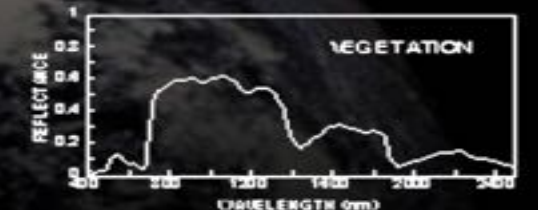
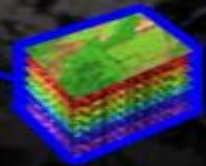
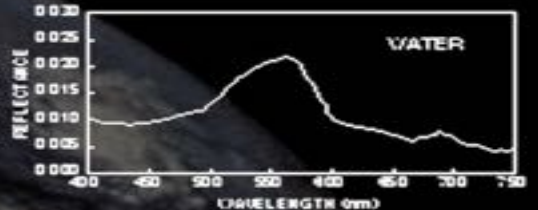
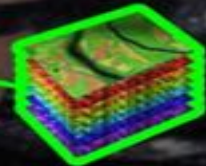
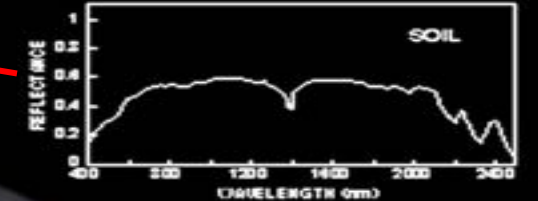
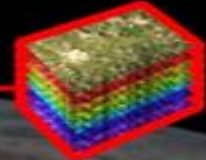
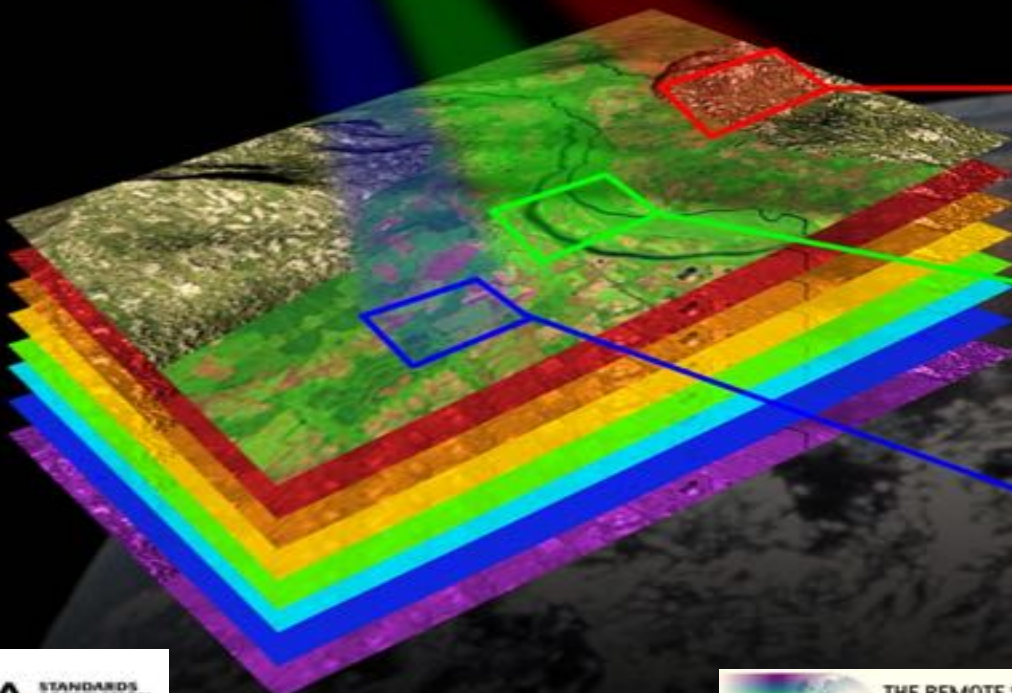
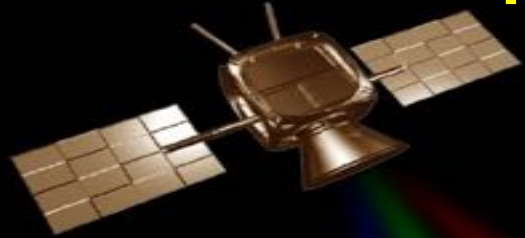


# The IEEE SA Standard and Protocol Scheme for soil Spectral Measurement in both laboratory and field

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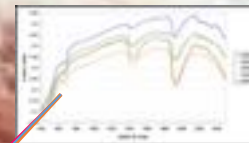
# Why Soils ?

Soil, like air and water, is **critical to life on earth**. Soils are incredibly resilient, but they are also fragile and can easily be damaged or lost. Improved management of our planet's limited soil resource is essential to ensure a sustainable future and guarantee healthy and productive soils for **food security**, as well as to support many essential ecosystem services that **enable life on earth**



# Soil Spectral library

An important archive of soil samples for  
Food Security



# Definition

**Soil Spectral Library : A collection of soils samples with their spectra and wet chemistry data**

**Soil Attributes**

Soil	Length (m)	In (m)	Soil	Length (m)	In (m)
1	10.0	0.0000	20	2.0	0.0000
2	11.6	0.4800	21	2.6	0.0000
3	9.5	0.2500	22	11.1	0.0000
4	8.0	0.1000	23	1.0	0.0000
5	10.7	0.0000	24	10.0	0.0000
6	8.1	0.2000	25	10.1	0.0000
7	5.1	0.0000	26	2.7	0.0000
8	10.4	0.0000	27	0.4	0.0000
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31	10.0	0.0000	50	10.0	0.0000

