



# Testing the potential of a dual-wavelength terrestrial laser scanner for estimating fuel moisture content

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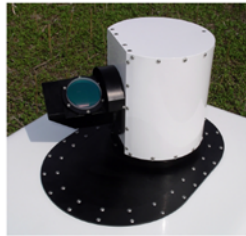
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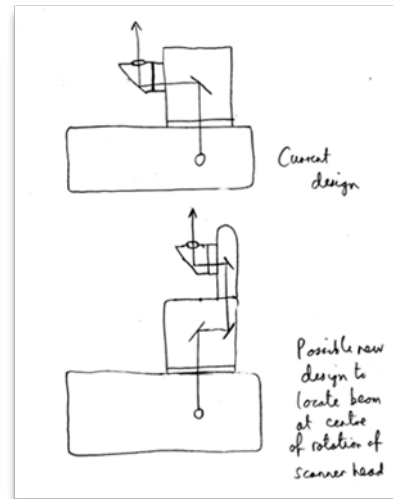
Salford Advanced Laser Canopy Analyser (SALCA)

Downrange resolution: 15cm with full waveform capture per line-of-sight  
 Antenna: Co-bored bistatic for optimum near field calibration  
 Power requirement: 100 W max (24V DC)  
 Configuration: Tripod mounted instrument with lap top for control



50mm clear aperture scanner upon which the imager is based

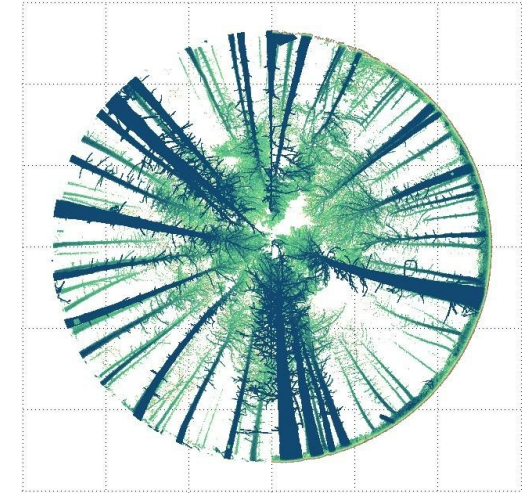
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First SALCA scan in a conifer plantation, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011

SALCA system specifications:

Centre wavelengths	1545.4 nm and 1063.4 nm
Pulse length	3 ns (1545 nm) and 1 ns (1063 nm)
Pulse rate	5 kHz
Beam width at sensor	3.6 mm (1545 nm) and 2.4 mm (1063 nm)
Beam divergence	0.56 mrad
Laser output energy	5 µJ (1545 nm) and 0.5 µJ (1063 nm)
Detector field of view	2.67 mrad
Sampling rate	1 GHz
Range resolution	15 cm
Maximum range	105 m
Angular sampling step	1.05 mrad
Angular displacement between wavelengths	6 µrad

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**Field trials of a full-waveform terrestrial laser scanner to measure forest canopy dynamics**

