



Risultati del Progetto STOPP

Un approccio multidisciplinare al monitoraggio ambientale
multi-scala attraverso bioindicatori vegetali



Plant Phenotyping in Europa ed Italia: stato dell'arte e prospettive

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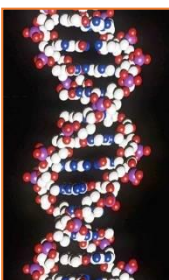
$$\text{Phenotype} = G \times E \times M$$



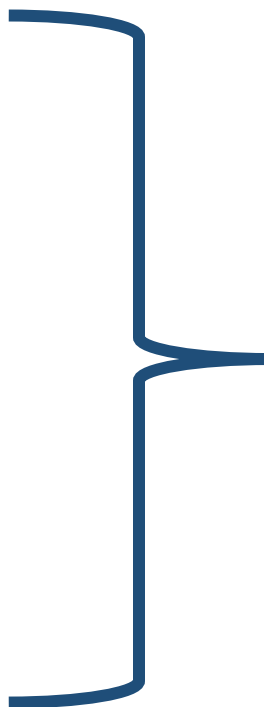
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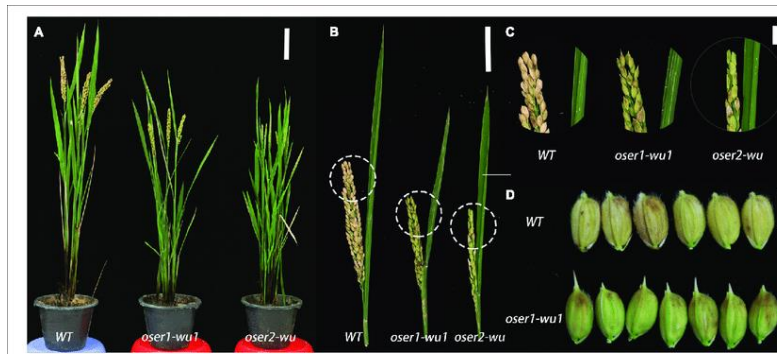
environment



