

Digital Twin of a Smart Plant Factory for plant phenotyping

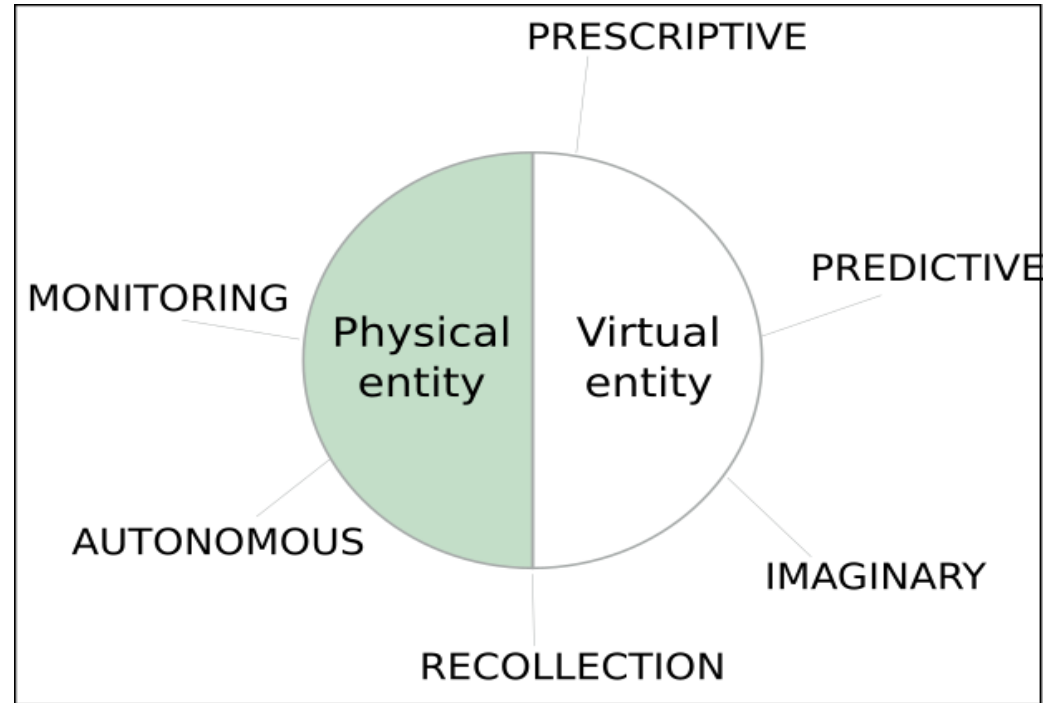
Data assimilation between measured and simulated 3D point cloud data in the CPlantBox FSPM

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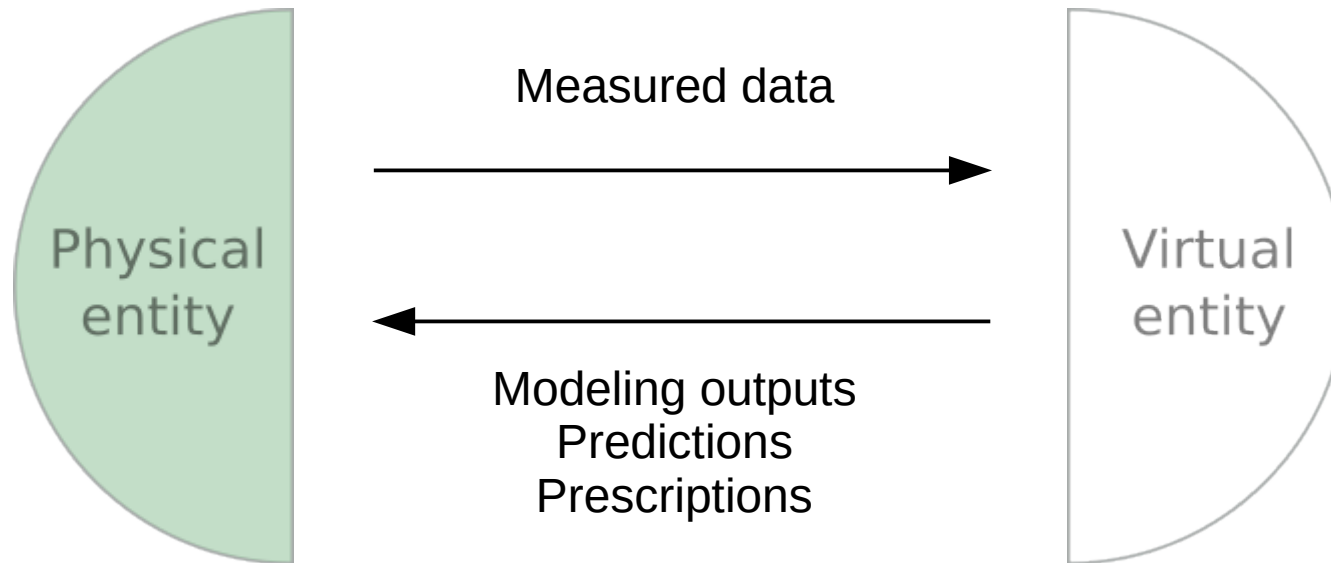
Digital Twin : a « Buzz word » for modeling ?

