

A topographic map of the Mediterranean region, showing the Mediterranean Sea and surrounding landmasses. The sea is colored in shades of blue, while land is in shades of green and brown. Major bodies of water labeled include the Atlantic Ocean, Black Sea, Sea of Azov, and the Red Sea. Numerous smaller seas and gulfs are also labeled, such as the Ligurian Sea, Adriatic Sea, Aegean Sea, and Levantine Sea. Countries and islands are labeled in all caps, including France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, and Cyprus. The word 'MEDITERRANEAN SEA' is written in large, bold, white letters across the center of the sea. Overlaid on this map is the title 'The Soil Spectral library of Medeterinain Countries' in a large, white, sans-serif font.

The Soil Spectral library of Medeterinain Countries



Soil Spectral Library : The Practical Structure



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

Soil Attributes

Short	Length (d) [d]	In (d)	Short	Length (d) [d]	In (d)
1	22.0	3.0925	20	2.7	0.7085
2	11.6	2.4481	21	2.6	0.9436
3	9.5	2.2513	22	13.3	2.5791
4	4.6	1.5335	23	1.0	0.0039
5	10.7	2.9703	24	16.9	2.8174
6	5.5	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	2.8098	29	53.6	3.5135
11	0.9	-0.0490	30	4.8	2.1748
12	0.7	-0.3567	31	1.1	1.2040
13	1.4	0.1124	32	23.1	3.1101
14	2.3	0.8471	33	8.0	2.0813
15	4.0	1.1863	34	4.6	1.5311
16	4.2	1.4430	35	2.1	0.7177
17	8.6	2.1506	36	1.7	1.2173
18	26.0	3.2541	37	2.2	0.7732
19	7.7	2.0368	38	8.1	2.1781

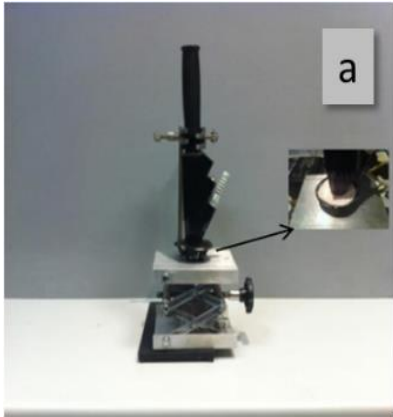
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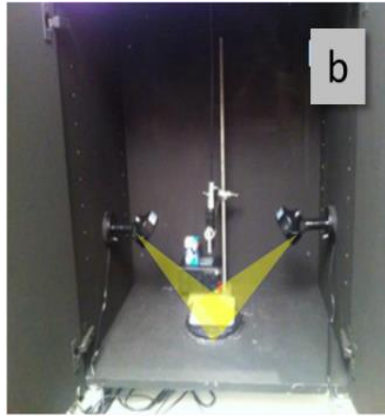
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Different spectral measurements protocols and configuration: **DIFFERENT RESULTS!**

CSIRO: CP



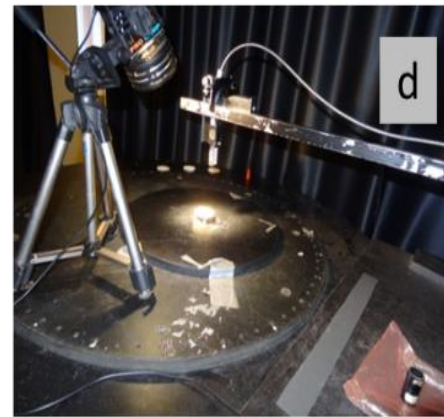
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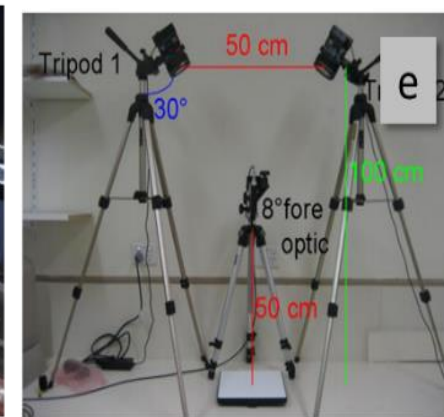
TAU RSL: CP



GFZ Potsdam:



Pfitzner et al., 2011.



Lab

(Ben Dor et al., 2015b)



Fig. 1. Some early field spectroradiometers in use in the field (source unknown).

Field

Protocol to generate Soil Spectral Library

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: one 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 user to exchange spectral libraries which were acquired under similar standardization conditions.

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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

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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 absolute 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; Cecilian 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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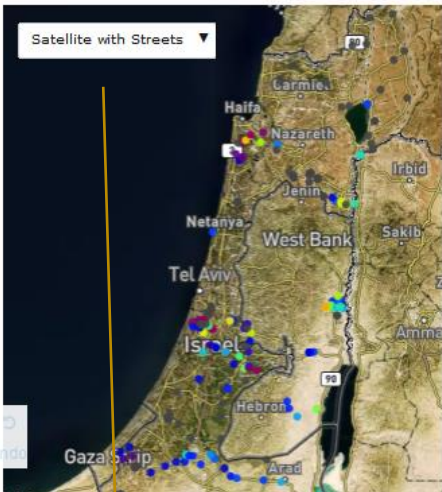
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The National Soil Archive

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Select the a sample

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The National Soil Spectral Library of Israel

The screenshot displays the web application interface for the National Soil Spectral Library of Israel. The central map shows Israel and surrounding regions (Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan) with various cities marked. A search bar is at the top right of the map. On the left, a texture bar chart shows the distribution of soil textures, with Clay being the most prominent at 57%. The top left corner displays '334 Number of presented soil'. The right side features a settings panel with several options, including 'Israeli soil sample archive', 'Regions of the Ministry of Agriculture', and 'Soil associations by the USDA', all of which are currently checked or enabled.

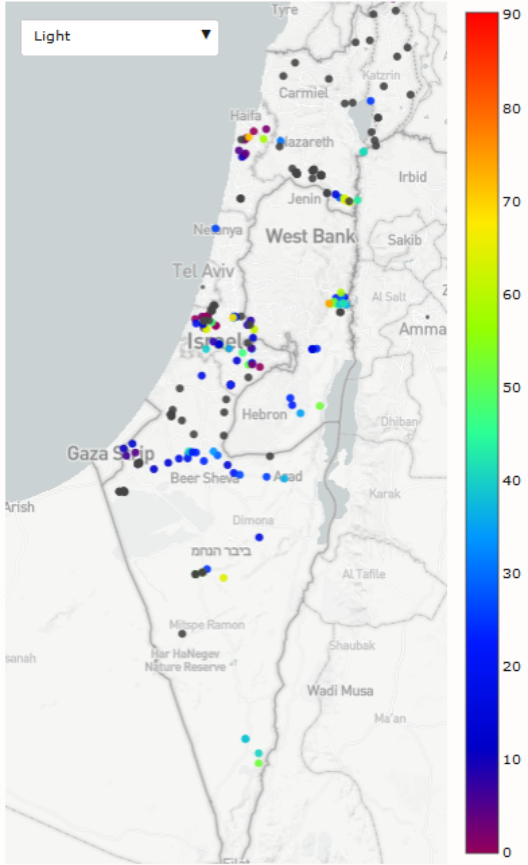
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Sand	~10
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Clay	57
Clay loam	~10

