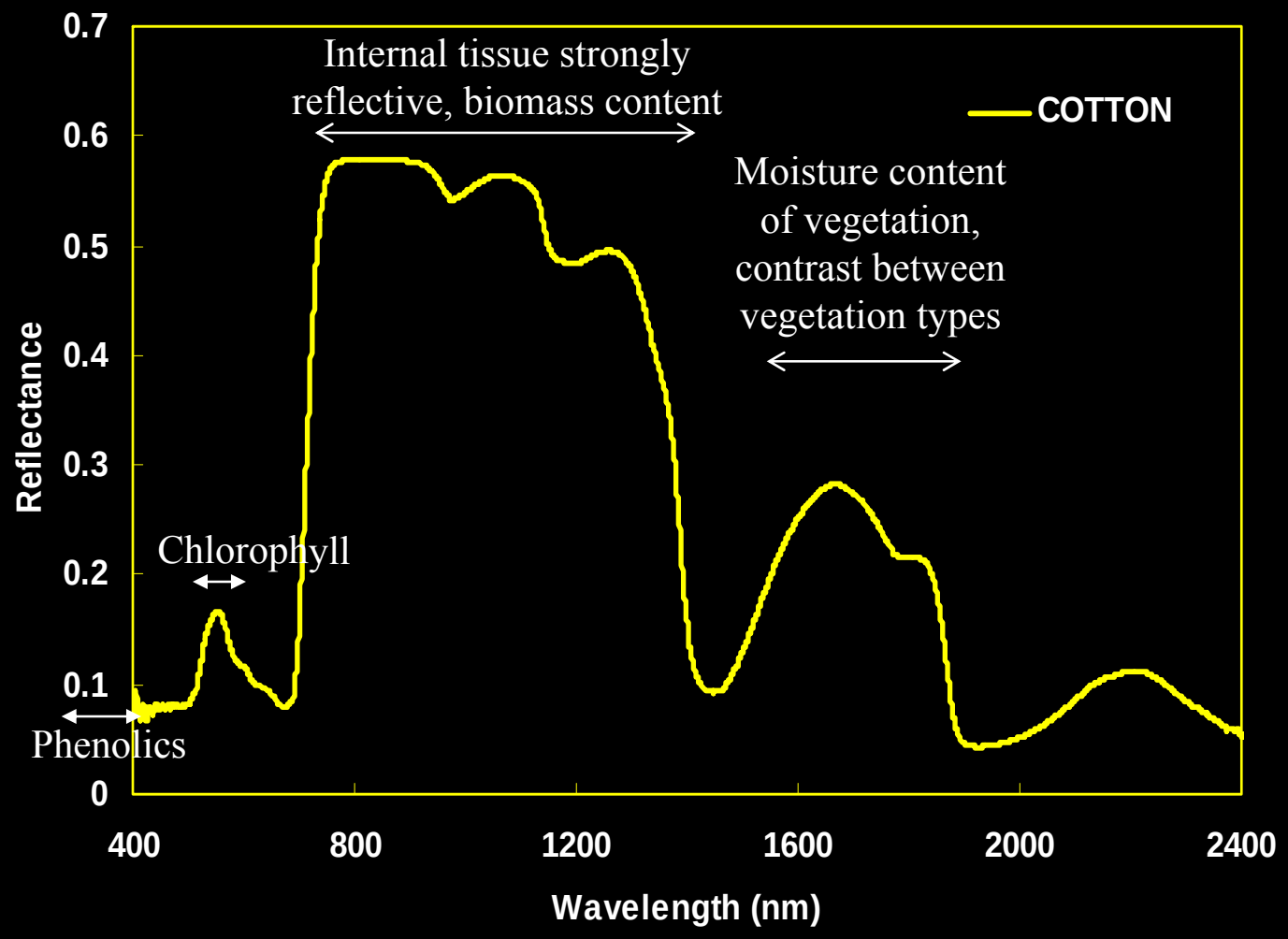
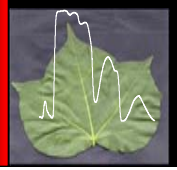


Figure 10-1 Spectral reflectance characteristics of healthy, green vegetation for the wavelength interval 0.4 – 2.6 μm. The dominant factors controlling leaf reflectance are the various leaf pigments in the palisade mesophyll (e.g., chlorophyll *a* and *b*, and β-carotene), the scattering of near-infrared energy in the spongy mesophyll, and the amount of water in the plant. The primary chlorophyll absorption bands occur at 0.43 – 0.45 μm and 0.65 – 0.66 μm in the visible region. The primary water absorption bands occur at 0.97, 1.19, 1.45, 1.94, and 2.7 μm.

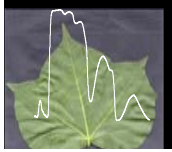


Typical reflectance spectrum of cotton leaf



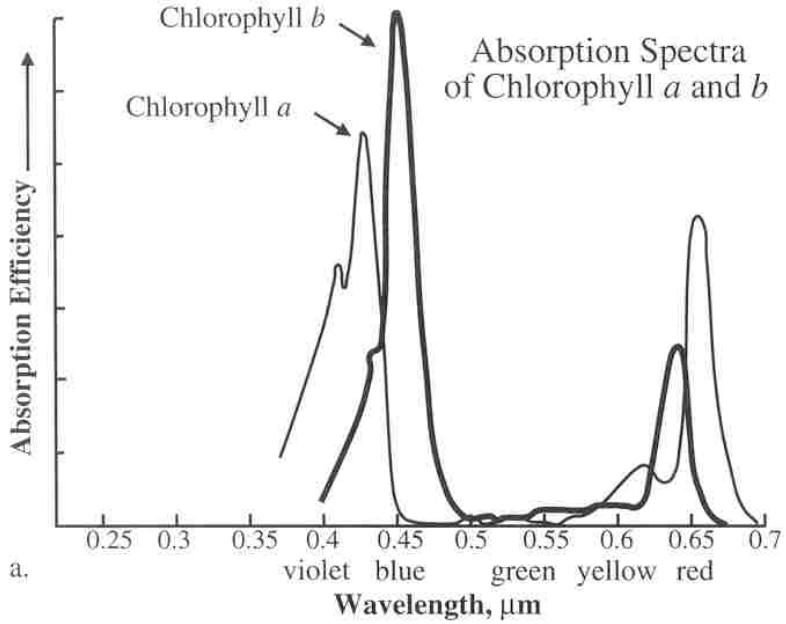


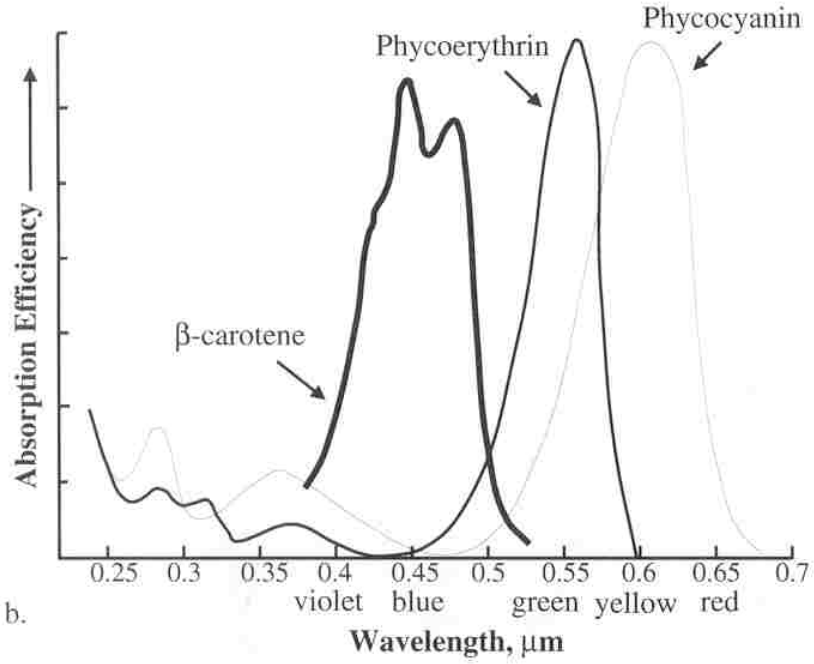
Peep through Spectrally
Cotton Leaves and Spectral Images

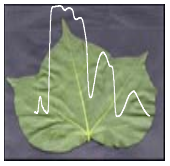


What causes the reflectance to change?

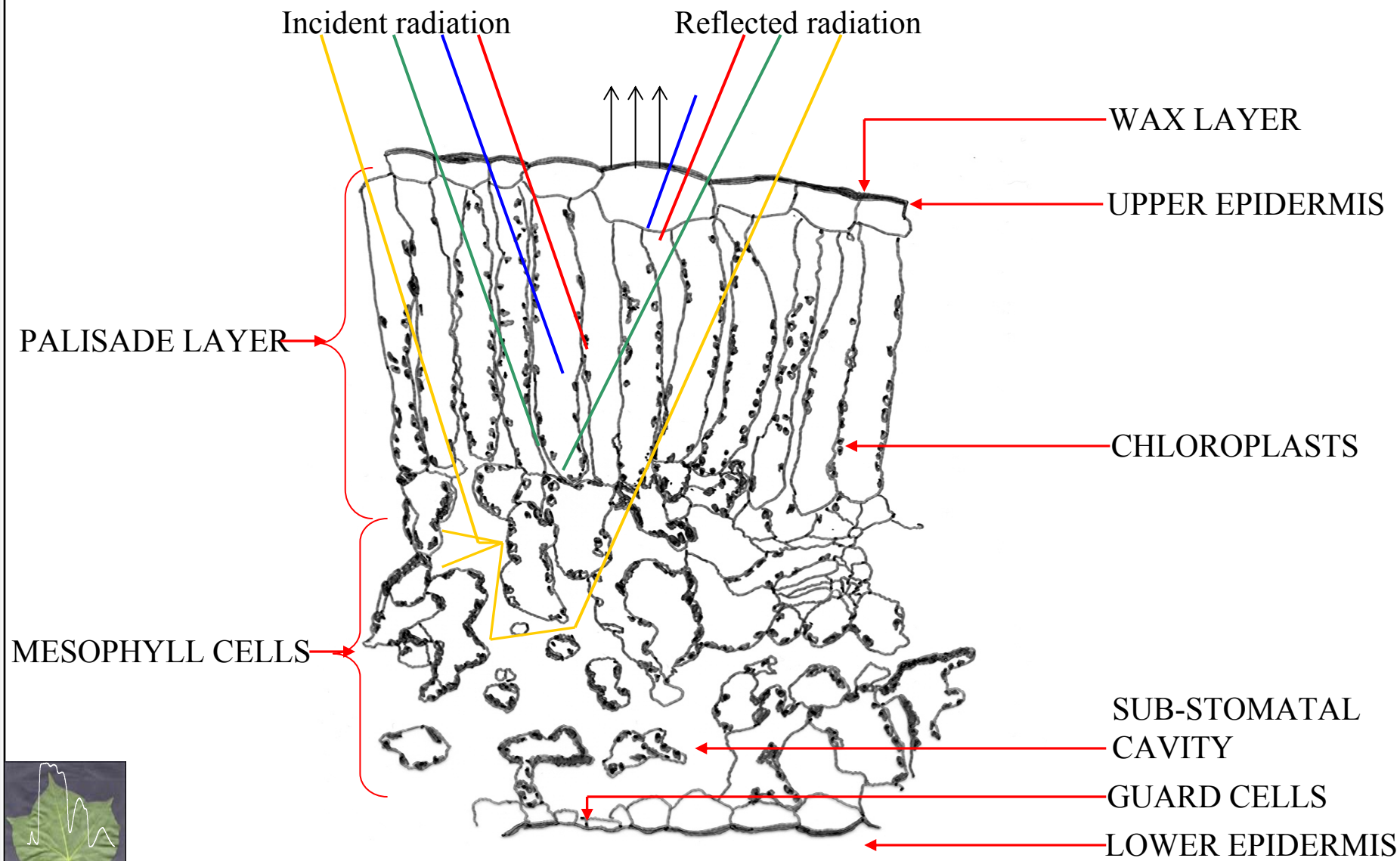
Absorption Spectra of Chlorophyll a, b
Beta Carotene, and other pigments

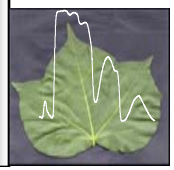






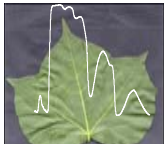
Reflectance and leaf structure





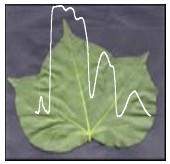
What can we measure?

- Cellulose, Pigments (chlorophyll, carotenoids), lignin, nonstructural carbohydrates, protein, oil etc.
- Greenness per surface area
- Canopy coverage



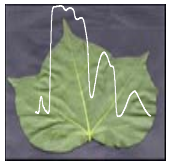
What can Remote Sensing Contribute?

- Topography for site-specific management
- Soil properties for site-specific management
- Plant properties to estimate insect populations for site-specific management
- Site-specific identification of water stress?
- Sites with late-season nutrient deficiency
- Site-specific identification and management of weeds.



What can Remote Sensing Contribute?

- Site-specific history for field
- Stand establishment
- Early detection of disease
- Presence of buried structures, tracks
- Phenology or Developmental stages (e.g., bloom)

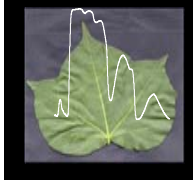


Remote Sensing

Multi-spectral

or

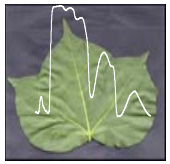
Hyperspectral



What is Multispectral Imaging?

- Collection of reflected, emitted, or backscattered energy from an object or area of interest in multiple bands (less than 10) or regions of the electromagnetic spectrum.

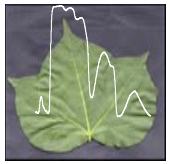
- Multispectral imaging allows the analyst to perform reflectance spectroscopy on few spatial elements of the image scene.



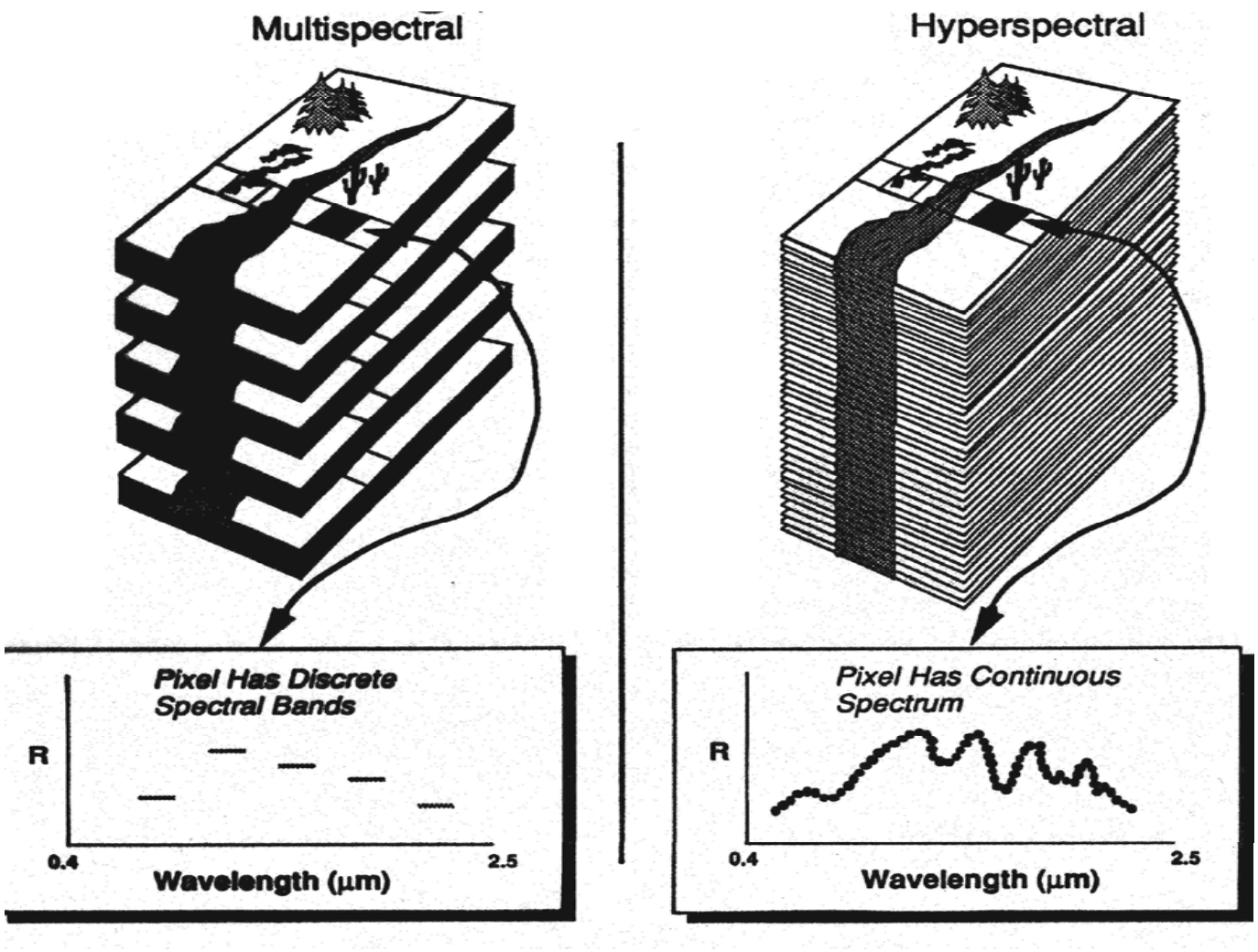
What is Hyperspectral Imaging?

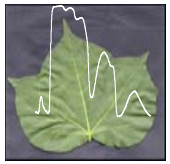
- Collection of reflected, emitted, or backscattered energy from an object or area of interest in multiple bands (from 10 to hundreds) or regions of the electromagnetic spectrum with each channel covering a narrow and contiguous portion of the light spectrum.

- Hyperspectral imaging allows the analyst to perform reflectance spectroscopy on each spatial element of the image scene.



Multispectral / Hyperspectral
Comparison

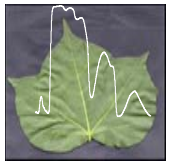




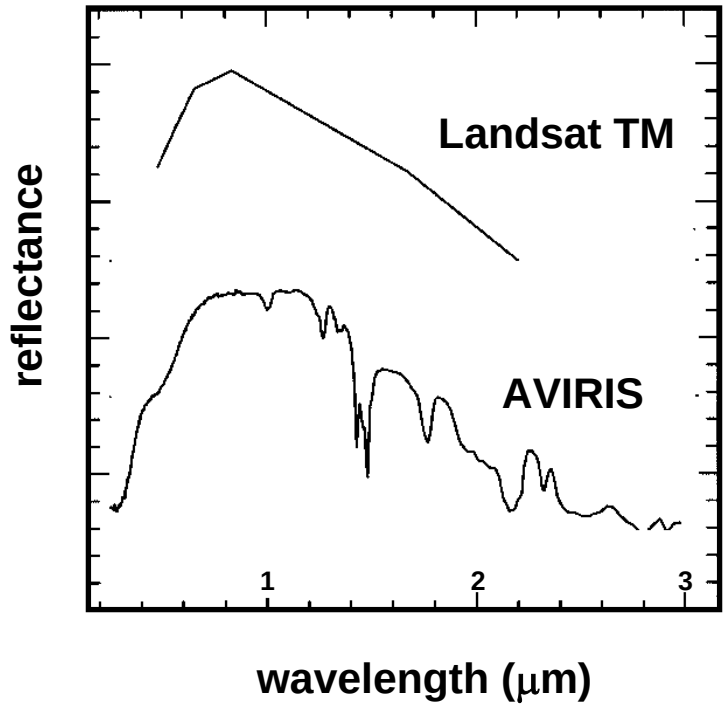
Hyperspectral Imaging - Rationale

Principal objective is to identify and map specific vegetation, rock, and soil types.

- Many disciplines require *quantitative* results.
- Multispectral imaging systems under sample the spectrum.
- Identification of vegetation types, rock and soil types requires high-resolution spectra.



Alunite as seen by Multispectral and Hyperspectral systems



Hyperspectral Remote Sensing is one part of an Inevitable Progression in Technology

1972 Landsat 1, 2, 3 — 4 bands @ 80 m

Landsat 4, 5 — 7 bands @ 30 m

SPOT — 4 bands @ 20 m, Pan @ 10 m

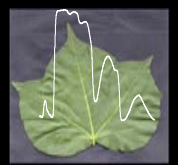
GER — 63 bands @ 10 m

AVIRIS — 224 bands @ 20 m

1990

HYDICE — 210 bands @ 1-3 m

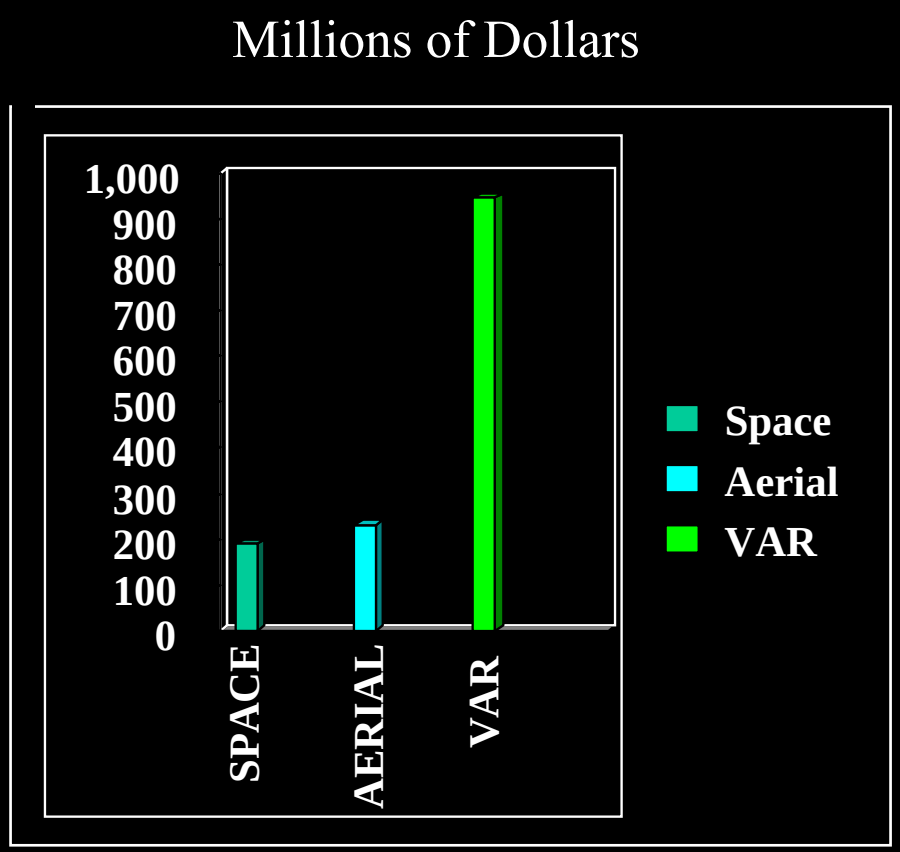
1998 PROBE-1 — 128 bands @ 3 m

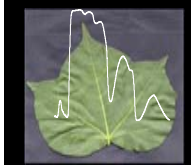


Greater Spectral and Spatial Resolution

Global Remote Sensing Market

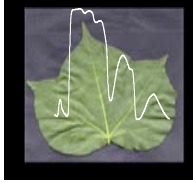
- Space-based Sensors (raw data)
- Aerial-based Sensors (raw data)
- Value-added reseller (processed data)





Remote Sensing Includes ….

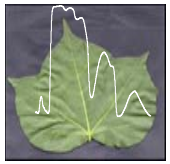
- Satellite imagery
- Aerial photography
- Radar and Lidar
- Tractor-mounted sensors
- Hand-held instruments or sensors



Sensors

Ground-based

GER
ASD FieldSpec



Aerial

PHOTOGRAPHY
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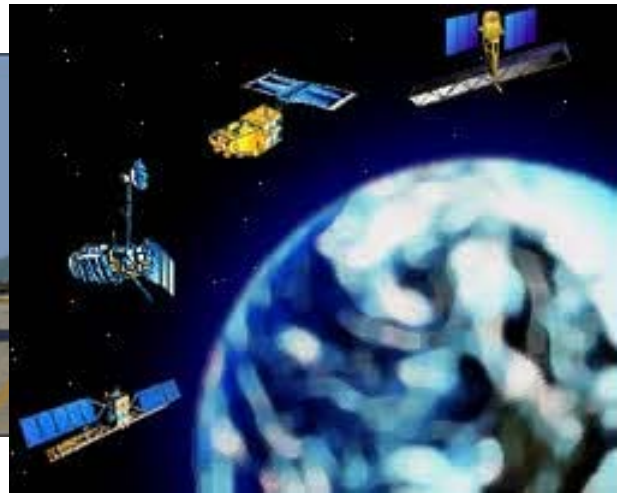
Space/ Satellite



GER Radiometer -Typical Spectra

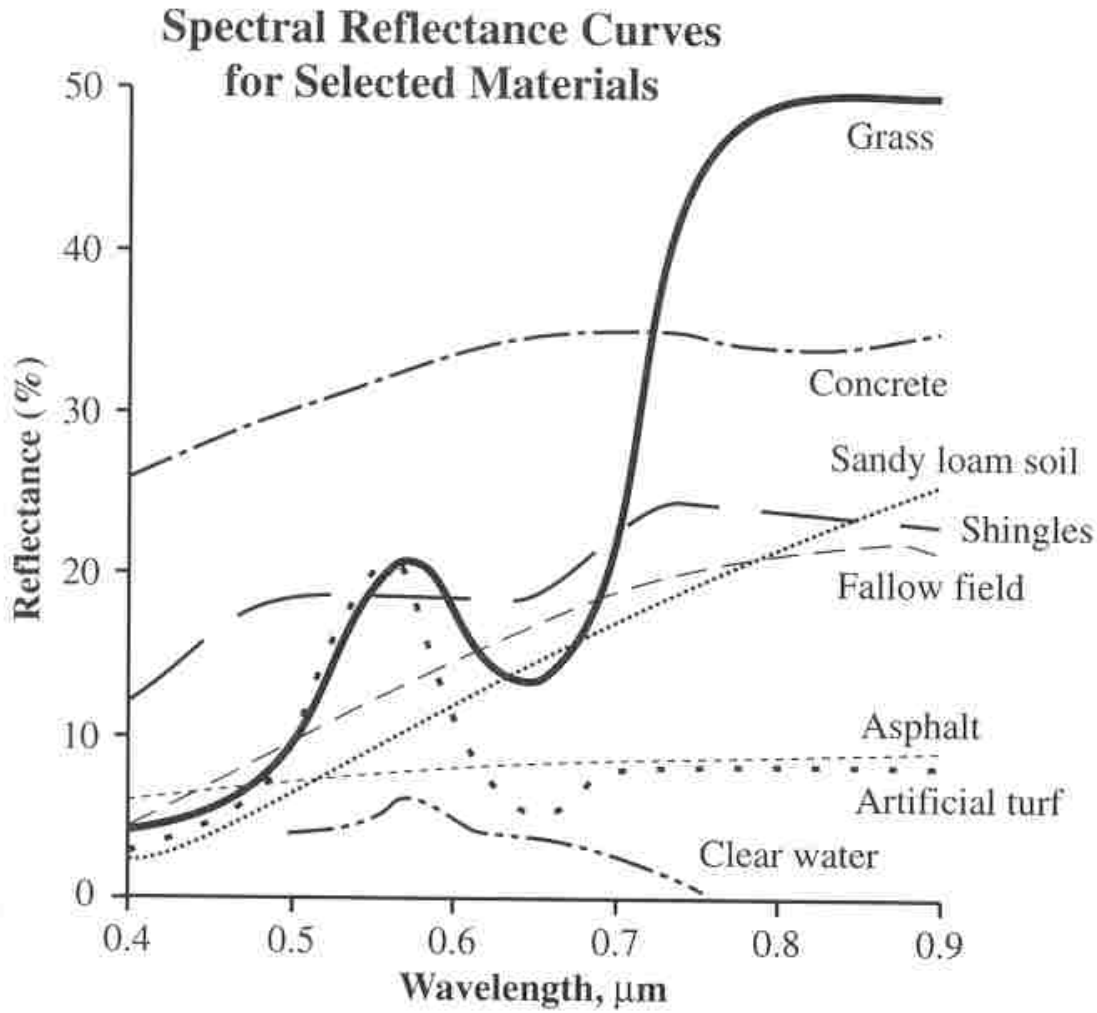
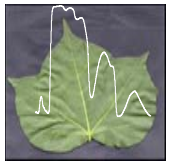
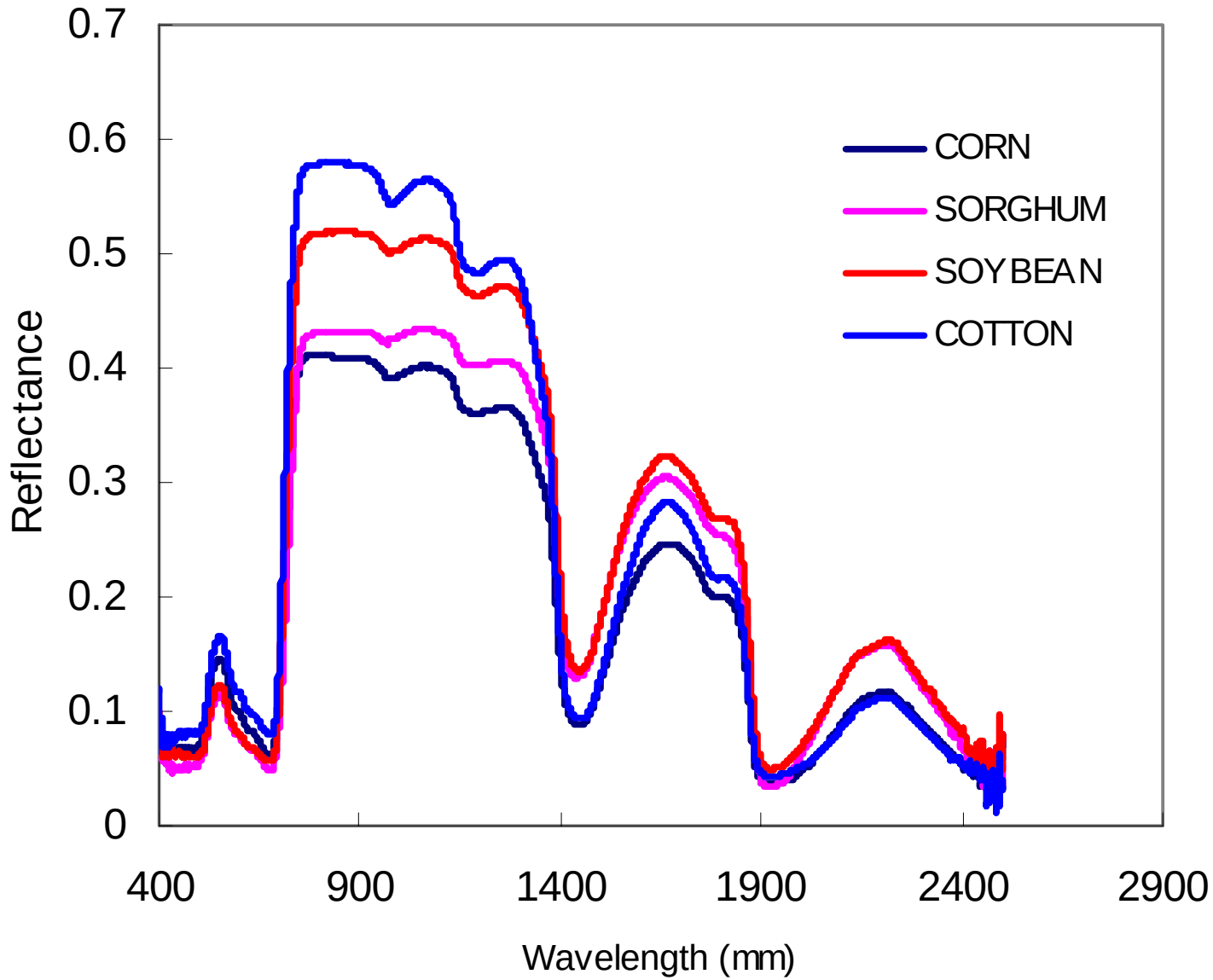


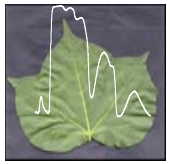
Figure 2-17 Typical spectral reflectance curves for urban-suburban phenomena in the region 0.4 – 0.9 µm (Jensen, 1989).



ASD FieldSpec Radiometer -Typical Spectra

Well-watered and well-fertilized





Remote Sensing

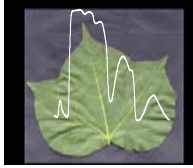
Examples:

- High-resolution black-and-white or color photography.

- Radar (RAdio Detection And Ranging, active microwave) and LIDAR (laser radar).

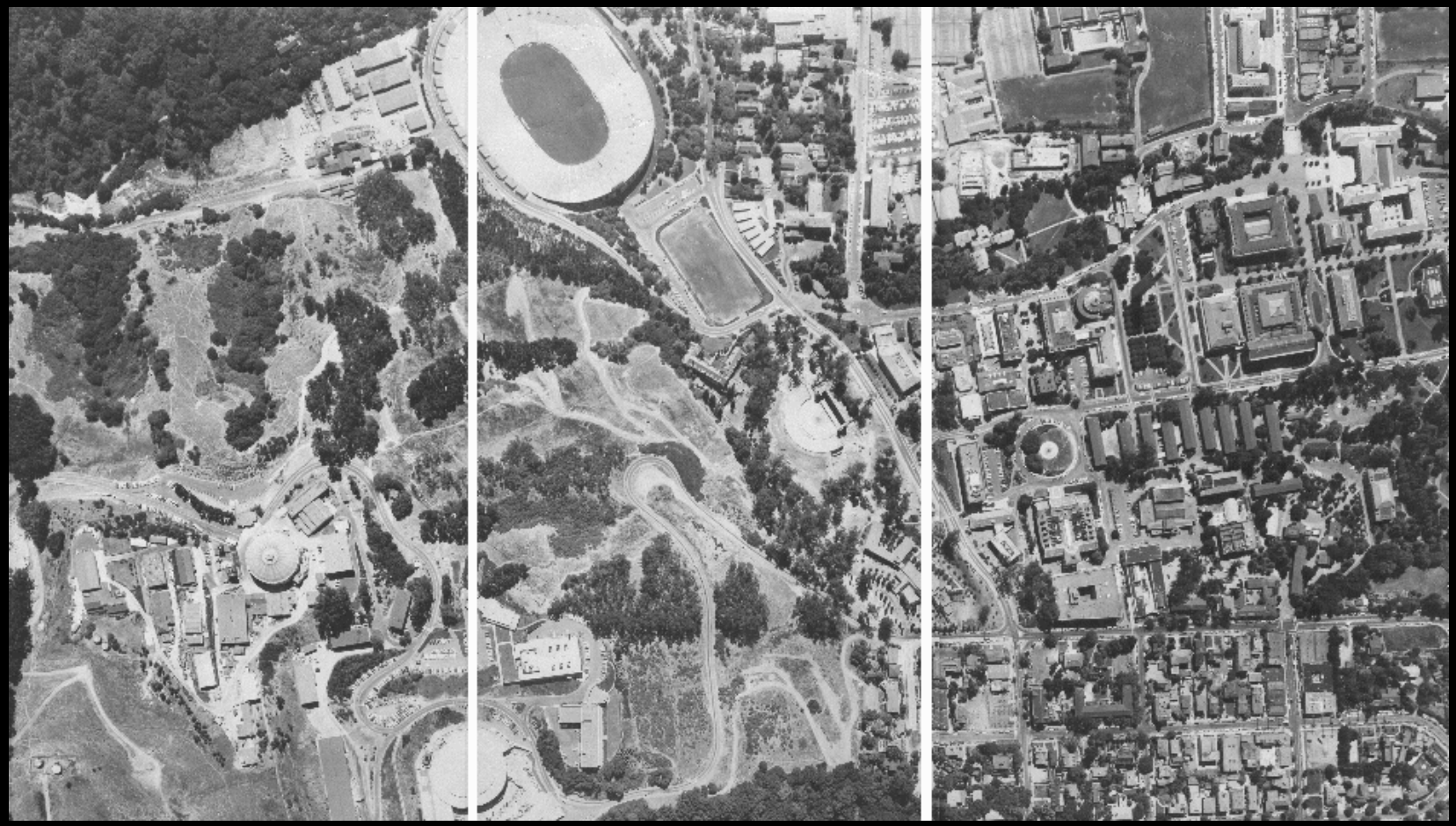
  Lidar is an acronym which stands for LIght Detection And Ranging.

- Sonar (Transmission of sound waves through water column and then recording the energy backscattered from the bottom or from objects within the water column.



High-Resolution Black-and-White Photography

- Identification of landscape features

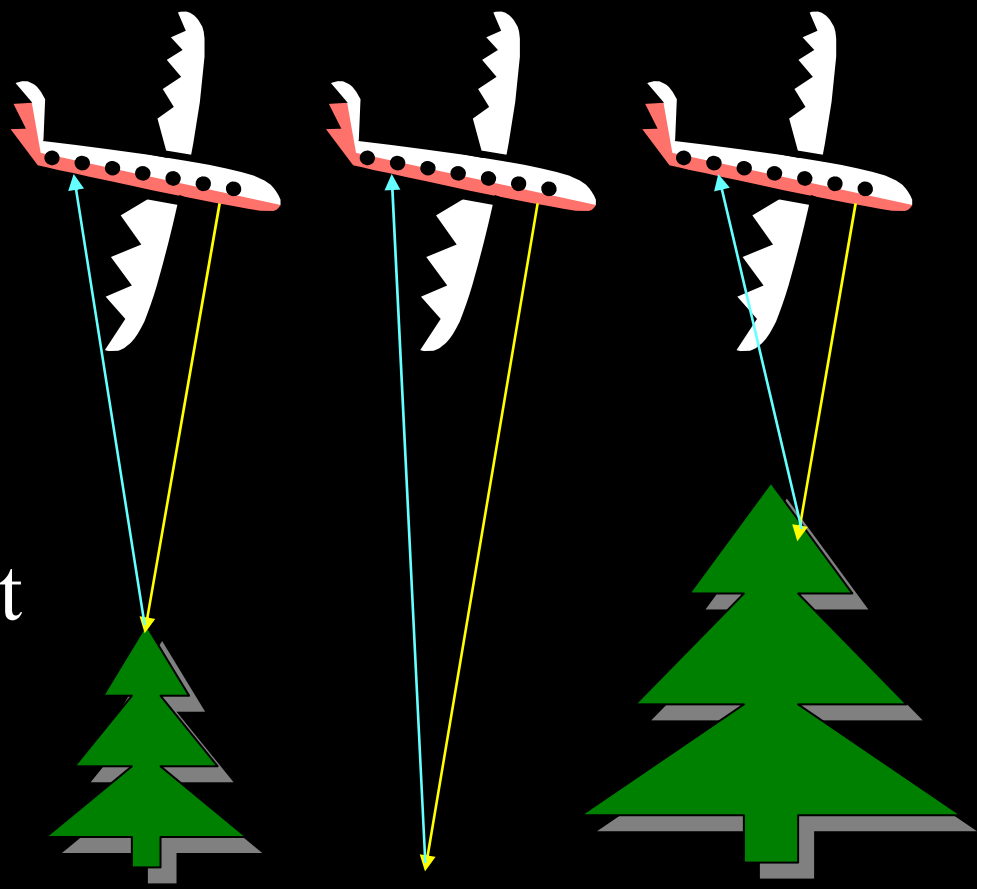


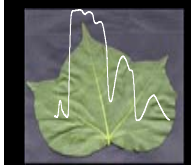
High-Resolution Color Photography

- Identification of landscape features

Remote Sensing – Radar and LIDAR

- Topography
- Tree height
- Canopy water content
- Vegetation type
- Biomass by component
- Canopy structure





Remote Sensing - LIDAR

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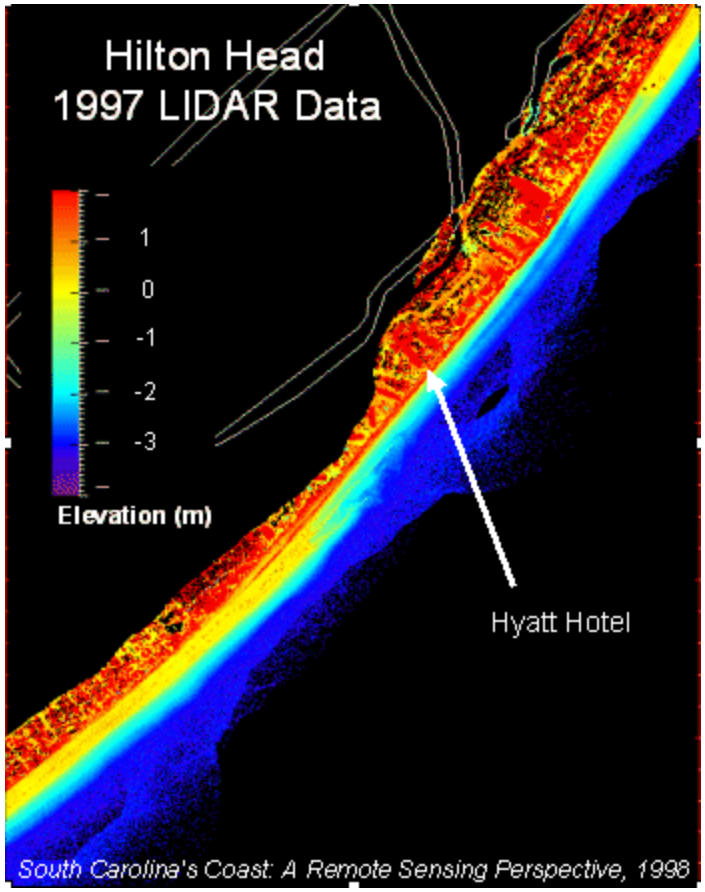
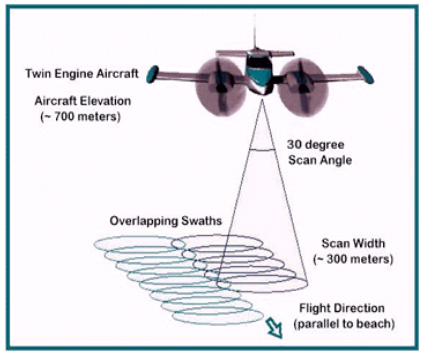
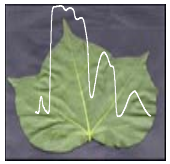
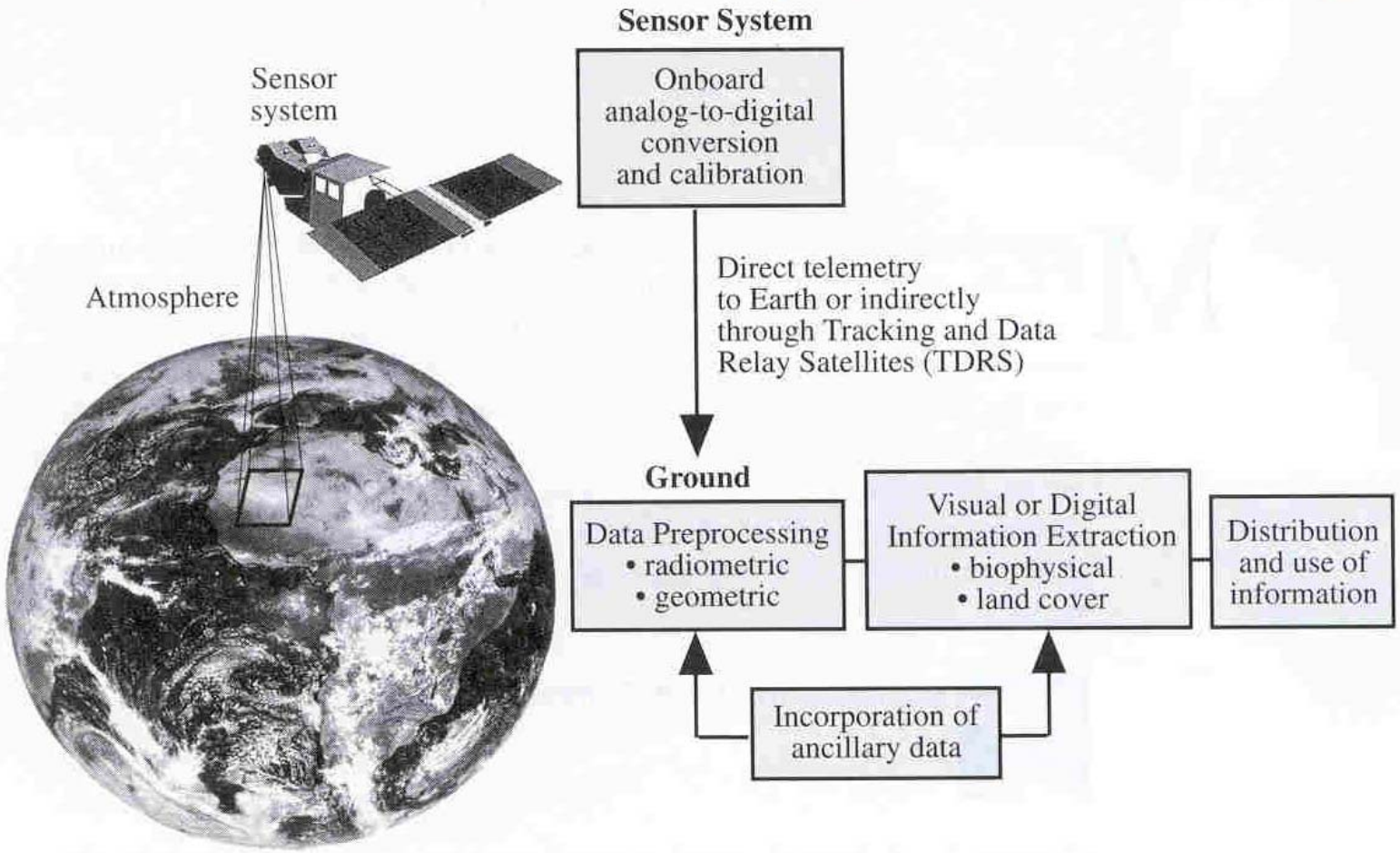


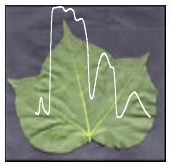


Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) is a remote sensing system used to collect topographic data. This technology is being used by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and NASA scientists to document topographic changes along shorelines. These data are collected with aircraft-mounted lasers capable of recording elevation measurements at a rate of 2,000 to 5,000 pulses per second and have a vertical precision of 15 centimeters (6 inches). After a baseline data set has been created, follow-up flights can be used to detect shoreline changes.