genetics



Plant performance and
plant production



Phenotyping: limits and challenges

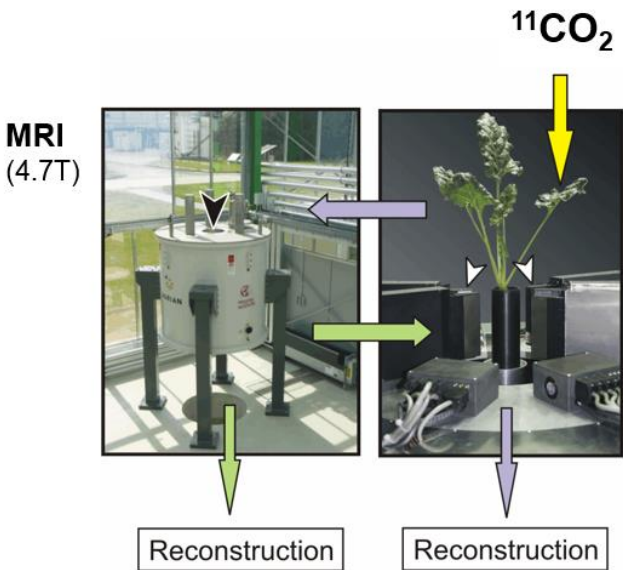


High-throughput measurements

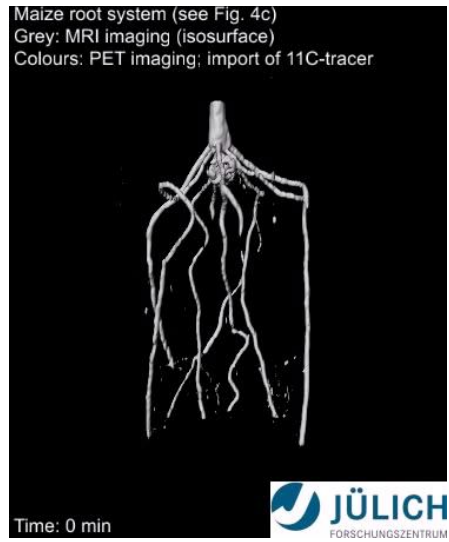


Non invasive measurements

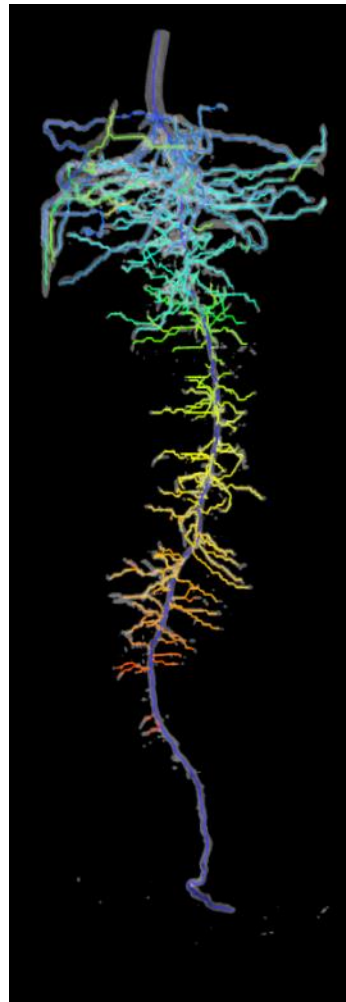
Deep phenotyping -
tomographic



Live imaging of carbon flow



Root parameters



3D-structures

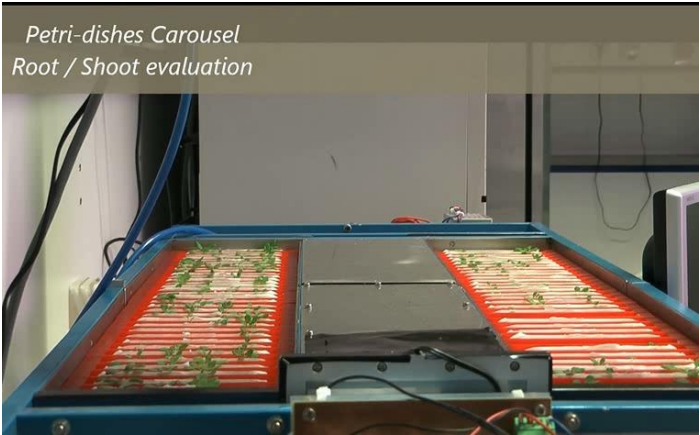
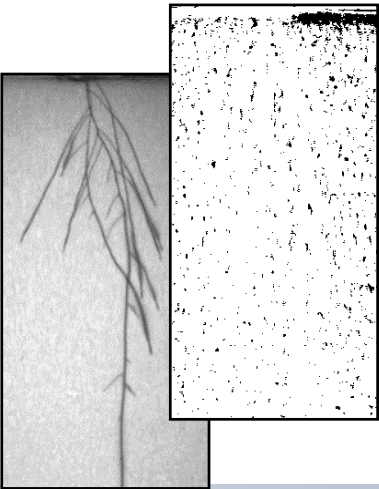
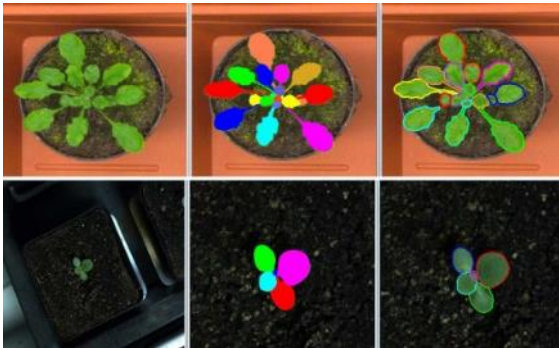
High-throughput in controlled environment



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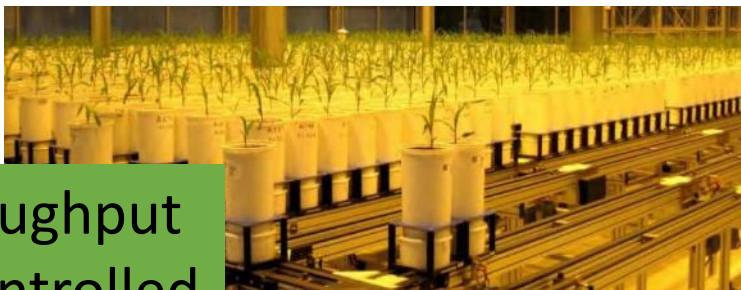
Fluogrowscreen
Jülich



Petri-dishes Carousel
Root / Shoot evaluation

Root Carousel Jülich

High-throughput
in semi-controlled
environment

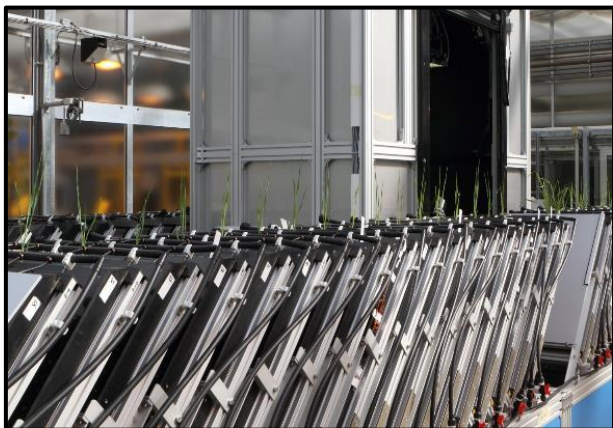


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Montpellier

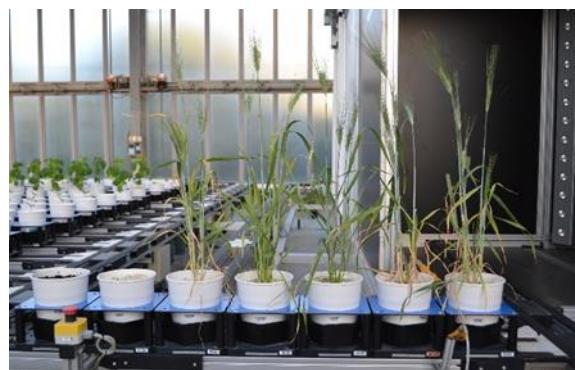
Lemnatec,
Aberystwyth



Extended Lemnatec,
Gatersleben



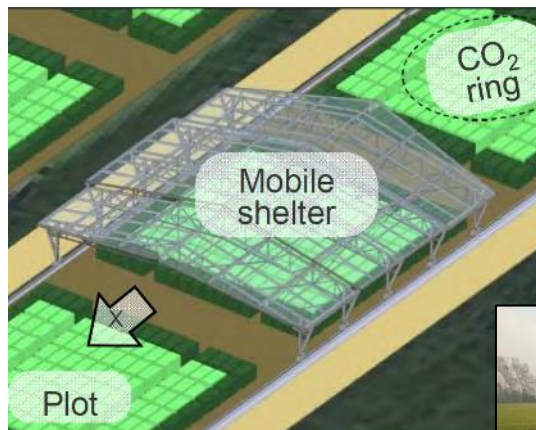
GrowScreenRhizo,
Jülich



Scanalyzer 3D, ALSIA
Metaponto



PPHD,
Dijon



BreedFace
Jülich/ Bonn



Phenomobiles



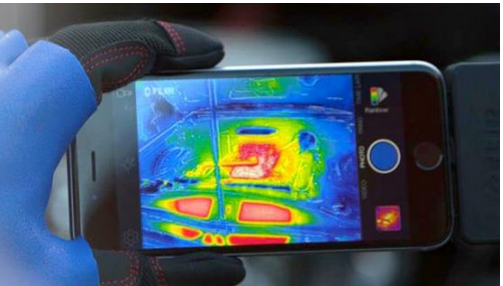
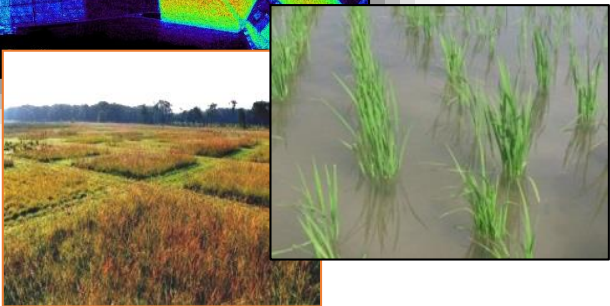
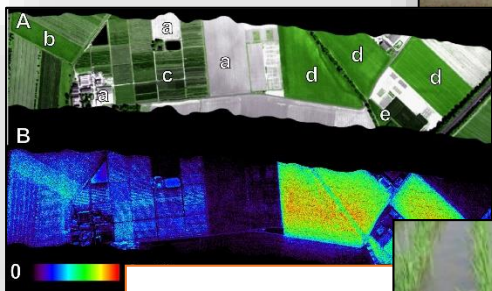
Avignon
Jülich
Metaponto

