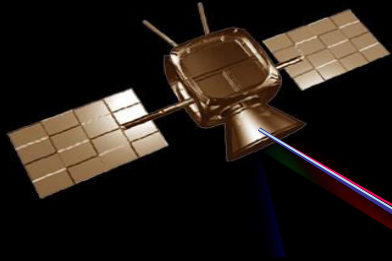


Spectral Imaging of Soils: past present and future”



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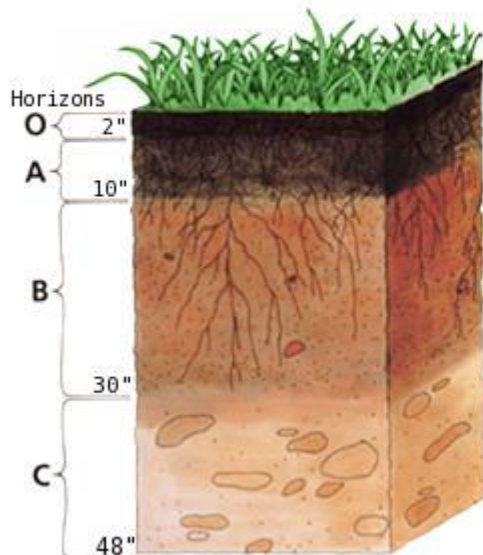


Definition 1

Soil

The upper layer of the earth's surface, which is dug, is a **medium for plants to grow** (FAO definition 1957)

Soil



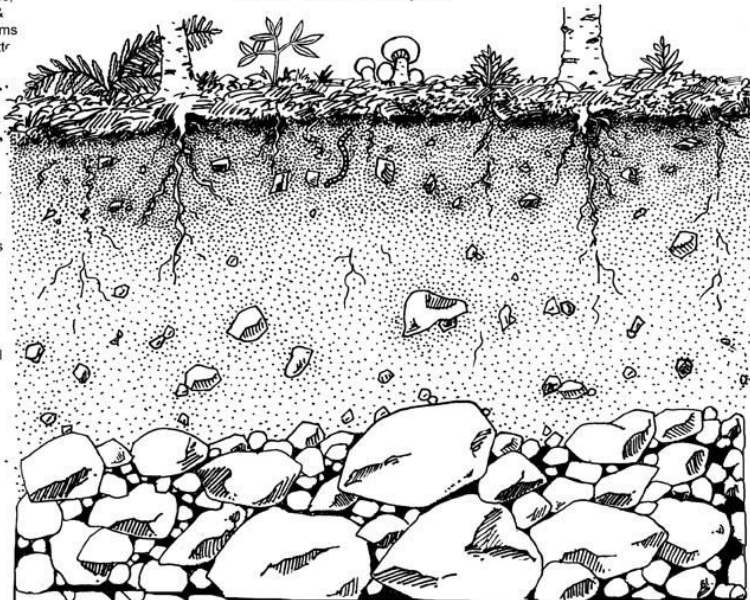
Surface Litter
leaves, branches,
animal scats &
bodies, mushrooms
other rotting matter

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

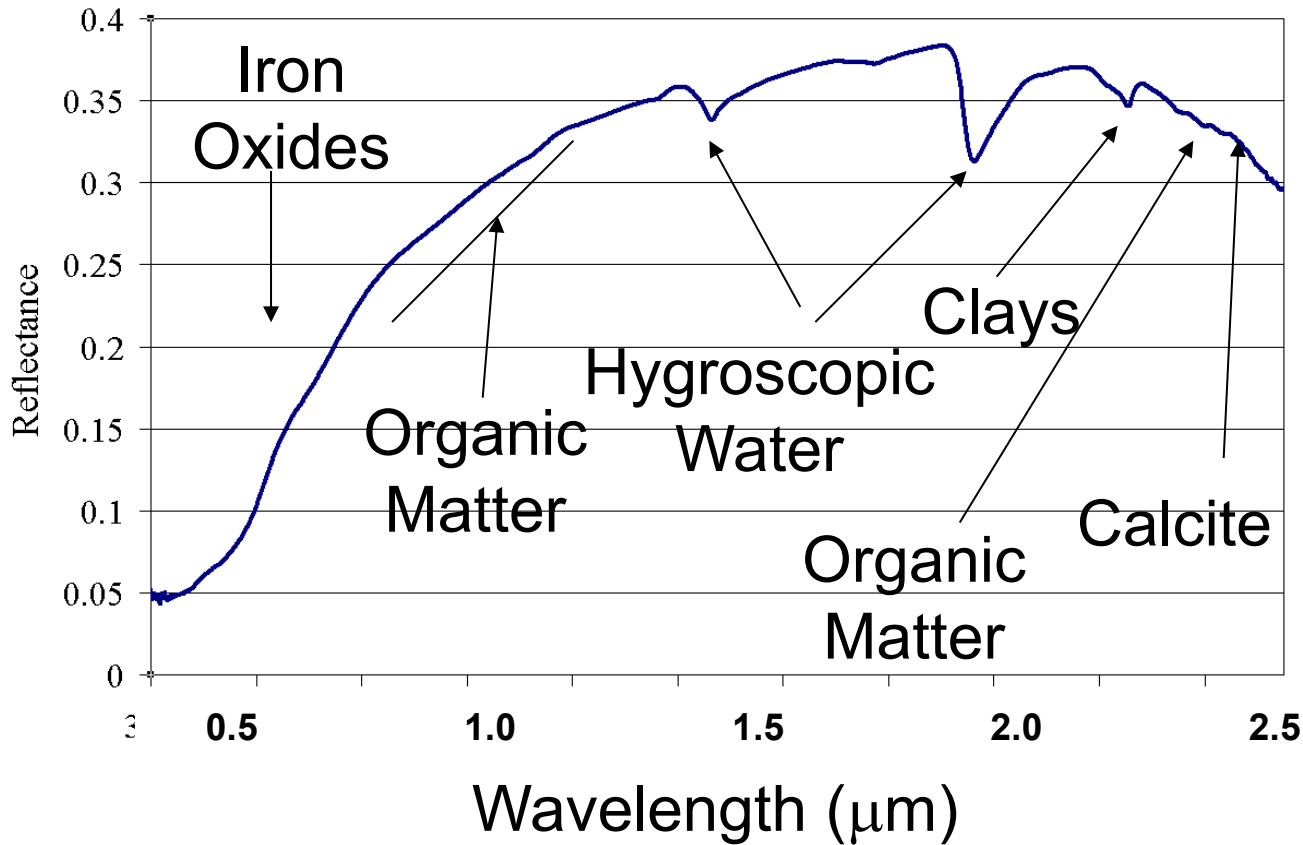
Subsoil
crumbling rock,
sand, clay, gravel
and silt

