

Phytosensor

technical presentation



History of development: bio-hybrid EU research



The *flora robotica* project develops and investigates bio-hybrid relationships between robots and natural plants and explore the potentials of plant-robot societies able to produce architectural artifacts and living spaces. The project is funded by European Commission under the programme Future and Emerging Technologies, H2020 Project no. 640959.

watchPLANT



SMART BIOHYBRID PHYTO-ORGANISMS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IN SITU MONITORING

WatchPlant develops a new biohybrid system technology, a wireless wearable self-powered sensor for in-situ monitoring of urban environments. This system equips urban biological organisms -plants- with Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create a smart sensor for measuring both, environmental parameters and the responding physiological state of plants. The project is funded by European Commission under the programme Future and Emerging Technologies, H2020 Project no. 101017899.

BIOHYBRIDS



Biohybrid phytosensing system for plant-technology interactions in mixed-reality and smart-home systems

This innovation is related to an embedded electronic system connected to plants and trees – so-called phytosensor. The system is used as a bio-sensor and as a bio-hybrid interface device. As a bio-hybrid interface, the phytosensor provides physiological data from plants for plant-technology interactions: Mixed Reality or smart-Home systems, integration into digital infrastructures, controlling the robot actuators or performing autonomous phytoactuation. The project is funded by European Commission under the programme Future and Emerging Technologies, H2020 Project no. 945773.



The main goal of ASSISI project is to establish a robotic society that is able to develop communication channels to animal societies and bio-hybrid systems. The project is funded by European Commission under the programme Future and Emerging Technologies, EU-FP7 Project no. 601074

1. General setup,
I/O signals and devices,
connection to the plant

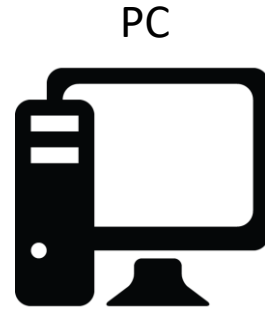
Modes of operation



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- research
- different analytic tools
- bio-hybrid applications
- plant-technology interfaces

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continuously running
mini PC



- autonomous sensing/actuation
- ecological networks
- “well-being” sensor
- smart plant + AI systems
- entertainment applications
- smart home systems

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power management



- precision agriculture
- vertical/indoor farms
- control of phyto-light, irrigation and fertilization
- 50m²- 75m² growth area
- stable and reliable long-term operation

Modes of operation



fixed-protocol growth



- currently used in small-size vertical farming
- easy of operation
- low- to medium- cost



bio-feedback growth

- adaptive to plant's needs
- achieving higher productivity
- intelligent control for light, irrigation and fertilization
- detection of stress and pathogens
- return of investment in ~6-12 months

Setup



UART port:

- Communication: BLE, Bluetooth, ZigBee, WiFi, GSM
- DMX bus (UART-DMX bridge is required)

Front connector



start/stop measurements

power on/off



back connector

USB mini 2.0 (power + communication)

Electrodes and sensors

Solid State Relays (SSR)

Tested mini PC with Win10 PRO and Ubuntu:

- CPU: Intel Atom Z8350, Celeron J3355/J3455/J4115/J4125
- popular models from: ACEPC, Beelink, MinisForum, MeLE, etc.

Data storage:

- internal flash memory
- external mini PC (required for computation, actuation and connectivity)



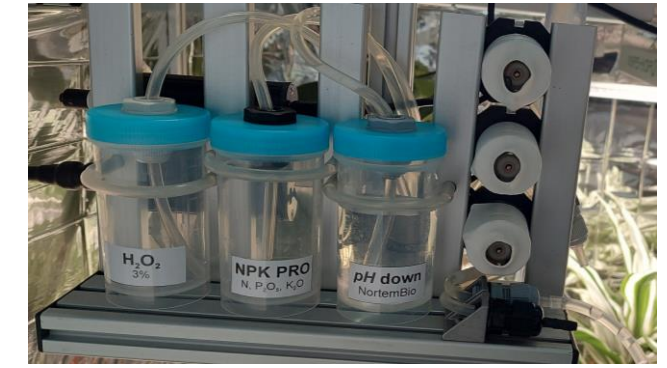
Setup for hydroponics, vertical and indoor farms

220V/110V
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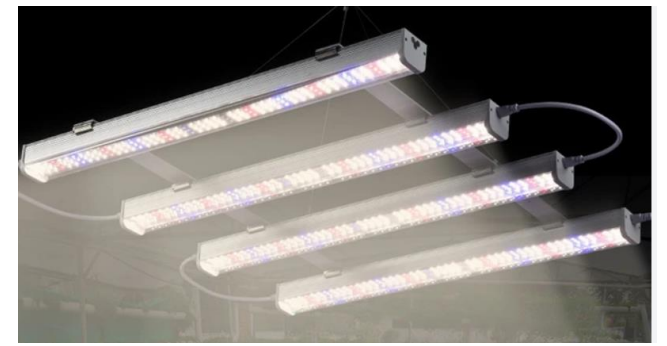
power management system



micro-pumps (12V PWM)



3x phyto-light (220V/110V 10A/20A)



2x irrigation self-priming pump, fan (12V PWM)



pH electrode (from irrigation)

phyto-electrodes (from plants)

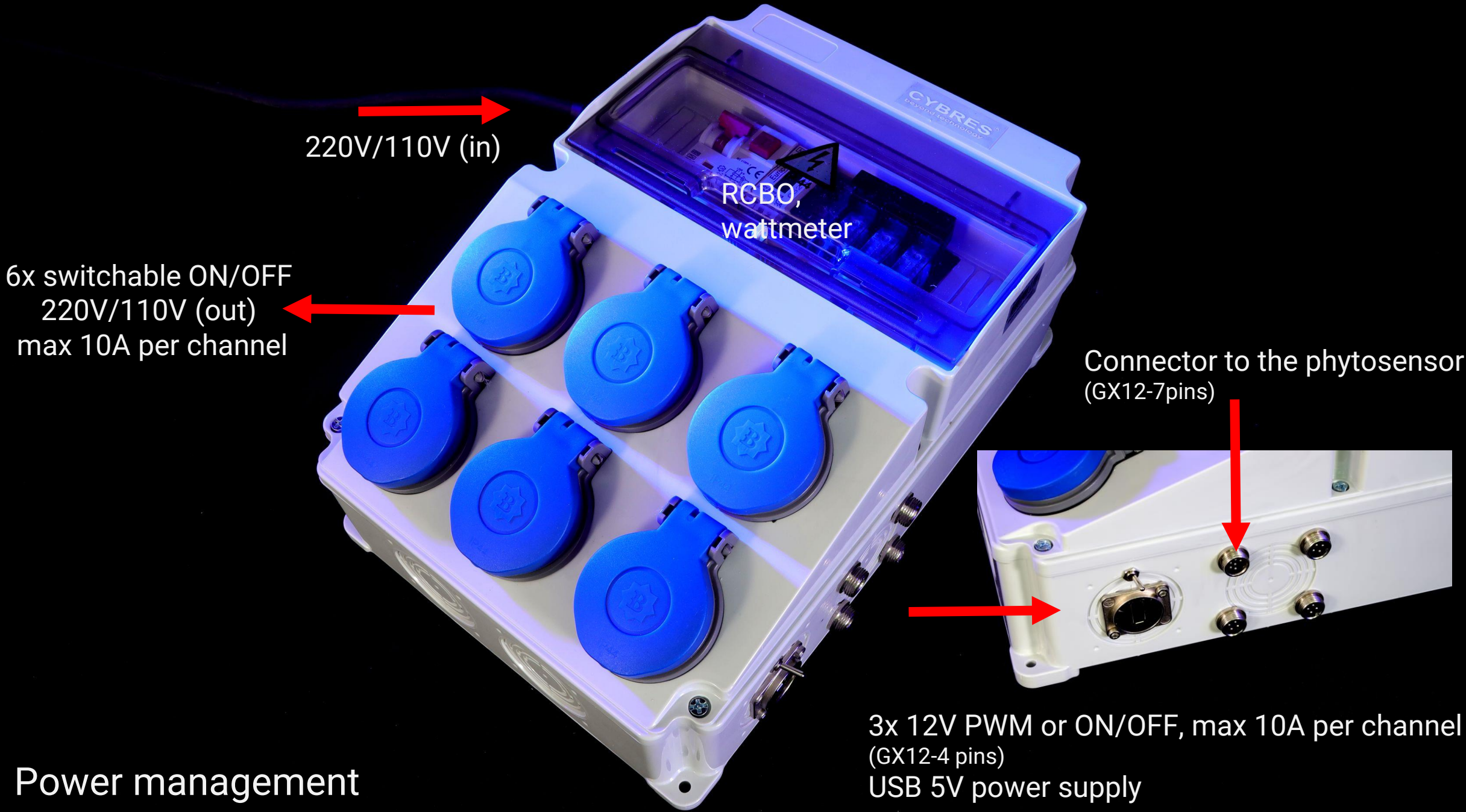
outputs 5V



biosensing and control system

fixed growth protocols (set up manually for light, irrigation and fertilization)





220V/110V (in)

RCBO,
wattmeter

6x switchable ON/OFF
220V/110V (out)
max 10A per channel

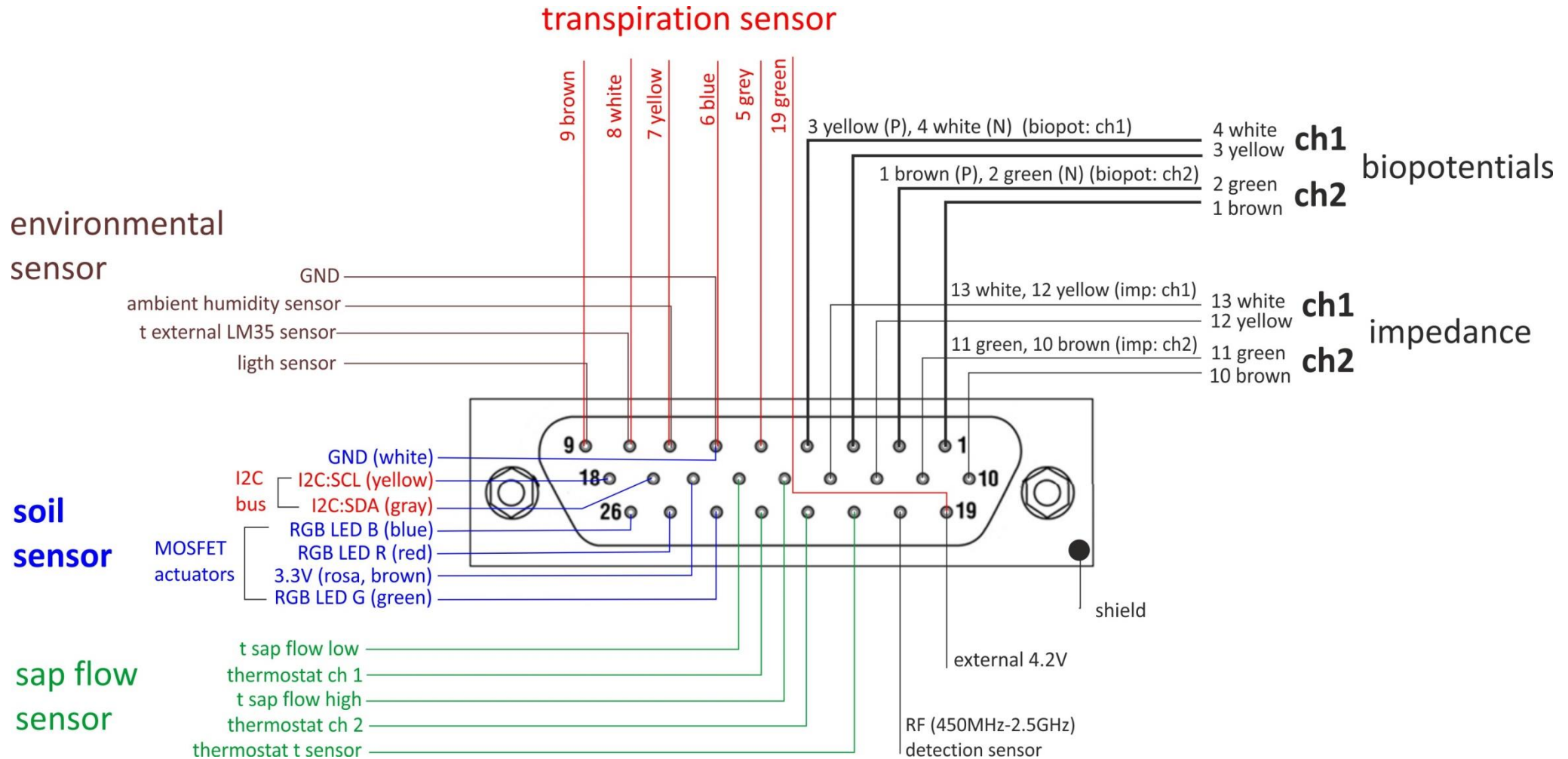
Connector to the phytosensor
(GX12-7pins)

3x 12V PWM or ON/OFF, max 10A per channel
(GX12-4 pins)
USB 5V power supply

Power management

Back connector 26 pins high density

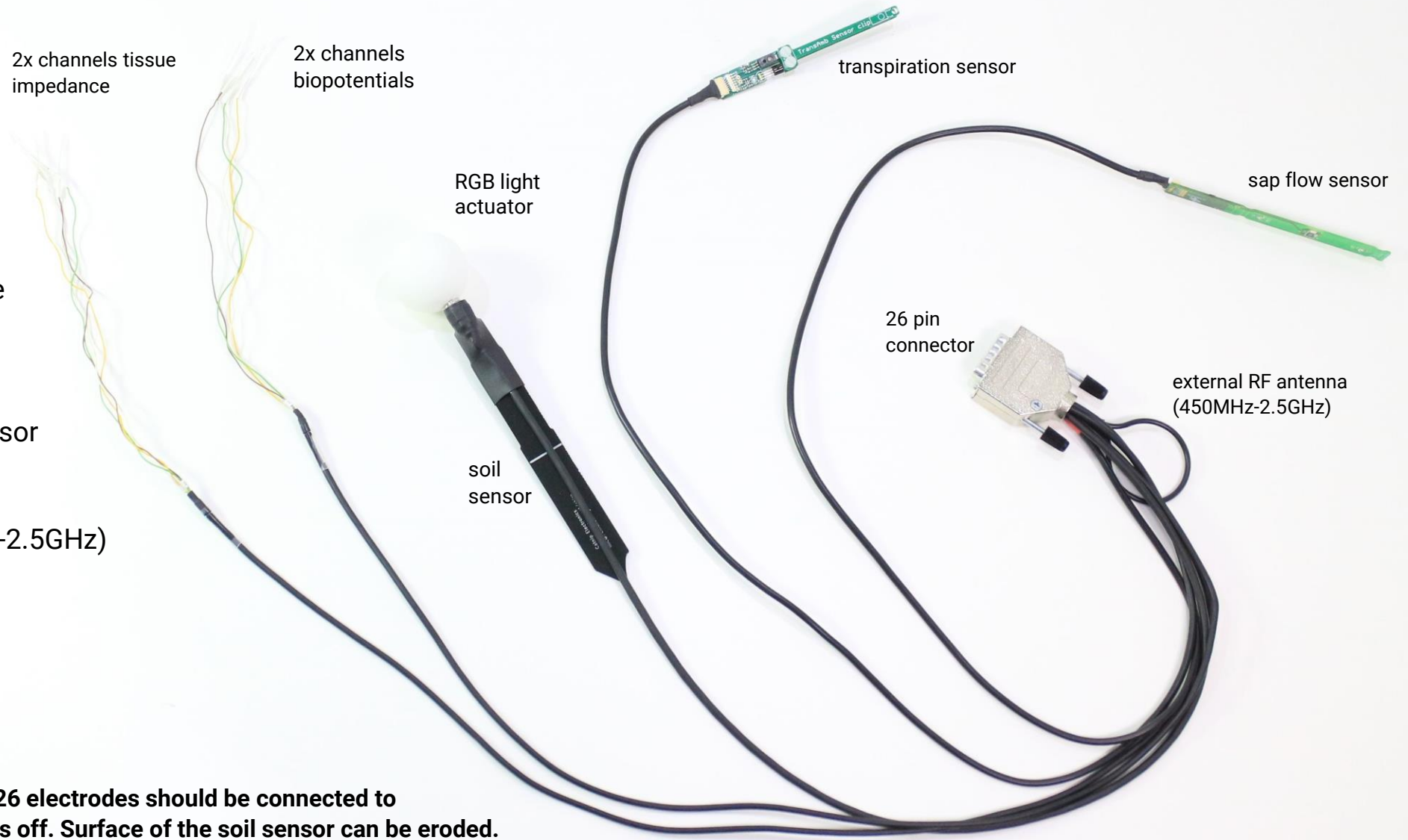
phytoelectrodes: biopotentials, impedance, transpiration, sap flow and soil sensors (connector side)



Typical electrodes and sensors

phytosensor electrodes Phy-IBTSF-26

- Ag99 needles
- 2x channels tissue impedance
- 2x channels biopotentials
- external temperature sensor
- external air humidity sensor
- external leaf transpiration sensor
- sap flow sensor
- external light sensor
- external RF antenna (450MHz-2.5GHz)
- power supply LED
- soil moisture sensor
- soil temperature sensor
- RGB light actuator "Light Ball" with 4 pin connector



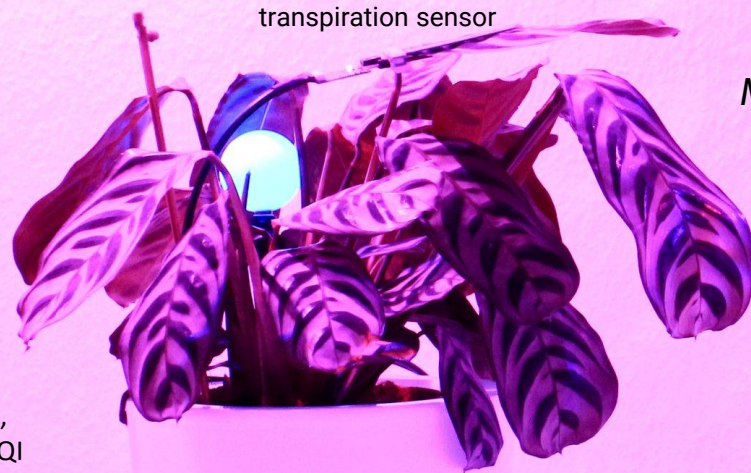
Note, the Phy-IBTSF-26 and Phy-IBTS-26 electrodes should be connected to the measurement module when power is off. Surface of the soil sensor can be eroded.

Electrodes of type IBTS, IBT and IB (without corresponding sensors) are available for delivering

Typical setup

Optional:

- Red-Blue external light sources
(blue: 450-460nm, red: 620-660nm, 50-200W, photosynthetic photon flux density: 300 – 600 umols for the vegetative phase and 800 – 1,000 umols for flowering)
- Air-quality measurement system



transpiration sensor

Maranta plant

e.g. CO₂, PM2.5, PM1.0,
PM10, HCHO, TVOC, AQI
air monitor/logger



Light actuator

TS electrodes

MU system
and mini PC



transpiration sensor

Dracaena plant

sap flow sensor

needle electrodes

needle electrodes

soil sensor

IBTSF electrodes

Light actuator

MU system
and mini PC



Connecting electrodes and sensors to the plant

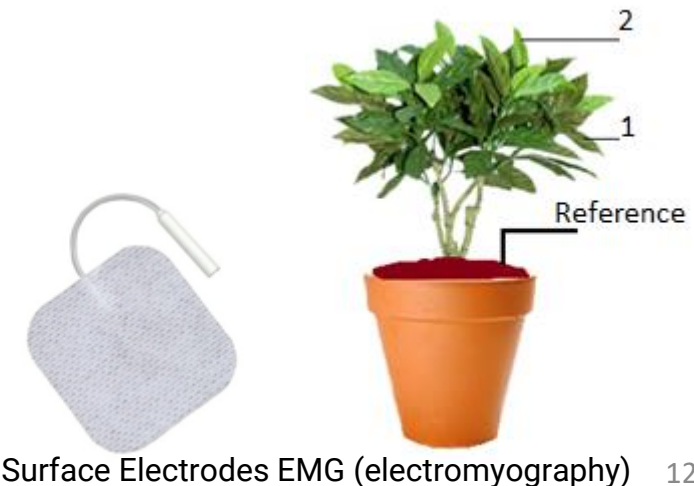
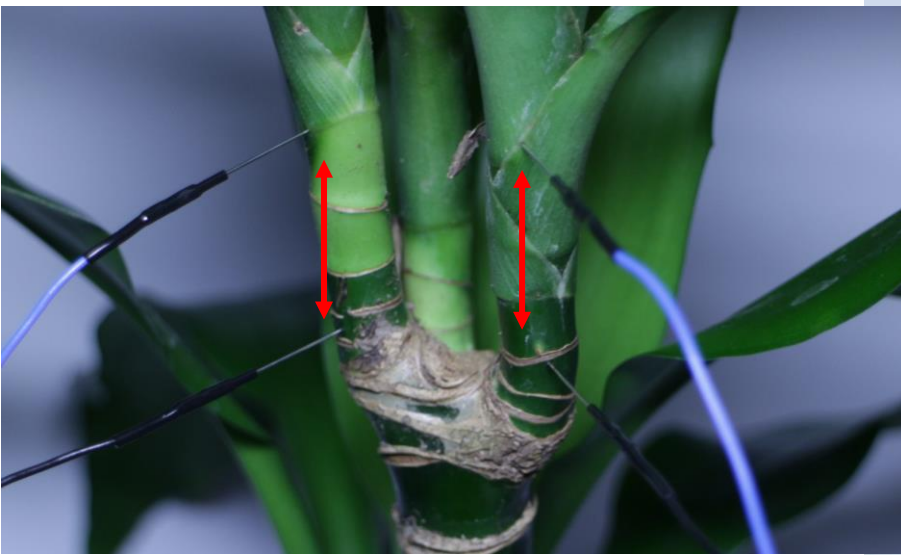
tissue impedance

- *for measurements*: short distance btw electrodes (0.5-2 cm)
- *for electro-stimulation*: depends on stimulation system
- make use of differential measurements



