

Utilization of the Internal Soil Standard (ISS) Method to Optimize the Exchange of Soil Spectral Libraries

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- 2) Soil Spectral Library: The Importance for DSM
- 3) Soil Spectroscopy : The problem and suggested solution
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The Importance of Soil Spectroscopy

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SOIL REFLECTANCE SPECTROSCOPY



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Near-infrared **reflectance spectroscopy**—principal components regression analyses of **soil** properties

Case law

CW Chang, [DA Laird](#), MJ Mausbach... - *Soil Science Society ...*, 2001 - [dl.sciencesocieties.org](#)

My library

Abstract A fast and convenient **soil** analytical technique is needed for **soil** quality assessment and precision **soil** management. The main objective of this study was to evaluate the ability of near-infrared **reflectance spectroscopy** (NIRS) to predict diverse **soil** ...

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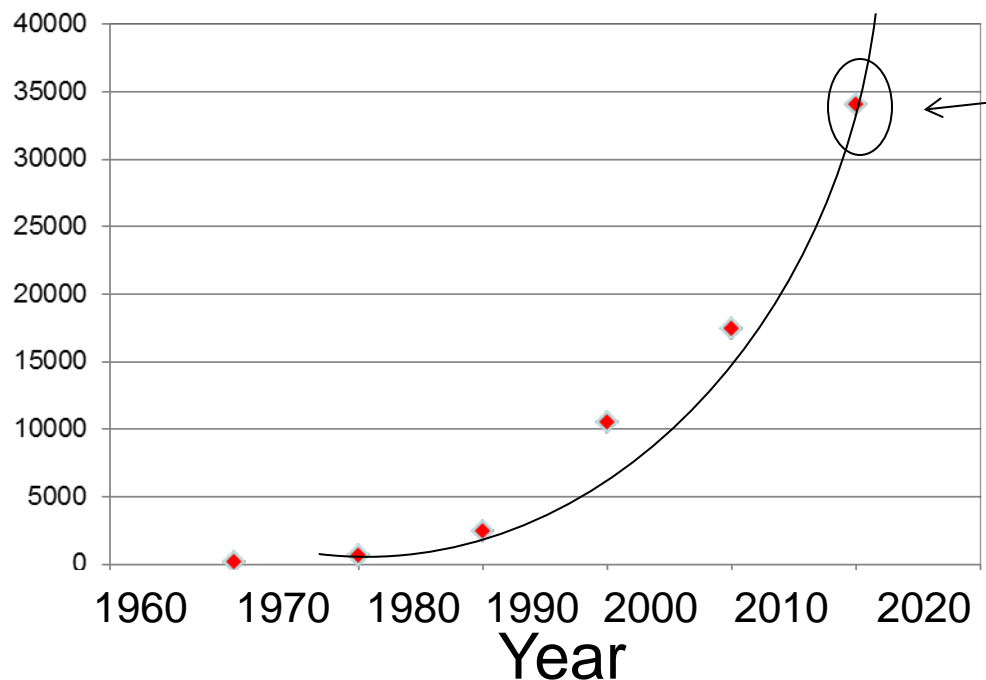
Modeling spectral and bidirectional **soil reflectance**

S Jacquemoud, [F Baret](#), JF Hanocq - *Remote sensing of Environment*, 1992 - Elsevier

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The **Importance of** Soil Spectral Library:

(The World Spectral Group data base, Viscarra Rossel 2015)

The data based is composed of:

- 1) About 23,631 Soil Spectra
- 2) About 5 Soil Attributes

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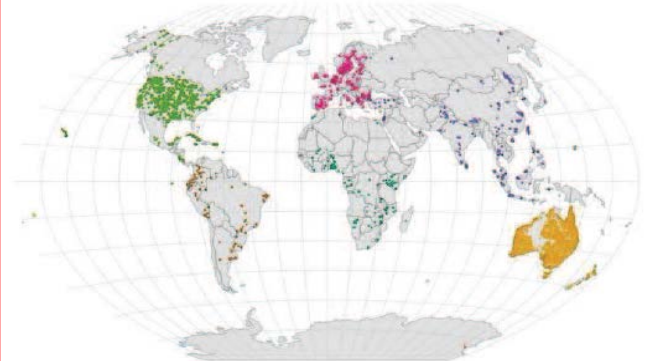
A global spectral library to characterize the world's soil

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The measurement were acquired by:

- 1) 60 Instruments
- 2) >80 users
- 3) around 40 Protocols



The soil attributes were evaluated by:

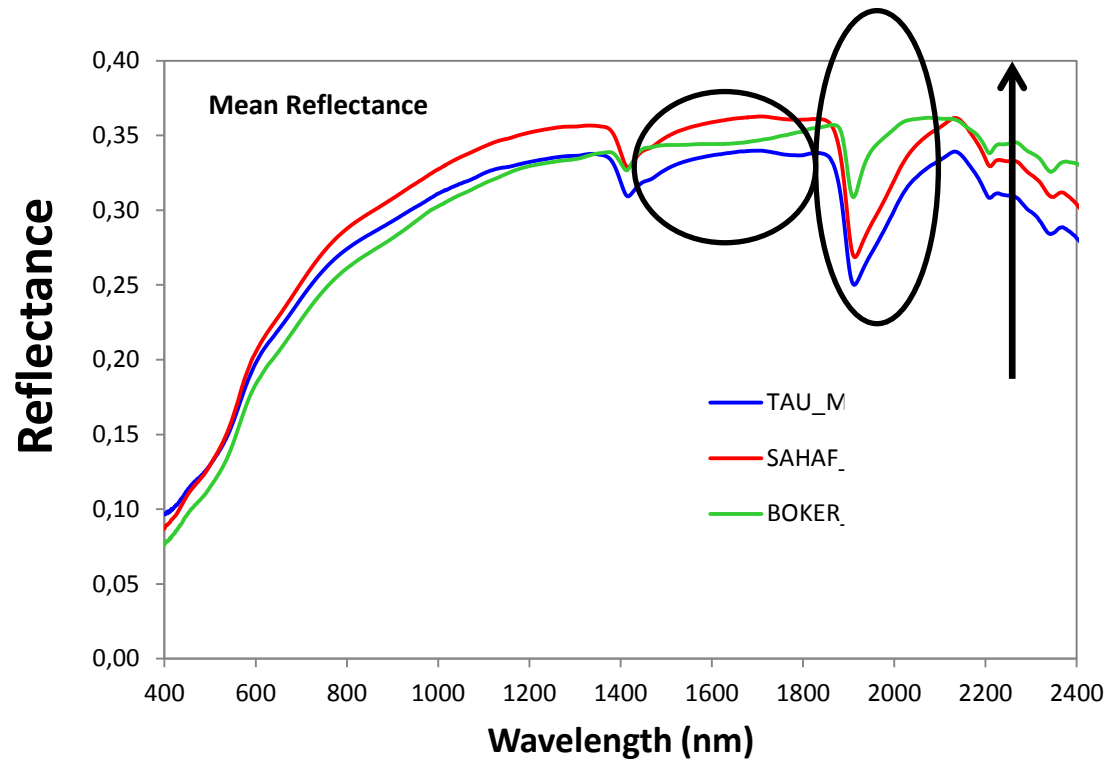
- 1) Standard methods (e.g. Jackson 1966)

<http://groups.google.com/group/soil-spectroscopy/files>

R.A. Viscarra Rossel, T. Behrens, E. Ben-Dor, D.J. Brown, J.A.M. Demattè, K.D. Shepherd, Z. Shi, B. Stenberg, A. Stevens, V. Adamchuk, H. Aichi, B.G. Barthès, H.M. Bartholomeus, A.D. Bayer, M. Bernoux, K. Böttcher, L. Brodský, C.W. Du, A. Chappell, Y. Fouad, V. Genot, C. Gomez, S. Grunwald, A. Gubler, C. Guerrero, C.B. Hedley, M. Knadel, H.J.M. Morras, M. Nocita, L. Ramirez-Lopez, P. Roudier, E.M. Rufasto Campos, P. Sanborn, V.M. Sellitto, K.A. Sudduth, B.G. Rawlins, C. Walter, L.A. Winowiecki, S.Y. Hong, W. Ji

The Problems - Example 1: *Spectral Domain*

One soil: Three different protocols



The problem - Example 2: *Analytical Domain*

100 samples (60 cal, 40 val) – three protocols : Quantitative analysis

Instrument / Operator	Internal standard	CaCO ₃	Clay Content	Organic Matter	Fe ₂ O ₃
		RMSEP	RMSEP	RMSEP	RMSEP
TAU	Original	13.24	5.4	1.54	4316
SAHAF	Original	13.33	8.2	1.50	5169
BOKER	Original	17.44	8.9	1.79	4687

The internal standard idea was adopted from the analytical chemistry discipline

Internal Standard Method Calculations

Auswertung mit Hilfe des inneren Standards

Calculs employés dans la methode de dosage avec étalon interne

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Research Specialist, Monsanto Company, 800 N. Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63166, USA

$$F_R(i) = (\text{counts/gram})_{\text{standard}} / (\text{counts/gram})_{\text{component } i} \quad (1)$$

Quantitation of samples containing non-volatile components (e. g. resins or tars) or components to which the detector is insensitive (e. g. fixed gases or water with flame ionization detector) is a problem continually facing many chemists using gas chromatographic methods. Two methods can be used to solve this problem:

- a) calibration on an absolute basis by injection of the same amount of sample for each analysis, or
- b) use of the internal standard method.