Parent
Material
actual bedrock
underlying the
soil layers

The Soil Profile



Soil Spectrum – An elegant way to simplify the complexity of the soil system



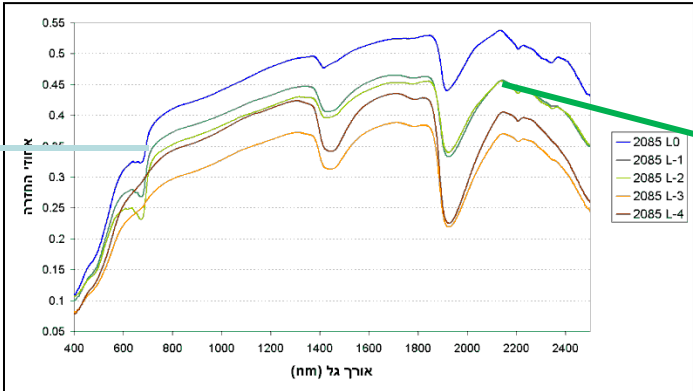
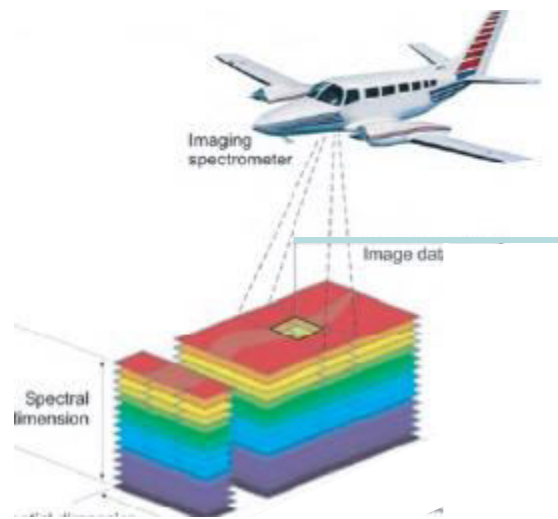
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Image Spectroscopy

Geology
Vegetation
Water

Point Spectroscopy

Soil



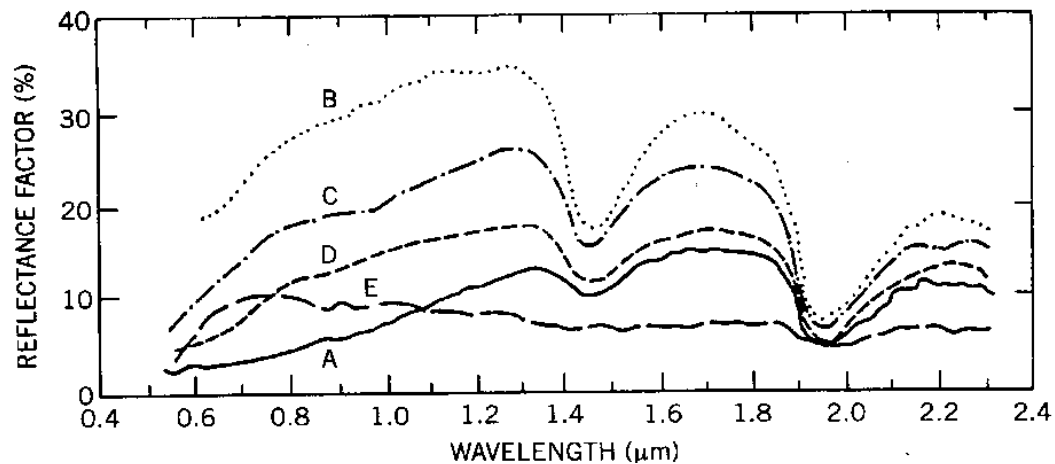
Quantitative spectroscopy – Chemometrics



1980 –First Soil Spectral Library

5 spectral types
in USA

Around 4000 spectra



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

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Soil Spectroscopy: An Alternative to Wet Chemistry for Soil Monitoring

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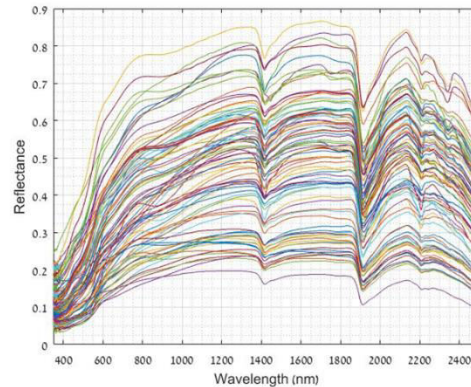
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Drawbacks