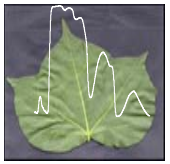
Remote Sensing – Images to Information





Overview of how digital remotely sensed data are turned into useful information. The data recorded by the detectors are often converted from an analog electrical signal to a digital value and calibrated. Ground preprocessing removes geometric and radiometric distortions. This may involve the use of ephemeris and/or ancillary data such as map x,y coordinates, a digital elevation model, etc. The data are then ready for visual or digital analysis to extract biophysical or land-use/land-cover information.

Satellites	Sensors	Optical	Radar	Spatial resolution			
				LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	VERY HIGH
				>2KM	2KM-100M	100M -10M	<10M
• ADEOS	TOMS	X		X			
• CORONA		X					X
• COSMOS	TK-350	X				X	
	KVR-1000						X
• EARTH PROBE	TOMS	X		X			
• ENVISAT		X	X		X	X	
• ERS	AMI-SAR		X			X	
	ATSR		X	X			
	GOME	X		X			
• IKONOS		X					X
• IRS-1C	PAN	X					X
	LISS-III	X				X	
	WIFS	X			X		
• JERS	SAR		X	X		X	
	OPS	X				X	
• LANDSAT	TM	X				X	
	RBV	X				X	
	ETM+	X				X	
	MSS	X				X	
• METEOR 3	TOMS	X		X			
• METEOSAT	MSR	X		X			
• NIMBUS 7	TOMS	X		X			
• NOAA	AVHRR	X			X		
• ORBVIEW2	SEAWIFS	X			X		
• RADARSAT	SAR		X			X	X
• RESURS-F	KFA-1000	X					X
• RESURS 01	MSU-SK	X			X		
• SPOT	HRV	X				X	
	HRVIR	X				X	
	VGT	X			X		
• SRTM			X			X	



Remote Sensing – Agriculture
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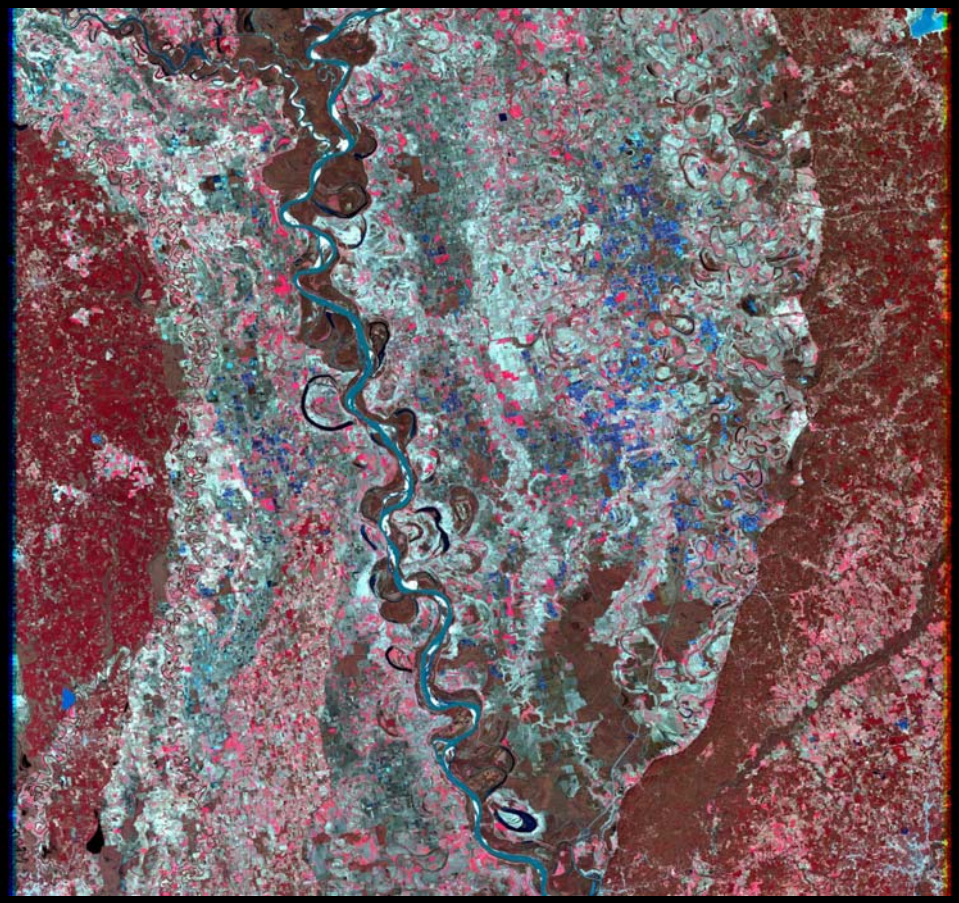
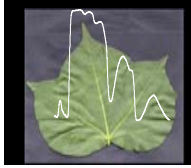


Large area Inventories

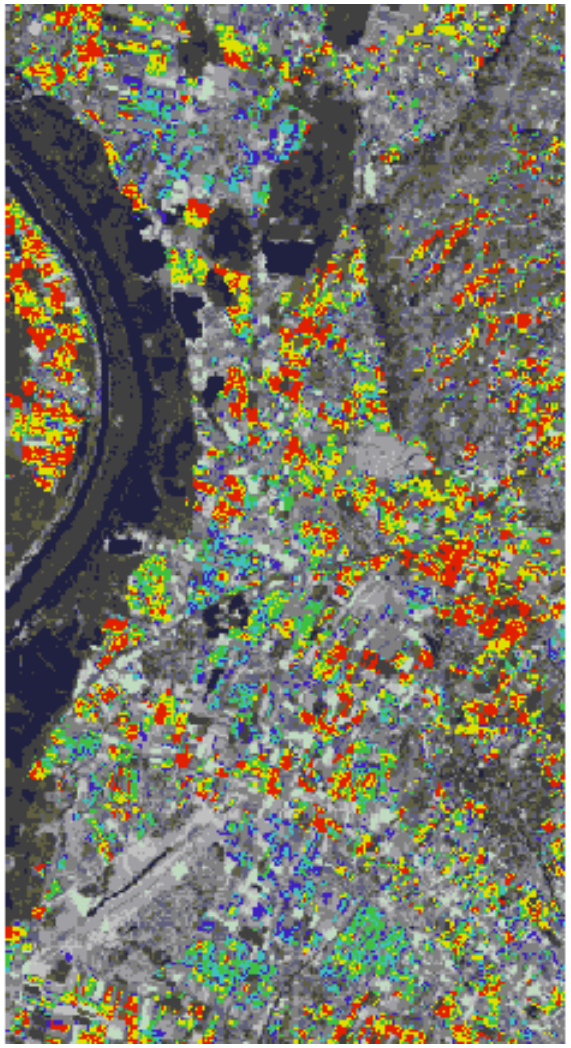
Regional Crop Mapping

Remote Sensing – Agriculture
Today, We do Several Things

- Pest Management (Insects and weeds)
- Irrigation Scheduling
- Crop Growth Monitoring
- Nutrient Management
- Stress Detection
- Invasive Species Detection
- Natural Resource Management and Applications



Estimating Grain Yield of Maize



Landsat-TM Data

Mean grain yield measured for 22 fields in October 1995 = **9.36 t/ha**
Mean of corresponding satellite derived yield = **9.18 t/ha**

- 5-7 t/ha
- 7-8 t/ha
- 8-9 t/ha
- 9-9.5 t/ha
- 9.5-10 t/ha

Analyses of deviations: RMS-error=1.38t/ha
R^2=0.50

2 km

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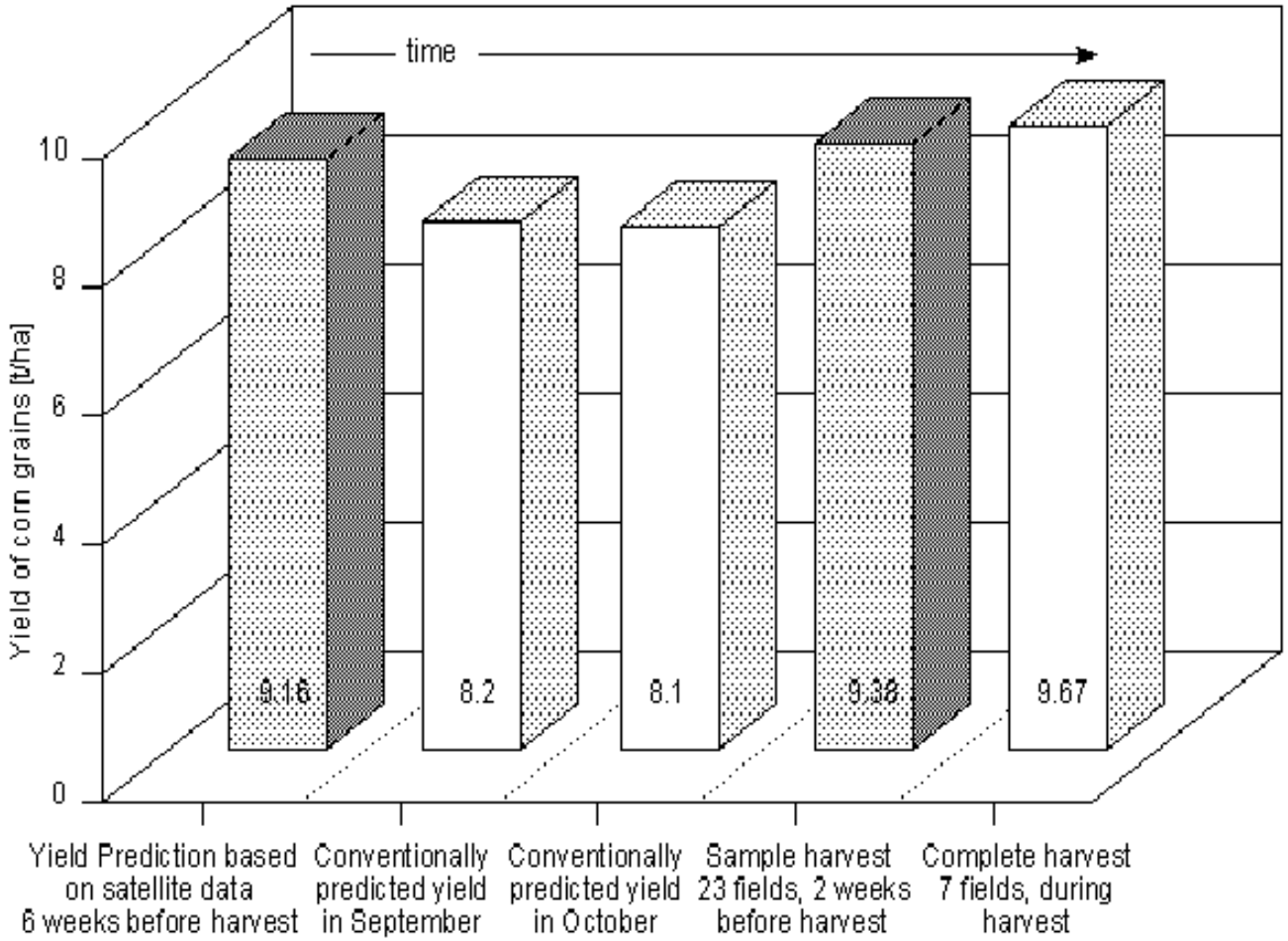

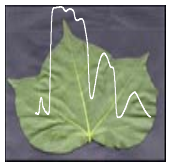

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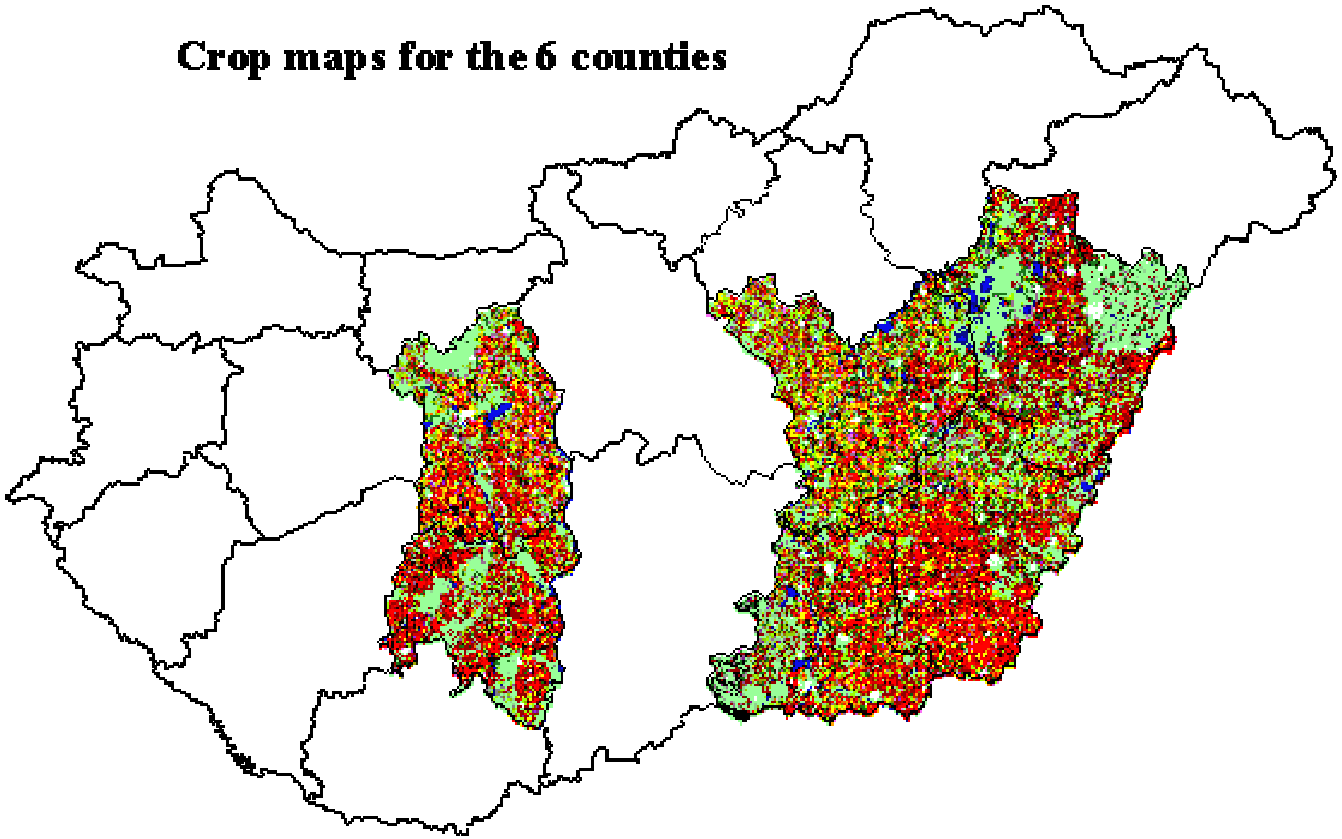
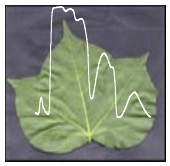


Crop maps for the 6 counties in Hungary derived from multitemporal high-resolution satellite data (Landsat TM and IRS-1C LISS III.) from the early May-August period of 1997.



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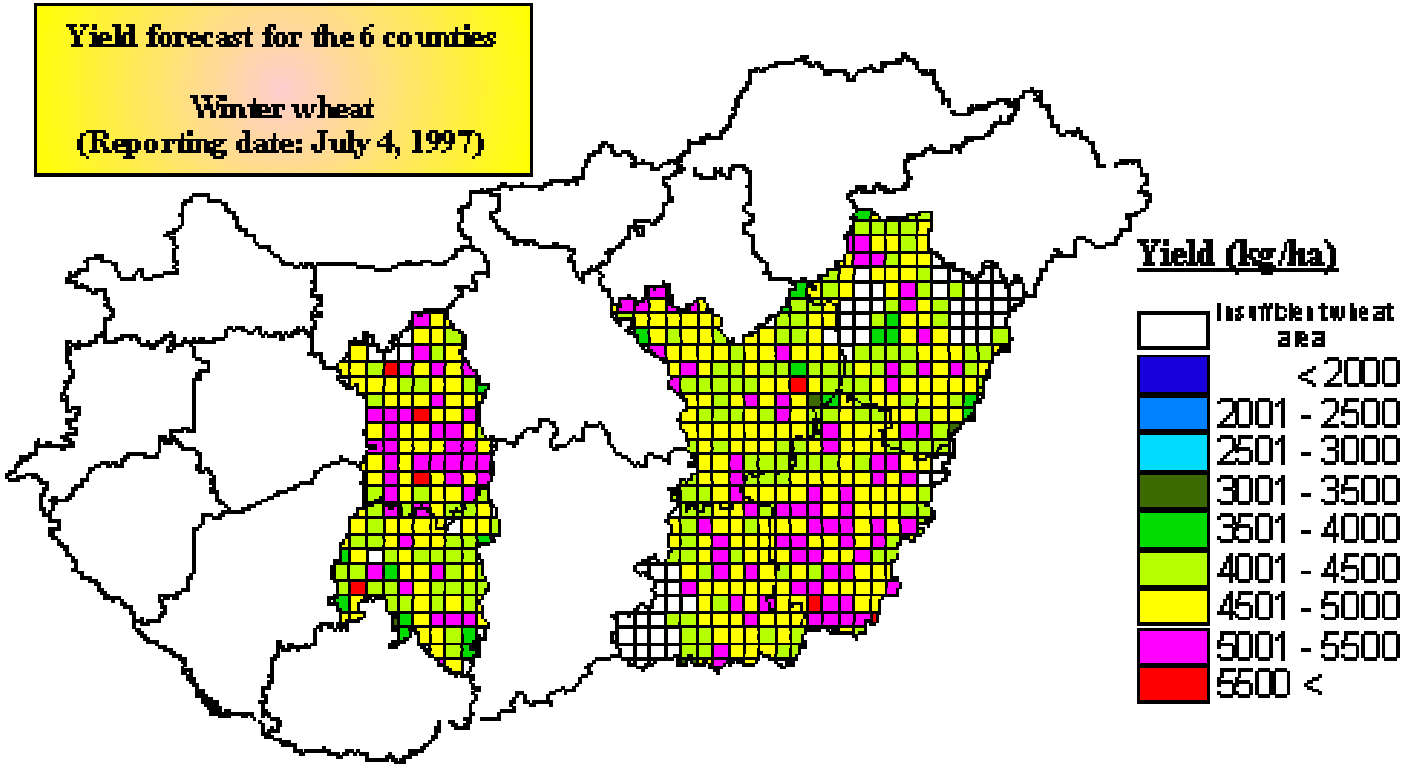
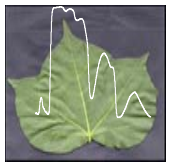
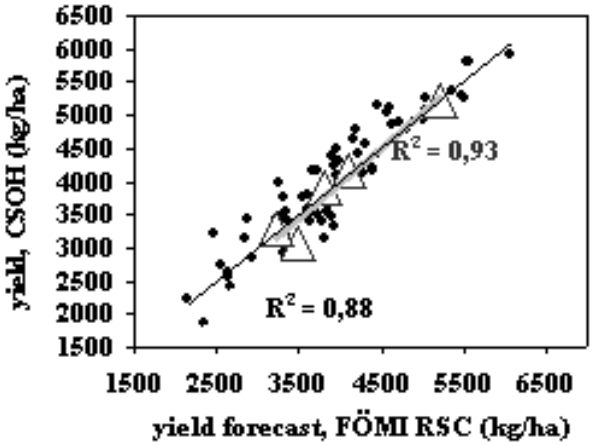


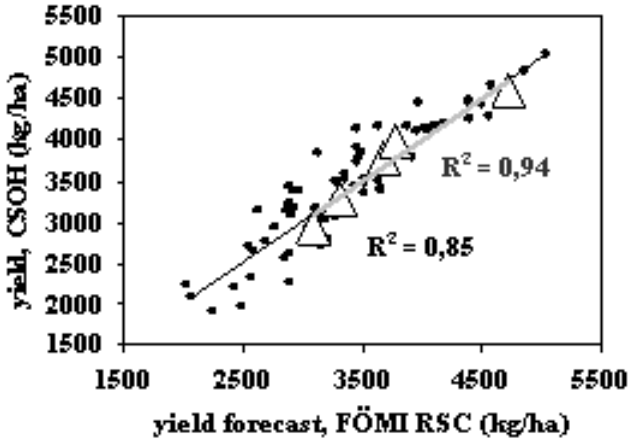
Winter wheat yield forecast for the 6 counties in Hungary using our developed Landsat/IRS + NOAA AVHRR model.



Winter wheat yields per county and Hungary



Winter barley yields per county and Hungary



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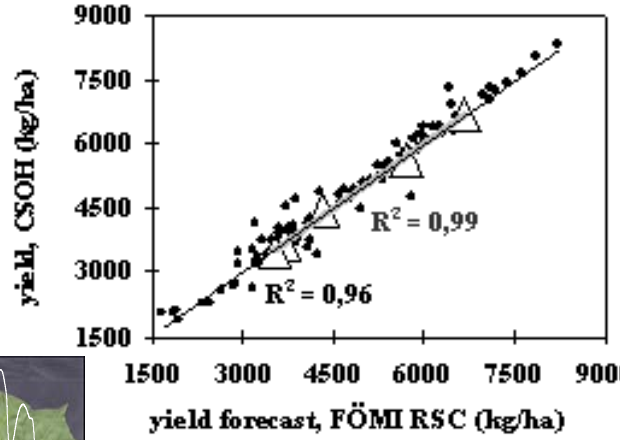
Maize yields per county and Hungary



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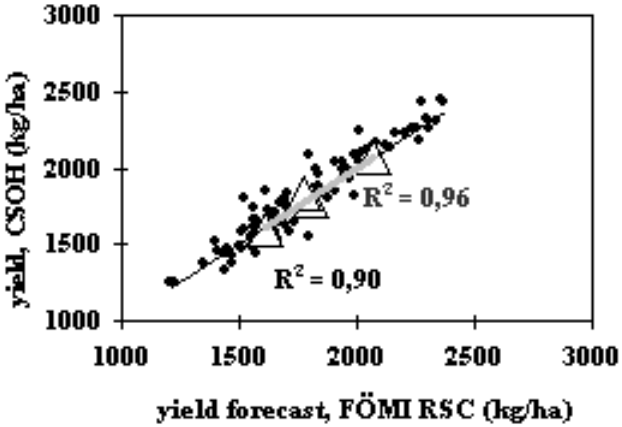
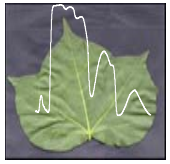
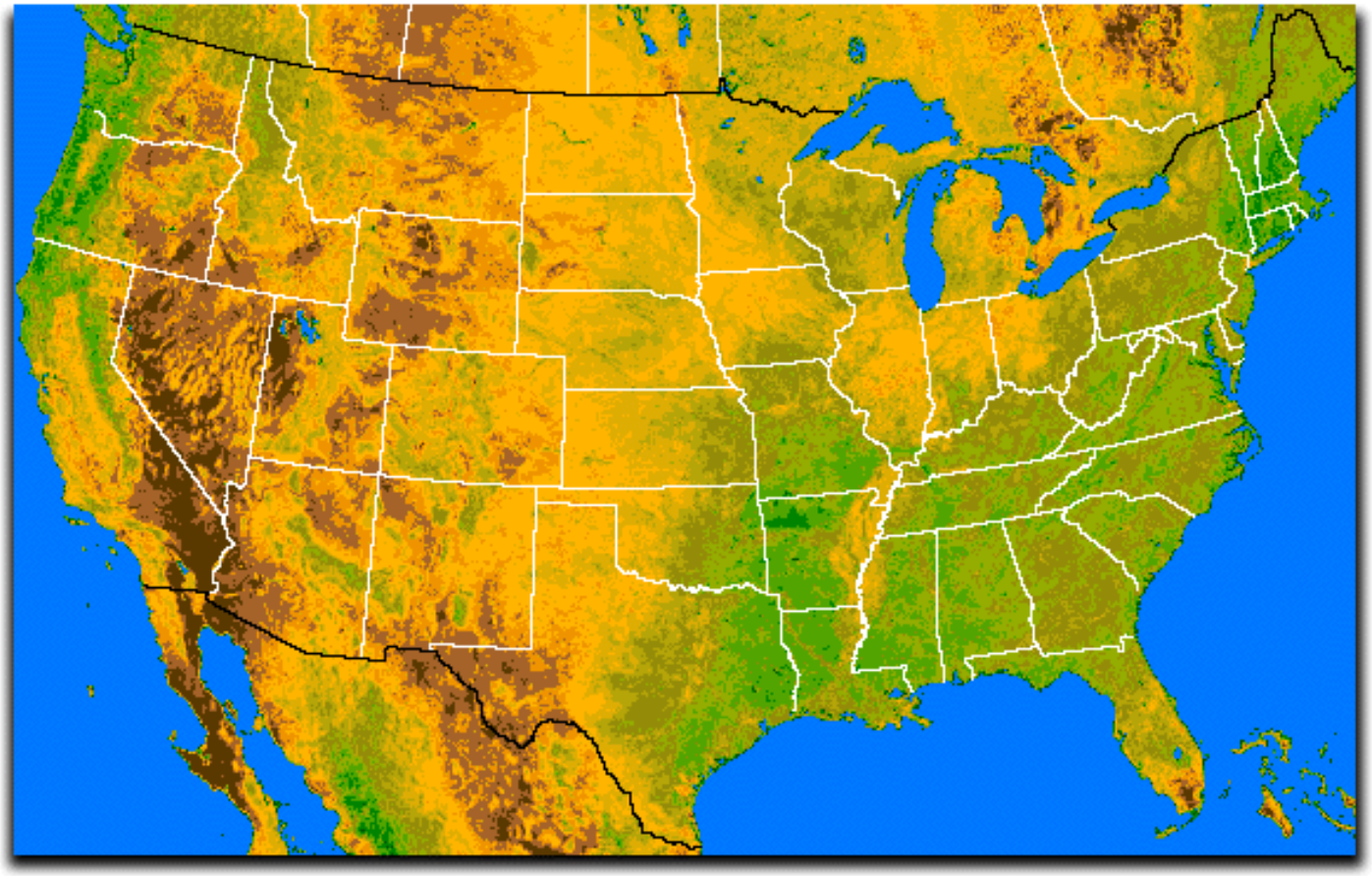




Vegetation Index Greenness Map

Period 42 October 5 - October 18, 2001



Greenness Value

- .01 - .05
- .06 - .10
- .11 - .15
- .16 - .25
- .26 - .33
- .34 - .40
- .41 - .47
- .48 - .52
- .53 - .59
- .60 - .66
- .67 - .99
- Water

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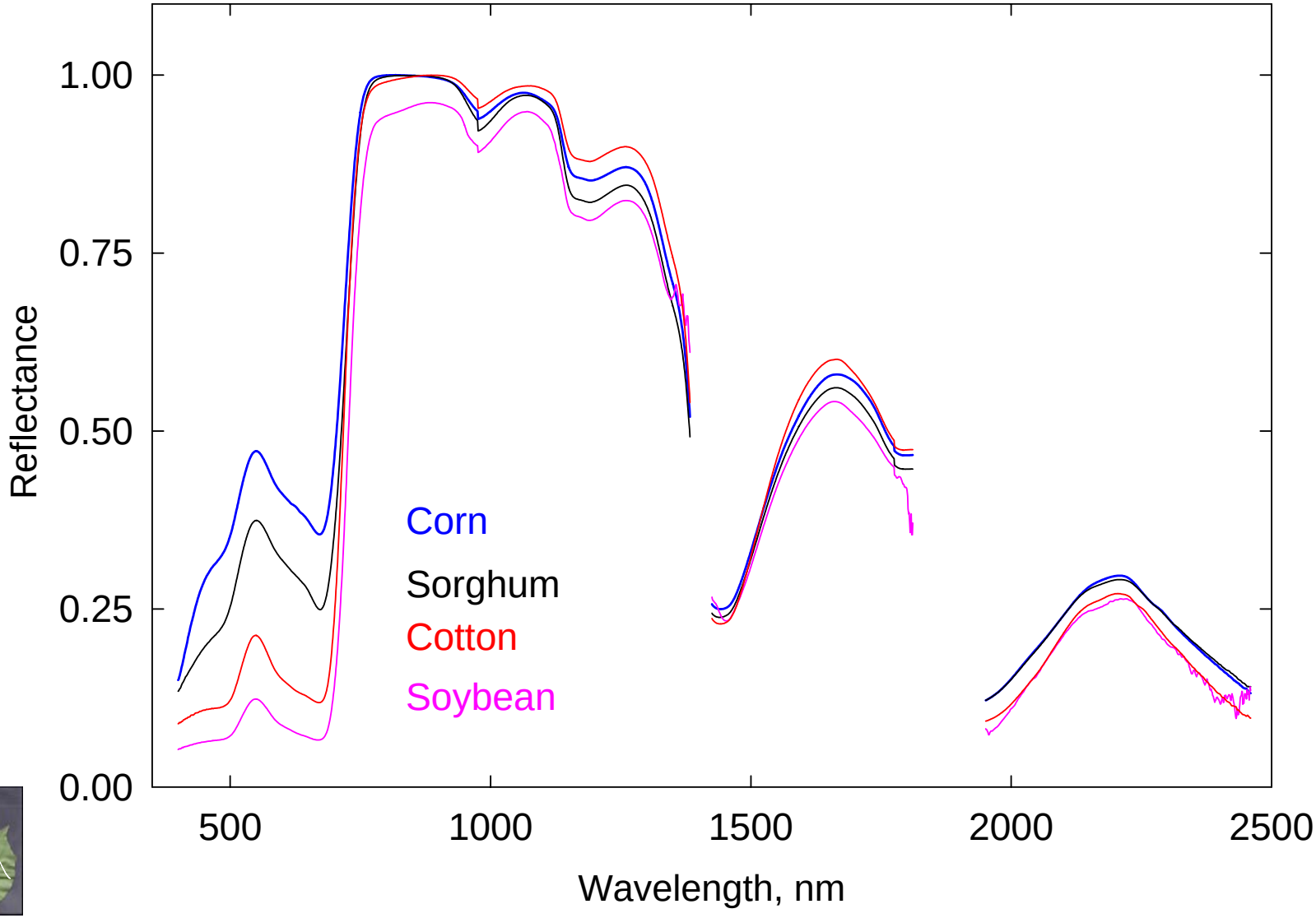
Remote Sensing and Biodiversity

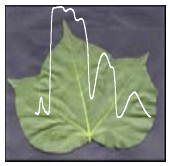







Typical Spectra - Species Differences
Well-watered and well-fertilized





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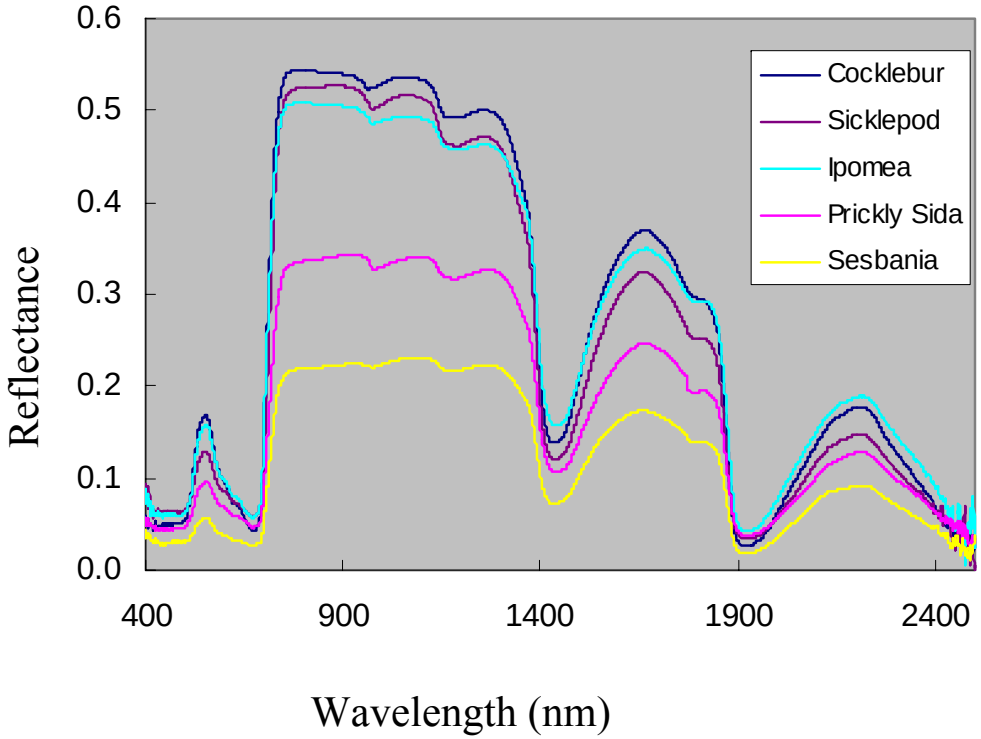
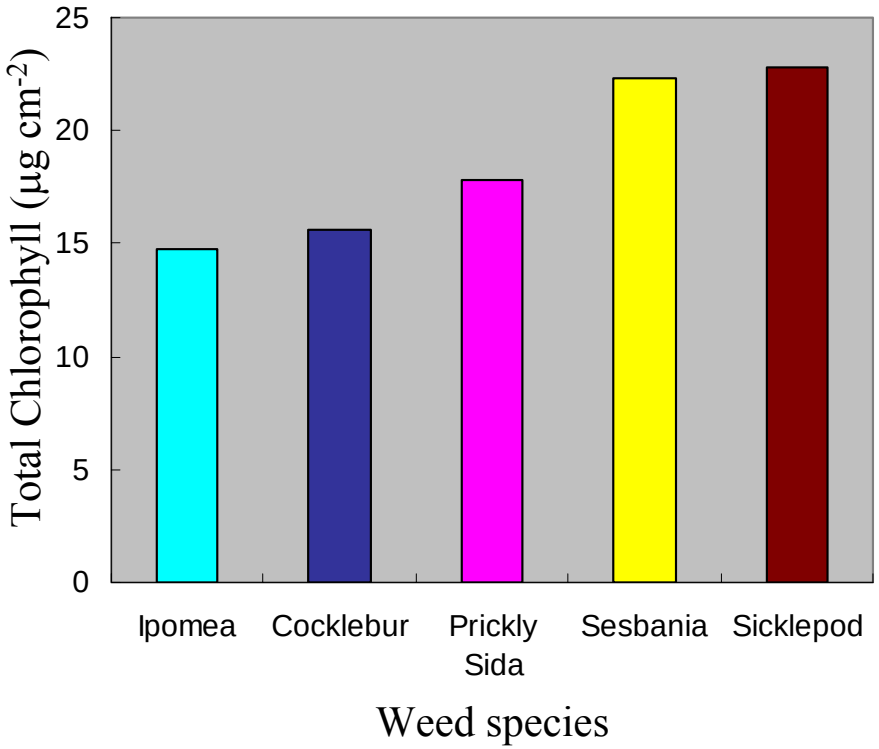
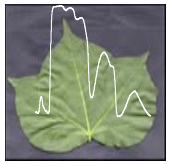
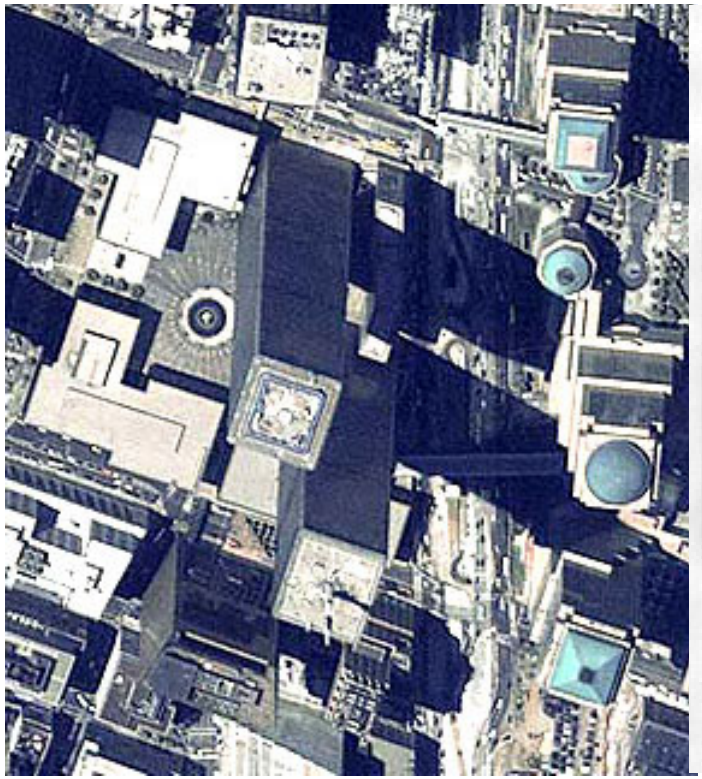




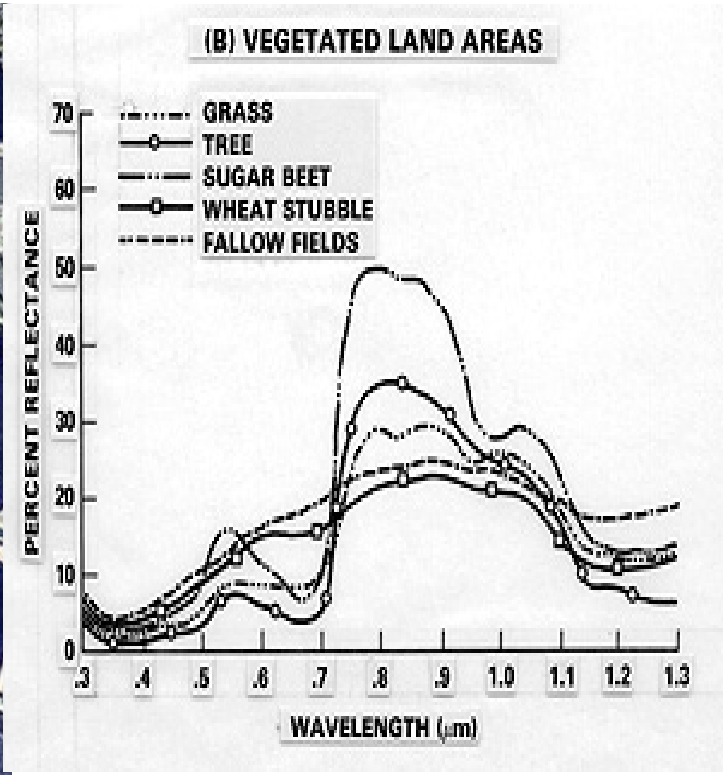


Interpretation and Analysis – Data Types

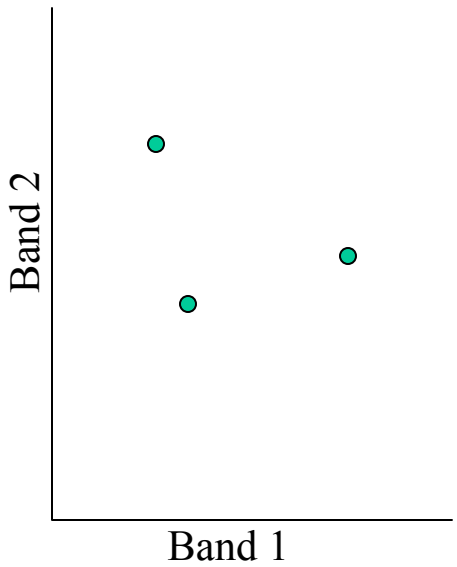
Image Space



Spectral Space

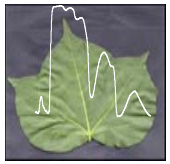


Feature Space



1. Image space: Display of data in relation to one another in a geometric or geographic sense, and provides a way to associate each pixel with a location on the ground.