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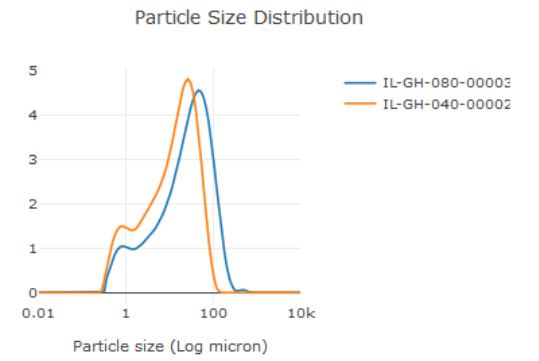
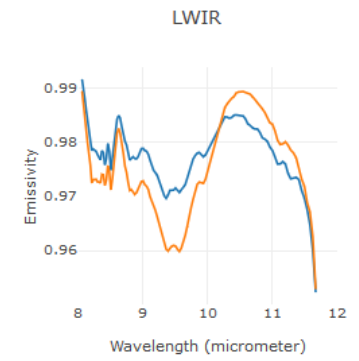
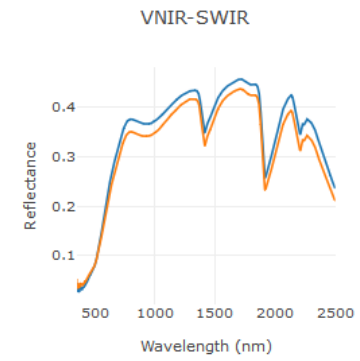
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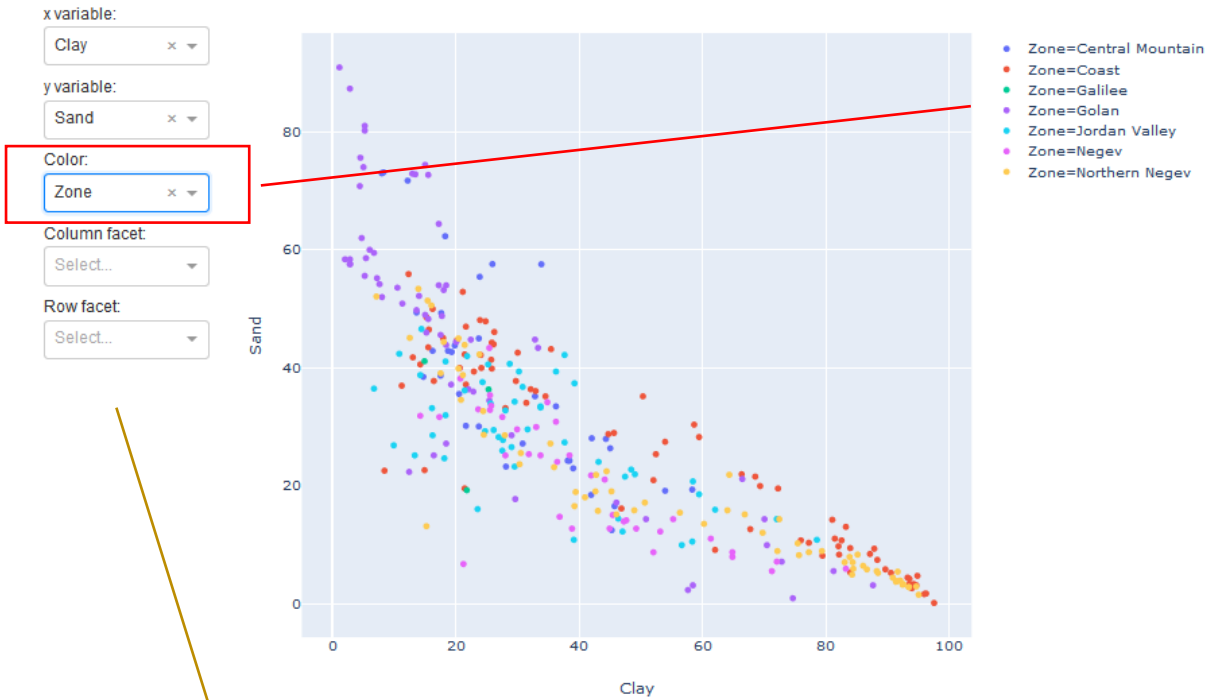
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After selecting samples from the table, the following graphs will be updated:

1. VNIR-SWIR
2. LWIR
3. Particle size Dist.
4. Seasonal Sentinel-2 data (see next slide)



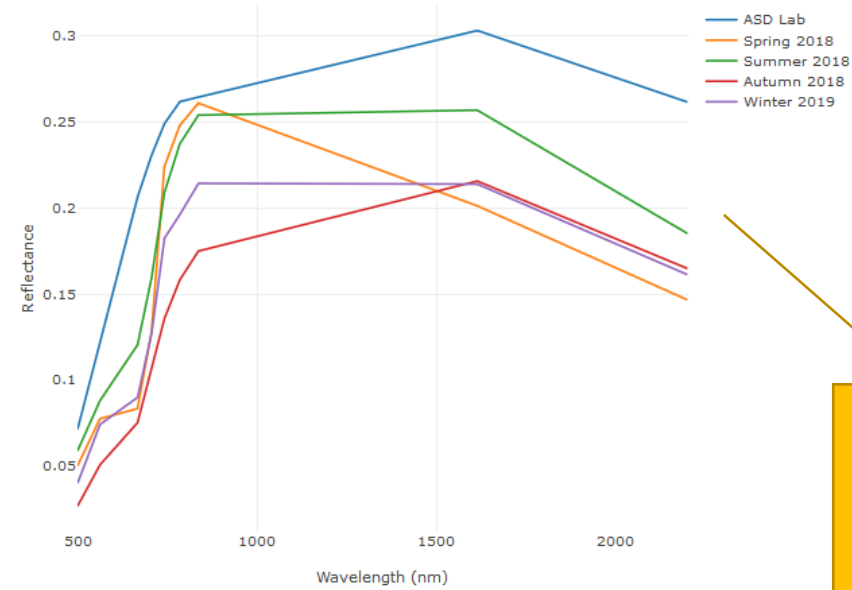
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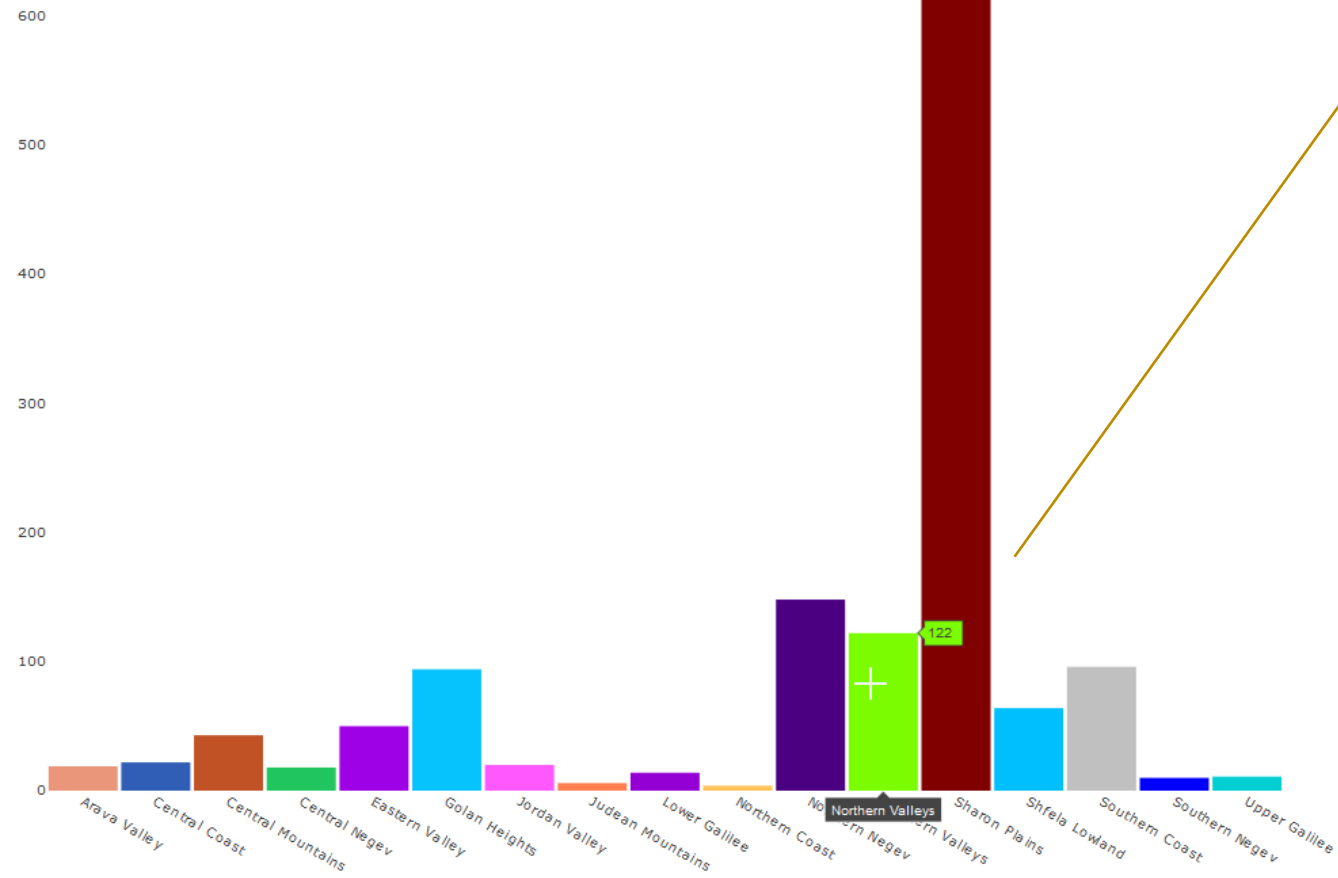
Produce correlation plot by selecting any X and Y variables (chemical and physical properties (Clay, CaCO₃...), environmental properties (Precipitation, Elevation...)) and even wavelength.

