

# Plant Root Phenotyping Pipeline.

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### ChronoRootAnalysis

Plant Analysis Analysis Overview Plant Overlay Generate Report Report

**Individual plant root analysis**  

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Select Video Folder

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Camera  (should be the camera number)

Plant Number  (should be a number, to identify plant)

Identifier  (variety identifier, e.g. WT, Col0)

**Analysis and postprocessing parameters**  

Save Cropped Images Manual Calibration Parameters: Known (mm):

Video has QR codes Open Calibration Helper Pixels:

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Capture interval  (in minutes, usually 15 minutes)

Emergence distance  (in millimeters, default: 2 mm)

Save Preview video Analyze Plant Process all plants Load config json from file Load previous configuration

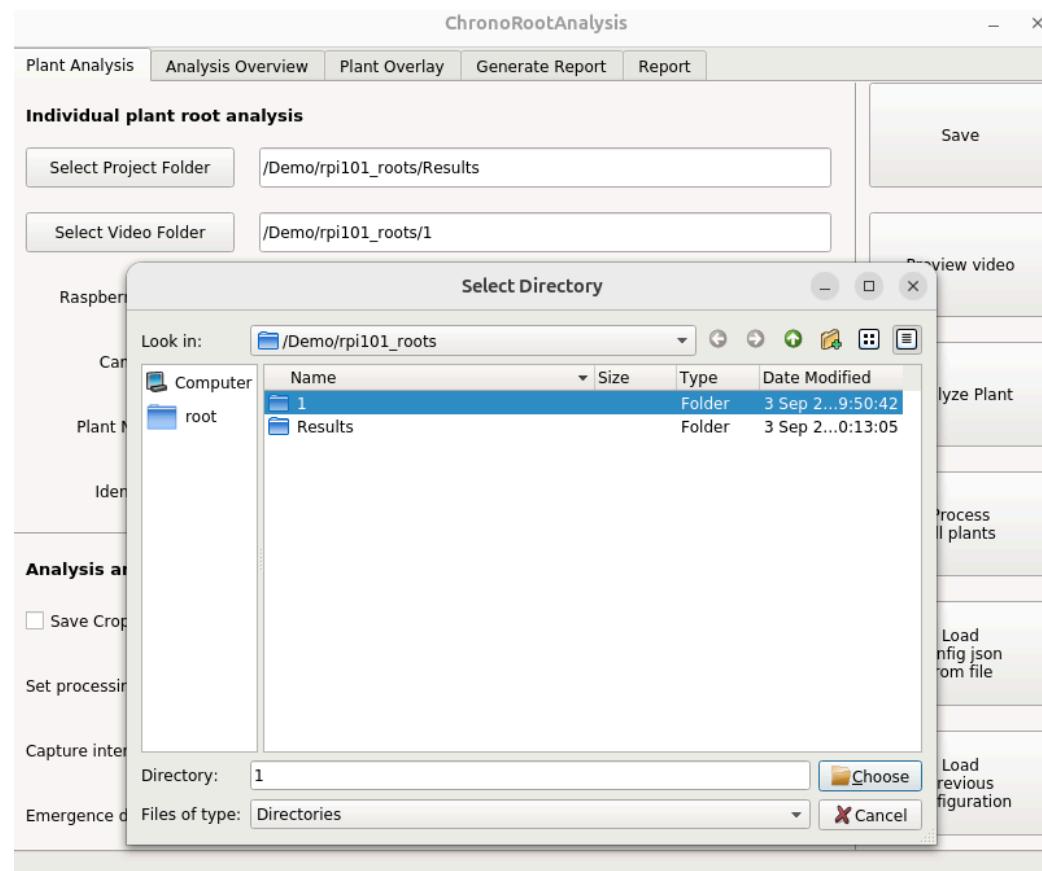
To begin the plant analysis process, launch the interface by entering "chronoroot" in the command line. This will open the main analysis window.

