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Ricerca nella filiera frutticola e  
olivicola in risposta ai  
cambiamenti sociali e climatici

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**Agraria**



**Agricoltura**

**Alimenti**



**Ambiente**



# Missione



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**conoscenza**

**innovazione**

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**sostenibilità**

sostenibilità

Produzione e diffusione di conoscenze nell'ambito delle scienze agrarie, alimentari ed ambientali, produzione e trasformazione di prodotti, qualità e sicurezza dei prodotti alimentari, conservazione e valorizzazione delle risorse ambientali, della biodiversità e del paesaggio.

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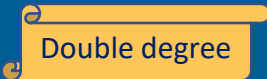

Agronomia, agro-ingegneria e territorio, biochimica, biologia vegetale e forestale, chimica, colture arboree, genetica agraria, patologia vegetale, entomologia agraria, microbiologia alimentare, industriale e ambientale, scienze economiche nei sistemi agricoli e territoriali, scienze fisiche, scienze e tecnologie alimentari, scienze del suolo e produzioni animali.




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## SOIL ATTRIBUTES



Soil fertility



Landscape



Peach orchard

Premise

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## Agroecology in farming systems

«More weed less production»  
we have to break this paradigm

**Organic** (ecologic, biologic) and **integrated** (conventional) agricultural systems

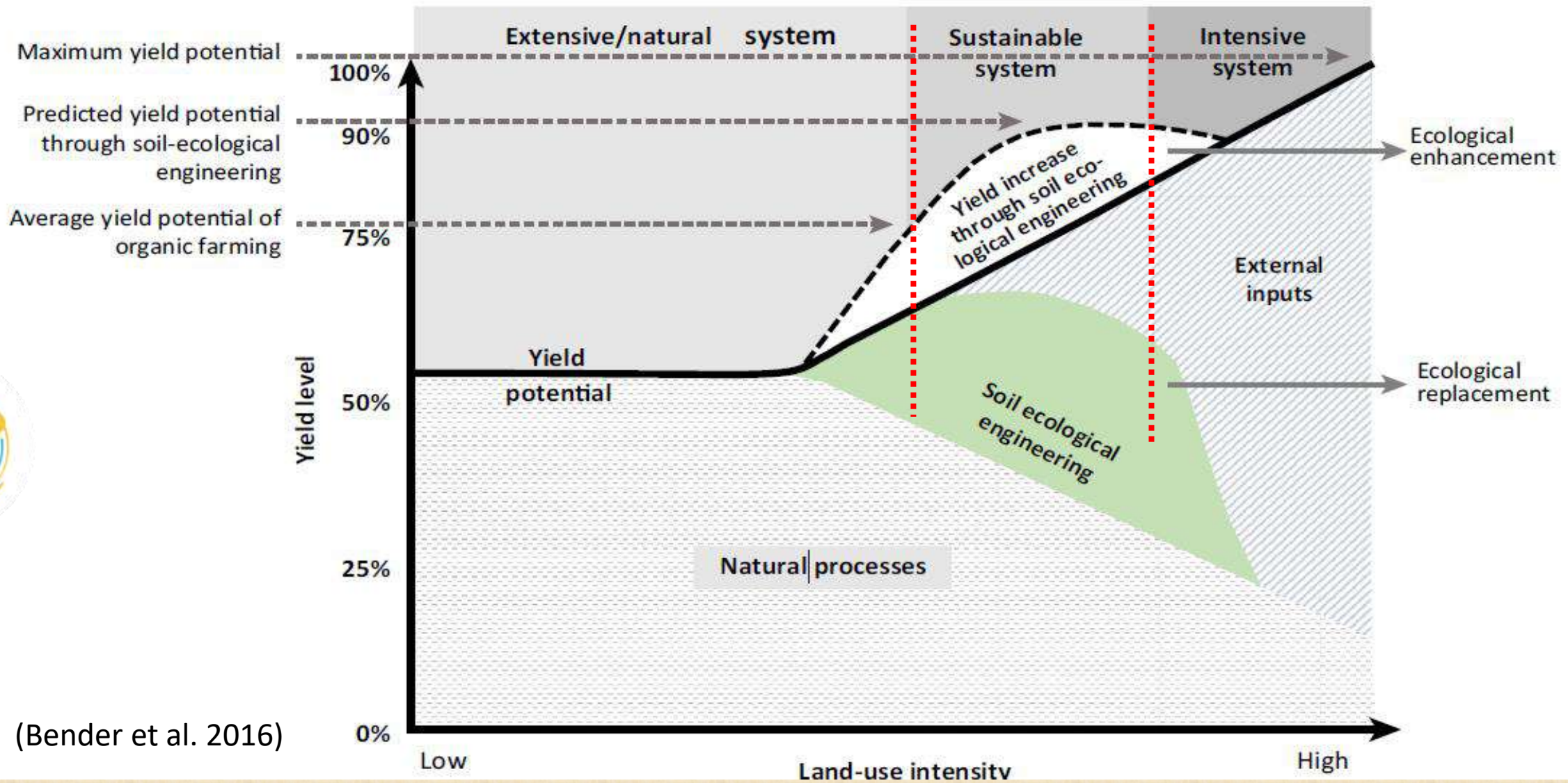
- **Farming design for implementing circular economy**. Multifunctionality and ecosystems services of the farming systems.

**Biodiversity** in agroecosystems. The importance of crop rotation and permanent consociation for sustainable agricultural systems.

- **Root growth** and behavior in relation to different organic residues and byproducts amendments and mulching.



# Soil-ecological engineering



(Bender et al. 2016)

**Conceptual model showing the contribution of external resource inputs and natural biological processes to an ecosystem function, in dependence of land-use intensity**



Where is the problem?



Prof Granatstain, Valdaso 2018

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# Soil sickness

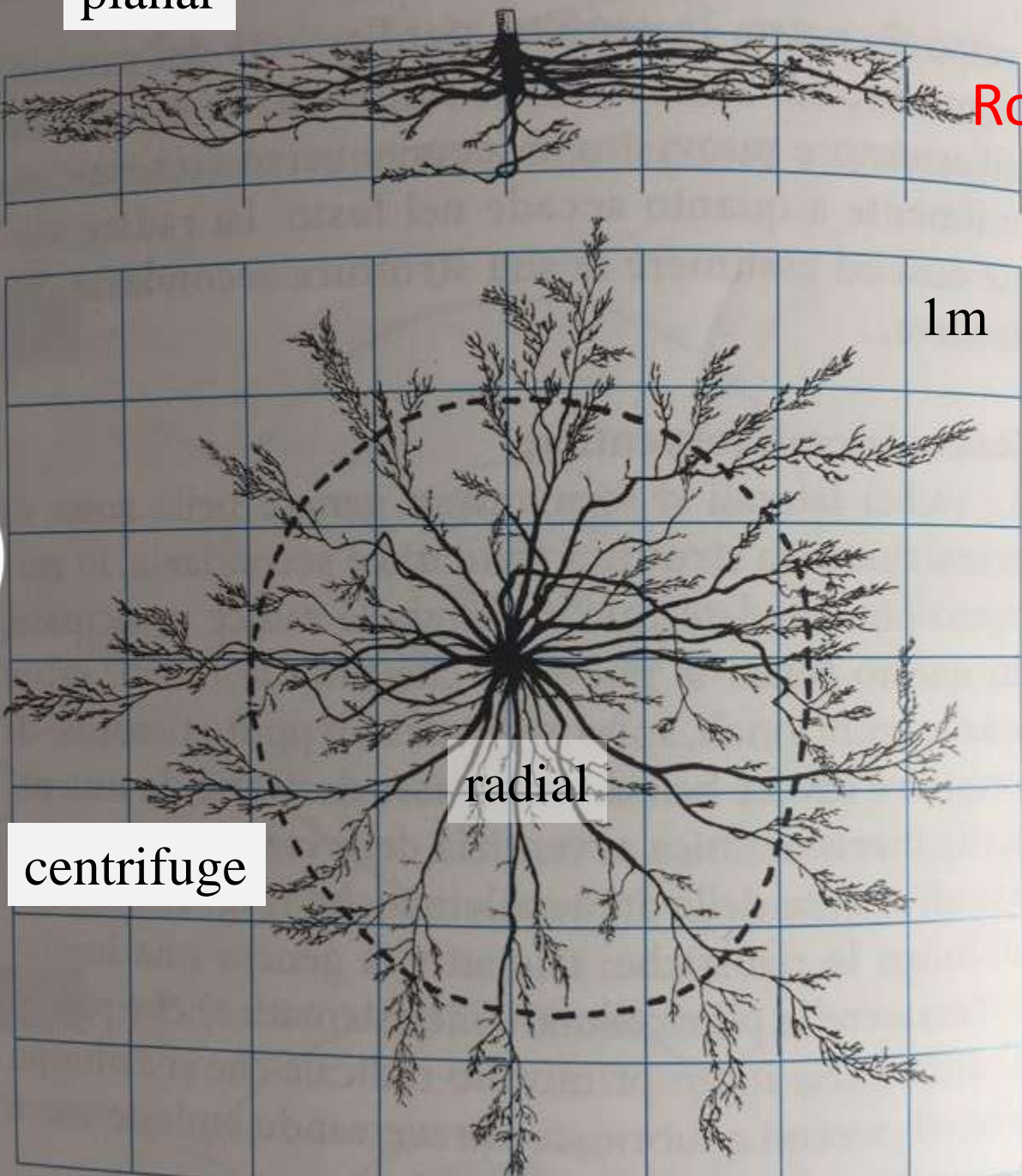
**difficulty in repeating a given crop  
over time on the same plot in single  
succession**

**First symptom of soil fertility  
degradation**



planar

Roots are very superficial



centrifuge

radial

## Root system in fruit trees

FROM Baldini 1985





Appena piantato

We hypothesise that a more diverse weed community will be less competitive







Sabine Zikeli research group  
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Naturally occurring *Potentilla reptans* in apple orchard (Fibl 2020)

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## Biodiversity assessment

### Aboveground Biodiversity:

- Pests occurrence
- Beneficial insects
- Weeds population

### Belowground Biodiversity:

- Microbial metabolic activity (Biolog method)
- Bacteria and fungi populations (molecular biology)
- Nematodes trophic groups



# Effect of row living mulches on weeds

51 species of weeds were determined in the orchard, among which:

LAMPU, TAROF, EQUAR, STEME, EROCI, ERICA, VIOAR, GERPU, BROMO, POAPR, CAPBP and Rumex sp.

occurred in all observations, regardless of the monitoring date.



**LAMPU**  
*Lamium  
purpureum*



**TAROF**  
*Taraxacum  
officinale*



**EQUAR**  
*Equisetum  
arvense*



**STEME**  
*Stellaria  
media*



**EROCI**  
*Erodium  
cicutarium*



**ERICA**  
*Erigeron  
canadensis*



**VIOAR**  
*Viola  
arvensis*



**GERPU**  
*Geranium  
pusillum*



**BROMO**  
*Bromus  
mollis*



**POAPR**  
*Poa  
pratensis*



**AGRRE**  
*Agropyron  
repens*



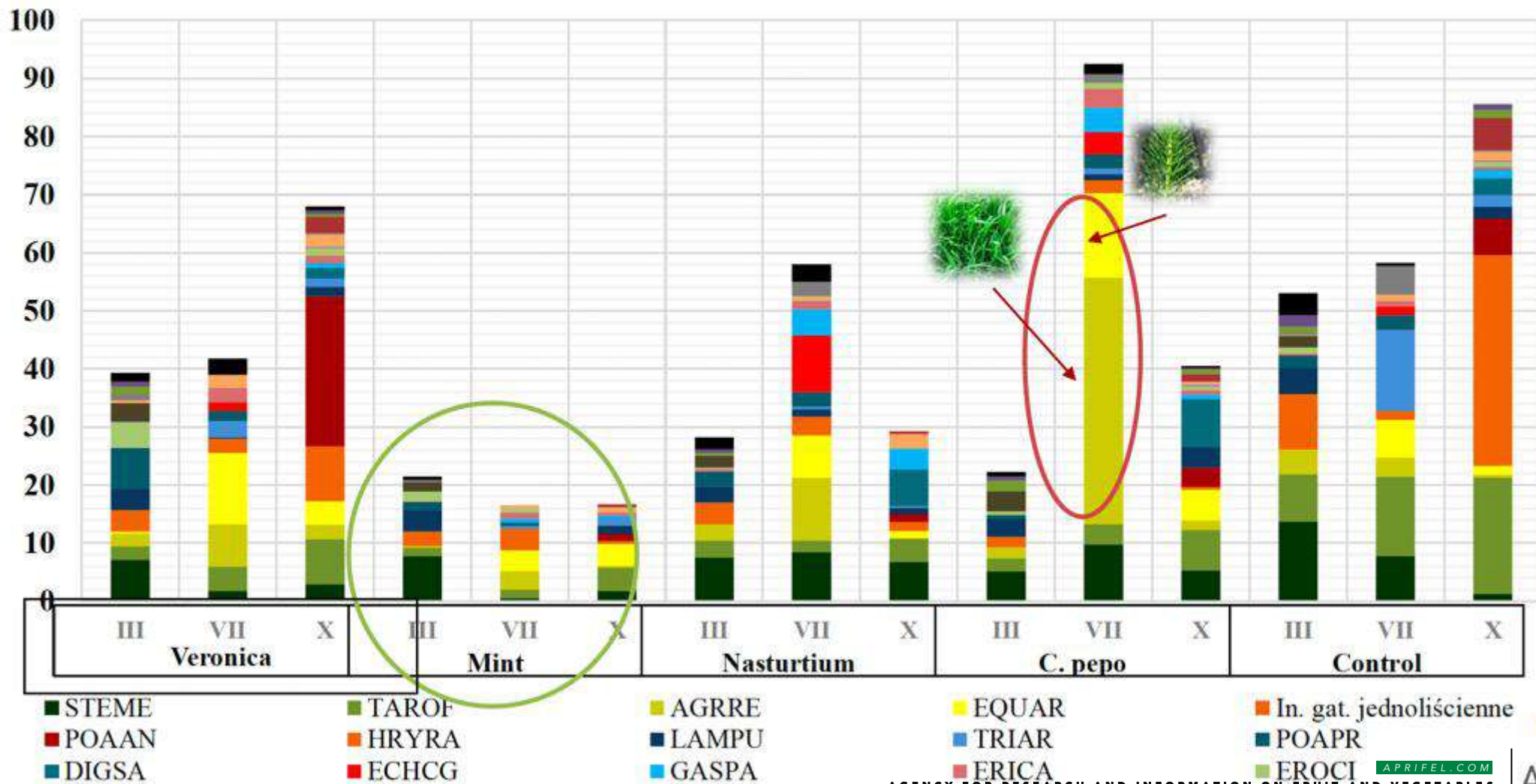
*Rumex sp.*



**CAPBP**  
*Capsella  
bursa-  
pastoris*

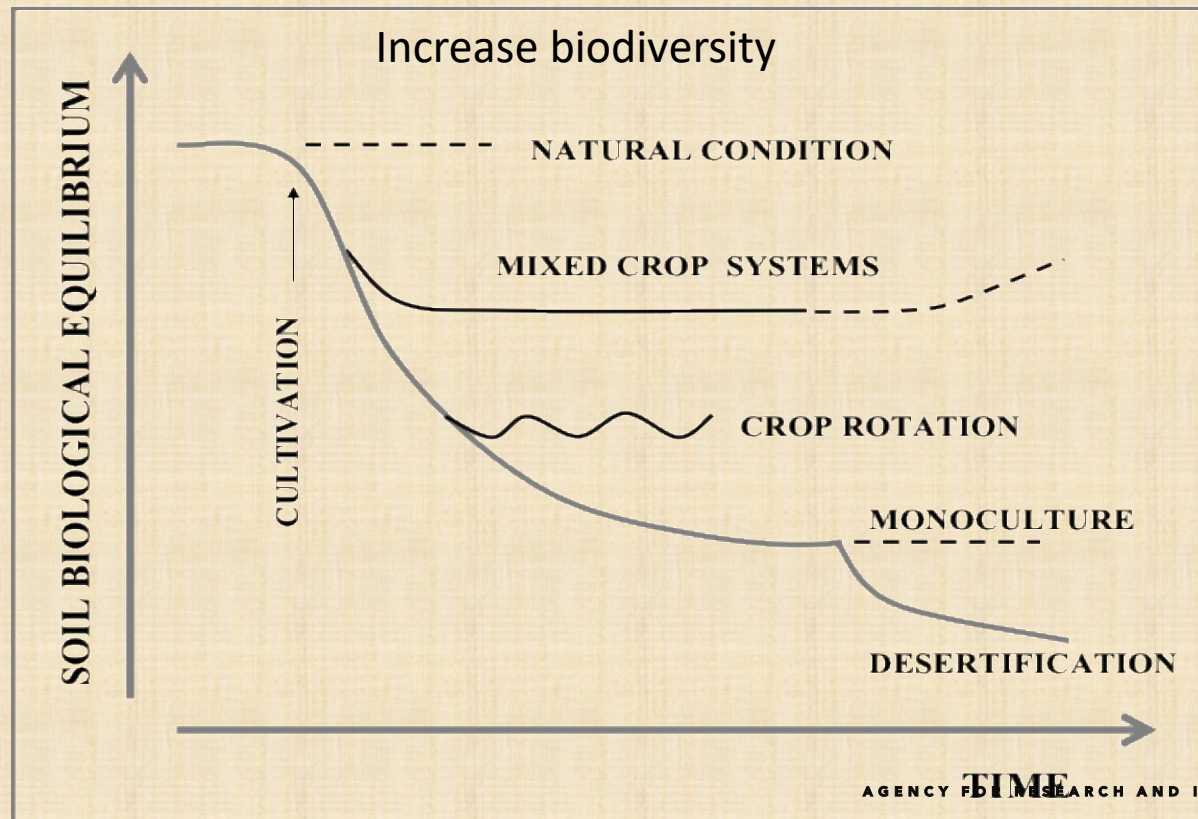


# Soil coverage by weeds [%] in rows during vegetation period 2020



# Rationale 1

The DOMINO project aims to improve long-term sustainability of intensive organic orchard and vineyard by innovative strategies expected to increase biodiversity as a source of resilience for the agroecosystems, and to reduce the dependency on external inputs.

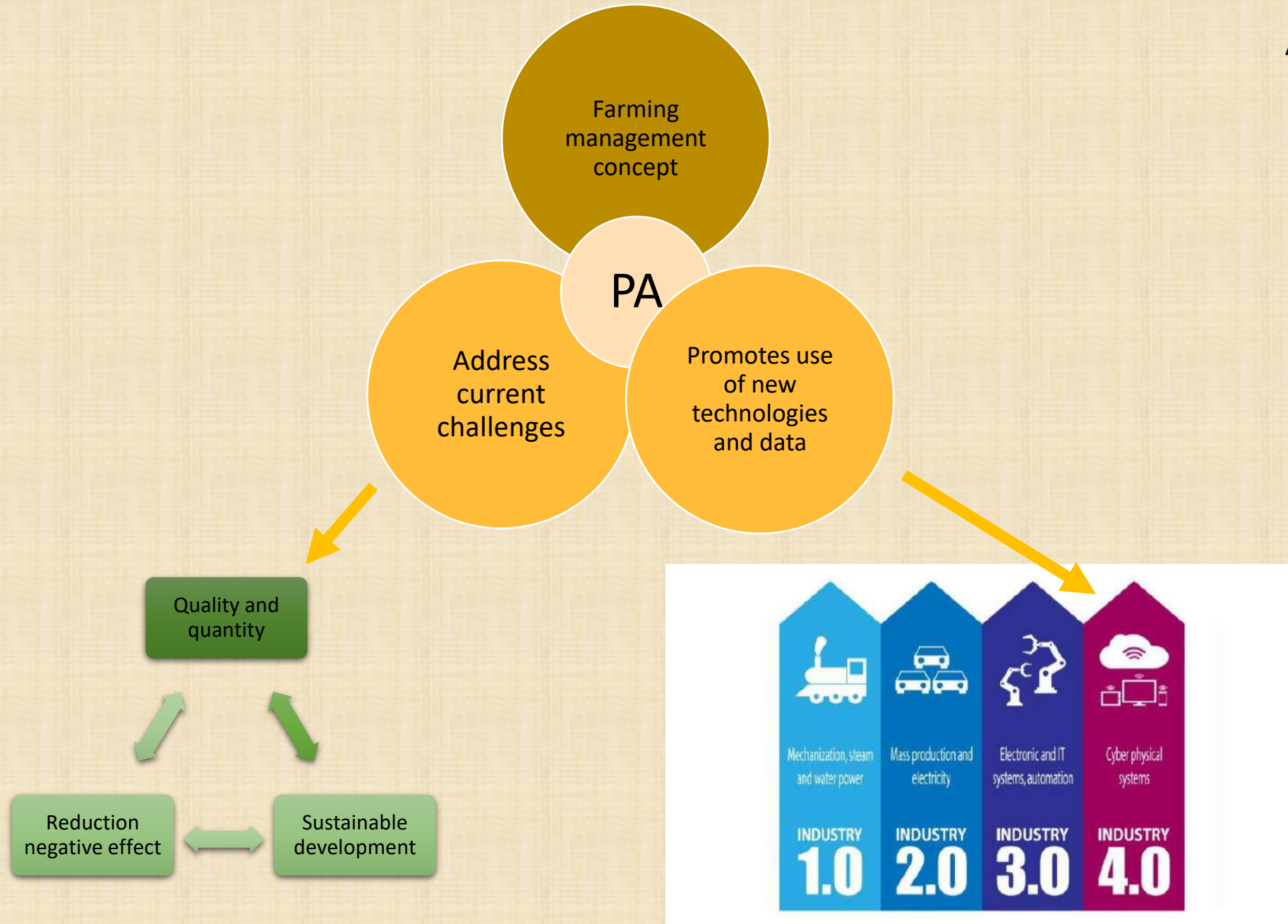


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Zucconi, 1996



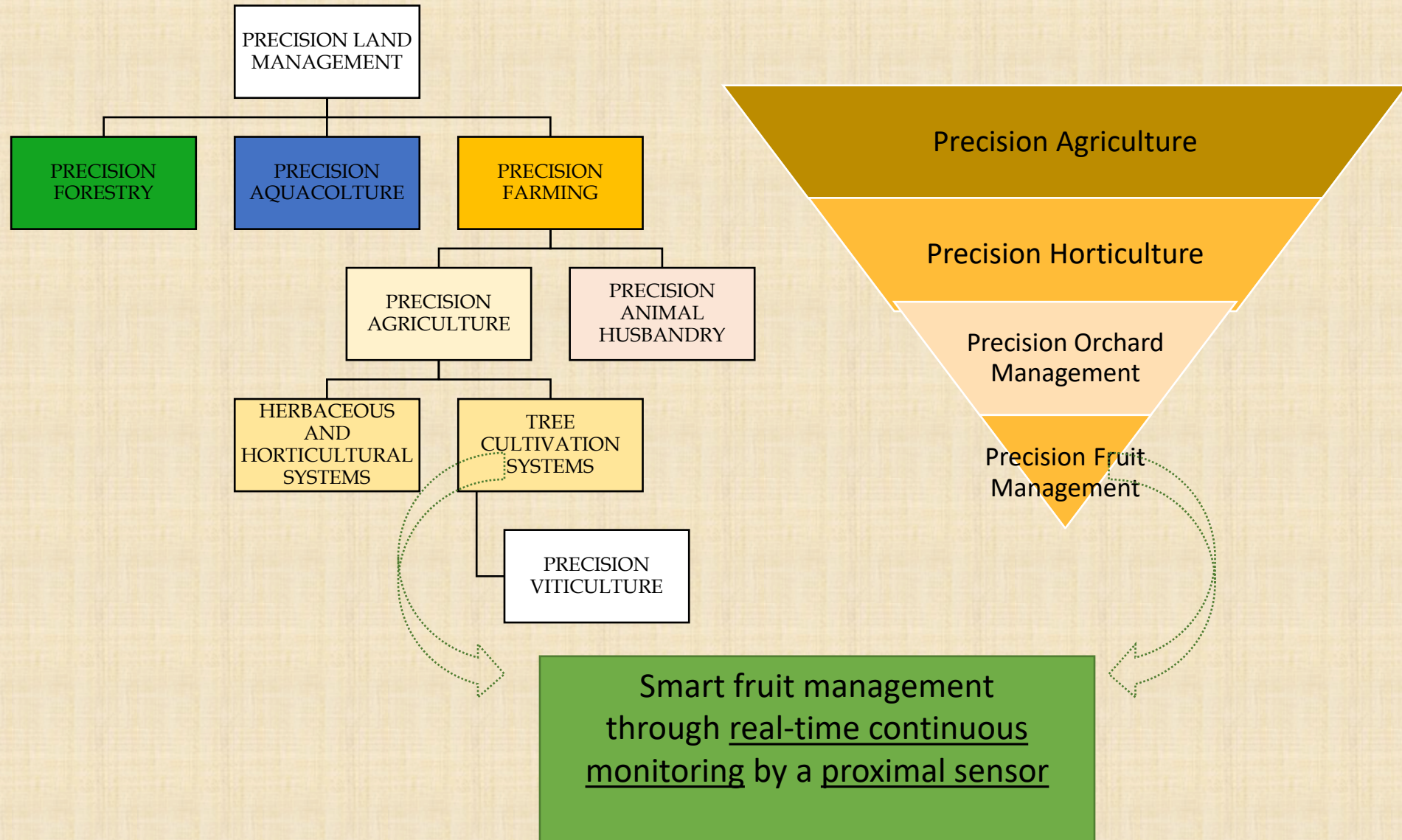
# Precision agriculture (PA)

A. Koshravi





# Precision agriculture in fruit and olive production

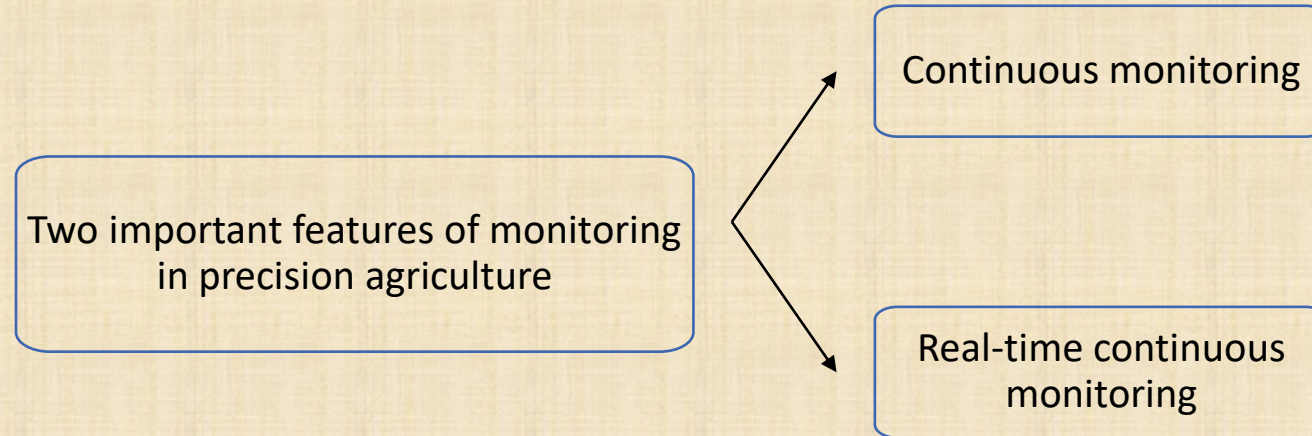


Smart fruit management through real-time continuous monitoring by a proximal sensor



# Fruit monitoring and outcomes

- Monitoring is systematic approach of supervision of activity along with regular collection and analyzing of data.



