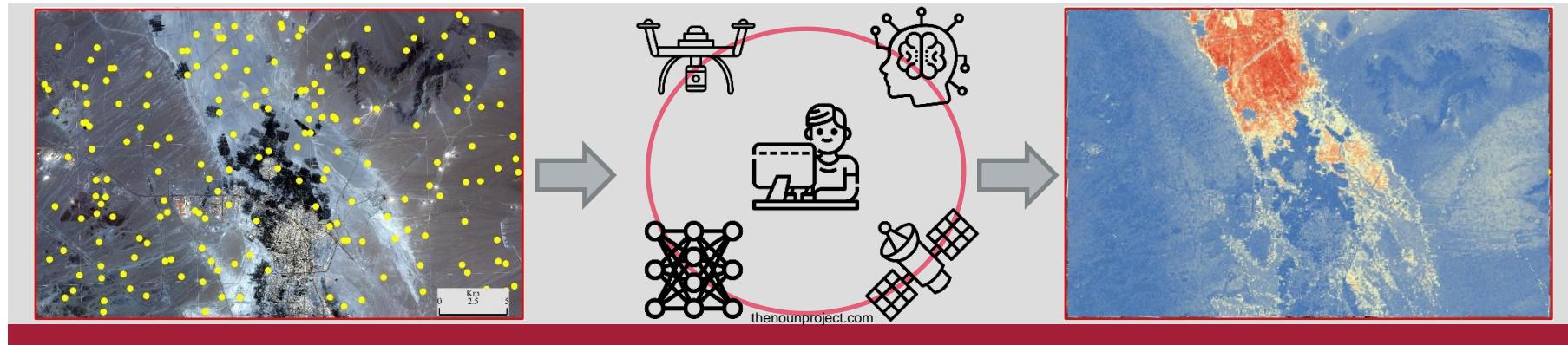




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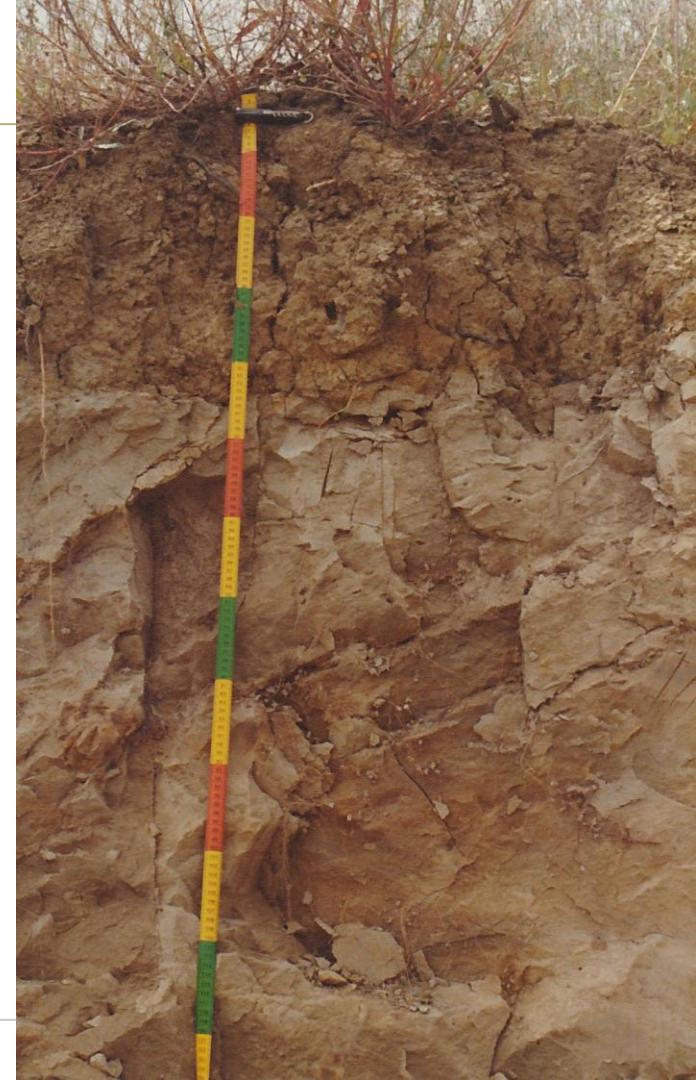
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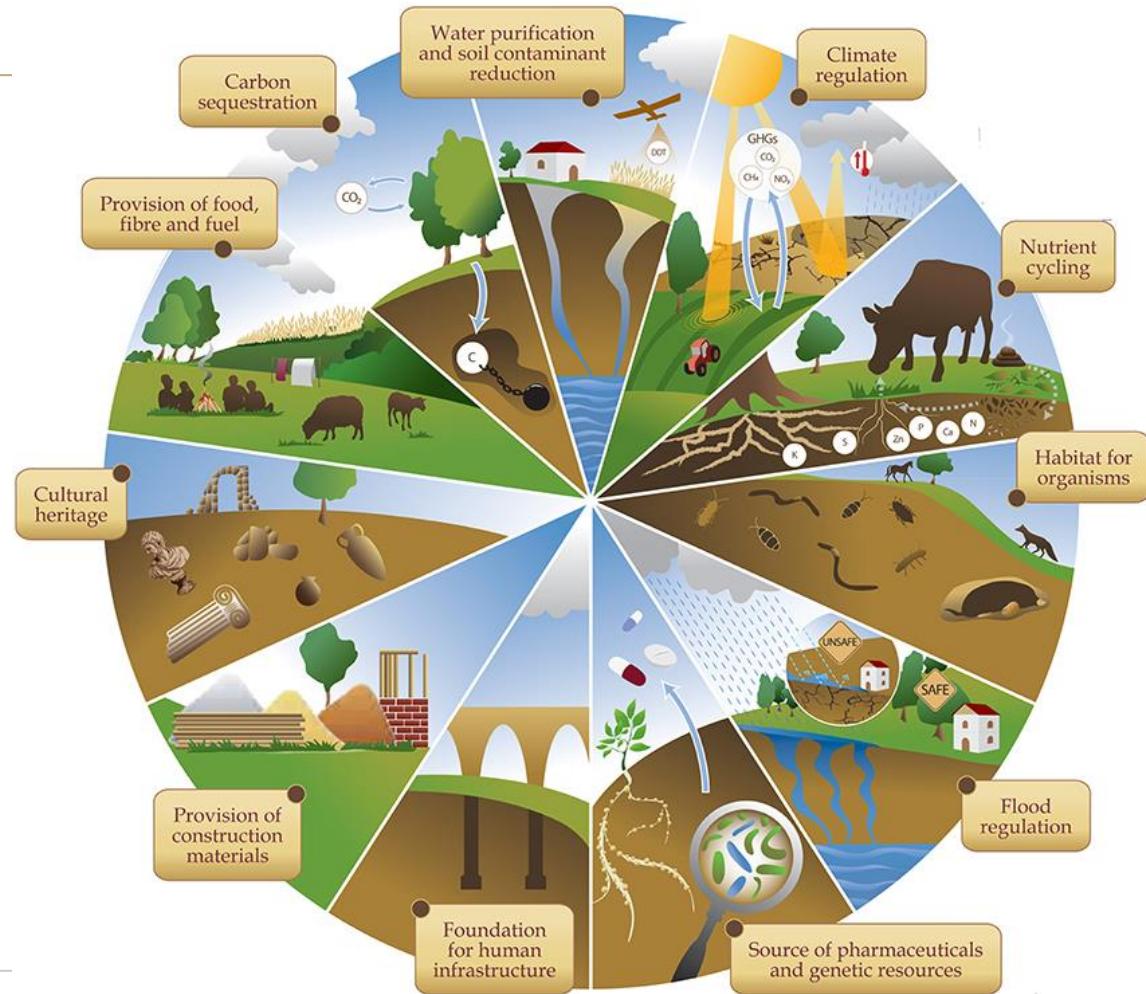
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Why Soil Matters?





Soil Degradation



Soil erosion



Soil salinization



Land clearing



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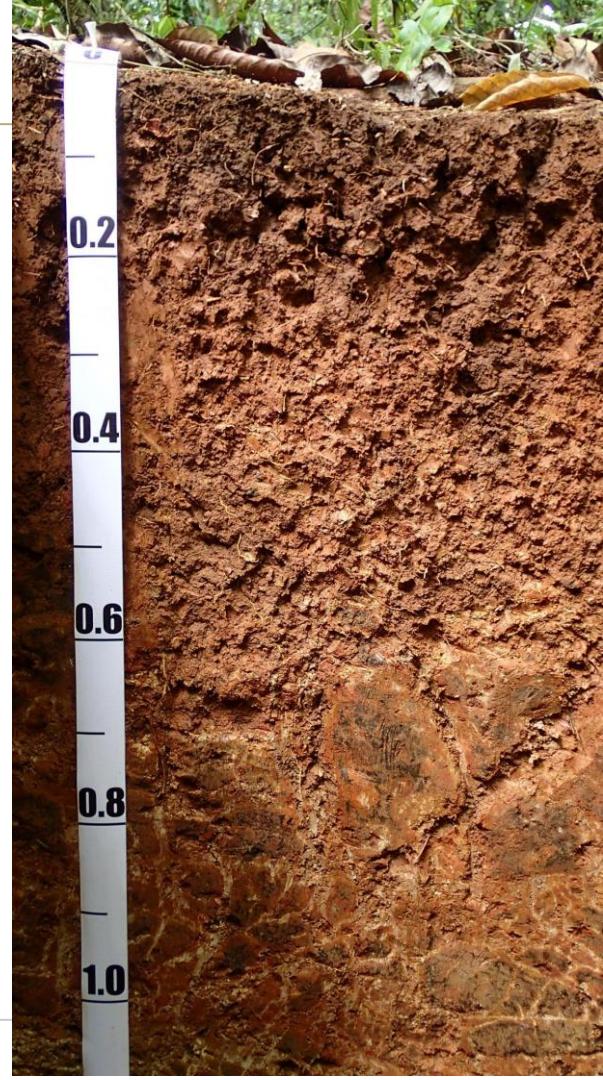
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Soil Functions



Sustainable Soil Management



1 NO
POVERTY



2 ZERO
HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE,
CLEAN ENERGY



8 INDUSTRY,
INNOVATION
AND ECONOMIC
GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE
CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



13 CLIMATE
ACTION



Soil map
is an essential
tool in achieving
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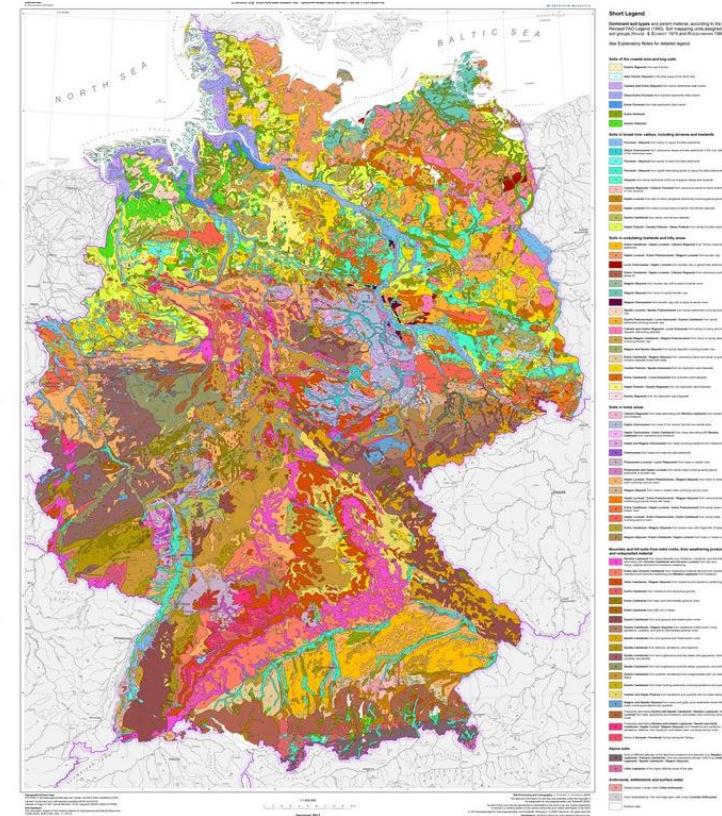
Soil Map

Definition:

Soil map is a **geographical representation** showing diversity of soil types and/or soil properties (soil pH, textures, organic matter, depths of horizons etc.) in the area of interest.

Users:

Decision makers, researchers/scientists, agronomists, farmers, etc.



