

DIGITAL LAB NOTEBOOK OF KEVIN MURRAY

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Mon 2012-12-03

Initial Harvest of Keng's RIX lines

Aim

Harvest lines before the 1 week repeated HL stress experiment.

Method

- Tissue was harvested into a 96 well tray of 8-strip \approx 1mL tubes
- Single leaves were placed into the tubes, and snap frozen in liquid nitrogen.

Results

The following table details the collection, including the plate layout

<table><tr><th>Well</th><th>Line</th><th>Comments</th></tr></table>			Well	Line	Comments
Well	Line	Comments			
A1	78	Possible cross contamination from D1			
B1	80				
C1	85				
D1	74				
F1	76				
G1	83	Had to crush leaf while warm to fit it into tube			
H1	81				
A2	89	Had to crush leaf while warm to fit it into tube			
B2	90				
C2	91				
D2	87				
E2	108				
F2	92				
G2	osb2				
H2	93				
A3	94				
B3	4				
C3	99				
D3	16				
E3	17				
G3	18				
H3	21				
A4	23				
B4	25				
C4	57				
D4	28				
E4	29				

			Well	Line	Comments
		F4	30		
		G4	31		
		H4	32		
		A5	63		
		C5	98		
		D5	20		
		E5	67		
		F5	99		
		G5	99		
		H5	100		
		A6	65		
		B6	72		
		C6	1		
		D6	1	a second fully shaded leaf from same plant as C6	
		E6	2		
		F6	13		
		G6	5		
		H6	6		
		A7	7		
		B7	8		
		C7	9		
		D7	10		
		E7	11		
		F7	33		
		G7	36		
		H7	39		
		A8	38		
		B8	39		
		C8	40		
		D8	41		
		E8	43		
		F8	42		
		G8	45		
H8	45	second leaf from unlabeled plant broke leaf while handling minutes before sampling			
A9	71				
B9	46				
C9	47				
D9	99				
E9	50				
F9	51				
G9	52				
H9	52				
A10	54				
B10	55				
C10	56				
D10	58				
E10	59				
F10	71				
G10	61				
H10	21				
A11	68				

Well Line Comments		
B11		
C11		
D11		
E11		
F11		
G11		
H11		
A12		
B12		
C12		
D12		
E12		
F12		
G12		
H12		

Attachments:

- ./2012-12/20121203-harvest-pictures.tar.bz2 MD5SUM:2843946f8cae888a60dcd2226feb874f

Mon 2012-12-10

Final Harvest of Keng's RIX lines

Aim

Harvest lines after 1 week of HL stress.

Method

- An Eppendorf 1.2mL deep well plate was placed on dry ice for ≈ 10 minutes before sampling to allow to cool.
- Whole leaves were excised and placed into 1.2mL Eppendorf 96 deep well plate.
- Where possible, the largest mature leaf was taken. In some cases, this was hard to determine, so the youngest of the fully-expanded leaves was taken (as this was generally also the largest leaf). Some plants were very small, and had only juvenile leaves, in which case the largest juvenile leaf was taken.

Results

The following table describes the plate layout.

Well		Line	Comments	Well		Line	Comments
A1	87			A7	65		
B1	100			B7	71		
C1	92			C7	53		
D1	OSB2			D7	55		
E1	93			E7	56		
F1	94			F7	50		
G1	1*cvi			G7	51		
H1	99			H7	52		
A2	63			A8	78		NPQ4
B2	98			B8	80		
C2	98	2nd plant with orange label		C8	85		
D2	70			D8	74		
E2	67			E8	73		
F2	99			F8	76		
G2	66			G8	83		
H2	100			H8	81		
A3	65			A9	89		
B3	72			B9	90		
C3	12			C9	91		
D3	11			D9	16		
E3	10			E9	17		
F3	12			F9	18		

	Well	Line	Comments	Well	Line	Comments
G3	9			G9	21	
H3	8			H9	23	
A4	7			A10	25	
B4	6			B10	57	
C4	5			C10	28	
D4	13			D10	29	
E4	2			E10	30	
F4	1*cvi			F10	31	
G4	49			G10		
H4	47			H10		
A5	46			A11		
B5	42			B11		
C5	45			C11		
D5	71			D11		
E5	39			E11		
F5	40			F11		
G5	41			G11		
H5	43			H11		
A6	38			A12		
B6	39			B12		
C6	36			C12		
D6	33			D12		
E6	61			E12		
F6	62			F12		
G6	68			G12		
H6	58			H12		