Limited output

Limited configuration

**Requires
Programming
knowledge**

**No Automation for
Pre-processing**

Tomorrow : Automated Deep Leering Approach

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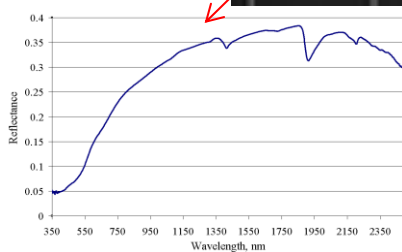
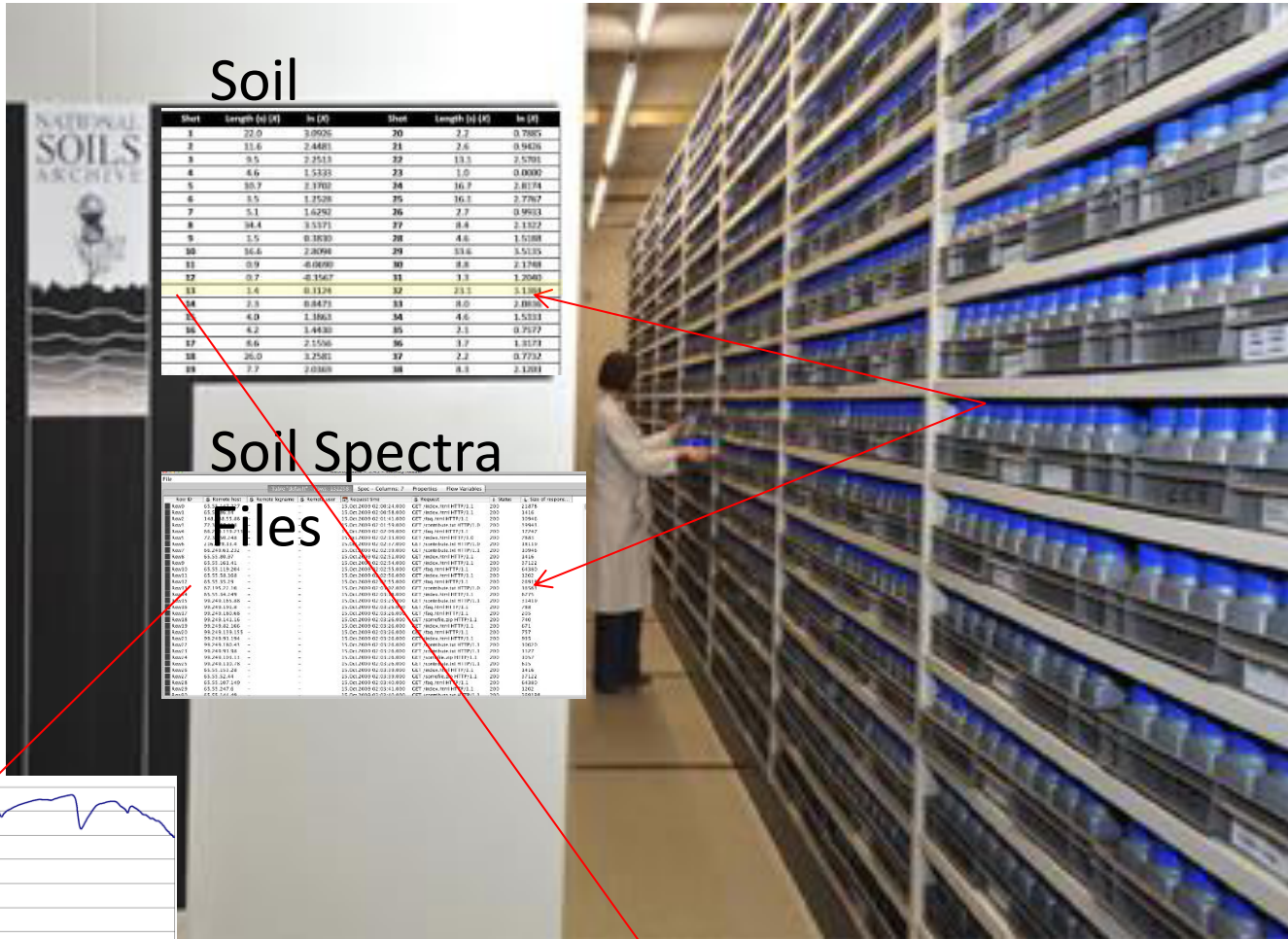
- One click button
- No need to be expert in machine learning approach
- Extracting the best model
- Image application



Spectral Archive



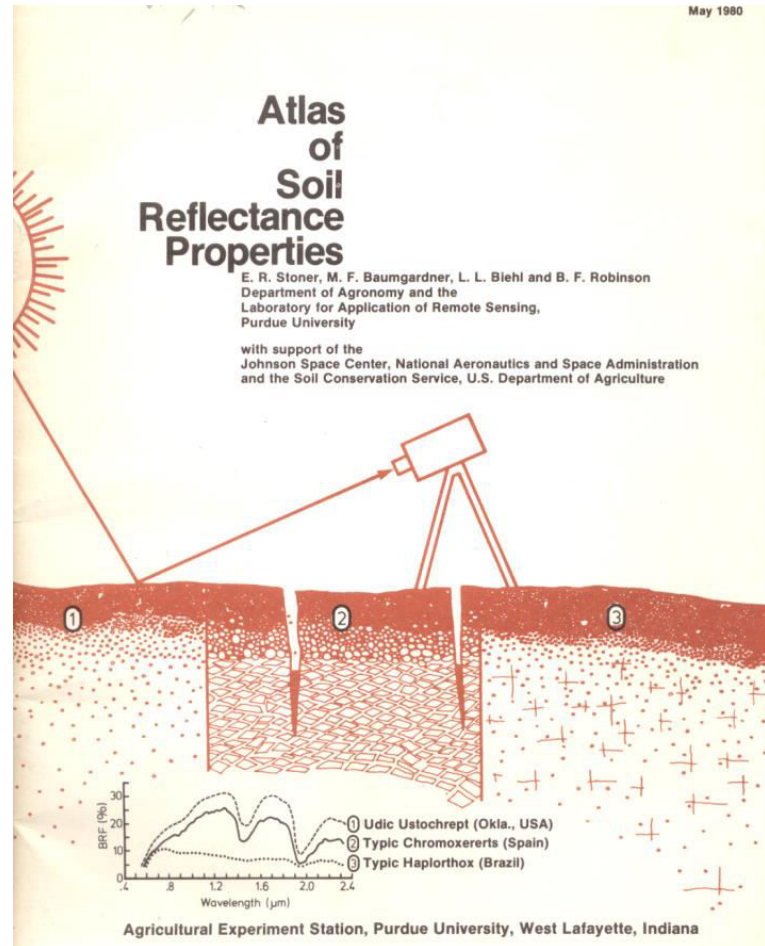
Soil Spectral Library : chemistry and spectroscopy



