

**Remote sensing of plant water status using
satellite, airborne and UAV imagery:
What does it mean for you?**

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Remote Sensing Instruments

Satellite



Manned aircrafts



Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)



Multispectral, Thermal
Landsat, Sentinel 2

Worldview 3
Planet Labs

Spatial resolution
Spectral resolution
Temporal resolution

Sensor Types

Multispectral, Hyperspectral
Thermal, LiDAR

Plant based-sensors



Shortcomings of the Pressure Chamber

- 1) Manual method; can't be automated
- 2) Requires field visit with operator
- 3) Limited time period to take measurements; ~11am - 2 pm

How to adequately characterize variability in a field?



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Meteorological sensors

Shortcomings of weather stations and Eddy correlation flux stations

- 1) Measurements at only one location (or few)
- 2) Instruments need frequent calibration and attention; data complex to analyze
- 3) Measures continuously but much data is discarded due to wind direction and low wind speed



Weather station

Eddy flux measurement station



How to adequately characterize variability in a field?

Carneros Vineyard, Napa Valley



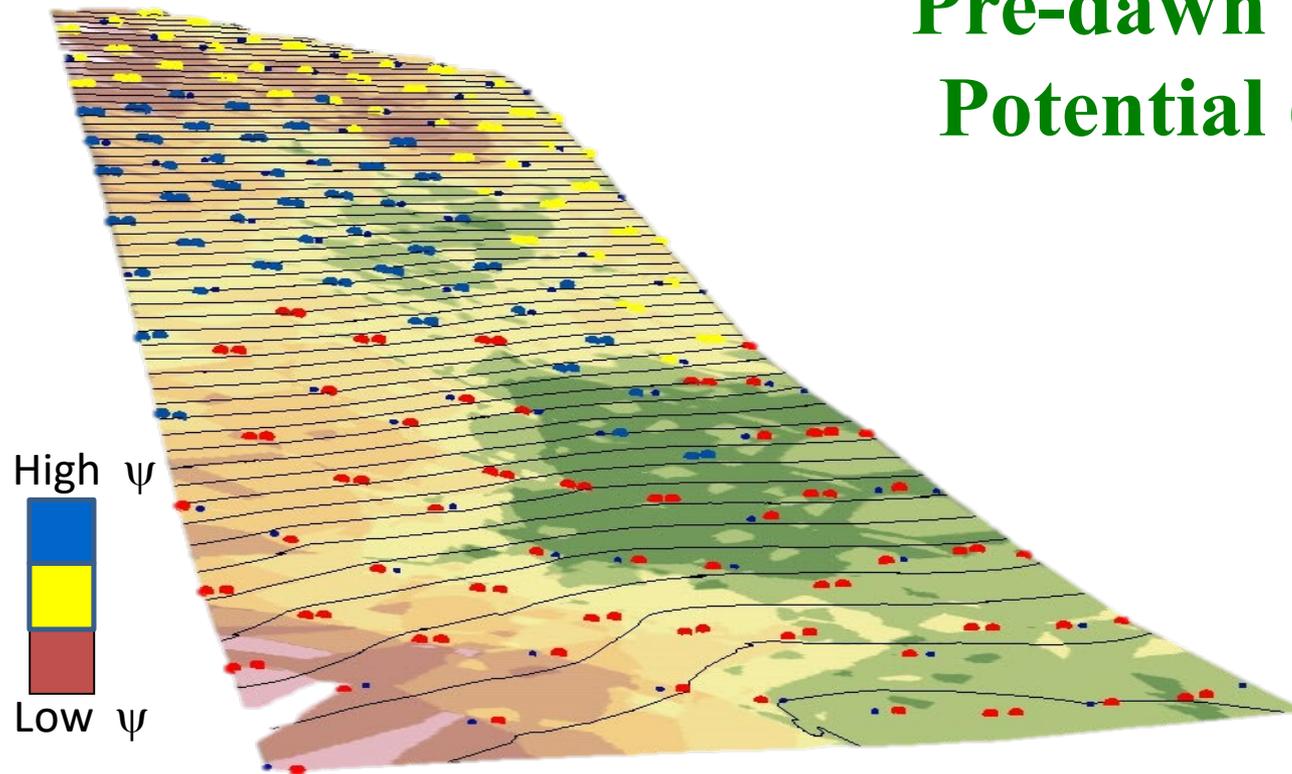
16 Ac (6.5 Ha) Pinot noir Vineyard in the Carneros Region of Napa Valley



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Hyperspectral Aerial Imagery: a Precision Farming Tool to Support Zonal Management

Spatial Heterogeneity in Pre-dawn Water Potential (ψ_{PD})

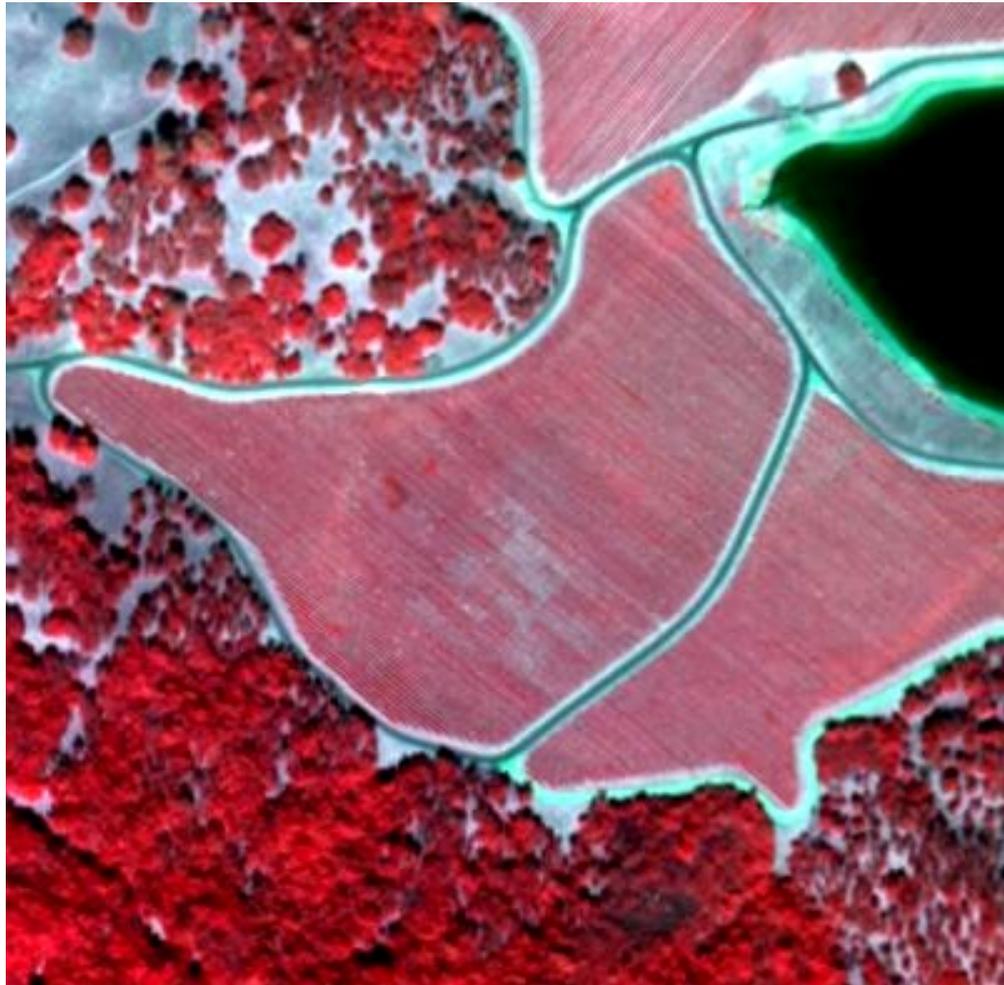


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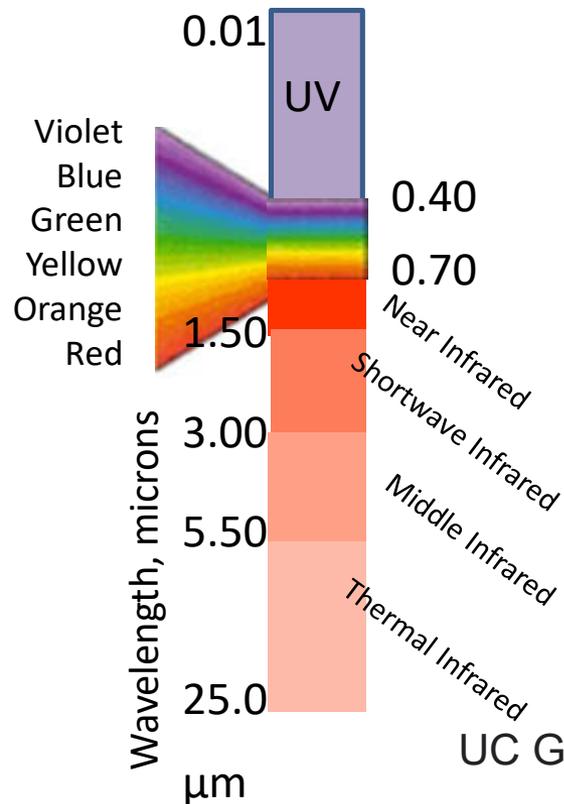
Remote Sensing Spectral Measurements

Color Infrared Image

Spectral bands	Display color
Green	Blue
Red	Green
Near-infrared	Red



Gallo Vineyards, Sonoma County, ADAR-5500

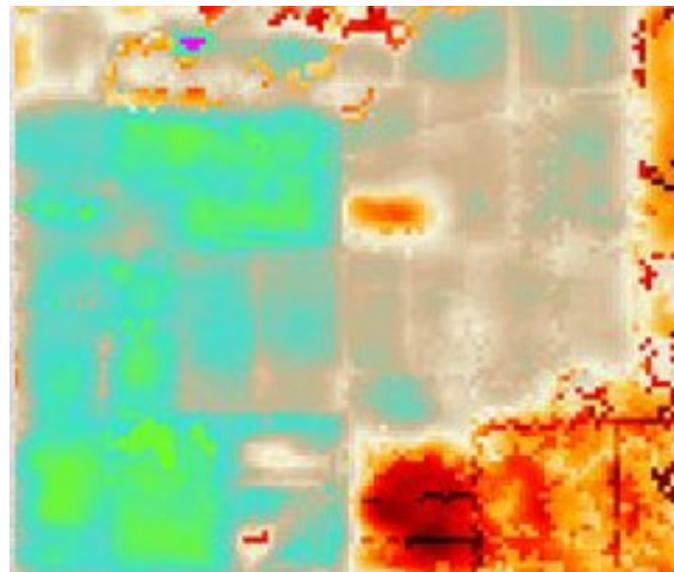


Landsat Multispectral Satellites, public domain 30m pixels

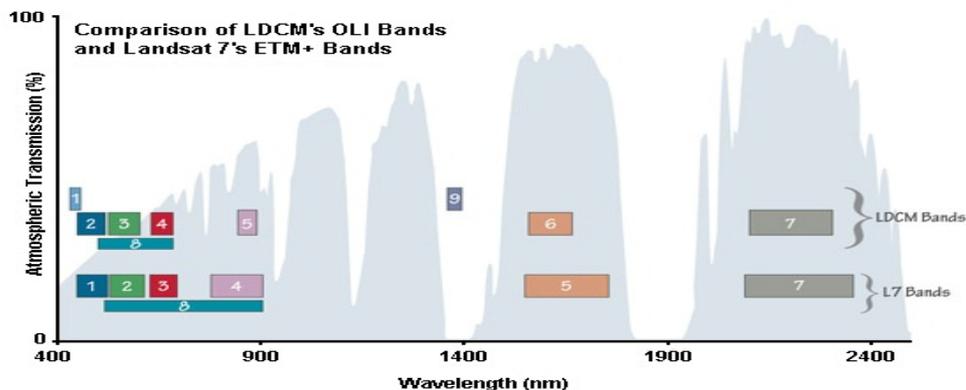
Available since early 1970s, Landsat 5 launched in 1984, Landsat 7 in 1999 and Landsat 8 in 2013, Landsat 9 expected end 2019.

All have 30m pixel resolution.

