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Acronyms

A : Leaf blade
$A_d$ : Diseased leaf area
$A_l$ : Leaf area
B : Stem boundary
CAD : Computer Aided Design
CCD : Charge Coupled Device
CMY : Cyan, Magenta and Yellow
DF : Deviation Factor
DN : Difference Normalization
ECU : Electronic Control Unit
GIS : Geographic Information System
GPS : Global Position System
ha : Hectare
HSI : Hue, Saturation and Intensity
HSV : Hue, Saturation and Value
$H_r$ : Reference height
LI-COR : Leaf area Index meter (LI-COR, Inc., Lincoln, NE)
L : Leaf region
$L_g$ : Growth of plant
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