Stationary field sensor networks



Flying platforms





Portable sensors
(„cheap“)



Easy carriers



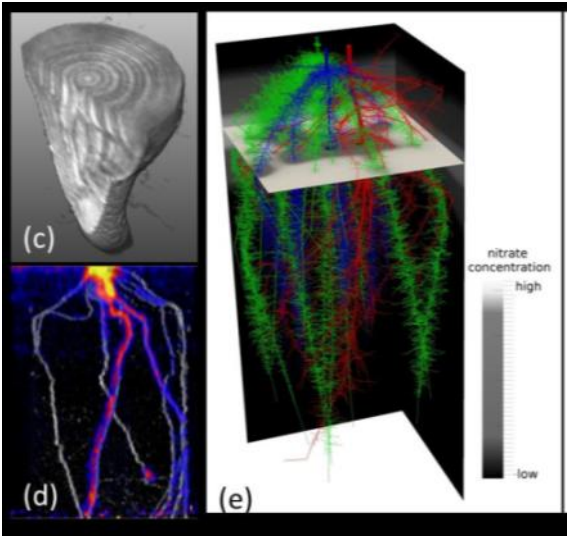
Lean fields

Modelling

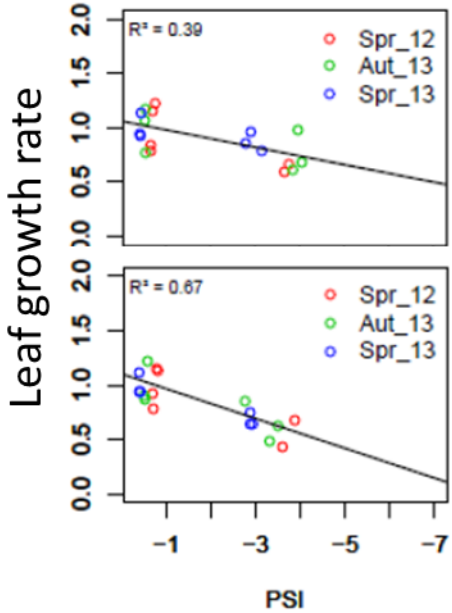
Disentangling complex traits

Genetic analysis of complex traits

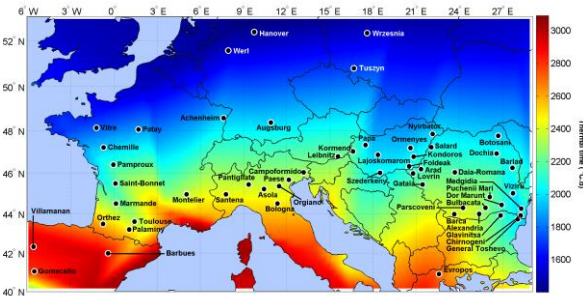
Crop – climate optimisation



What is the relationship between root structure and nutrient use efficiency?



What is the sensitivity of leaf growth to drought?

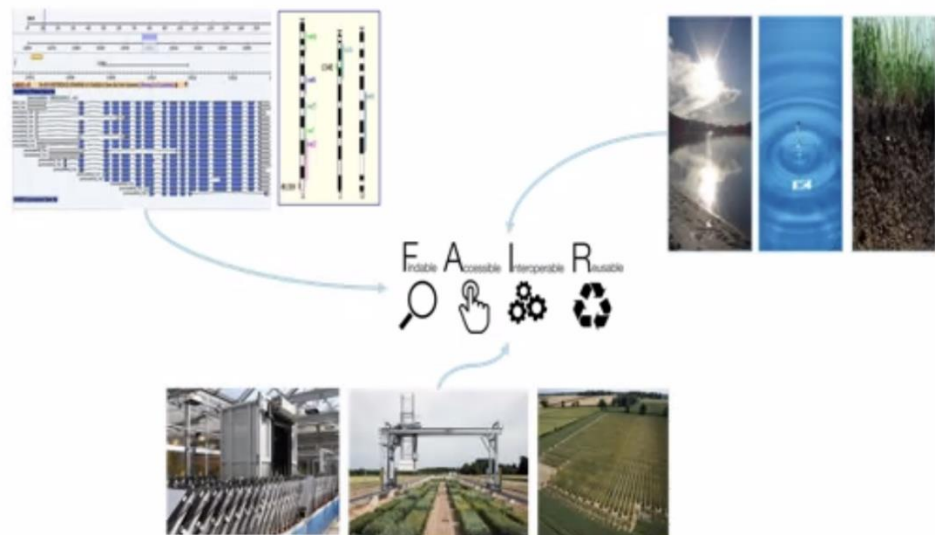


Which genotype would work best in which environment scenario?