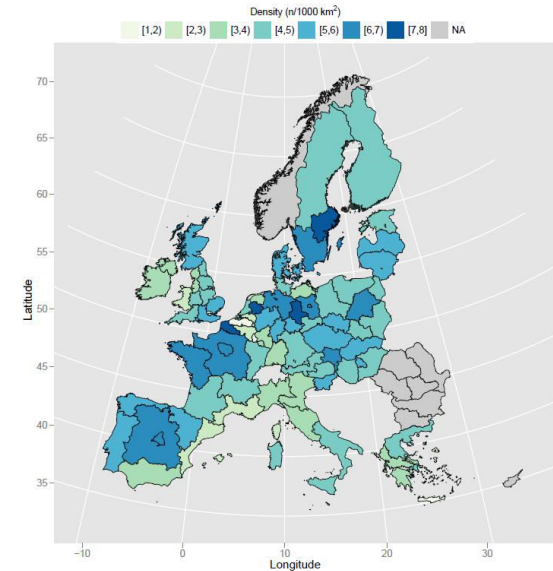
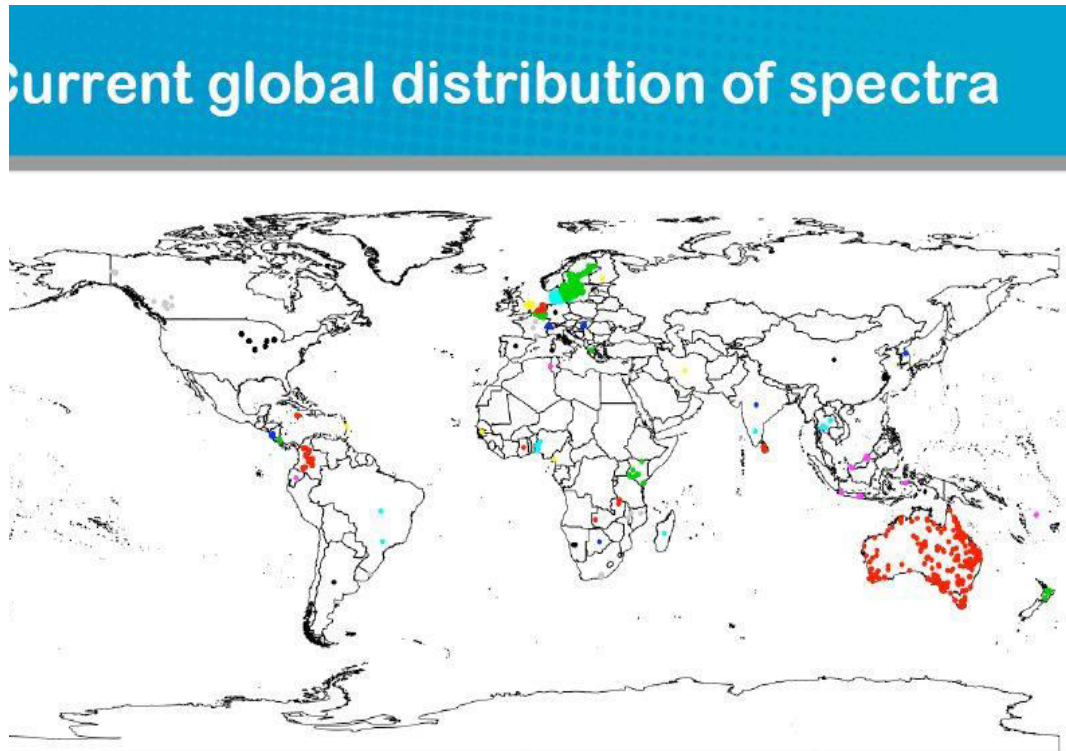
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Past : 1980 –First Soil Spectral Library

Around 4000 spectra



Today: World Soil Spectral Libraries (no measurement protocols) – many users



2016

2015 Estimation of total number of
soil spectra : **400,000**
(1980 – **4,000**)

Today

There is a publication on the global library



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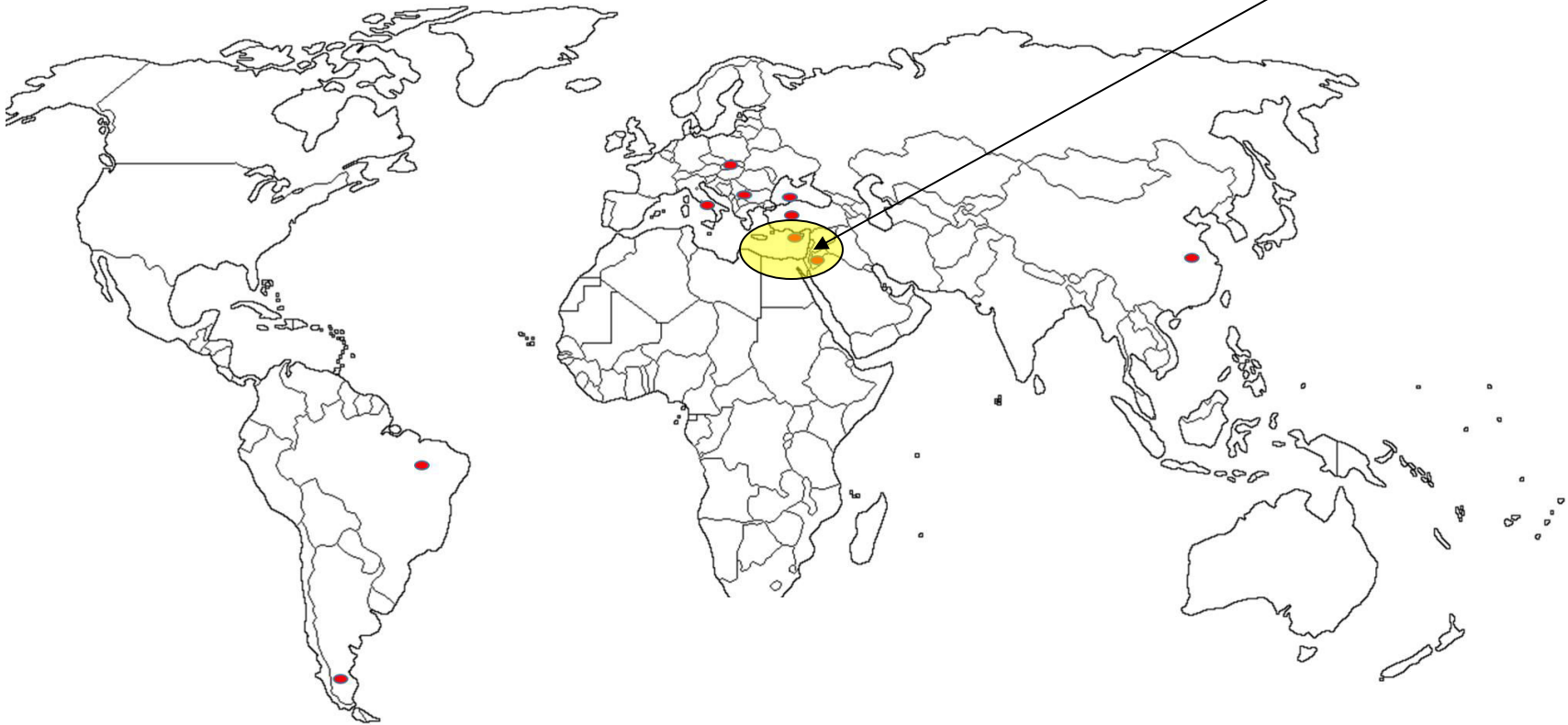
A global spectral library to characterize the world's soil



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Tomorrow : **New *Standard* world wide Soil Spectral Library**

World Soil Spectral Library under ISS protocol



THE REMOTE SENSING
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Imaging Systems



from heavy (**past**) to light sensors (**present and future**)

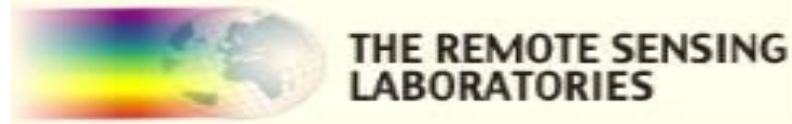


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“we have sold now way over 4000 spectrographs, of which ~110 have gone into airborne AISA systems!”