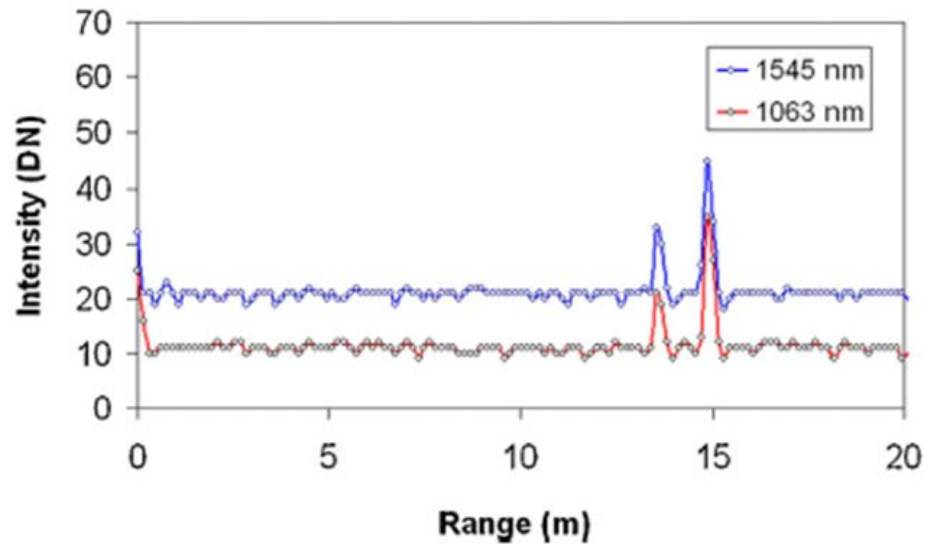
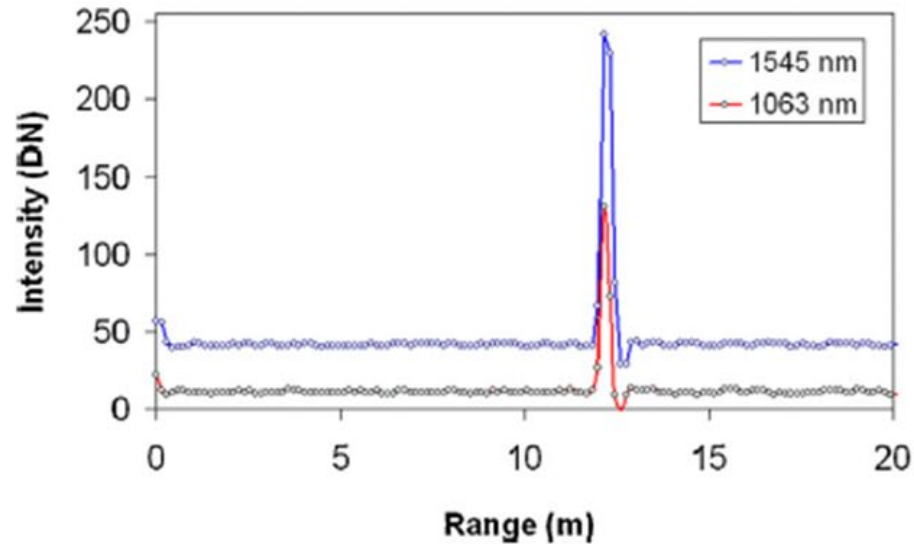
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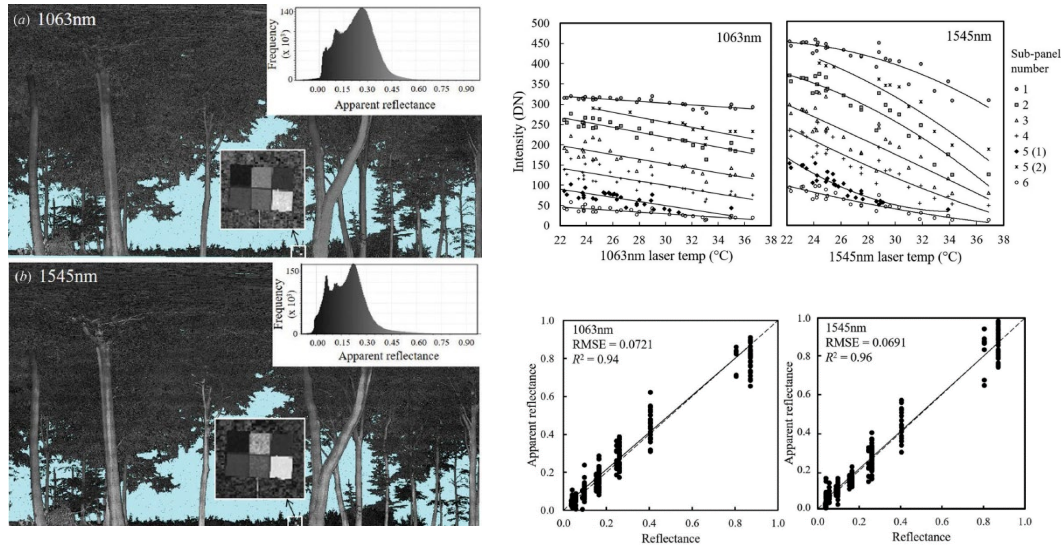
# Structure of lidar waveforms



Return pulse shape  $f$  outgoing pulse shape, reflectance of object, area of material in beam, angle of incidence

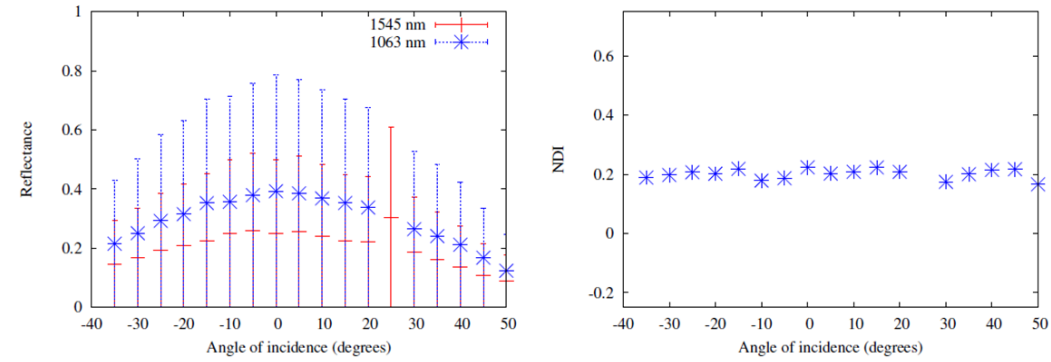


# Reflectance calibration



From: Schofield, LA, Danson, FM, Entwistle, NS, Gaulton, R and Hancock, S 2016, *Remote Sensing Letters*, 7 (4) , pp. 299-308.

# BRDF effects



From: Hancock, S., Gaulton, R., & Danson, F.M., 2017, *IEEE Transactions Geoscience and Remote Sensing*

