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# Sensors Technology & Precision Agriculture

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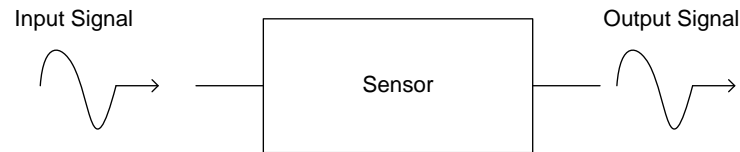
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# What are Sensors?

- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Definition
  - A device which provides a usable output in response to a specified measurand



- A sensor acquires a physical parameter and converts it into a signal suitable for processing (e.g. optical, electrical, mechanical)
- A transducer
  - Microphone, Loud Speaker, Biological Senses (e.g. touch, sight,...etc.)

# Detectable Phenomenon

<b>Stimulus</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Acoustic	Wave (amplitude, phase, polarization), Spectrum, Wave Velocity
Biological & Chemical	Fluid Concentrations (Gas or Liquid)
Electric	Charge, Voltage, Current, Electric Field (amplitude, phase, polarization), Conductivity, Permittivity
Magnetic	Magnetic Field (amplitude, phase, polarization), Flux, Permeability
Optical	Refractive Index, Reflectivity, Absorption
Thermal	Temperature, Flux, Specific Heat, Thermal Conductivity
Mechanical	Position, Velocity, Acceleration, Force, Strain, Stress, Pressure, Torque

# Choosing a Sensor

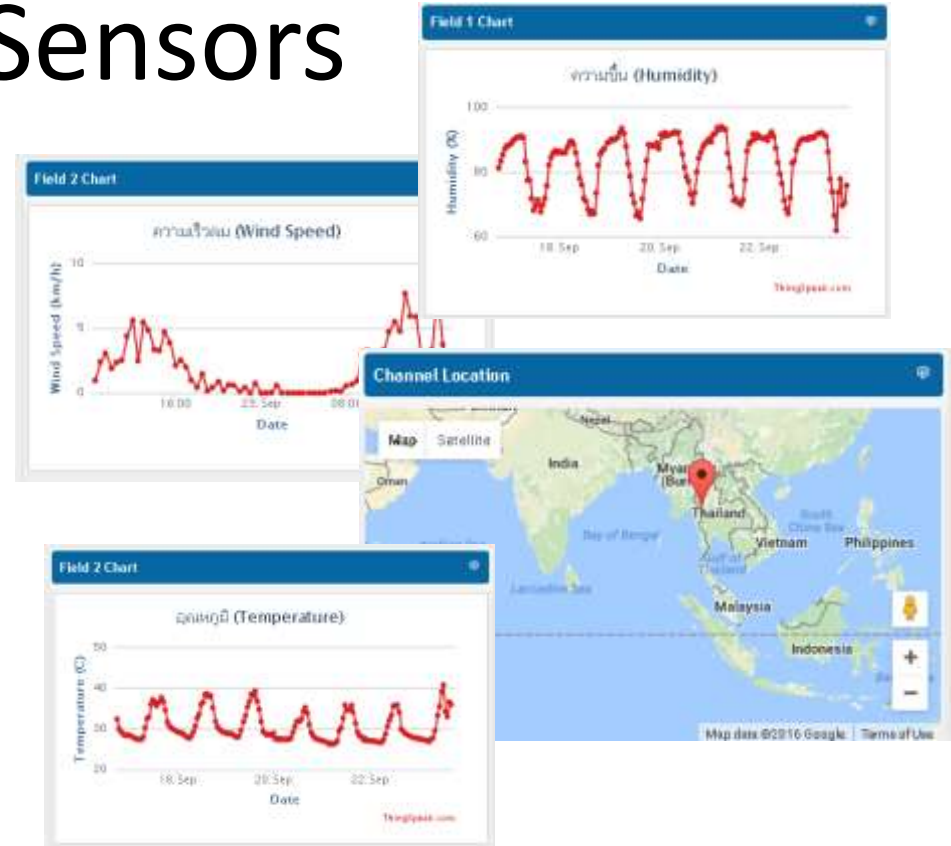
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Environmental Factors	Economic Factors	Sensor Characteristics
Temperature range	Cost	Sensitivity
Humidity effects	Availability	Range
Corrosion	Lifetime	Stability
Size		Repeatability
Overrange protection		Linearity
Susceptibility to EM interferences		Error
Ruggedness		Response time
Power consumption		Frequency response
Self-test capability		

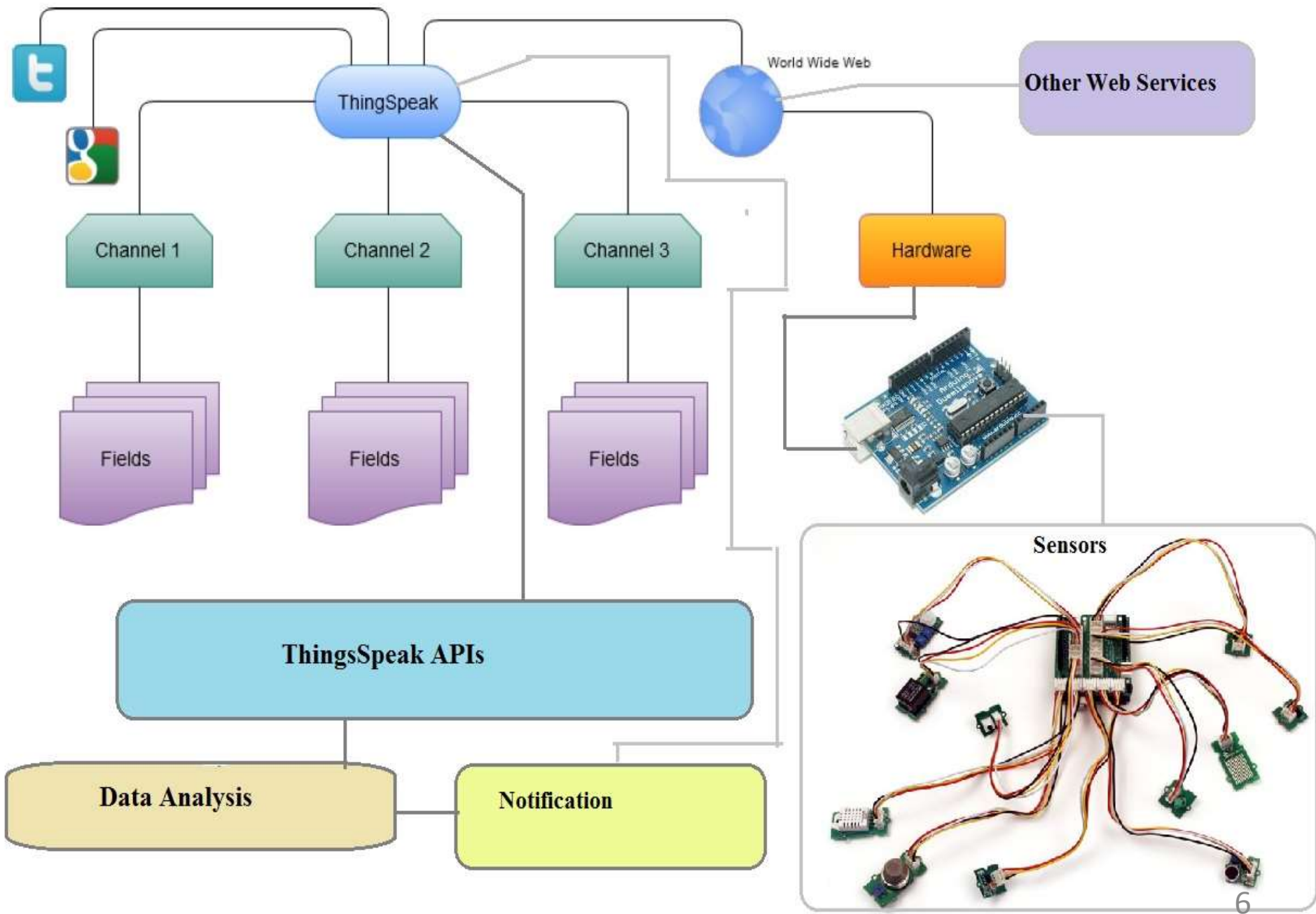
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Light Intensity → Optical Sensors

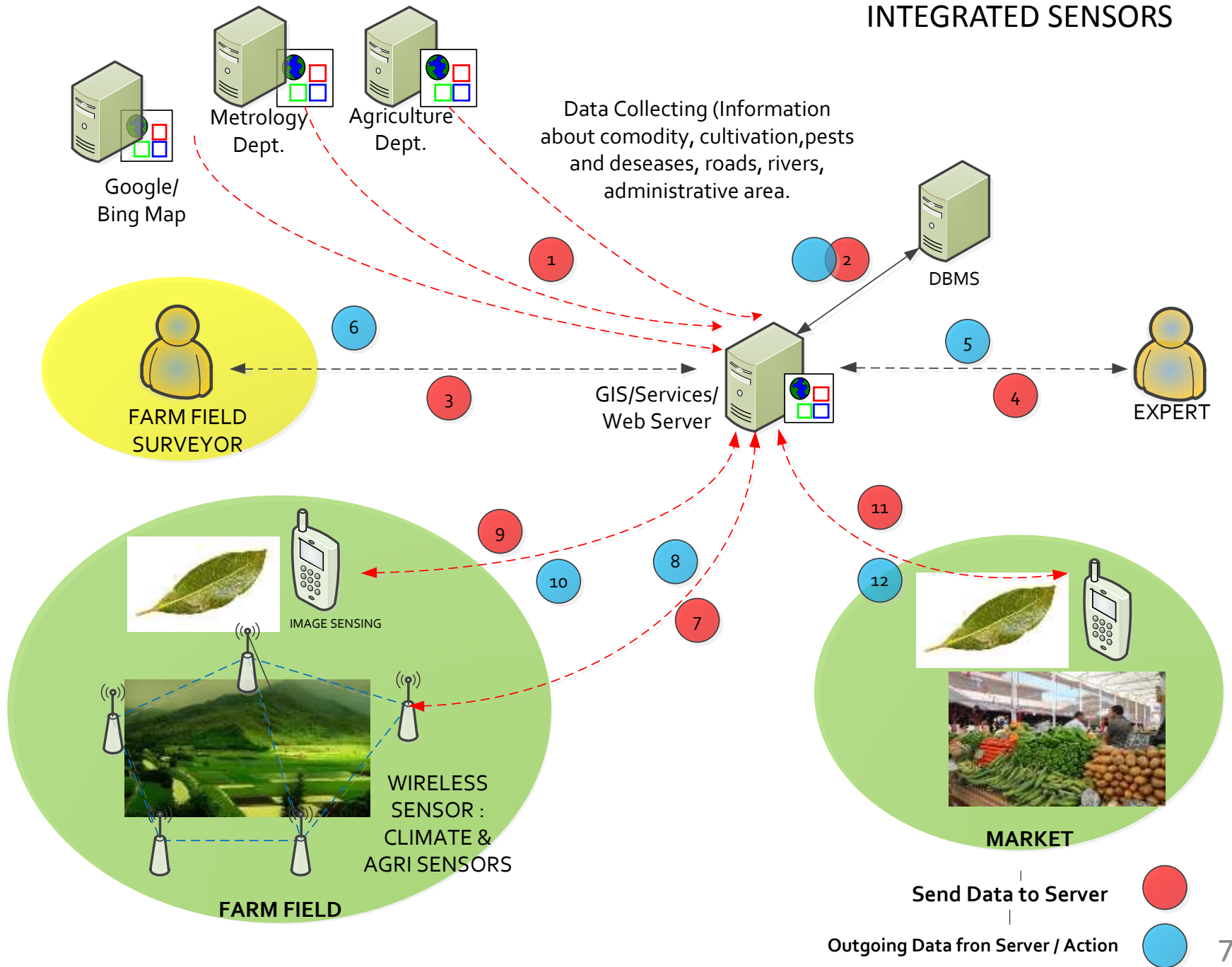
# Weather Sensors



- Cost : < THB 20,000
- Arduino Based
- Opensource (including data-logger → ThingSpeak)



# INTEGRATED SENSORS



# Variation and Resolution (Sensors)

Many soil- and crop properties can vary within fields:

- Texture (content of sand, silt, loam or clay) and pH of topsoil and subsoil
- Soil content of organic matter, of water and of various minerals
- Slope and orbital orientation of the soil
- Density and morphology of crops
- Crop content of water and of various minerals
- Infestation of crops by different weeds and by various pests.

# Farmers are great observers !

Spatial Variability

**BUT**

May not be able to explain  
their observations



**AS SUCH**

Producers welcome scientific information and are eager  
to learn from the discussion

# Initial precision agricultural efforts were driven by industry

Assumed spatial variability in yield was caused by nutrients deficiencies

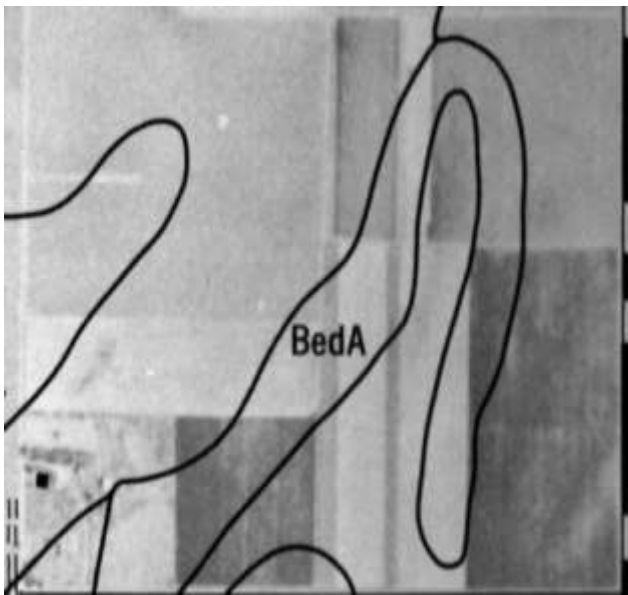


*nutrients*

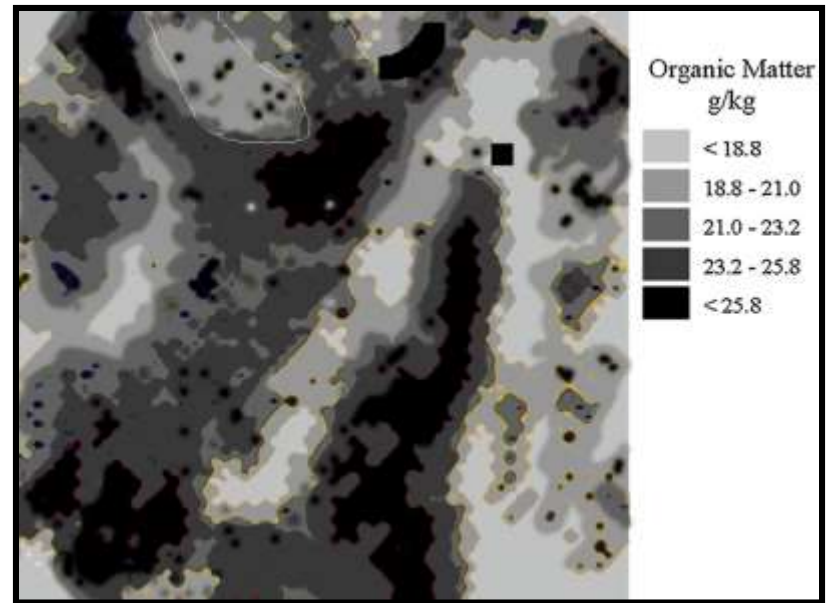
**Outcome:** Spatial variability in crop vigor and yield was only partially removed

**Need:** Technologies to quantify yield variability

- Variable-rate multi-nutrient applications were based on soil testing data
- GPS was not available



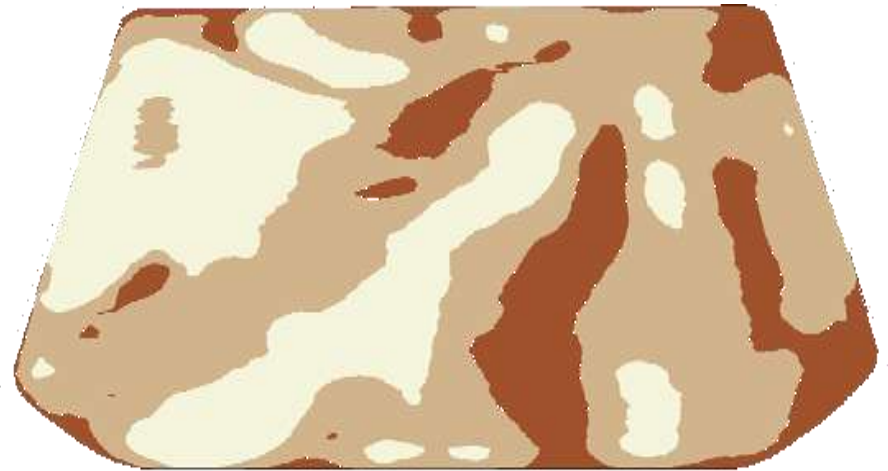
Soil Survey



Grid Soil Sampling



Bare Soil Image



Computer Generated Management Zones

# Electrical Conductivity

## Electro-magnetic induction

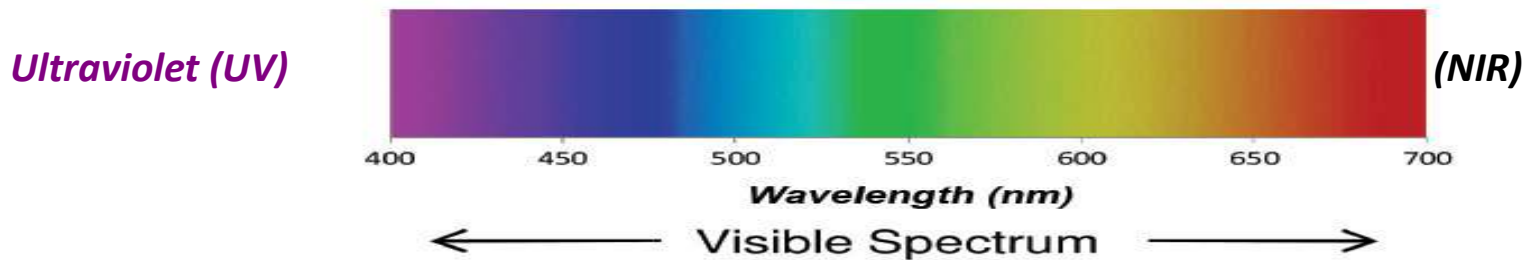


## Optimum leaf and soil nutrient levels (FAO, 2004)

Nutrient (extraction method in brackets)*	Suggested optimum soil levels
pH (1:5 soil/water)	5.5 - 6.0
Organic matter ( <u>Walkley Black</u> )	1- 3 %
Conductivity (1:5 soil/water)	< 0.2 <u>dsm</u>
Nitrate nitrogen (1:5 aqueous extract)	> 20 mg/kg. Leaf tests more relevant
Phosphate (Colwell or <u>bicarb</u> )	60 - 80 mg/kg
Potassium (Ammonium acetate)	> 0.75 mg/kg
<u>Sulphur</u> (KCl-40)	> 20 mg/kg
Calcium (Ammonium acetate)	3 - 5 <u>meq/100 g</u>
Magnesium (Ammonium acetate)	> 1.6 <u>meq/100 g</u>



