# The role of soil spectral library for the food security issue

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## Why Soils Are Important



- Plants grow on soils .
- Plants support animal life.



- Plants and animals support human life.
- World population is rapidly increasing, with food demand.
- A large part of the world's population has inadequate nutrition.
- Soil affects all the above

And is a critical factor in Food Security





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#### Soil

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







 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 (0.35-14µm).









## **Definition 4**



### Imaging spectroscopy Hyperspectral Remote Sensing (HSR)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Imaging spectroscopy** is the simultaneous acquisition of spatially coregistered images in many spectrally contiguous bands. To be scientifically useful, such measurement should be done using an internationally recognized system of units. The image produced by imaging spectroscopy is similar to an image produced by a digital camera, except each pixel has many bands of light intensity data instead of just three bands: red, green and blue.

Imaging spectrometer data acquisition allows the quantitative and qualitative characterization of both, the surface and the atmosphere, using geometrically coherent spectrodirectional radiometric measurements. These measurements can then be used for the unambiguous direct and indirect identification of surface materials and atmospheric trace gases, the measurement of their relative concentrations, subsequently the assignment of the proportional contribution of mixed pixel signals (e.g., the spectral unmixing problem), the derivation of their spatial distribution (mapping problem), and finally their study over time (multi-



Ash plumes on Kamchatka Peninsula, eastern 🛛 😓 Russia. A MODIS image.

adjusted From A. Goetz 1994

Simultaneous acquisition of images in many registered spectrally- high resolution continuous bands at selected (or all) spectral domains across the UV-VIS-NIR-SWIR-MWIR-LWIR spectral region  $(0.3-12\mu m)$ 



**Strong Link between Point and** 

**Image Spectroscopy** 



Image Spectroscopy Geology Vegetation Water

Point Spectroscopy







#### An effective way to simplest the complexity of the soil system





## **Absorption Mechanism**









## Why so much interest in soil spectroscopy?





### Variance of exposed soil – very important for the quality of wine

A very good example for "Food Security"







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)





# 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>	$n_{\text{calib}} \mid b n_{\text{calid}}$	RMSE	R <sup>2</sup>	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	121140		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,	72 48		0.93	Dalal and Henry (1986)
			1870, 2052)	·			• • •
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,	15 10		0.65	Shibusawa et al. (2001)
			1311, 1238)				
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)

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- For quantitative 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
- A need for regional and global scales' library is essential
- Gathering local and regional spectral data (soil spectral library) needs agreed "standard and protocols"





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





## 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 <sup>0.4</sup> growing interest in soil vis–NIR <sup>0.3</sup> spectroscopy R <sub>0.2</sub>
- Scientists from each continent coordinated and developed guidelines and protocols



500 1000 1500 2000 Wavelength /nm

• 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.

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# There is a publication on the global library

### Authors: Those who contribute to GSSL established by Viscorra Rossel



### A global spectral library to characterize the world's soil

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## Global soil Soil VNIR-SWIR Spectra

Some 20,000 VNIR-SWIR (350-2500 nm) spectra from 12,509 sites 45 collaborators from 35 institutions



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# Global soil vis-NIR spectra in numbers

### Continent

- 8646 **Oceania**
- 5198 North, Central America
- 3518 Europe
- 3097 Asia
- 1621 Africa
- 1407 South America
- 144 Antarctica

### Position

- 84% with coordinates
- 60% from the **0–30 cm**
- 30% from the **30–100 cm**
- 10% from > 1m

### Attributes

- **pH** 20,515 (20,515)
- Organic C 17,931 (9757)
- **Clay** 17,463 (10,064)
- Sand 12,058 (3395)
- **CEC** 9588 (5014)
  - **Silt** 9542 (1280)
- **Fe** 4151 (3311)
- CaCO, 2960 (1388)

### Description

- 15% have soil horizon
- 95% with **FAO WRB**
- 80% with land cover





## Chemomtric (non linear spectral data mining) from the GSSL Spatial distribution of predictions









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## 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





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

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

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Abbreviations: ASD. Analytical Spectral Devices. Inc.; C.R., continuum removal; NIRS, near infrared analysis; PLS, partial least squares; RGB, red-greeen-blue color model; RMSEP, roor mean square error of prediction; SAM, spectral angle mapper; TAU, Tel Astv 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; Cecillon 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.



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Soil spectroscopy

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





# Enlarged the GSSL by Establishing the Foundation (knowhow, standard and protocol) to Build a Regional SSL

#### A Regional North Africa, Mediterranean, Balkan Soil Spectral Library



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## New Standard for world wide Soil Spectral Library – Adopted Countries

World Soil Spectral Library under ISS protocell























- Reflectance spectroscopy (RS) of soils is an important property for Food Security issues world wide.
- Spectral libraries are generated under regional, national, continental and global scales.
- The GSSL initiative paves the road to accumulate libraries from all scales and resources global wide
- SSLs from North Africa, Mediterranean and Balkan countries should be extend in order to be a data base for modern precision agriculture activities
- Standard and protocols are existing and should be used for the GEO SSL on behalf of GODAN and other initiative.

# Thank You !!