- ▶ Physical vs Virtual entity
- ▶ 6 tenets

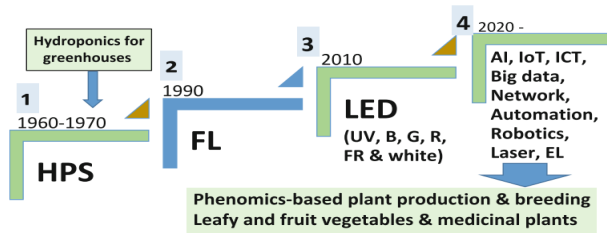




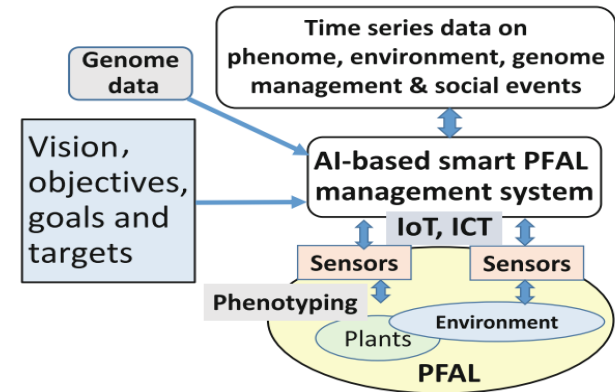
Twinning process



Plant Factories in the 2020's



Source: Midjourney AI hallucination





Environmental variables and data collection

Atmospheric variables

T°

RH

$[CO_2]$

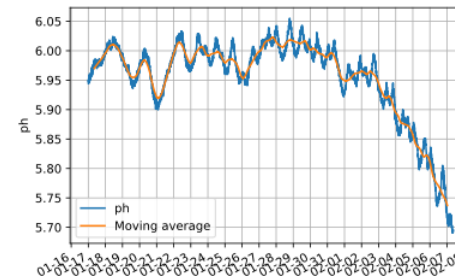
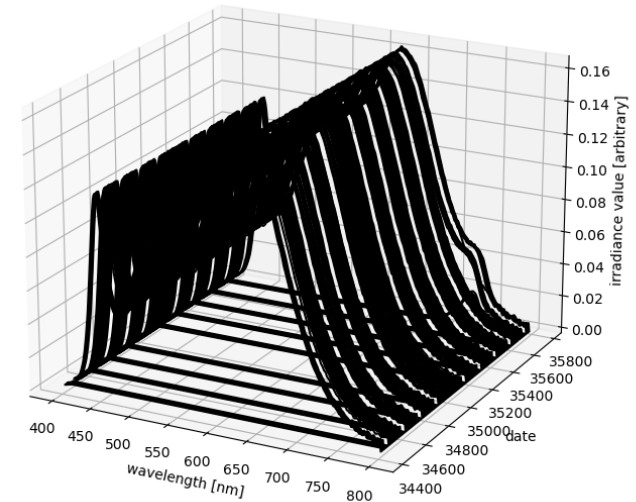
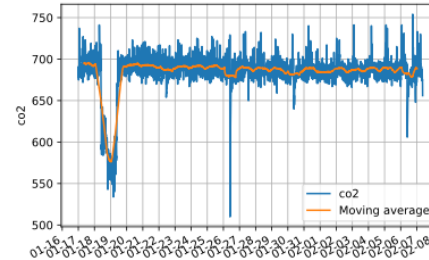
Irradiance