Most individuals agree that - - “*seeing is believing*”,  
**AND**  
the human eye is especially sensitive to **green** colors



**BUT**

Humans cannot see near infrared light, which is reflected by living vegetation (*also called biomass*)

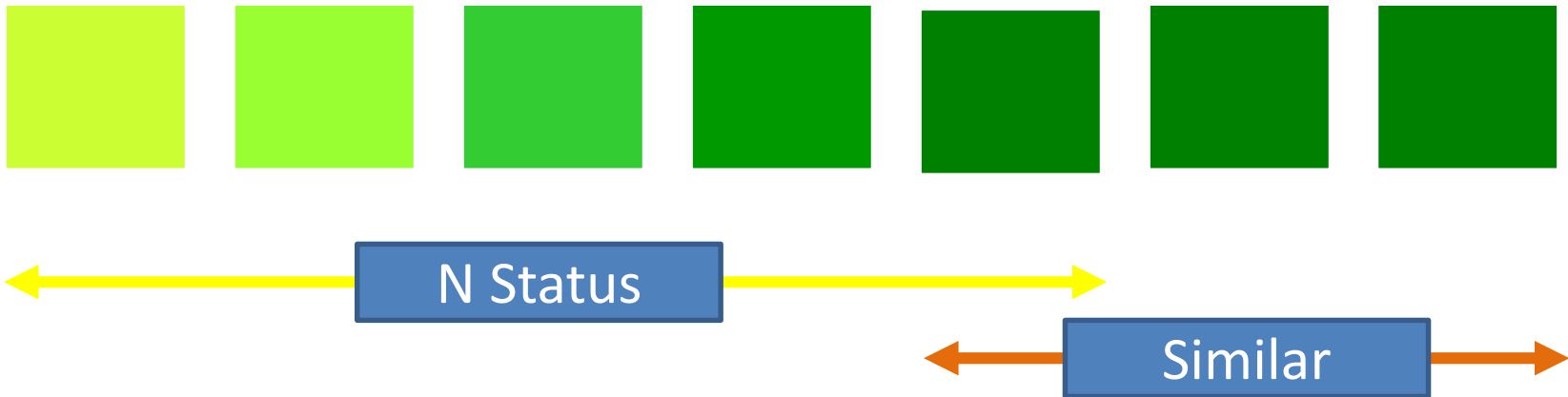
**AS SUCH**

Farmers largely base their assessment of crop vigor on  
“**greenness**” (*related to chlorophyll content and nitrogen status*)

# Remember - - - -

Canopy sensors respond to “living biomass” and “chlorophyll content”

## Treatments / N-rates



***Canopy sensors can not quantify excess N (directly)***

***AND***

***Soil background reduces sensitivity***

Sensors can be designed to be sensitive to **Greenness** -  
(i.e., chlorophyll and nitrogen status in most cases)

**AND TO**

near infrared (**NIR**) light - (“*living vegetation*” called biomass)

**BASICALLY**

**NIR** - size of the farm (cumulative indicator of canopy size )  
*(number and size of leaves)*

**Chlorophyll** - output potential of leaves via photosynthesis

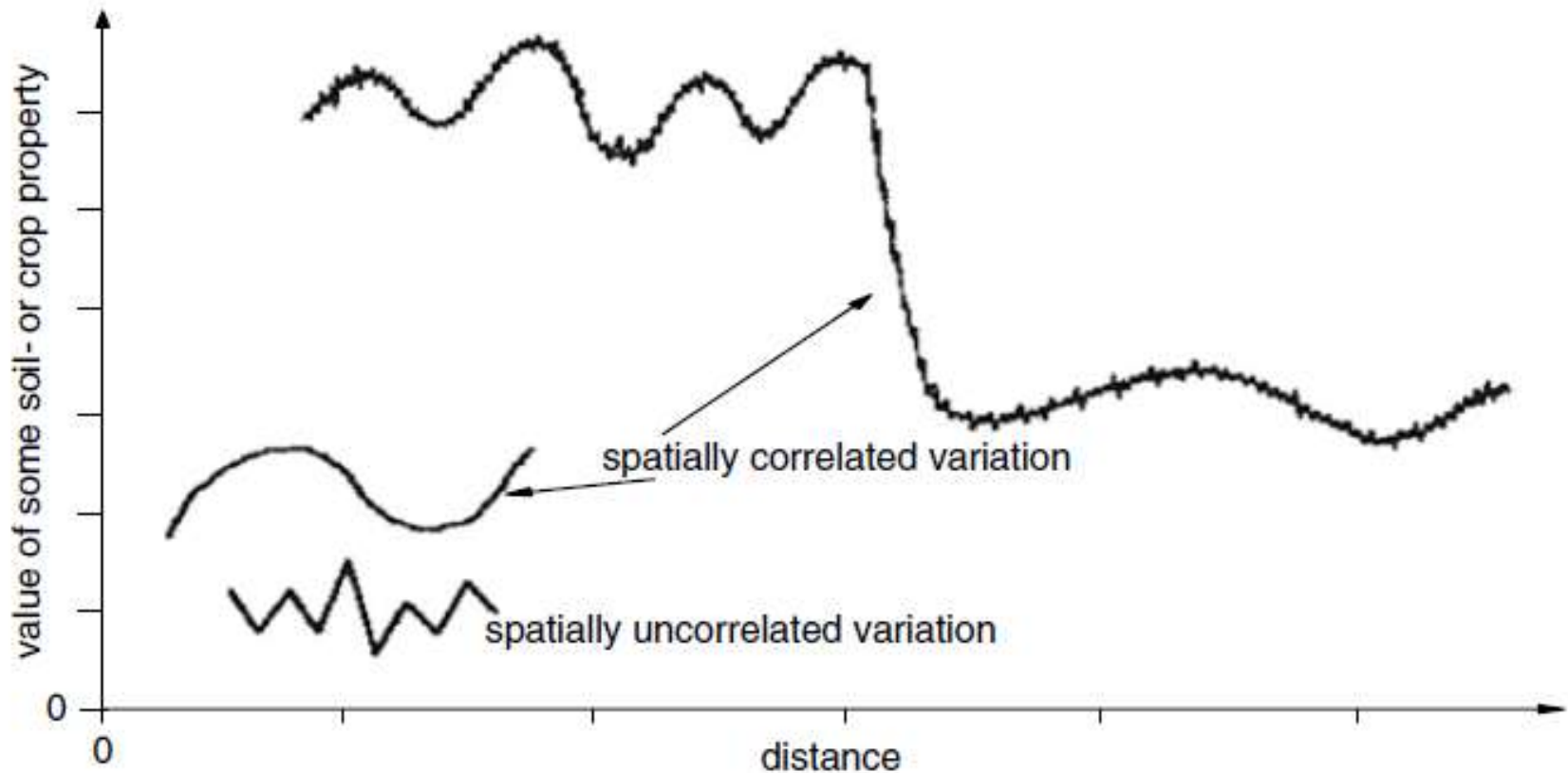
**RESULTING IN**

**Yield** and potential profitability

----- *This why we need to measure chlorophyll and biomass*

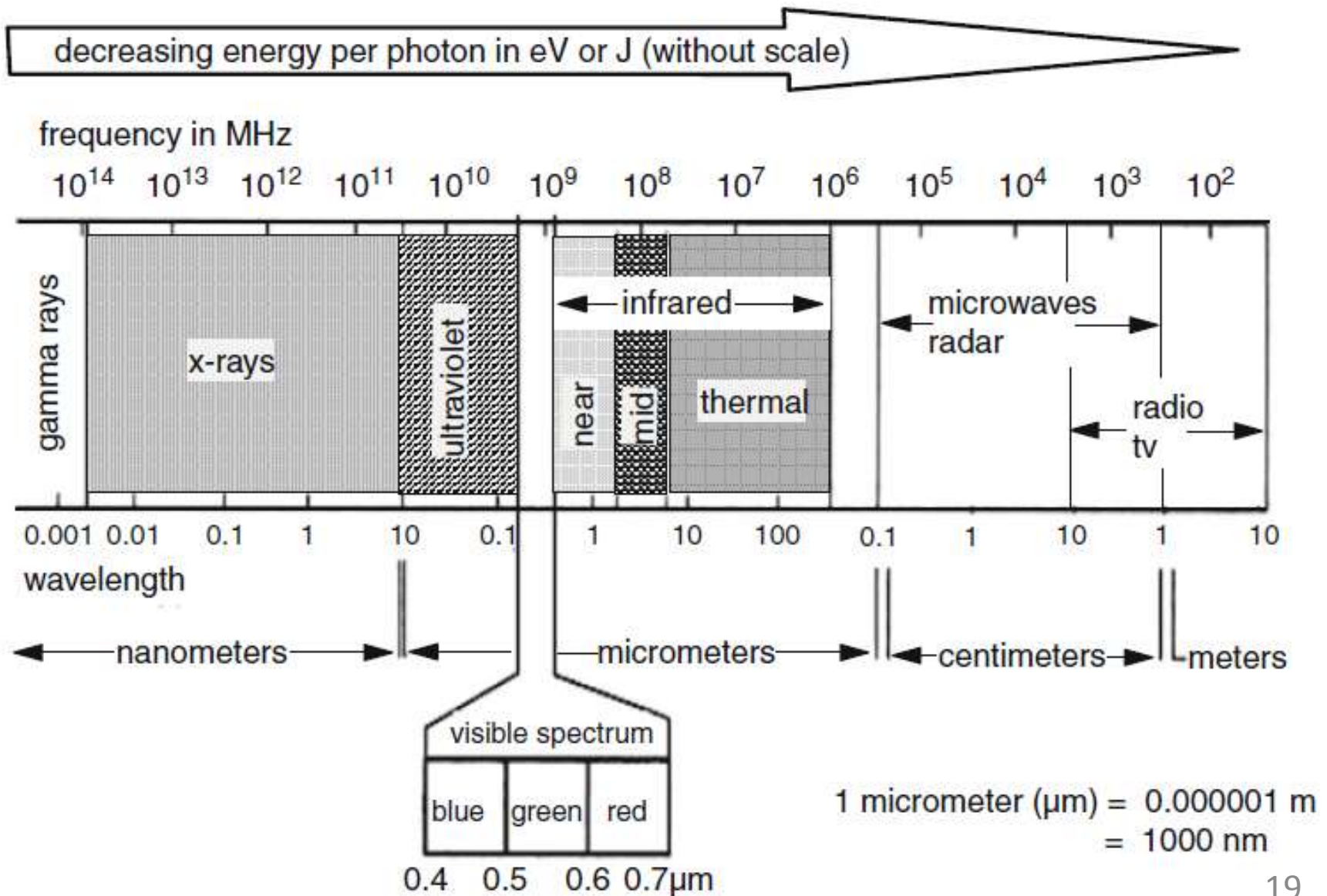
# **Basis of Analyses & TECHNIQUEs**

# Heterogeneity in Fields: Basis of Analyses

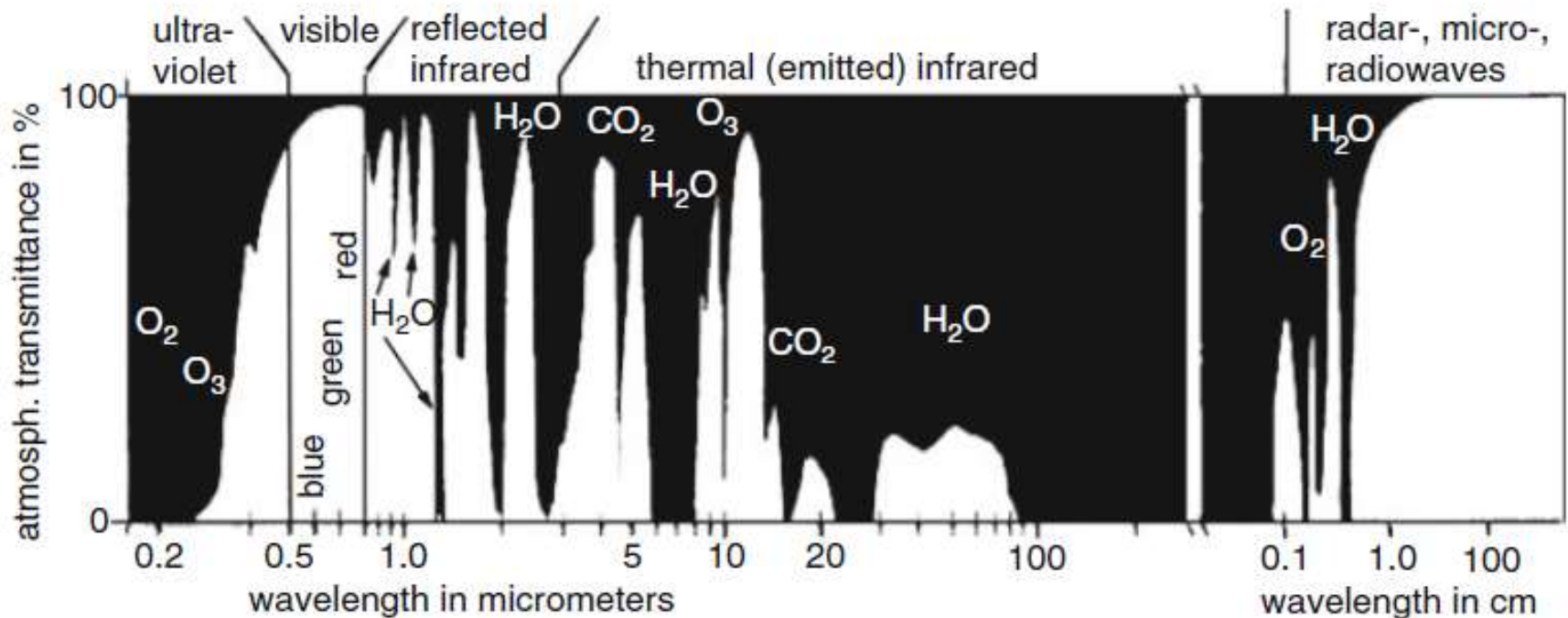


Types of spatial variation in a dimensionless diagram (From Oliver 1999, altered)

# Sensing by Electromagnetic Radiation



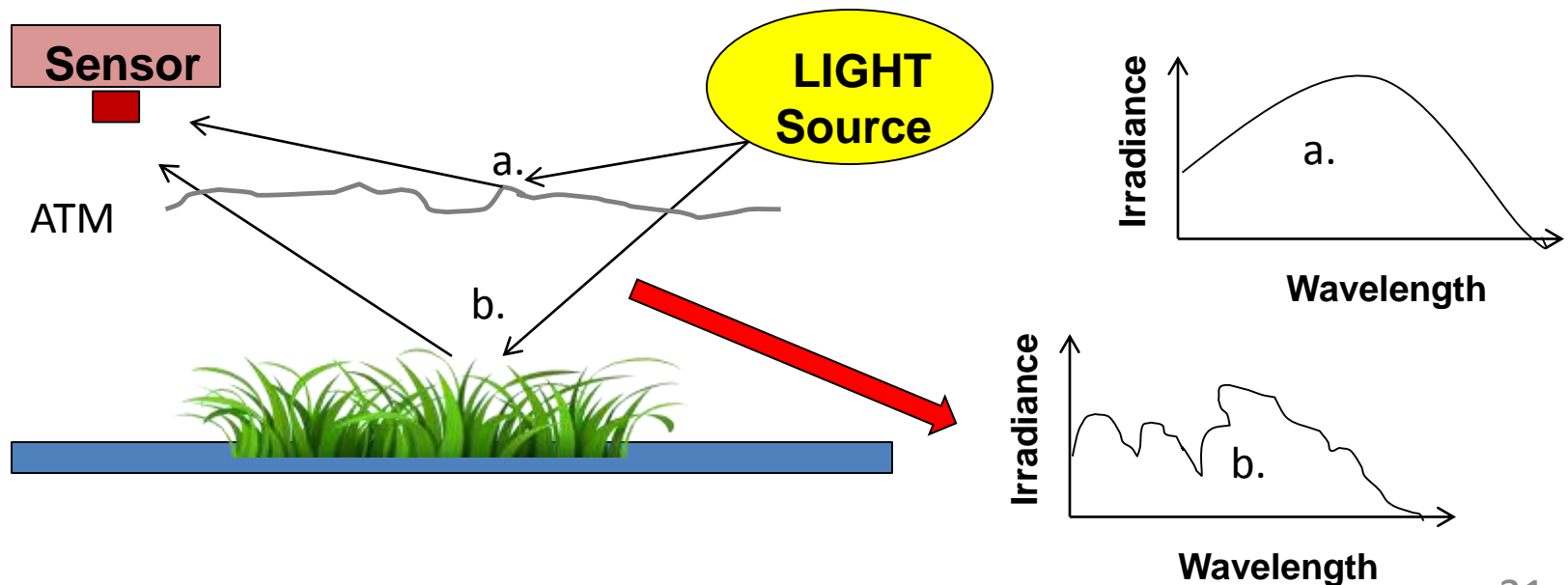
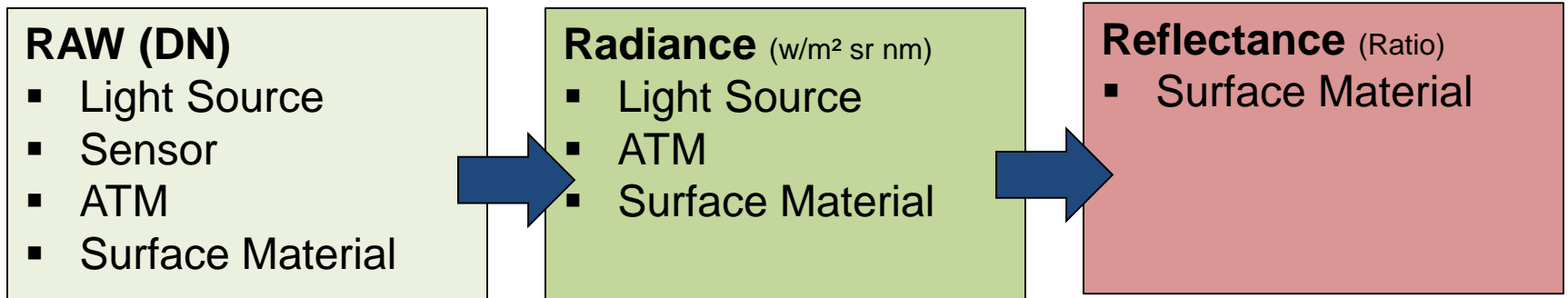
# Atmospheric Windows and Clouds



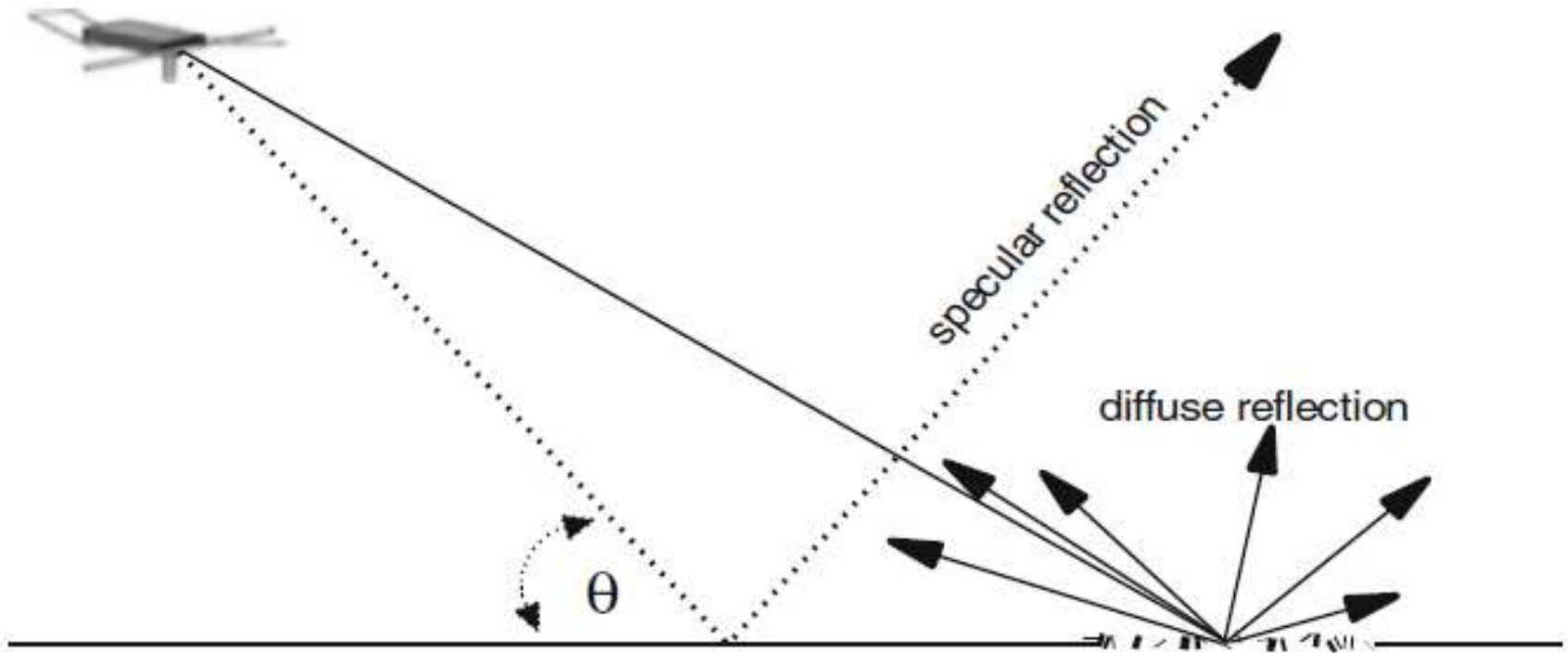
The atmospheric windows (*white*) show the wavelengths that penetrate the cloudless atmosphere of the earth. The gaseous molecules that can block the transmission of wavelength ranges are indicated.