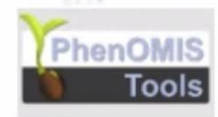
Infrastructure: information system



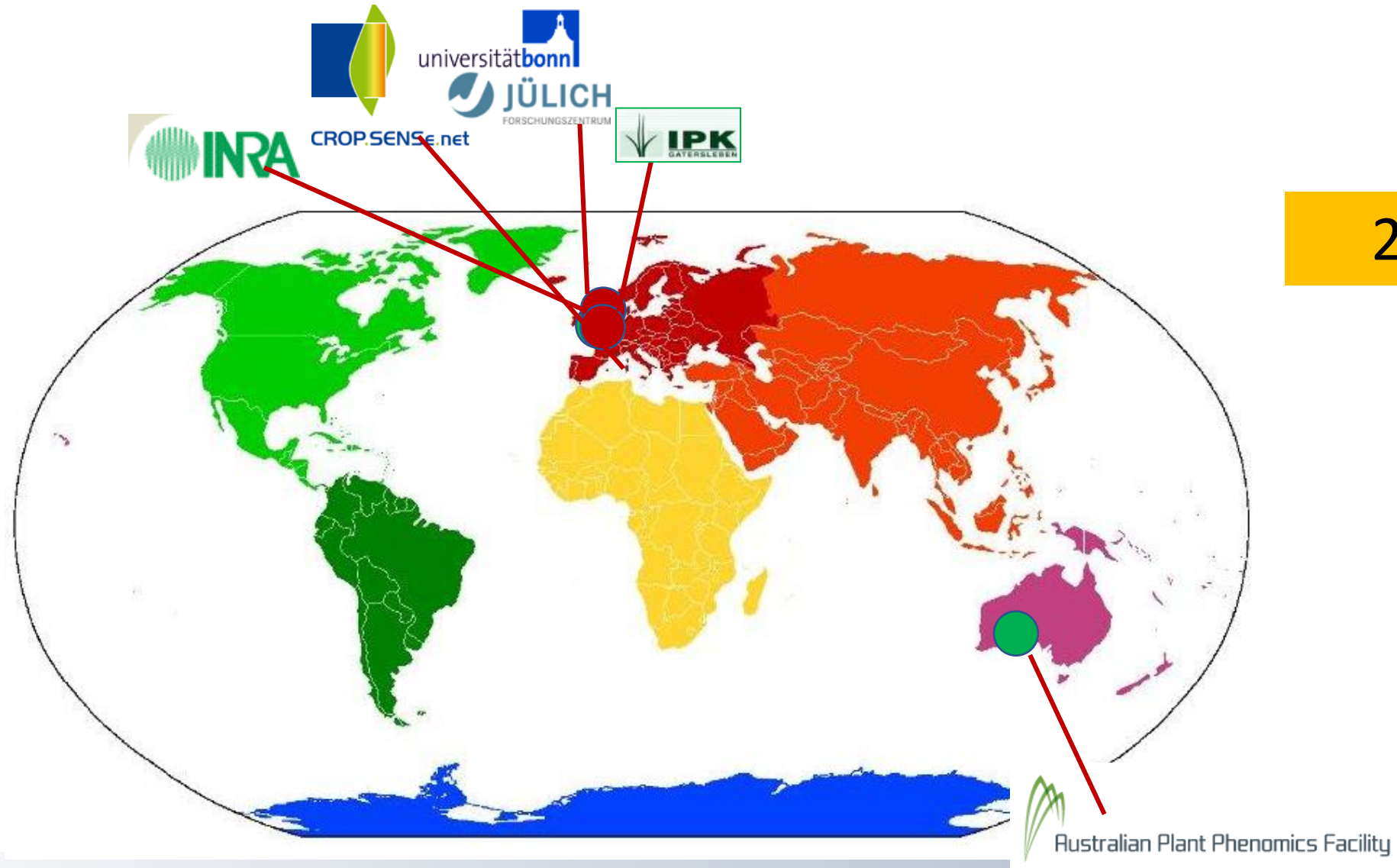
- ✓ FAIR Information systems plant phenotyping data
- ✓ Access to data
- ✓ Local installation data-management
- ✓ EMPHASIS installations should have integrated information systems



More details: Thematic session 4 (Wednesday, 9:30 -10:30)
 C Pommier, R. Pieruschka: *Plant phenotyping data management from phenomics to integration for analysis and PGR characterizations: challenges and solutions from ELIXIR and EMPHASIS*