# Spectral and spatial leaf/wood separation



good tree: classification agreement = 62%



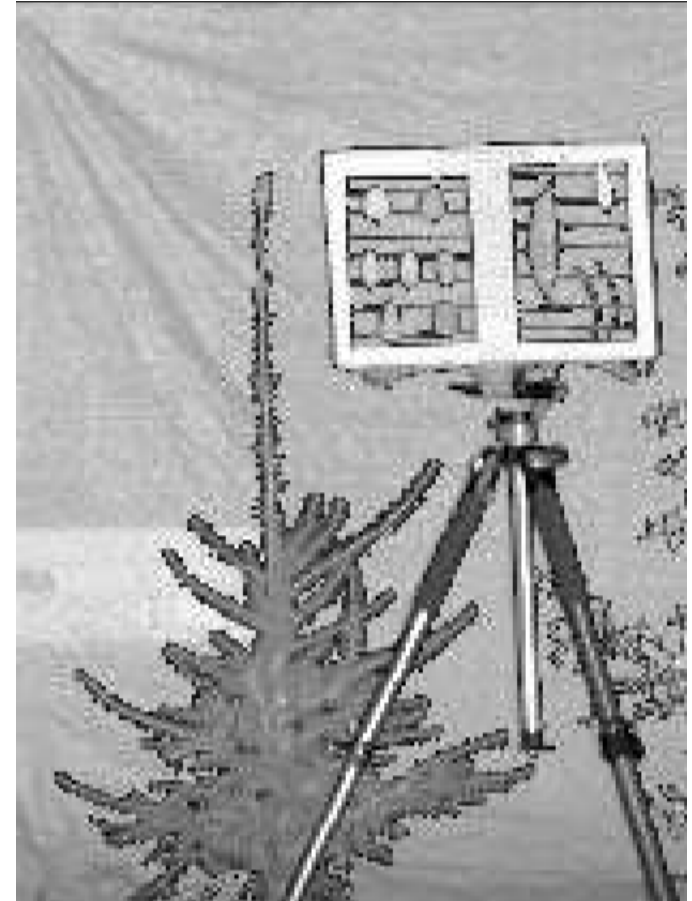
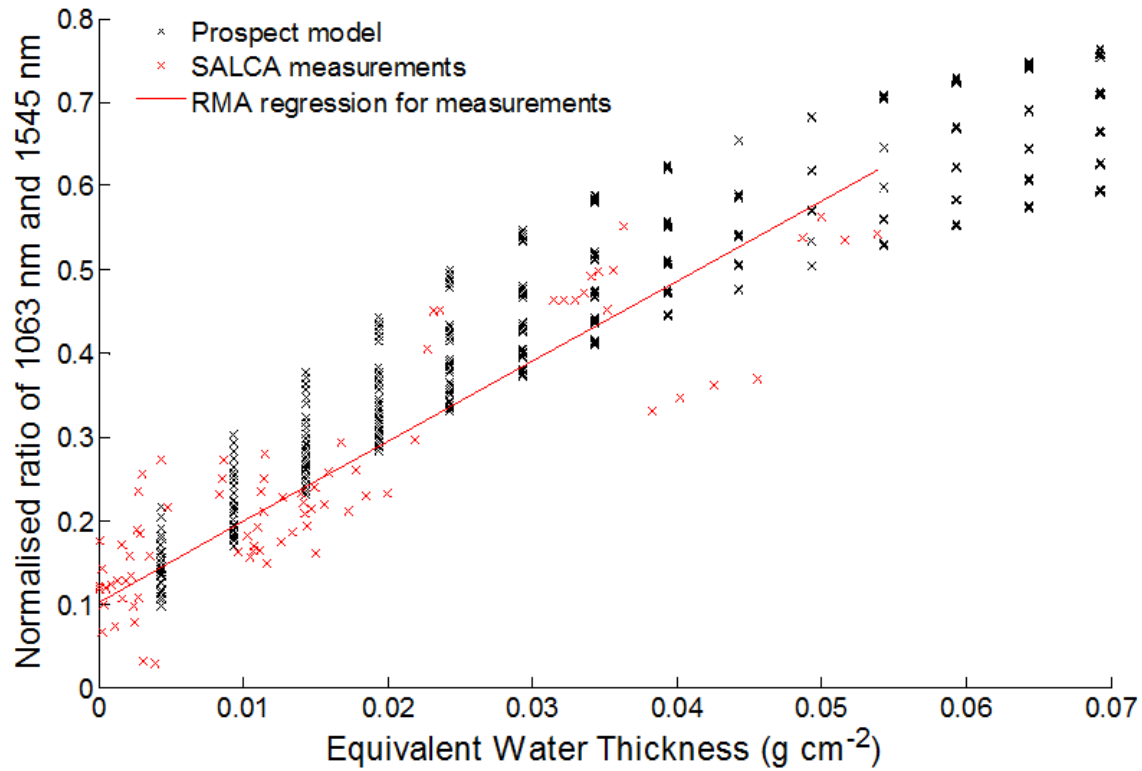
moderate tree: classification agreement = 58%



