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# 🌍 Flavonol, Anthocyanin, and Chlorophyll Indices using a Force-A Dualiex Scientific+



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## Abstract

This protocol describes the use of a hand-held sensor to estimate polyphenols and chlorophyll content of leaves based on absorbance and transmittance of specific wavelengths of visible and near infrared light.

The instrument does not directly measure these chemical concentrations, but measures reflectance and absorbance indices that have been demonstrated to relate to leaf level concentrations.

We use it to measure Chlorophyll, anthocyanin, and a nitrogen balance index.

Chlorophyll Concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ): The instrument is factory calibrated to measure leaf chlorophyll concentration.

$$\text{Chl} = \frac{\text{NIR}-\text{Red}}{\text{Red}}$$

Flavanol Index (Flv)


$$\text{Flv} = \log \frac{\text{NIR fluo excited red}}{\text{NIR fluo excited UV-A}}$$

Anthocyanin Index

$$\text{Anth} = \log \frac{\text{NIR fluo excited red}}{\text{NIR fluo excited green}}$$

Nitrogen Balance Index (NBI): a relative measure of nitrogen status

$$\text{NBI} = \frac{\text{Flavanol Index}}{\text{Flavonol Index}}$$

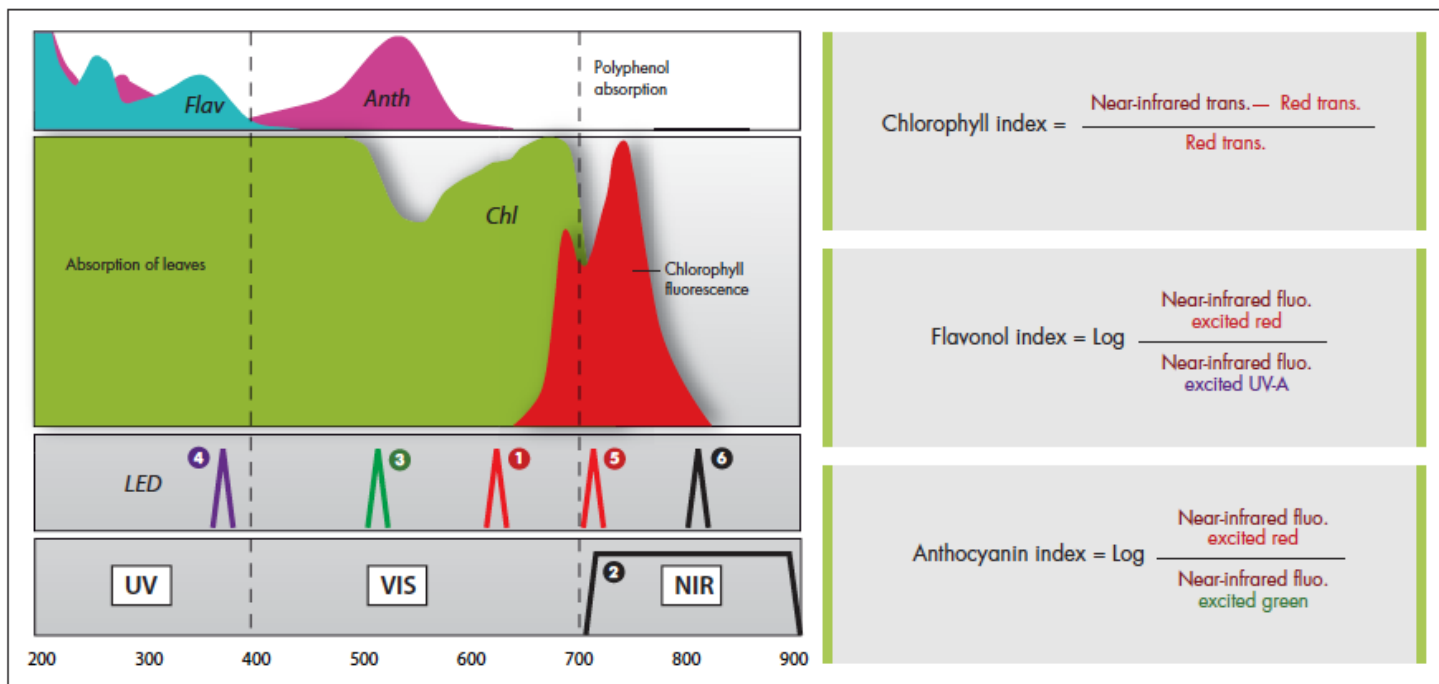
Note that the instrument documentation does not provide specific wavelengths, only approximate wavelengths in this diagram (from  Dualex Brochure.pdf):