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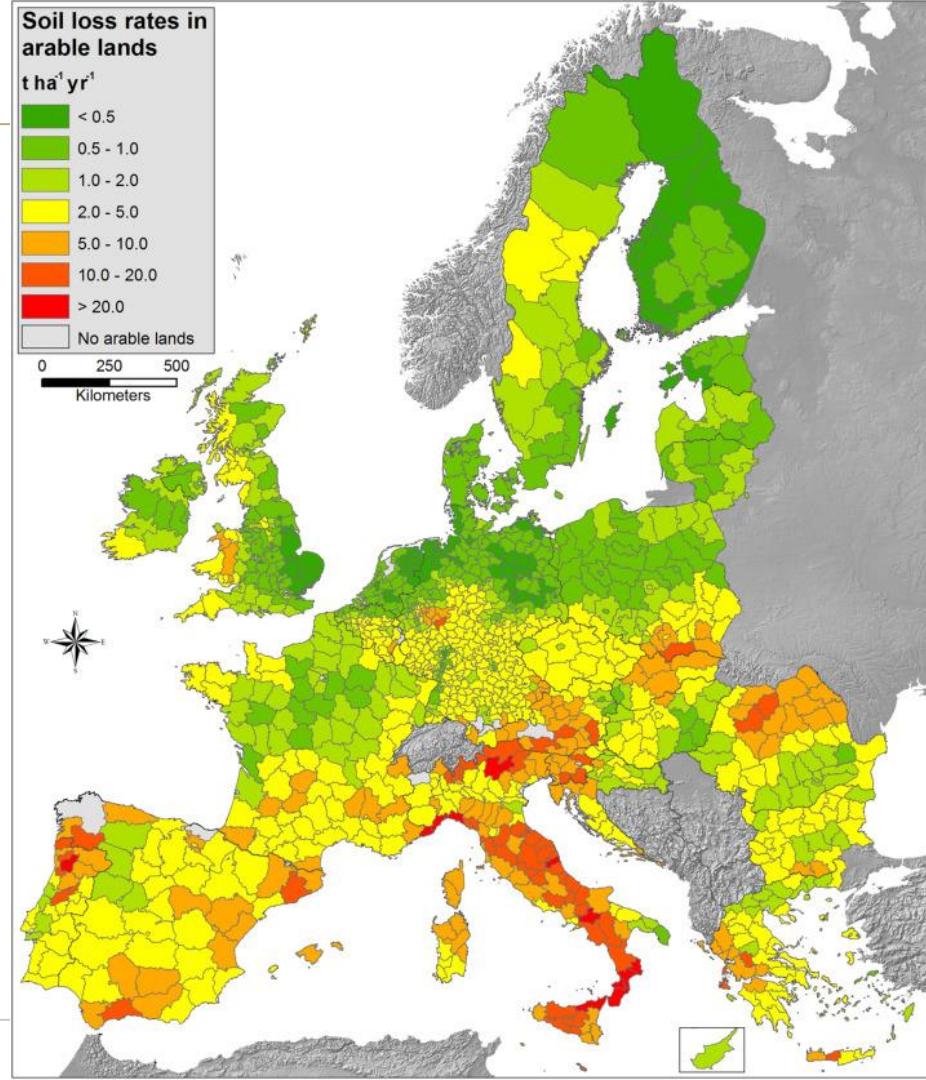
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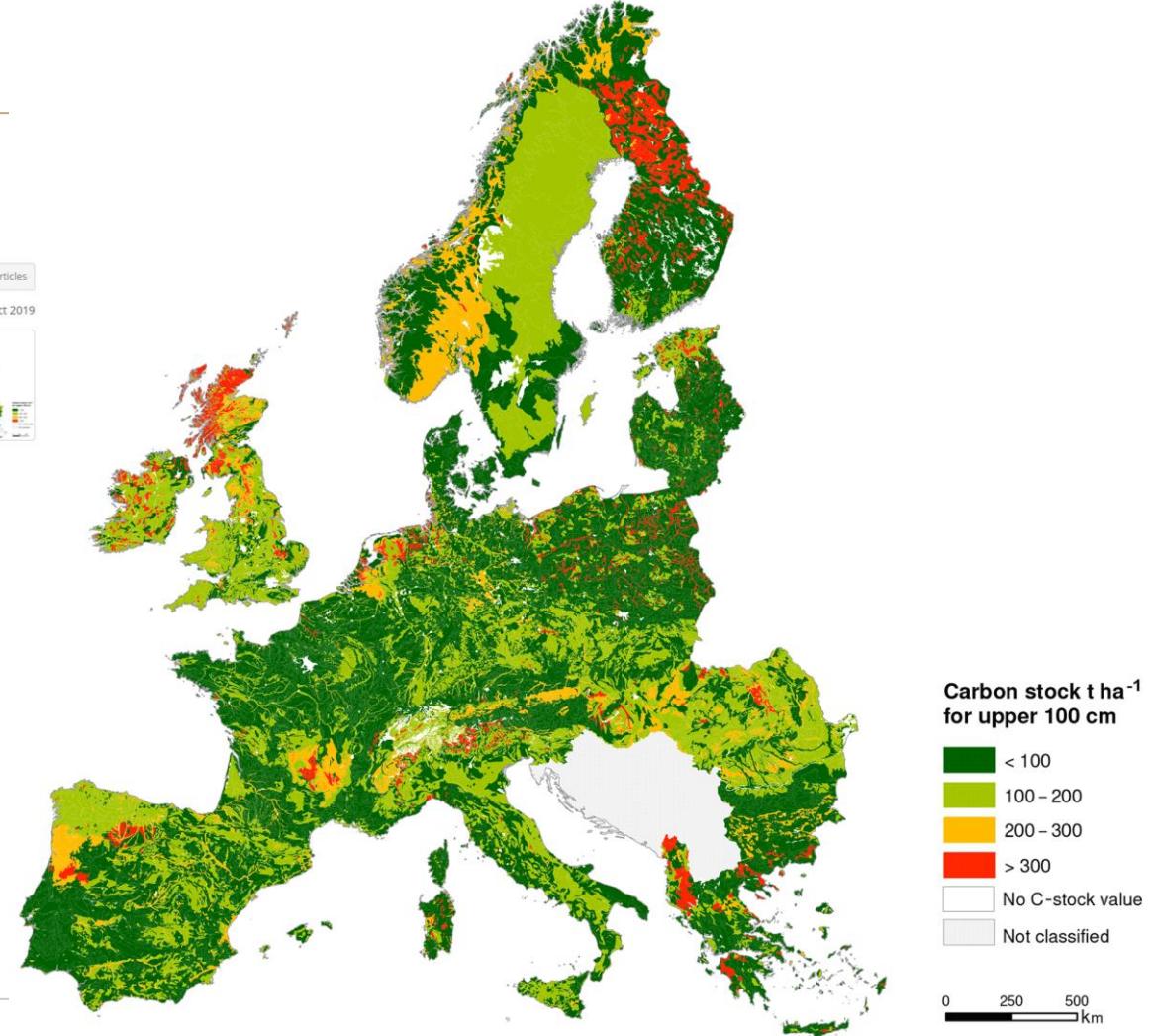
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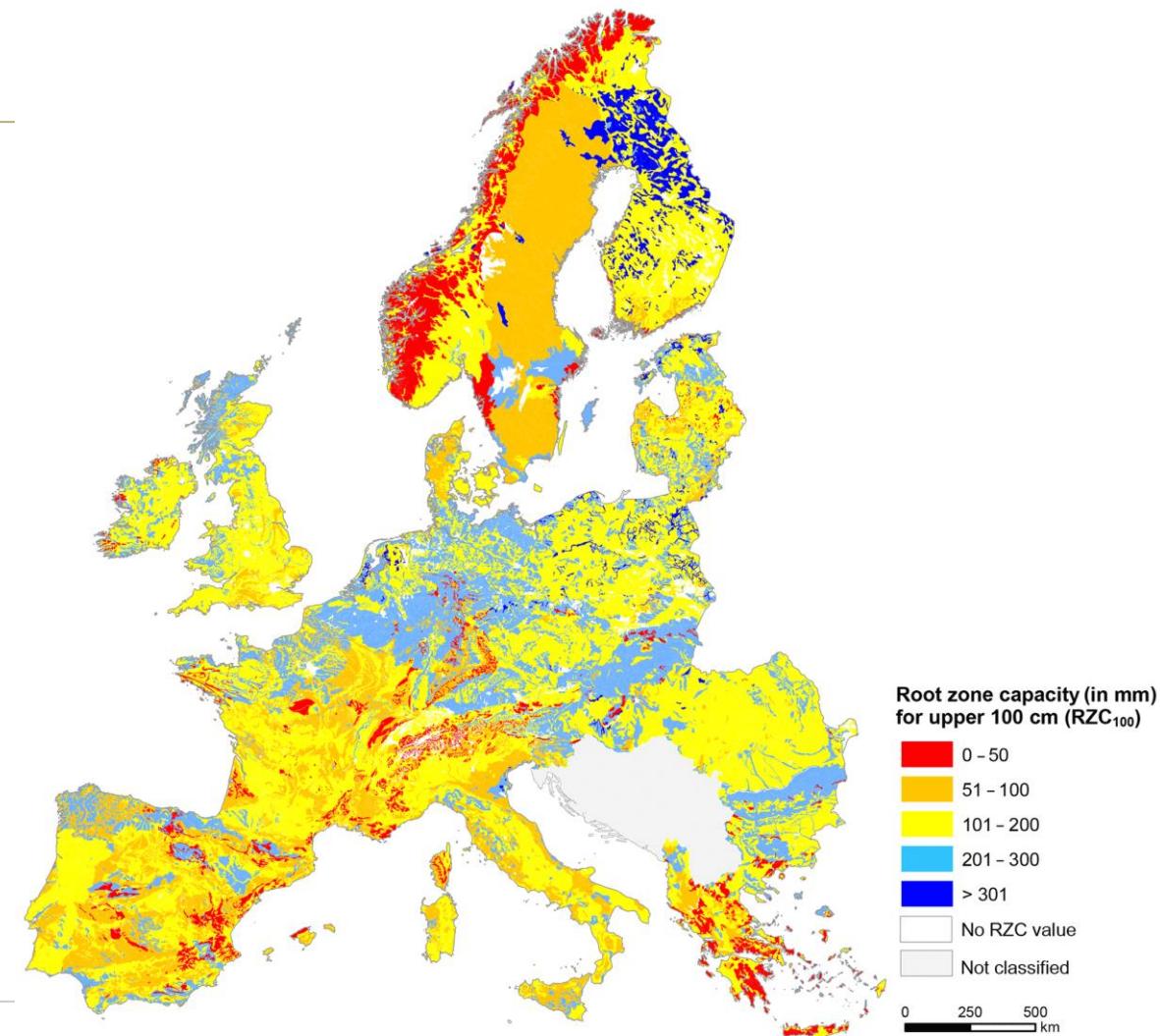
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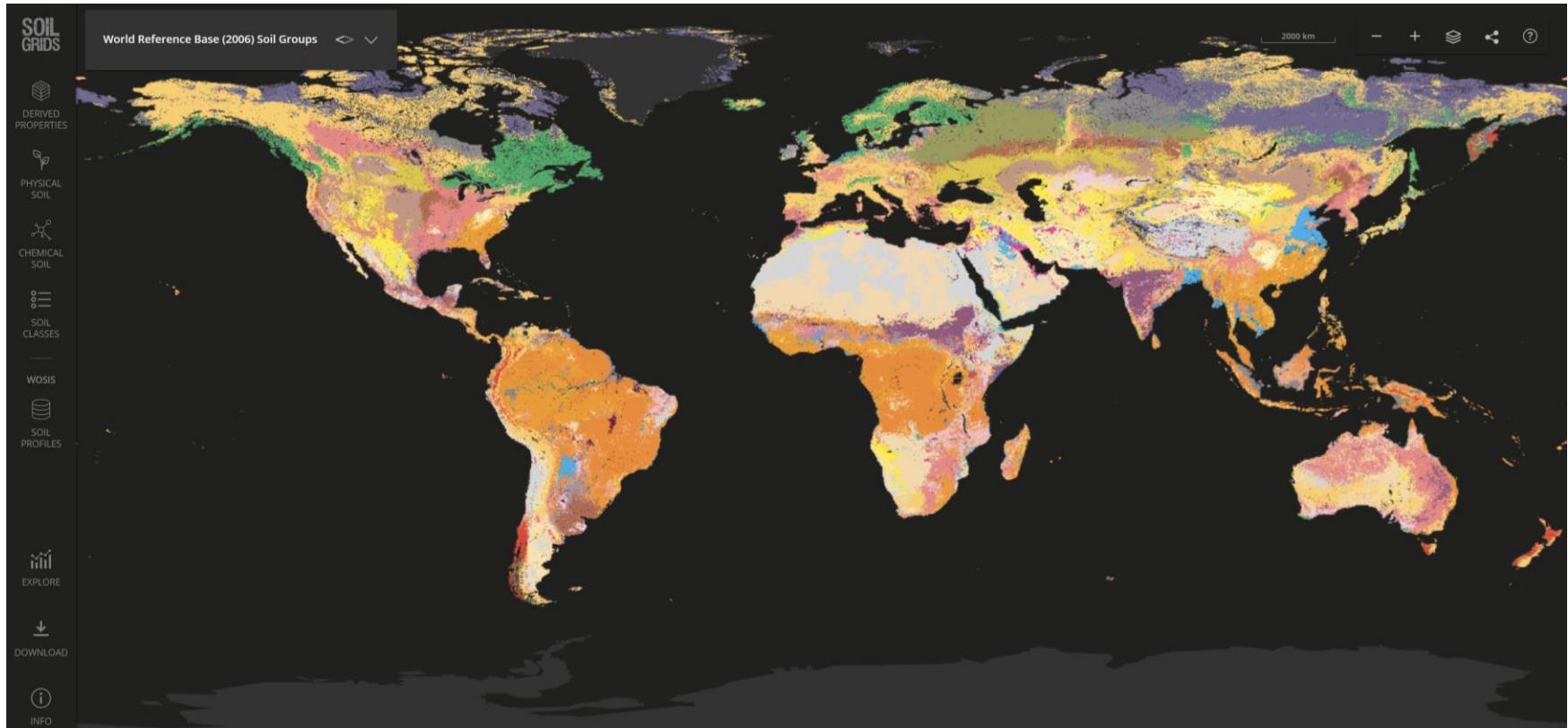
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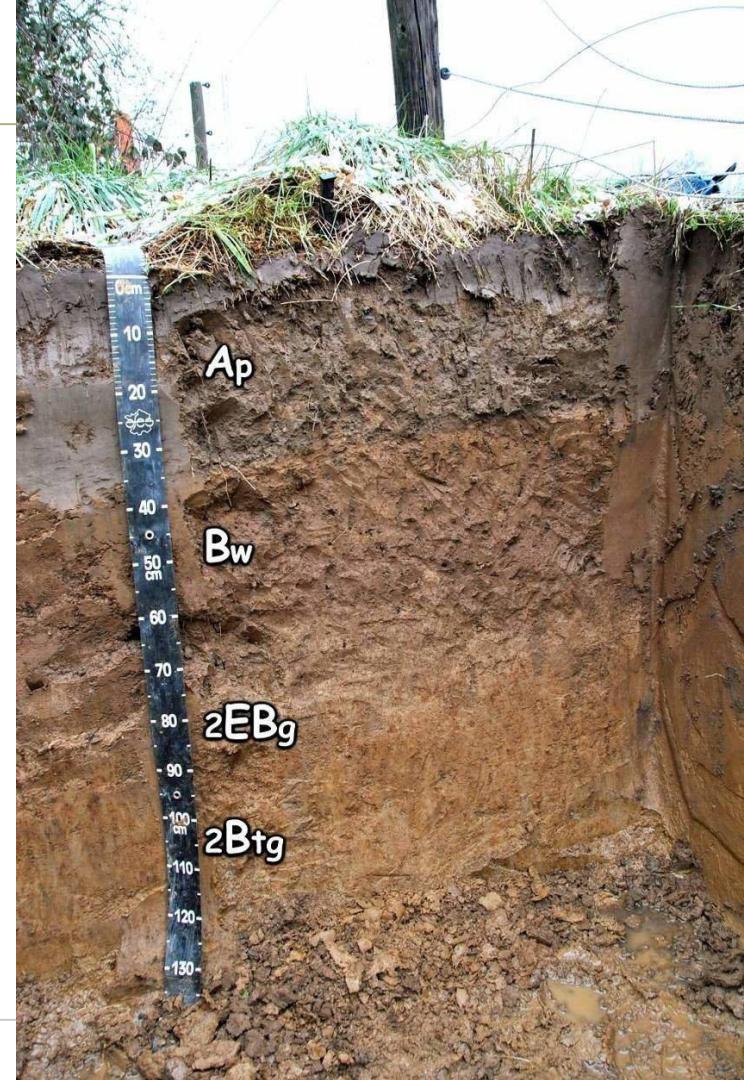


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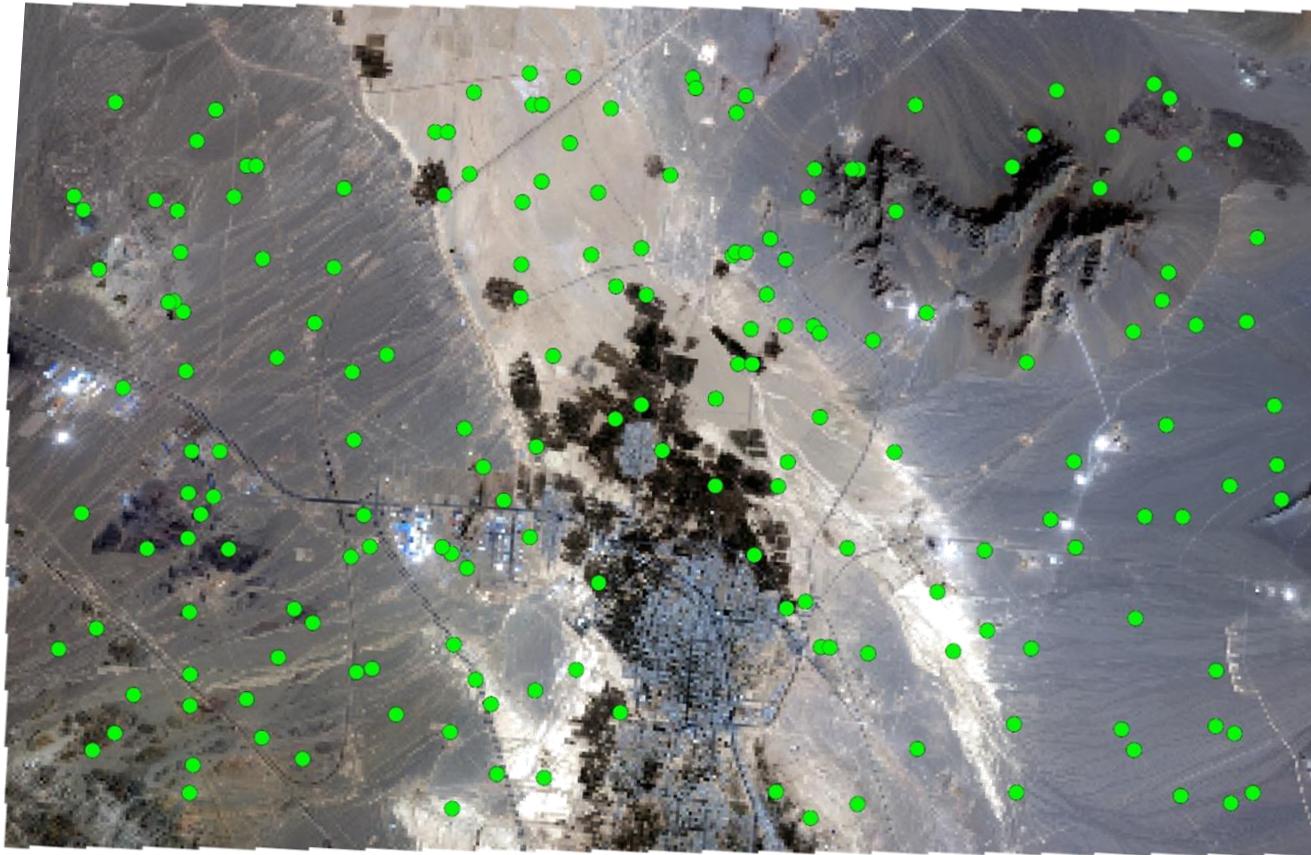
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1. study area
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3. field data collection
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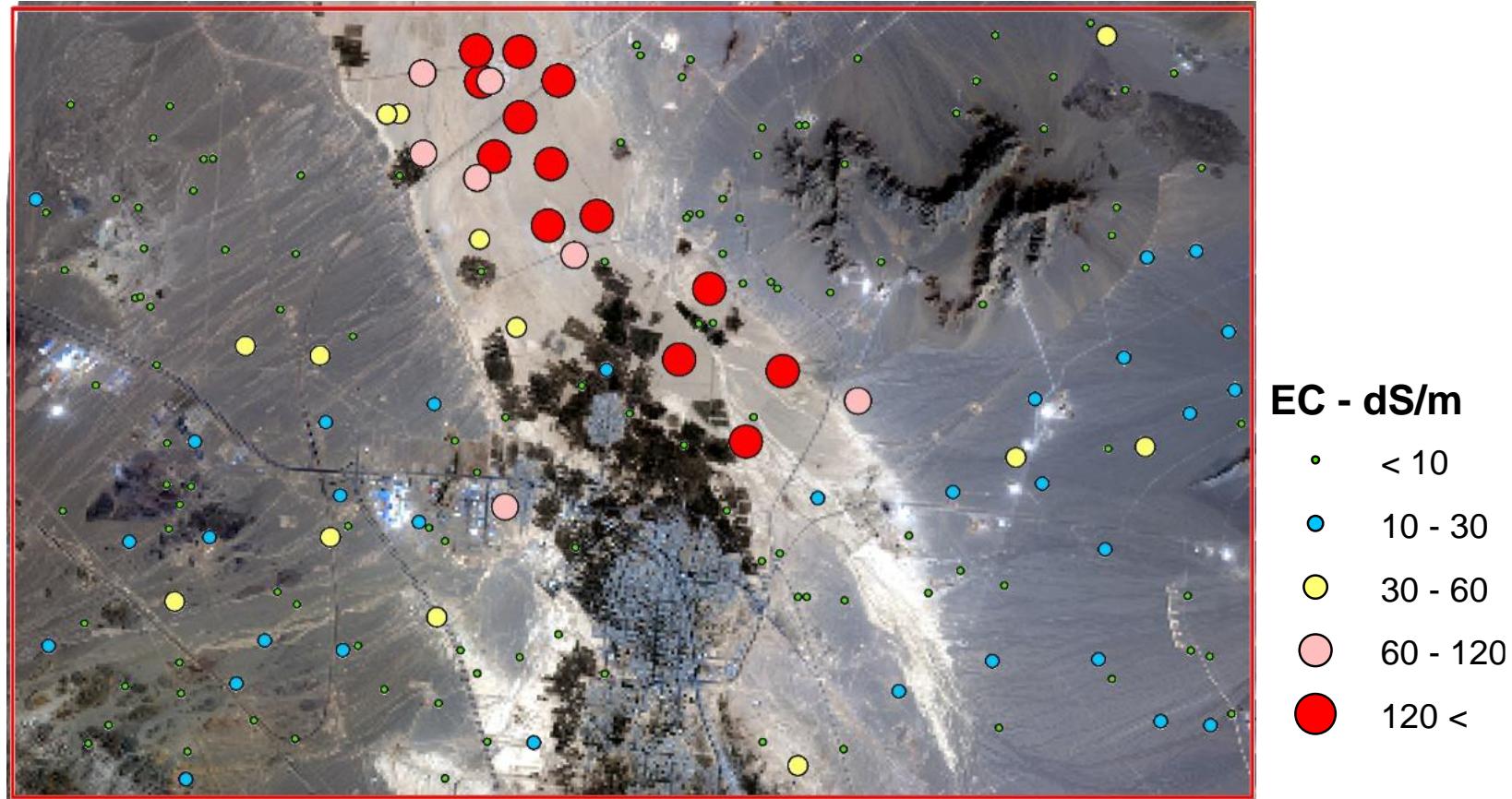


