

Imaging systems and IoT technologies for precision agriculture applications

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Developing spectral
signatures for grain quality
and crop phenotyping

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Background



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Research with UAS mounted sensors

- Novel hyper-spectral and fluorescence system
 - UAS and fixed point
 - Dual field of view
- Thermal camera
- RGB camera
- Multispectral sensor

Satellites and data processing

SENTINEL-1
Launch date: 1A: Launched; 1B: 2015
Payload: All-weather radar
Revisit time: 1-3 days
Applications: Monitoring sea ice and the Arctic, land surface motion risks, disaster response

SENTINEL-2
2A: 2015; 2B: 2016-17
Optical sensors with 13 bands
2-5 days
Monitoring land-use changes, agriculture and ecosystems, volcanoes and landslides

SENTINEL-3
3A: 2015; 3B: 2016-17
Sea/land temperature radiometer, sea/land colour instrument
1-2 days
Sea-surface and land-ice topography, sea and land surface temperatures and colours



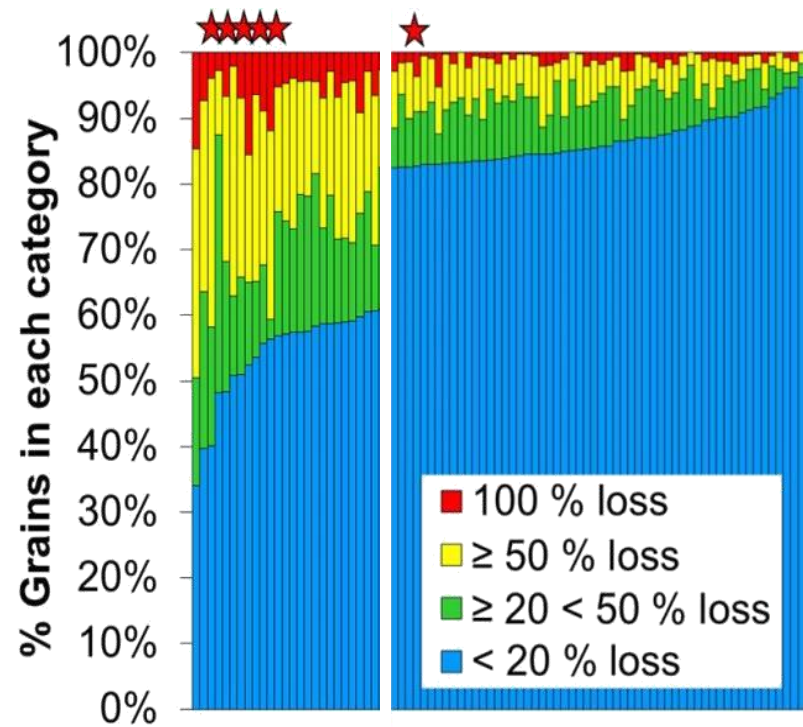
Grain assessment

1. <20% 2. ≥20% <50% 3. ≥50% <100% 4. 100%



"Skinned"

SRUC-MAGB Grain Skinning Protocol



Unripe grains



Varietal admixture



Split grains



Insufficiently threshed



Screenings



Mould



Damaged grains

Source:
<http://www.ukmalt.com/reasons-rejection>

Current and new lab based systems



NIR systems e.g. Infratech

Moisture, protein, oil, test weight, starch, wet gluten, and fibre



<https://www.fossanalytics.com/>

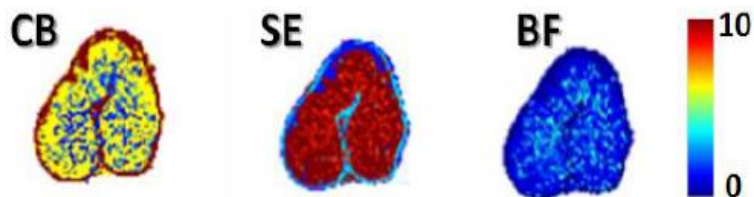
Multispectral imaging e.g. VideometerLab 4

Determination of surface colour, texture, shape, size and chemical composition

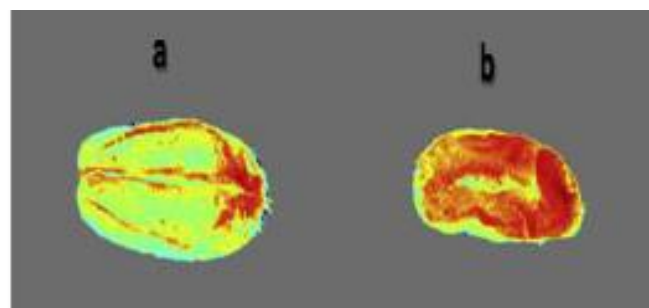
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Multispectral imaging in seed analysis