The first method involves the preparation of standards bracketing the range in which the component(s) of interest will lie and requires considerable skill to precisely inject the same weight of sample each time. Application of this method to multicomponent mixtures can hardly be re-

The internal standard method involves the addition of a known amount of a pure substance to a known weight of sample. The requirements for a substance used as an internal standard are:

- a) must yield a completely resolved peak,
- b) should elute close to the component(s) being measured,
- c) should not be present in the original sample,
- d) must not react chemically with the sample, and
- e) should be present in about same concentration as components measured.

Requirement (a) is to insure a unique and unambiguous area for the peak; (b) is to minimize any change in detector response due to changes in operating conditions (flow, temperature, etc.); (c) and (d) insure th

Pimstein's paper

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A first attempt to demonstrate the Internal Standard idea for soil spectroscopy

Important conclusions for using Internal standards for soil

Soil Mineralogy

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

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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 shape, or albedo 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

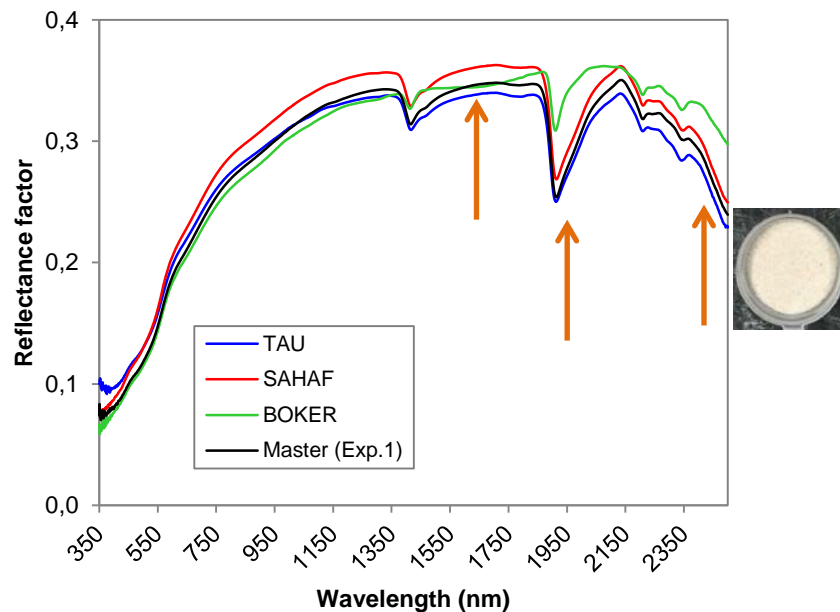
- 3 ASD,
- 3 Laboratories and
- 3 Climate environment
- 3 Users



Results - Standardization

Soil B spectrum comparison before and after *Sand* standardization

Original



$$CF_{\lambda} = 1 - ((S\rho_{\lambda} - M\rho_{\lambda}) / S\rho_{\lambda})$$

$$Rc_{\lambda} = Ro_{\lambda} \times CF_{\lambda}$$

$S\rho_{\lambda}$ is the reflectance of the *Slave* reference (*your measurement of the ISS*)

$M\rho_{\lambda}$ is the reflectance of the *Master* reference (*standard ISS measured by a certified agreed-lab*)

Rc_{λ} is the corrected sample reflectance (to the internal standard conditions, *standard*)

Ro_{λ} is the original sample reflectance (*sample*)

Soil NIRS

Partial Least Squares Regressions

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SAHAF	Original	13.33		8.2		1.50		5169	
BOKER	Original	17.44		8.9		1.79		4687	
TAU	<i>Formica</i>	13.33	0.7	5.2	-4.5	1.58	2.3	4546	5.3
SAHAF	<i>Formica</i>	16.49	23.8	8.2	0.1	1.71	13.9	4873	-5.7
BOKER	<i>Formica</i>	13.88	-20.4	5.8	-35.2	1.58	-11.8	4013	-14.4
TAU	<i>Sand</i>	13.35	0.8	5.1	-5.8	1.55	0.2	4276	-0.9
SAHAF	<i>Sand</i>	13.27	-0.4	6.0	-26.7	1.49	-0.3	4265	-17.5
BOKER	<i>Sand</i>	13.41	-23.1	5.2	-42.2	1.56	-12.7	3927	-16.2
TAU	<i>Glass</i>	15.21	14.9	9.4	74.4	1.77	14.6	6002	39.1
SAHAF	<i>Glass</i>	14.99	12.5	4.7	-42.4	1.63	8.6	4387	-15.1
BOKER	<i>Glass</i>	13.47	-22.8	6.1	-32.4	1.60	-10.4	4280	-8.7

Pimestein's Conclusion (1) :

The sand sample is an ideal Internal Spectral Standard (ISS)

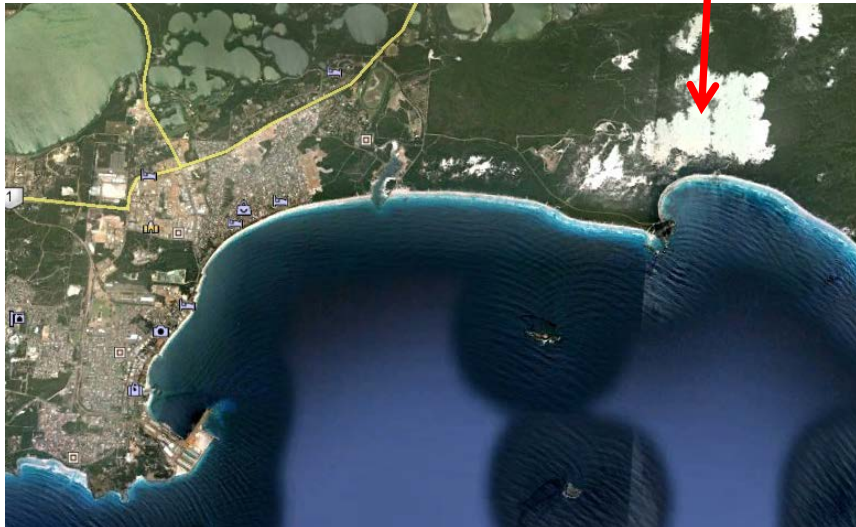
However

A common, an ideal homogenous and stable ISS sample in both time and (that can be shared with a large community) is not valid with the sand sample

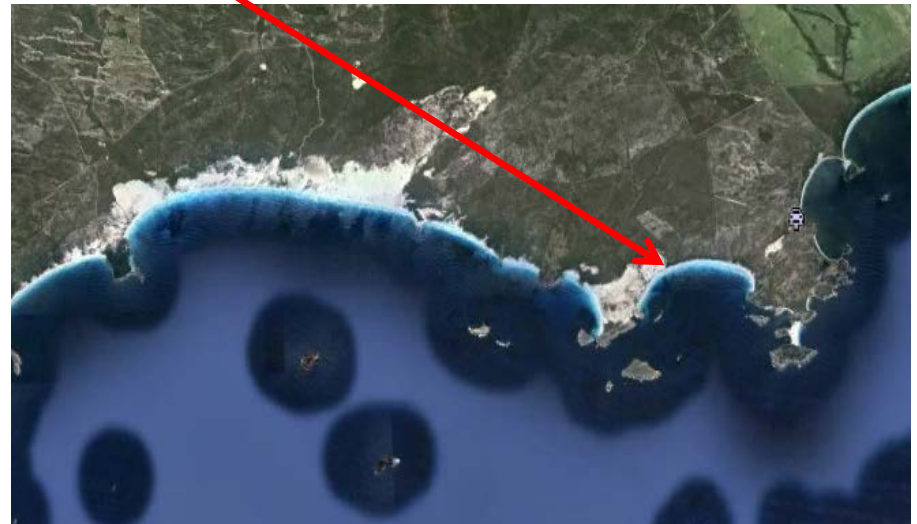
Searching for an **ideal standard** took almost 4 years



Wiely Bay



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50kg from each sample, washed and dried
More than 1000 samples available from
each batch



