Demonstration of heterogeneities in photosynthetic responses in a tomato leaf induced by Botrytis-infection. The fungus spores were applied via small cuts in the upper surface of the leaf. A light response curve (Light Curve) was measured with 20 s illumination periods at each intensity setting.

Observations:

1) The infections has spread heterogeneously over the leaf.

2) Infected parts show lowered effective PS II quantum yield (Yield), lowered photochemical quenching (qP) as well as increased nonphotochemical quenching (qN and NPQ). These features are characteristic of a botrytis-induced inhibition of carbondioxide fixation by the Calvin-Benson cycle.

3) The Light Curves of AOIs nr. 3, 1 and 5 reveal strong, medium and no inhibition, respectively.