Imaging Platforms (air borne)



Past: Heavy aircraft and complicated constructions (airborne)



ASD

Present: light aircraft and UAVs (airborne)

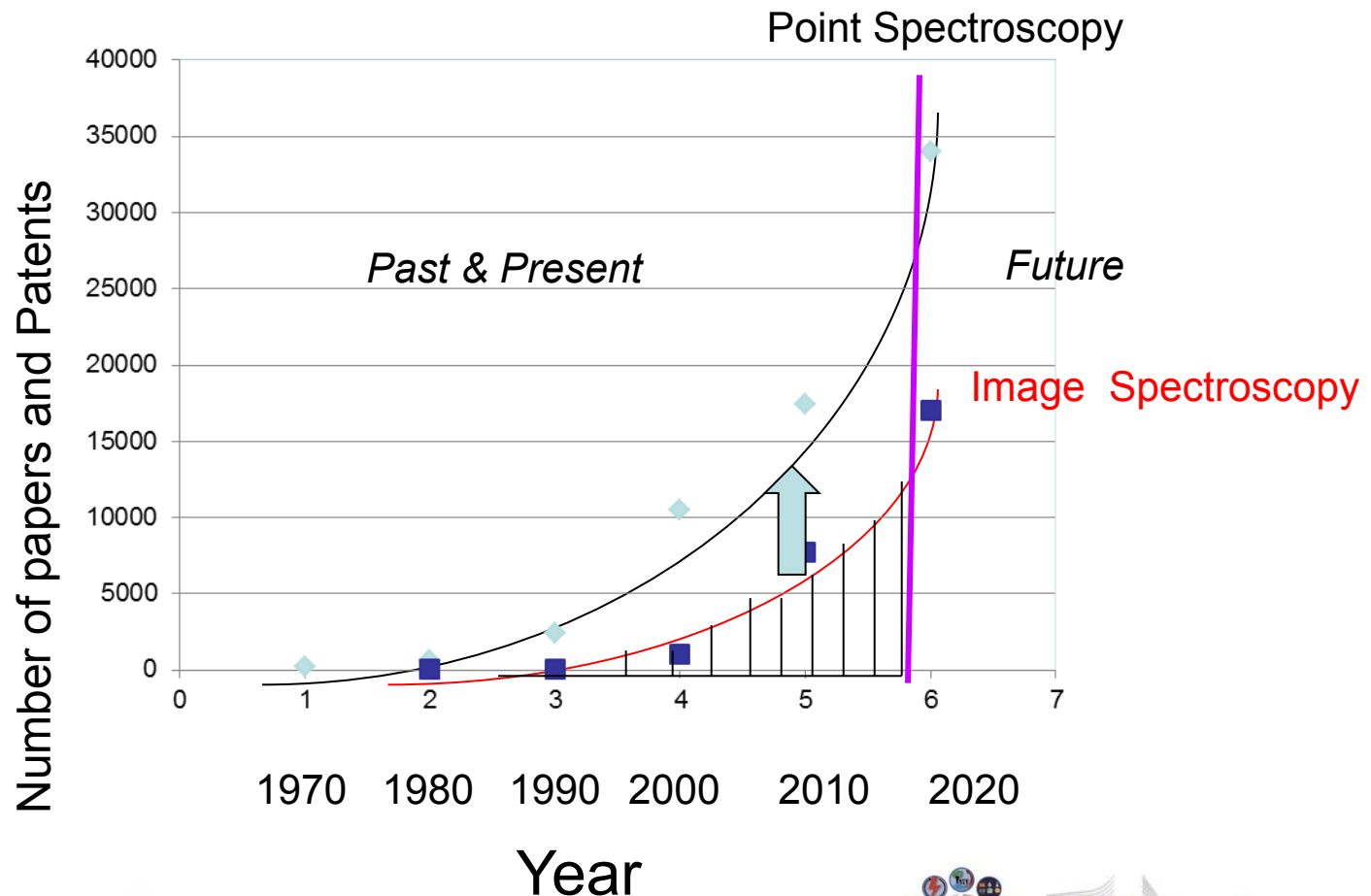


Interest



Interest

How point spectroscopy driven the image spectroscopy of soils



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Past

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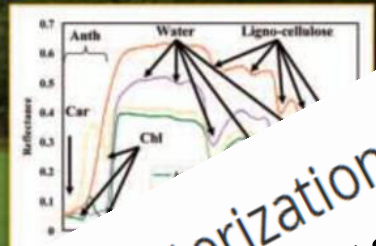
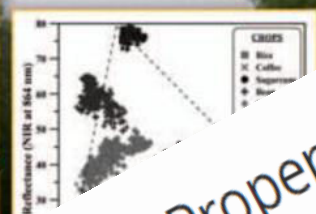
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ORGANIZATION OF SYMPOSIUM GUIDELINES FOR DIVISIONS, COMMISSIONS, WORKING GROUPS, COORDINATORS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Remote Sensing Applied to Soil Science

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5. Rationale

Remote sensing is a very important topic and a growing scientific field. With many satellites, airborne (manned and un-manned) platforms and new advance sensors, this research area attracts many scientists, stakeholders, governmental entities, environmental policies and decision makers. Accordingly, this field holds a significant interest at many countries worldwide while the scientific papers on this topic grows exponentially. For soils, this theme has a great potential to attract many researchers from all over the world that could not find yet nor appreciate them in the past WCSS Symposiums. Establishing of the soil remote sensing theme in the current WCSS Symposium will, beside of exchanging information and experiences between current and future users, to foster future activity in this promising technology with other soil themes within the WCSS. Indeed, we can say that this technology works in two fields, where one is the use of available data sources (ie, free images, google earth and others) and the other is the use of specific data acquisition processes. Researchers from other soil themes may have an access to the remote sensing technology and accordingly open new horizons for better science. In the proposed theme, a worldwide reputation of scientists will take part and contribute a fresh attitude to this old new technology that will no doubt contribute much to the soil science arena.