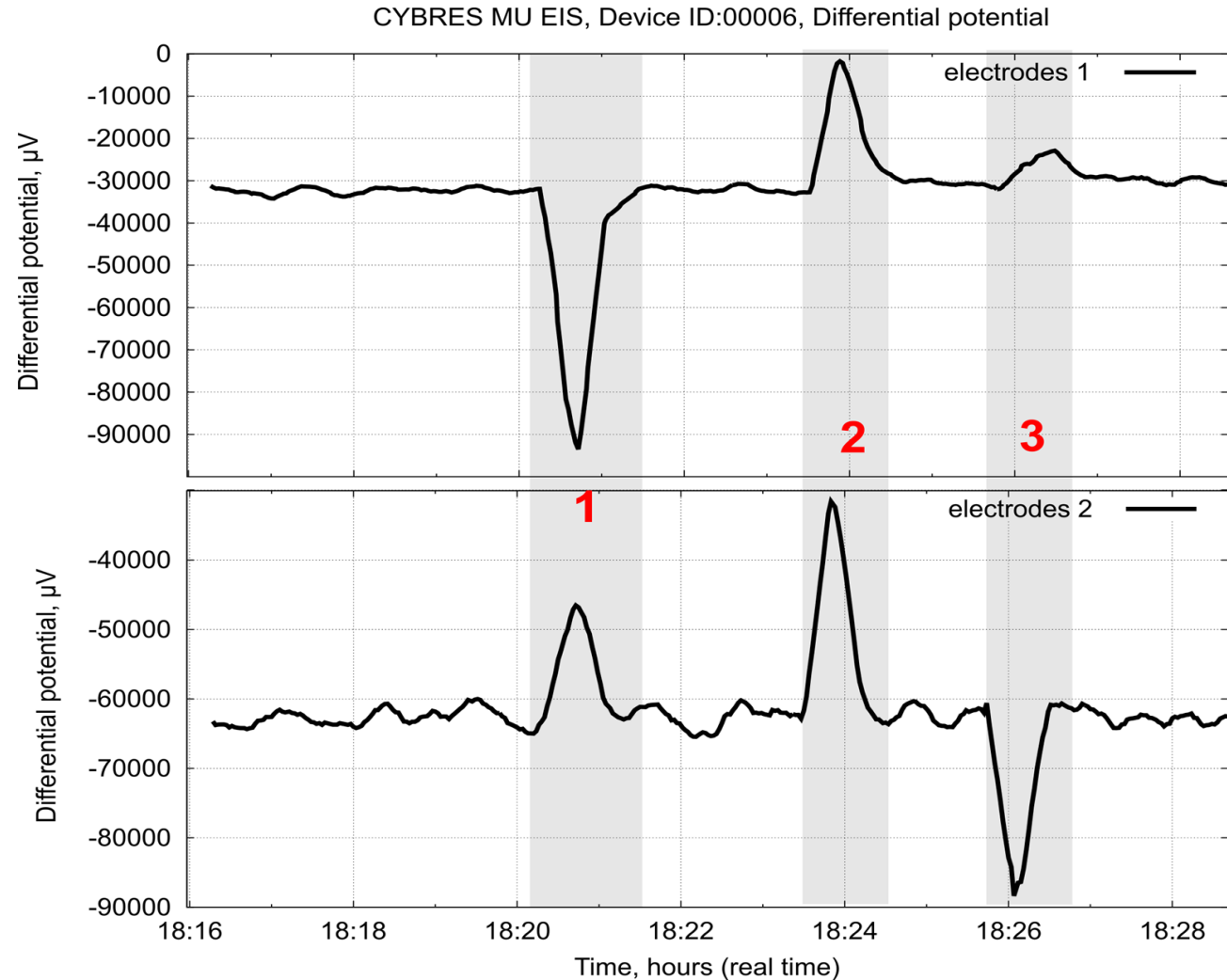
biopotentials

- long distance between electrodes (15-30 cm)
- use differential signals or with reference ground
- use plant topology for differential electrodes (see next slide)
- fouling/wooding issues
- wet surface electrodes as alternative to needles



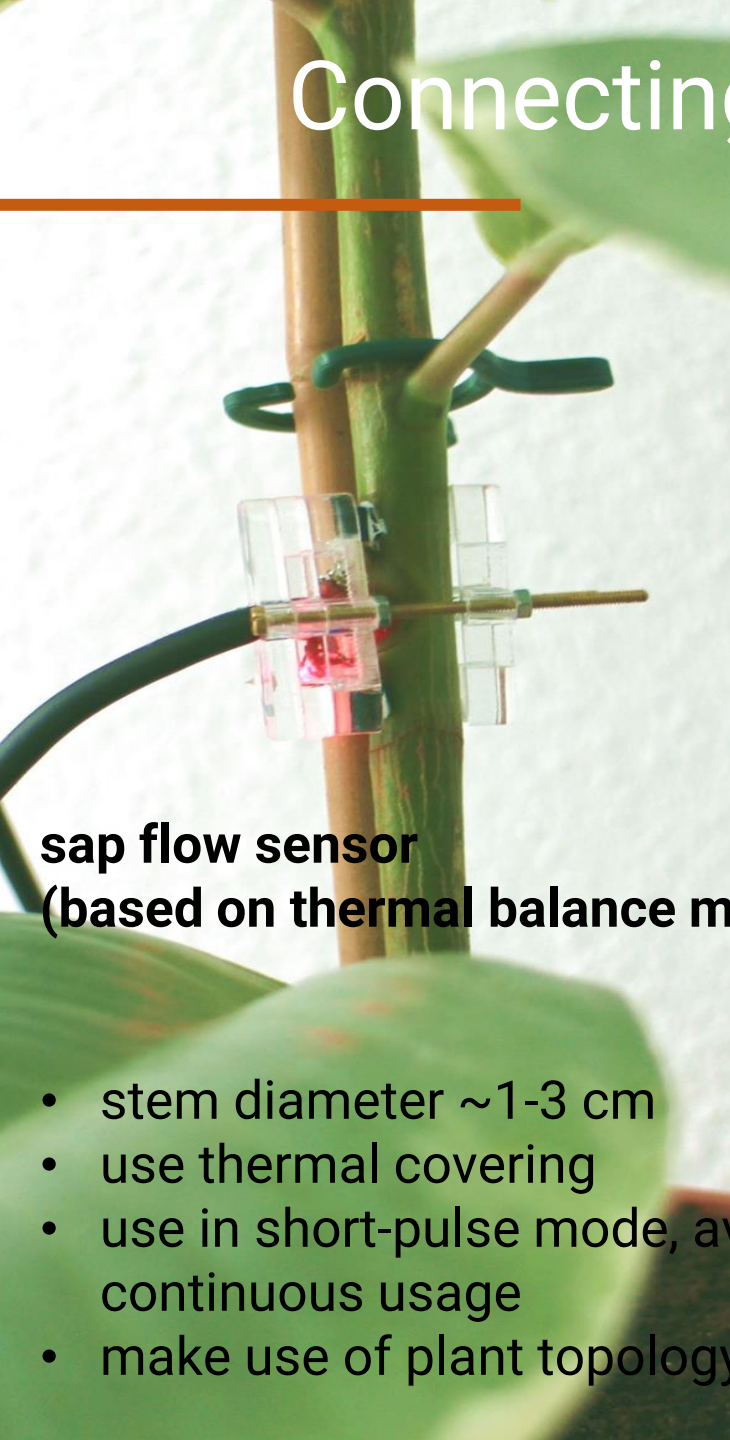
Connecting electrodes and sensors to the plant

use plant topology for differential signals



- put inverse polarity (biopotential electrodes) to plant branches to localize the touch position
- use electro-stimulation as a feedback (actuation) method

Connecting electrodes and sensors to the plant

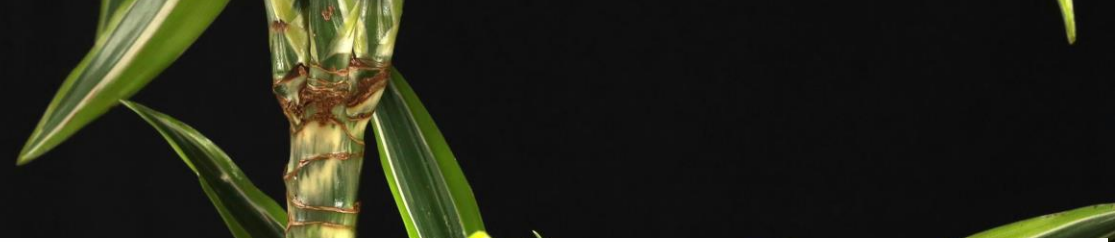


**sap flow sensor
(based on thermal balance method)**

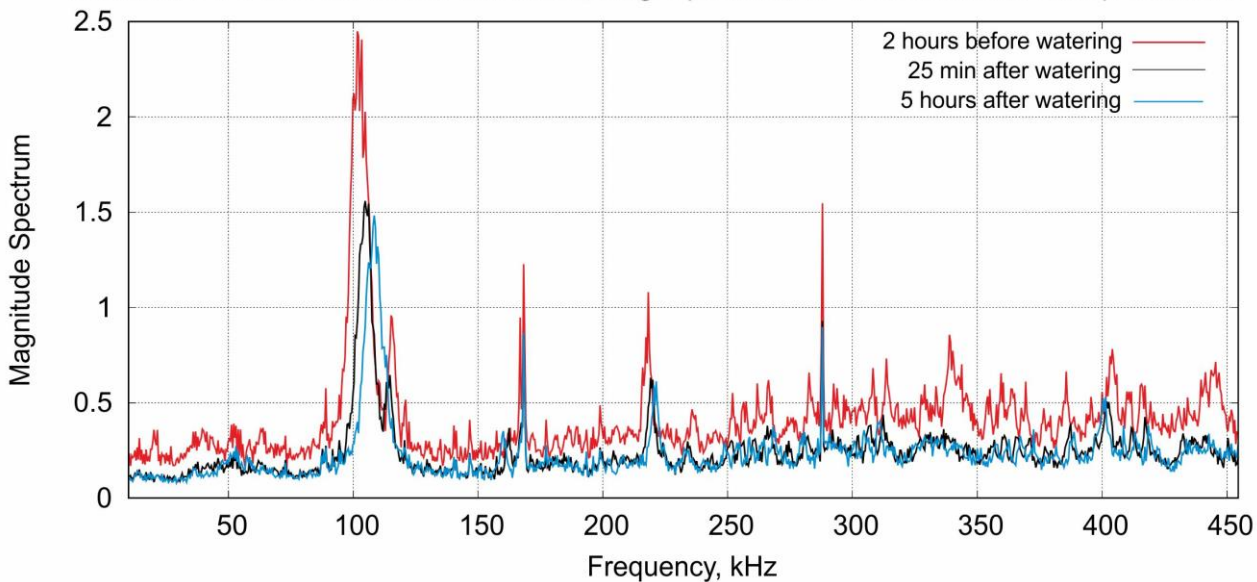
- stem diameter ~1-3 cm
- use thermal covering
- use in short-pulse mode, avoid long-term continuous usage
- make use of plant topology



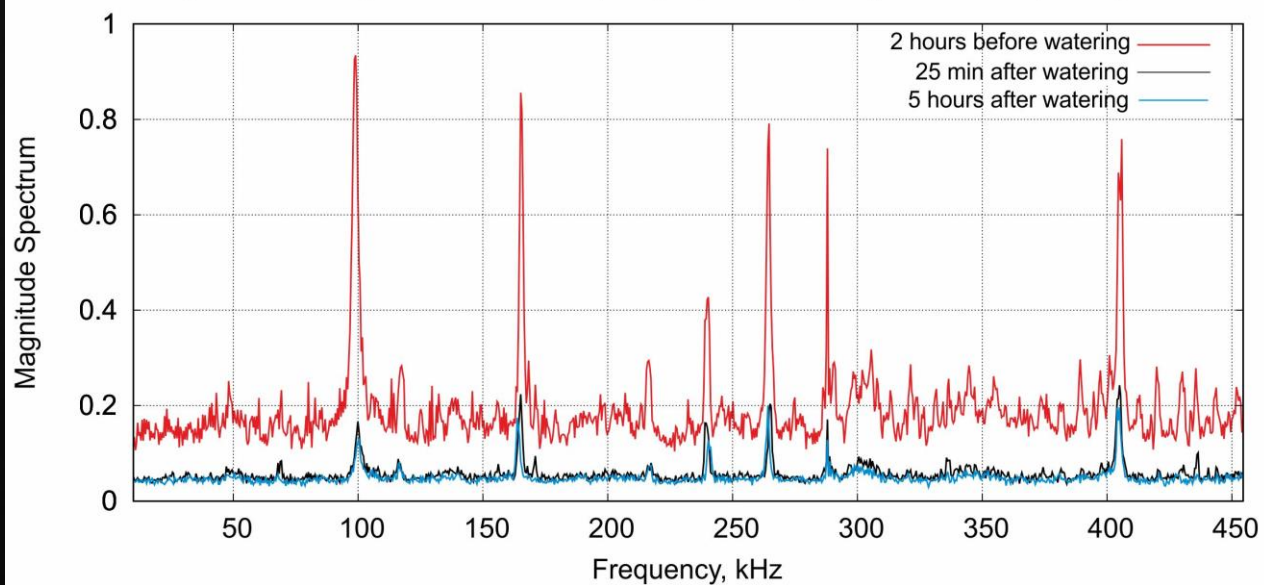
Electrochemical sap flow sensor (based on tissue impedance measurements)



Calathea, CYBRES EIS, Device ID:346252, Mag. Spectrum, dV-I, 30 iterations, sweep 450Hz/1V



Dracaena, CYBRES EIS, Device ID:346215, Mag. Spectrum, dV-I, 30 iterations, sweep 450Hz/1V



Connecting electrodes and sensors to the plant

clip sensor,
protection film



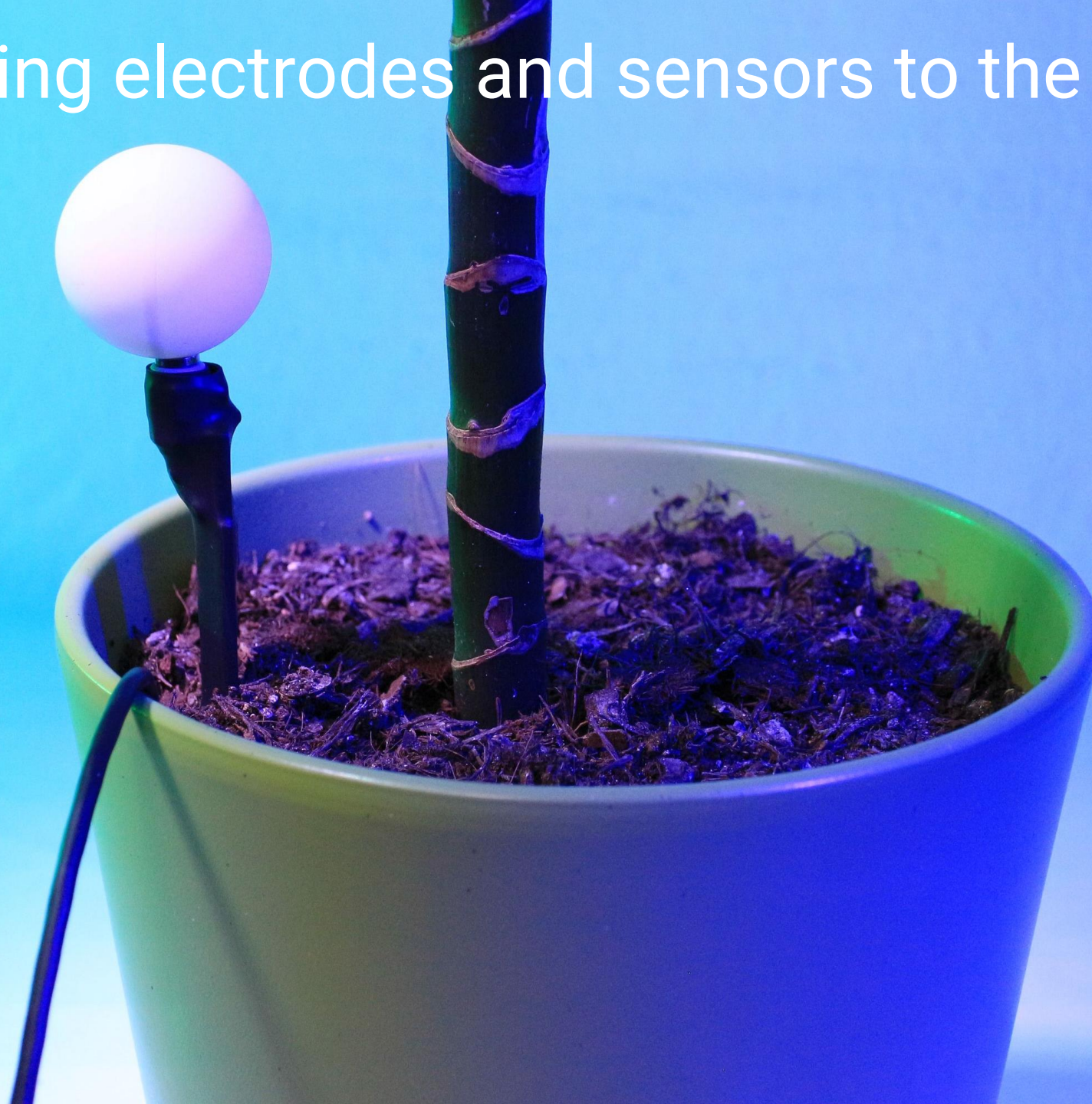
Transpiration sensor

- remove protection film
- use large leaves
- clip sensor should be placed below
- fix cable on stem (or on holder) to avoid damaging the leaf

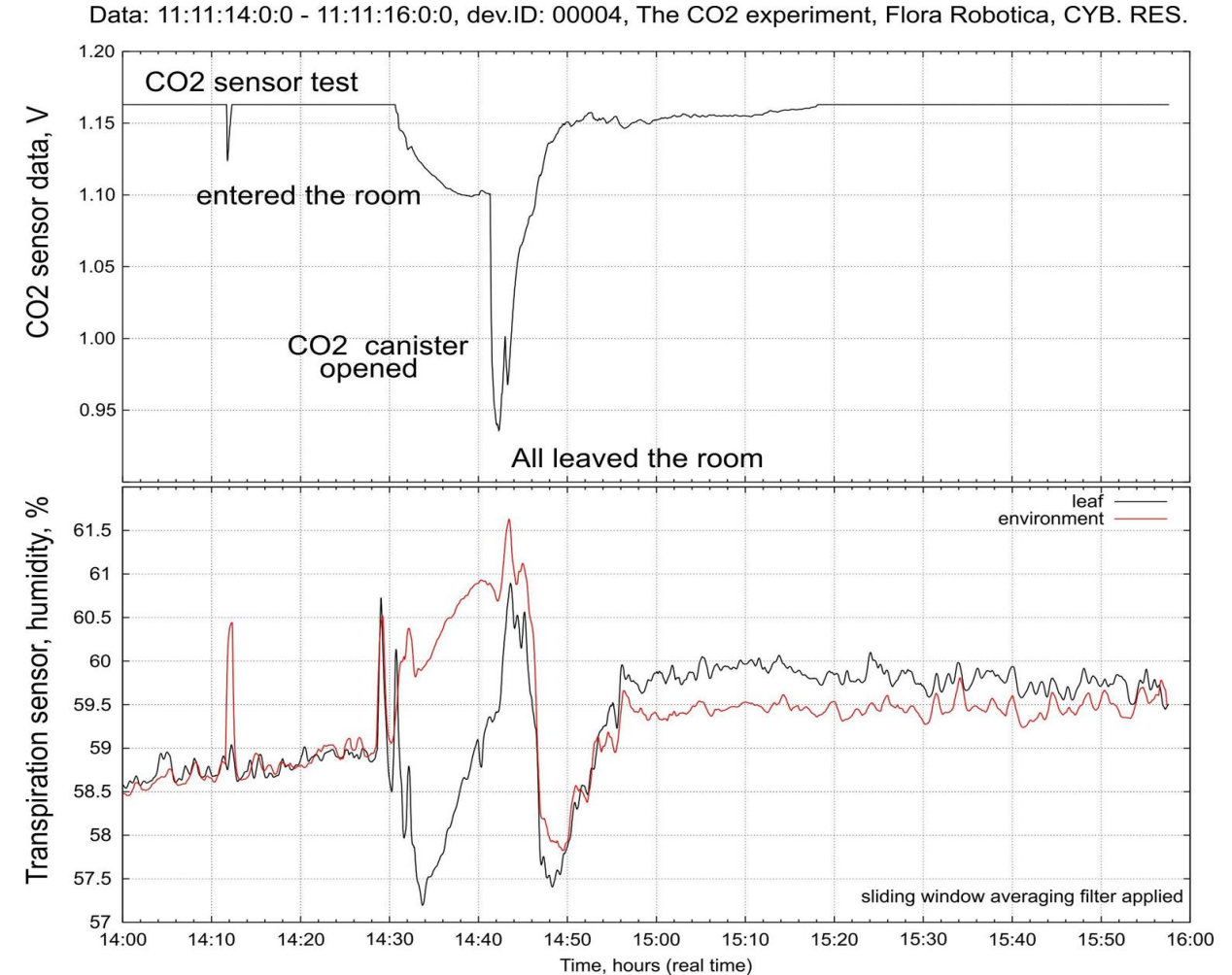
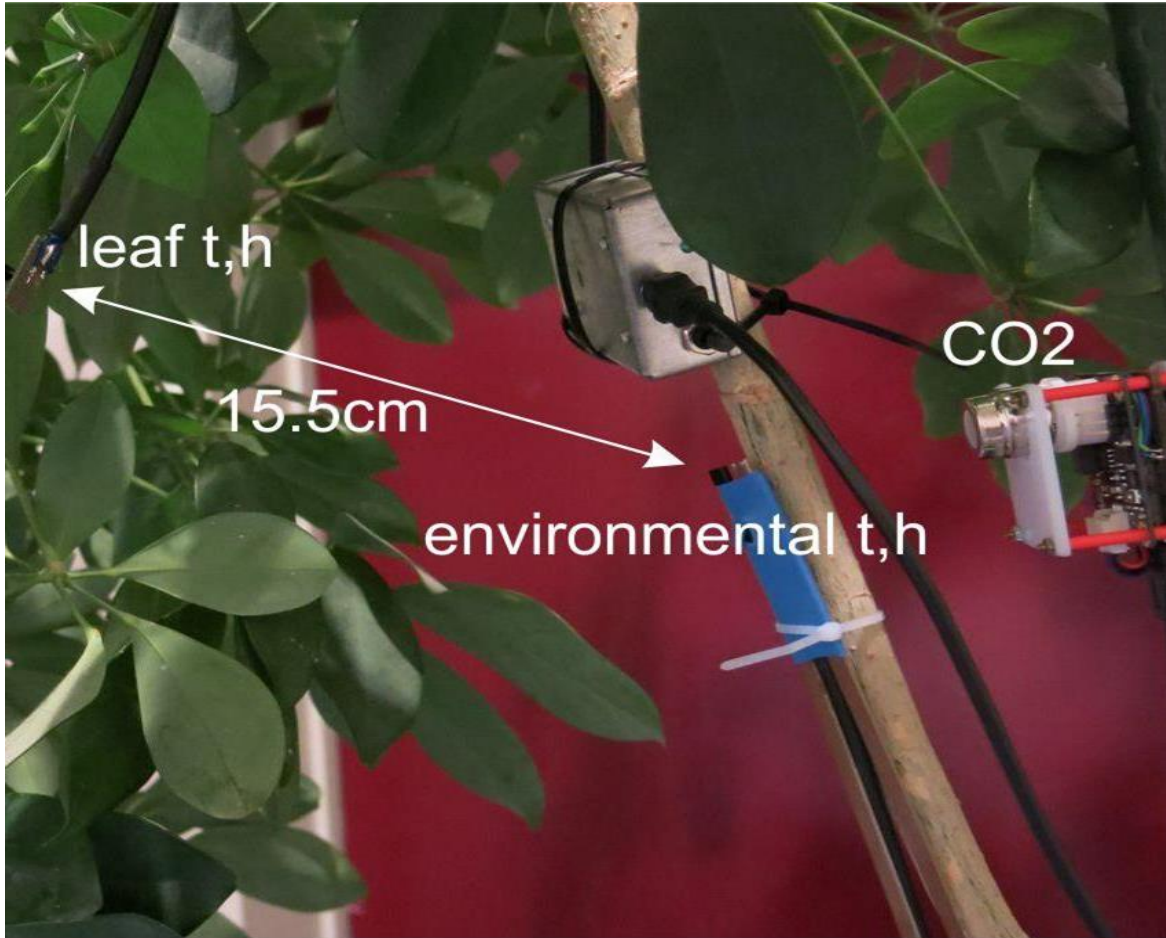
Connecting electrodes and sensors to the plant