In addition, can color the samples by a third parameter and even divide it (columns/rows)

ASD vs. Sentinel-2



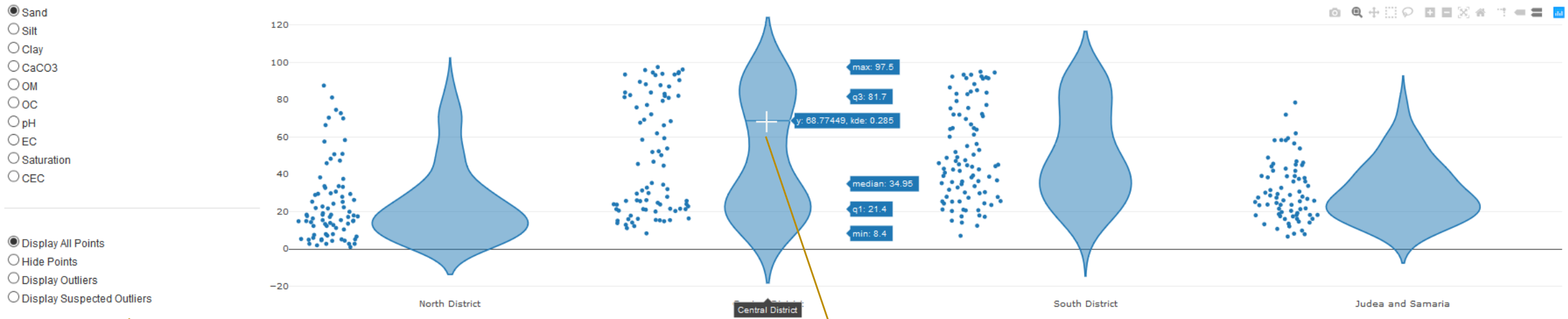
The seasonal Sentinel-2 data, vs. the resampled ASD spectrum. Taken from Google Earth Engine



Interactive bar plot
which presents the
number of samples in
each geographic
region

Violin plots of soil properties

Choose pre-defined properties in order to see the distribution of samples in the following Districts



- Sand
 - Silt
 - Clay
 - CaCO3
 - OM
 - OC
 - pH
 - EC
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 - CEC
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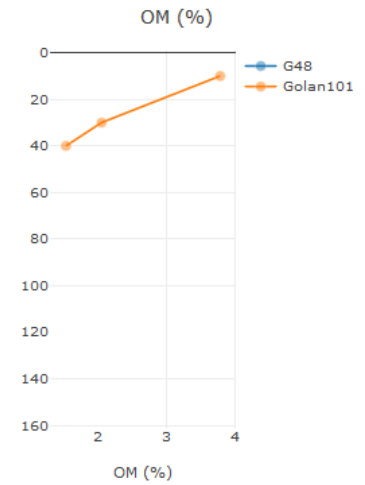
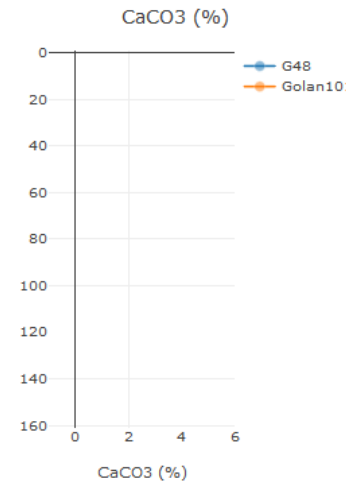
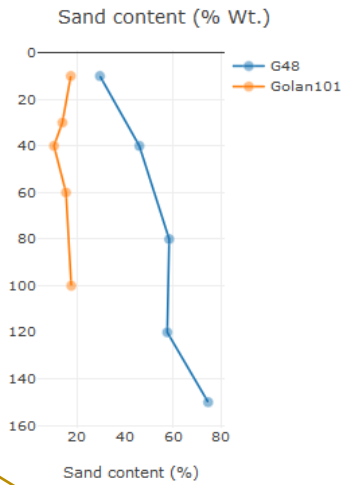
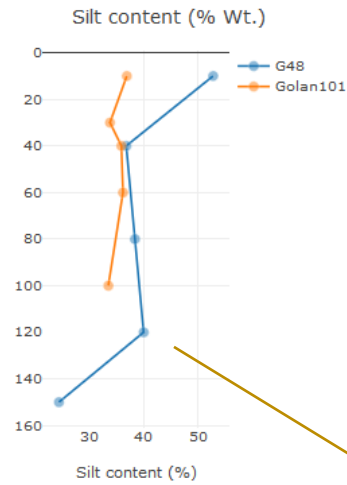
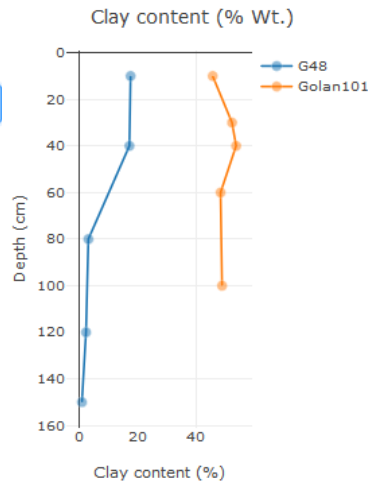
Controlling the points appearance

Interactive visualization of the statistical parameters

Select any profile name in order to inspect the pre-defined soil properties along that profile. You can compare profiles by selecting more than one.

Select profiles:

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After selecting the requested profile, additional graphs update automatically (this feature can work only when selecting one profile). (See next slide)

Interactive data



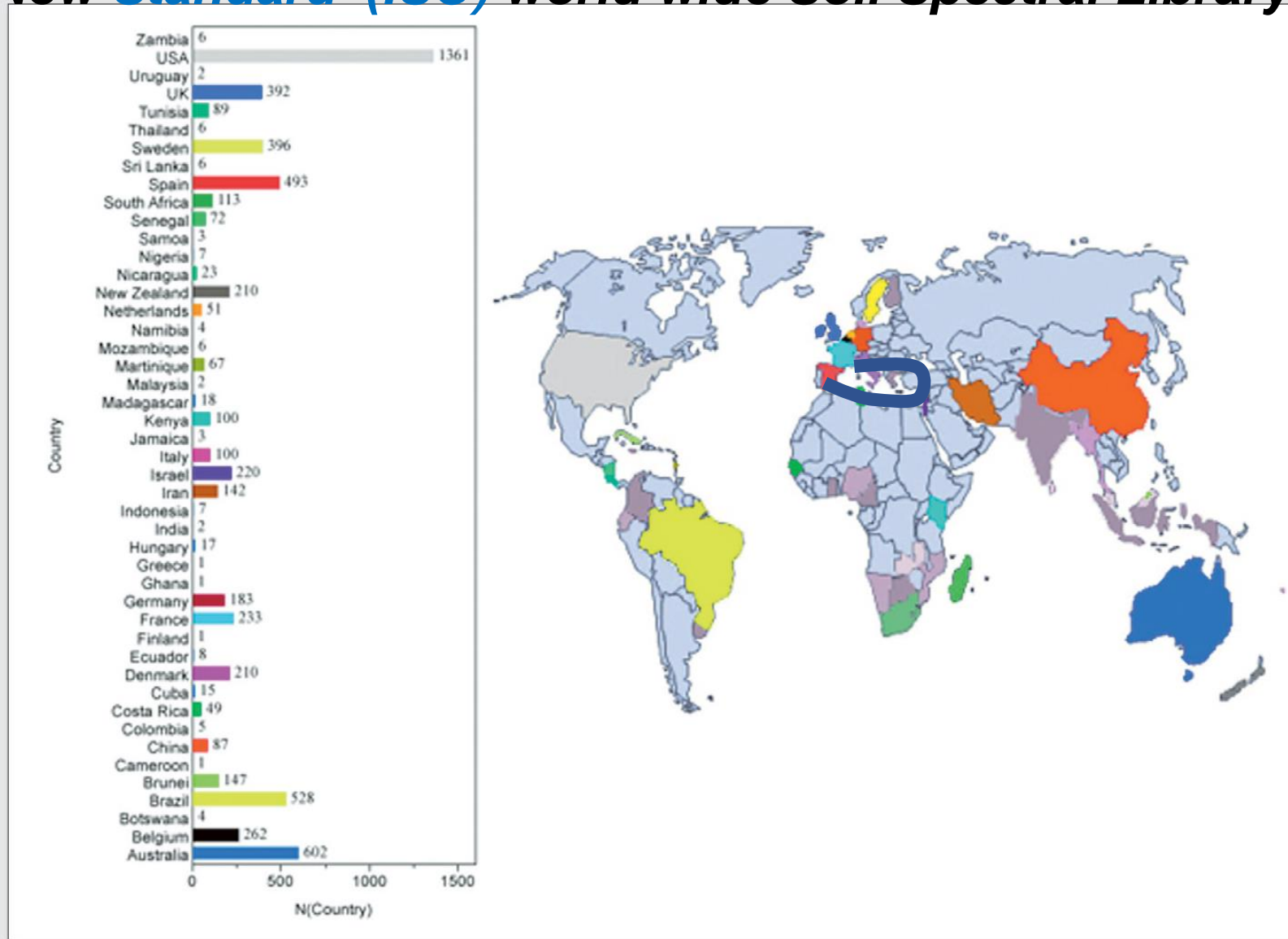
The Project

GEO-CRADLE will set out to establish a regional Data Hub serving as a “one-stopshop” that facilitates access to and sharing of geospatial data and information collected from satellites and ground-based networks. In addition, the GEO-CRADLE Portal will act as an interface between scientists and diverse data providers, providing a single point for the stakeholders to identify existing data, skills, gaps and complementarities, necessary for the development of synergies and market opportunities across the entire value chain and in relation to regional priorities. By doing so, GEO-CRADLE aspires to catalyse further promotion and tailoring of Copernicus data and services within the region, while leveraging the integration of North African, Middle East and Balkan EO capacities in the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