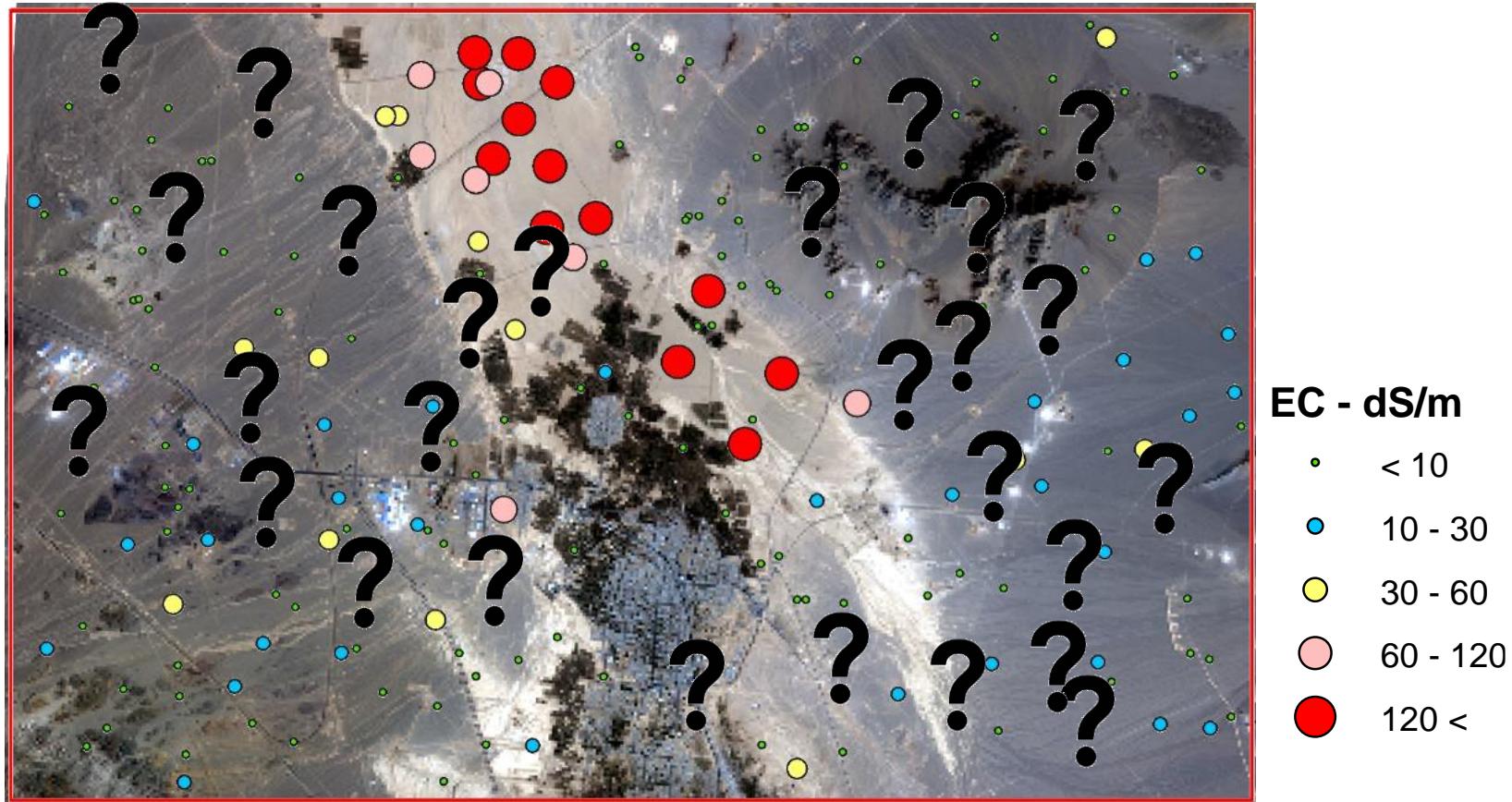
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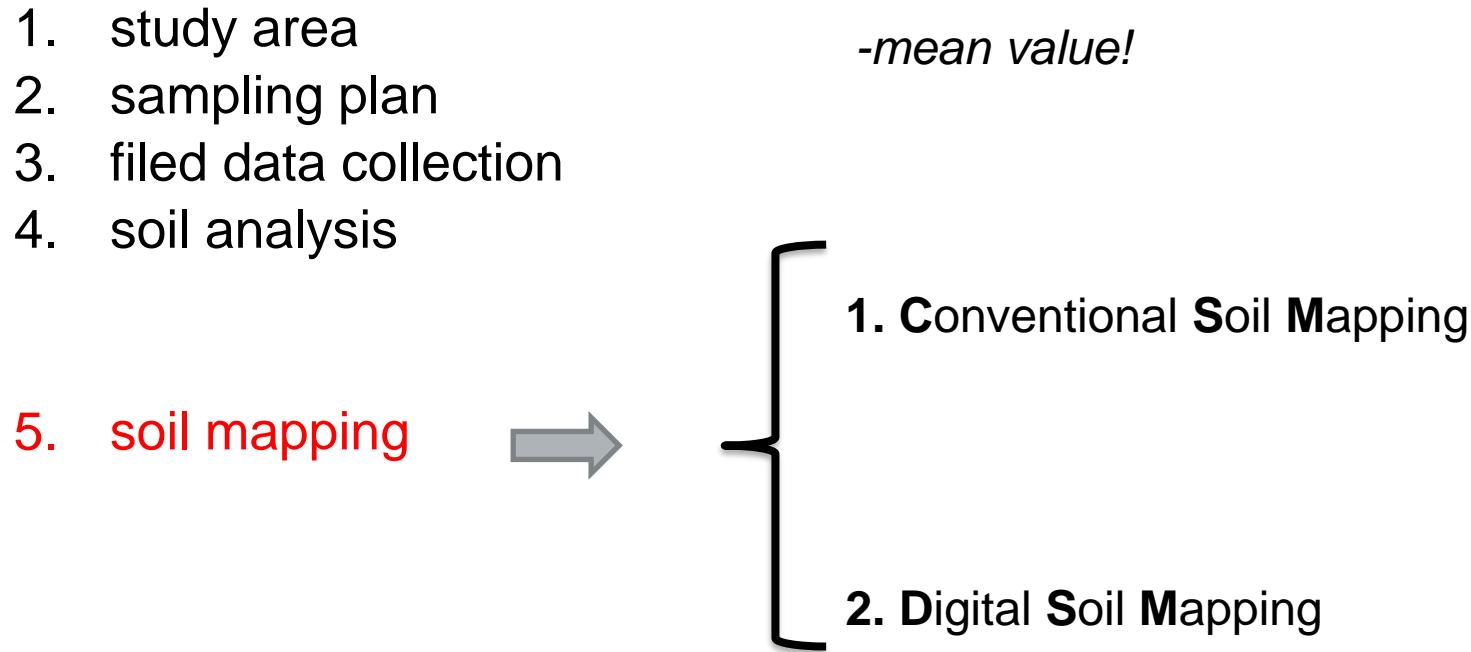
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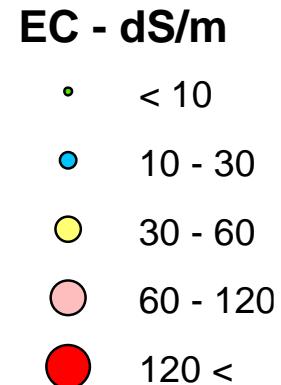
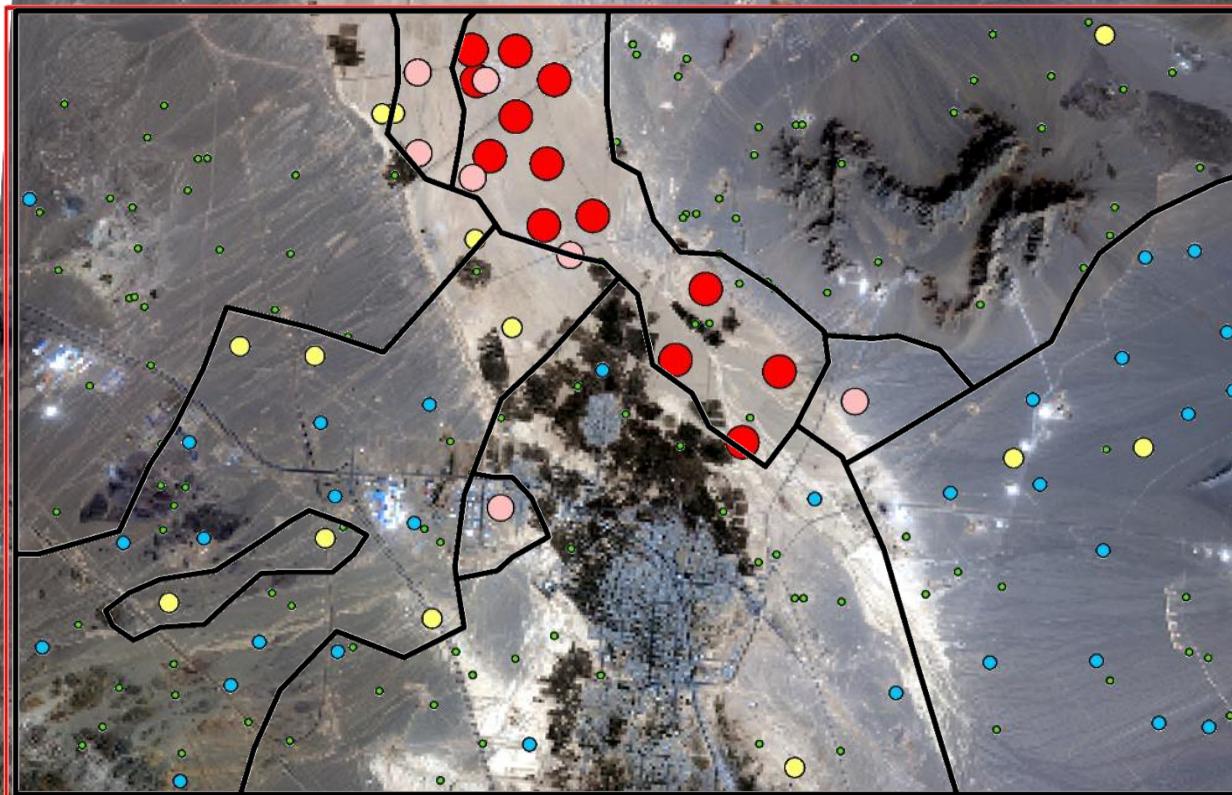
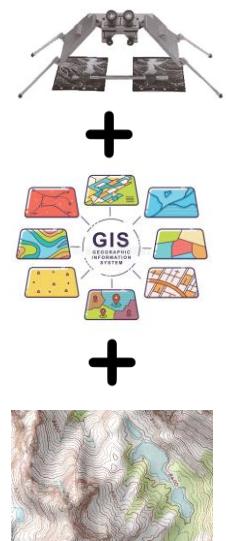


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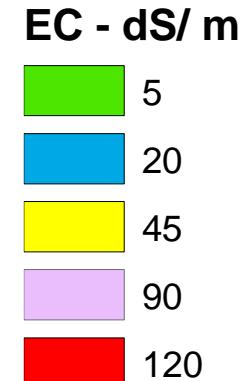
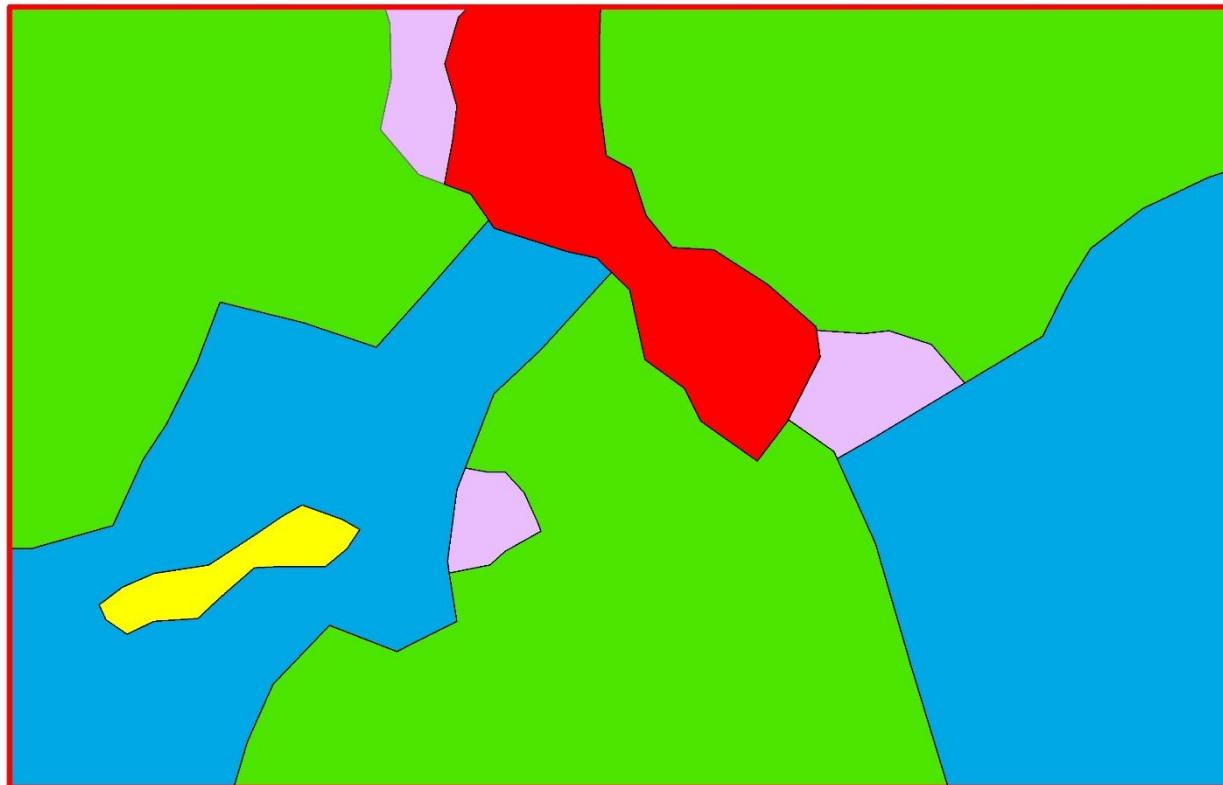


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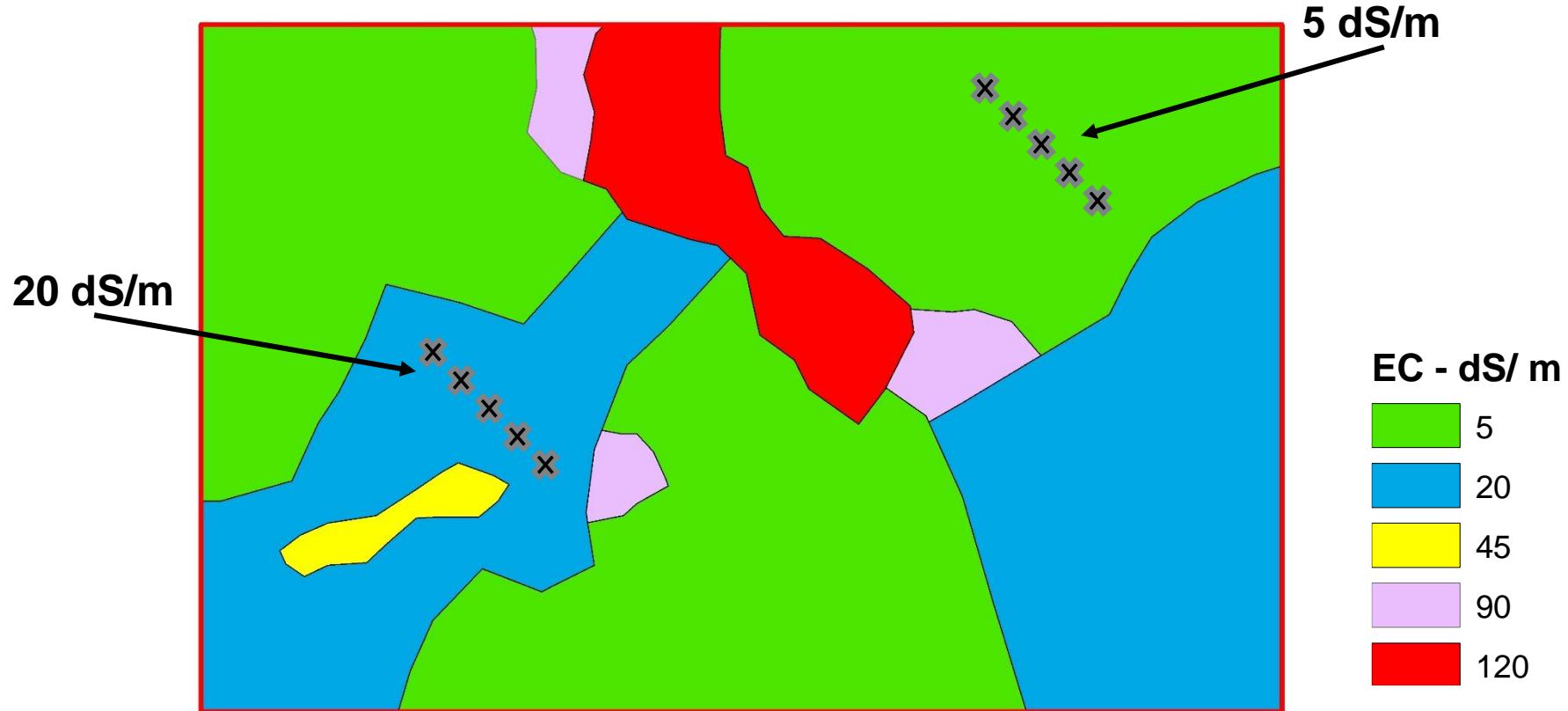




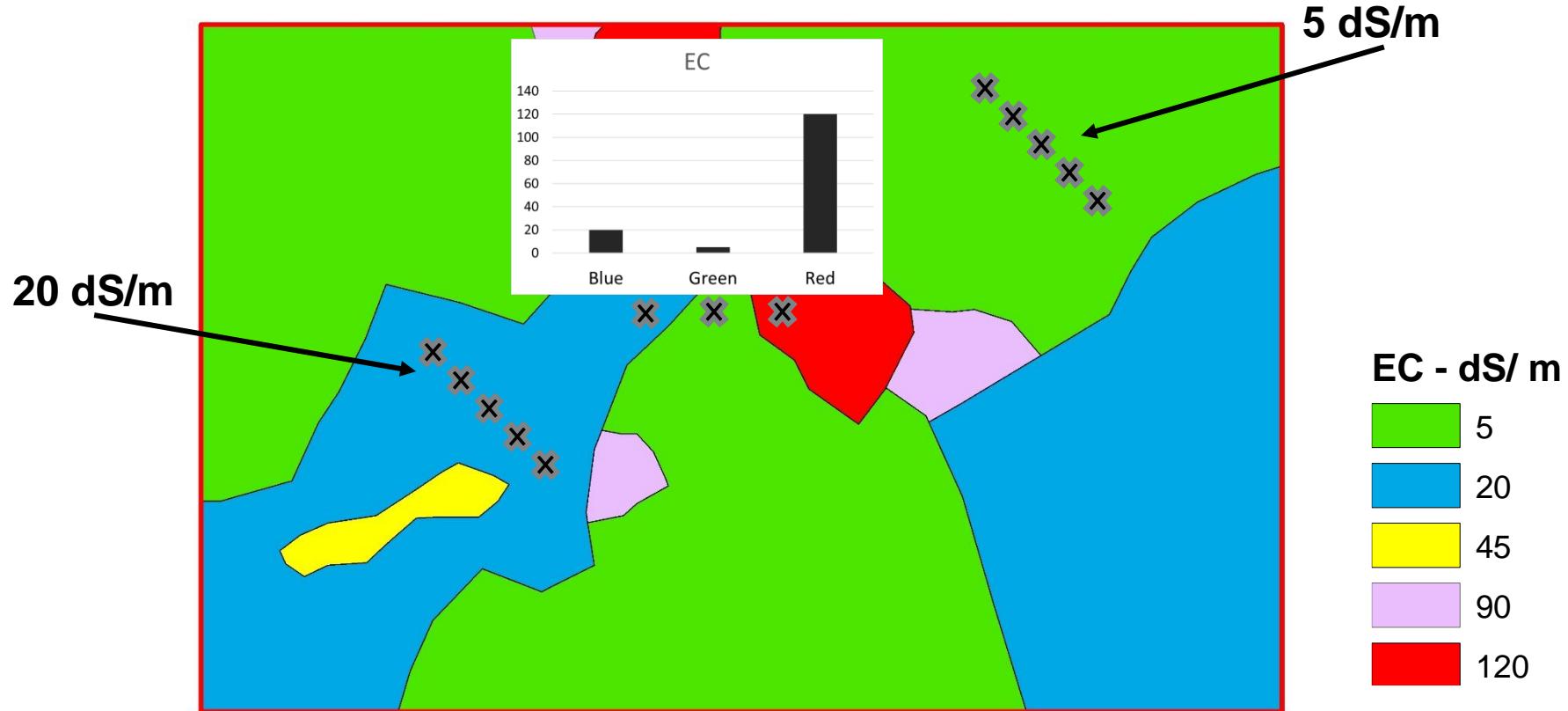
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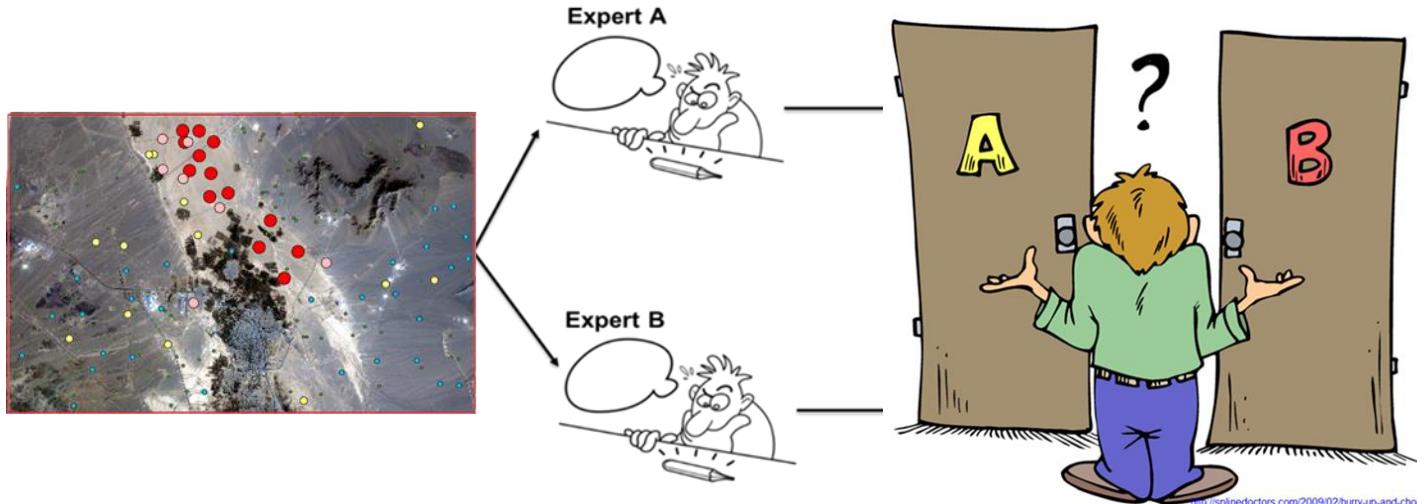




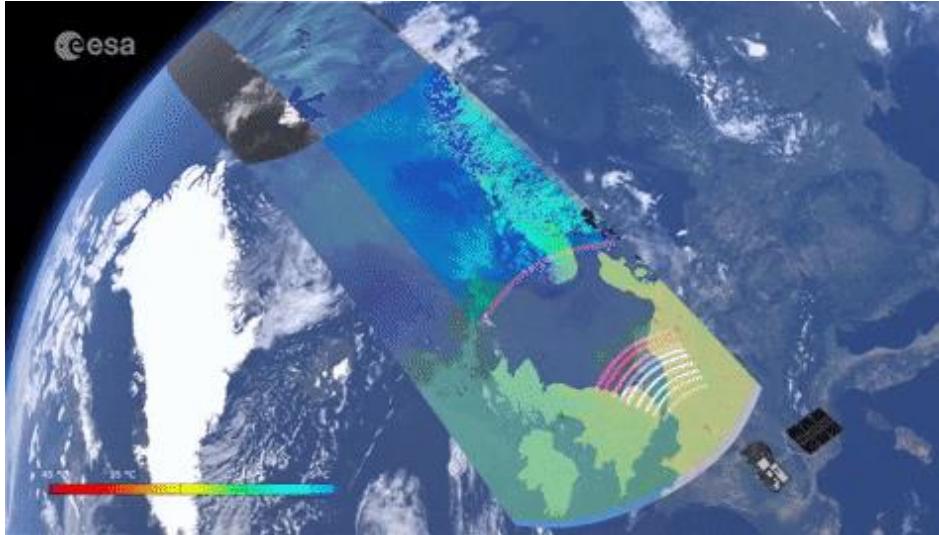
Conventional Soil Mapping

Limitations:

1. Don't consider the continuous nature of **soil variability**.
2. Are **expensive** and time-consuming €
3. Are not suitable for quantitative modelling purposes
4. Depend on the **experience** and skills of the soil surveyor.
5. Unknown **accuracy**



Conventional to Digital



Unmanned aerial vehicle



What is digital soil mapping?