Attachments:

- ./2012-12/20121210-harvest-photos.tar.bz2 MD5SUM:40dae2cad3babaa3c32f0d35a9d9442c

Mon 2013-01-14

MAKE: Washed Ball Bearings

Method

- Aliquot approx 15mL of 3mm diameter steel ball bearings into 50mL falcon tube
- Add clean 100% ethanol
- Vortex for ≈ 5 minutes
- Remove ethanol, wash beads with milliQ or sterile water
- Dry in fume cupboard overnight

TissueLyser grinding of practice samples

Aims

To grind tissue from the excess tissue of Keng's RIX lines collected on 3/12/12.

Method

- Remove pre-frozen TissueLyser blocks from -80 freezer.
- Add one cleaned bead to each Eppendorf tube (beads were not pre-cooled)
- Pour LN₂ into the TissueLyser block
- Add Eppys with beads and sample, and run for 3x 1min runs at 29Hz
- Replace samples in -80

Mon 2013-01-21

Quantification of RNA samples

Aim

- Determine qty of RNA in previously extracted samples

Method

- Nanodropped RNA extraction from 15/1/13??
- Standard protocol, used sterile milliQ water as blank.

Result

- Of the 14 samples, 10 had reasonable amounts of RNA, and 260/280 ratios were above 1.8 in all but one case. (see ./2013-01/20130121-PracticeRNASamples.ods)

Attachments

- ./2013-01/20130121-PracticeRNAExtractionSamples.csv
- ./2013-01/20130121-PracticeRNAExtractionSamples.ndv
- ./2013-01/20130121-PracticeRNASamples.ods

MADE: 10x MOPS Solution

Method

- Add 41.8g RNA only MOPS to beaker
- Add 450mL DEPC H₂O, mix w/ stirrer bar on mag stirrer
- Add 26.6mL 3M Sodium Acetate (0.22um Filtered before use)
- Add 10mL RNA only 0.5M EDTA
- pH to 7 with 5M NaOH
- Top up to 500 mL with DEPC H₂O
- Use 10ml per 100mL MOPS gel

MADE: RNA Denaturing Gel (MOPS)

Method

- Melt 1g RNAase-free Agarose in 72ml DEPC H₂O
- Add 10mL 10x MOPS
- Add 18mL 37% Formaldehyde
- Pour in RNA-only gel tank, previously washed with 0.5% SDS and RNAase-zap

Tue 2013-01-22

Denature RNA for RNA gels

Method

- Dilute RNA to 100ng/L
- Add RNA gel loading buffer (Obtained from Pete Crisp)
- Incubate at 65 degrees for 10 minutes. The samples were incubated for 10 minutes on the evening of 2013-01-21, but the gels were not run until 2013-01-22, so they were denatured for a further 2 minutes at 65 degrees

TBE Gel

Aim

- To compare TBE and denaturing/MOPS gels for RNA

Method

- Dissolve 1g RNAase-free Agarose in 90mL DEPC water
- Add 10mL RNAase-free TBE (prepared using DEPC Water, obtained from Pete Crisp)
- Pour in RNA-only gel tank, previously washed with 0.5% SDS or RNAase-zap
- Then, load denatured samples, and run in RNAase-free 1x TBE
- Run at $\approx 80V$, $\approx 40-50mA$ for $\approx 1.75h$
- Stain gel in 0.5ug/ml Ethidium Br in DEPC water?? for 10 min on orbital shaker, and photograph.

Result

See Figure ?? below.