New *Standard (ISO)* world wide Soil Spectral Library



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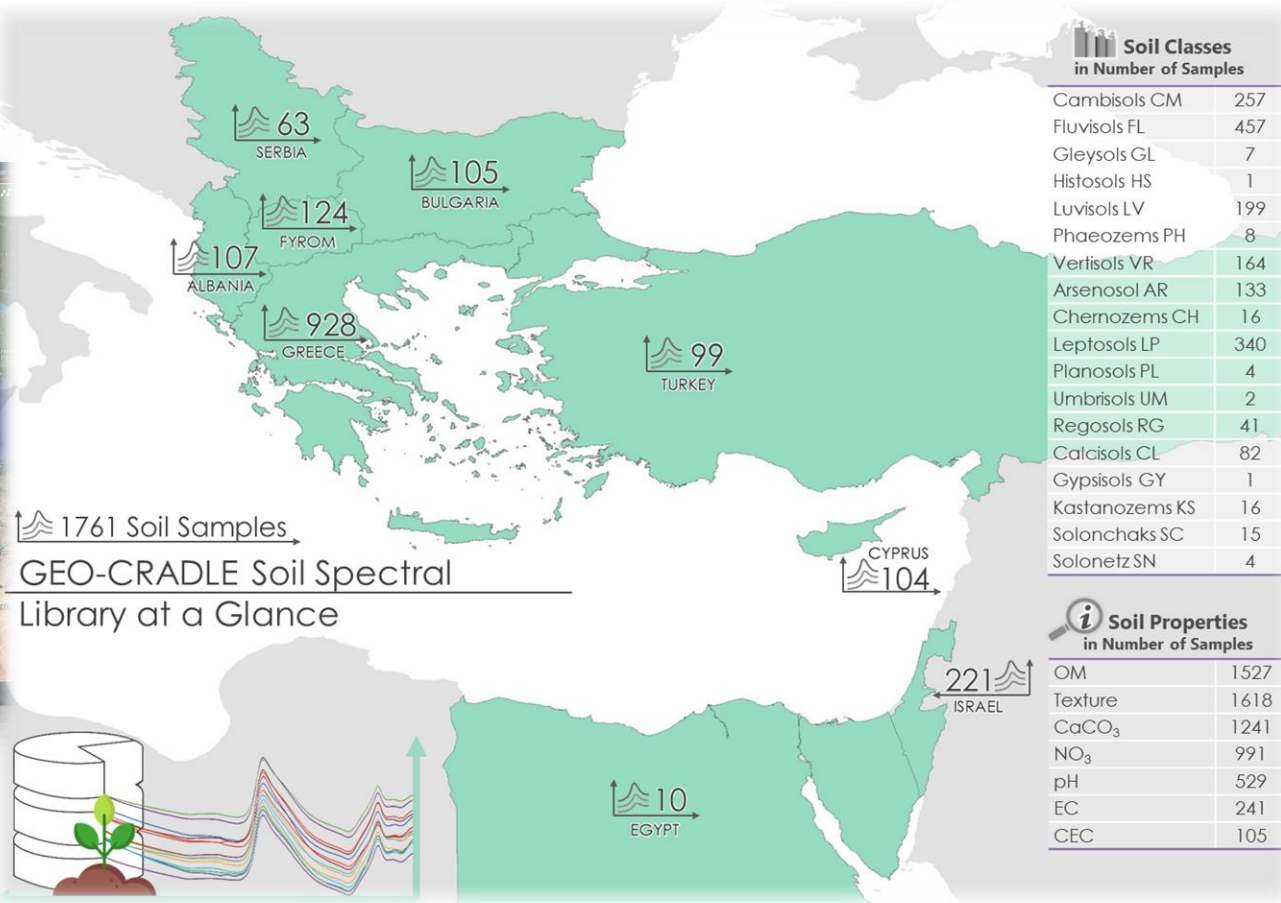
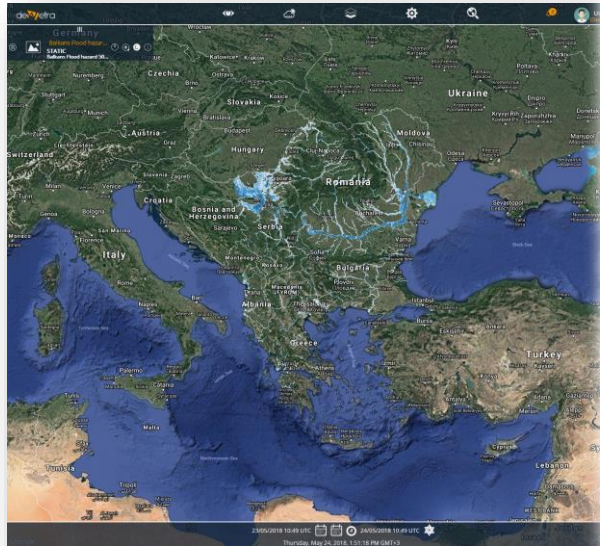
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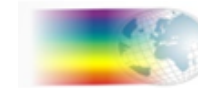
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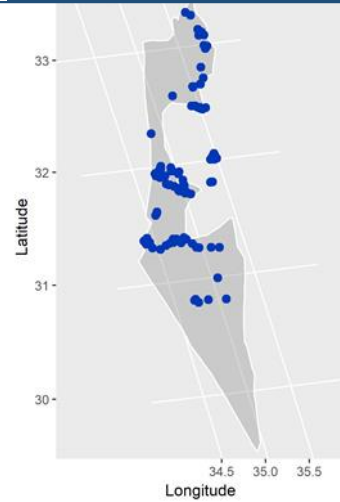
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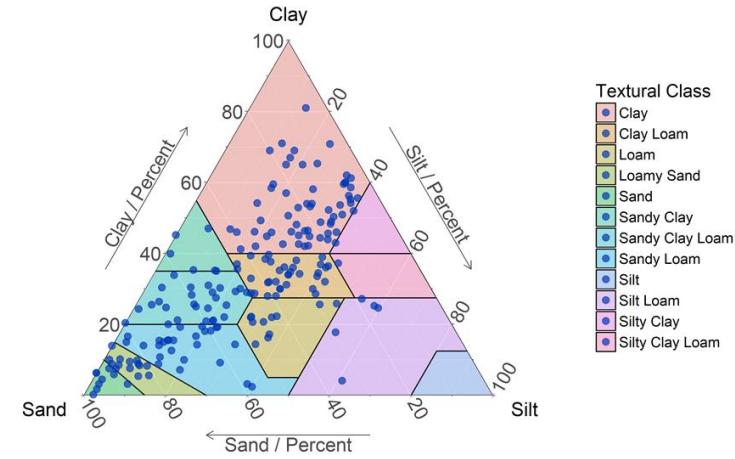
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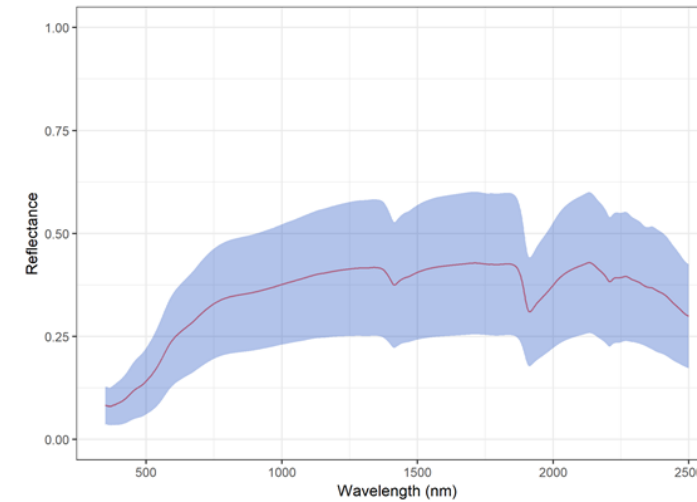
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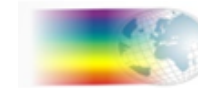


