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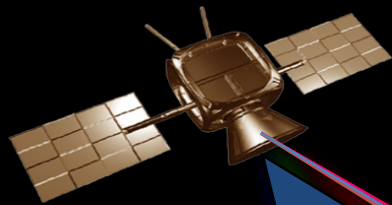
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# Soil Spectral Library for Quantitative Mapping of the Soil Surface



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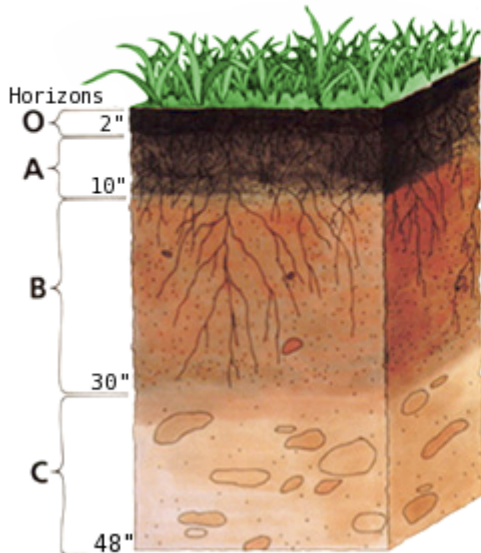
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# Definition 1

## Soil

*The upper layer of the earth ( $\approx 0-2m$ ) represent its loose surface material which is dug, plowed and being a **medium for plants to grow**. (Thompson 1957)*

## Soil



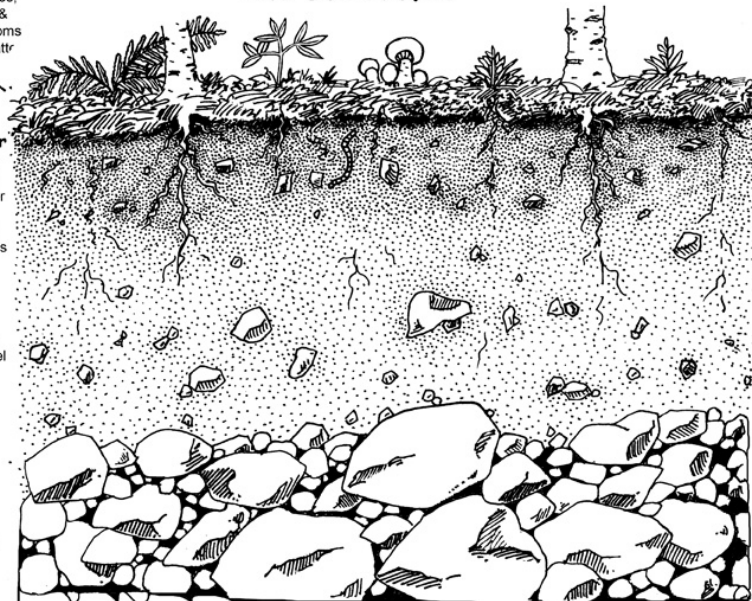
**Surface Litter**  
leaves, branches,  
animal scats &  
bodies, mushrooms  
other rotting mattr

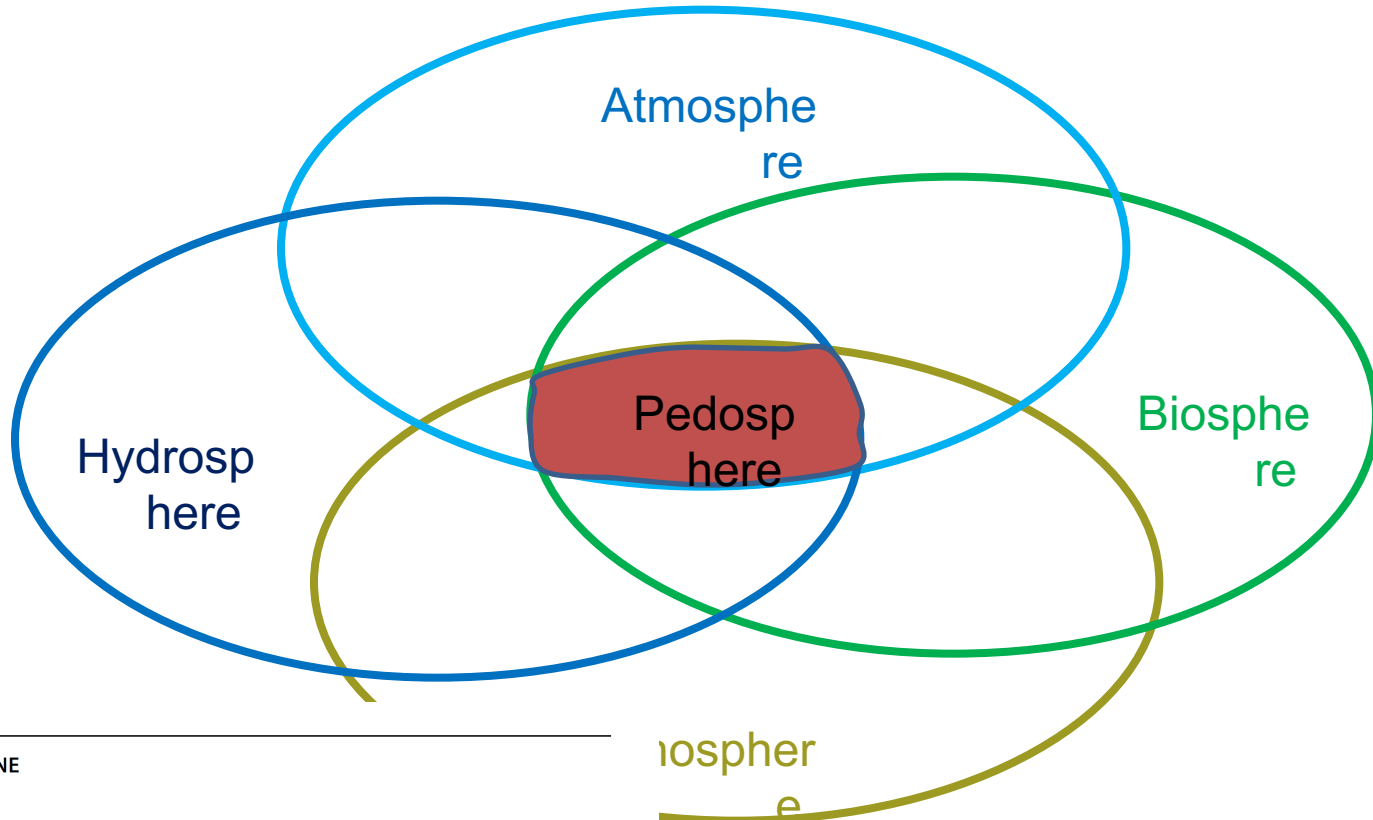
**Topsoil Layer  
(or humus)**  
rotting organic  
matter from litter  
layer and  
minerals from  
weathering rocks

**Subsoil**  
crumbling rock,  
sand, clay, gravel  
and silt

**Parent  
Material**  
actual bedrock  
underlying the  
soil layers

## The Soil Profile





CHAPTER ONE

# Soil: The Forgotten Piece of the Water, Food, Energy Nexus

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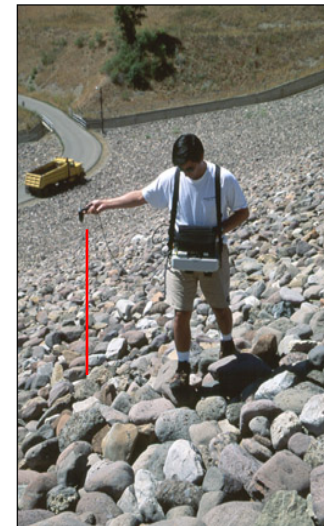
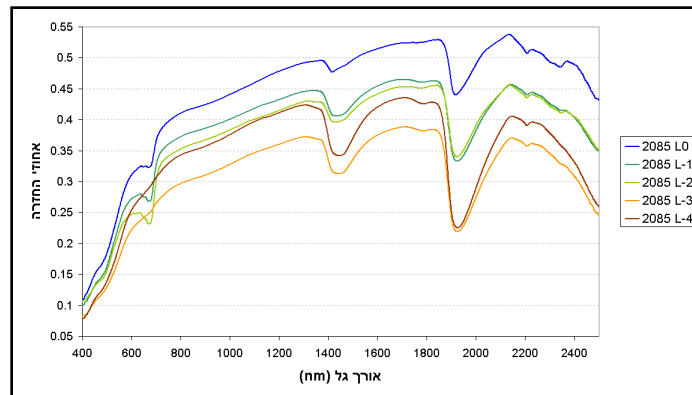
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## Definition 2

- **Soil Spectroscopy** refers to the reflectance/emittance part of the electromagnetic radiation that interacts with the soil matter across the VIS-NIR-SWIR-TIR spectral region range (0.35-14 $\mu\text{m}$ ).