6. Objectives

The objectives of the symposium are to report on the development of:

- Updating of research on applications of remote sensing in Soil Science
- Soil remote sensing data analyses by chemometric methods
- Integration of the multi and hyperspectral sensors data for soil science
- Use of the remote sensing data in digital soil mapping, precision agriculture, soil attributes prediction, land use, soil monitoring and environment soil impact.
- Available platforms and data bases for soil remote sensing study
- Research integration
- Remote sensing and others soil science integration

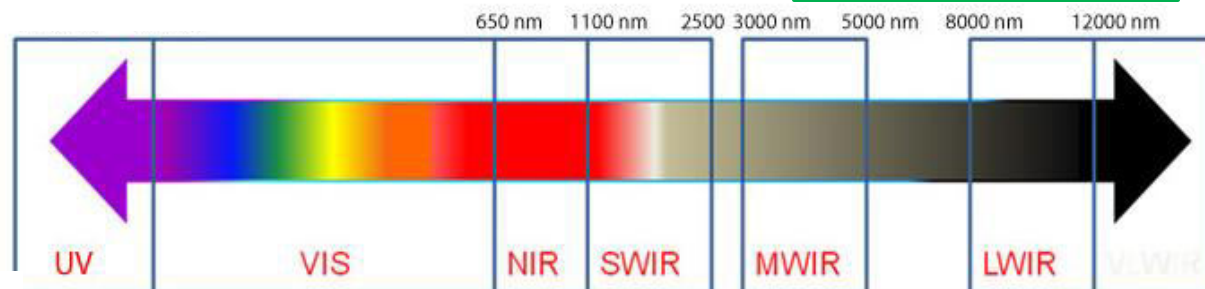
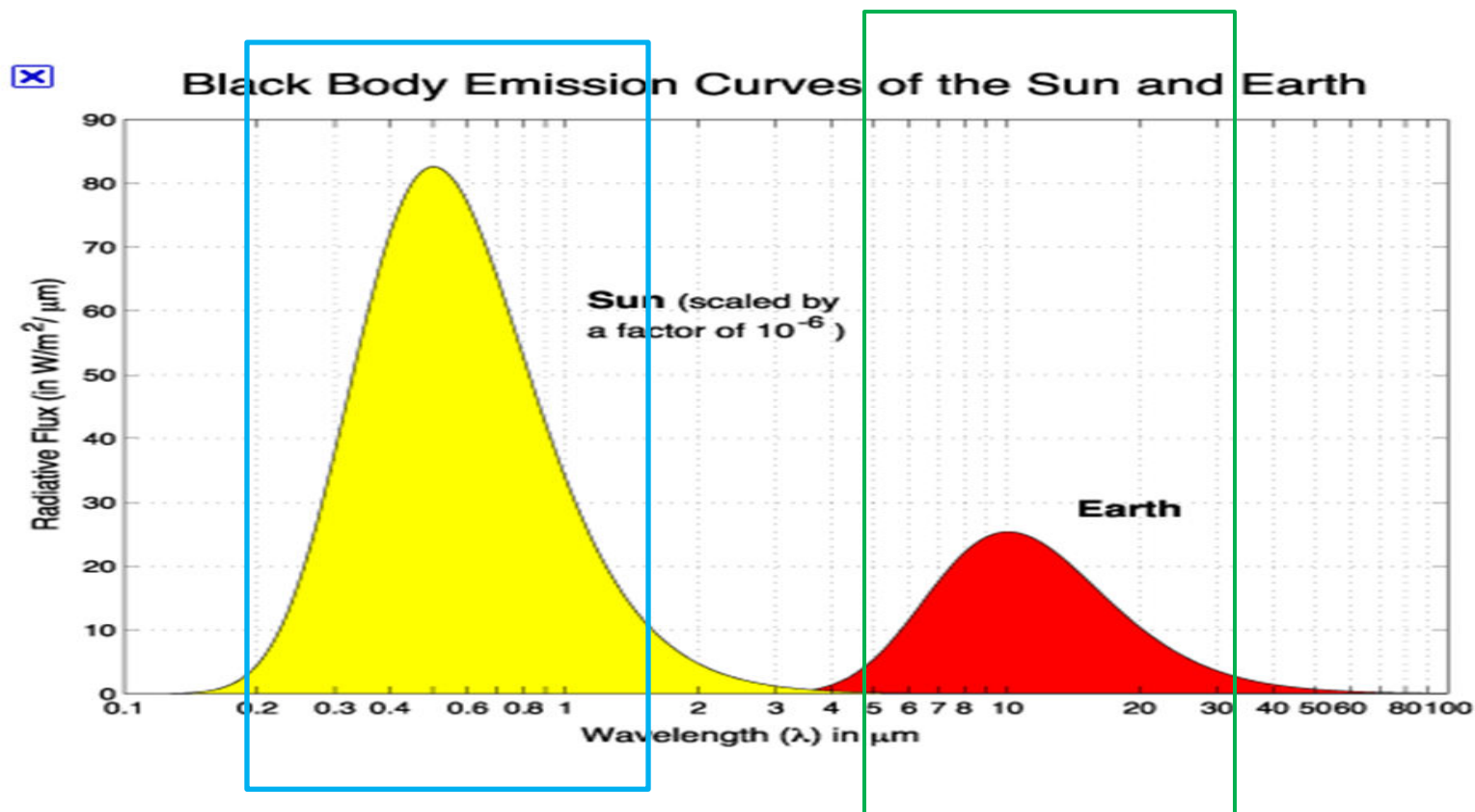


Spectral Region



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Mid IR for soil P (soluble and solid)

