

Phenotyping Canopy Traits in SoyNAM Using Digital Imagery

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Why Phenotype Canopy Development?

- Associated with yield
 - Maximization of light interception
 - Use of solar radiation
- Weed control
- Sustainability
- Aesthetics

**Tracking
vegetative
development**

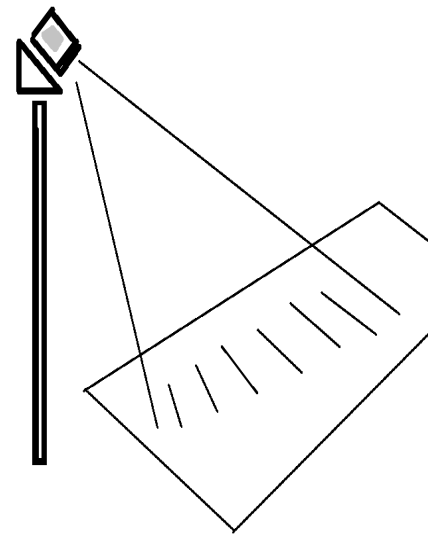


Data Collection: Assaying Canopy Coverage

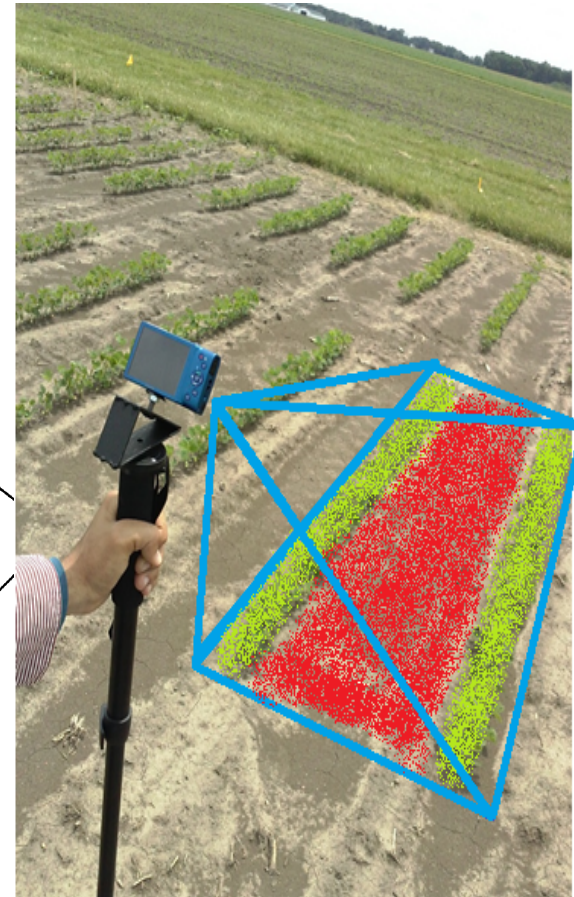
6400 plots

7 dates

44,000 images

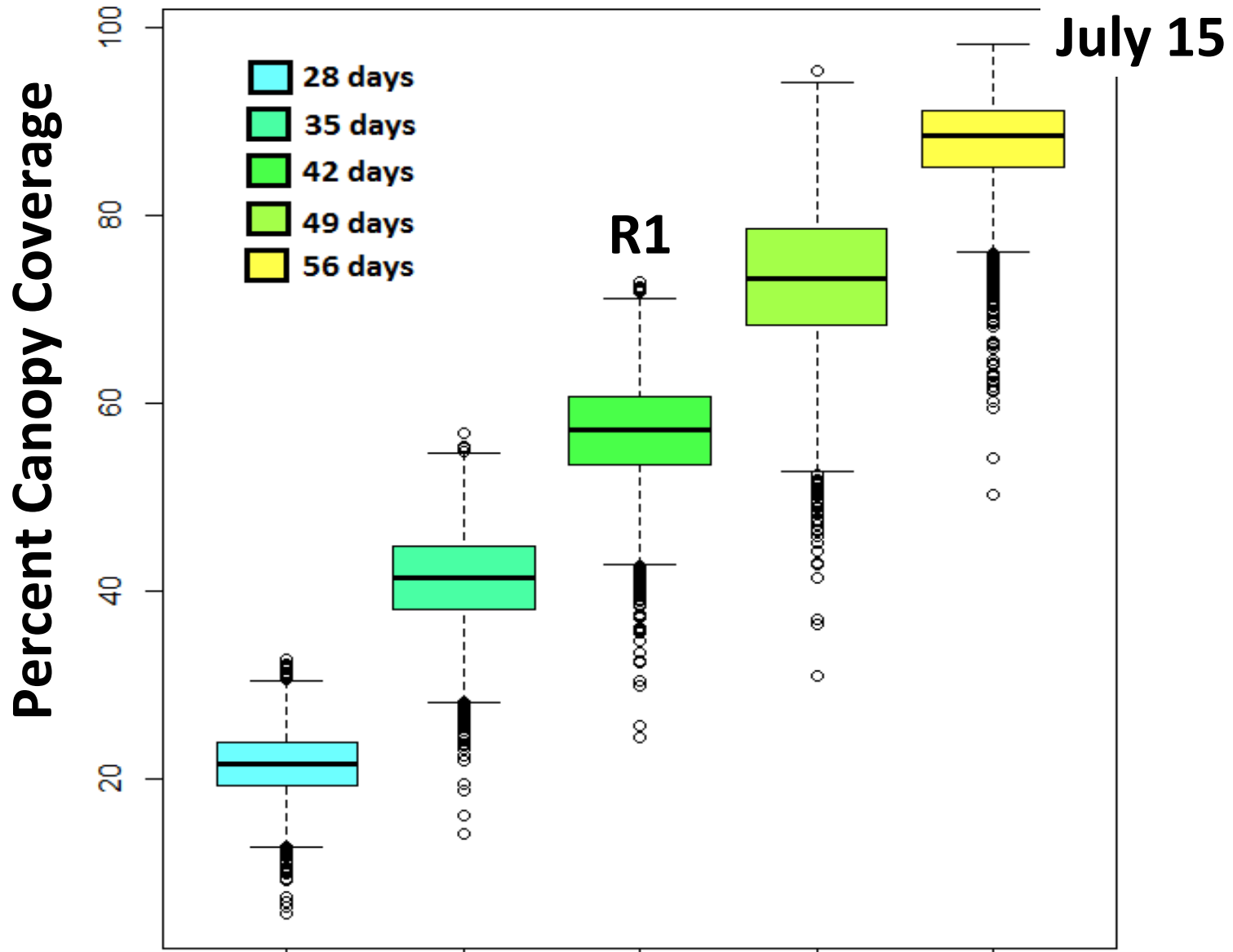


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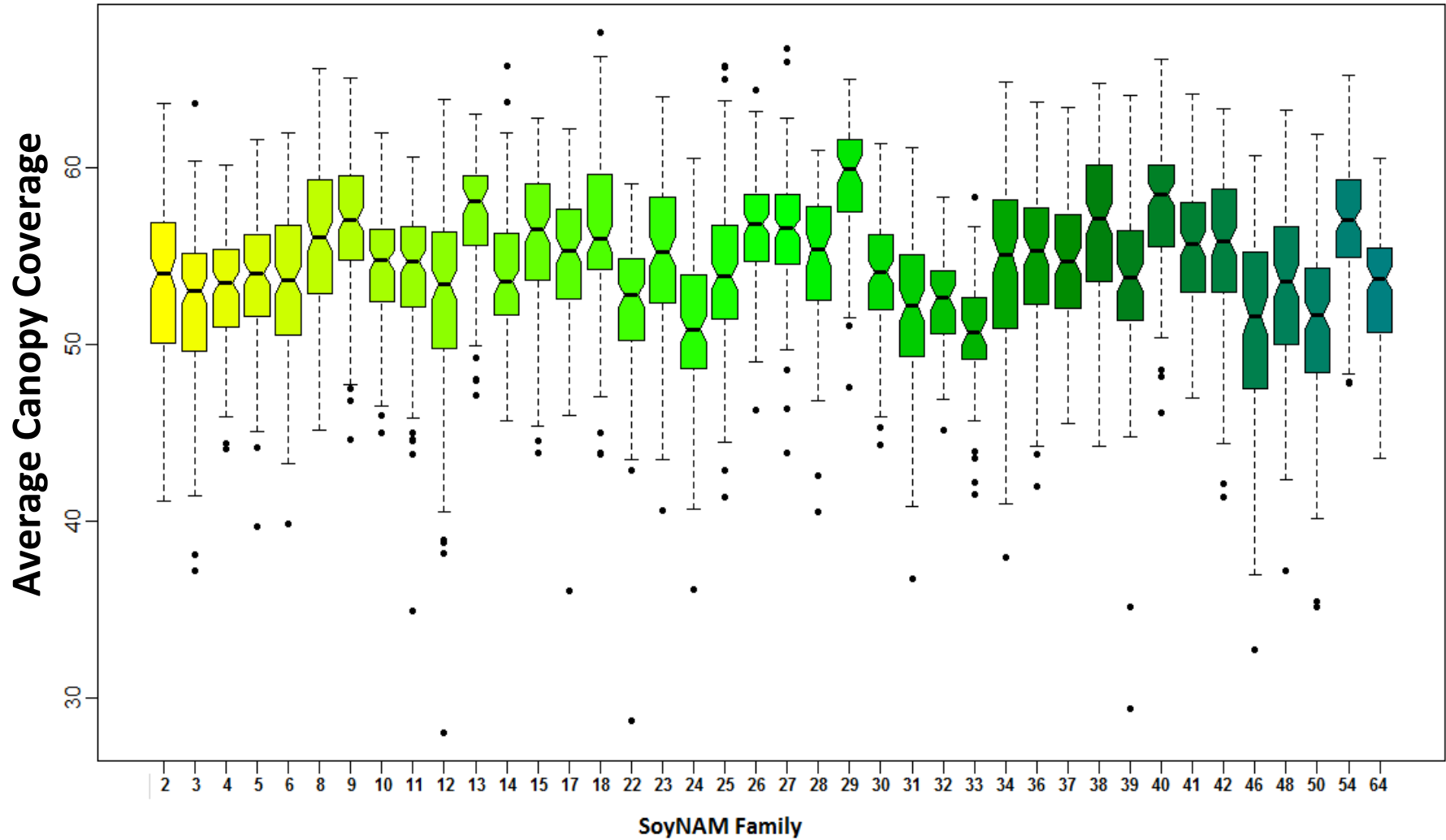
Analyzing Canopy Development