## Interface Components:

- **Select Project Folder:** Specifies the storage location for your analysis results. A project encompasses a complete experimental setup involving one or more Raspberry Pi modules.
- **Select Video Folder:** Identifies the video file for current processing. Videos must be processed sequentially, one at a time.
- **Plant Identification Fields:** The Raspberry Pi Module, Camera, Plant Number, and Identifier fields allow you to tag each plant according to its origin (camera and module), position on the plate, and biological variety.
- **Manual Calibration Parameters:** If your video does not have a 1-cm QR code, measure a known distance and write the pixels from the calibration helper.

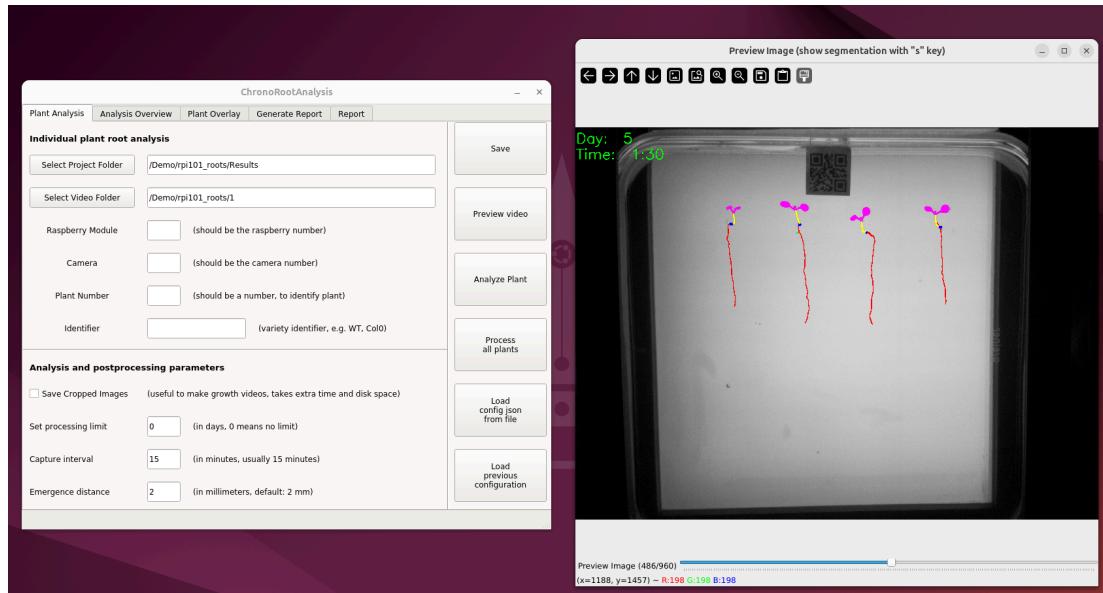
## Getting Started:

Begin by creating a dedicated folder for storing results, then select the first video from the Demo dataset. A popup window will prompt you to choose the appropriate folders.



## Video Preview and Setup:

Click the "Preview Video" button to view your selected video. Use the scrollbar to navigate between frames and press the "S" button to toggle the segmentation overlay for visual inspection. In this case, we can see that the video contains a QR code.



Complete the plant identification details for the first plant you wish to analyze.