(From NASA Earth Observatory 2010)

# Digital Number, Radiance, and Reflectance



# Reflection of radar signals from a smooth- or from a rough target surface

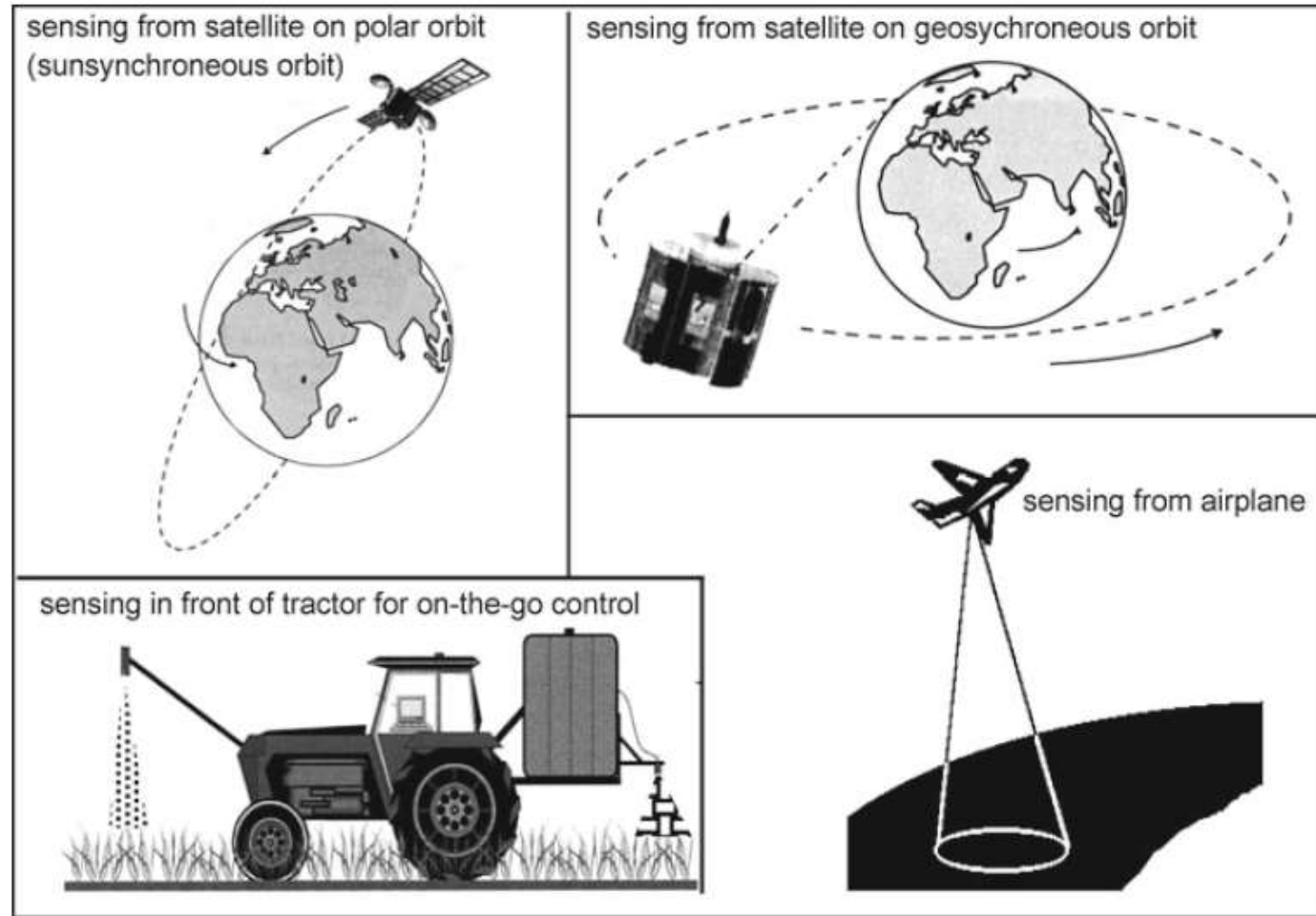


# Absorbance, reflectance and transmittance of the solar radiation spectrum by clouds

Type of cloud	Thickness (m)	Absorbance (%)	Reflectance (%)	Transmittance (%)
Cumulonimbus	6,000	10–20	80–90	0–10
Nimbostratus	4,000	10–20	80–90	0–10
Altostratus	600	8–15	57–77	8–35
Cumulus	450	4–9	68–85	6–28
Stratus	100	1–6	45–72	22–54

Data from Liou 1976 , (altered, transmittance added)

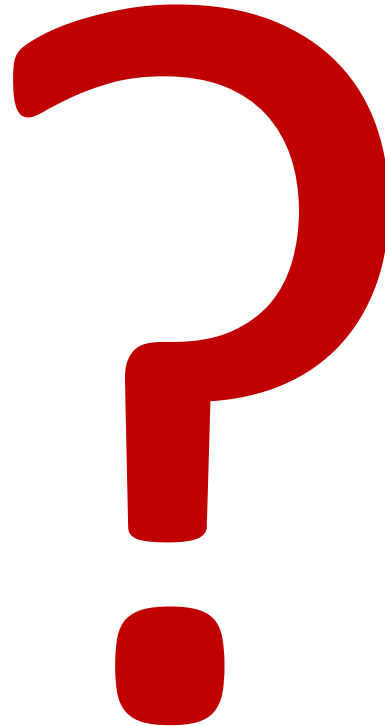
# Absorbance, reflectance and transmittance for **Ground-Based / Near Ground-Based**



Sensing from satellites on different orbits, from an airplane and from a tractor (From Chuvieco and Huete 2010 and from Heege et al. 2008 , altered)

# Ground-Based / Near Ground-Based

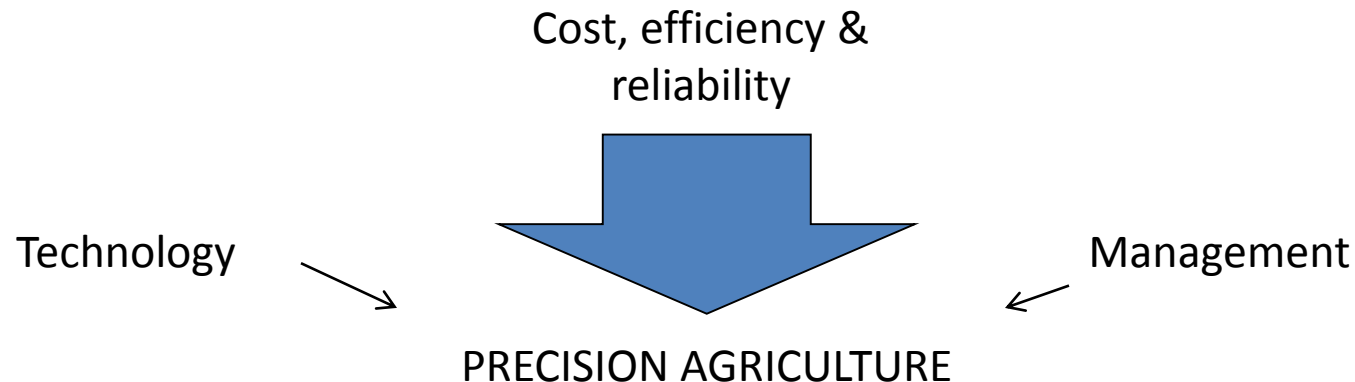
Why it's needed



# Ground-Based / Near Ground-Based

## Why it's needed:

- Limitations of Aerial/Satellite/Airborne technologies for commercial use for individual farmer
- high cost of images from airborne,
- hilly hill in the plantation area,
- infrequency of satellite overpasses,
- risk of images being scattered by clouds
- delays between image capture and availability of usable data.
- trees shades



Precision Agriculture (*Site-Specific Management*) is not a “*one-size-fits-all*” proposition or universal solution to address spatial variability

- Different field sizes
- Different crops
- Different soils
- Uncertainty about climate and water availability
- Spatial variability in nutrient status
- Availability of field equipment is important
- Implementation might require technical assistance

High yields may not be highly correlated with *profitability*

*Sustainability* requires a multi-year analysis

**Perceptions** - may not be true, but they are  
“**REAL**” in the minds of individuals

### Precision Agriculture Perceptions

- I'm too old to learn
- Too expensive
- My fields are uniform
- I'm still farming, so my operation must be sustainable
- Too much risk
- I already demonstrate environmental stewardship
- Technical assistance is not available or is unreliable

# Original 4-Rs

Applied at the field scale - - *delineates management zones*

**RIGHT** - Place

Rate

Time

Form

***What about the plant environment ?***

How to create a better environment for plants ?

***Consider:***      ***compaction***  
                         ***nutrient placement***  
                         ***plant competition***  
                         ***weeds***

# Approaches to Precision Agriculture

**Proactive** - Plan ahead and lock-in decisions

*based on:* soil texture and water holding capacity  
nutrient information  
anticipated weather  
yield goal

**Reactive** - Monitor weather and crop vigor to make in-season adjustments (also called “**adaptive management**”)

*according to:* available soil water  
anticipated weather  
estimated nutrient losses thus far in the season  
crop vigor (sensors or remote sensing)  
changes in yield potential

***Harnessing Precision Agriculture*** information is like

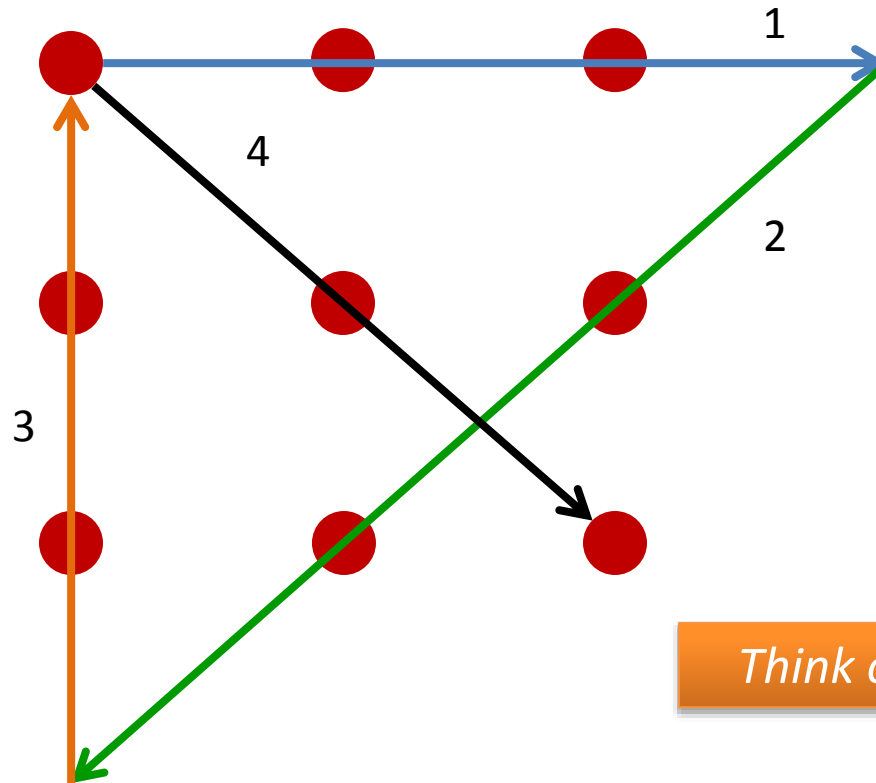
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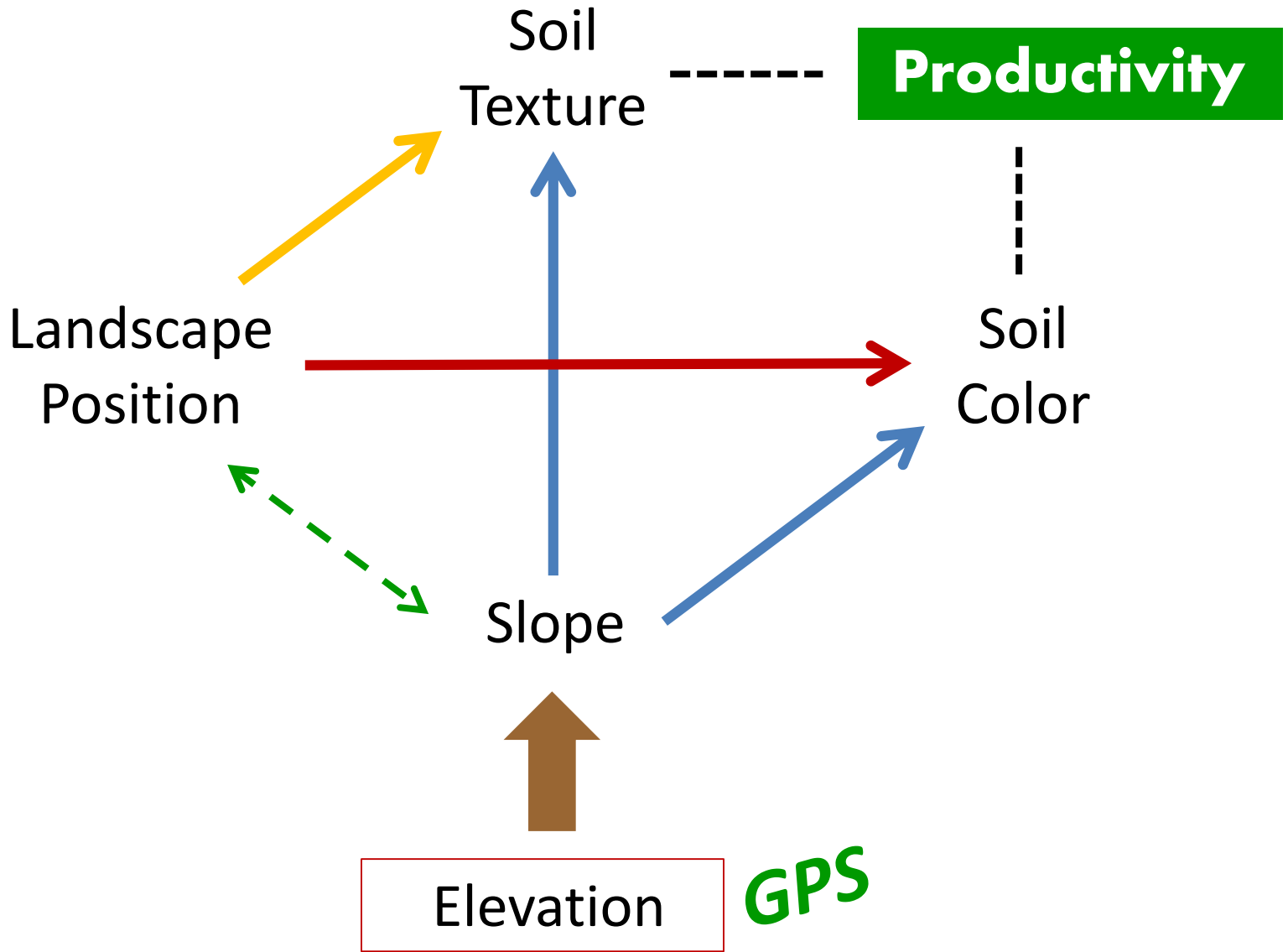
Needs multiple ingredients in the right proportions

# Precision Agriculture is about *innovation* and *thinking outside the box*

How would you connect these nine points with *four continuous lines* ?



