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Areas of Interest and Expertise

- Plant-light interaction: photosynthesis, bioenergetics, photomorphogenesis,
photoinhibition, photodamage, sunburns.

- Light-quality manipulation in protected agriculture: Photosensitive/light-dispersive netting (colored shade-nets, insect-proof- and hail-nets) for improving the productivity, quality and profitability of ornamental crops, vegetables and fruit trees; Photosensitive films; Reflective soil covers.
- Netting: Multiple aspects the technology.
- Light and environmental stress (heat, chill, nutrient deficiencies) interplay: physiological and agricultural implications.



Practical applications of our Photosensitive Netting technology by growers

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