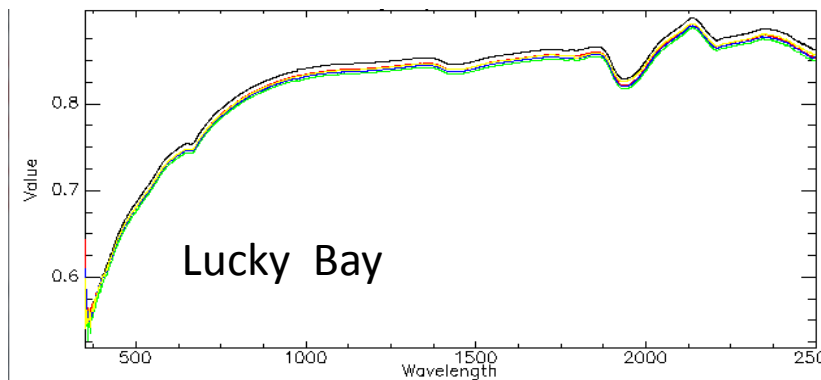
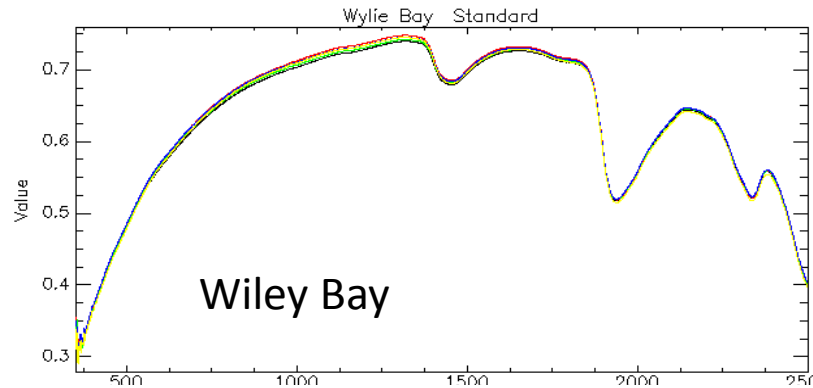
XRD

Hig Moisture

(several
measurements
over 6 weeks)

Quartz (90%), Aragonite (10%) <0.1%

Quartz (100%) <0.1%



Reflectance Measurement of Soils in the Laboratory: Standards and Protocols



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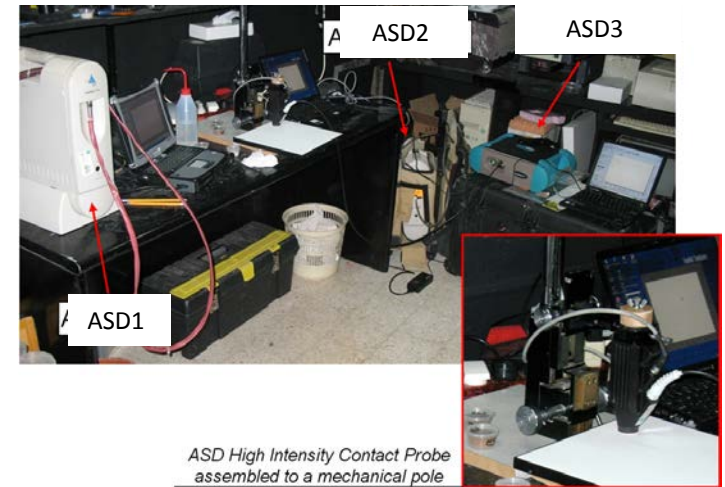
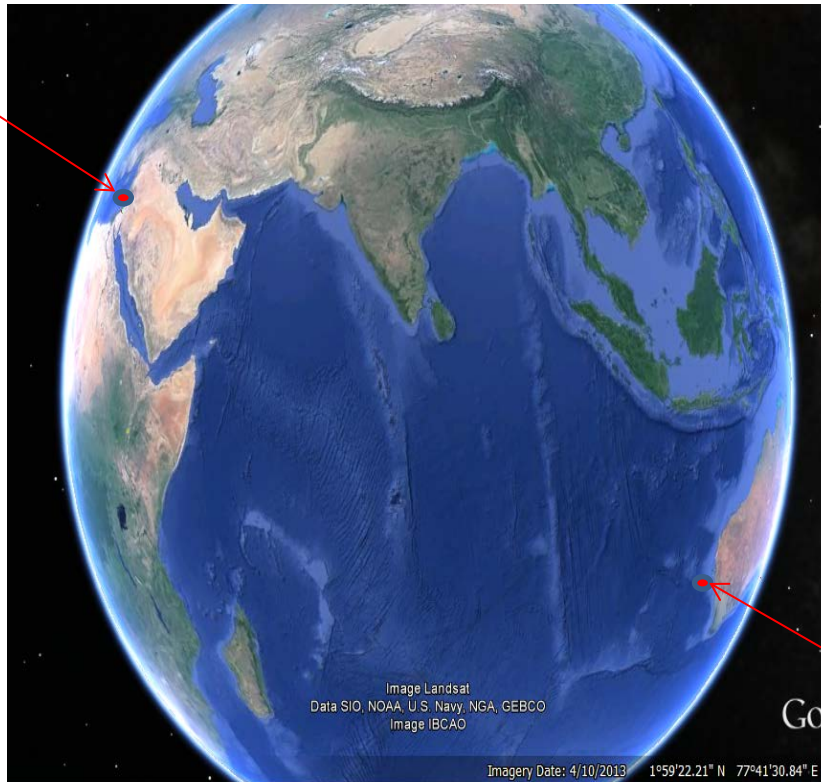
This document provides a detail instructions and routines on how to measure soil reflectance in the laboratory systematically and accurately in order to receive high performance and reproducibility. The document presents two standards and two protocols. The protocols are for a contact probe and a field 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.

Five soils and different measurement conditions were used and corrected by the ISS approach using **LB and WB samples**



Sets Up

Tel Aviv
September



- 4 different protocols
- 5 different spectrometers
- 4 users
- 4 different White Reference
- 2 different geographical location

Same Soil Samples, Same ISS

Perth
August

CSIRO 0 - Brand New HALON Plate as a WR with, ASD-2, contact probe (CP), User-1, Perth, Protocol A(0) → **MASTER**

Results 1

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Reflectance measurements of soils in the laboratory: Standards and protocols