*Think outside the box !*



*Common-Sense Relationships Are Important*

Uncertainty of climate



Water (rain),  
Light Intensity

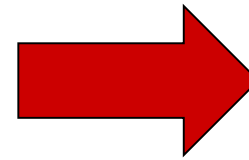


Pests & Diseases

Water  
Shortage



Low Quality &  
Quantity  
of Commodities

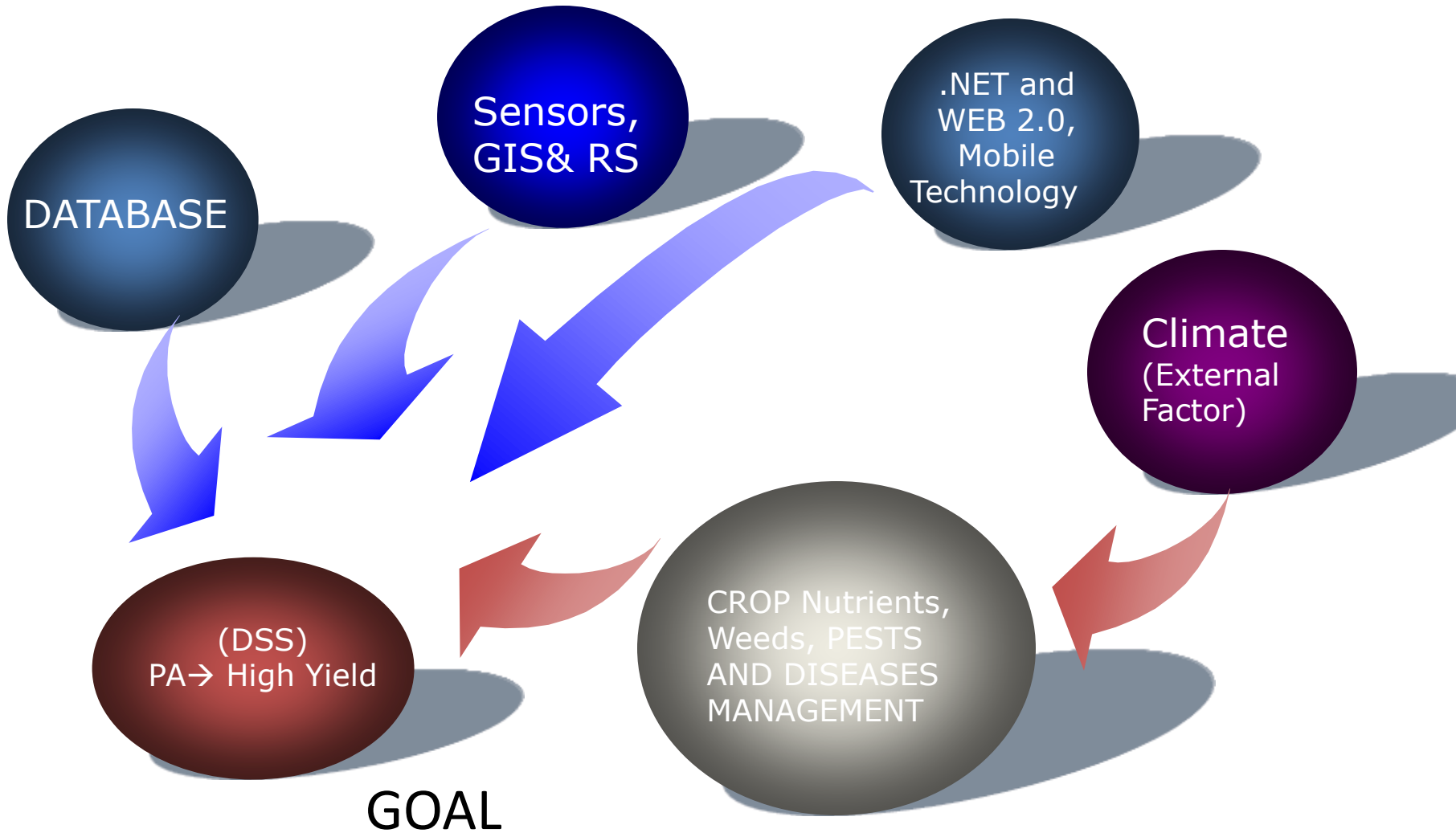


No plants  
management :  
*Weeds*



inappropriate  
dosage

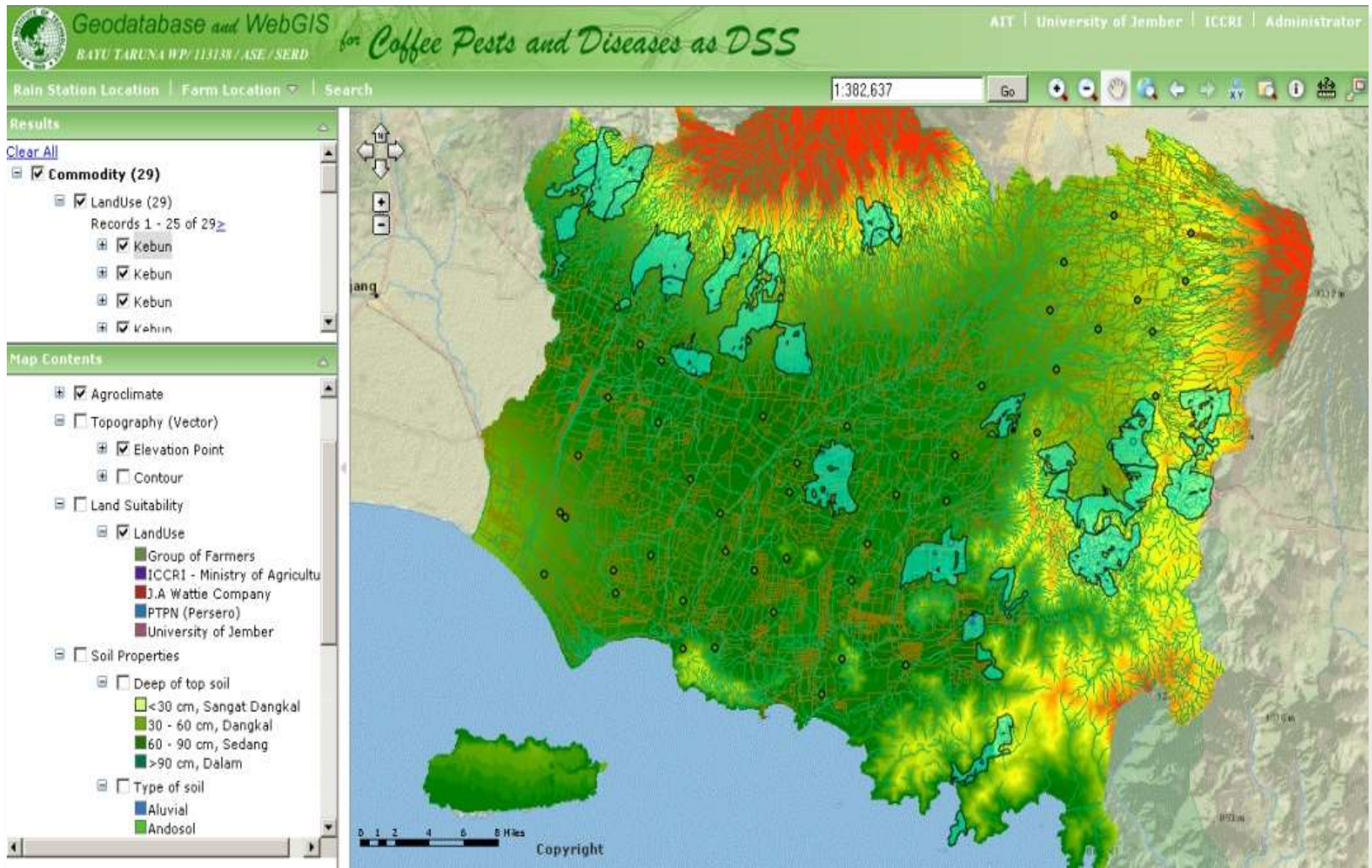
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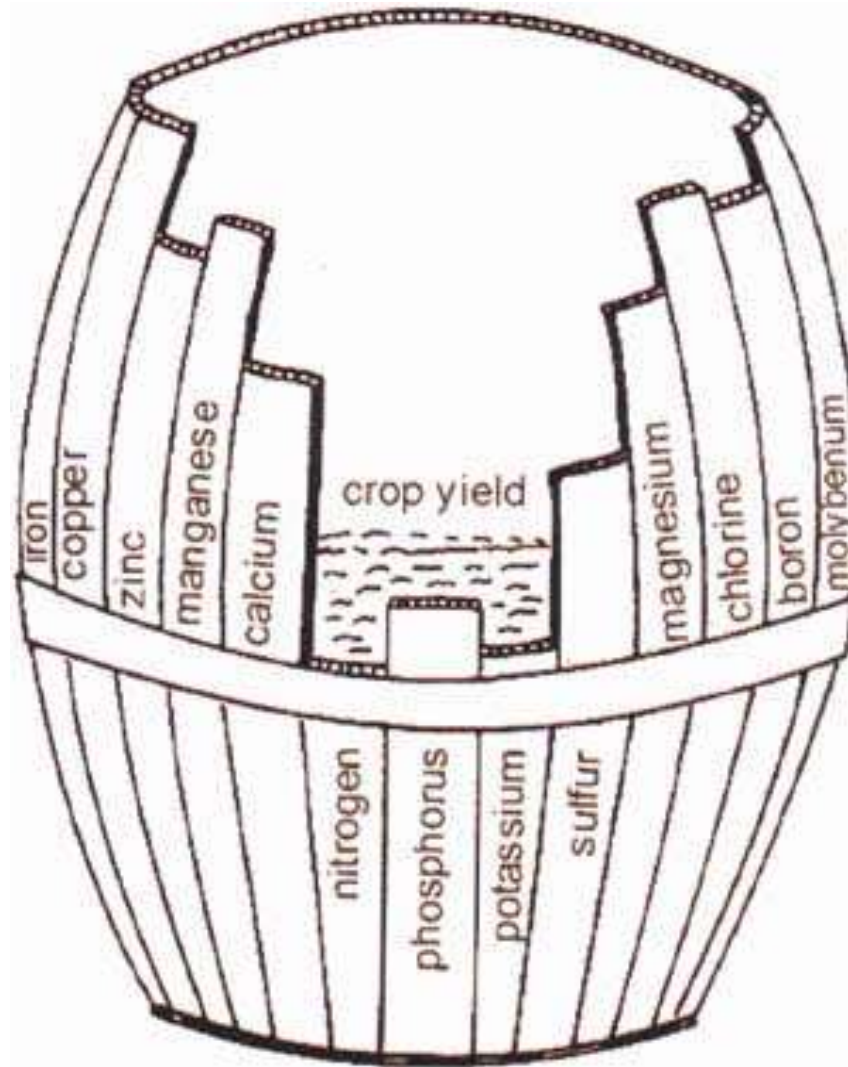
# Advanced Technologies

- The growth of non-destructive technologies is very rapid
- Spectral vegetation indices are widely used for monitoring, analyzing, and mapping temporal and spatial variations in vegetation structure as well as certain biophysical parameters
- Such indices enable assessment and monitoring of biophysical properties like soils (Joseph., et al, 2010), pests and diseases and macronutrients (Joseph., et al, 2010; Schlemmer., et al. 2013).
- researchers used the technologies like CropSpec (Vali., et al. 2013), SPAD, Spectrometer (Yao., et al. 2014; Wang., et al. 2012; Min., et al. 2008; Wei., et al. 2012; Elfatih., et al. 2010; Javier., et al . 2014), GreenSeekers (Ali., et al 2015), CropCircle, and LAI meter to analyze the crop-plant in many different parameters.

# Weeds, Pests & Diseases Management



# Nutrient Management



'Barrel Analogy' using nitrogen as the least available nutrient<sub>38</sub>

# N Nutrient Management

## (Deciding the location and activities)



# ICPDMS

*Integrated Coffee Pests and Diseases Management System*

Name : **Bayu**  
Status : **AIT**

Visitor : -

Home   Farm Boundary Module ▶   Activities Management and DSS Module ▶   Agroclimate Module ▶   Re

### ACTIVITY ON SUB PRODUCTION AREA

Farm Boundary : Area I (Government Body - PTPN) ▼

Production Area : Jember ▼

Sub Production Area : Bande Alit ▼

Land Use : 5104 ▼

[New Data](#)

No	Date Activity	Activity	Sample Data	Edit	Delete	Print
1	17-Oct-2012	Survey of Pests and Diseases	<u>2</u>			
2	24-Oct-2012	Survey of Pests and Diseases	<u>0</u>			
3	14-Jun-2016	Survey for Fertilization	<u>1</u>			

# N Nutrient Management

(Input Plant position inside field area)



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### DATA SURVEY

Activity : Survey for Fertilization  
Date Activity : 6/14/2016  
SubProduction : Bande Alit  
Land Use : Kebun - 5104  
Slope (Degree) : 0.746  
Slope (%) : 1.657  
Elevation (m) : 20 - 29  
Elevation Avg (m) : 25  
Rain Station :  Meter

Commodity :  
Rain Fall (mm/year; 10 year data) :  
Temperatur Min (C; avg of last 30 d) :  
Temperatur Max (C; avg of last 30 d) :  
Temperatur Avg (Min and Max) :

Field information

Realtime Climate data

[New Data](#)

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# N Nutrient Management

(Image analysis and DSS via Online)



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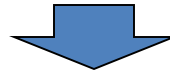
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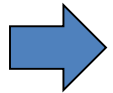


Nitrogen Recommendation for  
individual Coffee Plant

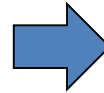
# SENSORS

# INTRODUCTION (*Background*)

## Active Nitrogen Sensor (*CropSpec*)



GNSS



S1 Left

cropspec

CropSpec Algorithm:

$$S1 = 100 * (R - 1)$$

Where

$$R = \text{NIR} / \text{RedEdge}$$

Compared to

$$\text{NDVI} = (R - 1) / (R + 1)$$

$$\text{S1 value ratio} = \frac{\text{S1 value of an interest area}}{\text{S1 value of the nitrogen strip}}$$

$$\text{S1CAL} = 47 * \text{S1} / \text{S1REF}$$

RedEdge

NIR



S1 Average

R is simple ratio of NIR reflectance (800-810 nm) to RedEdge (730-740 nm)

# Active Nitrogen Sensors

Specifications	GreenSeeker®	CropCircle®	CropSpec®
Manufacturer	N Tech Indus. Inc.	Holland Scientific	Topcon
Model	RT 200	ACS 470	IP 67
Data logger	RTCommander	GeoSCOUT GLS 400	X 20
Light Source	LED	Modulated polychromatic LED array	Lasers
Power	12 VDC	10 to 17 VDC	10-32 VDC
Operational Wavebands	660/15 (Red) and 770/15 (NIR)	670/20 (Red) and 760/LWP (NIR)	730/10 nm (Red) and 800/10 nm (NIR)
Foot print/ Field of view	5×60 cm	15×57 cm (changes with height)	2-3 meters
Viewing angle	32°	32/6°	45-55°
Operating Height	0.86 meters	0.6-1.2 meters	2-4 meters
Mount	Handheld or Sprayer boom	Handheld or Sprayer boom	Tractor cab

Source: McVeagh et al. (2012).



Crop Circle ACS-430

*or*

AgLeader OptRx

Functions **Day** or **Night**



# Variable-Rate N Injection

Crop Circle Sensors



# Topcon



# Holland Scientific



(Ag Leader)

# NTech Industries



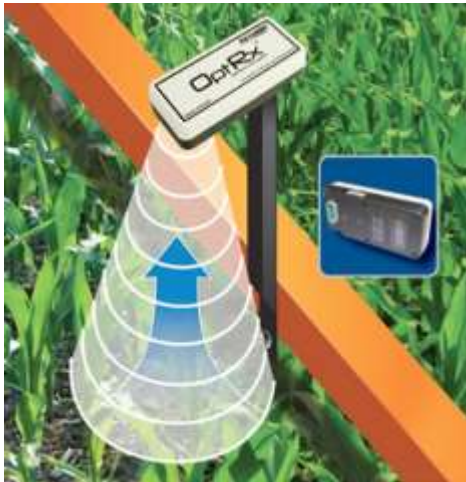
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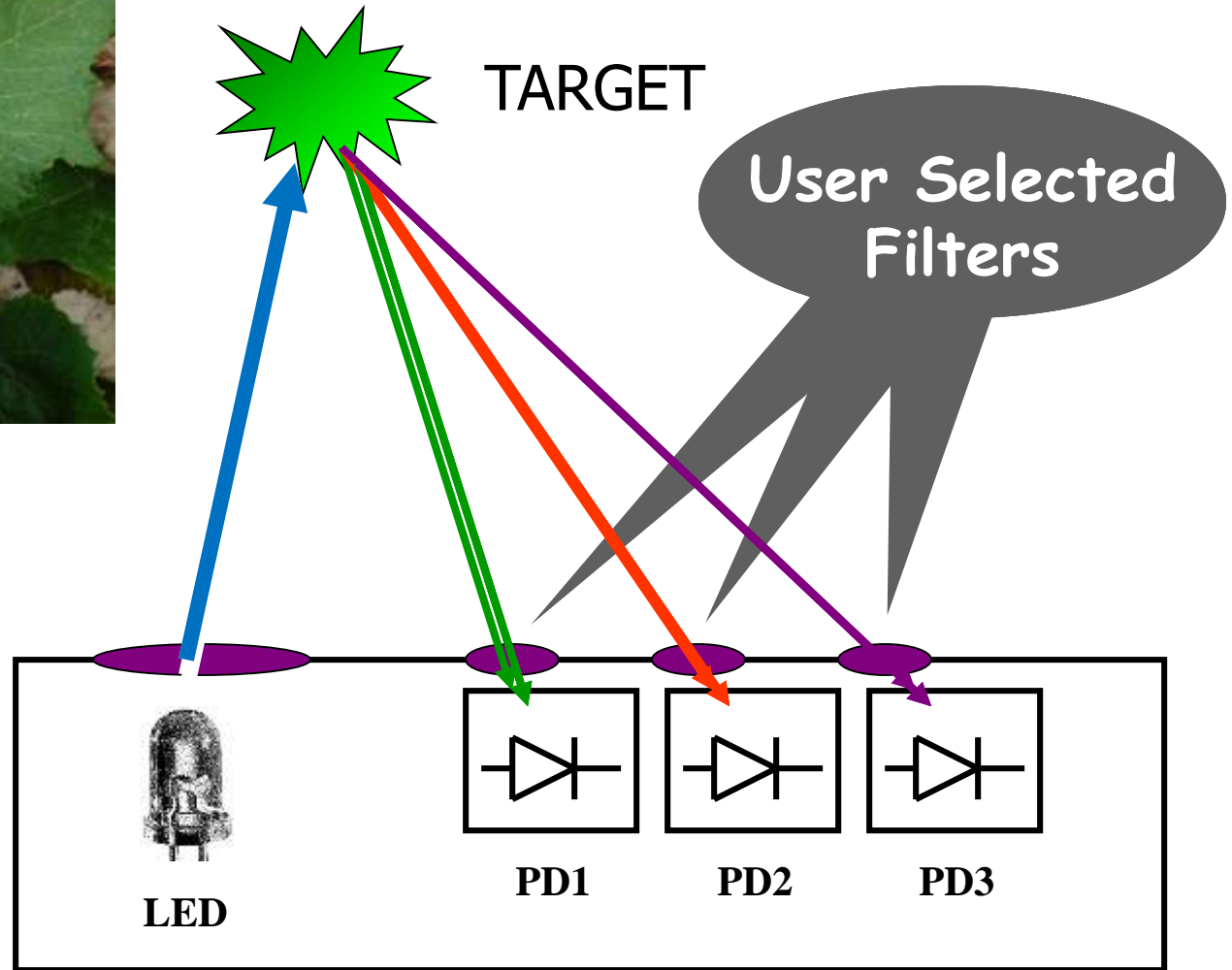
Foot-print  
changes  
with plant  
height