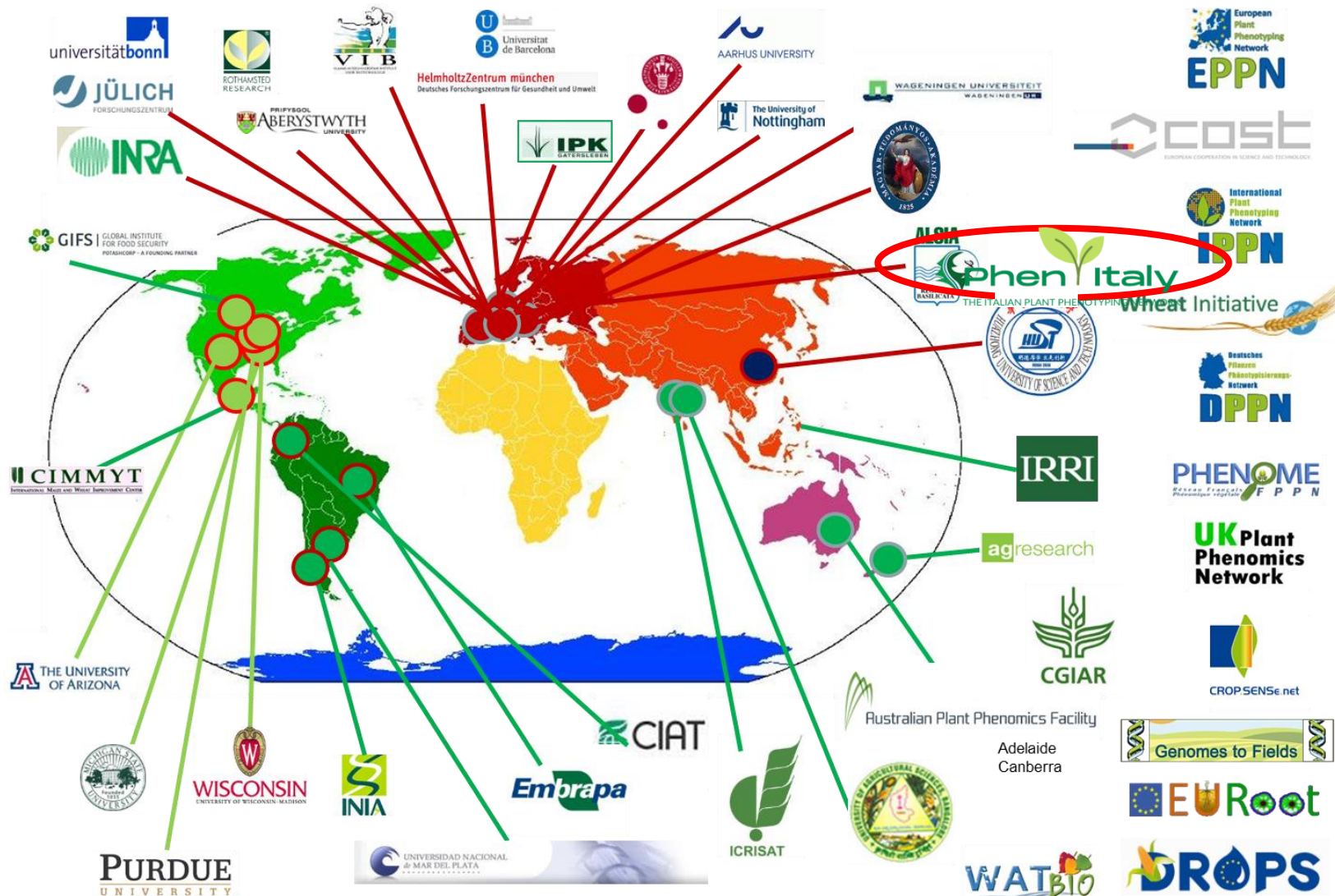


Plant phenotyping is developing rapidly



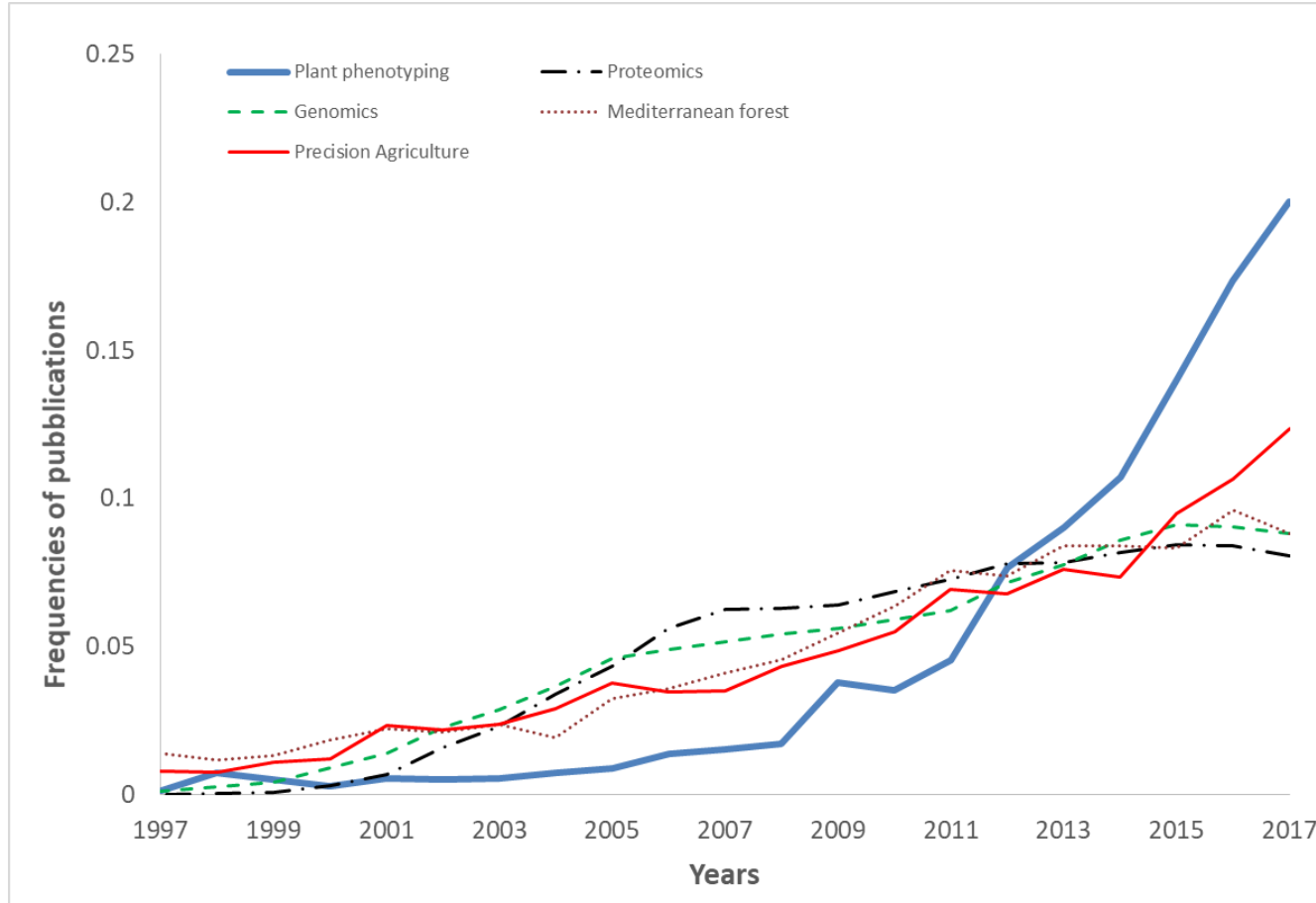
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Plant Phenotyping Research Trends, a Science Mapping Approach

Corrado Costa^{1*}, Ulrich Schurr², Francesco Loreto³, Paolo Menesatti¹ and Sebastien Carpentier^{4,5*}



National platforms



European projects/ networks



European Infrastructure for Multi-Site Plant Phenotyping And Simulation
for Food Security in a Changing Climate



Netto STOPP

EMPHASIS Partner Countries

→ EMPHASIS-PREP Policy Manifesto

The EMPHASIS infrastructure is based on previously established national infrastructures in Germany, France, the United Kingdom and Belgium.

Since its inclusion in the ESFRI Roadmap 2016, EMPHASIS has supported

- the financing of plant phenotyping infrastructures through national/regional funding mechanisms,
- applications for inclusion in the national infrastructure roadmap,
- several initiatives that have been formed to establish plant phenotyping at national level.

In addition, several countries are in the process of initiating their national activities and are integrated into the EMPHASIS Council.



Pan European approach: 12 countries support the development of EMPHASIS within an Interim General Assembly with ministry representatives. Additional 14 countries are interested in plant phenotyping EMPHASIS Support Group



Main plant phenotyping infrastructures



CONTROLLED CONDITIONS

Plant phenotyping in (semi-)controlled conditions.



MODELLING

Modelling platforms to support plant phenotyping data analysis



INTENSIVE FIELD

Intensive field experiments in highly equipped field sites or semi-controlled field sites



LEAN FIELD

Field sites with minimal equipment, which could be combined in a network of fields with different environmental conditions