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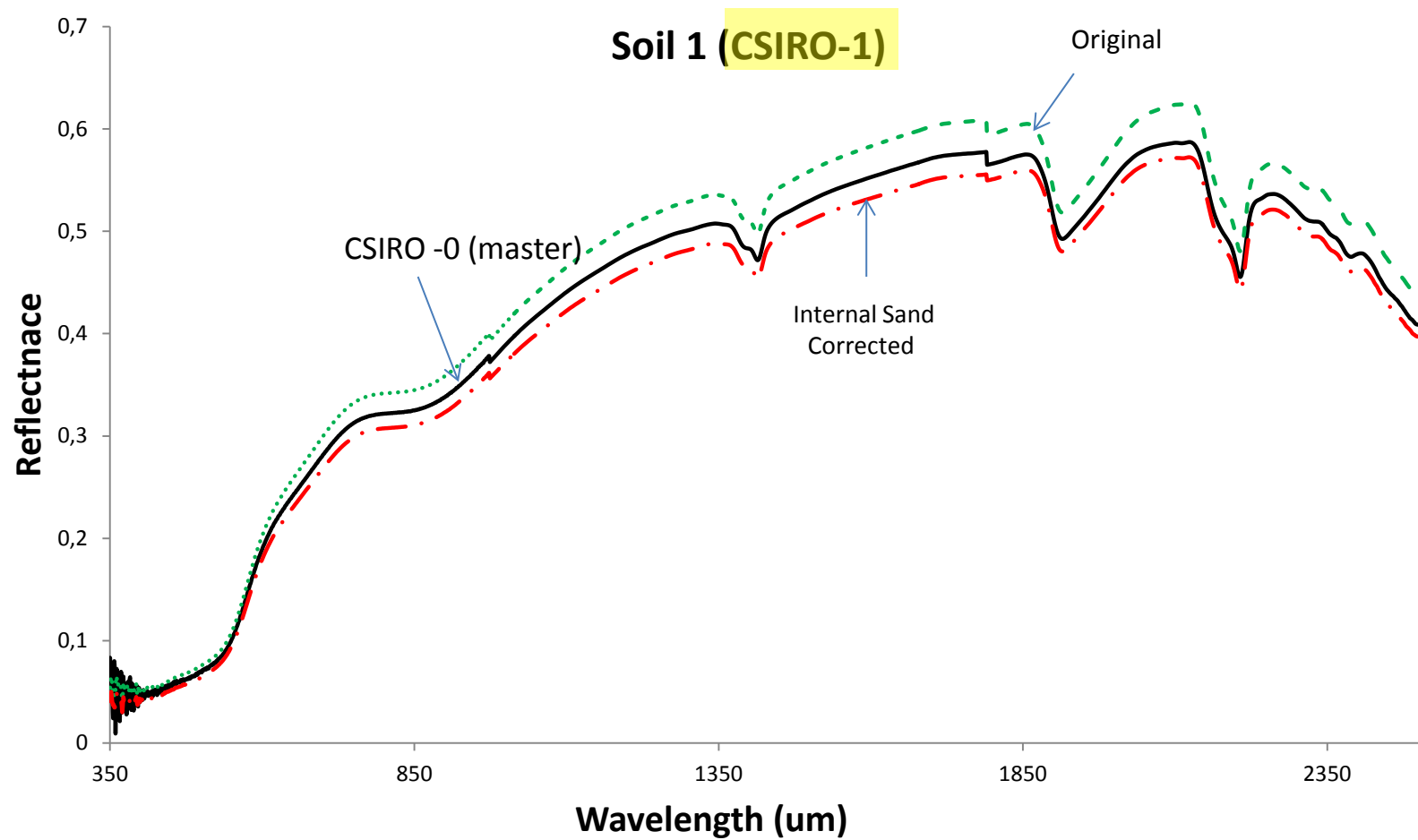
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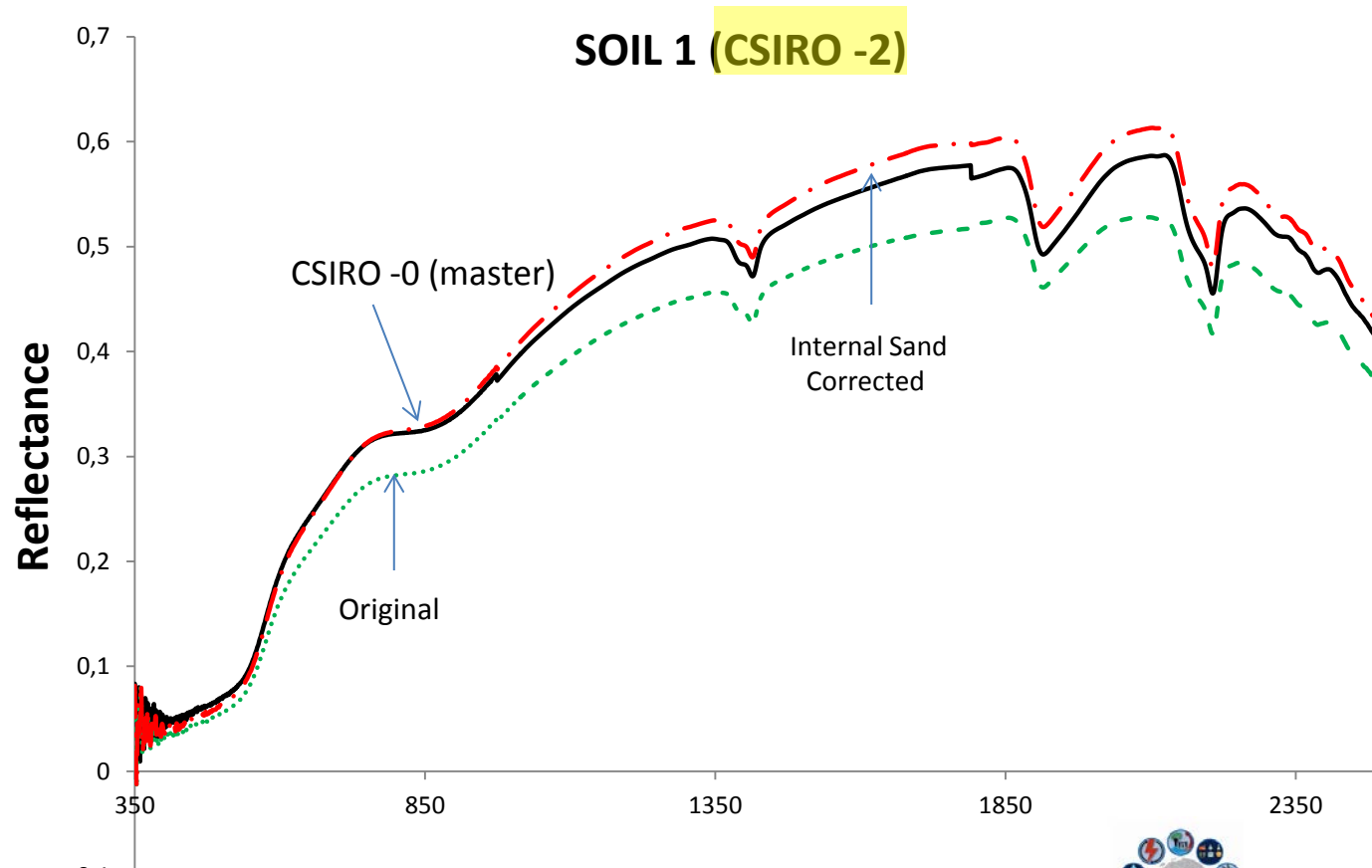
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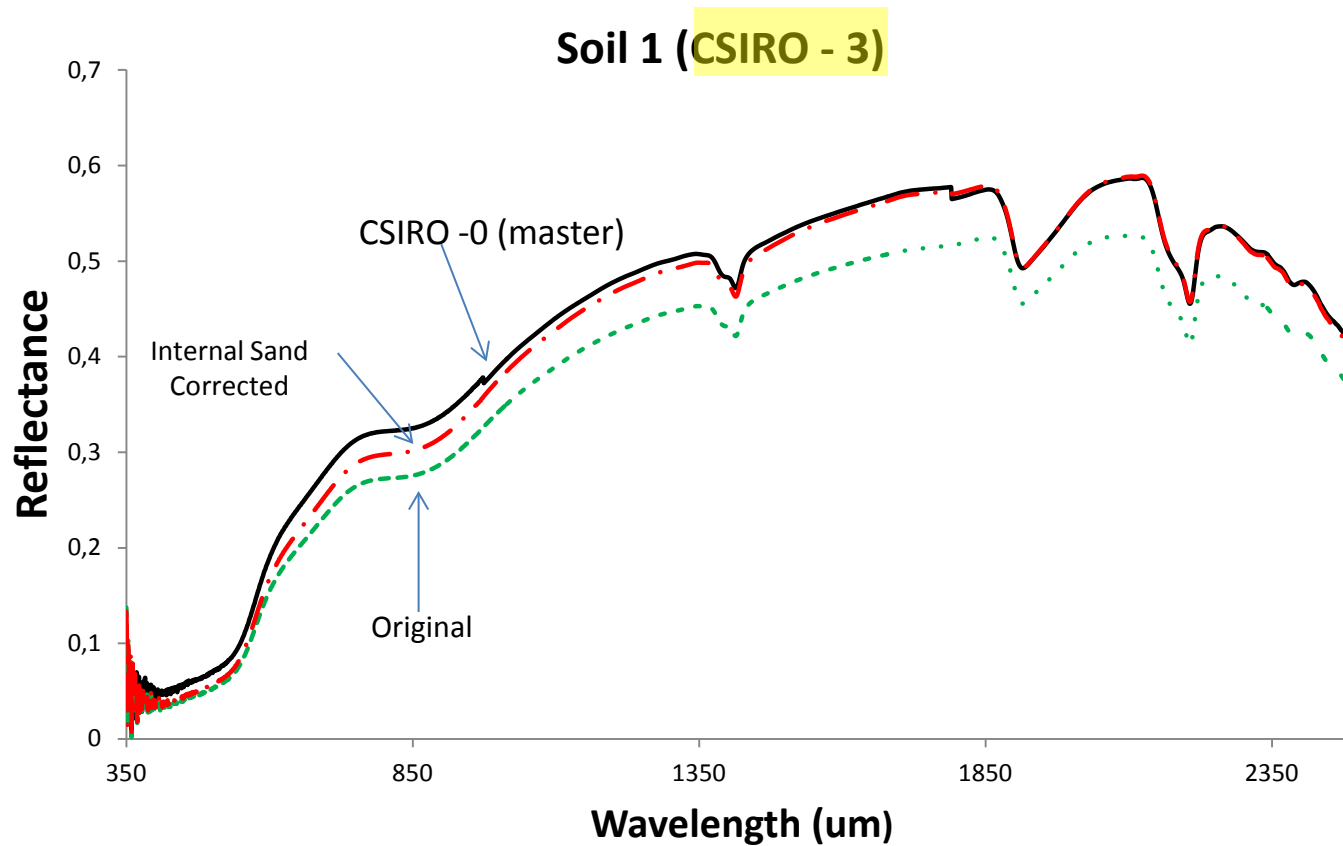
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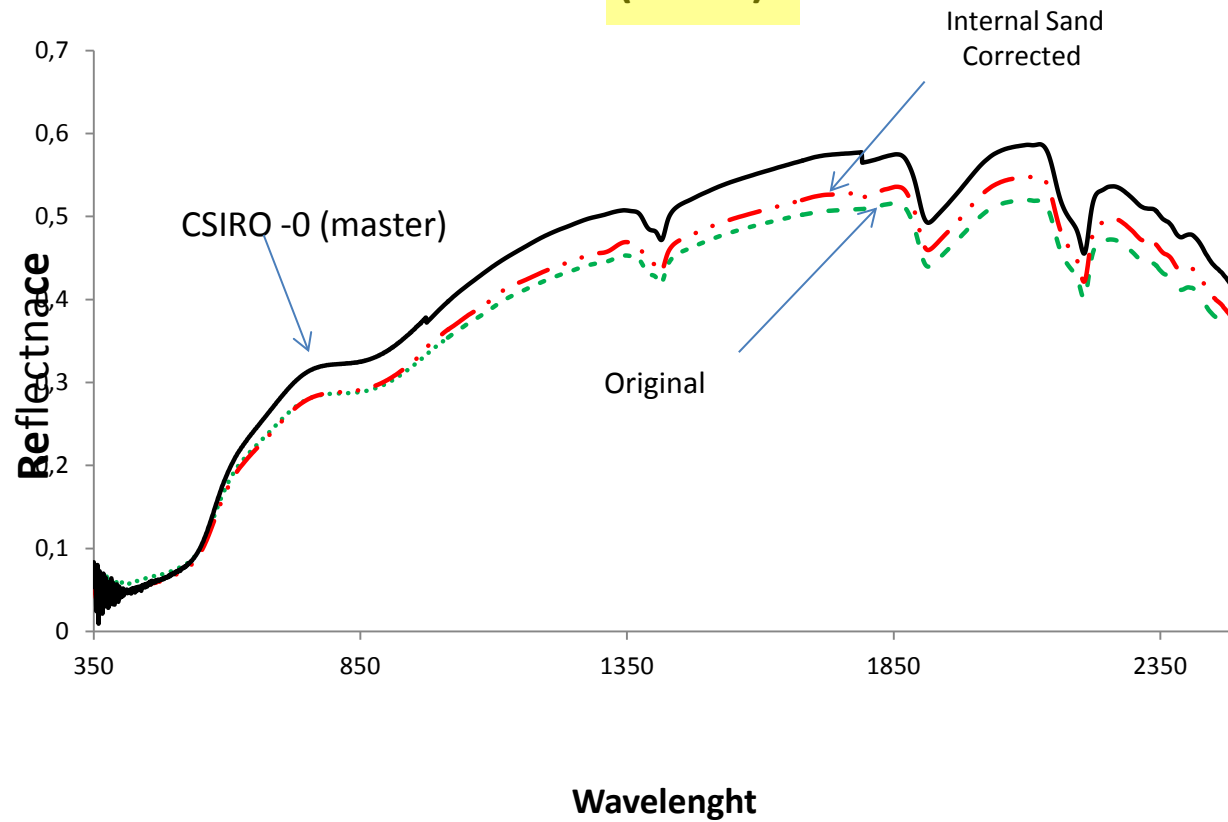
For the past 20 years, soil reflectance measurement in the laboratory has been a common and extensively used procedure. Based on soil spectroscopy, a proxy strategy using a chemometrics approach has been developed for soils, along with massive construction of soil spectral libraries worldwide. Surprisingly 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