Landsat image used to identify location of vegetation and scale Evapotranspiration using the METRIC model

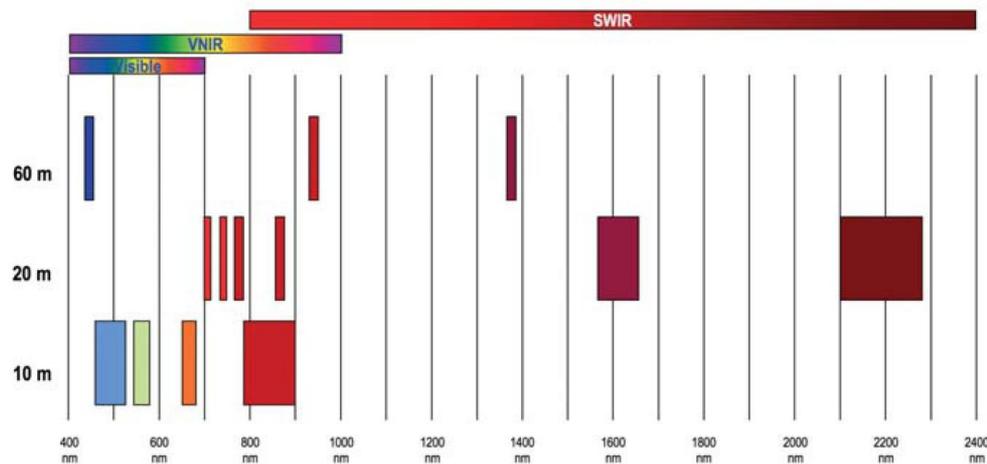
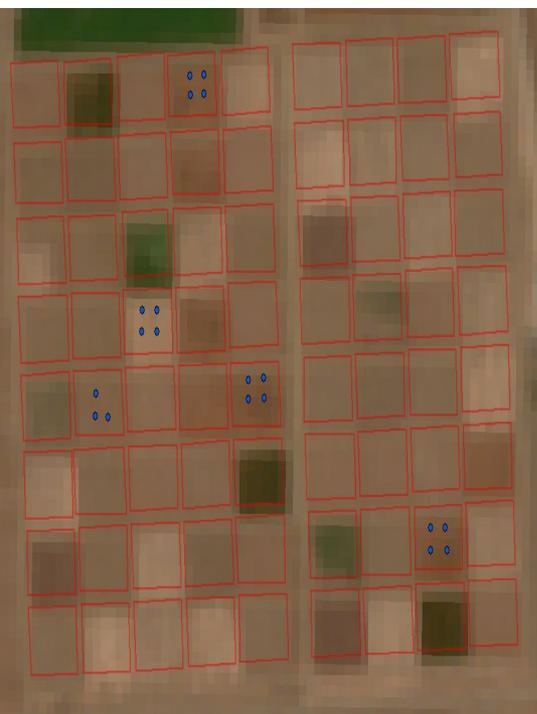
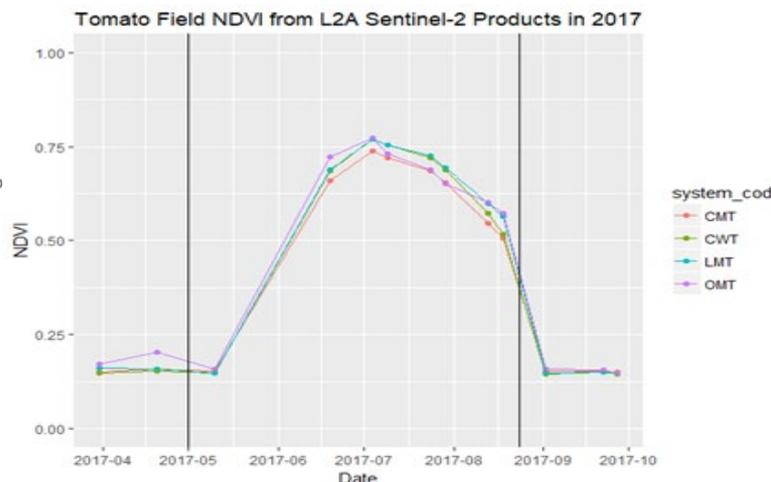
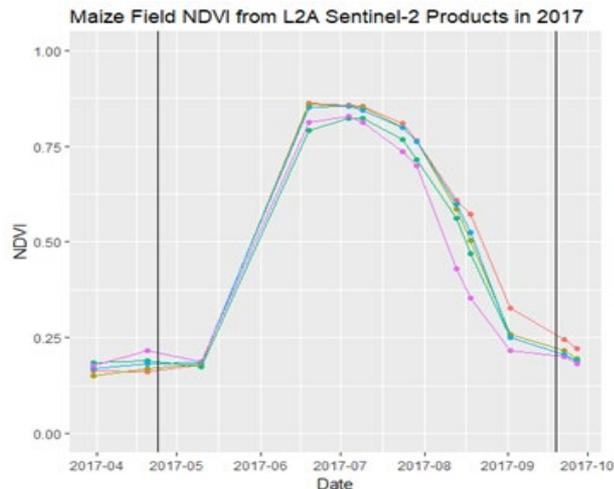


Evapotranspiration from Gallo vineyards in Lodi, California, measured using an adjusted form of METRIC. Lower evapotranspiration is shown in red and higher is in blue. Courtesy of E. and J. Gallo. From https://www.usgs.gov/centers/fort/science/agriculture-landsat-imagery-a-unique-resource?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

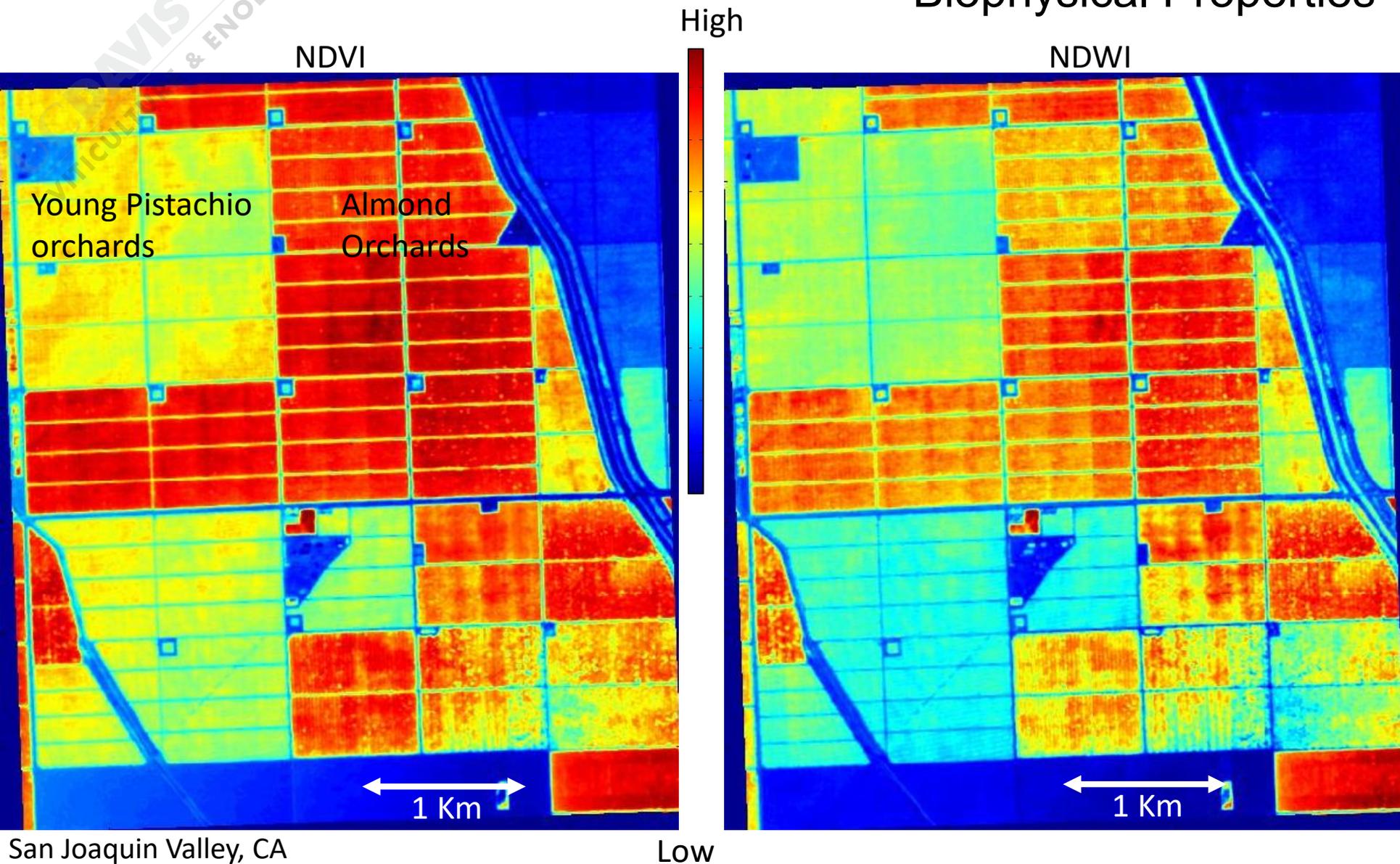


Sentinel 2 data from the European Space Agency, Public domain; data every 5 days

	tomato_mac	tomato_gre	tomato_vin
2016-05-15	0.38	0.35	
2016-06-24	0.9	0.57	0.91
2016-07-14	0.91	0.7	0.92
2016-08-03	0.91	0.84	0.88
2016-08-23	0.48	0.62	0.33
NDVI_mean	0.96	0.81	0.9
NDVI_max	0.91	0.57	0.91



NDVI Patterns Are Only Partially Correlated with Other Leaf Biophysical Properties