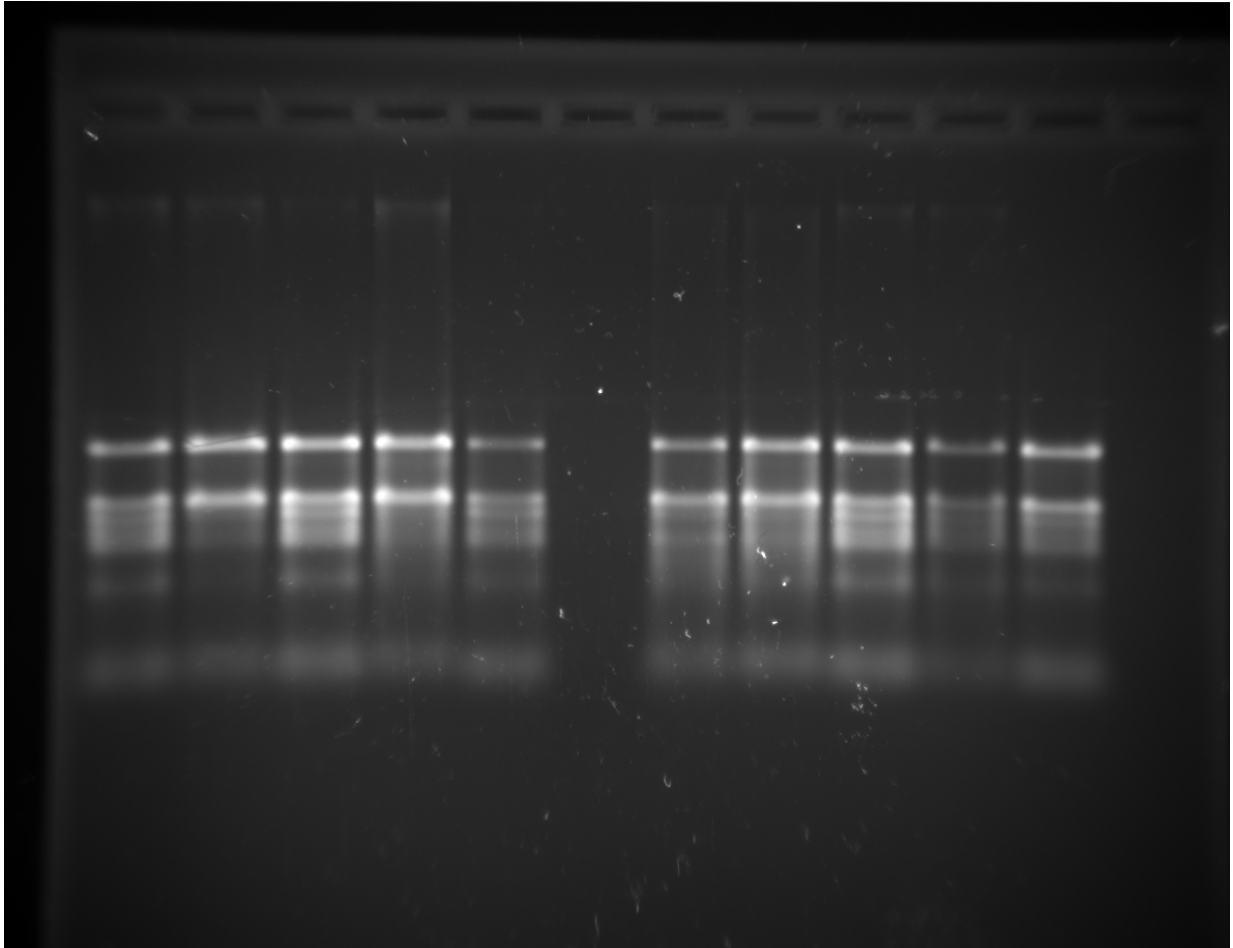
Gel indicates some degradation of RNA, however most samples are OK. Sample order is (left to right) A2, A3, A5, A6, A7, B3, B5, B7. A7 appears to have no RNA, although this is probably a mis-loading error. Overall, the TBE gel appears to be of more use than the MOPS gel.

MOPS gel

Aim

- Determine quality of RNA and Compare MOPS with TBE for RNA gels

Figure 1: TBE Gel of Practice RNA samples, 2013-01-22



Method

- Load samples after denaturing as above. Sample order is (left to right) A2, A3, A5, A6, A7, B3, B5, B7.
- Run gel in RNAase free 1x MOPS at $\approx 80V$, $\approx 100mA$ for $\approx 1.75h$ as per TBE gel above.
- Stain gel in 0.5ug/ml Ethidium Br in DEPC water?? for 10 min on orbital shaker.
- De-stain on orbital shaker gel in 1x MOPS, and photograph. Gel disintegrated whilst de-staining.

Results

See Figures ?? and ??

Mops gel confirms that the RNA was of reasonable quality. The MOPS gel appears to be of less use than the TBE gel.