poor tree: classification agreement = 82%

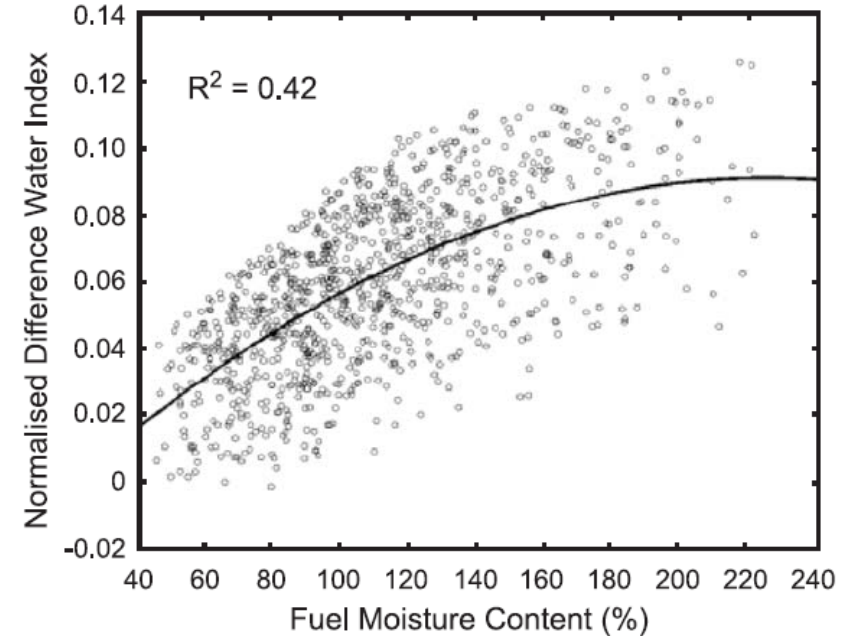
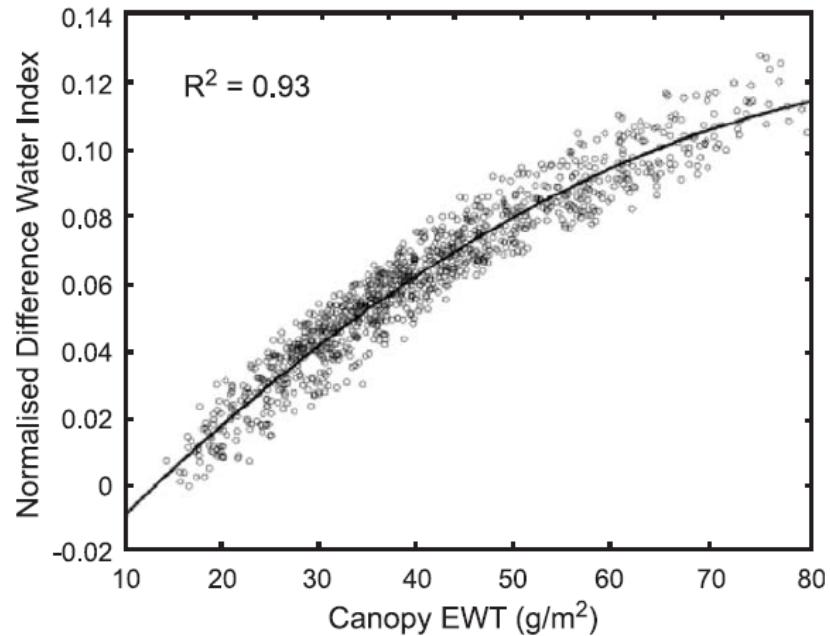
From: Danson, F.M., Sasse, F., and Schofield, L.A., 2018, *Interface Focus*,

# Measuring leaf water content



From: Gaulton *et al.* 2013. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 132, 32-39.