Several outcomes of fruit monitoring	Fruit <b>load</b> determination
	Fruit <b>size</b> estimation
	<b>Water status</b> detection (Precision irrigation)
	Accurate detection of fruit <b>maturation</b>
	Optimizing <b>harvesting</b> time
	<b>Pest</b> and <b>disease</b> detection



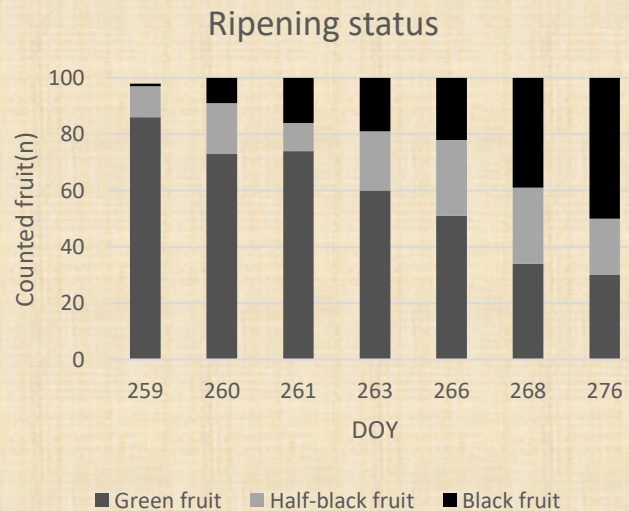
proximal sensor , 1- rGB camera

- Camera

Custom video camera( Raspberry pi Foundation, Cambridge, UK)
5Mpix
RGB
S-mount camera lens
mini-CSI port
IP65 enclosures
powered by a 10W solar panel



The images from the camera were labeled using Labelbox platform (Labelbox Inc., San Francisco, CA, USA).



(Khosravi et al., 2021).



## proximal sensor , 2- Extensimeter

- Extensimeter (synonym of fruit gauge) is plant-based sensor which measure fruit diameter. In most cases, a sensor, supported by a frame, is placed in contact with the epidermis of the growing fruit.

Provide accurate information on fruit growth

Response of the plant to the surrounding conditions

Integrating the soil and atmospheric water status

Reliable tool for making decision for management

- The most adopted sensors for extensimeters are
- \*) Strain gauges
- \*) Linear variable differential transducers (LVDTs)

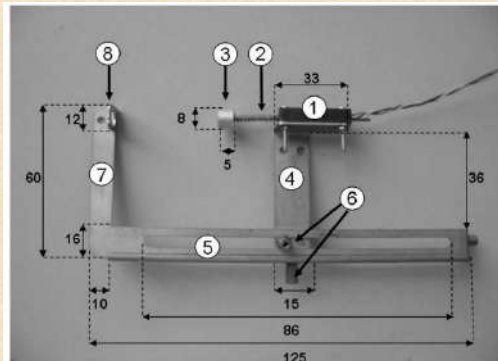


Fig. 2. Photograph of the gauge used for continuous measurement of fruit diameter. Numbers in white circles indicate the gauge components: (1) sensor, (2) sensor plunger with spring, (3) contact aluminum disc; (4) vertical sliding strip supporting the sensor; (5) horizontal slide holder; (6) adjusting screws, (7) fixed vertical strip; (8) fruit stopper. Dimensions are expressed in mm.





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# Ground-Based Sensor Platforms for Continuous Monitoring of Olive Tree and Fruit: A Review

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# Precision farming (PF) and continuous monitoring

PF is a farming management concept

Emphasizes the application of information technology

To collecting and using high-resolution data

For on-time agricultural practices

Data collection (Monitoring)

Range from seasonal period up to minute intervals

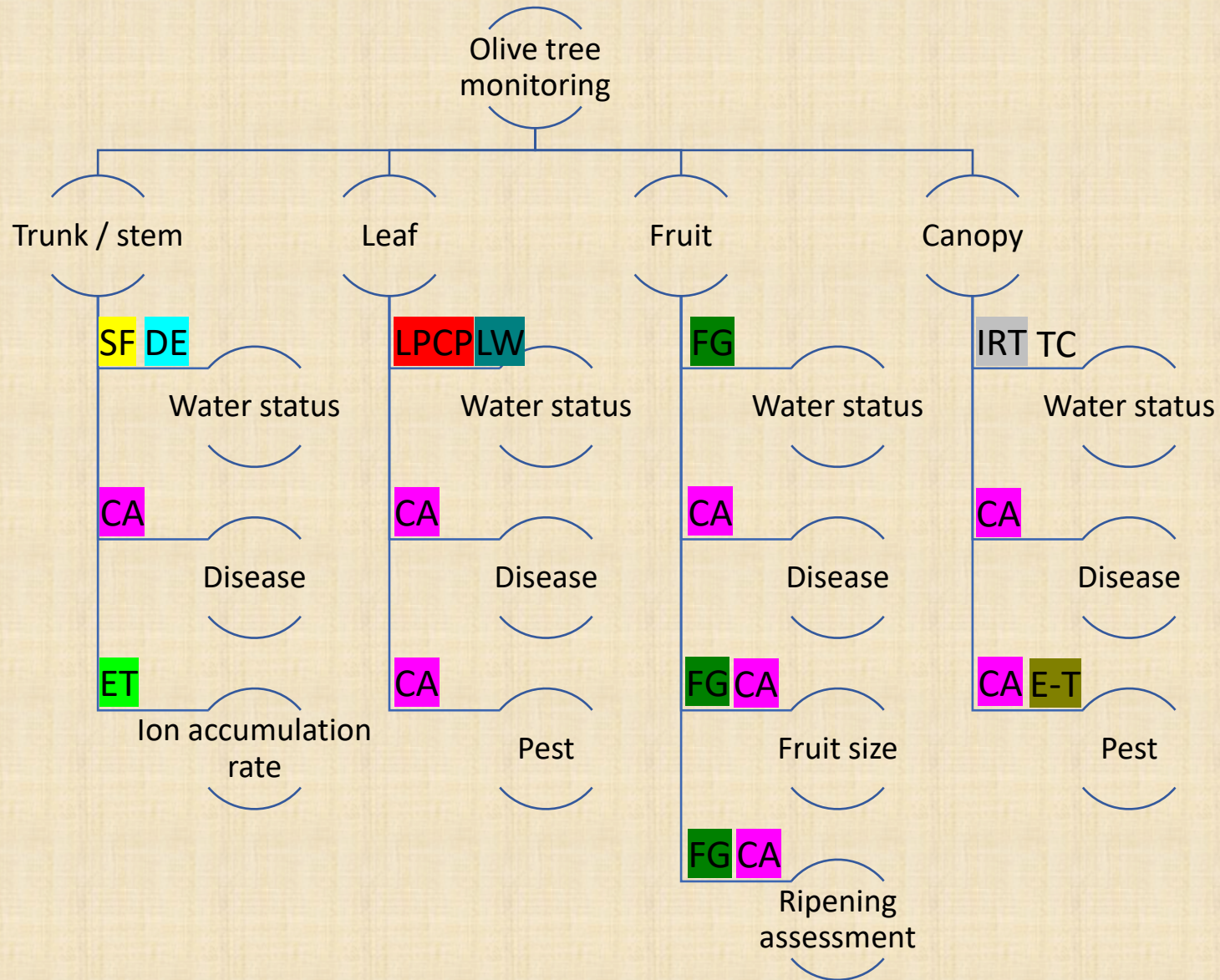
Soil, Plant, Environment

Satellite, Unmanned aerial systems, (Autonomous) tractors, Cranes or sliders on frame installation, stationary loggers

The aim of continuous monitoring in the olive orchard is to obtain orchard properties for real-time optimization of orchard performance.



# Continuous monitoring (outcomes and sensors)



Sensor type
Sap Flow (SF)
Electrochemical transistor (ET)
Dendrometer (DE)
Camera-RGB multi and hyperspectral- (CA)
Leaf patch clamp pressure (LPCP)
Leaf water meter (LW)
Fruit gauge (FG)
E-trap (E-T)
Infrared temperature (IRT)
Thermal camera (TC)



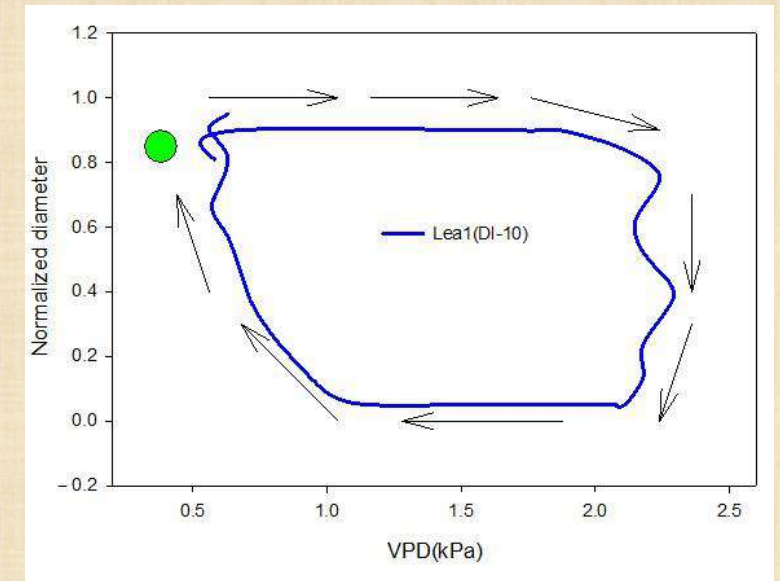
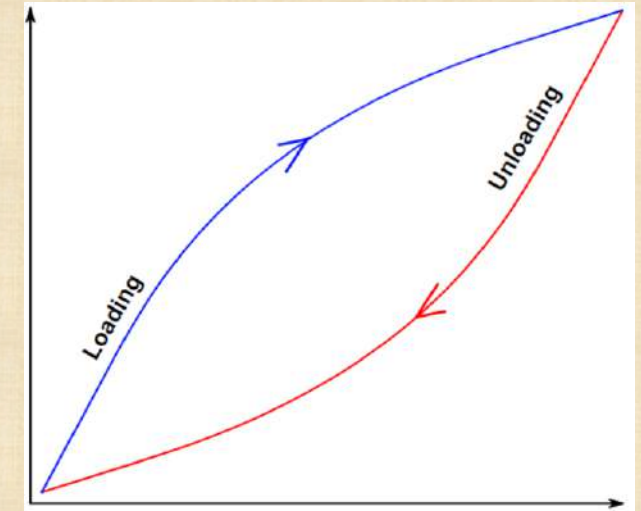
# What is hysteresis

Hysteresis is a non-linear loop-like behavior that does not show affine similarity with respect to time.

It is a phase angle difference between input and output time series

We employed concept of hysteresis (fruit diameter vs Vapor pressure deficit (VPD))

Hysteresis in plant systems has been known for a long time, however, was not used for water status detection.

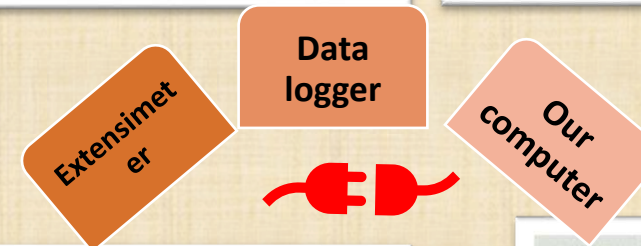


(Mayergoyz, 2003; Philips, 2003; O'Kane., 2005; Zhang et al., 2014; Bai et al., 2017; Khosravi et al., 2021, 2022)



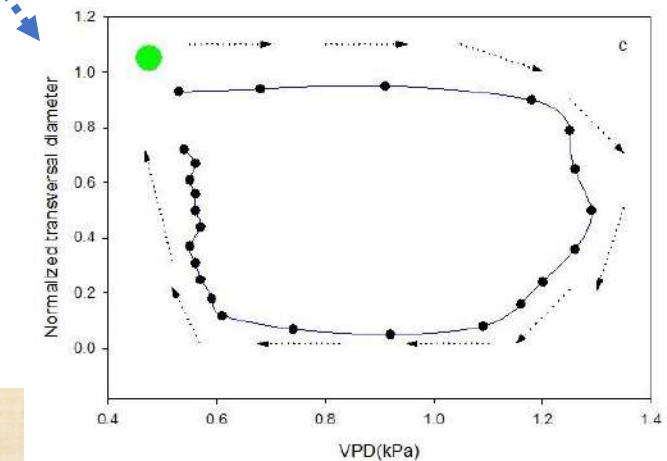
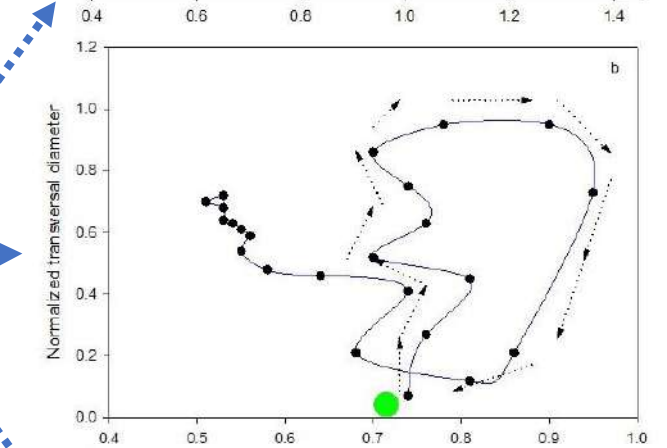
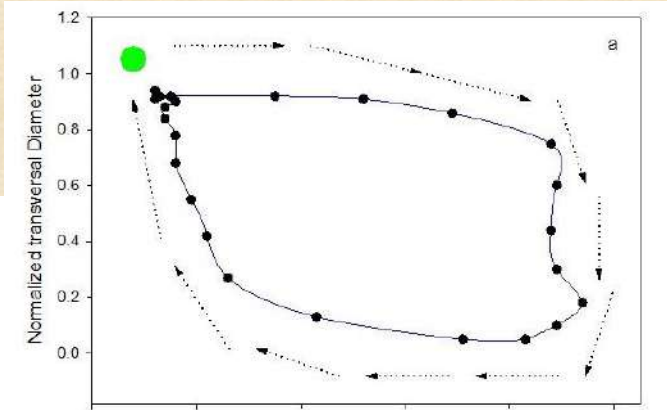
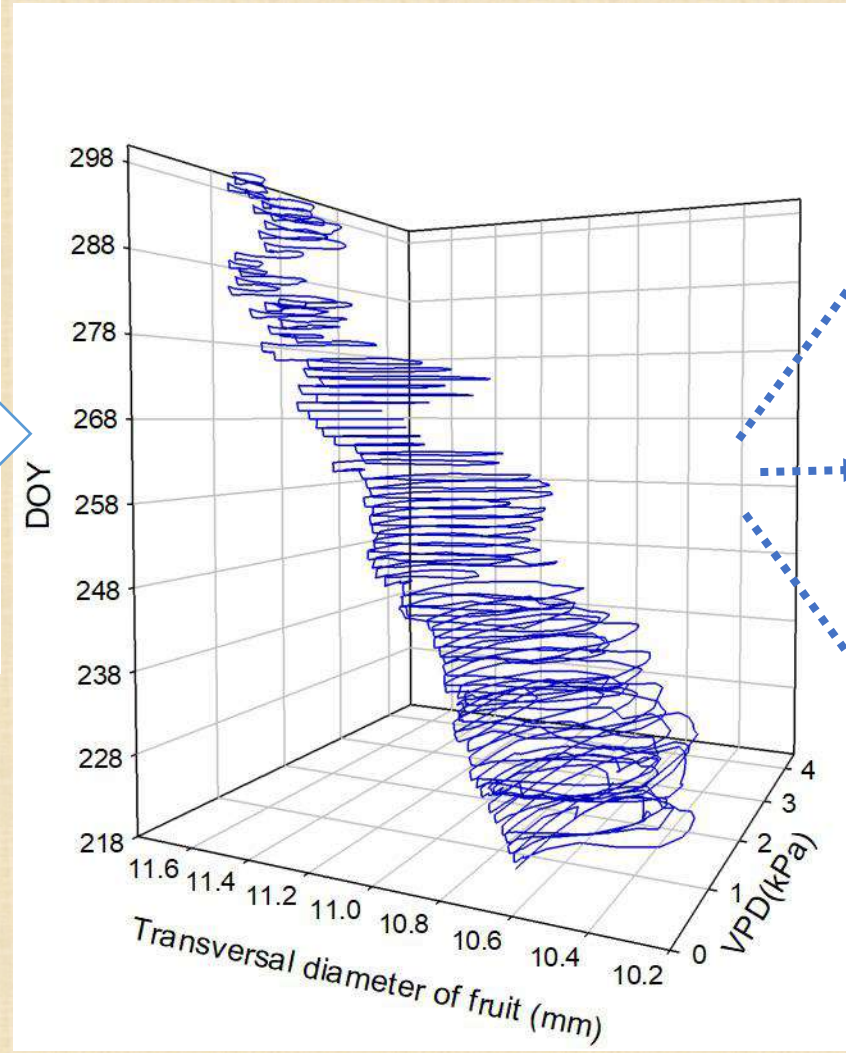
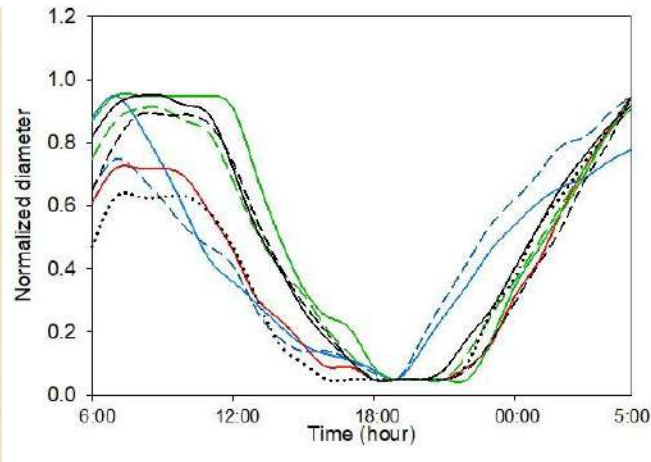
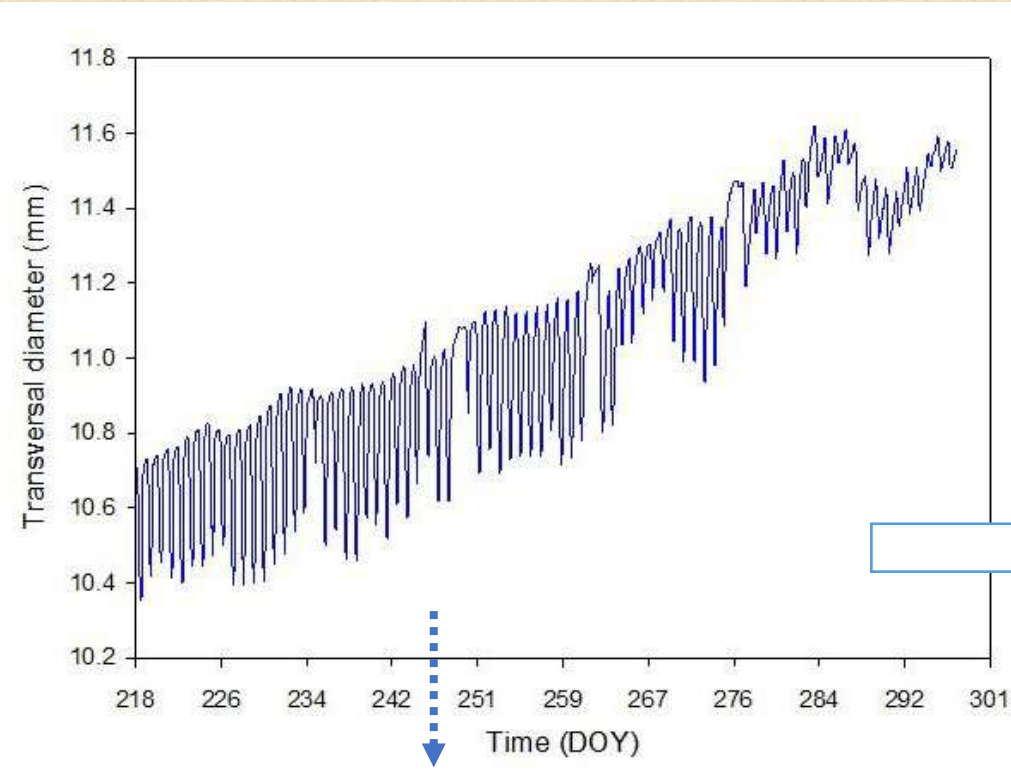
# Continuous monitoring of olive fruit growth by extensimeter

Cultivar	Piantone di Falerone, Lea, Ascolana dura, Arbequina
Tree age	9
Orchard	Highly intensive (4x2)
	Aguliano, Ancona, Italy
Extensimeter (Fruit gauge)	Strain gauge & LVDT
	DEX20, Winet
Year	2021
Irrigation treatment	Without (DI-0), DI-10 and DI-20
Growth phase	III



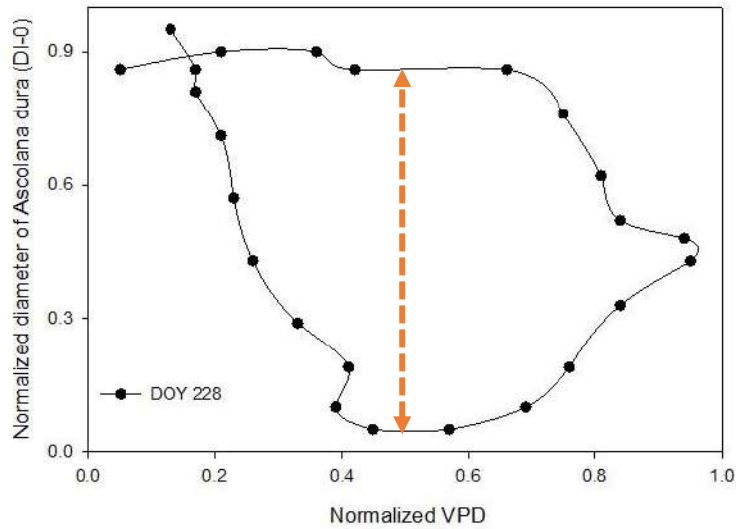
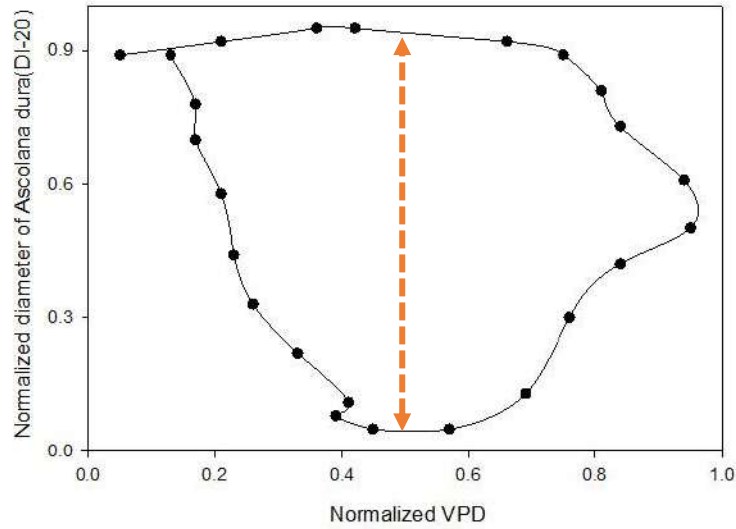


# Hysteresis curve of fruit diameter versus VPD

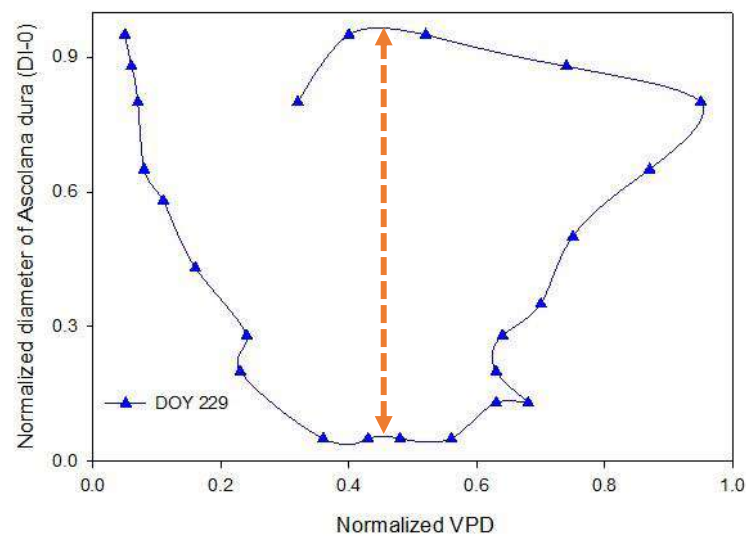
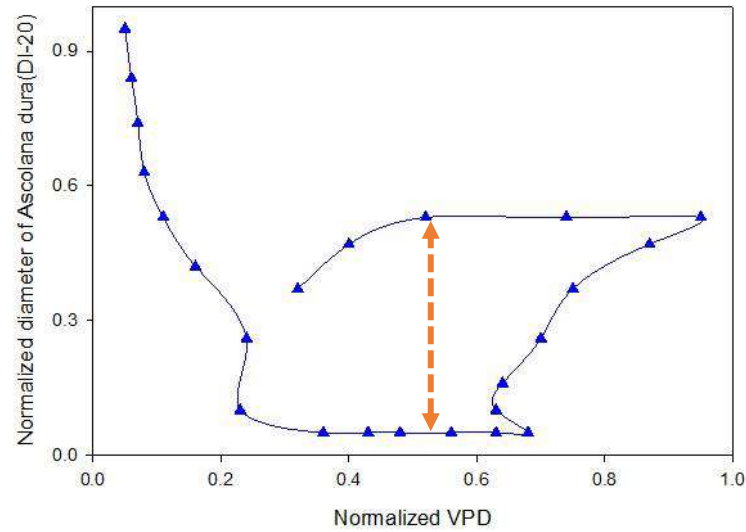




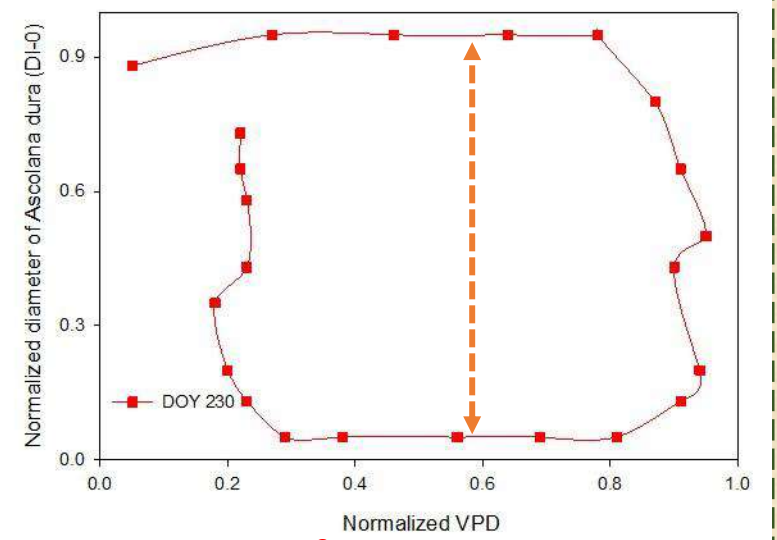
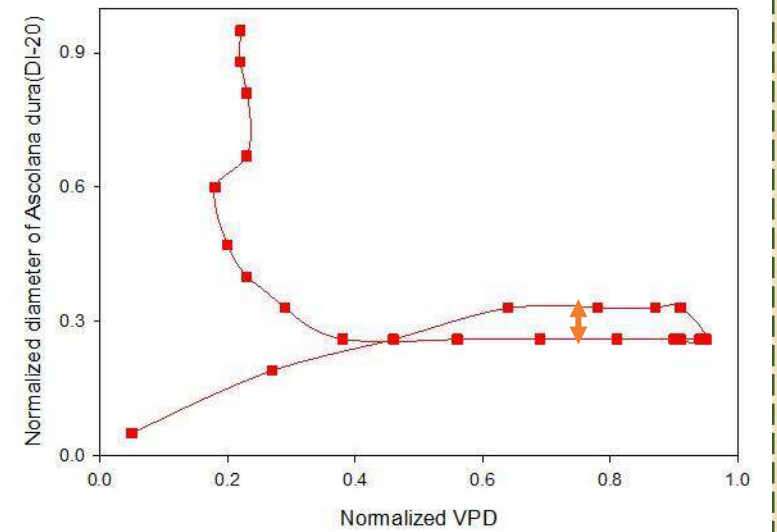
# Water status index by hysteresis



Day before Irrigation



Irrigation day



Day after Irrigation

Hysteresis magnitude changed employed as an index



# L'analisi vibrazionale: un efficace strumento per ottimizzare la raccolta meccanizzata delle olive

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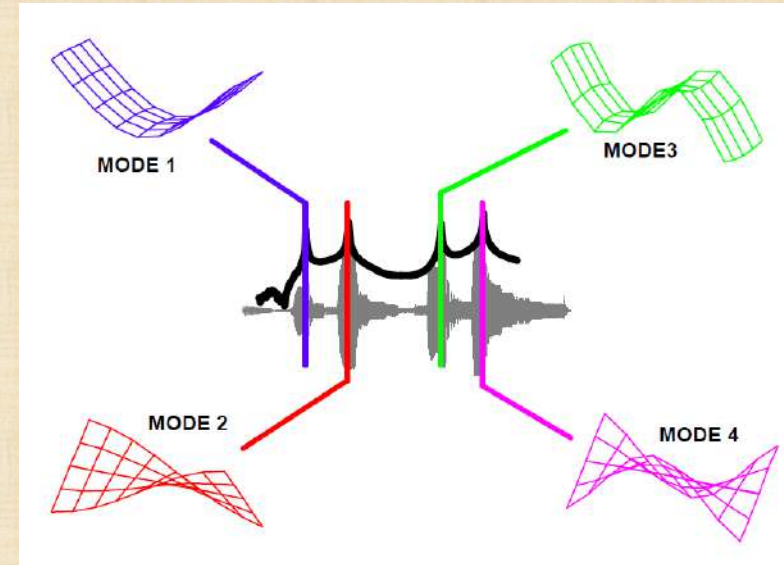
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# Introduzione

## Analisi vibrazionale

- Caratterizzazione dinamica dell'oliva
- Caratterizzazione dinamica dell'albero di olivo



- Ottimizzare il sistema di raccolta automatizzato delle olive tramite scuotimento meccanico (con particolare focus sulla varietà Ascolana tenera).
- Migliorare il macchinario nell'ottica dell'agricoltura di precisione.





