

# Hyperspectral imaging and analysis

Hand-held through to field-scale hyperspectral platforms enabling early detection of abiotic stresses such as drought, salinity and nutritional status, and biotic stresses such as pathogens, pests and diseases. A valuable technology for plant scientists as well as the agriculture, horticulture and viticulture industries.

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# HYPERSPECTRAL IMAGING AND ANALYSIS

### Capability highlights

- Non-destructive assessment of abiotic stresses such as heat, frost, UV, drought, salinity and nutritional status.
- Detection of biotic stresses including pathogens, pests and viral diseases well before symptoms are visible.
- From hand-held to field-scale platforms.

Hyperspectral techniques measure the reflectance of light from plant surfaces; generally the first two cell layers. With high spectral resolution over a range of wavelengths, from visible to short wave infra-red (SWIR), the reflectance properties of plants can reveal much about plant chemistry not visible to the human eye. Once calibration models are developed, hyperspectral analysis allows non-destructive measurement of plant pigments, nutrient content, water status and chemical composition based on optical spectroscopy. These range from interactive probing to high-throughput monitoring in the greenhouse and the field.

The APPF's Adelaide node and the Fraunhofer Institute (Germany) have combined their expertise in plant phenotyping, data processing and tailored machine-learning approaches that allow the full value of the datasets to be realised for the benefit of customers.

# Capability benefits

Our hyperspectral anaylsis suits all plant types, with a variety of crops including wheat, barley, maize, grapevines, cotton and chickpeas already studied. Hyperspectral analysis is applicable to plant science, agriculture, horticulture and viticulture.

# Expertise at Fraunhofer IFF

The core expertise of Fraunhofer IFF is the development of tailored mathematical calibration models that transform acquired hyperspectral data into meaningful information in the context of a specific application. In order to obtain the most flexible and robust models, dedicated methods of machine learning are utilised.

# Technical specifications

#### Hand-held

- High-end: hyperspectral (based on ASD FieldSpec, 400-2500nm)
- Inexpensive: multispectral (based on HawkSpex Gadget, 350-1000nm)

#### **Controlled environment**

 A WIWAM hyperspectral imaging chamber (based on Specim highresolution cameras 400-2500nm) installed in our Lemnatec high-throughput phenotyping platform. Allows top and side view imaging of plants, complimenting the existing phenotyping capacity.

#### Field - ground

 Ground-based phenotyping platform combining LIDAR and hyperspectral imaging from 350-1750 nm (using a shielded chamber with precision lighting)

#### Field - airborne

- A range of UAV platforms capable of flying multispectral cameras
- UAV DJI Matrice 600 platform with Resonon PIKA hyperspectral camera (350-1100 nm) and tailored hexacopter with Cubert UHD 185 hyperspectral matrix camera (450-950 nm)
- Manned aircraft with hyperspectral cameras (Specim and NEO, 400-2500nm) in partnership with Airborne Research Australia

# Expertise at The Plant Accelerator® (TPA)

TPA, in Adelaide, is a true service facility, with the team focused on delivering high quality customer support in plant phenotyping, from initial consultation through to growth of plants and analysis of results.

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