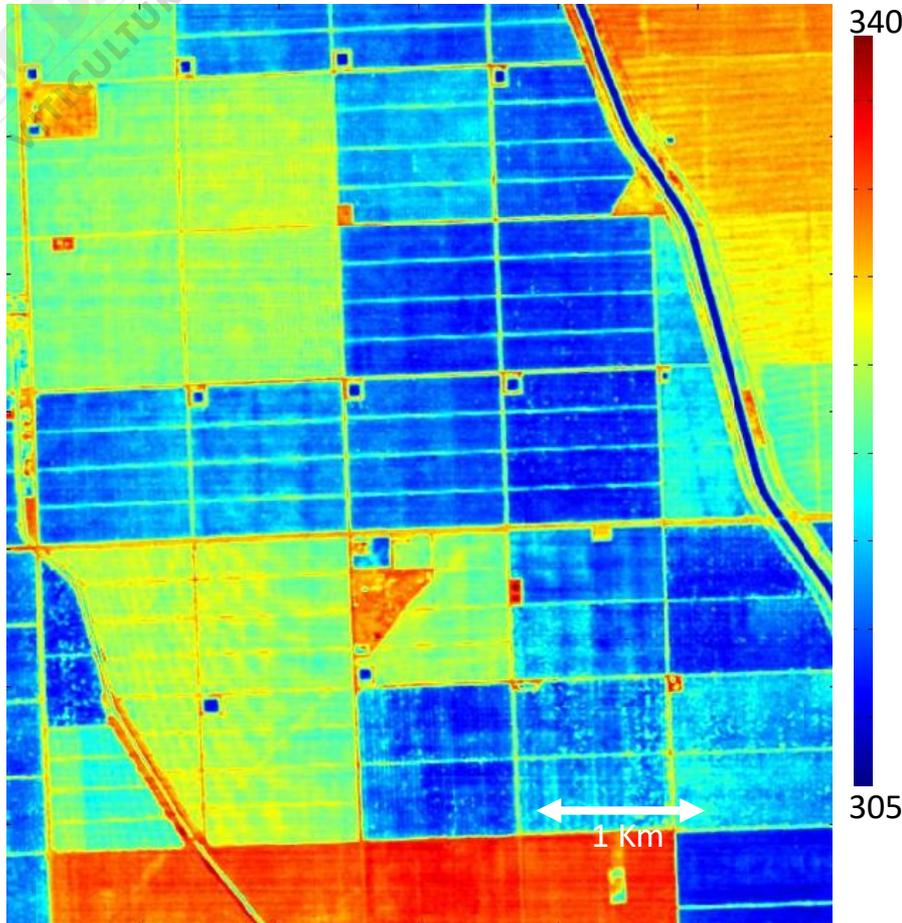


San Joaquin Valley, CA
July, 2009, NASA Airborne
MASTER sensor

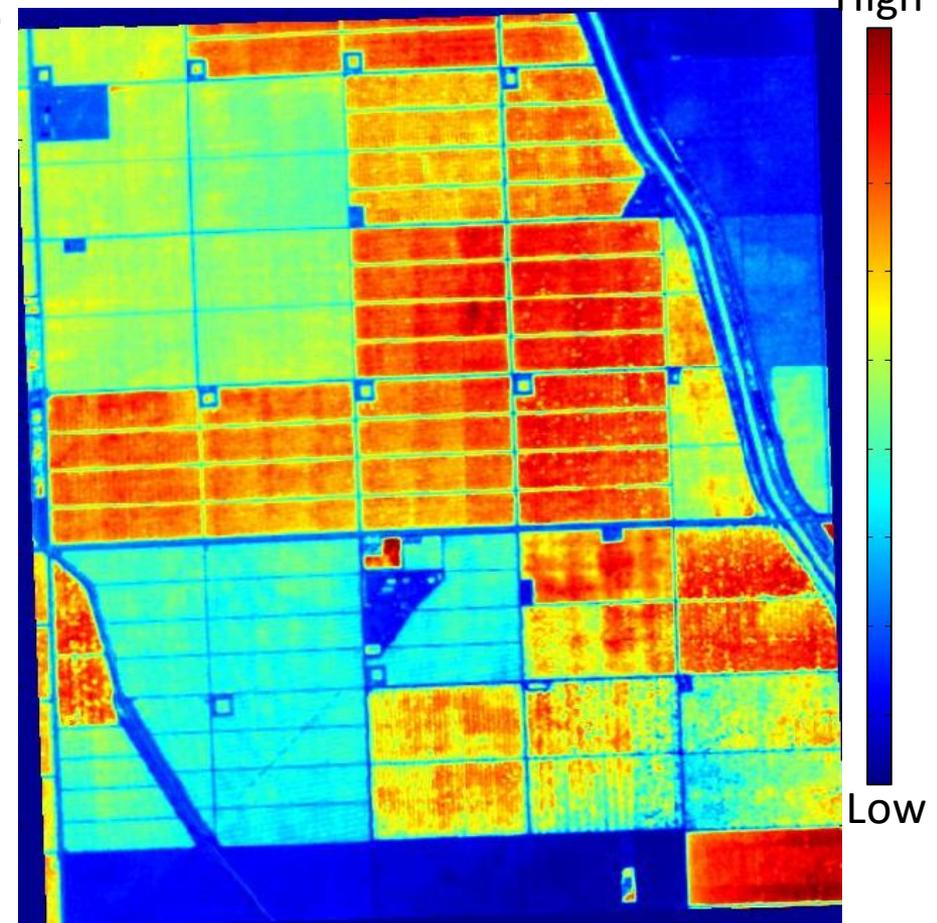
UC Grapevine Irrigation Training Short Course Napa, CA May 22-23, 2019

B. Remote Sensing and Relevant GIS Data: b. Emitted thermal infrared

Temperature, K

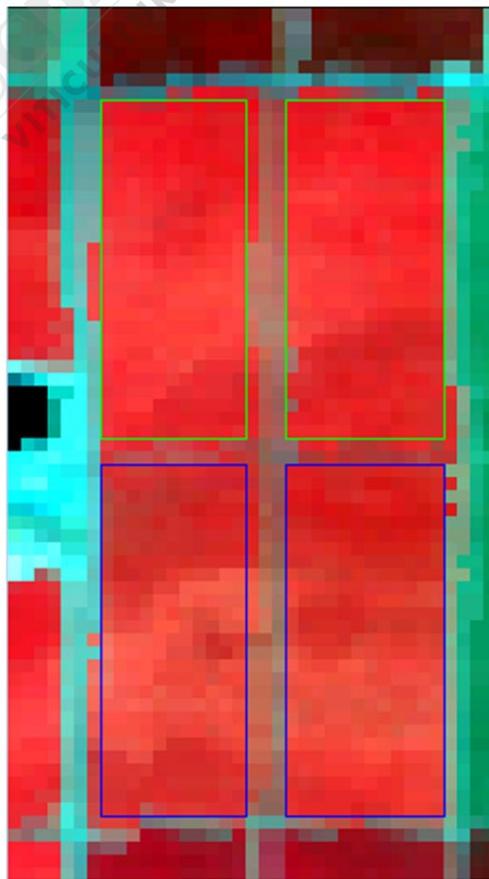


NDWI



Normalized by density of green foliage, blocks can have different temperatures but nearly the same water stress, or the same temperature and different water stress.

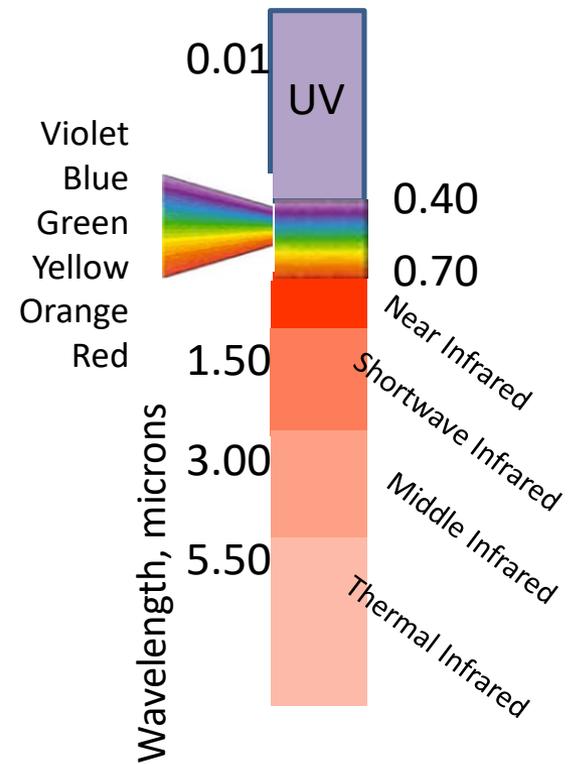
Table Grape Vineyards in the San Joaquin Valley



- Irrigated vineyard
- Stressed vineyard

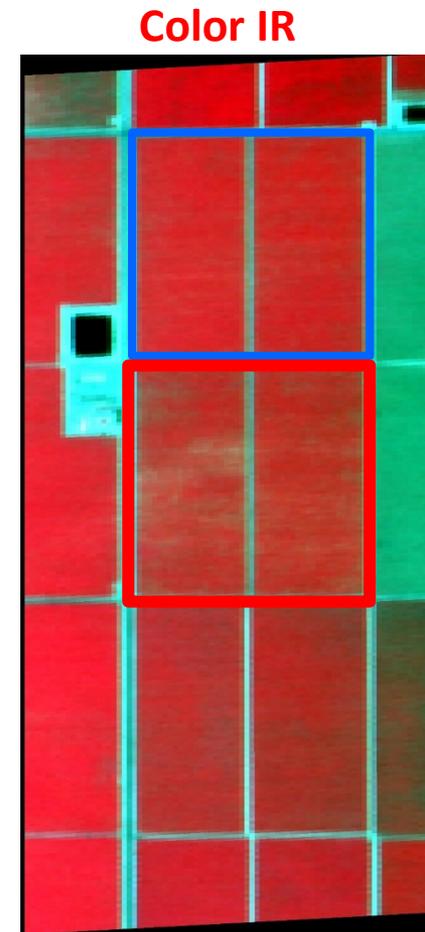
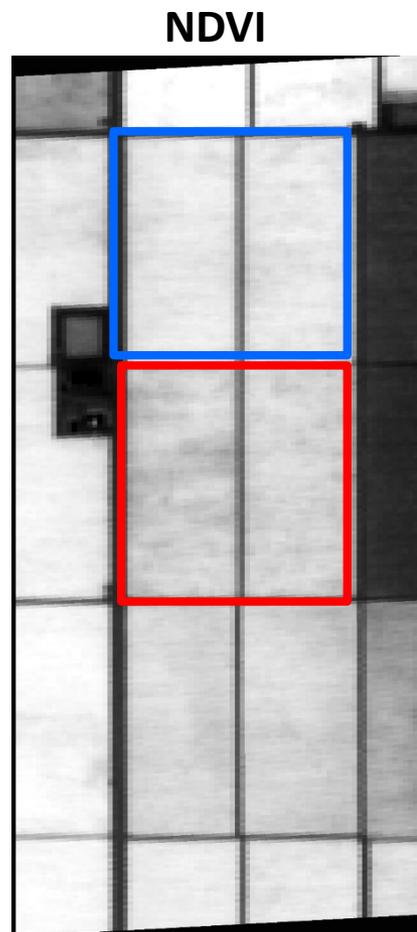
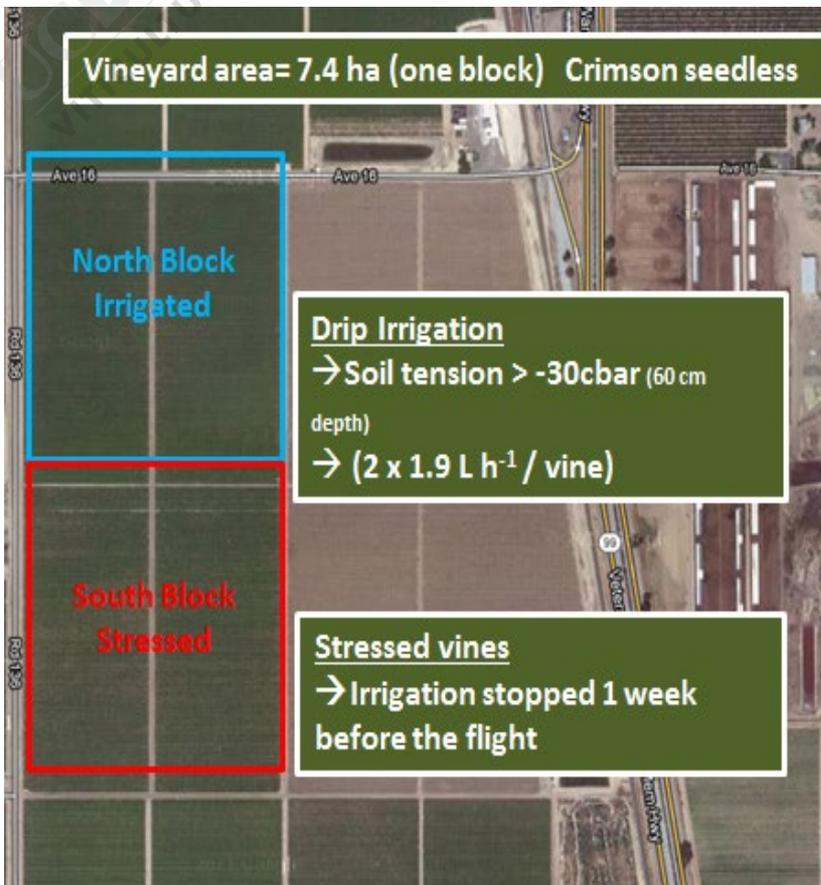
100 m