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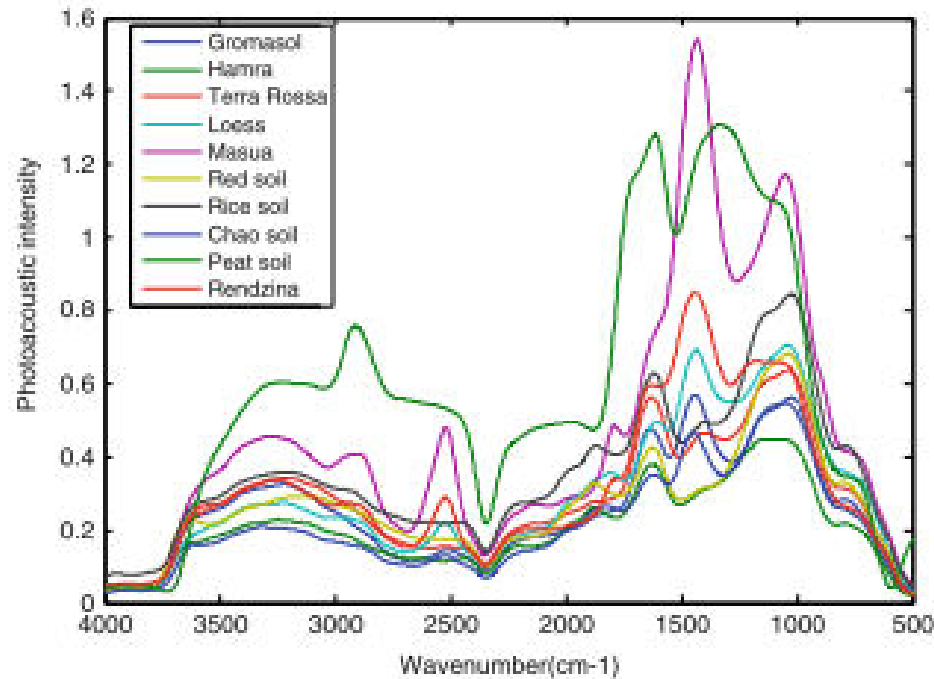
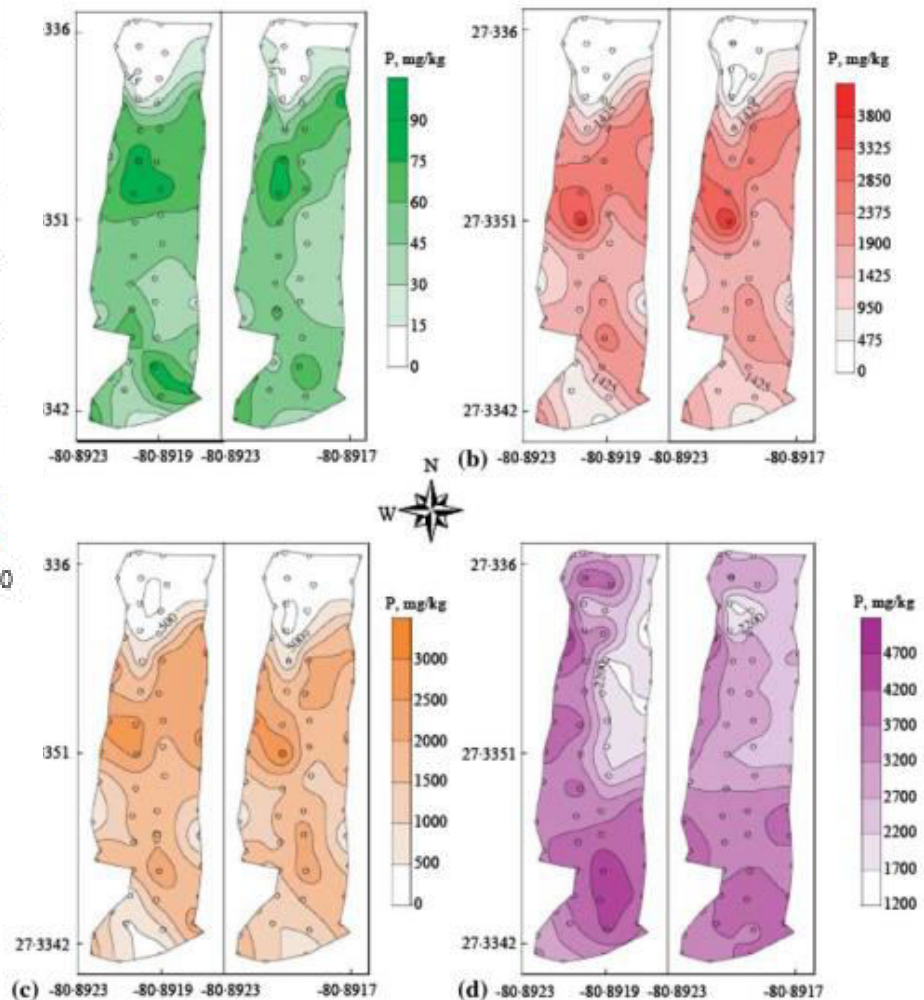


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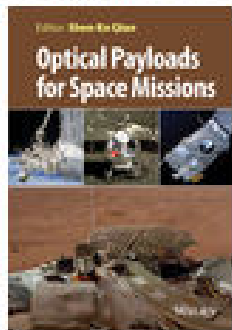


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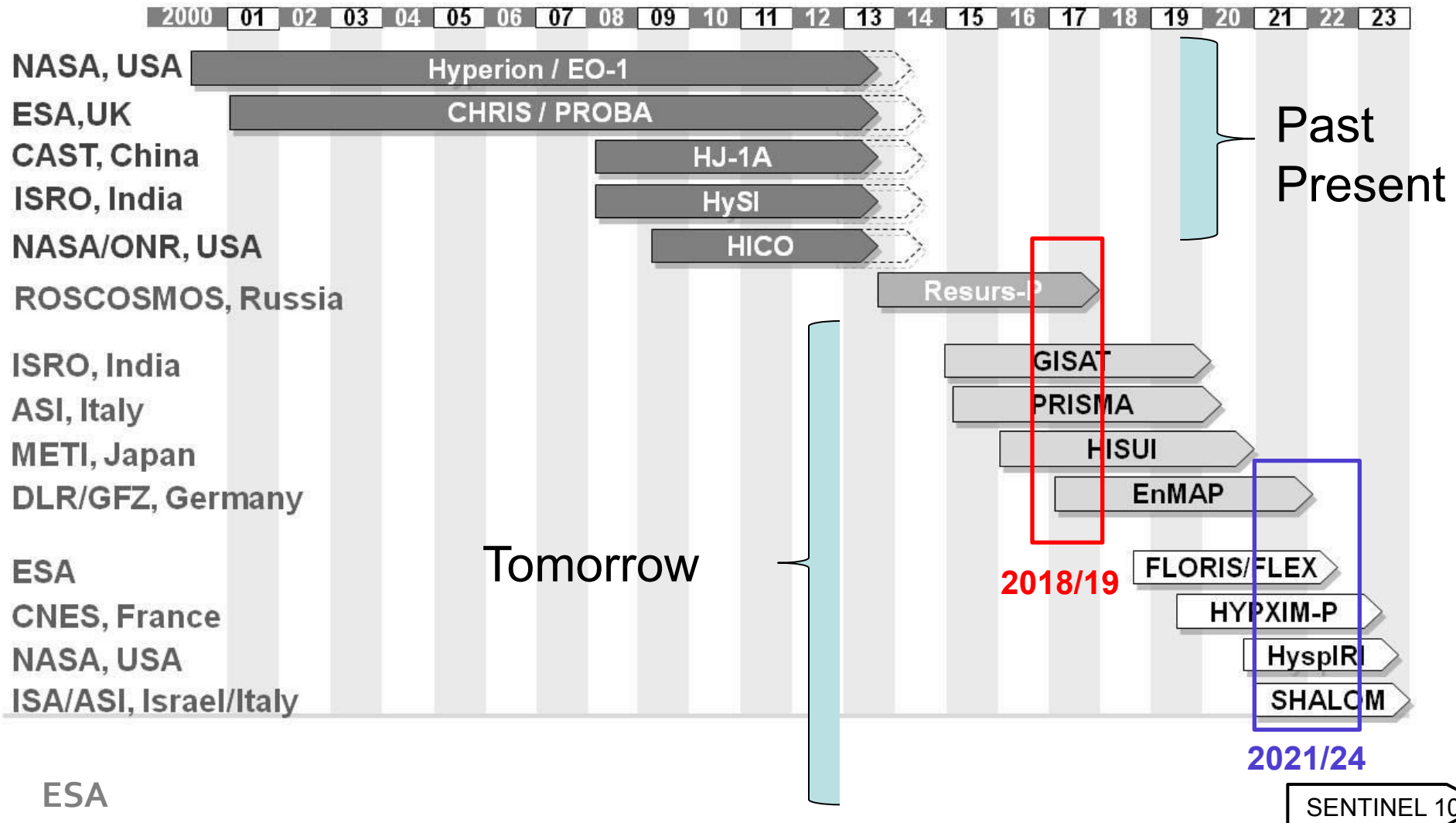
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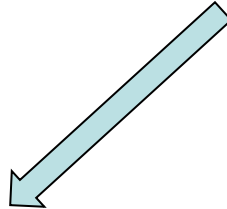
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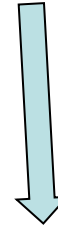
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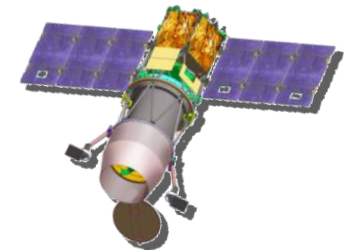
Soil monitoring from space are playing a major role in **SHALOM** and **SENTINEL 10** missions