Soil sensor & RGB Light Actuator

- water resistant, surface can be eroded
- avoid damaging of roots
- set low frequency of update -> capacitive sensor interacts with biopotentials
- sensor reading depends on the position, for calibration use relative values



Additional (e.g. CO₂) I²C sensors



Use analog (voltage output), I2C bus, UART (with/without bridges), SPI bus (internal connection required) sensors
Typically, firmware update (sensor driver in firmware) is required

RGB Light Actuators

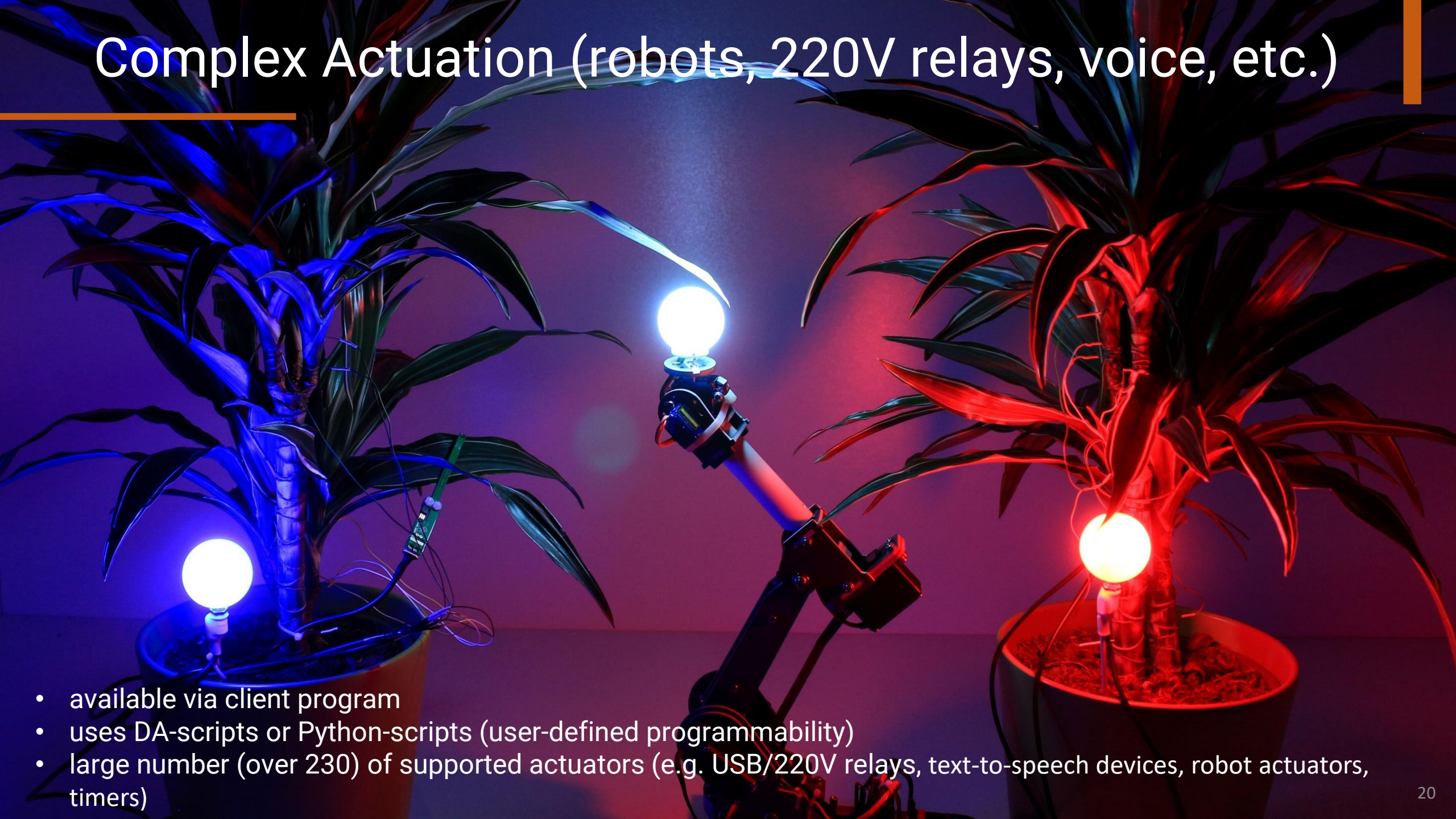


RGB Light Actuation

- internal MOSFETs (3.3V, 10 Ohm resistors)
- directly accessible via ASCII commands
- switching high-current LEDs causes measurement artifacts



Complex Actuation (robots, 220V relays, voice, etc.)



- available via client program
- uses DA-scripts or Python-scripts (user-defined programmability)
- large number (over 230) of supported actuators (e.g. USB/220V relays, text-to-speech devices, robot actuators, timers)

Outdoor Setup

- Powering (PoE, solar)
- Packaging (IP class)
- Communication (PoE, WiFi, GSM)
- Different sensors (for outdoor plants)



Environmental sensors (device level)



TEMTOP

Temtop M2000 2nd Air Quality Monitor w/ Data Exported Function

	1000E	1000S	1000S+	M2000	M2000C
Size(inch)	7 * 2.6 * 1.3	7 * 2.6 * 1.3	7 * 2.6 * 1.3	8.8 * 2.9 * 1.5	8.8 * 2.9 * 1.5
PM2.5&PM10&Partic les	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HCHO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO ₂				✓	✓
AQI	✓	✓	✓		
TVOC			✓		
Histogram			✓	✓	✓
T&H		✓	✓	✓	✓
Backstand	✓	✓	✓		

- see for overview e.g. <https://wiki.ezvid.com/best-air-quality-monitors>
- professional single-sensor devices: e.g. EXTECH (i.e. 7 devices for 7 sensing parameters)
- combined devices, 7-in-1, 9-in-1, range up to 500€: e.g. Temtop LKC-1000S+, Temtop M2000 2nd, IQAir AirVisual Pro
- commonly referred issues with combined devices: low repeatability (probably low accuracy), **external data logger functionality (e.g. via USB) in continuous mode is not provided**

Environmental sensors (sensor level)

SENSIRION
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Datasheet SGP30

Indoor Air Quality Sensor for TVOC and CO₂eq Measurements

1)

- Multi-pixel gas sensor for indoor air quality applications
- Outstanding long-term stability
- I²C interface with TVOC and CO₂eq output signals
- Very small 6-pin DFN package: 2.45 x 2.45 x 0.9 mm³
- Low power consumption: 48 mA at 1.8V
- Tape and reel packaged, reflow solderable

accuracy ~ ± 15%



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Data Sheet SFA30

Formaldehyde Sensor Module for HVAC and Indoor Air Quality Applications

2)

Target applications

- Real-time reading of HCHO gas concentration in parts per billion
- Air Conditioners and Air Exchangers
- Air Purifiers
- Indoor Air Quality Monitors



accuracy ~ ± 20%

Key features

- Low cross-sensitivity to ethanol
- Long-term stability and 6 years' service life time
- Patented electrochemical cell with anti-dry technology
- I²C/UART interface with lifetime-calibrated output
- Fully temperature and humidity compensated via Sensirion RHT sensor

SCD4x

Breaking the size barrier in CO₂ sensing

3a)



accuracy ± 9%-10% at 1000ppm

Features

- Photoacoustic sensor technology PASens®
- Smallest form factor: 10.1 x 10.1 x 6.5 mm³
- Surface-mount device for effective assembly
- Large output range: 0 ppm – 40'000 ppm
- Large supply voltage range: 2.4 – 5.5 V
- High accuracy: ±(40 ppm + 5 %)
- Digital interface I²C with digital output signal
- Integrated temperature and humidity sensor
- Adjustable current-consumption down to < 0.4 mA avg. @ 5 V, 1 meas. / 5 minutes

3b)

Datasheet Sensirion SCD30 Sensor Module

CO₂, humidity, and temperature sensor

- NDIR CO₂ sensor technology
- Integrated temperature and humidity sensor
- Best performance-to-price ratio
- Dual-channel detection for superior stability
- Small form factor: 35 mm x 23 mm x 7 mm
- Measurement range: 400 ppm – 10.000 ppm
- Accuracy: ±(30 ppm + 3%)
- Current consumption: 19 mA @ 1 meas. per 2 s.
- Fully calibrated and linearized
- Digital interface UART or I²C

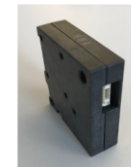
accuracy ±6% at 1000ppm



Panasonic

SN-GCJA5 Particulate Matter Laser Sensor

- On board Laser Diode provides Particulate Matter detection for indoor air quality (±10%, from low to high concentrations ~ 1,000 µg/m³)
- Output mass-density value of PM1.0, Pm2.5 and PM10 (µg/m³)
- Minimum detectable particle: 0.3µm
- Very small footprint: 37x37x12mm
- Weight: 13g
- Extended lifetime optimized by S/W control
- Optimized air pathway design to minimize dust accumulation
- High S/N



4a)

accuracy ~ ± 10%

4b)

Datasheet SPS30

Particulate Matter Sensor for Air Quality Monitoring and Control

- Unique long-term stability
- Advanced particle size binning
- Superior precision in mass concentration and number concentration sensing
- Small, ultra-slim package
- Fully calibrated digital output

accuracy ~ ± 10%



SPEC
SENSORS

3SP_O3_20 C Package 110-407

March 2019

5,6) O₃ and NO₂



15x15 O₃ Sensor 20 ppm C Package 110-407

SPEC
SENSORS

DGS-NO2 968-043

August 2017

Digital Gas Sensor – Nitrogen Dioxide

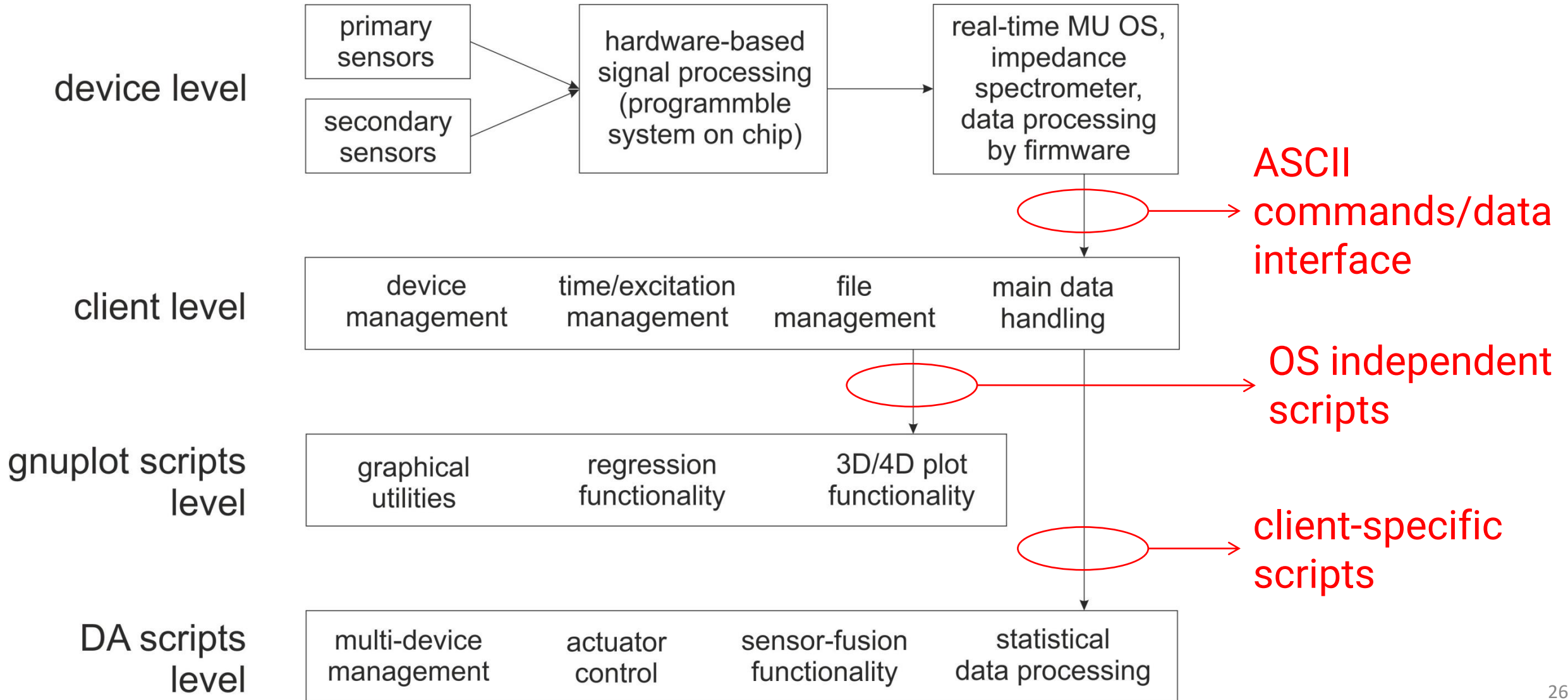
- It makes sense to integrate environmental sensors on the sensor level
- class: <100€ per sensor (expensive!), I²C interface (easy to integrate)

2. Software, ASCII communication and commands

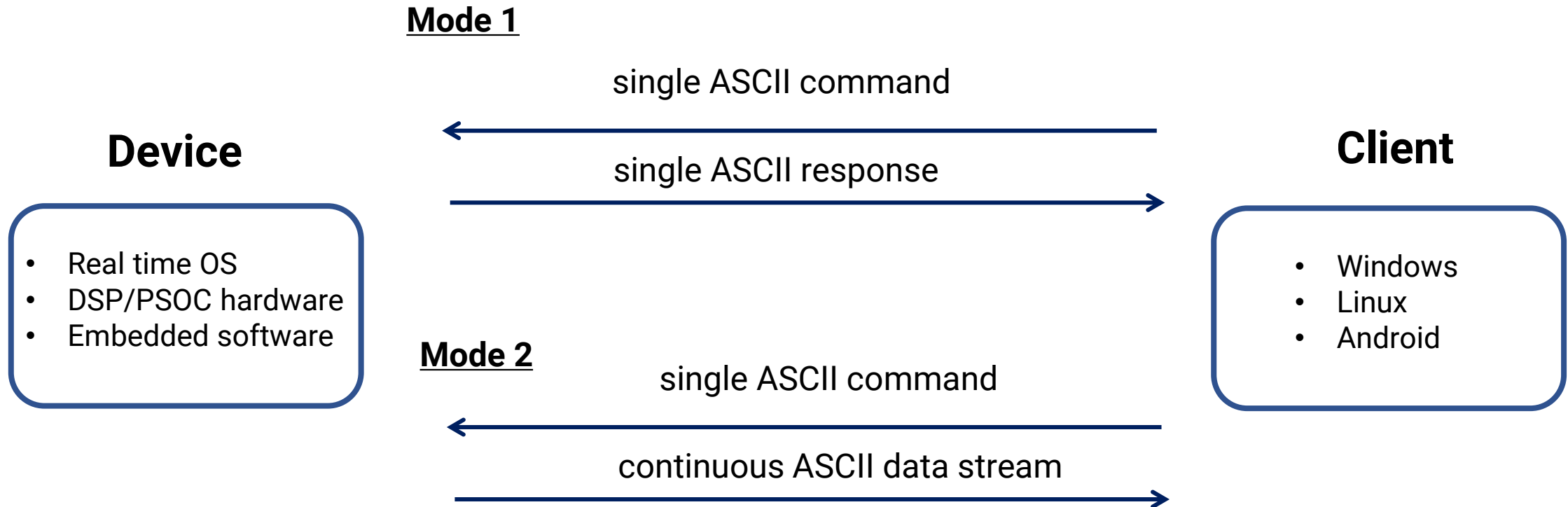
Operating System (OS) Dependency

OS	Access to device, client programs and scripts	Win10 mini PC	Analysis on client level	Plotting engine	User-defined programs
Windows	All components are prepared, full access	yes	full access	screen, web, jpeg, eps	programmable within prepared framework, DA/Python scripts
Linux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to device via ASCII interface Access to mini PC via TCP/IP communication 	no	no	no	yes, any
		yes	full access	screen, web, jpeg, eps	yes, any
Android, iOS	access to data and plots from mobile devices via Remote Desktop	yes	full access	screen, web, jpeg, eps	programmable within prepared framework, DA/Python scripts

Software structure



Communication with device: general principles



Communication on the client side is a standard COM port operation:
open port -> write data -> read data -> close port

Device Commands

see User Manual, p.63, section 5.8 “Communication with the EIS operating system”

Table 4: List of available device commands.

k1	k2	Parameter	Response	Description
section 'general'				
.				restart the system
,			c	reset input/output buffers of serial input
:				start bootloader mode (in order to update device firmware)
section 'system'				
s	s			show all parameters, initial messages
s	r			restart the system
s	b			start bootloader mode (in order to update device firmware)
s	e			find the latest slot in EEPROM
s	g			show parameters stored in EEPROM
s	f	X		data printing mode. Parameter x: 0 - write data into FLASH and USB

Table 5: Device return parameters to response for **ss** and **sy** commands.

k1	Return parameter	pa-	Description
I			begin marker, each system message should start with it
D	XXXXX		Device ID
V	XXXX		firmware version
F	X		flash write parameter
P	XXXXX		time period between measurements, ms
O	XXXX		goal temperature of PID A, °C · 100
C	XXXX		goal temperature of PID B, °C · 100
S	XXXX		goal temperature of PID C, °C · 100
H	X		thermostat status, on/off
Q	XXXX		temperature thermostat A, °C · 100
W	XXXX		temperature thermostat B, °C · 100
U	XXXX		temperature thermostat C, °C · 100

Format of commands: k1k2xxxx*
parameters
end marker

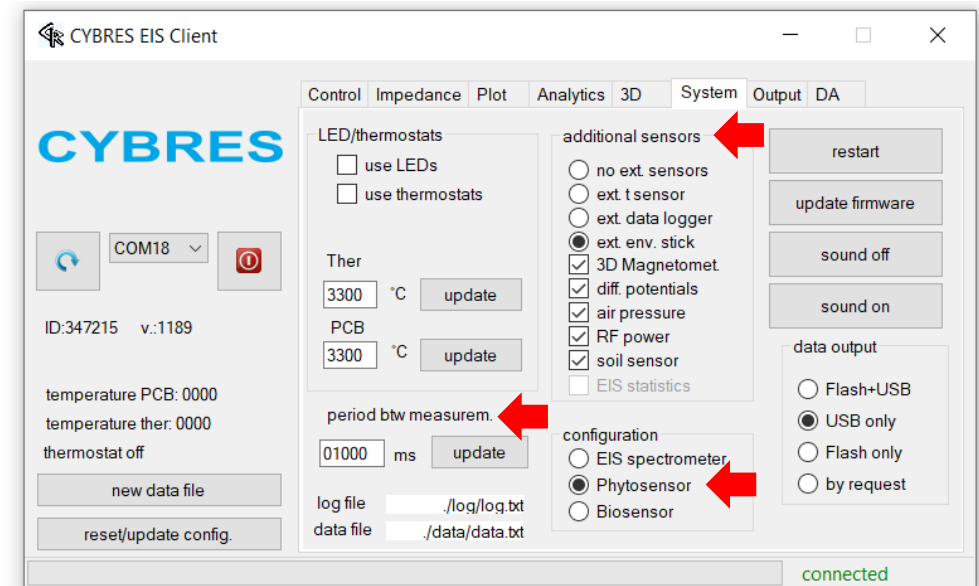
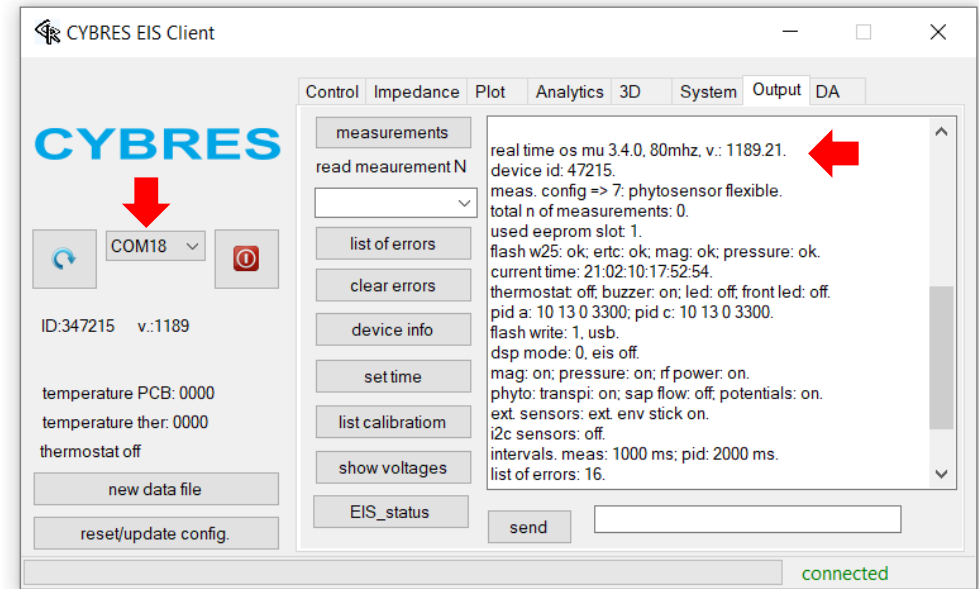
3. Software Client Program, parameters of measurements and data structures