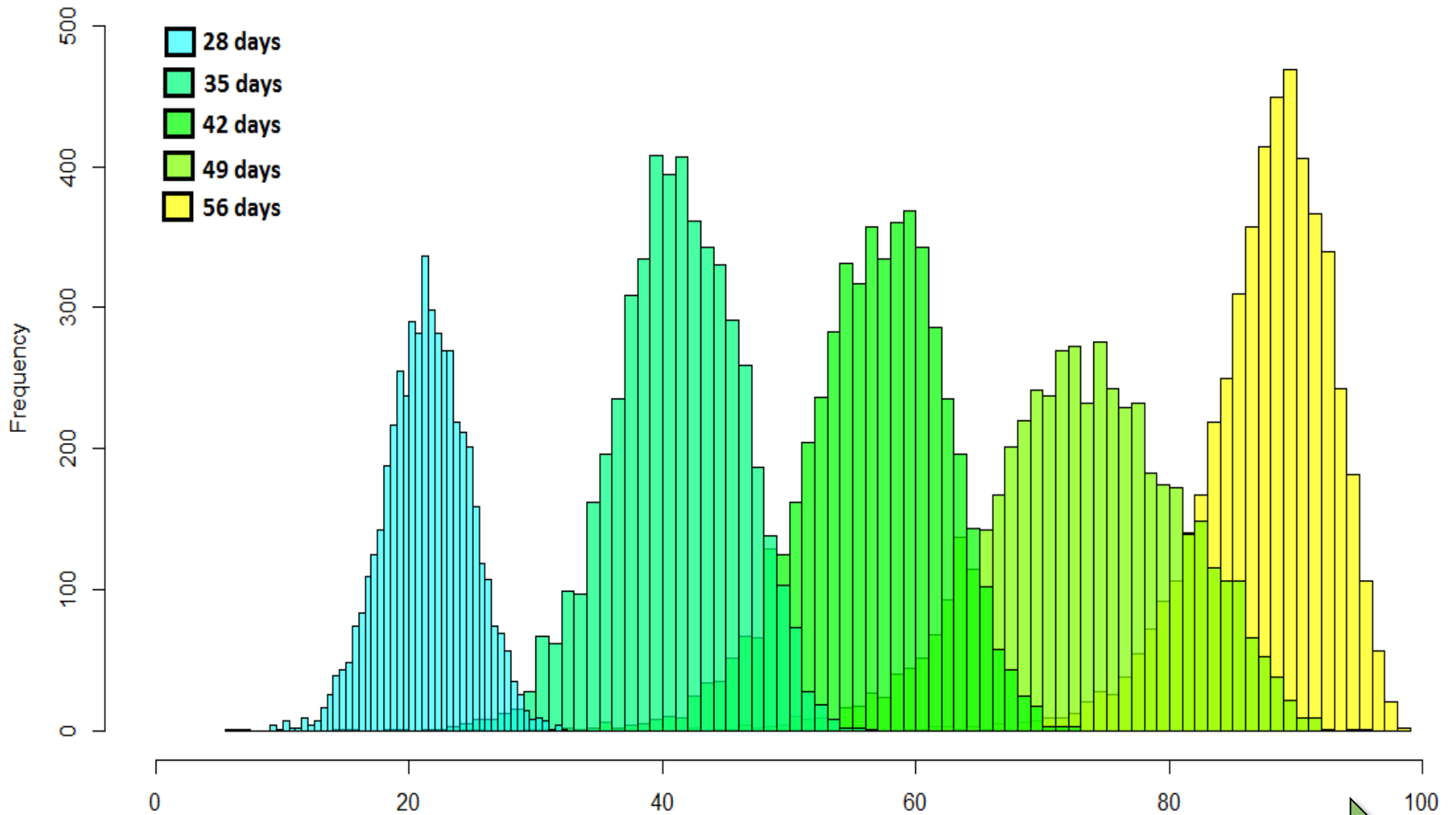
Analyzing Canopy Development: What is the Phenotype?