# Modulation/Demodulation Using Polychromatic LEDs



ACS-470



SENSOR

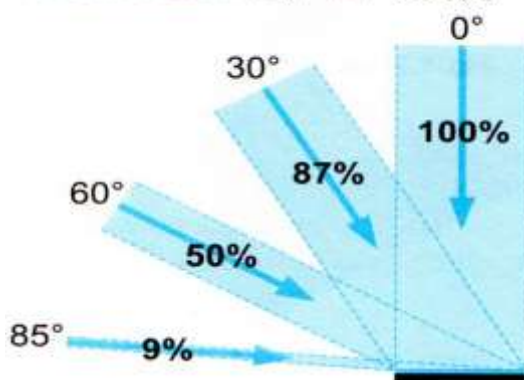
# Spectrometer



Mini spectrometer and its components (a. spectrometer; b. light source; c. cosine adapter ; d. fiber probe)

we tested ASEQ INSTRUMENT mini spectrometer which can provide spectral data within the range of 300-1000 nm (~USD 1,500)

Cosine Law:  $E_{\theta} = E * \cos(\theta)$



← LIGHT MEASUREMENT (COSINE ADAPTER)

REFLECTANCE MEASUREMENT

$$\% R (sample) = \frac{D(sample) - D(dark)}{D(Spectralon) - D(dark)} * 100$$

# Leaf chlorophyll meters (SPAD)



it is exposed to two light sources: (1) a red- (640 nm) and (2) an infrared light (940 nm) positioned just above the leaf

# Camera as Passive Sensor

# Traditional CCD and CMOS sensors

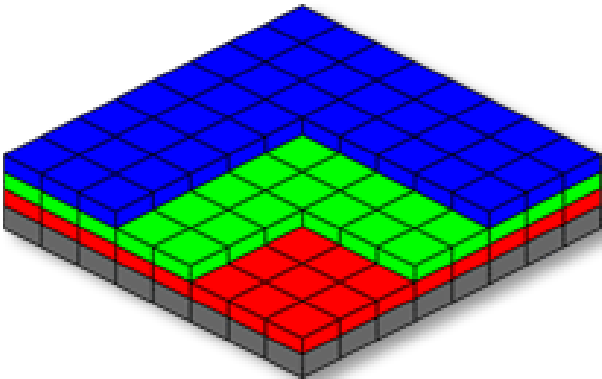
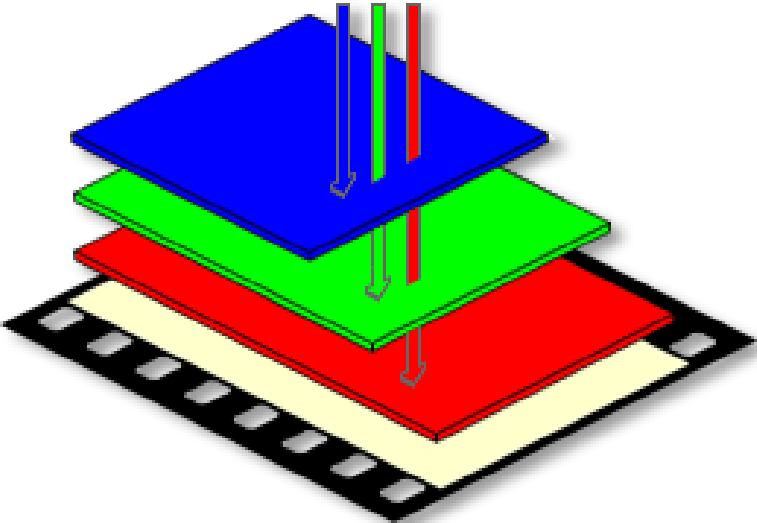
- CCD – Charge Coupled Device
- CMOS – Complimentary Metal Oxide Semiconductor
  
- CMOS sensors offer higher performance capabilities, and are commonly found in ultra-high frame rate videography
- CCDs are more common in consumer camera applications due to lower cost of development

# CCD vs. CMOS

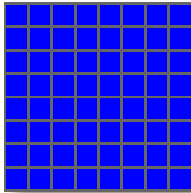
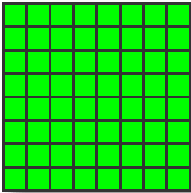
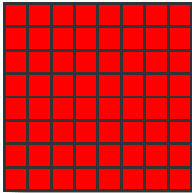
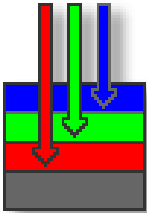
	CCD	CMOS
Signal from Pixel	Electron packet	voltage
Relative R&D cost	Low	High
Cost to Manufacture	Higher	Lower
Dynamic range	High	Moderate
Speed	Moderately fast	Very fast
Relative power consumption	Moderate	Very low

# Traditional Film and Foveon Sensors

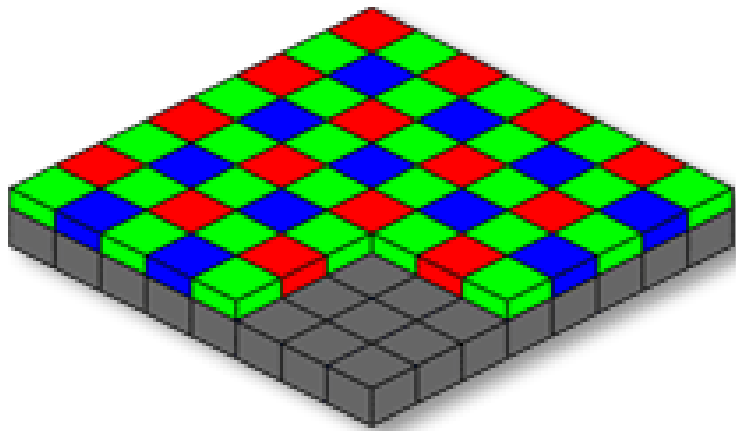
35 mm Color Film



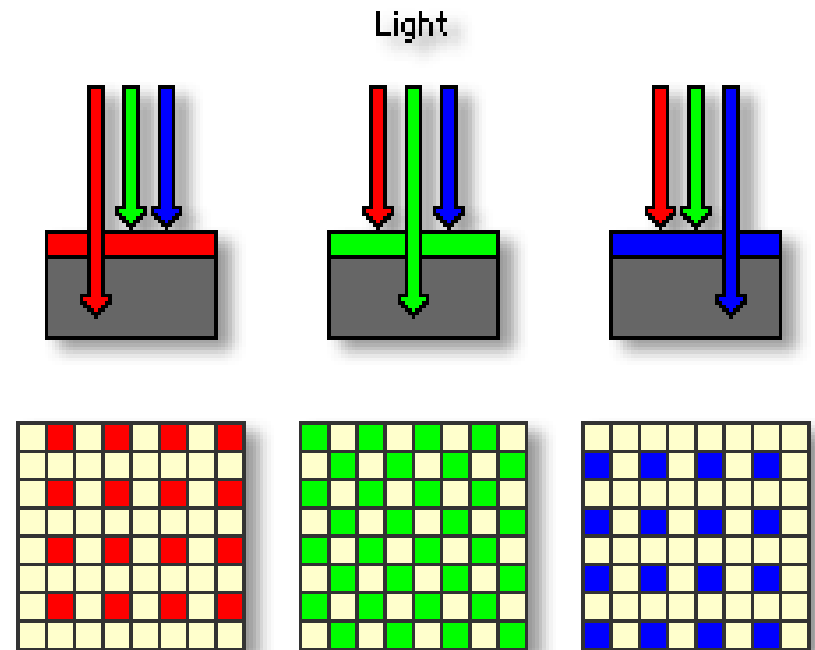
Foveon Sensor



# The Bayer Array Sensor

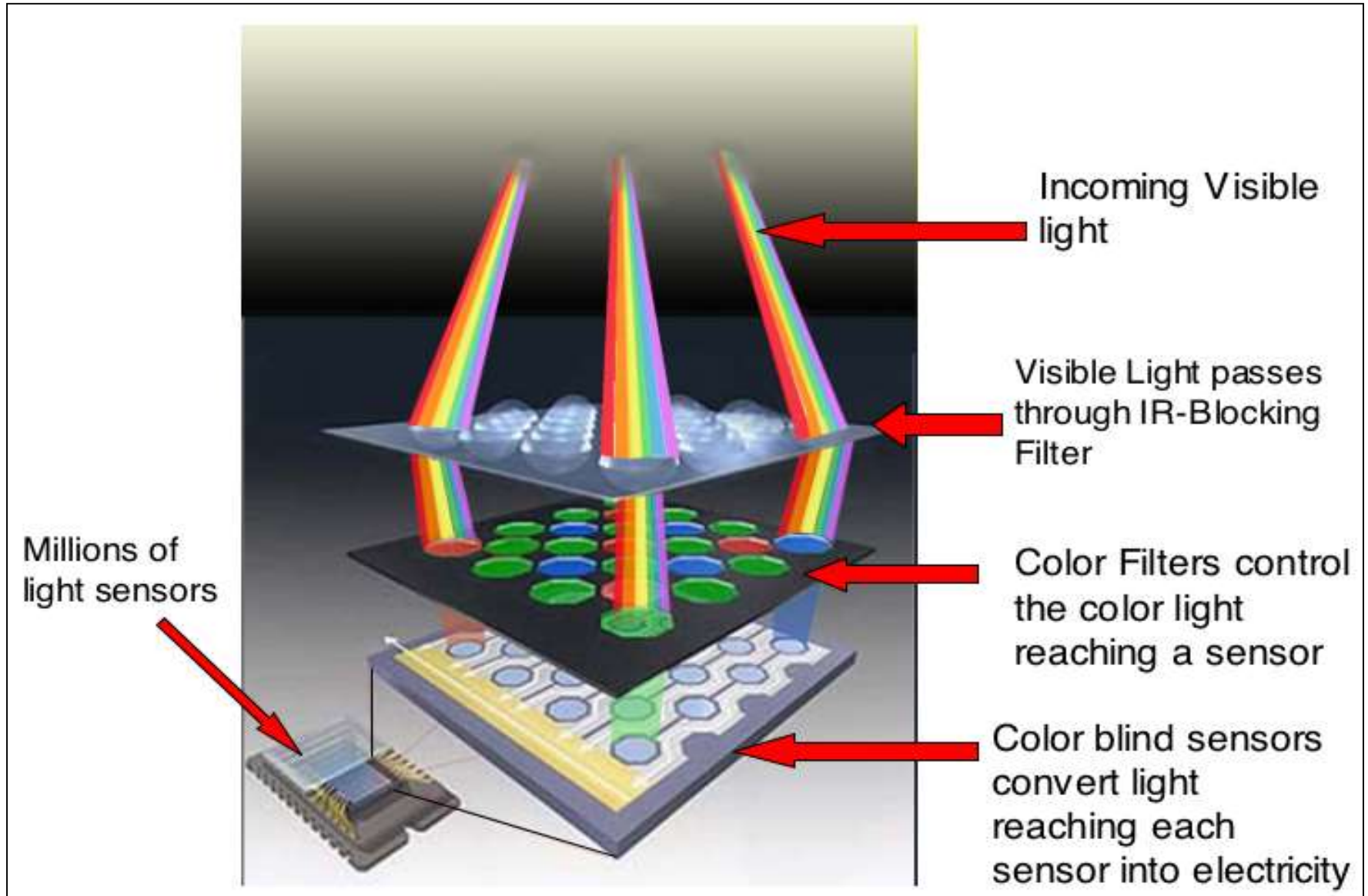


Color Filter Array Sensor



- Extrapolates color data from adjacent pixels
- Cannot reproduce colors to extreme accuracy without moving a camera to three positions
- Less expensive to produce than Foveon sensors

# Working of an RGB CCD sensor



# So, how do they produce images?

- Photons strike the sensor, and are converted into electrical charges
- Charges of pixels are read
  - CCDs transport the charge across the chip to be read at one corner of the array
  - CMOS sensors can read charge at each individual pixel.
- Analog-to-digital conversion of voltages to digital values

- Most consumer cameras utilize 8-bit pixels
  - “Bit depth” refers to a sensor’s sensitivity to greyscale depth.
  - 8 bits per pixel, 3 channels (RGB);  $2^8 = 256$  discrete colors

# *What does it mean?*

- This information is sent to a post-processing system, which continues to process incoming data.
- Post-processing uses numerous algorithms to de-mosaic, reduce image noise, and enhance edges.
- Images are compressed and saved into their respective format on a hard disk.

# CAMERAS AND TOOLS

Footprint 20x20cm



Modified Camera  
(Removed the Hot Mirror)

*JPEG & Pre-processing WB*



RGB Standard  
(Unmodified)

ASUS ZENFONE 5



Nikon D70 with Internal  
Filter RG665

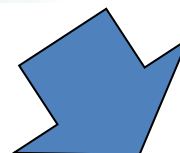


External Filter

Gray Card: 18% Reflectance



Prodisk II & 24 Colors card



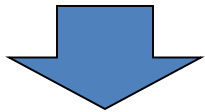
5 Bands  
RGB, RedEdge and  
NIR

# CAMERA AND IR FILTER

Modified Camera;  
Footprint 20x20cm



THB 3000



Unmodified Camera (canon IXUS  
160)



THB 3000

ASUS ZENFONE 5



Nikon D70 with Internal Filter  
590 long pass (life pixel)

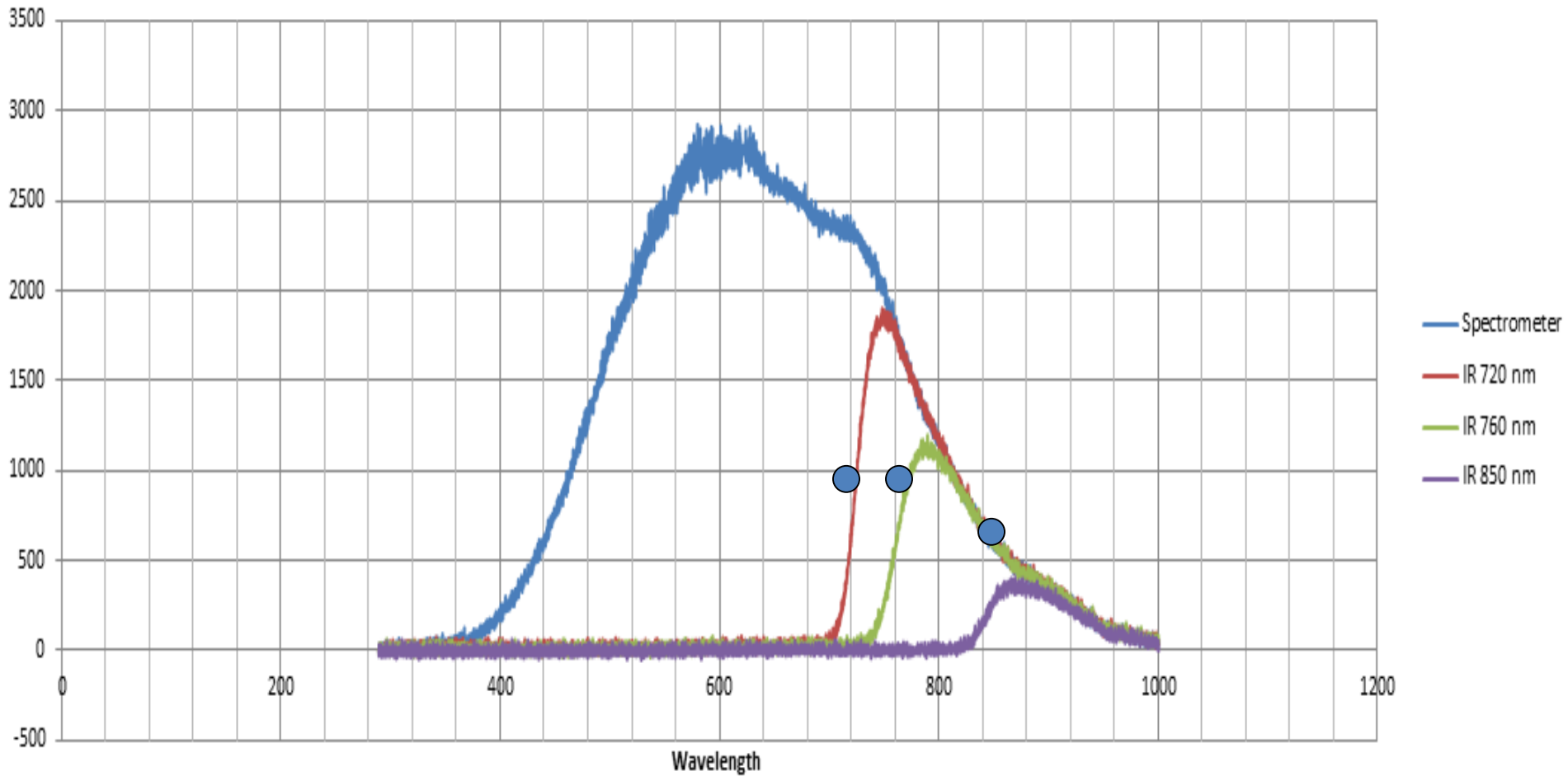


## External Filter

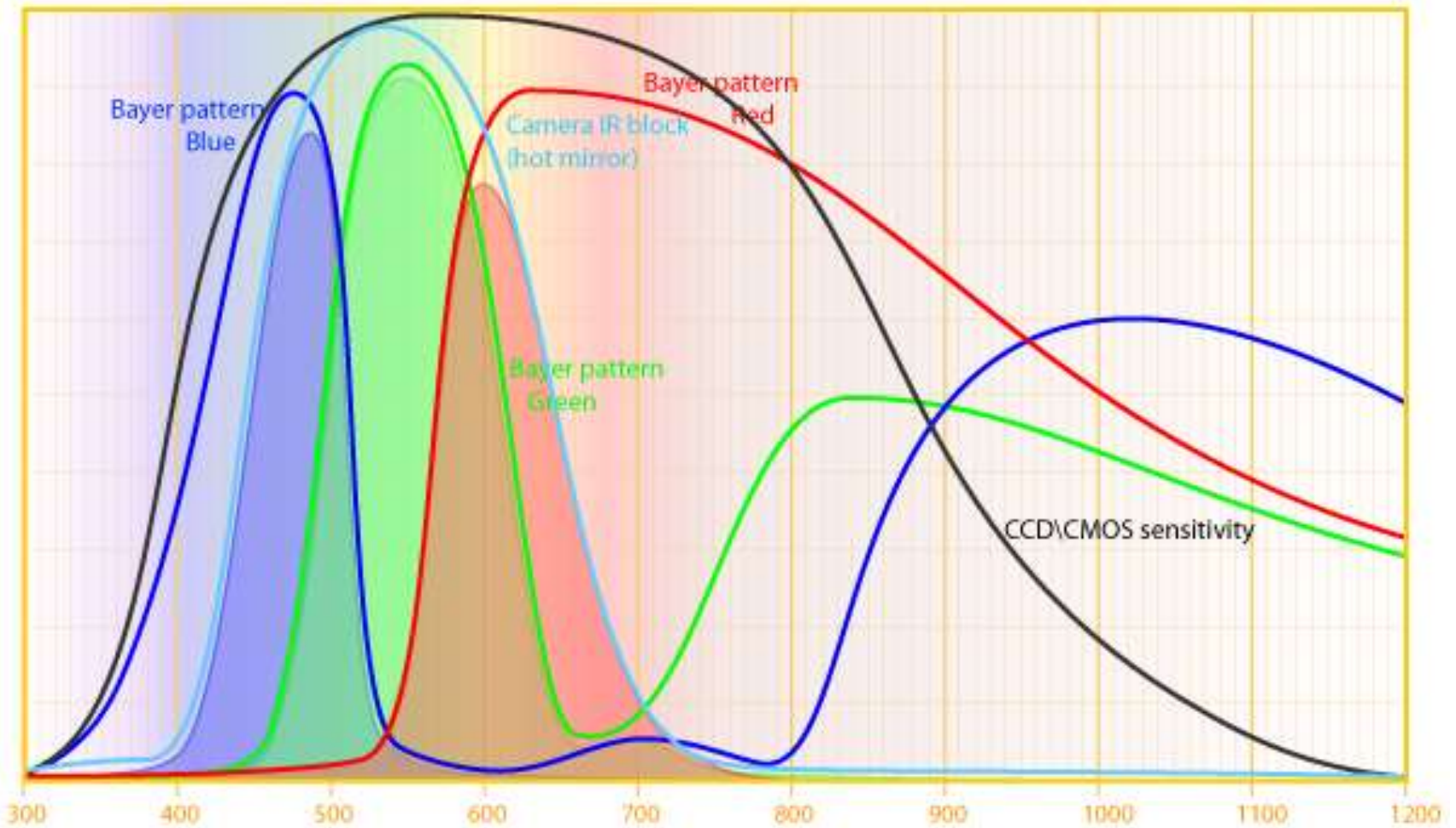
- ZOMEI (680nm, 720nm, 760nm and 850nm) → CHINA (THB 3000)
- SCHOOT RG665 → USA (USD 80)
- Dualband Pass Filter (715nm and 815nm) → USA (USD 140)
- Red transparent paper (plastic) → BookStore AIT (USD 0.15 / THB 5)
- Roll Film (negative)