**Soil Spectra Files**

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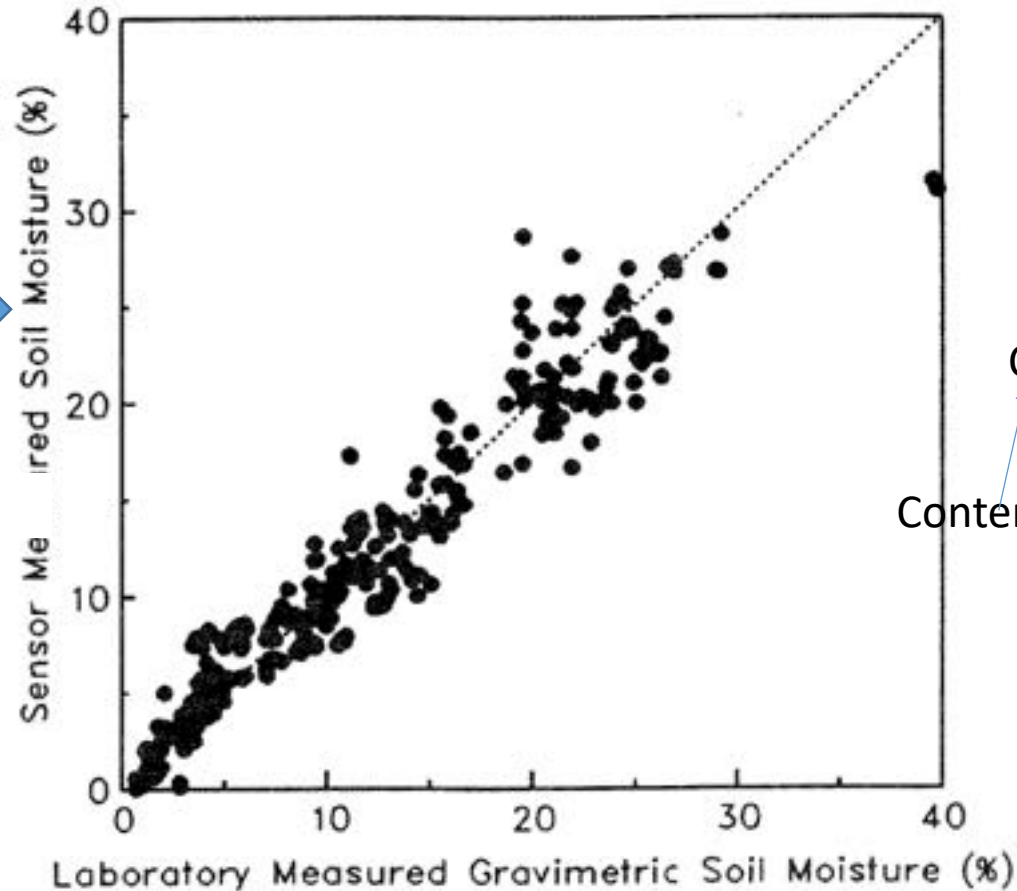
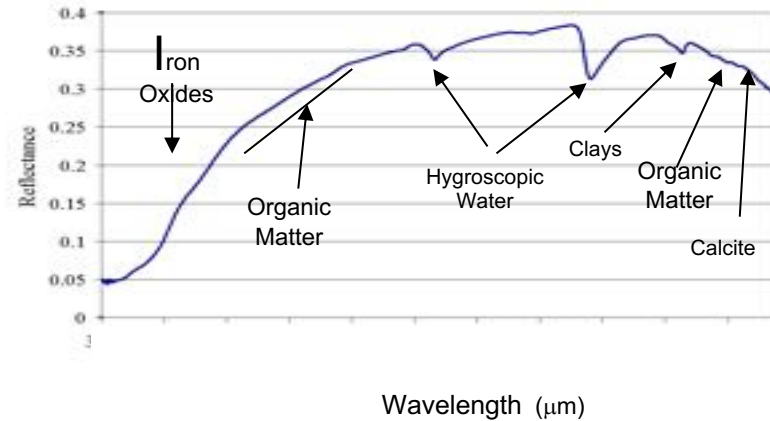
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**Graph**