Hydroponics solution variables

pH

EC (prox. fertilizer)

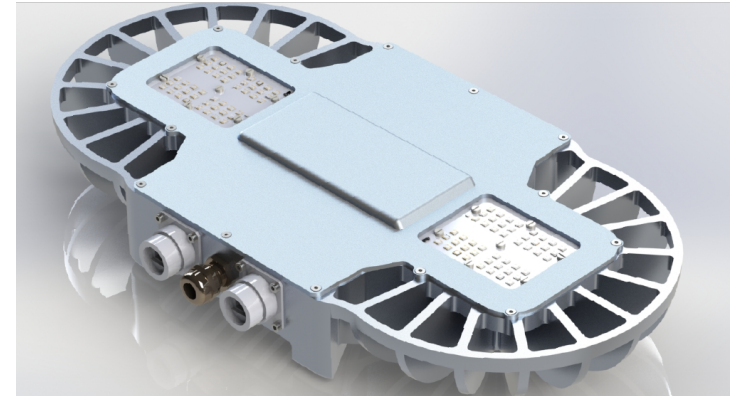
Hourly acquisition+regulation





Plant Factory with Artificial Lighting

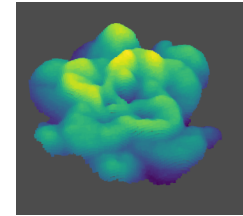
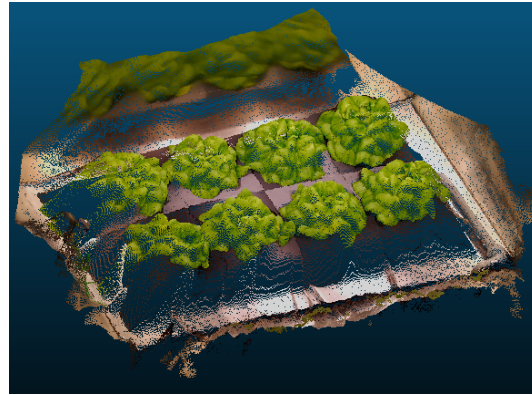
- ▶ 96 LEDs total
- ▶ 16 independant channels
- ▶ Parameters :
 - LED spectrum
 - Emittance modulation
 - Pulsed light
($f = 0 \dots 10 \text{ kHz}$)



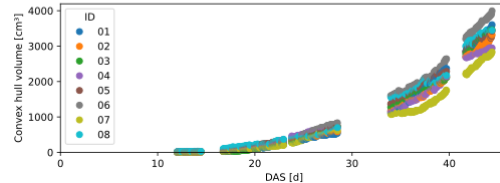
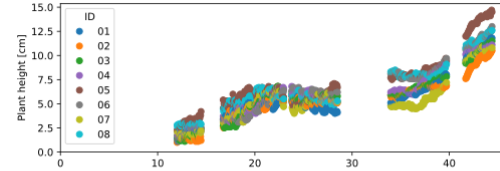
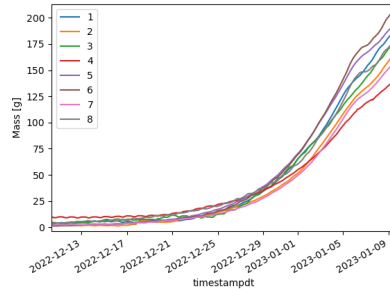
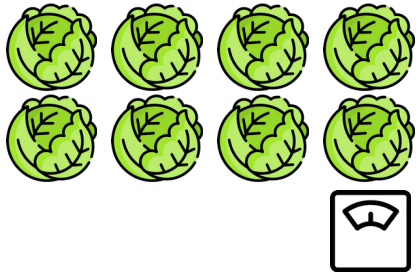
Lumiatec - PHS 16