# IR FILTER (Zomei 720, 760, 850)

## SPECTROMETER, IR FILTER AND HALOGEN



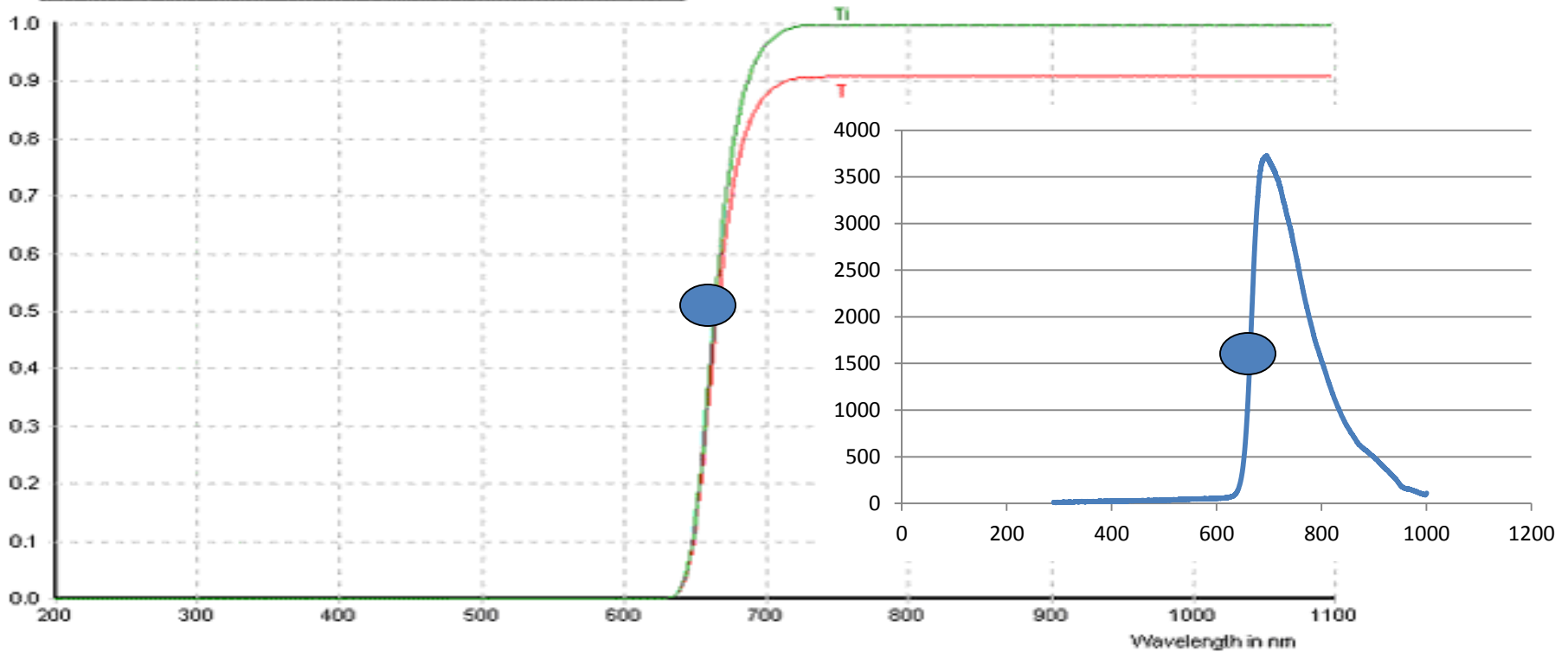
# CCD SENSOR



# IR FILTER (SCHOTT RG665)

Thickness in mm : 3.0  
Wavelength in nm :  
Transmittance :  
Internal Transmittance :

## RG665



# IR FILTER (DUAL NIR BANDPASS FILTER) → Microscope (25,4 mm)

NCBI Resources How To

PMC  
US National Library of Medicine  
National Institutes of Health

PMC

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Journal of Biomedical Optics

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J Biomed Opt. 2013 Dec; 18(12): 126018.

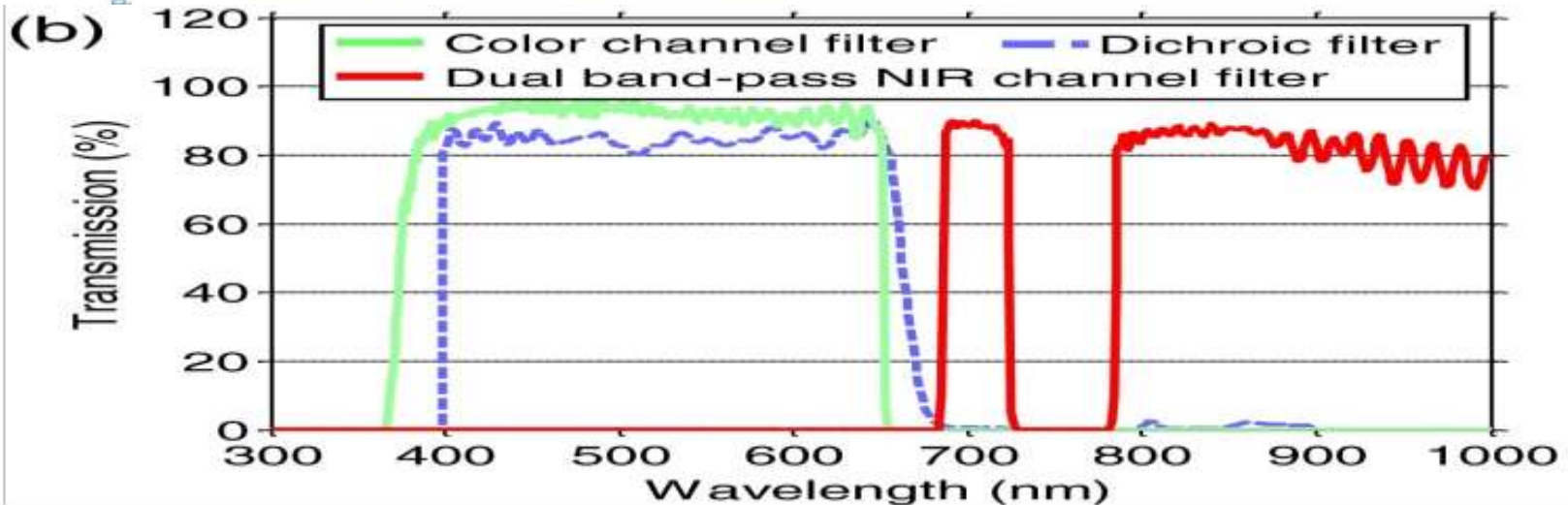
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## Design and characterization of an optimized simultaneous color and near-infrared fluorescence rigid endoscopic imaging system

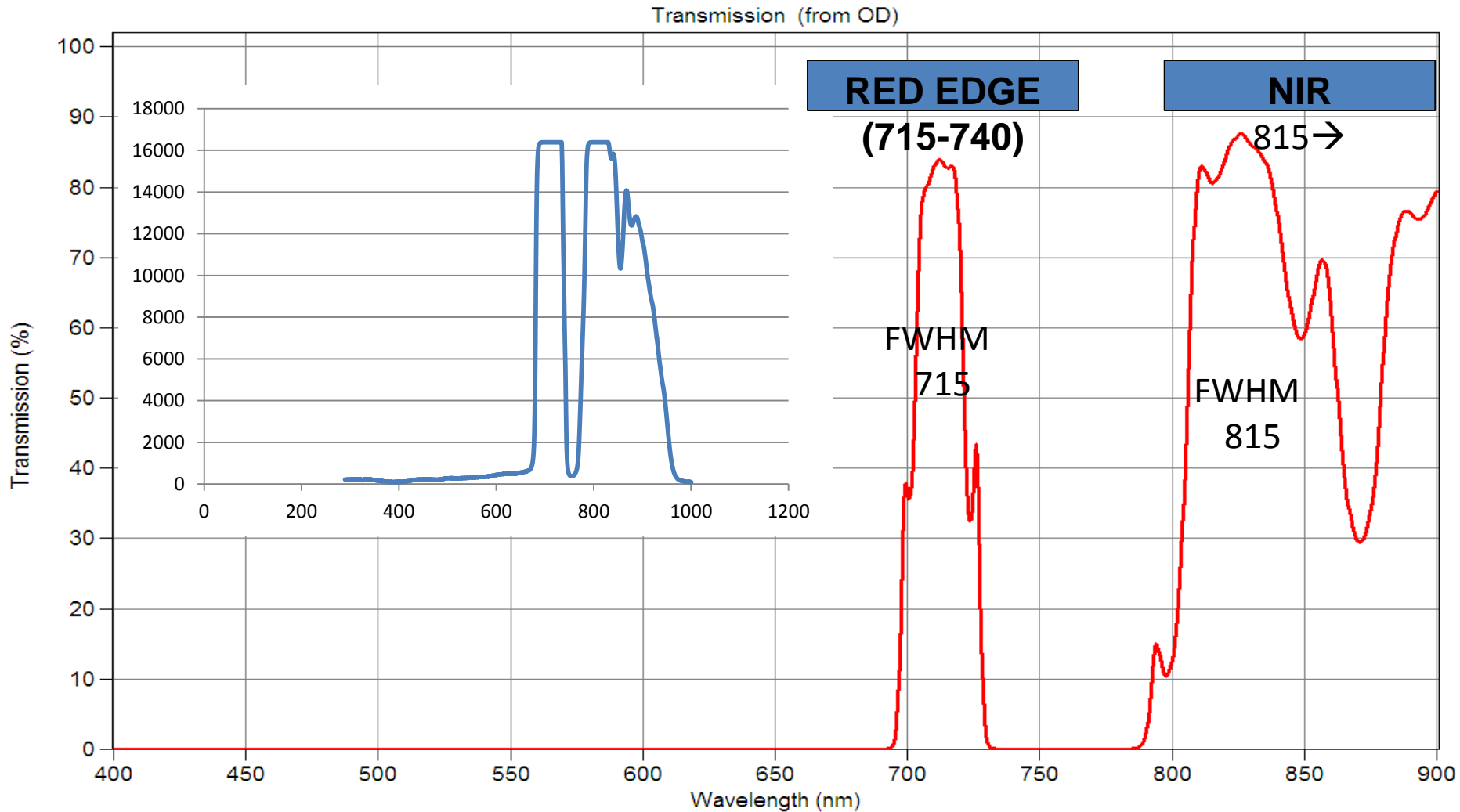
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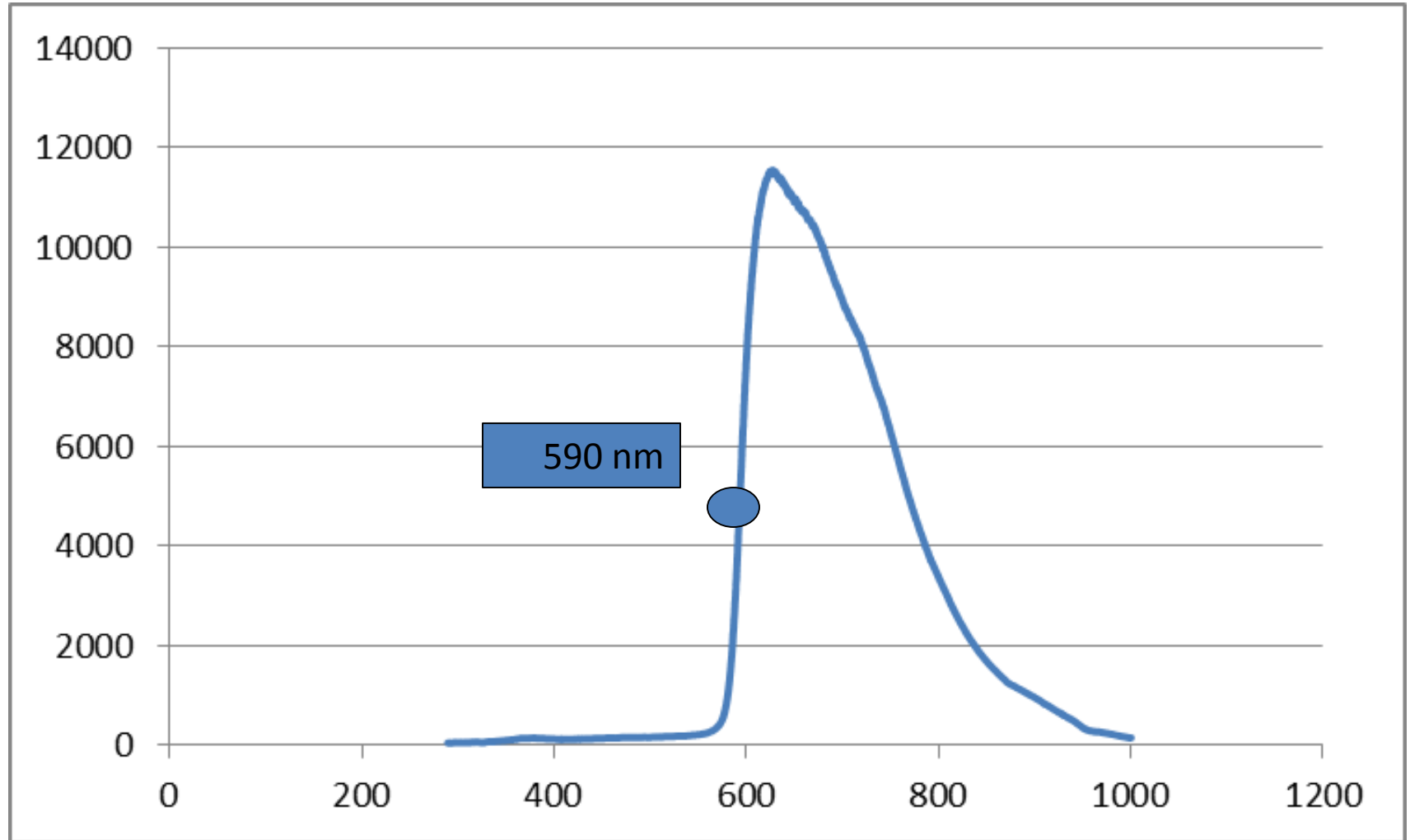




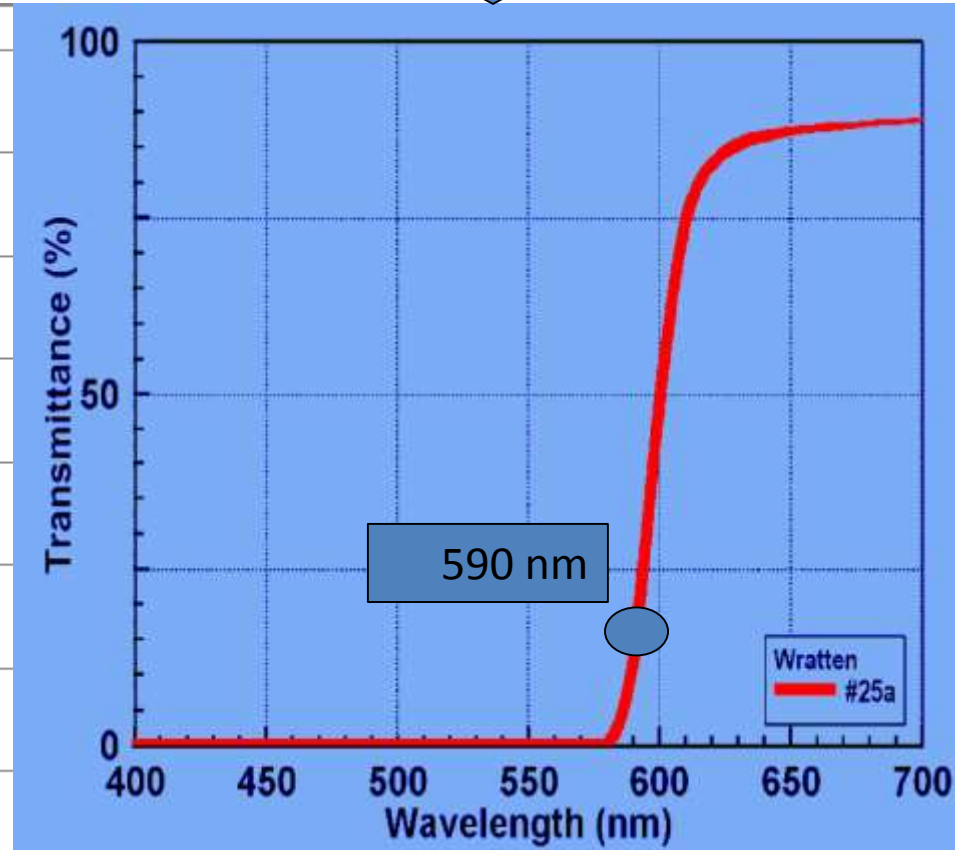
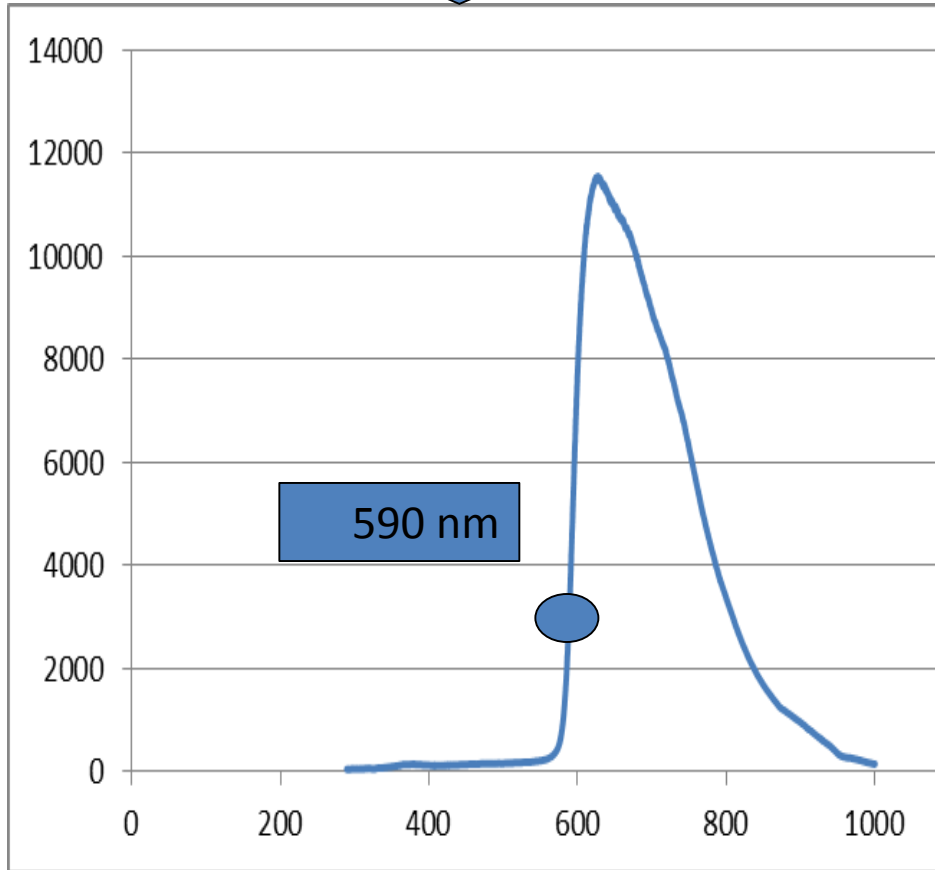
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# RED TRANSPARENT PAPER (PLASTIC) → BOOK STORE