Soil texture for Israel



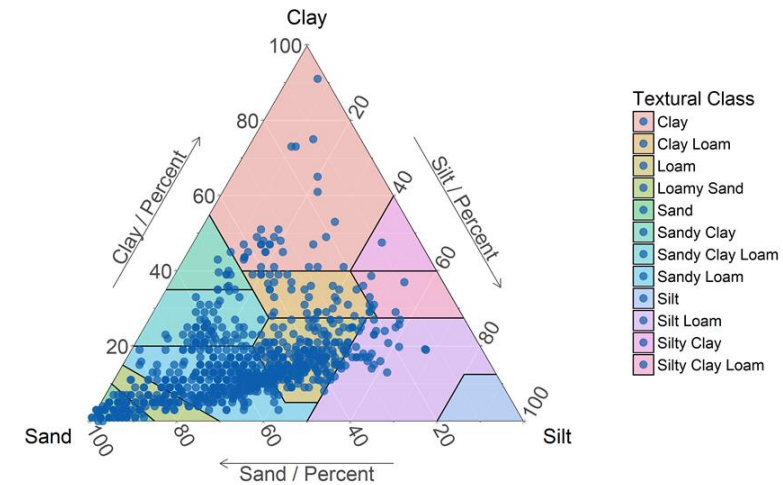
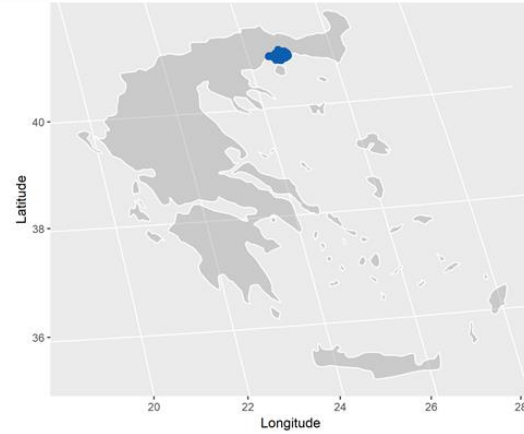
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Silt (%)	0.00	23.4967	23.28	61.13	13.3401	0.1493	-0.4687	193
Clay (%)	0.20	31.9954	30.38	81.00	17.7866	0.2759	-0.7015	192
CaCO ₃ (%)	0.00	26.8847	22.15	74.27	19.2755	0.5332	-0.6957	150
pH (H2O)	6.50	7.5484	7.50	8.40	0.3730	0.0062	-0.2642	137
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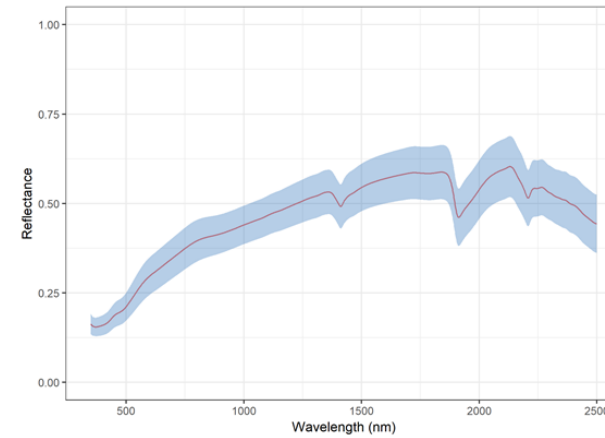


Soil texture for Greece

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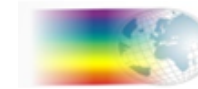


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Sand (%)	2	59.0043	59.00	99.00	20.4710	0.0945	-0.6216	928
Silt (%)	0	26.1272	26.00	68.00	14.7009	0.0858	-0.8567	928
Clay (%)	0	14.9321	13.00	91.00	11.1773	1.8031	5.5072	928
NO ₃ ppm	0	17.7938	5.60	661.20	38.9528	7.4106	92.3701	928
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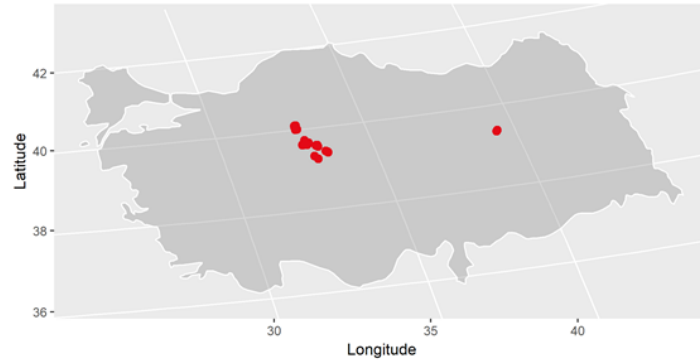
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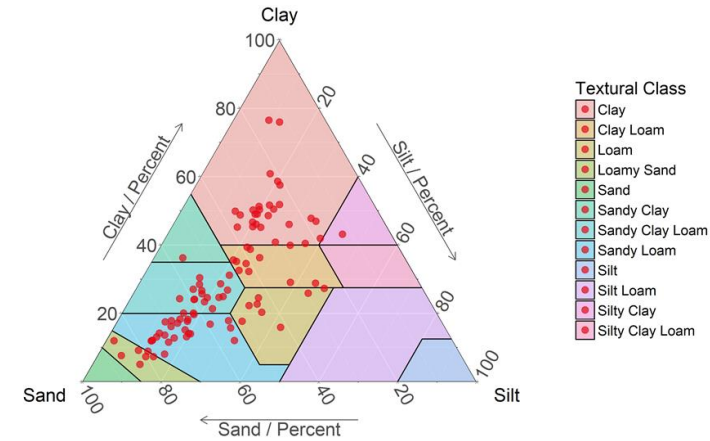
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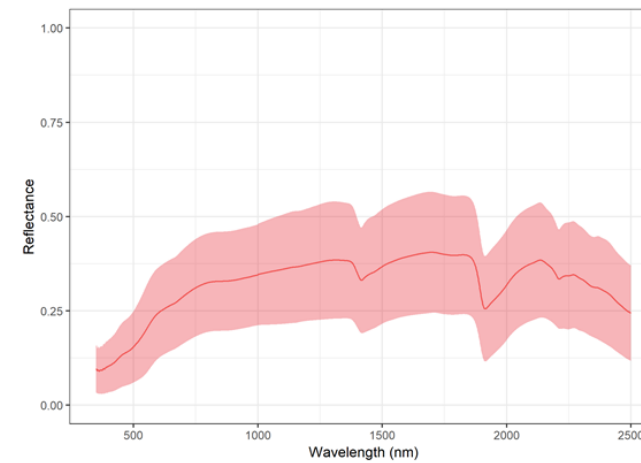
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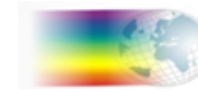


Soil texture for Turkey

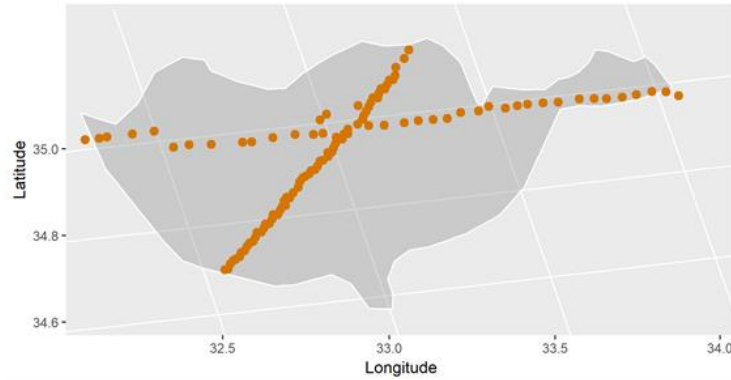


Property	Min	Mean	Median	Max	SD	Skew	Kurtosis	N
OM (%)	0.00	1.4545	1.26	5.09	1.1312	1.0019	0.7350	94
Sand (%)	11.95	48.9943	50.57	86.20	19.6373	-0.0058	-1.1223	98
Silt (%)	2.09	21.4671	19.90	47.78	9.1021	0.8811	0.5022	98
Clay (%)	5.07	29.5386	25.78	76.46	15.9816	0.6435	-0.2519	98
CaCO ₃ (%)	0.58	21.2726	18.48	89.99	17.8601	1.5676	2.9893	100
pH (H2O)	5.75	8.1471	8.17	9.76	0.5849	-0.7216	2.9174	100
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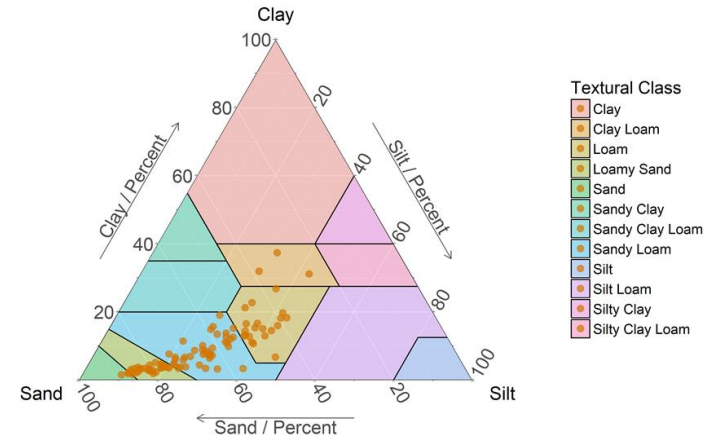