- Canopy Coverage= percent canopy on a date
- Average Closure= closure across days
 - 'Day' as random effect
(autoregressive structure)
- Slope of growth= how fast canopy closes
 - Regressing closure by time

Average Closure Variability Across Families



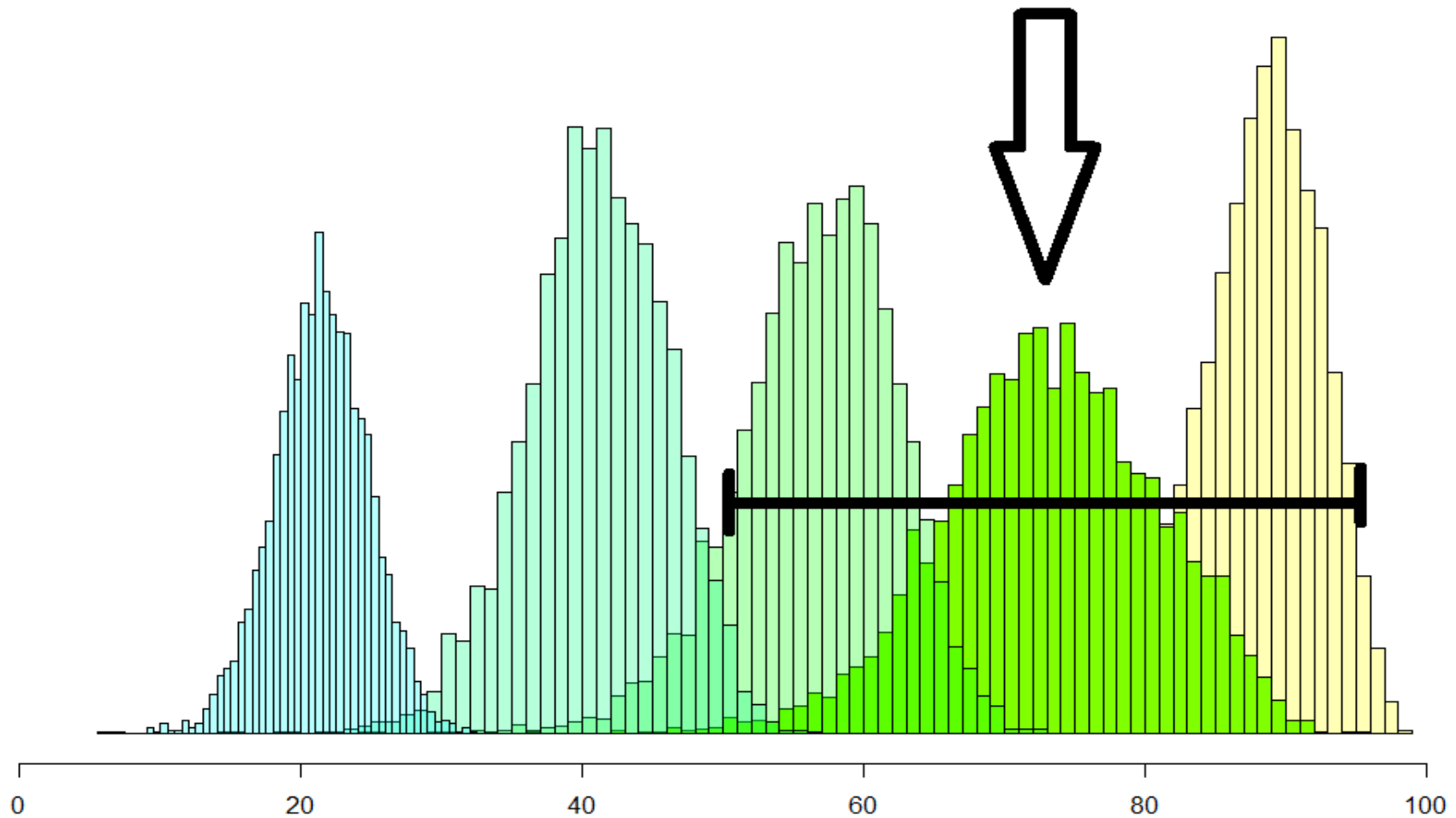
Histogram of Canopy Closure



Genotypes closing at different rates

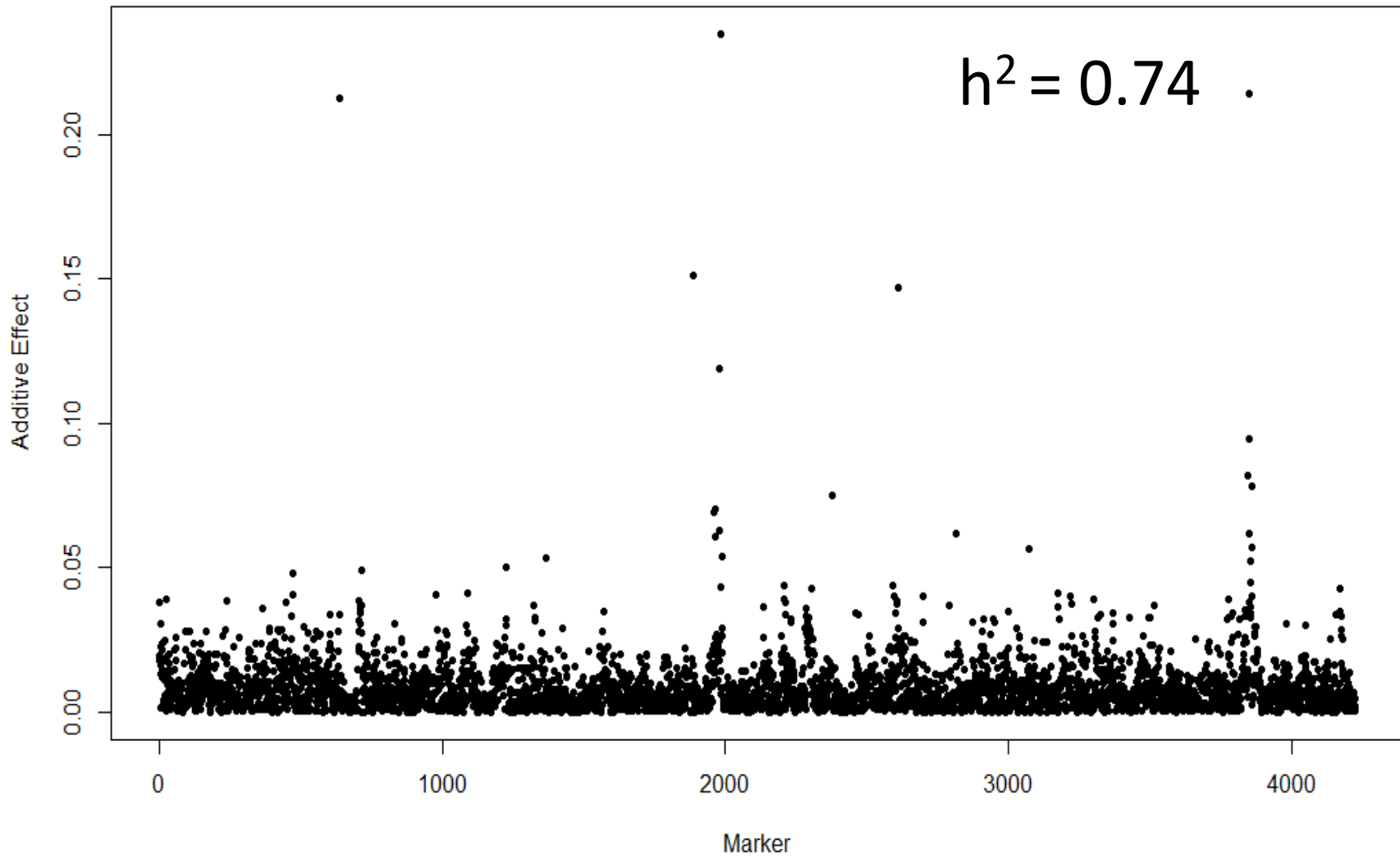
Can I measure canopy only once?

