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Postdoctoral Research Associate

Michigan State University - East Lansing, MI.
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EDUCATION

- 2009 ● **Instituto Federal do Triângulo Mineiro - IFTM**
T.E. in Technical Course in Agriculture  Uberlandia, Brazil
- 2014 ● **Federal University of Viçosa - UFV**
B.S. in Agronomy  Viçosa, Brazil
- 2016 ● **Federal University of Viçosa - UFV**
M.S. in Plant Breeding  Viçosa, Brazil

Thesis: Selection of soybean progeny for grain yield with the use of mixed models
- 2020 ● **Federal University of Viçosa - UFV**
Ph. D. in Plant Breeding  Viçosa, Brazil

Thesis: High-throughput phenotyping for soybean plant maturity date and wheat plant height using unmanned aerial system

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018 | 2019 ● **Visiting Student**
International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center - CIMMYT  Mexico City, Mexico
 - Supported the entire remote sensing components of wheat and maize plant breeding trials.
 - Performed drone imagery and software analyses.
 - Conducted missions and collected data for HTP using Unmanned Aerial System (UAS).
 - Pipeline developed for measuring agronomic trait such as plant height, biomass, lodging and biologic stress using UAS.
- 2019 | 2020 ● **Visiting Research Scholar**
University Of Minnesota - UMN  Minneapolis, USA
 - Applied remote sensing approaches in the soybean variety development pipeline.
 - Conducted field data analyses using drone imagery.
 - Worked collaboratively with other graduate students and technicians.
 - Pipeline implemented in R to estimate plant maturity date using HTP/UAS methods
- 2010 | 2014 ● **Intern**
Federal University of Viçosa - UFV  Viçosa, Brazil
 - Resistance of *Spodoptera frugiperda* (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae) to proteins from *Bacillus thuringiensis*
 - Evaluation of tropical maize (*Zea mays* L.) lines for nitrogen use efficiency
 - Selection within and between families of ornamental pepper (*Capsicum* spp.)

PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2011 | 2012 ● **AgroPlan-UFV - Junior Enterprise Agronomy**
Federal University of Viçosa - UFV  Viçosa, Brazil

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STATISTICAL SOFTWARE


R, Python, and GIS tools.

EXPERIENCED AREAS

Statistical and bioinformatics analysis, mixed models, GxE interaction, Genotyping and Phenotyping in Plant Breeding.

RESEARCH STRENGTHS

Full experience with remote sensing analysis, drone imagery use and HTP pipelines, Genomic selection and Multi-trait multi-environment models.

- 2013 | 2014 ● **Teaching assistant in Agriculture Entomology**
Federal University of Viçosa - UFV  Viçosa, Brazil
- 2014 ● **Regulation of seeds and seedlings, Intern**
Federal Agriculture, Livestock and Supply - MAPA  Viçosa, Brazil
- 2015 | 2017 ● **Academic group coordinator**
GenMelhor-UFV - Study Group of Genetics and Breeding  Viçosa, Brazil



SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND POSTERS

- 2018 ● **Selection of inbred soybean progeny: an approach with population effect.**
Plant Breeding, v. 138, p. i-iv, 451-672.
Volpato, L.; Simiqueli, G.F.; Alves, R.S.; Rocha, J. R. A. S. C.; Del Conte, M. V.; Resende, M. D. V.; Carneiro, P. C. S.; Silva, F. L.
- 2019 ● **A. Multi-trait multi-environment models in the genetic selection of segregating soybean progeny.**
PLoS One, v. 14, p. e0215315.
Volpato, L.; Alves, R.S.; Teodoro, P.E.; Resende, V. M. D.; Nascimento, M.; Nascimento, A. C. C.; Ludke, W.H.; Lopes, S. F.
- 2019 ● **SNP markers associated with soybean partial resistance to Phytophthora sojae.**
Crop Breeding and Applied Biotechnology, v. 19, p. 31-39
Ludke, W. H.; Schuster, I.; Nora, T. D.; Oliveira, A. B.; Soares, B. A.; **Volpato, L.;** Silva, F. L.
- 2020 ● **Inference of population effect and progeny selection via a multi-trait index in soybean breeding.**
Acta Scientiarum. Agronomy, v. 43, p. 10.4025/actasci
Volpato, L.; Rocha, J. R. A. S. C.; Alves, R. S.; Ludke, W. H.; Oliveira, A. B.; Silva, F. L.
- 2021 ● **High Throughput Field Phenotyping for Plant Height Using UAV-Based RGB Imagery in Wheat Breeding Lines: Feasibility and Validation.**
Frontiers in Plant Science, v. 12, p. 591587
Volpato, L.; Pinto, F.; González-Pérez, L. ; Thompson, I. G. ; Borem, A.; Reynolds, M.; Gérard, B.; Molero, G.; Rodrigues, F. A.
- 2021 ● **High Throughput Field Phenotyping for Plant Height Using UAV-Based RGB Imagery in Wheat Breeding Lines: Feasibility and Validation.**
The Plant Phenome J.,10.1002/ppj2.20018
Volpato, L.; Dobbels. A.; Borem, A.; Lorenz, A. J.
- 2021 ● **Genomic selection with rapid cycling: Current insights and future prospects.**
Crop Breeding and Applied Biotechnology. 21(S): e394721S14
Volpato, L.; Bernardeli, A.; Gomez, F.



LANGUAGE

- **Portuguese**
Native
- **English**
Fluent
- **Spanish**
Working knowledge