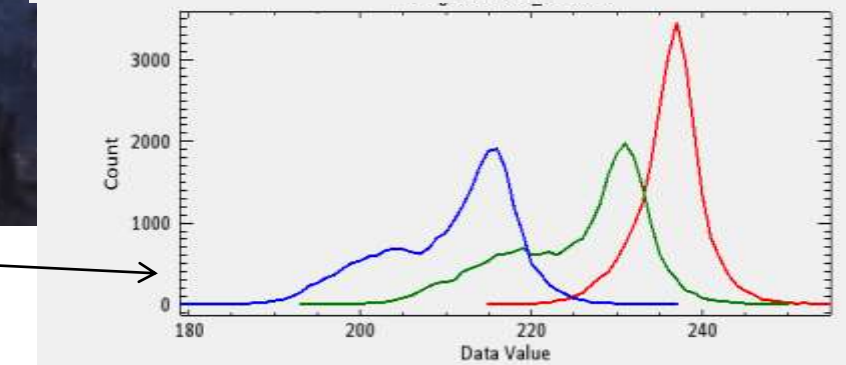
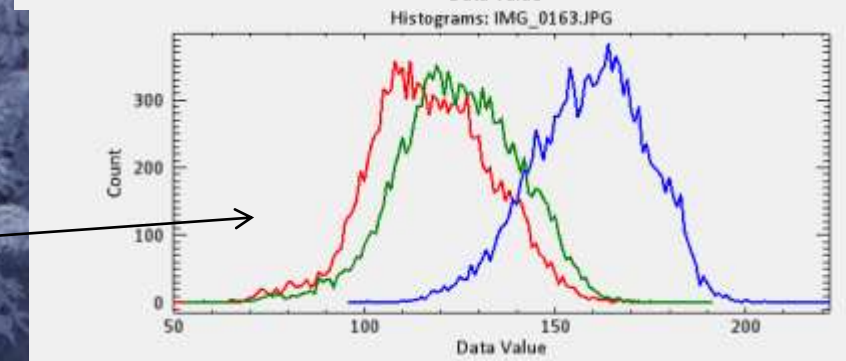
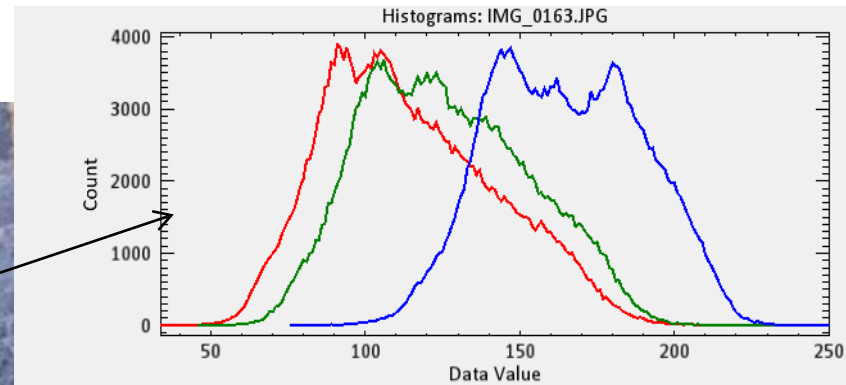


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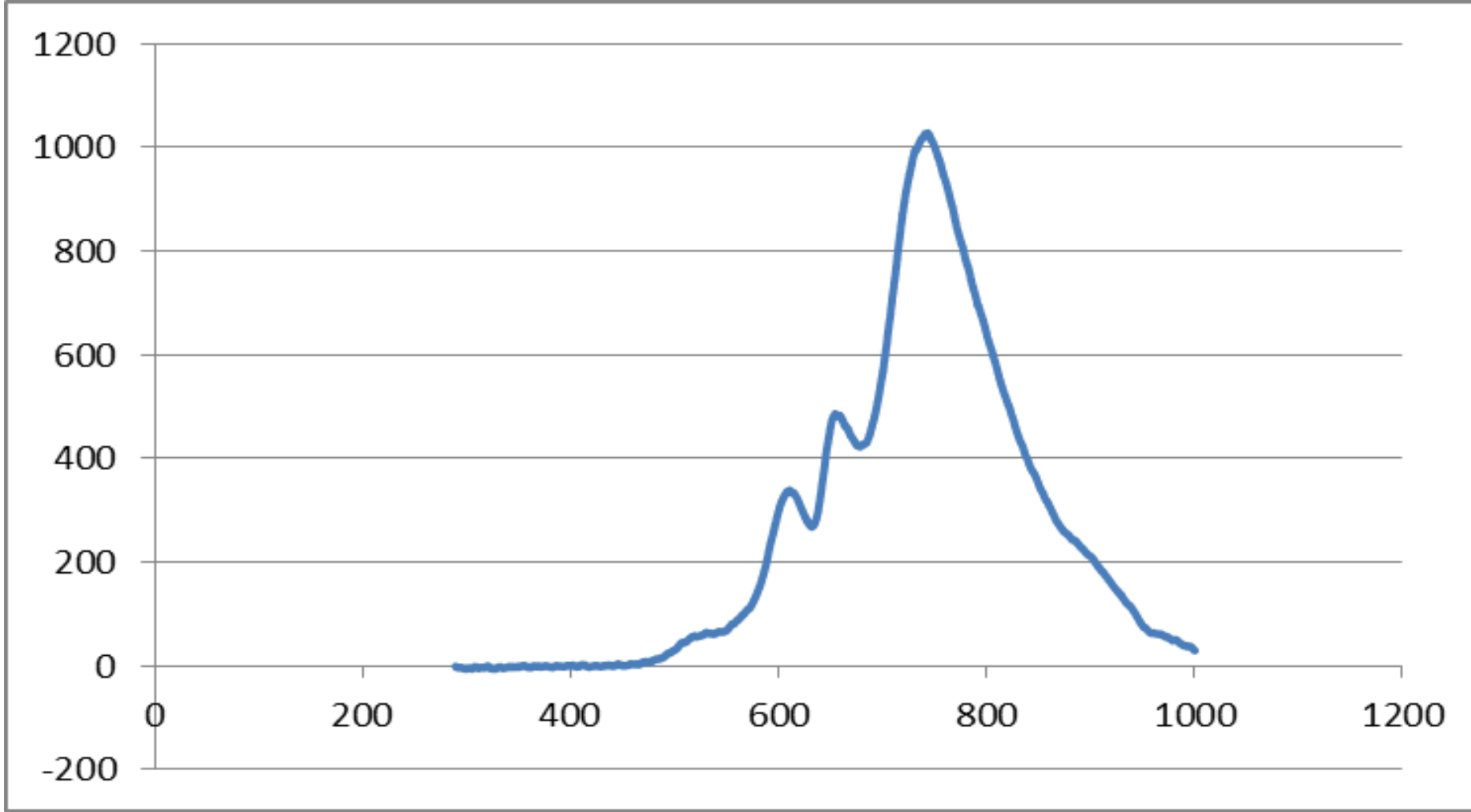


Source: [astronomy.activeboard.com](http://astronomy.activeboard.com) (2012)

# RED TRANSPARENT PAPER



# ROLL FILM (NEGATIVE FILM)



# Spectrum

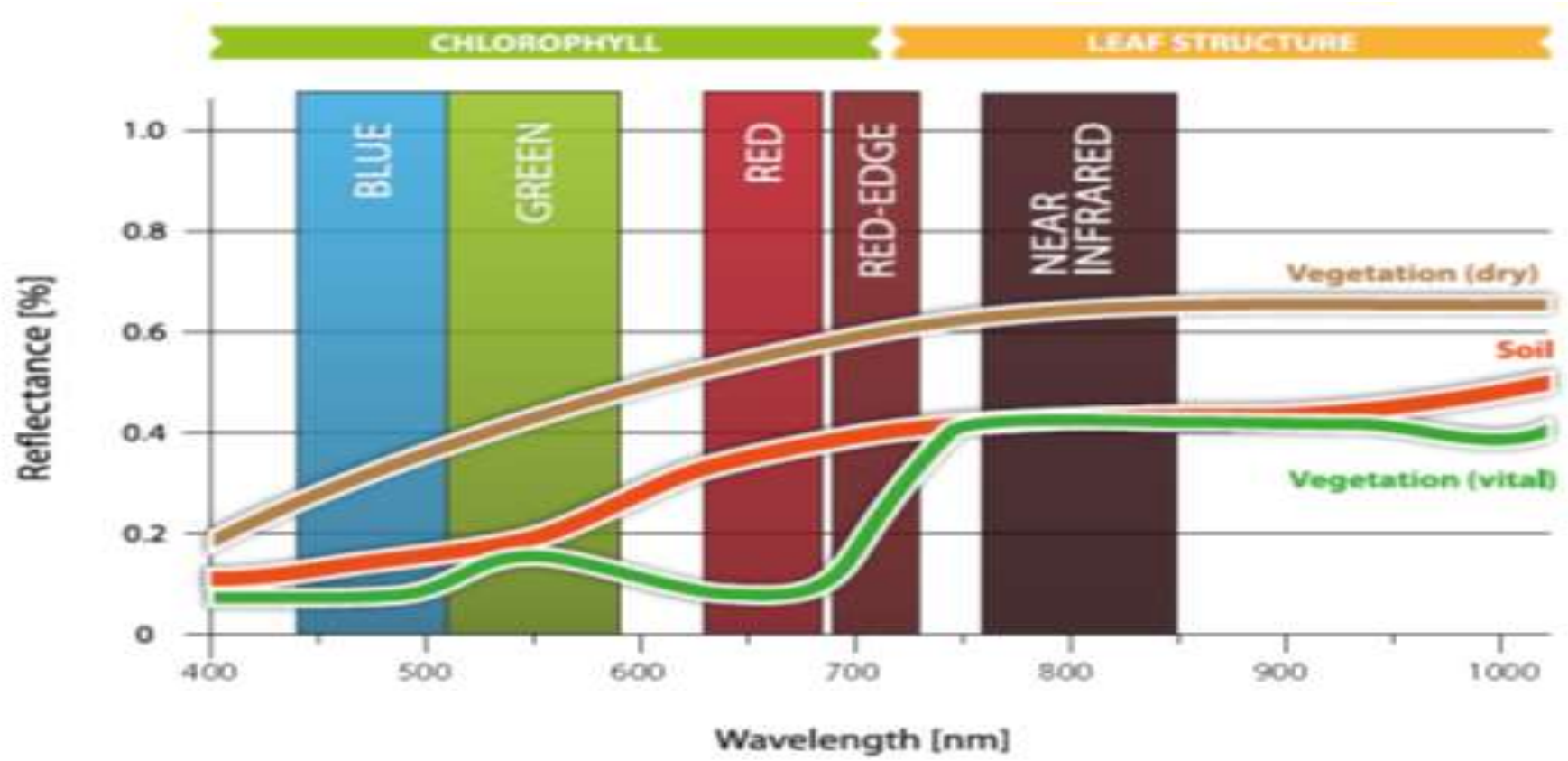
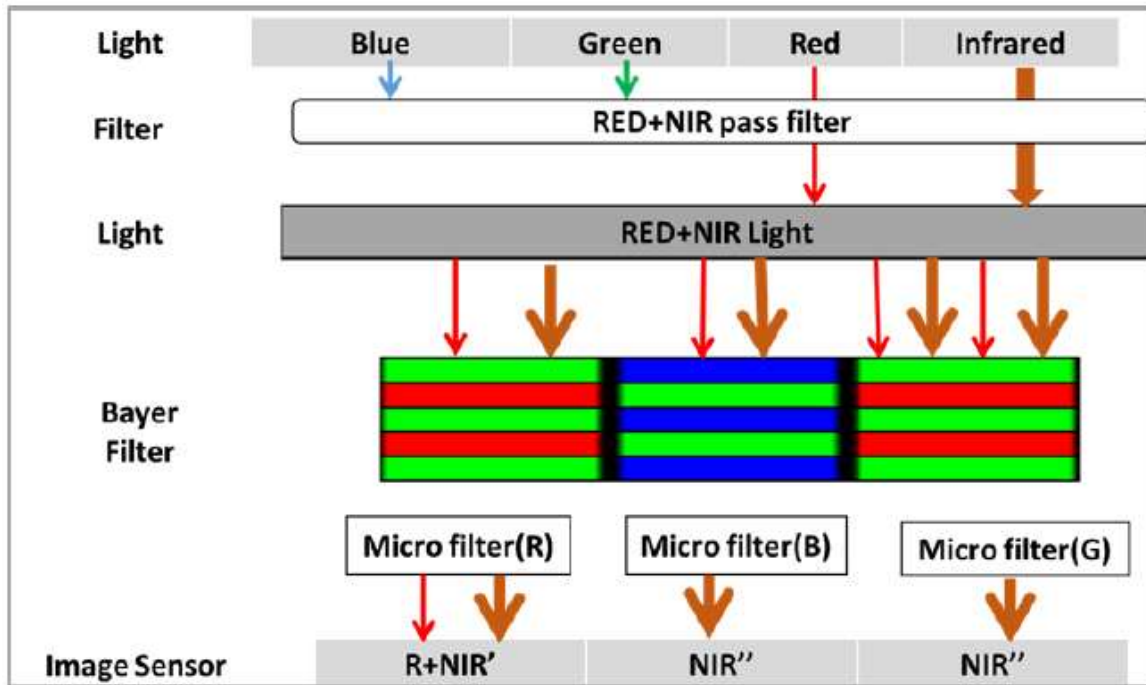


Image (camera)  
Reflectance



$$R(\text{Image}) = \frac{DN(\text{Image}) * R(\text{Gray Card})}{DN(\text{Gray Card})}$$

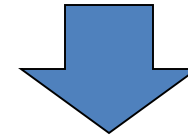
# Camera (Modified camera → single Chip filter)



(Poudel. et al., 2013)

$$NDVI = \frac{NIR - R}{NIR + R} \rightarrow NDVI_{CMOS} = \frac{(B + G) - R}{R}$$

(Dworak., et al, 2013)



$$eNDVI_{CMOS} = \frac{(B + G) - R}{R} \cdot \left\{ \frac{B + G}{2} \right\}$$

(Dworak., et al, 2013)

LIGHT SOURCE  
HALOGEN 12V50W



NIR CAMERA & PAPER FILTER (Longpass filter  
590nm) ISO 200

NIR CAMERA & DUALBAND PASS FILTER  
OMEGAOPTICS(715 & 815nm)  
ISO 100



NIR CAMERA & PAPER FILTER (Longpass filter  
SCHOTT 665nm) ISO 200



RGB CAMERA & AUTO ISO



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RGB CAMERA & AUTO ISO

# Potential use of the CAMERA

Chlorophyll → Color (NIR / RGB)

Nitrogen → Color (NIR / RGB)

Phosphorus → Color & Size (NIR/RGB)

Potassium → Color & Size (NIR/RGB)

Water Stress → Color (NIR / RGB)

Pests and Diseases → Color & Shape (NIR / RGB)

Sulphur → Color (NIR / RGB)

Zn, Fe → Size

PAR, LAI

# CANOPY MEASUREMENT

# Crop canopy sensor research was initiated in 1993

**Situation:** Chlorophyll meters worked well for research purposes, but are not practical for commercial fields

**Therefore:** Need for mobile devices to provide information related to crop biomass (*size of the factory*) and canopy chlorophyll content (*photosynthesis*)



*Introduced in 1990*

First crop canopy sensors used natural lighting  
(*known as passive sensors*)

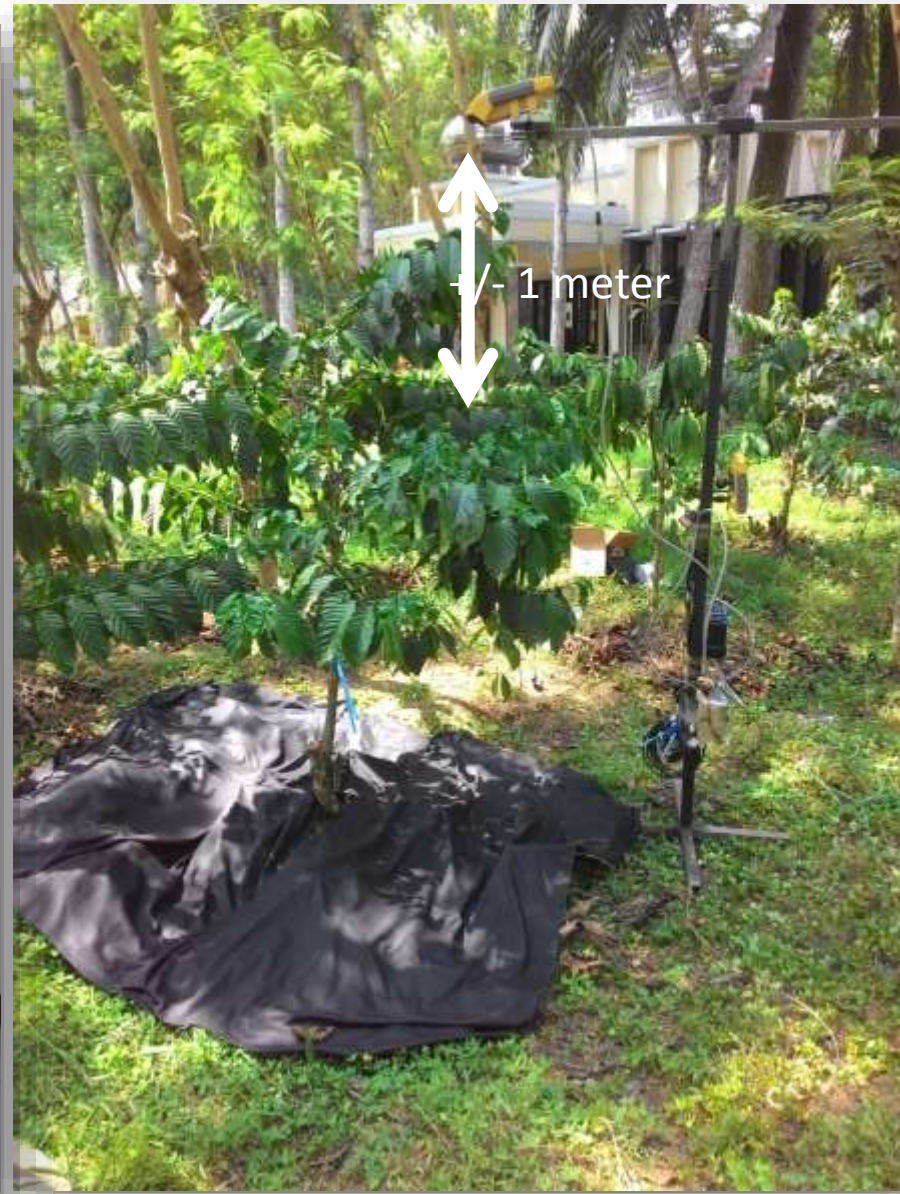
**Problems:** clouds  
shadows  
changes in brightness during the day