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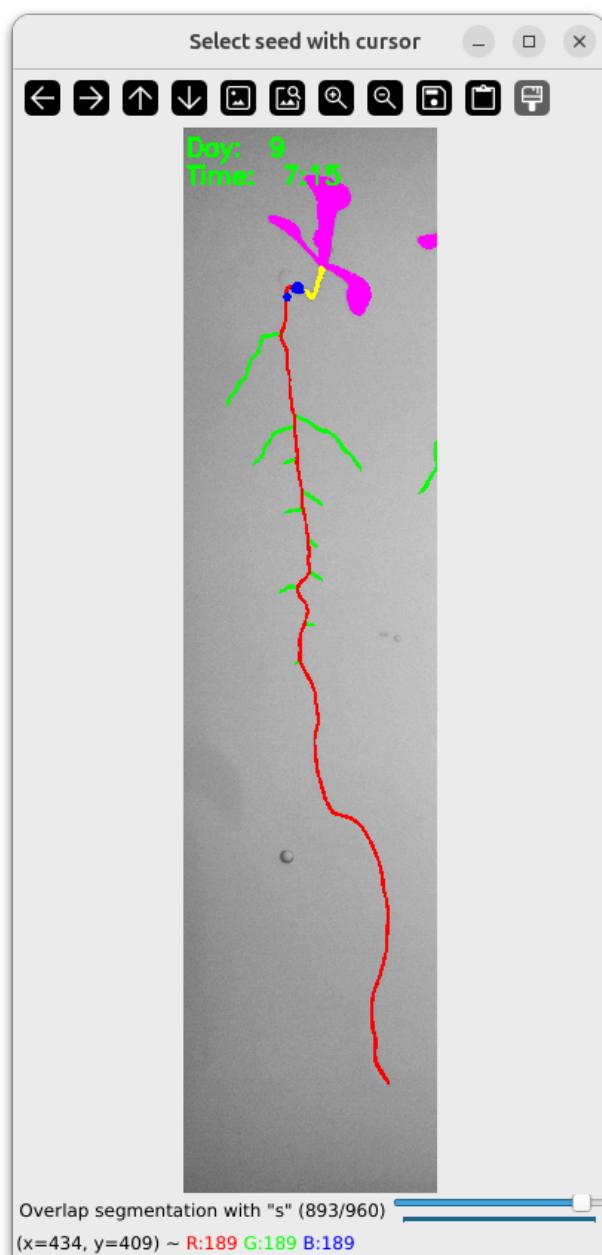
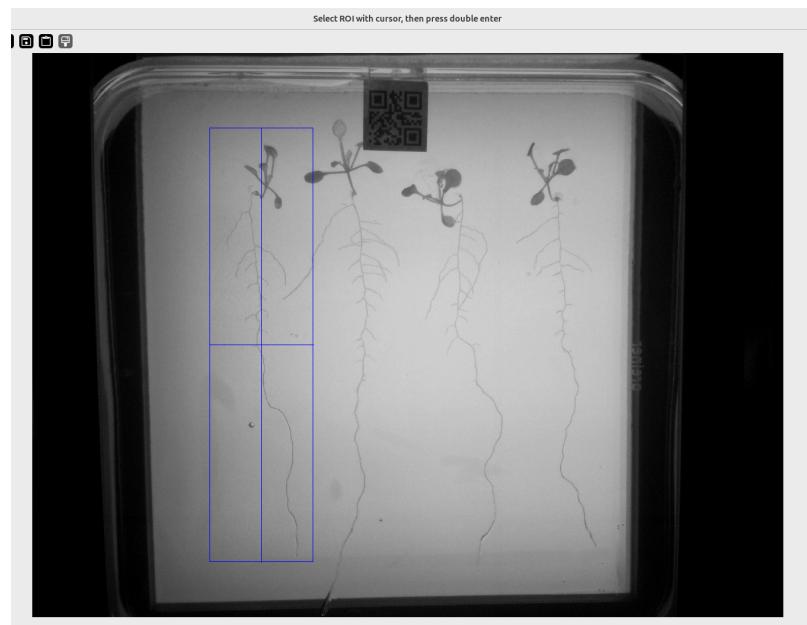
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### Plant Analysis Workflow:

- ROI Selection:** Click "Analyze Plant" to open the ROI (Region of Interest) selector. Manually define the analysis area and press double-enter to confirm your selection.
- Seed Point Selection:** Choose the seed point carefully, as this will remove any segmentation above it and establish the starting point for graph construction. This serves as a manual validation and cleaning step.
- Validation:** Review the complete sequence using the scrollbar and visualize the segmentation by pressing "S". Press Enter when satisfied with the results.
- Repeat Process:** Complete this workflow for all 4 plants in the demo. Feel free to compare varieties using patterns like A-B-A-B or A-B-C-D to observe behavioral differences.



## Quality Control and Batch Processing:

Navigate to the "Analysis Overview" tab to monitor experiment progress and error rates. Poor ROI selection or incorrect seed point positioning may cause errors in graph creation. Once individual plant processing is complete, return to the "Plant Analysis" tab and select "Process All Plants."