# Tecniche per la raccolta delle olive

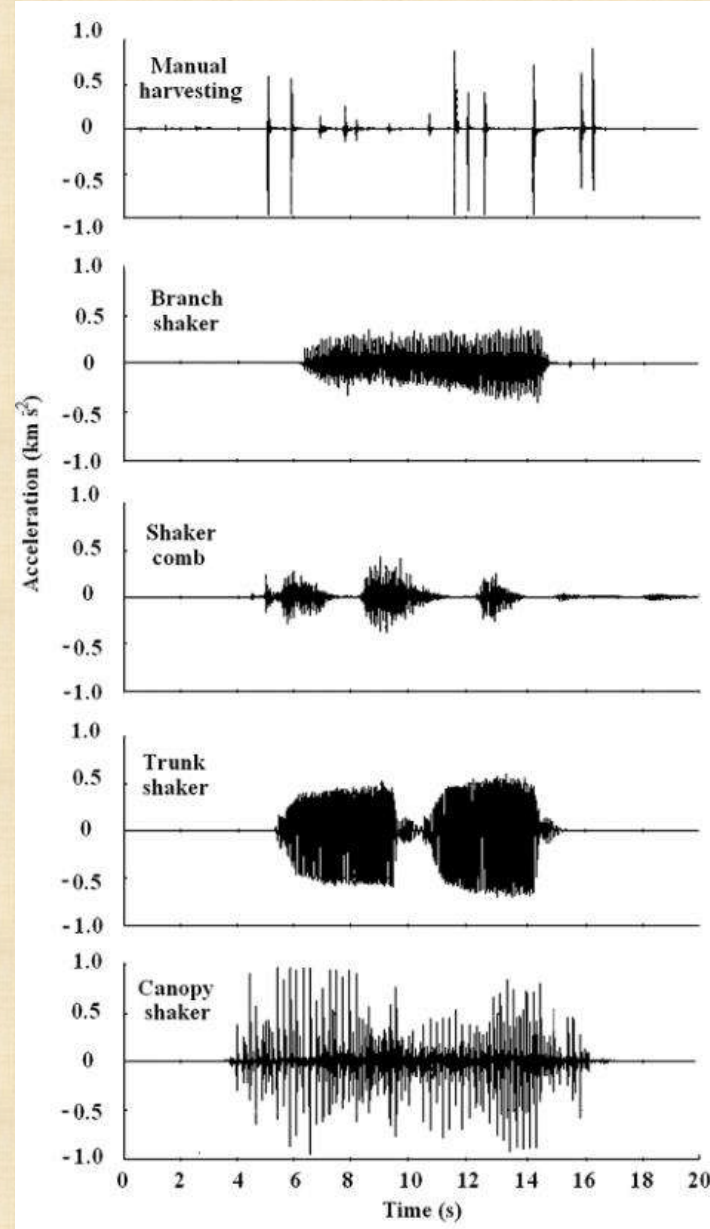
- Necessità di aumentare l'efficienza del sistema di raccolta e la qualità del prodotto, al fine di minimizzare i costi.
- Il costo della raccolta può essere maggiore del 40% del costo di produzione.
- Tecniche di raccolta:
  - raccolta manuale (15-25 kg h<sup>-1</sup>)
  - abbacchiatore (30-50 kg h<sup>-1</sup>)
  - scuotitore portatile del ramo
  - scuotitore del tronco (0.12-0.2 ha h<sup>-1</sup>)
  - scuotitore della chioma (0.36 ha h<sup>-1</sup>)





# Tecniche per la raccolta delle olive

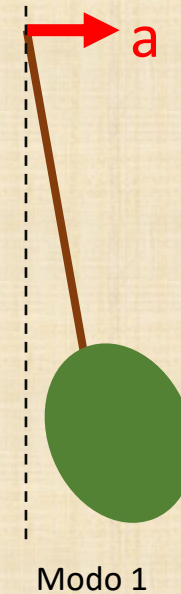
Sistema di raccolta	Frequenza (Hz)	Accelerazione media totale ( $\text{ms}^{-2}$ )
Raccolta manuale	-	676±449
Scuotitore portatile del ramo	16.6±1.3	193.2±53.9
Abbacchiatore portatile	13.5±0.3	71.3±35.1
Scuotitore del tronco	24.2±1.0	343.1±139.0
Scuotitore della chioma	4.6±0.2	110.2±51.0





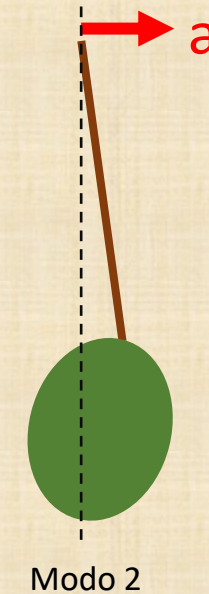
# Caratterizzazione dinamica dell'oliva

- Il distacco dell'oliva è un fenomeno complesso in cui giocano forze d'inerzia, di trazione, flessione e torsione.
- Fattori rilevanti sono la fatica causata da cicli di stress e il danno cumulativo.
- Il distacco del frutto avviene grazie all'applicazione di un **accelerazione (a)** con determinata **ampiezza** ad una determinata **frequenza**. La combinazione dei due fattori è cruciale per ottenere il distacco senza rovinare il frutto, impiegando un tempo ragionevole.
- Durante lo scuotimento, i modi di vibrare del sistema peduncolo-oliva sono principalmente 2:
  - peduncolo e oliva si muovono in fase
  - peduncolo e oliva si muovono in controfase
- Il primo avviene ad una frequenza più bassa (intorno ai 25 Hz) del secondo (intorno ai 150 Hz)



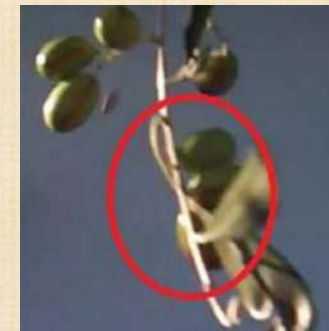
Modo 1

Rotazione e flessione dello stelo



Modo 2

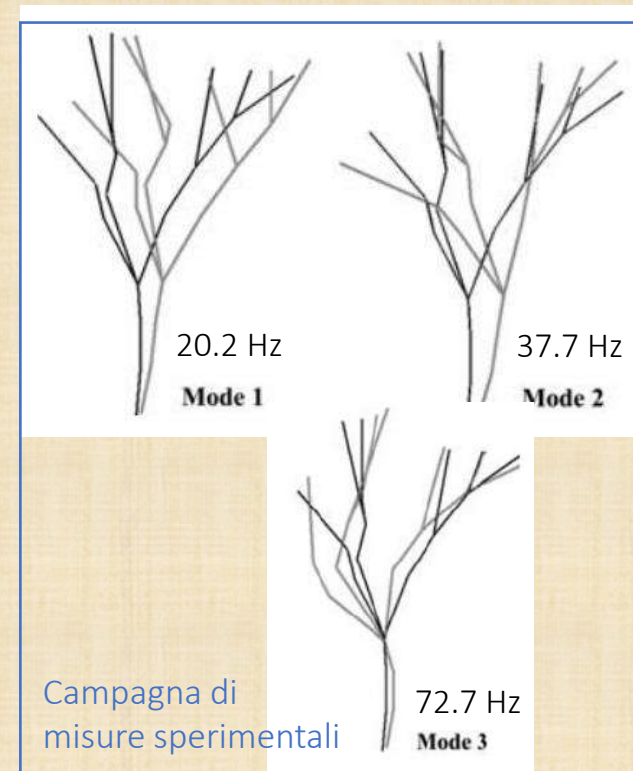
Flessione dello stelo e torsione attorno al rametto



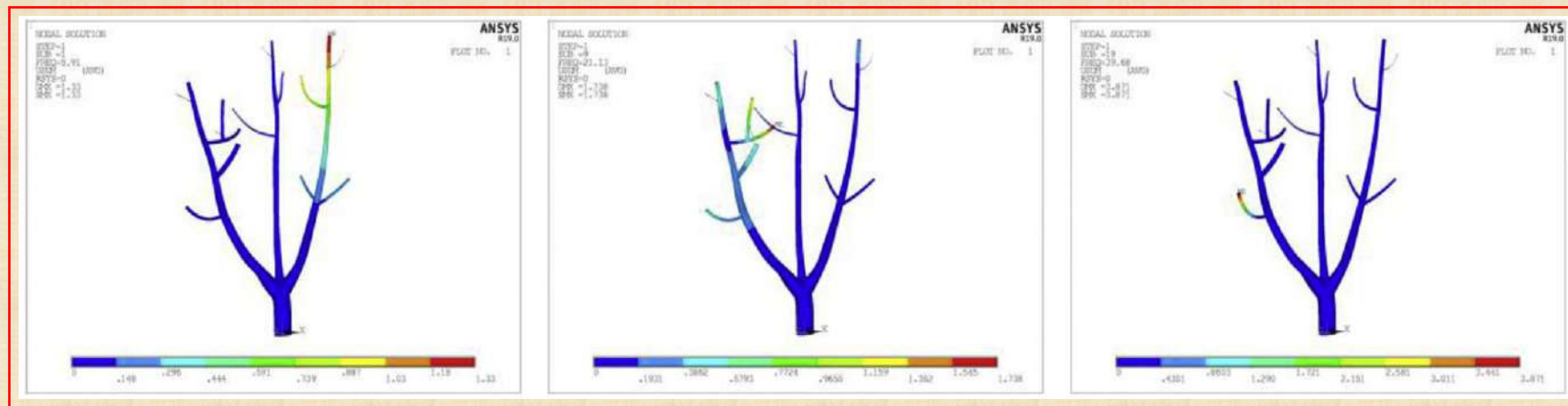


# Caratterizzazione dinamica dell'olivo

- Studiare la dinamica dell'olivo permette di conoscere la sua risposta quando sottoposto a eccitazioni note (di tipo impulsivo o oscillante)
- Valutare le frequenze di risonanza e i modi di vibrare dell'albero permette di progettare il sistema di scuotimento in modo intelligente
- I modi di vibrare di un olivo possono essere raggruppati in 3 classi in base alla deformazione:
  1. Modi che inducono vibrazioni del tronco (bassa frequenza)
  2. Modi interessano le branche principali
  3. Modi che interessano le branche secondarie (alta frequenza)

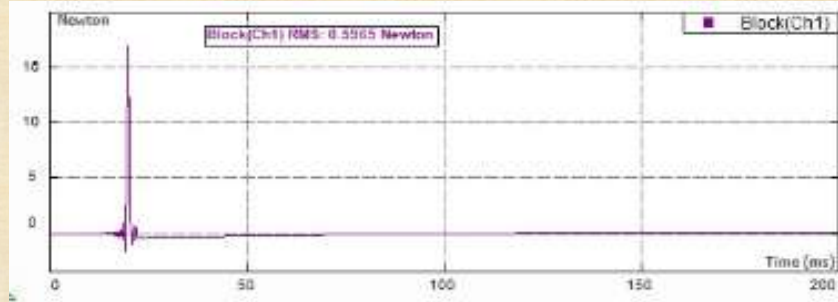


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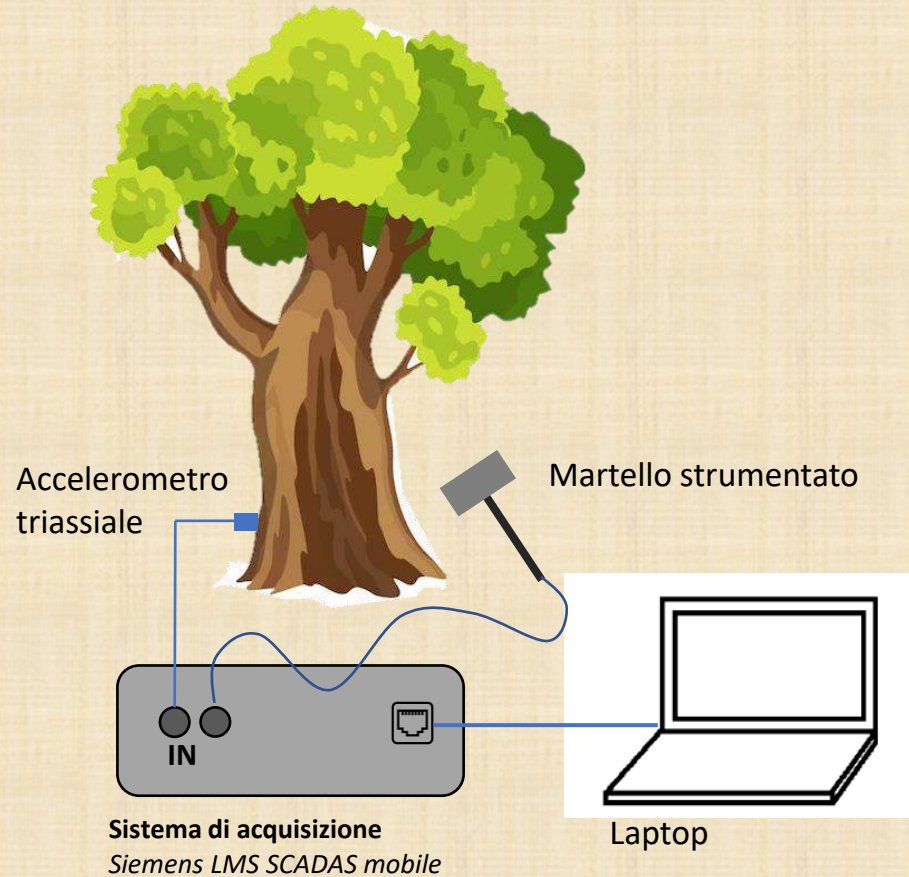




# Caratterizzazione dinamica dell'olivo



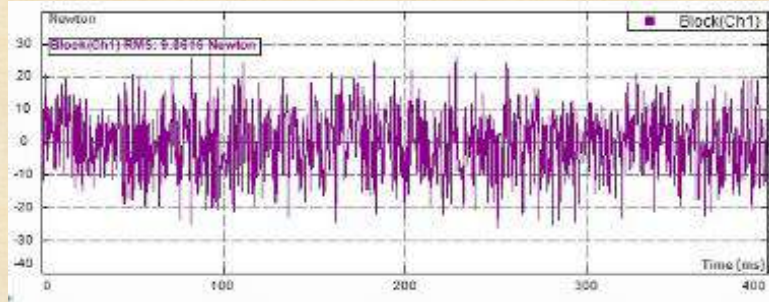
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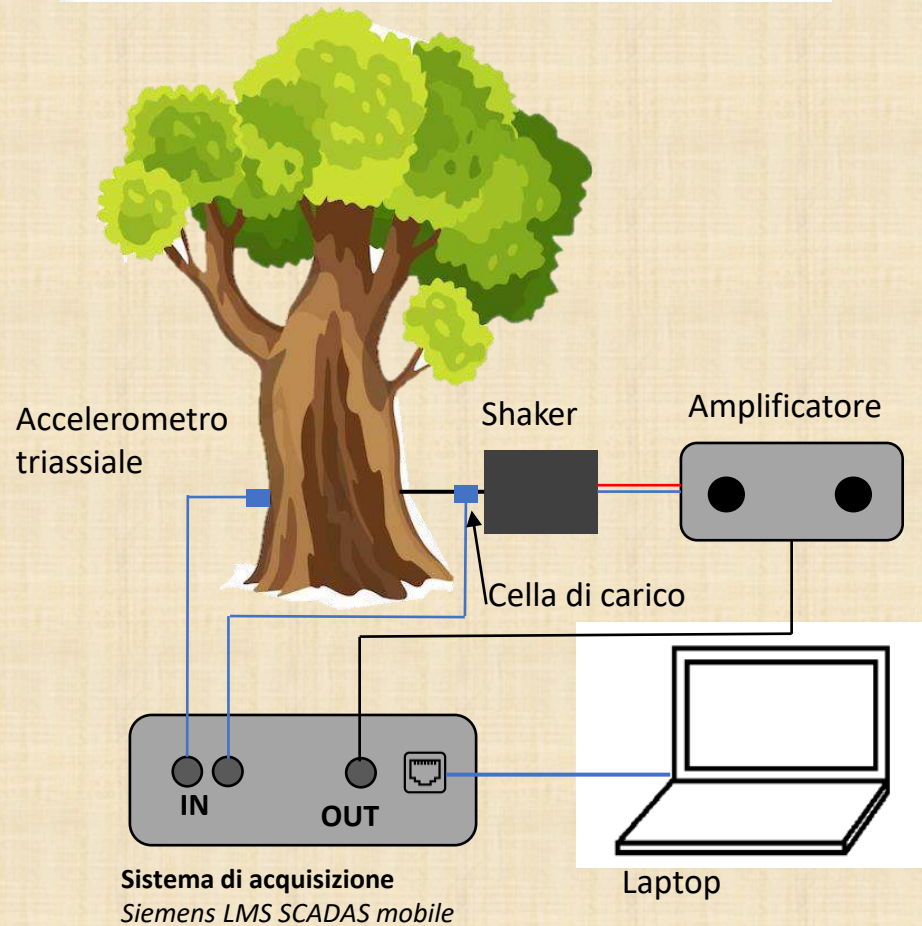
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# Caratterizzazione dinamica dell'olivo



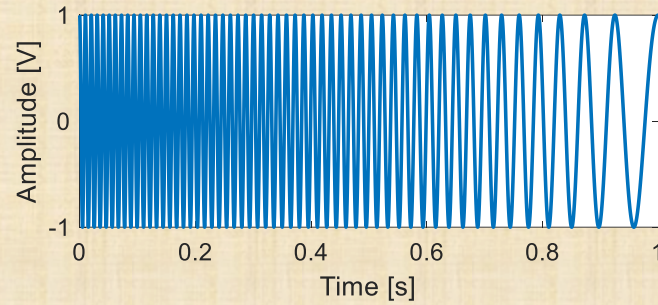
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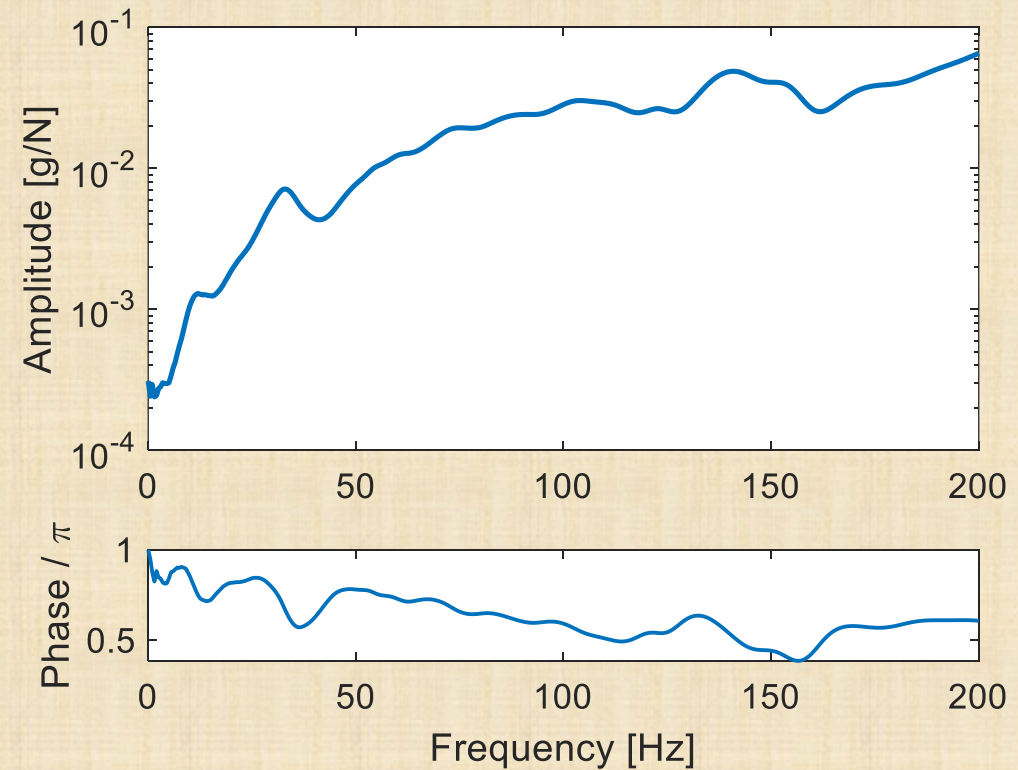


# Caratterizzazione dinamica dell'olivo



Funzione di Risposta in Frequenza (FRF)

$$FRF = \frac{Risposta [m/s^2]}{Eccitazione [N]}$$





# L'importanza della potatura

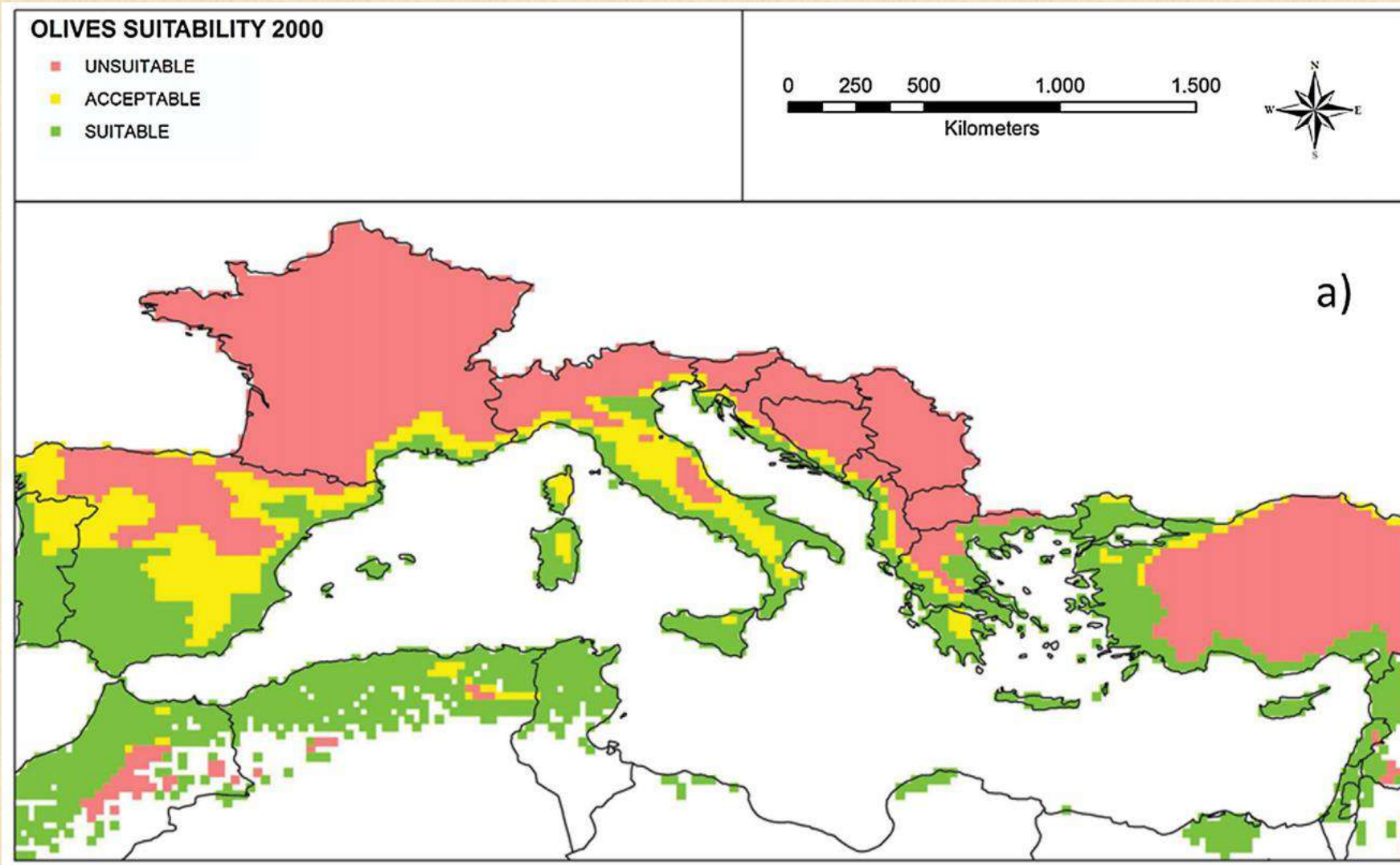
- Una potatura intelligente può aumentare in modo significativo la trasmissione delle vibrazioni alle branche finali
- La trasmissione delle vibrazioni è più efficiente nelle branche interne, più verticali e in linea con il tronco
- Una maggiore trasmissione porta ad un aumento dell'efficienza nella raccolta
- L'accelerazione che arriva al ramo terziario aumenta di un ordine di grandezza (da  $0.1-1.0 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  a  $1.0-10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ ) dopo la potatura
- L'energia fornita dallo shaker viene dissipata a causa di:
  - Complessa geometria dovuta alle ramificazioni
  - Presenza di succhioni
  - Attrito dovuto alle foglie
  - Attrito aerodinamico della chioma
  - Perdite interne al legno
  - Perdite al suolo attraverso l'apparato radicale