Soil 1 (TAU-1)



ASDS = Average Sum of Deviation Square
(Ben-Dor et al., 2004)

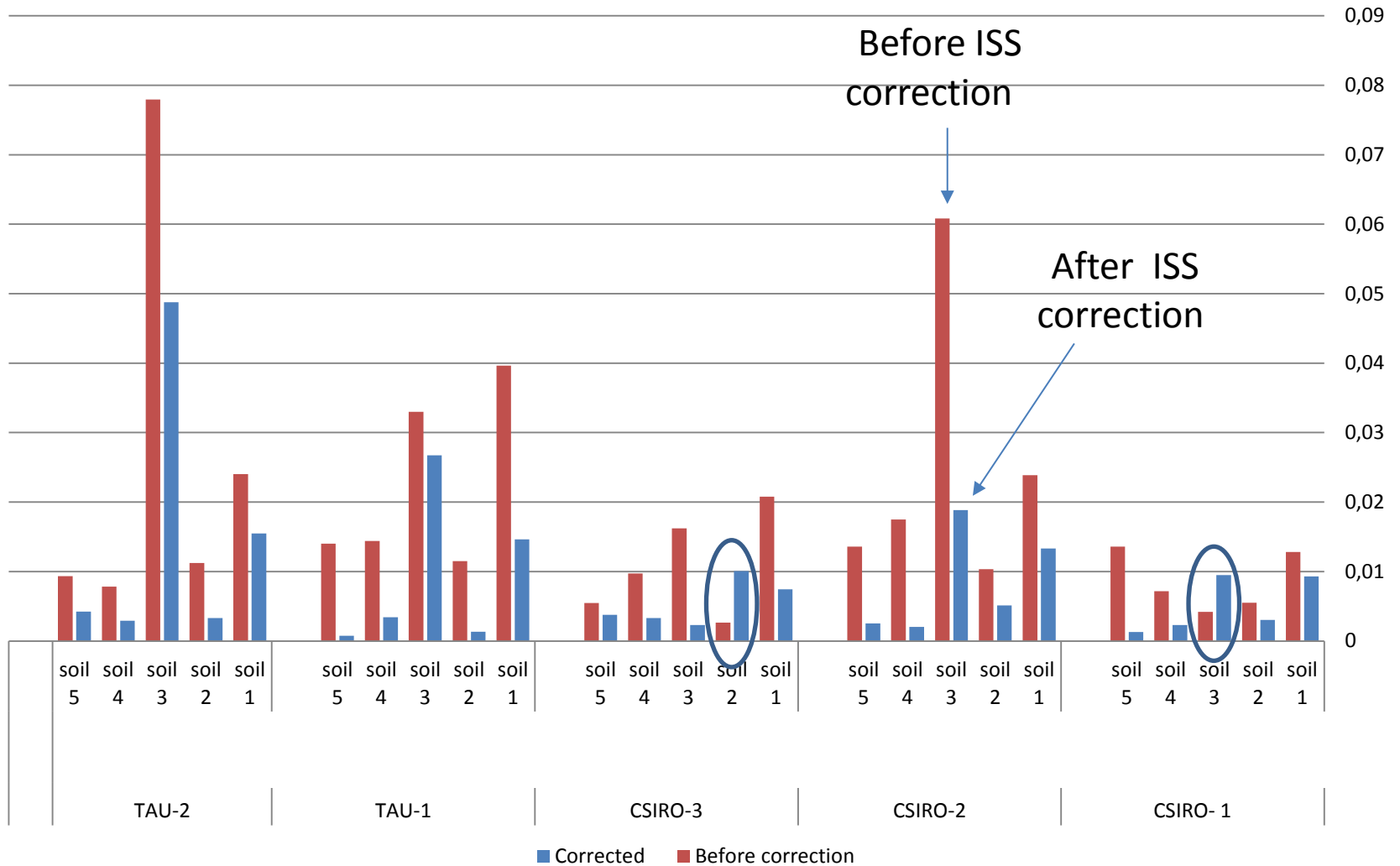
$$ASDS = \frac{\sum_{\lambda=350}^{2500} \sigma \left(1 - \rho_{\lambda} / \rho^*_{\lambda} \right)^2}{2151}$$

ρ : sample reflectance
 ρ^* : reference reflectance

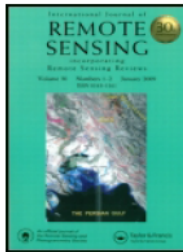
ASDS \rightarrow 0 = good match

92% success

ASDS



Results 2



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

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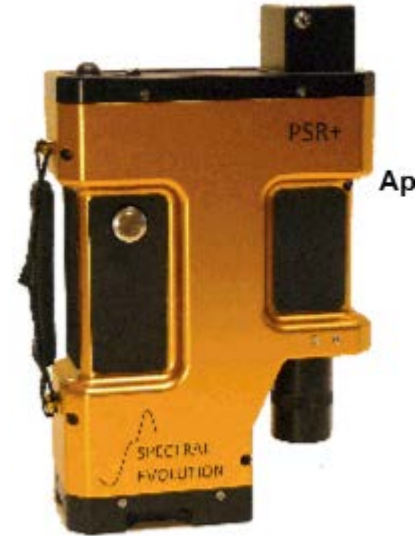
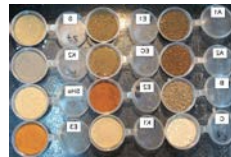
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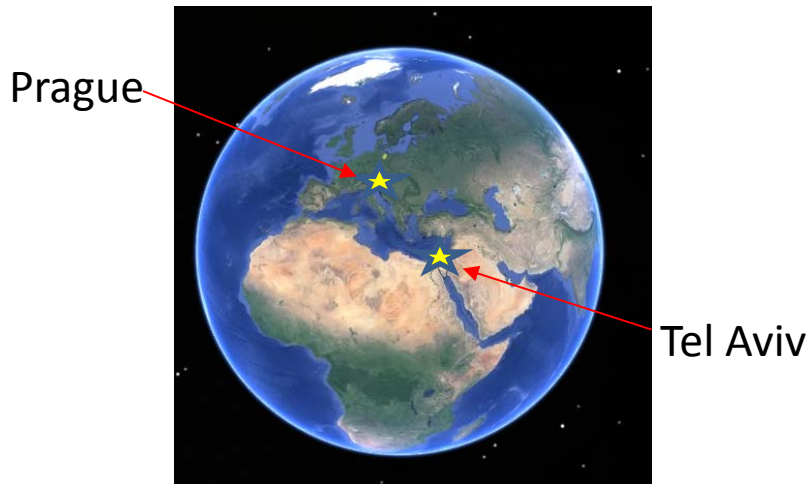
Validation Results (2015)