# Vegetation canopy reflectance is sensitive to water content (EWT) but less sensitive to FMC

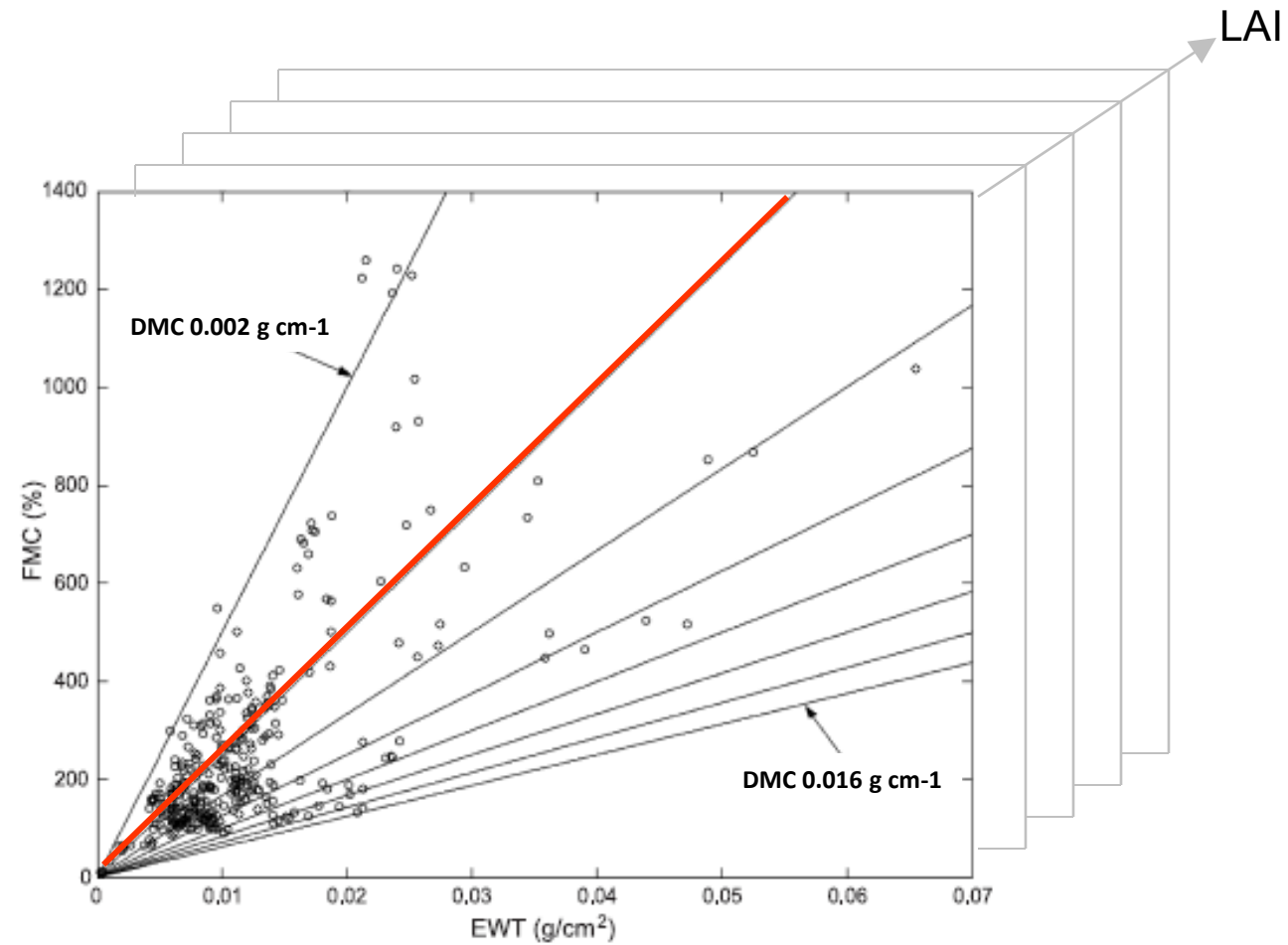


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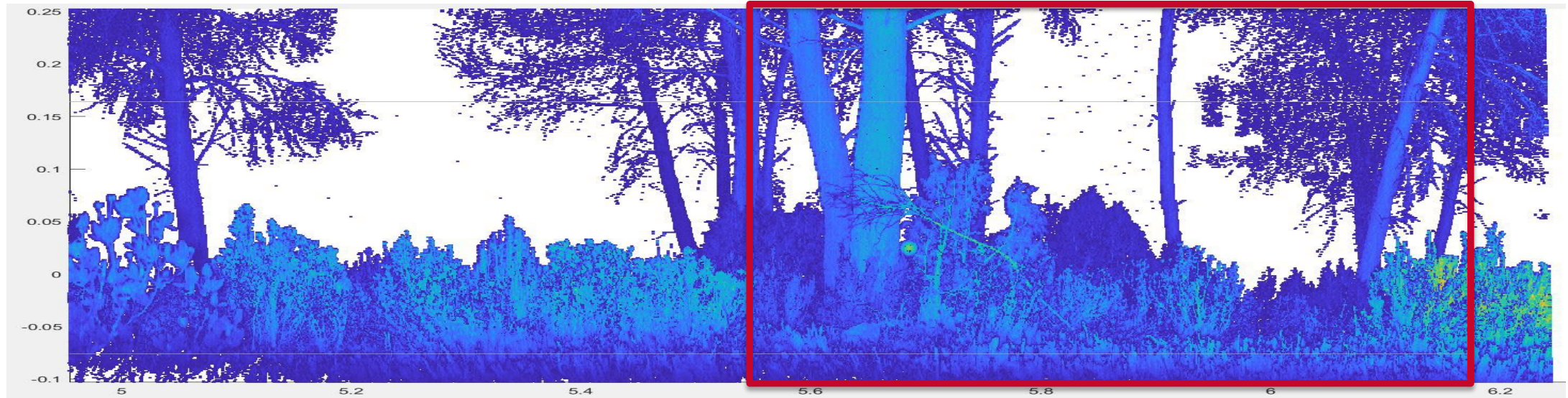
ProSail model simulations with site-specific variable ranges