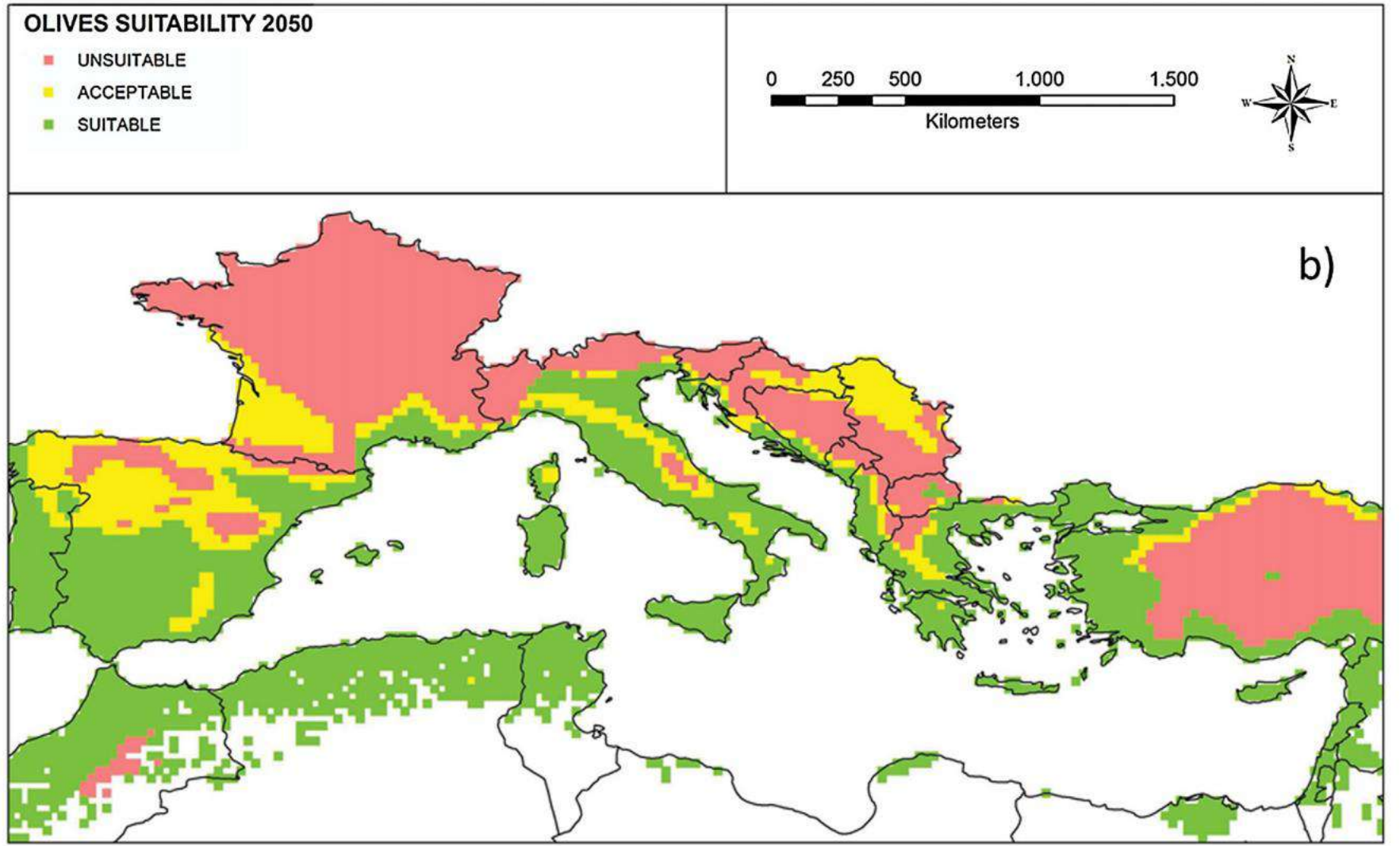
# Global warming and climate change

- It can change some factors that influences the olive flowering (Gabaldón-Leal et al., 2017; Lorite et al., 2018);
- It can increase the areas suitable for cultivation in Europe (Tanasijevic et al., 2014);
- It could change the yield of olive in Mediterranean area (Fraga et al., 2019; Cabezas et al., 2020);



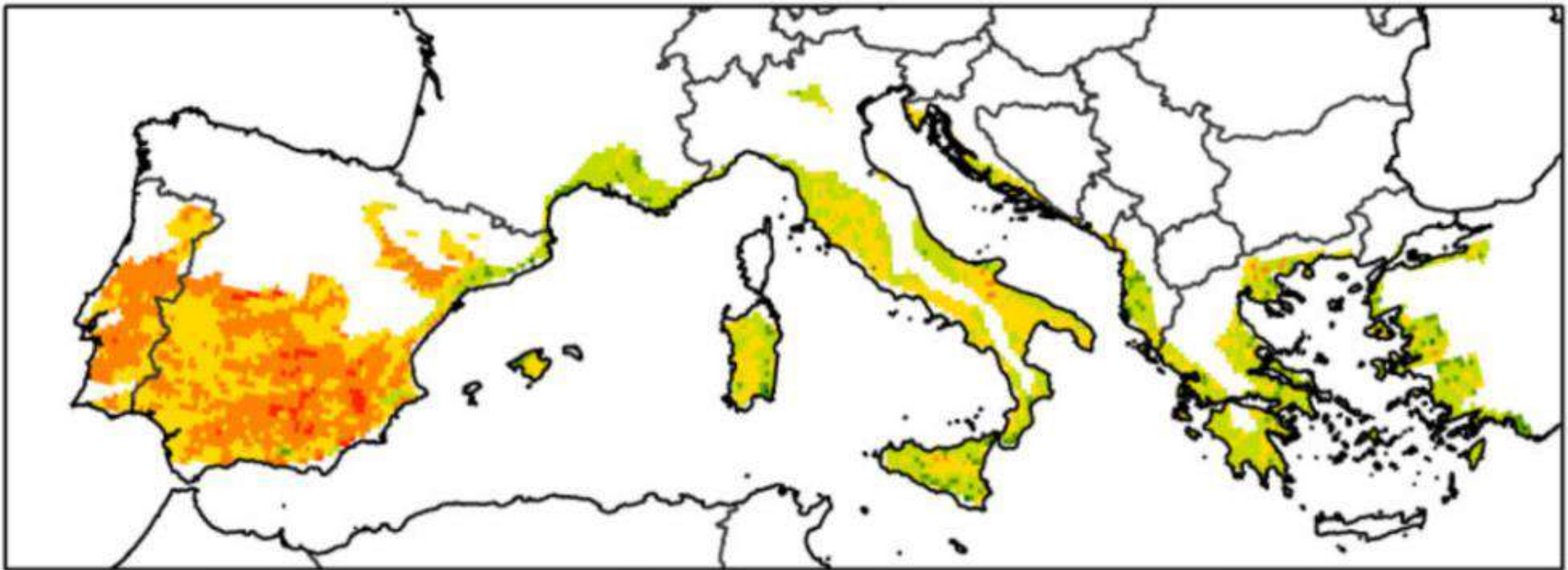


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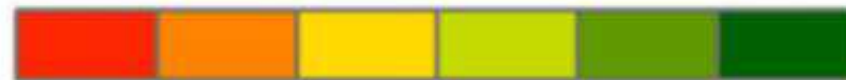


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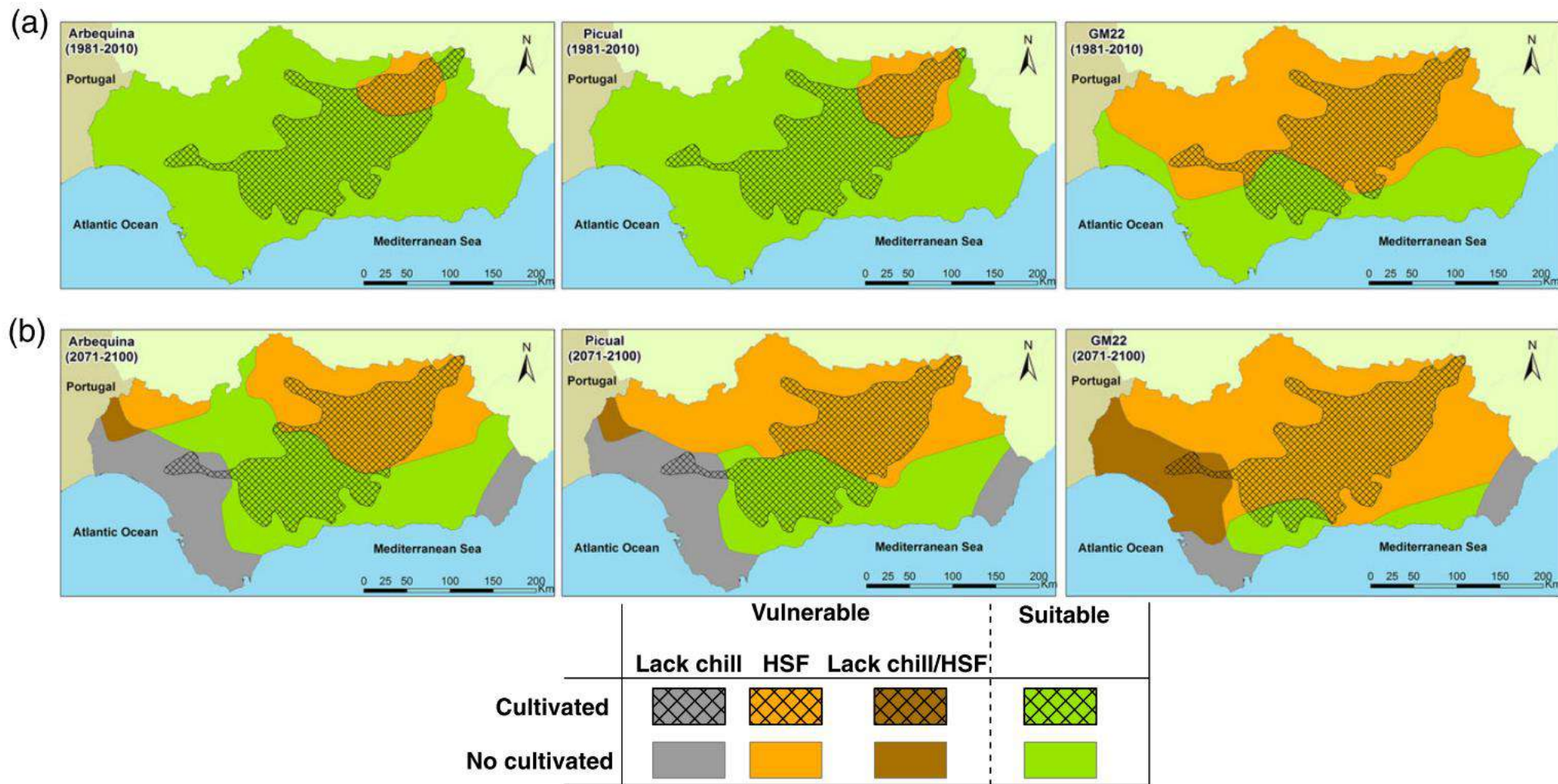


**Yield RCP4.5 difference (%)**



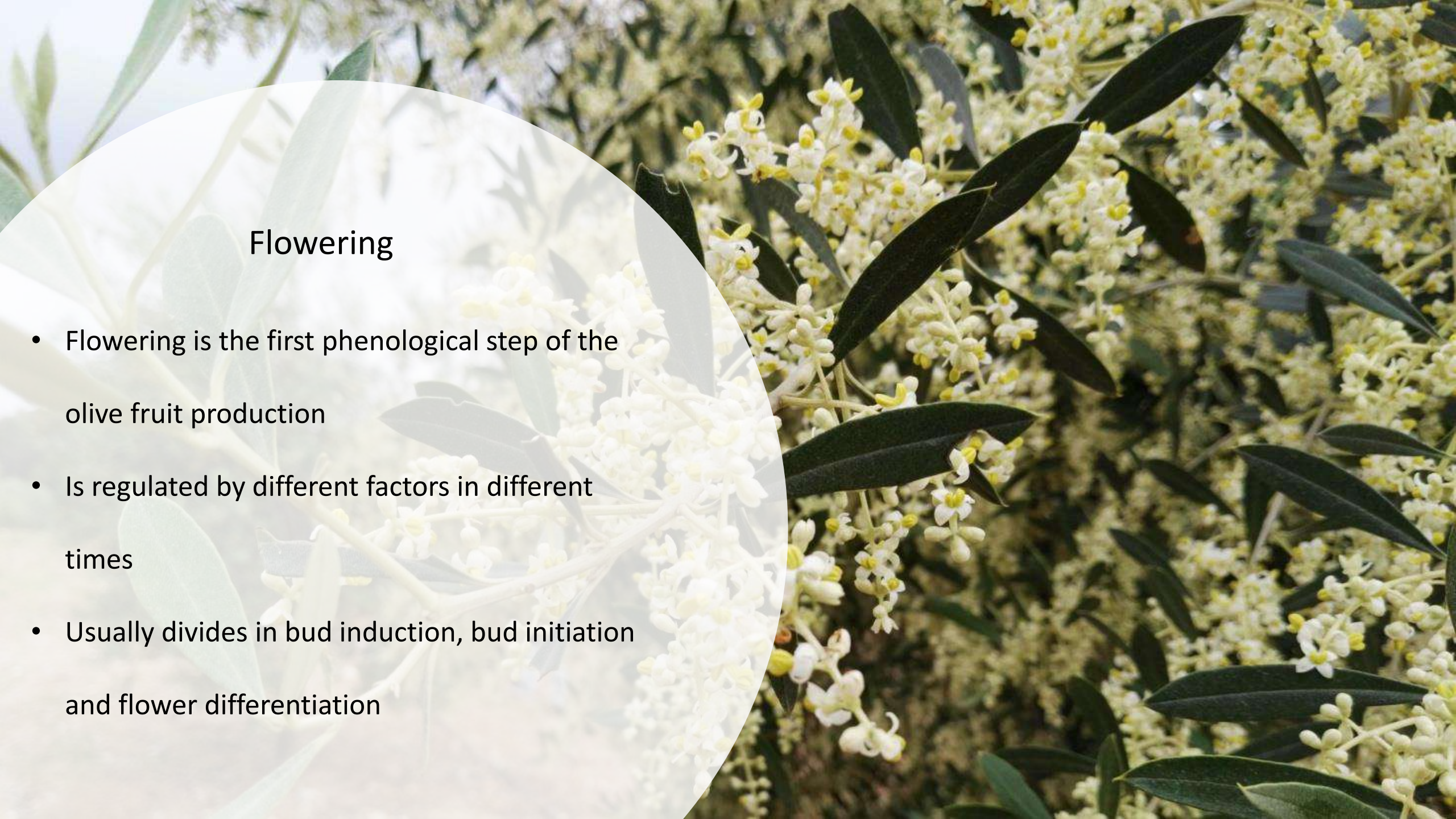
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Expected differences in yield per hectare between the future (2041-2070) and the “present” (1989-2005) ( Fraga et al., 2019)



heat stress during flowering (HSF), threshold 35° C  
 TU mean= 467 U (7.3° C as optimal temperature)  
 Gabaldón-Leal et al., 2017



A close-up photograph of an olive tree branch during its flowering period. The branch is covered with numerous small, pale yellow flowers with prominent stamens. The leaves are dark green, elongated, and have a slightly waxy texture. The background is a soft-focus view of more olive branches and flowers, creating a sense of depth. A semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text.

## Flowering

- Flowering is the first phenological step of the olive fruit production
- Is regulated by different factors in different times
- Usually divides in bud induction, bud initiation and flower differentiation



# BUDS

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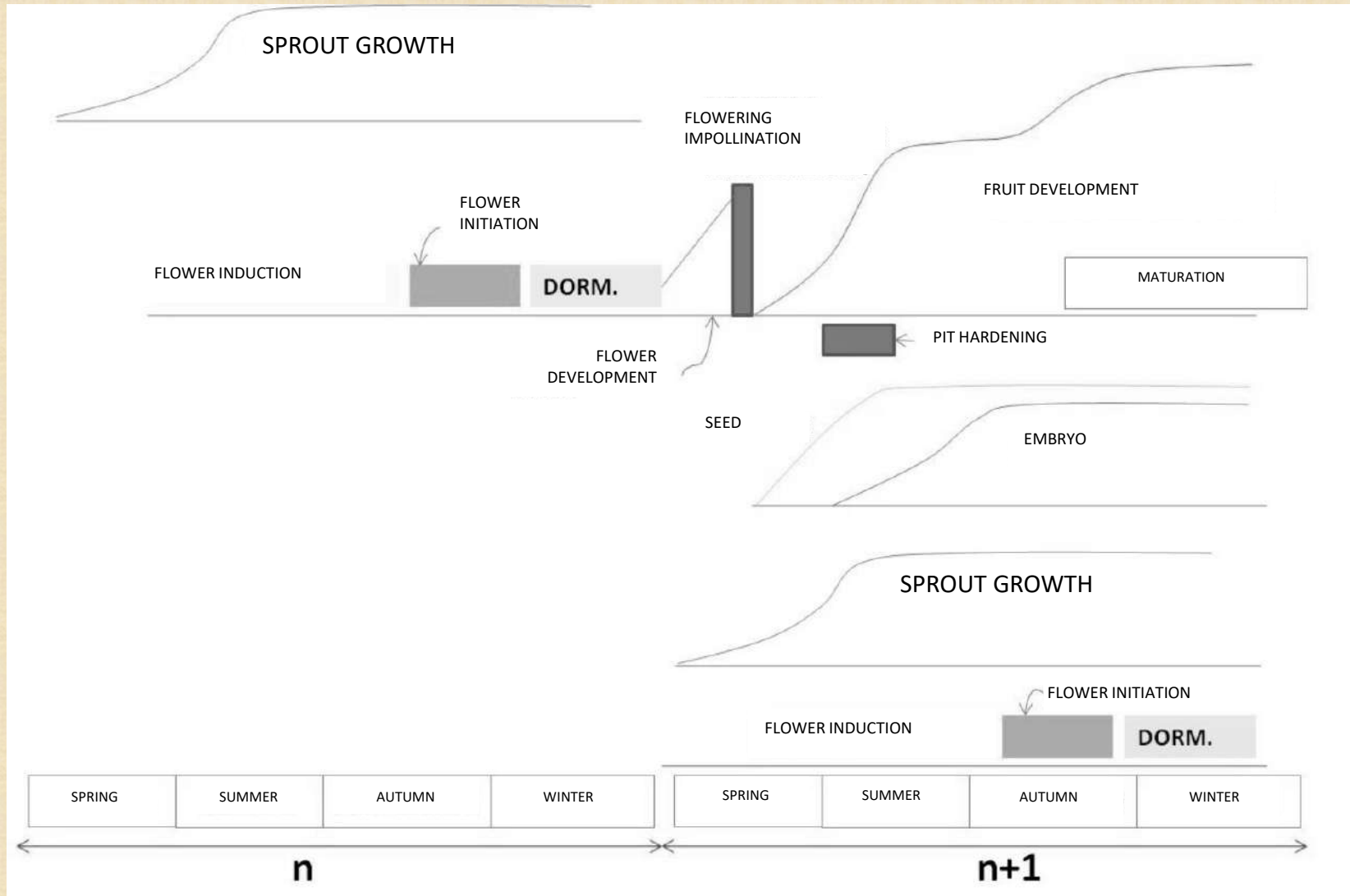


REPRODUCTIVE





# SEASONAL TREND OF THE PHASES



Gucci & Cantini, 2000; rielaborated by Tarragoni, 2014)



**May 28, 2021**



**May 31, 2021**

**Piantone di Mogliano, Agugliano (AN) - Italy**



**June 03, 2021**



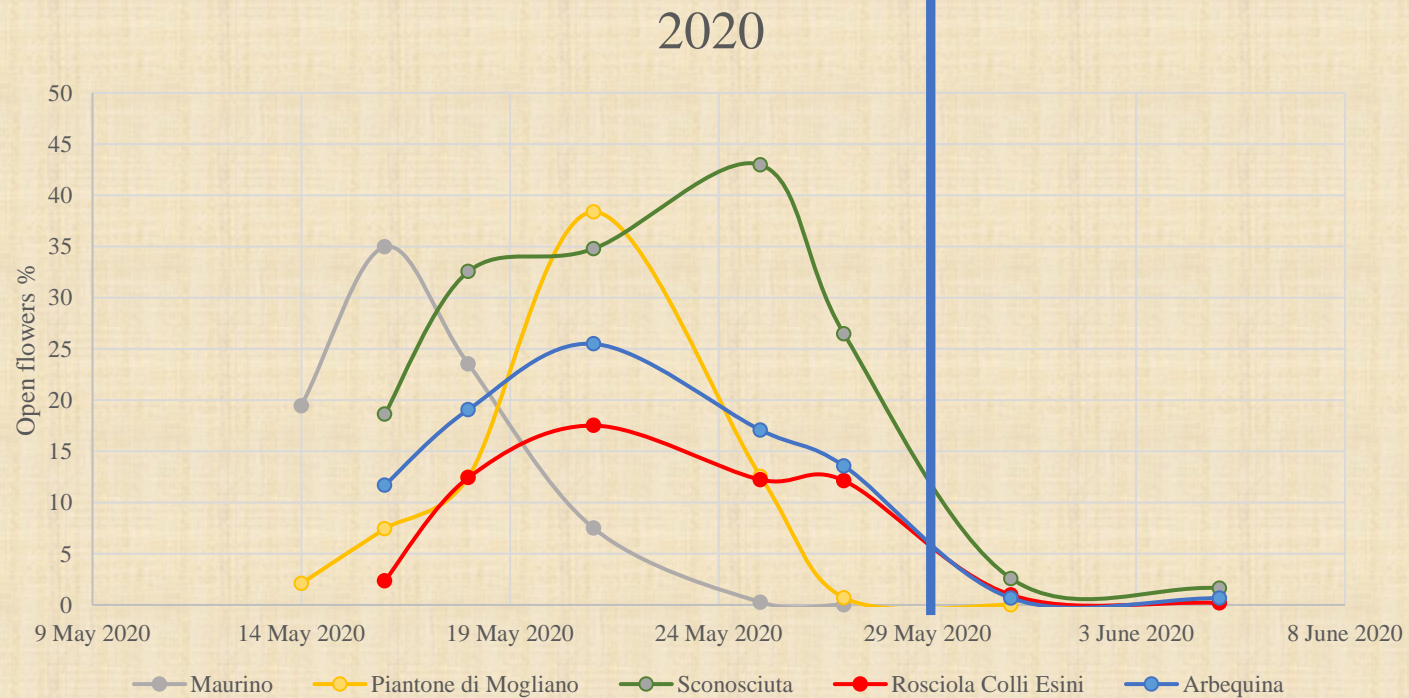
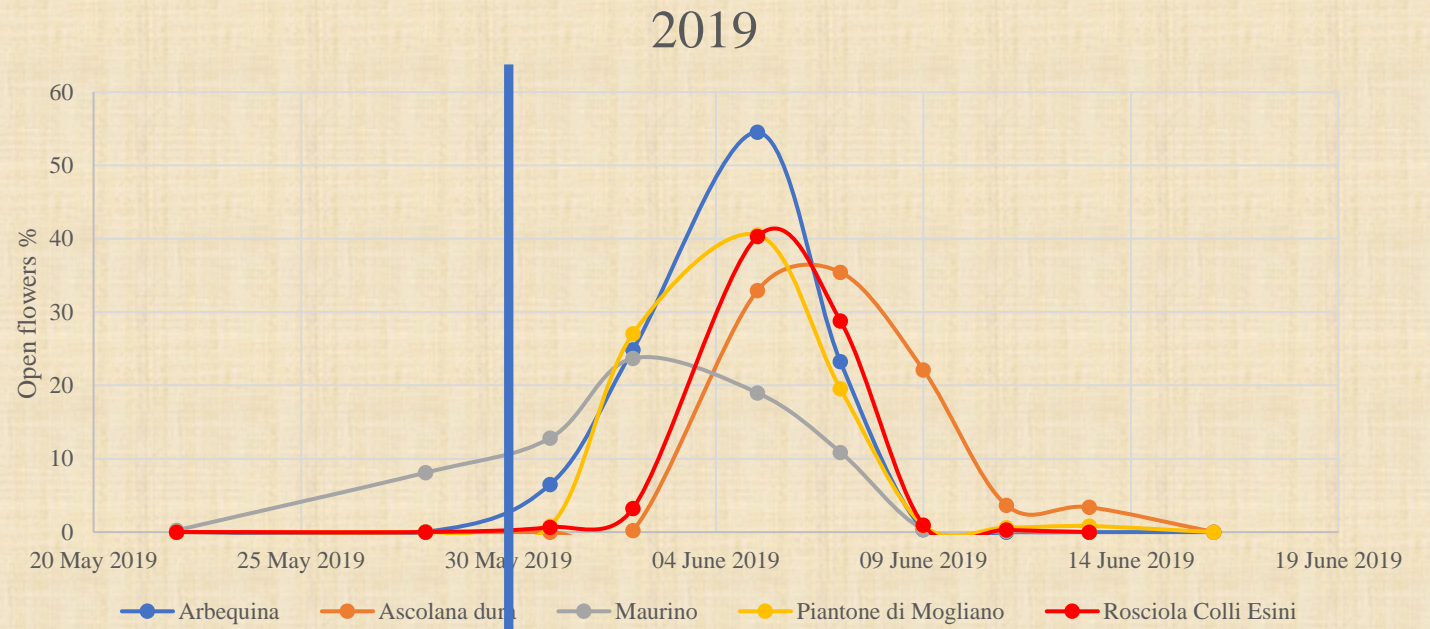
**June 07, 2021**







Time of flowering  
 on different  
 cultivars of olive  
 in the Az.  
 Didattico  
 sperimentale «P.  
 Rosati» of  
 UNIVPM,  
 Agugliano (AN)