Phenotyping capabilities

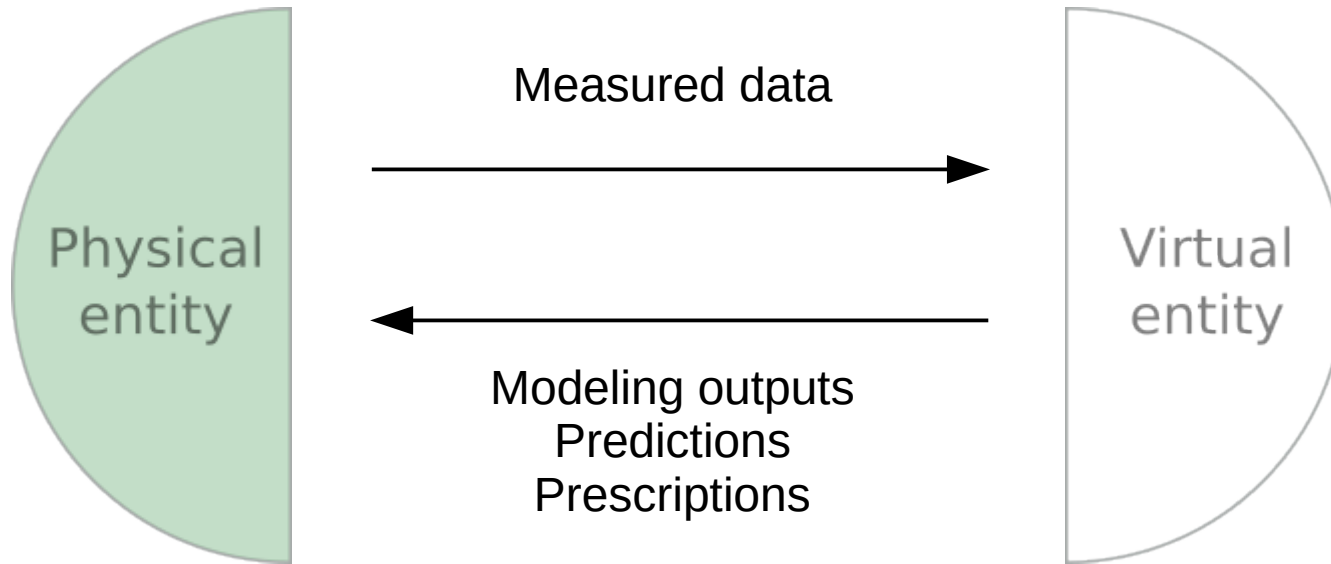
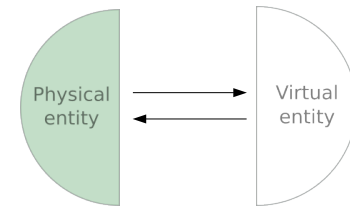


Extract features over time :
- plant height
- plant convex hull volume



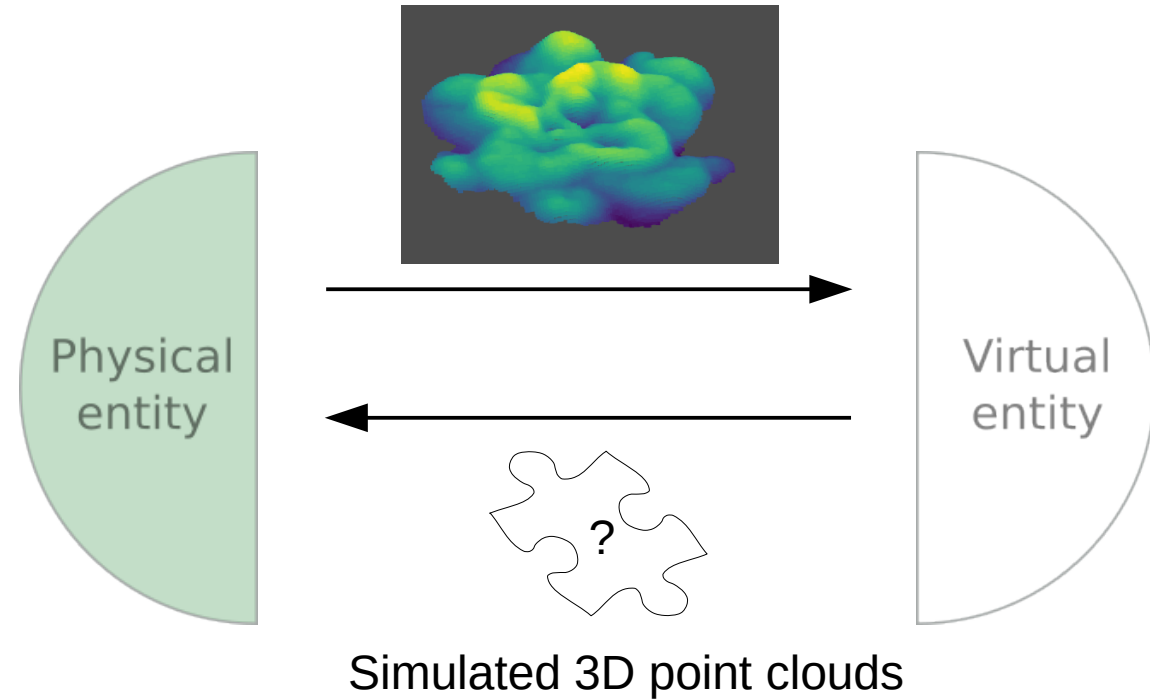
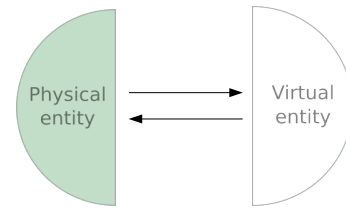
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Twinning process