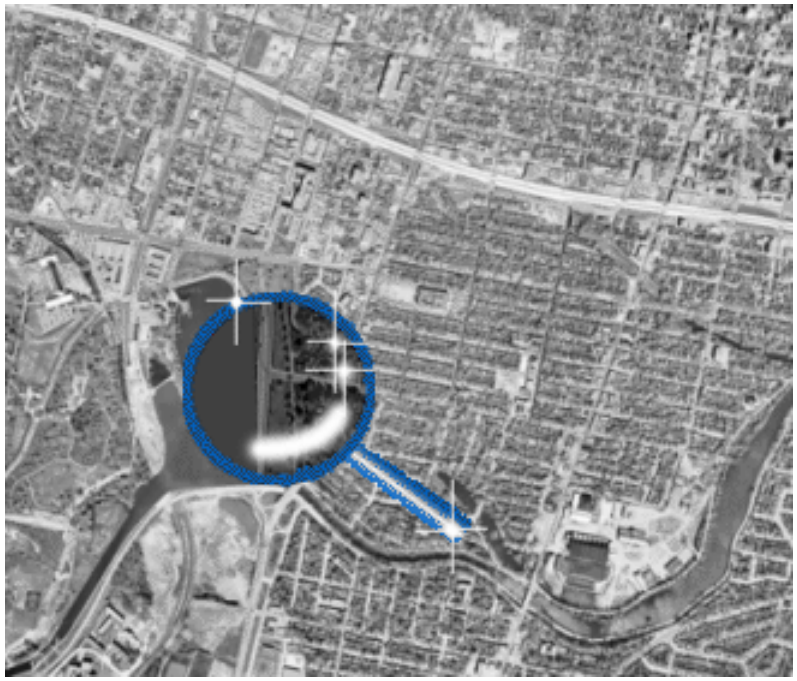
2. Spectral space: High degree of spectral detail or response to the type of material on the ground (grass, trees, soil, water etc.).



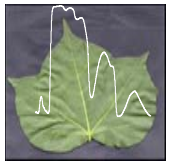
3. Feature space: Provides pattern recognition.

Interpretation and Analysis – Interpretation

Analog



1. Tone
2. Shape
3. Size
4. Pattern
5. Texture
6. Shadow
7. Association



Digital

1. Preprocessing
2. Image Enhancement
3. Image Transformation
4. Image Classification and Analysis

Interpretation and Analysis – Analysis

Single Bands (Any given band)
Simple Ratios (Band1/Band2)
Indices (Band1-Band2)/(Band1+Band2)
Fourier transformation
Wavelet decomposition

Principle Component Analysis
Supervised Classification
Unsupervised Classification

Statistical Packages

SAS
GENSTAT
MATLAB

Software Tools

Arc View
Arc Info
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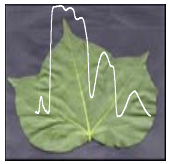
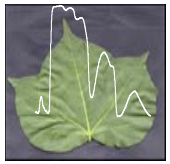


Hyperspectral Technology Applications

- **Agriculture and Forestry**
  - vegetation type identification, assessment of vegetative stress, crop yield, resource monitoring
- **Geology**
  - mapping of minerals and rock types for mineral and hydrocarbon exploration
- **Environmental**
  - detection of spills, baseline studies, land use planning
- **Marine and inland waters**
  - mapping of shoreline materials, bathymetry, water quality
- **Civil**
  - Transportation corridors, city planning

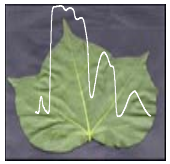


Agriculture Applications

1. Crop type classification
2. Crop condition assessment
3. Crop yield estimation
4. Mapping of soil characteristics
5. Mapping of soil management practices
6. Compliance monitoring (farming practices)

Forestry Applications

1) Reconnaissance mapping:
    - forest cover type discrimination
    - agroforestry mapping
2) Commercial forestry:
    - clear cut mapping / regeneration assessment
    - burn delineation
    - infrastructure mapping / operations support
    - forest inventory
    - biomass estimation
    - species inventory
3) Environmental monitoring
    - deforestation (rainforest, mangrove colonies)
    - species inventory
    - watershed protection (riparian strips)
    - coastal protection (mangrove forests)
    - forest health and vigor



Geological Applications

1. Surface deposit / bedrock mapping
2. lithological mapping
3. structural mapping
4. sand and gravel (aggregate) exploration/ exploitation
5. mineral exploration
6. hydrocarbon exploration
7. environmental geology
8. geobotany
9. baseline infrastructure
10. sedimentation mapping and monitoring
11. event mapping and monitoring
12. geo-hazard mapping
13. planetary mapping

Hydrology Applications

1. wetlands mapping and monitoring,
2. soil moisture estimation,
3. snow pack monitoring / delineation of extent,
4. measuring snow thickness,
5. determining snow-water equivalent,
6. river and lake ice monitoring,
7. flood mapping and monitoring,
8. glacier dynamics monitoring (surges, ablation)
9. river /delta change detection
10. drainage basin mapping and watershed modeling
11. irrigation canal leakage detection
12. irrigation scheduling

Sea Ice Applications

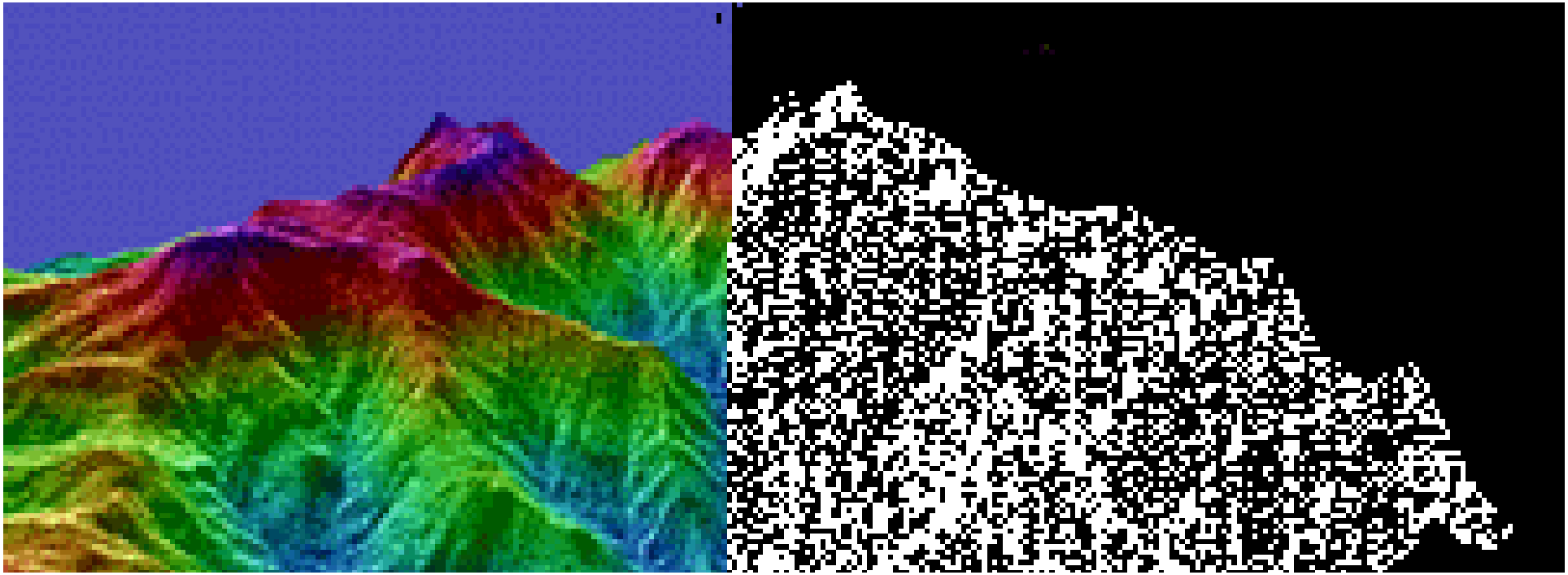
1. ice concentration
2. ice type / age /motion
3. iceberg detection and tracking
4. surface topography
5. tactical identification of leads: navigation: safe shipping routes/rescue
6. ice condition (state of decay)
7. historical ice and iceberg conditions and dynamics for planning purposes
8. wildlife habitat
9. pollution monitoring
10. meteorological / global change research

Land Use Applications

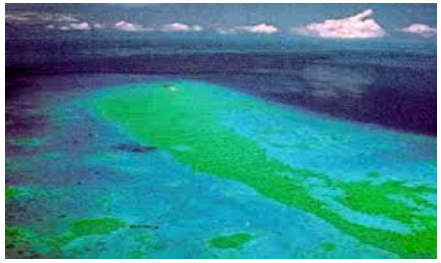
1. natural resource management
2. wildlife habitat protection
3. baseline mapping for GIS input
4. urban expansion / encroachment
5. routing and logistics planning for seismic / exploration / resource extraction activities
6. damage delineation (tornadoes, flooding, volcanic, seismic, fire)
7. legal boundaries for tax and property evaluation
8. target detection - identification of landing strips, roads, clearings, bridges, land/water interface

Mapping Applications

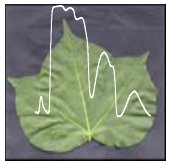
1. planimetry
2. digital elevation models (DEM's)
3. baseline thematic mapping / topographic mapping

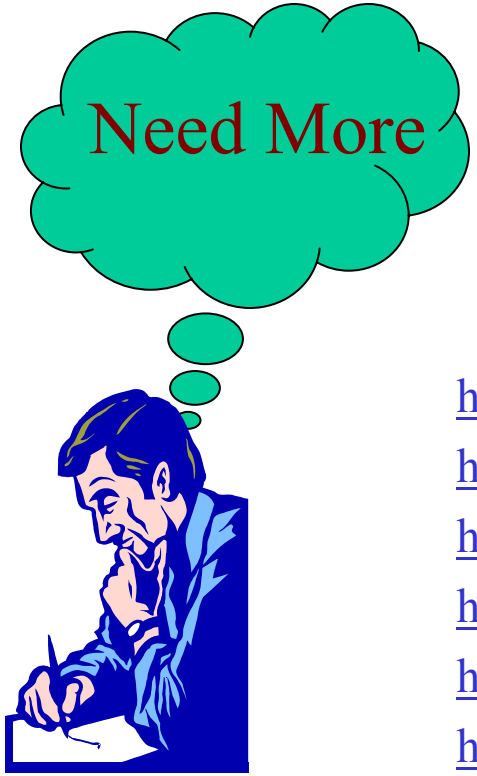


Ocean and Coastal Monitoring Applications



- Ocean pattern identification:
  - currents, regional circulation patterns, shears
  - frontal zones, internal waves, gravity waves, eddies, upwelling zones, shallow water bathymetry
- Storm forecasting
  - wind and wave retrieval
- Fish stock and marine mammal assessment
  - water temperature monitoring
  - water quality
  - ocean productivity, phytoplankton concentration and drift
  - aquaculture inventory and monitoring
- Oil spill
  - mapping and predicting oil-spill extent and drift
  - strategic support for oil spill emergency response decisions
  - identification of natural oil seepage areas for exploration
- Shipping
  - navigation routing
  - traffic density studies
  - operational fisheries surveillance
  - near-shore bathymetry mapping
- Intertidal zone
  - tidal and storm effects
  - delineation of the land /water interface
  - mapping shoreline features / beach dynamics
  - coastal vegetation mapping
  - human activity / impact





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http://dynamo.ecn.purdue.edu/~biehl/MultiSpec

http://www.cla.sc.edu/GEOG/rslab/images.html

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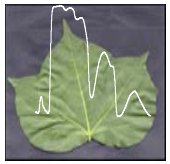

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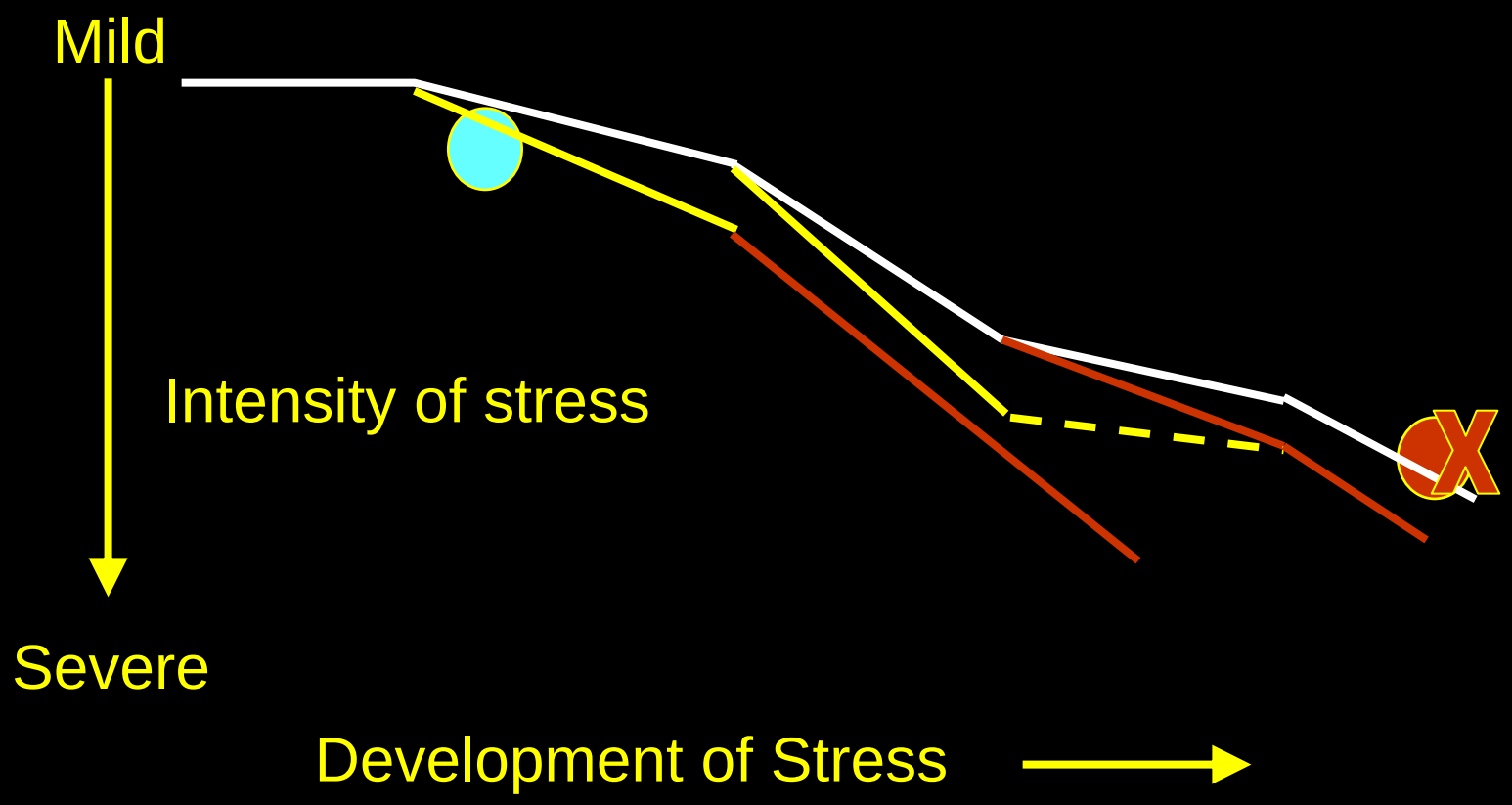

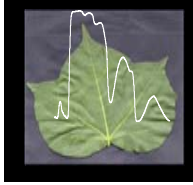

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- Solar Radiation
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- Wind
- Nutrients (N, P, K)
- Ozone, UV-B etc.,
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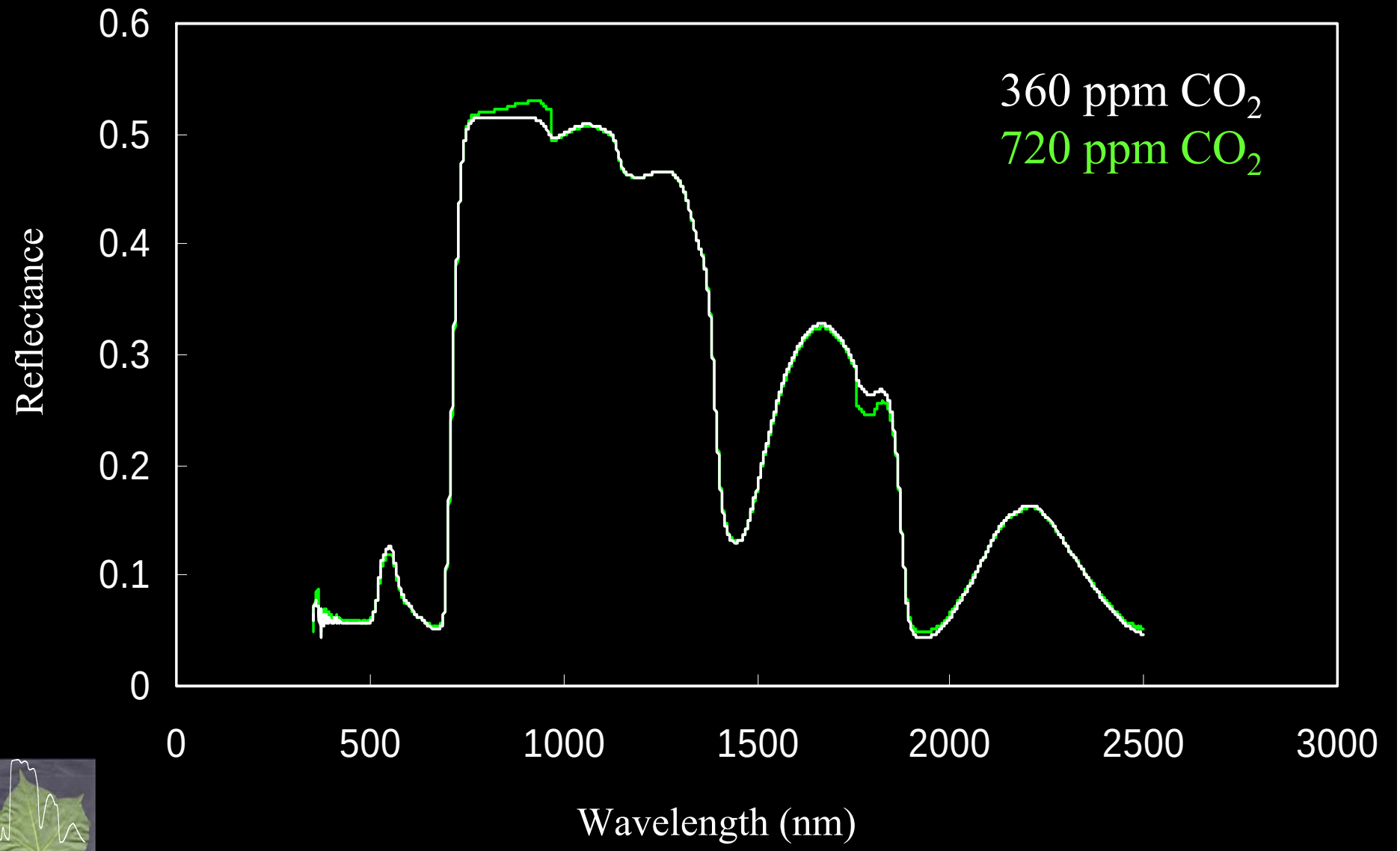
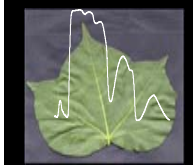
Remote Sensing – Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide





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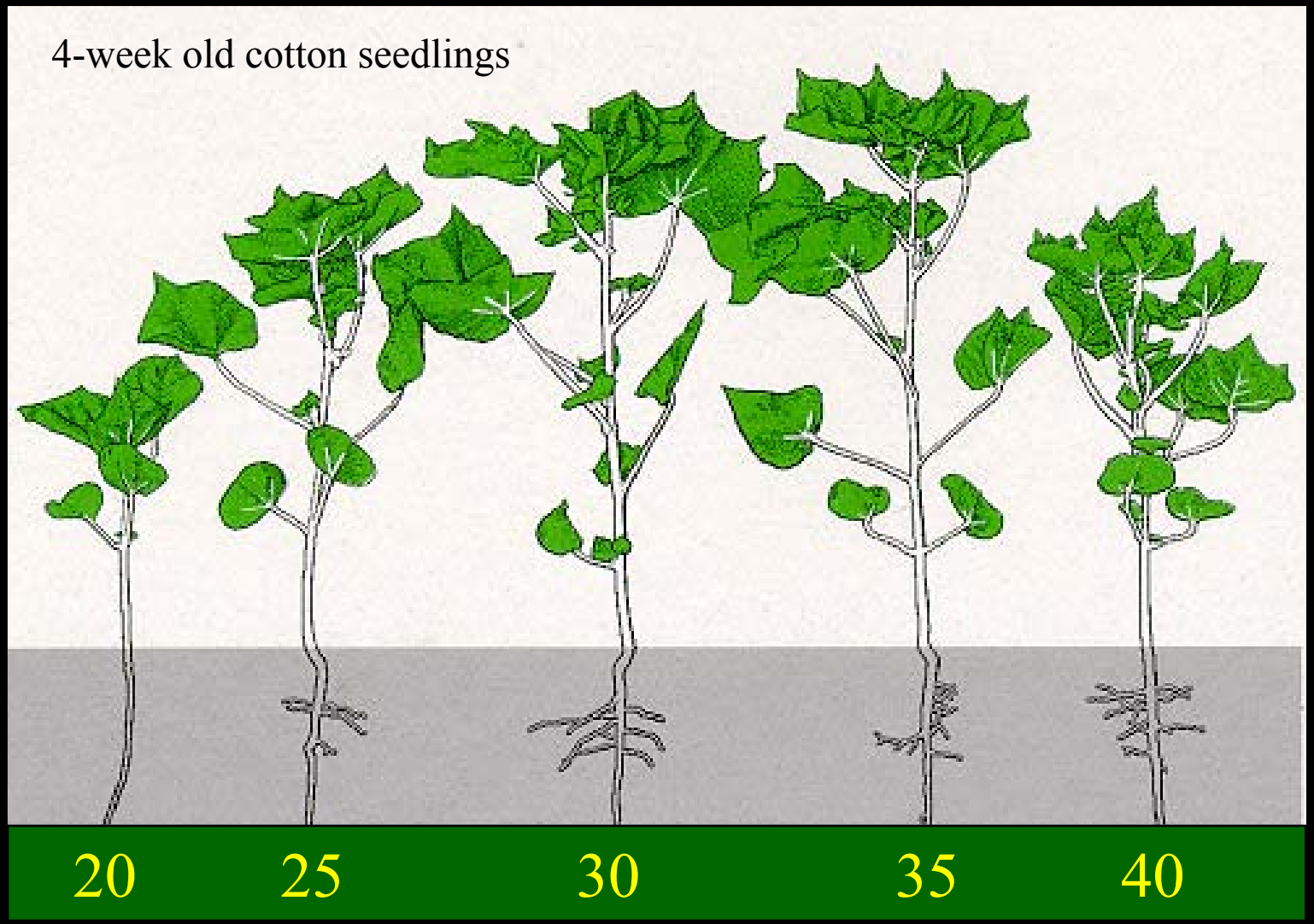
Crop Growth and Development - Environment

Response to Temperature

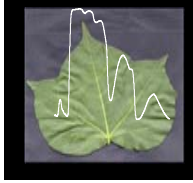


Environment Factors

Temperature:

- Strongly Affects:
  - -- *Phenology*
  - -- *Vegetative growth, LAI, LAD*
  - -- *Fruit Growth and Retention*
  - -- *Respiration*
  - -- *Water-loss and Water-Use*

- Moderately Affects:
  - -- *Photosynthesis on a canopy basis*



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Thermal Imagery

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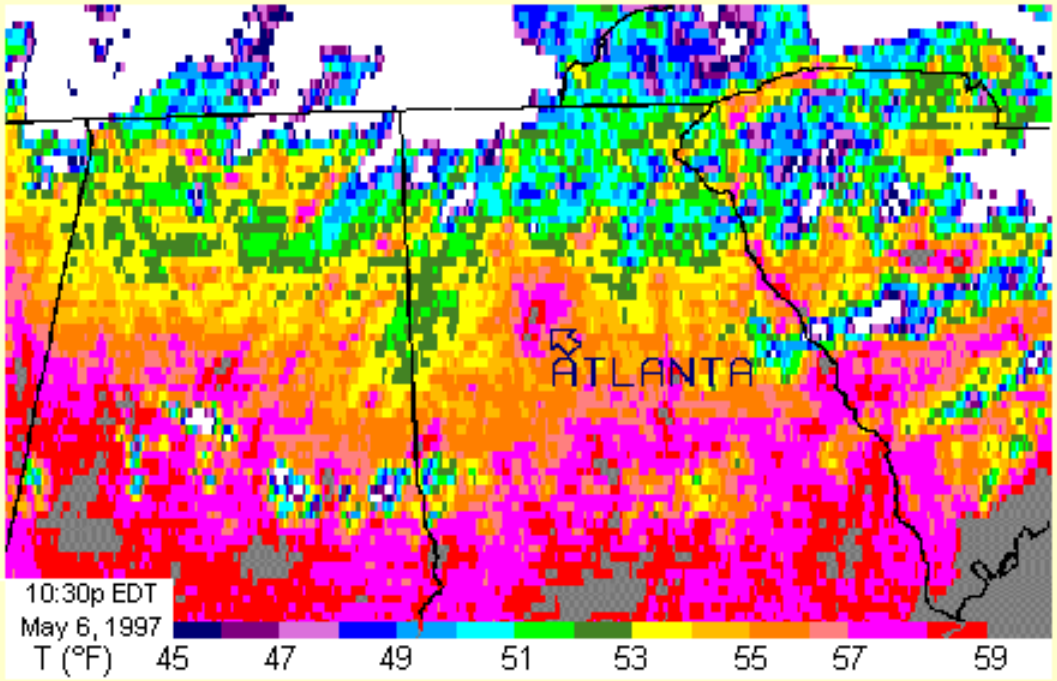
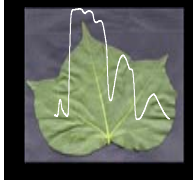


Urban signatures in GOES night-time thermal image



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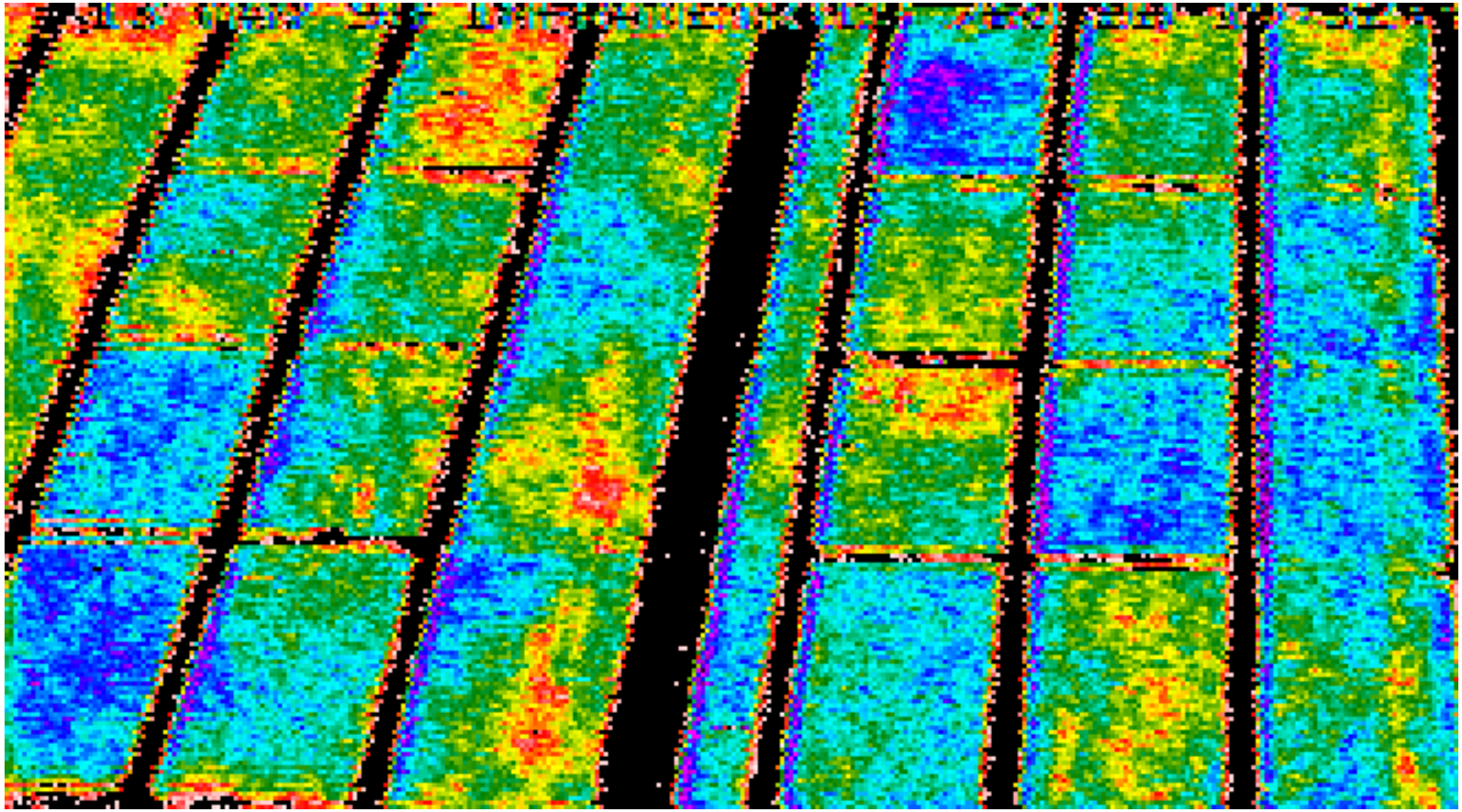
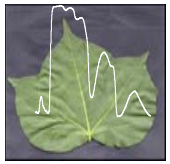
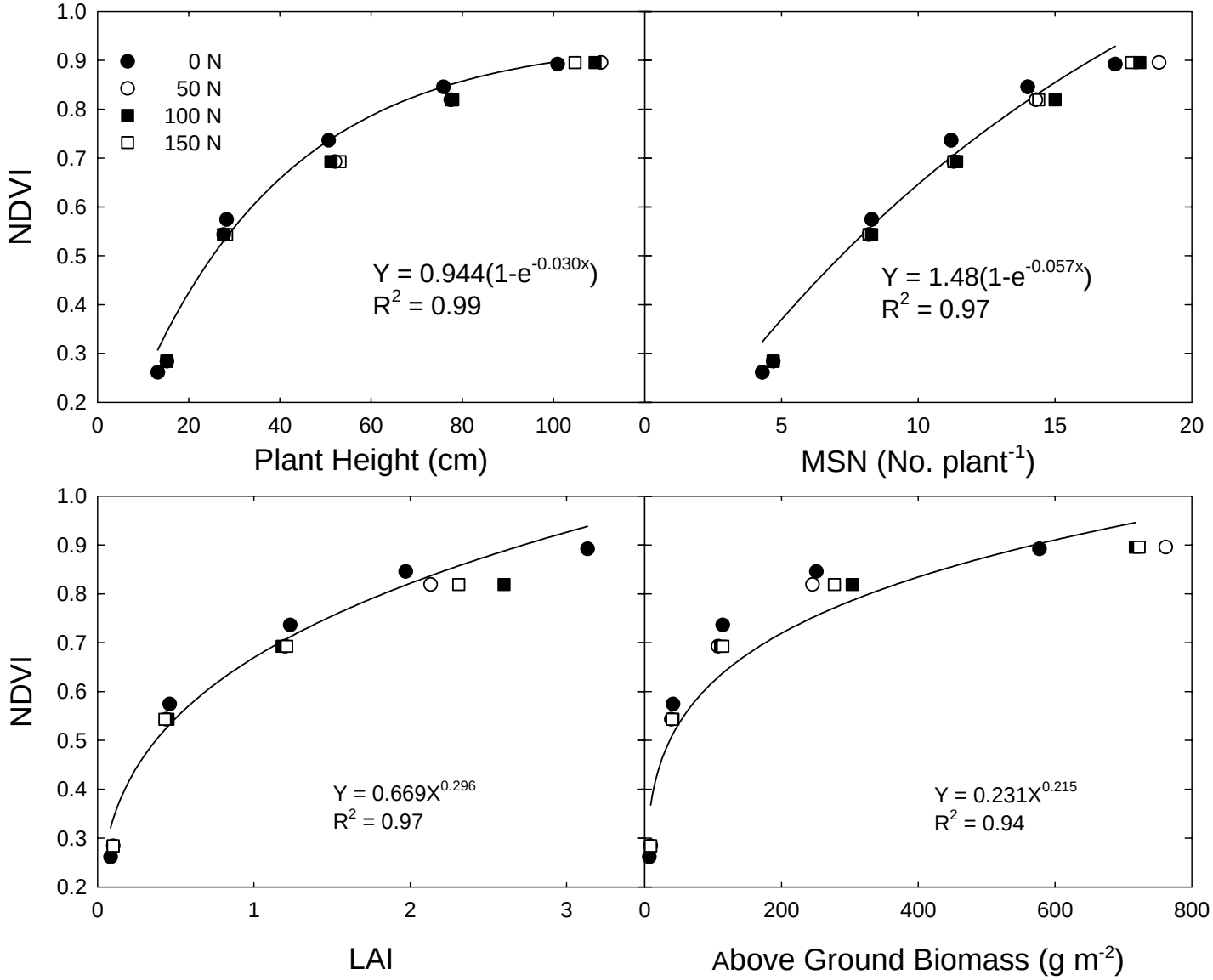
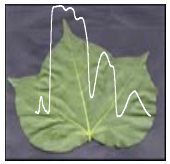


Thermal image of a cotton canopy that was part of a water and nitrogen study in Arizona. Blues and greens represent lower temperatures than yellow and orange. The image was acquired with a thermal scanner on board a helicopter. Most of the blue rectangles (plots) in the image correspond to high water treatments.



Relationships between NDVI and plant height, the number of nodes, LAI or biomass





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- Solar Radiation
- Temperature
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- Wind
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- Ozone, UV-B etc.,
- Growth Regulators

Water

Water plays essential roles in plants as a:

- Constituent
- Solvent
- Reactant in various chemical processes
- Maintenance of turgidity

The physiological importance of water is reflected in its ecological importance.

The distribution plants over the earth's surface is controlled by the availability of the water (amount and seasonal distribution of precipitation) where ever temperature permits growth.