First Paper on Soil Spectral Analysis (NIRS)  
1986

## Quantitative Method for spectral based SOIL properties

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



constants

$$C = B_0 + B_1.R_1 + B_2.R_2 \dots B_n.R_n$$

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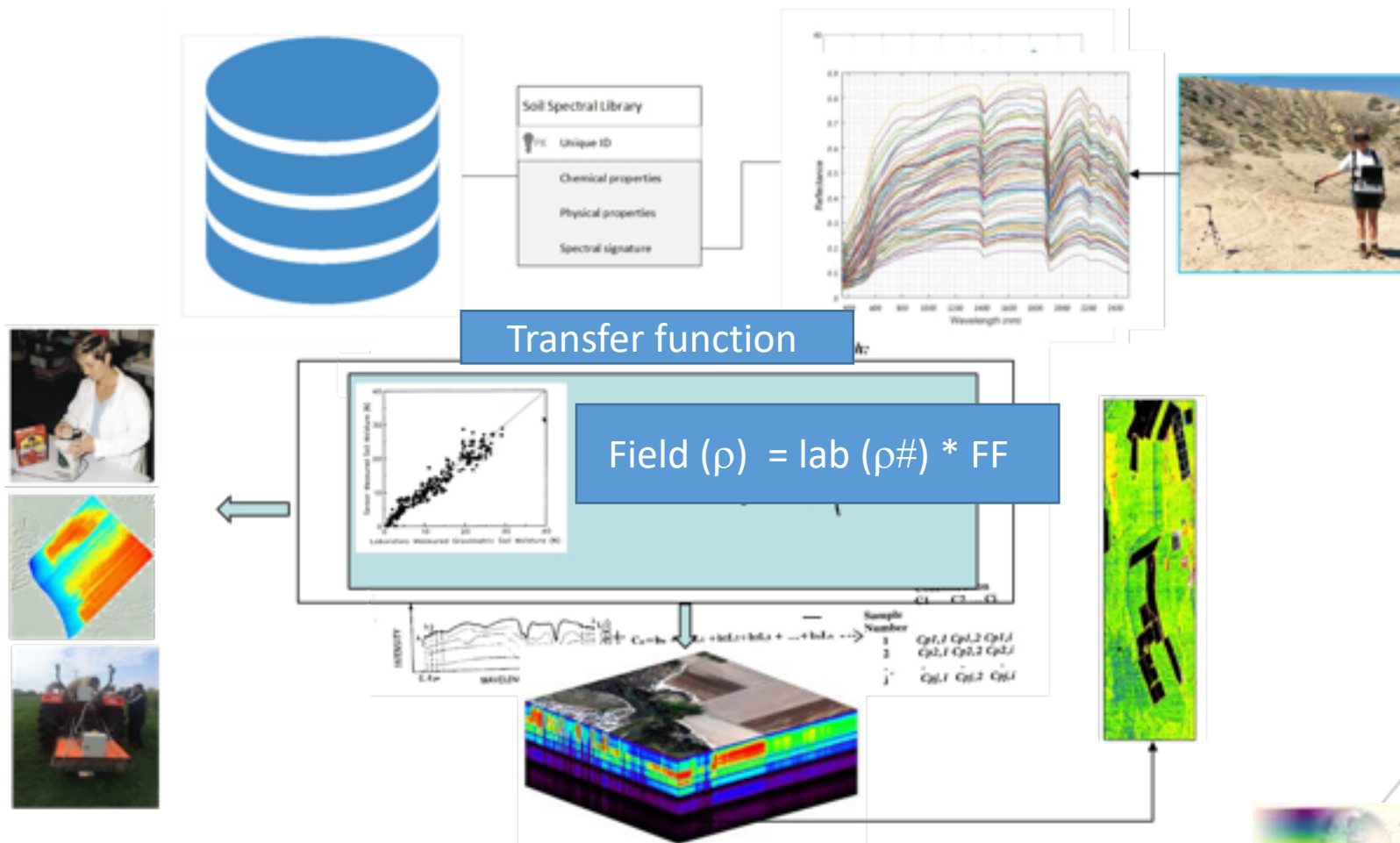
Reflectance at wavelength n

Soil attribute	Spectral region	Spectral range (nm)	Multivariate method <sup>a</sup>	$n_{\text{calib}}$   $n_{\text{valid}}$ <sup>b</sup>	RMSE	$R^2$	Authors
Acid (exch.); cmol/kg	VIS-NIR	400–2498	PCR (11)	30 119	24.4	0.65	Chang et al. (2001)
Al (exch.); cmol/kg	MIR	2500–25,000	PLSR	183		0.64	Janik et al. (1998)
Biomass (N); mg/kg	NIR	1100–2300	PLSR (8)	180 x-val		0.71	Reeves and McCarty (2001)
Biomass (N); mg/kg	NIR	1100–2498	PLSR (6)	120 59		0.79	Reeves et al. (1999)
Biomass; g/kg	MIR	2500–25,000	PLSR	23		0.69	Janik et al. (1998)
Biomass; mg/kg	VIS-NIR	400–2498	PCR (9)	30 119	389.71	0.60	Chang et al. (2001)
C (inorg.); g/kg	MIR	2500–25,000	PLSR (16)	177 60		0.98	McCarty et al. (2002)
C (inorg.) g/kg	NIR	1100–2498	PLSR (19)	177 60		0.87	McCarty et al. (2002)
C (inorg.); g/kg	VIS-NIR	400–2498	PLSR (6)	76 32	0.15	0.96	Chang and Laird (2002)
C (total); g/kg	MIR	2500–25,000	PLSR (17)	177 60		0.95	McCarty et al. (2002)
C (total); g/kg	NIR	1100–2498	PLSR (16)	177 60		0.86	McCarty et al. (2002)
C (total); g/kg	NIR	1100–2498	PLSR (7)	120 59		0.96	Reeves et al. (1999)
C (total); g/kg	VIS-NIR	400–2498	PLSR (5)	76 32	0.65	0.91	Chang and Laird (2002)
C (total); g/kg	VIS-NIR	400–2498	PCR (7)	30 119	0.79	0.87	Chang et al. (2001)
C; %	UV-VIS-NIR	250–2450	PLSR (6)	59 x-val	0.06		Walvoort and McBratney (2001)
C:N ratio	VIS-NIR	400–2498	PLSR (6)	76 32	0.21	0.88	Chang and Laird (2002)
CEC; cmol(+)/kg	MIR	2500–25,000	PLSR	183		0.88	Janik et al. (1998)
CEC; cmol(+)/kg	NIR	1000–2500	MRA (63 bands)	35 56		0.64	Ben-Dor and Barin (1995)
CEC; mmol(+)/kg	NIR	700–2500	PCR	121 40		0.67	Islam et al. (2003)
CEC; cmol(+)/kg	VIS-NIR	400–2498	PCR (8)	30 119	38.2	0.81	Chang et al. (2001)
CEC; cmol(+)/kg	VIS-NIR	350–2500	MARS	493 247	38	0.88	Shepherd and Walsh (2002)
CEC; mmol(+)/kg	UV-VIS-NIR	250–2500	PCR	121 40		0.64	Islam et al. (2003)
Σ exch. cations; cmol(+)/kg	MIR	2500–20,000	PLSR			0.84	Janik and Skjemstad (1995)
Ca; cmol/kg	MIR	2500–25,000	PLSR	183		0.89	Janik et al. (1998)
Ca; mmol(+)/kg	NIR	700–2500	PCR	121 40		0.72	Islam et al. (2003)
Ca; g/kg	VIS-NIR	400–2500	modified PLSR	309		0.90	Cozzolino and Moron (2003)
Ca (exch.); cmol(+)/kg	VIS-NIR	350–2500	MARS	493 247	28	0.88	Shepherd and Walsh (2002)
Ca (exch.); cmol(+)/kg	VIS-NIR	400–2498	PCR (12)	30 119	40	0.75	Chang et al. (2001)
Ca; mmol(+)/kg	UV-VIS-NIR	250–2500	PCR	121 40		0.67	Islam et al. (2003)
Carbonate; %	MIR	2500–20,000	PLSR			0.95	Janik and Skjemstad (1995)
EC; mS/cm	UV-VIS-NIR	250–2500	PCR	121 40		0.10	Islam et al. (2003)
Fe (DTPA); mg/kg	MIR	2500–25,000	PLSR	183		0.55	Janik et al. (1998)
Fe (free); %	NIR	700–2500	PCR	121 40		0.49	Islam et al. (2003)
Fe; mg/kg	VIS-NIR	400–2500	modified PLSR	311		0.90	Cozzolino and Moron (2003)
Fe (Mehlich III); mg/kg	VIS-NIR	400–2498	PCR (9)	30 119	61.4	0.64	Chang et al. (2001)
Fe (free); %	UV-VIS-NIR	250–2500	PCR	121 40		0.52	Islam et al. (2003)
K; g/kg	VIS-NIR	400–2500	modified PLSR	317		0.72	Cozzolino and Moron (2003)
K; mmol(+)/kg	UV-VIS-NIR	250–2500	PCR	121 40		0.00	Islam et al. (2003)
K (exch.); mg/kg	MIR	2500–25,000	PLSR	183		0.33	Janik et al. (1998)
K (avail); mg/kg	VIS-NIR	400–1100	NN	41		0.80	Daniel et al. (2003)
K (exch.); cmol/kg	VIS-NIR	400–2498	PCR (13)	30 119	4.2	0.55	Chang et al. (2001)
LR; t/ha	MIR	2500–25,000	PLSR	188		0.86	Janik et al. (1998)
LR; t/ha	NIR	700–2500	PLSR	188		0.73	Janik et al. (1998)
Mg (exch.); cmol/kg	MIR	2500–25,000	PLSR	183		0.76	Janik et al. (1998)
Mg; mmol(+)/kg	NIR	700–2500	PCR	121 40		0.59	Islam et al. (2003)