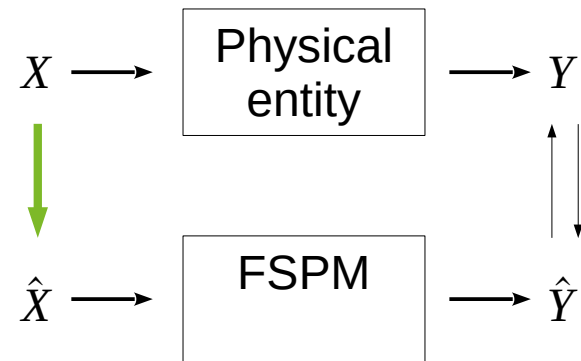




Twinning process



Hypothesis





Architecture simulations - CPlantBox

Sensitivity analysis
 Define parameters and their domain's constraints



Architectures time series generation
 Based on sets of parameters



Store parameters and features in a look-up table
 Define parameters and their domain's constraints

- Leaf basal zone length
- Leaf apical zone length
- Max. leaf length
- Max. leaf area

$dt = 7 d$
 plant age = 42 d



uuid	\hat{X}_1	\hat{X}_2	...	\hat{X}_l	\hat{Y}_1	\hat{Y}_2	...	\hat{Y}_k
1	$\hat{X}_{1,1}$	$\hat{X}_{2,1}$		$\hat{X}_{l,1}$				
2	$\hat{X}_{1,2}$	$\hat{X}_{2,2}$		$\hat{X}_{l,2}$				
...								
n	$\hat{X}_{1,n}$	$\hat{X}_{2,n}$		$\hat{X}_{l,n}$				

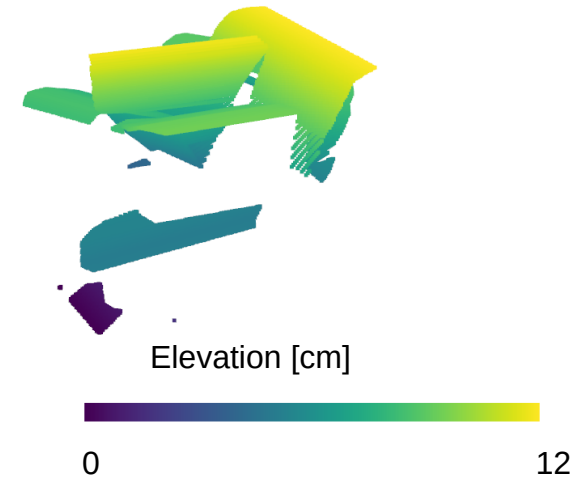
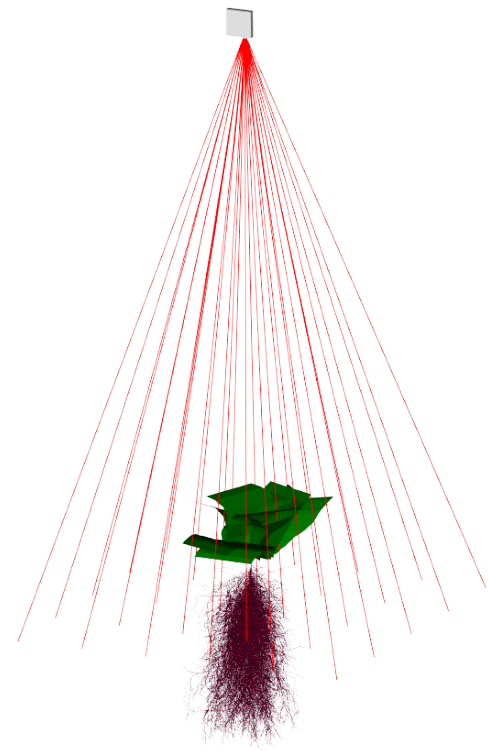
Virtual 3D scans