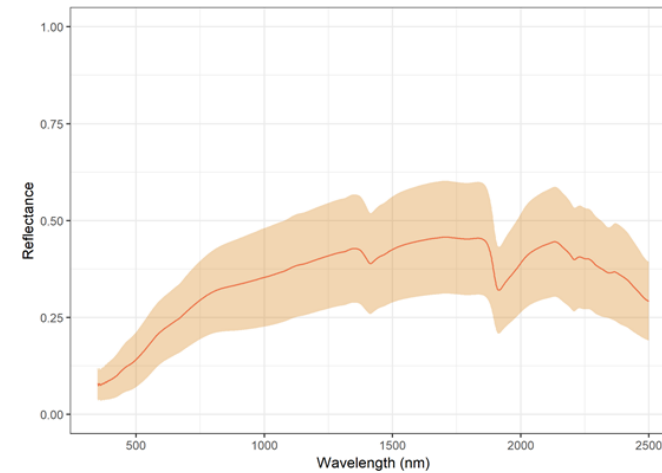
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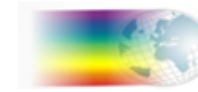


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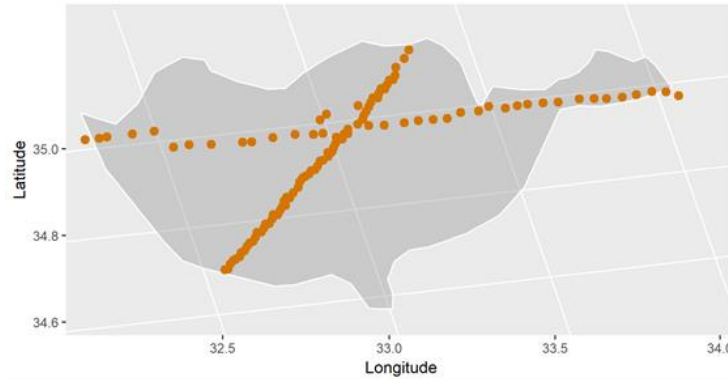


	Min	Mean	Median	Max	SD	Skew	Kurtosis	N
OM (%)	0.00	0.66	0.08	6.30	1.41	2.51	5.14	96
Sand (%)	25.80	64.14	63.75	88.10	14.95	-0.35	-0.81	94
Silt (%)	10.00	26.36	26.60	46.50	9.22	0.12	-0.98	94
Clay (%)	1.50	9.12	7.10	37.20	7.15	1.51	2.57	94
CaCO ₃ (%)	1.25	22.47	7.30	81.50	24.96	0.84	-0.93	96
pH (H2O)	5.95	7.91	7.97	10.07	0.72	0.08	0.61	96
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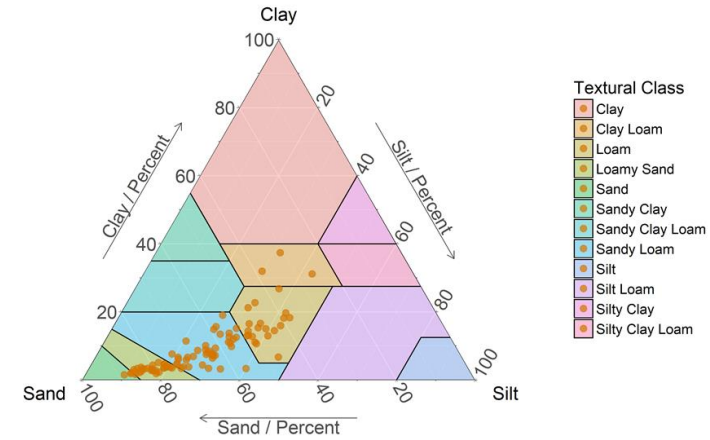




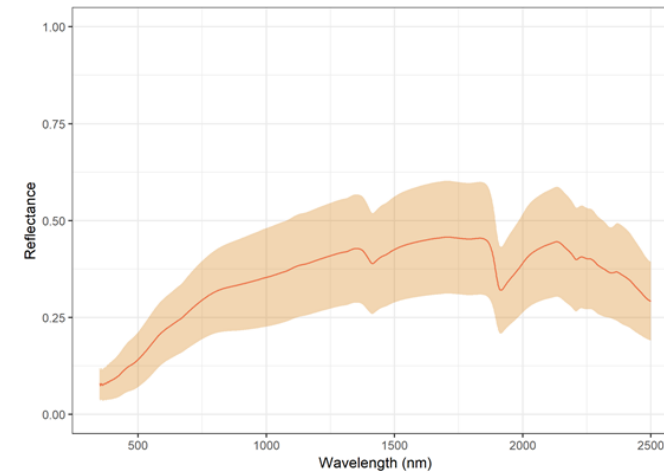
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The Regional Soil Spectral Library

The current dataset contains a regional vis-NIR (350-2500 nm) soil spectral library of the region. It contains metadata regarding the soils sampled, their key properties, and their spectral signature. The spectral signatures were obtained using a standardization [protocol](#). The dataset encompasses the following countries and soil properties:

Country	Samples	SOM	Texture	CaCO3	pH	NO3	EC	CEC
Albania	107	107	107	X	X	X	X	X
Bulgaria	105	105	105	X	105	X	X	105
Cyprus	96	96	94	96	96	X	93	X
Egypt	10	6	X	4	6	X	6	X
FYROM	124	124	124	X	124	X	X	X
Greece	928	928	928	928	X	928	X	X
Israel	221	106	193	150	137	X	141	X
Serbia	63	63	63	63	63	63	X	X
Turkey	100	94	98	100	100	X	100	X
All	1754	1629	1712	1341	631	991	334	105

Data and Resources



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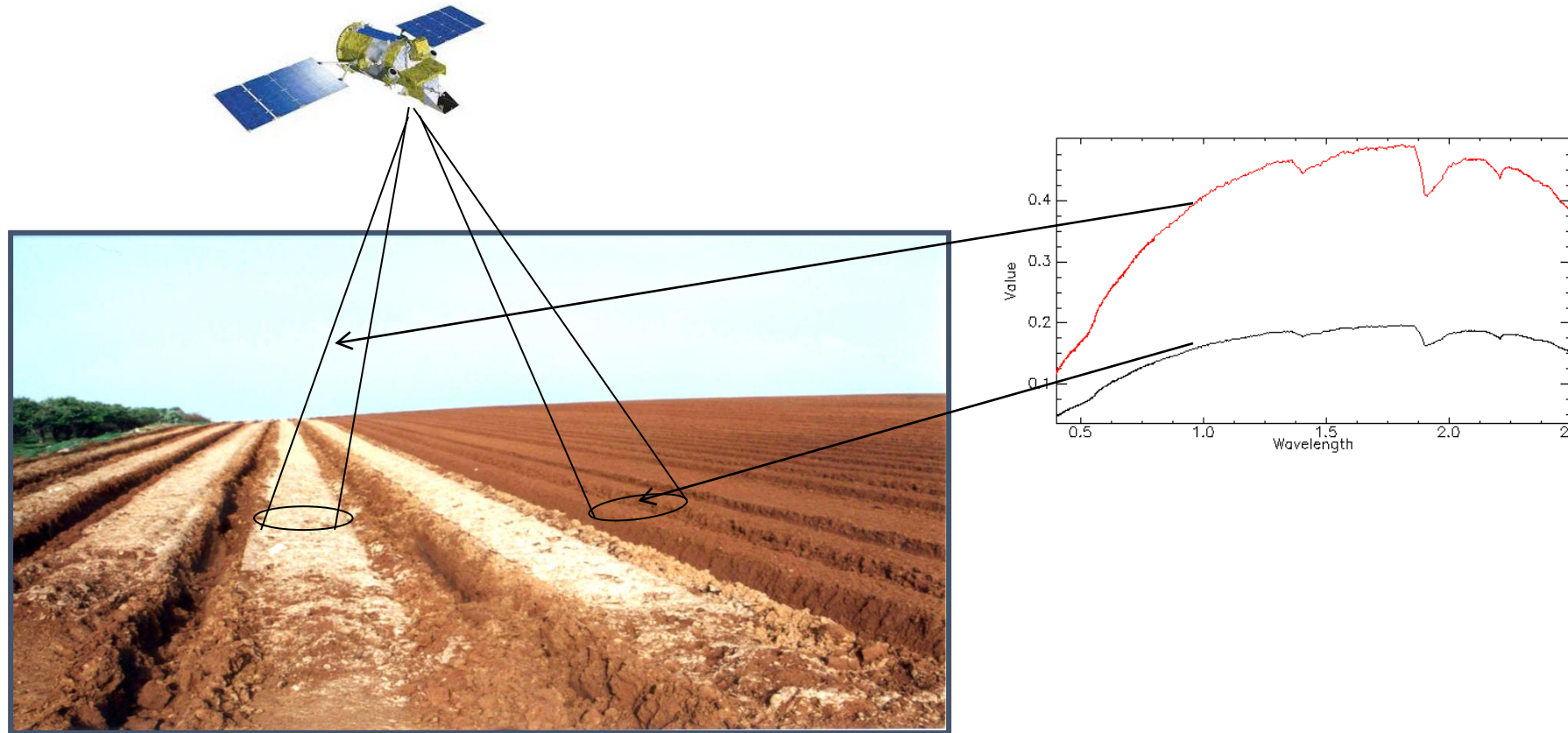