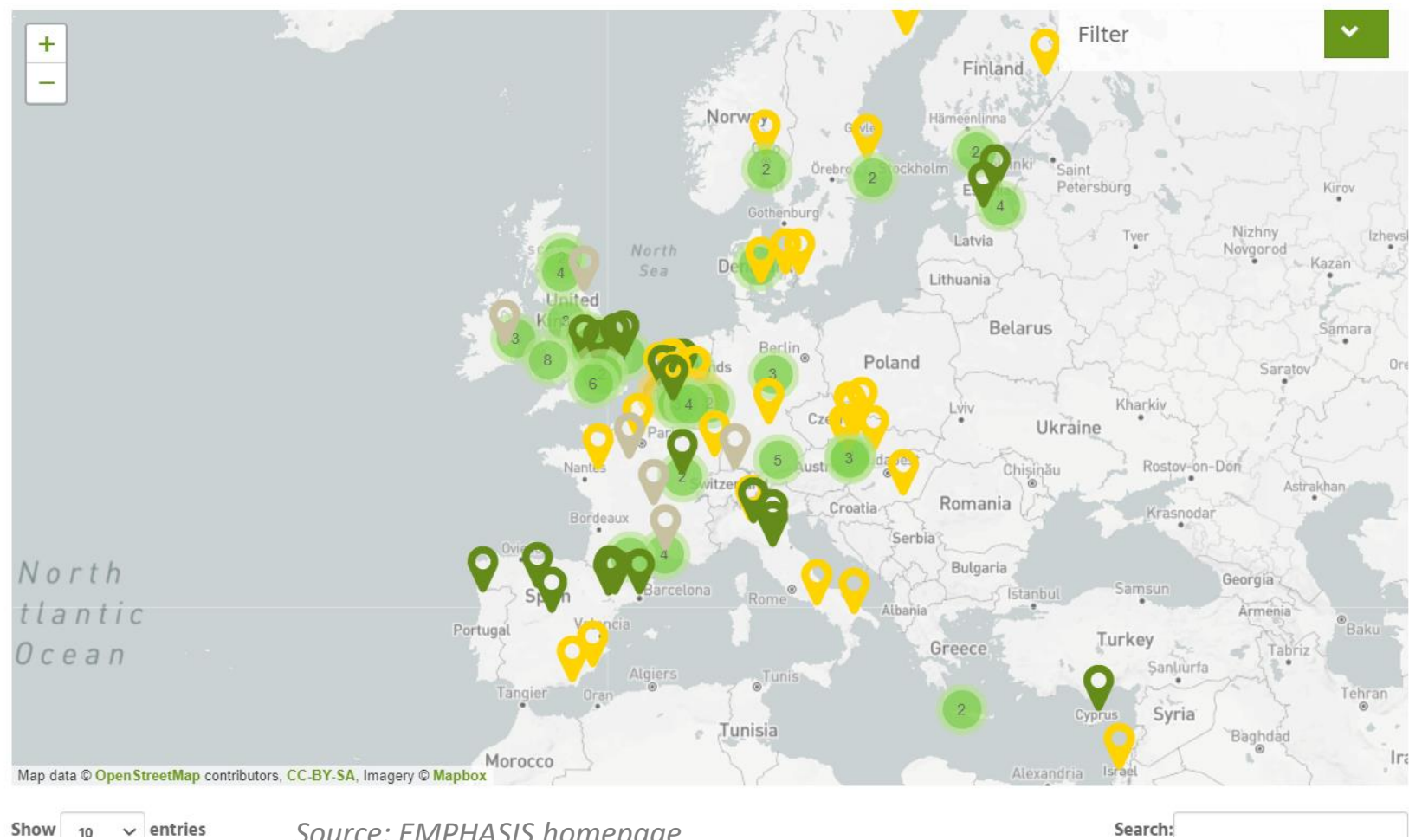
E-INFRASTRUCTURE

Information systems for plant phenotyping data management supporting open science

EMPHASIS

Map infrastructures

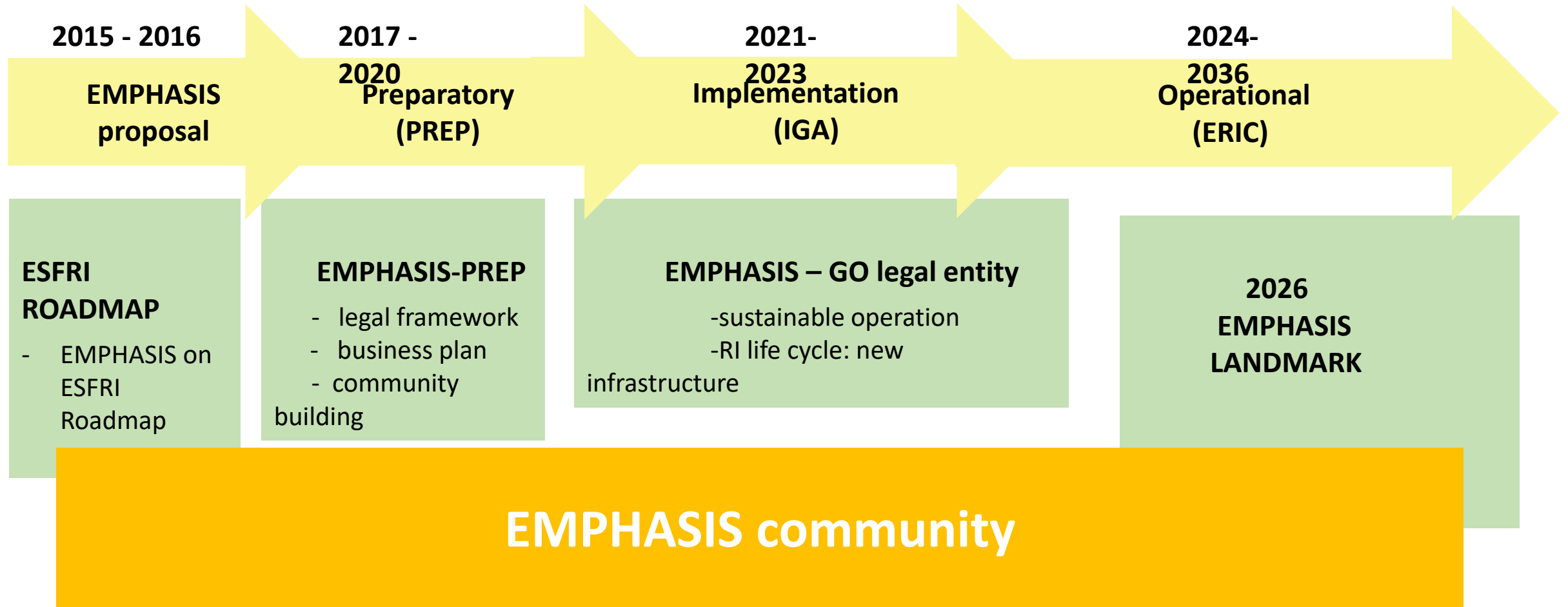
■ Lean Fields
 ■ Controlled Conditions
 ■ Data and Computational Services
 ■ Intensive Field



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Timeline



2021-2023

- EMPHASIS **pilot services** will be provided.



- Field Training* Data
- Harmonization Modelling Innovation

- EMPHASIS participation in **HE infrastructural projects/programmes**.