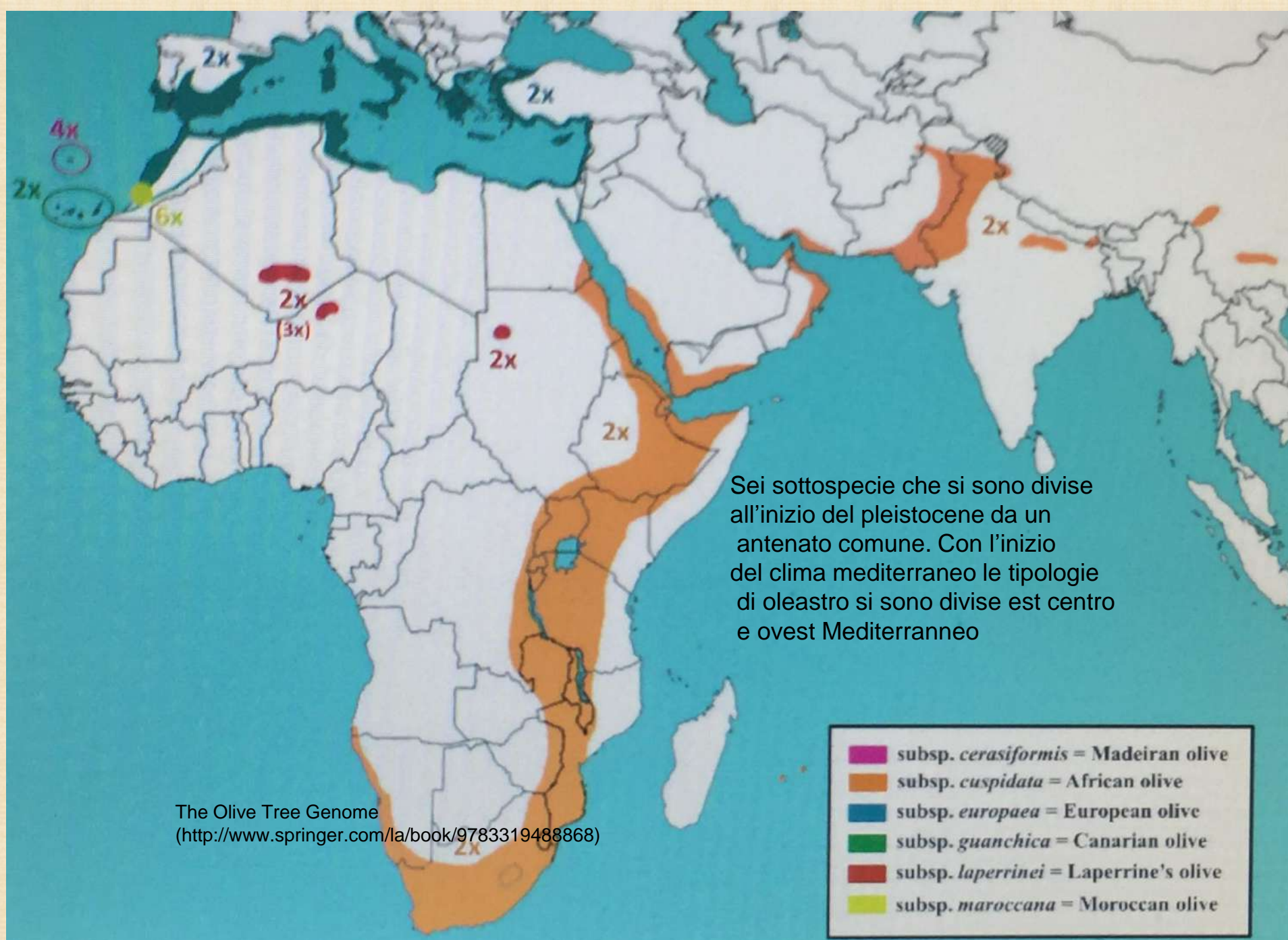


Varietà di passaggio fra olivastro e Moraiolo



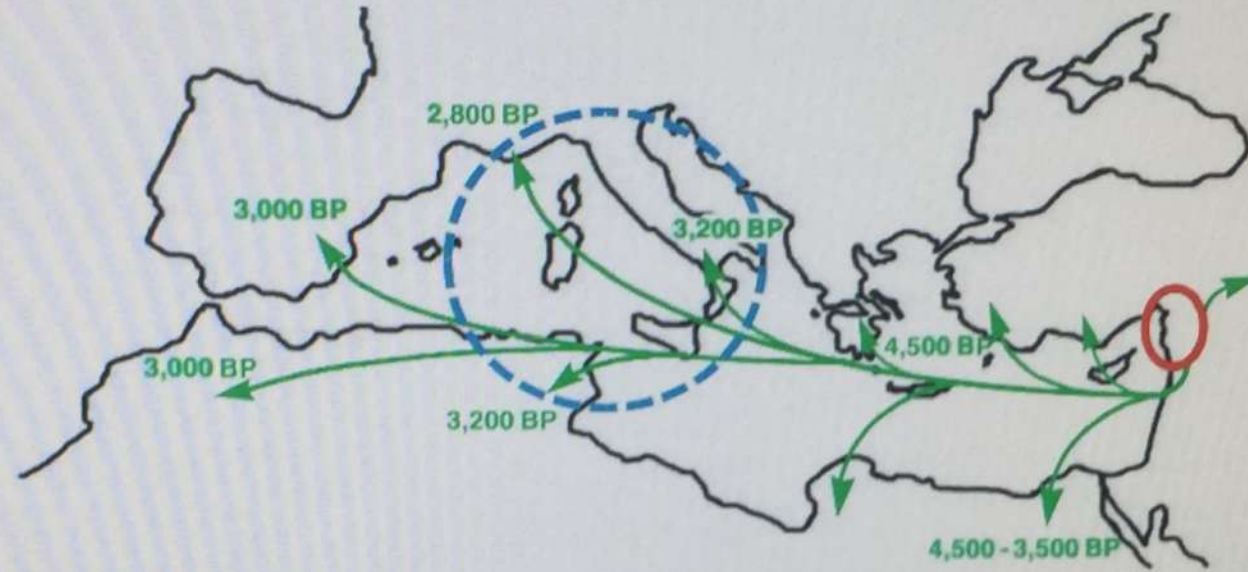
Olivo di Sant'Emiliano, Trevi - (1830 anni)



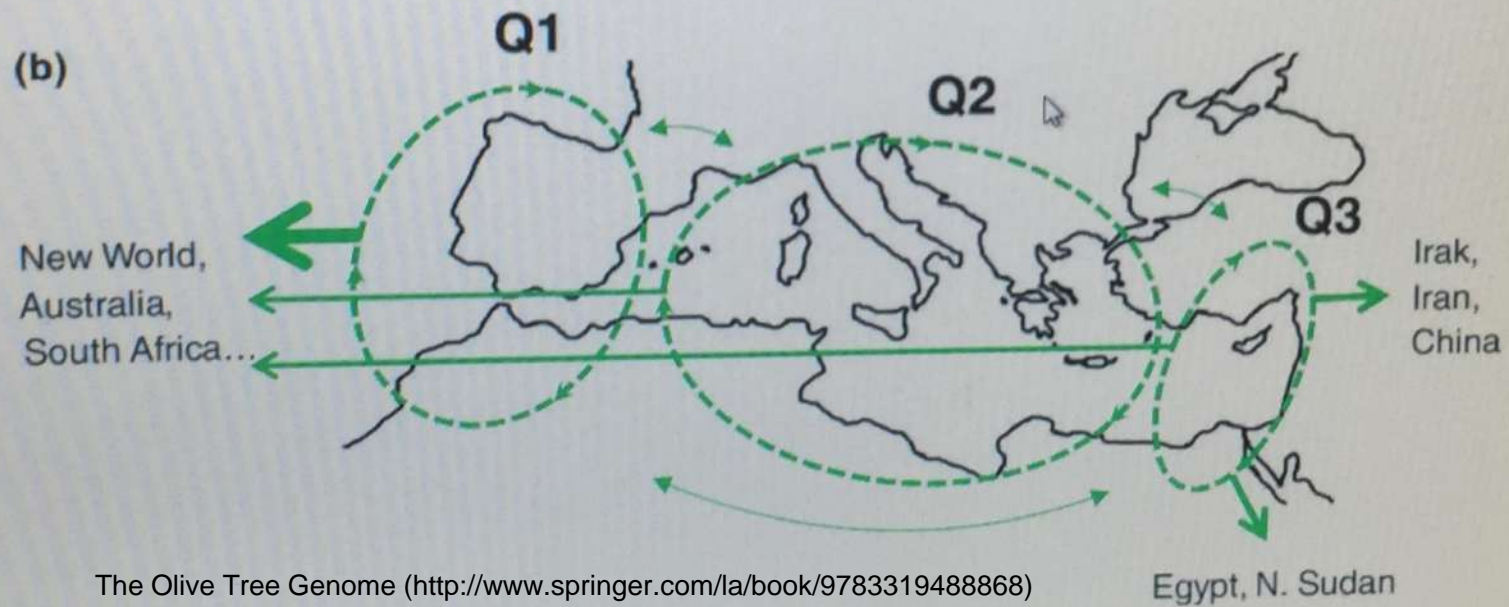




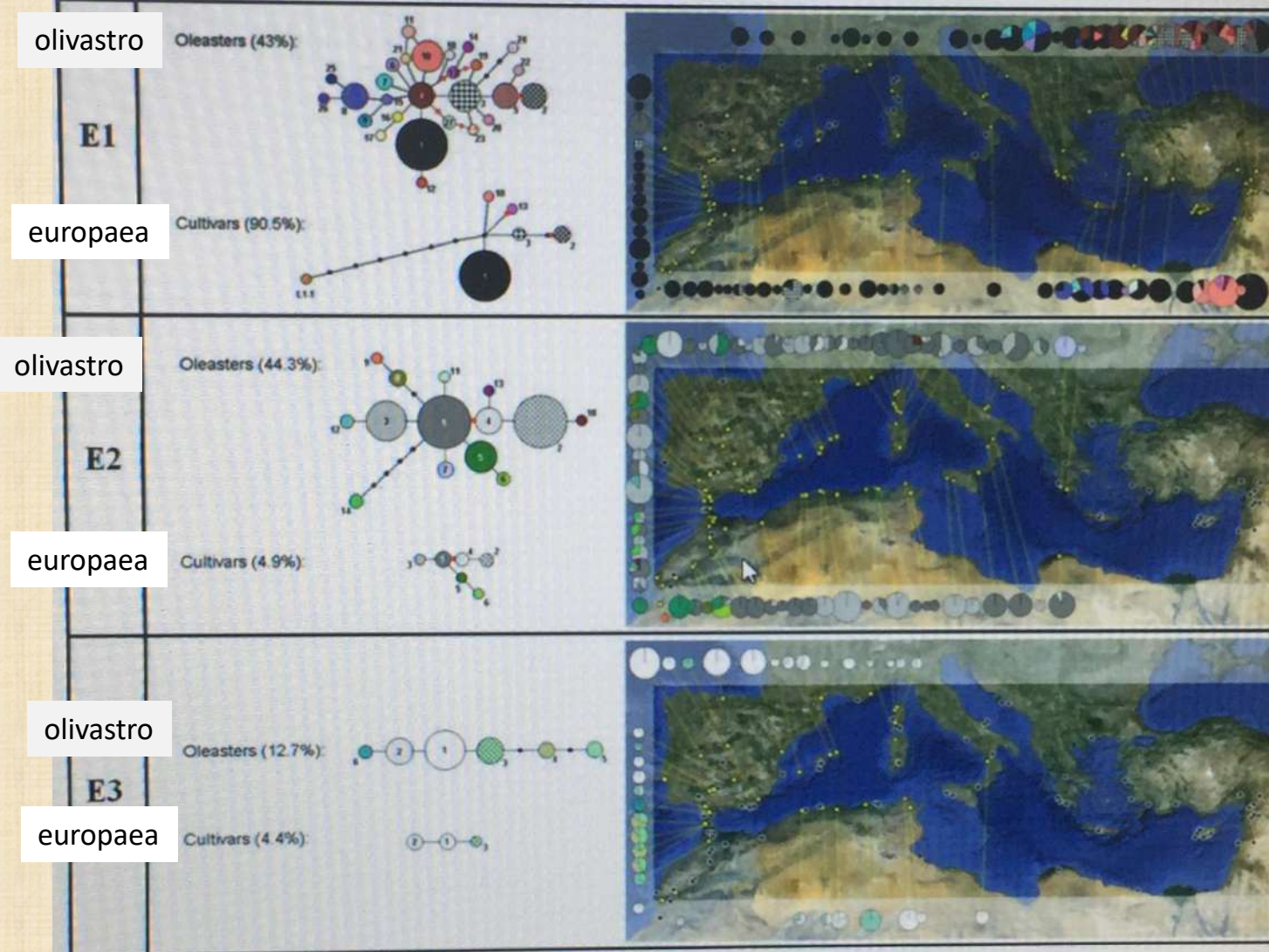
(a)



(b)



## Linee plastidiali dell'olivo (E1, E2, E3)



**Fig. 2** Diversity of the three Mediterranean olive plastid lineages (namely E1, E2, and E3) reproduced from Besnard et al. (2013b). A total of 1797 trees (1253 oleasters and 534 cultivars) were characterized with 61 polymorphic plastid loci, especially multistate microsatel-

nodes are indicated by *small black points*. The frequency of each lineage in oleasters and cultivars is indicated in *brackets*. On the right, the geographical distribution of chlorotypes in oleaster populations is given. The size of pie charts is relative to the number of trees analyzed per









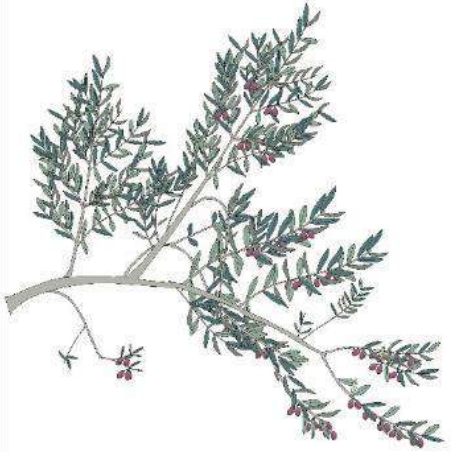


An aerial photograph showing a high-density olive grove in the foreground, with rows of olive trees extending into the distance. In the background, there is a vineyard with rows of grapevines, and further back, a hillside with a mix of green trees and a large area of reddish-brown soil. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

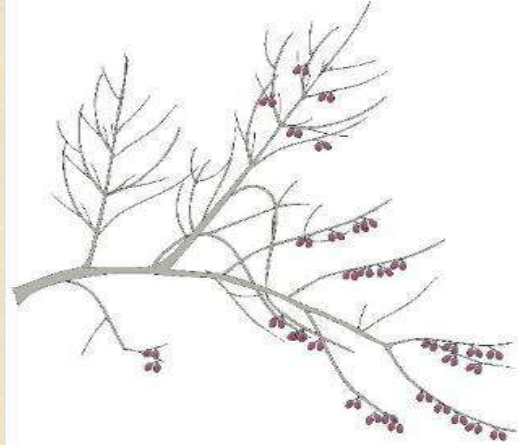
Oliveto ad alta densità - Università Politecnica delle Marche  
12 varietà: internazionali, nazionali e locali



Situazione iniziale



Situazione iniziale (posizione frutti)



**'Leccino'**

Situazione finale

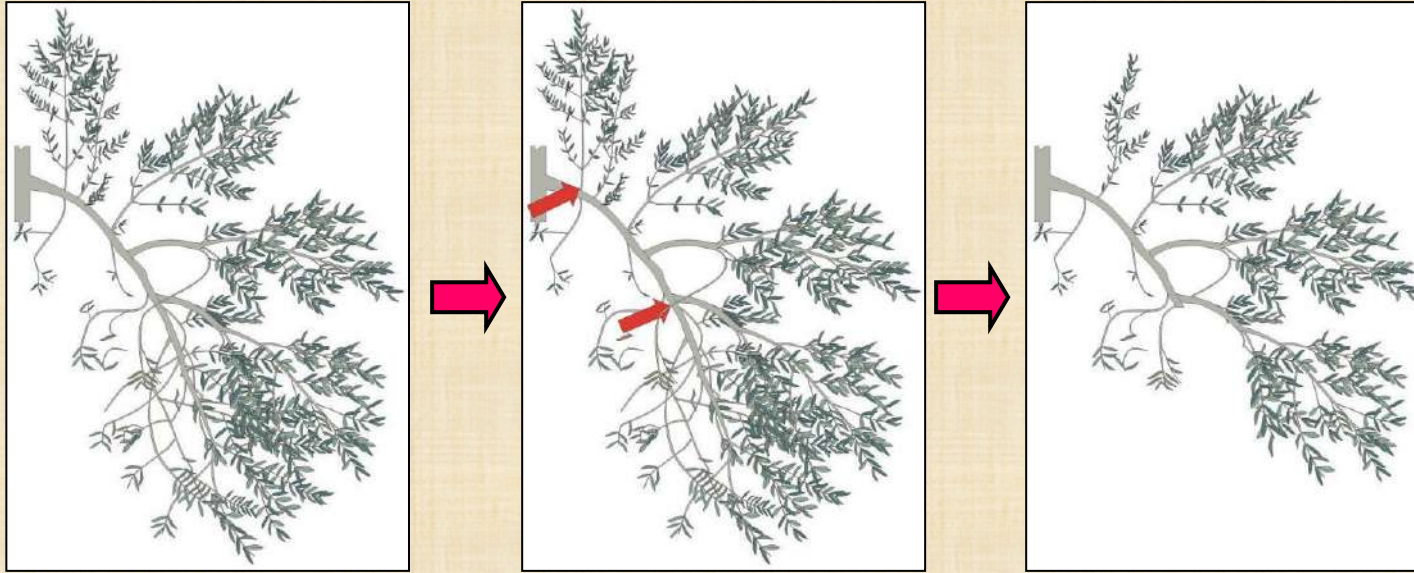


E.M. Lodolini et al., 2005





## Pruning of the fruiting branch















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# APPLICAZIONE DI LASER SCANNER (LiDAR) IN OLIVICOLTURA

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# Necessità di ammodernare la tecnica colturale e adattarla ai cambiamenti climatici

L'agricoltura di precisione  
strumento utile per meccanizzare e  
ridurre impatto ambientale

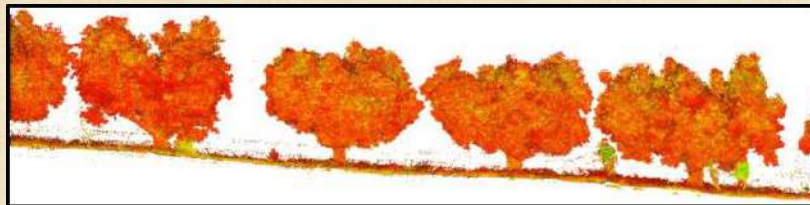


Fonte: Marinucci 1956



Fonte:  
<https://olivoeolio.edagricole.it/oliveto-e-frantoio/cambiamento-climatico-ruolo-olivicoltura/>

Vista laterale e dall'alto con LiDAR di un  
oliveto a Cartoceto (PU)



Kaarta Stencil 2 MLS

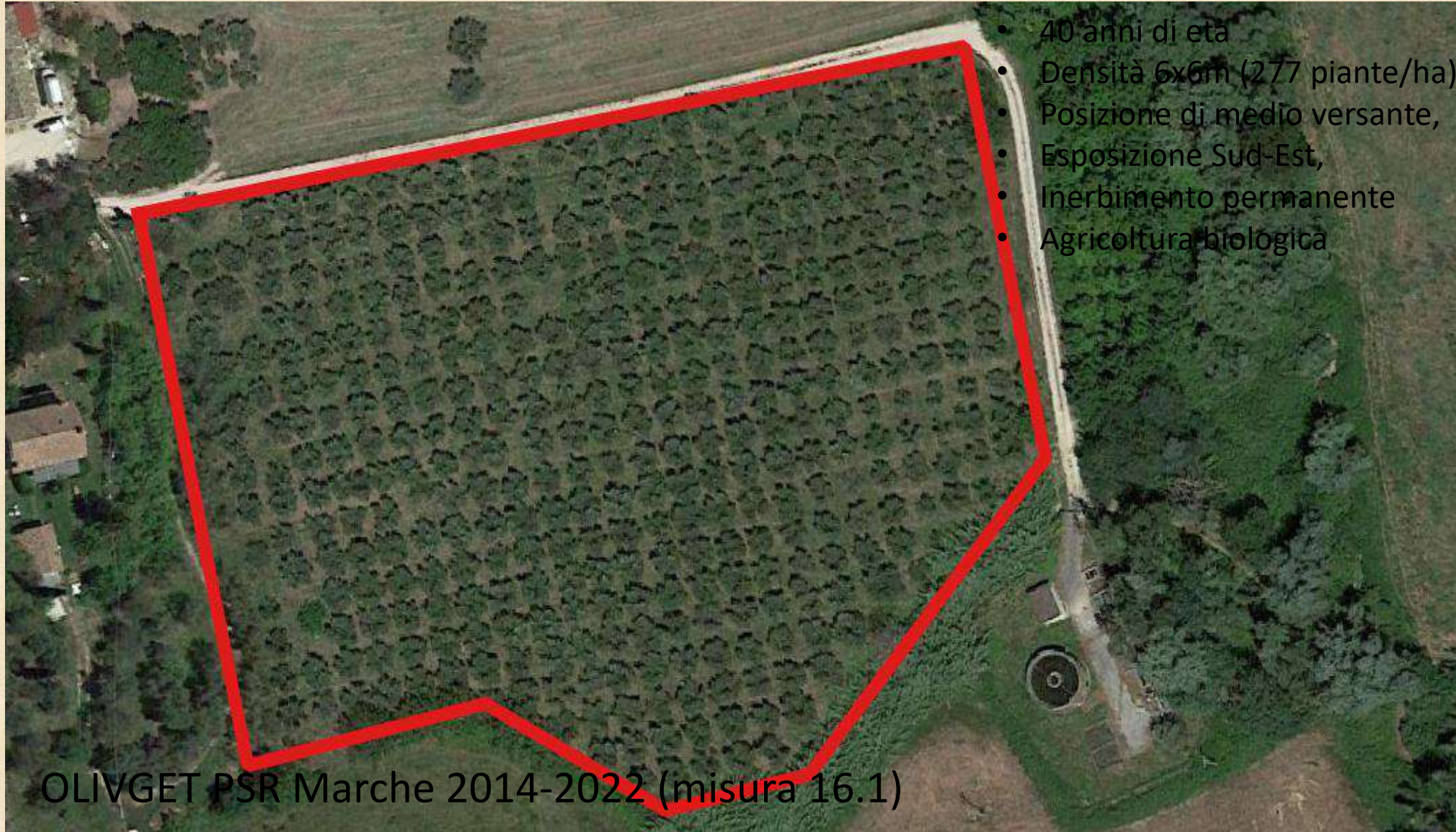


# Obiettivi della sperimentazione

- Valutare effetti e differenze in chiome di alberi con **diverse modalità e intensità di potatura**
- Valutazione dell'**accuratezza della strumentazione LiDAR** nella determinazione dei volumi delle chiome e delle differenze **pre e post potatura** applicando diversi algoritmi



# Area di studio



- 40 anni di età
- Densità 6x6m (277 piante/ha)
- Posizione di medio versante,
- Esposizione Sud-Est,
- Inerbimento permanente
- Agricoltura biologica

OLIVGET PSR Marche 2014-2022 (misura 16.1)

Azienda  
Agricola Luvia  
Cartoceto  
(PU)



# Prova di potatura

Minima



Intensa



Tradizionale



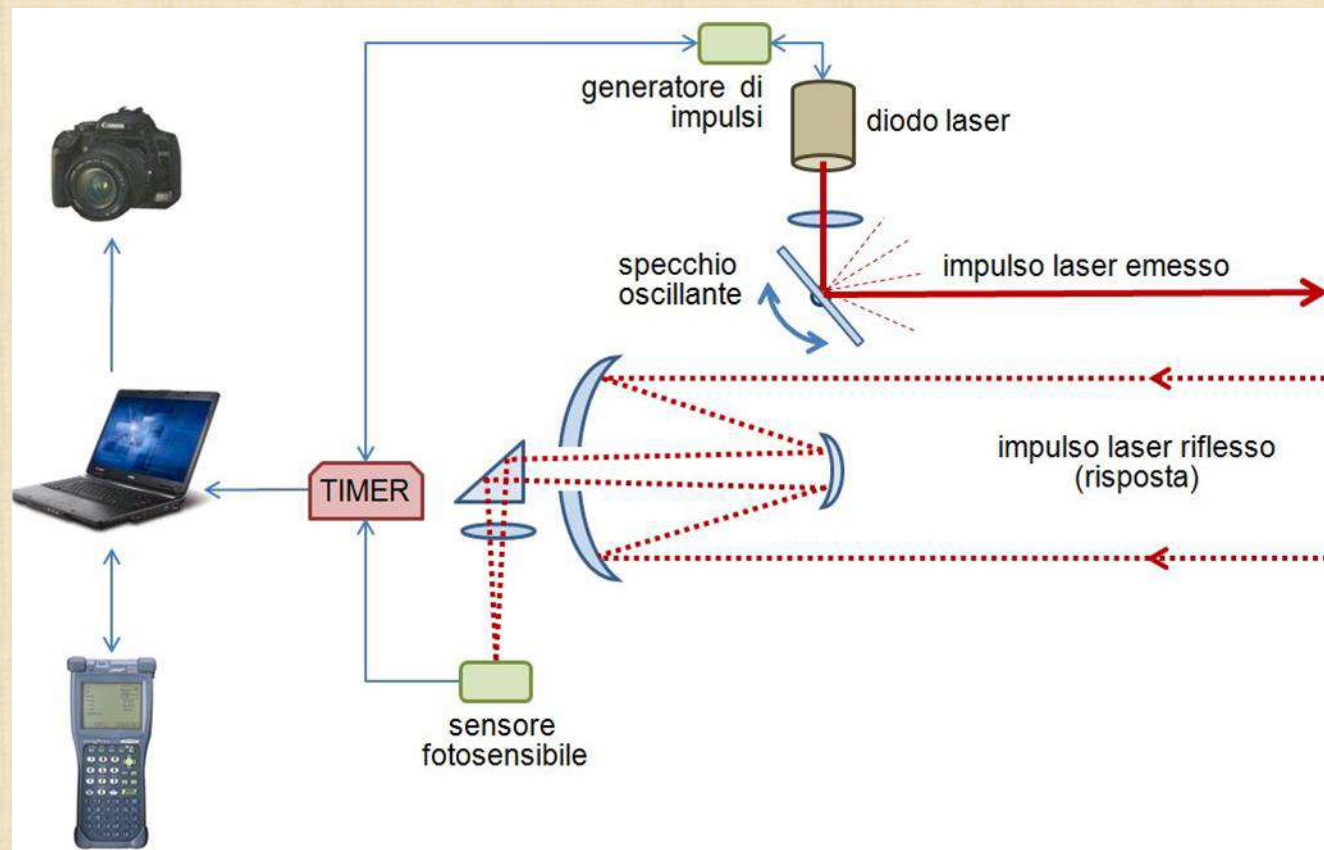


# Il LiDAR Light Detection and Ranging

Permette di effettuare scansioni molto accurate dell'ambiente che ci circonda

Può essere portato manualmente, montato su veicoli terrestri o su droni (UAV) per rilievi aerei

