

Data Analysis: Diurnal Responses

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- I. Introduction
 - a. Goals: to sample at times with maximal plant response differentiation, detect time of heat/water stress change
 - b. Review of temporal responses for thermal infrared, VNIR, LiDAR, acoustic
 - c. Time sampling: Single-time, two-times, solar angle, meteorology, plant stress
 - d. Errors and uncertainties
- II. Checking for data errors
 - a. Outlier removal
 - b. Location verification
 - c. Soil vs. vegetation temperature screening
- III. Comparing reflectances vs time of day, active and passive
- IV. Comparing temperatures vs time of day
- V. Comparing LiDAR (briefly)
- VI. Comparing acoustic: small changes anticipated
- VII. Conclusions/Recommendations
 - a. Clarify which plant characteristics have meaningful diurnal change signatures
 - b. Techniques to improve results:
 - i. Plot level averaging
 - ii. Temperature differencing
 - iii. Increase sample size
 - iv. Increase sample averaging times (but conflicts with iii)
 - c. Mid-day sampling for VNIR & acoustics
 - d. LiDAR may see plant stress response