Point of Maximum Variability



Genetic Control of Canopy Development

Average Closure



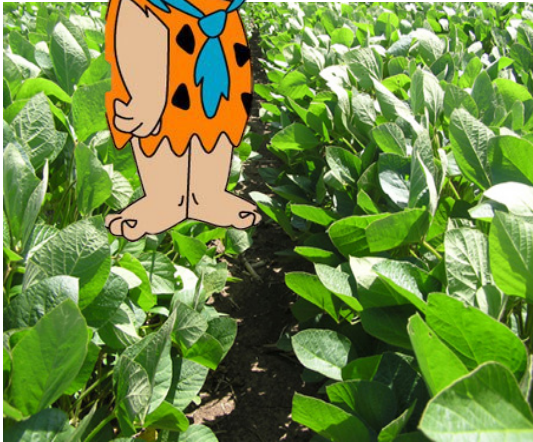
Genetic Control of Canopy Development **Slope/Rate**

Genetic Correlation



Canopy Development and Precision Phenotyping

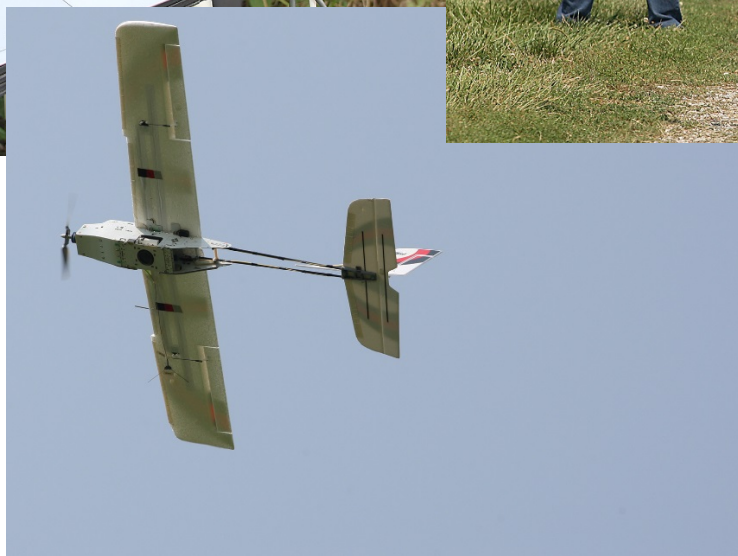
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I guess this
plot has CC 3