Client Program

- Installation for Win 10: typically no drives are required
- Install the redistributable package for visual C++ 2012 and Gnuplot (all files are in the directory 'drivers'), see "User Manual", p. 49
- Connect to "COM port" of the device

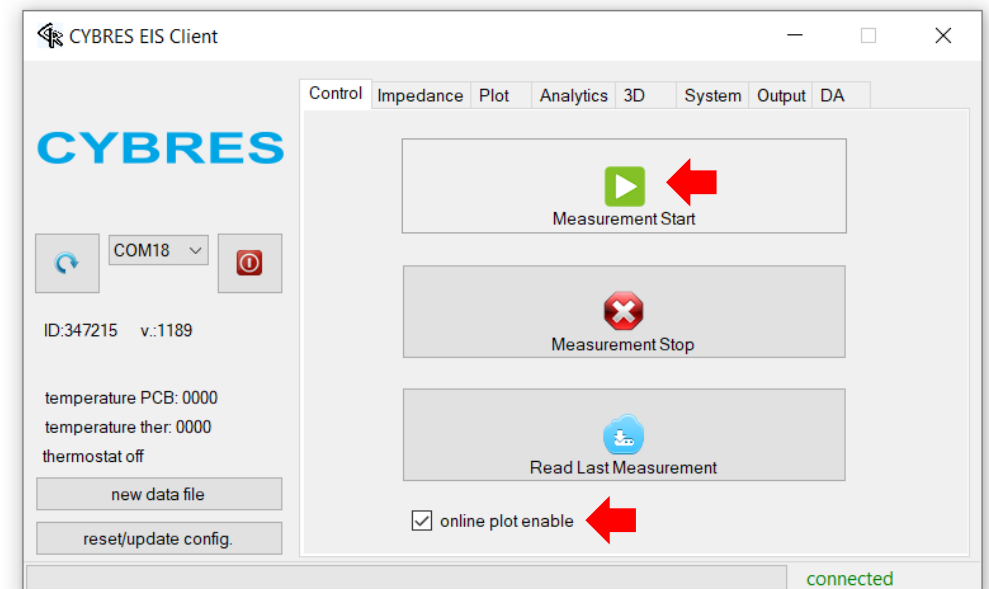
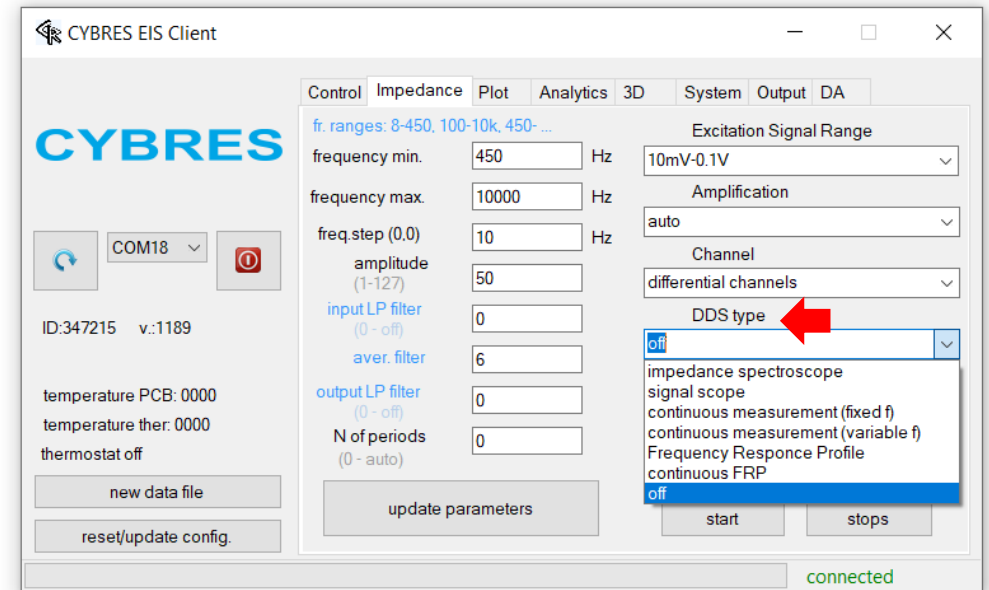
For the first time only, check:

- the firmware version
- configuration
- enable/disable additional sensors
- setup the period between measurements, e.g. 10 secs.

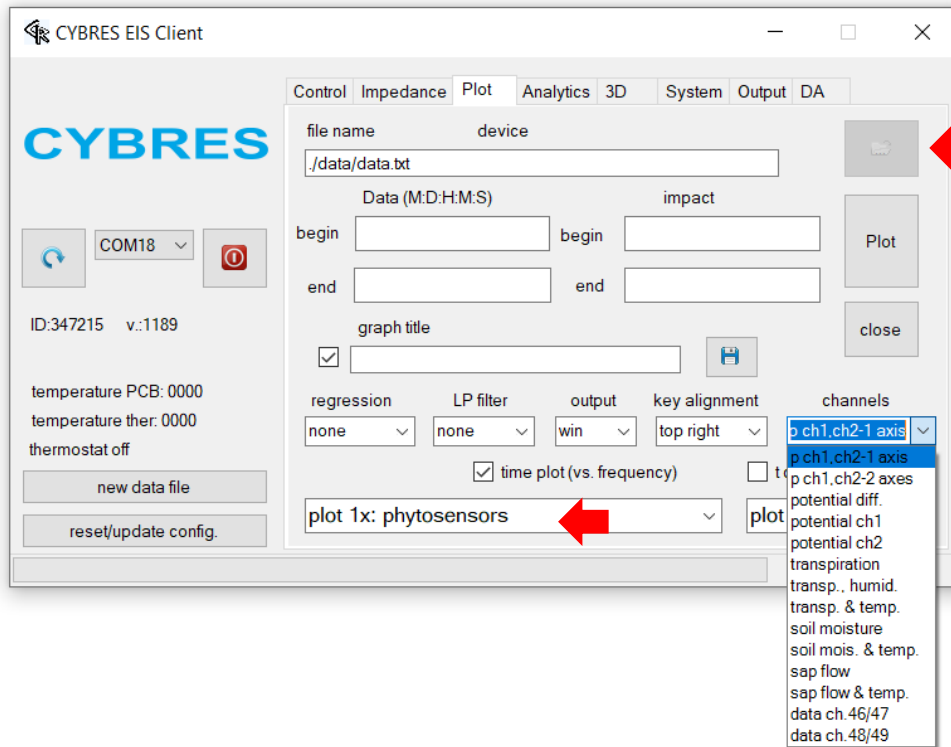


Configuration of measurement parameters

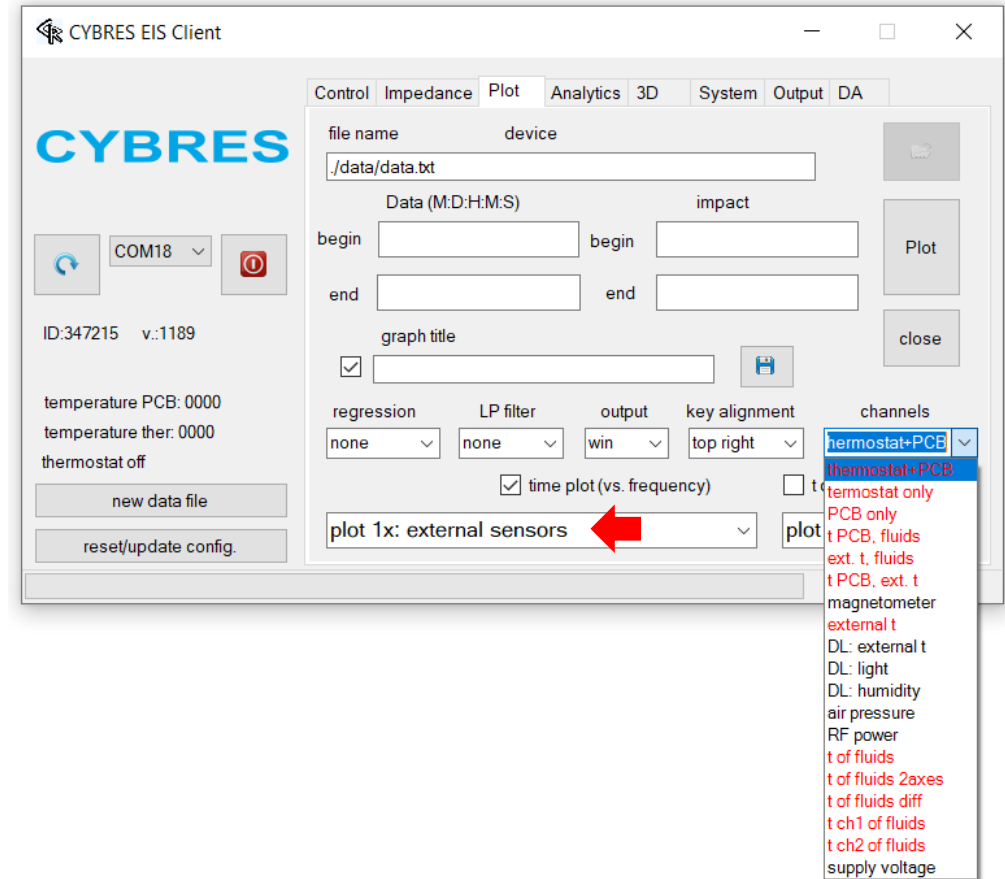
- “DDS type” specifies Impedance Spectroscopy module (Tissue Impedance, Ionic Interfaces and Electrical Stimulation): off if not used
- use primarily the lowest signal excision range (0.01 V)
- To start measurements, press “Measurements Start”
- Enable online plot



Configuration of measurement parameters



open
the file



- for plot specific data use the option “phytosensors” and “external sensors”
- to plot already stored data (from previous measurements), 1) disconnect from device; 2) open the file

Configuration of measurement parameters

The screenshot displays a Windows File Explorer window. The left pane shows a directory tree with folders: data, documentation, drivers, firmware_update, images, init, log, scripts, sound, web, and web2. The file MU-EIS-Client.exe is selected. The right pane shows the contents of the 'data' folder, which are data files named with a date-time format: dataYYYYMMDD-HHMM.dat. A red arrow points from the 'data' folder in the left pane to the detailed view on the right.

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drivers	02.02.2021 18:49	Dateiordner	
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images	04.02.2021 17:28	Dateiordner	
init	02.02.2021 18:49	Dateiordner	
log	02.02.2021 18:49	Dateiordner	
scripts	02.02.2021 18:49	Dateiordner	
sound	08.04.2018 18:45	Dateiordner	
web	02.02.2021 18:49	Dateiordner	
web2	02.02.2021 18:49	Dateiordner	
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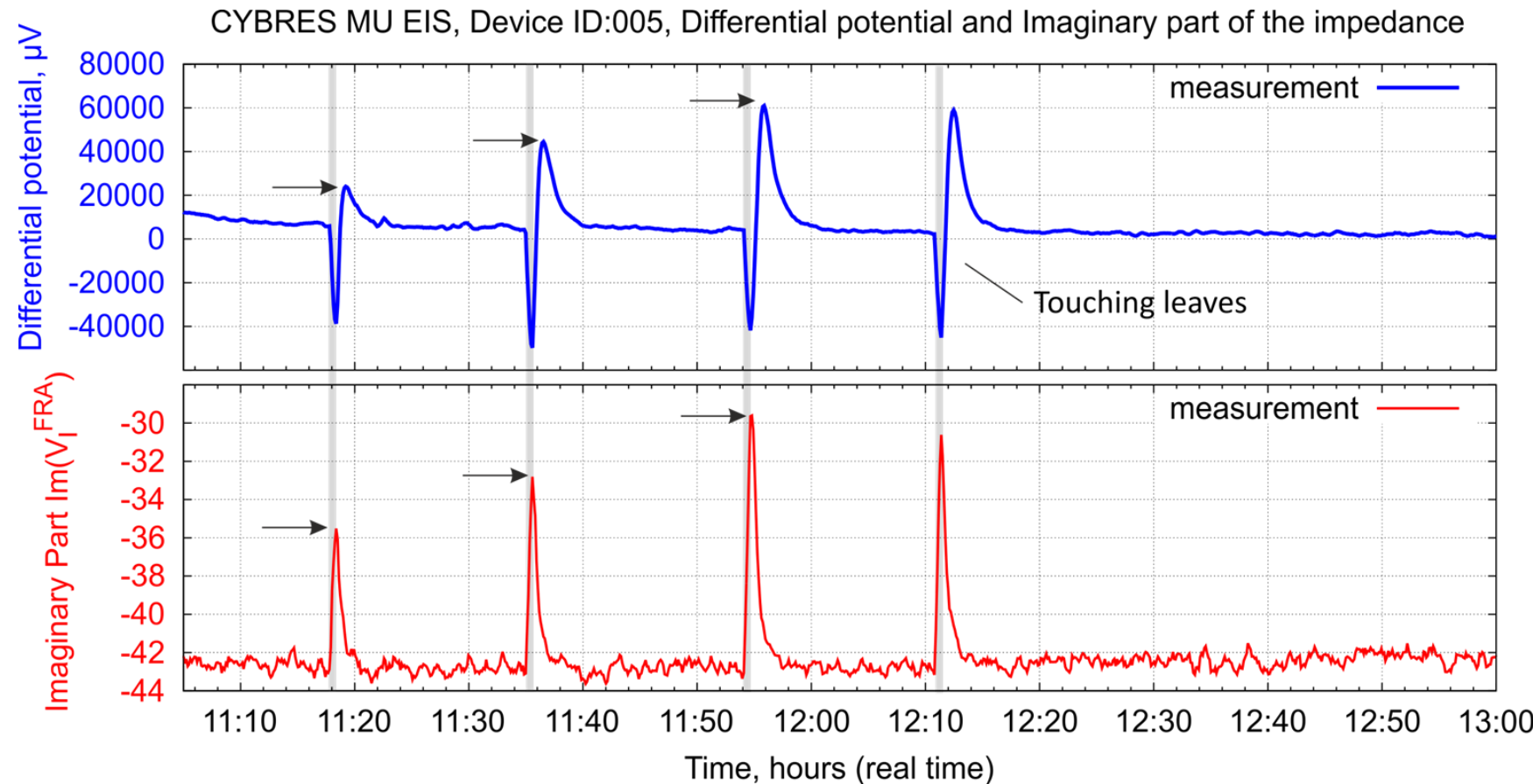
- data files are indexed by day-month-year-time

Data Structures (depends on DSP mode)

DSP/DDS mode	Usage	Description
All types of “Continuous Measurement”	Typical for phytosensor measurement mode	80 fixed data fields, see User Manual, Sec. 6.8, page 77
Signal Scope & Spectral analysis	Analysis of ionic interfaces	Several outputs, fixed data fields, see User Manual, Sec. 6.9, page 80
3D/4D mode, “continuous measurement with variable f”	Vernadsky scale, Impedance Spectroscopy	block-wise data structure, see User Manual, Sec. 6.10, page 80
Frequency analysis	Impedance Spectroscopy, frequency-response analysis	similar to “continuous mode”, the first field is replaced by frequency

4. Examples of measurements, data analysis and bio-hybrid feedback

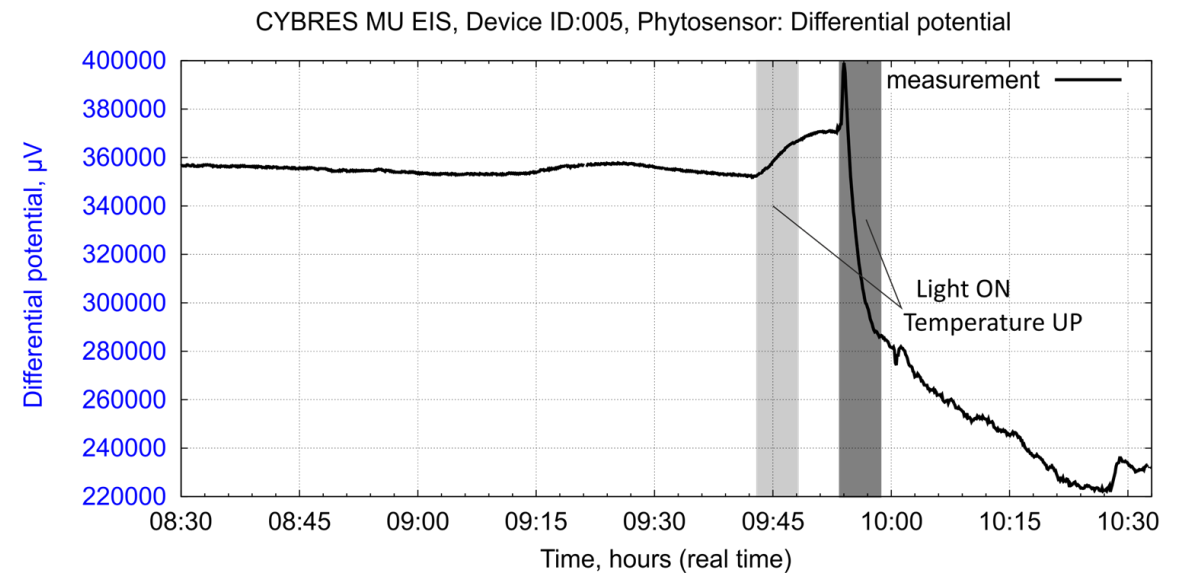
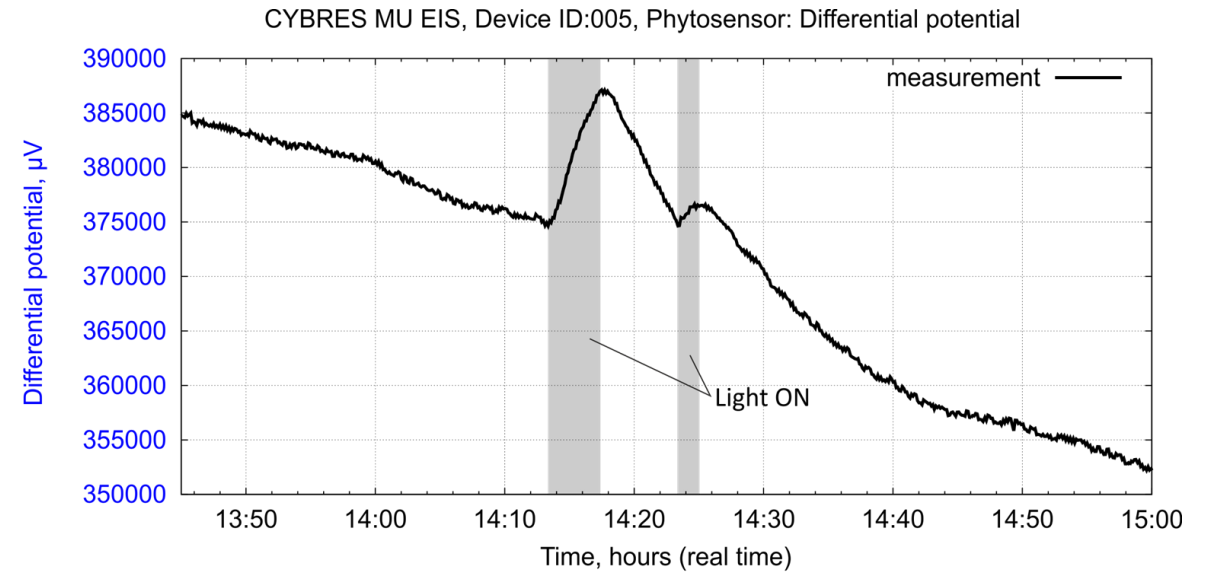
Electrophysiology: mechanical (electrostatic) stimuli



- Fast reaction (in seconds) at specific plant species
- It can be used in complex scenarios, even for multiple plants (see next slides)

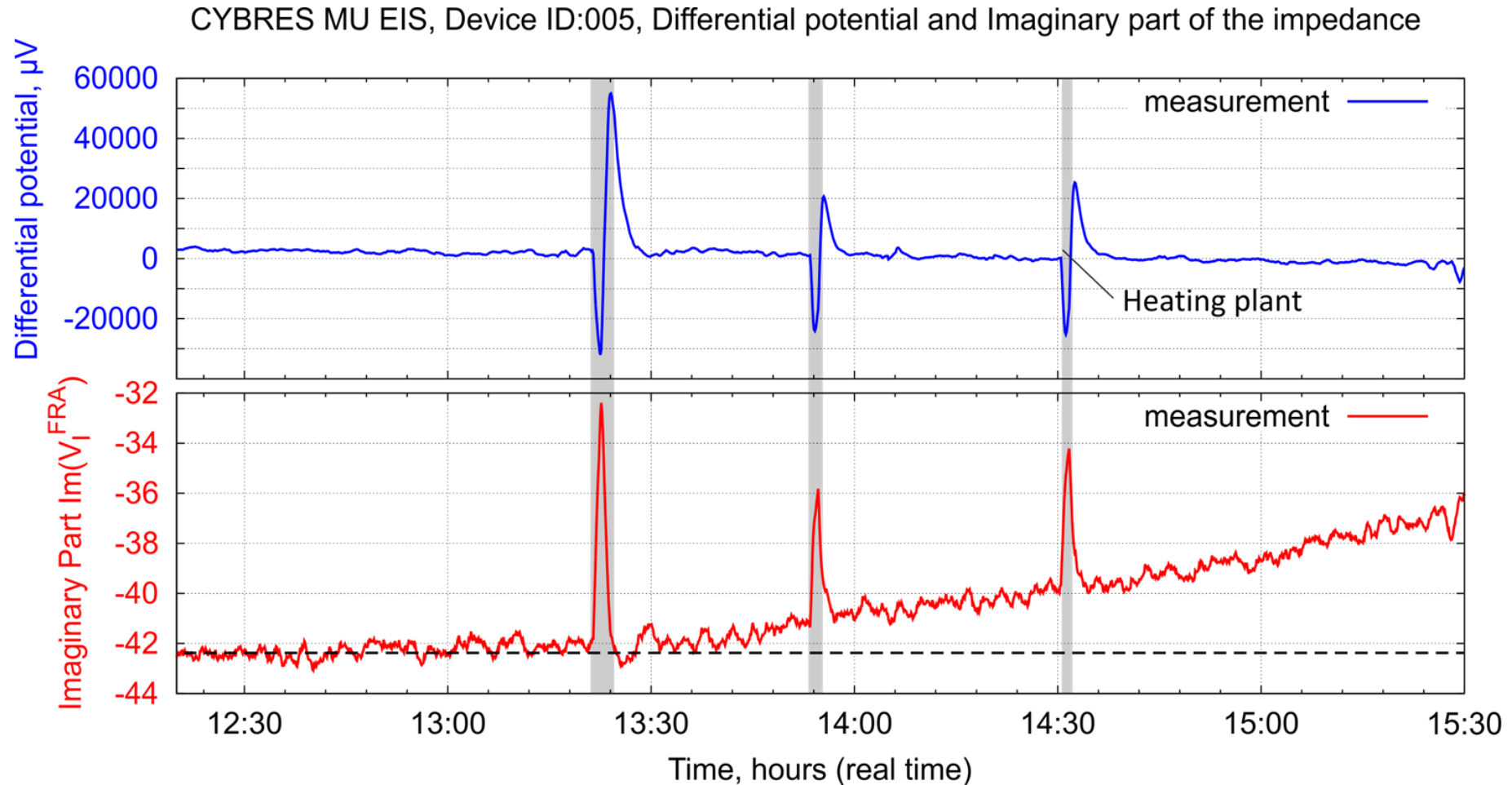
Electrophysiology: light & heat

- Non-specific electro-physiological reaction on different stimuli
- physiological & environmental data are required for analysis