MASTER bands R: 860 nm, G: 650 nm, B: 550 nm



Collaborative project with David Smart, UCD

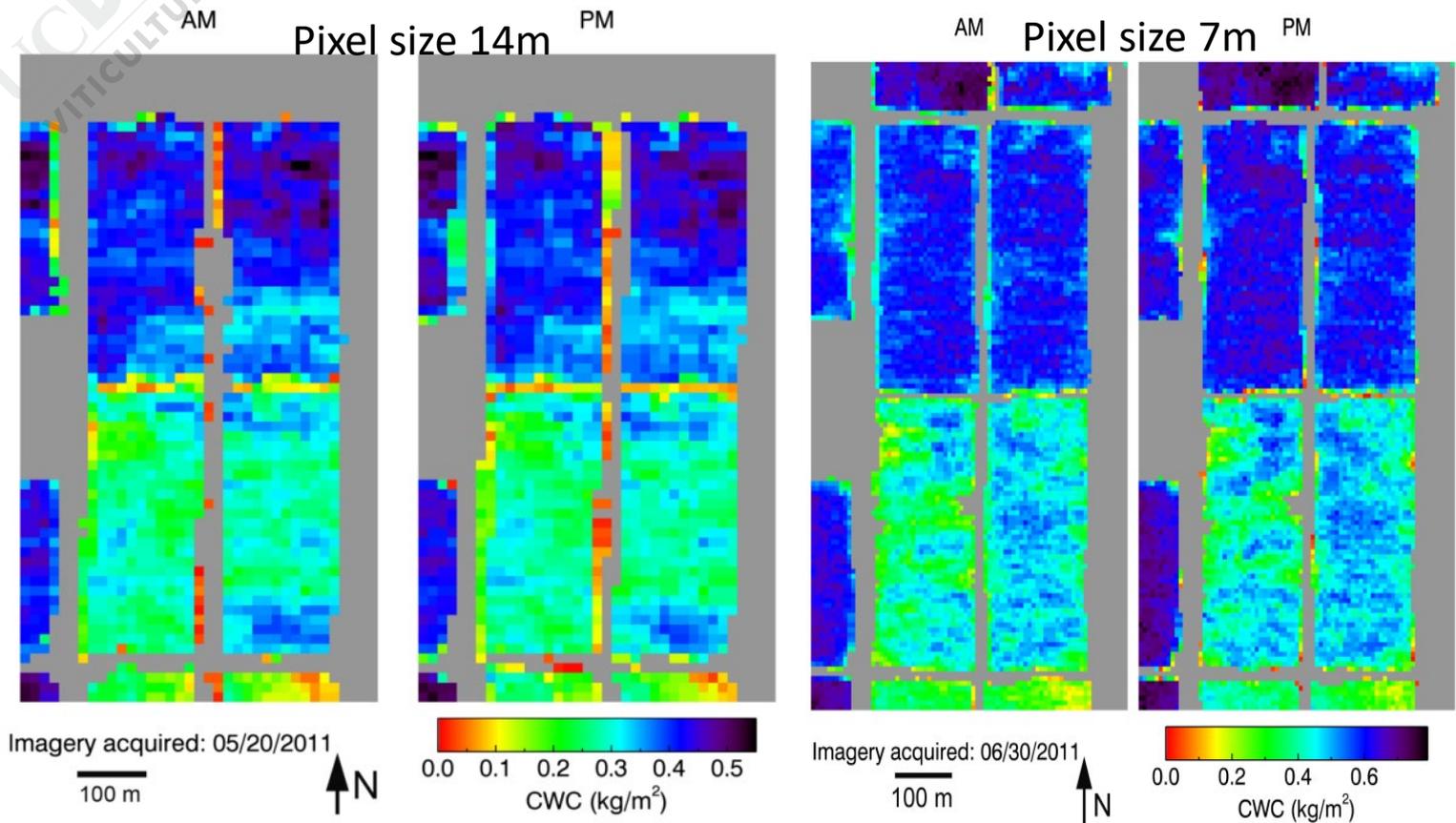
Detecting Water Limitation Stress in Vines using Simple band ratios and Color Infrared



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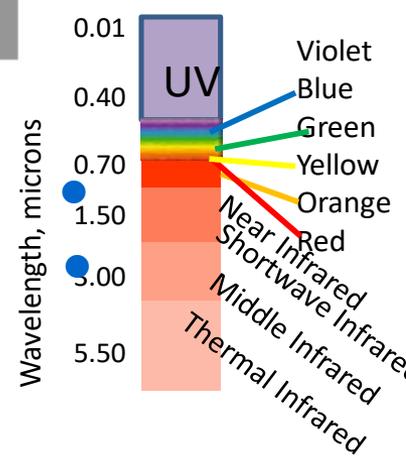
Canopy Water Content (CWC) Maps:

Vineyard Differences (05/20/11) after 5 days of withholding water and 1 month later (06/30/11)



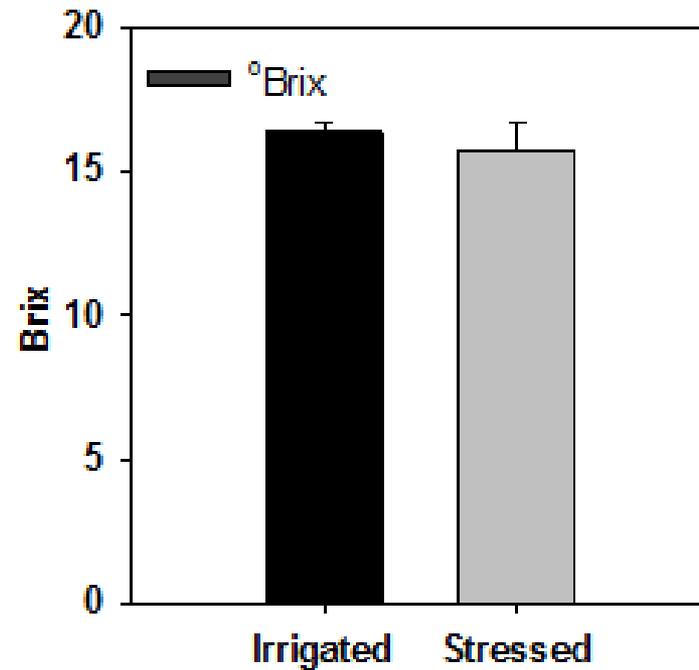
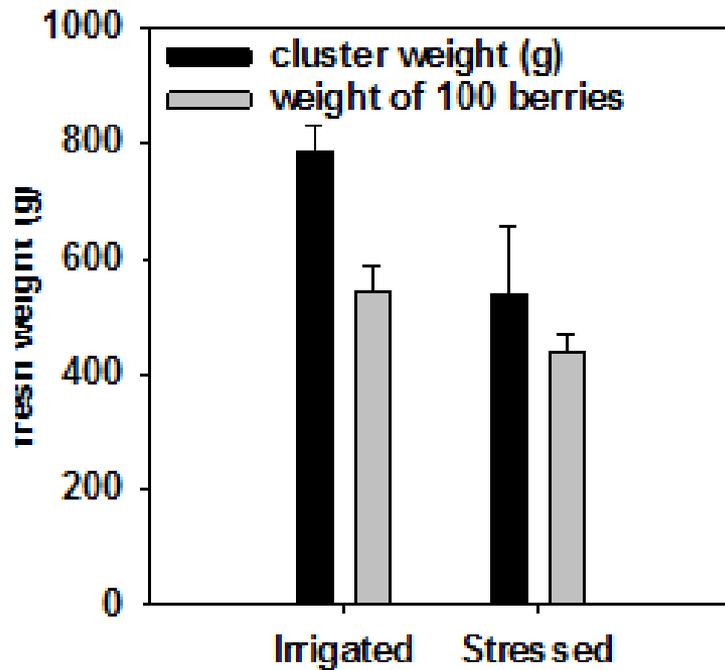
The effect of mild water stress for 5 days, led to large differences in canopy water content.

At harvest, grape clusters were smaller and grapes weighed less than the control vineyard.



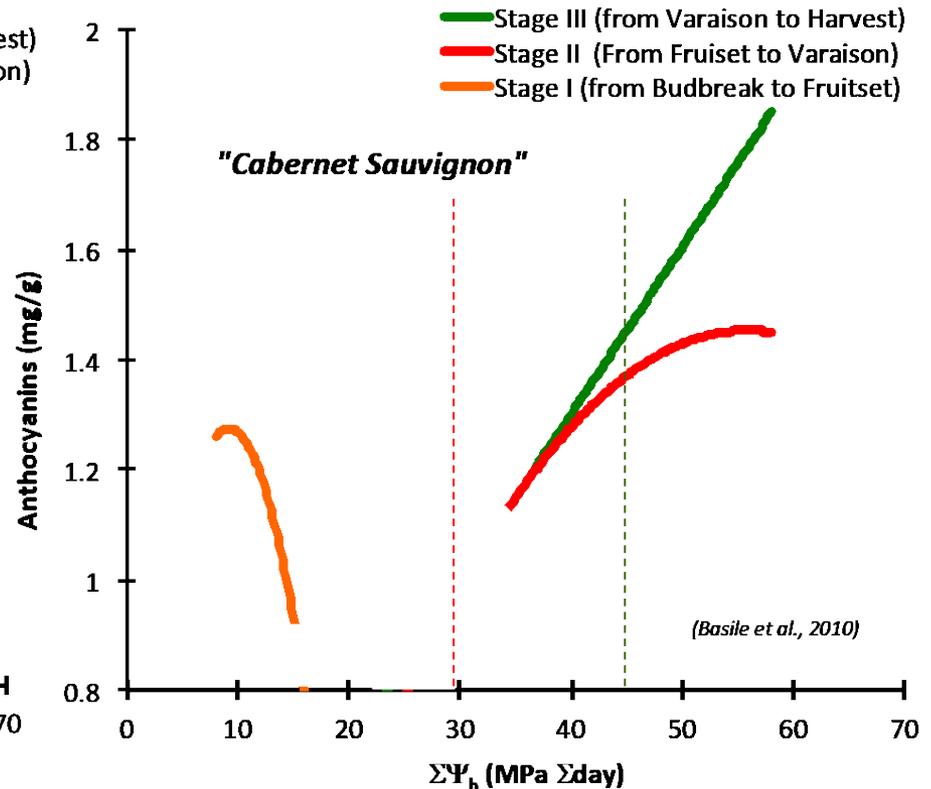
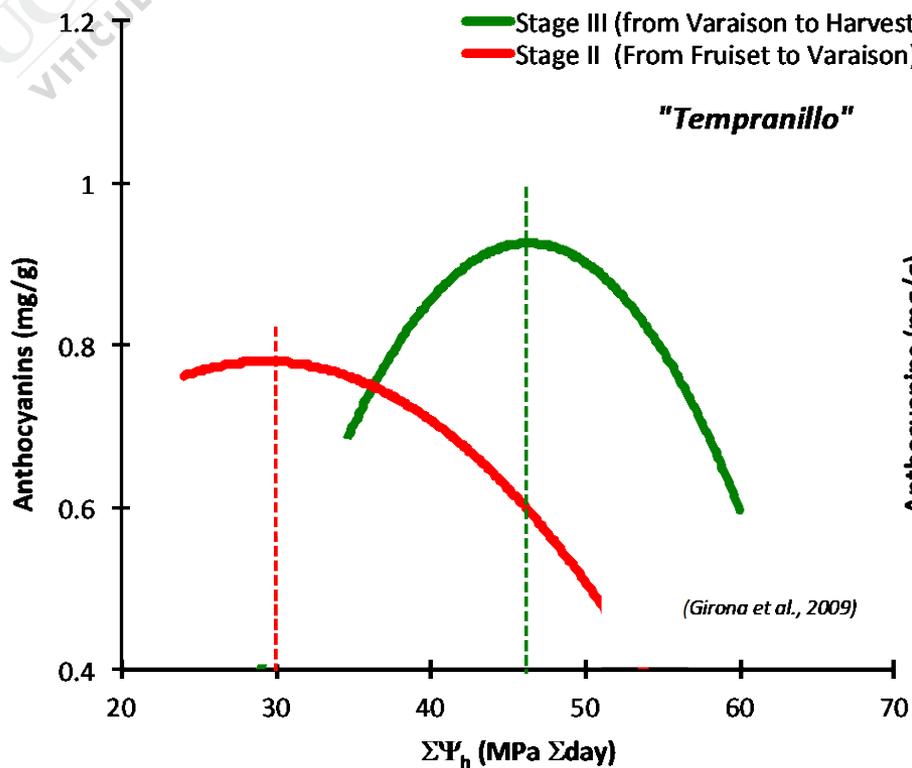
*CWC calculated by regression between DNII and field measured Leaf Water Content ($R^2=0.70$) x Leaf Area Index ($R^2=0.70$)

Effect of 5 day Irrigation Deficit in May on Grape Yield



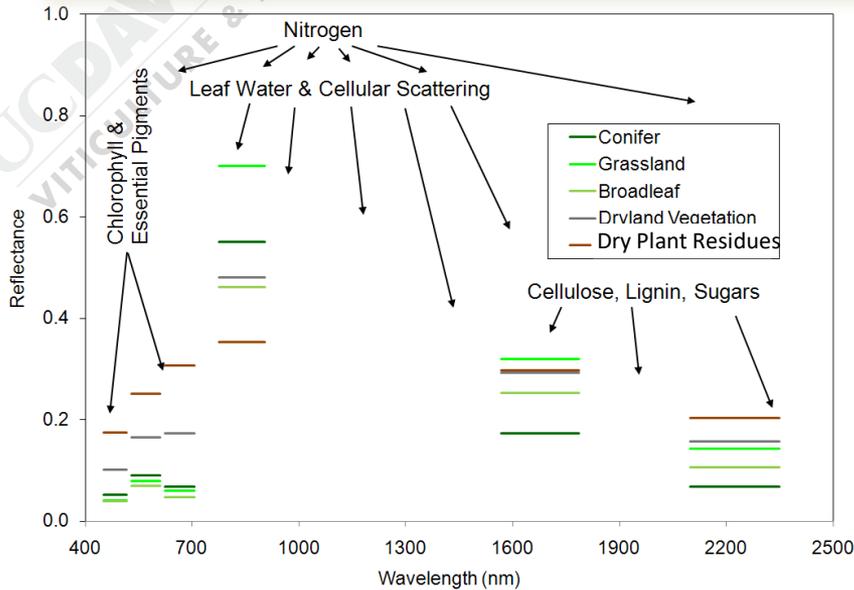
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Seasonal Sensitivity to Water Stress in Wine Grapes