Active sensor research initiated in 1999

**Attributes:** generated modulated light  
no affect of shadows  
operational any time of the day  
can be used to facilitate "*on-the-go*" nutrient applications

**Chance  
to be  
Solved**

# (The use of CropSpec & Camera)



# (The use of CropSpec & Camera)



Image from the canopy



Cameras Platform



# LEAVES MEASUREMENT

# The use of Spectrometer

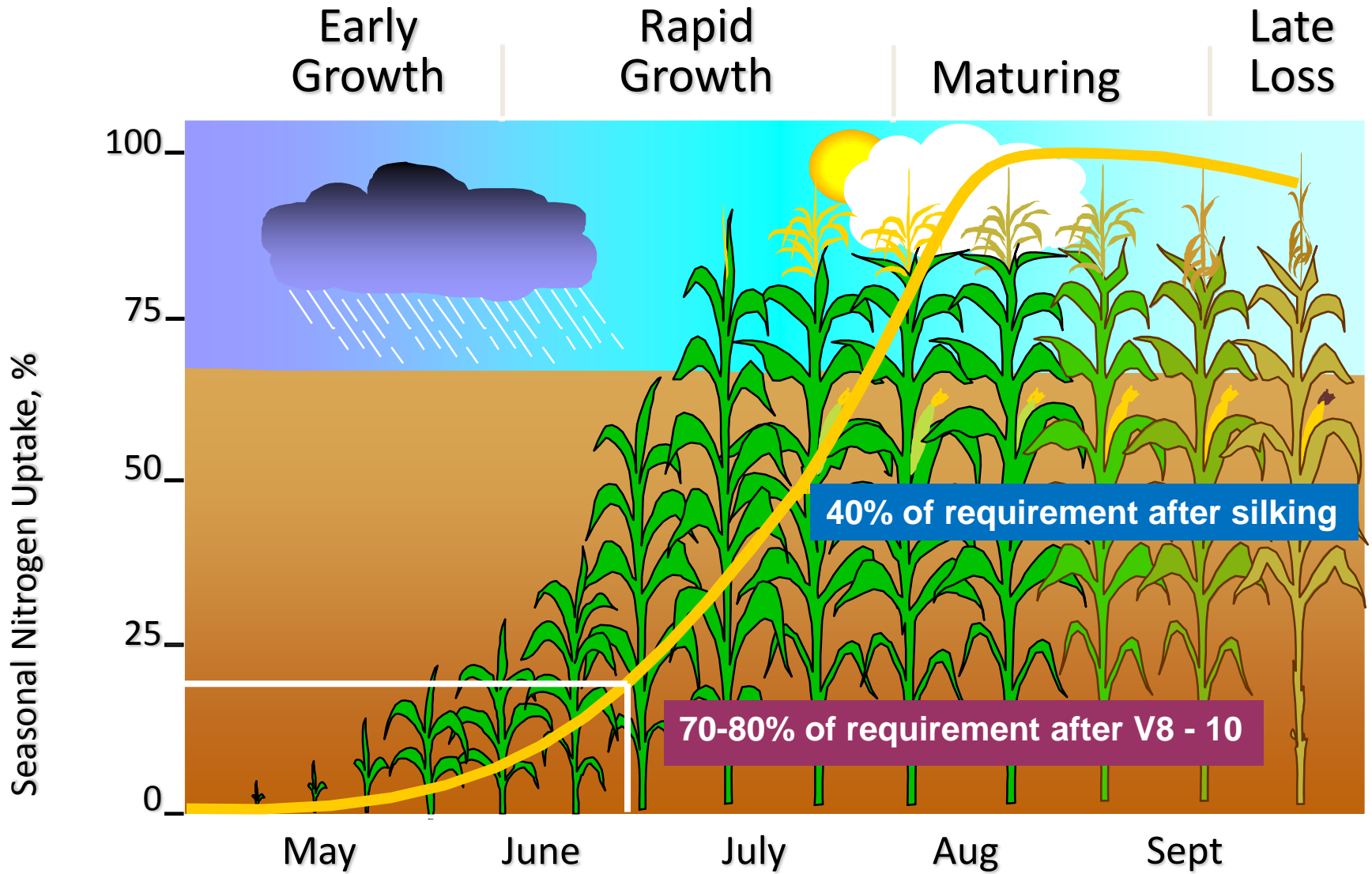


- Spectral measurement the coffee leaves by using spectrometer
- Measured the 15 leaves labeled
- Measure the left and right side of the vein
- Each side measure 10 times and get average



# **In-season Nitrogen Management**

# Understanding the Crop



When?

How much?

How much early?

In season?

N uptake

Sensor based  
In-season N

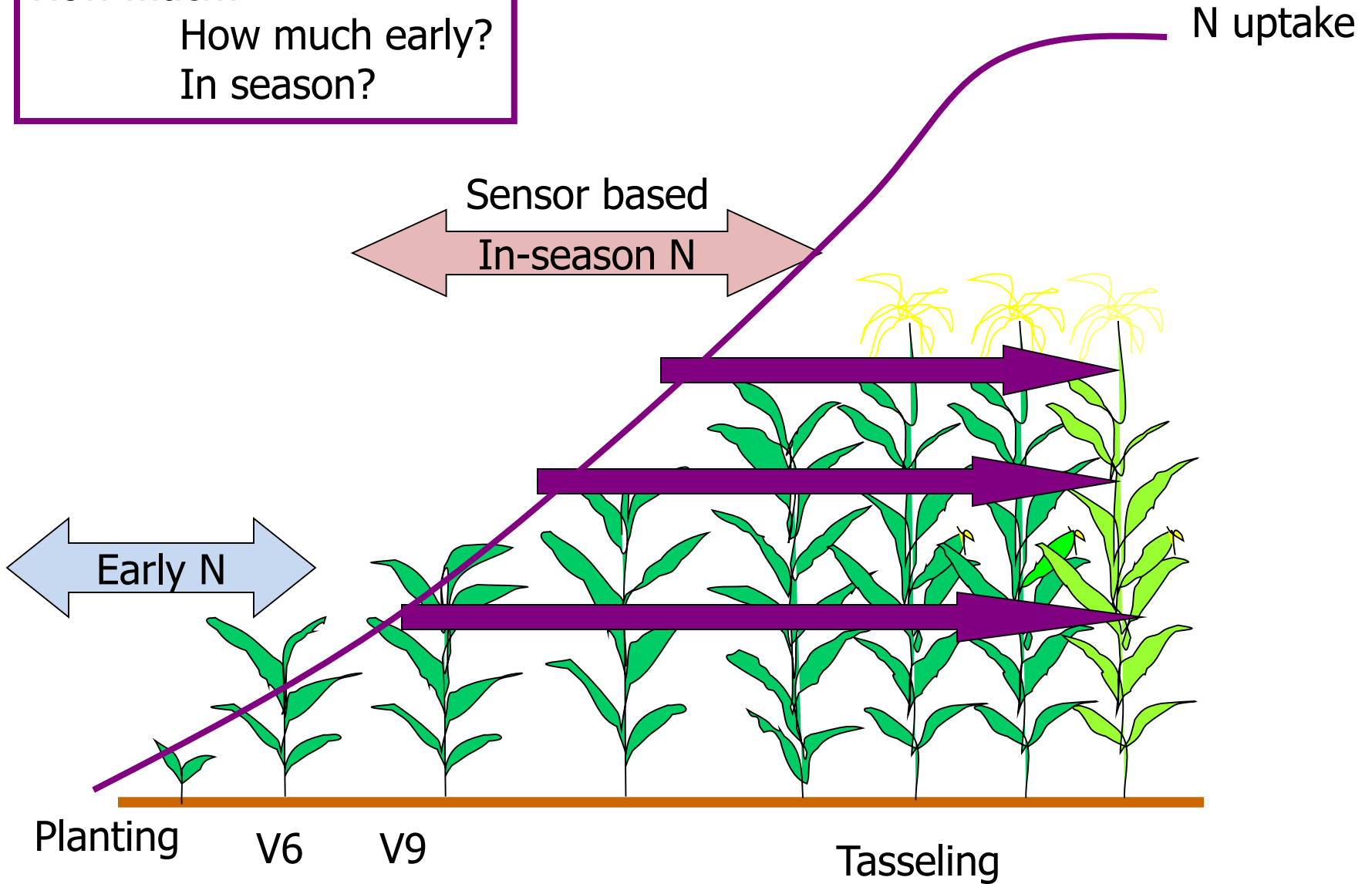
Early N

Planting

V6

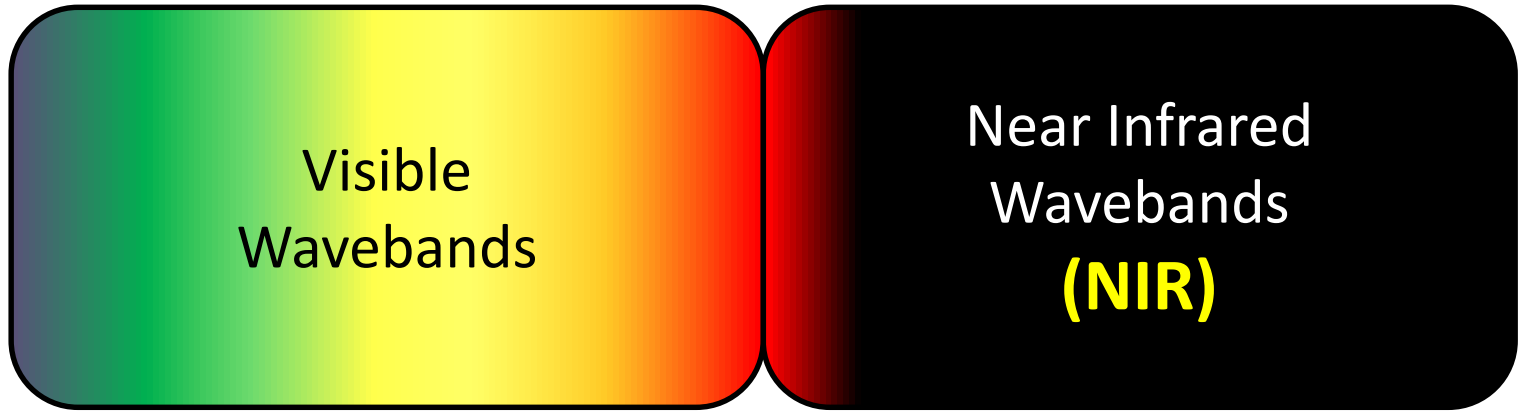
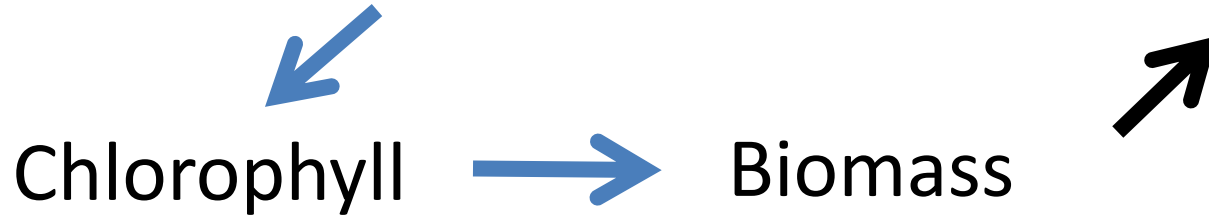
V9

Tasseling



# Photosynthesis

Reflects NIR



- Sensors Measure
- Disappearance of red light
  - Abundance of reflected NIR

Chlorophyll captures VIS light

# Normalize Vegetation Index Values to remove “field effects”

**This Means**

Compare all data to “**Healthy Plants**” that have the same:

Growth stage

Cultivar (variety)

Previous crop

Water management

Soil properties - - - *except nutrients*

If one assumes all nutrients are adequate except for N, *for example* :

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**Differences in crop vigor are probably related to plant N status**

# ***Common Vegetation Indices***

$$\text{NDVI} = \frac{(\text{NIR} - \text{Red})}{(\text{NIR} + \text{Red})}$$

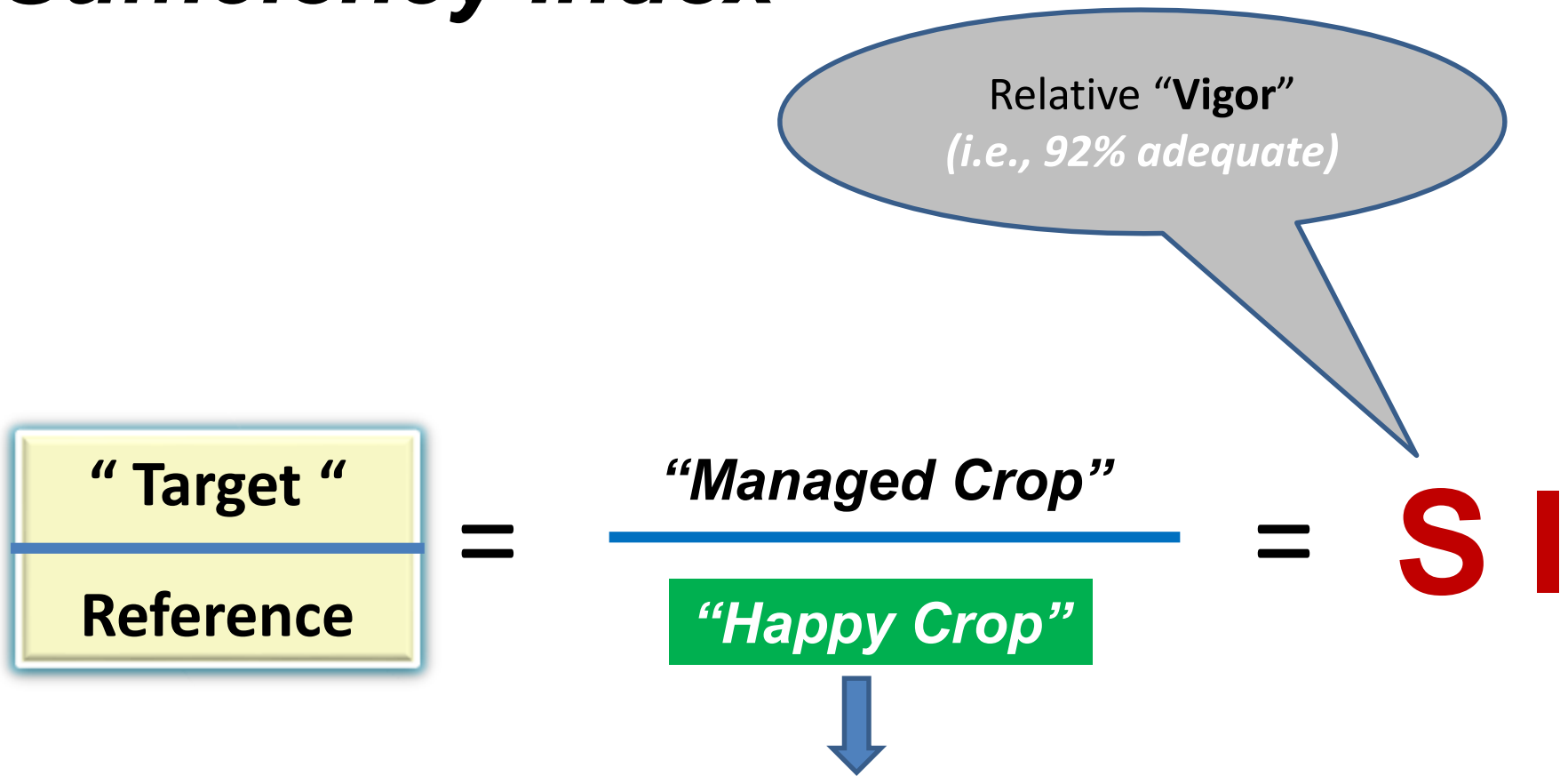
$$\text{NDRE} = \frac{(\text{NIR} - \text{Red Edge})}{(\text{NIR} + \text{Red Edge})}$$

$$\text{Chl Index} = \frac{(\text{NIR} - \text{Red})}{(\text{Red Edge} - \text{Red})}$$

$$\text{Visible / NIR} = \frac{(\text{Red})}{(\text{NIR})}$$

**See: Existing Vegetation  
Indices 100 VIs**

# Sufficiency Index



- N-rich (highest 3 consecutive seconds) **GreenSeeker**
- N-rich (average) **Missouri**
- Virtual reference from field with modest preplant N **Holland**

# Sensors **only** Measure Bulk Reflectance



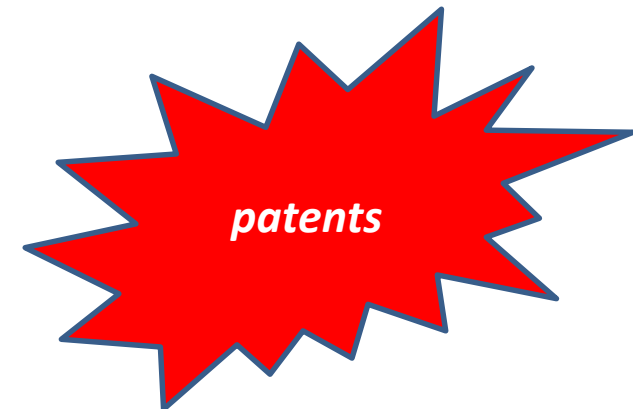
- Many factors can influence leaf chlorophyll content -

# Algorithm Comparison

“Why not compare nitrogen recommendations using a common data set ?”

Algorithms have been developed using specific sensors that are associated with recommended agronomic practices

- Wave-band differences
- Reference Strategy (***normalization***)
- Opportunity for producer input
- Preplant N differences
- Yield (***relative, predicted, not used***)
- NUE input



# PRACTICAL Session

1. Use Spectrometer, SPAD, CROPSPEC
2. Use CAMERA with different filters (Handheld and DRONE) and EXTRACT RGB from PICTURES
3. Apply to appropriate VIs (provided 100 more VIs)
4. Statistical Analysis (SPECTROMETER, SPAD, or CROPSPEC will be as dependent variable), and CAMERA data will be as Independent variable

Thank You !