Electrophysiology (tissue impedance)

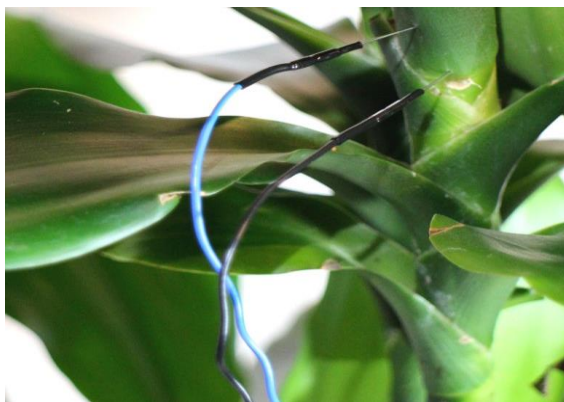
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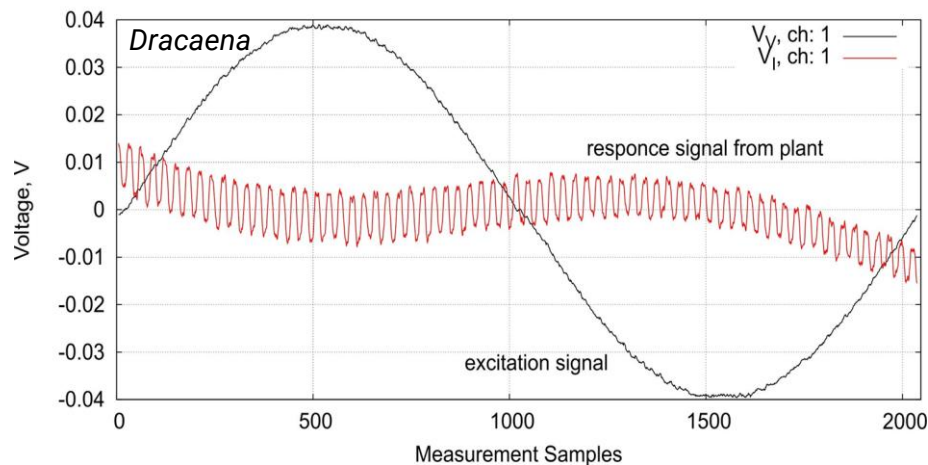
Reaction on external stimuli also by tissue impedance

Tissue impedance spectroscopy

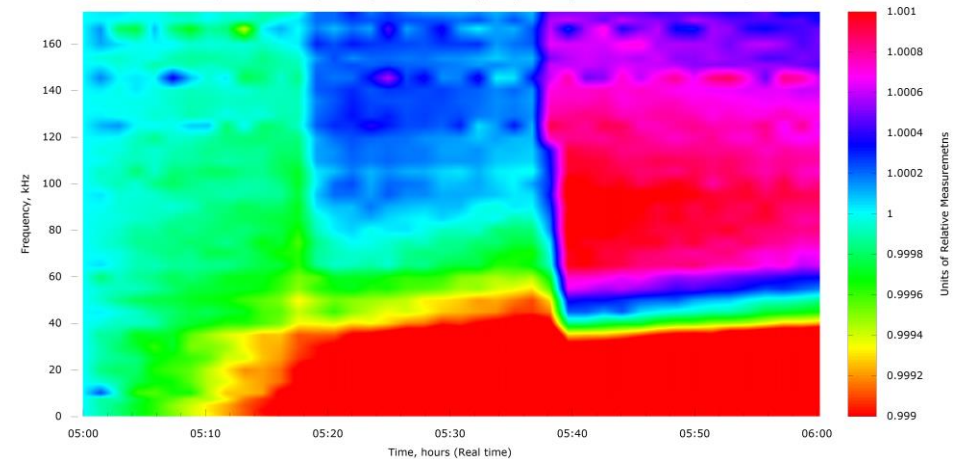
periodic response, frequency shift, frequency-temporal dynamics



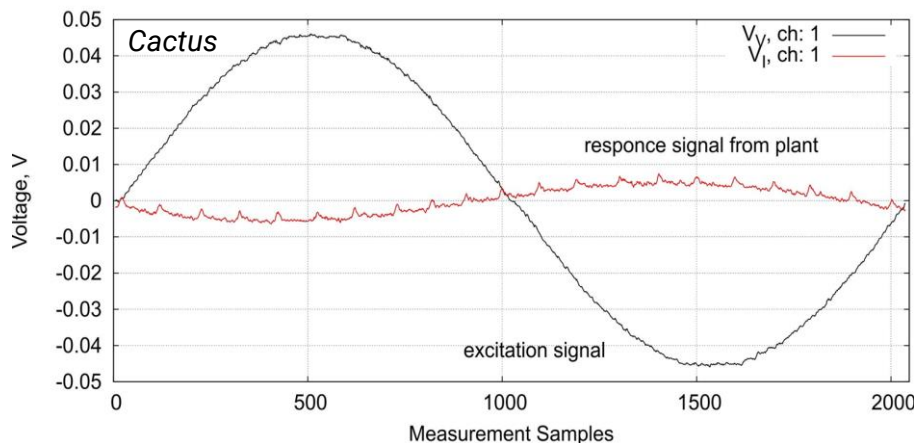
CYBRES MU EIS, Device ID:0005, Signal Scope mode, V_V , V_I signals, 500Hz, tissue conductivity



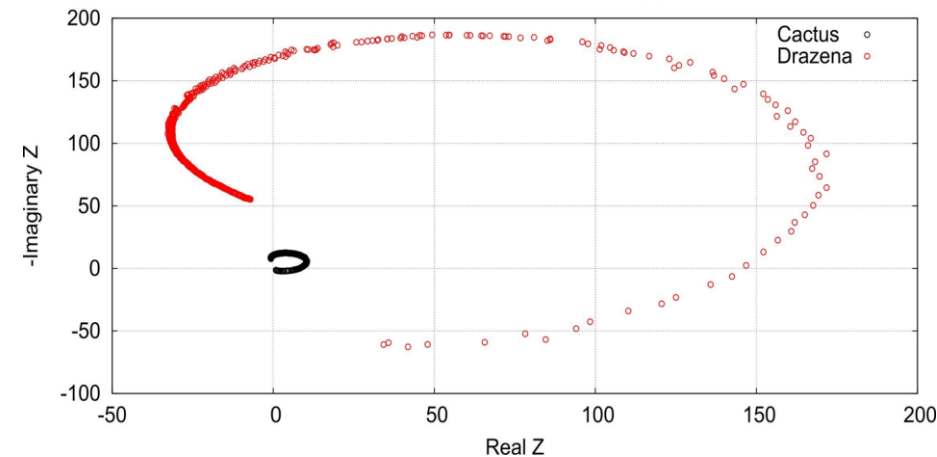
CYBRES EIS, Device ID:322016, Heat map of RMS conductivity, ch.1 (Vernadsky Scale of Relative Measurements)



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CYBRES MU EIS, Device ID:00006, Nyquist Plot



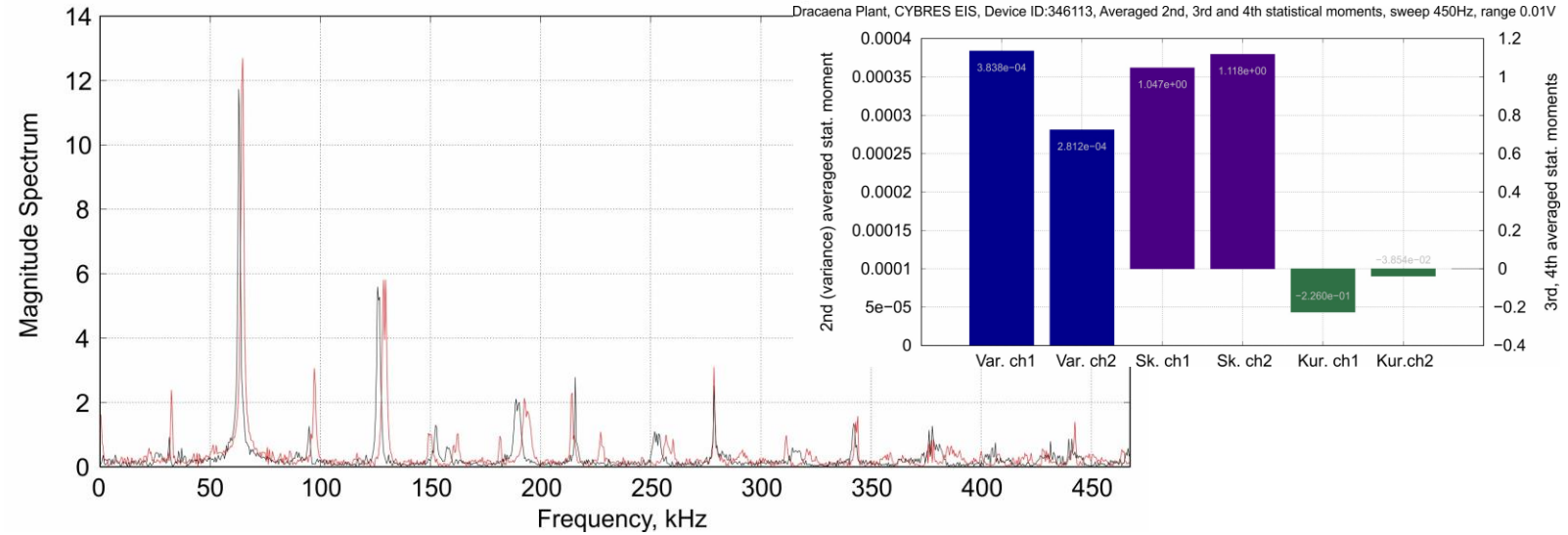
Replication experiments on published data about tissue responses

Tissue impedance spectroscopy

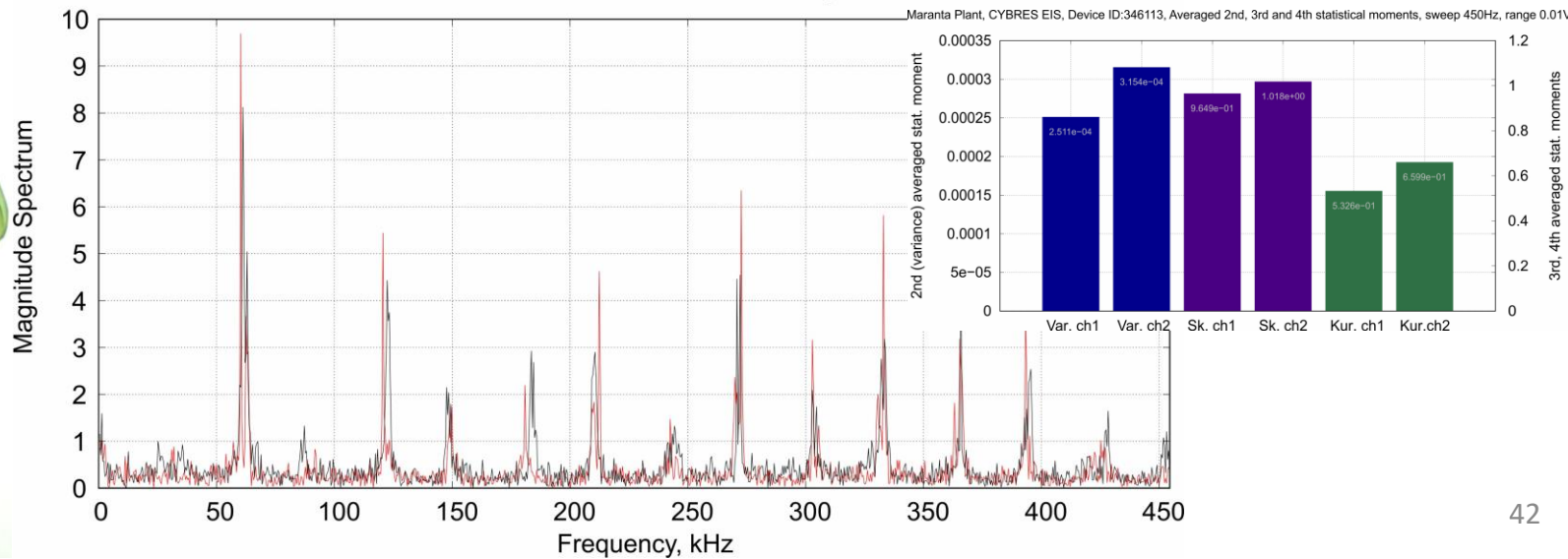
Ionic interfaces



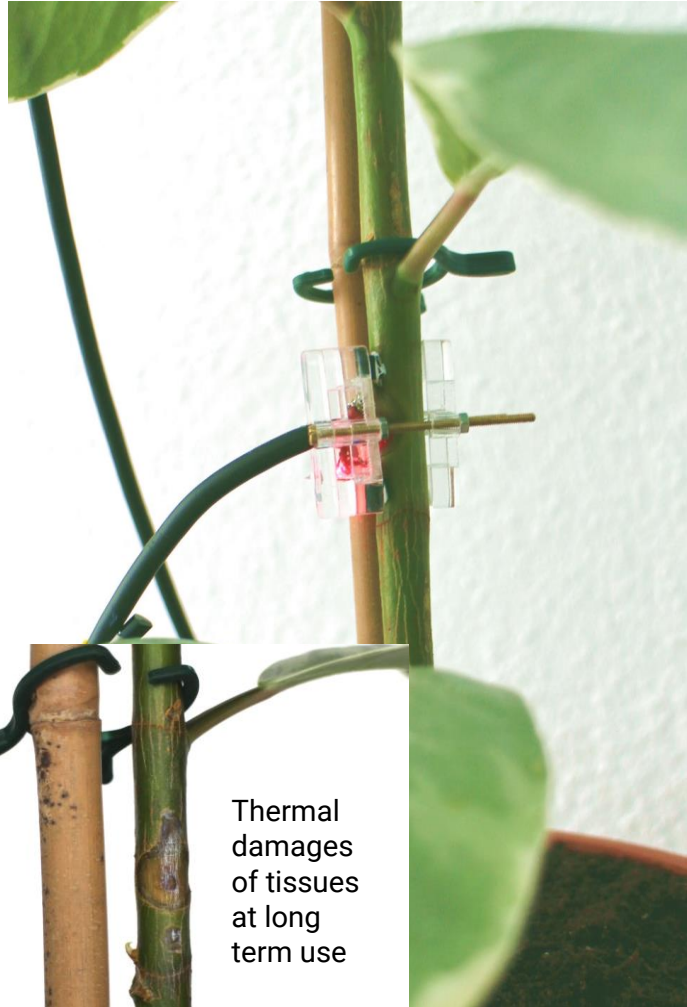
Dracaena Plant, CYBRES EIS, Device ID:346113, Magnitude Spectrum, delayed V_I signal, sweep 450Hz, range 0.01V



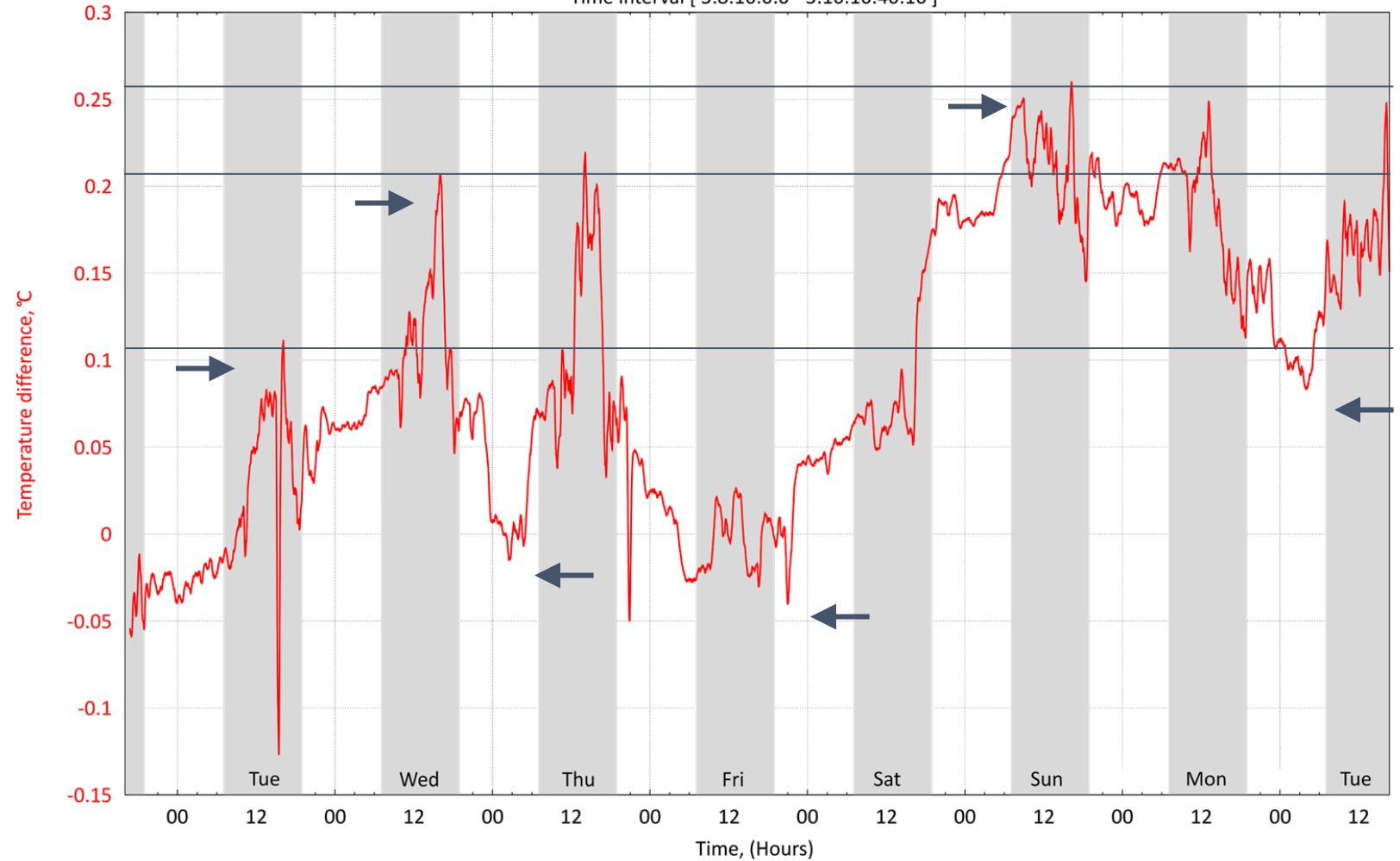
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Stem water (sap) flow sensor (thermobalance method)