Point – one pixel

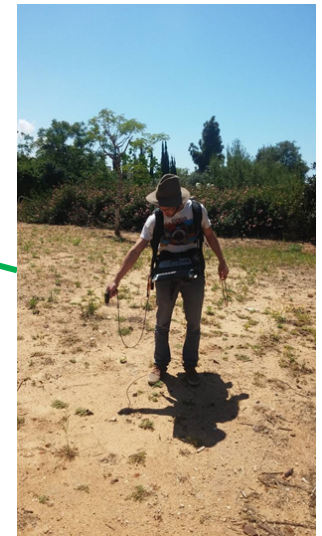
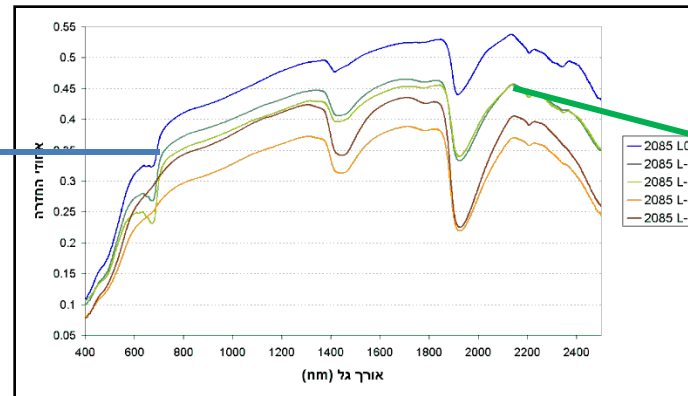
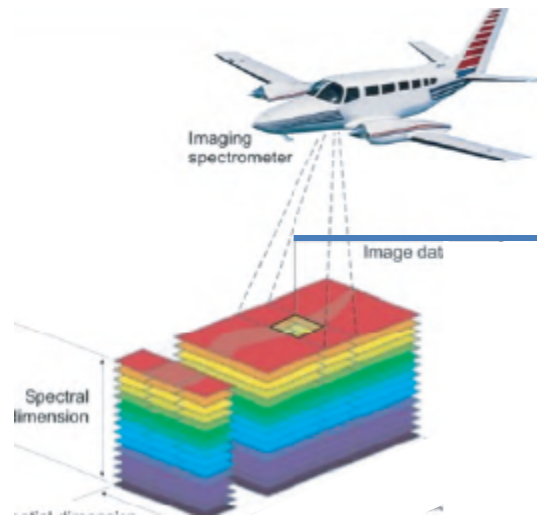
# Strong Link between Point and Image Spectroscopy

Image Spectroscopy

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Vegetation  
Water

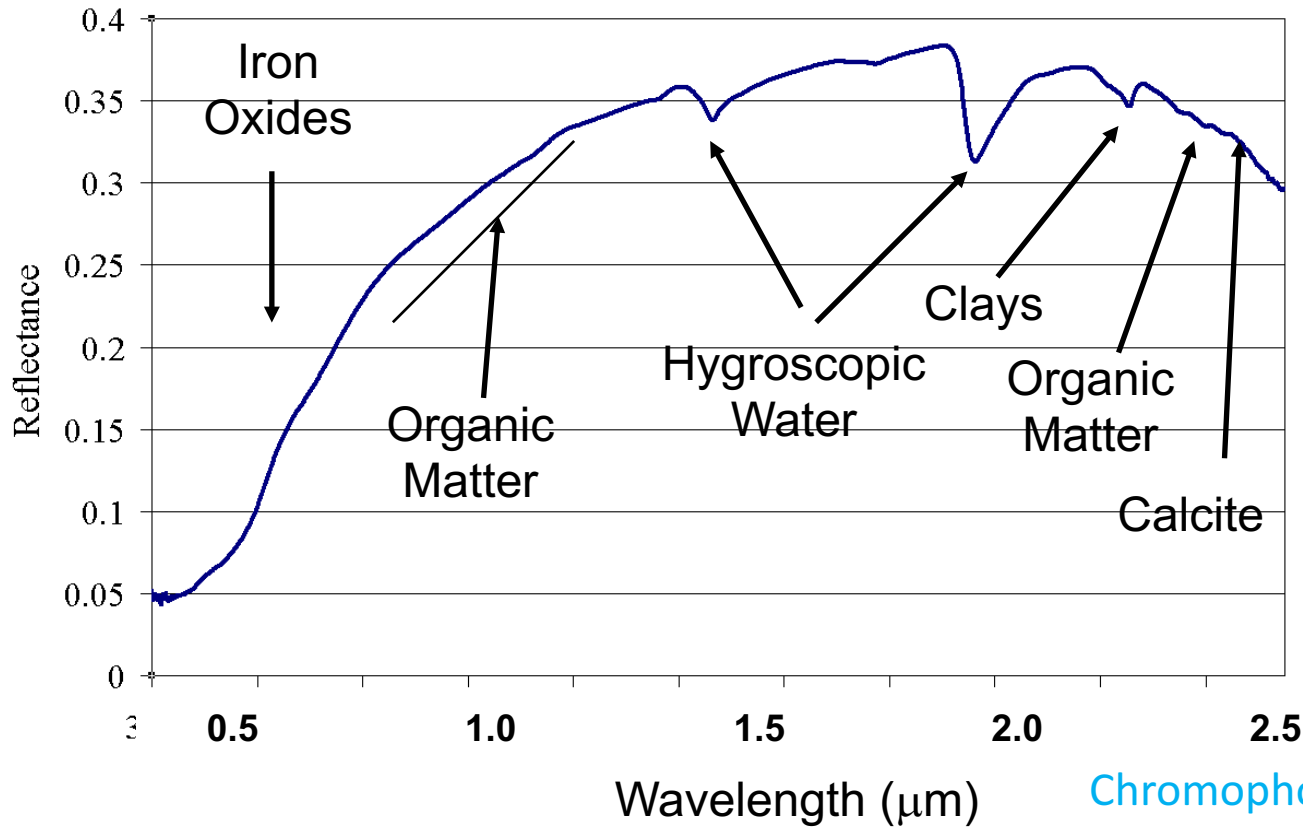
Point Spectroscopy

## Soil



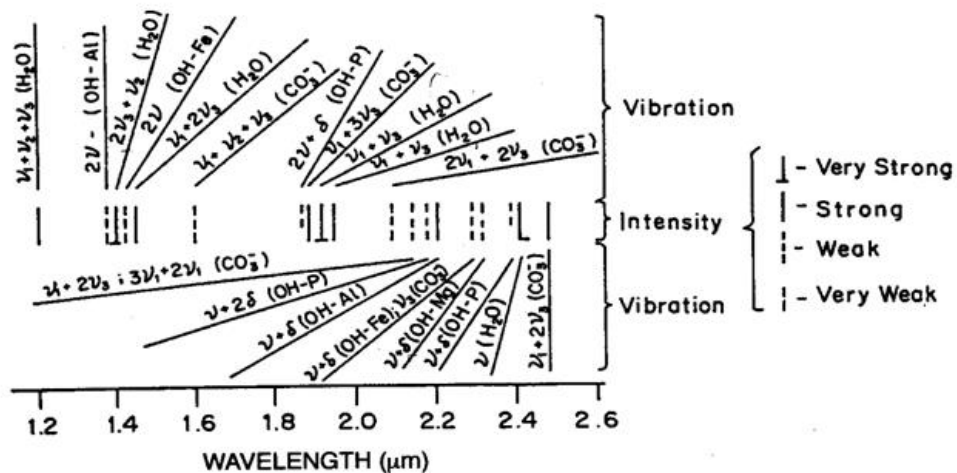
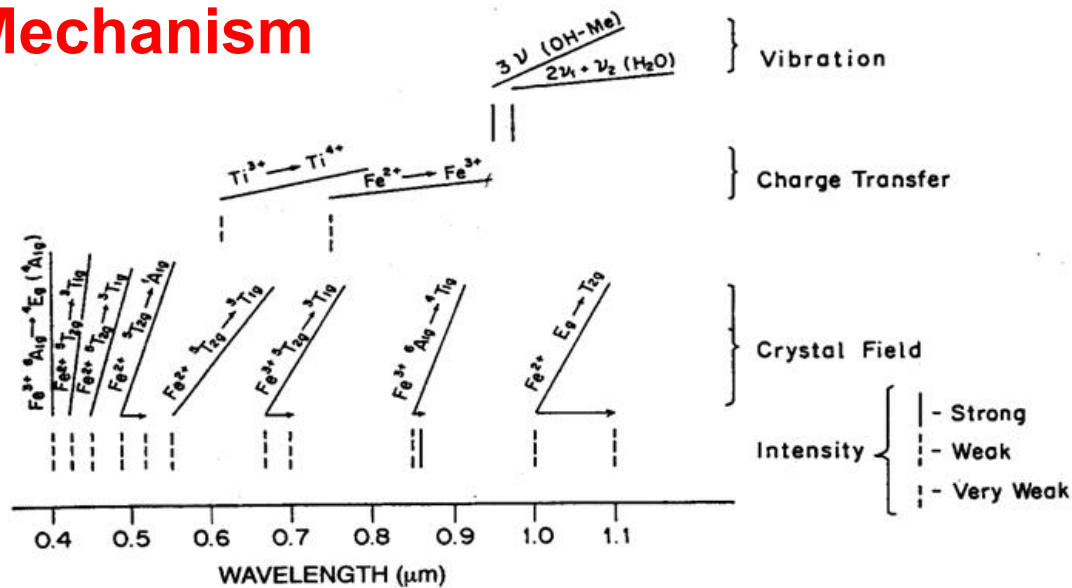
## A typical Soil Spectrum

An effective way to simplify the complexity of the soil system



Chromophore = An attribute that interacts with the electromagnetic radiation

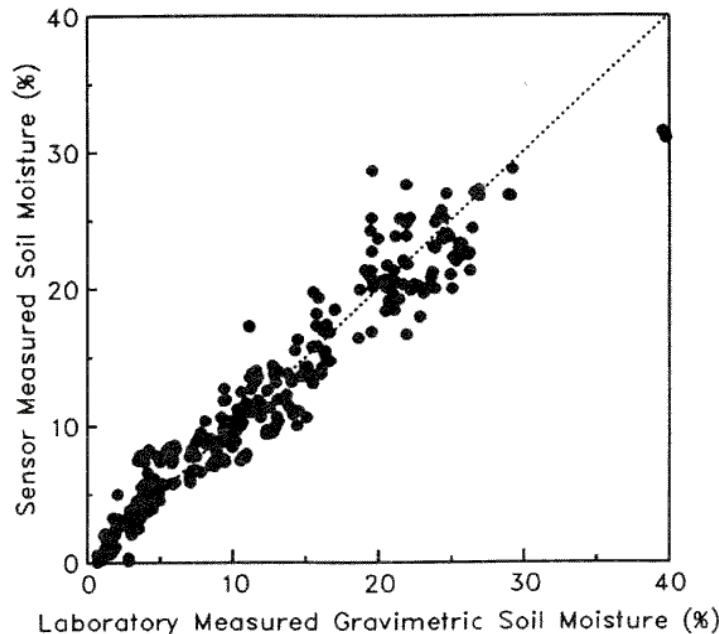
# Absorption Mechanism



## Soil Spectroscopy

Quantitative Information on soil attributes can be Extracted from soil spectral information

*Dalal, R.C., and R.J. Henry. 1986. Simultaneous determination of moisture, organic carbon and total nitrogen by near infrared reflectance spectroscopy. Soil Science Society of America Journal 50:120-12*