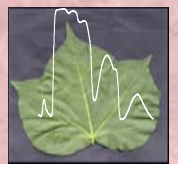
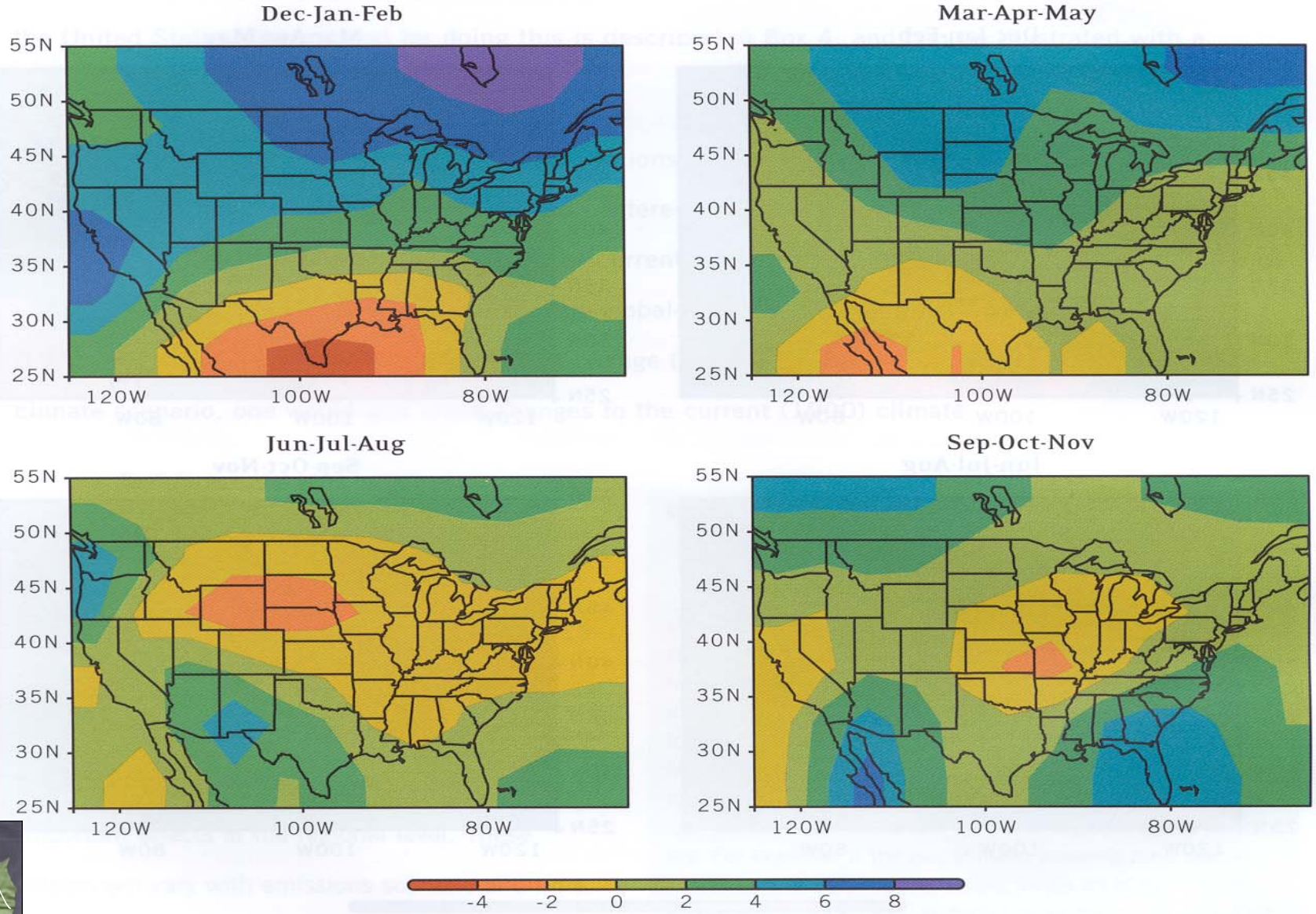


Figure 10

Relative Precipitation Changes (%/°C) Mean of 15 Models



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Water Deficits:

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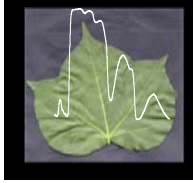
- Moderately affects certain phenological events:
  - -- *Phenology (leaf development)*



Environment - Water

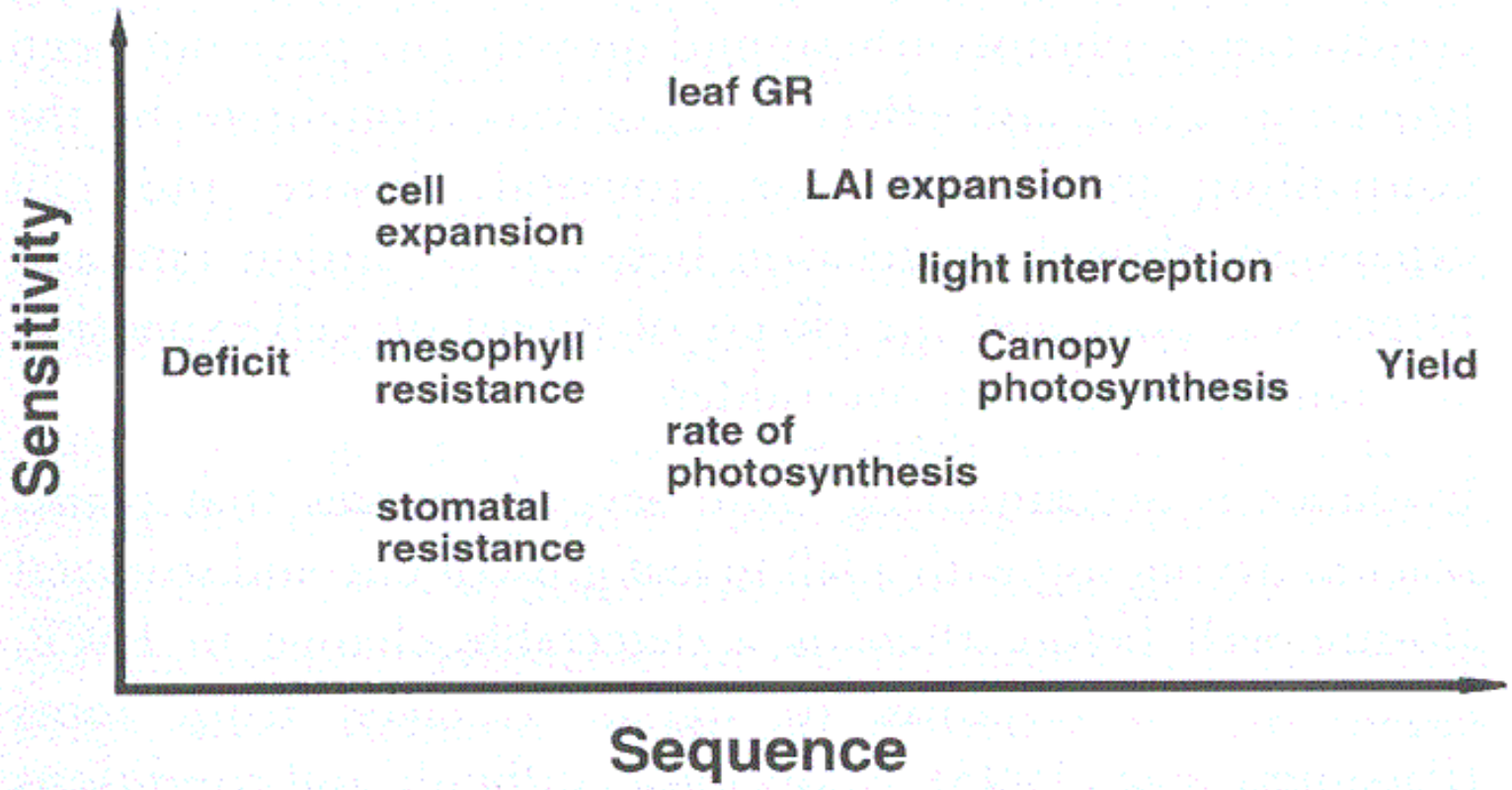
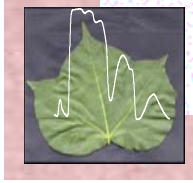
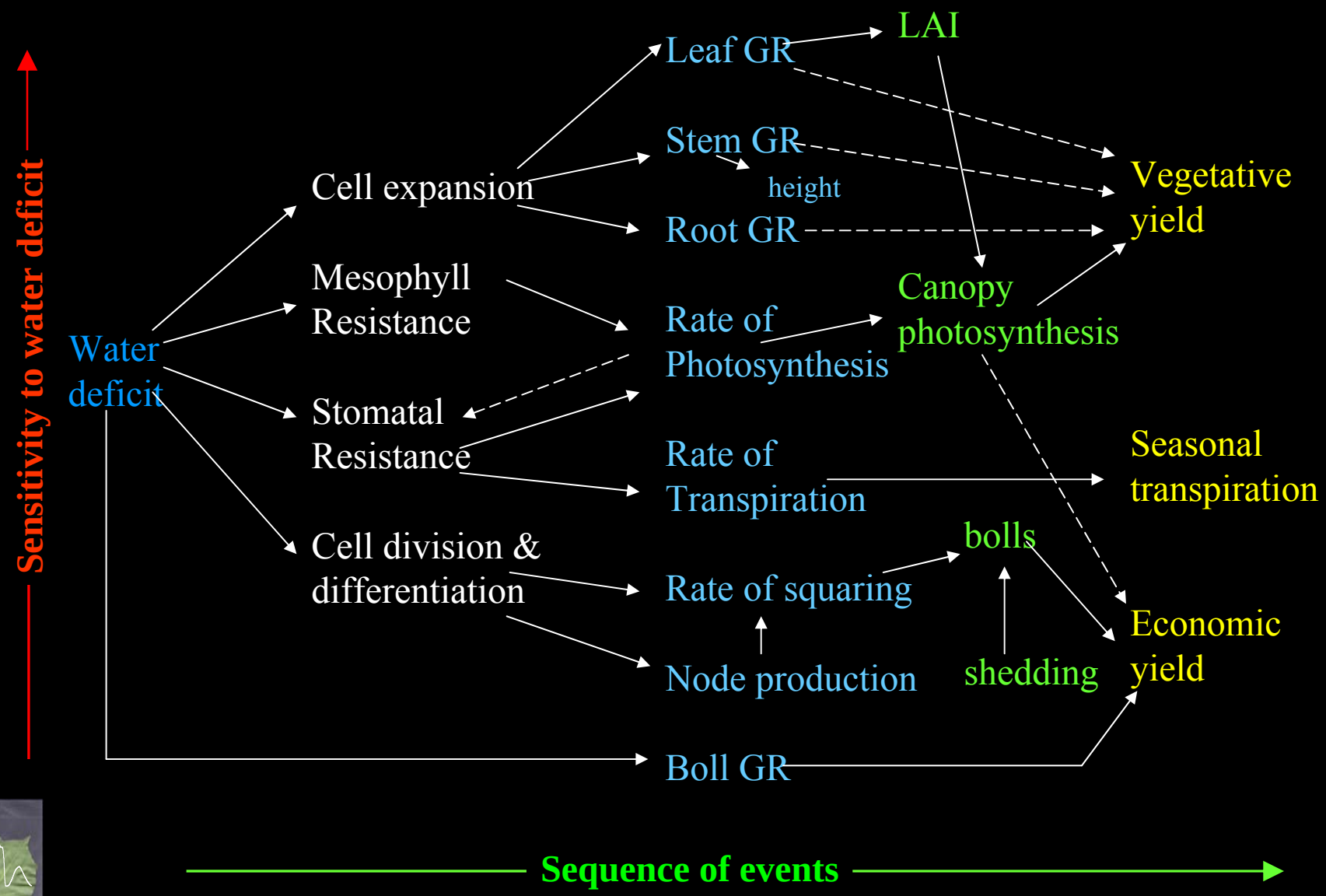


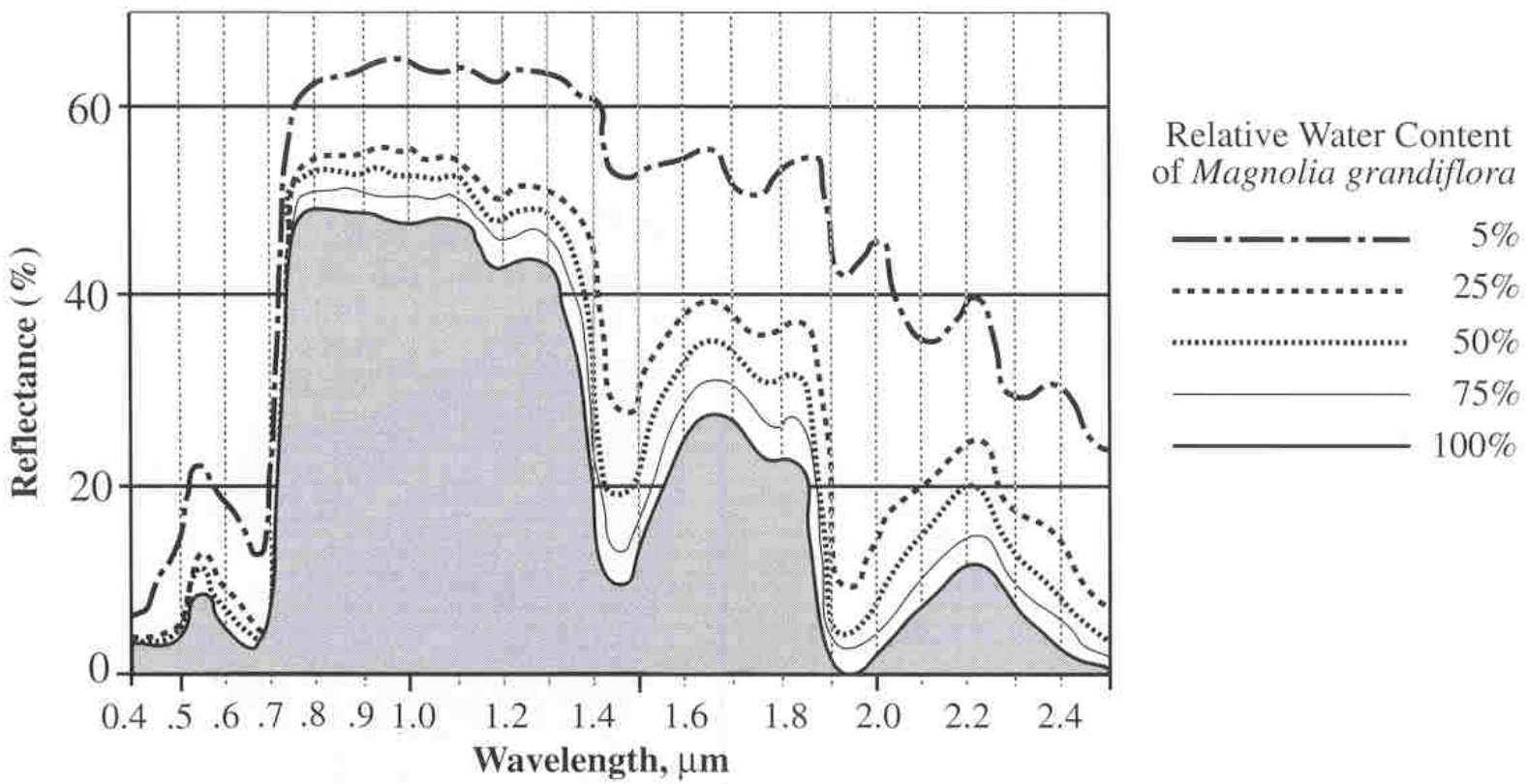
Fig. 5. Sensitivity and sequence in water stress I: the processes involved in dry matter production.

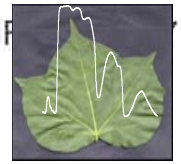


Role of water in cotton



Remote Sensing – Water Stress





Reflectance response of a single Magnolia leaf (*Magnolia grandiflora*) to decreased relative water content. As moisture content decreased, reflectance increased throughout the 0.4 – 2.5 µm region. However, the greatest increase occurred in the middle-infrared region from 1.3 – 2.5 µm (after Carter, 1991).

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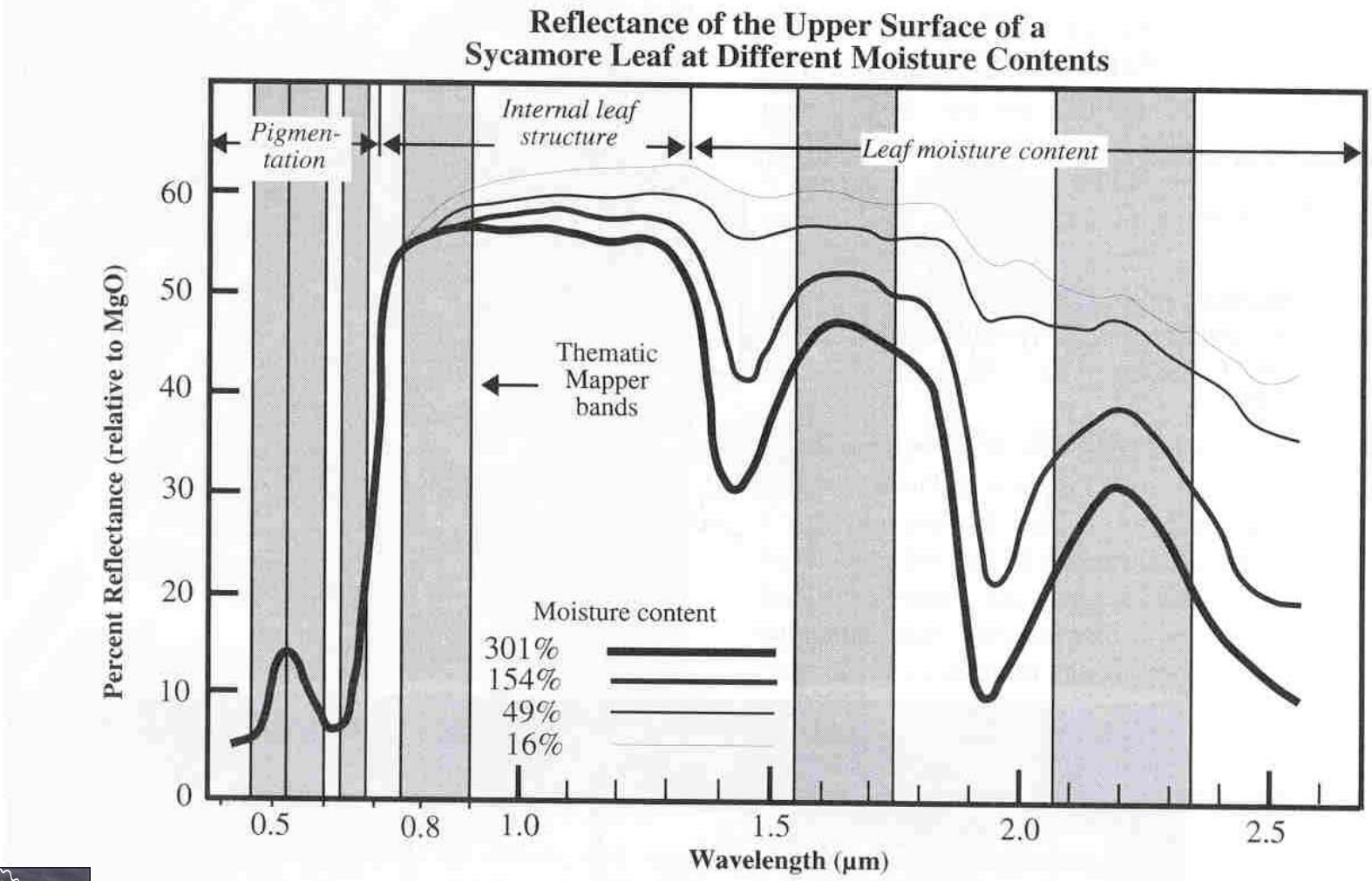
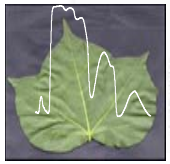




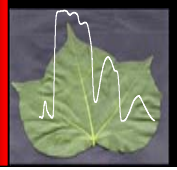
Progressive changes in percent reflectance for a Sycamore leaf at varying oven dry weight moisture contents. The dominant factors controlling leaf reflectance and the location of six of the Landsat Thematic Mapper bands are superimposed.

Plant water status

Plant water status is usually defined by measuring leaf water content

As it is the seat for the major plant events like photosynthesis, transpiration, respiration

Irrigation is provided to crop plants to maintain the plant water status so as not to limit growth and development processes



Indices to Define Water Status

Relative Leaf Water Content = (FW-DW)/(TW-DW)

Relative Water Content = (FW-DW)/FW

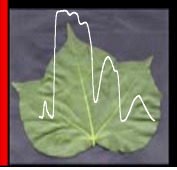
Relative Drought Index = WSD_{act} / WSD_{crit}

Leaf Water Content = FW-DW

Equivalent Water Thickness = (FW-DW)/A (g cm^{-2}) or cm

Fuel Moisture Content = (FW-DW)/FW or DW

Leaf water potential (ψ_W) = $\psi_s + \psi_p + \psi_g$



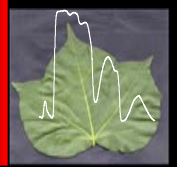
Leaf water potential – indicator of plant health

LWP is measured as negative pressure in bars or MPa.
The LWP depends on

- soil moisture (in the root zone)
- resistance to move from root surface to water conducting vessels
- resistance to flow through xylem
- resistance from xylem to leaf cells
- resistance to water loss from stomates depending on degree of opening

Leaf water potential is measured using:

- Psychrometer
- Cryoscopic osmometer
- Pressure probe
- Pressure chamber



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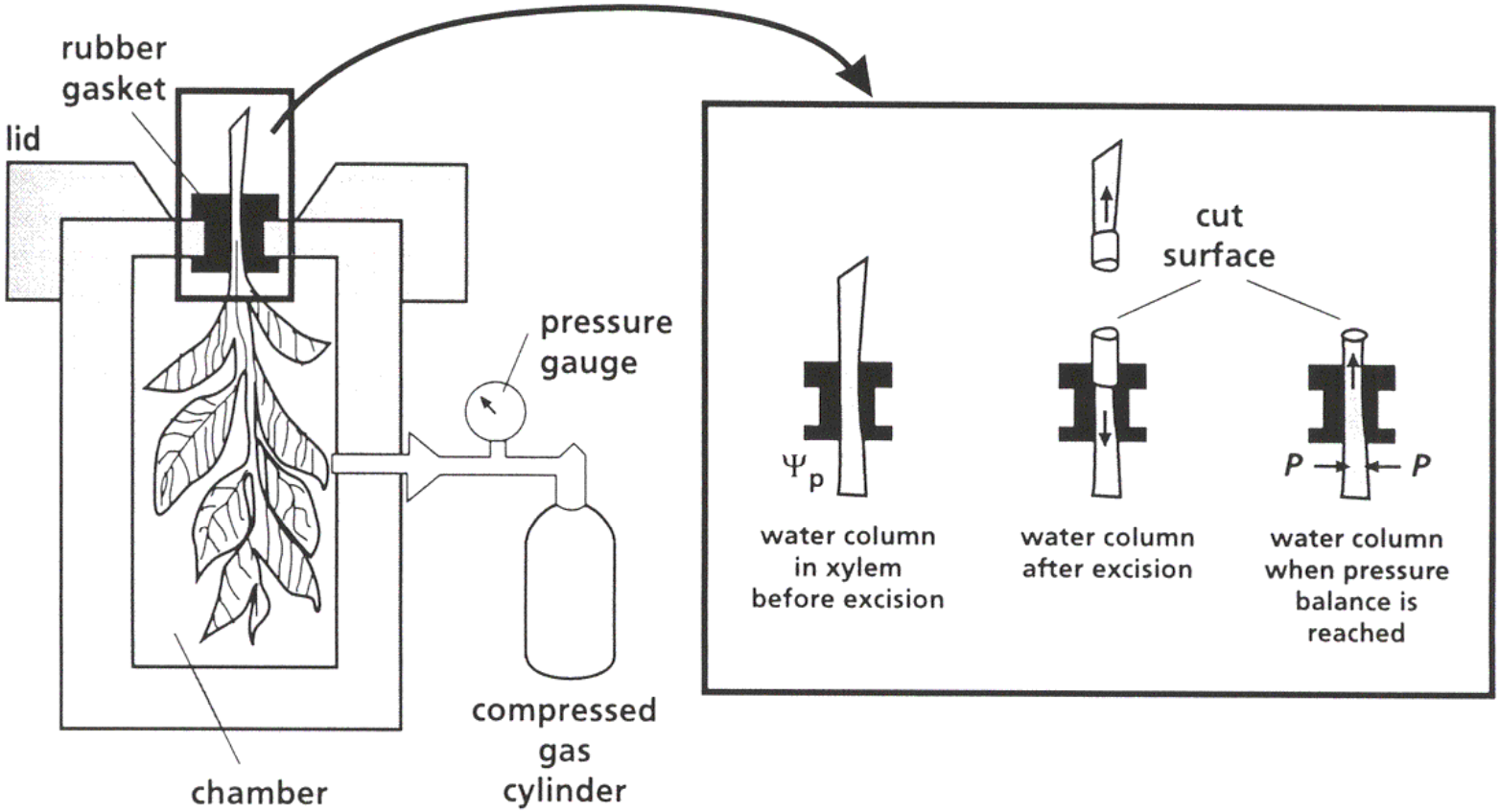
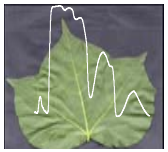


FIGURE 13. Schematic representation of the Scholander pressure chamber that allows measurement of negative hydrostatic pressures in the xylem. A cut shoot or twig is sealed around the stem and placed upside down in the chamber and the chamber is hermetically sealed. Positive pressure is exerted on the shoot or twig, using a gas cylinder. When the exerted positive hydrostatic pressure equals the negative water potential (negative osmotic potential and negative pressure) in the xylem, the xylem fluid will appear at the cut surface. After determination of the osmotic potential of the xylem fluid, the negative hydrostatic pressure is calculated.



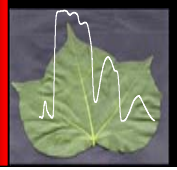
Identifying the hyperspectral reflectance index

- Simple correlation analysis between leaf physiological parameters and spectral reflectance

- Linear regression analysis to determine the relation between leaf water potential and reflectance ratios

$LWPR = X_{ij} / X_{ij}$ where i and j indicate the reflectance values in a given spectrum and at a given leaf water potential

$LWPI = (X_{ij} - X_{ij}) / (X_{ij} + X_{ij})$



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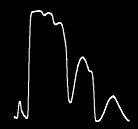
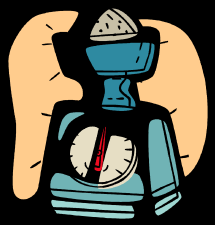


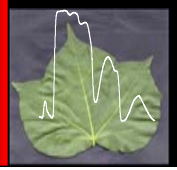
Photosynthesis

Hyperspectral reflectance

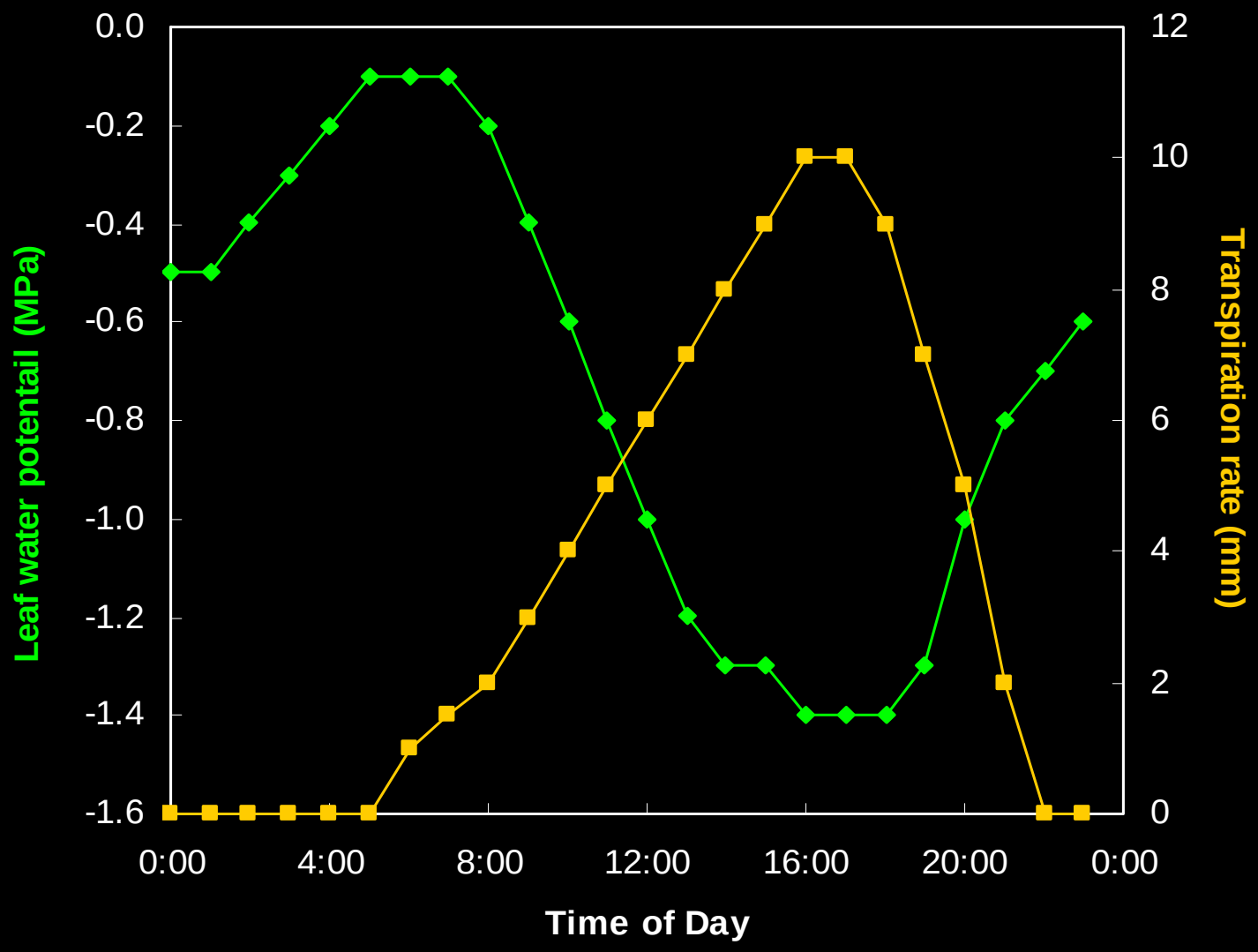
Fresh weight

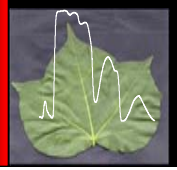


Leaf water potential



Diurnal trends of leaf water potential and transpiration rate in cotton





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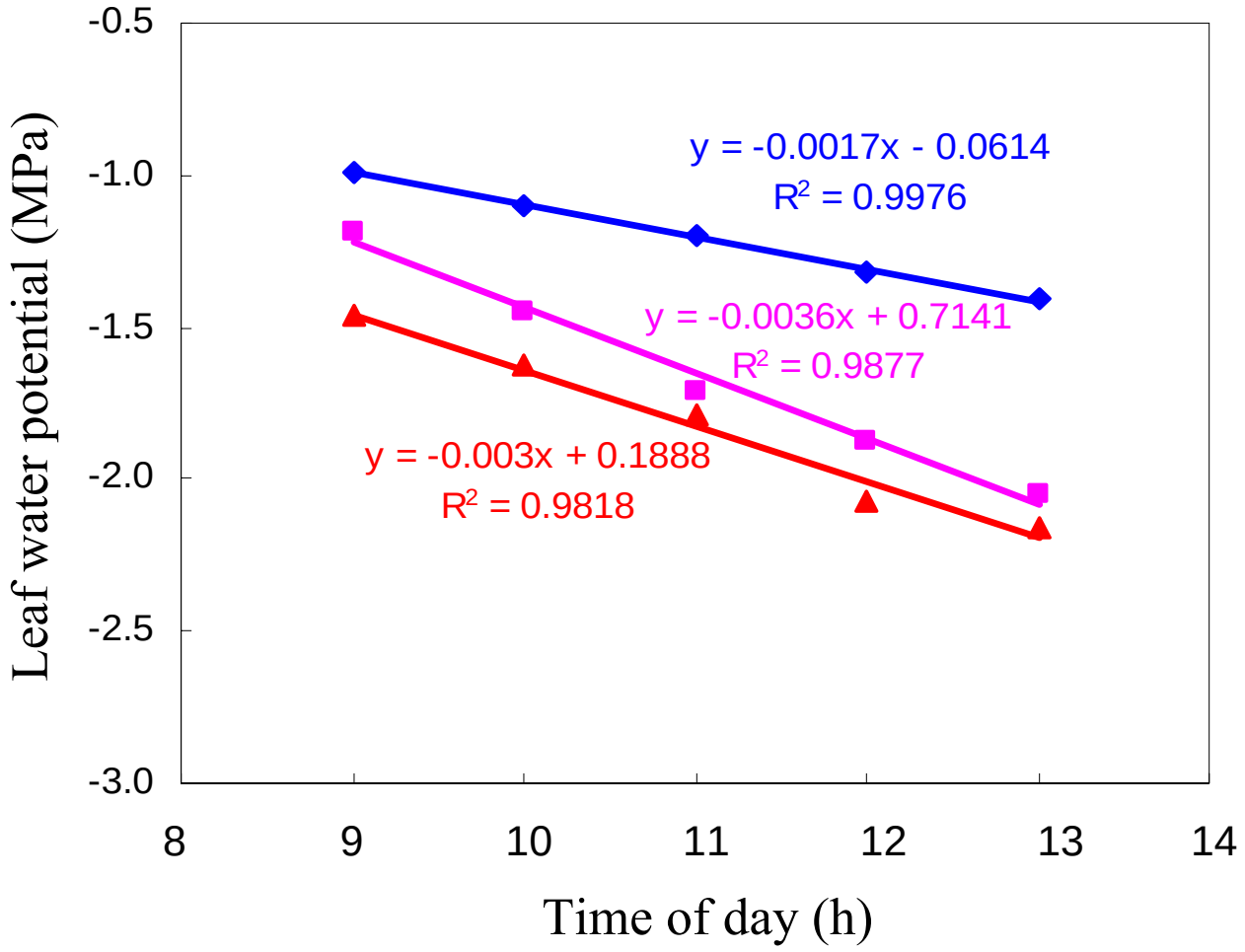
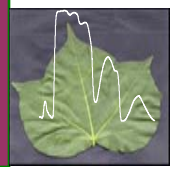
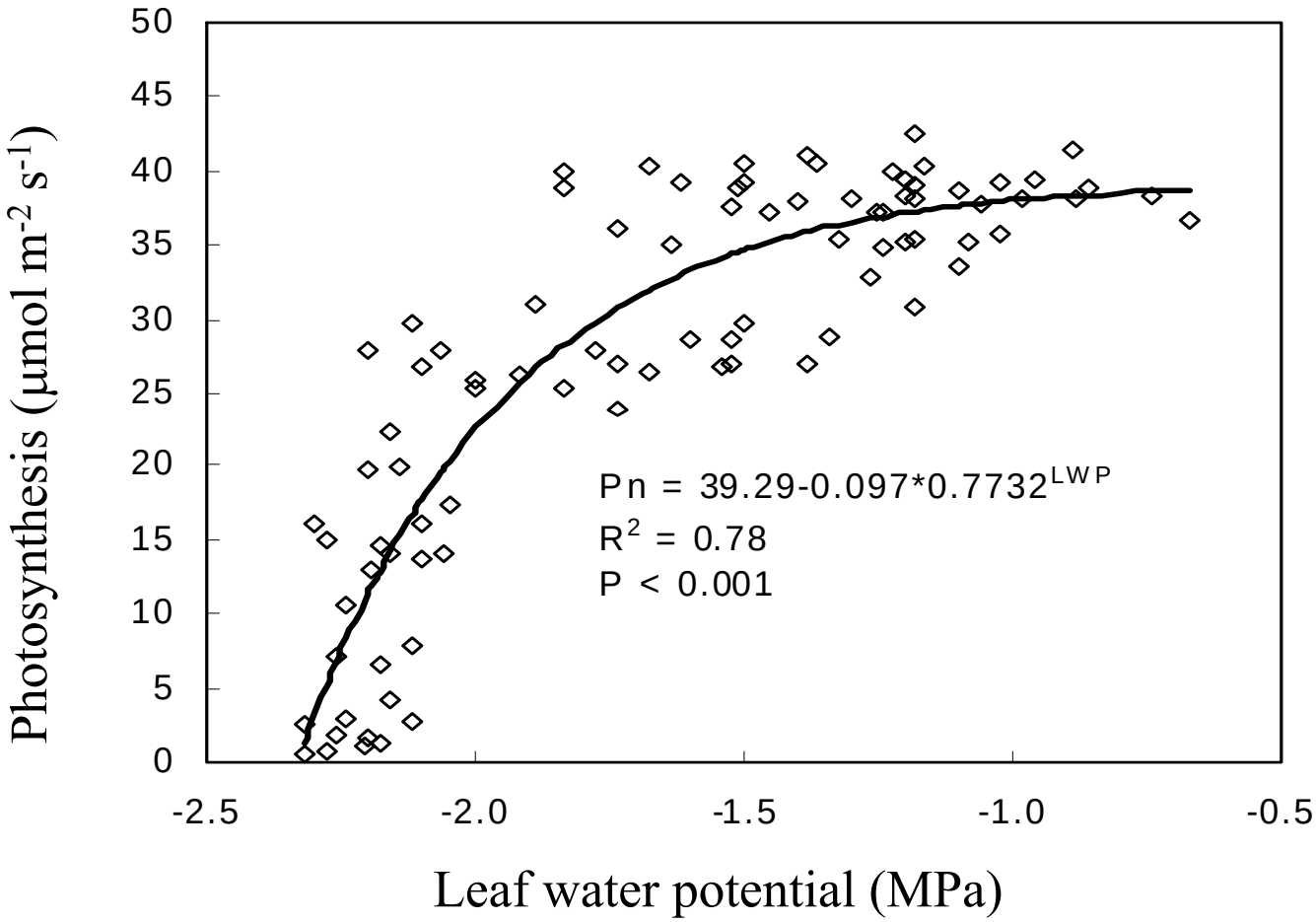
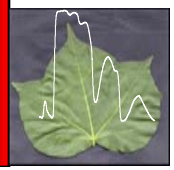


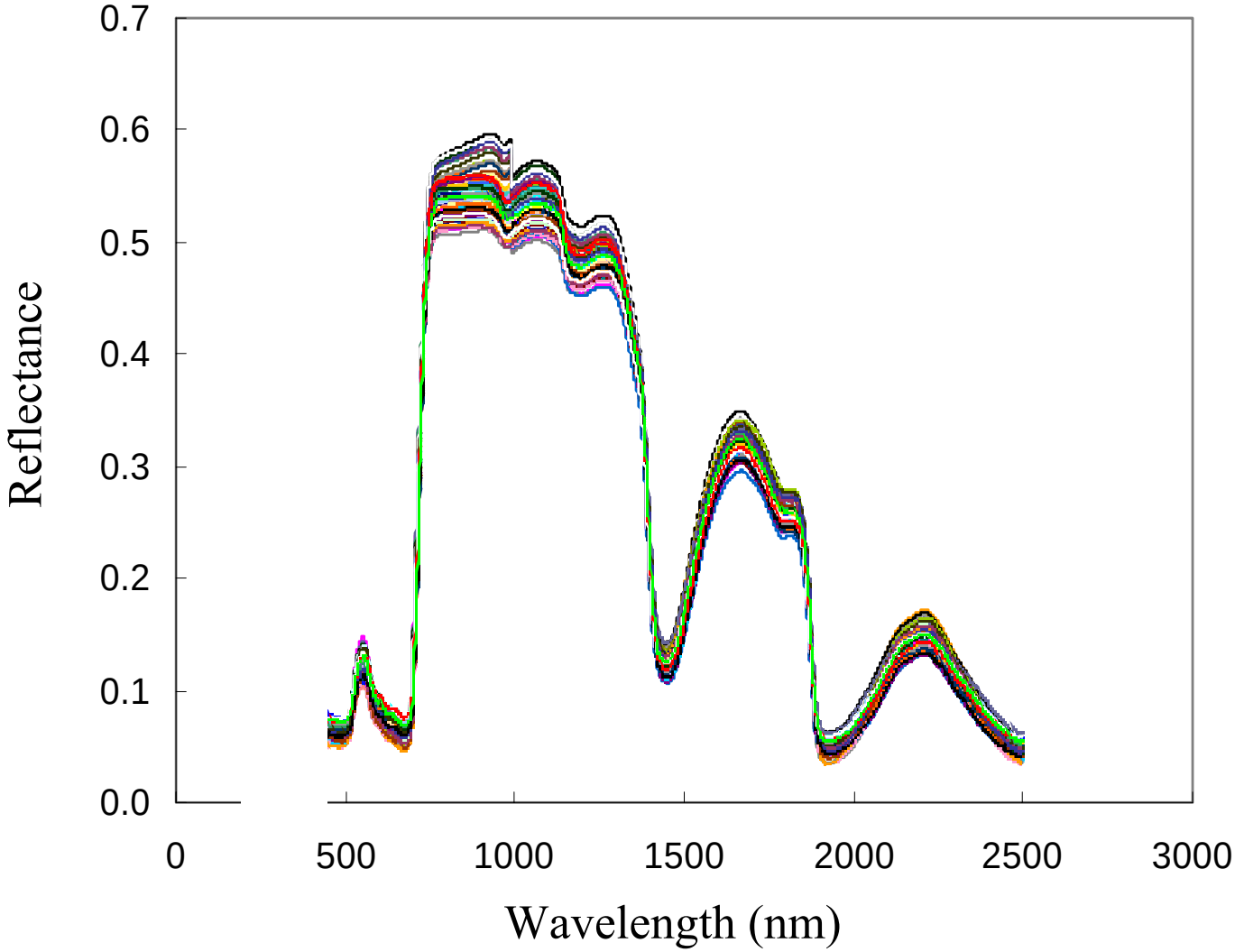


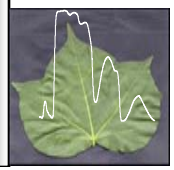
Leaf water potential vs. Photosynthesis



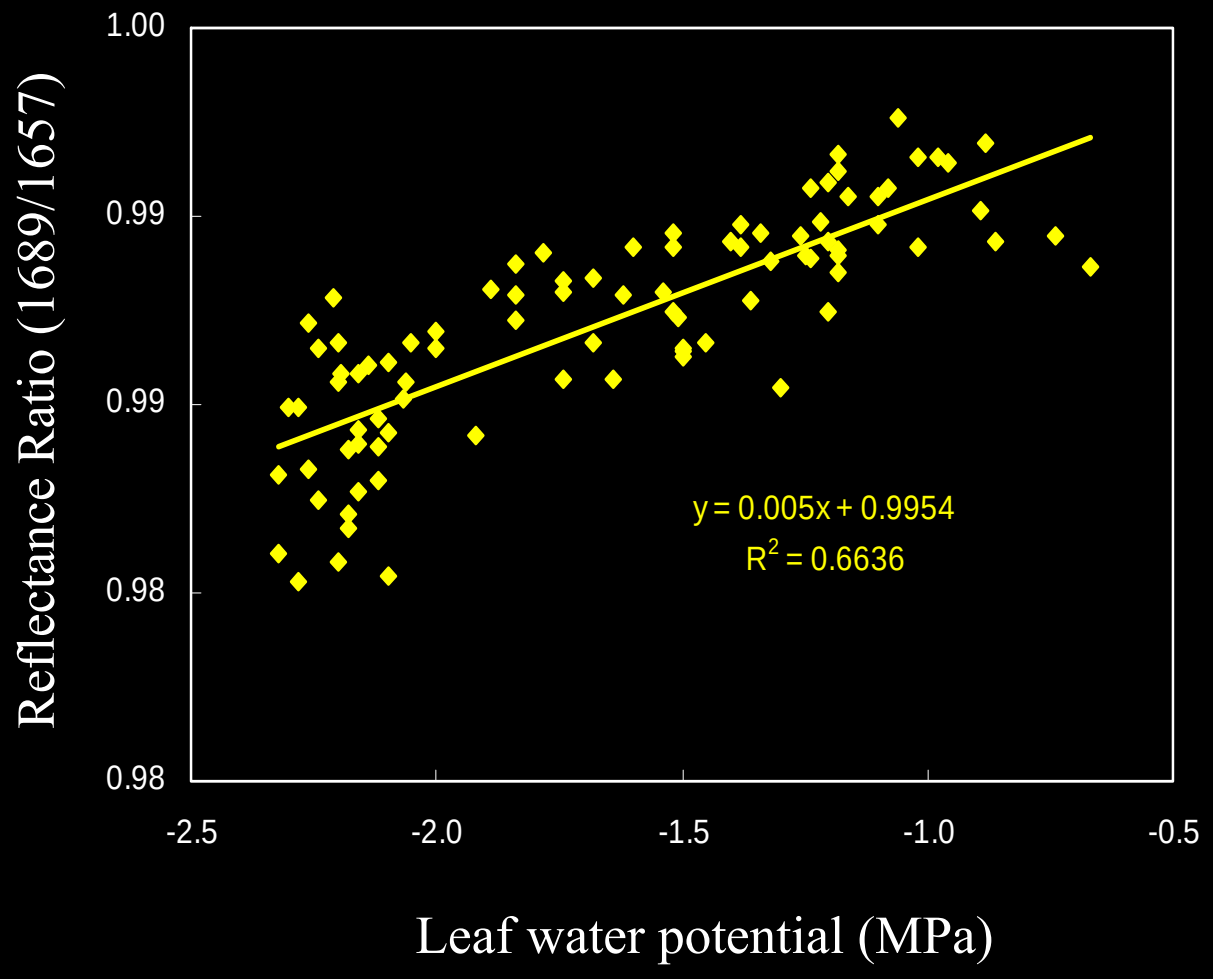


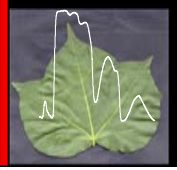
Hyperspectral reflectance spectra of 90 leaves