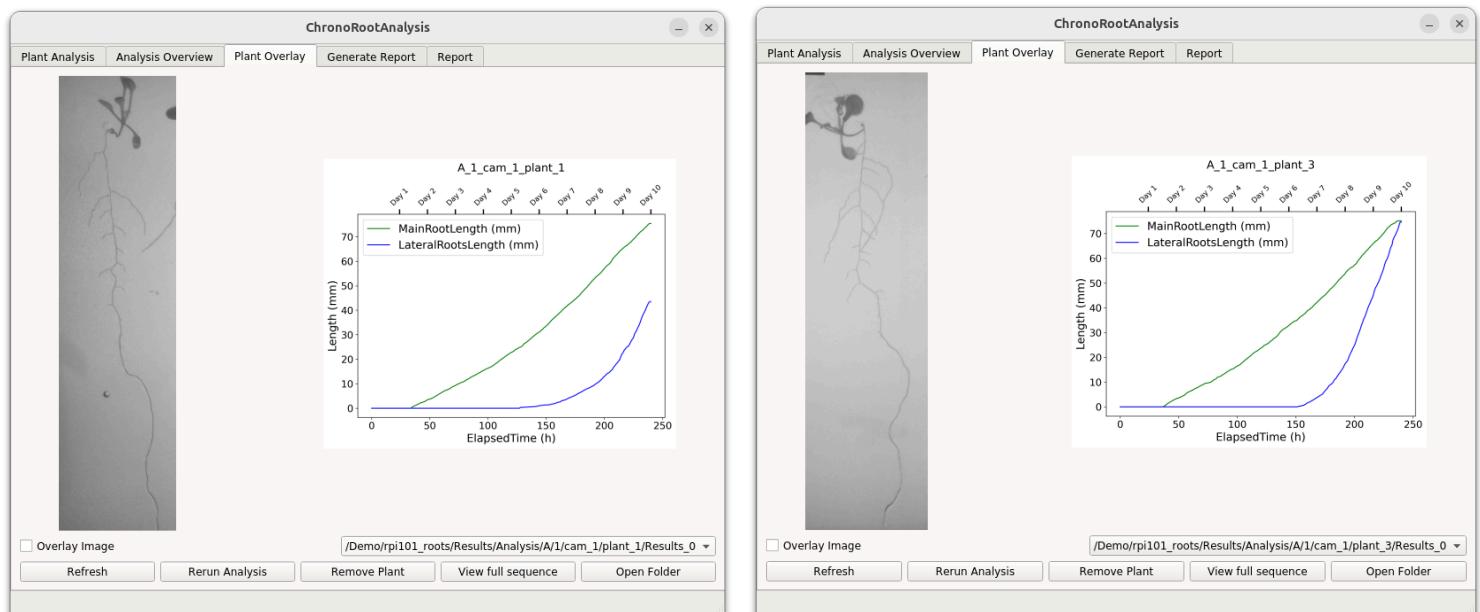
The screenshot shows the ChronoRootAnalysis software interface with the "Analysis Overview" tab selected. The main area displays a table of analysis results:

Variety	Raspberry	Camera	Plant Number	Result ID	Error Rate	Status	Finish Date	
1	A	1	cam_1	plant_1	Results_0	0.0	Finished	2025-09-03 20:24:44
2	B	1	cam_1	plant_2	Results_0	0.008	Finished	2025-09-03 20:26:21
3	A	1	cam_1	plant_3	Results_0		Not finished	
4	B	1	cam_1	plant_4	Results_0	0.0	Finished	2025-09-03 20:29:22

Below the table are four buttons: Refresh, Open Path, Remove Plant, and Rerun Analysis.

## Visual Inspection:

The "Plant Overlay" tab provides visual inspection capabilities for both segmentation results and plant root performance analysis. This interface allows you to discard problematic plants or restart the entire process if needed.