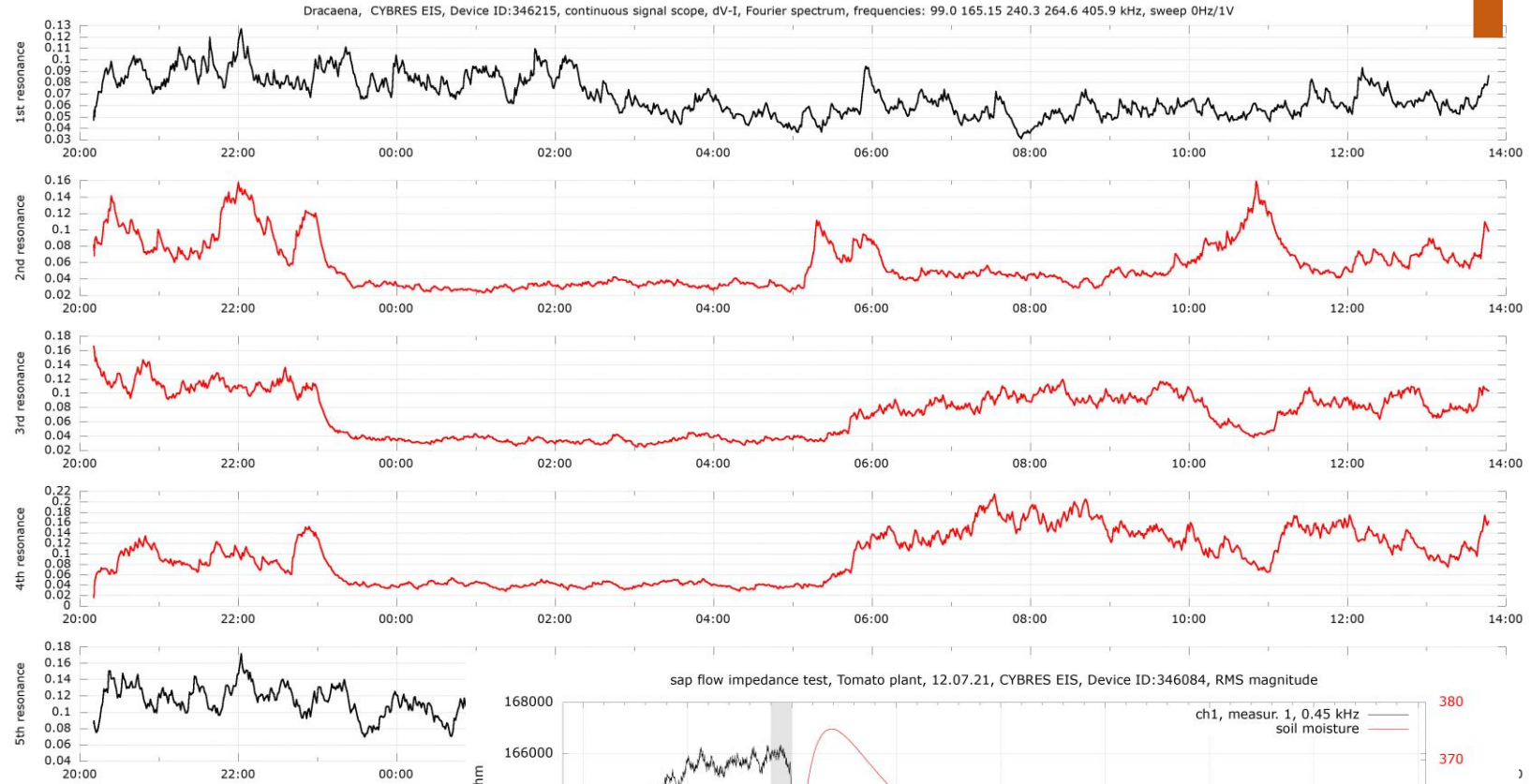
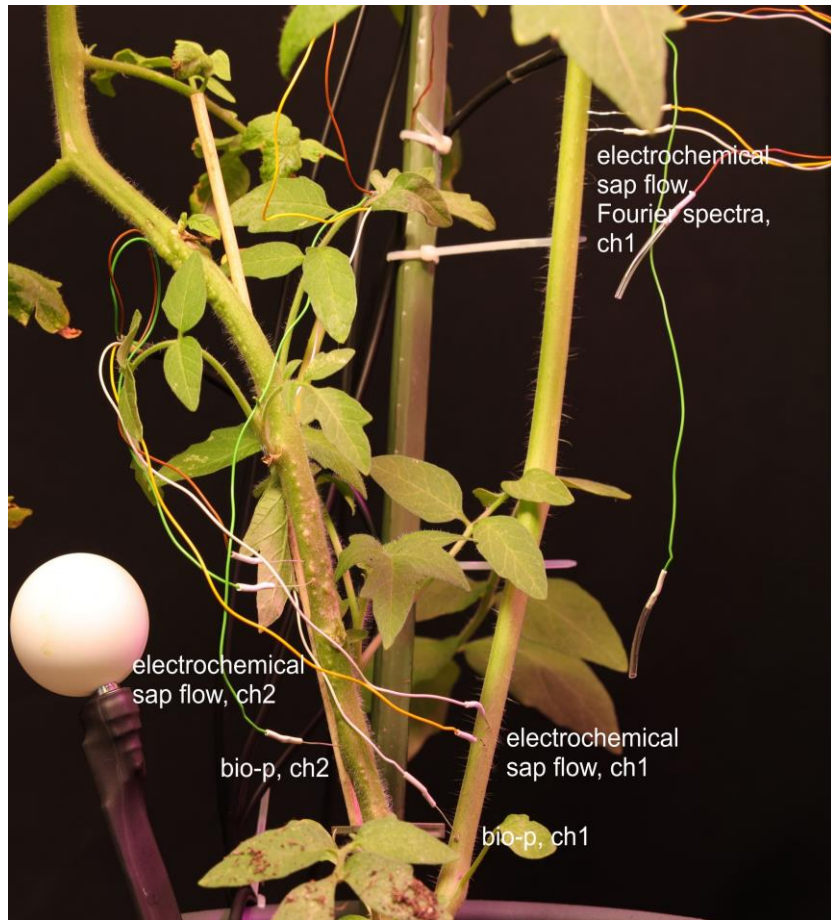


Temperature difference at the plant stem, environmental data. (data832016-1410). 60 points averaging.
Time interval [3:8:16:0:0 - 3:16:16:40:16]



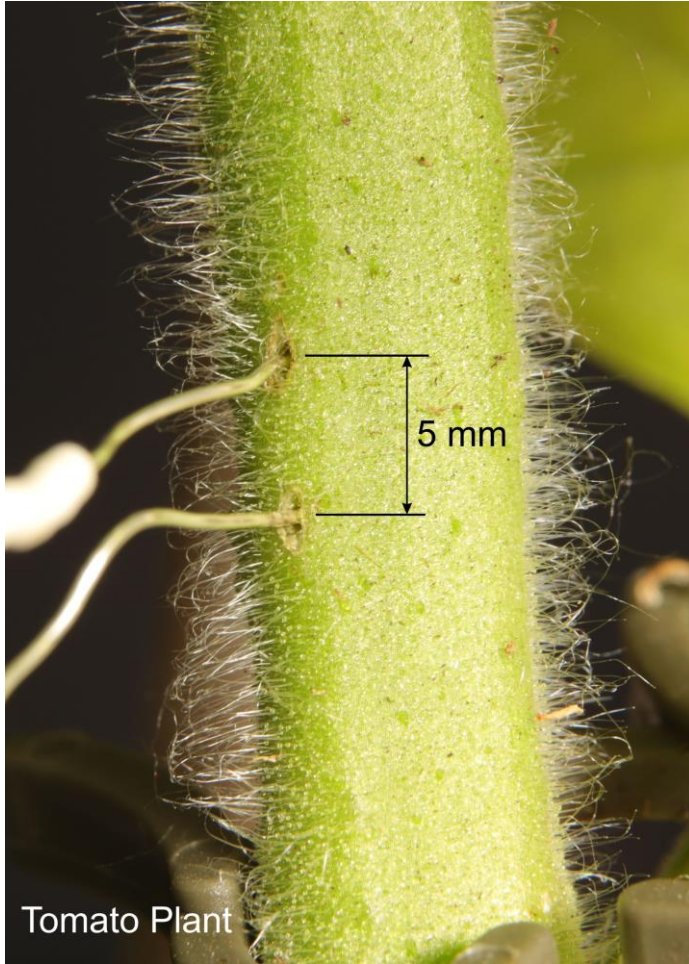
- increasing of water flow indicates a normal growth
- temperature effects

Electrochemical sap flow sensor: tracking main resonances



- tissue impedance approach (enrichment by fluids)
- Fourier spectra approach (tracing main resonances)

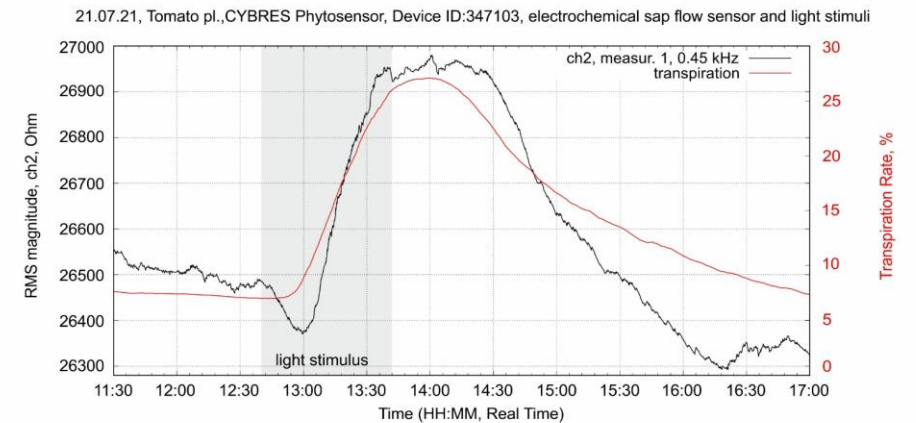
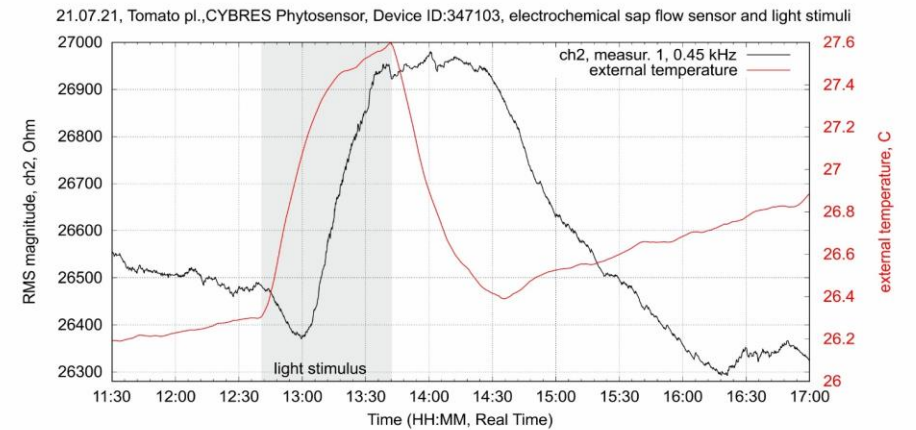
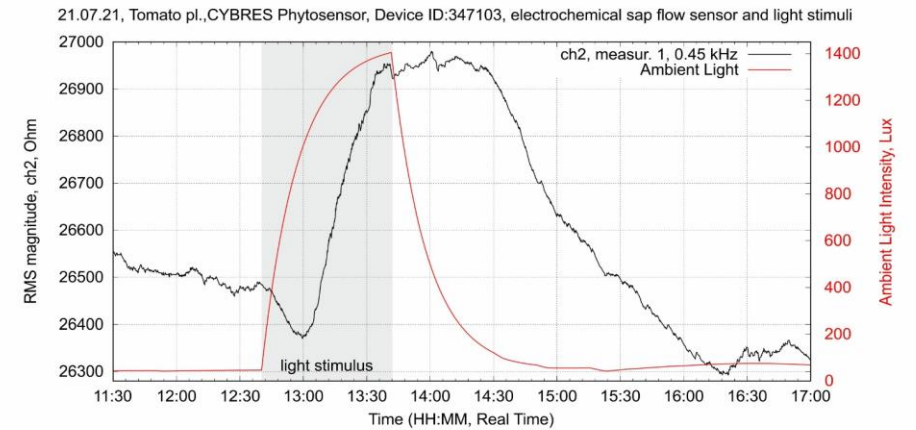
Electrochemical sap flow sensor



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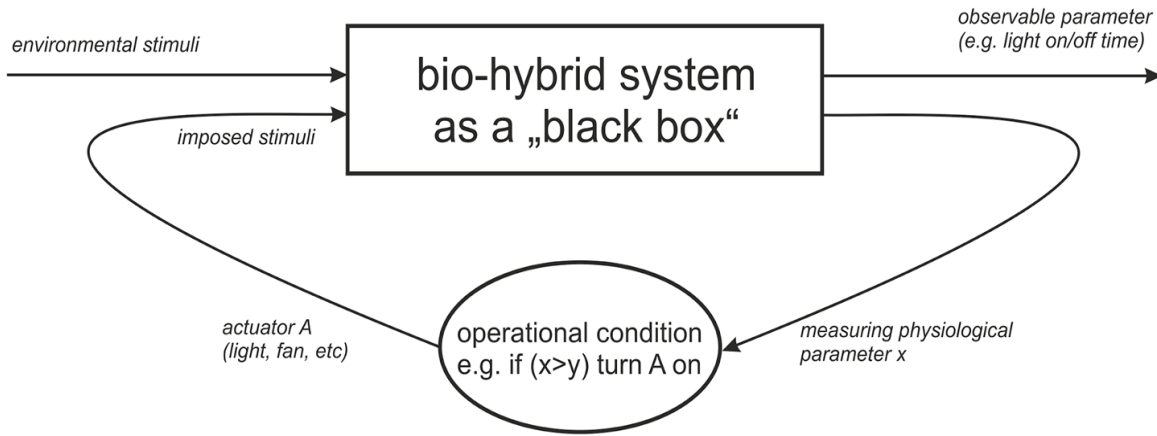
Temperature

Transpiration



Good correlations with physiological reactions of plant organisms

Stimuli-Reward Learning in Plants



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Can Plants Learn to Associate Stimuli with Reward?

A group of pea plants has displayed a sensitivity to environmental cues that resembles associative learning in animals.

By Ben Andrew Henry | February 1, 2017



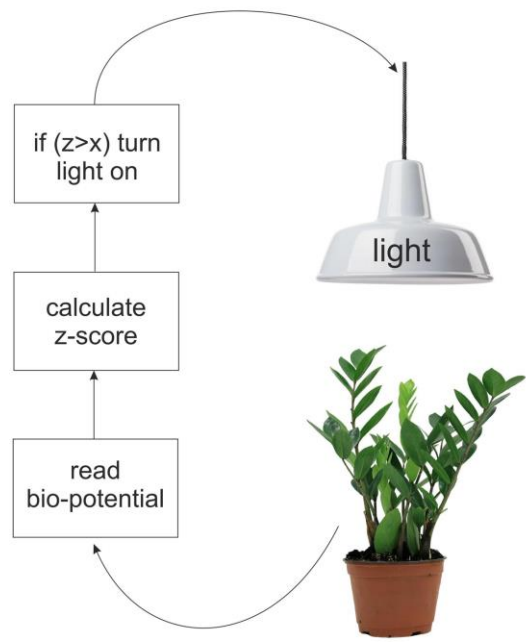
Learning by Association in Plants

Monica Gagliano¹, Vladyslav V. Vyazovskiy², Alexander A. Borbély³, Mavra Grimonprez¹ & Martial Depczynski^{4,5}

In complex and ever-changing environments, resources such as food are often scarce and unevenly distributed in space and time. Therefore, utilizing external cues to locate and remember high-quality sources allows more efficient foraging, thus increasing chances for survival. Associations between environmental cues and food are readily formed because of the tangible benefits they confer. While examples of the key role they play in shaping foraging behaviours are widespread in the animal world, the possibility that plants are also able to acquire learned associations to guide their foraging behaviour has never been demonstrated. Here we show that this type of learning occurs in the garden pea, *Pisum sativum*. By using a Y-maze task, we show that the position of a neutral cue, predicting the location of a light source, affected the direction of plant growth. This learned behaviour prevailed over innate phototropism. Notably, learning was successful only when it occurred during the subjective day, suggesting that behavioural performance is regulated by metabolic demands. Our results show that associative learning is an essential component of plant behaviour. We conclude that associative learning represents a universal adaptive mechanism shared by both animals and plants.

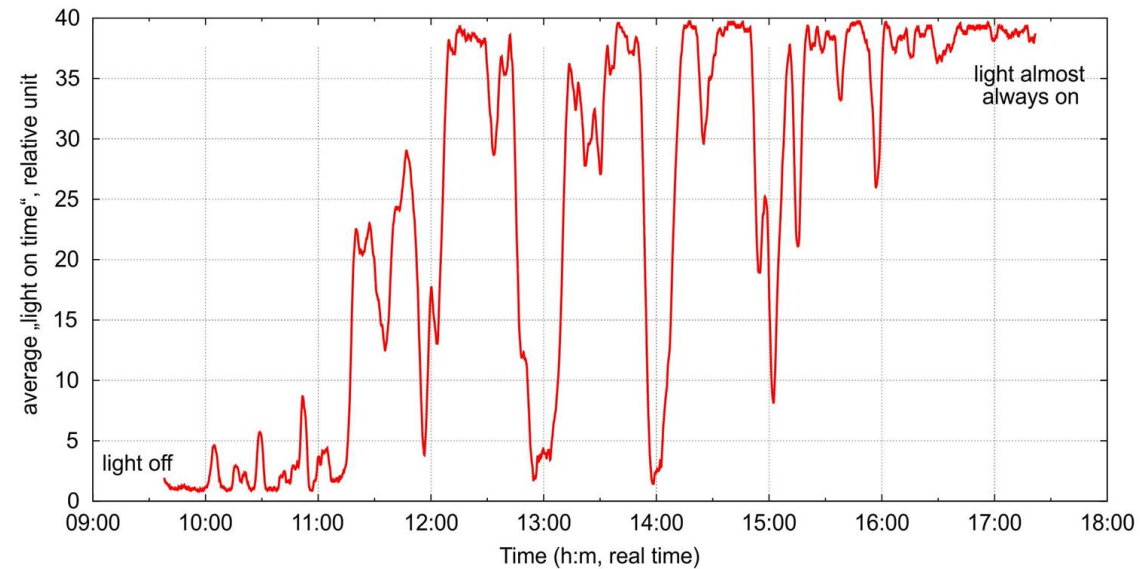
1. The bio-hybrid system is a "black box", we do not know what is inside
2. We consider the "external observable parameter" as the output measure (e.g. light is a part of the bio-hybrid system, on/off time as an output parameter)
3. The feedback loop changes the observable output parameter
4. The environmental stimuli still affecting the system, thus we will observe a complex behaviour

Stimuli-Reward Learning in Plants

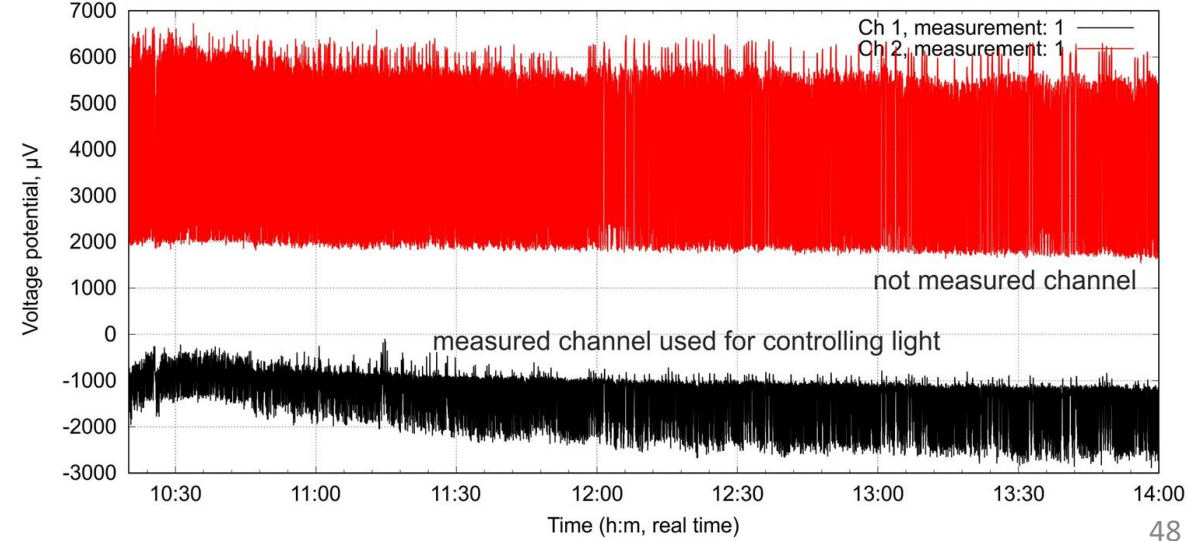


reinforced training within the z based feedback loop

Pavlov' Plant Experiment, Adaptation capability, CYBRES Phytosensor, Device ID:333029, average „ligh on time“



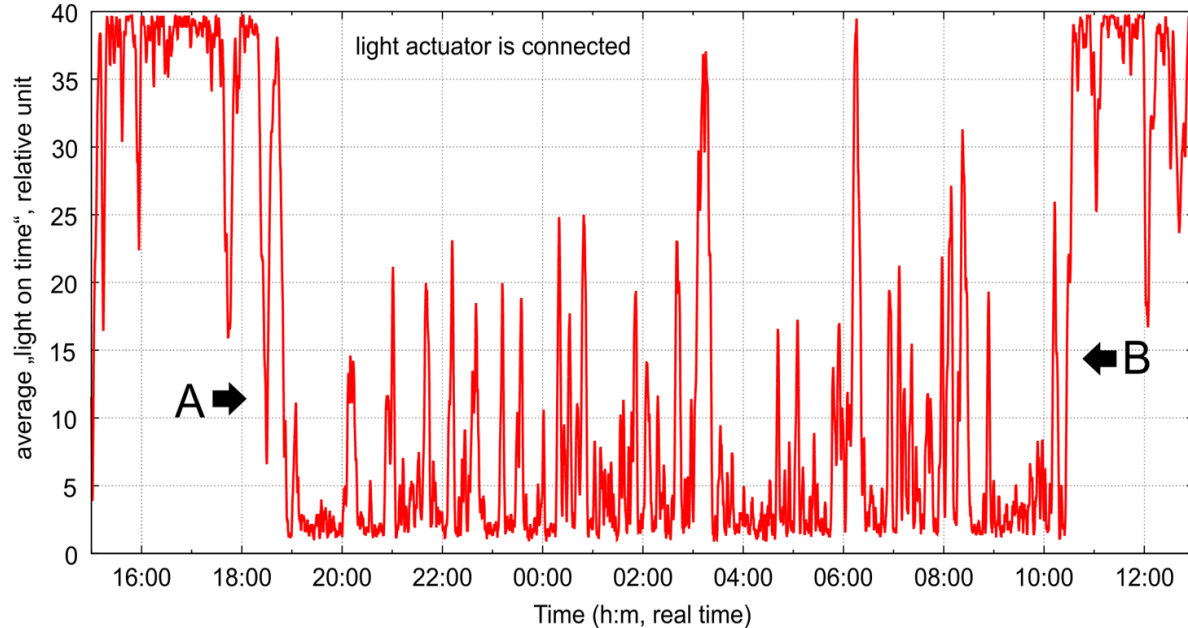
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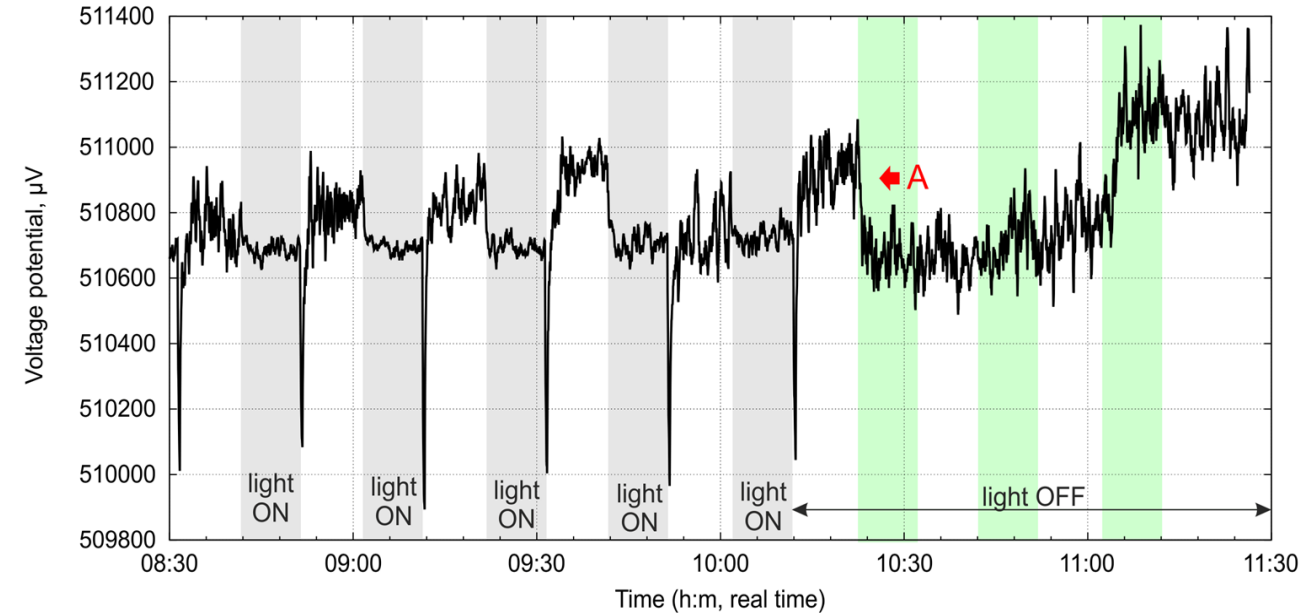
self-regulation of illumination time/adaptation for cyclical activities

Pavlov' Plant Experiment, Adaptation capability, CYBRES Phytosensor, Device ID:333029, average „ligh on time“



biopotentials within the z based feedback loop after a few days of training lead to turning OFF (the point 'A', evening) and turning ON (the point 'B', morning) the light **autonomously** -> one of indicators for adaptive physiological functionality

CYBRES Phytosensor, Device ID:333029, Biopotentials after periodical ON/OFF switching the light (time plot, ch.2)



periodical excitation for 2 days with period 10 min “light ON/OFF”. In the “light ON phase” the DA module was deactivated, i.e. no further excitation by light. During the next expected “light ON phase” (almost exactly) the biopotential reacted in the same way as previously, but without external light stimulus (the red point A).