Simple, rapid, inexpensive and  
can be applied from large domains (laboratory, field, air and space)

# Soil Spectroscopy

Examples of some of the soil attributes that can be extracted from spectral library (1)

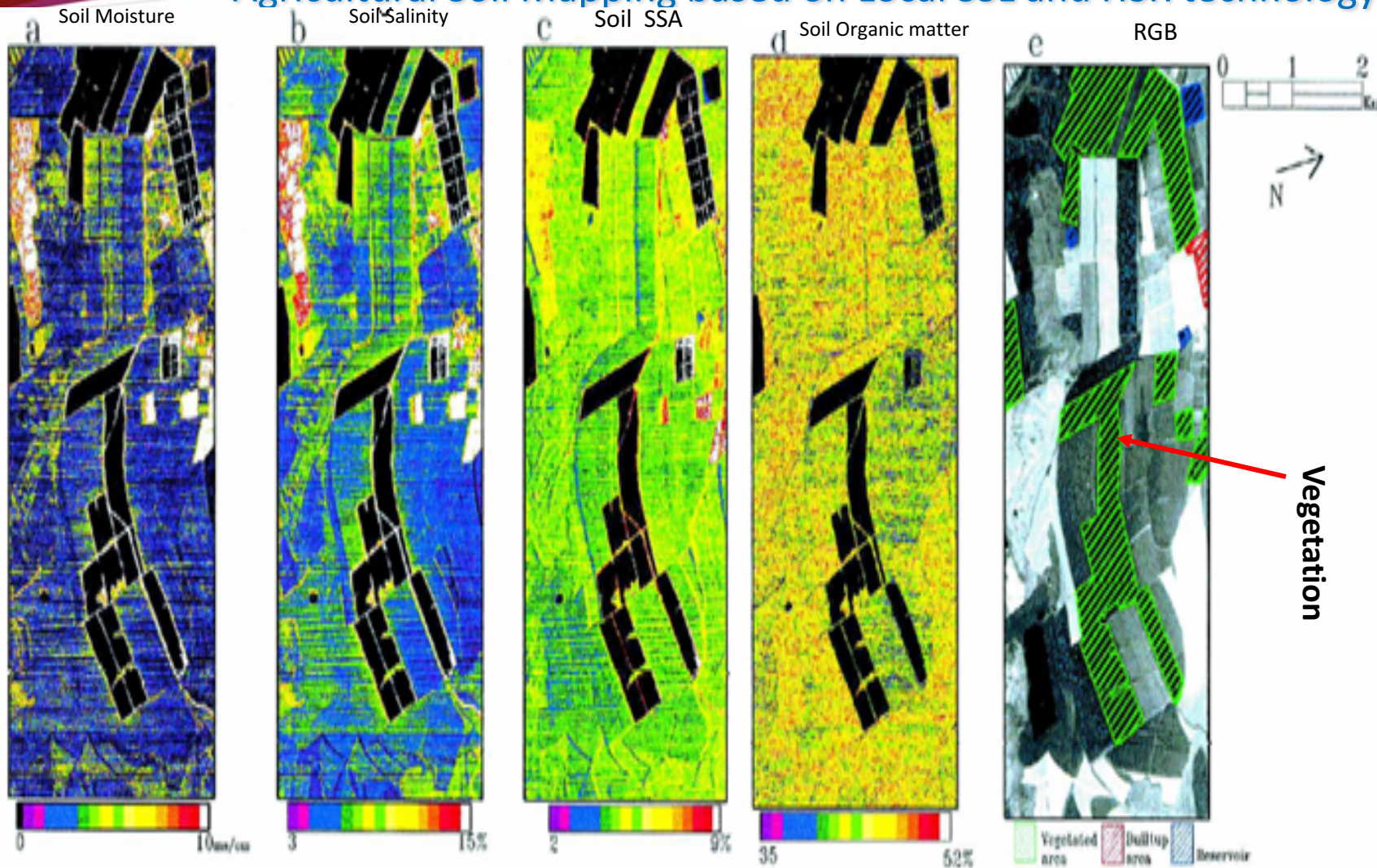
Soil attribute	Spectral region	Spectral range (nm)	Multivariate method <sup>a</sup>	$n_{\text{calib}}$   $n_{\text{valid}}$	RMSE	$R^2$	Authors
Mg; g/kg	VIS-NIR	400-2500	modified PLSR	315		0.90	Cozzolino and Moron (2003)
Mg (exch.); cmol(+)/kg	VIS-NIR	350-2500	MARS	493 246	11	0.81	Shepherd and Walsh (2002)
Mg (exch.); mg/kg	VIS-NIR	400-2498	PCR (9)	30 119	12.8	0.68	Chang et al. (2001)
Mg; mmol(+)/kg	UV-VIS-NIR	250-2500	PCR	121 40		0.63	Islam et al. (2003)
Mn (DTPA); mg/kg	MIR	2500-25,000	PLSR	183		0.57	Janik et al. (1998)
Mn (exch.); cmol/kg	MIR	2500-25,000	PLSR	183		0.66	Janik et al. (1998)
Mn (Mehlich III); mg/kg	VIS-NIR	400-2498	PCR (12)	30 119	56.4	0.70	Chang et al. (2001)
OC; %	MIR	2500-20,000	PLSR			0.92	Janik and Skjemstad (1995)
OC; %	MIR	2500-25,000	PLSR	188		0.93	Janik et al. (1998)
OC; g/kg	MIR	2500-25,000	PLSR (17)	177 60		0.94	McCarty et al. (2002)
OC; (acidified soil) g/kg	MIR	2500-25,000	PLSR (19)	177 60		0.97	McCarty et al. (2002)
OC; %	NIR	1100-2500	MLR (1744, 1870, 2052)	72 48		0.93	Dalal and Henry (1986)
OC; %	NIR	1100-2500	RBFN	140 60	0.32	0.96	Fidêncio et al. (2002)
OC; %	NIR	700-2500	PCR	121 40		0.68	Islam et al. (2003)
OC; g/kg	NIR	1100-2498	PLSR (18)	177 60		0.82	McCarty et al. (2002)
OC; mg/kg	NIR	1100-2300	PLSR (8)	180 x-val		0.94	Reeves and McCarty (2001)
OC (acidified soil); g/kg	NIR	1100-2498	PLSR (17)	177 60		0.80	McCarty et al. (2002)
OC; g/kg	VIS-NIR	400-2498	PLSR (6)	76 32	0.62	0.89	Chang and Laird (2002)
OC; g/kg	VIS-NIR	350-2500	MARS	449 225	0.31	0.80	Shepherd and Walsh (2002)
OC; dag/kg	VIS-NIR	350-1050	PLSR (5)	43 25	0.36		Viscarra Rossel et al. (2003)
OC; %	UV-VIS-NIR	250-2500	PCR	121 40		0.76	Islam et al. (2003)
OM; %	MIR	2500-25,000	PLSR (4)	31 x-val	0.72	0.98	Masserschmidt et al. (1999)
OM; %	NIR	1000-2500	MRA (30 bands)	39 52		0.55	Ben-Dor and Banin (1995)
OM; %	VIS-NIR	400-1100	NN	41		0.86	Daniel et al. (2003)
OM; %	VIS-NIR	400-2400	SMLR (606, 1311, 1238)	15 10		0.65	Shibusawa et al. (2001)
P (avail.); mg/kg	MIR	2500-25,000	PLSR	186		0.07	Janik et al. (1998)
P (avail.); mg/kg	VIS-NIR	400-1100	NN	41		0.81	Daniel et al. (2003)
pH	MIR	2500-20,000	PLSR			0.72	Janik and Skjemstad (1995)
pH	NIR	1100-2300	PLSR (8)	180 x-val		0.74	Reeves and McCarty (2001)
pH	NIR	1100-2498	PLSR (11)	120 59		0.73	Reeves et al. (1999)
pH	VIS-NIR	350-2500	MARS	505 253	0.43	0.70	Shepherd and Walsh (2002)
pH <sub>Ca</sub>	MIR	2500-25,000	PLSR	183		0.67	Janik et al. (1998)

## Examples of some of the soil attributes that can be extracted from spectral library (2)

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# Field Spectral Library : The Practical Value (4)

## Agricultural Soil Mapping based on Local SSL and HSR technology



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# Soil Spectral Library : The Commercial Value (1)



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## How it works

Soil data and recommendations on your phone in 30 seconds.

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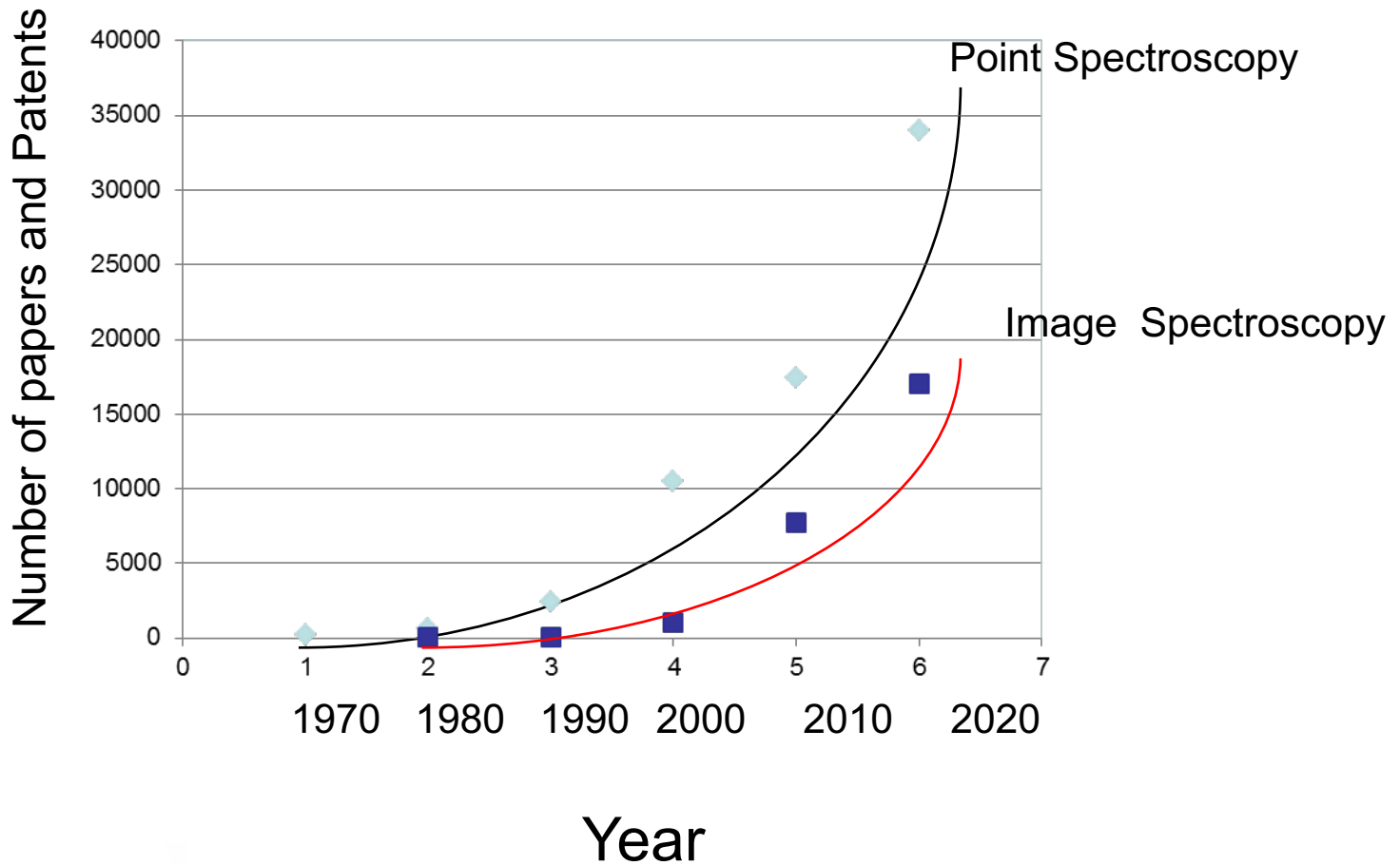