## Report Generation:

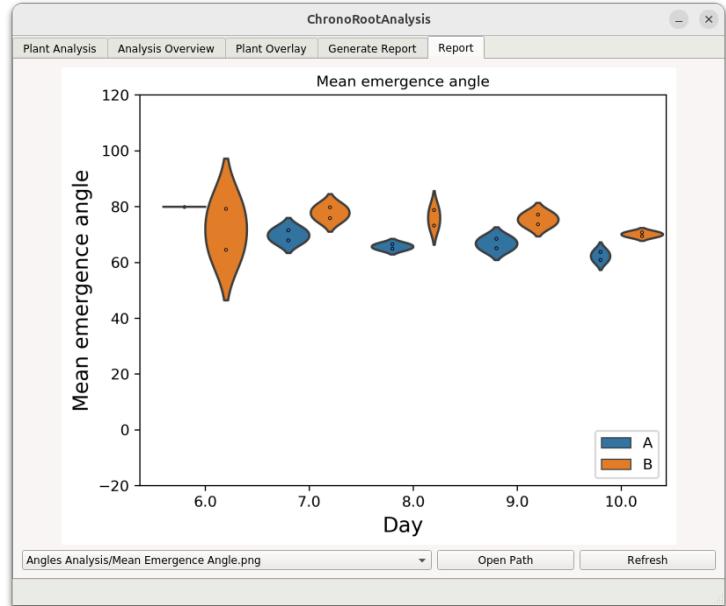
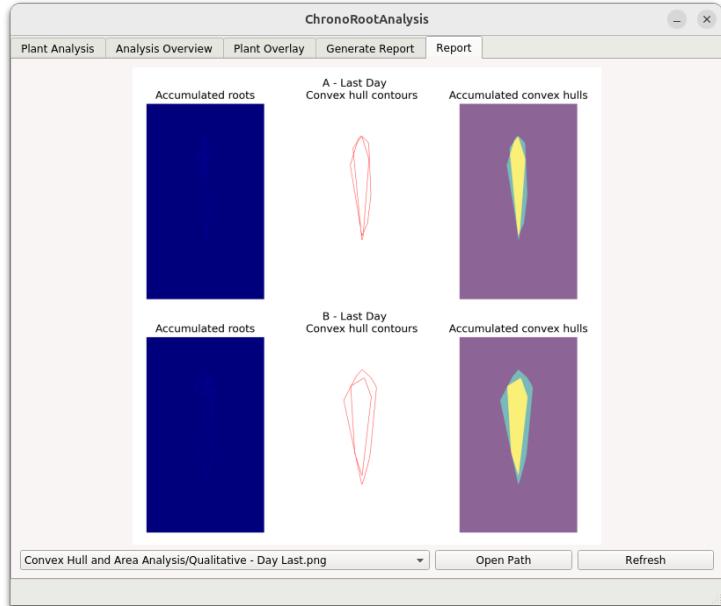
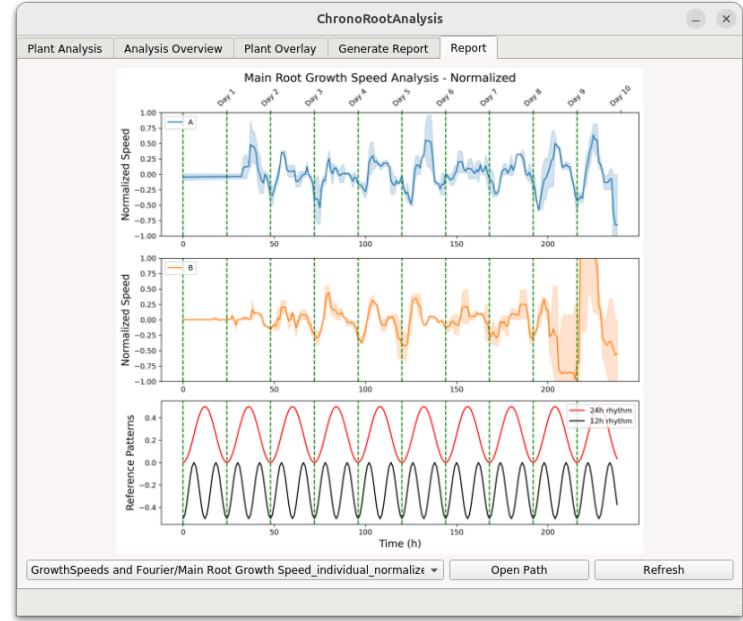
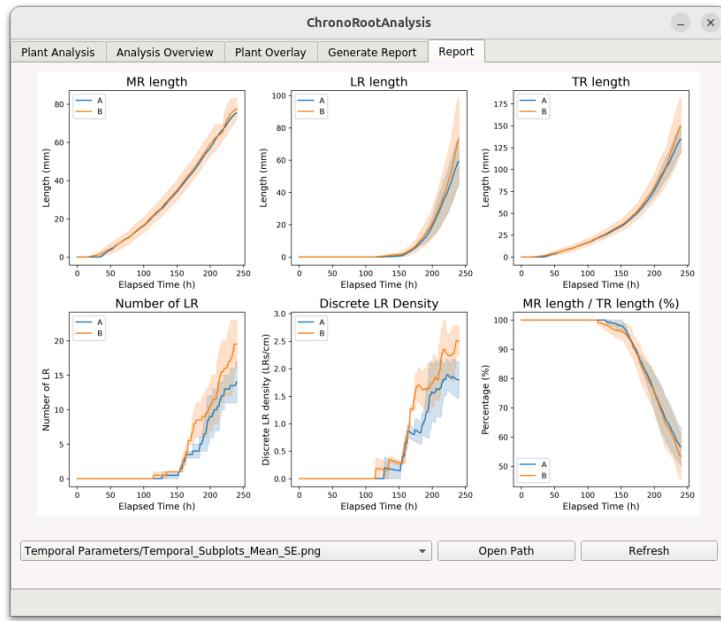
After completing individual plant analyses, you can generate comprehensive reports. The demo dataset includes 10 complete days of plant growth data—feel free to experiment with different report types. The system can perform interval testing (for example, every 6 hours) to compare different varieties using statistical methods such as the Mann-Whitney U test to determine if varieties show statistically significant differences.