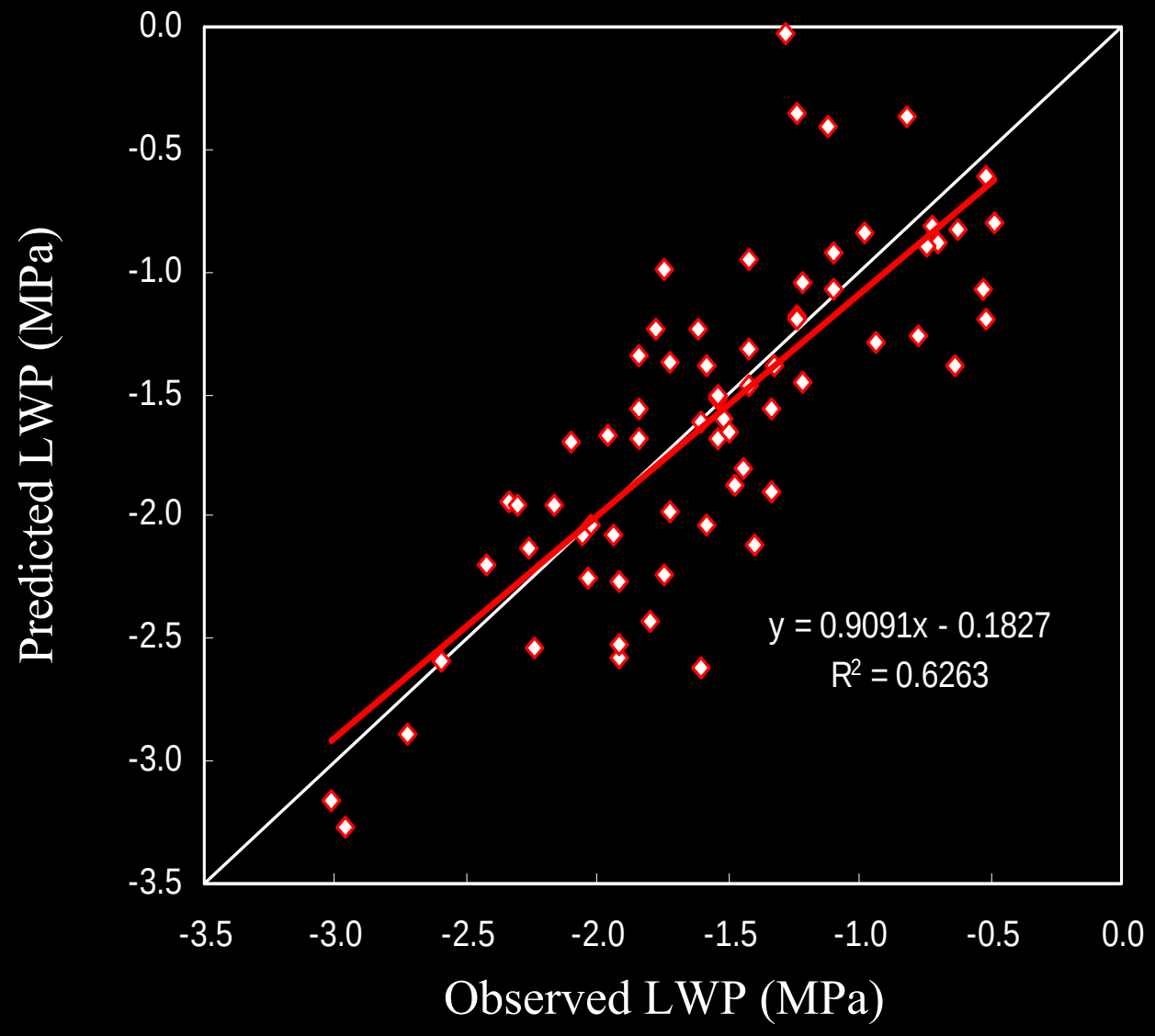


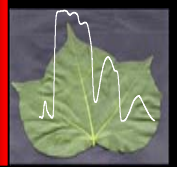
Hyperspectral reflectance ratio vs. Leaf water potential



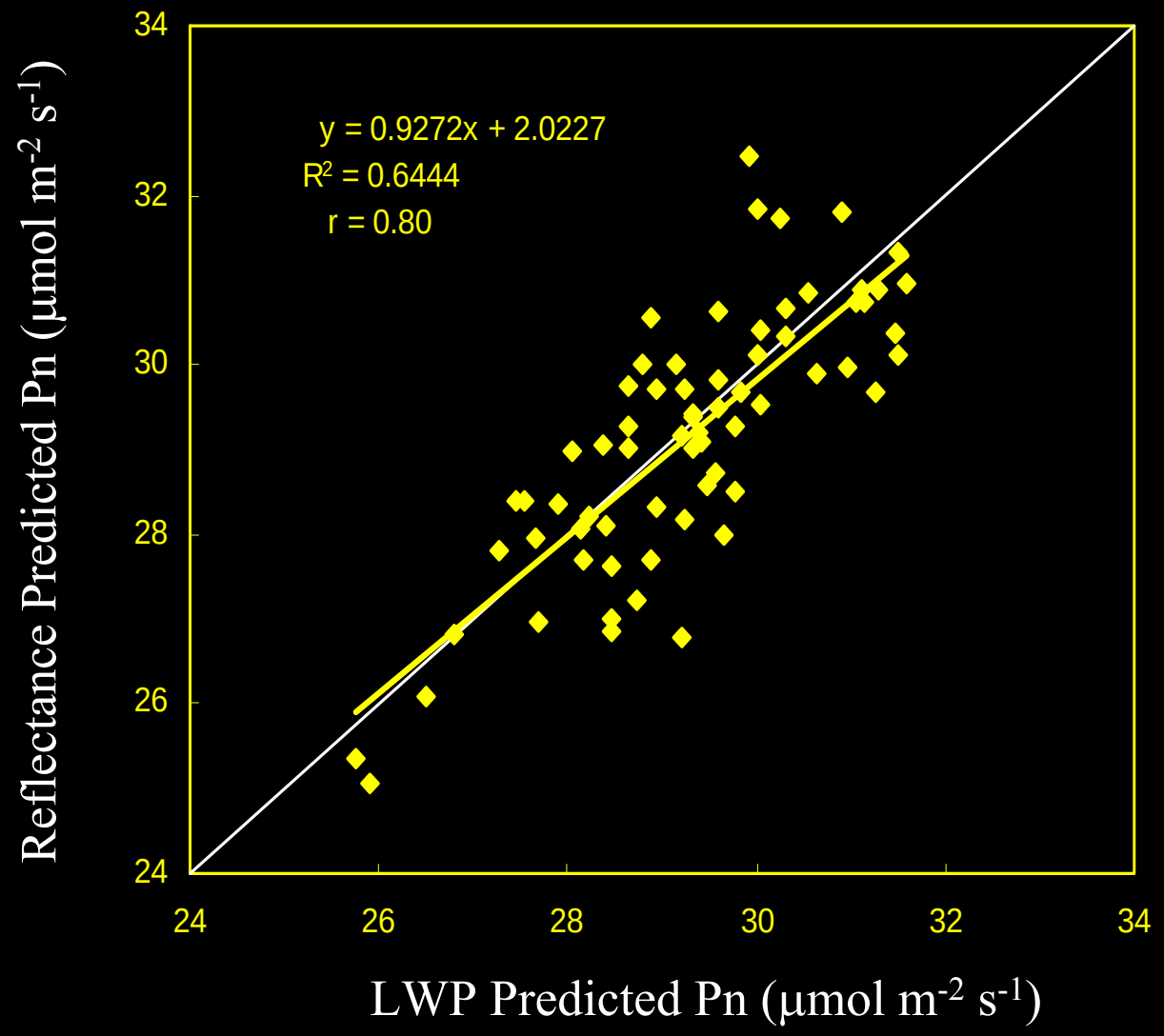


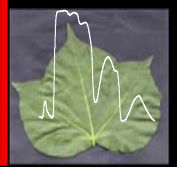
Prediction of weekly measured data leaf water potential





Photosynthesis prediction using LWP and hyperspectral ratio





Indices reported in literature – Vegetative indices

Reflectance Ratio	WS Treatments	Time of day
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R935/R661	-0.736	
R695/R760	0.609	
R605/R760	0.54	
(R750-R650)/(R750+R650)	-0.713	
(R935-R661)/(R935+R661)	-0.728	
(R850-R680)/(R850+R680)	-0.727	
(R900-R680)/(R900+R680)	-0.728	
(R790-R670)/(R790+R670)	-0.739	
(R531-R570)/(R531+R570)	0.835	
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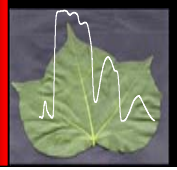
R900/R970	-0.75	



Indices reported in literature – Water indices

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R695/R420		-0.904
R710/R760		-0.906
R970/R900		-0.74
(R415-R435)/(R415+R435)		0.857
(R790-R720)/(R790-R720)		0.848
R1450/R900		
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R790/R760	0.942	0.7
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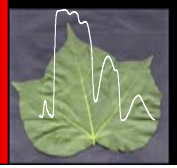

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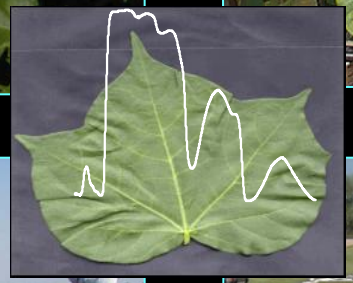
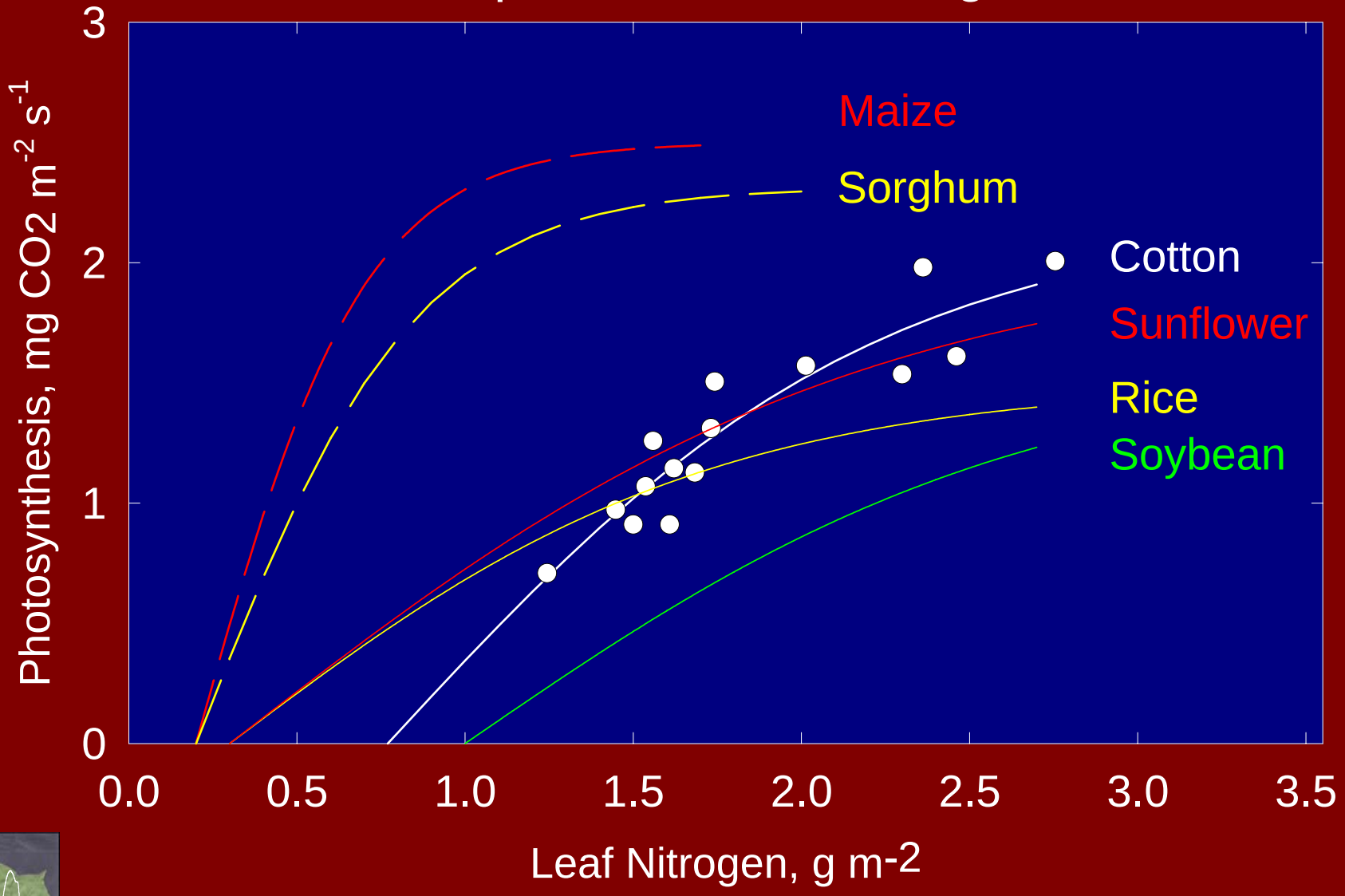
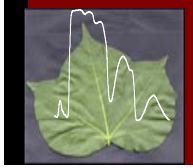
Cotton and Nitrogen
Physiology and Spectral Properties



Photosynthesis - Variability Among Species

Response to Leaf Nitrogen





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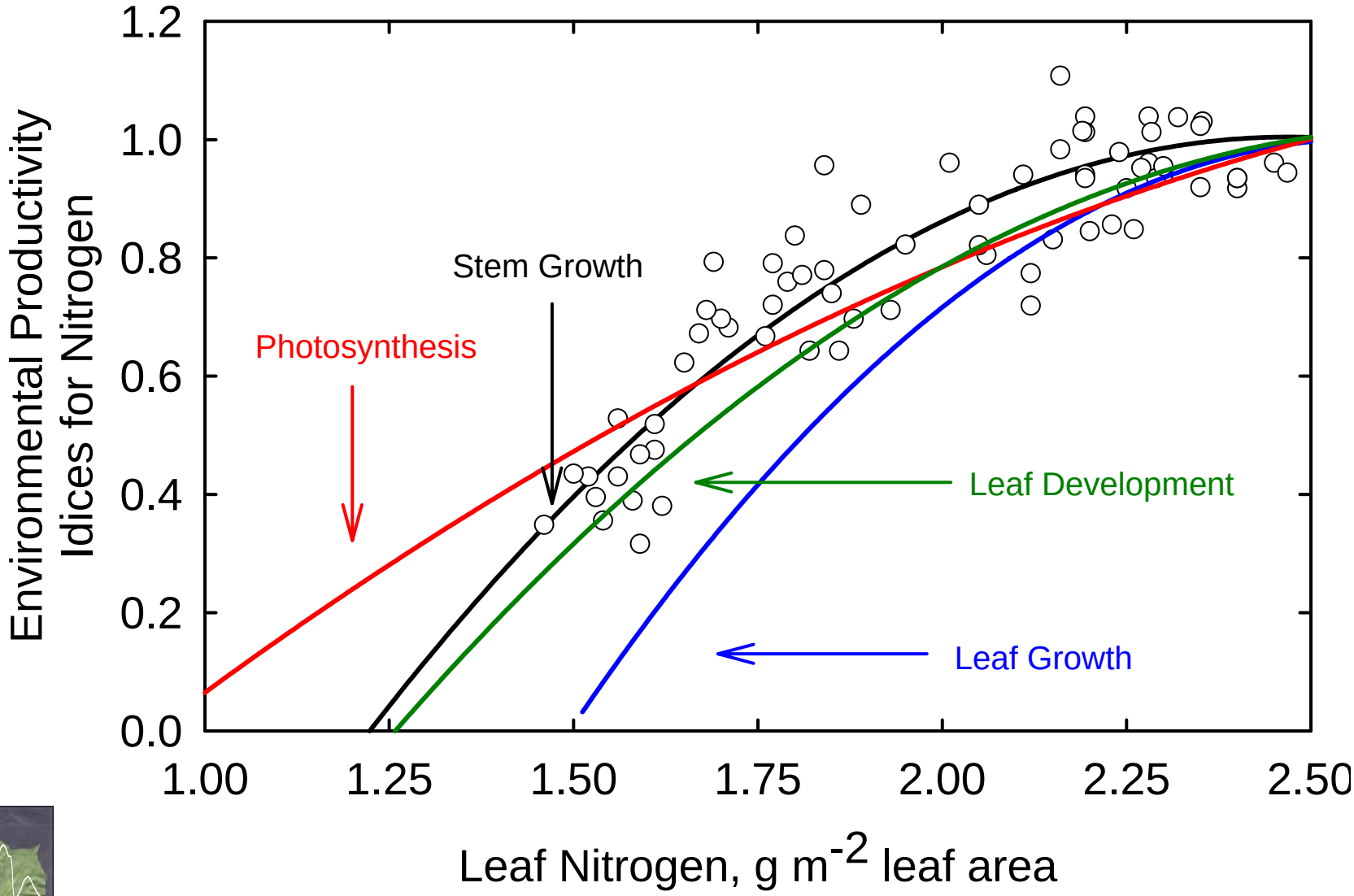
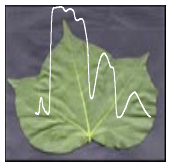
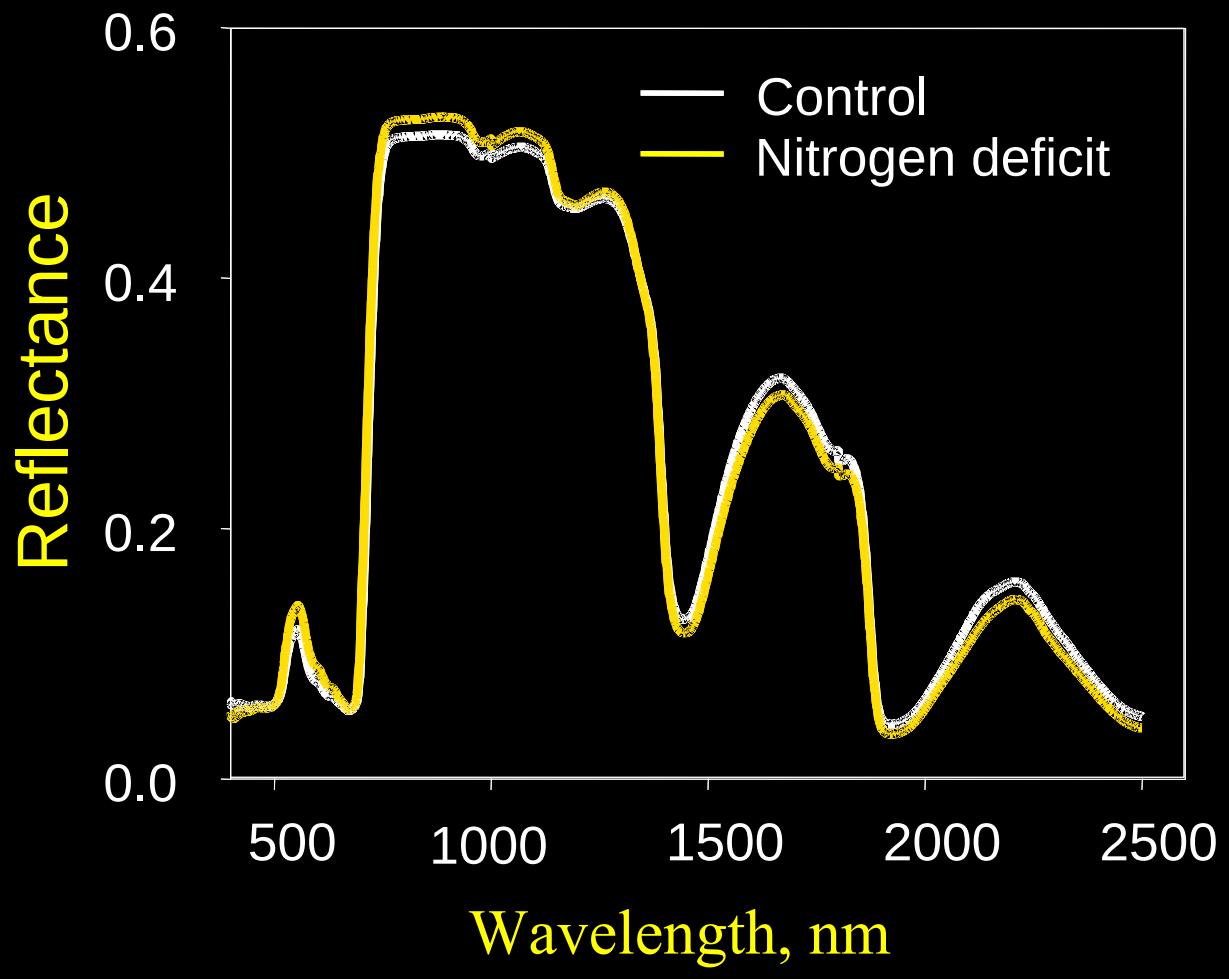
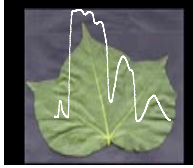




Cotton Nitrogen - Physiology and Spectral Properties





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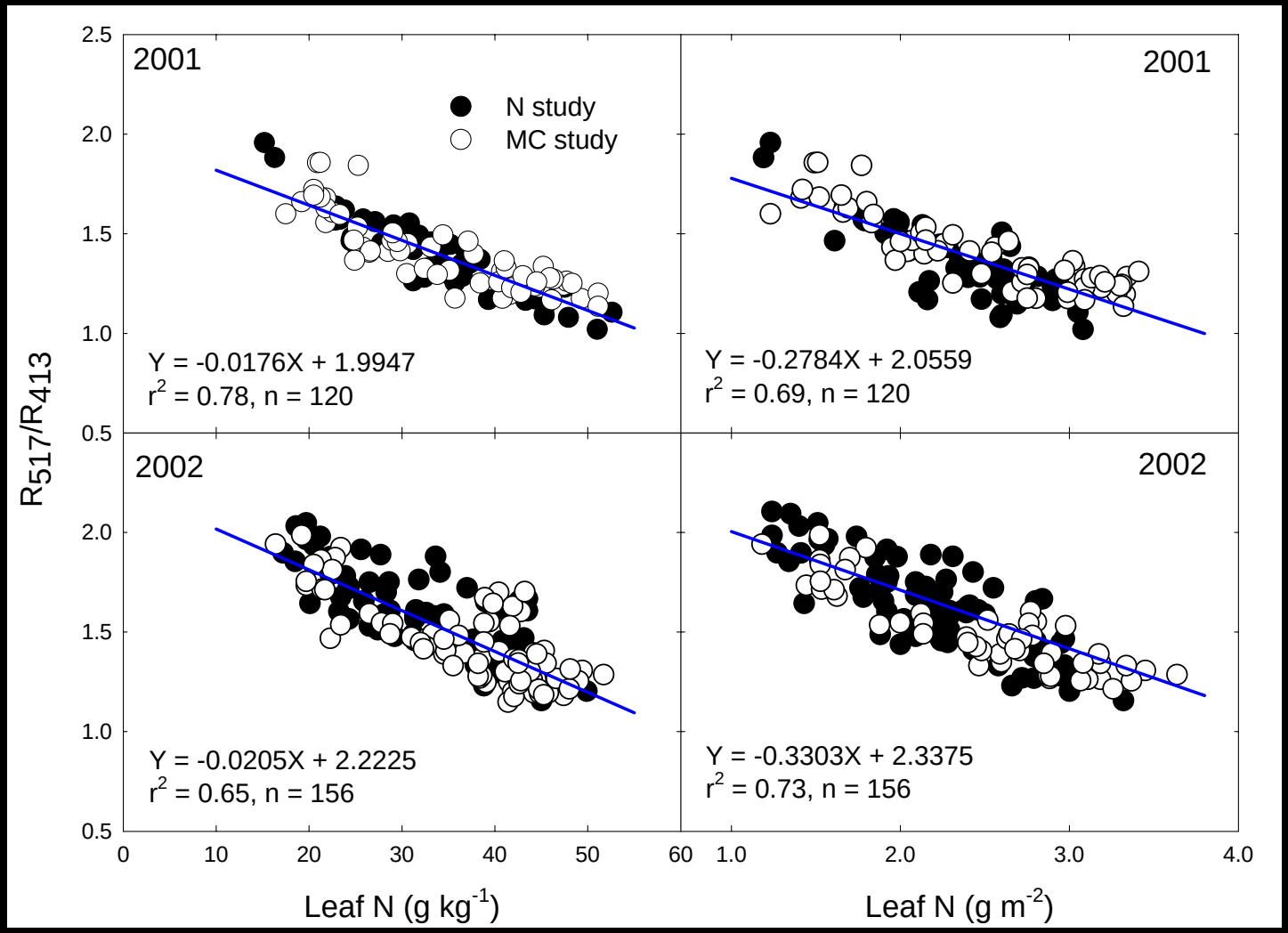

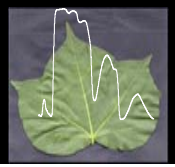

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Cotton Leaf Chlorophyll vs. Reflectance Ratios

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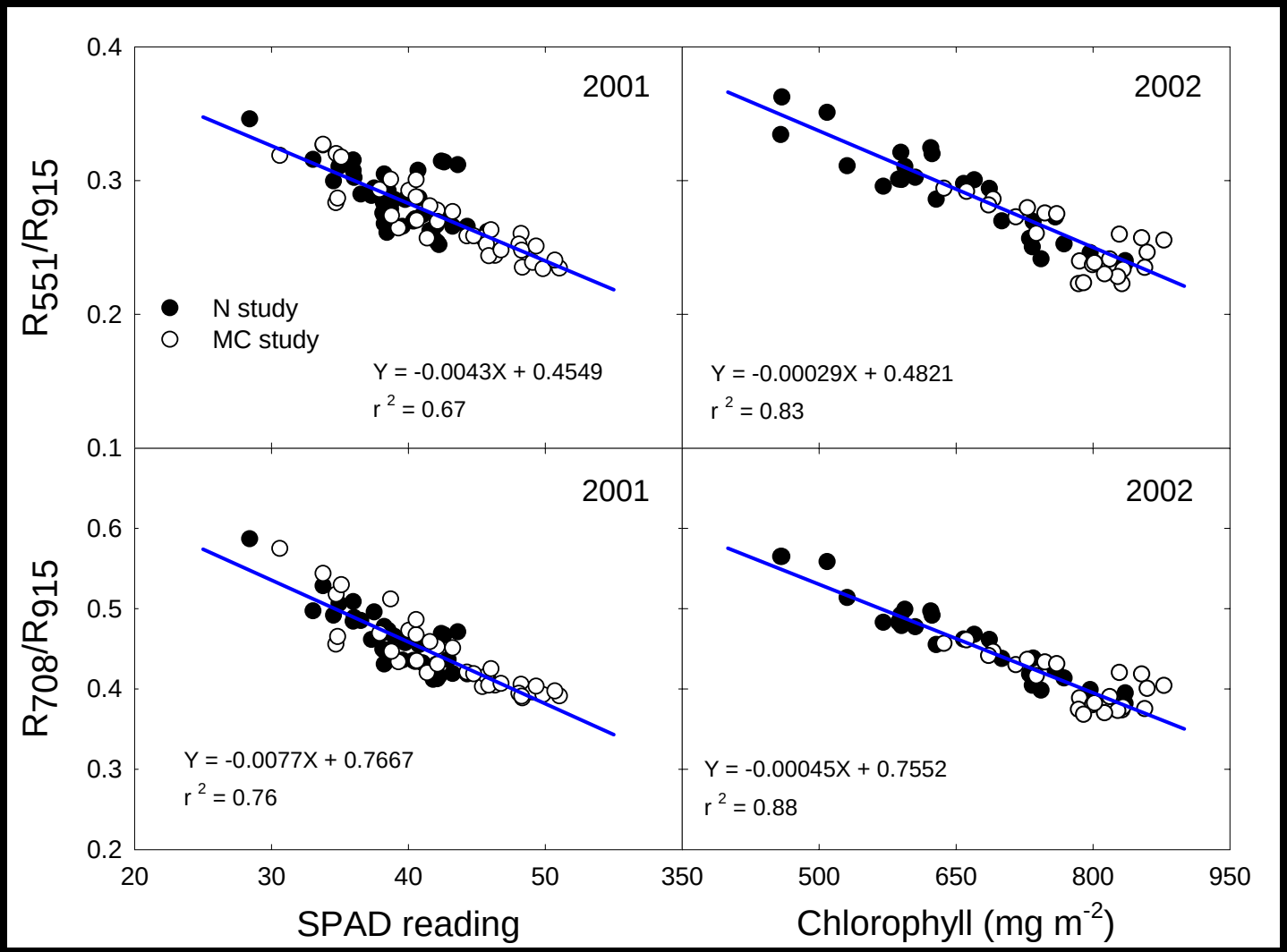

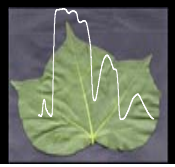

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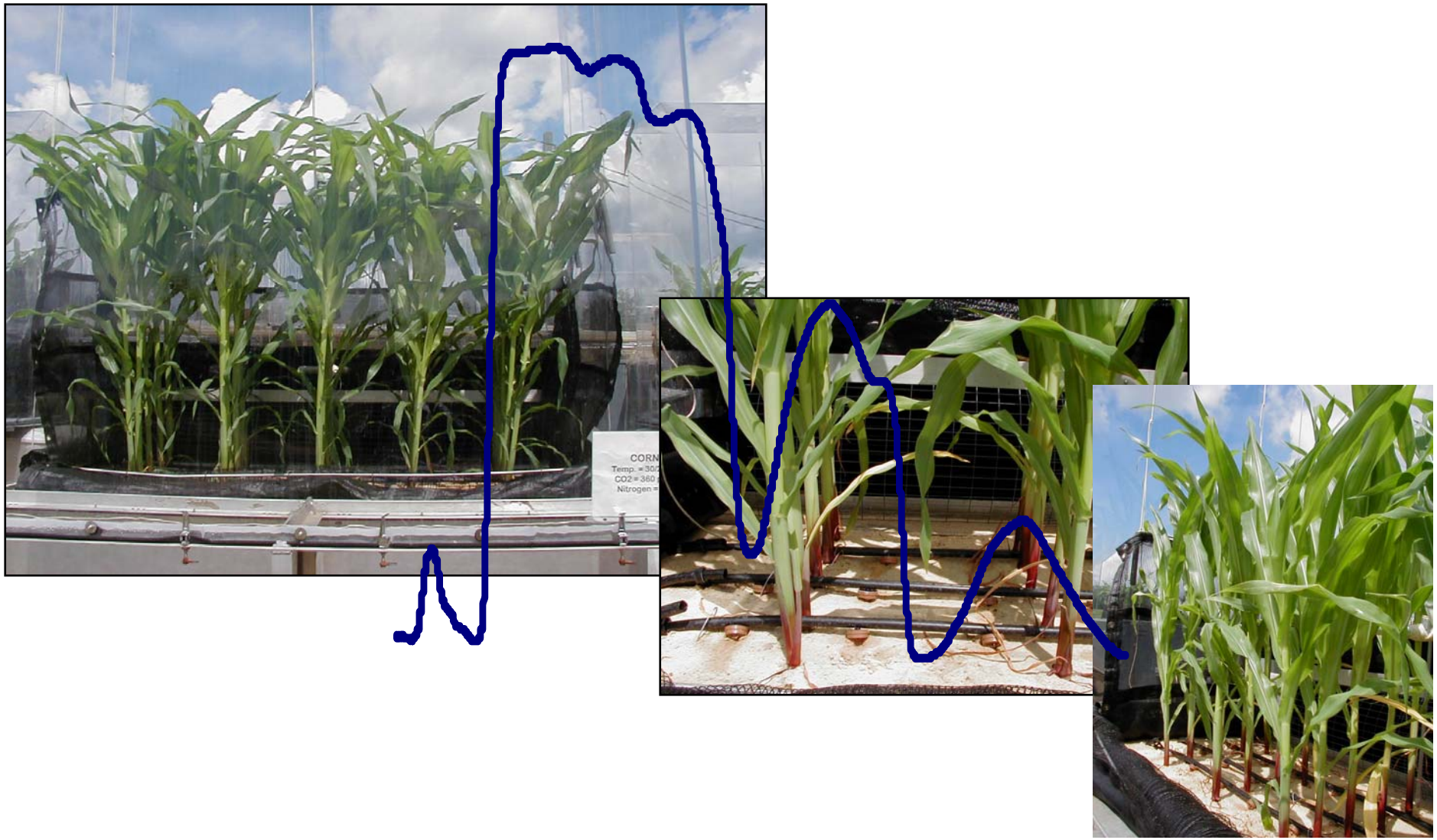
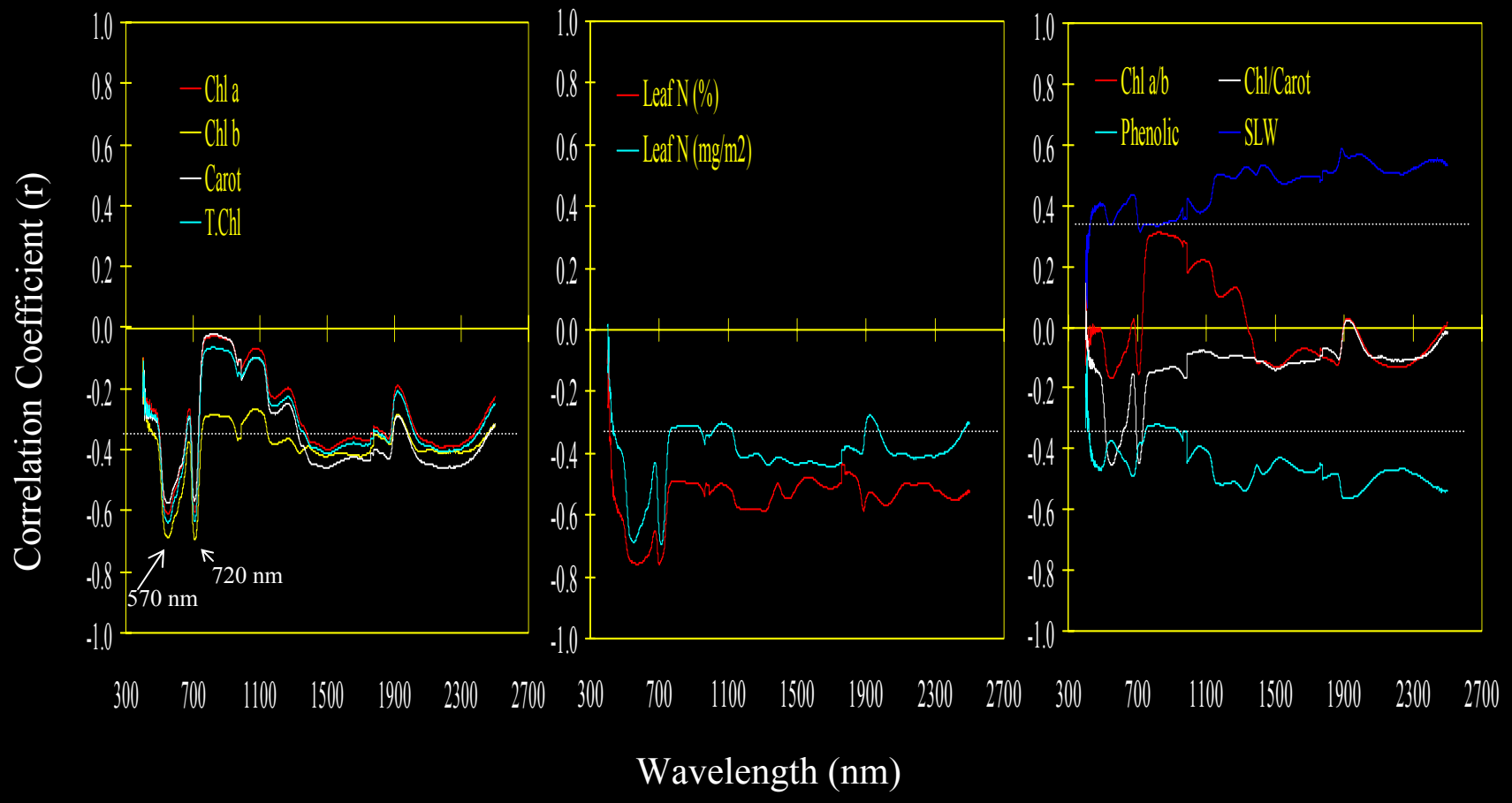
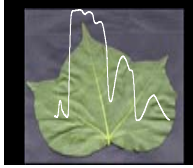


Correlation Coefficient (r) between Leaf Pigments, Leaf N Content, Phenolics, or Specific Leaf Weight (SLW) and Leaf Hyperspectral Reflectance.





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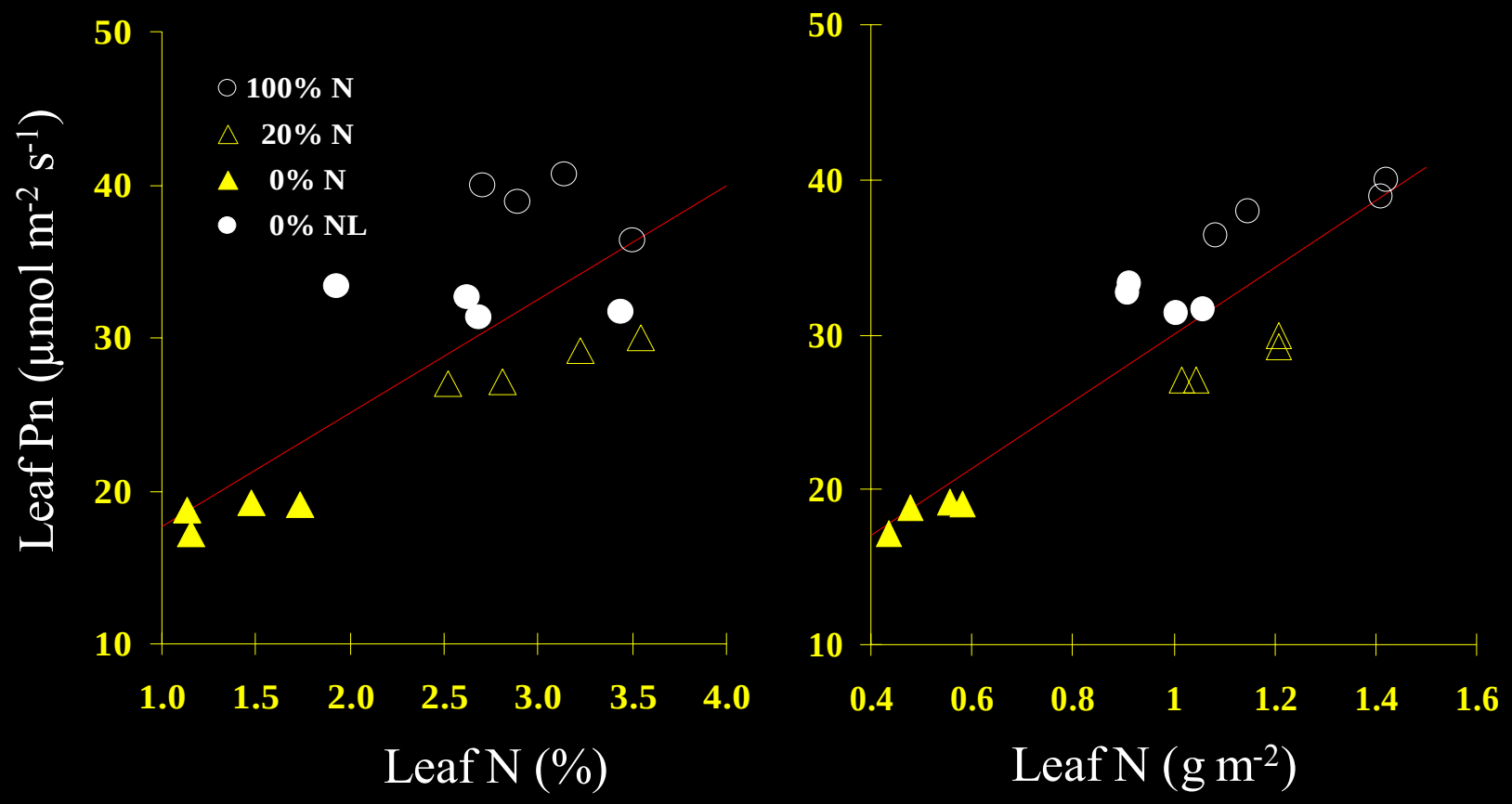
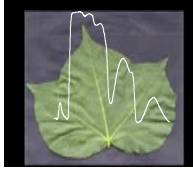
Relationship between Leaf N Content and Leaf Net Photosynthesis (Leaf N Was Expressed on Both a Dry Weight % and a Leaf Area Basis).