Variable Response with Stage and Varietal

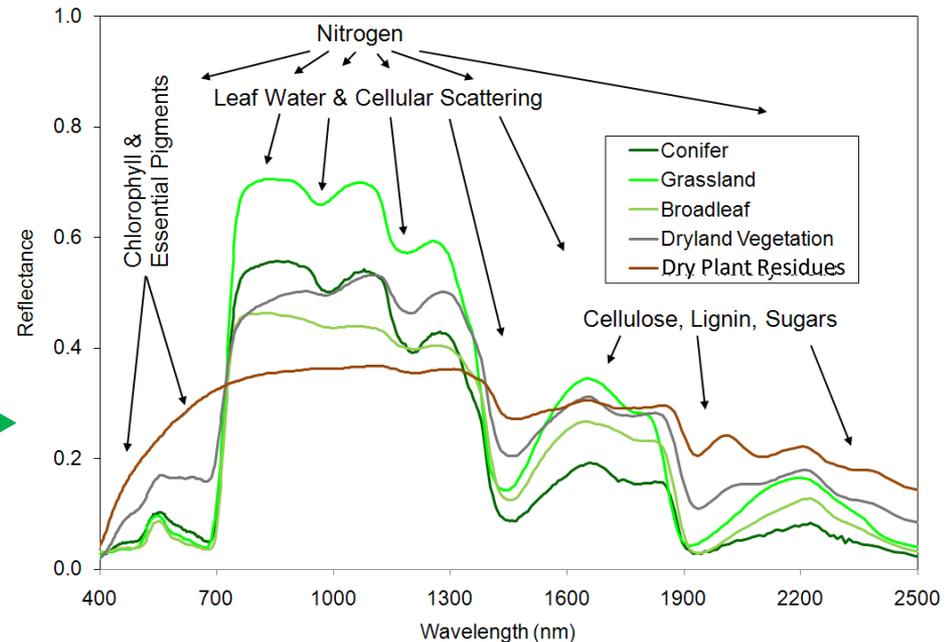
Imaging Spectroscopy vs. Multispectral Instruments



Multi-spectral imaging usually measures 3-6 bands, some information useful for management is missed

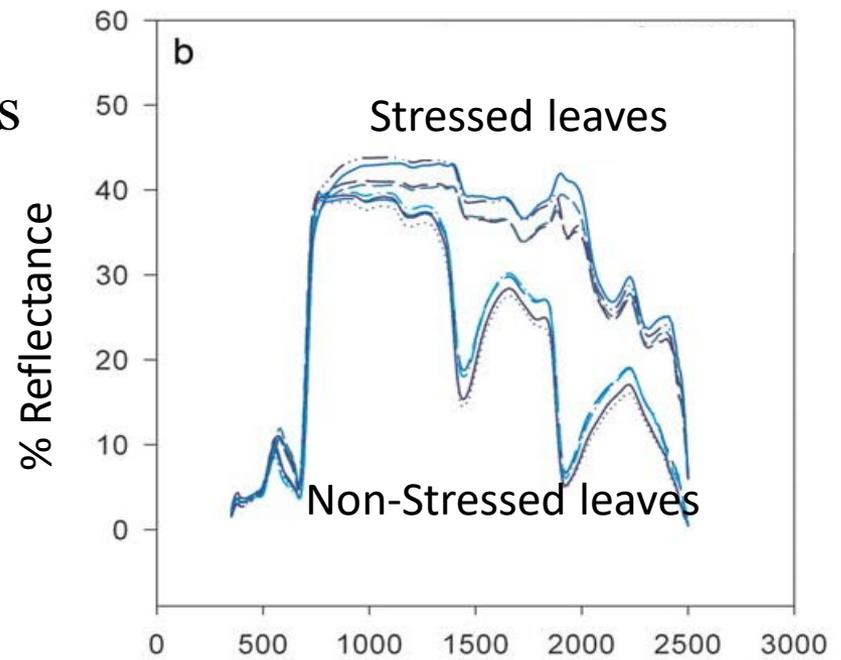
Imaging Spectroscopy measures the full spectrum

measurement contains more information for management

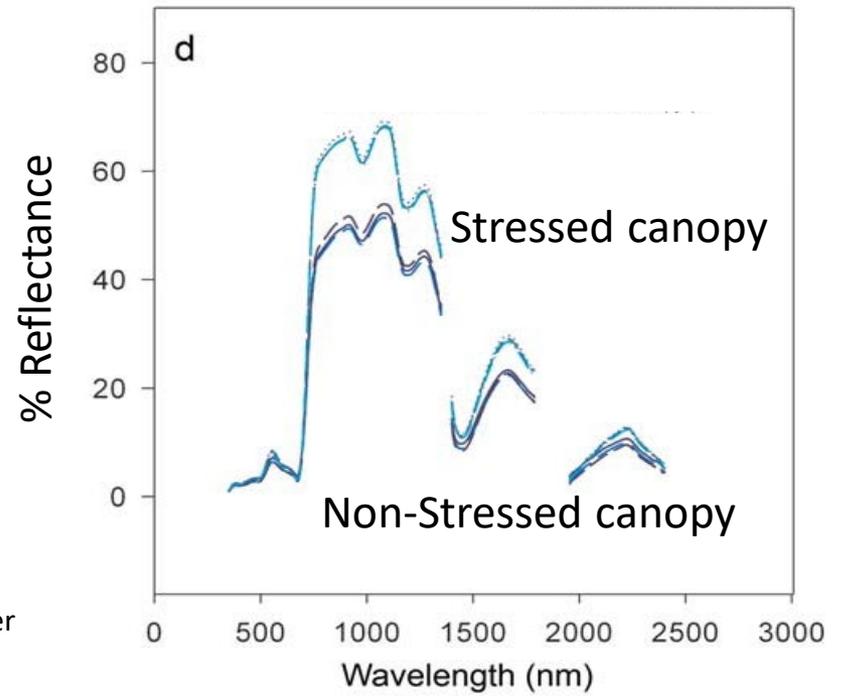


Detection of water stress at leaf and canopy scales measured on 125 leaves and canopies in a vineyard of *Vitis vinifera* cv. Pinot noir.

(b) Average reflectance of leaves from 4 stressed vines ($\Psi_{\text{stem}} - \Psi_{\text{PD}} < -0.85$ MPa) and 4 non-stressed vines ($\Psi_{\text{stem}} - \Psi_{\text{PD}} > -0.45$ MPa).



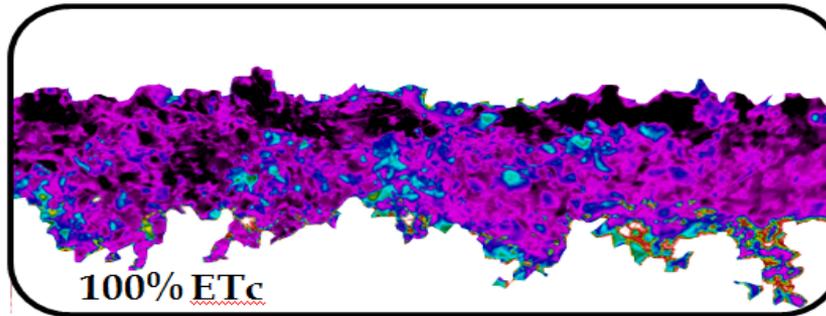
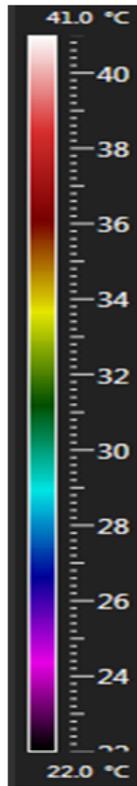
Average reflectance of 4 stressed vines ($\Psi_{\text{stem}} - \Psi_{\text{PD}} < -0.85$ MPa) and four nonstressed vines ($\Psi_{\text{stem}} - \Psi_{\text{PD}} > -0.47$ MPa), measured at heights of 0.3, 0.5, and 0.7 m.



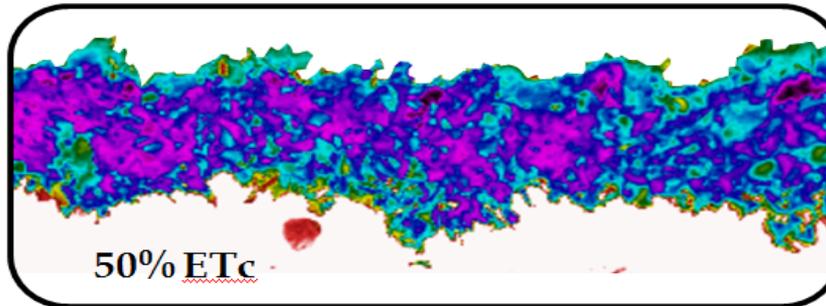
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Air

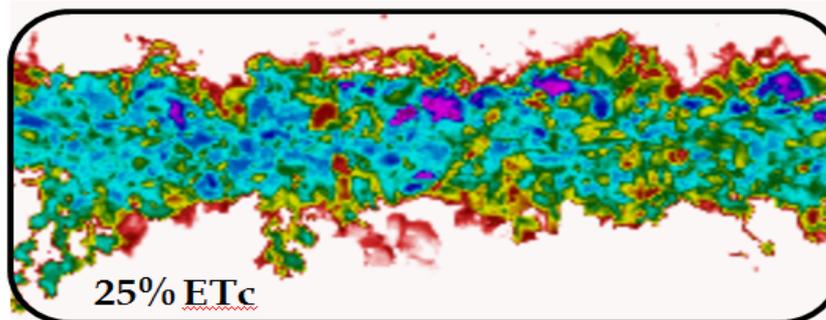
Temperature
77°F (25.0°C)



Canopy
Temp: 75.7°F (24.3°C)



Canopy
Temp: 81°F (27.2°C)

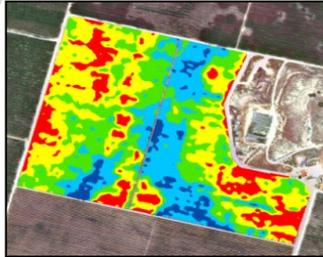


Canopy
Temp: 87.4°F (30.8°C)

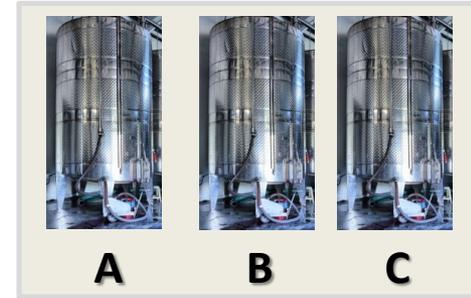
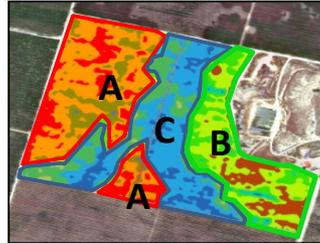


Connecting Management Actions with Remote Sensing Imagery

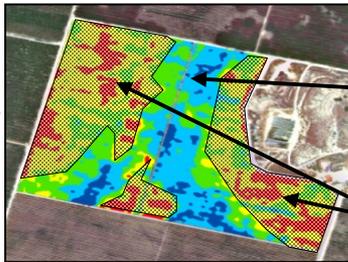
Identify spatial variability



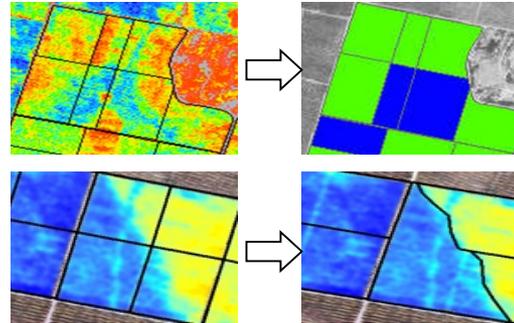
Selective Harvest



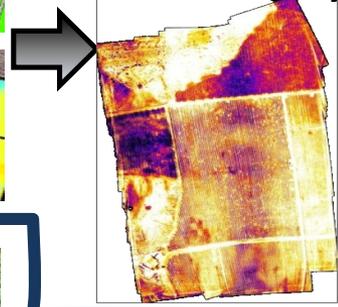
Management Actions to reduce spatial variability