PS: If working with longer datasets and wanting to limit processing time, set the processing limit to your desired number of analysis days.

The screenshot shows the 'ChronoRootAnalysis' software interface. At the top, there is a menu bar with tabs: Plant Analysis, Analysis Overview, Plant Overlay, Generate Report, and Report. The 'Report' tab is currently selected. Below the menu, there is a 'Select Project Folder' button and a text input field containing '/Demo/rpi101\_roots/Results'. The main configuration area contains several sections with checkboxes and input fields:

- Average intervals before testing:** A checked checkbox with a value of 6 for 'Time series stats interval (dt, in hours)'.
- Perform Functional PCA on time series:** A checked checkbox with a checked 'Normalize FPCA Boxplots' option and a value of 2 for 'Number of components'.
- Do Convex hull analysis:** A checked checkbox with an unchecked 'Save images for each day' option.
- Evaluate Growth Speeds and perform Fourier Analysis:** A checked checkbox with a value of 6 for 'Speeds stats interval (dt, in hours)'.
- Do Lateral Root Angles Analysis:** A checked checkbox with a value of 2 for 'Emergence distance' (in millimeters, default: 2 mm) and a value of 6 for 'First LR Tip Stats interval (dt, in hours)'.
- Processing limit:** An input field with a value of 0.
- Capture interval:** An input field with a value of 15.
- Action Buttons:** A row of five buttons: 'Save', 'Process all plants', 'Generate report', and 'Load previous configuration'.

The system automatically generates comprehensive reports containing various figure types. All raw figures and images are saved within the report directory for detailed analysis and further investigation.



Home / Documents / ChronoRootDATA / Demo / rpi101\_roots / Results / Report

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| Angles Analysis | Convex Hull and Area Analysis | FPCA | GrowthSpeeds and Fourier | Individual plant plots | Temporal Parameters | Convex_Hull_Data.csv | LateralRootsData.csv | SyncronizedFirstLR.csv | Temporal_Data.csv |
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