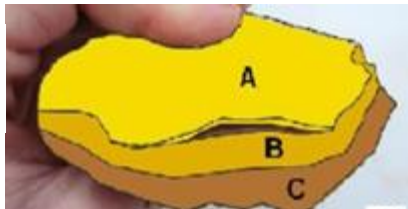
New initiative on field SSL



Same soil – Physical Crust – Different spectra



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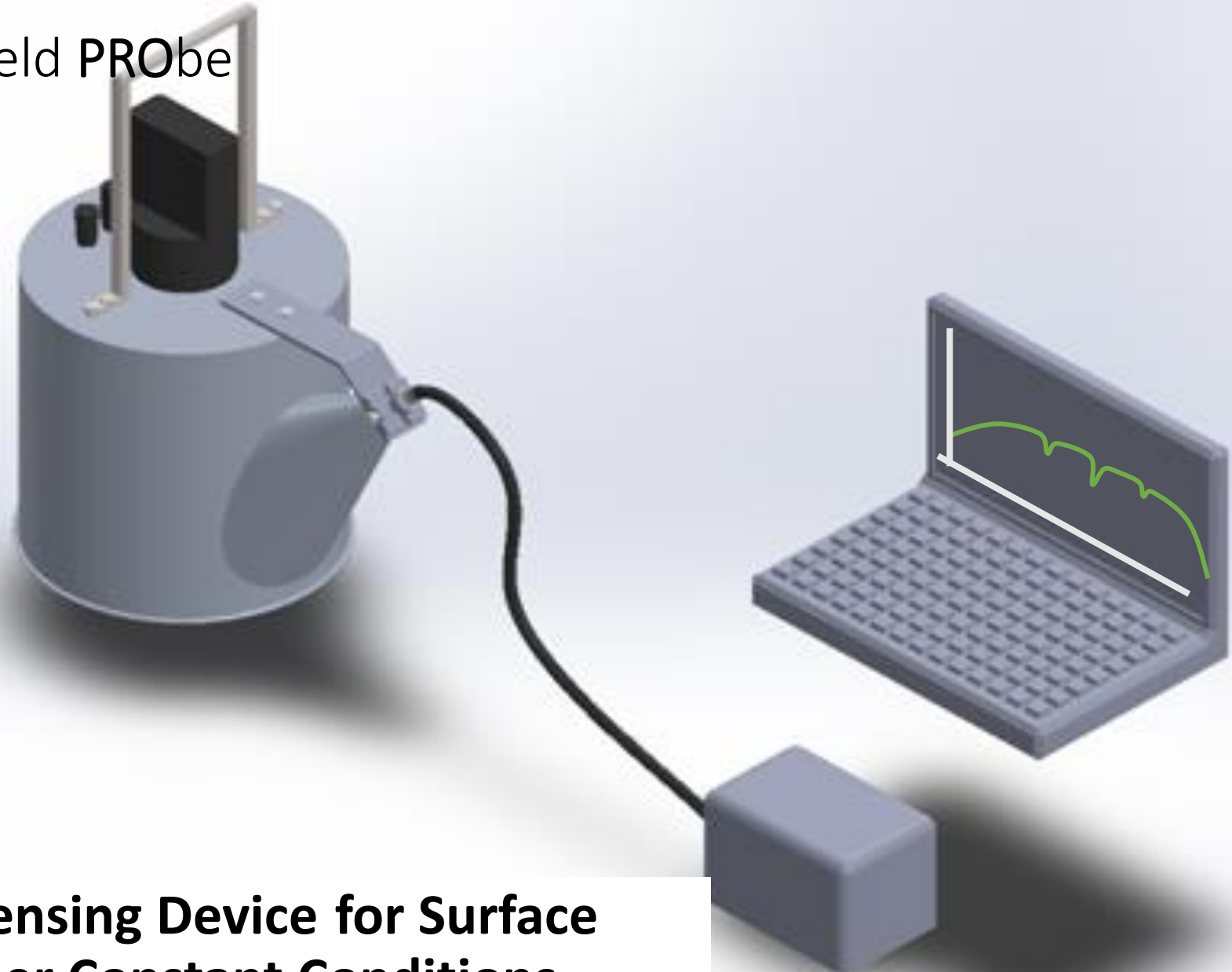


Solution: Field SSL

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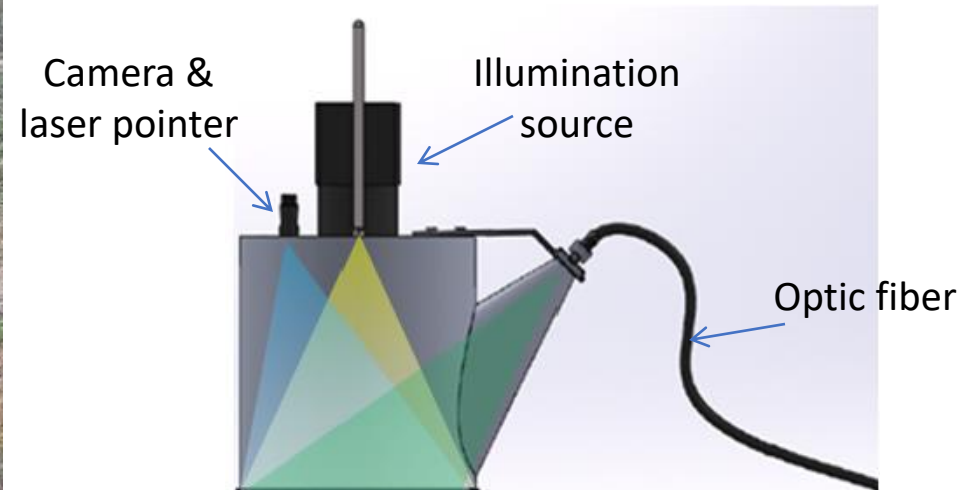
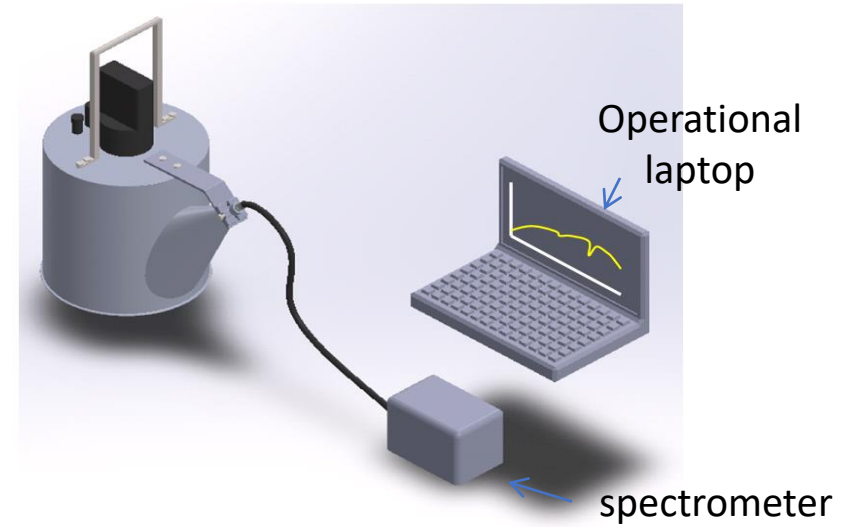
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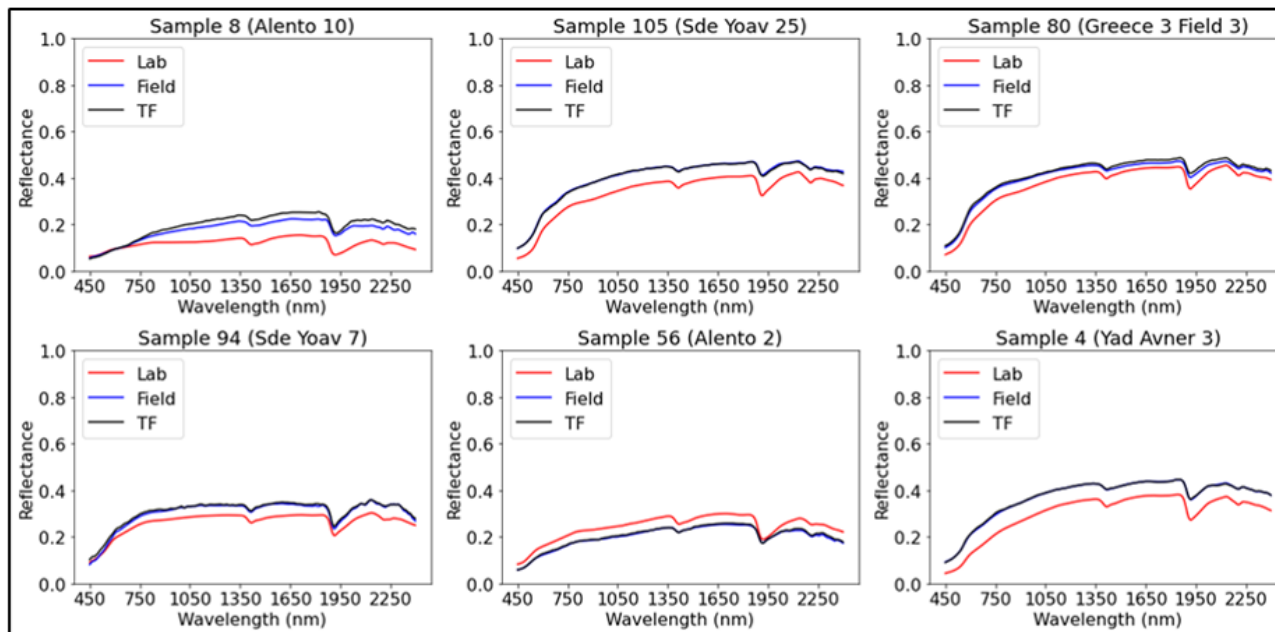
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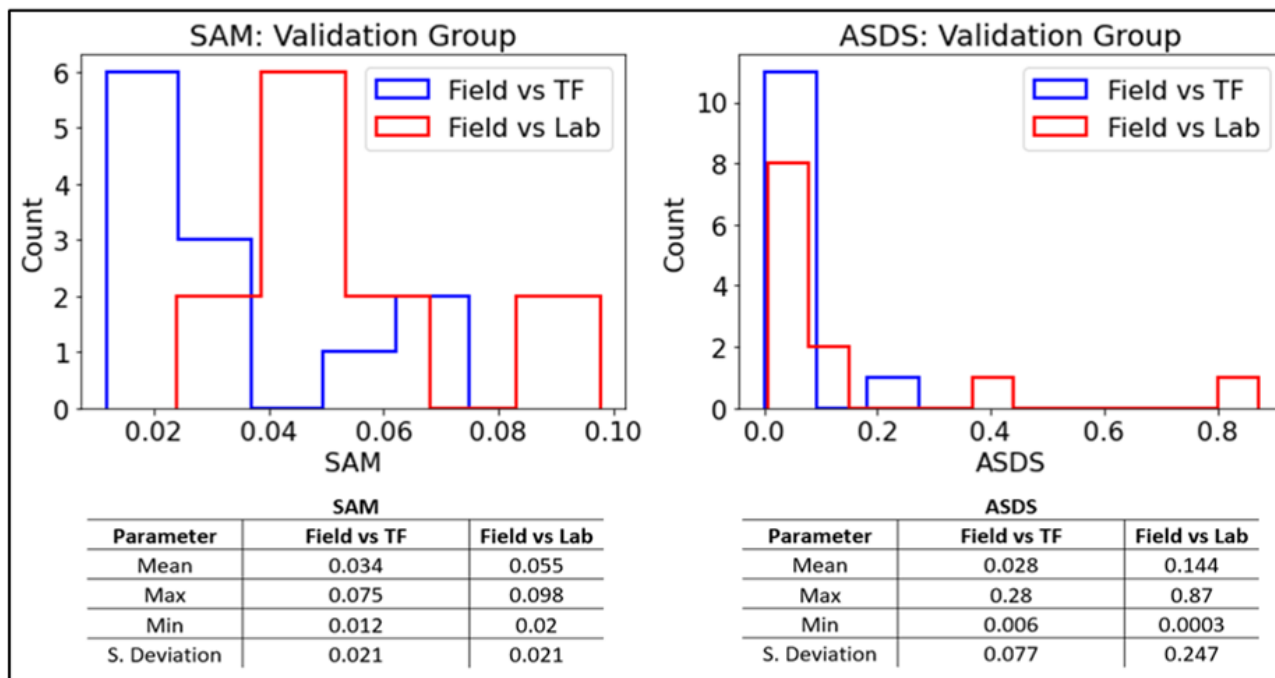
ABSTRACT