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## Number of papers published in soil spectroscopy over the years : Point and Image domains



## The need of Soil Spectral Library

- For quantitative (LAB) applications: many soil samples are needed **(Soil data mining of a “model” requires hundreds of spectra samples in order to provide reliable results)**
- Users are gathering many soil samples mostly under local scale. Global scale is important for practical usage.
- Selecting and checking spectral bands of RS sensors for soil applications
- Applying quantitative models directly to any airborne/spaceborne sensors



## Spectral Libraries of Mineral and man made material

### USGS Digital Spectral Library

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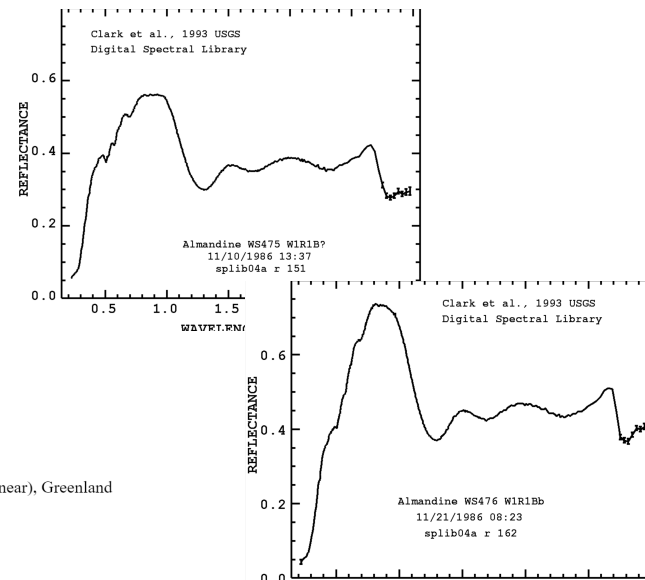
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"Original sample was large (up to 2cm), very dark green prismatic crystals of acmite intergrown with albite(?). Material was crushed and hand picked by J. Salisbury for grinding."



# Soil Spectral Library : The Practical Structure

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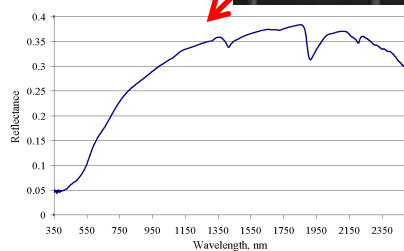
Soil samples at storage, with wet chemistry data plus reflectance spectra measured under a well accepted protocol process

## Soil Attributes

Shot	Length (d) [d]	In (D)	Shot	Length (d) [d]	In (D)
1	22.0	3.0926	20	2.2	0.7885
2	11.6	2.4481	21	2.6	0.9436
3	9.5	2.2513	22	13.3	2.5701
4	4.6	1.5333	23	1.0	0.0000
5	10.7	2.7102	24	16.2	2.8174
6	3.5	1.2528	25	16.1	2.7767
7	5.1	1.6292	26	2.7	0.9933
8	14.4	3.5371	27	8.4	2.1322
9	1.5	0.3830	28	4.6	1.5188
10	16.6	2.8194	29	3.6	1.5135
11	0.9	-0.0690	30	4.8	2.1748
12	0.7	-0.1567	31	1.1	1.2080
13	1.4	0.1124	32	23.1	3.1161
14	2.3	0.8473	33	8.0	2.0813
15	4.0	1.1863	34	4.6	1.5333
16	4.2	1.4430	35	2.1	0.7577
17	8.6	2.1506	36	1.7	1.3173
18	26.0	3.2581	37	2.2	0.7722
19	7.7	2.0169	38	8.1	2.1381

## Soil Spectra Files

File	Wavelength (nm)	Reflectance	Sample ID	Location	OM	Clay	Lime...
Sample A1	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
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Sample A4	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
Sample A5	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
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Sample A7	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
Sample A8	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
Sample A9	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
Sample A10	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
Sample A11	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
Sample A12	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
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Sample A16	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
Sample A17	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
Sample A18	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
Sample A19	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	
Sample A20	350	0.05	34,5467.67	2.4 %	34%	23.4%	



Sample	Location	OM	Clay	Lime...
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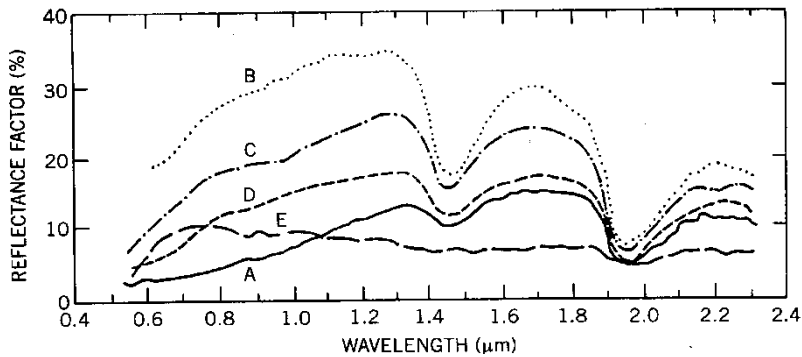


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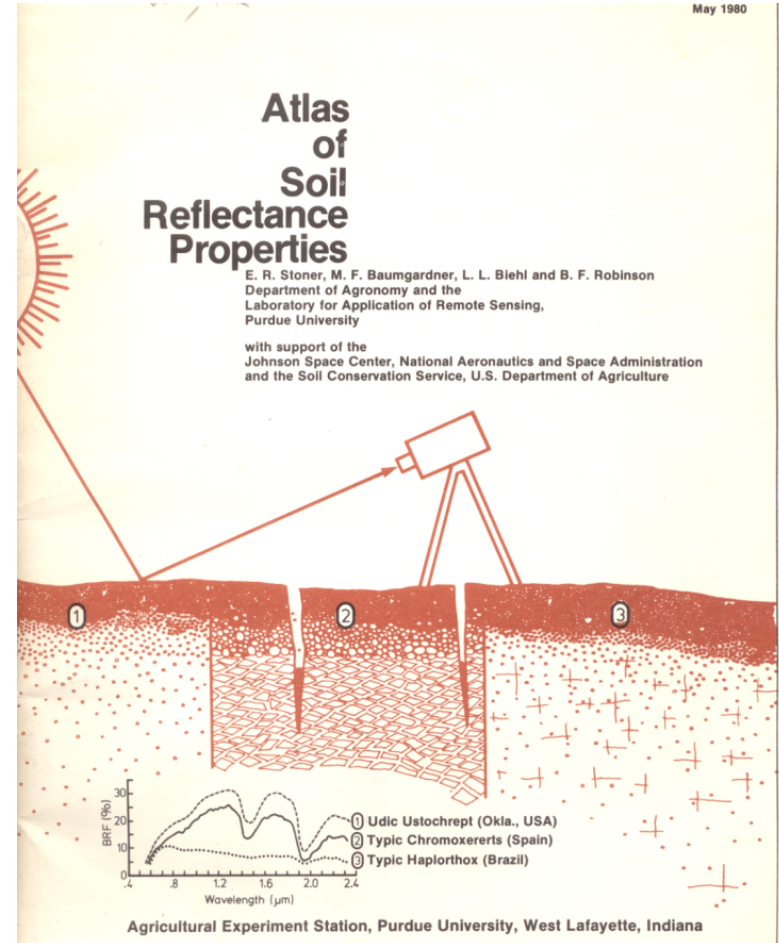
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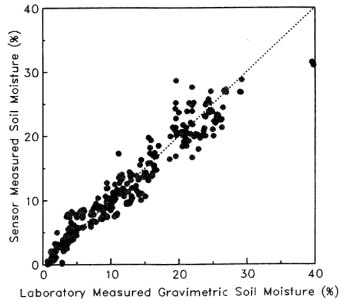
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## 5 spectral types in USA

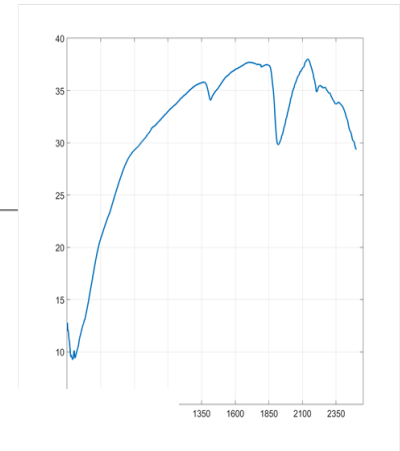


Stoner, E.R. and M.F., Baumgardner, 1981. Characteristic variations in reflectance of surface soils. *Soil Science Society of American Journal* 45: 1161-1165