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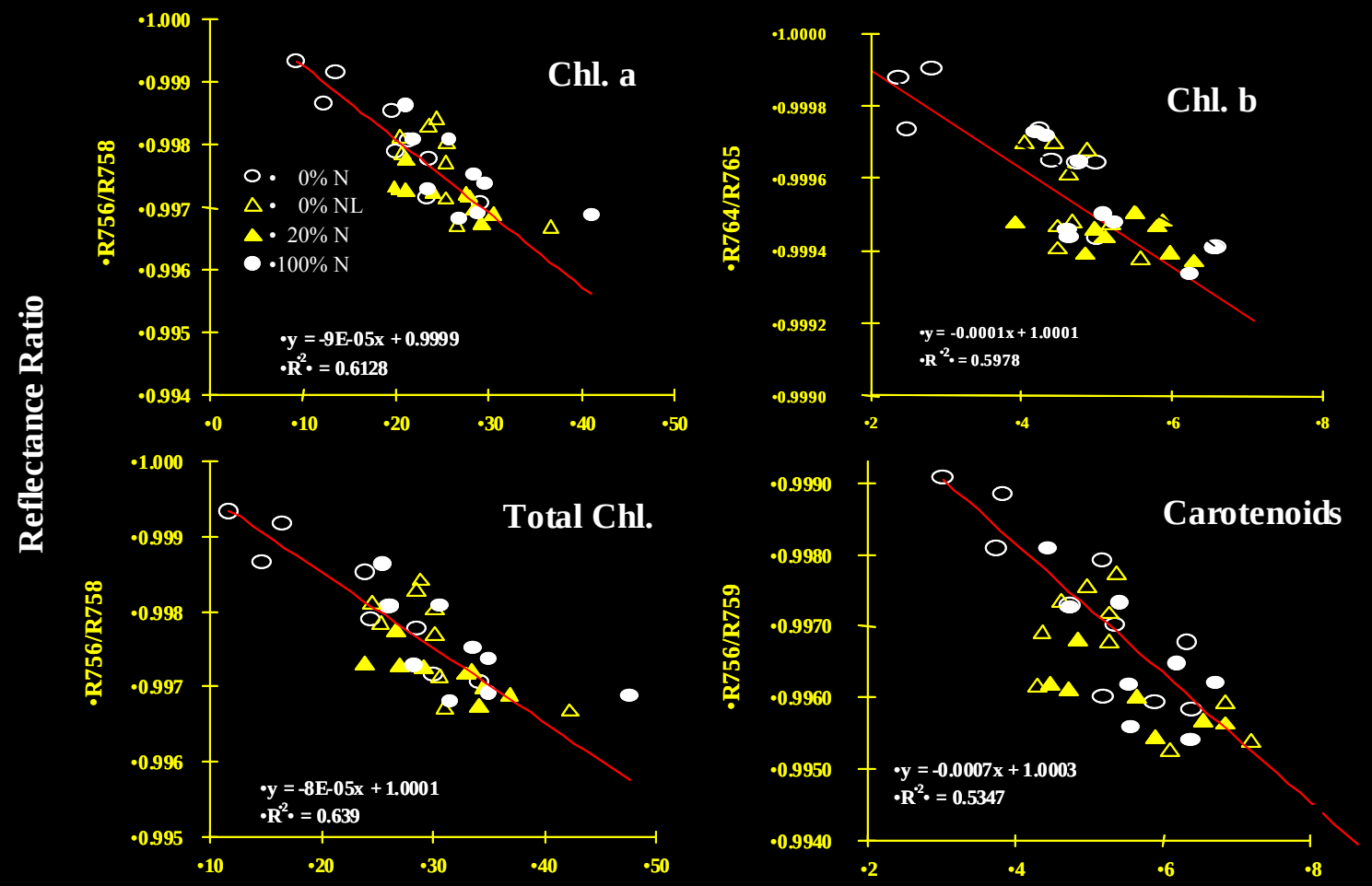

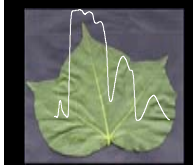

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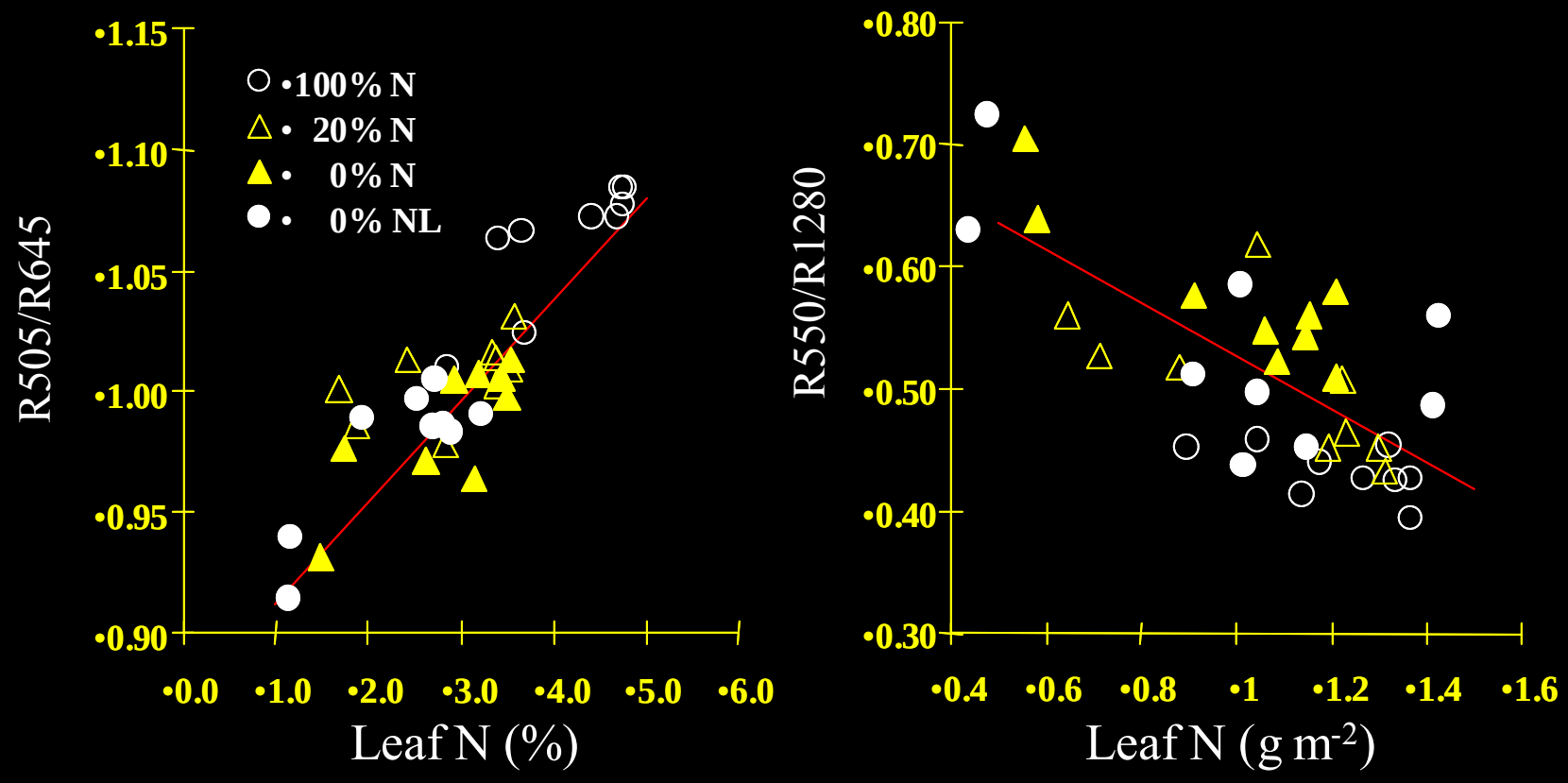

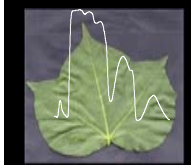

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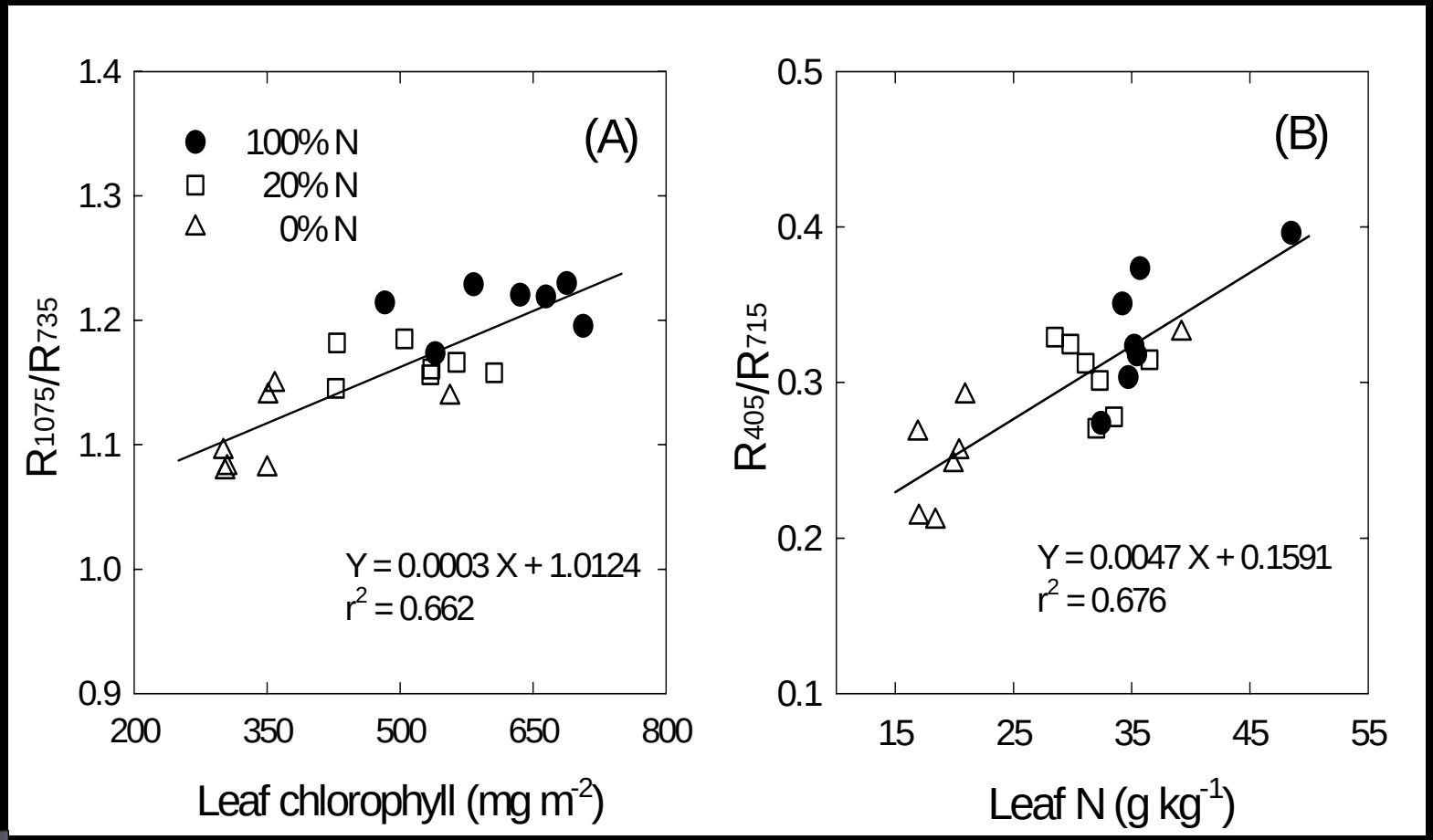

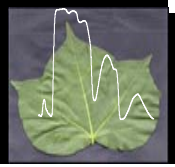

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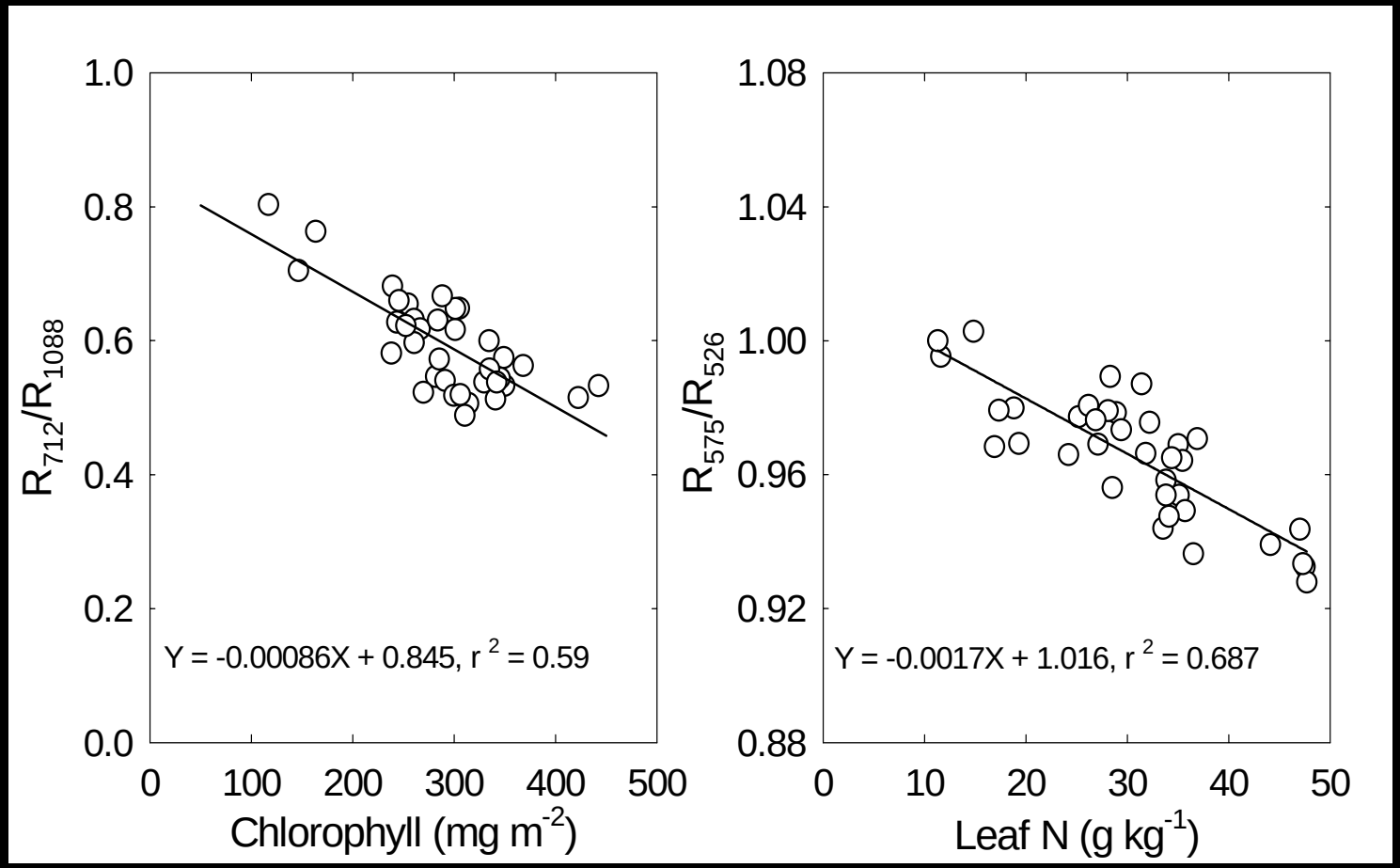

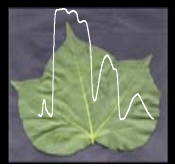

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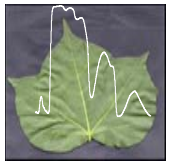

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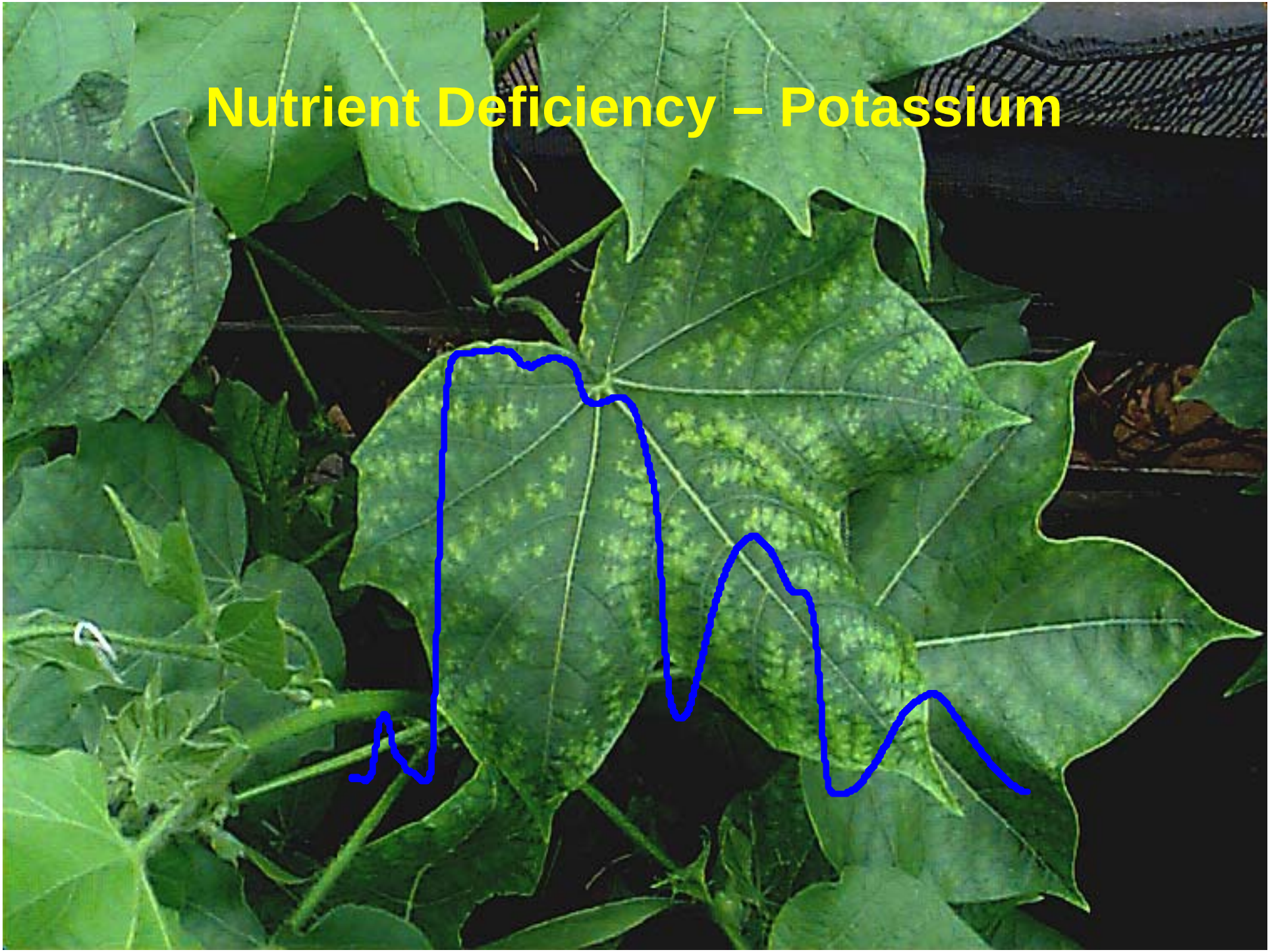

Environment Factors

Fertilizers Deficits - Potassium:

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  - -- *Fruit Retention*

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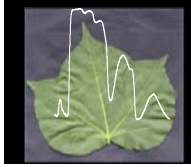
  - -- Stem growth



Environment - Nutrients

Potassium - Cotton Growth and Development
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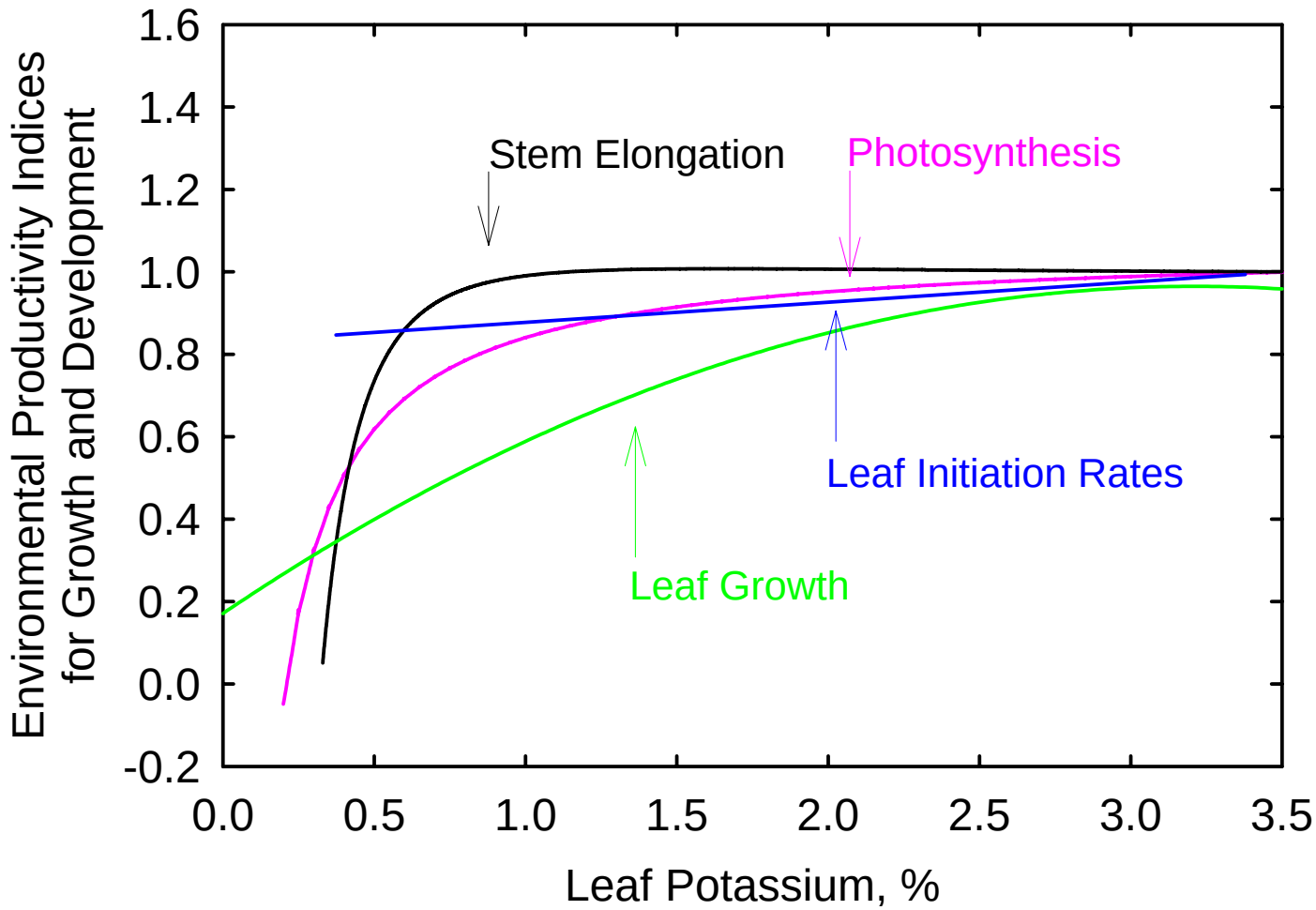

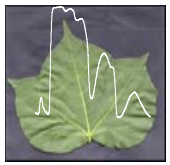

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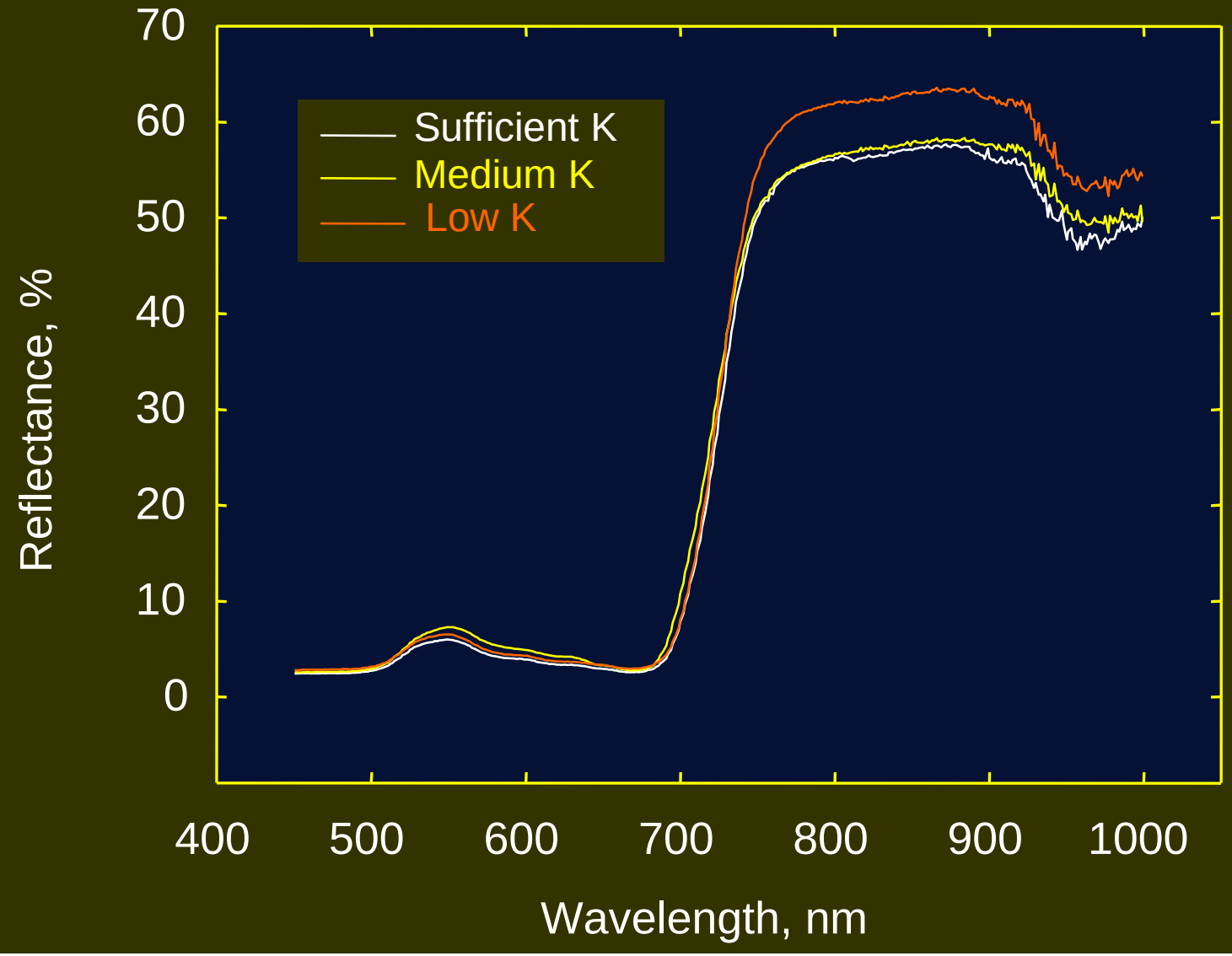

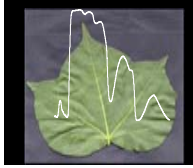

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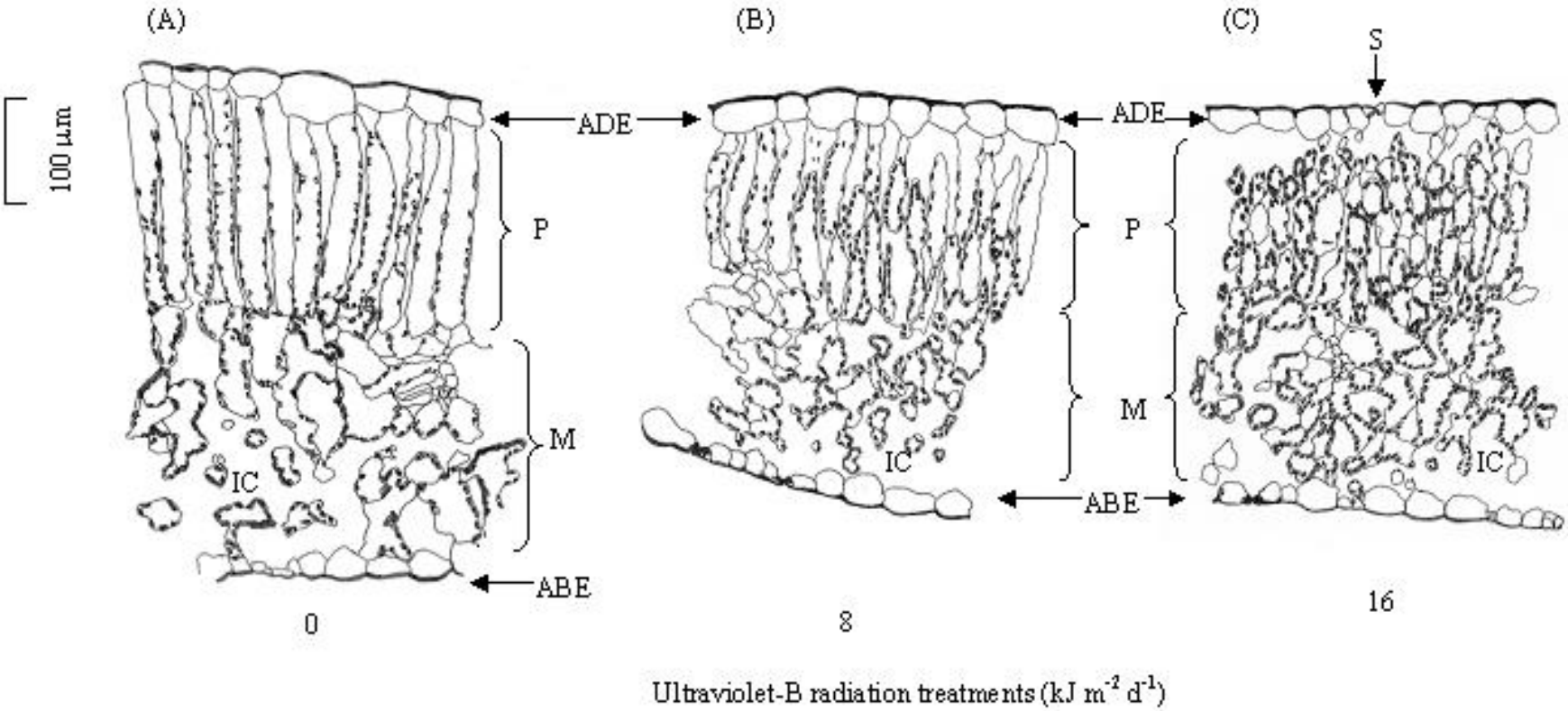
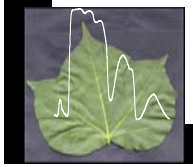
Atmospheric CO_2 and UV Radiation Physiology and Spectral Properties

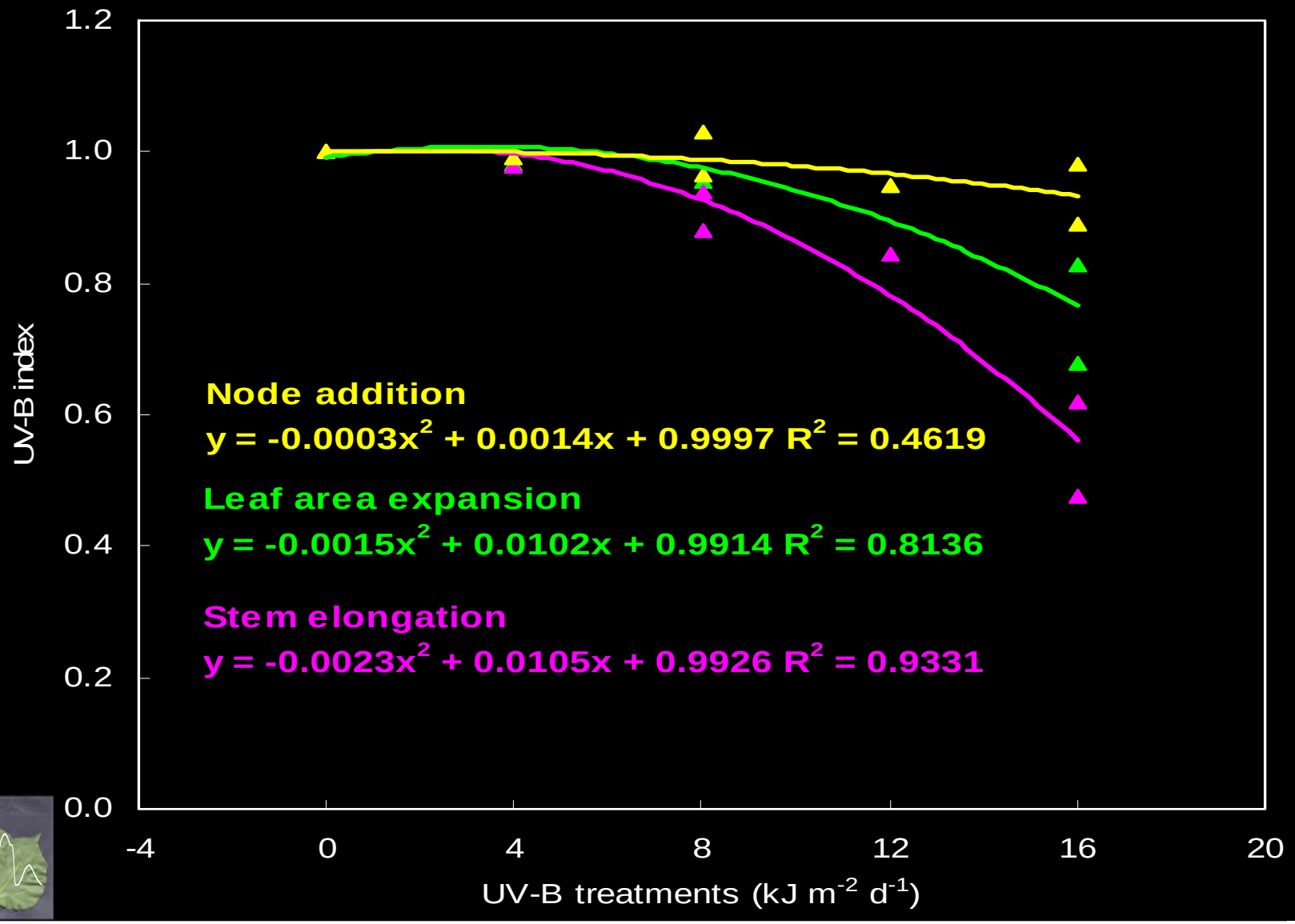
UV-B Radiation Effect on Cotton Leaf Anatomy

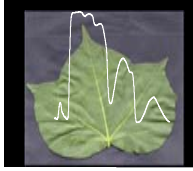




UV-B Radiation – Phenology

EPI Factors for various Developmental Processes





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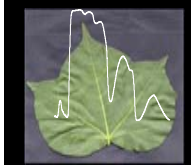
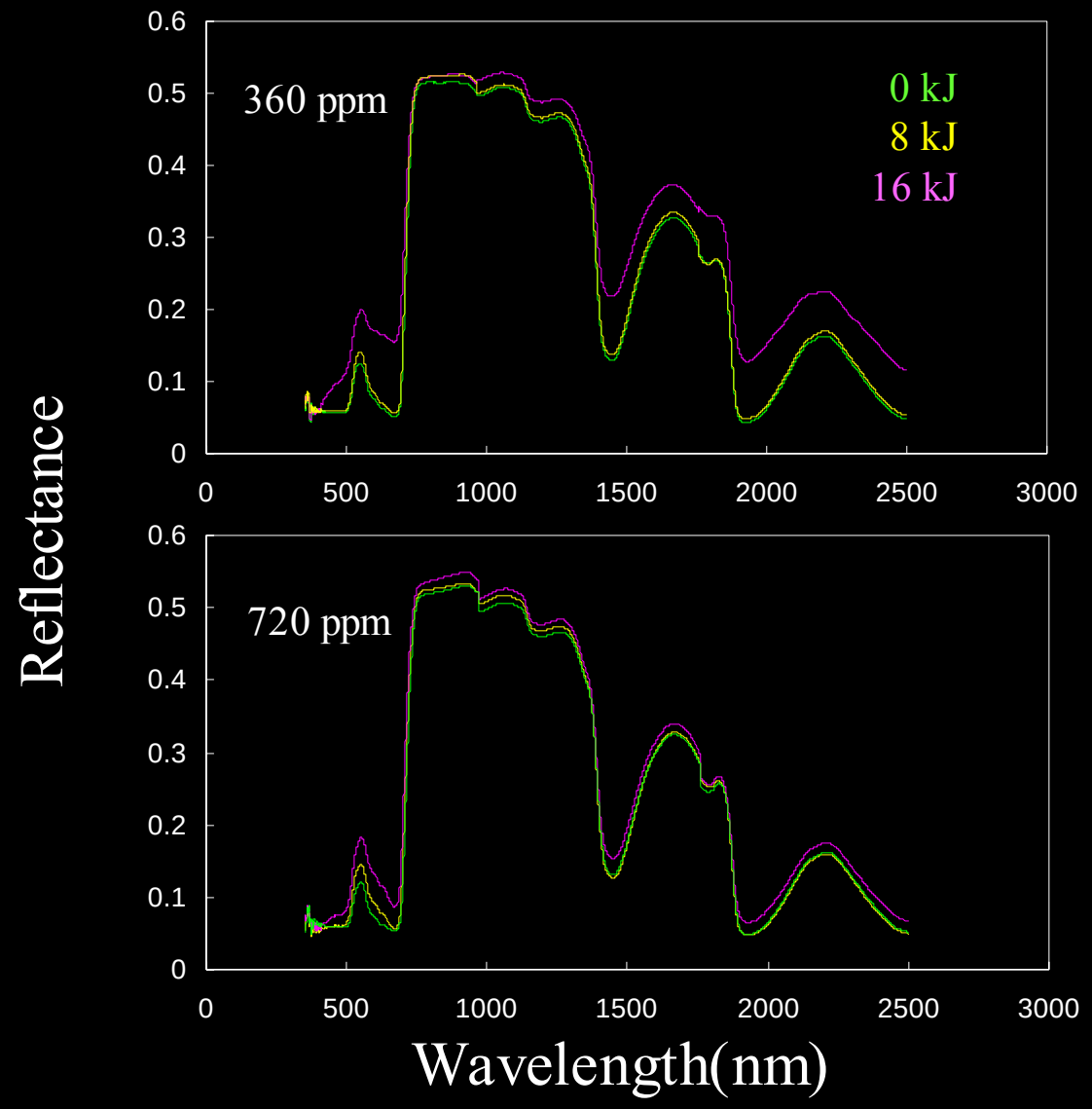
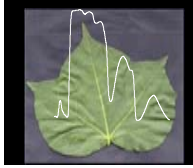
Ultraviolet-B Radiation:

- Strongly Affects:
  - -- *Photosynthesis*
  - -- *Stem growth*
- Moderately Affects:
  - -- *Leaf growth*
  - -- *Leaf aging*
- No Effects:
  - -- *Phenology*

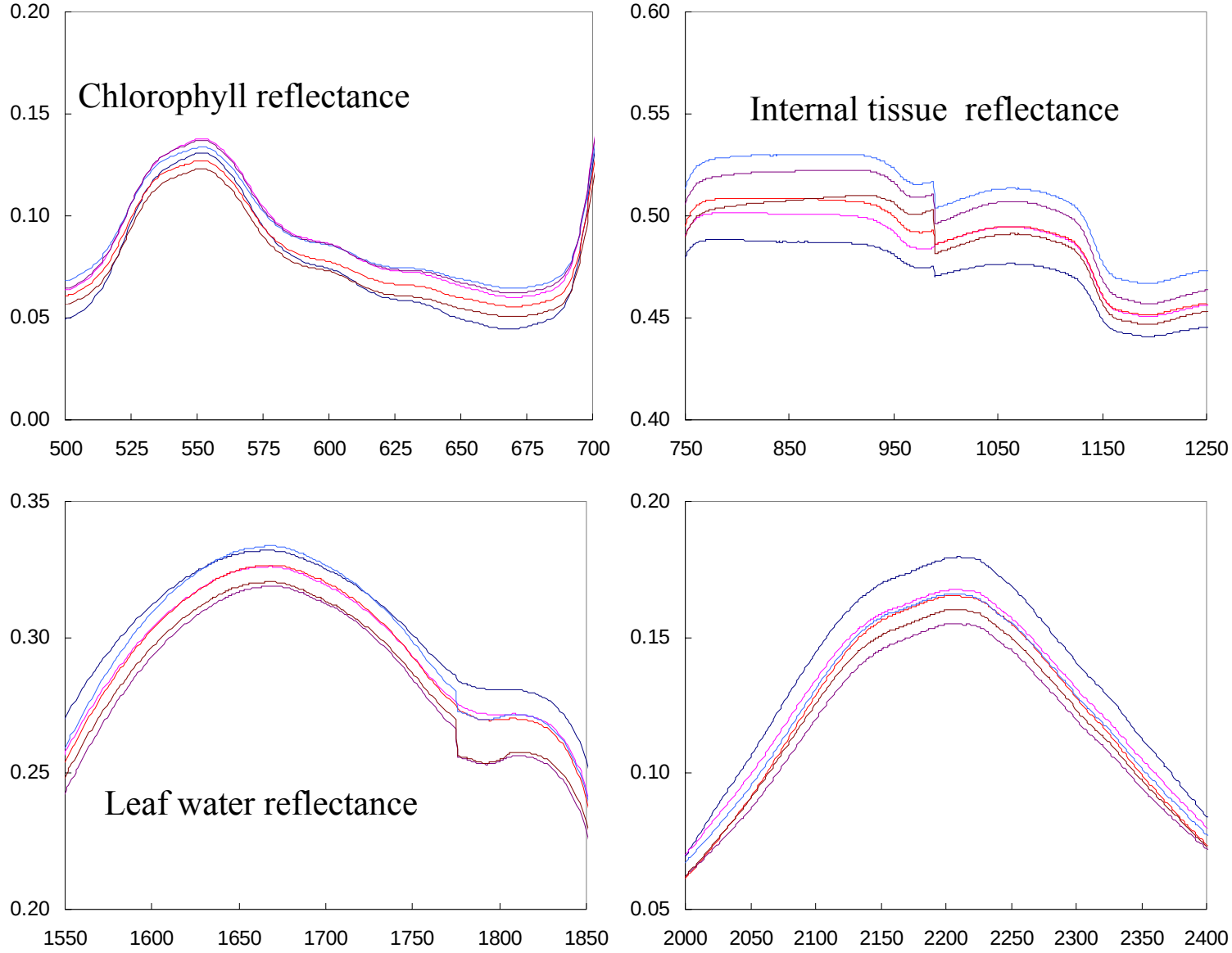


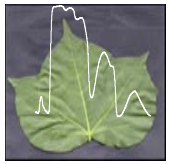
Hyperspectral Reflectances of Cotton Leaves Exposed to Different UV-B and CO_2 Treatments





Breakdown of spectral reflectances of cotton leaves into specific waveband regions with known properties exposed to different UV-B and CO_2 treatments