- Digital Soil Mapping (DSM), predictive soil mapping, or pedometric mapping = computer assisted production of digital maps of soil type and soil properties, by use of mathematical and statistical **models** that combine information from **soil observations** with information contained in correlated environmental variables (**covariates**).
- DSM = the application of pedometric methods to **automate** the production of soil maps
- DSM is **NOT** digitising soil maps



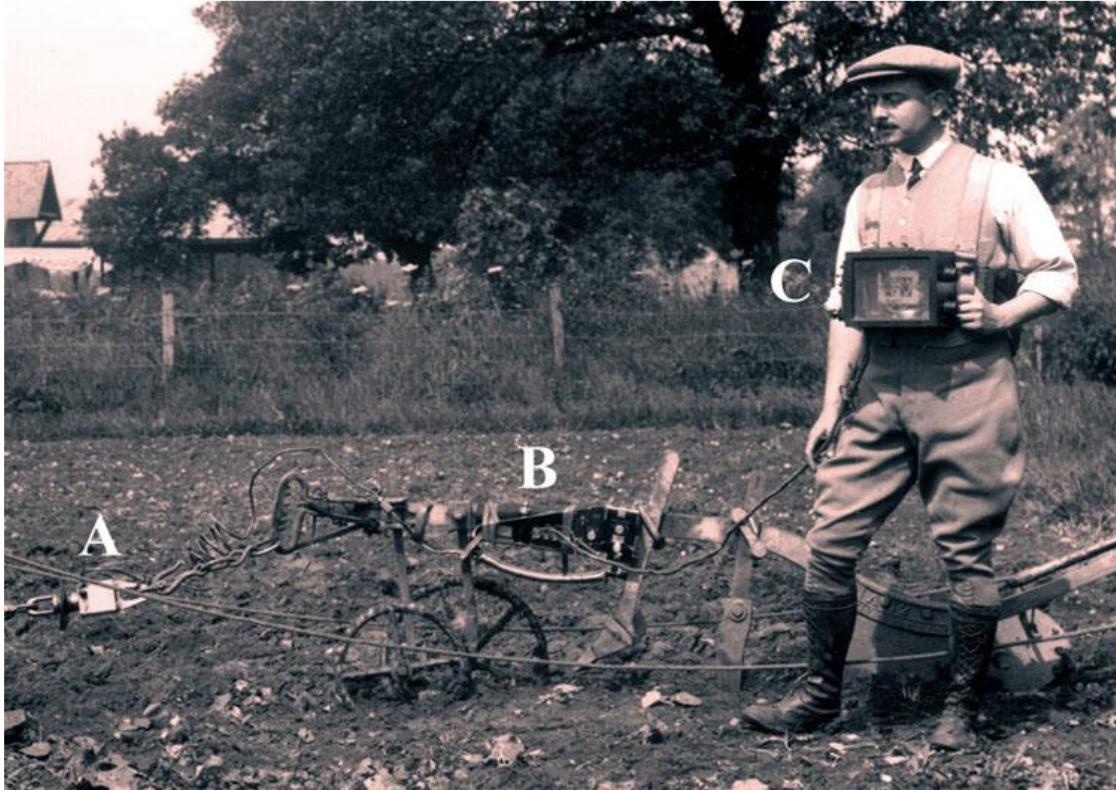
DSM: Some Historical Perspectives

In a broader sense, **automatic mapping** of soil information.
Achieved in many ways:

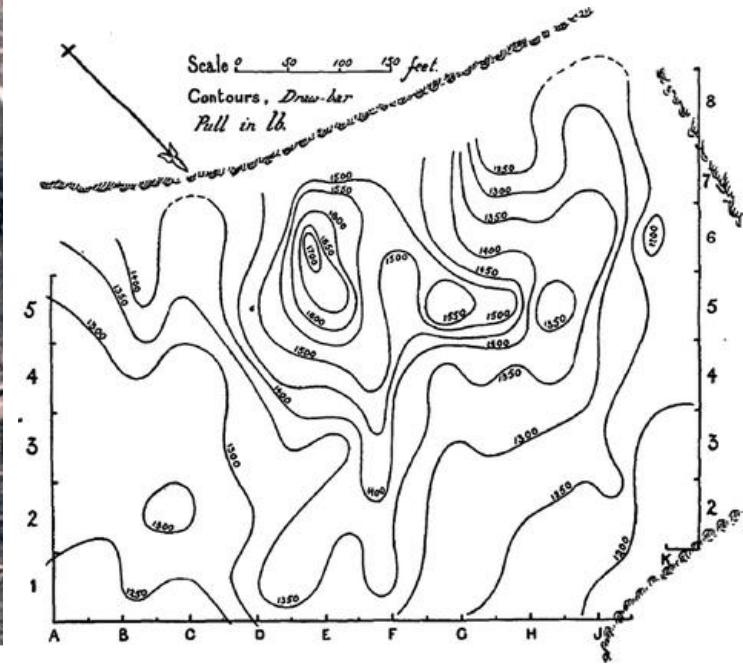
1. Collect dense observation (digital soil cartography)
2. Jenny clorpt functions
3. Interpolation (geostatistics)
4. Combination of clorpt & geostatistics



Collect Dense Soil Data ‘Automatically’[’]

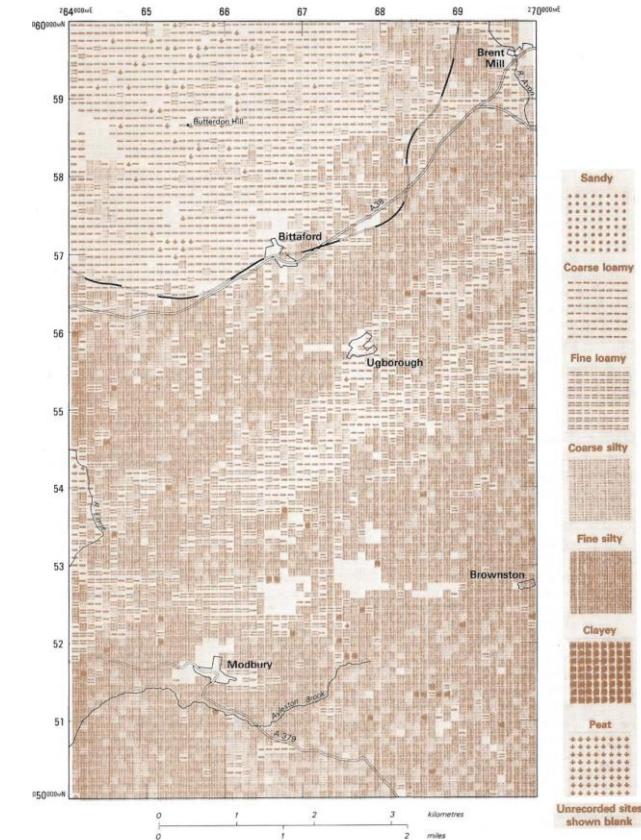


Studies in soil cultivation (Haines & Keen, 1925)



Collect Dense Soil Data ‘Manually’

- Soils of the Ivybridge area in the West of England.
- 60 km² inspected from auger borings on a 100-m square grid.
- 60 columns x 101 rows
- At each ‘pixel’ characteristics of the soil profile and site were recorded.





Jenny's (clorpt) Function

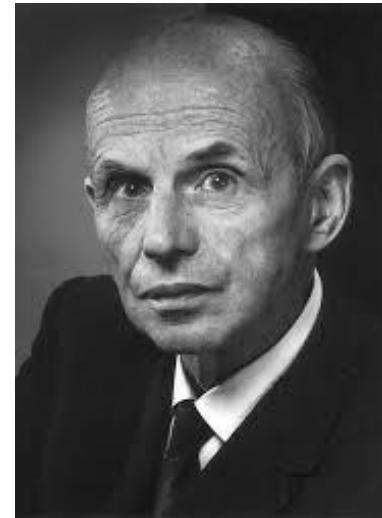
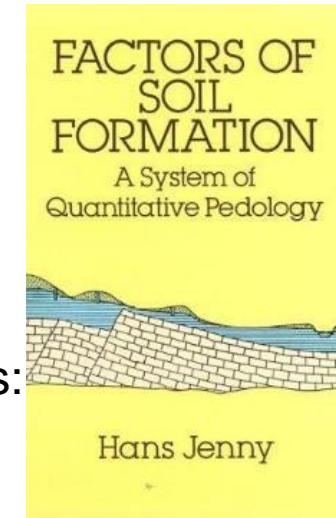
Soil forms under influence of **FIVE** soil forming factors:

1. climate
2. organisms
3. relief
4. parent material
5. Time

Each factor is an independent variable.

Jenny's (clorpt) equation (1941), soil forming factors:

$$S = f(\text{cl}, \text{o}, \text{r}, \text{p}, \text{t}, \dots)$$



- Since Hans Jenny published his formulation in 1941, it has been used by researchers all over the world as a qualitative list for understanding the factors that may be important for producing the soil pattern within a region (**Conventional Soil Mapping**).



Jenny's (clorpt) Function

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Soil Attribute Prediction Using Terrain Analysis

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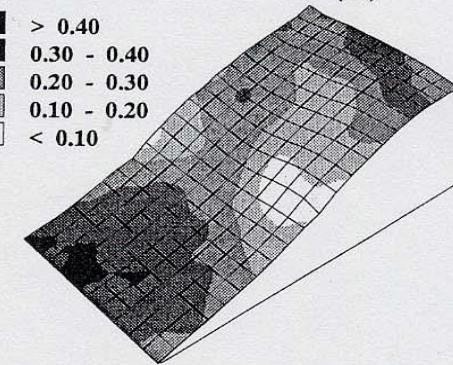
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Moore et al. (1993) gave the first two-dimensional example using a set of terrain attributes derived from a digital elevation model on a 15-m grid to predict continuous soil properties such as A horizon thickness and p for a small catchment in Colorado.

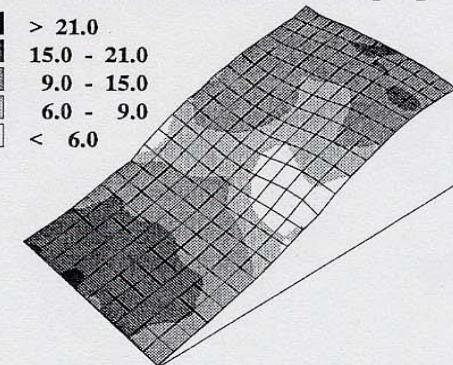
(b) Predicted A Horizon (m)

> 0.40
0.30 - 0.40
0.20 - 0.30
0.10 - 0.20
< 0.10



(d) Predicted Phosphorus (mg kg^{-1})

> 21.0
15.0 - 21.0
9.0 - 15.0
6.0 - 9.0
< 6.0



- Neighbourhood law
- Predict values at unknown locations using values at measured locations
- Many interpolation methods: **kriging**, IDW, etc

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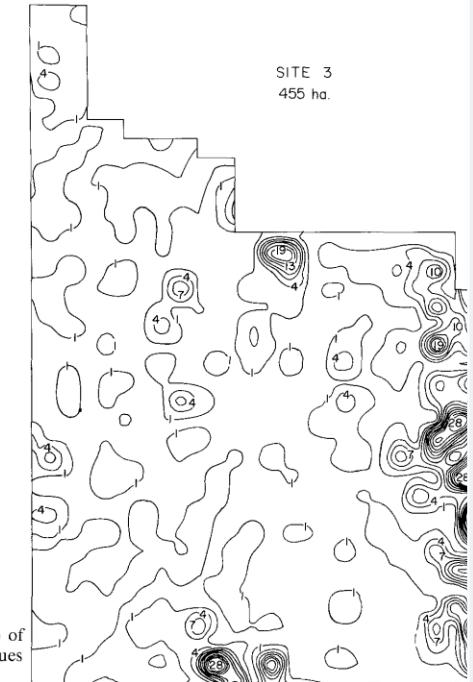


Fig. 5. Isosalinity contour map of Site 3. Numbers refer to EC values in mmho cm⁻¹



Geostatistics + clorpt

- In this approach ‘clorpt’ is used to predict the soil property of interest from environmental variables and kriging is used on the residuals (Regression Kriging).



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Further results on prediction of soil properties from terrain attributes: heterotopic cokriging and regression-kriging

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Abstract

We review various recent approaches to making digital soil maps based on geographic information systems (GIS) data layers, note some commonalities and propose a generic framework for the future. We discuss the various methods that have been, or could be, used for fitting quantitative relationships between soil properties or classes and their ‘environment’. These include generalised linear models, classification and regression trees, neural networks, fuzzy systems and



SCORPAN model

$$S = f(s, c, o, r, p, a, n) + \varepsilon$$

S : Soil, at a specific point in space and time: soil classes, **Sc** or soil attributes, **Sa**

From Jenny's Equation

c : climate, climate properties of the environment;

o : organisms, vegetation;

r : topography, landscape attributes;

p : parent material, lithology;

a : age or time factor;

Additions:

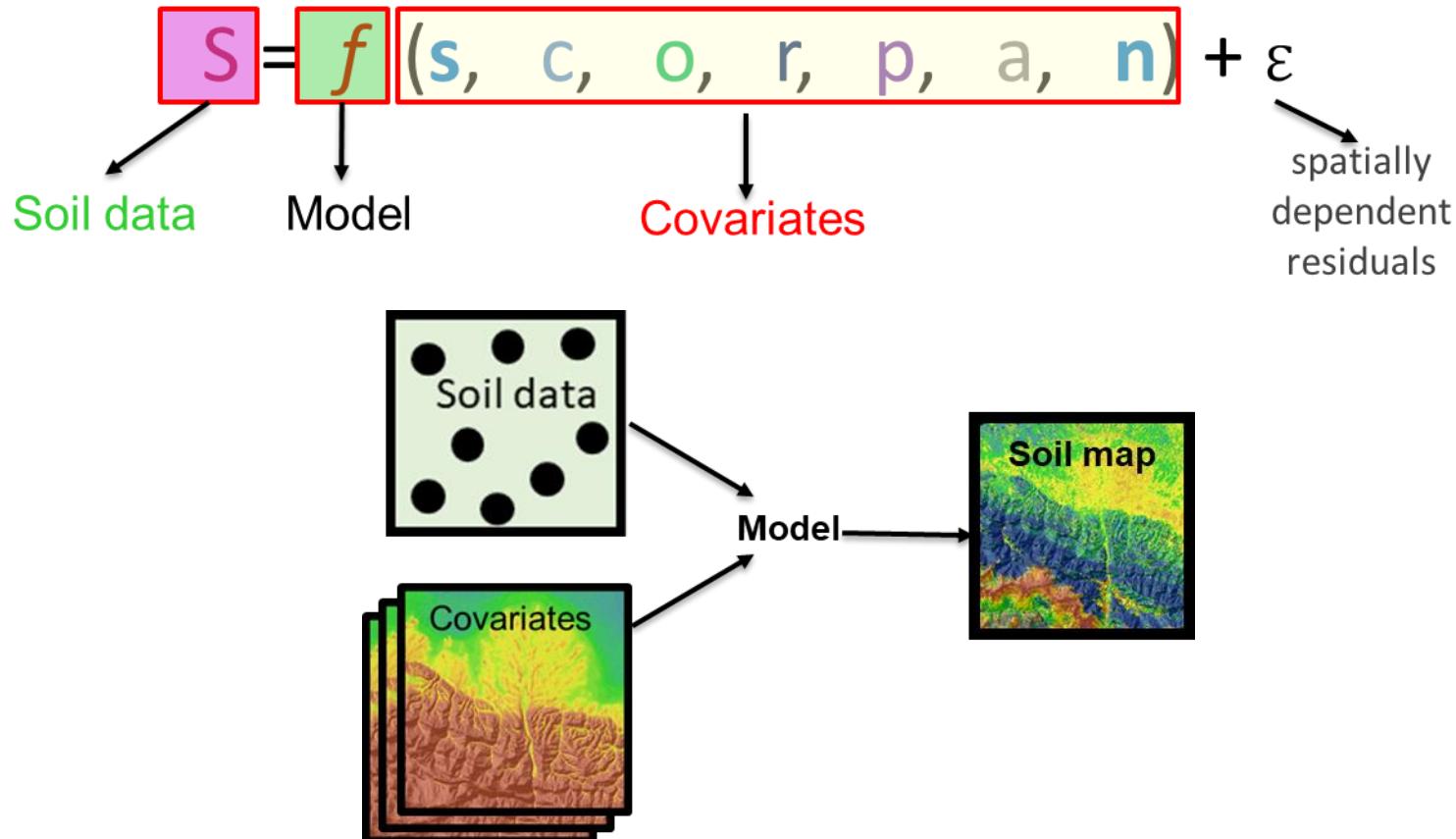
s : soil, prior knowledge of the soil at a point;

n : space, relative spatial position;

ε : auto-correlated random spatial variation.

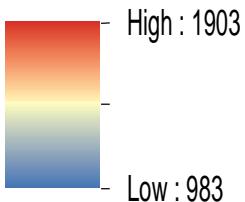
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elevation



