

# Phenotyping applications

LemnaTec We are Phenotyping

Applications in research, development, and industry

### **Duckweed tests for toxicology screening**





#### Studies on allele function or environmental factors in Arabidopsis





Lab Scanalyzer HTS – automated multi-camera platform Visible light, infrared, fluorescence, near infrared cameras Application examples:

100%

- Seedlings
- Duckweed
- Insects
- Fungi
- Cells





CSIRO PUBLISHING Functional Plant Biology, 2017, 44, 94–106 http://dx.doi.org/10.1071/FP16172

#### Moderate to severe water limitation differentially affects the phenome and ionome of *Arabidopsis*

Lucia M. Acosta-Gamboa<sup>A</sup>, Suxing Liu<sup>A</sup>, Erin Langley<sup>A</sup>, Zachary Campbell<sup>A</sup>, Norma Castro-Guerrero<sup>B</sup>, David Mendoza-Cozatl<sup>B,D</sup> and Argelia Lorence<sup>A,C,D</sup>

<sup>5</sup>Arkansas Biosciences Institute, Arkansas State University, PO Box 639, State University, AR 72467, USA.
<sup>8</sup>Division of Plant Sciences, Christopher 5 Bond Life Sciences Center, University of Missouri, 1201 Rollins Street, Columbia, MQ 65211, USA.

<sup>C</sup>Department of Chemistry and Physics, Arkansas State University, PO Box 429, State University, AR 72467, USA. <sup>D</sup>Corresponding authors, Emails, alorence@astate.edu; mendozacozatld@missouri.edu

Abstract. Food security is currently one of the major challenges that we are facing as a species. Understanding plant responses and adaptations to limited water availability is key to maintain or improve crop yield, and this is even more the plant the plant of the





### Insect feeding and motility tests



HT-screening for leaf eating organisms

- feeding assays
- resistance screens
- organism sizes
- mortality assessment





Fig. 1. (A) Scanned pictures of the brown paper towel disks with little or no feeding damage from petri dishes with termites exposed to treated soils. (B) Scanned pictures of brown paper towel disks with feeding damage from the petri dishes with termites exposed to corresponding untreated soils.

Saran, Raj K.; Ziegler, Melissa; Kudlie, Sara; Harrison, Danielle; Leva, David M.; Scherer, Clay; Coffelt, Mark A. (2014): Behavioral Effects and Tunneling Responses of Eastern Subterranean Termites (Isoptera: Rhinotermitidae) Exposed to Chlorantraniliprole-Treated Soils. In: Journal of Economic Entomology 107 (5), S. 1878–1889. DOI: 10.1603/EC11393.

### Pakchoi water status phenotyping



Guo, Doudou; Juan, Jiaxiang; Chang, Liying; Zhang, Jingjin; Huang, Danfeng (2017): Discrimination of plant root zone water status in greenhouse production based on phenotyping and machine learning techniques. In: Scientific reports 7 (1), S. 8303. DOI: 10.1038/s41598-017-08235-z.



### Improving drought responses in tomato





#### Efficent water use in desert-adapted wild tomato species







#### Measurement – parameters – information – knowledge Images – plant area data – biomass calculation – QTL discovery



#### Nora Honsdorf<sup>1,2</sup>, Timothy John March<sup>3</sup>, Bettina Berger<sup>4</sup>, Mark Tester<sup>5</sup>, Klaus Pillen<sup>1</sup>\*

1 Chair of Plant Breeding, Institute of Agricultural and Nutritional Sciences, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle (Saale), Germany, 2 Interdisciplinary Center for Crop Plant Research (IZN), Halle (Saale), Germany, 3 School of Agriculture, Food and Wine, University of Adelaide, Waite Campus, Adelaide, Australia, 4 The Plant Accelerator, University of Adelaide, Waite Campus, Adelaide, Australia, 5 Center for Desert Agriculture, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia







#### **Rice salinity responses**



Plant Phenomics Facilit

Hairmansis A, Berger B, Tester M, Roy SJ (2014) Image-based phenotyping for non-destructive screening of different salinity tolerance traits in rice. Rice 7: 16

#### Fluorescence signals -> Senescence



### Wheat growth responses to salinity



Salinity threatens agriculture in many areas of the world

Irrigation promotes salinity

Excess salt negatively affects plant physiology and finally reduces crop yield

#### PLOS ONE

#### RESEARCH ARTICLE

Comparison of Leaf Sheath Transcriptome Profiles with Physiological Traits of Bread Wheat Cultivars under Salinity Stress

Fuminori Takahashi<sup>1,2,4</sup>\*, Joanne Tilbrook<sup>3</sup>, Christine Trittermann<sup>3</sup>, Bettina Berger<sup>4</sup>, Stuart J. Roy<sup>3</sup>, Motoaki Seki<sup>5</sup>, Kazuo Shinozaki<sup>1,2</sup>, Mark Tester<sup>3,4\*</sup>\*

1 Biomass Research Platform Team, RIKEN Center for Sustainable Resource Science, Koyadai, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan, 2 Gene Discovery Research Group, RIKEN Center for Sustainable Resource Science, Koyadai, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan, 3 Australian Centre for Plant Functional Genomics, School of Agriculture. Food & Wine, University of Adelaide, Glen Osmond, Australia, 4 The Plant Accelerator, Australian Plant Phenomics Facility, School of Agriculture, Food & Wine, University of Adelaide, Glen Osmond, Australia, 5 Plant Genomic Network Research Team, RIKEN Center for Sustainable Resource Science, Suehiro-cho, Tsurumi-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan



Time after treatment (days)

Cultivar-specific growth rate reduction after salinity treatment





## Root growth phenotpying in soil



CSIRO PUBLISHING

Functional Plant Biology, 2012, 39, 891-904 http://dx.doi.org/10.1071/FP12023

> GROWSCREEN-Rhizo is a novel phenotyping robot enabling simultaneous measurements of root and shoot growth for plants grown in soil-filled rhizotrons

Kerstin A. Nagel<sup>AC</sup>, Alexander Putz<sup>A</sup>, Frank Gilmer<sup>A,B</sup>, Kathrin Heinz<sup>A</sup>, Andreas Fischbach<sup>A</sup>, Johannes Pfeifer<sup>A</sup>, Marc Faget<sup>A</sup>, Stephan Blossfeld<sup>A</sup>, Michaela Ernst<sup>A</sup>, Chryssa Dimaki<sup>A</sup>, Bernd Kastenholz<sup>A</sup>, Ann-Katrin Kleinert<sup>A</sup>, Anna Galinski<sup>A</sup>, Hanno Scharr<sup>A</sup>, Fabio Fiorani<sup>A</sup> and Ulrich Schurr<sup>A</sup>

<sup>A</sup>Institute of Bio- and Geosciences, IBG-2: Plant Sciences, Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, 52425 Jülich, Germany.
<sup>B</sup>Present address: BASF SE, 67117 Limburgerhof, Germany.
<sup>C</sup>Corresponding author. Email: k.nagel@tz-juelich.de

Root imaging with GROWSCREEN Rhizo

- Soil-grown roots
- Automatic image recording
- Scalable system
- Applicable to many species
- Combination with shoot data



Image processing: root dimensions and architecture

Example: Root tracking with LemnaTec software

# Seed germination phenotyping









#### Disease symptom phenotyping with machine learning



Leaf7



# Spectral imaging for surface properties

recorded with

hyperspectral

cameras







Low wax mutant

- Glossy bright green
- Less hydrophobic
- Spectral properties changed in VNIR and SWIR





Goal:

Link spectral properties with biochemical traits

Approach:

- Record datasets
- Corresponding biochemistry
- Machine learning
  - Classification procedure