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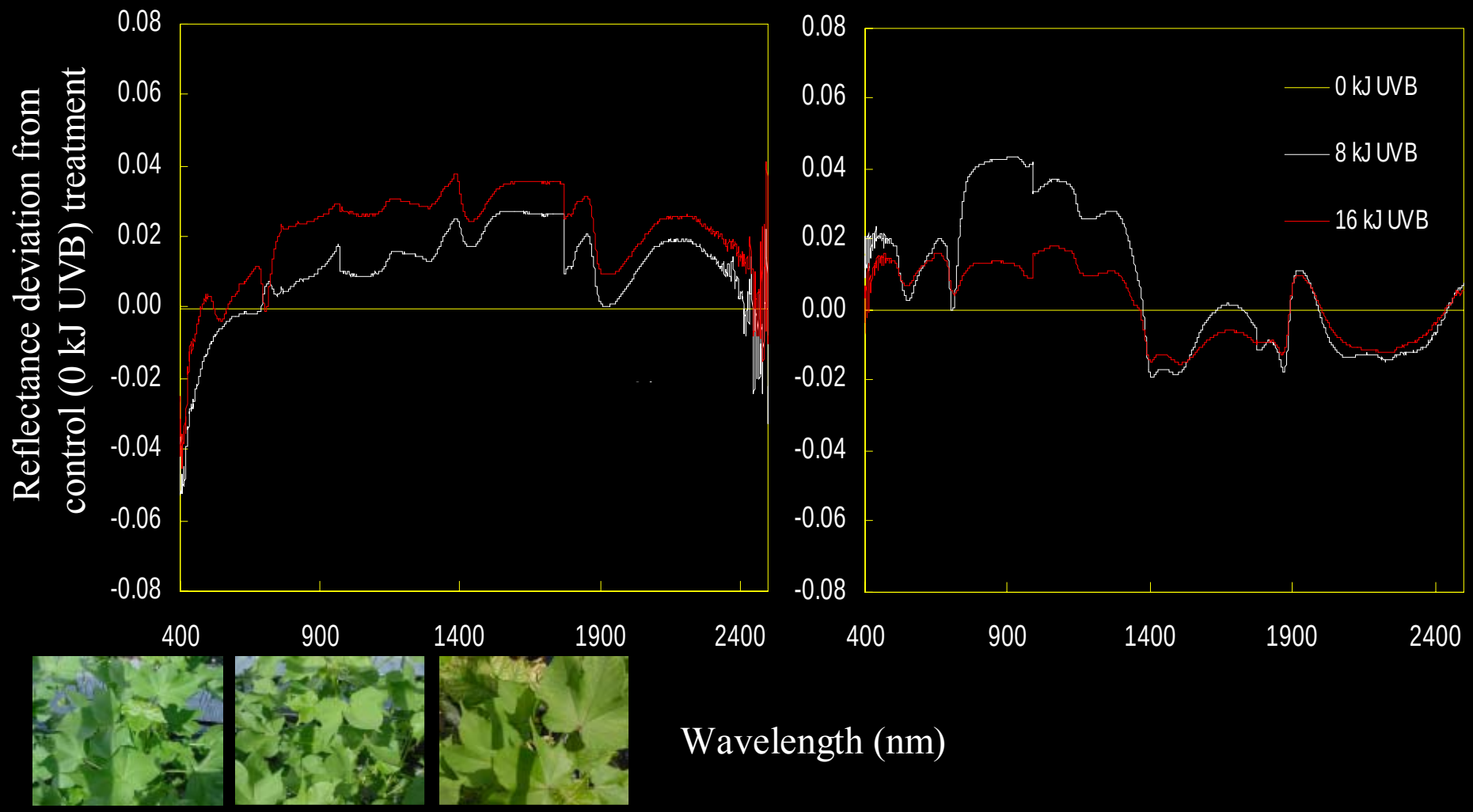

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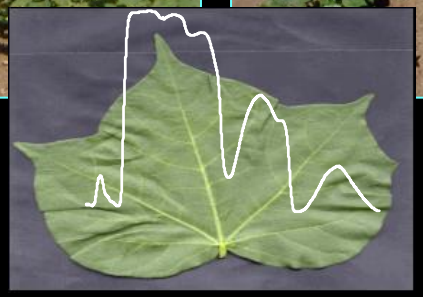

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Growth Regulators - Mepiquat Chloride (PIX):

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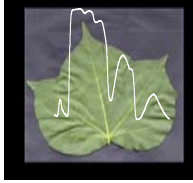
- Slightly Affects:
  -- *Photosynthesis*



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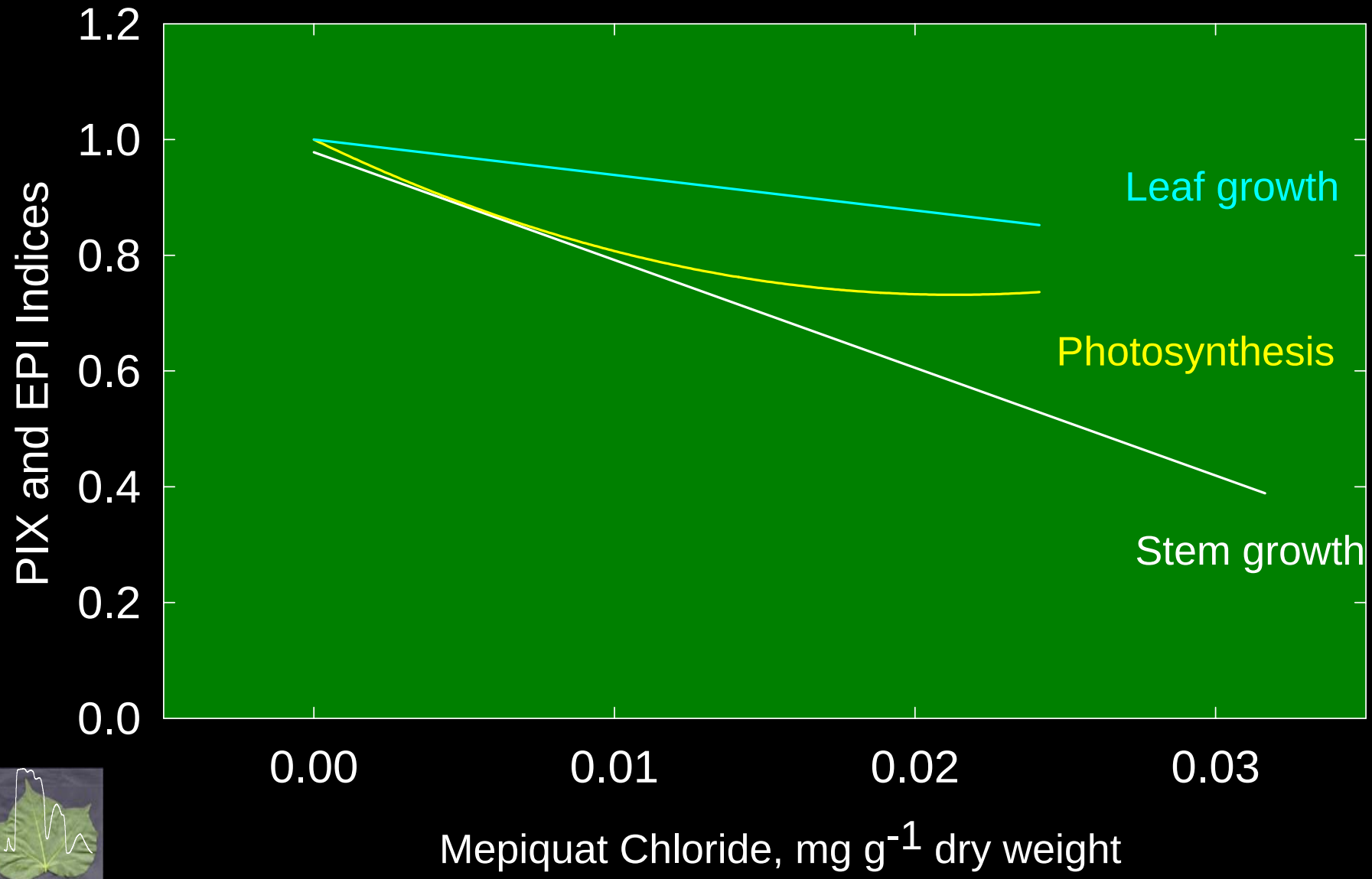

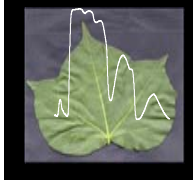

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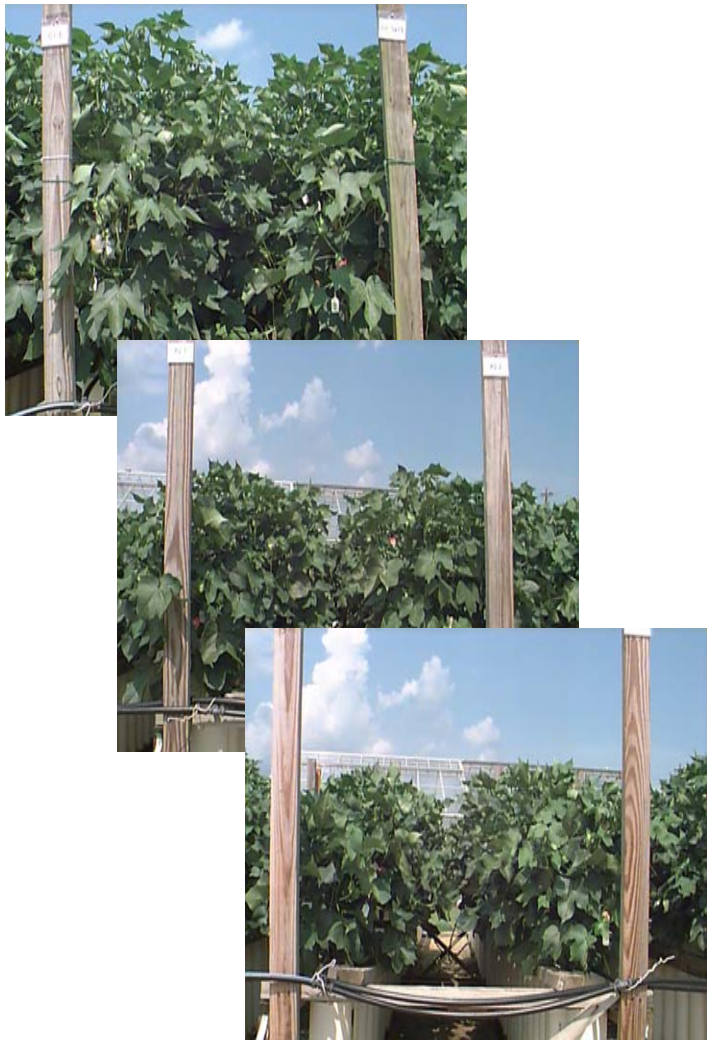

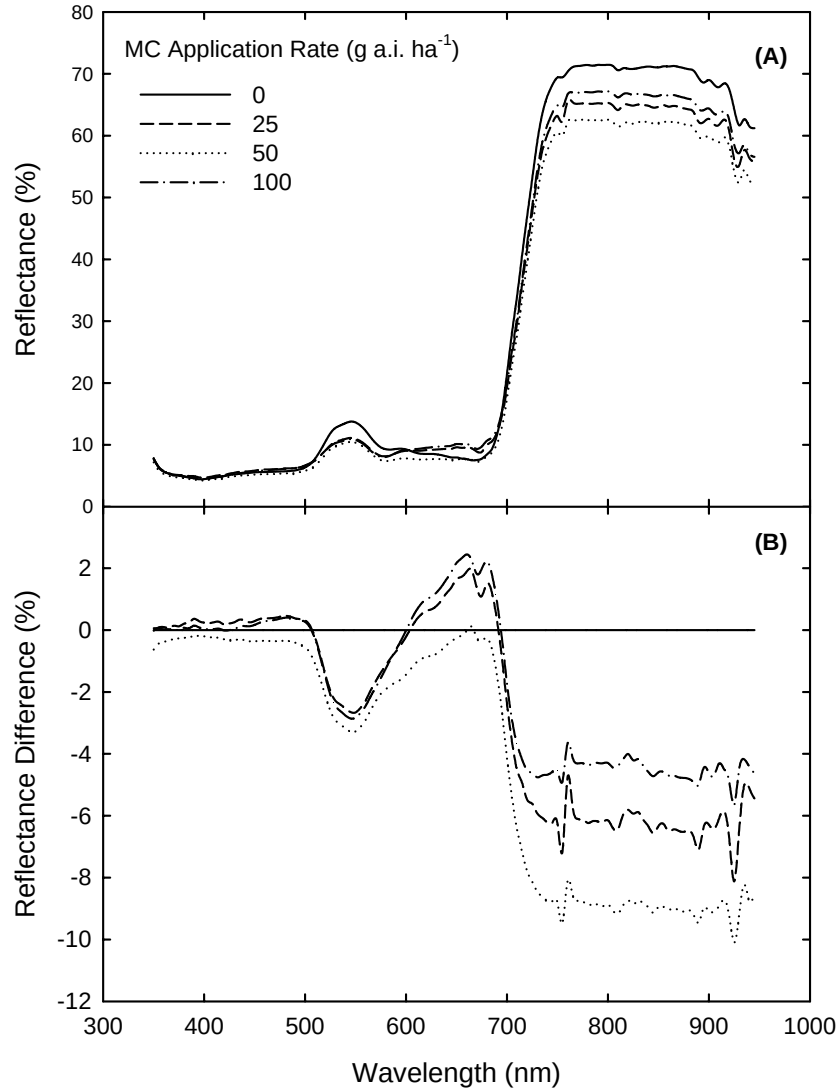

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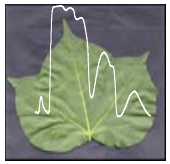

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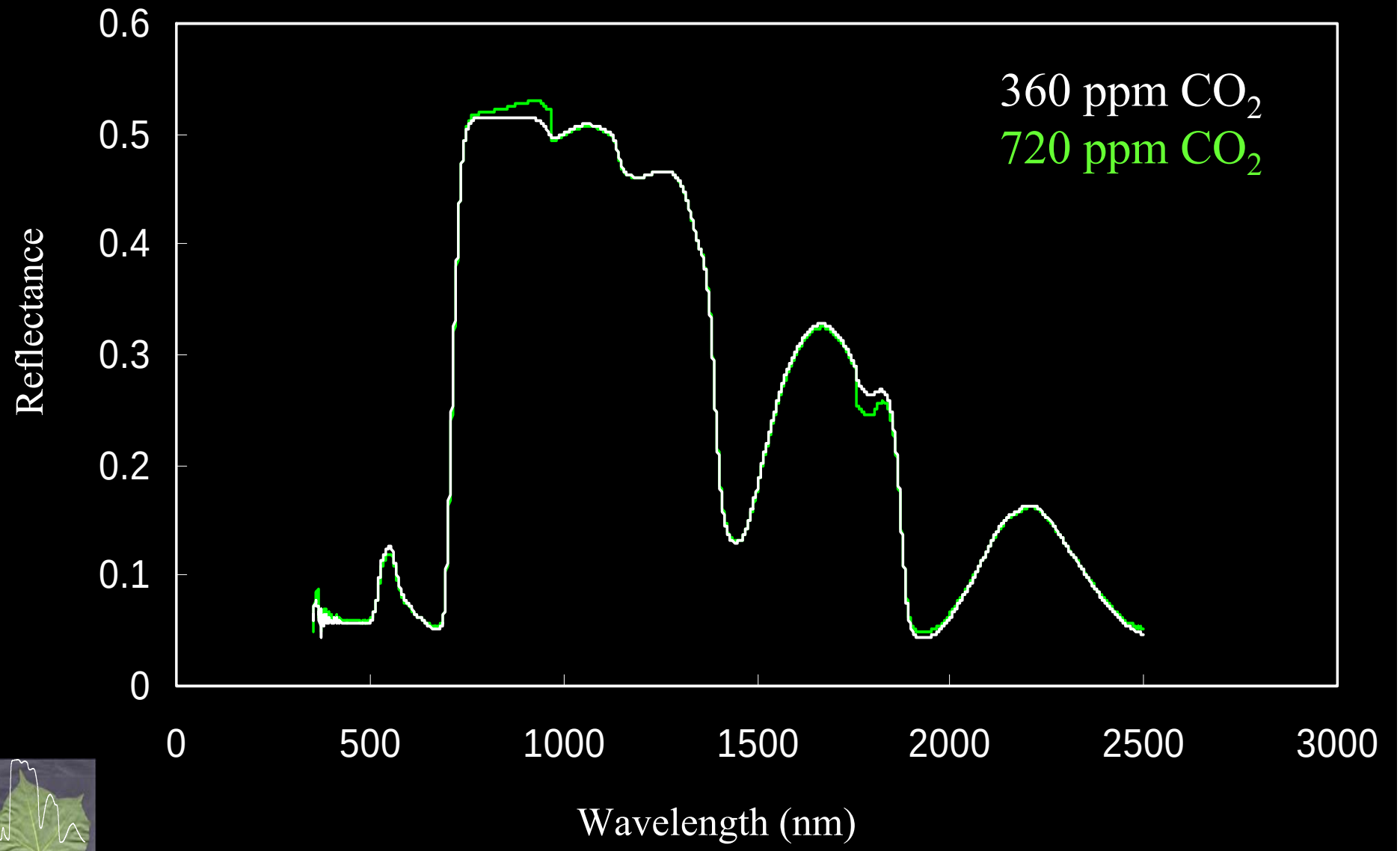
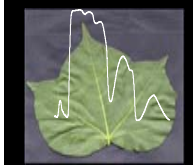
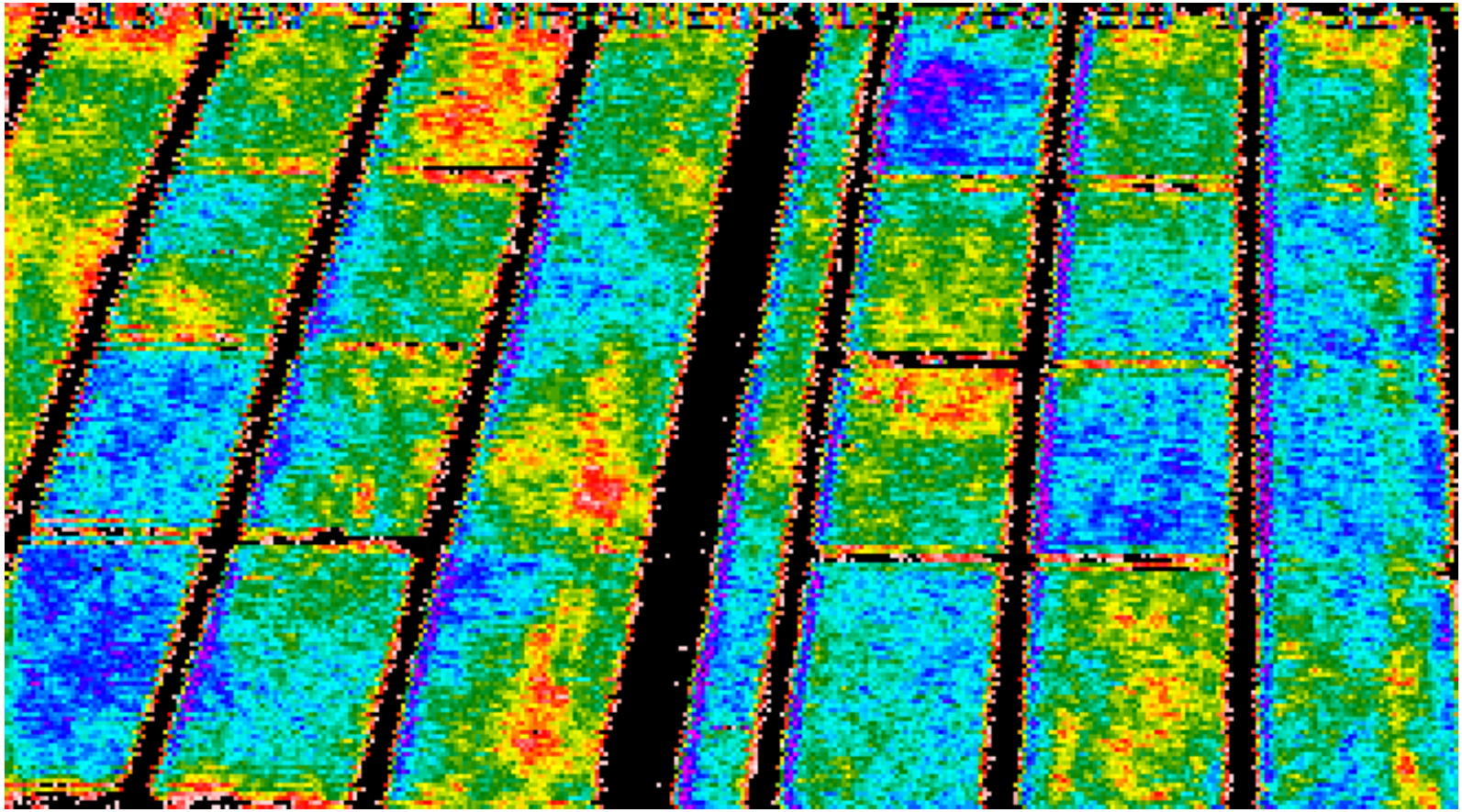


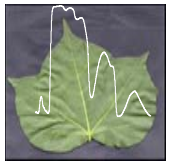


Remote Sensing and Environment

Thermal Imagery



Thermal image of a cotton canopy that was part of a water and nitrogen study in Arizona. Blues and greens represent lower temperatures than yellow and orange. The image was acquired with a thermal scanner on board a helicopter. Most of the blue rectangles (plots) in the image correspond to high water treatments.



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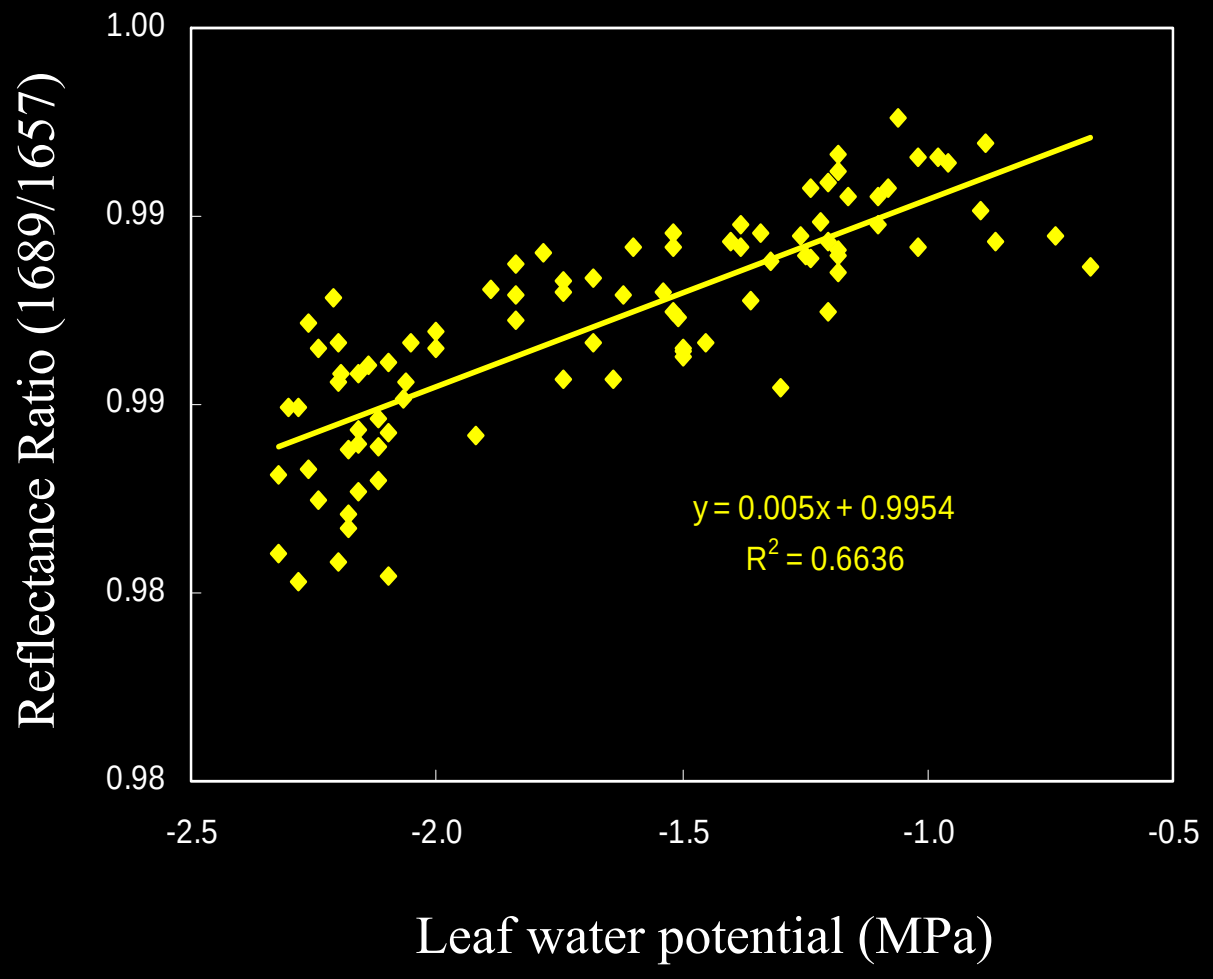

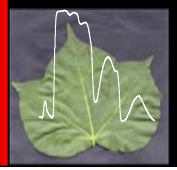

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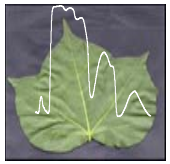
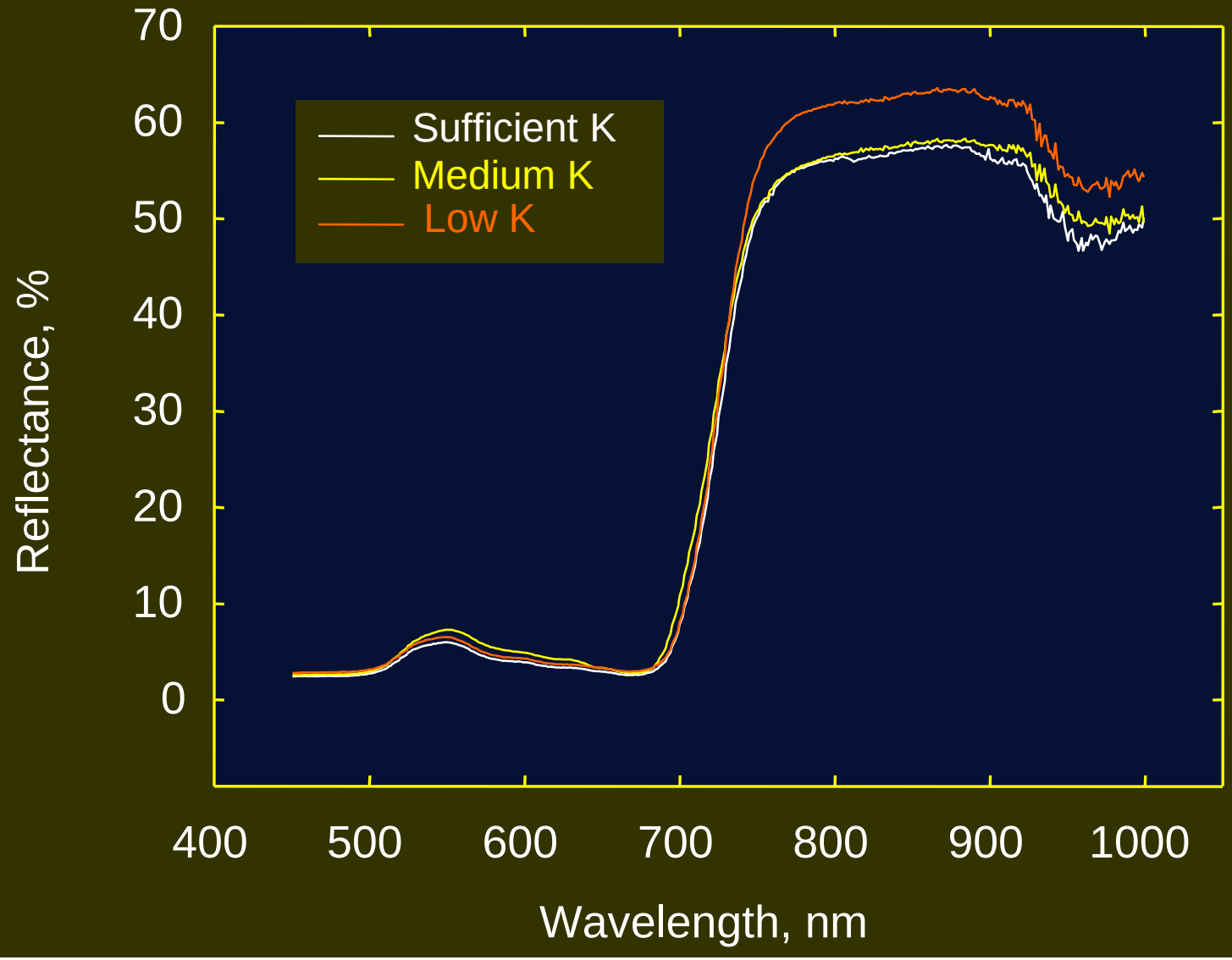
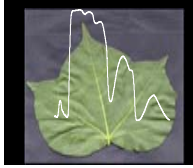
Sorghum	555, 715	$Chl = [(R_{1075}/R_{735}) - 1.012] \div (0.00030)$	21	0.66	Zhao et al., 2004c
		$N = [(R_{405}/R_{715}) - 0.159] \div (0.0047)$	21	0.68	

† Chl = chlorophyll (mg m^{-2}); N = leaf nitrogen (g kg^{-1}); R = reflectance and subscript values are the wavelengths (nm).

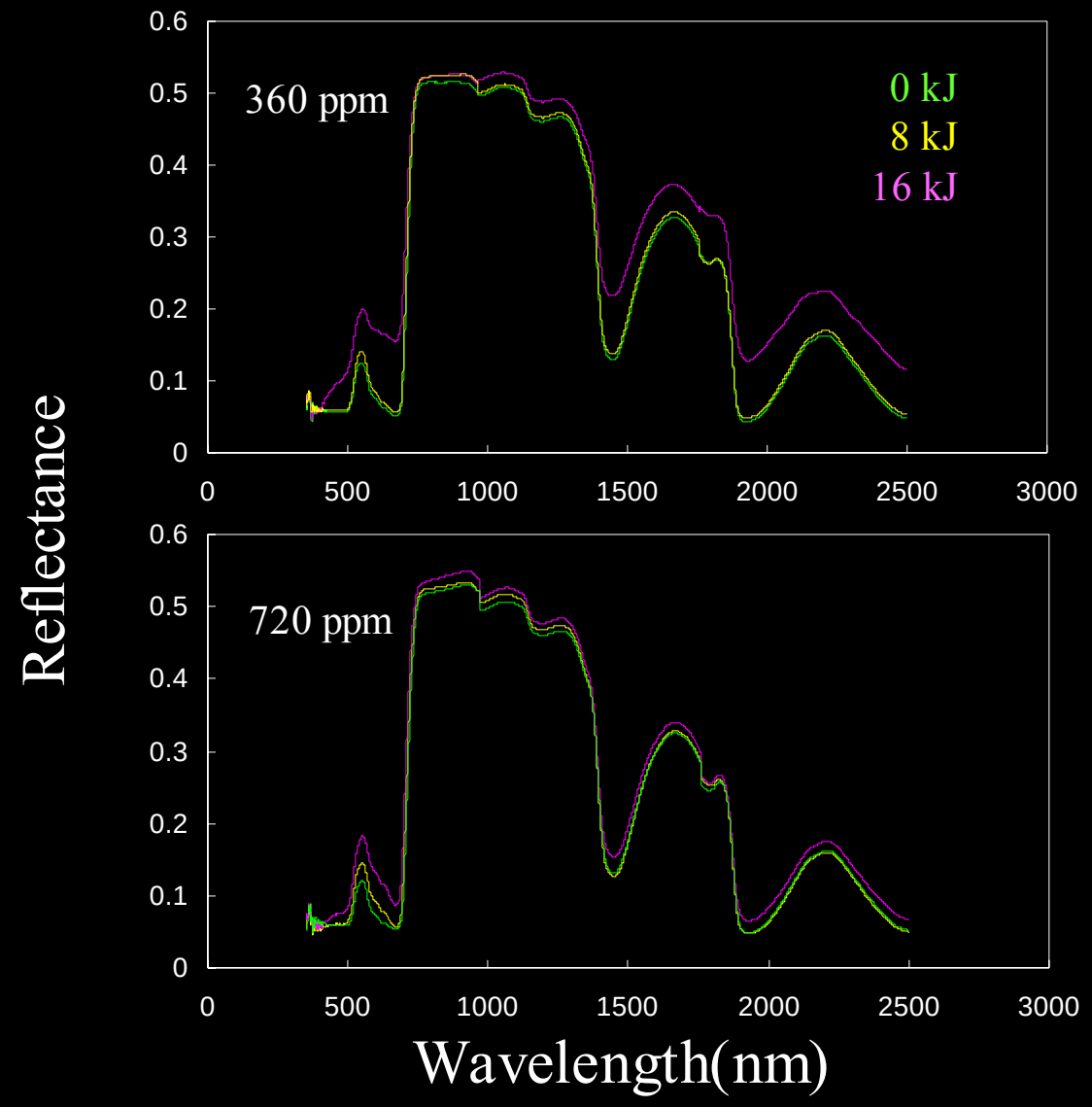


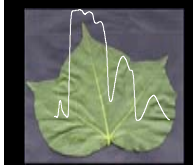
Cotton Potassium Experiment
Physiology and Spectral Properties





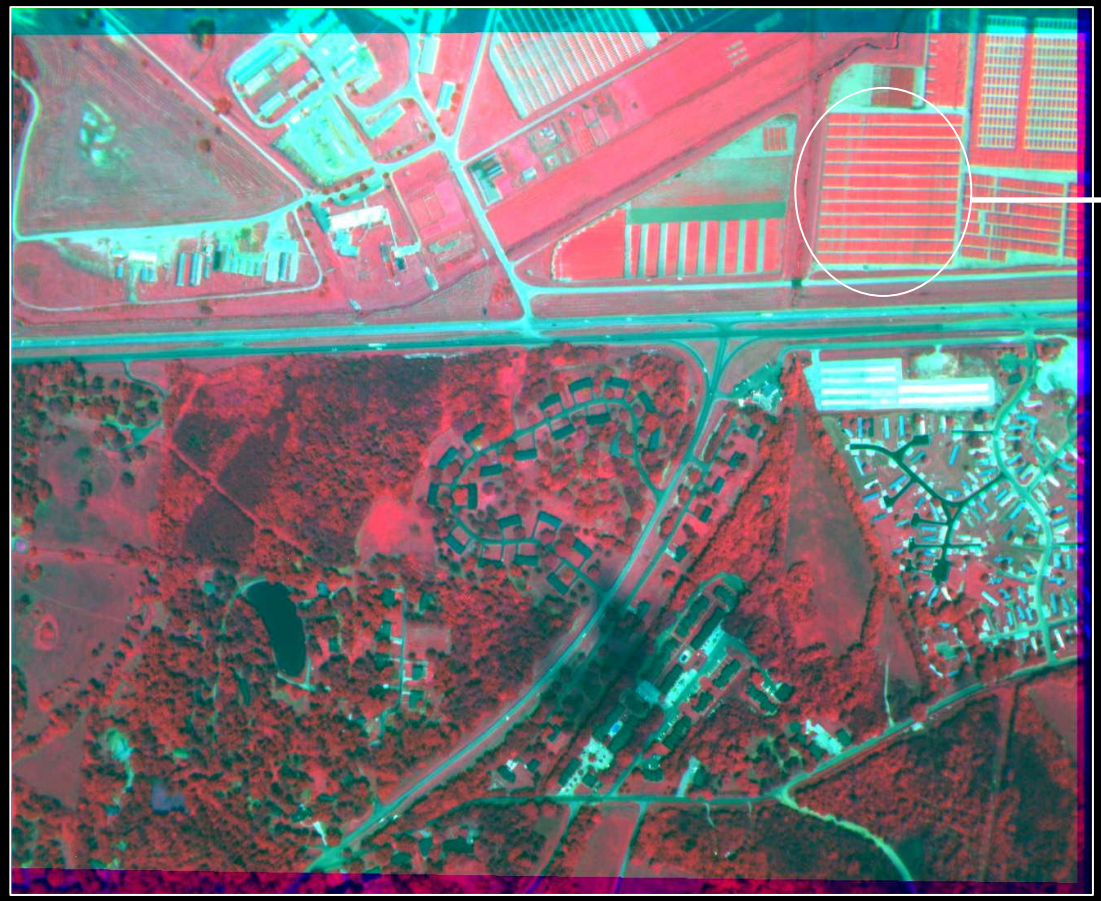
Hyperspectral Reflectances of Cotton Leaves Exposed to Different UV-B and CO_2 Treatments





Remote Sensing and Insect Infestation

Genotype Study North Farm, MSU



Can we identify insect pest damage?

Genotype Study – Nematode Damage – MSU North Farm NDVI

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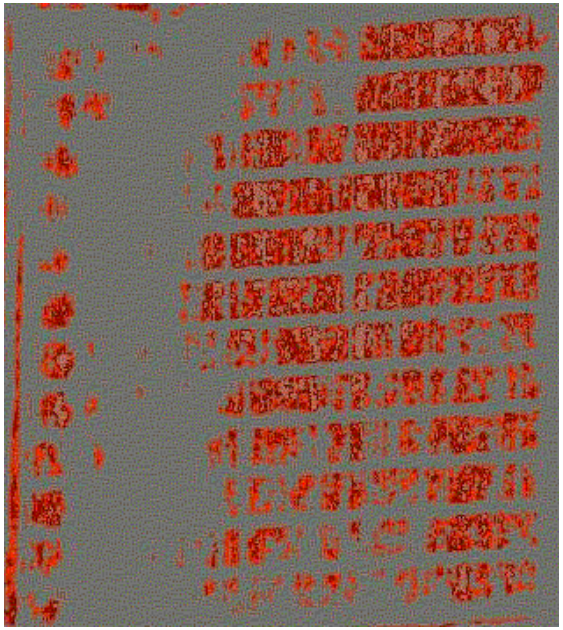

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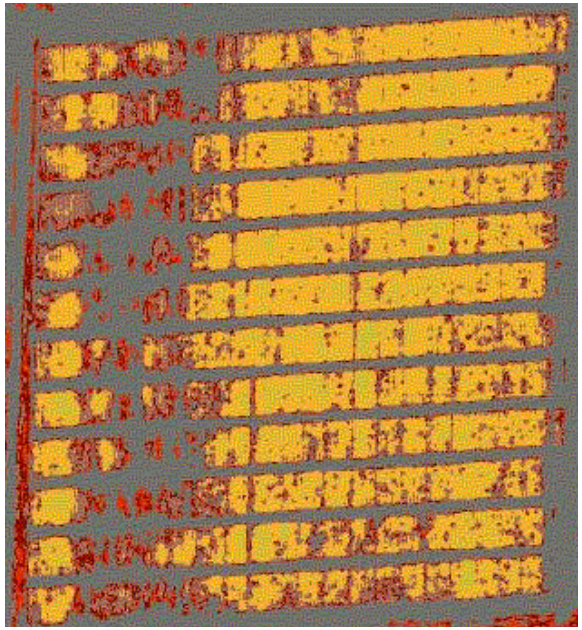

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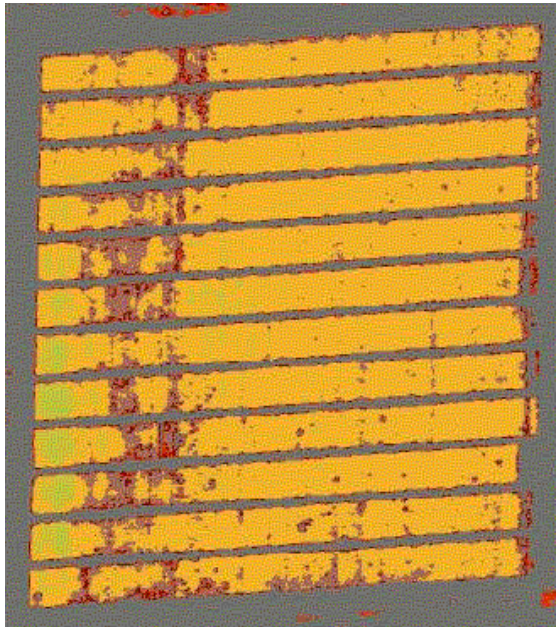
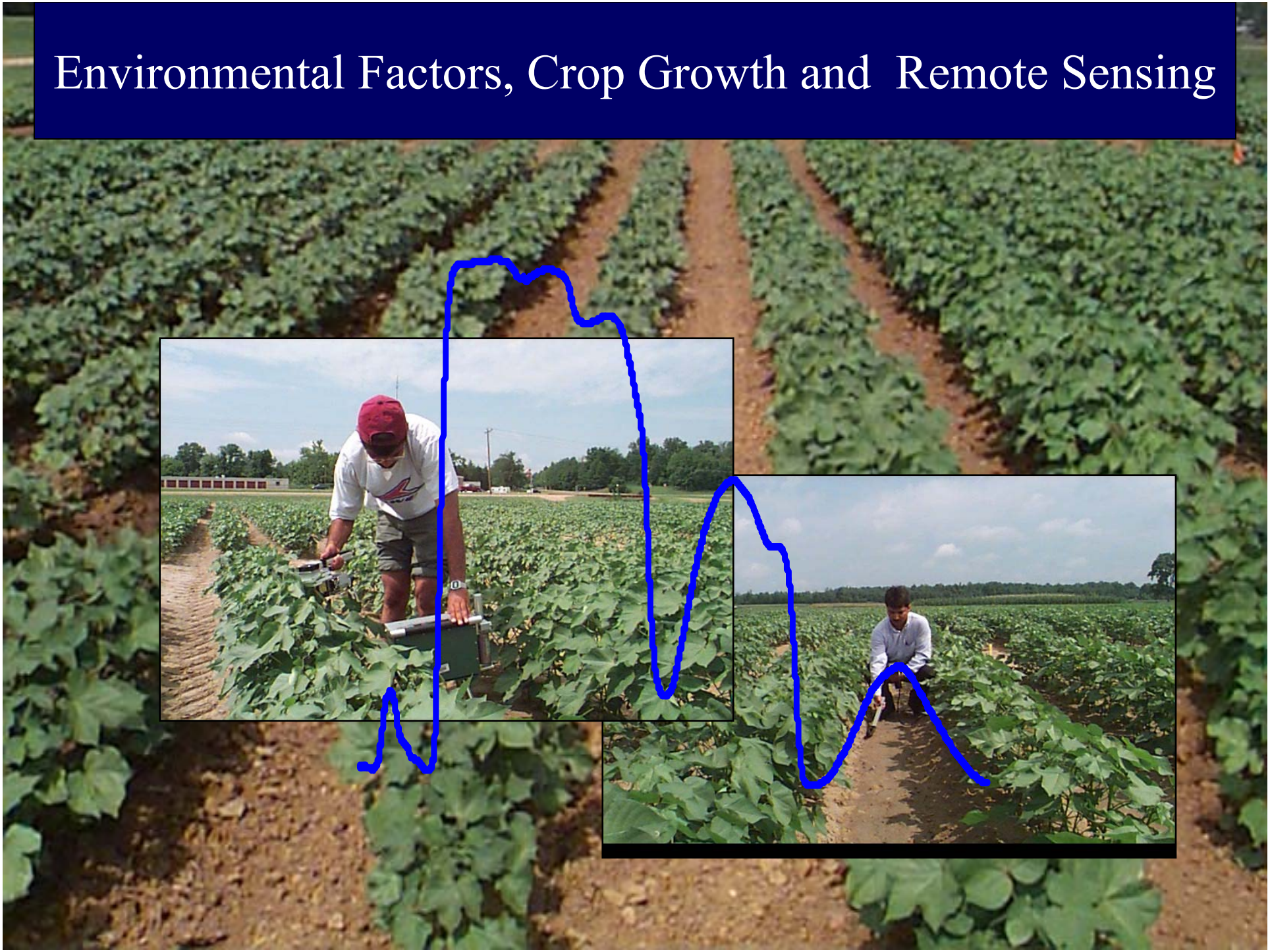
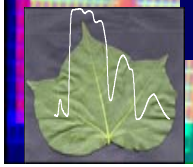


Environmental Factors, Crop Growth and Remote Sensing

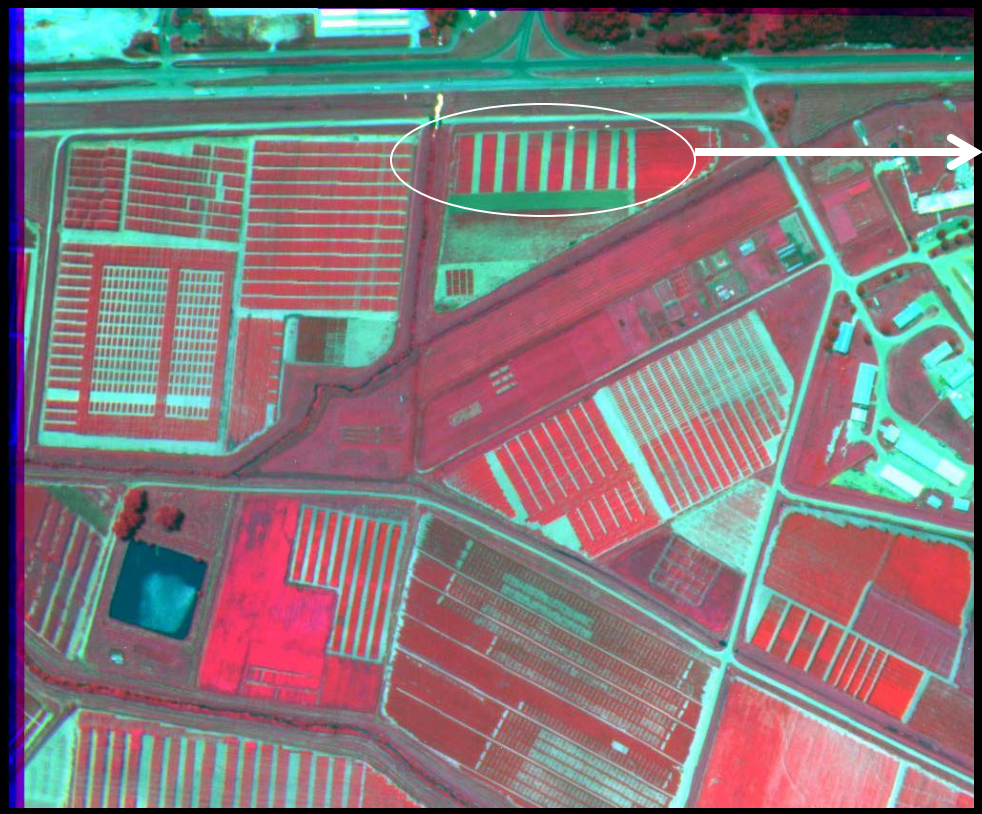


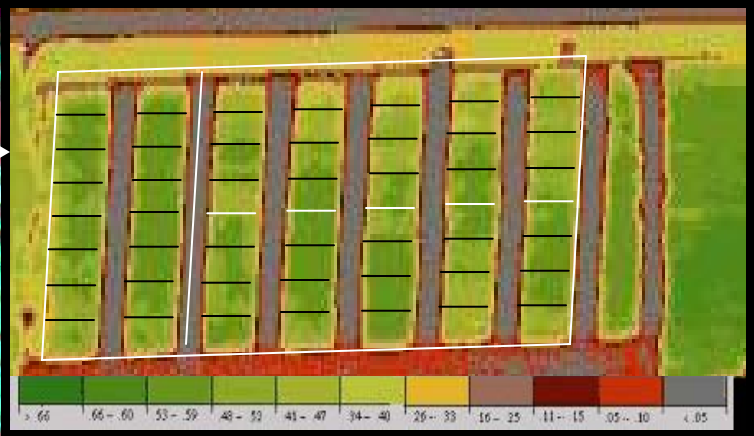
Field Study

- Treatments
  - N study treatments (0, 50, 100, and 150 lbs/A)
  - PIX study treatment (0, 8, 16, and 32 oz./A)
  - Irrigation study (Irrigated, Non-irrigated)
  - Genotype study (38 genotypes)
- Measurements
  - Leaf and canopy hyperspectral reflectance (weekly)
  - Growth analysis (Plant height, nodes, LAI, biomass) (5 times)
  - Pigments and phenolics (weekly)
  - Yield and yield components
  - Photosynthesis
  - Leaf mineral nutrient contents



Location and Field Map for 2001 Field Study (North Farm, MSU)



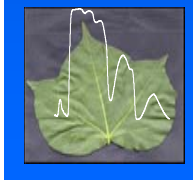


Irrig. Plots	Pix Plots
	Nitrogen Plots

The image was taken on July 17 (First Flower Stage)

Questions We Try to Answer

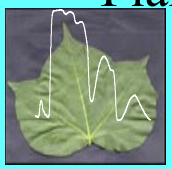
- Which index or ratio is the best to estimate cotton growth and yield?
- Which growth stage is the best date to use the index in estimating cotton yield?
- Which function can be used to estimate crop physiology, growth and yield?