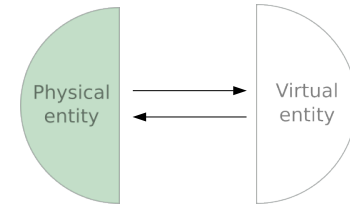
Field of view
Resolution (x and y, pix.)
Range
Position
Direction

Time of flight simulation
by ray casting

Sample simulated point cloud →



Virtual-physical architectural mapping



Physical entity
features



$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{Y}_i - Y_i)^2$$

Mean Squared Error
loss function

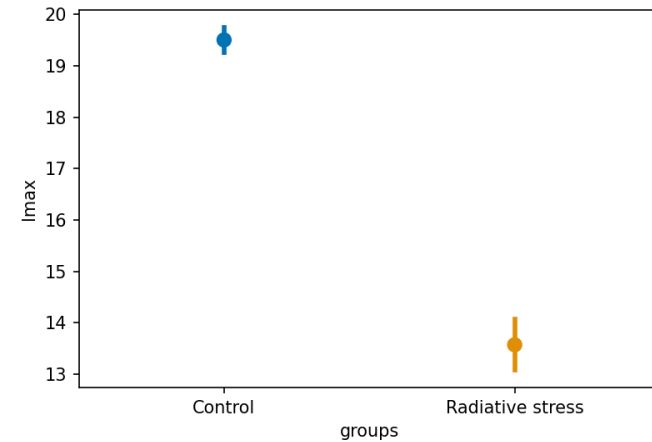
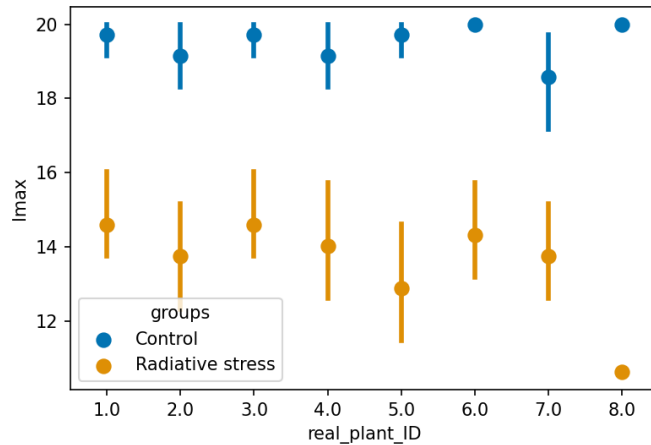
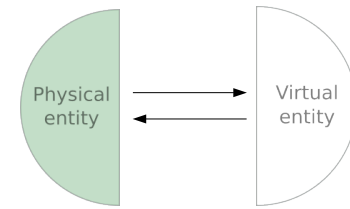


Mapping of each
individual to best set
of simulation
parameters

Repetitions to account for
stochasticity of the model
(n=20)

Comparing phenotypes

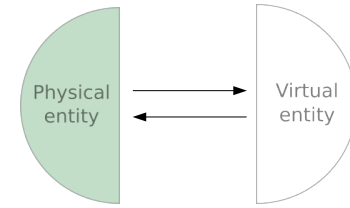
Maximal leaf length (n=20)



