### **Using Radar Chart Areas to Evaluate the Sensitivity of Electronic Nose Sensors in Detecting Water Stress in** Soybean Paulo S. de P. Herrmann<sup>1</sup>, Matheus Santos Lucas<sup>2</sup>

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- RESULTS AND DISCUSSION;
- CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORKS

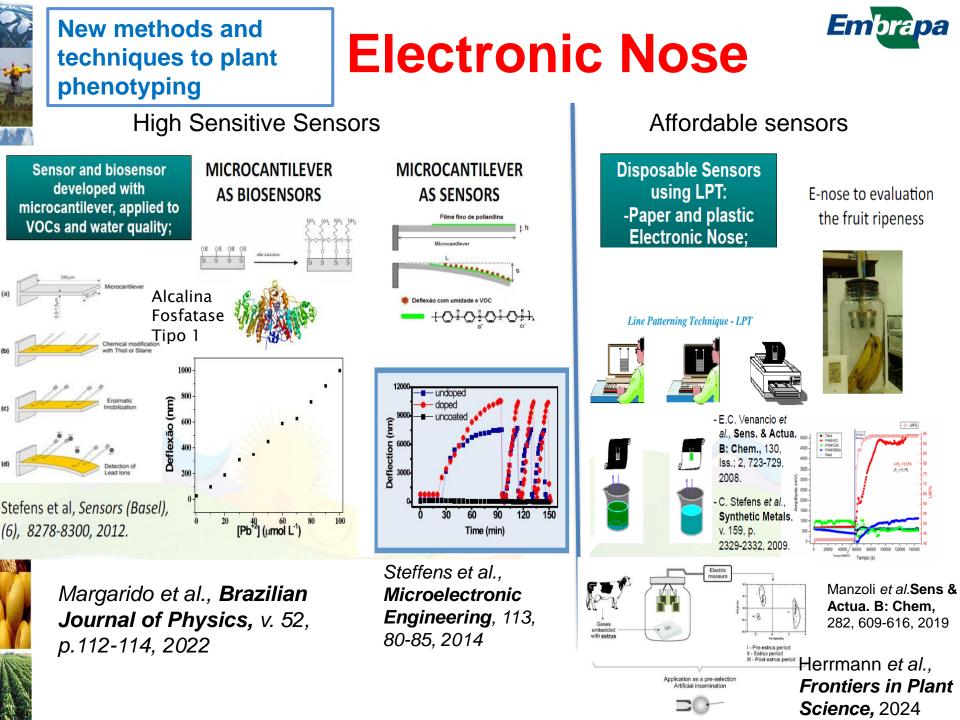


### **Short Resume**

Undergraduate (1982 – 1986)	Electronic Engineer – FEB (BR)	Agronomic electronic scale.
Master Science (1989 – 1993)	Electrical Engineer - EESC/USP (BR)	MW applied to measure Soil Moisture.
Doctorate (1994 – 1998)	Physical Chemistry – IQSC/USP (BR)	Application of AFM in agriculture.
Pos-Doctorate (2002 – 2003)	Chemistry – UPENN (USA)	Affordable Sensors using Conductive Polymers.
Visting Scientist (2012 – 2015)	Plant Science – FZJ – (DE)	New methods and techniques applied to Plant Phenotyping.



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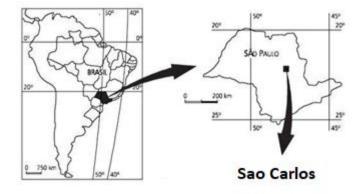


### **Embrapa Instrumentation**



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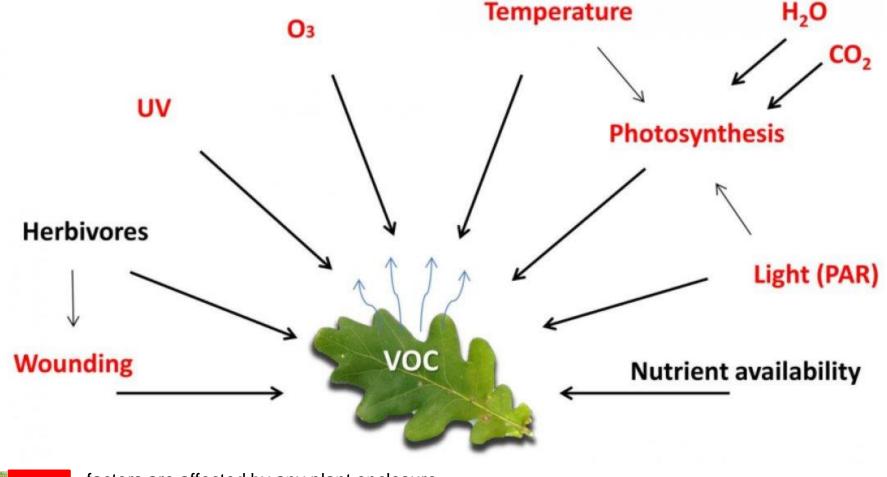