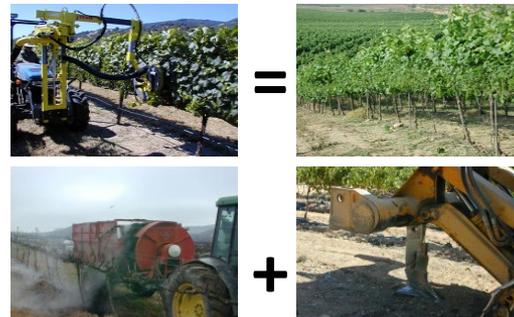
Re-design irrigation sectors



Detect vine water deficit with thermal imagery



Summer pruning
Compost+ deep plowing

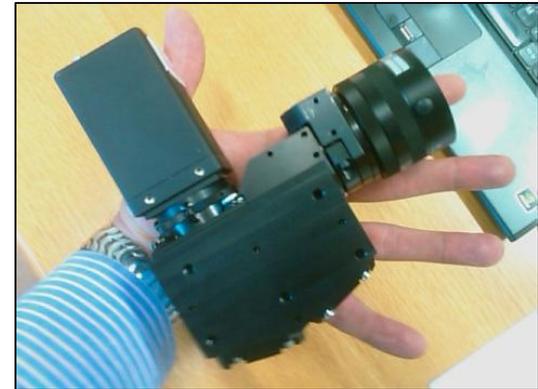


Manned aircraft



FLIR SC-655

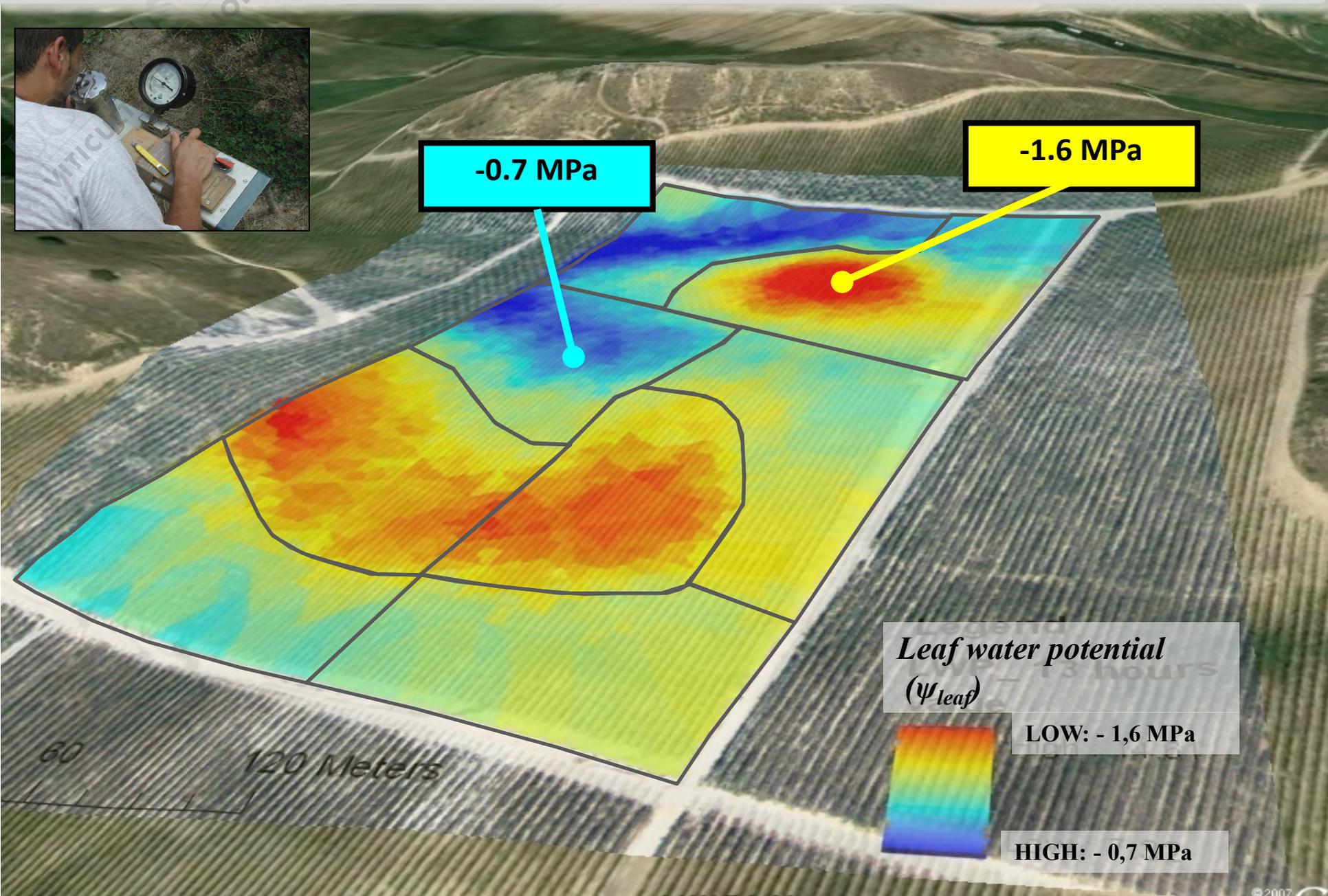
Field of view (FOV)	45°
Spectral range	7.5-13 μm
IR resolution	640 x 480 pixels
Detector pitch	17 μm



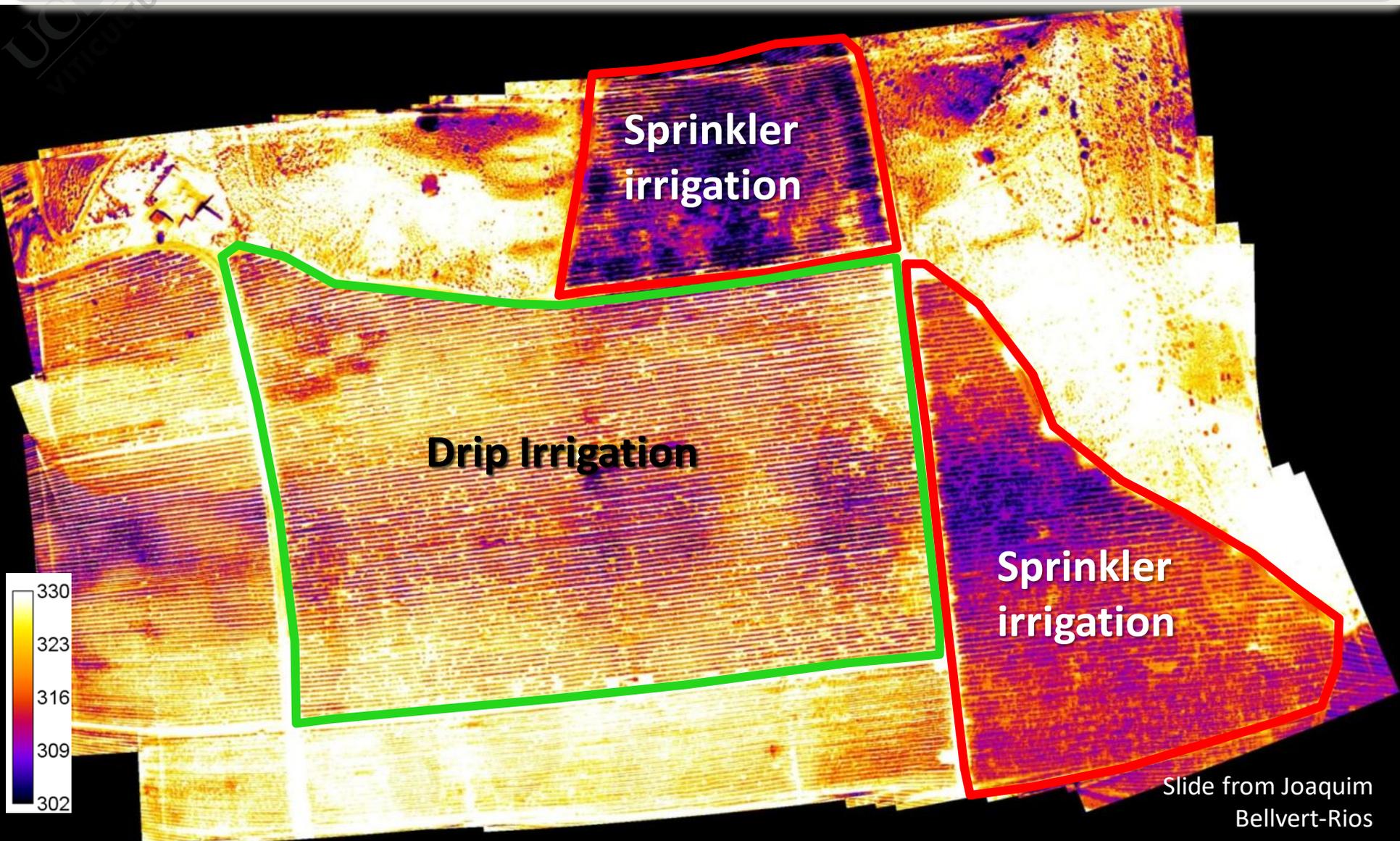
**Microhyperspectral Camera
Headwall Photonics**

Spectral range:	350-1000nm or 900-1700nm
Resolution	1004 x 1004 pixels
Radiometric resolution:	12 bit
Weight:	1 lb.

Spatial variability of vine water status in a 15-ha vineyard

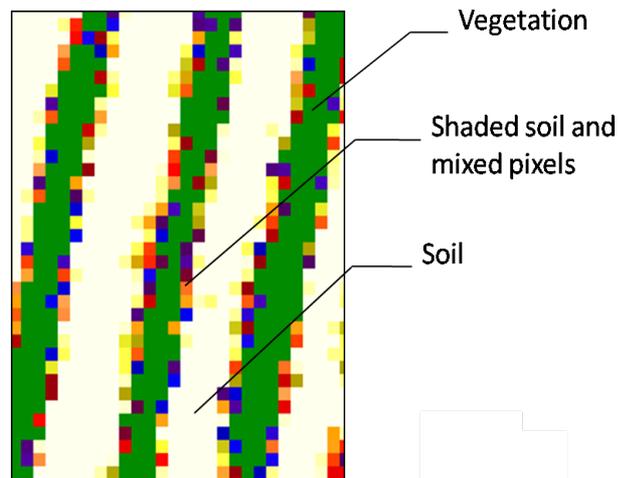
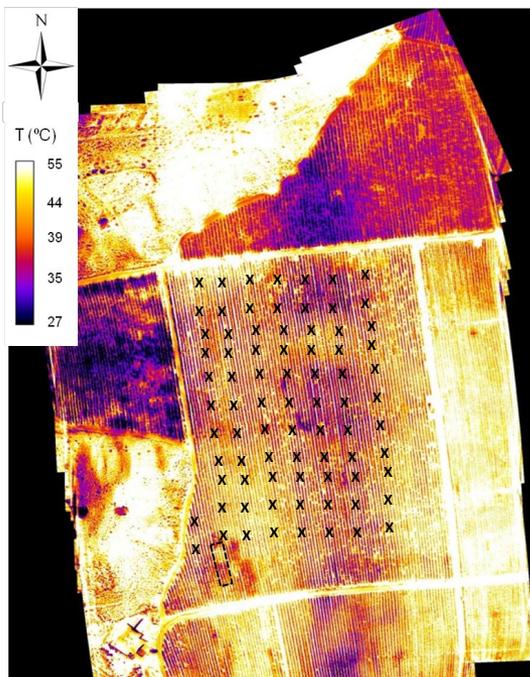


**Thermal Image Mosaic of 62 ac. (25 ha) vineyard, measured
from a UAV in July 2009 at Raimat, Lleida (Spain)
3 hrs., 3700 ac., 8-12 in. pixels**



Relationship between Spatial Resolution and Temperature Estimates, Difference Leaf - Air