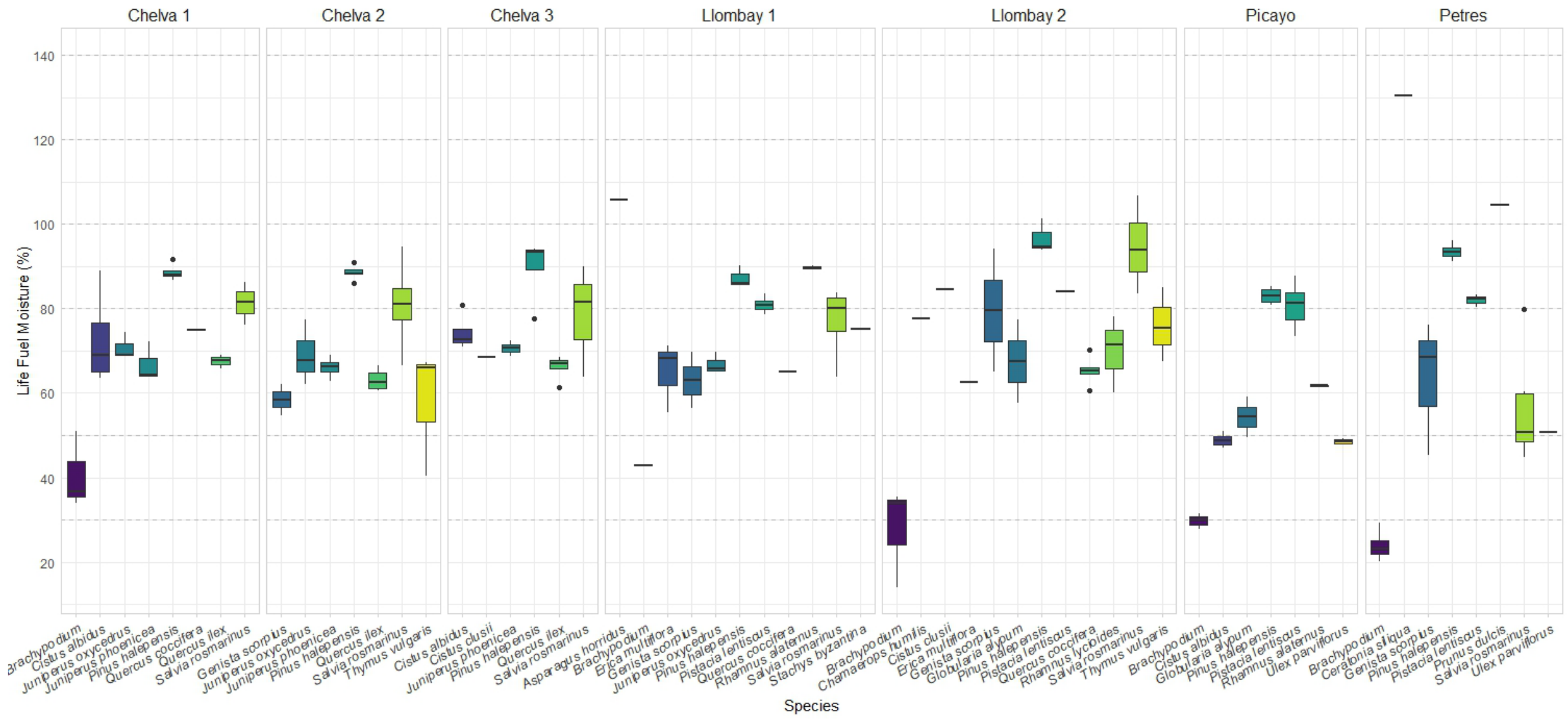


# Vegetation canopy reflectance is most sensitive to FMC when DMC and LAI variations are small

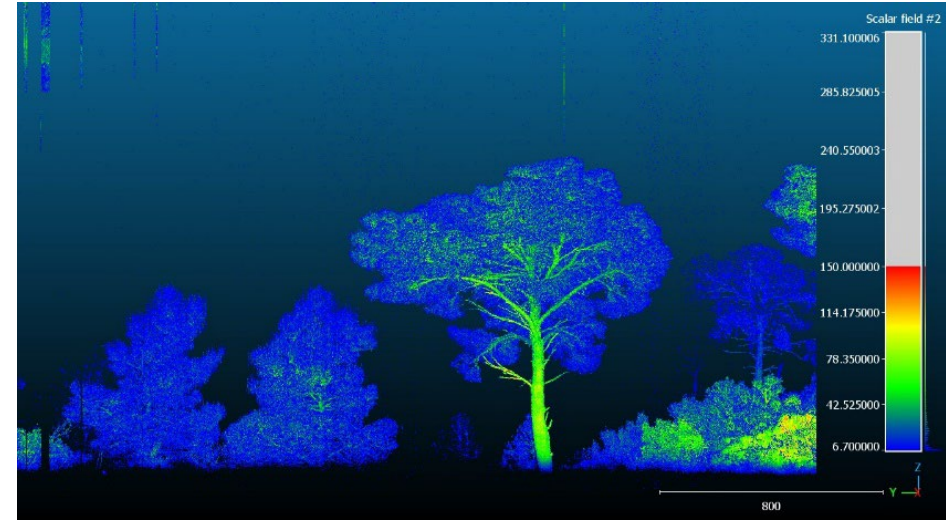
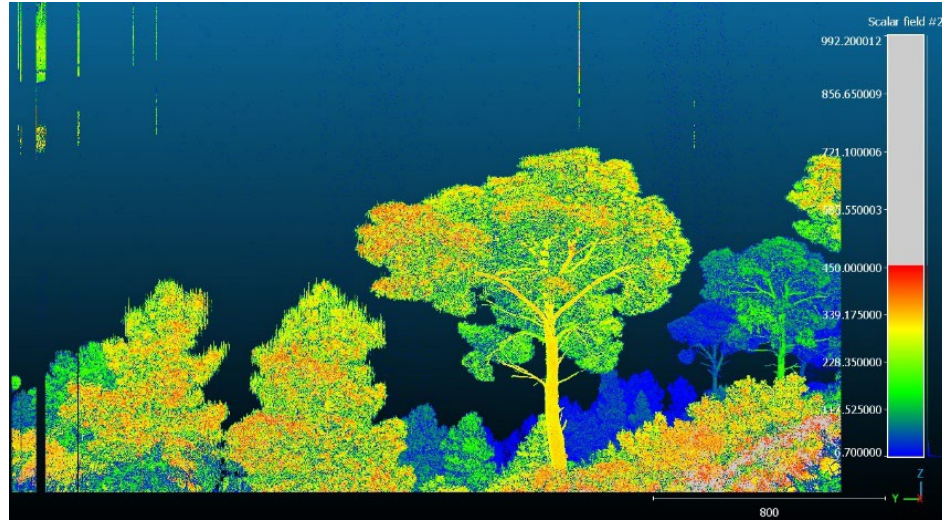