Figure 2: MOPS Gel of Practice RNA samples, 2013-01-22

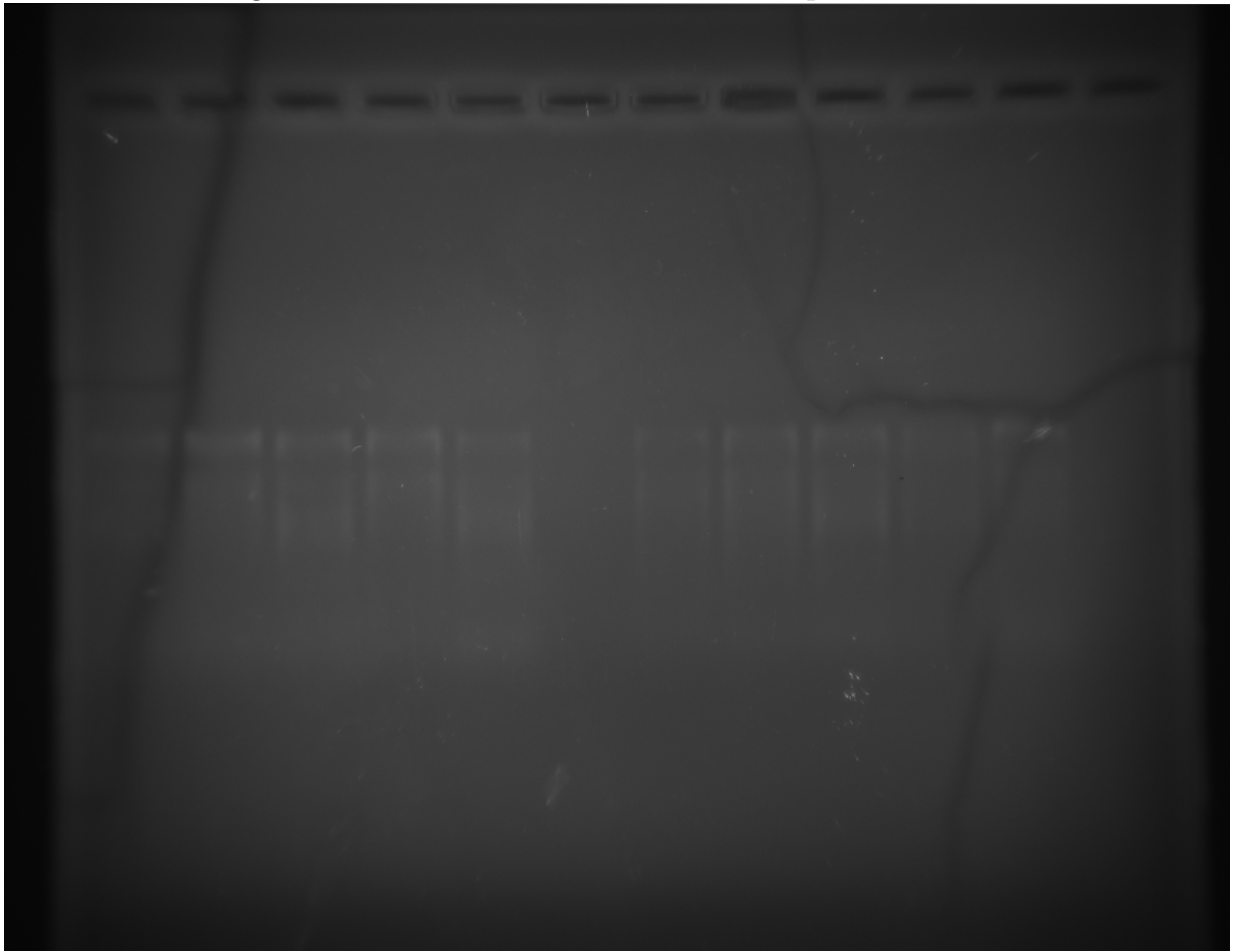
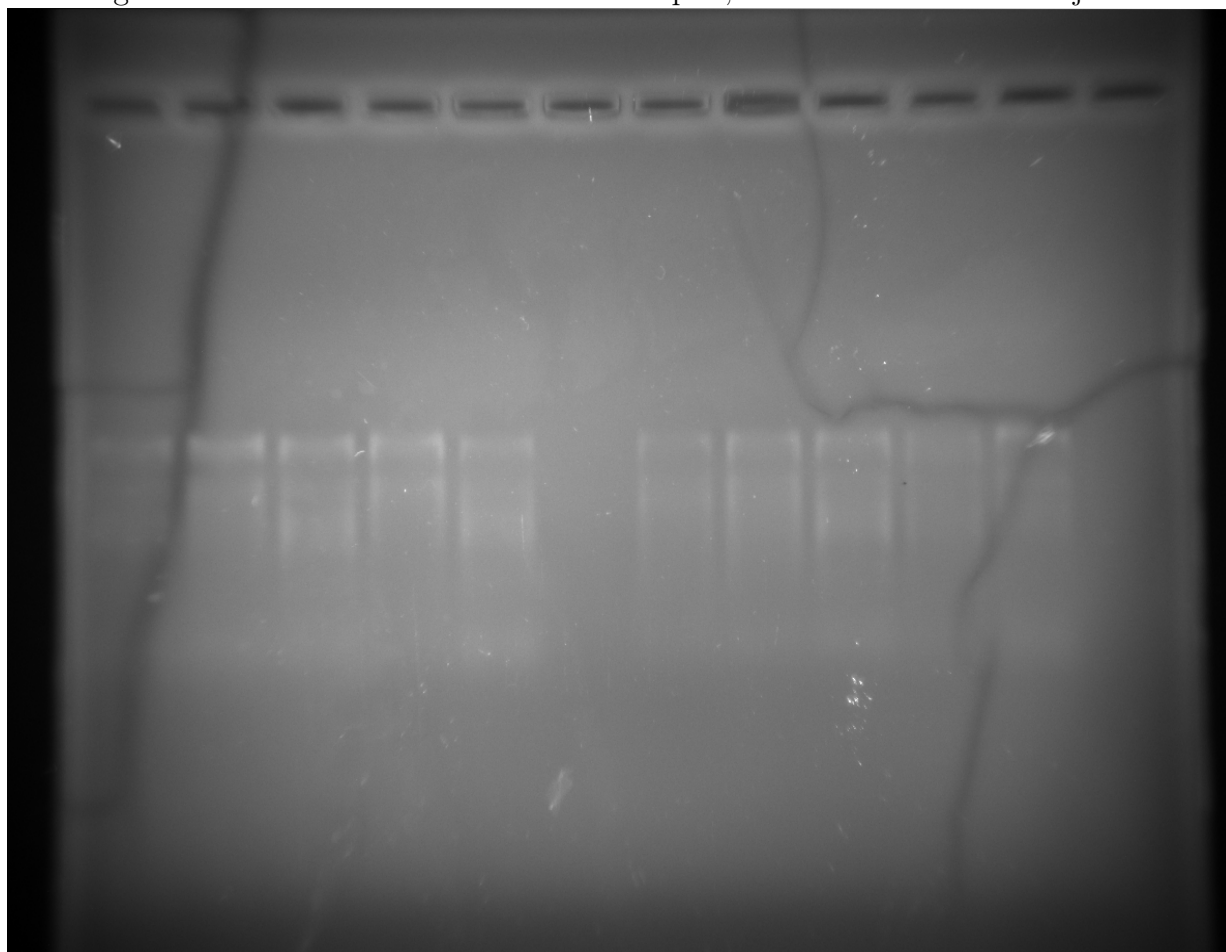