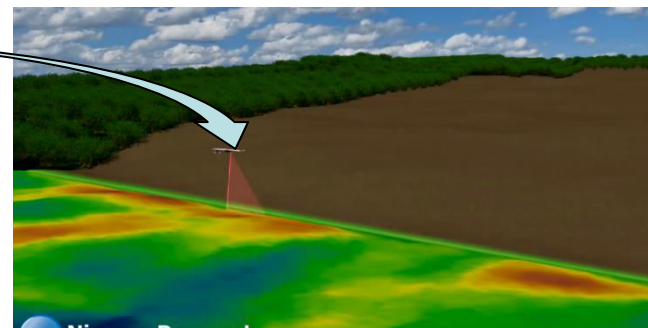
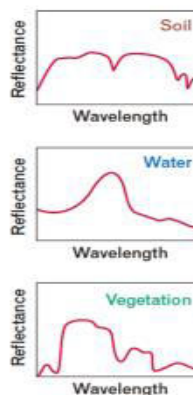
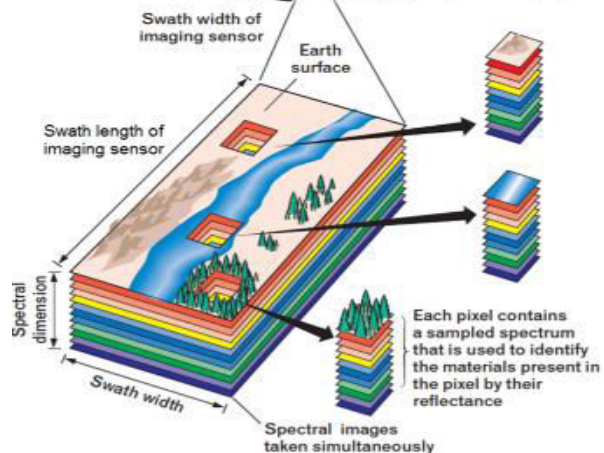
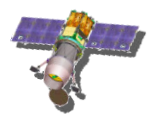


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Crop, Rangeland and Invasive Species Map
Burnt Area Map
Vegetation Status Indicators
Vegetation Damage and Stress Indicators
Fire Fuel Map
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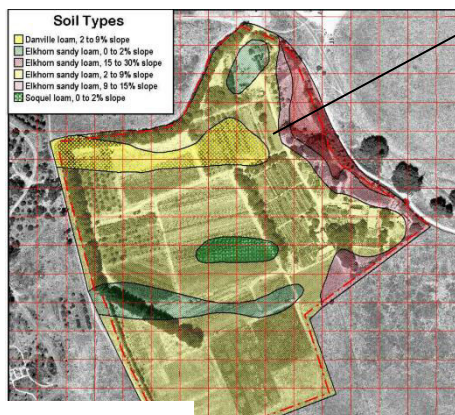


Soil Salinity: (gypsum, sodium)
Soil Minerals: (iron oxides, organic matter, clay, carbonates, CEC, SSA, Quartz)
Soil infiltration: (crust, classes)
Soil Formation: (clay, iron oxides)
Soil Erosion (Iron Oxised, Clay Minerals)
Soil Contamination: (heavy metals, TPH)
Soil Hydrophobicity (Organic Matter)
Soil Moisture: (H₂O)
Soil Quality : (Bio Assay test)
Soil Nutrition (N, P,K)
Soil Degradation: (all the above)
Spectral Change Detection (all the above)
 Many others by Indirect Relationship





Model from SSL



Tomorrow's vision

Conclusions

- Soil Hyperspectral Remote Sensing is a growing field with a growing recognition
- Soil Hyperspectral Remote Sensing has a great potential in many directions.
- The future is bright in soil spectral imaging base on the knowhow already accumulated and on the forthcoming advance technology (sensors, accessories, platforms)

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Collecting Soil samples for local ISS

from:

RSL field survey

Ministry of Agriculture

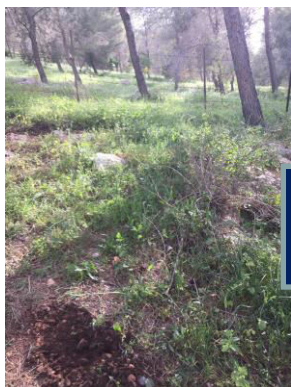
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RSL Field survey



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(potential for
>2000)

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1790

Sherut Sade (Zemach & Neve Yaar)



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Locating (field/storage)



Cataloging



Measuring



Storing



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Important Points to established SSLs

- **Samples selection** – Need to represent the soil orders of the country (GEO-CRALE)
- **Meta Data** – Need to be organized at a standard way (GEO-CRADLE)
- **Soil Attributes** – Need to be obliged (5 attributes, GEO-CRADLE) and optional (OPEN)
- **Chemical Analyses** – At the same protocol and experimental errors must be provided (OPEN)
- **Spectral Measurement** – Under standard and protocol (GEO-CRADLE)
- **Data archiving** –Book's Library protocol (for finding samples on the shelves) (GEO-CRADLE)
- **Digital filing and saving format** – an agreed structure (GEO-CRADLE)



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