Soil Spectral Analysis : The flood!



# Laboratory soil spectral library proximate the field spectral response for hyperspectral remote sensing



## Global Soil Partnership

Overview Partners Regional partnerships ITPS Technical networks Areas of work Pillars of action Resources



### Global Soil Laboratory Network

**Soils: if you cannot measure it, you cannot manage it**

The Global Soil Laboratory Network (GLOSOLAN) was established in 2017 to build and strengthen the capacity of laboratories in soil analysis and to respond to the need for harmonizing soil analytical data. Harmonization of methods, units, data and information is critical to (1) provide reliable and comparable information between countries and projects; (2) allow the generation of new harmonized soil data sets; and (3) support evidence-based decision making for sustainable soil management.

The work of GLOSOLAN supports the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the mandate of FAO on food security and nutrition. For more information contact [Lucrezia.Caoni@fao.org](mailto:Lucrezia.Caoni@fao.org)

### Giant leaps on Soil Spectroscopy

After the launch of the initiative on soil spectroscopy by the Global Soil Laboratory Network (GLOSOLAN) of the Global Soil Partnership in April 2020, GLOSOLAN organized its first plenary meeting on soil spectroscopy from 23 to 25 September 2020. The meeting was attended by 350 participants from 63 countries, including leading institutions and organizations in the field of soil spectroscopy.



**28/09/2020** The meeting was successful in presenting the initiative, addressing concerns, defining the governance and decision-making procedures within the initiative and endorsing the GLOSOLAN work plan on soil spectroscopy for the period 2020-2021.

Special attention was given to the establishment of the global spectral calibration library, the soil property estimation service, capacity building on spectroscopy, and the writing of standard

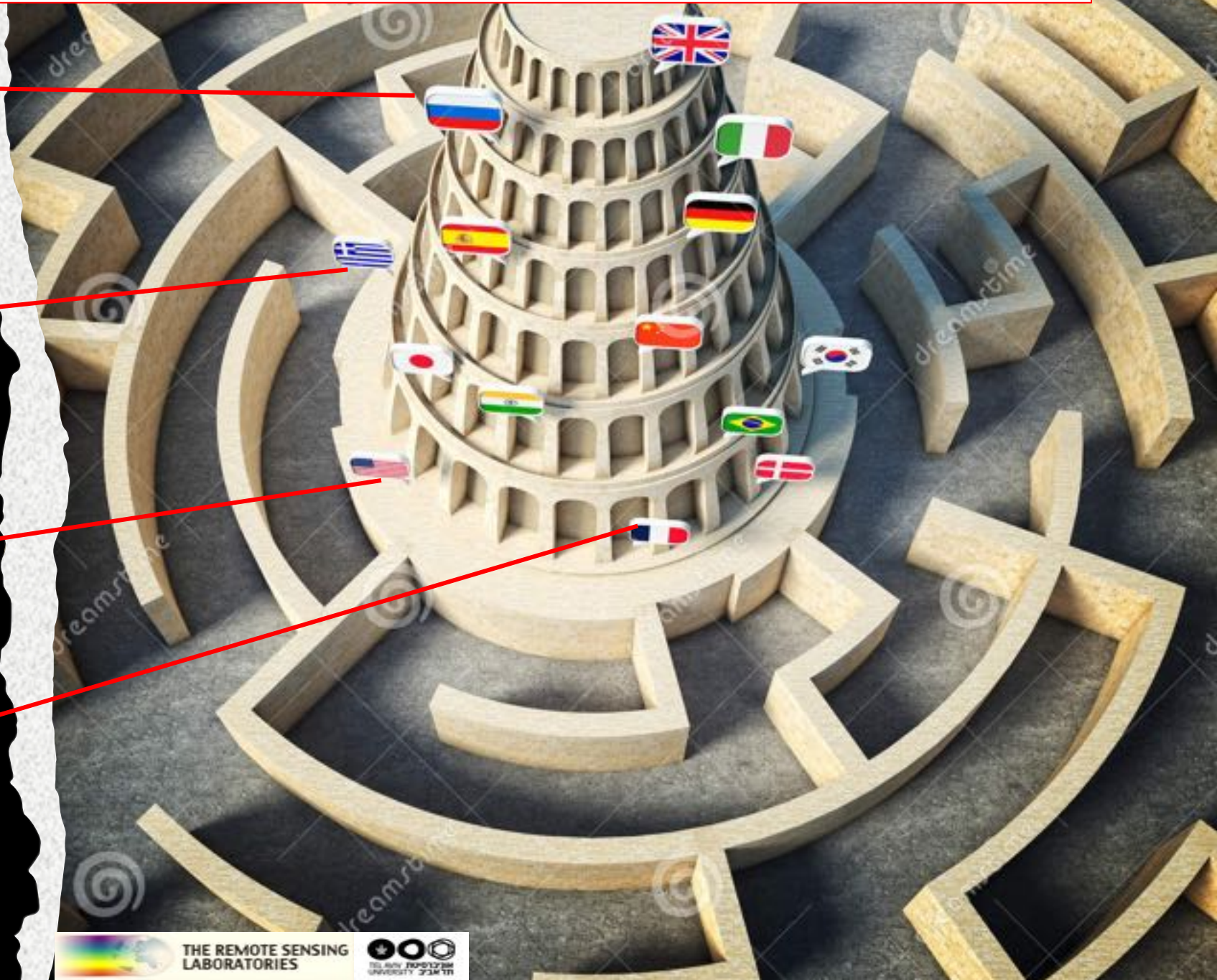
operating procedures on soil spectroscopy for which collaboration opportunities with the IEEE Standard Associations were explored. In order to overcome any data ownership issue, the global spectral calibration library will be established as a federated system connected to the Global Soil Information System (GLOSIS). Regional champion laboratories or institutes on soil spectroscopy will be identified to support capacity building activities and safeguard the fair participation of all regions to all the proposed activities.