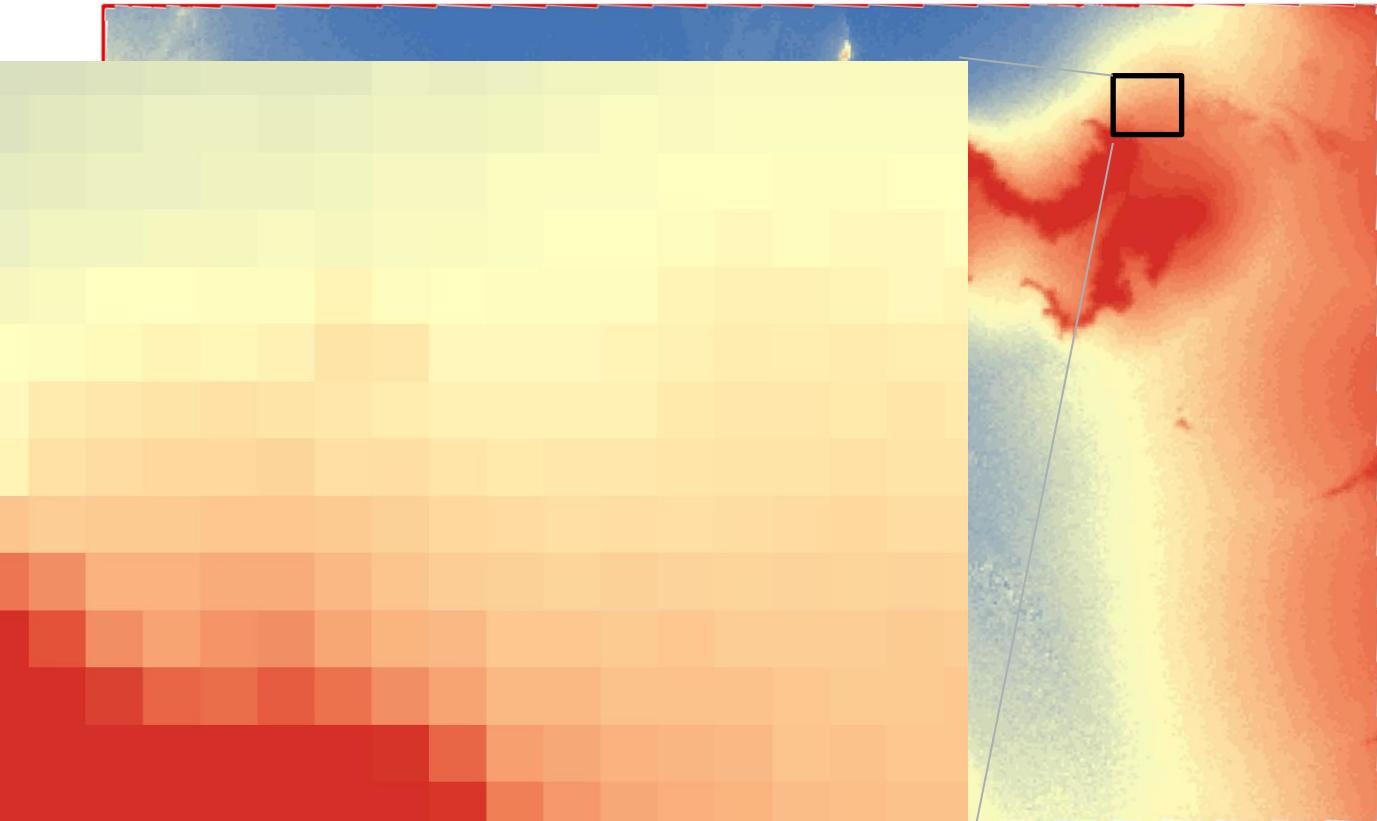
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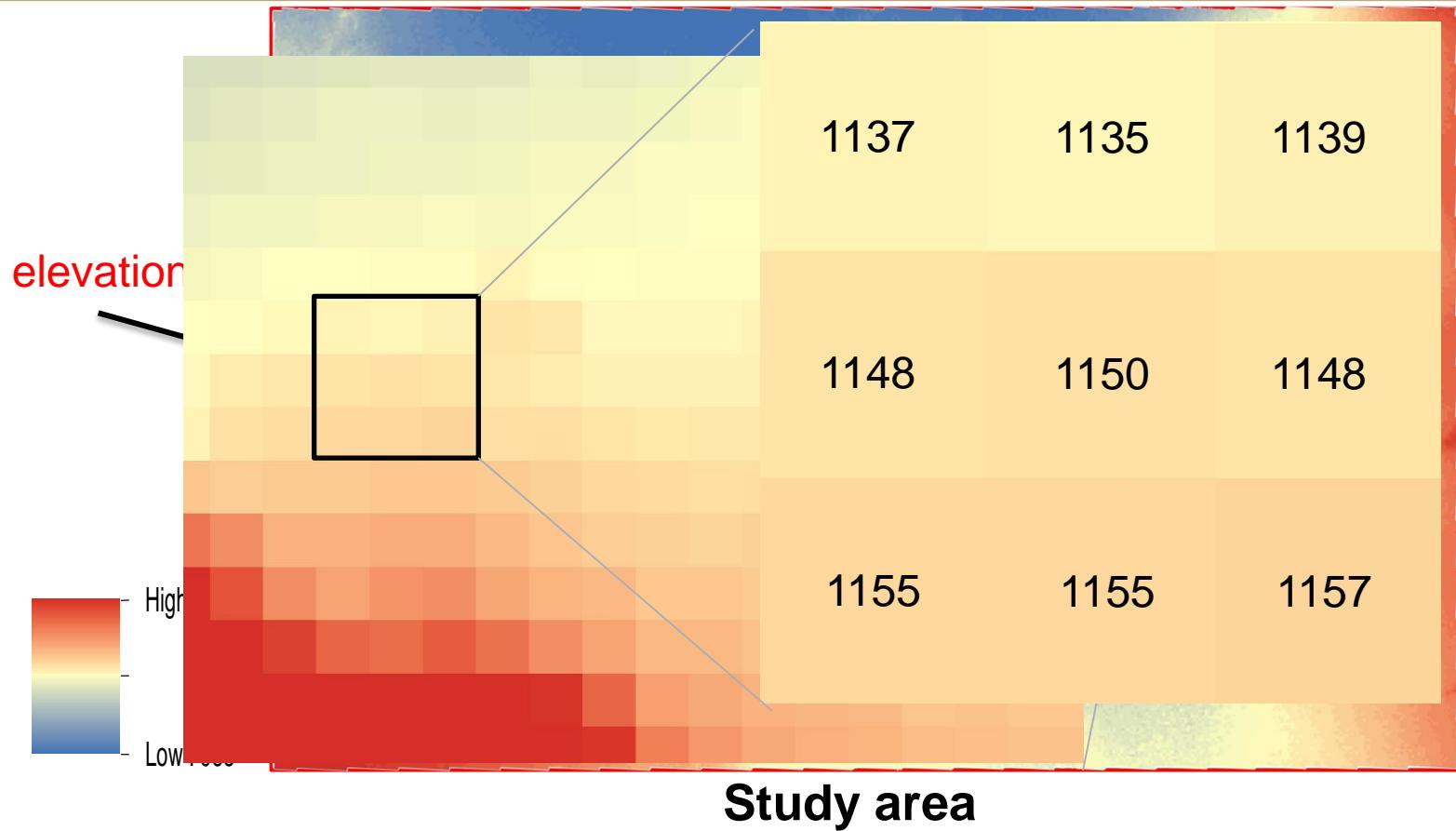
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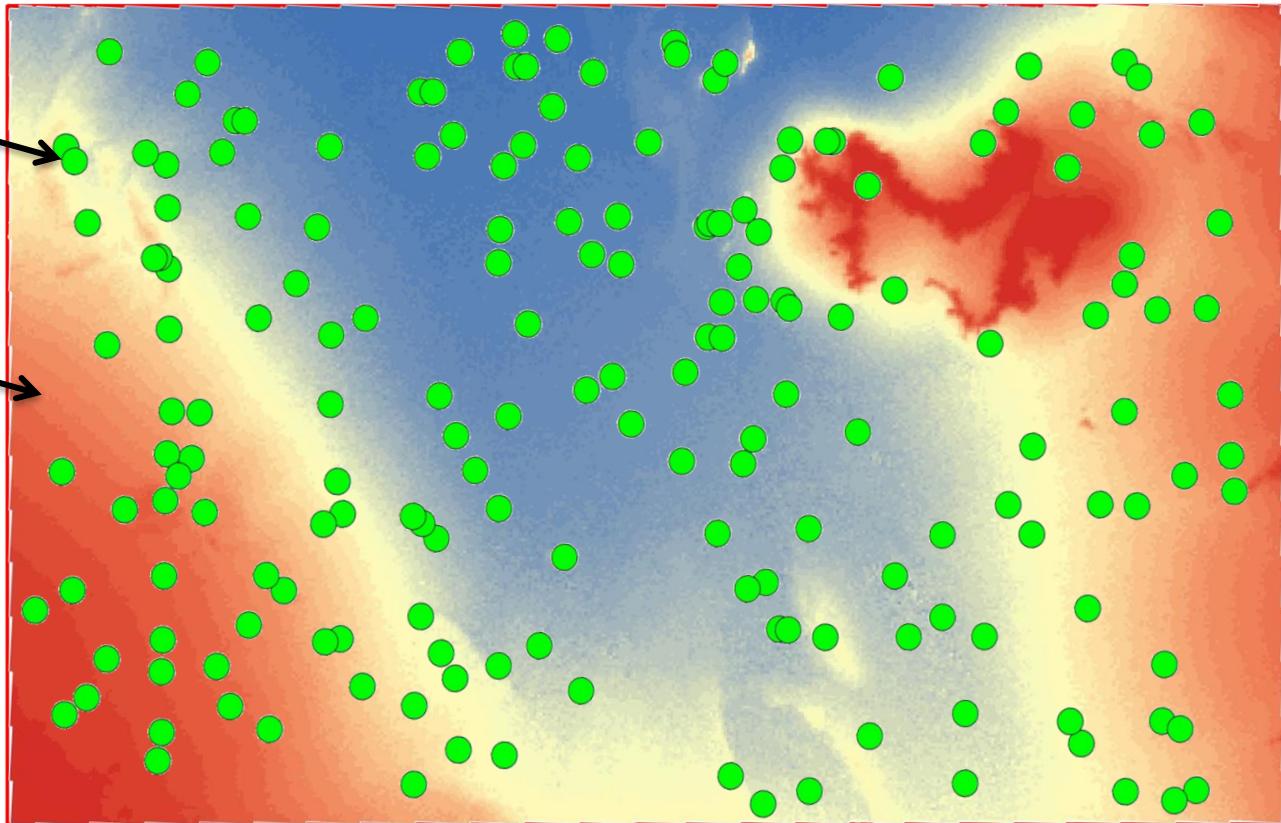
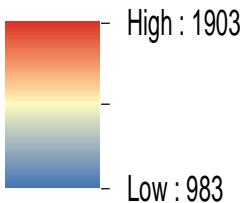
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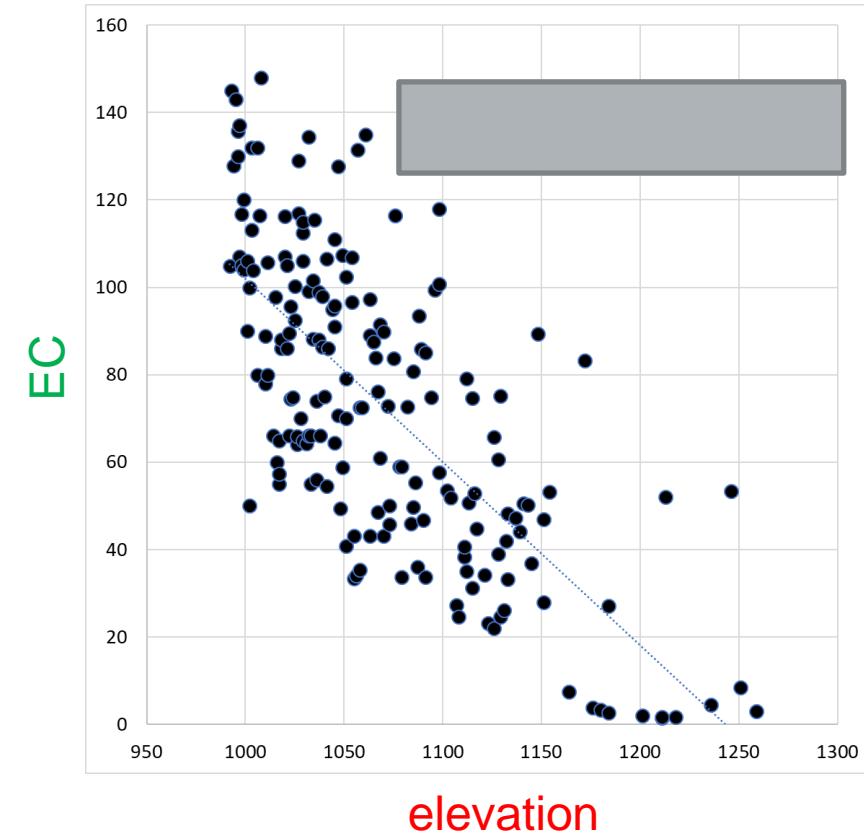
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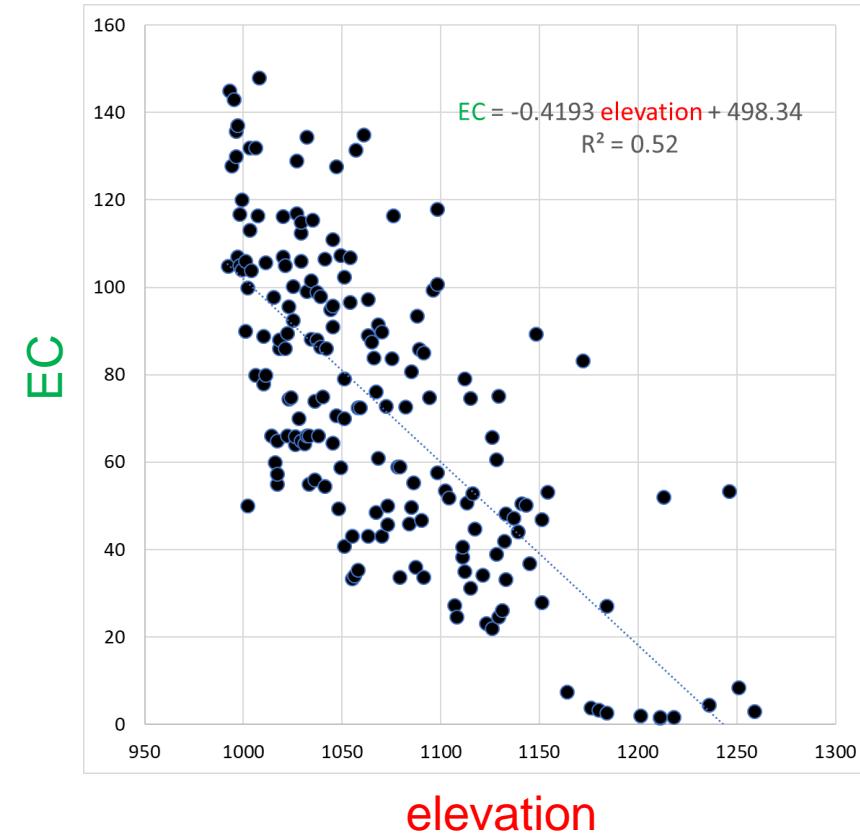
SCORPAN model

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4	1008	183
5	1017	5.67
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7	1036	34
8	1045	14.8
9	1029	28.1
10	1026	5.86
11	1037	28.8
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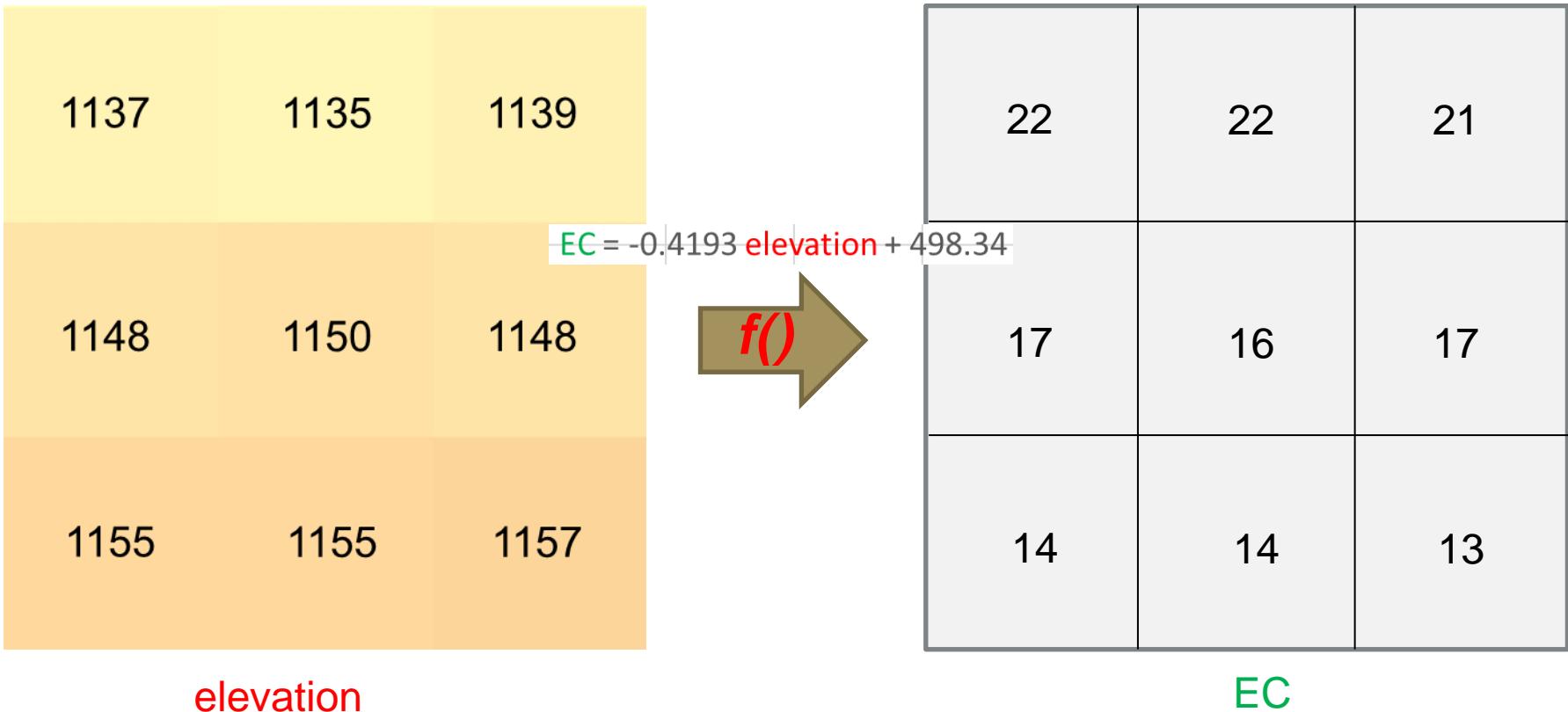


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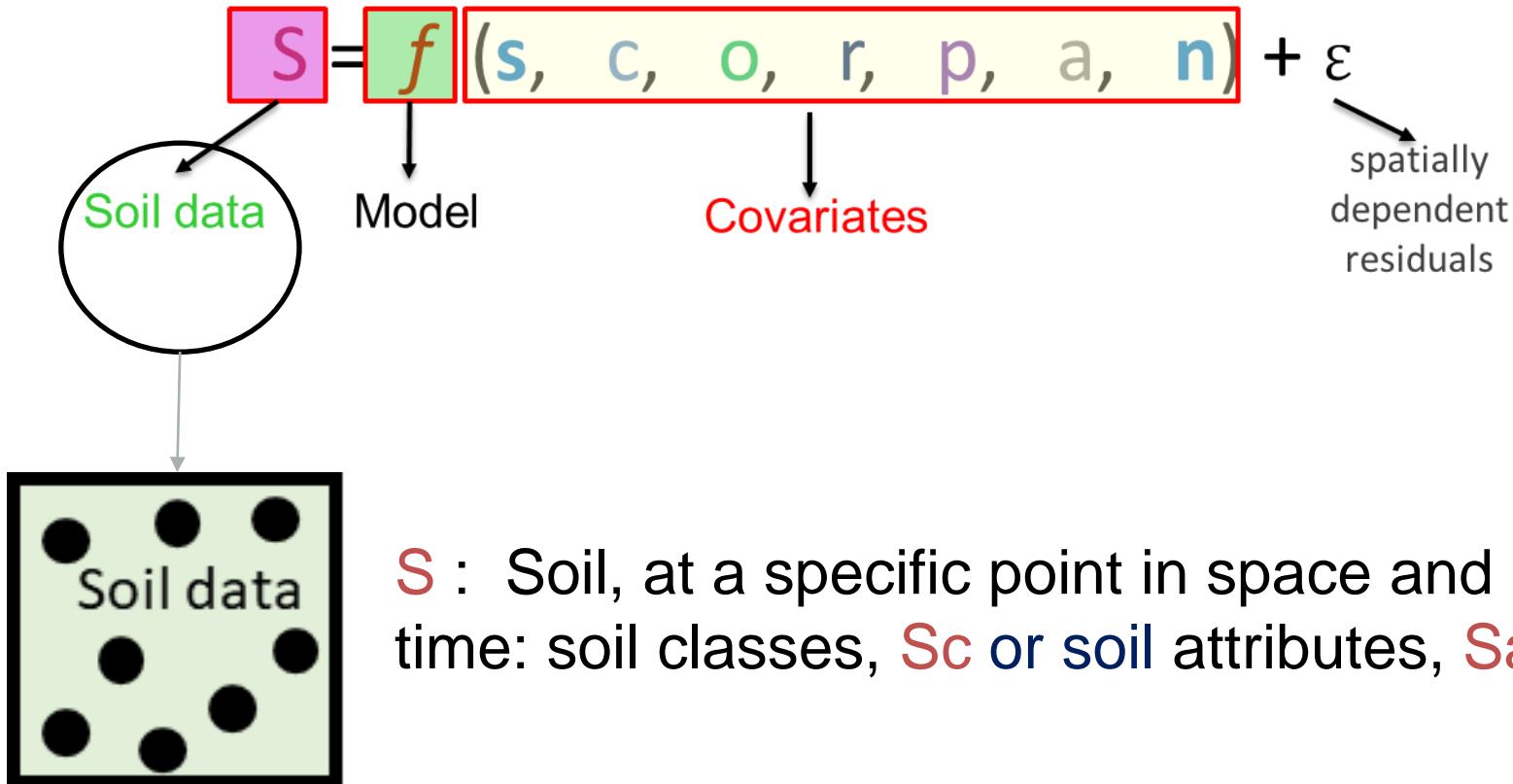
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- Soil Map
- Conventional Soil Map
- Digital Soil Map
- SCORPAN

SCORPAN model



- Sampling is the process of selecting a sample from a population.
- Lack of funds for sampling and analysis is a major problem for any soil mapping project
- Soil sampling plan? Optimal?