INFRADEV: EMPHASIS-GO

INFRASERV: AGROSERV (coord. ANAEE)
MICROBES4CLIMATE (coord. MIRRI)

INFRATECH: PHENET



Training programme on

Affordable Phenotyping
Matera-Metaponto, Italy
18-21 April 2023



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The Italian Plant Phenotyping Landscape

ACCORDO PER COSTITUZIONE E FUNZIONAMENTO DI UNA RETE NAZIONALE
DI PLANT PHENOTYPING TRAMITE UNA JOINT RESEARCH UNIT (JRU)
DENOMINATA ITALIAN PLANT PHENOTYPING NETWORK – PHEN- ITALY



Universities



International Organizations





Nutrients and Biostimulants Efficiency

(biomass, colours, photosynthetic activity, kinetics of plant dev)



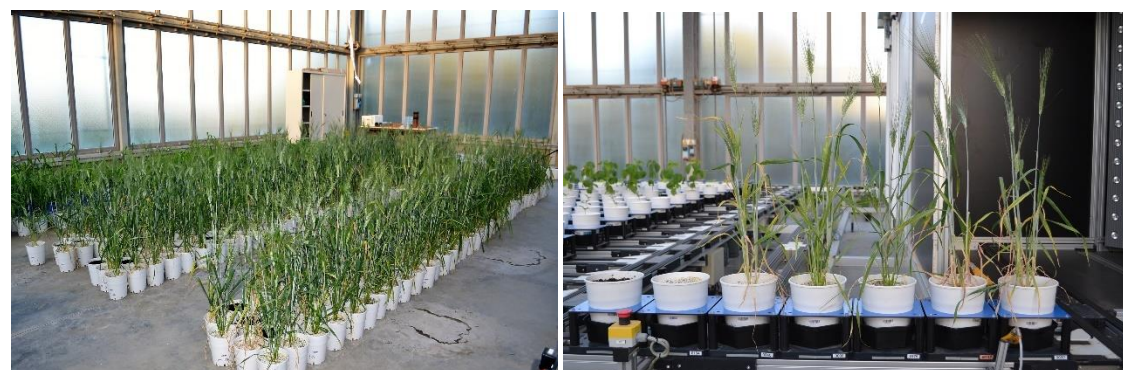
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Biostimulant

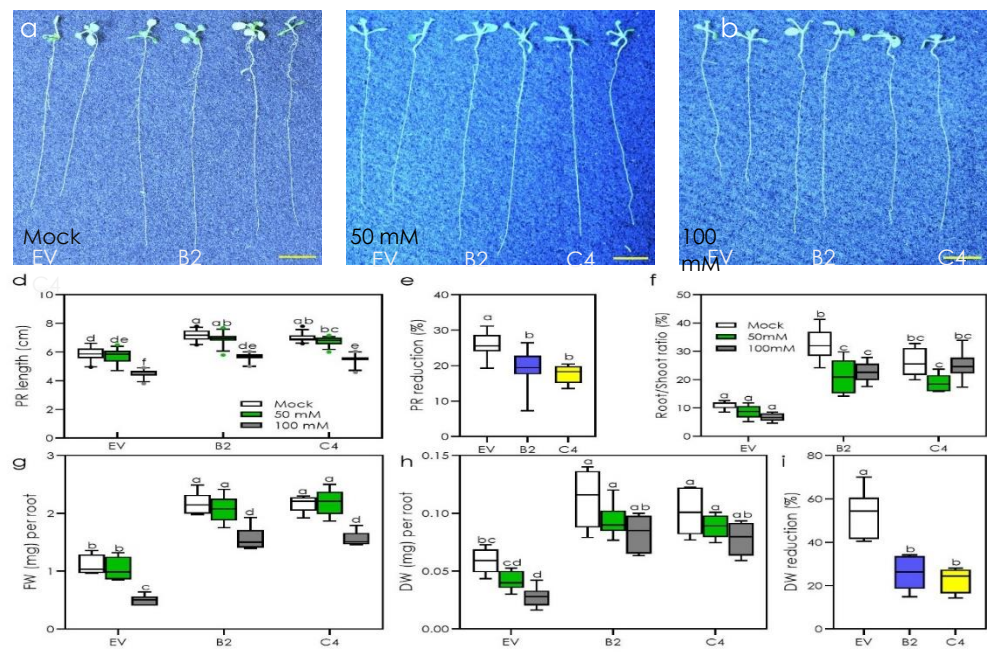
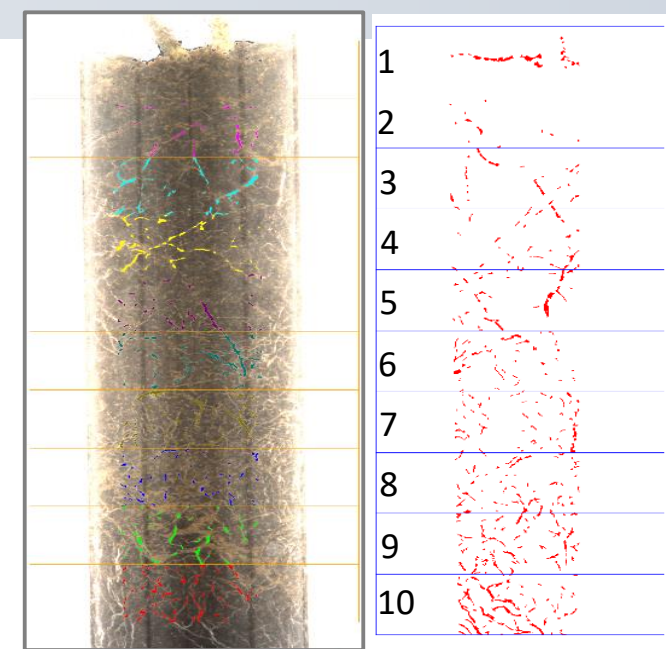
Plant Breeding: Screening of mutants lines and crosses for new phenotypes

(heritability of the trait, association mapping, eg.)



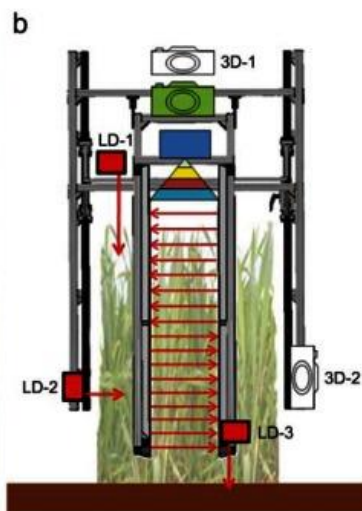
High-throughput *analysis* to study plant *stress* responses