The initiative will be regulated by the GSP Soil Data Policy. Participants were kindly invited to revise this document and to inform the GLOSOLAN coordinator whether an amendment to it is needed. In case of need, the request for an amendment will be presented at the 9th GSP Plenary Assembly in June 2021.



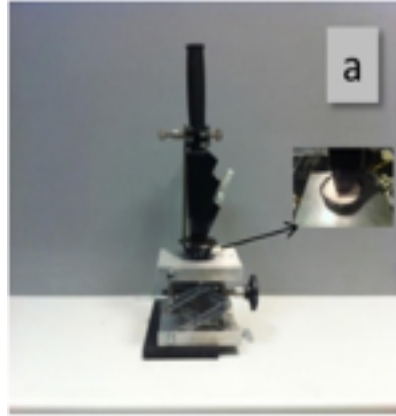


# SSL from different sources – Not speaking the same language- A Babylon Tower Situation

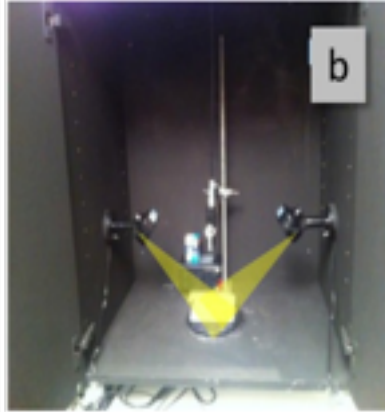


# Different laboratory protocols and configurations:

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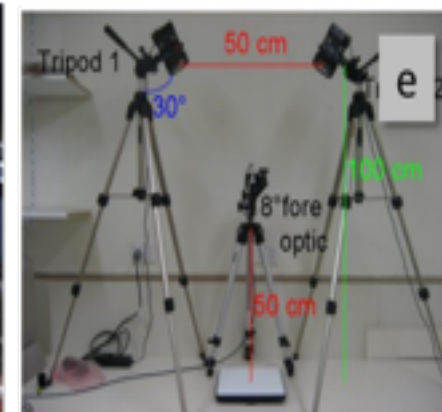
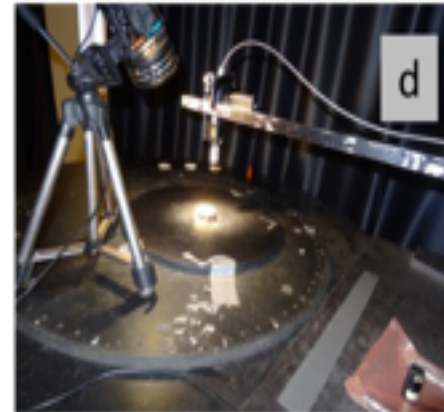
CSIRO: Dark box