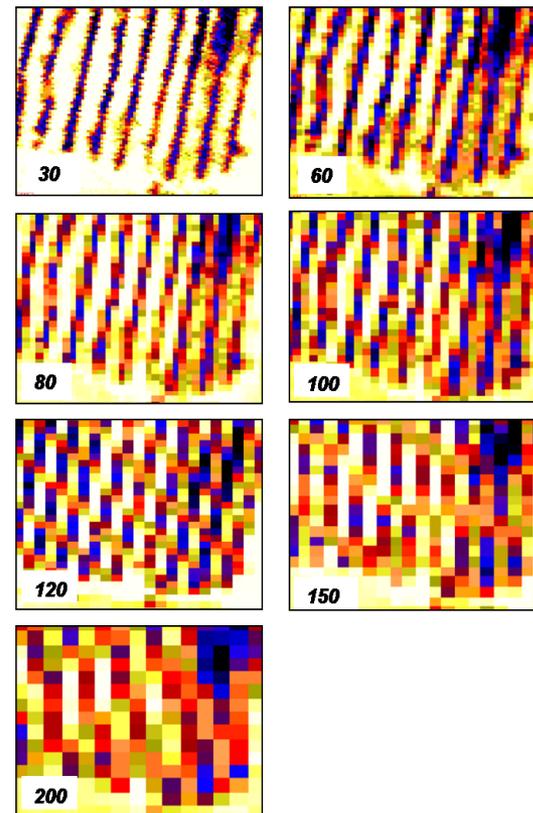
'Pinot-noir' grapevines



30 cm ($R^2 = 0.71$)



Spatial Resolution



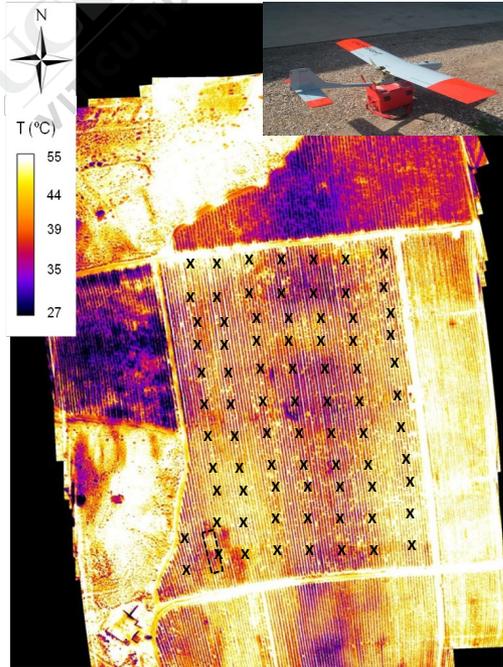
Other scales, $R^2 = 0.05-0.38$

Relationship between $T_{leaf} - T_a$ at vineyard level

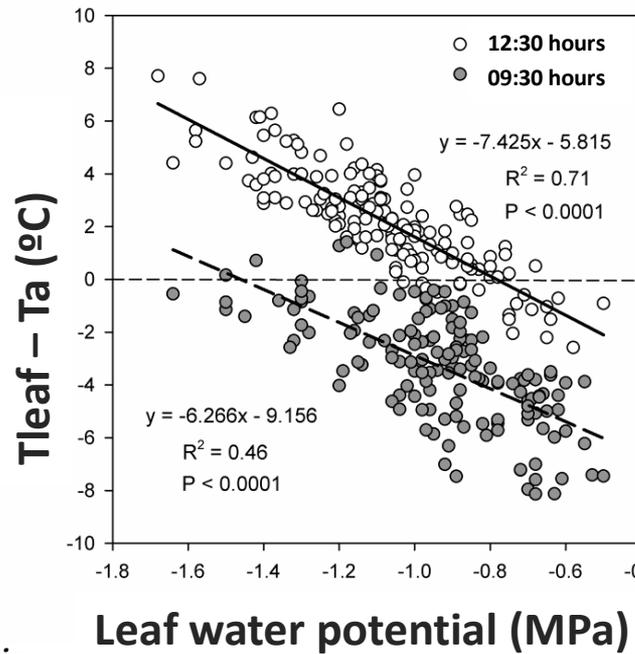
'Pinot-noir' grapevines

07:30 h (solar time)

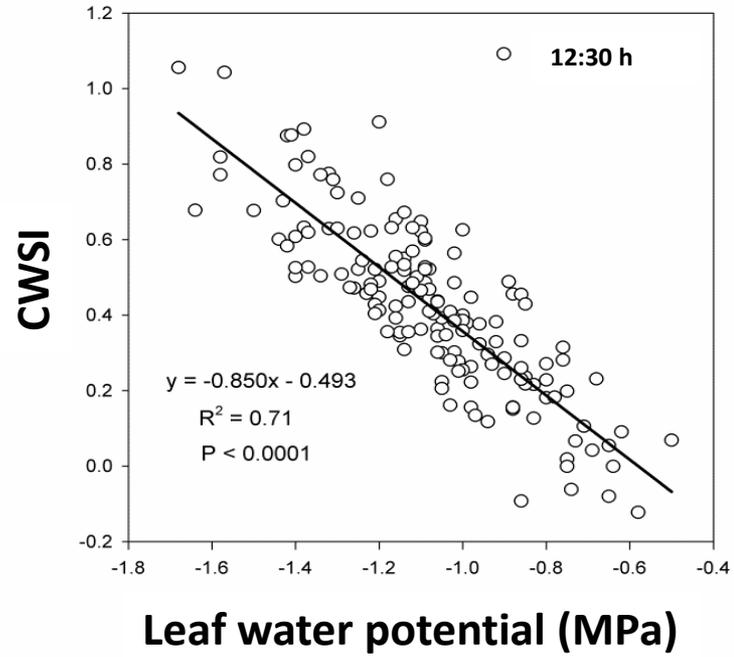
It was not possible to distinguish between soil/vegetation pixels



Flight time: 12:30 h
 Tair: 32.27 °C
 VPD: 2.37 kPa



$$CWSI = \frac{(T_c - T_a) - (-1.709 \cdot DPV + 2.534)}{(0.465 \cdot DPV + 6.125) - (-1.709 \cdot DPV + 2.534)}$$

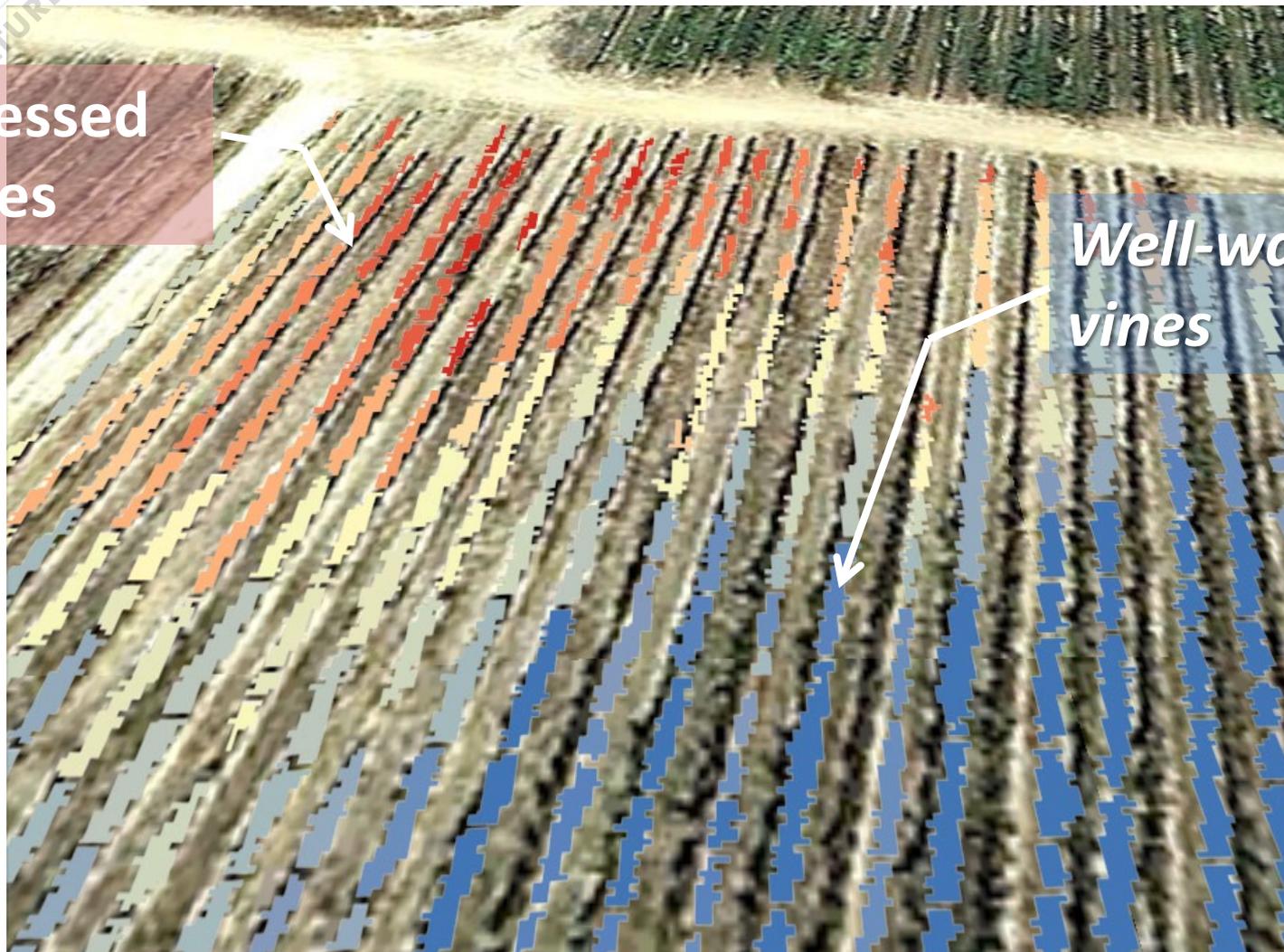


Bellvert et al. (2014) PrecAgric

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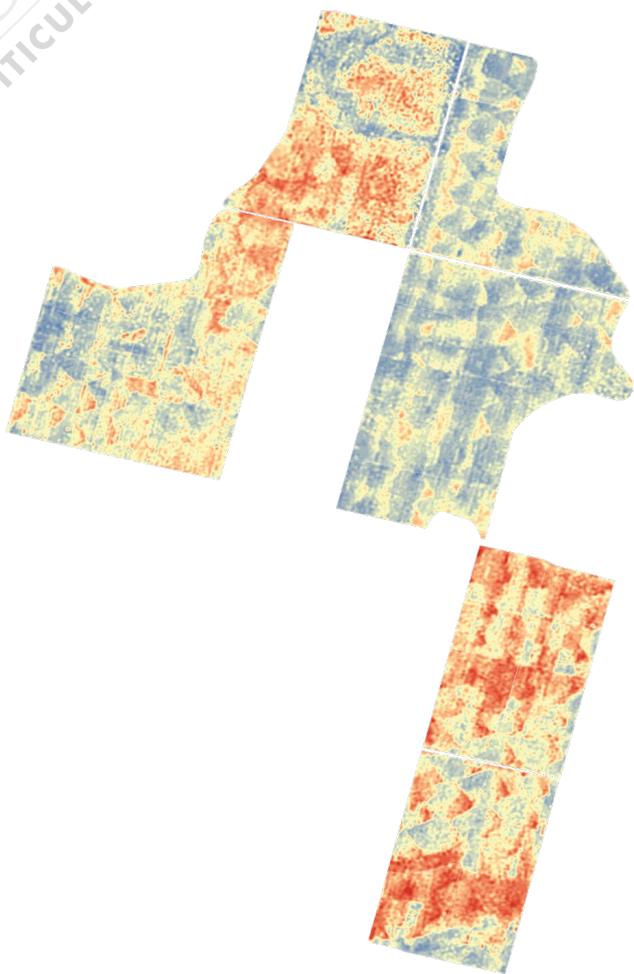
Stressed vines