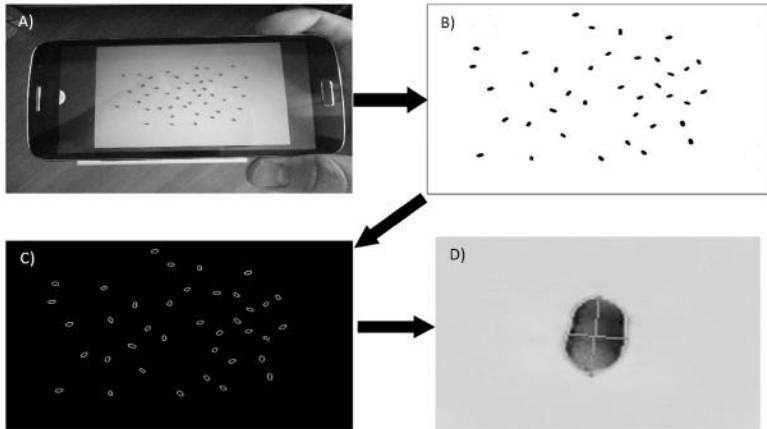


Different flour extracts according to location within grain tissues

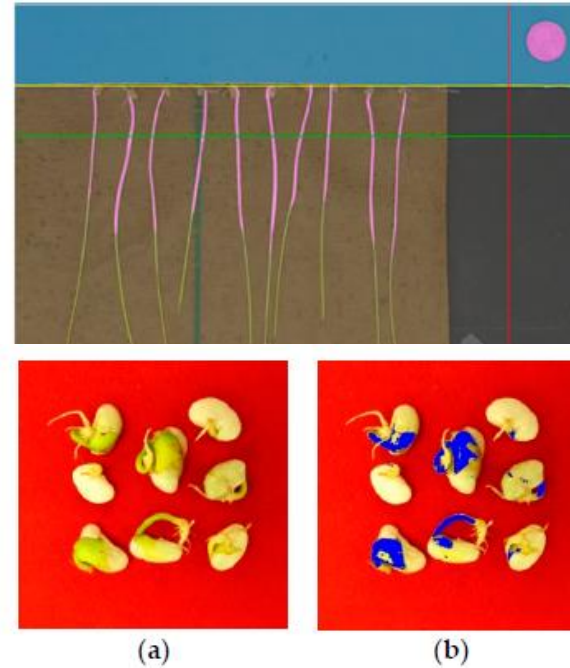


Wheat genotypes (a resistant and (b) susceptible to *Fusarium*

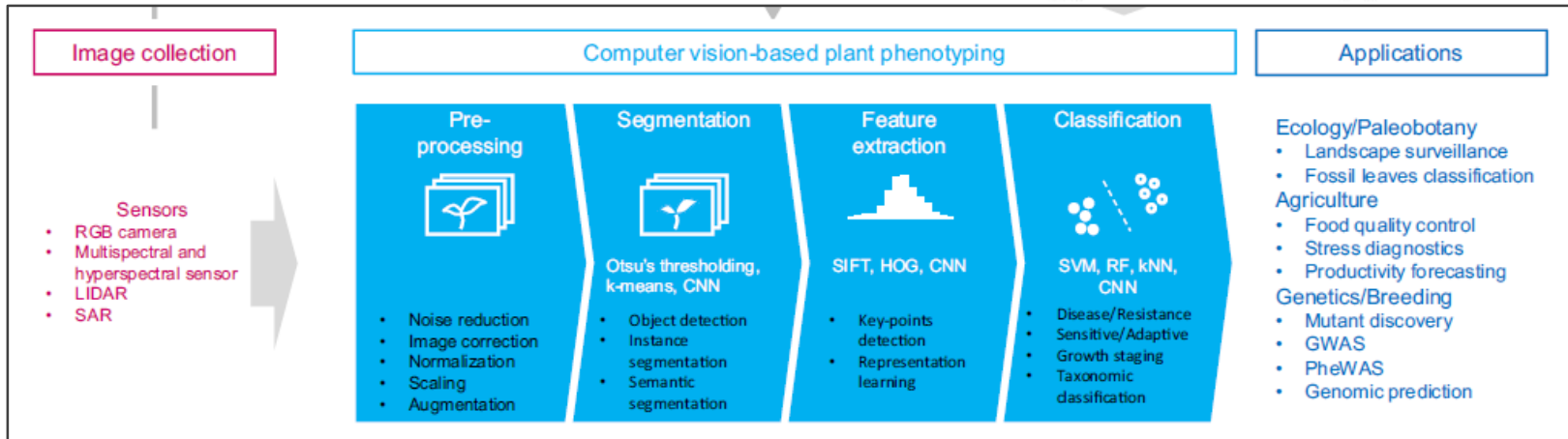
Towards lab and field phenotyping



Komyshv et al. 2017. Fig. 1. Evaluation of the SeedCounter, A Mobile Application for Grain Phenotyping. *Frontiers in Plant Science*, 7: 1990.