TAU RSL: CP



GFZ Potsdam:  
8° for optic fiber



Spectral  
not  
ISO



Chemical  
ISO

One sample one spectrometer

systematic effect

No protocol

protocol

Precision

No protocol

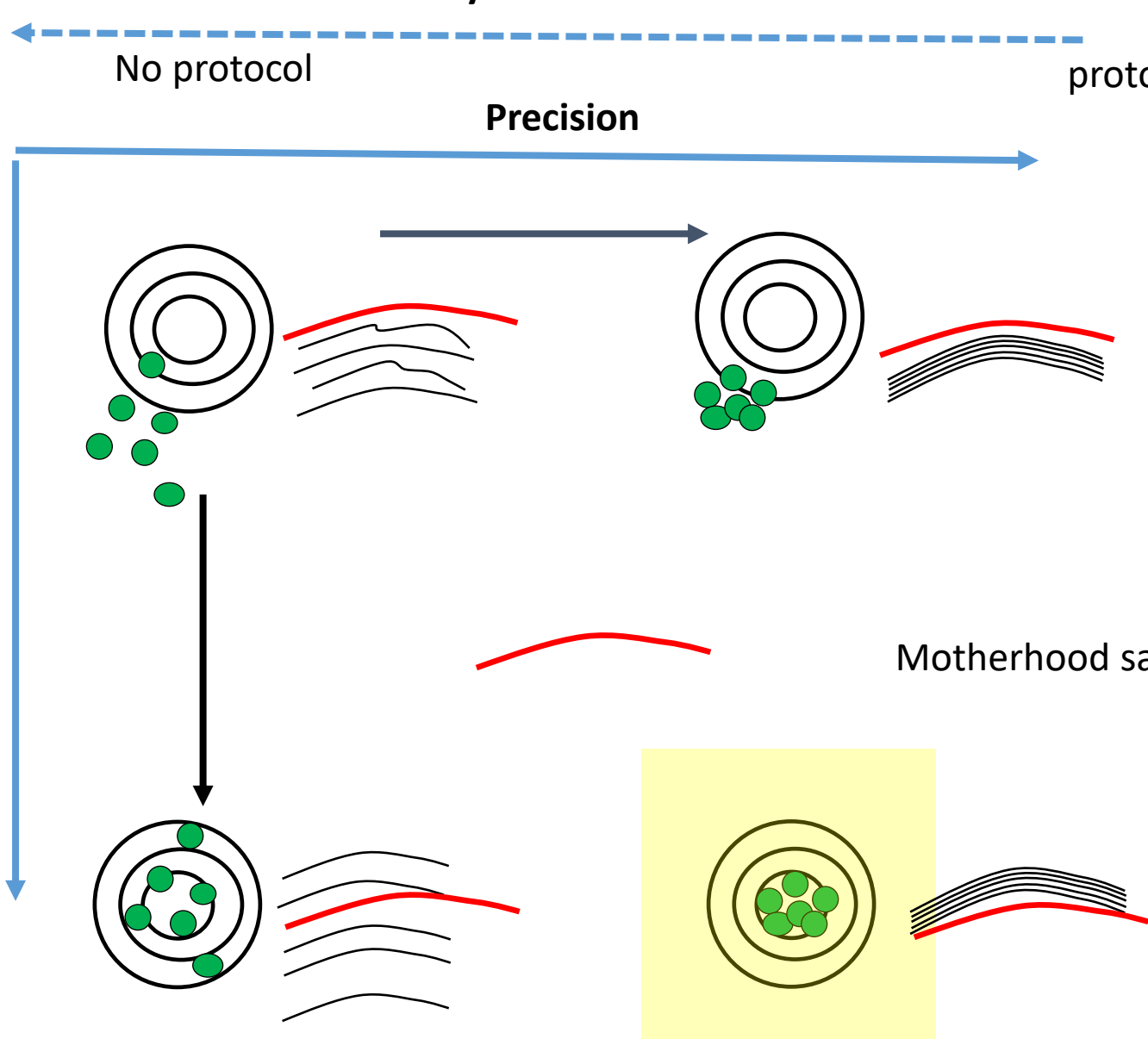
Non systematic effect

Accuracy

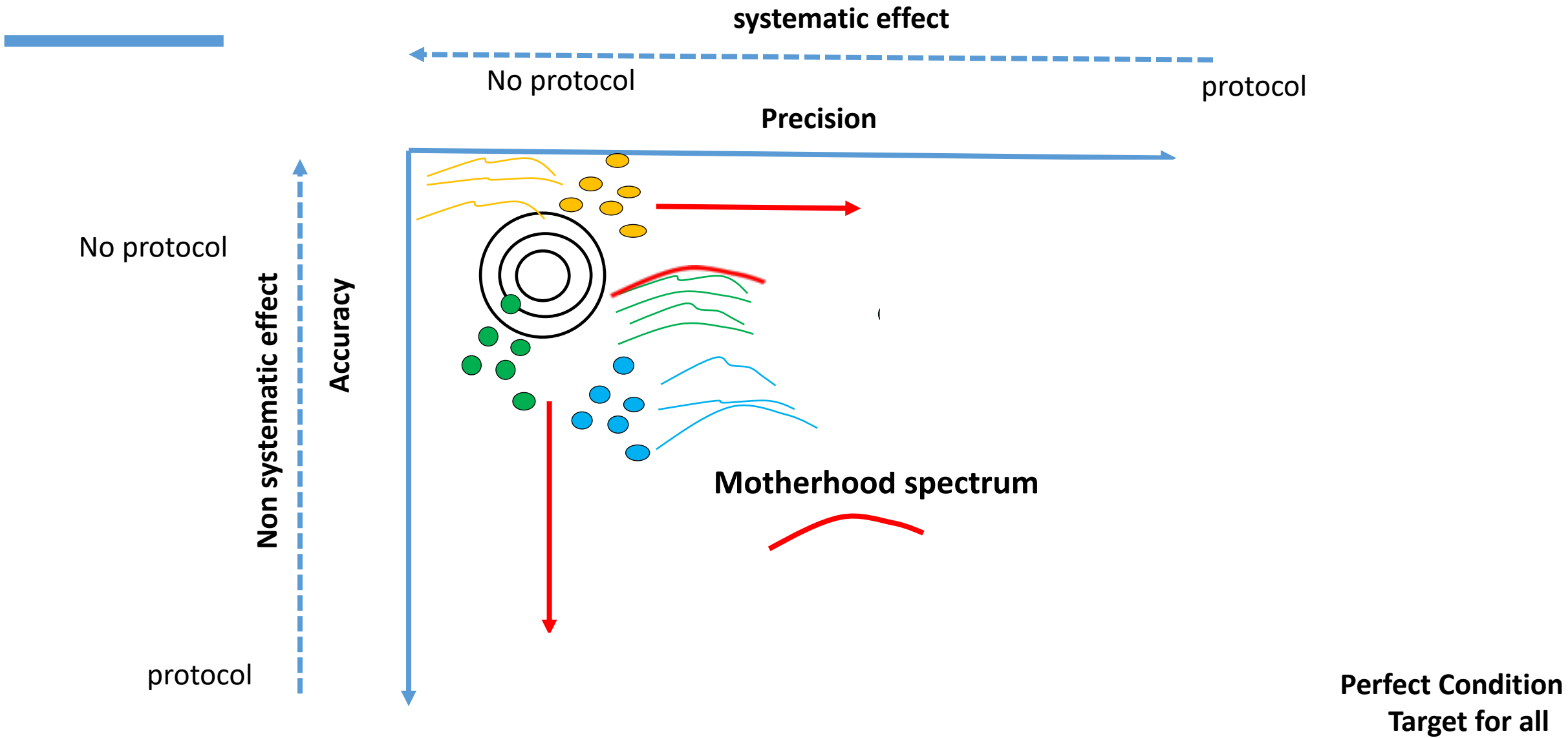
protocol

Motherhood sample (ISS)