Spectral-based models extracted from laboratory reflectance in the 400–2500 nm spectral range to predict soil attributes may not be applicable to soil spectra acquired in the field. This is because laboratory sampling procedures disturb the natural soil surface's status. We investigated this issue by using the soil surface-dependent property of water-infiltration rate (WIR). We created a dataset with 114 samples collected from six fields with varying textures located in three different Mediterranean countries (Israel, Greece, Italy). Using the field and laboratory spectral datasets, we demonstrated that WIR is better predicted by field vs. laboratory measurements ($R^2 = 0.92$ and 0.56 , respectively). We also developed a transfer function (TF) to predict the field spectral measurements from the laboratory spectra. Use of the TF-processed dataset considerably improved the WIR prediction using laboratory information (from $R^2 = 0.56$ to 0.76). It was concluded that soil surface reflectance values can be estimated based on laboratory spectra using a TF. The generated TF enables exploiting soil spectral libraries for remote-sensing views and for assessing surface-related soil properties.

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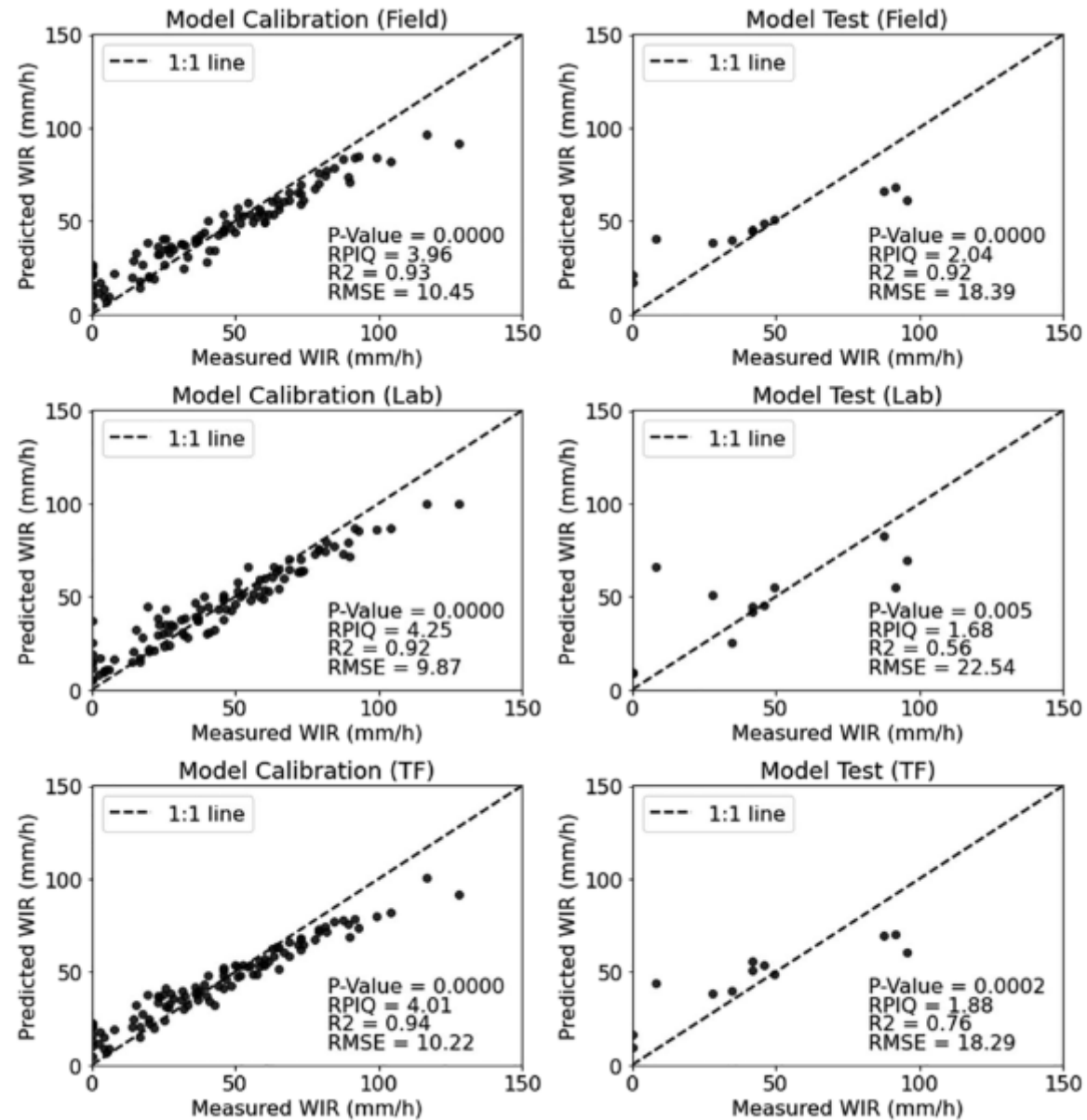


Fig. 2. The RF models with their predictions in the calibration and validation stages.

Conclusion

- Soil Spectral Libraries in laboratory using CSIRO protocol for Mediterranean countries have initiated and being updated with more samples and countries
- The libraries are public available
- The field SSL under standard and protocol is a future task
- IEEE SA P4005 WG is active toward establishing agreed protocols for lab and field