Czech Geology Society (CGS), Prague (SE) Tel Aviv University (TAU) Tel Aviv

- Two different spectrometers make: ASD and Spectral Evolution
- 5 Australian soils + 10 Israeli soils
- Measured at TAU and CGS at different dates and different protocols
- The LB and WB were used as ISS samples at both locations

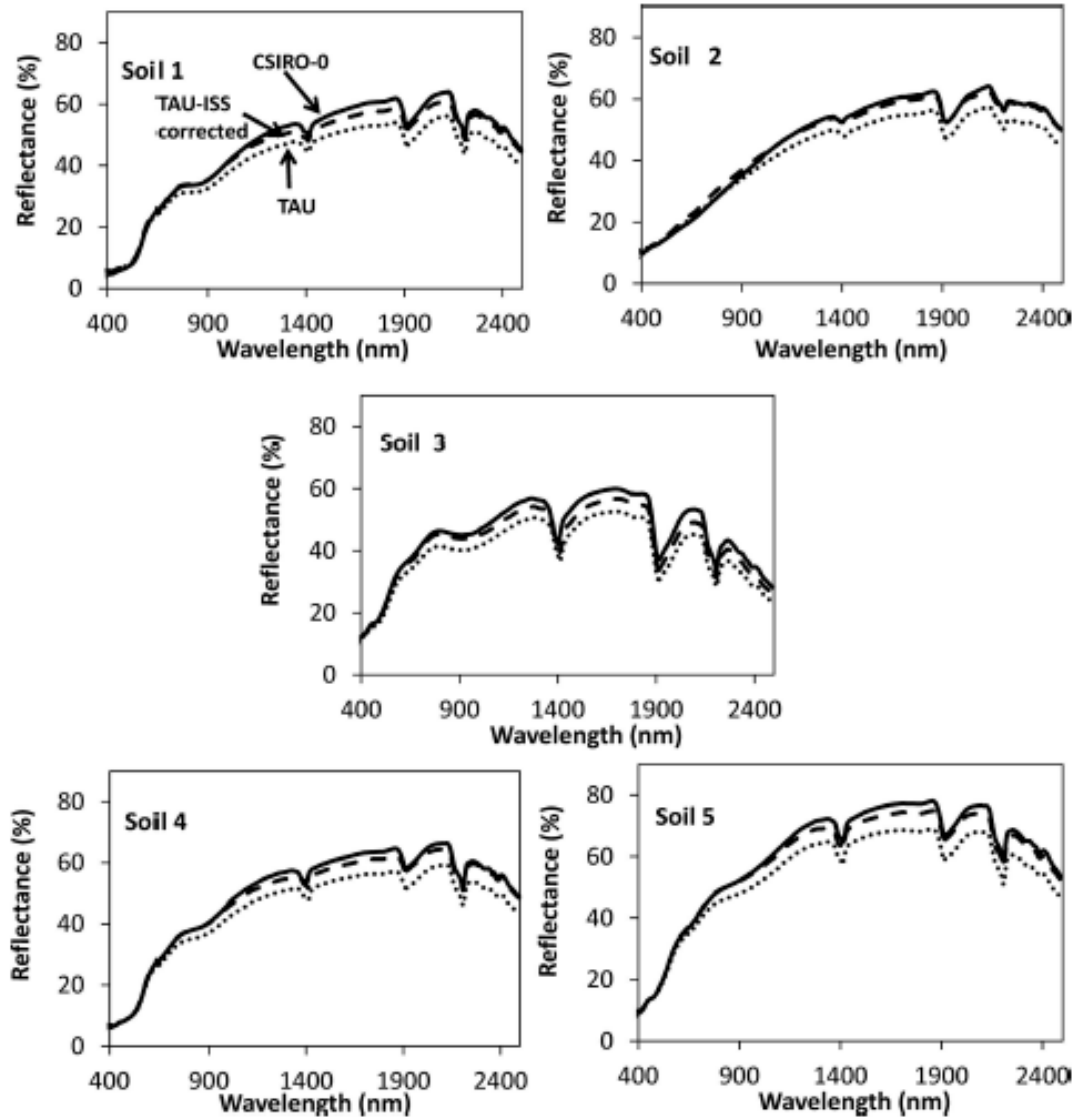


Spectral Evolution

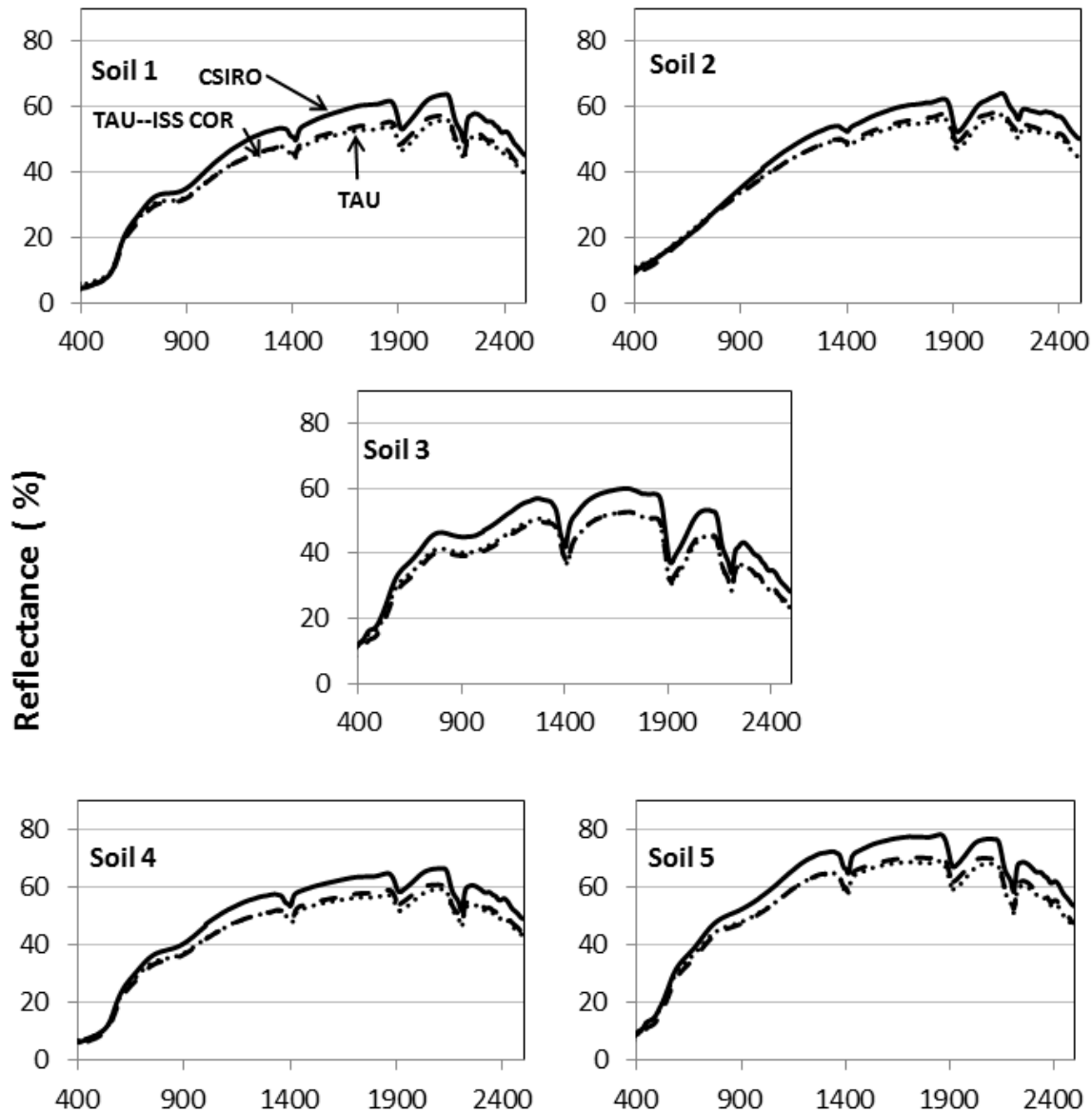


ASD

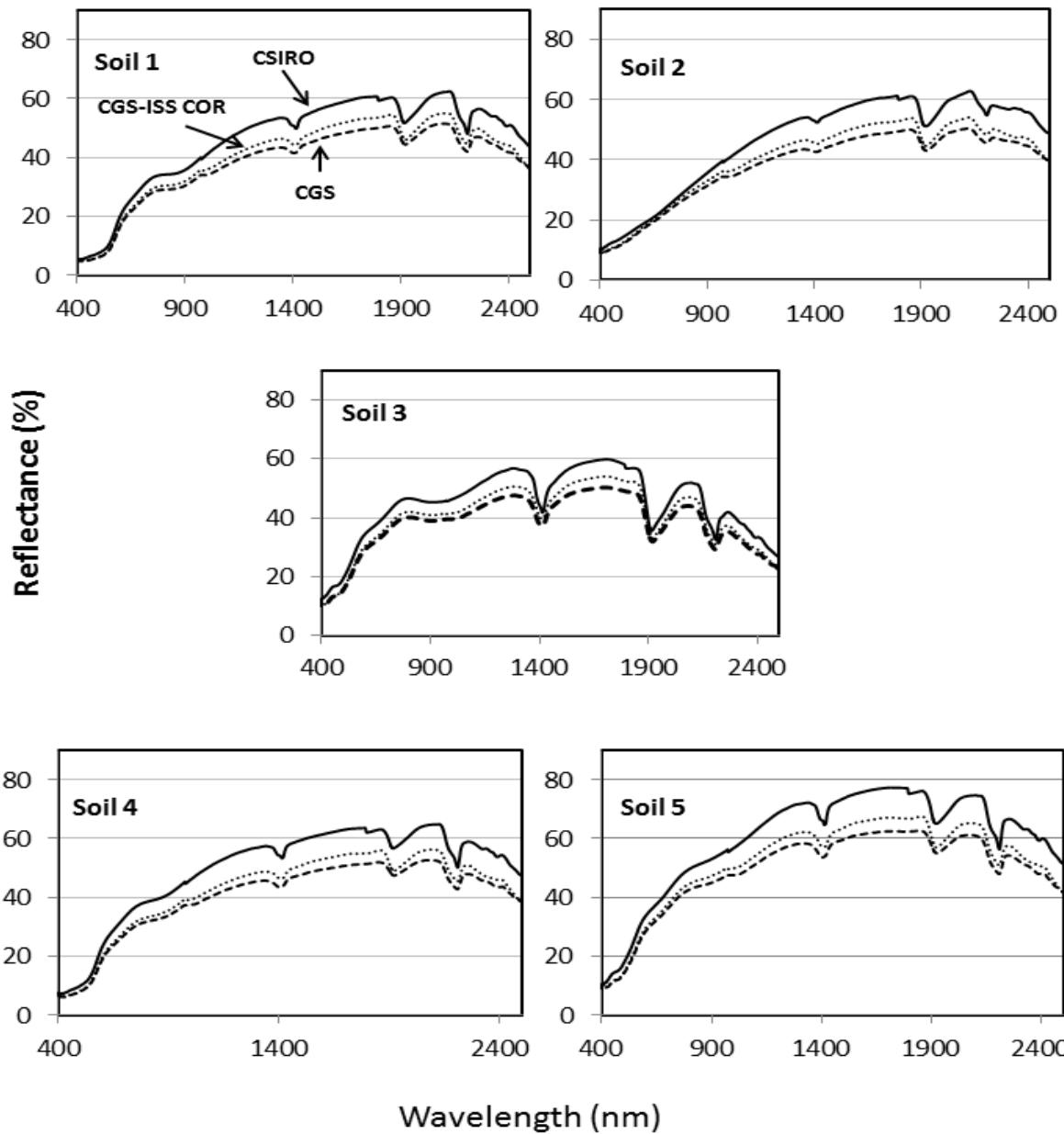
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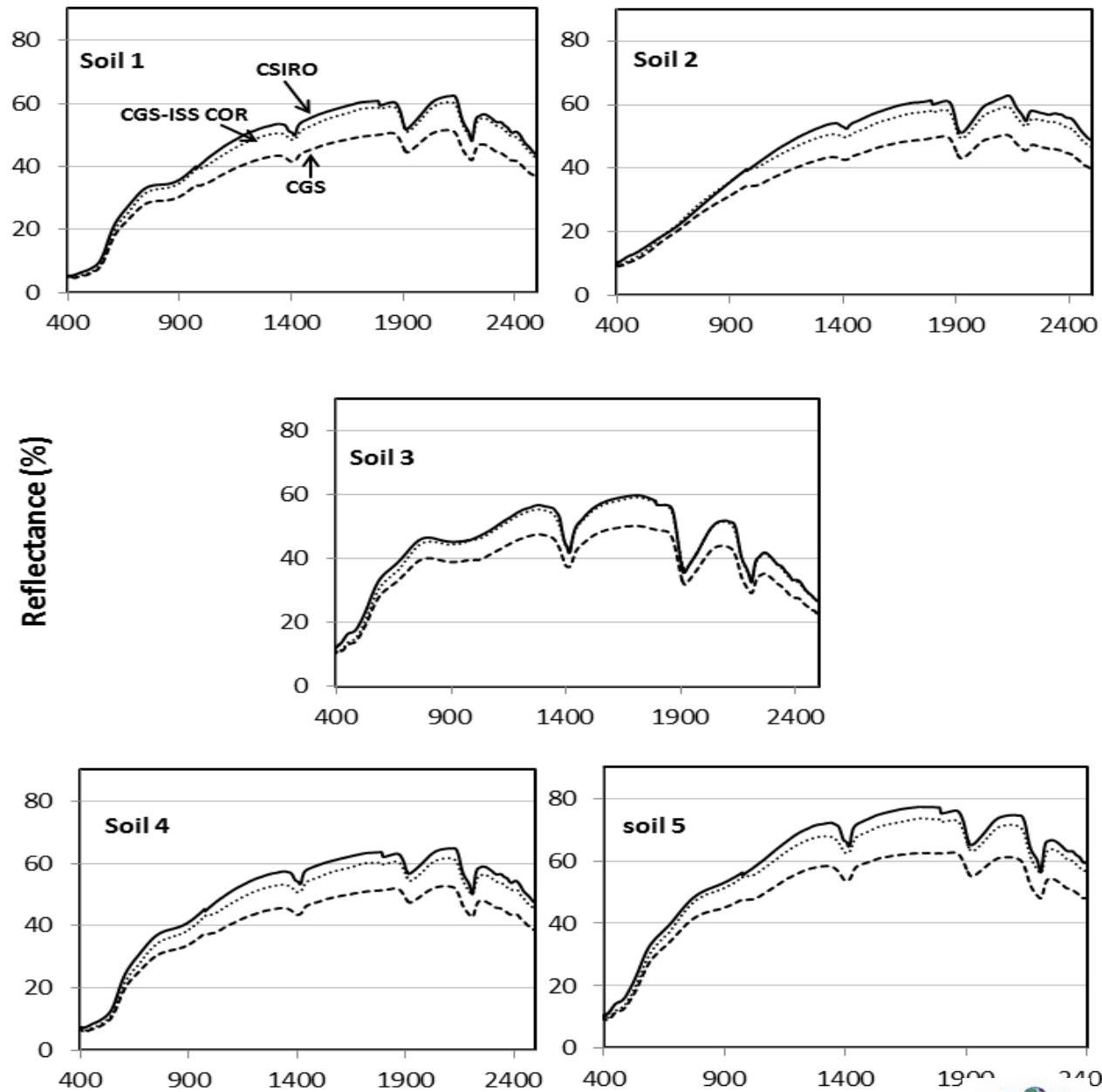
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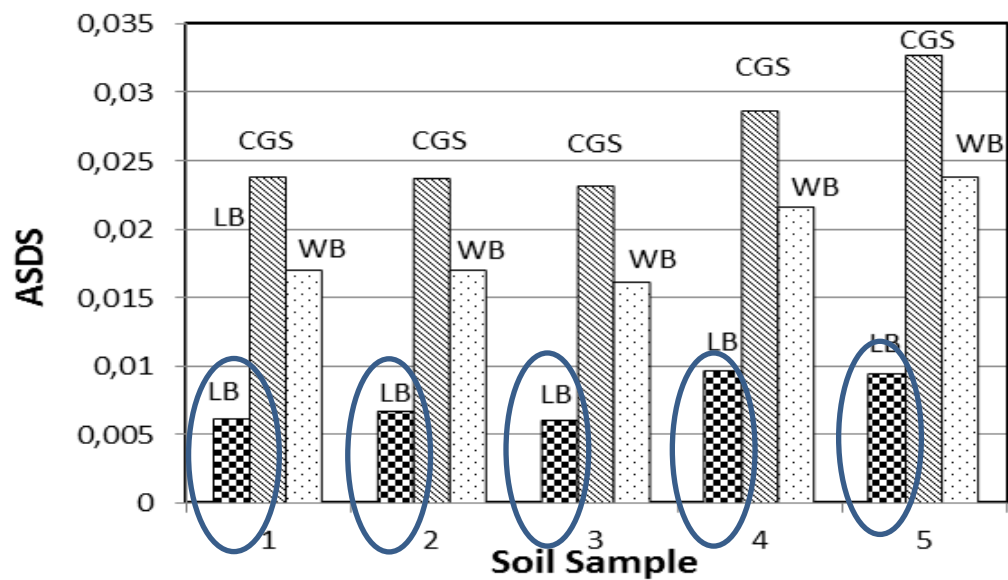