Perfect Condition  
Target for all



3 identical samples, 3 spectrometers all corrected to motherhood spectrometer



# The first solution to harmonize SSLs from different origins

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

Ben Dor E\*, Ong O. and I. Lau

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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### Reflectance measurements of soils in the laboratory: Standards and protocols

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**ABSTRACT**

For the past 20 years soil reflectance measured in the laboratory has been a common environment and procedure. Based on soil spectrometry, a simple strategy using a reflectometric approach has been developed for soils along with various combinations of soil spectral libraries worldwide. Unfortunately however, there are no agreed upon standards or protocols for reliable reflectance measurements in the laboratory and field. Consequently, laboratory soil measurements have not been put into practice based on the standard, experience, consistency and effectiveness. The main aspects are problems for comparing and sharing soil spectral data between users as spectral variations can be introduced from one protocol to the next. This paper presents the generation of a

# STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IEEE P4005

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STANDARD PROTOCOL AND SCHEME FOR MEASURING SOIL SPECTROSCOPY

IEEE GEOSCIENCE AND REMOTE SENSING SOCIETY STANDARDS COMMITTEE (GRSS-SC)

JUNE 4, 2020

## SCOPE -

To develop a standard and protocol scheme that will be well agreed upon by the whole soil spectral and remote sensing community. The interested groups are: pedometrics, HSR, soil spectroscopy, and precision agriculture

### NEED FOR THE PROJECT

As many SSLs are being generated today worldwide and others are in preparation, merging them is highly important for their implementation into worldwide HSR data. Another important need for this project is to join the SSL databases into a large homogeneous database that will cover all soil types worldwide and can be used by anyone at any time.

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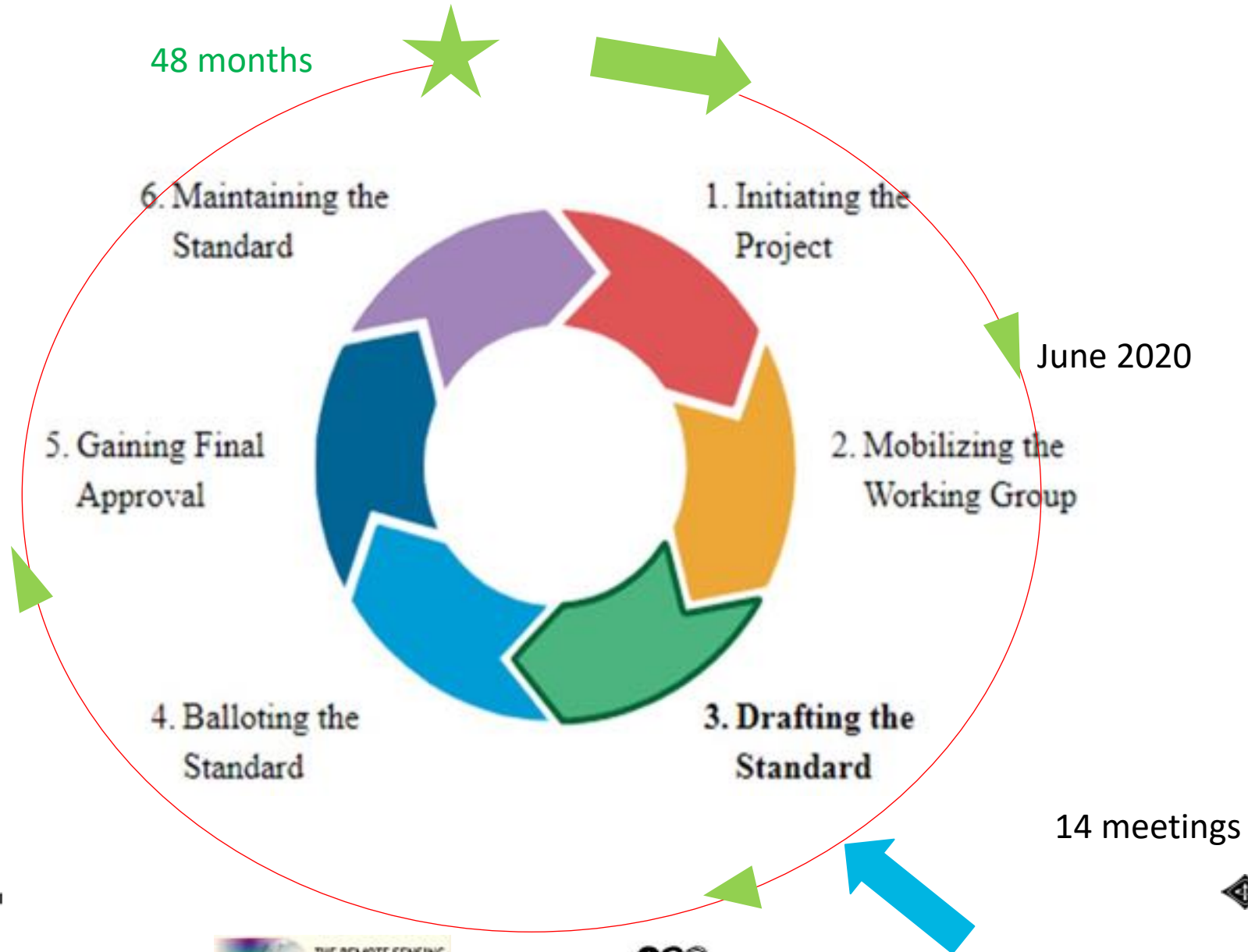
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48 members