Root biomass and root distribution

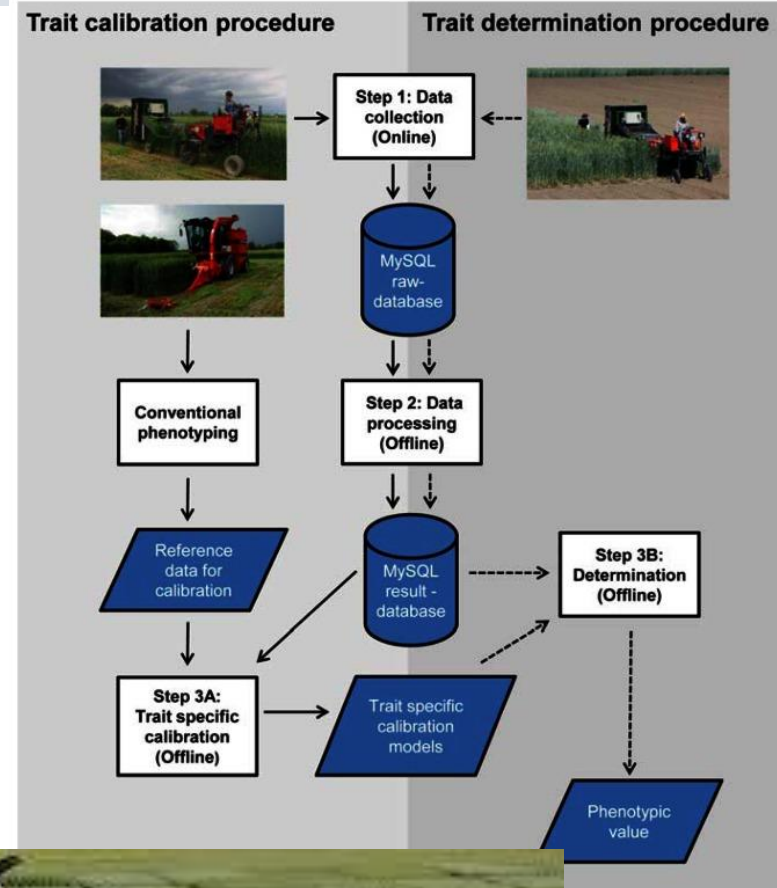


Manuel Bellucci ,
Campus Bio-Medico University of Rome
Novel functions of isoprene in root physiology
and salt stress tolerance

HT field phenotyping for scaling up the throughput in plant breeding



-  3D Time-of-Flight camera
-  Colour camera
-  Laser distance sensor
-  Hyperspectral imaging
-  Light curtain imaging



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Direct high-throughput high-sensitive analysis of volatiles

PTR-MS based high throughput phenotyping platform for plant and fruit **volatile compounds**:

- Direct injection
- Rapid analysis (1-3 minute/samples)
- Automatic sampling/data handling
- High sensitivity

Applications:

- Plant/fruit phenotyping
- Fast screening of genotypes



Example of large genotype screening:
single leaf emission of isoprene by modified
arabidopsis (2000 samples/week)



PHENOPLANT: AN INNOVATIVE PLANT PHENOTYPING PLATFORM FOR DROUGHT STRESS ANALYSIS IN ROOTSTOCK/SCION GRAPEVINE COMBINATIONS

Paladini F, De Palo F, Patono DL, Ferrandino A, Milani AM, Comino C, Lanteri S, Lovisolo C, Acquadro A

Department of Agricultural, Forest and Food Science (DISAFA), University of Torino, 10095 Grugliasco



Background

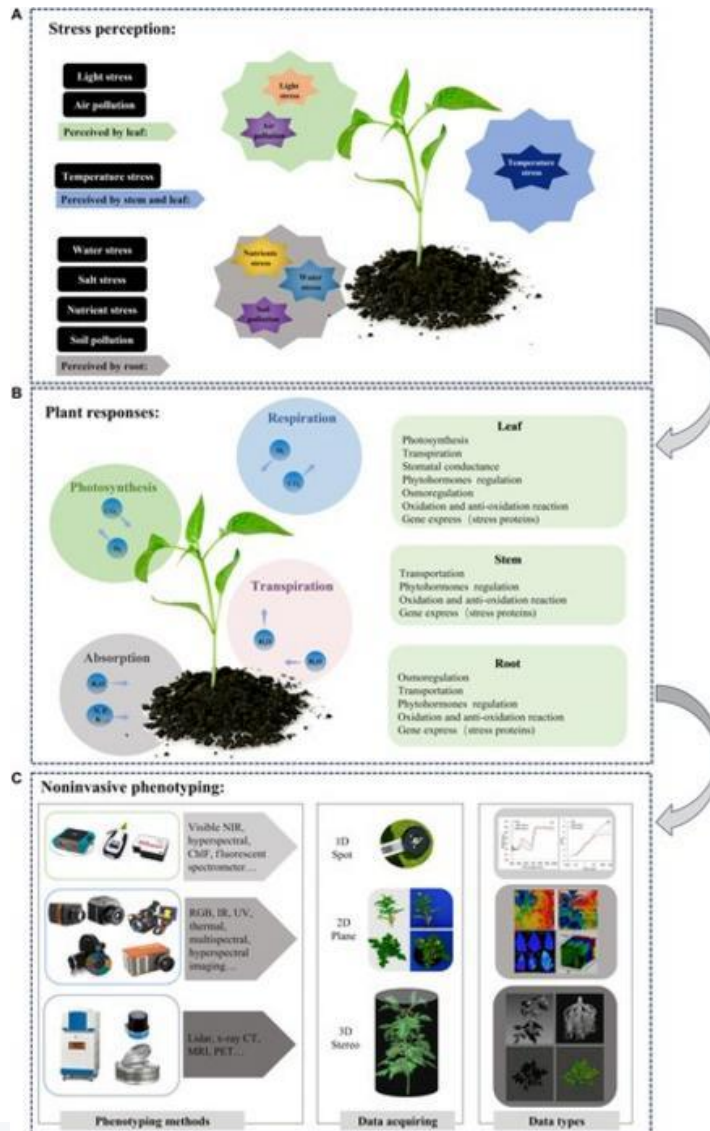
- **PhenoPlant** is the new high-throughput **plant phenotyping platform** of the University of Torino (<http://tiny.cc/DISAFA-infrastructures>), a **non-invasive tool** that combines **3D vision** and **multispectral imaging** to capture precise and objective plant **morphological** and **spectral indexes**.
- Within the **VINO project (NODES)**, **PhenoPlant** made it possible to collect **morphological/spectral data**, as well as **physiological** data using proximal sensing tools such as **IRGA** (infraRed Gas Analyzer).



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- Imaging is central for HTPP
- Technology development is very fast
- Large facilities for intensive measurements needed
- Digitalization, IoT and AI applications needed
- Demand is
 - increasing and diverse
 - often linked to special expertise for development
 - often requires specialised infrastructures
- Networking at national and international level is essential

[Breakthrough in noninvasive plant stress phenotyping: a multi-organ approach to combat abiotic stressors](#)

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