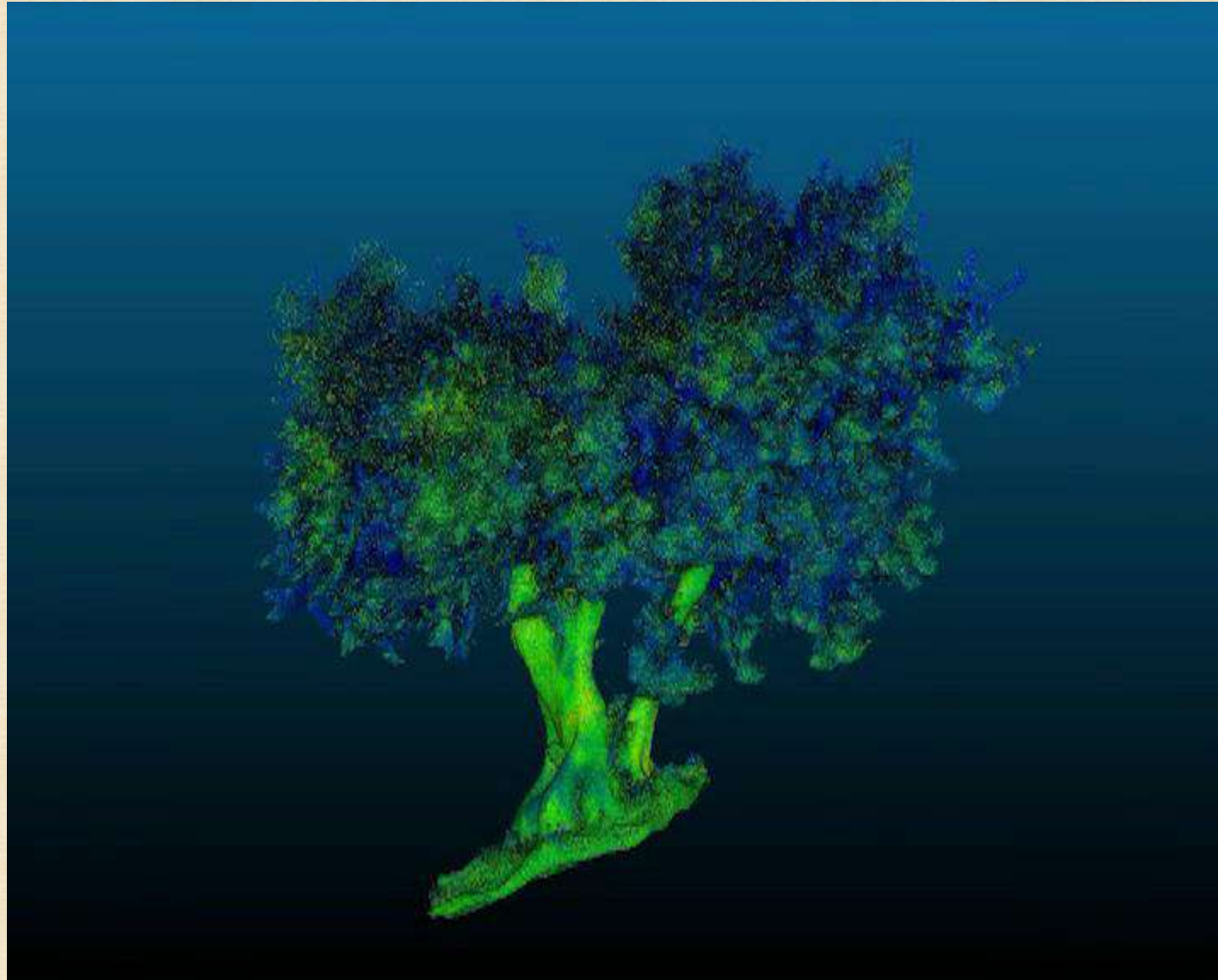
È principalmente composto da:  
Generatore di radiazioni  
Computer  
Sistema di archiviazione dei dati





# Nuvole di punti

Olivo storico di  
Cartoceto PU



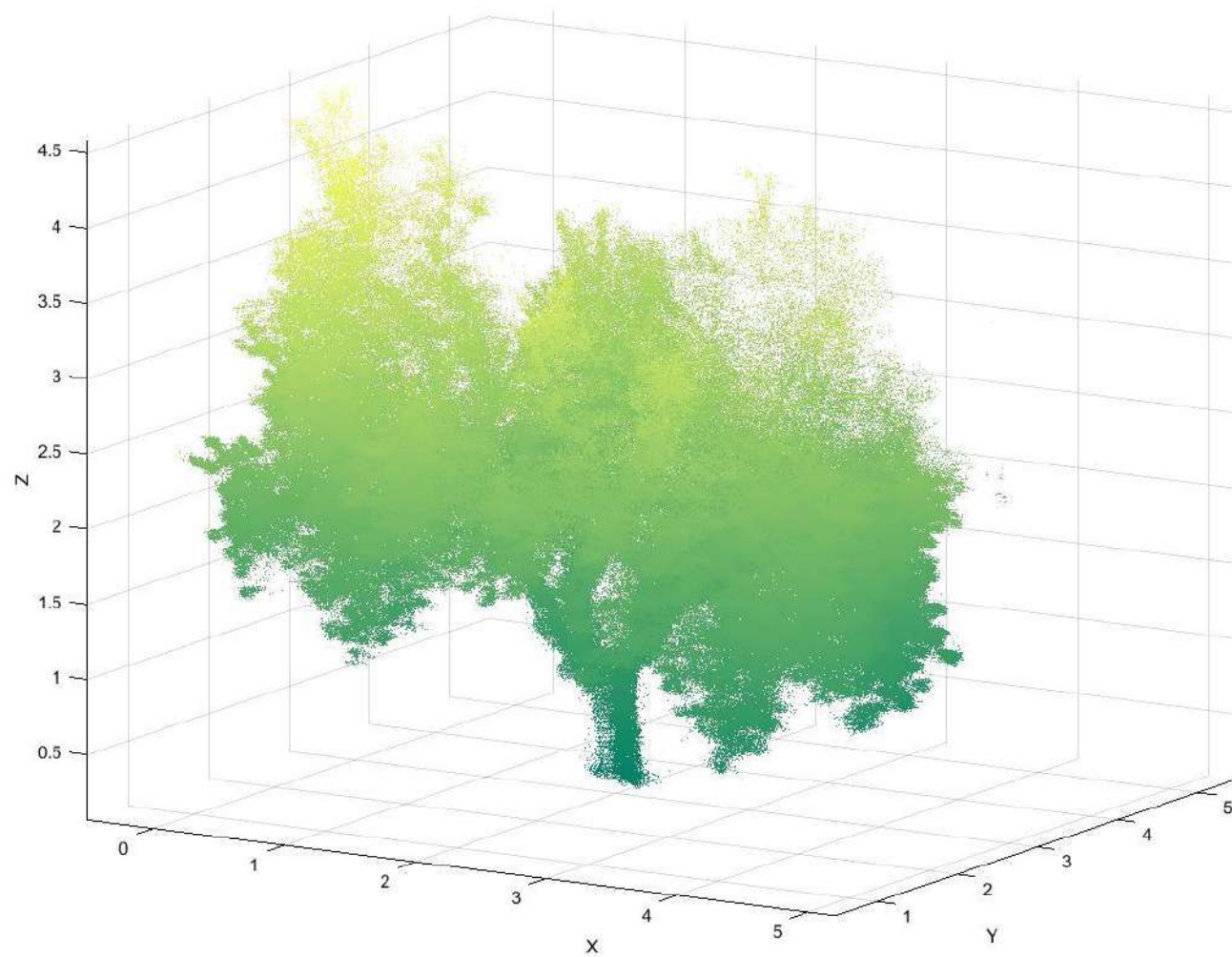


# Estrazione dei dati volumetrici dalle nuvole dei punti

- La nuvola dei punti grezza è stata elaborata tramite i software CloudCompare™ e MATLAB® → Separare il terreno dagli alberi e ottenere le nuvole delle singole piante
- È stato impostato un algoritmo tramite il software MATLAB® che permette di applicare quattro diverse funzioni: Alpha Shape, Convex Hull, la Triangolazione di Delaunay e il metodo Voxel Based
- Il sistema permette di ottenere il volume del risultato delle singole funzioni e la rappresentazione grafica