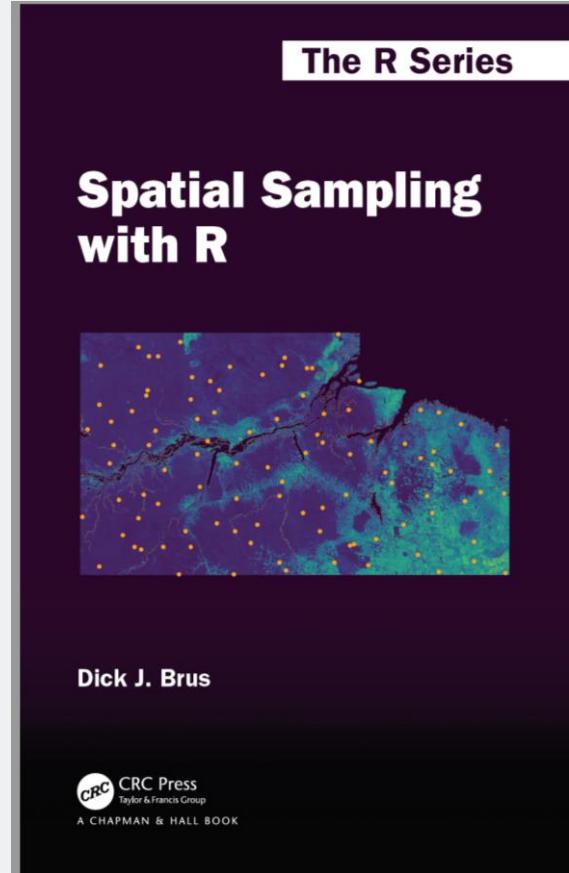
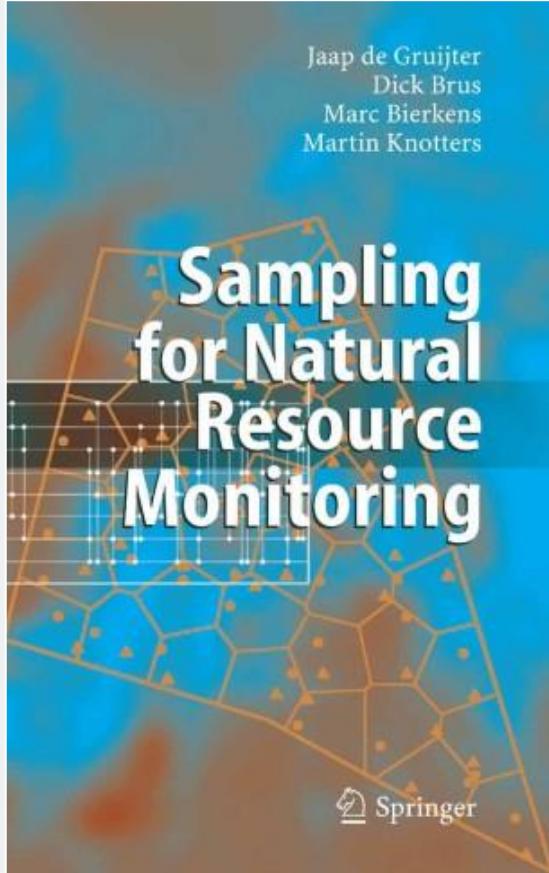


- Design-based
- Model-based
- Probability
- Non-Probability
- Population
- Map





Sampling: Useful Resources



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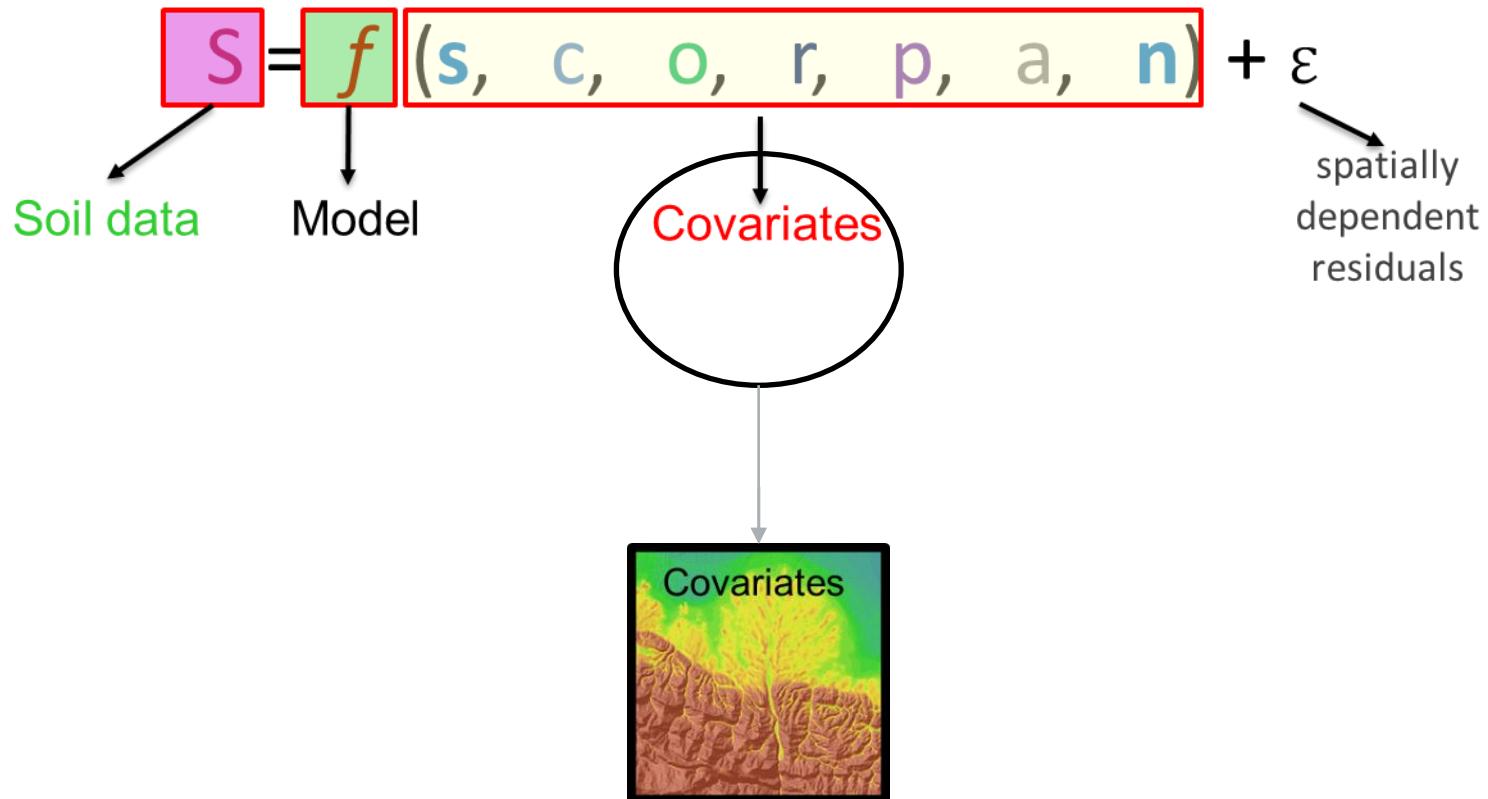
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A conditioned Latin hypercube method for sampling in the presence of ancillary information ★

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Environmental Covariates

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Possible sources of information to represent seven scorpan factors

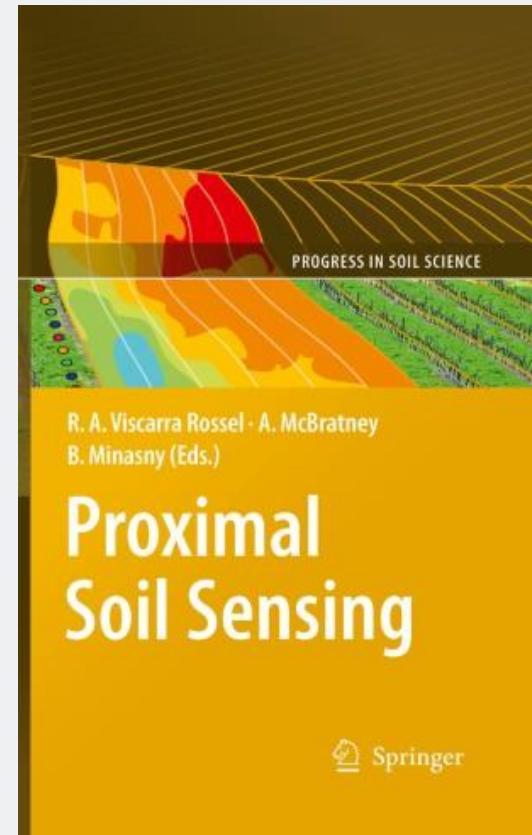
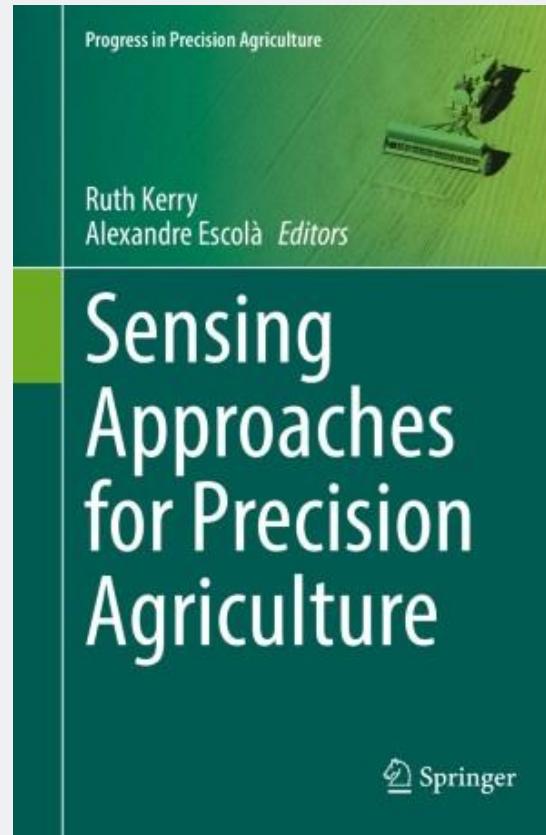
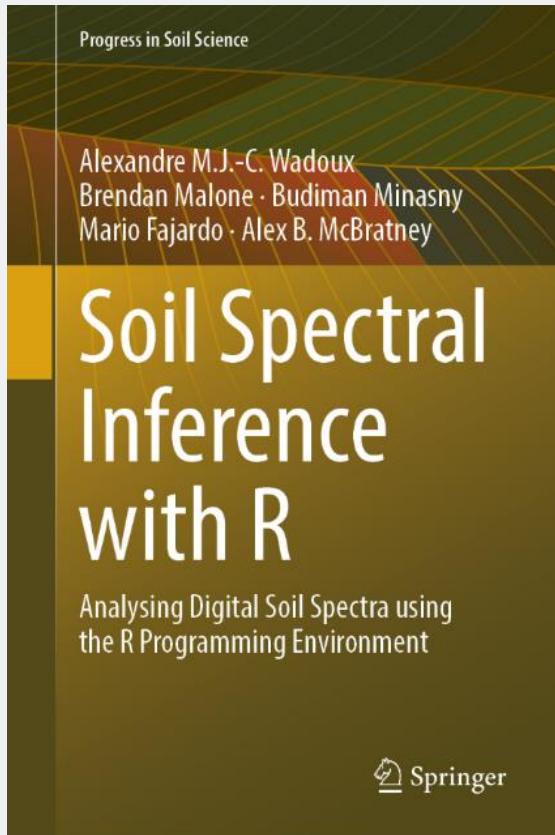
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<i>s</i>	Legacy soil maps, point observations, expert knowledge
<i>c</i>	Temperature and precipitation records
<i>o</i>	Vegetation maps, species abundance maps, yield maps, land use maps
<i>r</i>	Digital elevation model, terrain attributes
<i>p</i>	Legacy geology maps, gamma radiometric information
<i>a</i>	Weathering indices, geology maps
<i>n</i>	Latitude and longitude or easting and northing, distance from landscape features, distance from roads, distance from point sources of pollution

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- Proximal sensing, Remote sensing, and digital elevation models are three prominent examples of high-resolution environmental covariates can be used to represent various scorpan factors



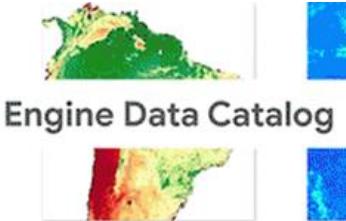
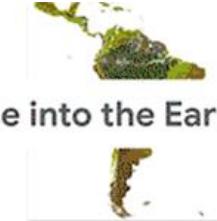
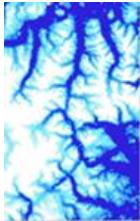
Soil Sensing: Useful Resources





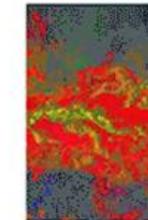
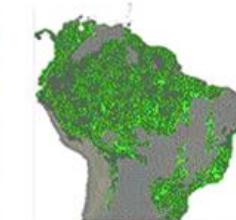
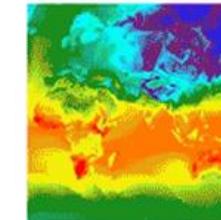
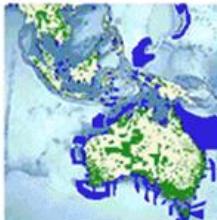
Where Can I Obtain the Covariates?

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A glimpse into the Earth Engine Data Catalog

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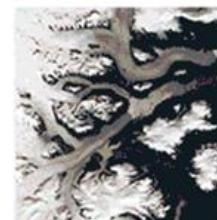
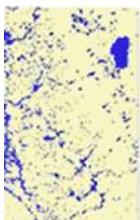
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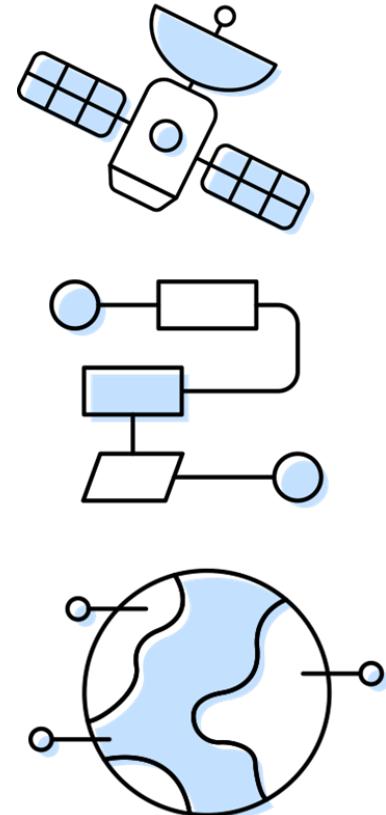
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- What is Google Earth Engine?

GEE is a

{ public data catalog,
compute infrastructure,
geospatial APIs,
and an interactive app server



The Earth Engine Public Data Catalog



**Landsat and
Sentinel**
Raw, TOA, SR, ...



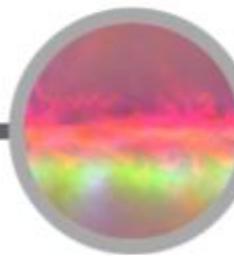
MODIS
Daily, NBAR, LST, ...



Terrain
SRTM, GTOPO, NED, ...



Land Cover
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Atmospheric
NOAA NCEP, OMI, ...

... and many more, updating daily!

> 200 public datasets

> 4000 new images every day

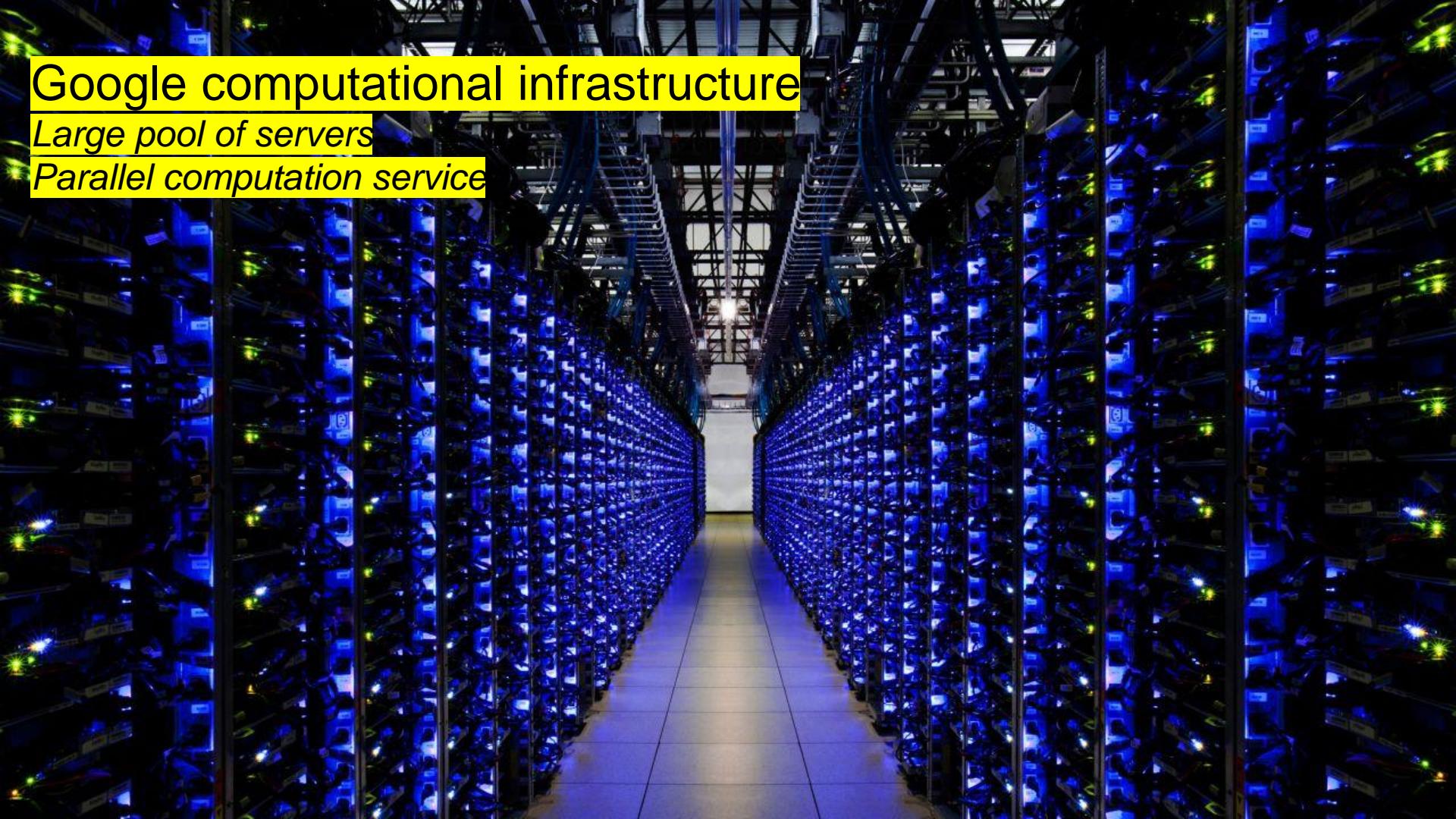
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> 5 petabytes of data