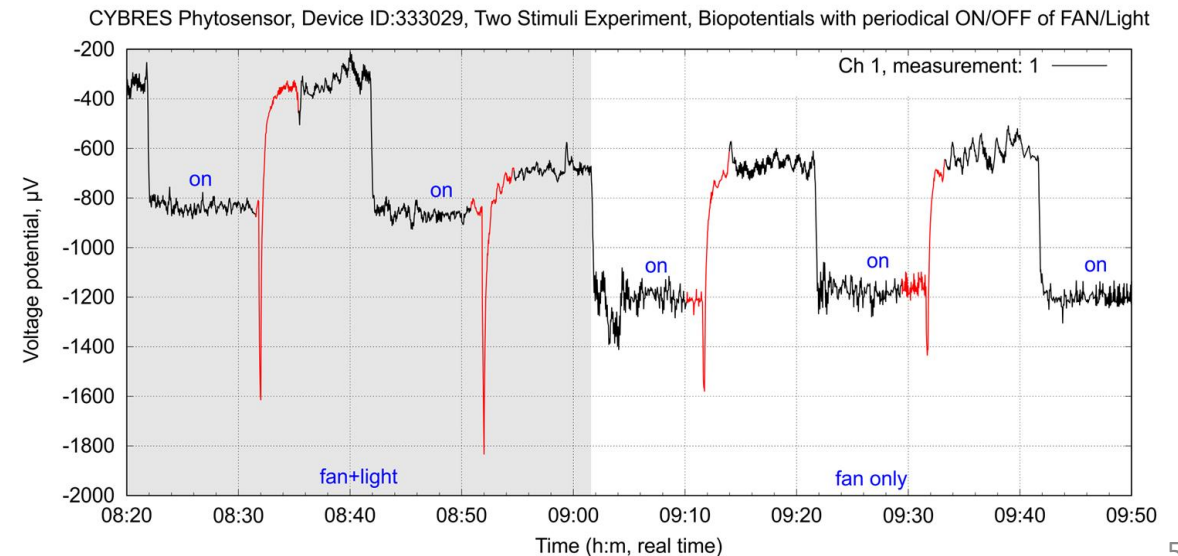
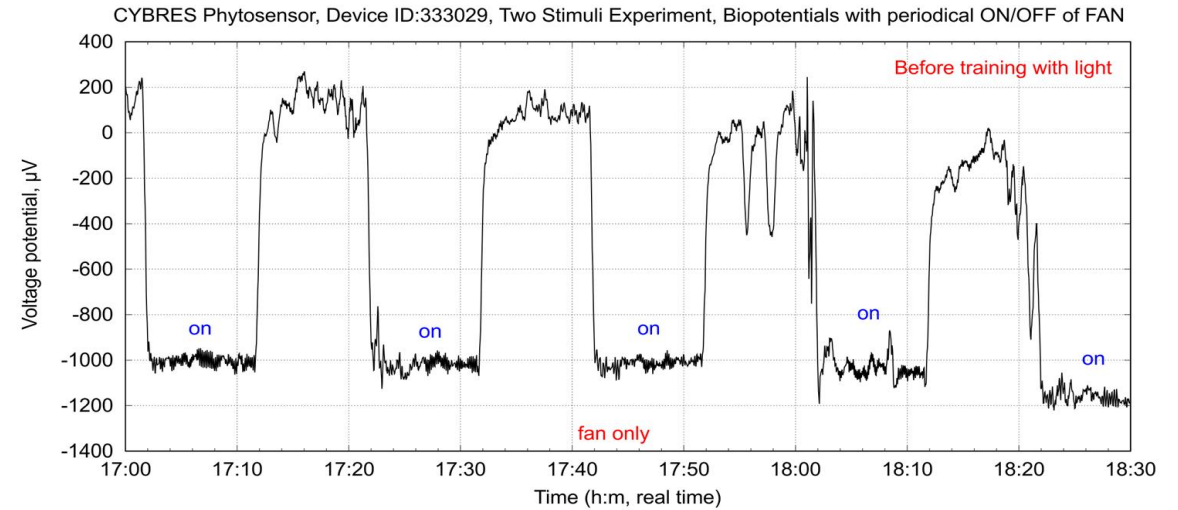
Stimuli-Reward Learning in Plants:

introducing the second stimulus (fan)

- replication of two stimuli experiment
- plant indeed can learn rewarded reactions

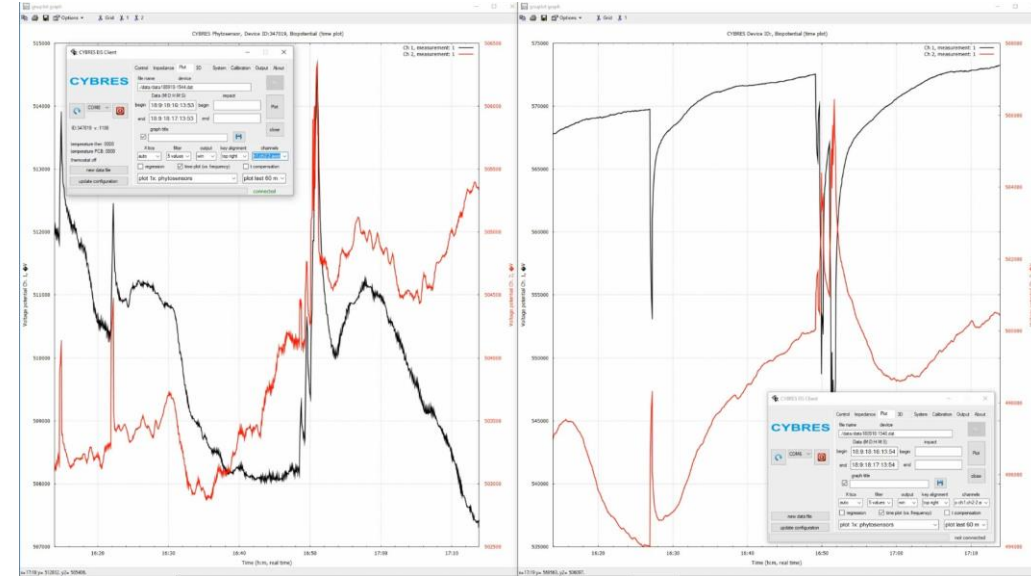
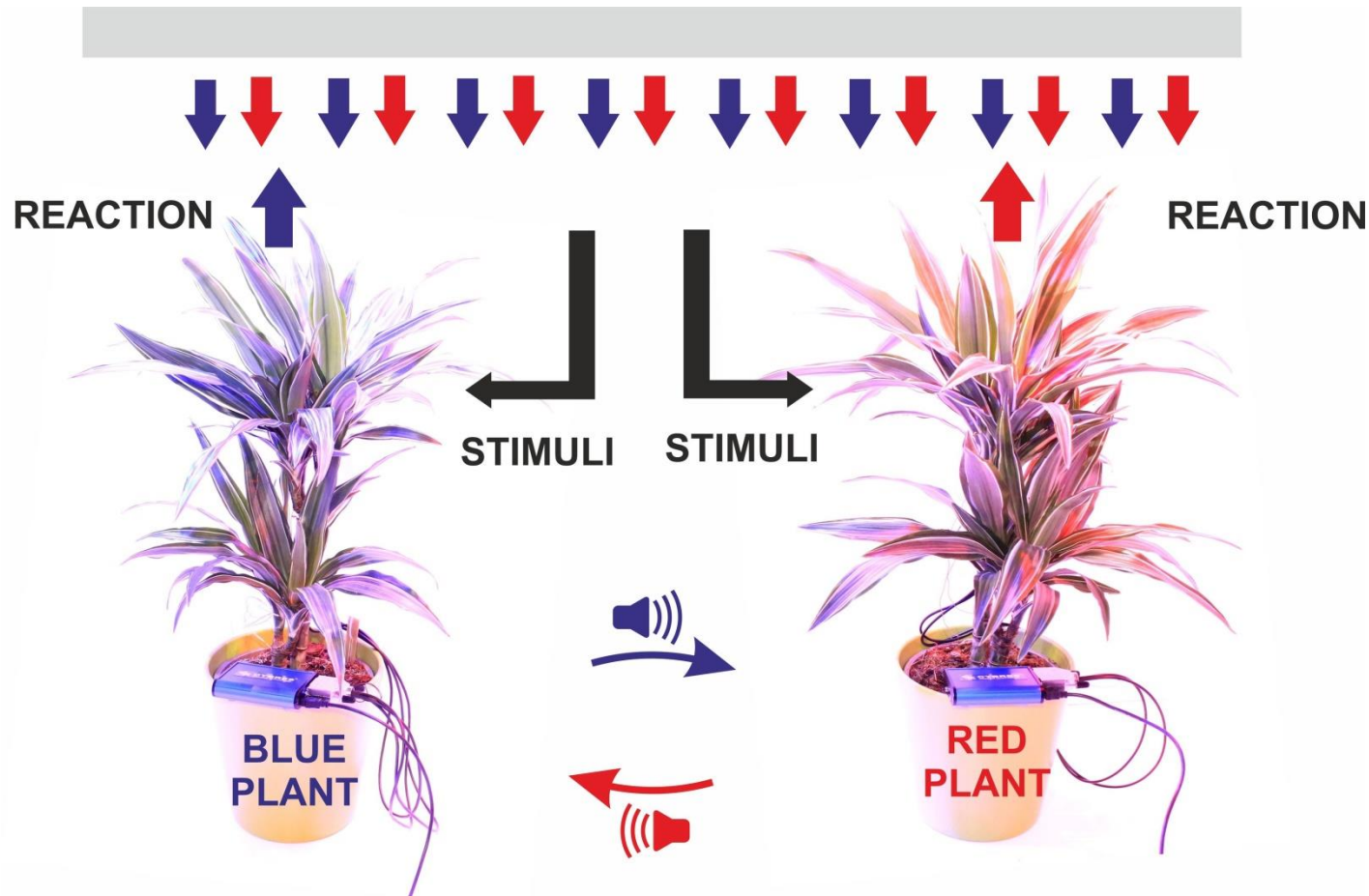


Phase 1 – only the fan is operating;
Phase 2 – light+fan are operating (12 hours);
Phase 3 – only the fan is operating

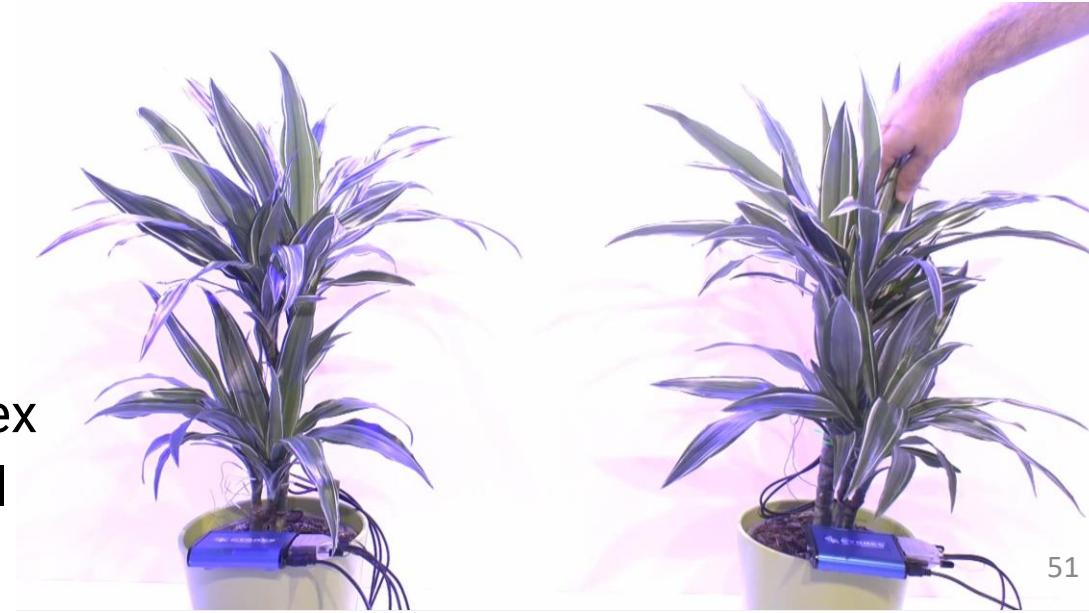


Communication & interactions between plants

(see video, "two plants")



Feedback loops in bio-hybrid systems can generate complex interactions (communication) patterns between biological organisms



Collective electrophysiological reactions

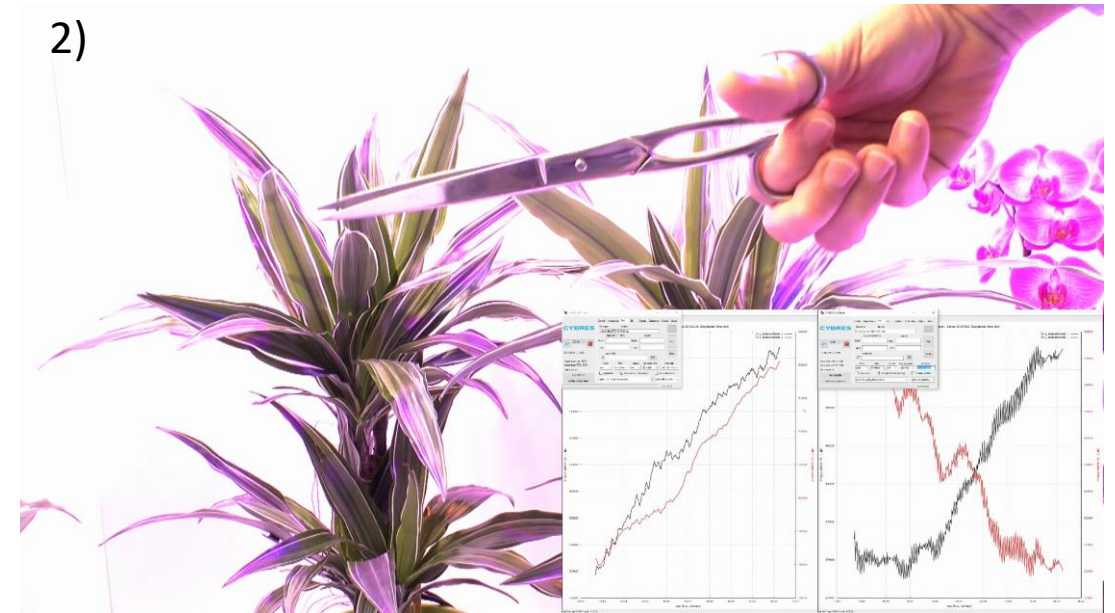
(complex scenarios for multiple plants, see video “cutting plant”)

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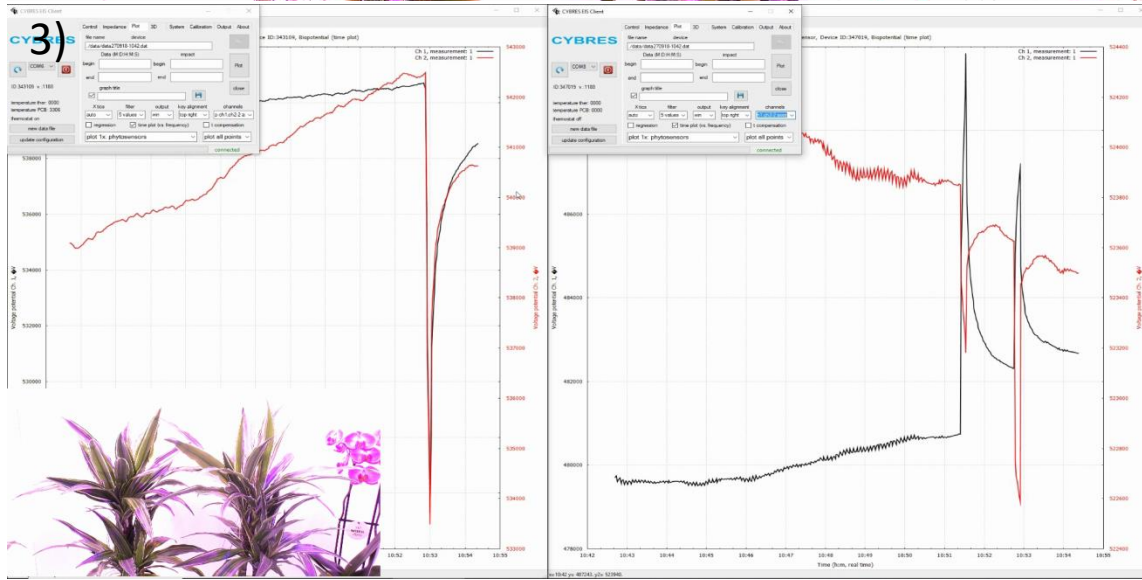
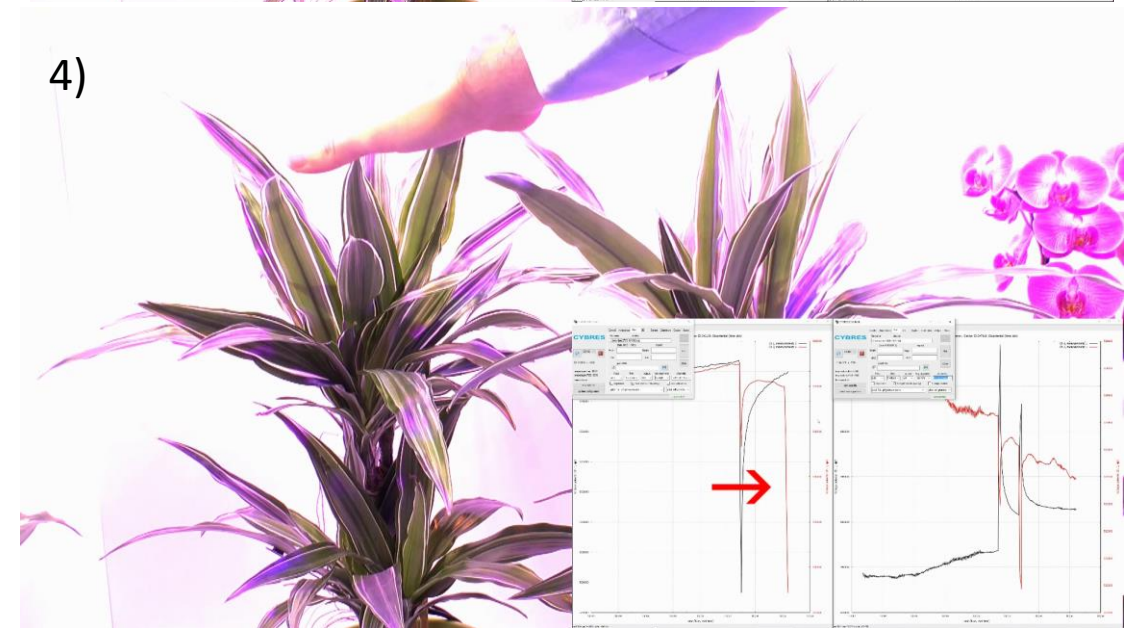
Cutting part of a plant



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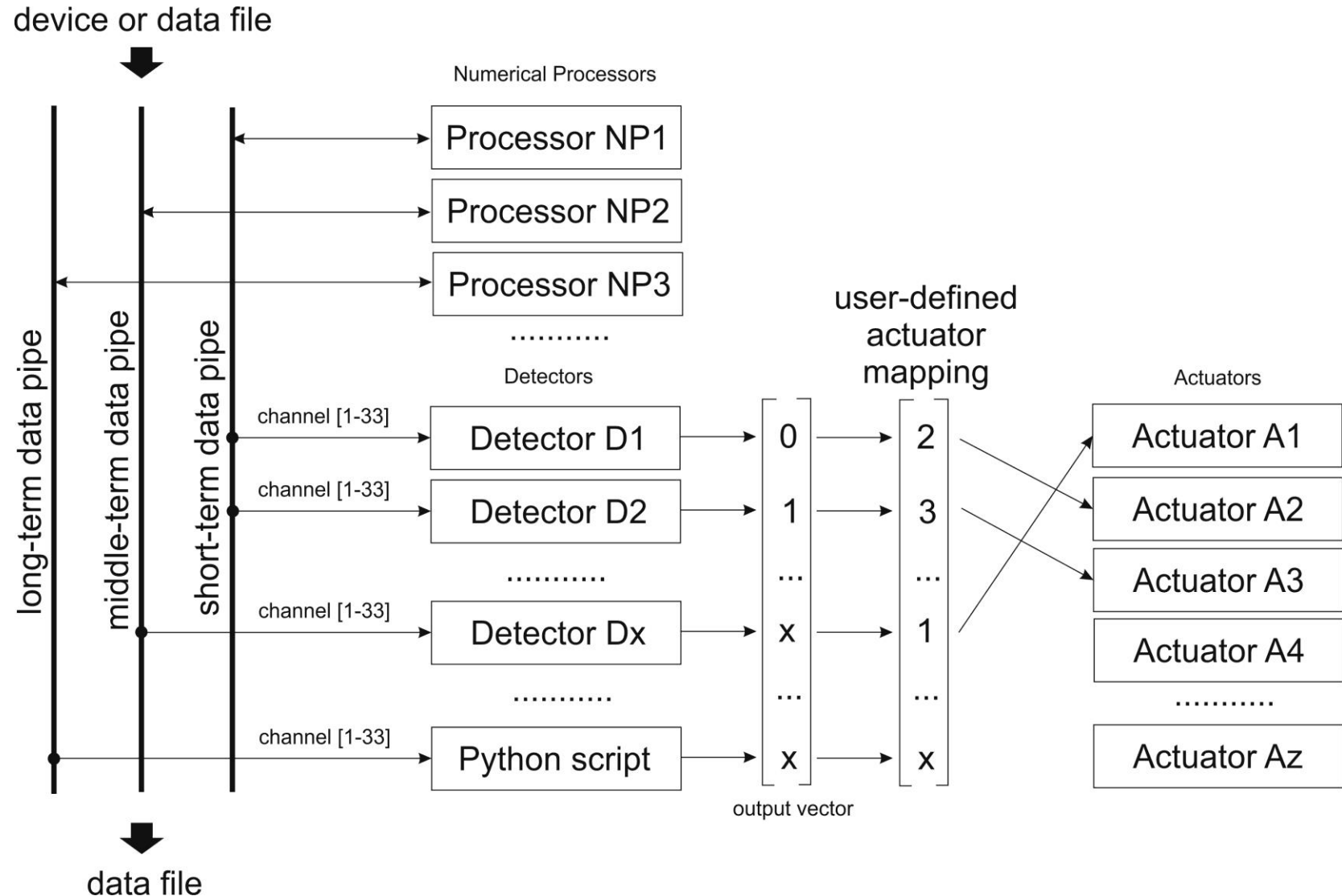
4)