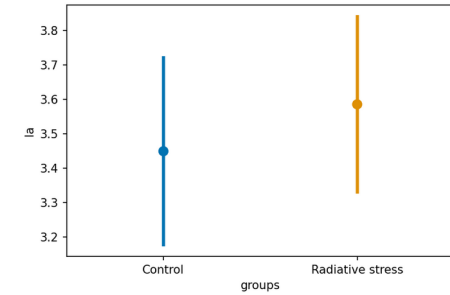
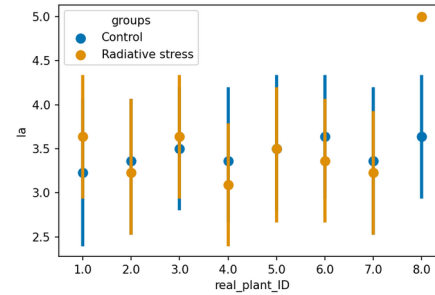
Highly significant difference between groups

*** p-val ≈ 0

Comparing phenotypes

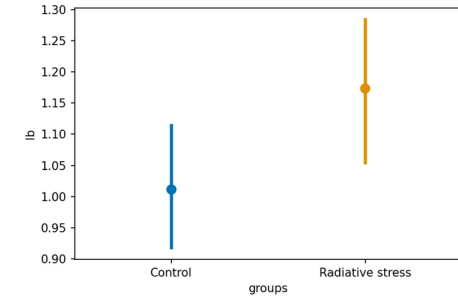
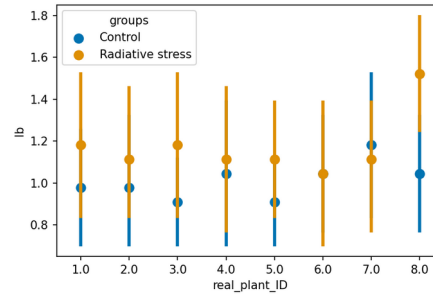


Leaf apical zone length (n=20)



ns

Leaf basal zone length (n=20)

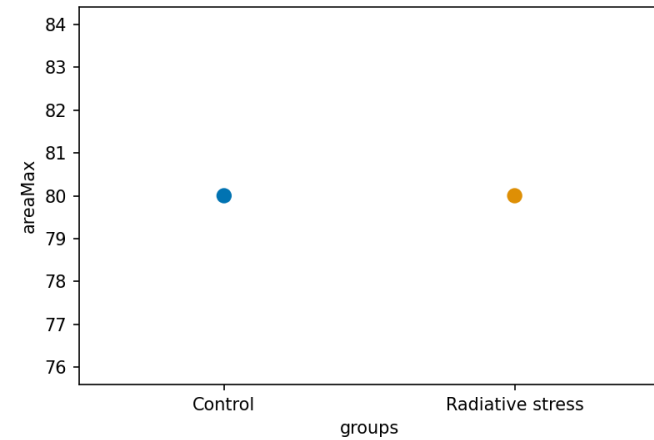
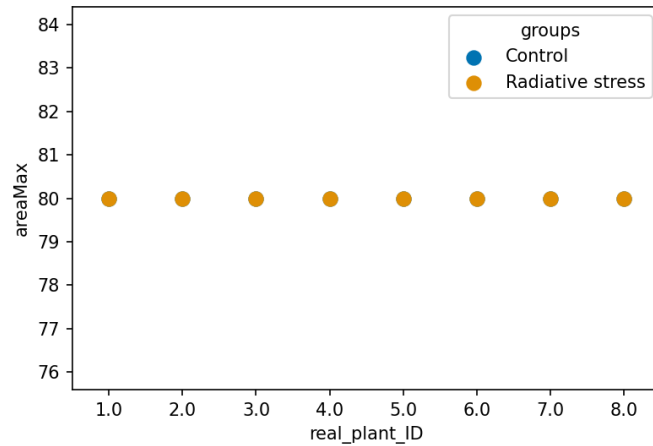
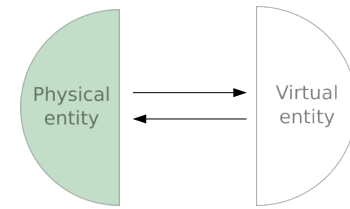