Soil Spectral Library	
PK	Unique ID
Chemical properties	
Physical properties	
Spectral signature	



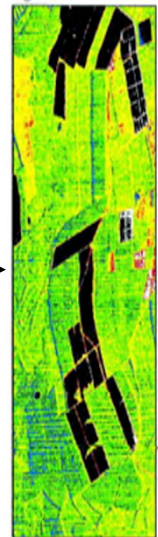
The following figures demonstrate the NIRA approach:

### Calibration

Sample Number	Concentration	Equation
	C1 C2 ... Ci	
1	$C_{m1,1} C_{m1,2} C_{m1,i}$	$C_p = b_0 + b_1L_1 + b_2L_2 + b_3L_3 + \dots + b_nL_n$
2	$C_{m2,1} C_{m2,2} C_{m2,i}$	
j	$C_{mj,1} C_{mj,2} C_{mj,i}$	

### Validation

Sample Number	Concentration	Equation
	C1 C2 ... Ci	
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2	$C_{p2,1} C_{p2,2} C_{p2,i}$	
j	$C_{pj,1} C_{pj,2} C_{pj,i}$	



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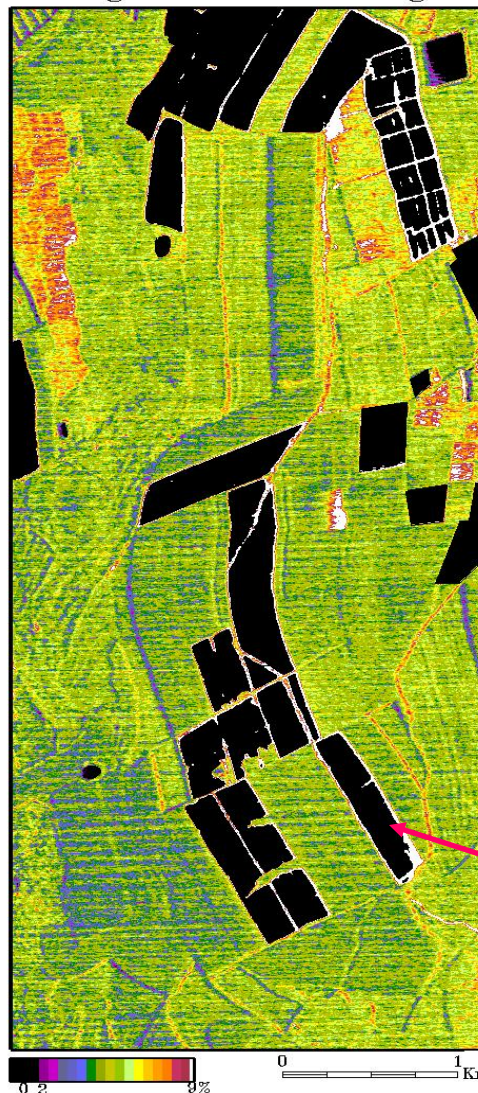
# Soil Spectral Mapping (SSM) using local soil spectral library

Organic Matter Image

Table 2.

Property	SEC, SEP, SEL
Soil Field Moisture (SFM)	0.045, 0.14, 0.016 0.027@
Organic Matter (OM)	0.003, 0.015, 0.00 0.0012@
Soil-Saturated Moisture SPM	0.019, 0.021, 0.00 0.0006@
Electrical Conductivity (EC)	4.36, 4.58, 0.1 2.57@
PH	0.146, 0.26, 0.1 0.073@

wl stands for the wavelength ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) predicted ( $x=p$ ) domains. @ stands for multiple regression coefficient. SEP = [ ] samples were not involved in the calibration laboratory of sample  $i$  and  $AVE_i$  is the



more details).

### Assignments

- 1.65  $\mu\text{m}$ -reflectance slope
- 0.688  $\mu\text{m}$ -reflectance slope
- 0.739  $\mu\text{m}$ -reflectance slope/chlorophyll
- 0.722  $\mu\text{m}$ -chlorophyll remaining
- 1.678  $\mu\text{m}$ -C-H in cellulose
- 2.328  $\mu\text{m}$ -Humic acid, Pectin, Lignin
- 2.085  $\mu\text{m}$ -adsorbed water OH
- 2.183  $\mu\text{m}$ -OH combination of  $\nu' + \delta$  in clay mineral lattice
- 1.538, 1.563  $\mu\text{m}$ -OH combination of  $2\text{OH}$  in clay mineral lattice
- 0.739  $\mu\text{m}$ -organic-matter assignments
- 1.65  $\mu\text{m}$ -adsorbed water OH
- 2.166  $\mu\text{m}$ -adsorbed water OH
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stituent values in the measured ( $x=m$ ) and laboratory data (spectral and chemistry).  $R_m^2$  is a ratio of the measured ( $x=m$ ) and predicted ( $x=p$ ) domains in the laboratory to a single analytical measurement in the

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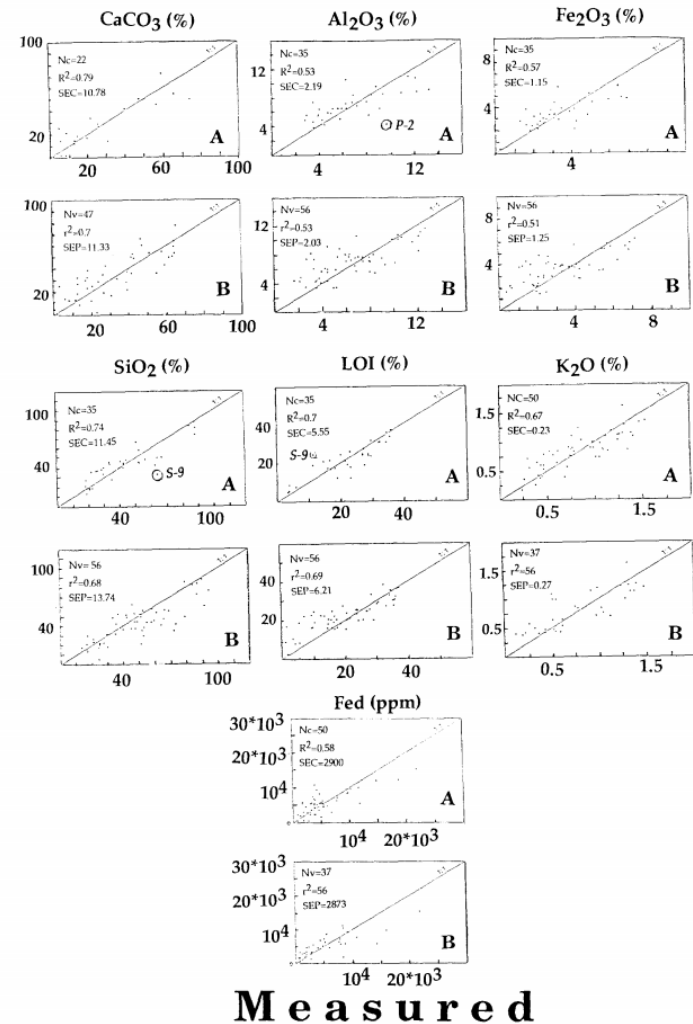
Table 6. The Regression Line Parameters ( $r^2$  = coefficient of correlation,  $a$  = slope, and  $b$  = the intercept) of Seven Soil Constituents in the Validation Stage<sup>a</sup>

Property	SEP	$r^2$	$a$	$b$
CaCO <sub>3</sub>	11.3	0.70 <sup>b</sup>	0.76 <sup>b</sup>	8.81 <sup>b</sup>
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.02	0.53	0.54	3.52
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.25	0.51 <sup>b</sup>	0.49	2.20
SiO <sub>2</sub>	13.74	0.68 <sup>b</sup>	0.72 <sup>b</sup>	7.29 <sup>b</sup>
LOI	6.21	0.69 <sup>b</sup>	0.64	9.40
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.27	0.56 <sup>b</sup>	0.88 <sup>b</sup>	0.29 <sup>b</sup>
Fed	2873	0.61 <sup>b</sup>	0.56	2120

<sup>a</sup> Also are presented the parameters significance (at 0.05) that  $r^2$  is not different from unity,  $a$  is not different from 1, and  $b$  is not different from 0 (see text).

<sup>b</sup> Significance at 0.05.

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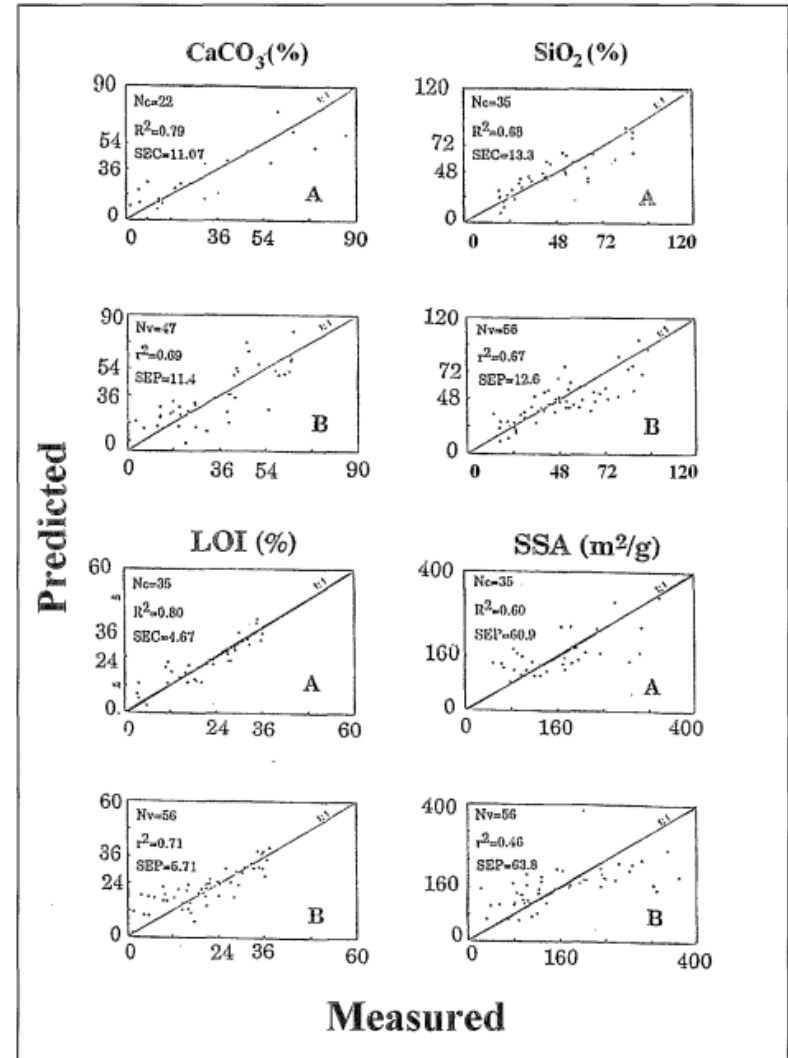


Figure 4. Plots of the predicted (C<sub>p</sub>) vs. measured (C<sub>m</sub>) values at the calibration (A) and validation (B) stages for the optimal TMA prediction of the significant soil properties.