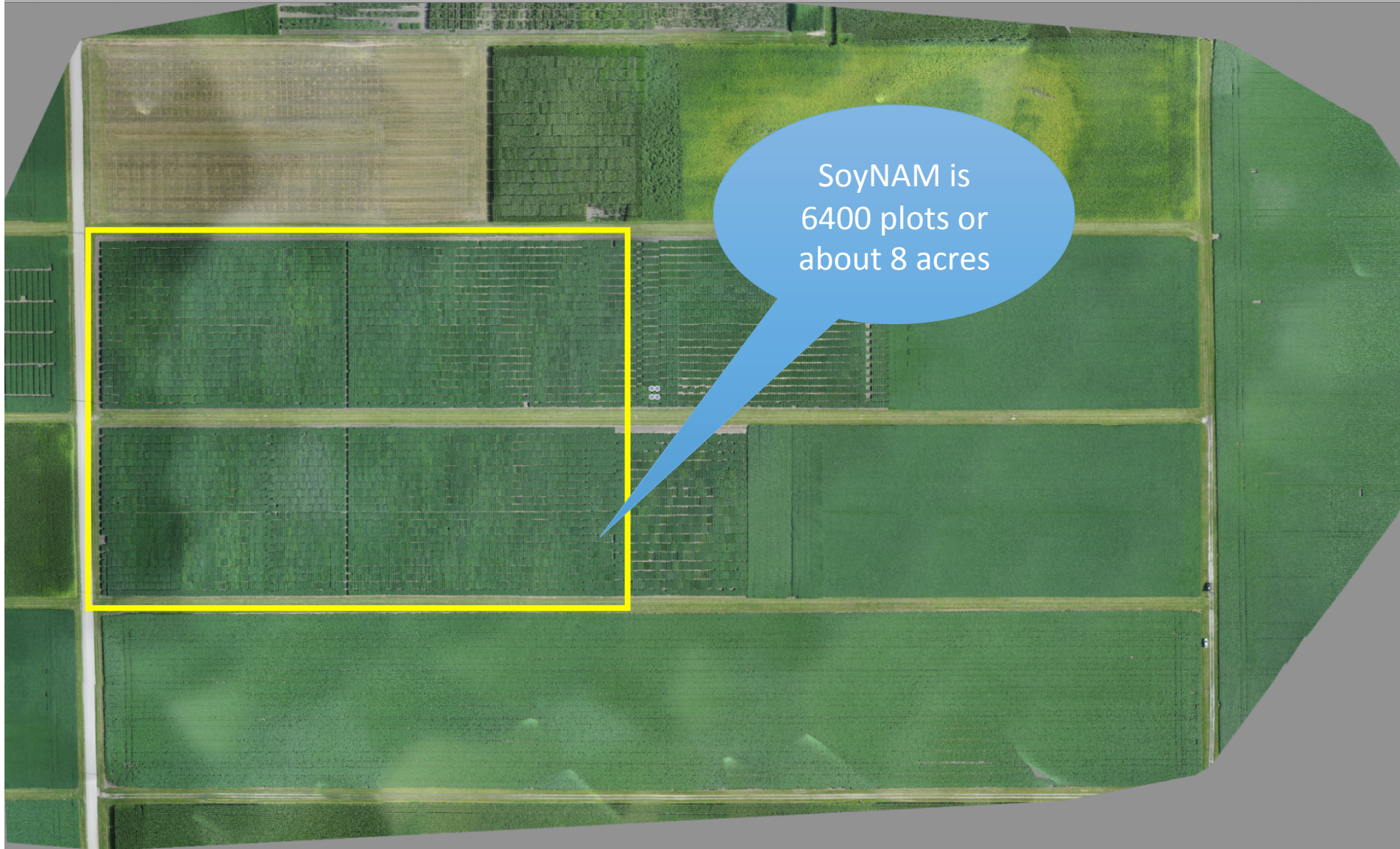


(Scale 1 to
100)
I am sure it is
43.208...



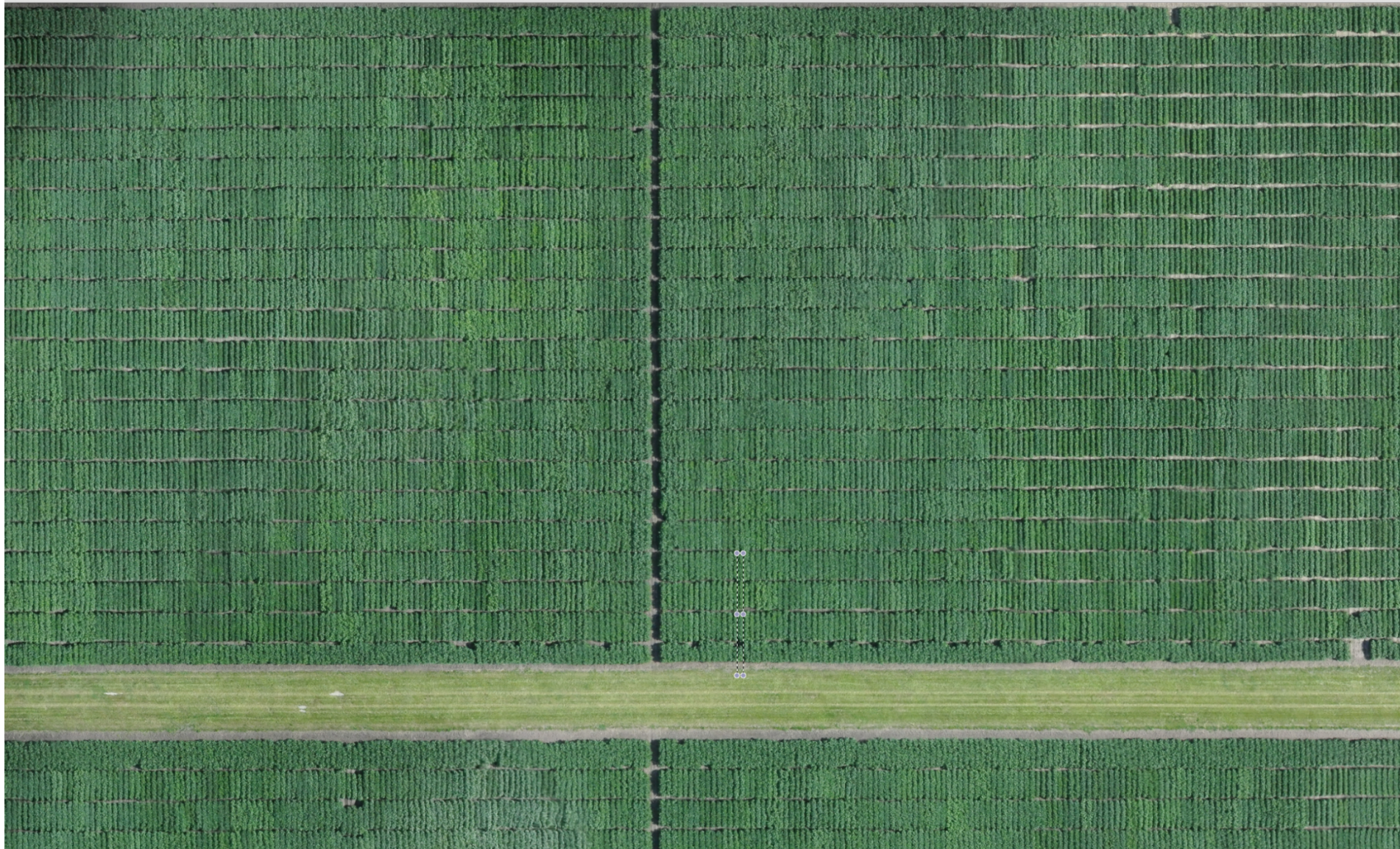
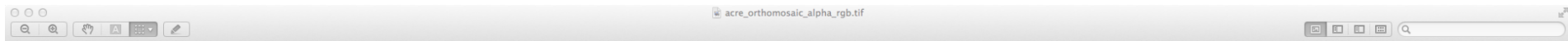
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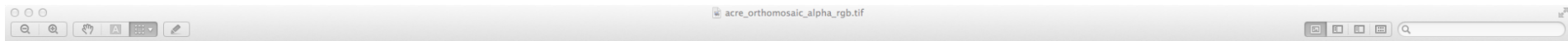