# Chelva

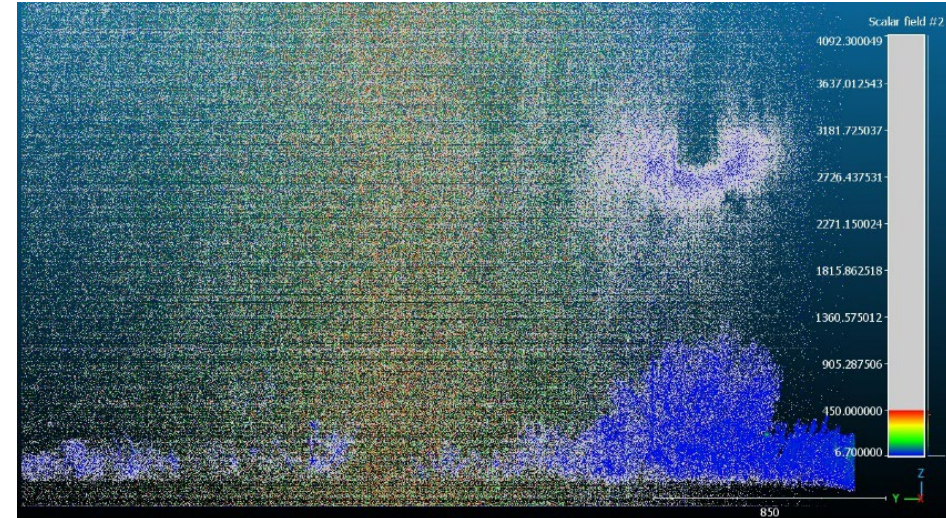
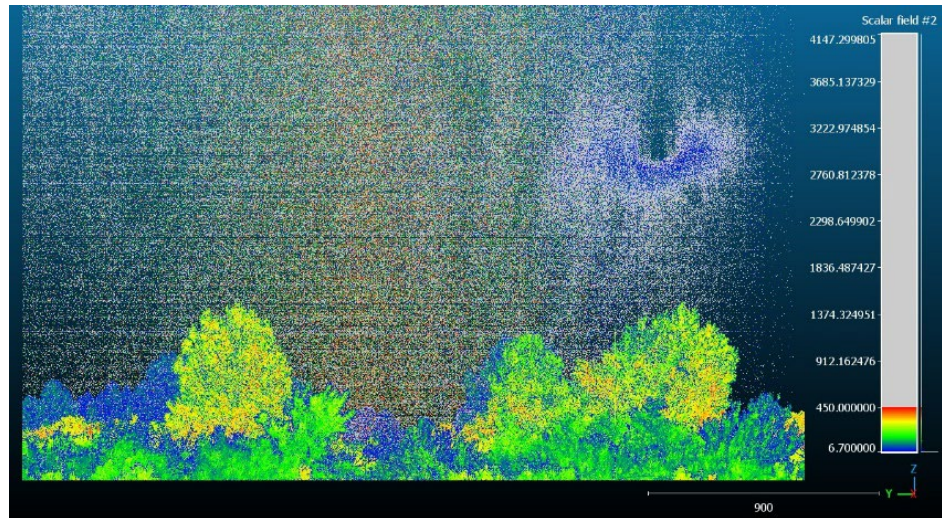




# Picayo



# Llombay

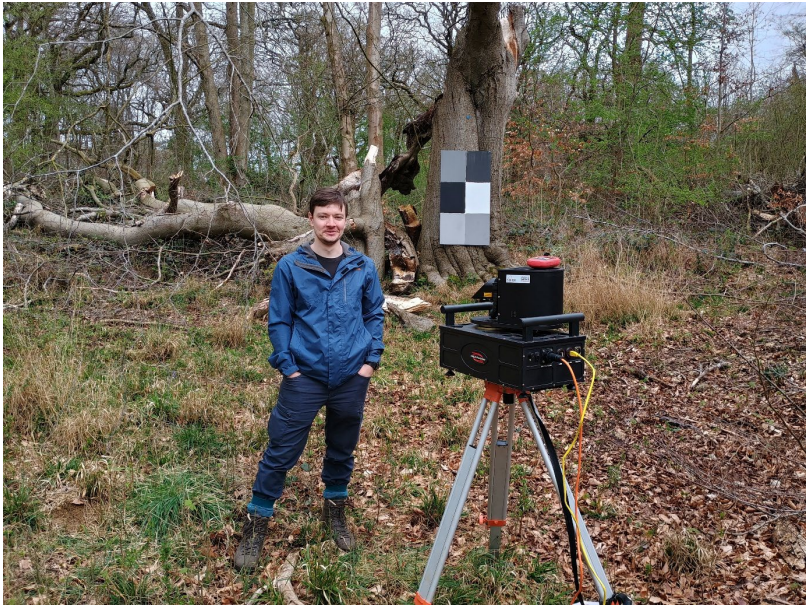
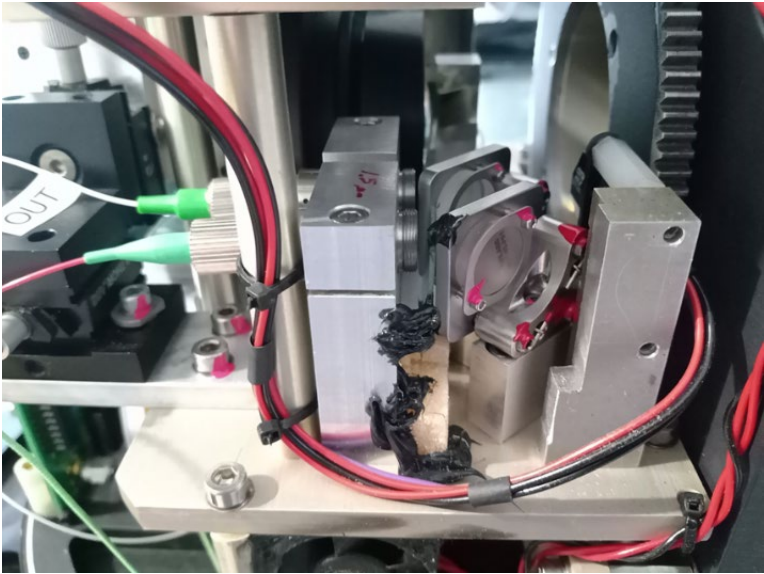