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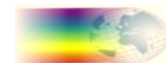
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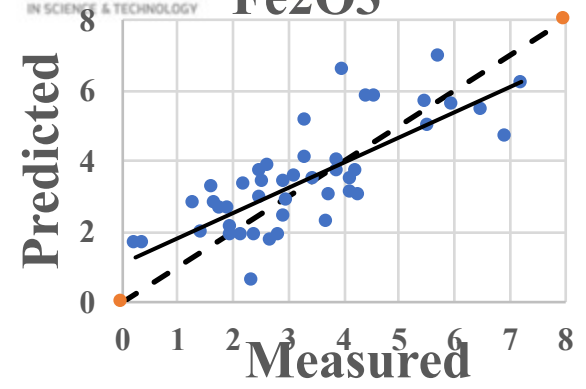
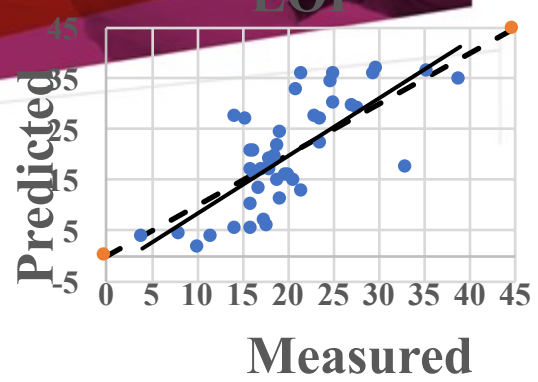
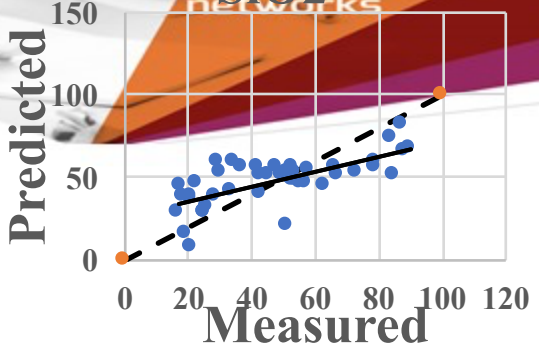
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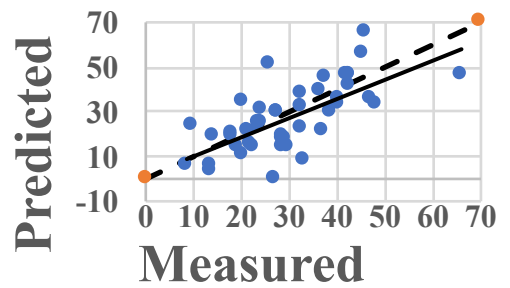
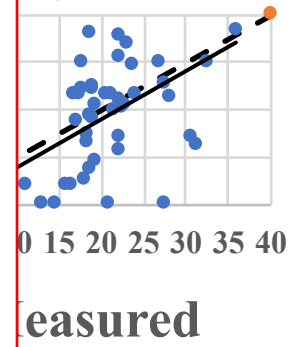


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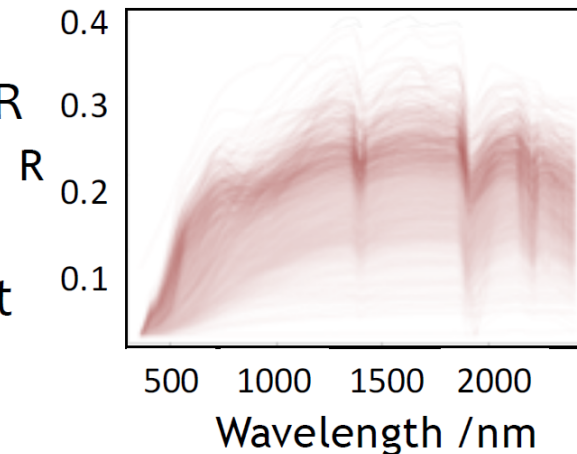


# The Global Soil Spectral Library (GSSL)

In 2006 *Raphael Viscorra Rossel* understood the GSSL importance and initiated an activity toward establishing the first GSSL

## Global spectral library project

- Started in 2008 as voluntary collaboration in response to growing interest in soil vis-NIR spectroscopy
- Scientists from each continent coordinated and developed guidelines and protocols
- Aim to bring together a community of scientists, encourage research, development of new applications and adoption of spectroscopy in the soil, earth and environmental sciences.



# There is a publication on the global library

Authors: Those who contribute to GSSL established by Viscorra Rossel



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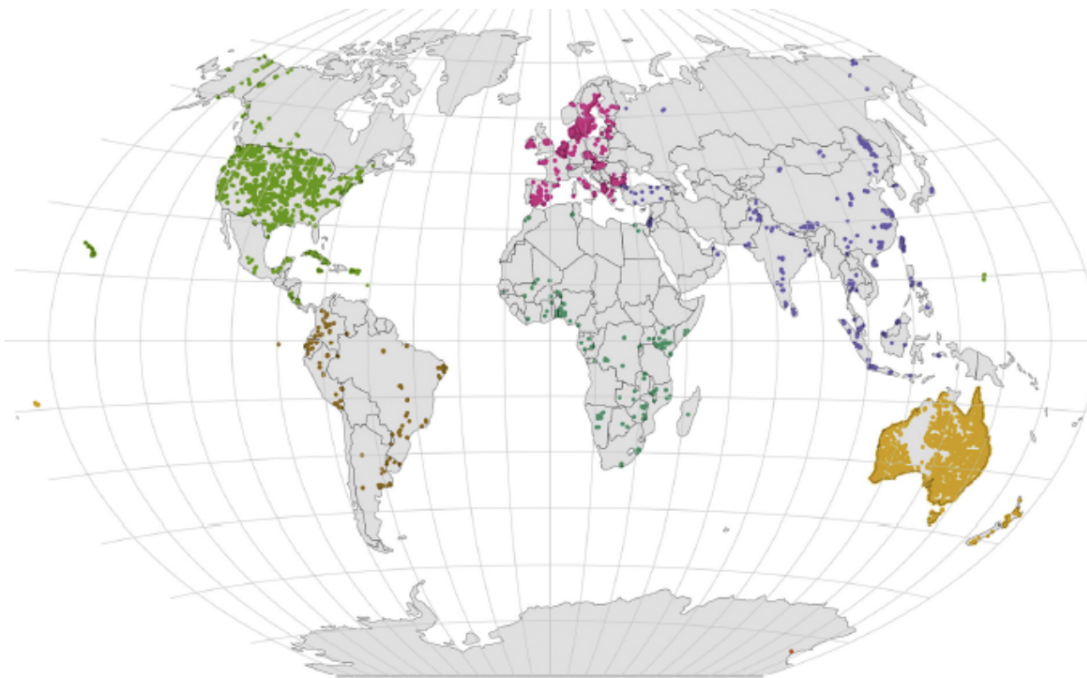
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In 2015 Raphael effort yield the first GSSL

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## Global Soil VNIR-SWIR Spectra

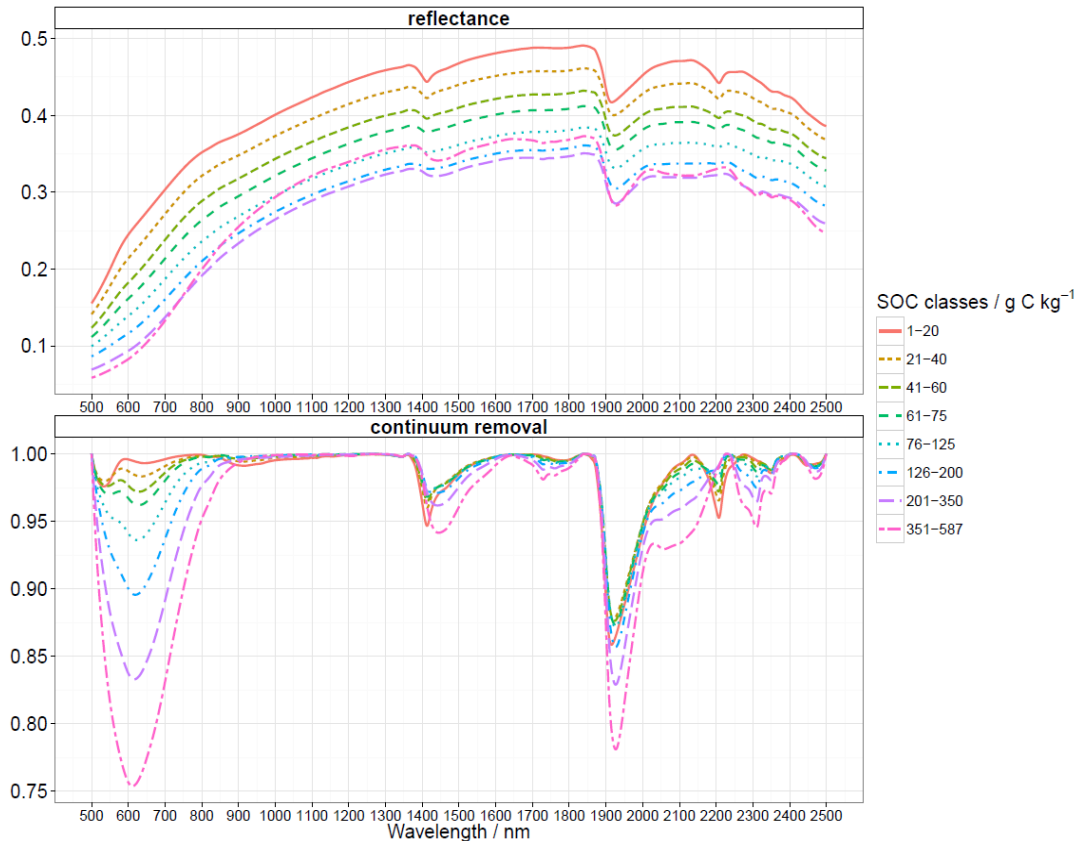
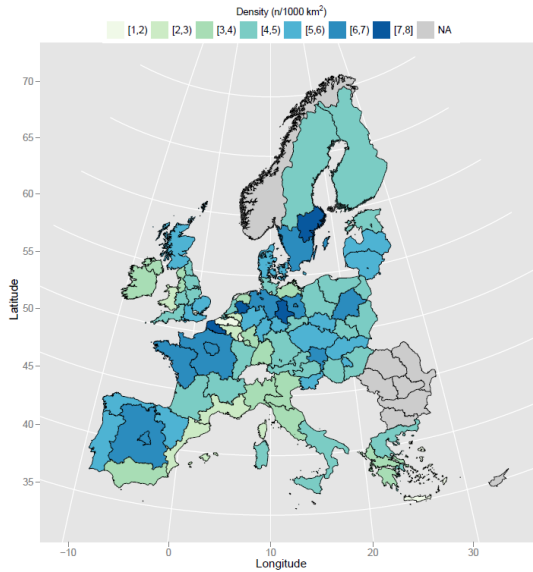
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45 collaborators from 35 institutions