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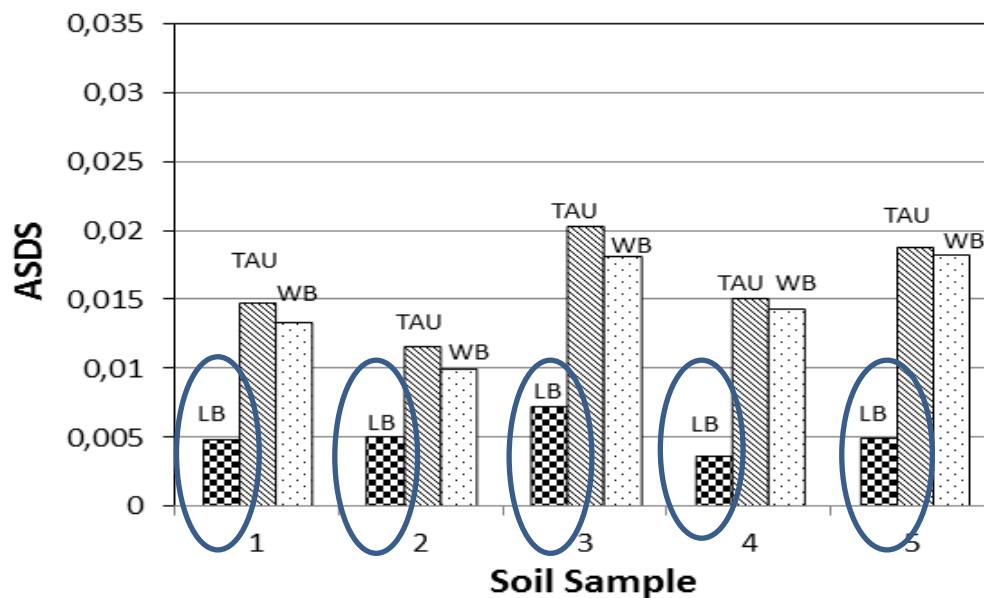


CGS LB





LB is a best performing sample



Recent Results

The Analytic Aspect



- 72 Soil samples were measured at Czech University of Life Science (CULS), Prof Luboš Borůvka using the CUL protocol
- The same soil samples were measured at TAU using **CSIRO protocol with LB ISS**

Marked are the highest values of statistical parameters

The two data sets were identical analyzed by PARACUDA II

max	CalR2	TestR2	RPD	SEP		CalR2	TestR2	RPD	SEP
Cox	0.971107	0.947636	4.341924	0.093856		0.965478	0.954473	4.560105	0.084314
pH H2O	0.89206	0.749738	2.199049	0.245551		0.872632	0.777645	2.289335	0.297937
pH KCl	0.977148	0.944391	4.588273	0.064873		0.971125	0.957072	5.452361	0.071309
Fed	0.858187	0.913769	3.334864	0.248033		0.916304	0.874774	3.172813	0.240496
Feox	0.986081	0.911705	3.182581	5.847144		0.975933	0.959098	4.846087	3.654969
Mnd	0.977608	0.887721	3.202772	324.9865		0.953391	0.832919	2.760402	313.978
Mnox	0.945616	0.951499	4.155613	0.243106		0.949423	0.90411	2.97882	0.364531

CULS

TAU

Accuracy: no significant difference between CUL and TAU protocol

As long as any protocol is kept – accuracy is preserved

ISS is more for SSL exchange and for sensor stability and cross calibration aspects

Groups who are using the ISS so far:

- 1) Czech Geology Survey, Czech Republic
- 2) i-BEC Greek
- 3) TAU Israel
- 4) University of Sao Paulo Brazil
- 5) GFZ -Potsdam
- 6) CSIRO Australia

Others are strongly encouraged



Coordinating and integrating state-of-the-art Earth Observation Activities in the regions of **North Africa, Middle East and Balkans** and Developing Links with GEO related initiatives toward GEOSS

WP4 – Pilots towards Regional Challenges

Goal: Address the opportunities where *current* infrastructure (as identified in WP200) can be re-applied to address the gaps identified in WP3.

Implementation of the action plan detailed in T3.3 Main pillars:

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Climate Change | 3. Raw Materials |
| 2. Food Security | 4. Energy |



T4.2 – Soil Spectroscopy to improve Food Security

Our aim in GEO-CRADLE :

- To disseminate the SSL and ISS knowledge to **North Africa, Middle Est and Balkan** countries for establishing a regional SSL (workshop and summer school)
- To find users who are interested in EO for food security and share existing knowhow (survey and interview)



Implementation of Soil Spectroscopy for digital mapping and monitoring of soils: Toward space applications and Transfer Technology Office (TTO) activities

EUFAR2 - EWG 4 "Hyperspectral Remote Sensing" and EWG-TTO

Workshop

September 28-29, 2016

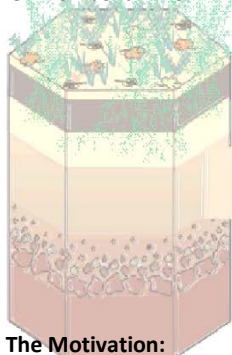
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General:

An executive workshop on SOIL SPECTRAL LIBRARY (SSL)

will be held on 28-29 Sep, 2016 in GFZ Potsdam Germany.

The Workshop is organized by the Remote sensing LAB at TAU and the Section 1.4 Remote Sensing at GFZ on behalf EUFAR FP7 framework.



The Motivation:

To gather expert and young scientists in hyperspectral remote sensing of soil in order to present, discuss and find the ways how to exploit the technology to support, in a credible manner, digital mapping and monitoring of soils. The emphasis will be placed on current hot topics related to 1) development of soil spectral libraries and standardization of protocols, 2) commercial applications, and 3) space applications and tools for prediction of soil properties

Registration :

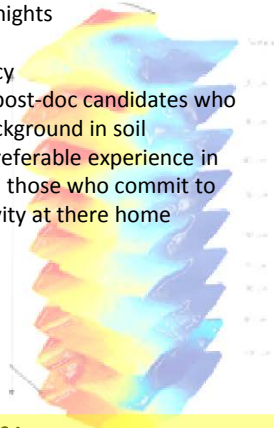
Application with CV for the workshop must be email to the Workshop's chairs

The workshop is limited for 20 participants and not open for the public.

EUFAR will cover limited number of travel expenses and 2 nights

Acceptance policy

Young PhD and post-doc candidates who has a proven background in soil spectroscopy (preferable experience in SSL activity) and those who commit to initiate SSL activity at there home institute



Workshop guests :

Prof. Jose Dematte from University of Sao Paulo, Brazil , Dr. Raphael Viscarra Rossel from CSIRO Australia, Dr. Philip pe Lagacherie From INRA.

Special dates:

Pre-registration: July 30

Notification: August 30

Send CV to : bendor@post.tau.ac.il
chabri@gfz-potsdam.de

A Workshop on behalf of EUFAR to the young soil spectral community for building SSL at their home institute according to the last standards and share information to enlarge the World SSL

September 28-29 GFZ Potsdam Germany

General Conclusion

- The **Internal Sand Standard (ISS)** is working and **correcting for both albedo and unrecognized spectral features** without the need of using a (same) white reference. It also helps to **monitor the measurement's** stability and procedure.
- The Soil Spectral community is **encouraged** to adopt the ISS procedure (**CSIRO protocol is recommended but not mandatory**)

Recommendations and action items

- Send request (and get) LB sample + CSIRO-0 Spectra resampled to your spectrometer at:
bendor@post.tau.ac.il.
- Fill in the GEO-CRADLE survey at:
: <http://geocradle.eu/index.php/inventories/capacities/gc-survey1>

Thank to



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Thank you for your Attentions

7TH GLOBAL DIGITAL SOIL MAPPING WORKSHOP 2016