Well-watered vines

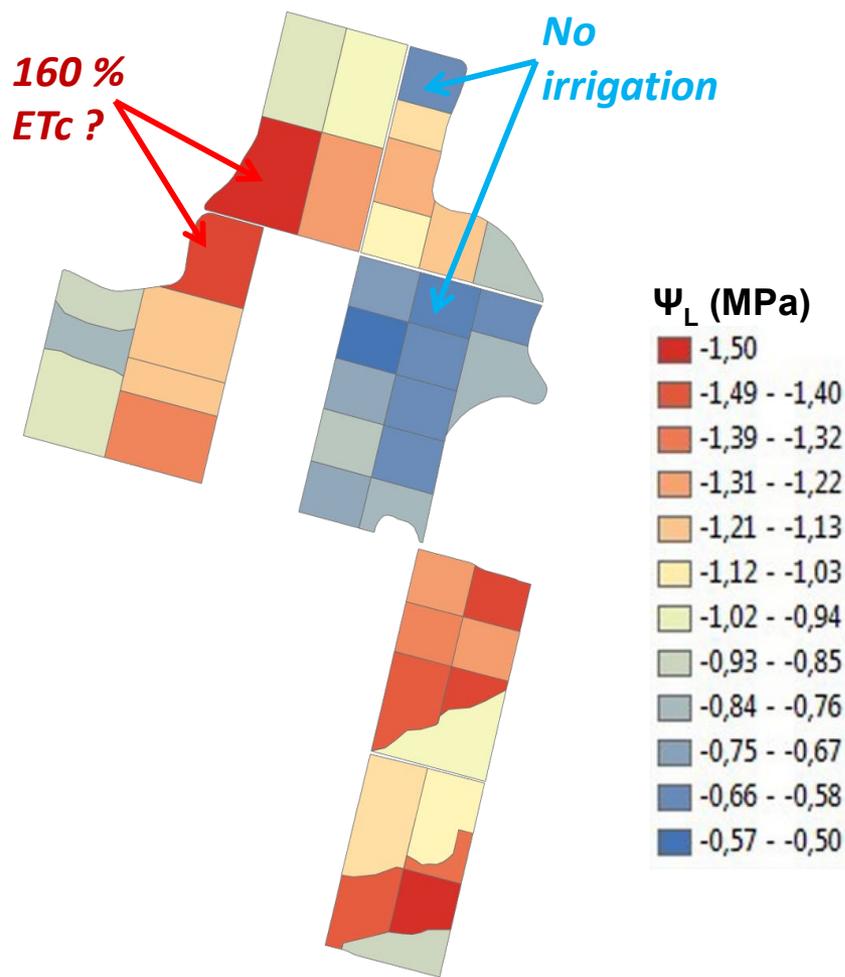


Conversion of Thermal Values to ψ_{leaf} maps

ψ_{leaf} maps at vine level

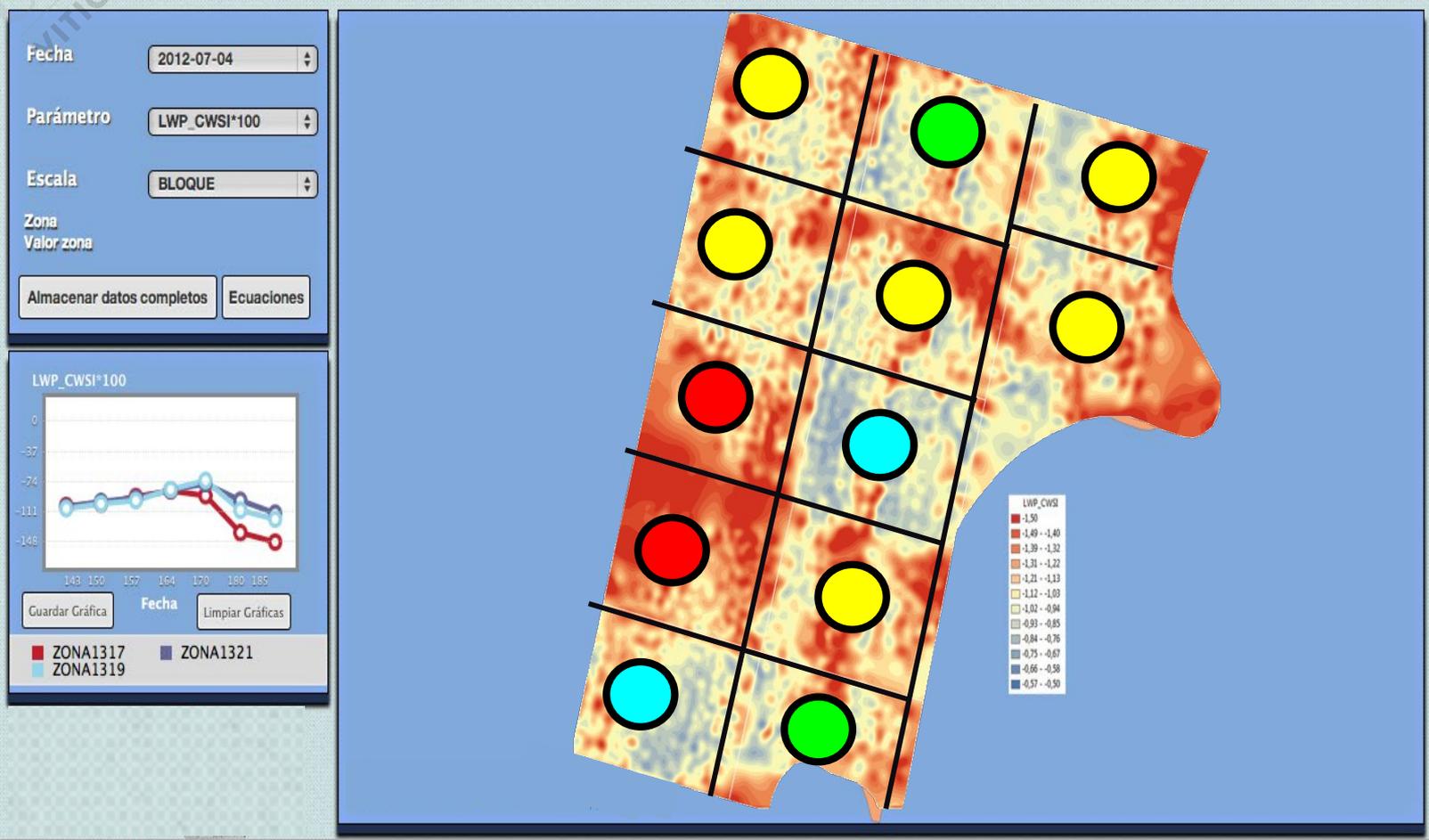


ψ_{leaf} maps at irrigation sector level



Conversion to Crop Irrigation Prescription Map

$\Psi_{\text{optimal}} = -1.0 \text{ MPa}$



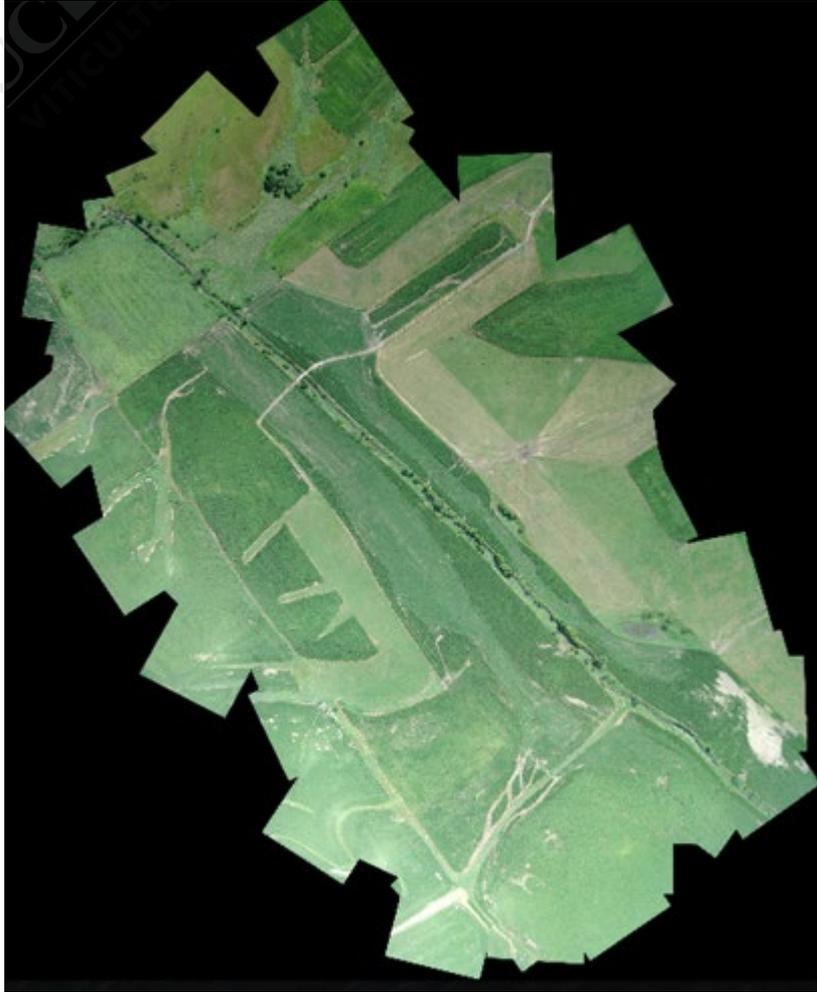
Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)



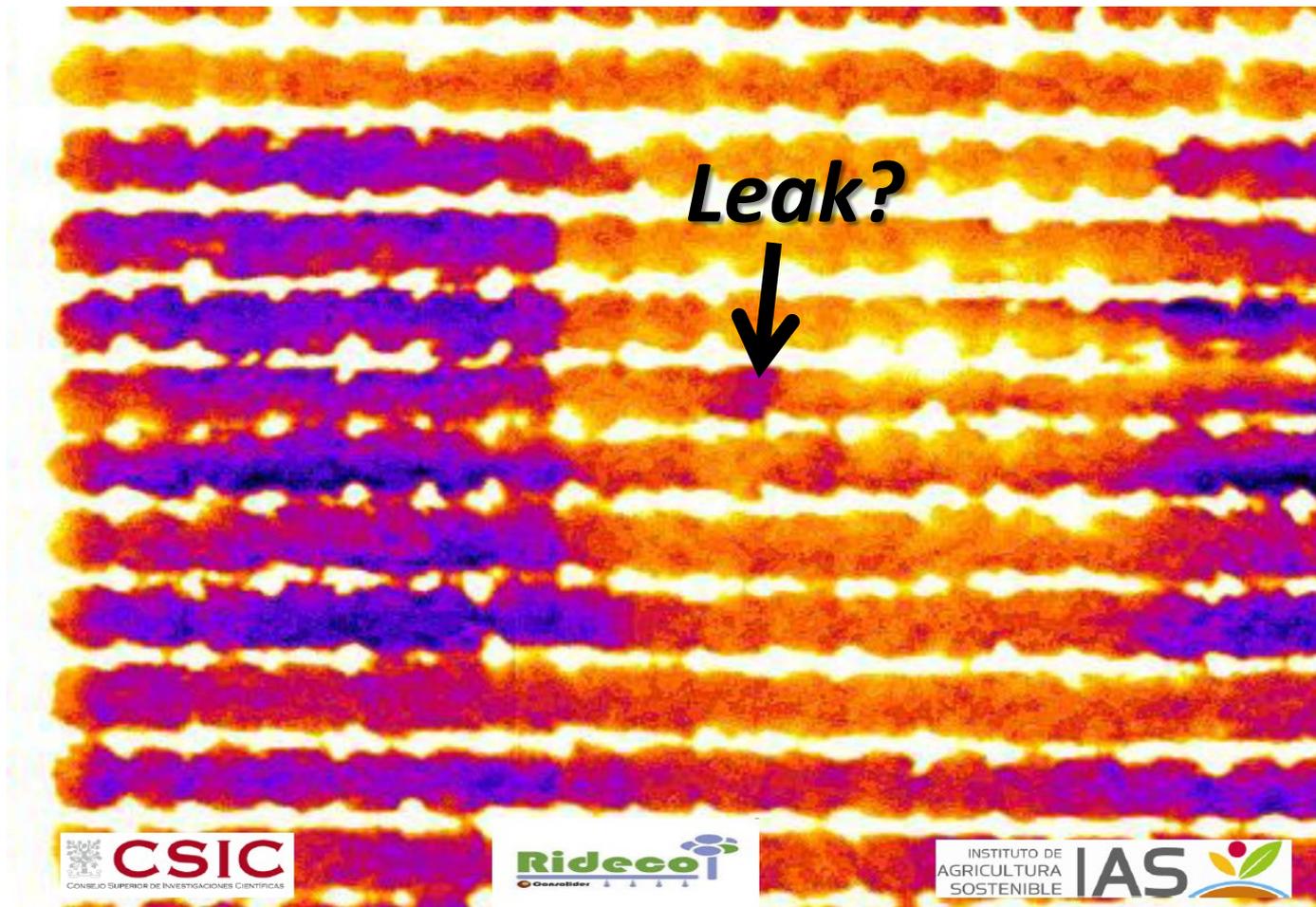
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sUAS Measure at scales of cm. However the resampling to create mosaics limits the value of spectral information



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Slide from Joaquim Bellvert-Rios

Precision Spray Application with UAV



Prof. Ken
Giles,
UC Davis
“Anything
that’s boring,
repetitive and
dangerous:
Get a drone,”

Thank you for Your Attention!