provided by Viscorra Rossel

# The LUCAS spectral library

2011



- Current status:
- 23 European countries
- ~20,000 high quality spectral readings
- Metadata: Clay, silt, sand, OC, pH, CEC, CaCO<sub>3</sub>, Geographical coordinates, land use, etc

Creation of four subsets: Cropland, Grassland, Woodland, and Organic soils

## The European Soil Spectral Library



First paper showing utilization of a global SSL – avoiding local work load

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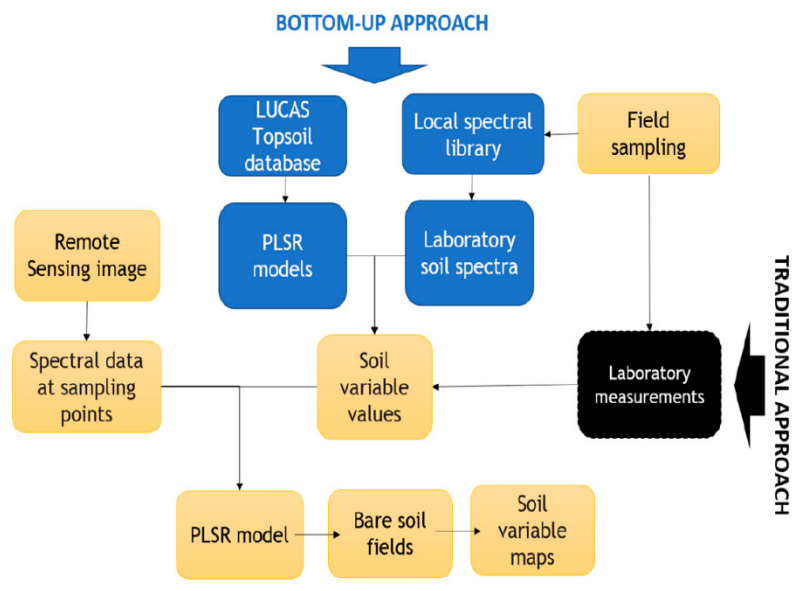


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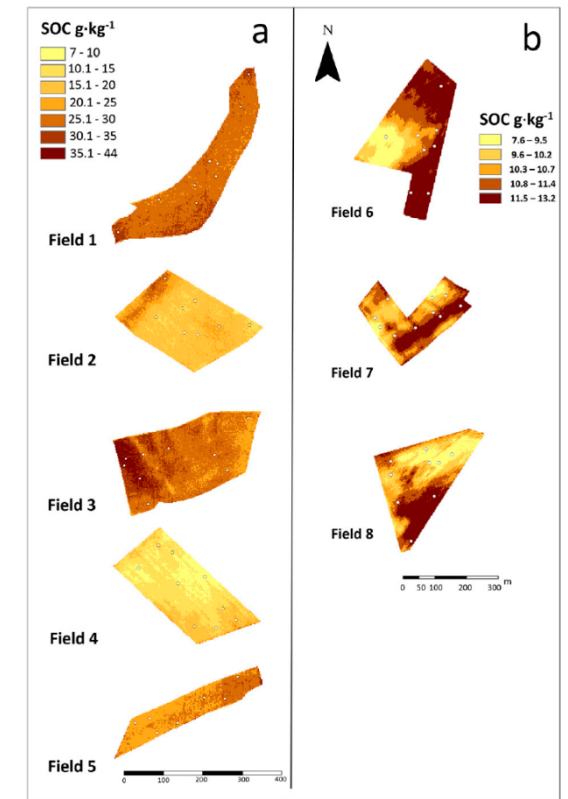
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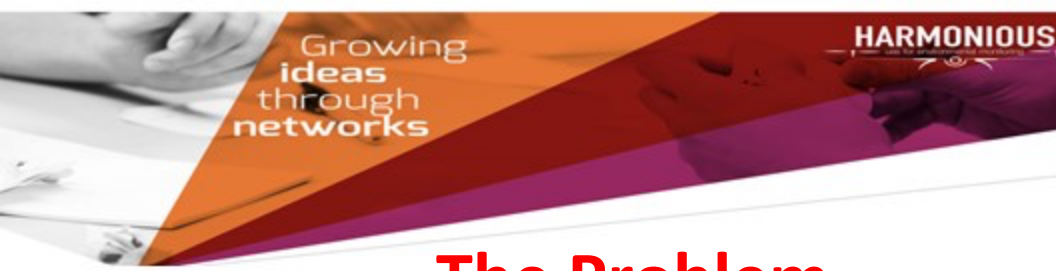
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**Figure 2.** Flow chart concerning the two soil organic carbon (SOC) estimation approaches work: traditional and bottom-up.



**Figure 4.** SOC maps of the validation fields in Luxembourg (a), and Belgium (b), using approach. The white points in the fields correspond to the validation dataset.



## The Problem

- Users are focused on their own protocols (*measurement methods and instrumentation*)
- Protocol may affects the final spectrum.....  
(Spectral information is not reliable)
- Quantitative models are sensitive to these effects (small spectral changes) .....
- The *Chmometric* models from one protocol can not be used by other protocol



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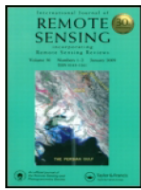
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# Standardization

Soil Mineralogy

## Performance of Three Identical Spectrometers in Retrieving Soil Reflectance under Laboratory Conditions



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### Normalizing reflectance from different spectrometers and protocols with an internal soil standard

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A wide range of electronic and mechanical noise factors can affect soil spectra when using different instruments or even when repeating a specific sample's measurements with the same spectrometer. In soil samples where very weak spectral features are monitored for chemometric purposes, alterations in wavelength location, peak absorption slope, or absorbance intensity can limit the use of previously developed spectral models. To quantify this alteration and propose a standardization method, 12 soil samples and three different materials for internal standards (sand, glass and polyethylene) were analyzed. This population was concurrently measured with three identical spectrometers using a strict measurement protocol, and then by different operators with different protocols. Significant changes in the soil spectra were found when different operators performed the measurements, being reduced >50% when the strict protocol was applied. Sand was found to be the ideal internal standard for correcting the spectra to a reference spectrometer, even when different measuring protocols were used. This standardization also showed an improvement in the prediction of soil properties when applying chemometric spectral models even with different instruments, concluding that the use of an internal standard and a strict protocol must be applied for soil spectral measurements. As the measuring factors described in this research also affect any infrared diffuse reflectance spectroscopy measurements, the proposed method should be applicable to any instrumentation and configuration being used. This is crucial to enabling spectral comparisons between different spectrometers or, more importantly, to establishing robust chemometric models and to exchange soil spectral information.

Abbreviations: ASD, Analytical Spectral Devices, Inc.; CR, continuum removal; NIRS, near infrared analysis; PLS, partial least squares; RGB, red-green-blue color model; RMSEP, root mean square error of prediction; SAM, spectral angle mapper; TAU, Tel Aviv University.

Many reflectance spectroscopy applications have been developed for soils in the last 20 yr (Malley et al., 2004). Today, reflectance in the VIS-NIR-SWIR region is considered to be a solid and mature technique for qualitative and quantitative analyses of soil material (Ben-Dor et al., 2008b). Soil spectroscopy has advanced the discipline of soil science by providing a rapid and accurate methodology for quantitative analyses that bypasses the traditional "wet" laboratory analyses. Whereas most of the work in evaluating soil information from reflectance spectroscopy has been performed under controlled laboratory conditions, field applications are now rapidly gaining an important place in soil spectroscopy (Ben-Dor et al., 2009; Cecilion et al., 2009). Accordingly, portable spectrometers are being developed and utilized worldwide for many natural resource applications, such as soil, rock, vegetation, and water studies. In addition, a wide range of soil spectral measurements are being gathered around the globe with the intention of building a universal soil spectral library (Viscarra Rossel, 2009). However, this kind of initiative, or even the routine analyses of spectral data collected in one specific laboratory, are limited by the differences that are usually obtained when different spectrometers and protocols are used (Milton et al., 2009; Price, 1994). Spectral performance may vary among different types of spectrometers, or even among models from the same manufacturer, being therefore important to characterize

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# Reflectance Measurement of Soils in the Laboratory: Standards and Protocols



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This document provides a detail instructions and routines on how to measure soil reflectance in the laboratory systematically and accurately in order to receive high performance and reproducibility. The document presents two standards and two protocols. The protocols are for a contact probe and a fixed geometry assemblies and the two standards are white sand dunes from Western Australia. It also provides a method on how to standardize each reflectance measurement to the proposed standard samples. The sand samples are used to check the stability of the measurement set up and more important to enable the user to exchange spectral libraries which were acquired under similar standardization conditions.