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p-val = 0.045

Comparing phenotypes

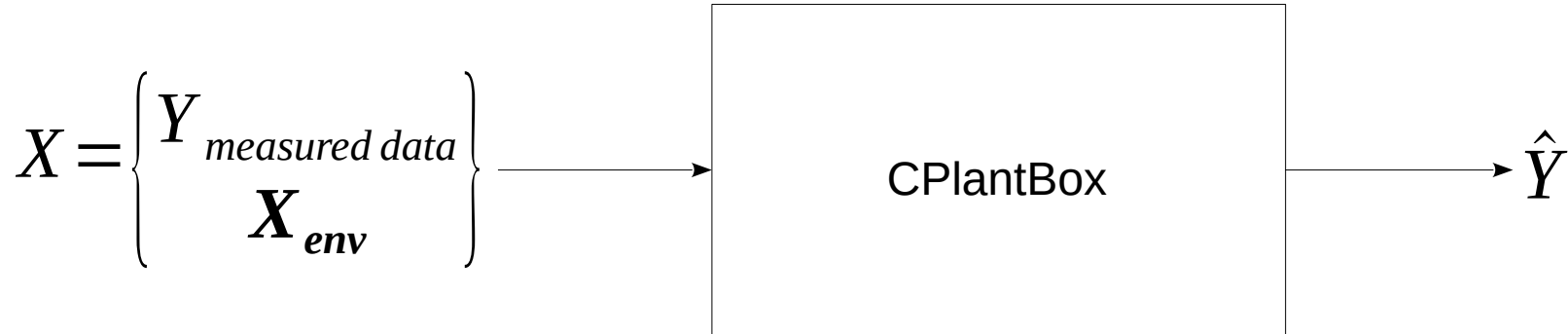
Maximal leaf area (n=20)





Improvements

- ▶ Expand parameter exploration
- ▶ ~~Brute force look-up~~ → Optimization algorithm to adjust parameters
- ▶ Feed environmental variables into the workflow



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Time to pack up !
(after some questions)



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Supplementary material

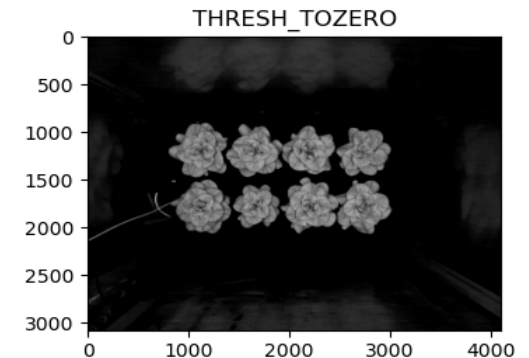
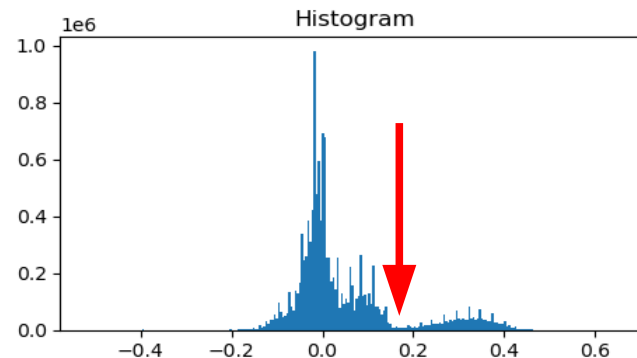
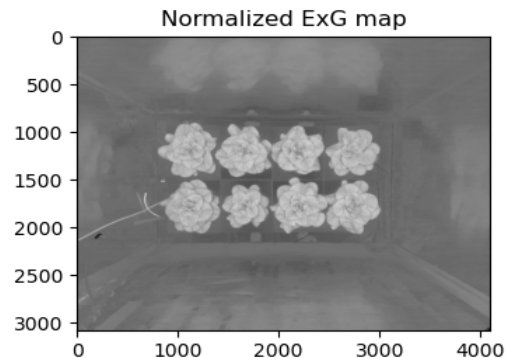


Point cloud preprocessing

- ▶ Clip each plant location (grid coordinates)
- ▶ Highlight plants with « good old » Excess Green Index :

$$\text{ExG} = 2G - R - B$$

- ▶ Extract with Otsu's threshold





Kalman filter