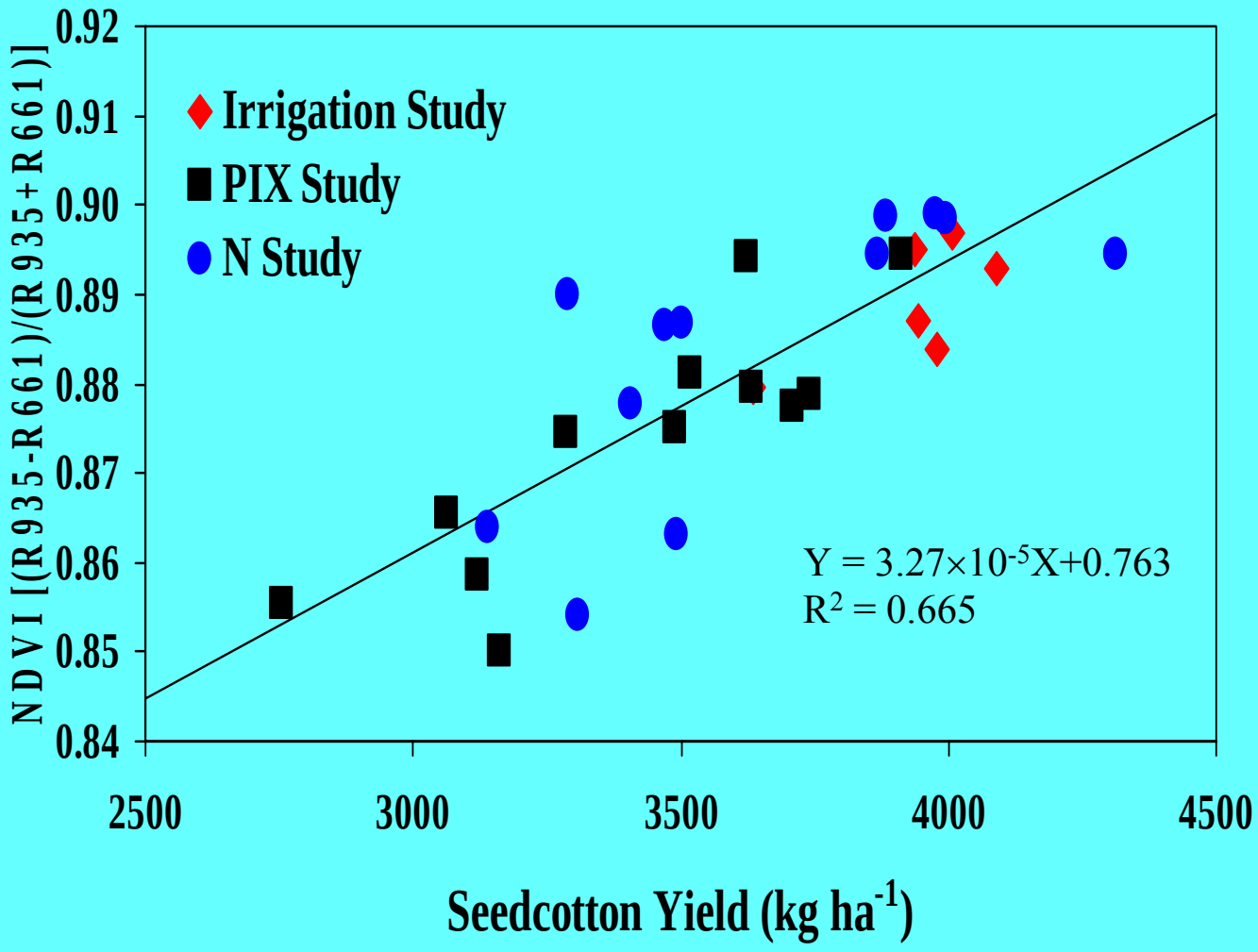
Correlation Coefficient (R) of Seedcotton Yield with Several Published Indices

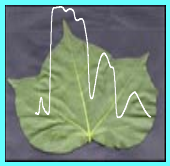
Indices	**6/25**	**7/3**	**7/10**	**7/24**	**7/31**	**8/15**	**8/22**
NIR/R (R_{750}/R_{650})	0.524	0.354	0.421	0.589	0.391	0.202	0.009
(R_{750}/R_{550})	0.647	0.482	0.403	0.199	0.295	0.433	0.219
(R_{935}/R_{661})	0.523	0.364	0.480	0.673	0.523	0.040	0.150
NDVI (R_{750} R_{650})	0.501	0.394	0.653	**0.723**	0.372	0.234	0.047
(R_{935} R_{661})	0.497	0.401	**0.815**	**0.752**	0.508	0.080	0.189
(R_{850} R_{680})	0.475	0.389	**0.763**	**0.747**	0.434	0.183	0.152
(R_{900} R_{680})	0.477	0.390	**0.774**	**0.760**	0.466	0.142	0.180
(R_{790} R_{670})	0.476	0.391	0.676	**0.768**	0.416	0.173	0.131
Sample size (n)	12	24	30	30	30	30	30

Planting date: 5/14; Squaring date: 6/24; First flower: 7/17

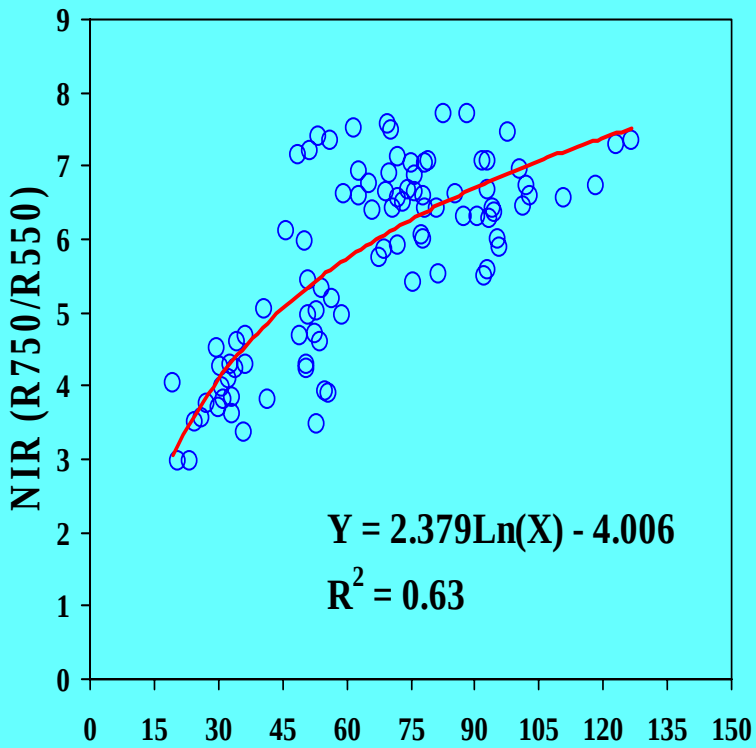


Relationship between NDVI at One Week Prior to First Flower and Seedcotton Yield in 2001

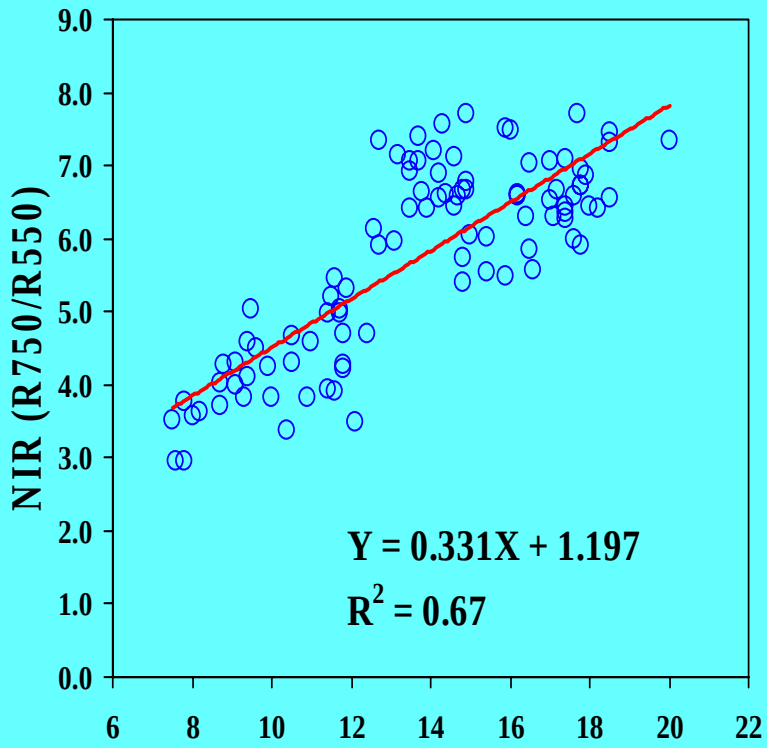




Relationship between NIR and Plant Height or the Number of Mainstem Nodes (n =96)



Plant Height (cm)



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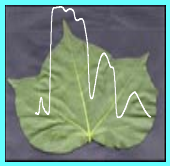
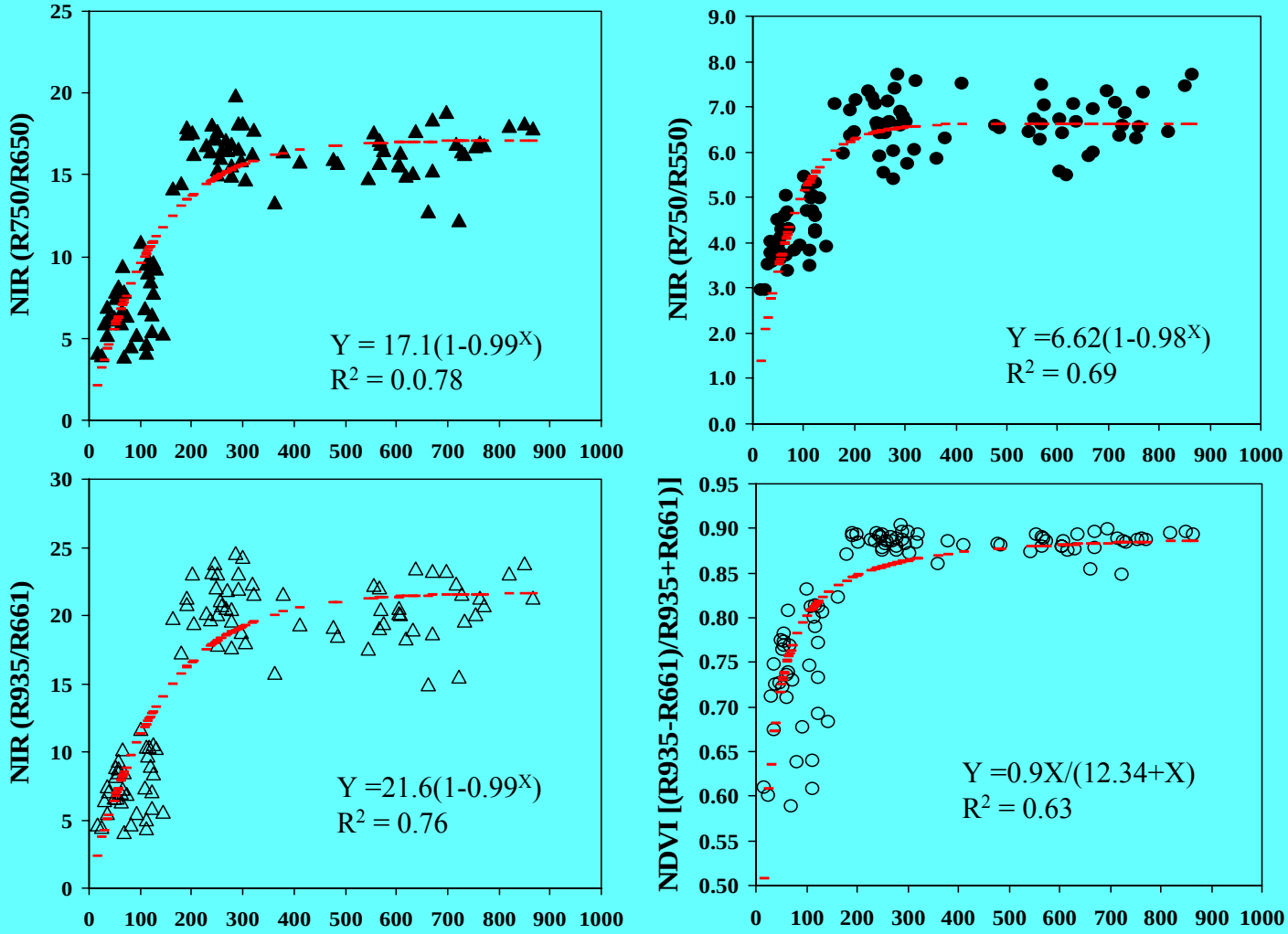
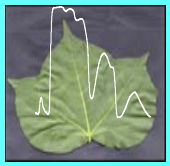


Relationship between NIR or NDVI and Biomass (n =96)



Biomass (g m^{-2}, from 5-time harvest data)



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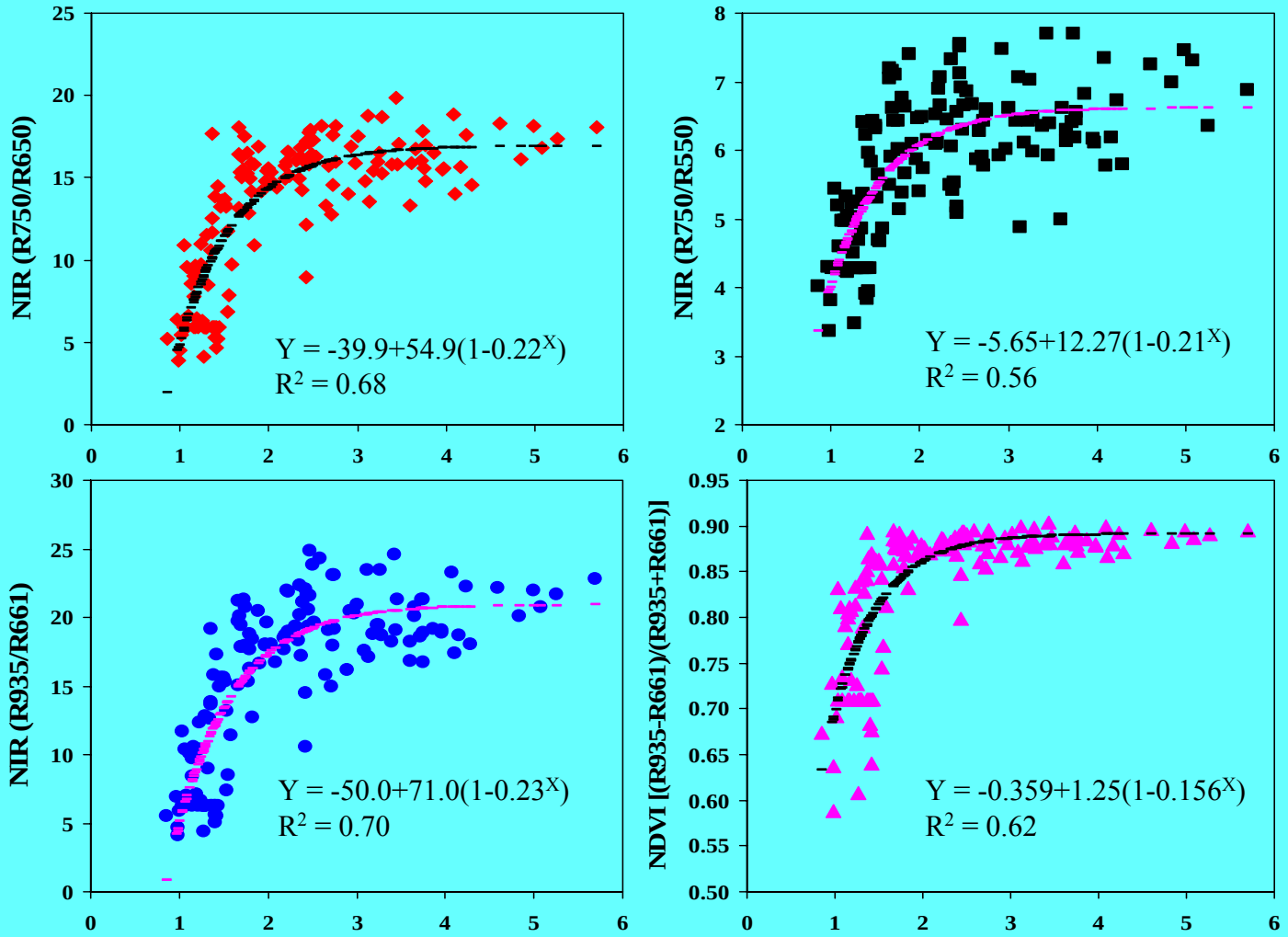

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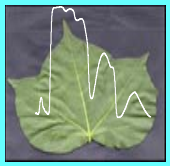

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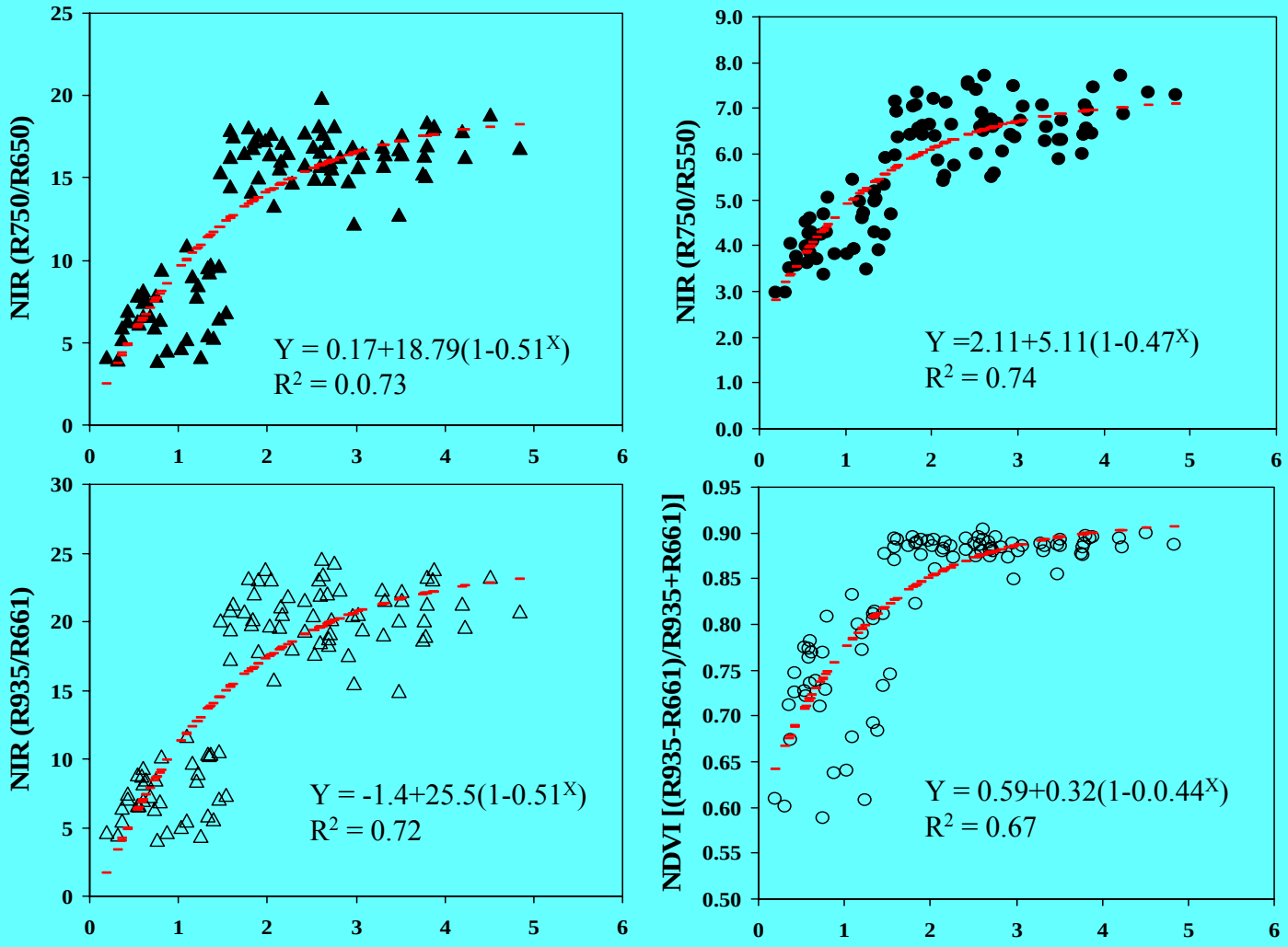

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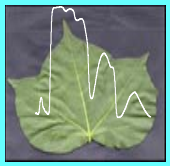
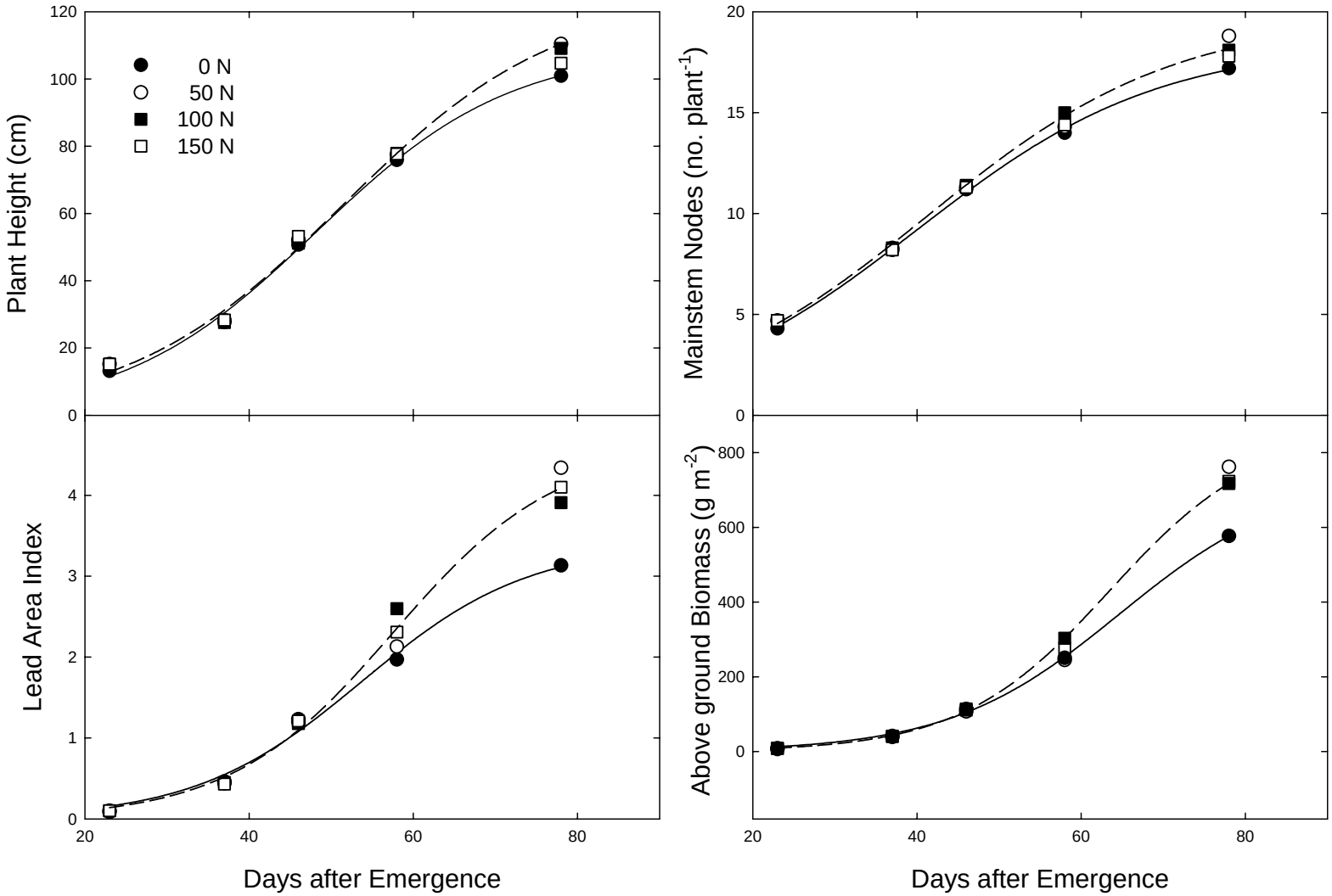
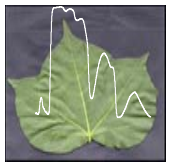
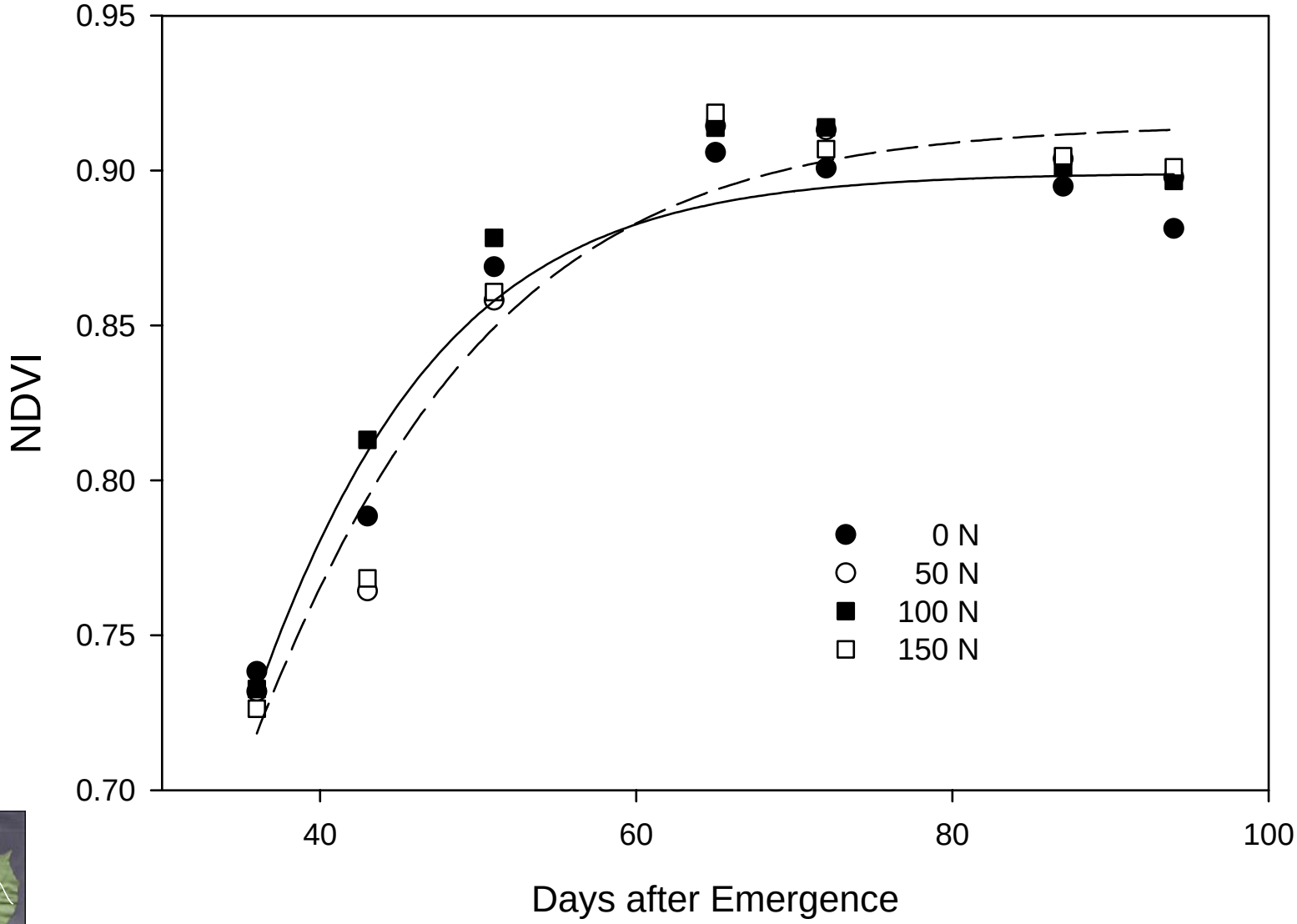


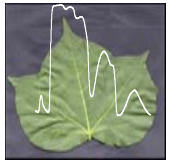
Changes in Plant height, the number of mainstem nodes, leaf area index, and above ground biomass during cotton growth under field conditions in 2001.



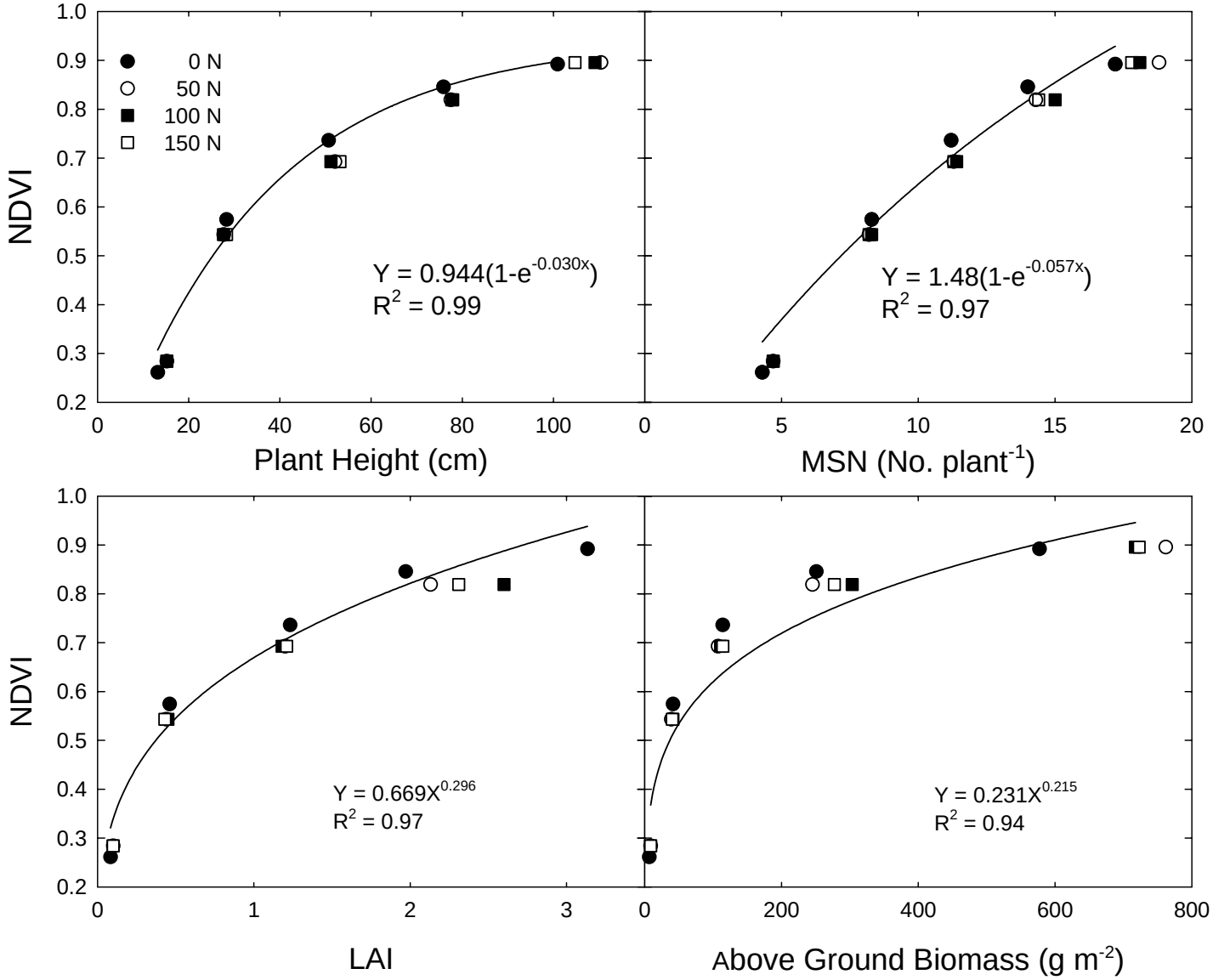


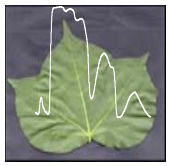
Changes in NDVI of different treatments during field cotton growth





Relationships between NDVI and plant height, the number of nodes, LAI or biomass





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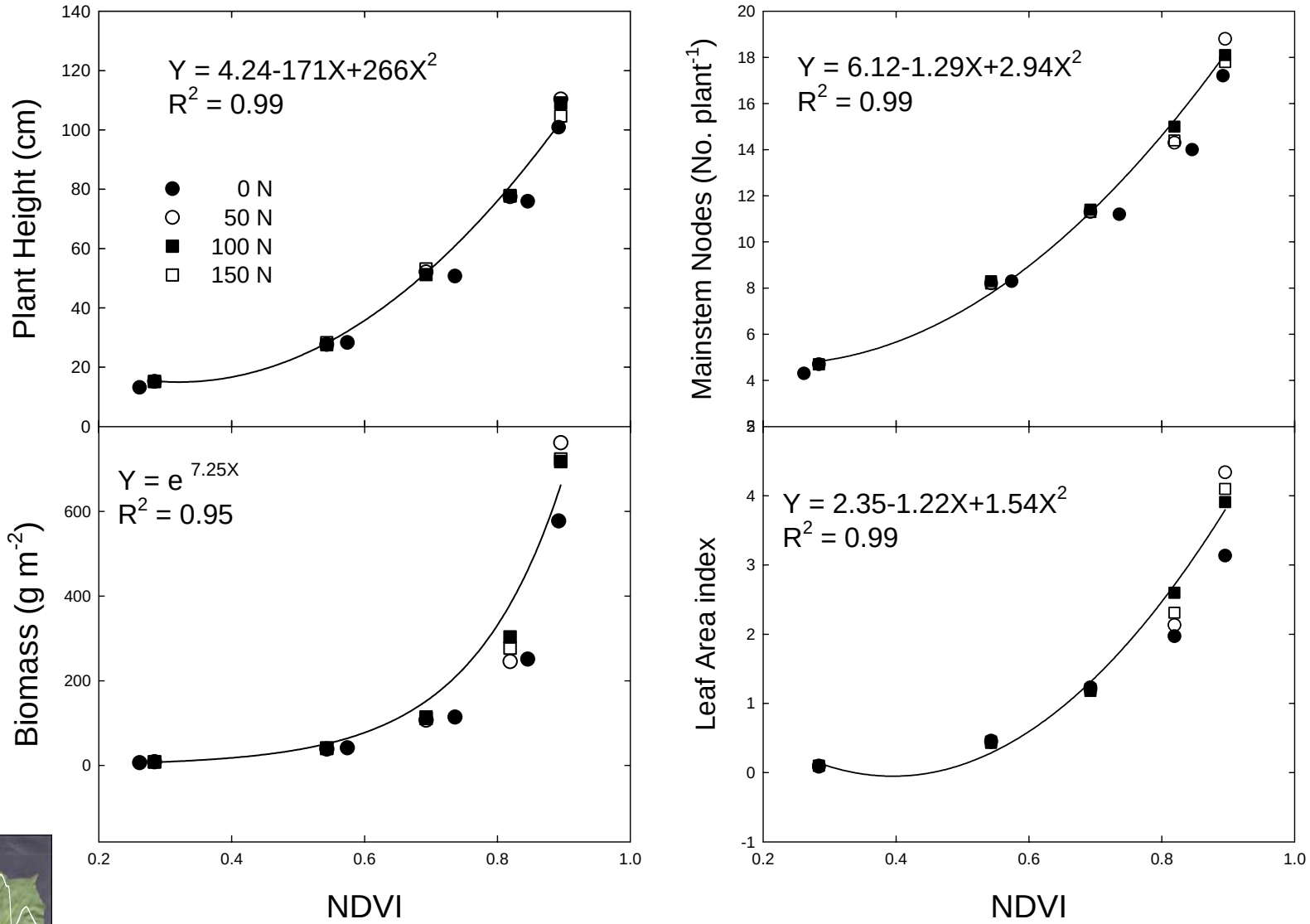
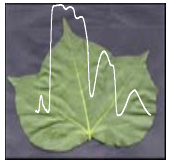




What's Next?

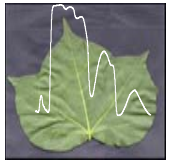
Remote Sensing (RS):

Provide spatial variable data for crop health and yield, and soil conditions, and some predictive capabilities.

Crop Simulation Models and Decision Support Systems(CSM-DSS):

Provide predictive capabilities and verification of RS features.

RS and CSM-DSS:



Deliver site-specific input management or optimization.