### **Scientific Motivation**

- Land vegetation contributes 90% of the global VOC emissions<sup>1</sup>;
- Plants have been shown to emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs) when they are affected by stress<sup>2,3</sup>;
- The promising outlook of VOC phenotyping as a fast and noninvasive measure of phenotypic dynamics<sup>4</sup>;
- Potential applications of E-Nose as affordable plant gas detection<sup>5</sup>;.
- Establishing a method of data visualization and analysis using an area radar chart.
- 1- Kindler-Scharr et al. Nature, 416, 17, 381-384, 2009;
- 2 Jansen et al. Annual Review of Phytopalogy, 49, 157-174, 2011.
- 3 Fisher et al., **Science**, 360, 739, 2018;
- 4 Niederbacher et al., Journal of Experimental Botany, 66, 18, 5403–5416, 2015;
- 5 Herrmann et al., Frontiers in Plant Science, 2024

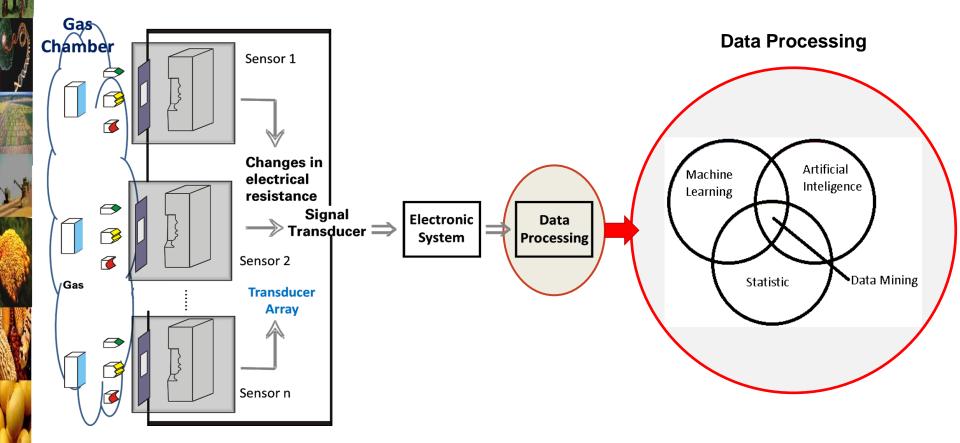
# Impact of abiotic and biotic factors on plant VOC emission



factors are affected by any plant enclosure.

Bruhn et al., 2015

# Basic Principle of the E-Nose and Machine Learning



Herrmann et al., Frontiers in Plant Science, 2024



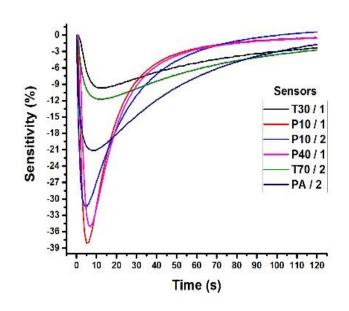
### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

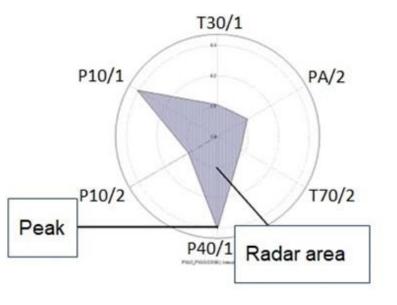
#### TABLE I. THE SENSORS INSTALLED IN THE E-NOSE ARE [6]:

No.	Sensor	Sensitivity property	Reference Materials
S1	T30/1	Organic	Organic
		compounds	compounds
S2	P10/1	Combustible gas	hydrocarbon
S3	P10/2	Inflammable gas	methane
S4	P40/1	Oxidizing gas	fluorine
S5	T70/2	Aromatic	Methyl
		compounds	benzene, xylene
S6	PA/2	Organic	Ammonia,
		compounds and	amines, ethyl
		toxic gas	alcohol

$$S(\%) = \left(\frac{R - R_0}{R_0}\right) x 100 \qquad (\%) \tag{1}$$

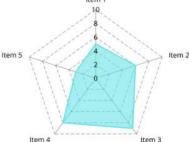
 $R_0$  – Initial electrical resistance ( $\Omega$ ); R – Electrical resistance varying over time ( $\Omega$ )





# Calculating the Area of a Radar

The method of radar chart for Multidimensional Data:



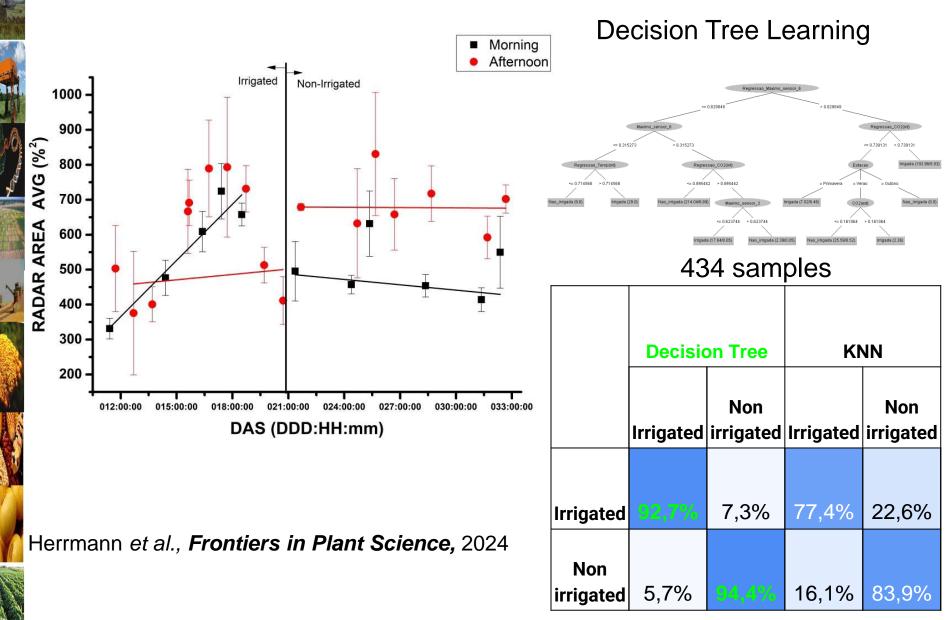
- $X = \{X_1, X_2X_j, \dots X_n\} \text{ is a multi-dimensional data set, and } X_i \{x_{i1}, x_{i2}, x_{i3}x_{iN}\} \text{ is a N-dimensional vector. Use the radar chart when N \ge 3 (Liu et al., 2008).}$
- A method for evaluating the accessibility of a facility location using the area of a radar chart was provided by Takenaka and collaborators (Takenaka et al., 2018). The authors argue that the area of a radar chart is a more stable measure of accessibility than other measures.
- The Area of the Radar ( $A_n$ ) was calculated with the Shoelace equation (2) where  $X_i = S_i \{S1(\%), S2(\%), S3(\%), S4(\%), S5(\%), S6(\%)\}$ .

• 
$$A_n \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_{i+1} - x_{i+1} y_i)$$
 (%<sup>2</sup>) (2)

 $x_{n+1} = x_1$  and  $y_{n+1} = y_1$  to complete the loop.







### Outcomes

#### Benefit

- Faster Analysis in Some Applications;
- Identification of Complex Mixtures;
- Potential for More Selective Sensors;
- Enhanced Discrimination Capability;
- Information about Exposure Duration;

### Drawback

- Sensor Dependence and Variability;
- Calibration Challenges;
- Area calculation being influenced by the shape and the scaling of the axes.

### **CONCLUSIONS**



### Area radar charts

- Valuable tools when analyzing and comparing the overall performance of distinct data groups;
- Presenting complex data in a clear and intuitive manner;
- Facilitate better decision-making and insights;
- Allowing stakeholders to quickly grasp relationships and trends within the data.



### **Future Work**

- Integrate method with equipment in a mobile unit to facilitate field use;
- Incorporate a models with AI;
- Apply the methodology to study thermal and water stress.

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