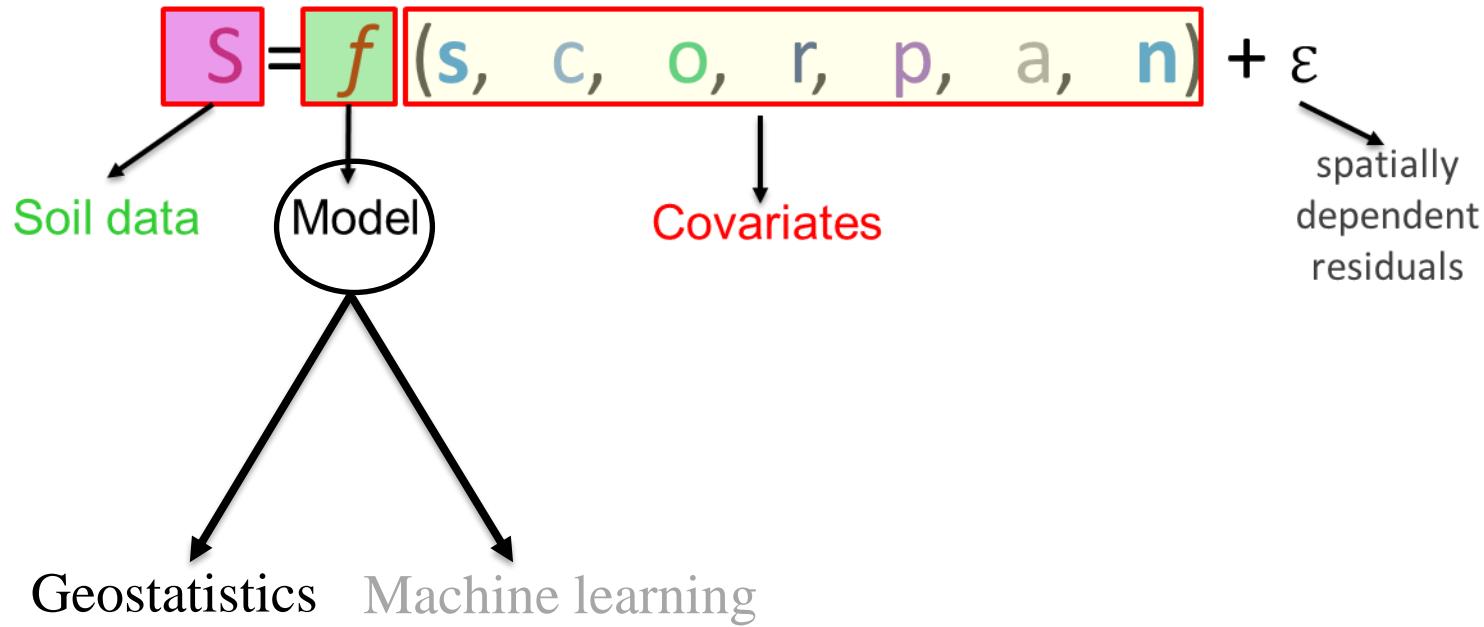
Google computational infrastructure

Large pool of servers

Parallel computation service



SCORPAN Model

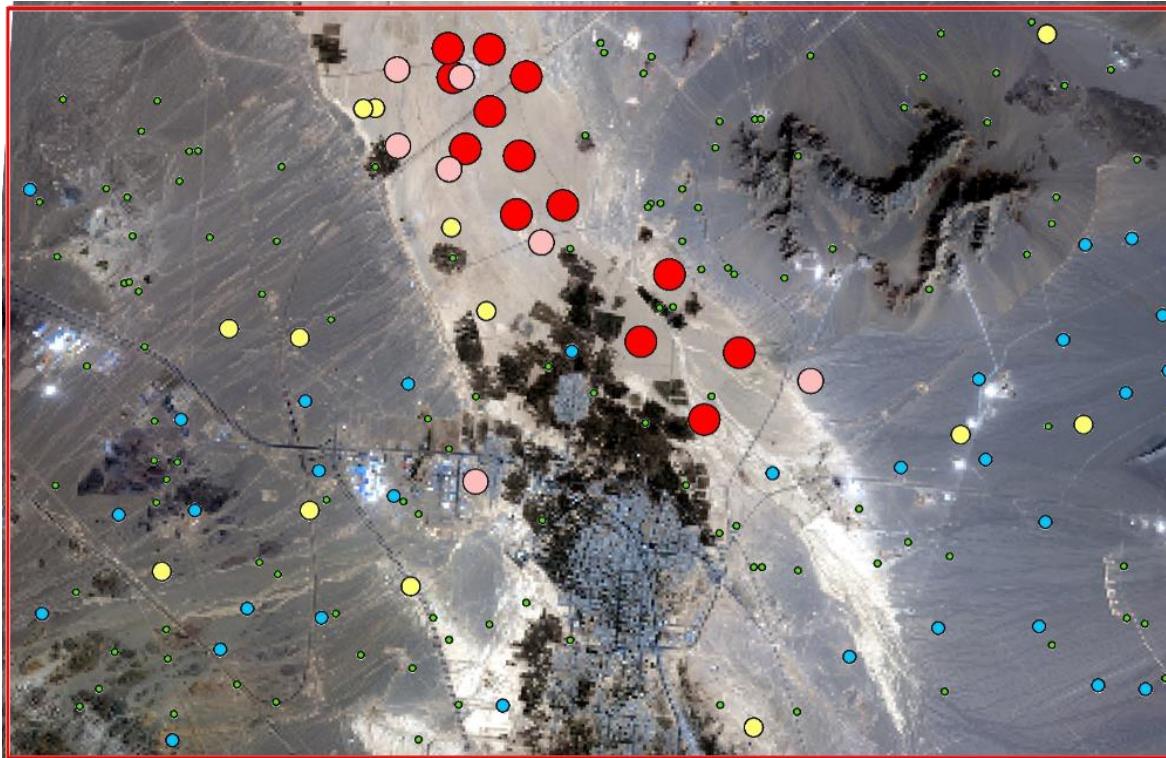


$f()$: Quantitative function f linking S to *scorpan* factors



We Know,

- Soils and soil properties vary in space



EC - dS/m

- < 10
- 10 - 30
- 30 - 60
- 60 - 120
- 120 <

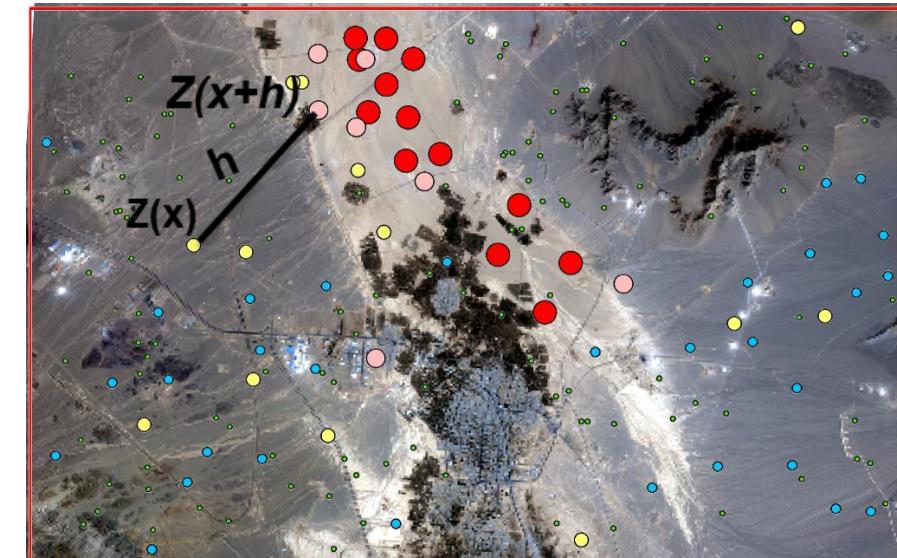


The Variogram: The Central Tool of Geostatistics

- Spatial variation can be quantified using the so-called **semi-variance**
- Semi-variance is calculated according to:

$$\gamma(h) = \frac{1}{2M(h)} \sum_{i=1}^{M(h)} \{z(x_i) - z(x_i + h)\}^2$$

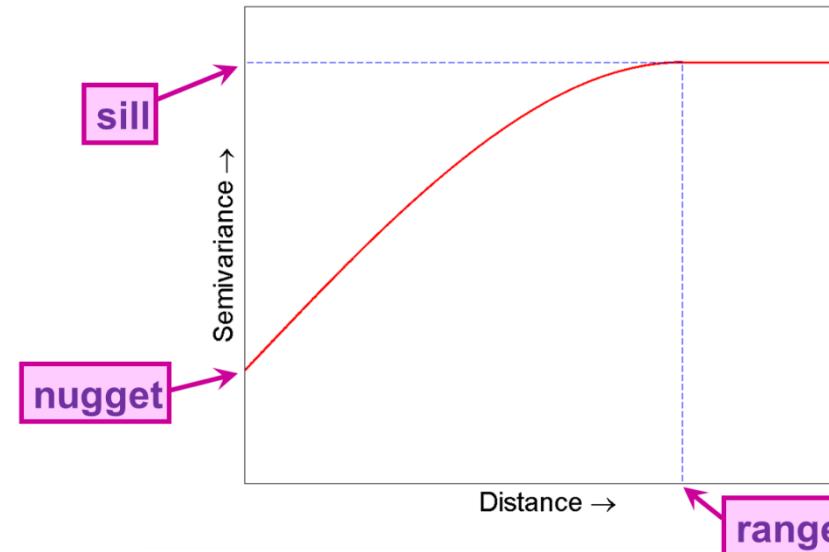
measurement at location x
measurement at location $x+h$





The Variogram: The Central Tool of Geostatistics

- Plot of semi-variance as a function of the distance is called a semi-variogram



- Nugget** = measurement errors and short-distance spatial variation
- Sill** = variance of the variable of interest
- Range** = distance up to which there is spatial correlation

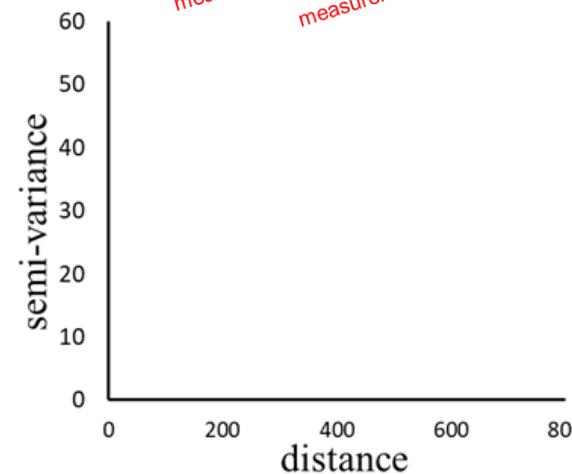


Calculate Variogram: example



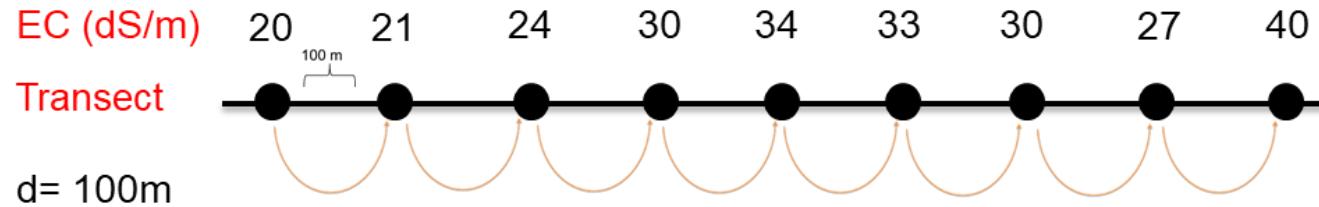
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measurement at location x
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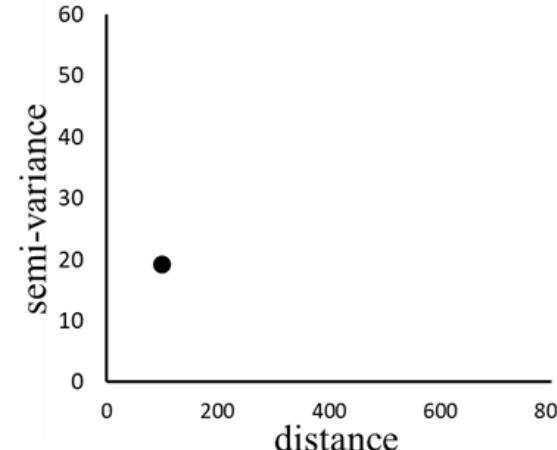




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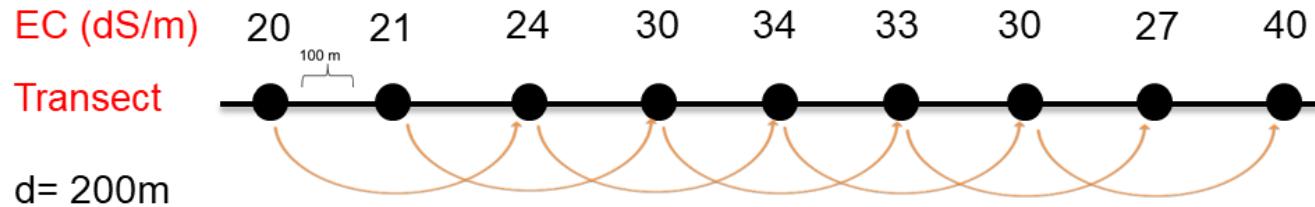


$$\gamma(100) = \frac{1}{16} \left[(20 - 21)^2 + (21 - 24)^2 + (24 - 30)^2 + (30 - 34)^2 + (34 - 33)^2 + (33 - 30)^2 + (30 - 27)^2 + (27 - 40)^2 \right] = 19.12$$

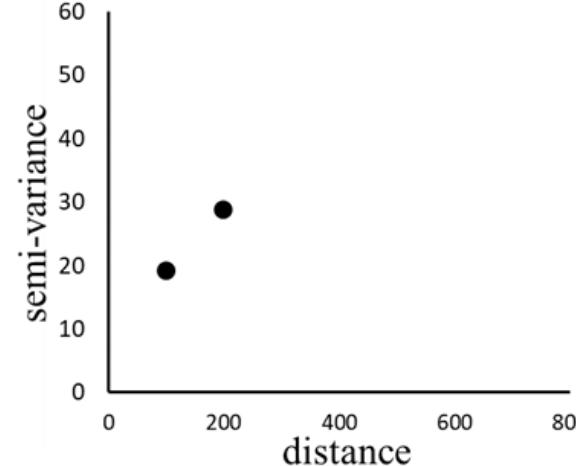




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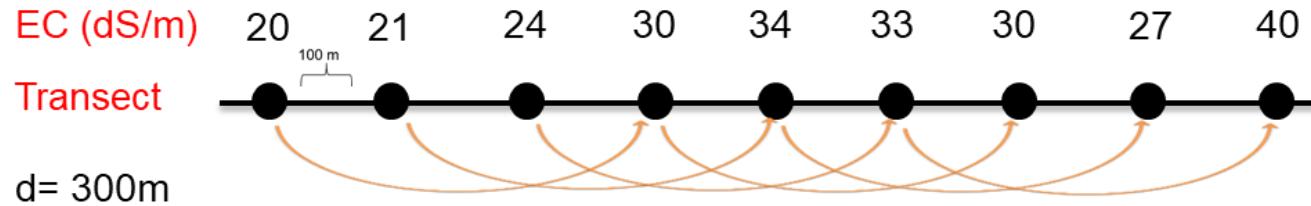


$$\gamma(200) = \frac{1}{14} \left[(20 - 24)^2 + (21 - 30)^2 + (24 - 34)^2 + (30 - 33)^2 + (34 - 30)^2 + (33 - 27)^2 + (30 - 40)^2 \right] = 28.71$$

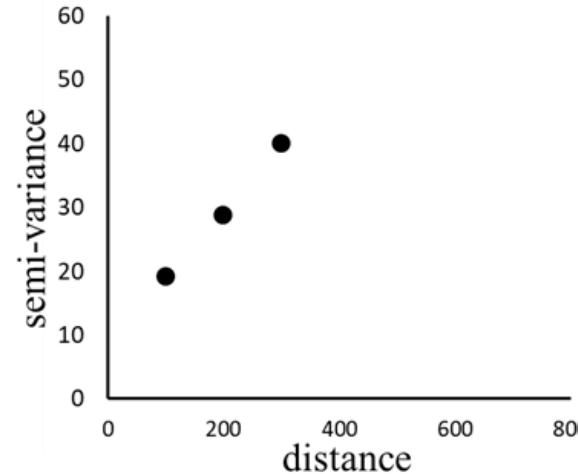




Calculate Variogram: example

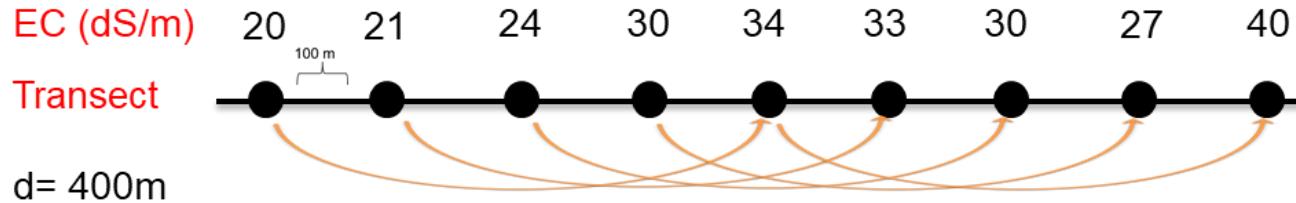


$$\gamma(300) = \frac{1}{12} \left[(20 - 30)^2 + (21 - 34)^2 + (24 - 33)^2 + (30 - 30)^2 + (34 - 27)^2 + (33 - 40)^2 \right] = 40.00$$

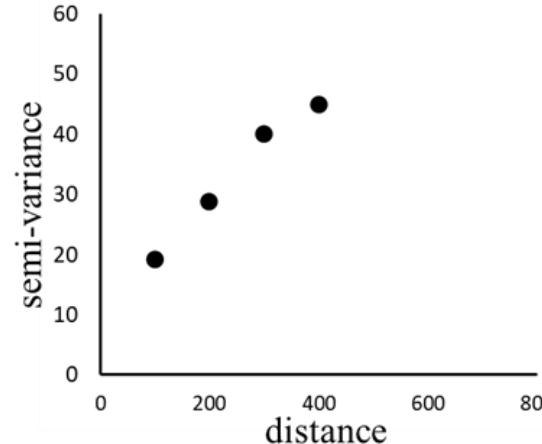




Calculate Variogram: example

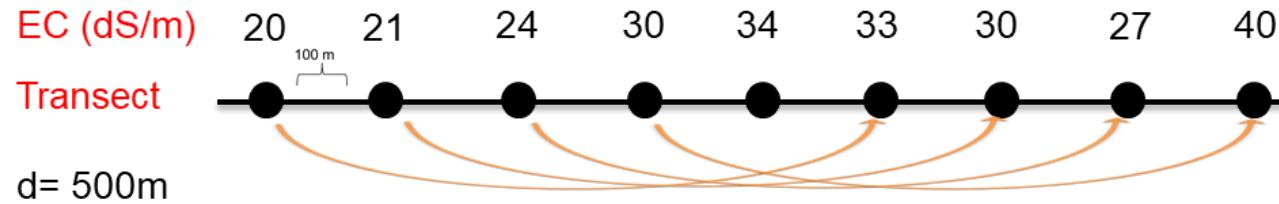


$$\gamma(400) = \frac{1}{10} \left[(20 - 34)^2 + (21 - 33)^2 + (24 - 30)^2 + (30 - 27)^2 + (34 - 40)^2 \right] = 44.90$$

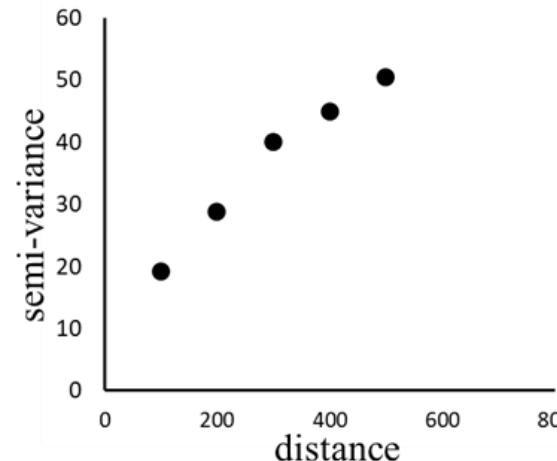




Calculate Variogram: example

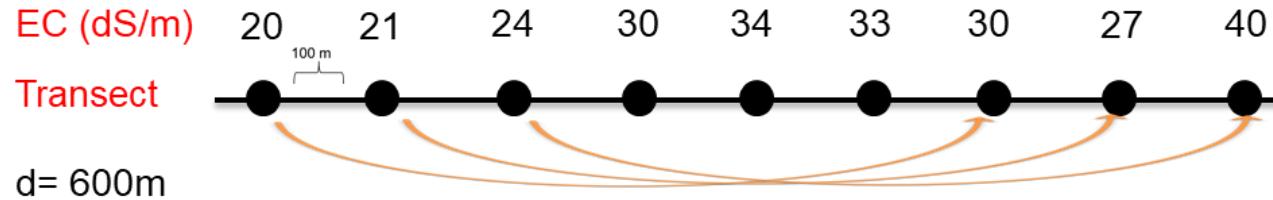


$$\gamma(500) = \frac{1}{8} \left[(20 - 33)^2 + (21 - 30)^2 + (24 - 27)^2 + (30 - 40)^2 \right] = 50.37$$