5. User-defined programming

Operations over continuous data stream

- System can be programmed in simple way without knowledge of computer programming languages
- **Python script** can be used for user-defined programming
- **Concept I:** data pipes with different time dynamics (over seconds, over days, over weeks)
- **Concept II:** numerical processors (e.g. statistical analysis) can be enabled or disabled by users
- **Concept III:** detectors perform simple operations and trigger actuators

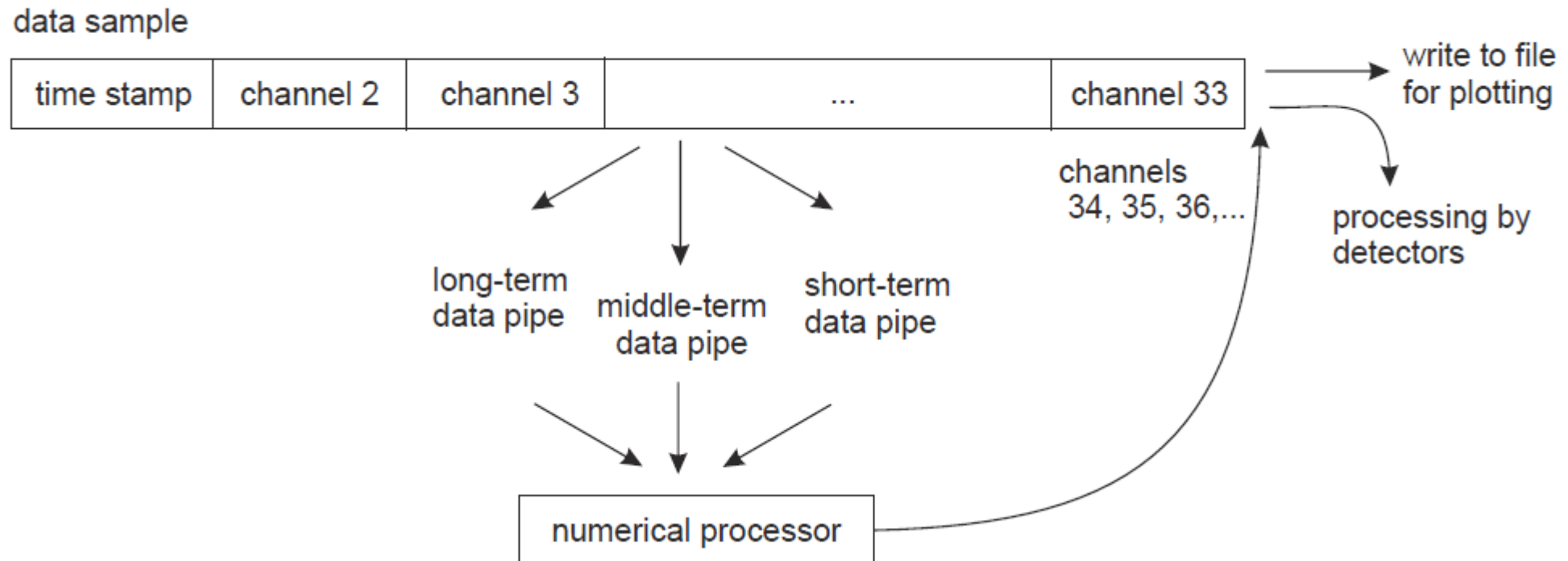


Real-time numerical processors

Each numerical processor takes data from the data pipe, performs calculations, and writes results back into the data pipe

Examples of numerical processors:

- Basic and advanced statistics
- Linear/Nonlinear regression analysis
- Fourier transformation/Spectral analysis
- Correlations
- Numerical analysis



DA scripts vs Python scripts

User-defined programs



DA (Detector-Actuator) script

- + native C++ implementation
- + fast execution
- + no programming skills required
- complex programs are difficult to write

Python script

- + flexible programming
- + large code base
- interpreter: slow execution
- required programming knowledge

DA scripts

- provide a flexible way to create a sensor-actuator system, e.g. to detect specific signals (signal patterns) in all sensor data and to react on these signals
- allow creating environmental feedback loops and homeostatic behavior, to develop complex demonstration scenarios and setups;
- enable performing fully automatic experiments
- to enable a real-time data analysis by numerical processors and creation of synthetic (virtual) sensors by performing a sensor fusion from different physical sensors
- currently implemented ~250 detectors and numerical processors (incl. probabilistic Bayesian networks, and token driven Petri Nets)
- currently implemented ~230 actuators (sound-, music-, speech-, light- actuation; turning on/off physical devices; electrical stimulation or sending internet messages, robot drivers)
- see User Manual, chapter 8 “DA module: real-time signal processing and actuation”, p. 100

Real-time detectors with DA script

simple example with text-to-speech TTS engine (talking plants)

The parameter 'textToSpeechLanguage' in the './ini/ini.ini' file determines the default language used by TTS engine

Data channel 28 of biopotentials ch1 (touch detection)



if data ([28][i]>12700) call A102 ← call TTS engine

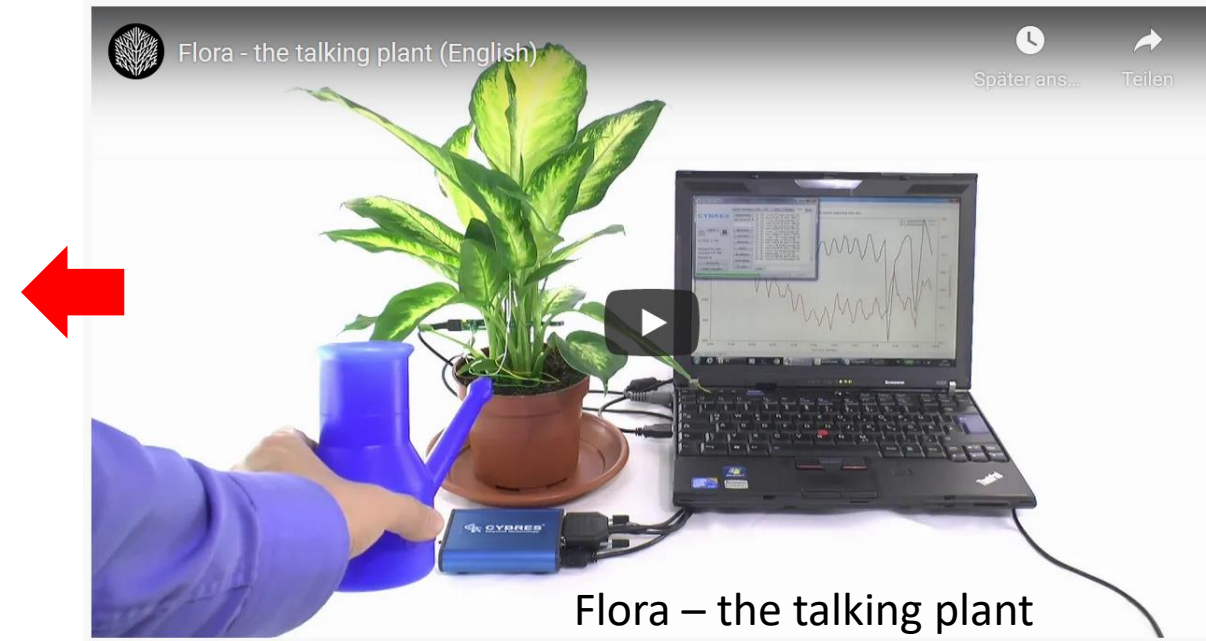
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threshold for touch detection

DA script

```
I11=28;           # threshold-based detector D11, input channel 28
P11=12700 x;      # biopotential ch 1 threshold

D11=102;         # define actuator 102 for "true" condition

A102=I like you!; # define actuator 102 (text for TTS engine)
```



Flora – the talking plant

Real-time detectors with DA script

example with two sensors

DA script

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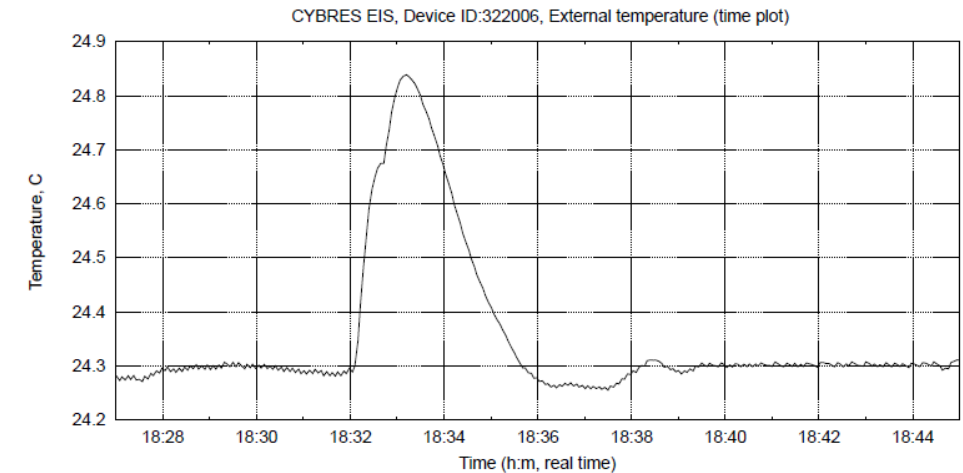
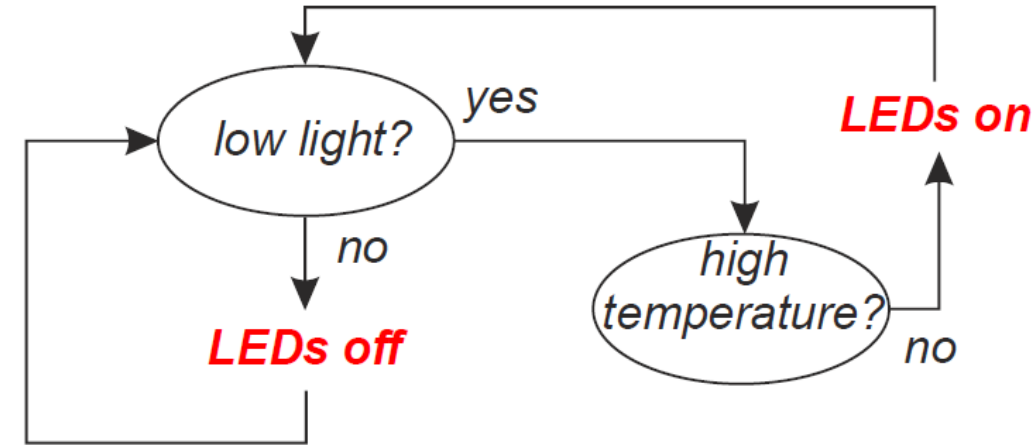
I11=26;           # threshold-based detector D11, input channel 26 (light)
P11=x 5000;      # light threshold 5000

D11=151;         # define "and"-actuator 151 for "true" condition
D-11=42;         # define actuator 42 for "false" condition

I12=25;          # threshold-based detector D12, input channel 25 (temperature)
P12=X 243000;   # temperature threshold 24.3C

D12=151;         # define actuator 151 for "true" condition

A151=41 11 -12; # specify the 'and' actuator
A41=wk111*;     # define actuator 41 (ASCII commands for RGB LED on)
A42=wk000*;     # define actuator 42 (ASCII commands for RGB LED on)
    
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(c)

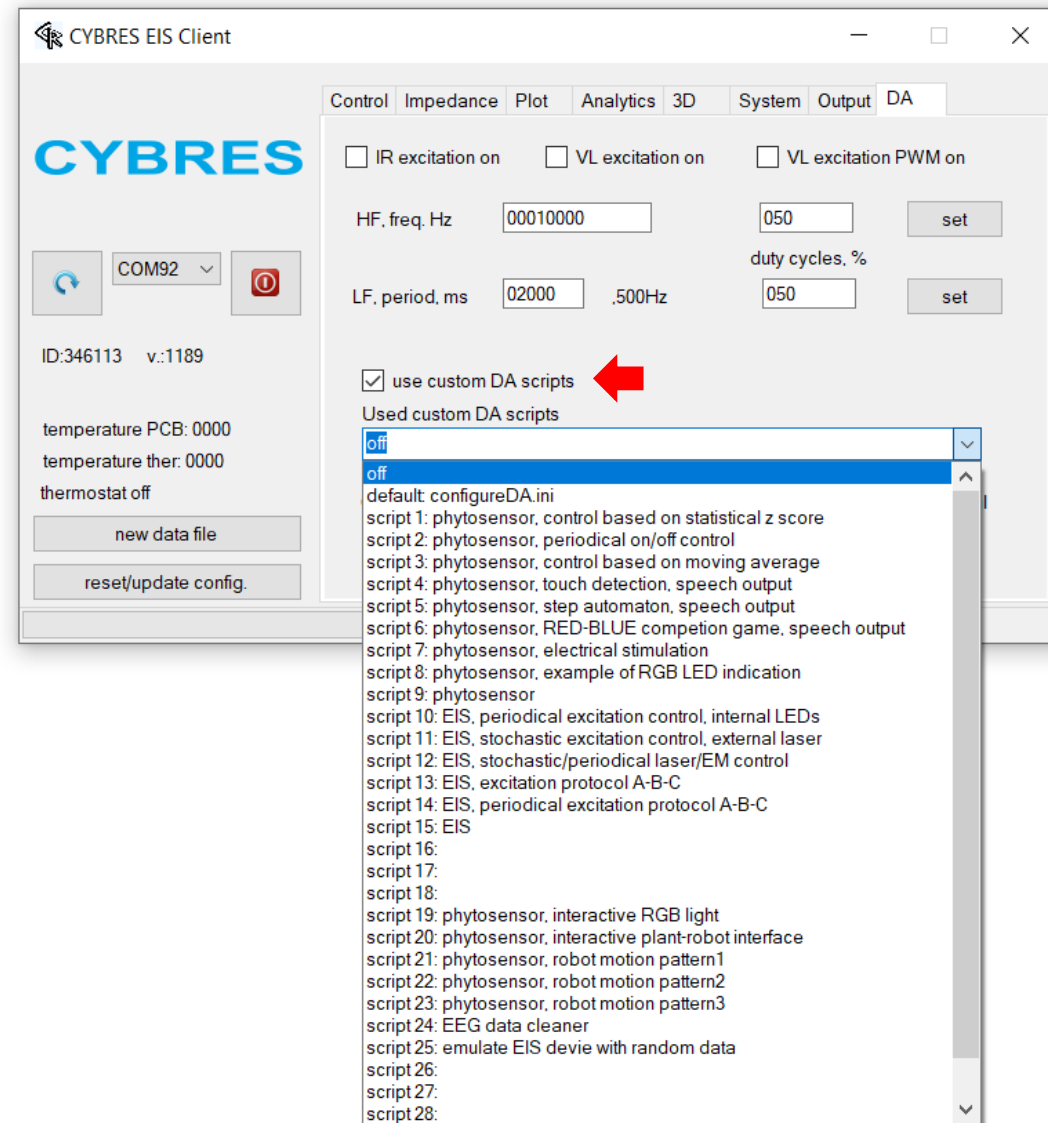
see demonstration in
this video



Figure 69: Example of homeostatic feedback loops, shown in the demonstration video, to create an oscillating behaviour of LED, controlled by light and temperature sensors to keep the temperature stable at defined value. (a) Block-diagram, (b) the network representation and (c) the temperature dynamics (perturbation is shown).

How to use DA scripts

- think about scenario
- specify sensor data
- specify which actuators are necessary
- prepare DA script (or use prepared one)
- enable “use custom DA script”
(files in directory /init/DA_library)
- select the script
- run experiment



Available numerical processors, detectors, actuators

Table 10: Available real-time detectors and numerical processors (L – symbolic label of detectors, IP – input parameters).

L	IP	data pipe	description
Signal level and peak detectors			
D1-D5	x	short-term	simple relation detector $data[k][i] > data[k][i-x]$, where the data channel k is defined by the I parameter, and i is the index of the current sample. If x is larger than size of the data array used for analysis, $x = 1$. The 'true' condition is available at 'Dz=k' expression, the 'false' condition is available by defining 'D-z=k' (and Bx=k/B-x=k for probabilistic transitions). It is useful for detecting monotonic trends (in combination with A171-A190), counting increasing or decreasing events (in combination with A171-A180 or A181-A190) or random-signal-related detection (e.g. as background sound reactions in polyphony mode).
D6-D10	x	middle-term	the same as D1-D5 but defined for middle-term data pipe.
D11-D20	$x y$	short-term	the threshold detector $x > data[i] > y$. It is useful for detecting boundary values of external sensors (e.g. temperature or humidity). Setting x or y to non-numeric value will switch off the corresponding condition, e.g. P11=m 20; implements the condition $data[i] > 20$. The 'true' condition is available at 'Dz=k' expression, the 'false' condition is available by defining 'D-z=k' (and Bx=k/B-x=k for probabilistic transitions). It can be used for creating alarm signals, generating feedback loops, sim-

Table 11: Available actuators (L – symbolic label of detectors, IP – input parameters (only one line of text)).

L	IP	description
Files and COM port actuators		
A0	–	empty actuator.
A1-A20	<i>text</i>	write the <i>text</i> either into the file <code>./log/messagesDA.txt</code> in append mode with time stamp or into the main data stream. If the first symbol of <i>text</i> starts from '&' the output will be written into the main data stream in positions after data channels 1-33 and data channels produced by numerical processors (use this actuator carefully since it can make the output file unreadable by gnuplot scripts). If the <i>text</i> does not start by '&', the output goes to <code>./log/messagesDA.txt</code> . The marks: '%T' – insert the time stamp instead of '%T'; '%D' – insert the number of calling detector; '%S' – insert the current data sample with all fields, note that '#' is the comment mark for gnuplot, thus '%S # text' can be used for generating data for gnuplot with comments. '%Bx' or '%B-x' – insert the current value of 'Bx' (probability of transition x). '%Vx' – insert the x-component of the output vector; '%W' – insert the whole output vector.

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Application Note 24, v.2.1, January 2021

Application Note 24. Analysis of electrochemical noise for characterization of ultra-weak ionic dynamics

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Abstract—This application note describes the statistical module of CYBRES EIS device. It explains the main methodological and technical aspects, written and provides examples of measurements and obtained results. The statistical module is enabled in EIS, biosensor and phytosensor applications. It is implemented as post-processing of measured data by the DA module, performed in real time. The statistical and spectral description allows characterizing the non-chemical treatment, weak electrochemical markers and ionic dynamics of fluidic and organic samples in reliable and reproducible way. Application of this approach in signal scope mode enables performing an express analysis with the measurement time of 4.4 ms and can underlie the real-time interface technology in biobrid systems. Calibration and five different measurement strategies are discussed and illustrated by multiple examples.

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Revision & Update: January, 2021

1. INTRODUCTION

This application note considers the cases of fluidic, biosensing, phytosensing and biobrid applications, where ultra-weak ionic changes of aqueous solutions, colloidal or organic samples should be detected, measured and characterized. Processes that produce such ionic changes are denoted further as non-chemical treatment of corresponding samples – to emphasize their underlying physical mechanisms.

Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) delivers data about ionic properties and ionic dynamics and excites samples by the potential V_e^i , electrical current between electrodes is measured in form of a signal V_e^r . Both V_e^i and V_e^r are recorded, the relationship between them reflects the ionic content and mobility of ions at frequency f , see more in [1], [2]. There are five different ways how the EIS data can be handled and interpreted. This includes not only the measurement but also the preparation of samples and experimental methodology.

1) In the classical approach, the excitation V_e^i and response V_e^r signals allow calculating two main parameters – the magnitude $M(f)$ and phase $P(f)$ of impedance, as well as several additional values such as the correlation between V_e^i and V_e^r , the Nyquist Plot and others. This enables mapping measured data to electrochemical models, for instance, to identify specific dissolved substances based on their RC models.

2) Since different ions are continuously produced in water (e.g. by dissolving gases, self-ionization or proton-hopping

mechanisms), EIS data are sensitive to the history of samples – in which conditions samples are prepared and stored. This includes light, temperature, EM fields, mechanical distortions, several other factors. By comparing two samples that are prepared in similar conditions (where all environmental influences between control and experimental samples differs in one factor), it is possible to identify whether the experimental sample was exposed by this factor before the measurement. This approach underlies the double differential methodology [3], and allows characterizing exposed fluid in regard to unexposed fluid. This methodology is denoted as *Measurement-after-Treatment (MaT)*.

3) The dynamics of EIS parameters can be of interest, this changes the consideration of EIS from stationary (where impedance does not change in time) to non-stationary systems.

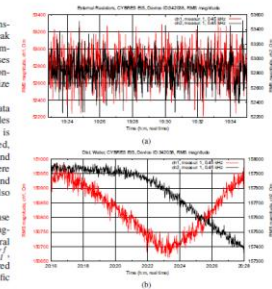


Fig. 1. Different time dynamics of noisy signals. (a) Short-term noise (two external resistors); (b) Long-term electrochemical stability (two internal resistors).



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Scenario 6: Establishing communication between plants