Figure 3: MOPS Gel of Practice RNA samples, 2013-01-22. Contrast adjusted.



Tue 2013-01-29

Seed Stock Levels

The stocks of Joost's RIX set were checked. Seed lines were classified as having either plenty (+), limited(?) or no (-) seed. The levels of each line are shown in the table below.

	Line	Desc	Count	Line	Desc	Count
1	Col-0 ₁ 915	not in box		51	168 x 22	+
2	Col-0 ₄ 936	not in box		52	169 x 175	not in box
3	Cvi x Cvi	-		53	17 x 21	+
4	1 x Cvi	not in box		54	170 x 24	-
5	1 x 146	+		55	171 x 143	+
6	10 x 26	+		56	174 x 34	+
7	101 x 176	+		57	180 x 157	?
8	Ll-1	not in box		58	183 x 118	-
9	105 x 145	not in box		59	186 x 27	+
10	107 x 124	not in box		60	187 x 190	-
11	109 x 185	not in box		61	187 x 69	not in box
12	109 x 47	not in box		62	189 x 133	-
13	110 x 32	?		63	19 x 173	+
14	112 x 30	+		64	19 x 67	+
15	113 x 141	-		65	190 x 176	+
16	114 x 3	?		66	191 x 31	not in box
17	114 x 60	+		67	192 x 189	+
18	115 x 126	+		68	20 x 138	+
19	117 x 73	?		69	21 x 22	-
20	118 x 108	+		70	24 x 171	+
21	118 x 164	+		71	25 x 9	+
22	119 x 177	-		72	26 x 74	+
23	12 x 142	+		73	33 x 58	not in box
24	122 x 42	?		74	35 x 120	-
25	125 x 117	+		75	38 x 35	+
26	128 x 6	+		76	39 x 27	not in box
27	132 x 129	not in box		77	40 x 74	-
28	133 x 35	+		78	npq4	not in box
29	134 x 29	+		79	43 x 131	not in box
30	135 x 10	+		80	44 x 50	+
31	135 x 140	?		81	45 x 23	+
32	136 x 102	+		82	46 x 29	+
33	165 x 137	not in box		83	48 x 160	+
34	139 x 162	-		84	49 x 158	+
35	139 x 36	+		85	5 x 172	not in box
36	14 x 4	+		86	5 x 188	not in box
37	146 x 64	not in box		87	51 x 111	+

	Line	Desc	Count	Line	Desc	Count
38	147 x 50	+		88	51 x 18	+
39	147 x 69	+		89	54 x 183	+
40	149 x 165	+		90	55 x 18	+
41	150 x 37	+		91	59 x 116	+
42	152 x 42	+		92	6 x 131	+
43	153 x 108	+		93	61 x 162	+
44	153 x 20	?		94	63 x 151	not in box
45	154 x 144	-		95	7 x 46	-
46	156 x 166	+		96	8 x 61	not in box
47	16 x 4	+		97	Ler x Ler	+
48	16 x 66	+		98	Ler self	+
49	164 x 7	not in box		99	Cvi x Ler	+
50	166 x 25	+		100	Ler x Cvi	+

Thu 2013-02-07

Prepare Trays for Planting

Trays were filled with steamed seed raising mix, with 1mL/L Osmocote added and mixed before dispensing. Trays were filled by pouring potting mix over tall 5cm square pots, and compacting it with hands. 41 trays of 24 and one tray of 20 pots were made.

Once trays were made, they were watered with $\approx 1.5\text{L}$ RO water, containing $\approx 1\text{mL/L}$ AzaMax, covered with cling film and stored at 4 degrees C.

Fri 2013-02-08

Planting of RIX lines

Aim:

Plant (ideally) 9 plants of each of the RIX lines, for the experiment Keng and I will conduct

Method:

Seeds were planted in pre-prepared trays, by shaking from a piece of paper. Either 6 or 12 plants of each line, and some mutants, were planted in contiguous blocks. Once planted, trays were sprayed with a small amount of water and labelled by row, i.e. each row of plants consisted of one genotype, and only one pot was labelled per row. Plants were not randomised at this point. If the tray was dry, approx 0.5-1L of RO water was added.

The following table describes the lines which were planted. 12 plants of each line were planted, unless otherwise stated in the "Qty" columns below. From now on, lines will be referred to by their number in the following table.

"Line Number"	"Line Name"	"Quantity"	"Line Number"	"Line Name"	"Quantity"
1	"Col-0"		45	"171 x 143"	
2	"cvi self"		46	"174 x 34"	
3	"1 x 146"		47	"180 x 157"	
4	"10 x 26"		48	"186 x 27"	
5	"101 x 176"		49	"187 x 69"	
6	"LL-1"		50	"19 x 173"	
7	"145 x 105"		51	"19 x 67"	
8	"107 x 121"		52	"190 x 176"	
9	"18 x 109"		53	"191 x 31"	
10	"109 x 48"		54	"192 x 189"	
11	"114 x 3"	6	55	"20 x 138"	6
12	"110 x 32"	6	56	"24 x 171"	
13	"112 x 30"		57	"15 x 9"	
14	"115 x 12"		58	"26 x 74"	
15	"118 x 108"		59	"33 x 58"	
16	"118 x 164"		60	"38 x 35"	
17	"12 x 142"		61	"39 x 27"	
18	"122 x 42"		62	"44 x 50"	
19	"125 x 117"		63	"45 x 23"	
20	"128 x 6"		64	"46 x 29"	
21	"129 x 132"		65	"48 x 160"	
22	"133 x 35"		66	"49 x 158"	
23	"134 x 29"		67	"5 x 172"	
24	"135 x 10"		68	"5 x 188"	
25	"136 x 102"		69	"51 x 111"	