Reflectance measurements of soils in the laboratory: Standards and protocols



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#### ABSTRACT

For the past 20 years, soil reflectance measurement in the laboratory has been a common and extensively used procedure. Based on soil spectroscopy, a proxy strategy using a chemometrics approach has been developed for soils, along with massive construction of soil spectral libraries worldwide. Surprisingly however, there are no agreed upon standards or protocols for reliable reflectance measurements in the laboratory and field. Consequently, almost every user reconstructs his or her own protocol based on the literature, experience, convenience and infrastructure. This yields significant problems for comparing and sharing soil spectral data between users, as spectral variations can be encountered from one protocol to the next. This further prevents the generation of a robust model for a given soil property using the worldwide data archive. To solve this problem in the laboratory

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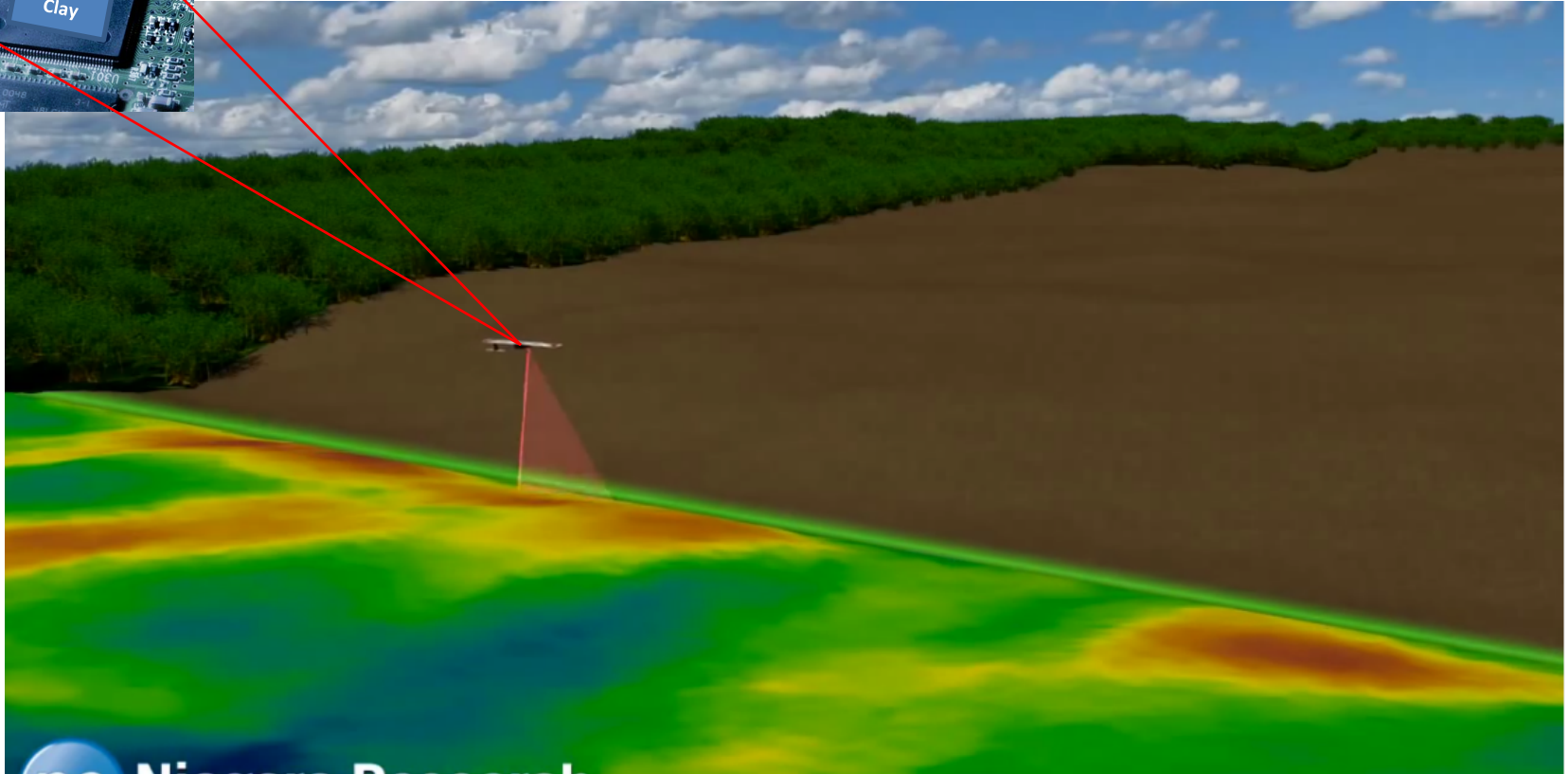
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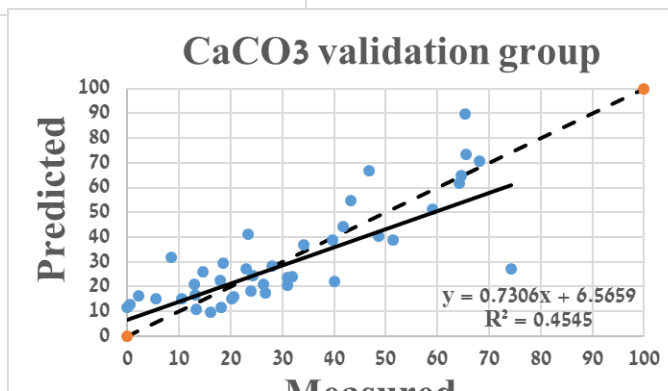
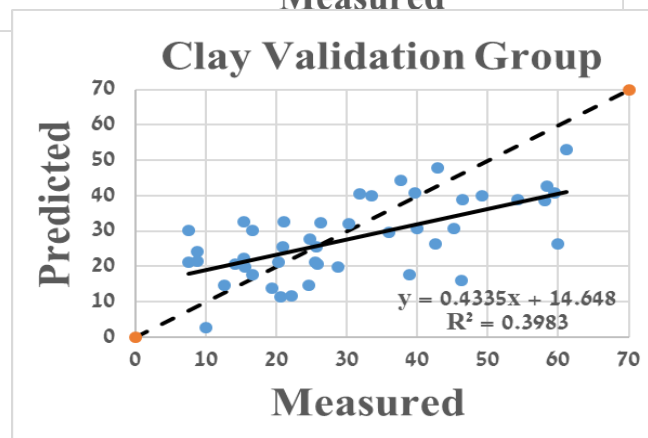
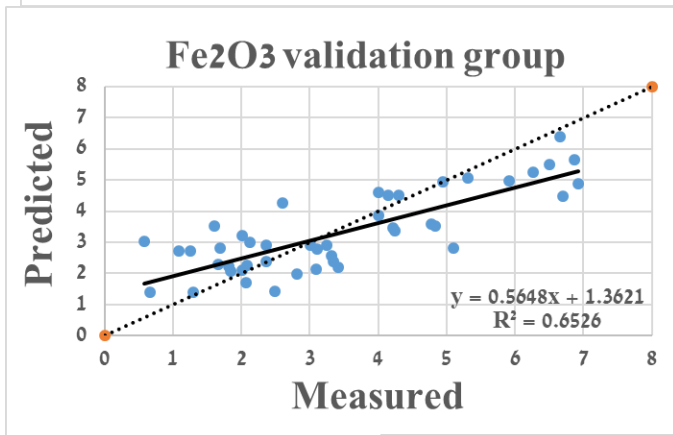
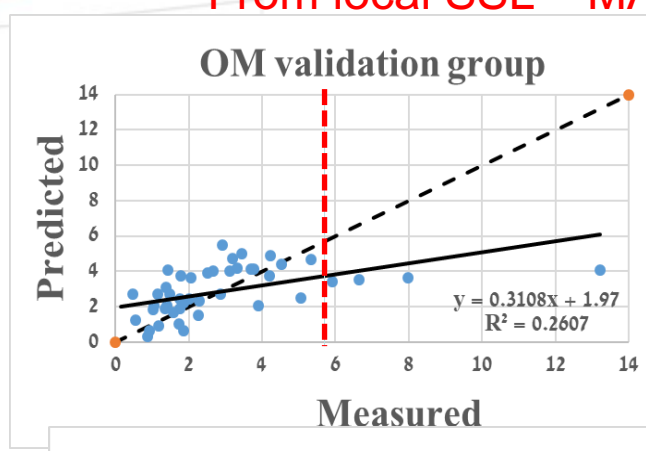
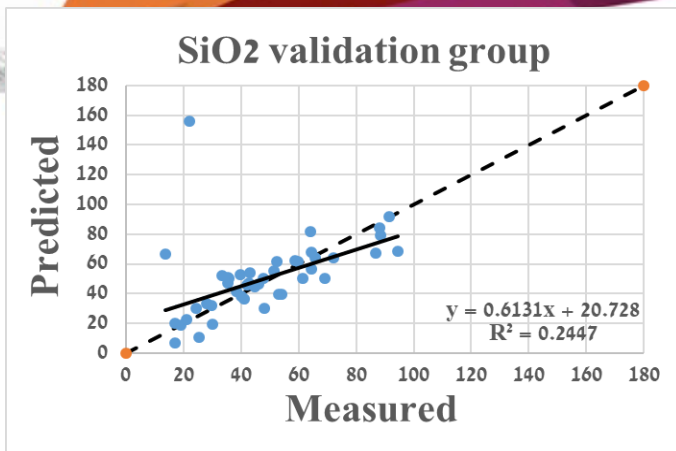
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2	450	Blue
3	490	Green
4	518	Green
5	550	Green
6	590	Yellow
7	615	Orange
8	632	Red
9	650	Red
10	685	Red
11	725	Red Edge
12	780	NIR
13	808	NIR
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- Spectral libraries are generated under regional, national, continental and global scales.
- Standard and protocols are important to hold
- SSL can be used to check performances of sensor for a mission
- SSL can be used to map soil properties (and not only soil moisture) and important for future utilization of UAV sensors.

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