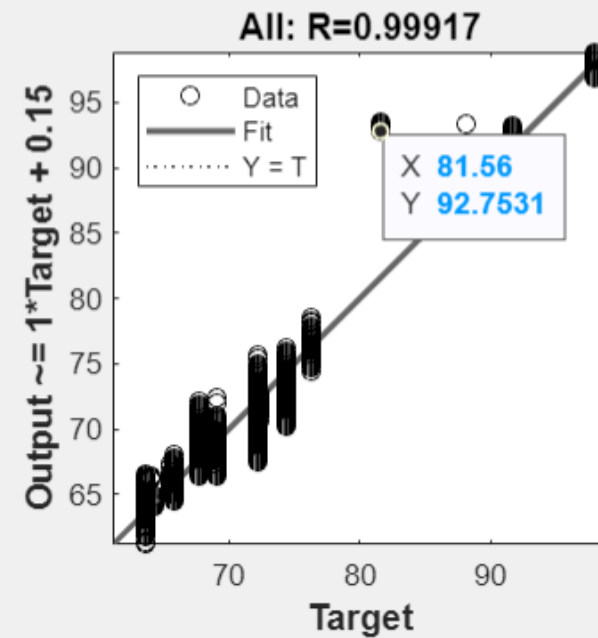
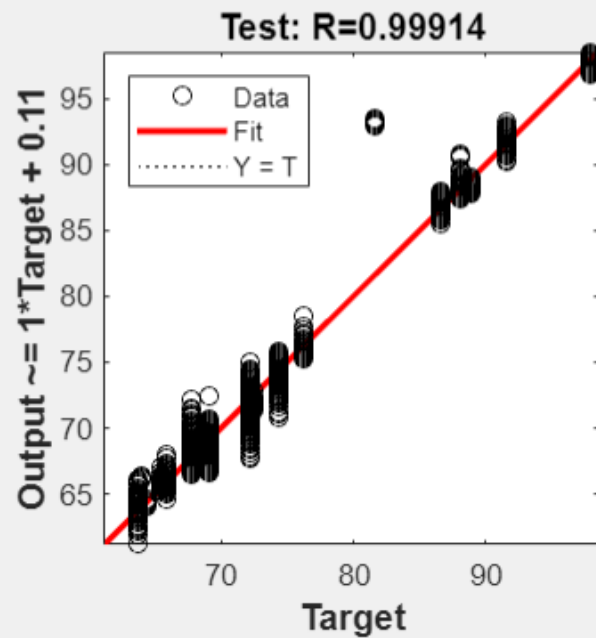
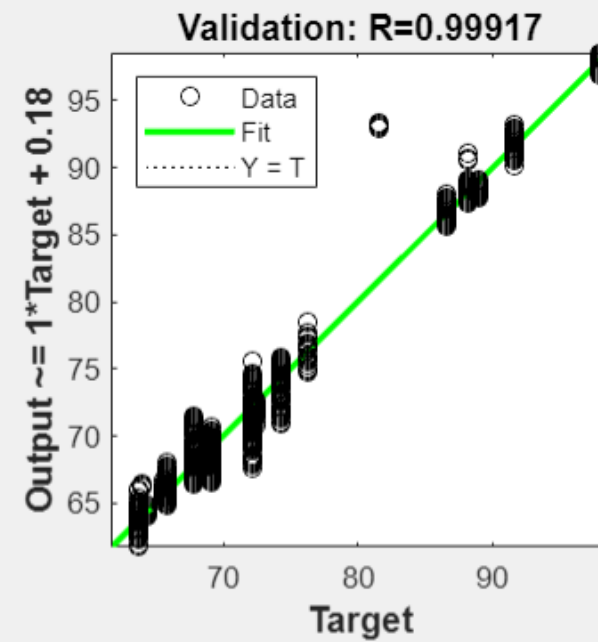
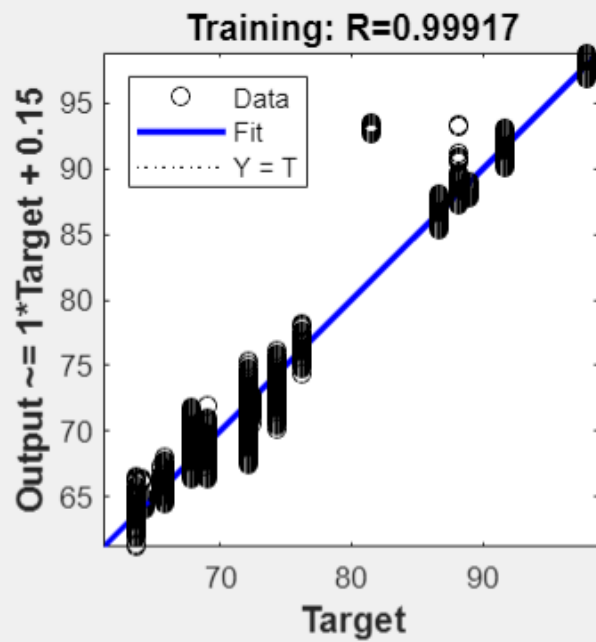
# Challenges

Chelva 3 Full hemiple  
60m

	T1	T2
15.18	35.4	32.1
15.33	36.7	35.1
15.43	37.2	37.3
15.56	37.1	39.0
16.09	38.7	40.1
16.20	36.6	38.7
16.31	37.0	38.6
16.40	38.3	39.0
16.55	37.6	37.7

374 remain





Chelva 1  
 N° species: 8  
 N° samples: 24