SoyNAM is
6400 plots or
about 8 acres

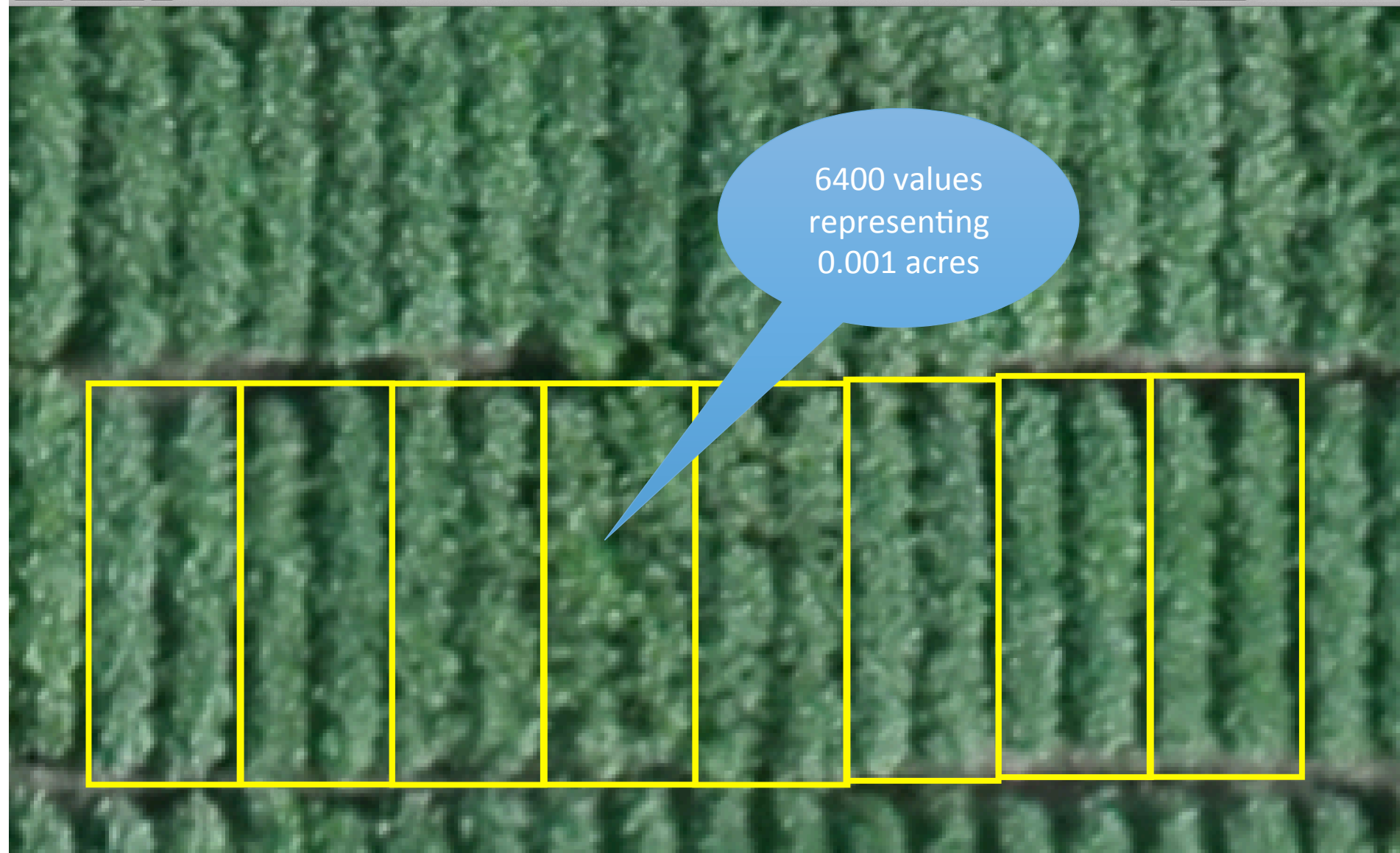












6400 values
representing
0.001 acres

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