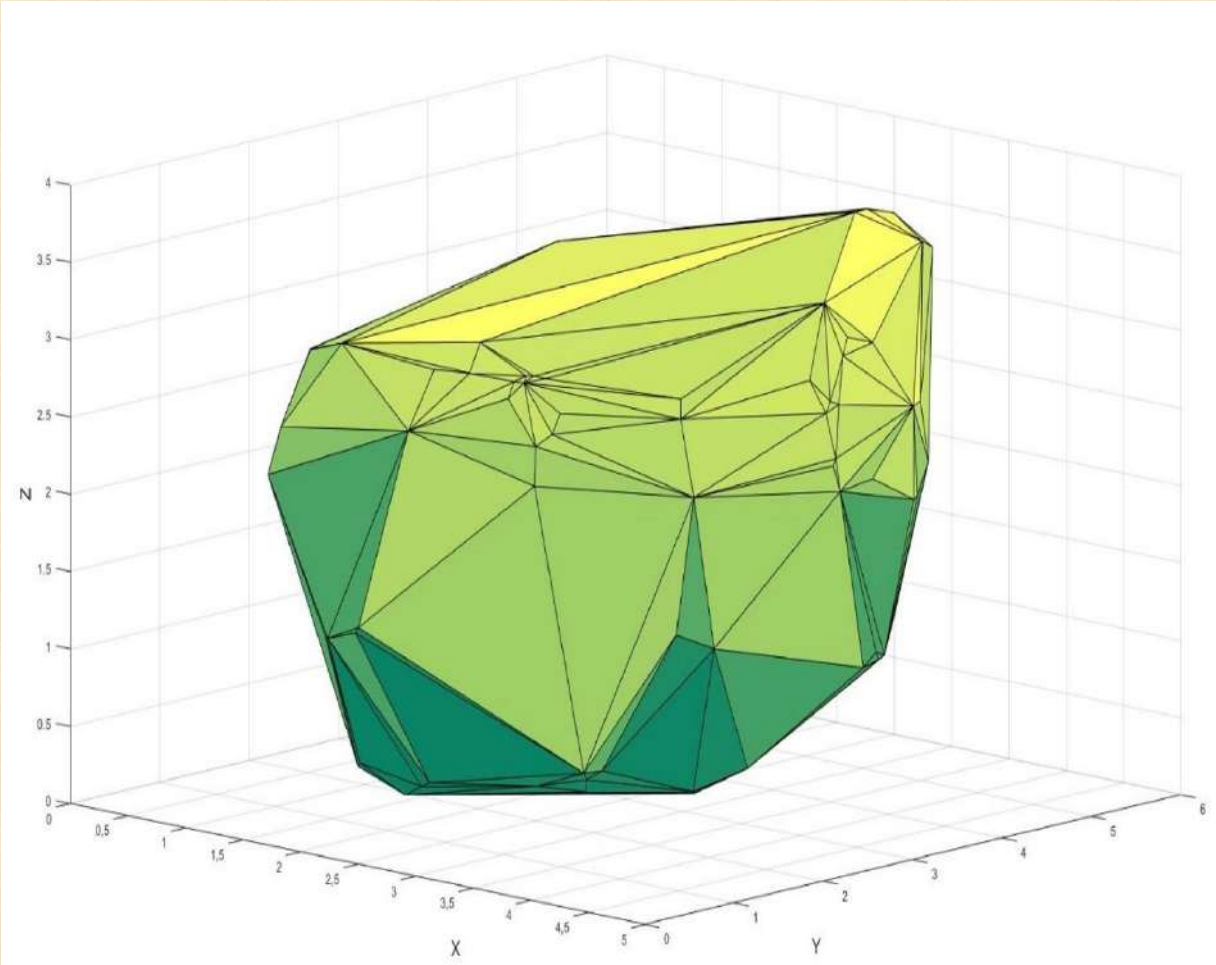


# Nuvole di punti

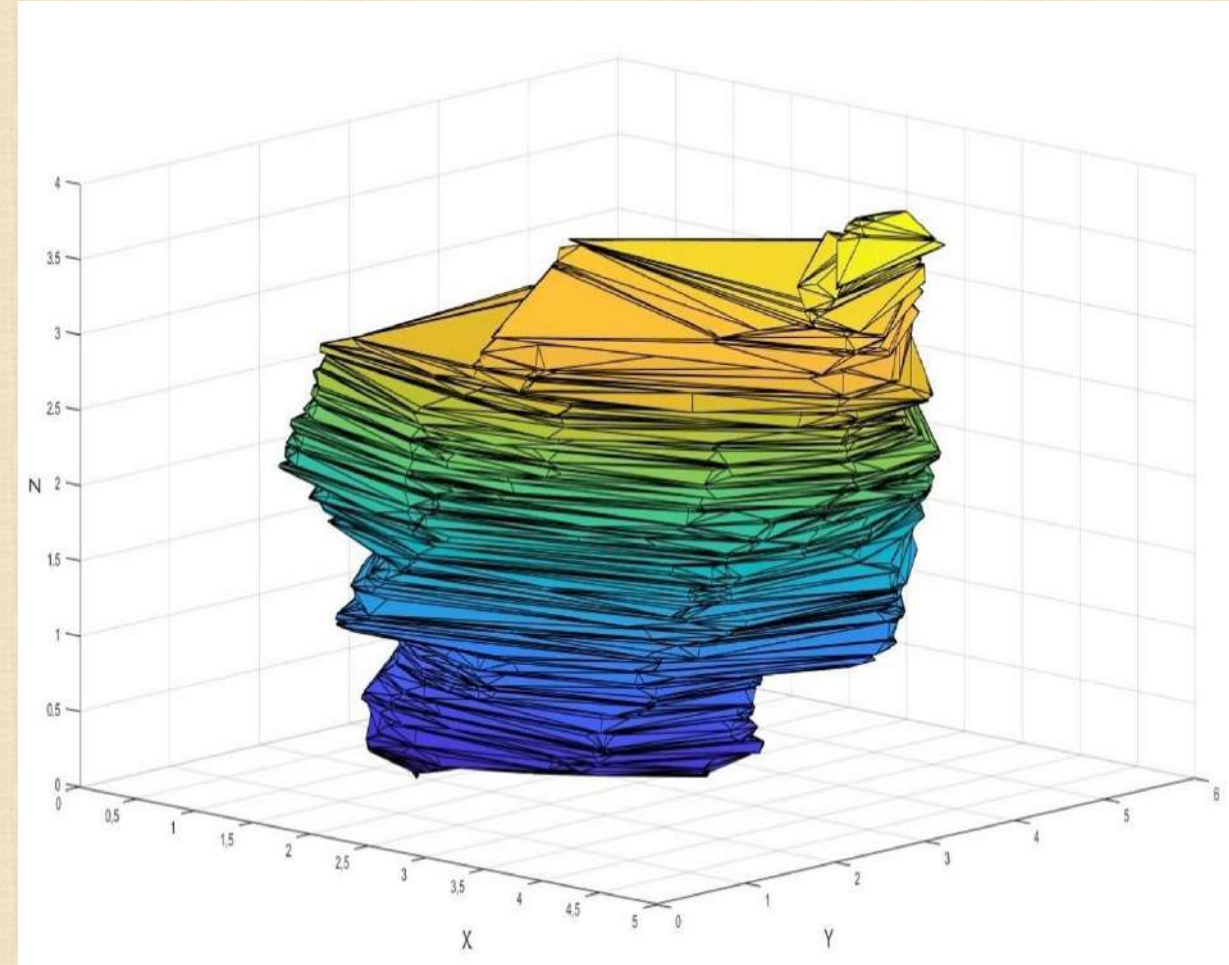




# Elaborazione delle nuvole dei punti



Intero

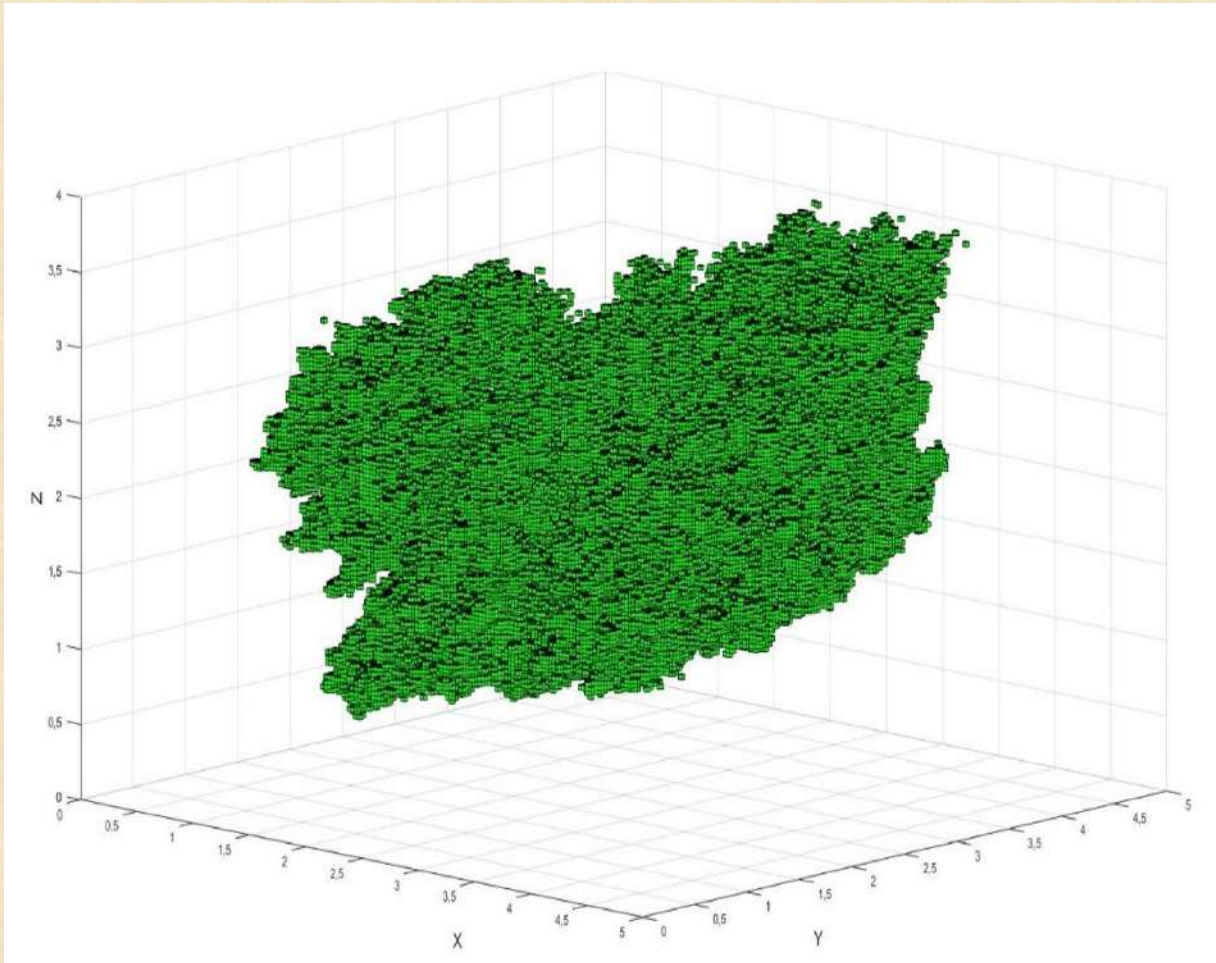


Sezioni 0,1m

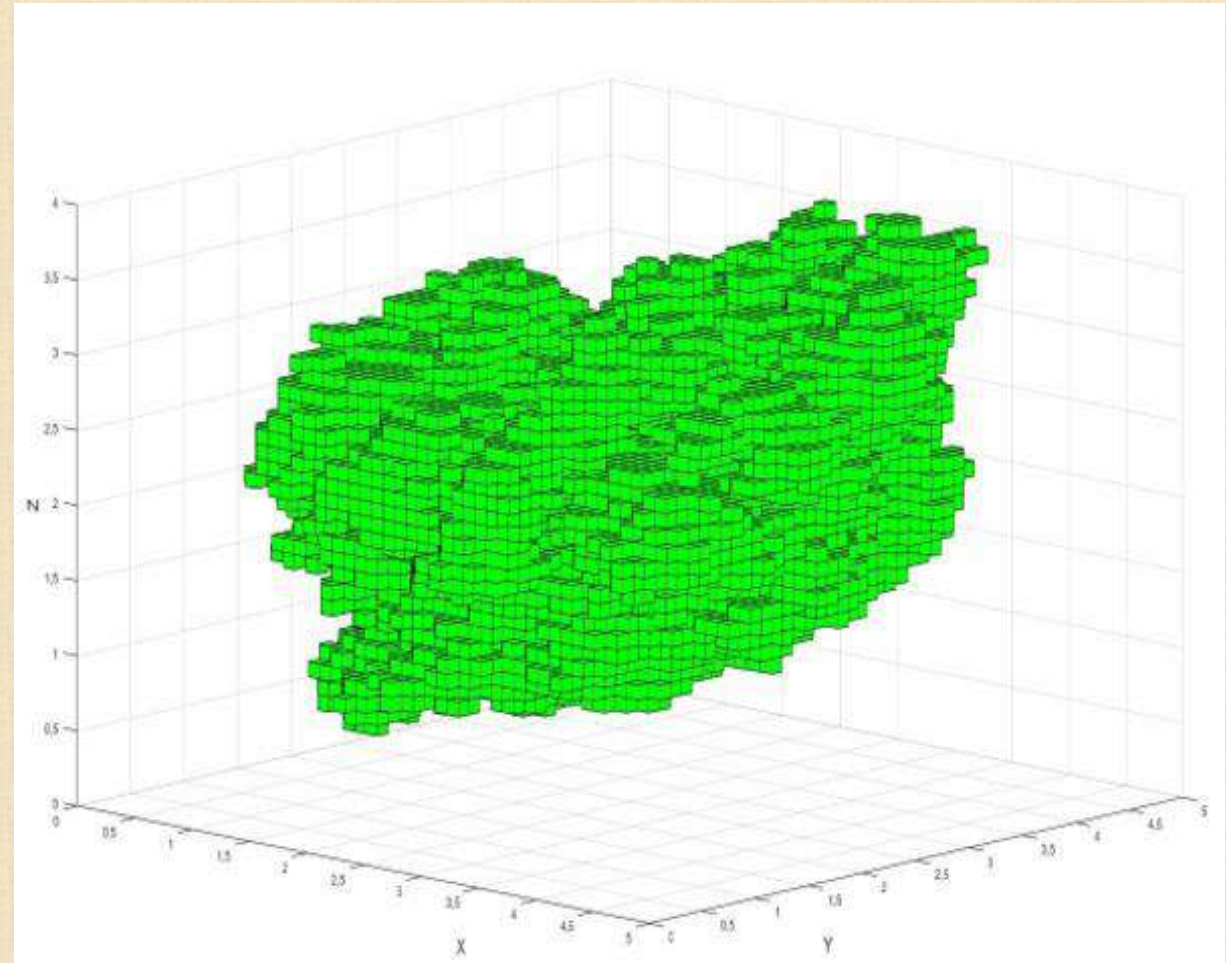
Convex Hull



# Elaborazione delle nuvole dei punti



$l = 0,03m$

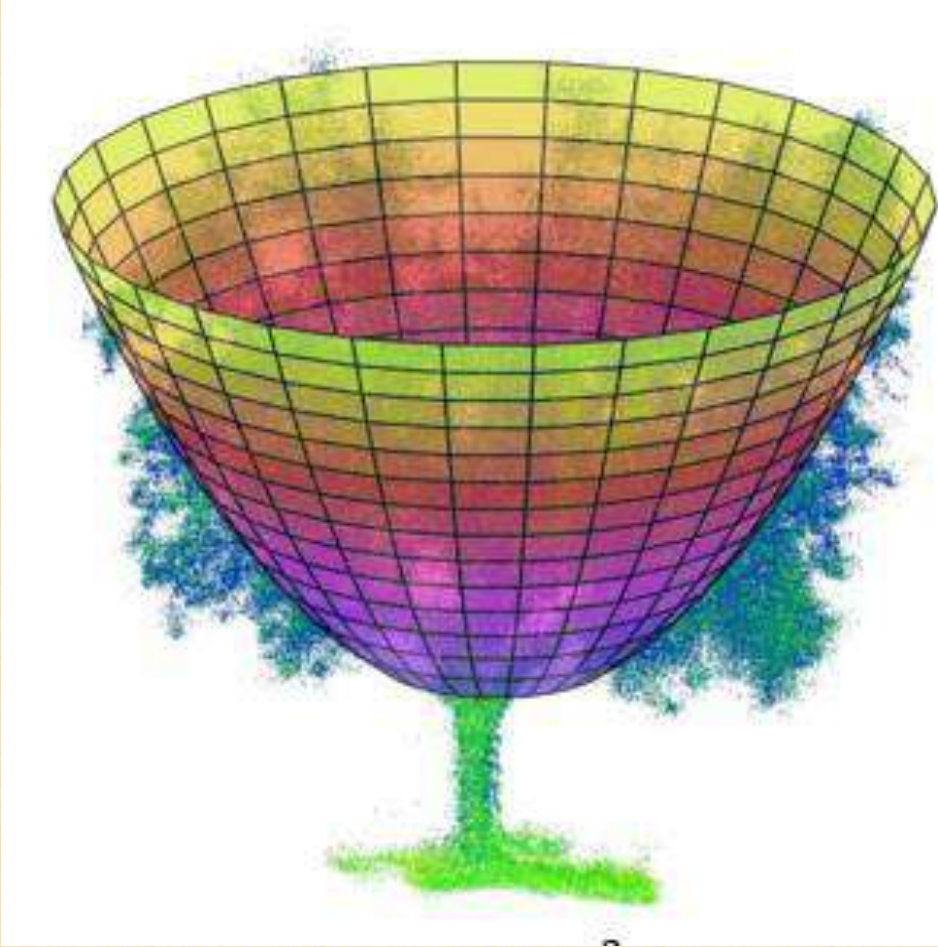


$l = 0,1m$

Voxel

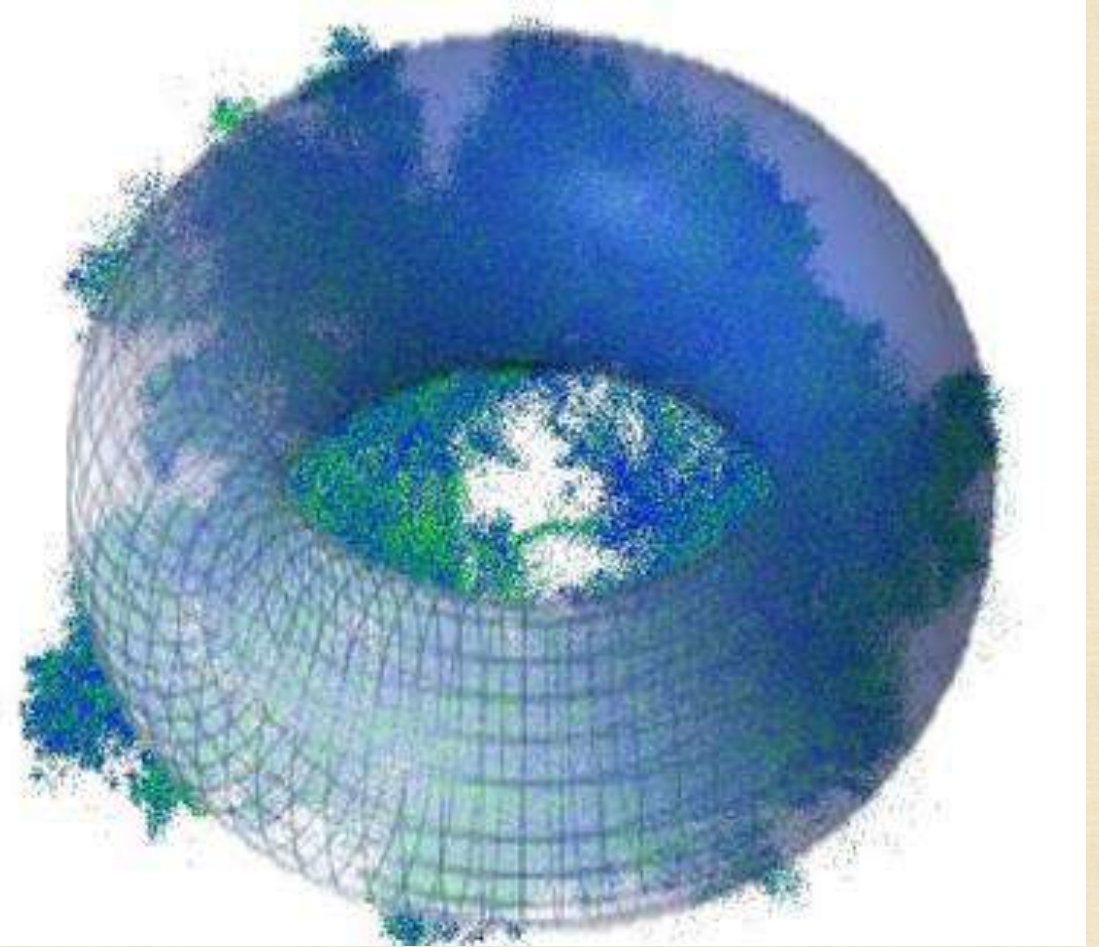


# Calcolo del volume reale delle chiome



Paraboloide

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi \cdot Dc^2 \cdot Hc}{4}$$



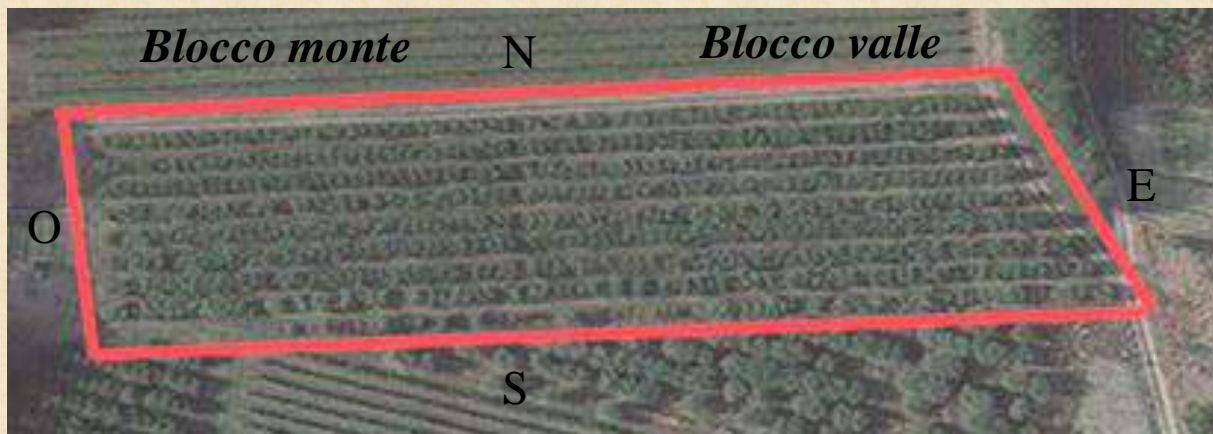
Toroidale

$$2\pi^2 \cdot Rr^2$$



## Problematiche

- Oliveto non gestito dal 2017;
- Potatura non adeguata;
- Ombreggiamento dell'impianto con scomparsa dell'inerbimento;
- Diverse varietà nazionali e locali in fase di studio per gli habitus di crescita.



		<i>Nord</i>			
<i>Ovest</i>	1° filare	Arbequina	35 piante	FS-17	39 piante
	2° filare	Arbequina	35 piante	Tosca	48 piante
	3° filare	Tosca	35 piante	Don Carlo	46 piante
	4° filare	Piantone di Falerone	35 piante	Piantone di Mogliano	45 piante
	5° filare	Piantone di Mogliano	35 piante	Piantone di Falerone	44 piante
	6° filare	Ascolana tenera	35 piante	Rosciola laziale	45 piante
	7° filare	Rosciola laziale	35 piante	Ascolana tenera	47 piante
	8° filare	Maurino	35 piante	Sargano di Fermo	48 piante
	9° filare	Sargano di Fermo	35 piante	Maurino	39 piante
		<i>Sud</i>		<i>Est</i>	

○ Varietà presenti in uno dei due blocchi

○ Varietà presenti in entrambi i blocchi

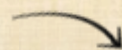
Varietà non considerate



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## Potatura minima selettiva Manuale

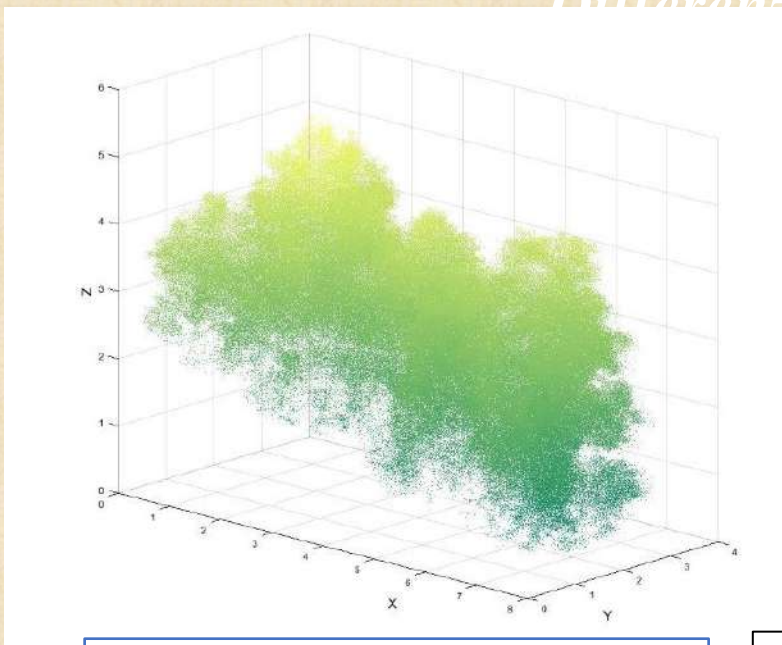




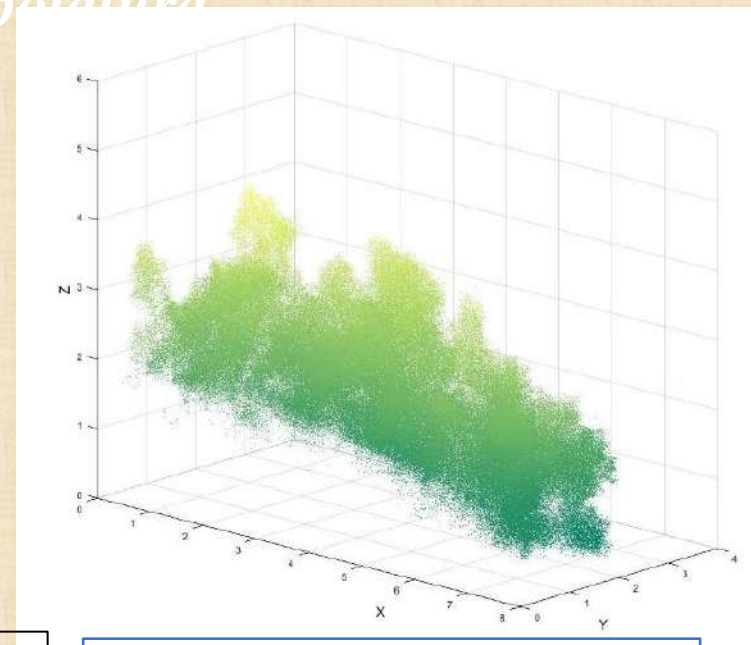
## Differenze biometriche nel pre e post potatura

### Dati LiDAR

- I volumi si riferiscono a porzioni di vegetazione di 6 metri (3 piante circa)



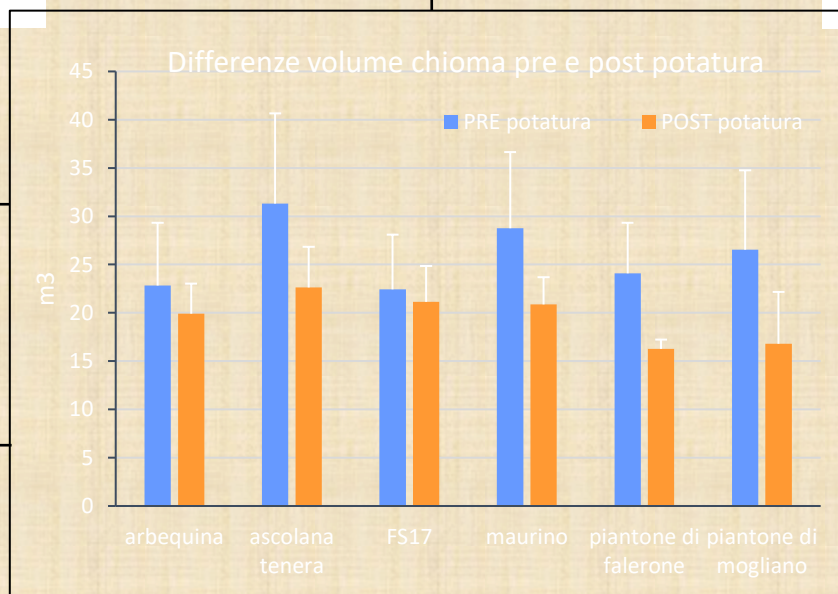
Nuvola di punti chioma pre potatura



Nuvola di punti chioma post potatura

- Barre blu:** chiome pre potatura, si notano le differenze nel naturale habitus delle varietà.

- Barre arancio:** chiome post potatura, differenze che si appiattiscono, obiettivo di ricondurre le chiome a dimensioni simili.



- Variabilità (barre di errore) più accentuate nel pre potatura → naturale sviluppo della varietà;
- Con le operazioni di taglio la variabilità si appiattisce → potatura ridurre le differenze.





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# Photovoltaic systems for fruit orchards



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# 1° point – «landscape»



- **Ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV)** arrays are the least-cost design solution
- The attention to their **impacts** in terms of **land-use** and land-transformation is growing,
- Concerns about **landscape** preservation and possible losses of ecosystem services.
- The **community acceptance** is often a barrier.
- The current design is generally aimed to **maximize energy generation**, given a certain land area.



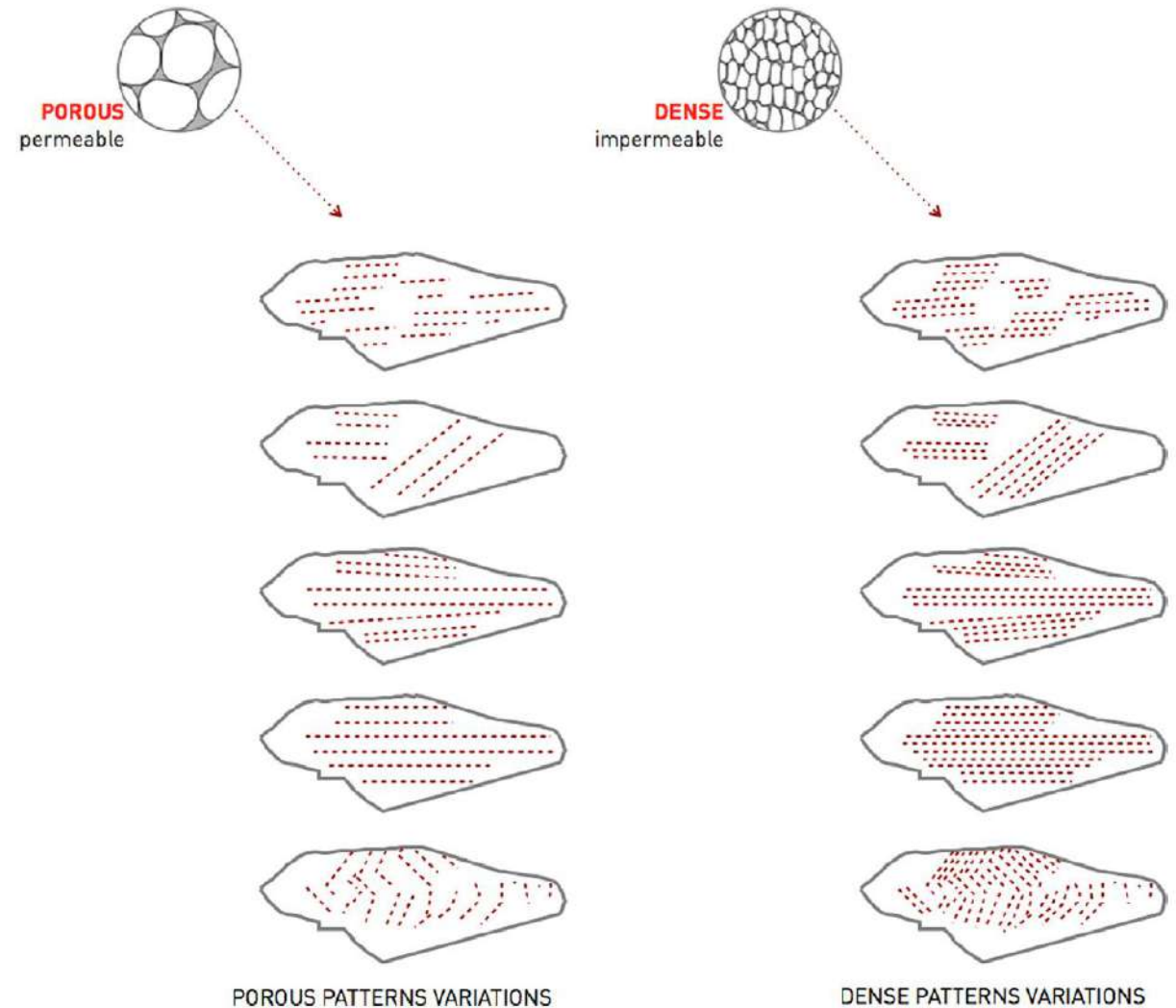
‘Photovoltaic landscapes’: Design and assessment. A critical review for a new transdisciplinary design vision  
Alessandra Scognamiglio



Porosity, or density, is a relevant attribute of a photovoltaic pattern. Porosity can be defined as the ratio between the total area of the installation and the area of the modules.

The space in which the photovoltaic pattern is arranged is a kind of “empty” space, that can be defined ‘pore’ space.

This is the space left in between the modules in a certain pattern. Patterns can be described as porous (permeable) or dense (impermeable). In the image variations on the degree of porosity are shown for some photovoltaic patterns

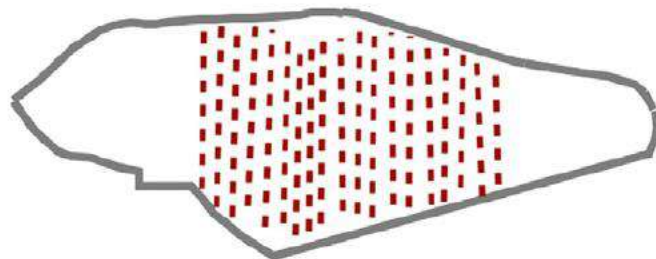
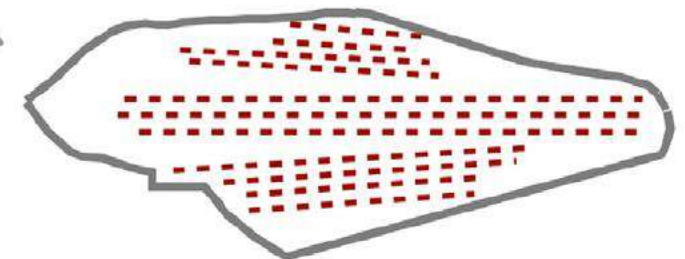
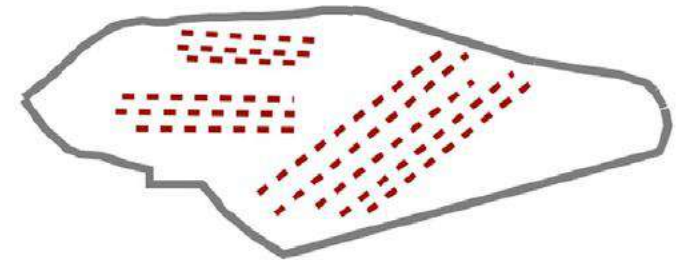
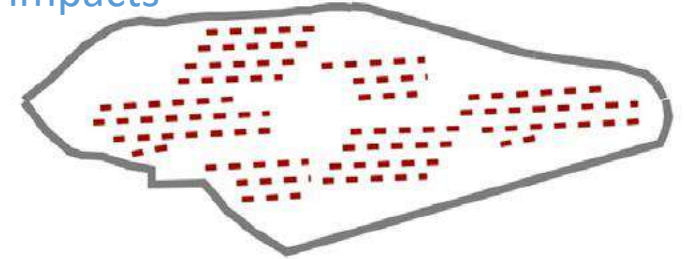
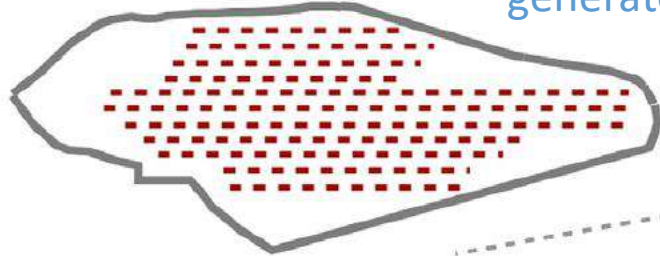




The study argues that new patterns would help in allowing a better ecological performance of the PV landscape, and the quantitative assessment of the ecological beneficial impacts generated by new PV patterns.

**A TYPICAL PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAY**

OPTIMAL AZIMUTH, OPTIMAL TILT, PARALLEL STRIPES



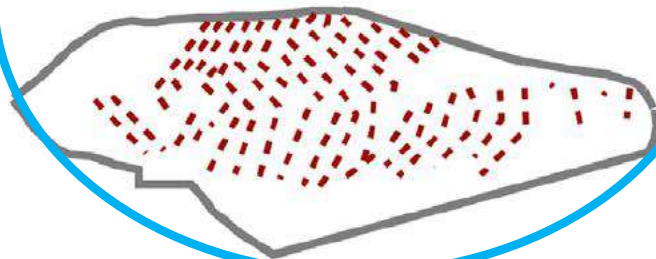
**PARALLEL STRIPES**

VARIATIONS ON AZIMUTH

The suggested solution for small farms in hill

**LEARNING FROM NATURE**

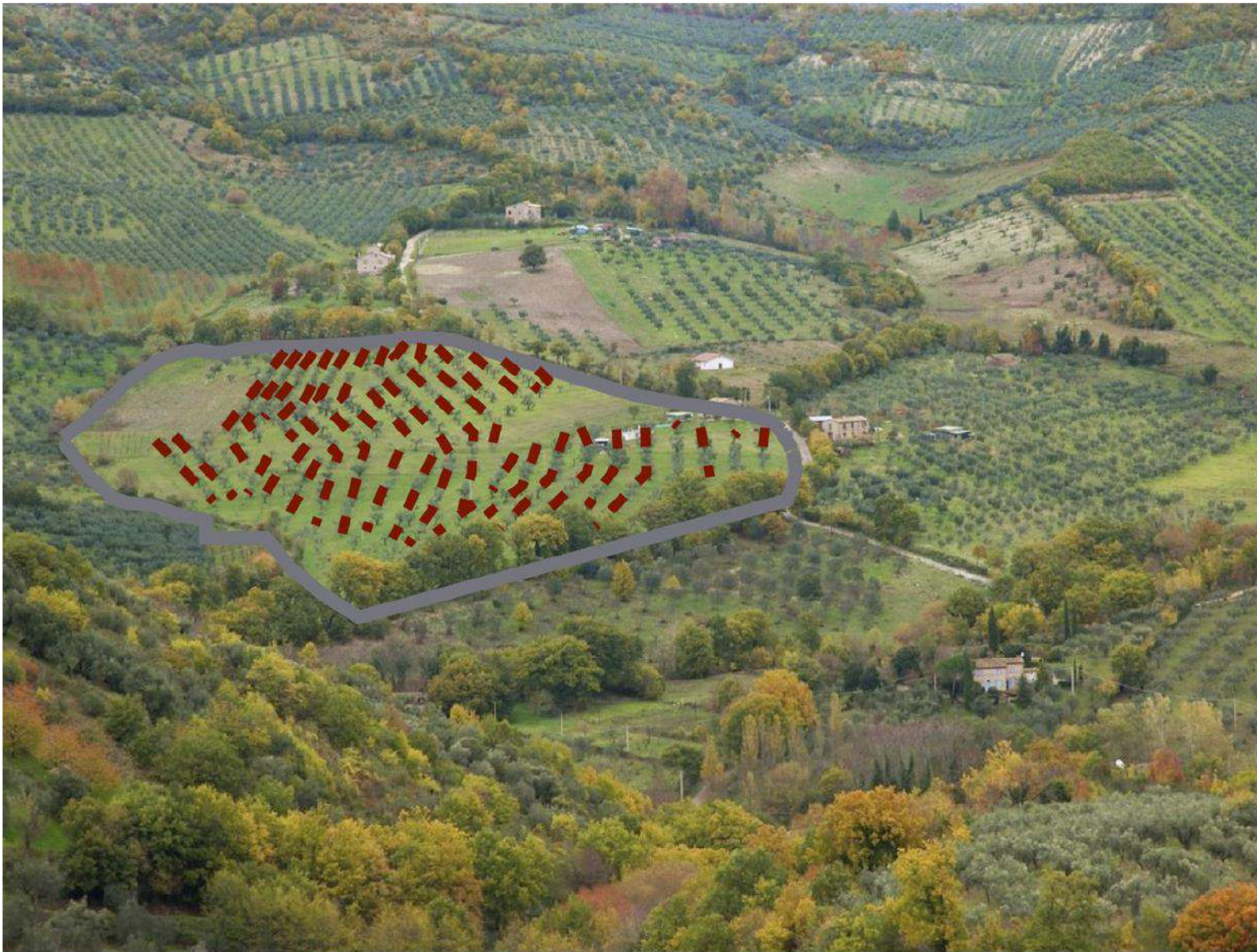
VARIATIONS ON AZIMUTH, VARIATIONS ON PATCHES



**ISLANDS OF PARALLEL STRIPES**

VARIATIONS ON AZIMUTH, VARIATIONS ON PATCHES





The idea is that Pv systems should be designed as an element of the landscape they belong to

- according to an 'inclusive' design approach that does not focus only on the overall energy efficiency of the system,
- extends to other additional ecological and landscape objectives.

An original energy-design vision for on ground PV is advanced, rooted in an original concept of **'photovoltaic landscape'**.





2° POINT –  
«FRUIT  
ORCHARDS»





Big two dimensional  
cherry orchard



# Emilia Romagna, Portomaggiore (FE): *Cherry* Van

Anticracking hail net system with  
pearl Iridium®



Small two dimensional  
cherry orchard with  
multifunctional cover  
systems



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Emilia Romagna, Portomaggiore (FE): *Cherry* Van





Mechanization in two dimensional cherry orchard for harvest and pruning





Small two dimensional cherry orchard with multifunctional cover systems



Top: anti rain



Lateral: anti insect

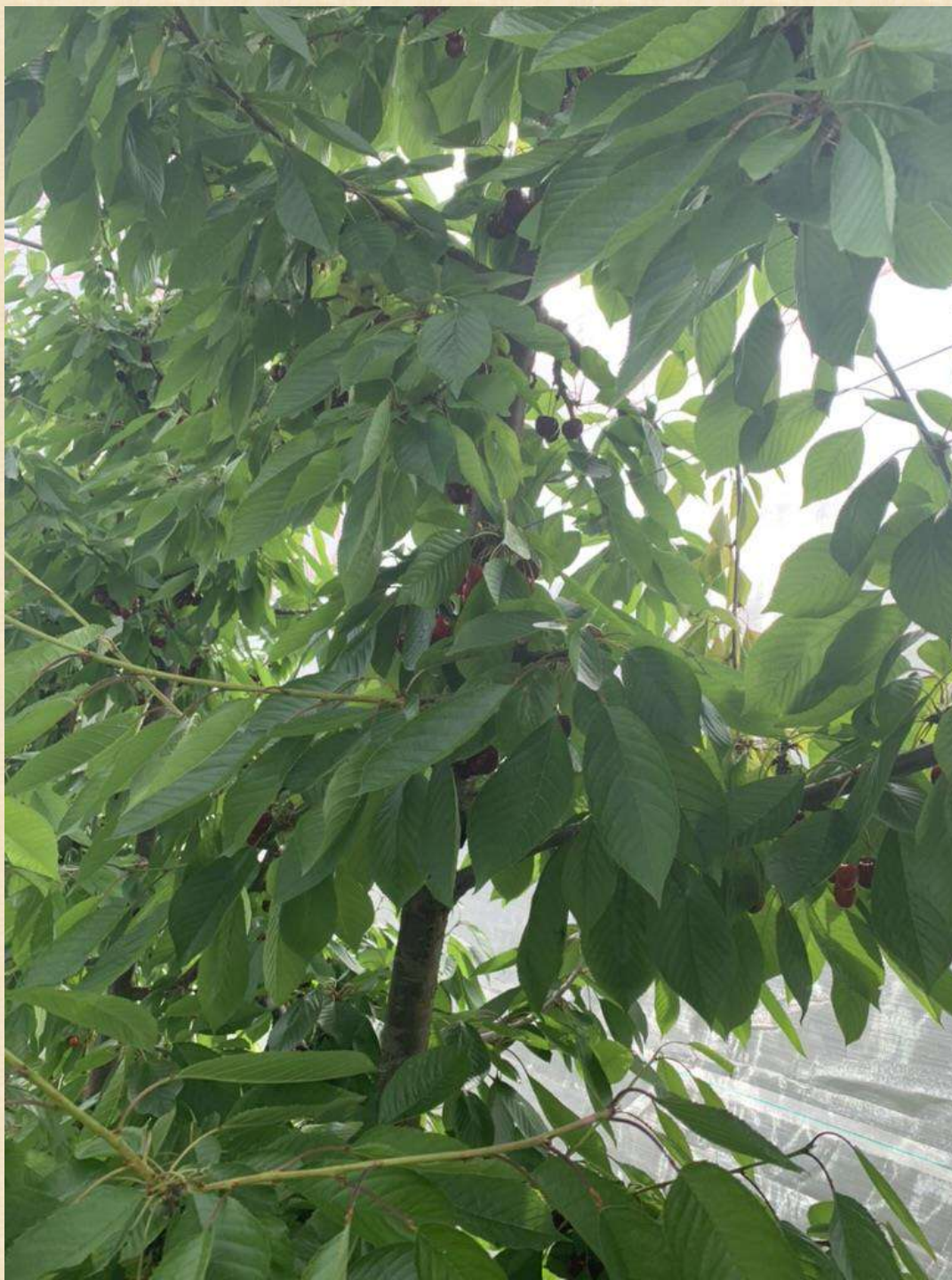




Small two dimensional  
cherry orchard with  
multifunctional cover  
systems







(with less than 40% of total shade)

## PROS

The net covers  
the cherry fruit against:

Top: Rain (water proof)

Lateral:

- Hail
- Sunburn
- Wind
- Insect ([Drosophila suzukii](#)) (Rhagoletis spp)

[Halyomorpha halys](#)

- Improve irrigation efficiency and photosynthesis during fruit maturation

## CONS

The lateral cover must remain only up to 40-60 days (from 10 days after fruit set up to harvest).