## POLYPHENOLS measurement

Near-infrared chlorophyll fluorescence **2** is measured under a first reference excitation light **1** not absorbed by polyphenols. It is compared to a second sampling light specific to a particular type of polyphenols (e.g. green **3** for anthocyanins or UVA **4** for flavonols). Only a fraction of this light reaches the chlorophyll in the mesophyll and can generate near-infrared fluorescence.

## CHLOROPHYLL measurement

The leaf chlorophyll content can rapidly and accurately be assessed from light transmission. A first wavelength very close to the red **5** quantifies the chlorophyll and a second in the near-infrared **6** can take into account the effects of leaf structure.



## Attachments



[Dulex Brochure.pdf](#)

469KB



[Dulex Manual.pdf](#)

2MB

## Materials

### MATERIALS

 Dualix Scientific

Dualix Scientific Brochure:

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## Before start

Make sure that the instrument battery is fully charged.

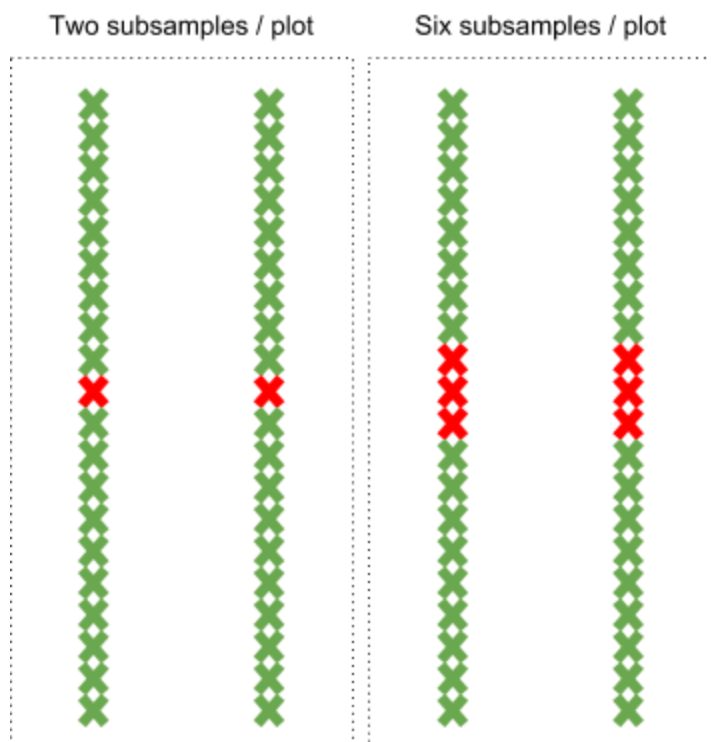
## Take measurements

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For each two row plot:

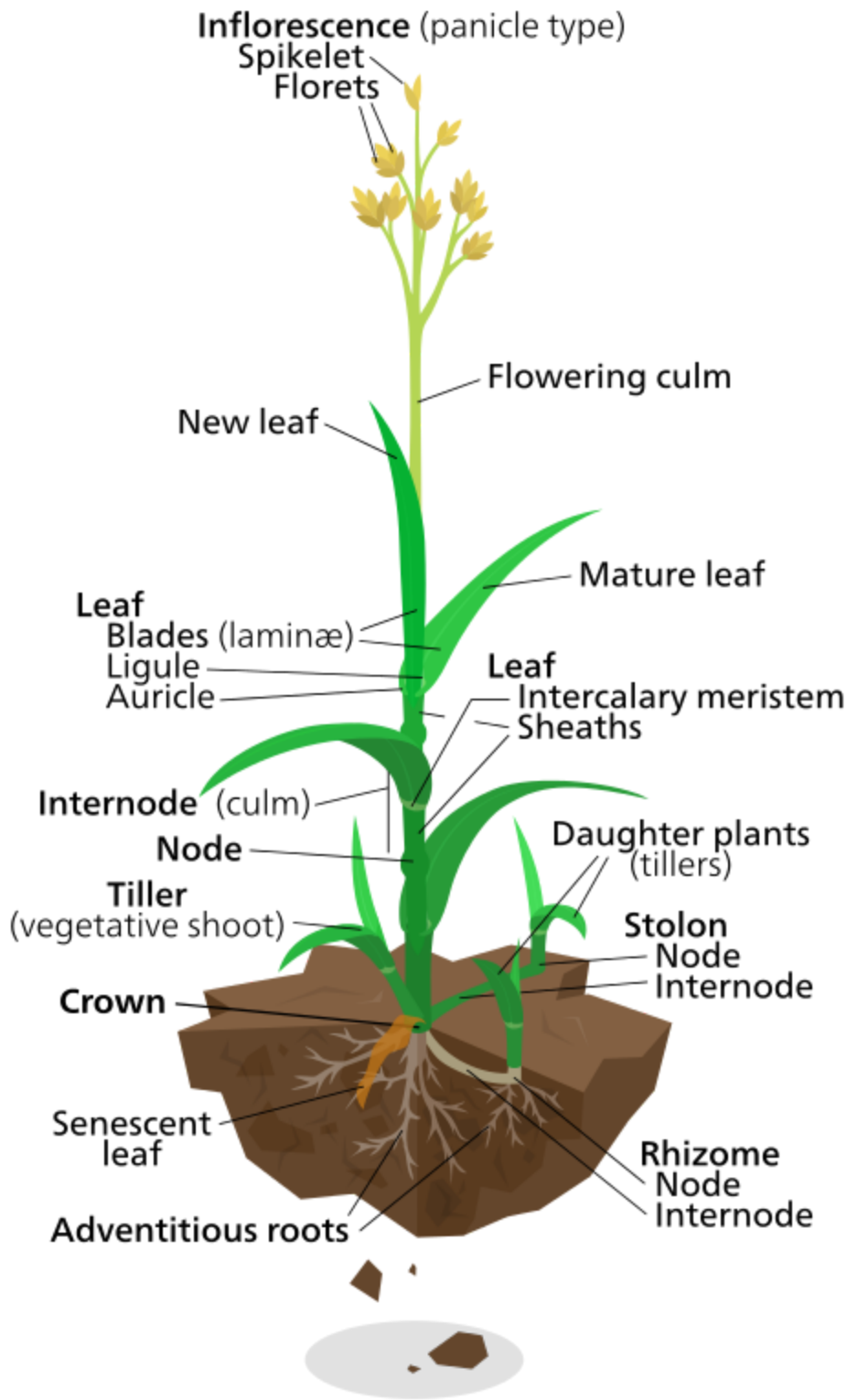
For two subsamples per plot: Identify the 1-3 replicate plants per row to measure. For a standard 3 m row, this would be the plant closest to 1.5m from the end.

For six subsamples / plot: Identify the center plant and two adjacent plants in each of the two rows



## Identify the youngest fully expanded leaf on each plant

- 2 On each plant, the youngest, fully expanded leaf should be measured. To determine if a leaf is fully expanded, observe that the leaf is attached at the ligule; a leaf that is not fully expanded will still be partially wrapped around the stem.



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## Identify a sunlit, horizontal location on each leaf to measure

- 3 The measurement should be taken on a part of the leaf that is
  - sunlit
  - approximately horizontal to the ground
  - approximately halfway between the leaf rib and edge
  - free of disease or herbivory.



## Attach Dualex and measure

- 4

### Equipment

<b>DUALEX SCIENTIFIC+™ Chlorophyll and Polyphenol-Meter</b>	NAME
Handheld Sensor	TYPE
Dualex	BRAND
E-B90-DUALEX4	SKU
<a href="http://www.dynamax.com/products/optics-for-polyphenol/dualex-scientific-polyphenol-chlorophyll-meter">http://www.dynamax.com/products/optics-for-polyphenol/dualex-scientific-polyphenol-chlorophyll-meter</a>	LINK

- Clip Dualex sensor to leaf
- Click "OK"
- Instrument will collect measurements

### Record plot name and measurement number

5

### Format and upload data

6 See Data Entry documentation for BETYdb