Quorum 24<



# STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT STAGES



# S-WG suggested leaders

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- SWG1 - Optical operational scheme (0.4-2.5 um): **Eyal Ben Dor + Sabine Chabrilat (RSL-TAU, GFZ)**
- SWG2- Thermal operational scheme (3-15 um): **Martin Schodlok (BGR)**
- SWG3- Data saving and archiving (optical + thermal): **Jose Dematte (USP)**
- SWG4 - Cross calibration for spectral exchange (optical + thermal): **Milla Luleva, Jonatan Senderman (AgroCares)**
- SWG5- Spectral performance assessment for Optical and Thermal spectral ranges: **Bas van Wesemael (UCL)**
- SWG6- Field operational scheme (Optical): **Thomas Schmid + Nicolas Francos (CIEMAT, RSL-TAU)**

In all SWG - Consideration to Mineral and Organic soils Should be given

**IEEE – SA P4005**

**WG Protocol for Soil for measurements in  
the laboratory Point and image  
spectrometer VIS-NIR-SWIR region**

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**SWP 1**  
(SWP 4, 5)

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# Reflectance Measurement stages in the Laboratory

A simple card

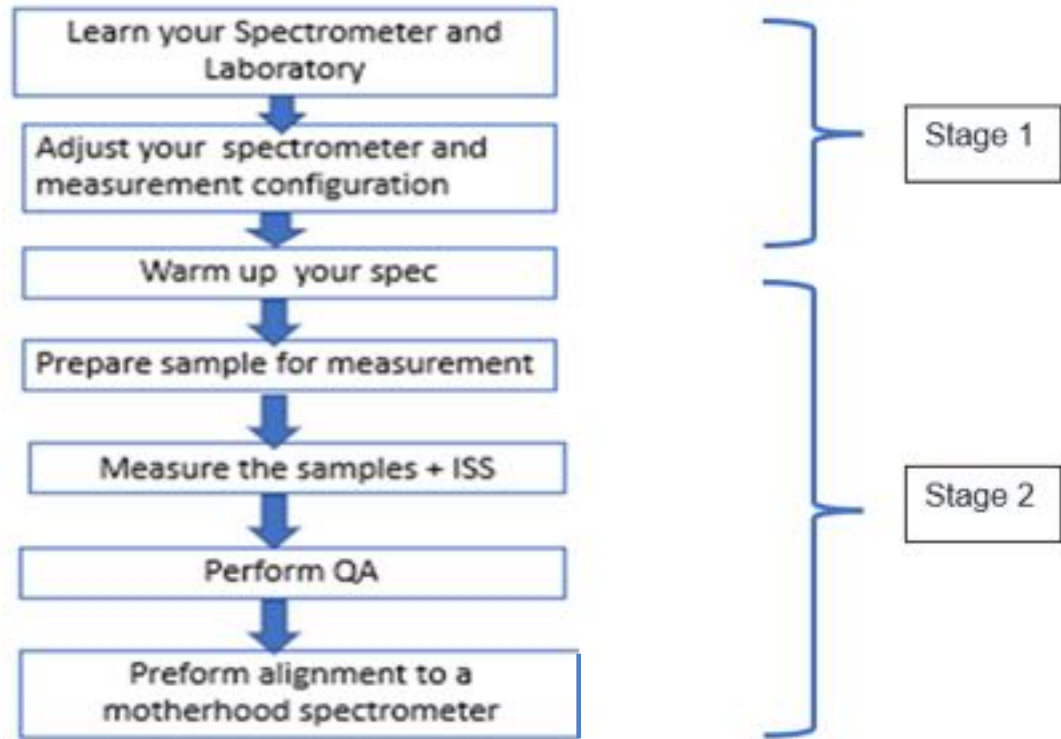
in this protocol.

There are two stages within this protocol: 1) Learn your spectrometer – this stage is done just after the spectrometer has been received back from the vendor's calibration or when the spectrometer performance is deteriorating and 2) routine measurement of soil samples in the laboratory.

Learn you  
spectrometer  
(every 6 months)



Routine spectral  
measurements



Spectrometer check up

Stage 1

Stage 2

Configuration Optimization

Warming

WR

ISS x 3

Samples x3

Samples x3

Samples x3

Samples x3

Samples x3

WR

ISS x 3

Good

Bad

Sample preparation

Every set of measurements

### Synopsis of Measurement

### FAST CHECKLIST FOR SPECTROMETER ASSESSMENT (STAGE 1)

- 1) Check the warming time with HALON
- 2) Check SNR with LB and BS
- 3) Measure Polymer and compare it with the benchmark
- 4) Documenting all information

*Every 6 months or after getting the spectrometer back from vendor's calibration*

Short  
Document

### FAST CHECKLIST FOR SOIL SPECTRAL MEASUREMENTS (STAGE 2)

- 1) Prepare the measurement environment
- 2) Config the system
- 3) Set up the measurement geometry
- 4) Warm up the system
- 5) Measure WR
- 6) Prepare and measure Polymer, LB (or and WB) – three replicates
- 7) Prepare and measure soil - three replicates X 5
- 8) Check WR back to 100%
- 9) If not – prepare and measure LB (X3)
- 10) Proceed to 5
- 11) If stage 8 is yes – proceed to stage 7
- 12) save and check that all measurements have been documented and archive
- 13) Proceed to calculation and QA checks
- 14) Correct for the ISS
- 15) Fill up the "measurement document"

*For routine soil spectral measurements*

# Conclusions

- Soil is an important component in the food security world
- Soil Spectral Libraries (SSL) are important (big) data information to foster precise agriculture and better food production
- Different protocols to measure SSL result in a “Babylon tower effects ”
- An agreed standard and protocol for soil reflectance measurement is the main product of the IEEE P4005 WG.
- The IEEE P4005 standard will be a game changer in exploiting SSLs globally

# Thank You !!



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