From Zhang et al. 2018. Figs. 1 and 4. High-Throughput Phenotyping of Seed/Seedling Evaluation Using Digital Image Analysis. *Agronomy*, 8.



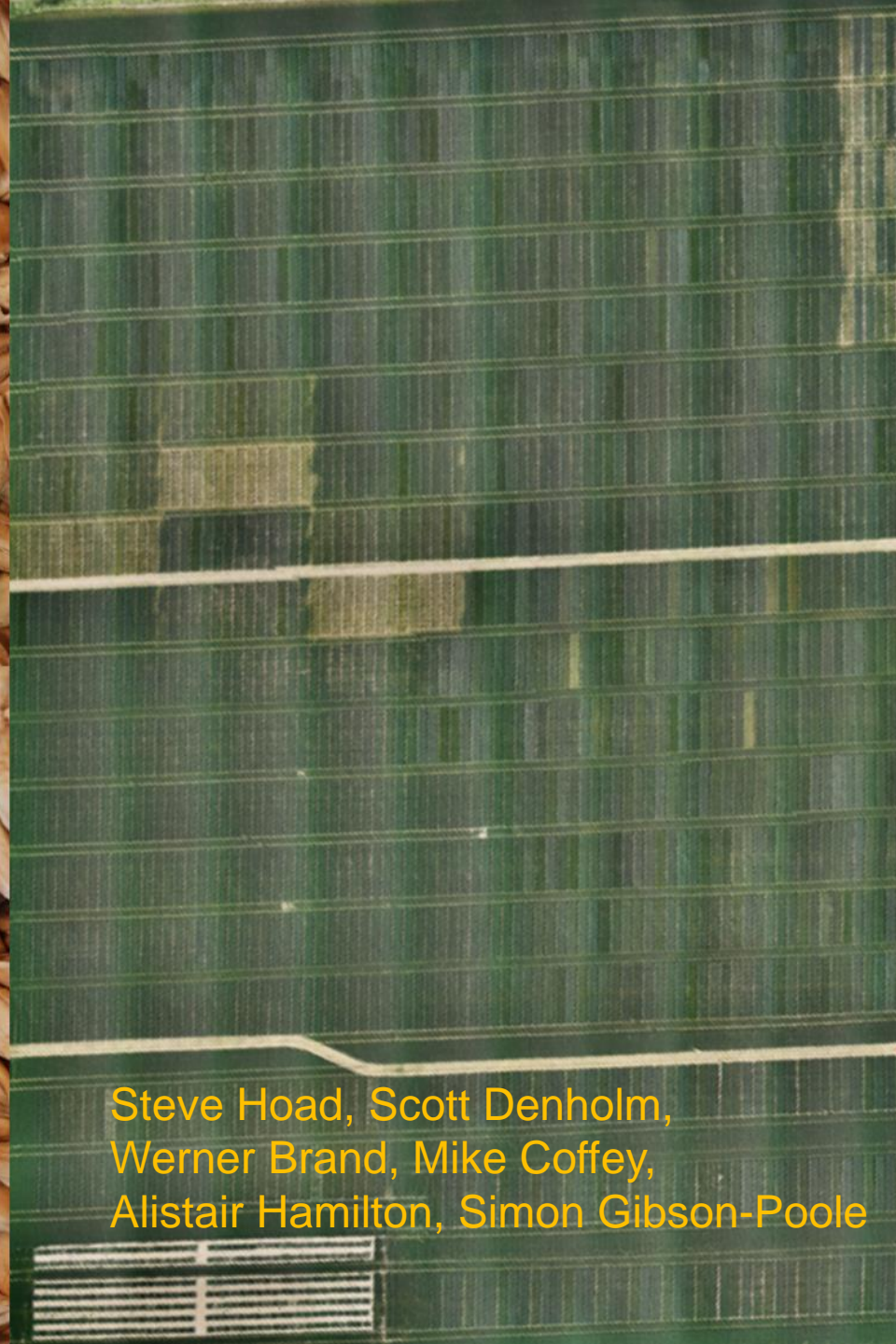
Modified from: Mochida et al. 2018. Fig. 1. Computer vision-based phenotyping for improvement of plant productivity: a machine learning perspective. *GigaScience*, 8: 1–12.

New approaches to grain and crop phenotyping



Crop and grain signatures using multi- and hyper-spectral imaging and machine (deep) learning in order to:

- Working at field and lab scale
- Phenotype crop plants e.g. winter wheat
- Characterise plant and seed health
- Create a new generation of analytical services and consultancy
- Advances in crop breeding



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