- Longer periods will increase other pest damages (mites, fungal diseases ...)
- In summer flower bud formation for the next year fruit production needs maximum available light



Small two dimensional  
cherry orchard with  
multifunctional cover  
systems



Top:  
anti rain  
water proof

Lateral:  
anti insect



Small two dimensional  
cherry orchard with  
multifunctional cover  
systems and PV /drawing)



Top:  
anti rain  
water proof  
PV

Lateral:  
anti insect



# Emilia Romagna, Faenza: nectarine “Romagna 3000”



Yellow  
stimulated  
photosynthesis  
and shoot  
growth

Blue  
induced  
more  
compact  
growth

Peach orchard with  
multifunctional cover  
systems with different  
color

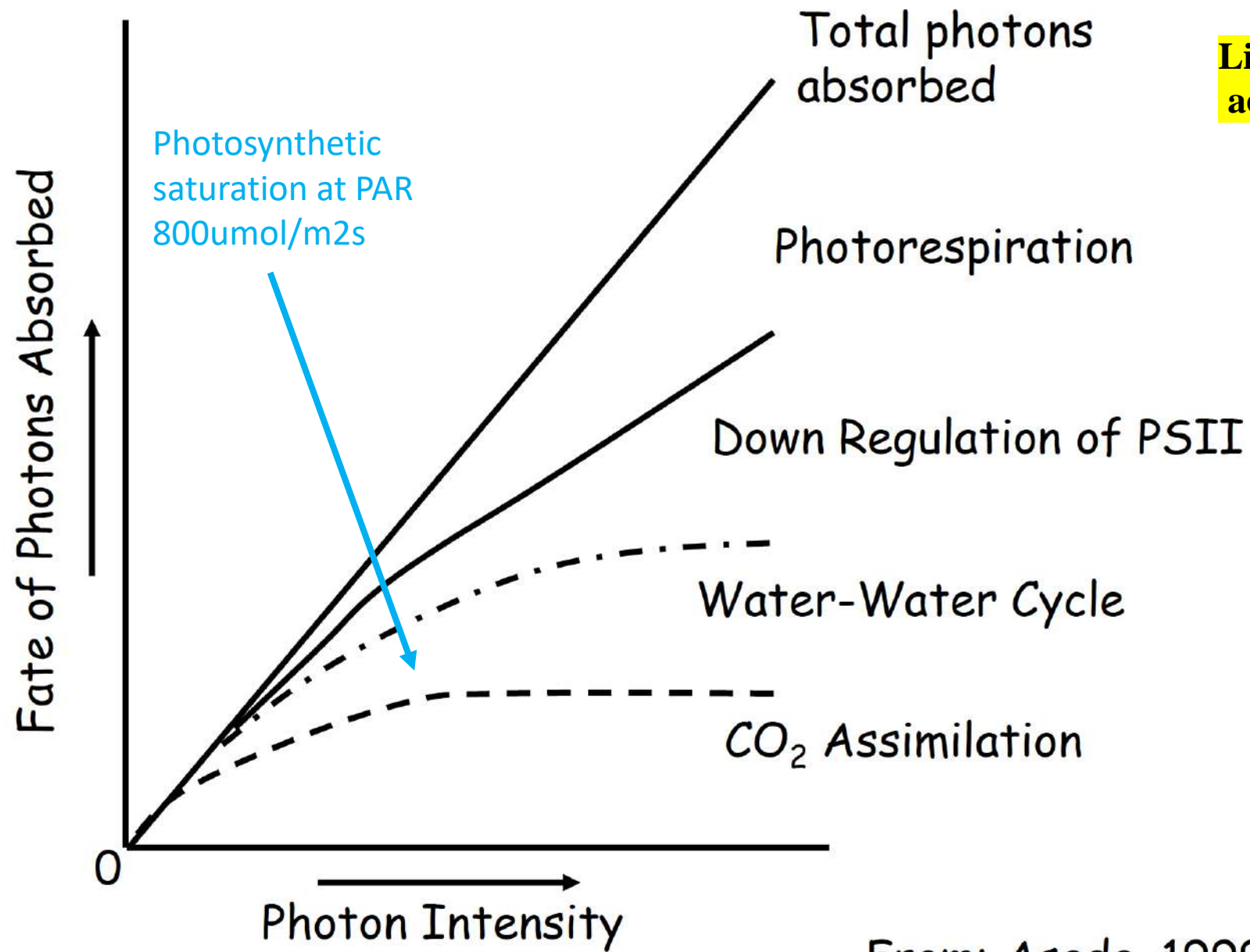


## The need for photo-selective hail-nets and cover

Table 1. Light quality modification by ColorNets. The relative change refers to the composition of the light transmitted through the plastic threads of each type of net, having the same shading factor (in PAR), relative to the natural sunlight measured at the same time. UV, ultra violet; B, blue; G, green, Y, yellow; R, red; FR, far red. Scattering refers to the scattered/direct light ratio under each net relative to natural sunlight at the time of measurement. For more details see Shahak et al. (2004a).

Net	Absorption	Transmittance	Scattering
Blue	UV+Y+R+FR	B+G	++
Red	UV+B+G	R+FR	++
Yellow	UV+B	G+Y+R+FR	++
White	UV	B+G+Y+R+FR	++
Pearl	UV	B+G+Y+R+FR	+++
Grey	all (+IR)	-	+
Black	all	-	0

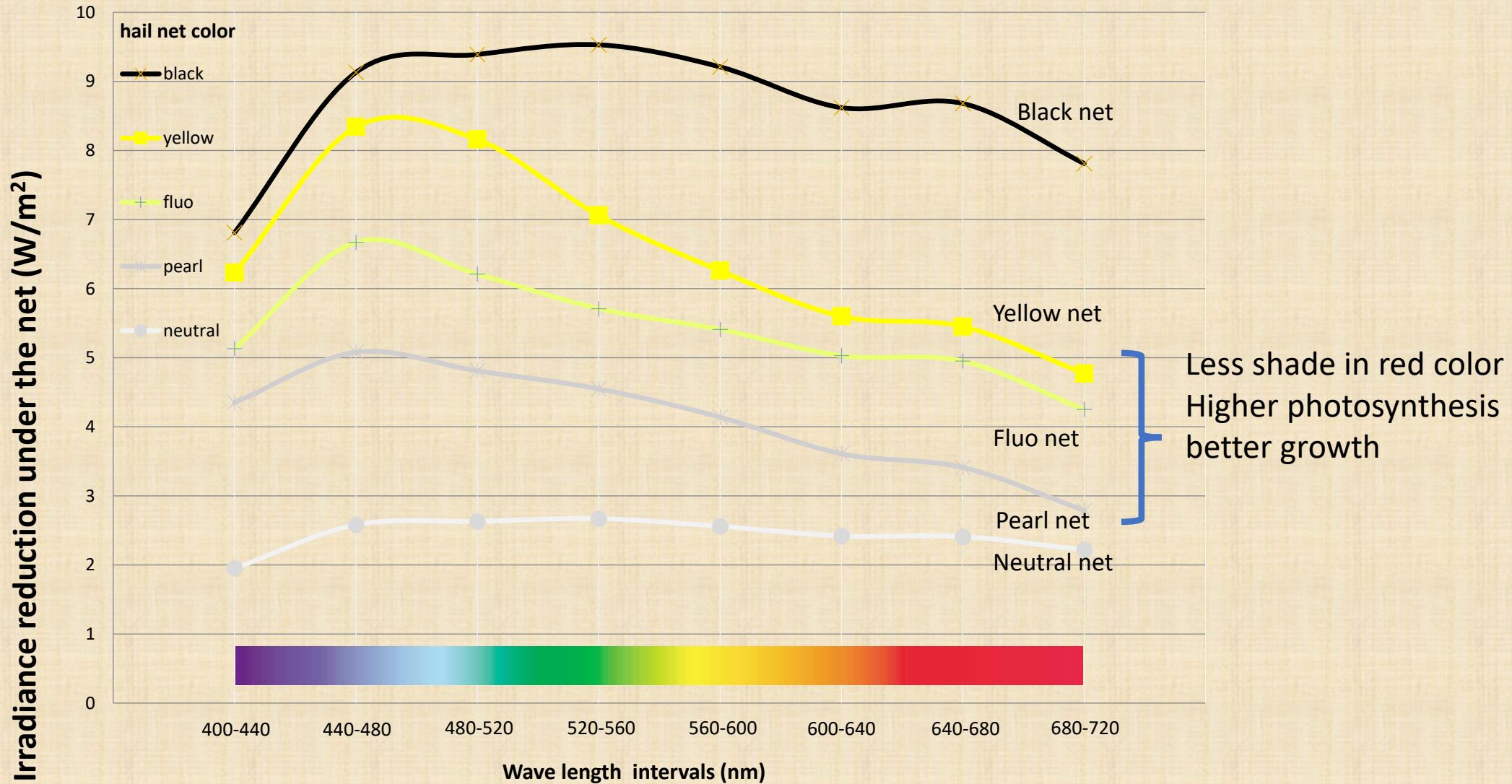




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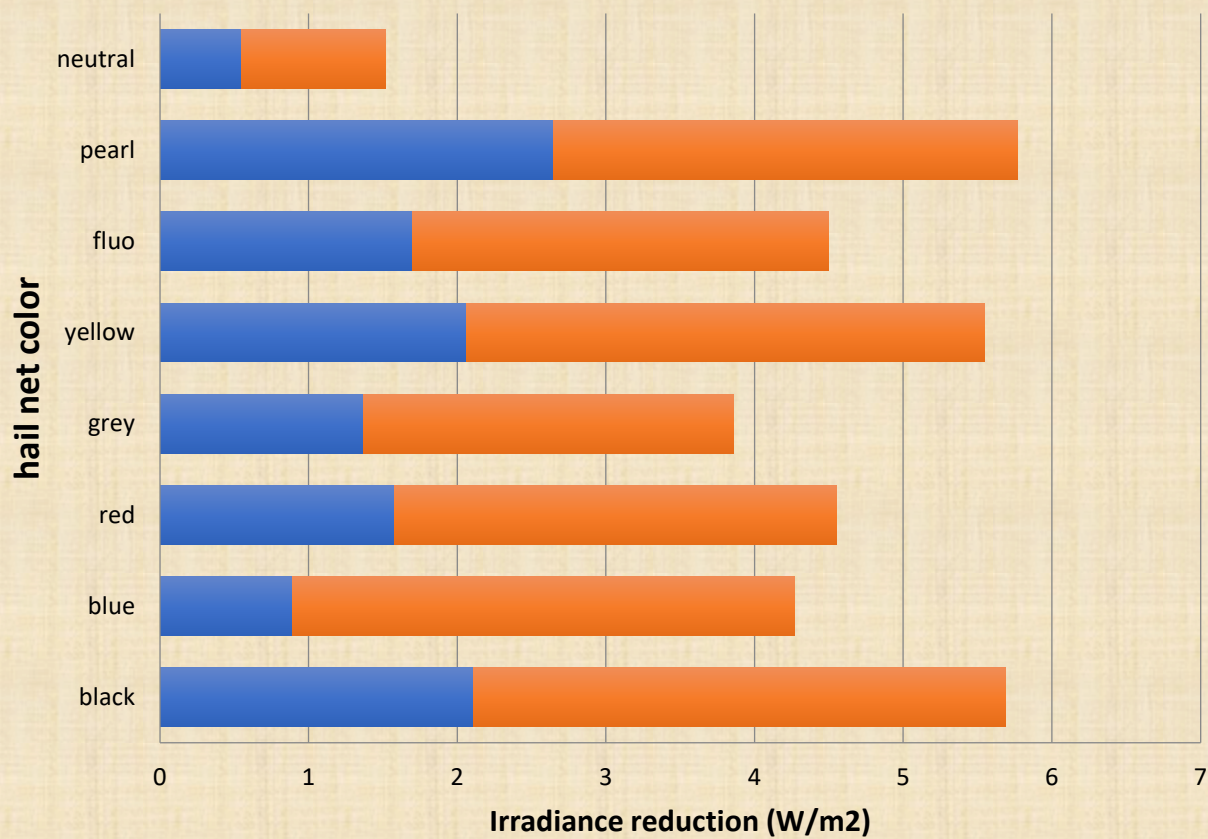


# Irradiance reduction under the net (W/m<sup>2</sup>) according to the color





## Irradiance reduction under anti hail nets (ultra violet UV range)



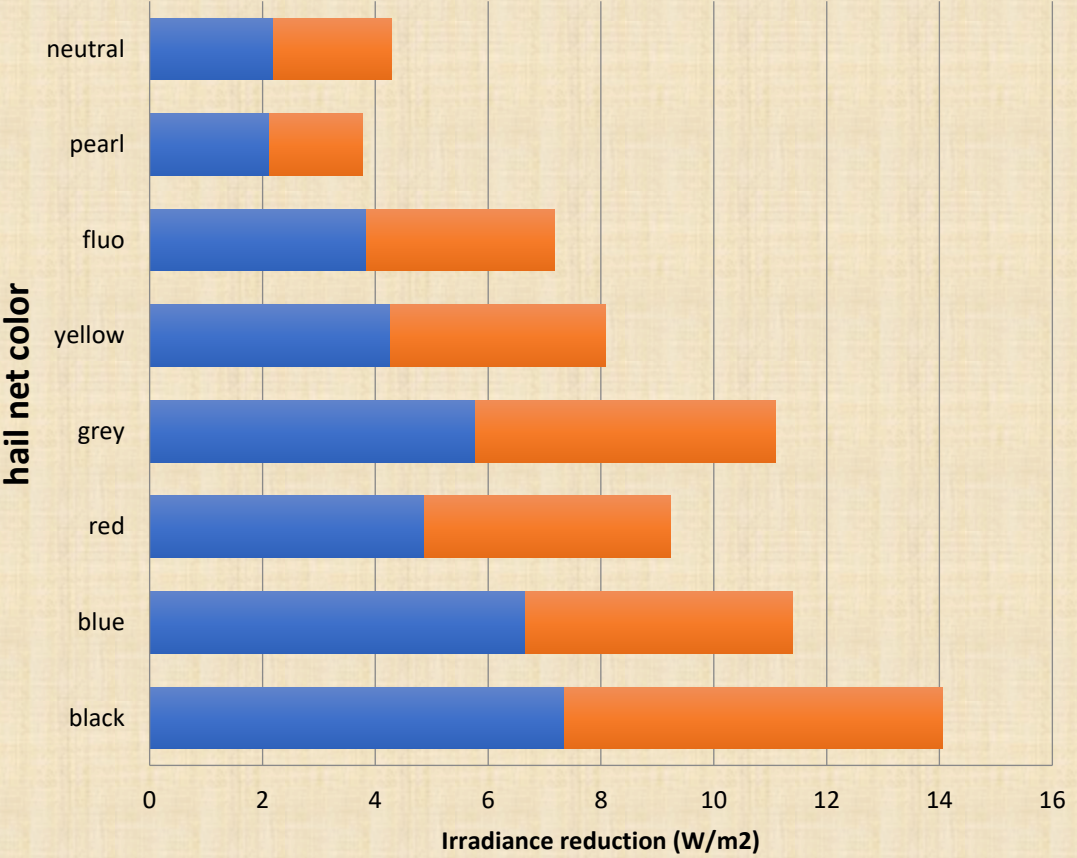
UV reduction (%)

Net color	% reduction
Black	22.3
Blue	22.6
Grey	16.7
Red	19.1
Yellow	23.1
Fluo	18.1
Pearl	24.4
Neutral	6.3



**Pearl showed more diffused light and less shade**

**Irradiance reduction under anti hail nets (infrared IR range)**



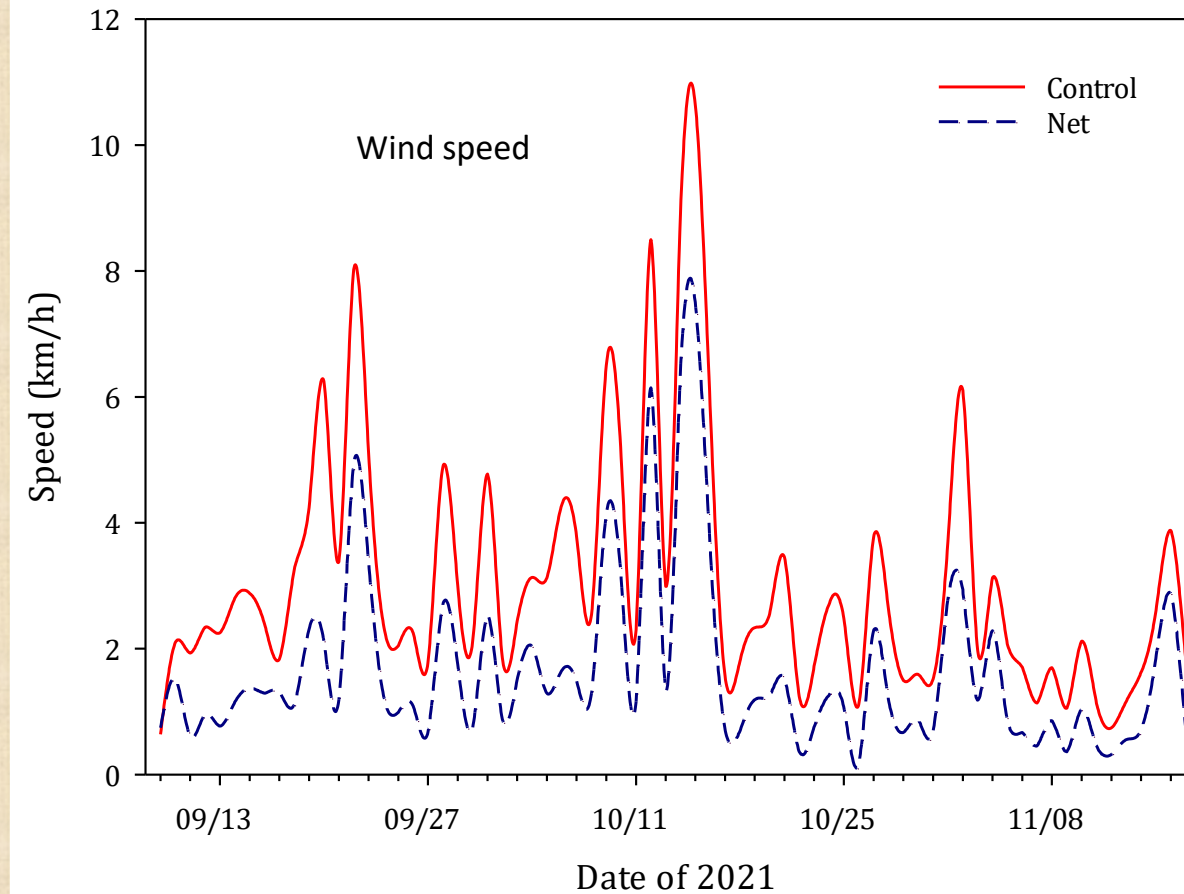
IR reduction (%)

Net color	% reduction
Black	24.9
Blue	21.0
Grey	21.1
Red	16.4
Yellow	13.9
Fluo	12.8
Pearl	8.0
Neutral	7.7



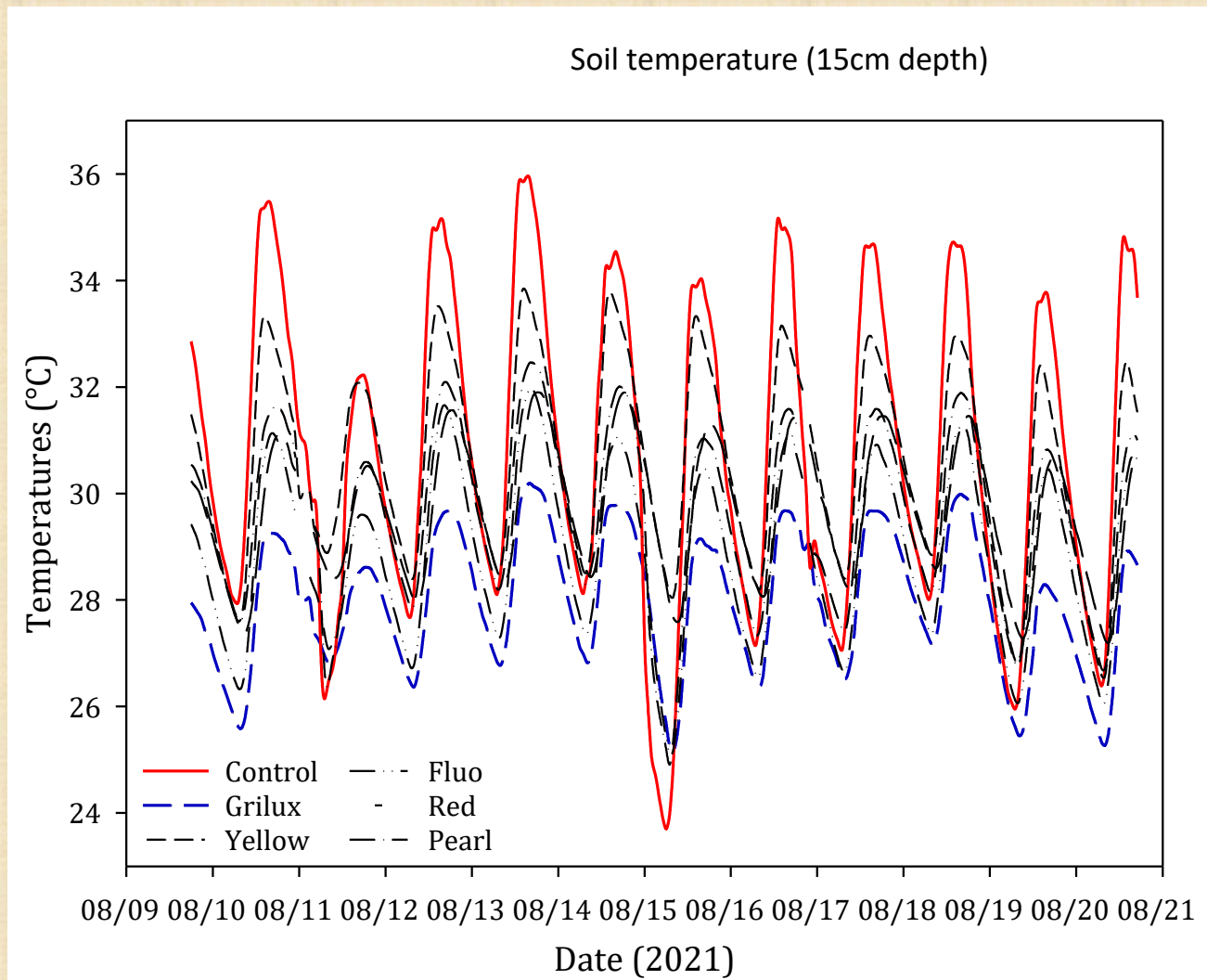
### Reduction of wind speed under the nets.

Under the net :  
46% of reduction of  
average wind speed



**Photo-selective plastic nets in pomegranate orchards.** 2022. S. Crescenzi, M. Zucchini, V. Giorgi, G. Vaccaro, D. Neri. *ISHS Acta Horticulturae* 1349:





Soil temperatures were lower under the nets. During the daylight only the yellow net showed soil temperatures close to the control.





**On flat  
agricultural  
farms**

PV pannels large  
+-2 m, with a  
transparency of  
40%

Inter row 3-4m





40% transparency

Cells 156mmx156mm 21% efficiency

“There is always a tradeoff between the transparency level and the PV power,” Willockx said, noting that higher transparency levels will result in lower PV power density, and vice versa. “However, there is also a financial transparency limit: The needed PV power and energy returns must be calculated in function of the fixed structural costs to be financial attractive ... This in combination with the needed transparency levels for the crop growth, explains the complex design of agriPV set ups.



## Project for landscape PV with a continuous black hail net



Top with PV system

1 m over the row if dark

Hail net on the whole system



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Up to 2m if 40% transparent

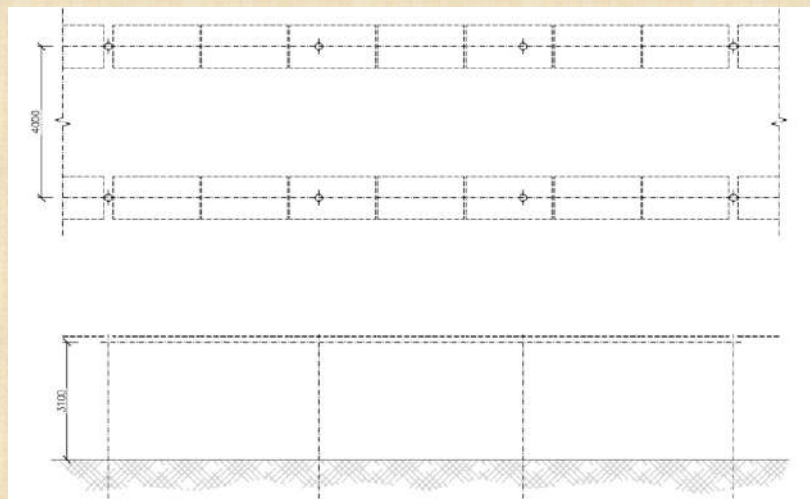
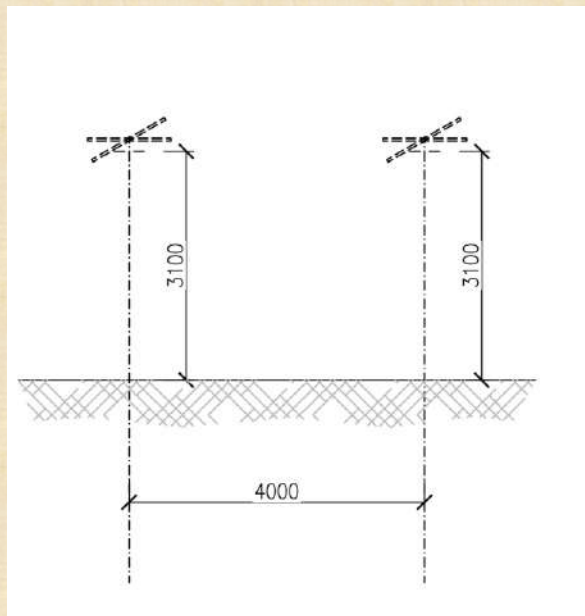
Olive

Rendering per il progetto Neri «pannelli e olivo da mensa»

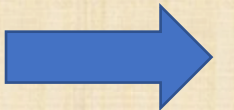
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Modello di agrivoltaico e reti antinsetto - su filre di oliveto alta densità









Realtà supera fantasia