"Line Number"	"Line Name"	"Quantity"	"Line Number"	"Line Name"	"Quantity"
26	"165 x 137"		70	"51 x 18"	
27	"139 x 36"		71	"54 x 183"	
28	"14 x 4"		72	"55 x 18"	
29	"146 x 64"		73	"59 x 116"	
30	"147 x 50"		74	"6 x 131"	
31	"147 x 69"		75	"61 x 162"	
32	"149 x 165"		76	"63 x 151"	
33	"150 x 37"		77	"8 x 61"	
34	"152 x 42"		78	"ler self"	
35	"153 x 108"		79	"ler"	
36	"153 x 20"	6	80	"cvi x ler"	
37	"156 x 106"		81	"ler x cvi"	
38	"119 x 60"	6	82	"npq1"	
39	"16 x 4"		83	"npq4"	
40	"16 x 66"		84	"pgr5"	
41	"16 x 7"		85	"Stn8-1"	
42	"166 x 25"		86	"Cvi-1"	
43	"168 x 22"		87	"135 x 142"	6
44	"17 x 21"				

Thu 2013-02-14

Sun and Shade Spectra

Aim

Measure spectra from natural sun and natural shade at midday

Method

- John Evan's spectroradiometer was used
- Measure every nm from 400 to 800
- Measurements taken at approx 12:30-1pm
- Measure clear, unobstructed sun with no clouds in quadrangle between forestry, geography and Robertson buildings, ANU.
- Measure shade under elm tree in same location
- Calculations made by Pip Wilson, yielded $\mu\text{mol photon per square meter per second per nanometer}$ measures of intensity. (see attached xls spreadsheet).

Results

Overall PAR integrations were 38.0 and 1809.5 μE for shade and sun respectively.
Spectra detailed in:

- 20130214-shade and sun spectra.xlsx
MD5SUM db67505144fbd20ecc317a494f80ecde
- 20130214-SunShadeSpectra.csv
MD5SUM 56003985e19111288384dcd5f4dc51f1

Fri 2013-03-01

Creation of Solarcalc files

Aim:

Generate the solar calc files which will be used to control the conviron growth cabinents and heliospectra lights for the duration of the latter part of the experiment.

Method

- SolarCalc version 2013 Feb C (zip file MD5SUM: 0b2b456771eb44ed1fa8ed1a087bfbd0) was used.
- Location: Temora
- Min Temp: 5 C
- Max Humid.: 80
- Start Date: 1/9/12
- End Date: 31/12/12
- Shading: 0
- LED Ratios: 7.74 6.16 5.98 5.64 7.35 1.00 5.45
- 2010 weather

Results

- Solarcalc output:
./2013-03/20130301-KMTemora2012Sep01_A_LED-Normalised.csv
MD5sum b1dee0ba373a1e74956dd5c8d3ccce38
- Solarcalc preferences file:
20130301-KMTemora2012Sep01_A_LED-Normalised_prefs.srp
MD5SUM d01fcc5ae9ad8fba07bd9b9512c82857

Thu 2013-03-05

Creation of Better Normalised Shaded Solarcalc files

Aim:

Generate the solar calc files which will be used to control the conviron growth cabinents and heliospectra lights for the duration of the latter part of the experiment.

Method

- SolarCalc version 2013 Feb C (zip file MD5SUM: 0b2b456771eb44ed1fa8ed1a087bfbd0) was used.
- Location: Temora
- Min Temp: 10 C
- Max Humid.: 70
- Start Date: 1/9/12
- End Date: 31/12/12
- Shading: 0 and 45%
- LED Ratios: 1.29 1.03 .94 1.22 0.17 .91
- 2010 weather

Results

Solarcalc outputs:

- KMTemora2012Sep01_45shade_2010weather_LED-BetterNormalised.csv
ddff182b78d1fe10e662fb827a179804
- KMTemora2012Sep01_0shade_2010weather_LED-BetterNormalised.csv
d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e

Solarcalc preferences files:

- KMTemora2012Sep01_0shade_2010weather_LED-BetterNormalised.srp
9e800ba2b31a5346b37bc17127515d38
- KMTemora2012Sep01_45shade_2010weather_LED-BetterNormalised.srp
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