

Thesis Title Plant Identification by Laser Induced Fluorescence

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Abstract

The purpose of this experiment was to investigate how to identify plants by the optical technique. The fluorescent spectra of different kinds of leaves were investigated utilizing laser induced fluorescence (LIF) technique. The nitrogen laser at 337 nm was used as a UV light source, and the fluorescent light was collected and analyzed using our-designed PC-based CCD-spectrometer system. All the spectra obtained in this experiment showed positive trends of the possibility of using the fluorescent spectrum as the fingerprint for leaves identification. The major differences among the spectra were the number of peaks, peak-positions, and the peak-widths. In the experiment the comparisons of the whole spectra were presented, the maximum-peak positions in conjunction with the FWHM values were also compared. For higher sophisticated leaves identification, the use of the second peak properties of each spectrum was also suggested. It was found from the experiments that LIF technique could be used as another mean of plant identification.

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