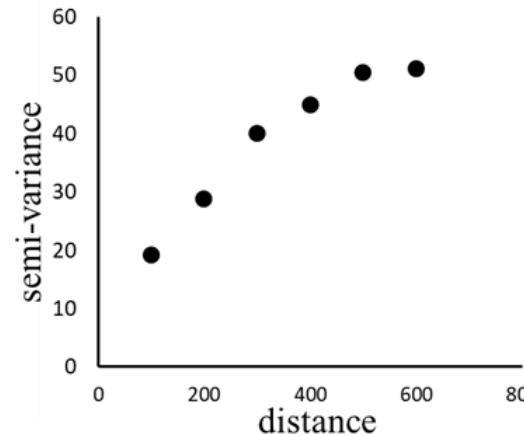




Calculate Variogram: example



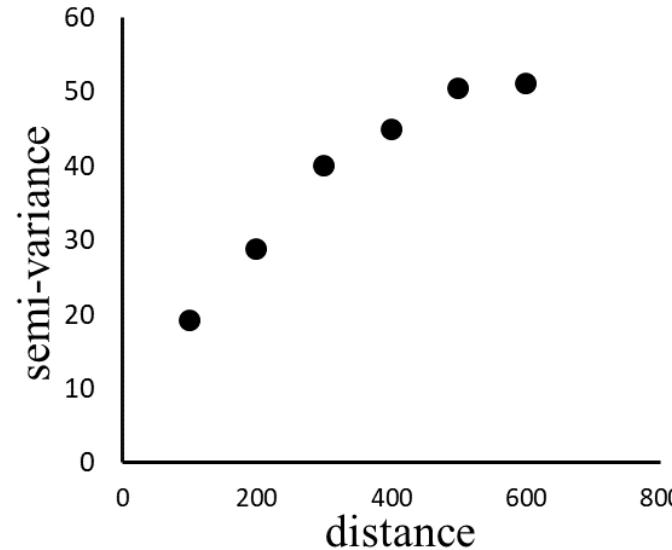
$$\gamma(600) = \frac{1}{6} [(20 - 30)^2 + (21 - 27)^2 + (24 - 40)^2] = 50.37$$





Calculate Variogram: example

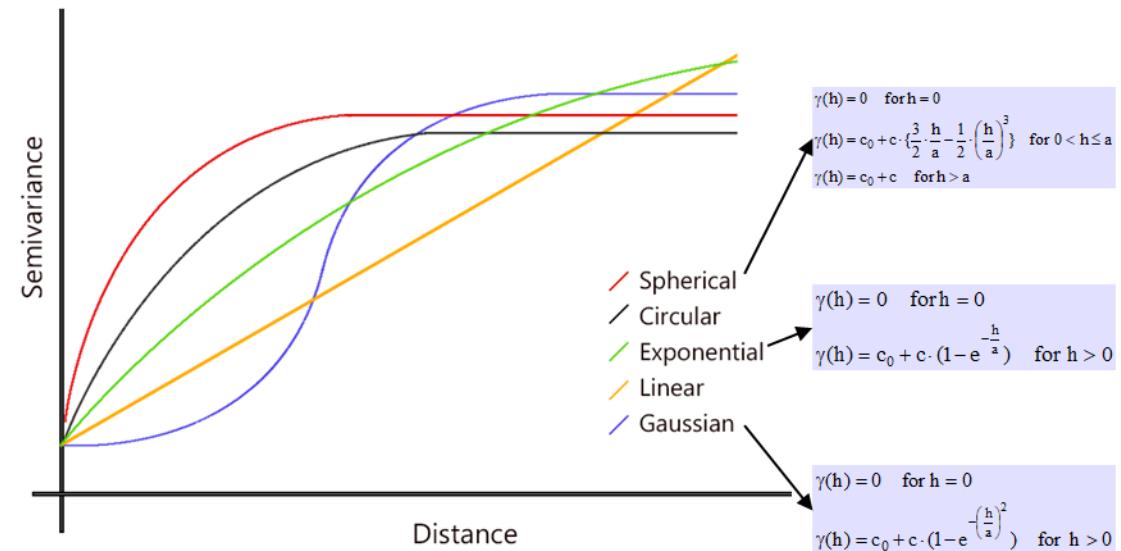
- Experimental semi-variogram is a plot of semi-variance of observations at a number of lag distances
- This is modelled with a continuous function





Calculate Variogram: example

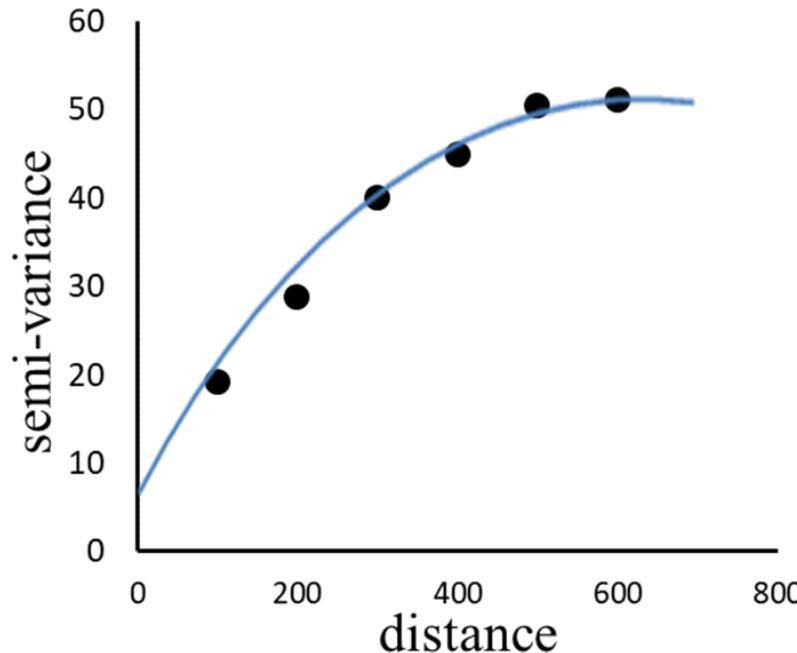
- There are a number of authorized models that can be used e.g. spherical, exponential, Gaussian
 - Choose a function shape
 - Estimate parameters of the chosen shape (e.g. using weighted least squares fitting)





Calculate Variogram: example

- Semi-variogram model for clay example.





Assumption: stationarity and isotropy

- **Semi-variogram** model
- *Assumption: stationarity and isotropy*
 - The semi-variance of $Z(x)$ and $Z(x+h)$ only depends on the distance h and not on the locations x and $x+h$ (**stationarity**)
 - The semi-variance is a function of the **length of h** , not of its direction (**isotropy**)
 - *These assumptions are not always realistic*



Geostatistical Interpolation: Kriging

- Kriging is a spatial prediction method
- Kriging is named after the South African engineer, **D.G. Krige**, who first developed the method.
- Prediction at a location is a linear combination of observations nearby (a weighted average as for inverse distance)
- The **weight** that is given to each observation depends on the degree of (spatial)correlation: the **semi-variogram** plays an important role
- Many kriging methods have been developed for different prediction purposes, e.g., block kriging, universal kriging, cokriging, etc. Here we will only concentrate on the most basic one: **ordinary kriging**, and also regression kriging



Danie Gerhardus Krige,
the inventor of Kriging.

Ordinary Kriging

- The estimated value \hat{Z} at a point X_0 is predicted as the weighted average of the values at all sample points X_i :

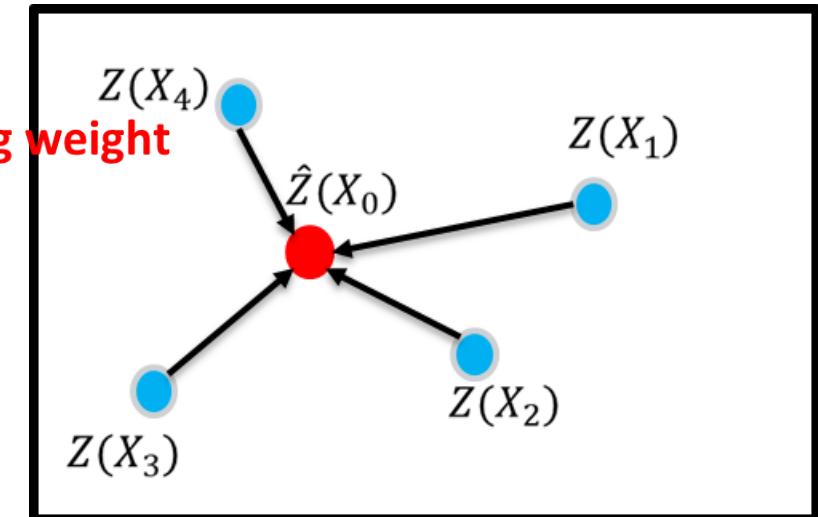
$$\hat{Z}(X_0) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \cdot Z(X_i)$$

Kriging weight

IDW

$$\lambda_i = \frac{1/d_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/d_i)}$$

X_0 ● unknown value to be estimated
 X_i ● a set of known measurements





Ordinary Kriging

- kriging tries to choose the optimal weights that produce the minimum estimation error.

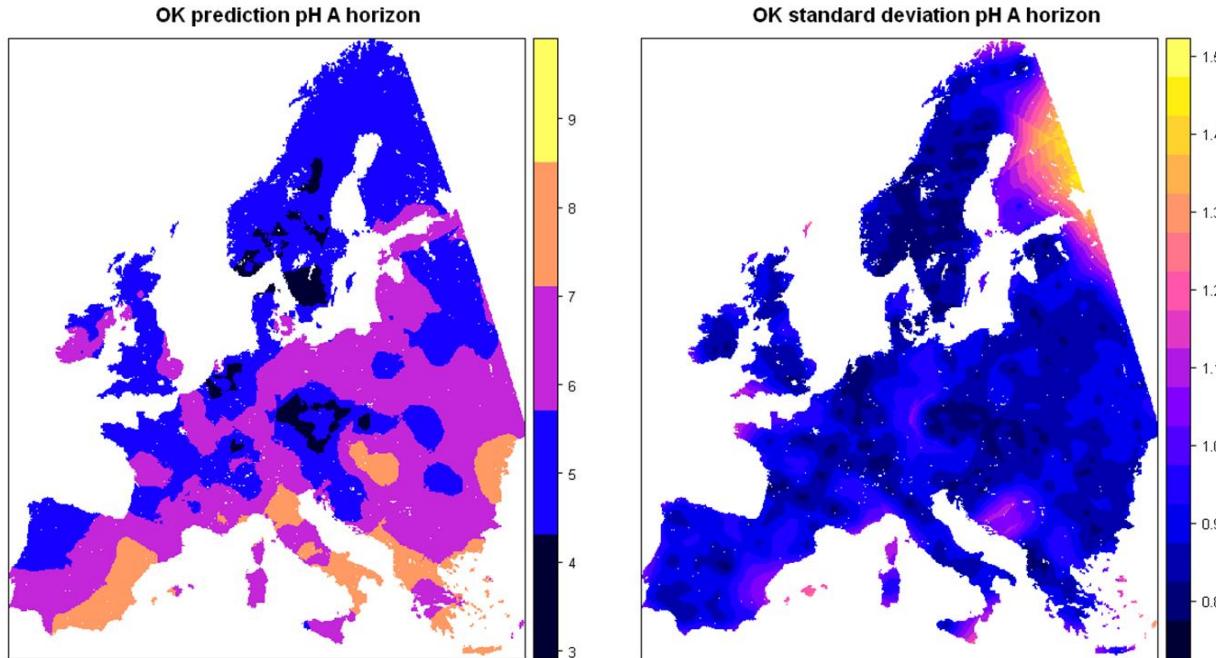
$$E[(\hat{Z}(X_0) - Z(X_0))^2]$$

- under the condition:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$$



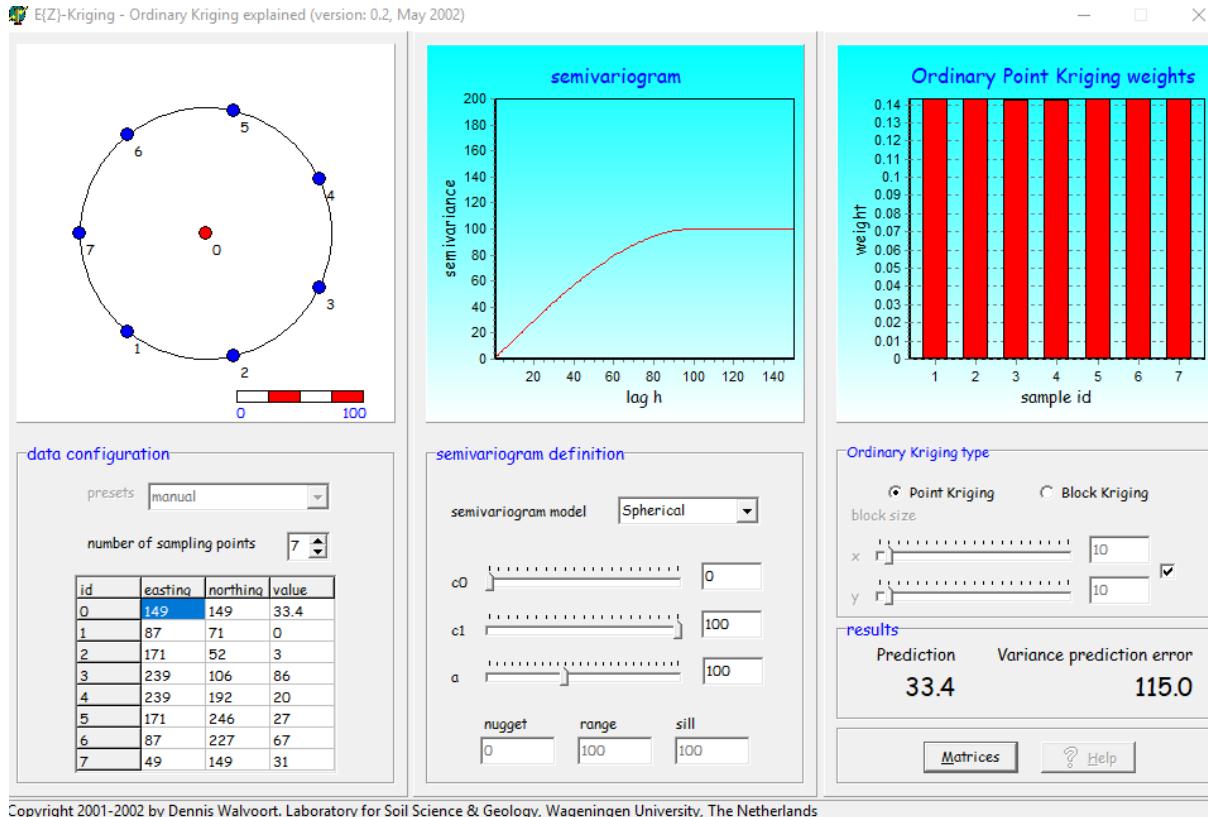
Ordinary Kriging: example



Estimation (left) and standard deviation (right) maps of pH by ordinary kriging. (Source: Heuvelink, 2017, ISRIC)

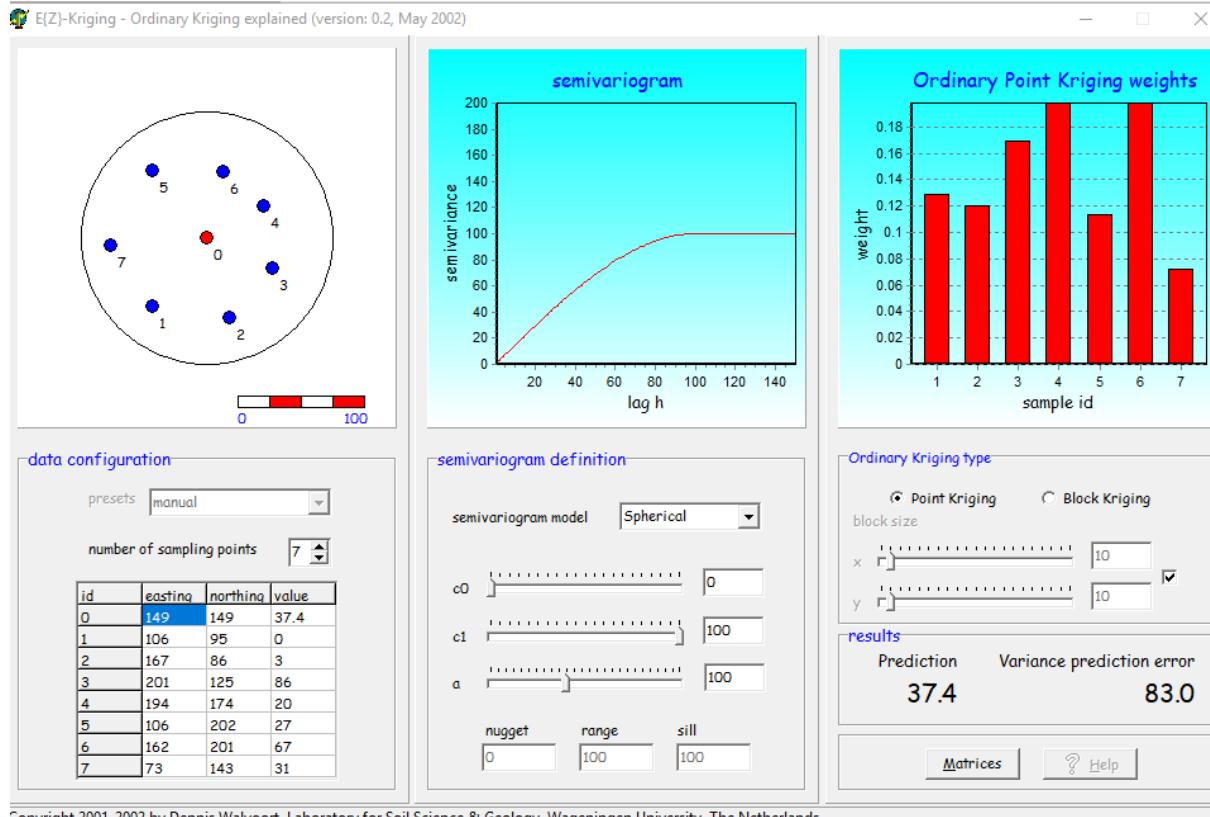


E{Z}-Kriging



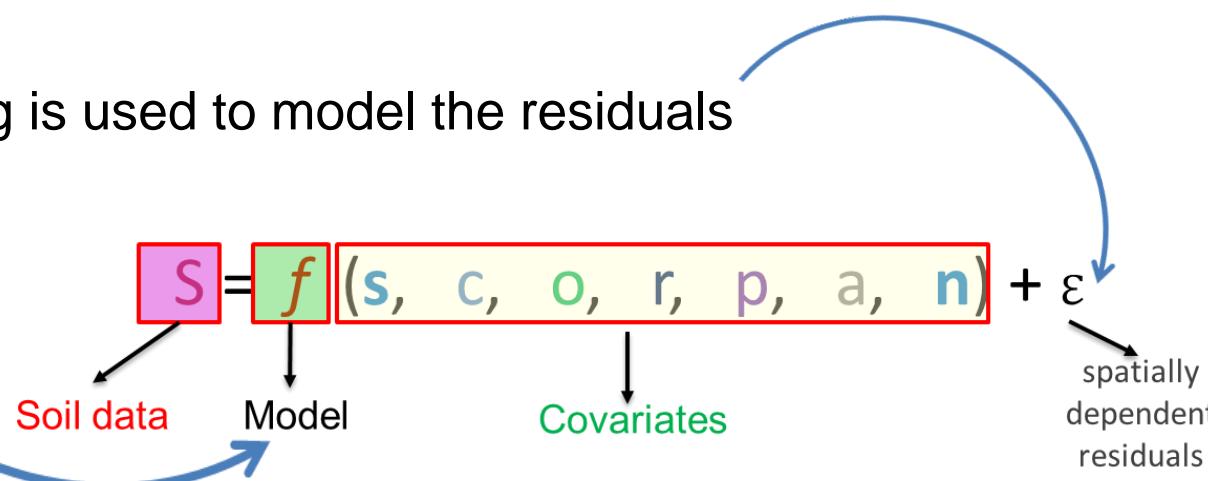


E{Z}-Kriging



Regression Kriging

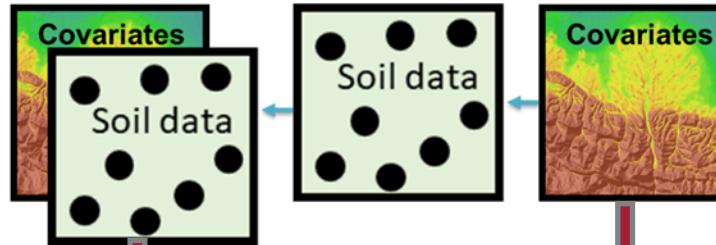
- Regression + kriging of residuals: is a hybrid spatial interpolation technique
- Linear regression is used to make a relationship between soil data and covariates
- Kriging is used to model the residuals





Regression Kriging: workflow

Overlay soil data and covariates



Samples	X	Y	Clay	Elevation
1	765342	2658345	69	76
2	765269	2695483	12	15

$$\text{Soil clay} = 0.024 + 0.83 \times \text{elevation}$$

Tabulate soil data and covariates

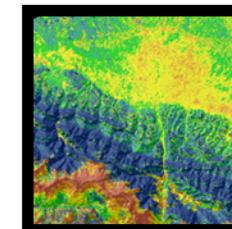
and build a linear regression

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_n X_n$$

apply the model to all unobserved locations

Kriging of residuals

Regression Kriging map



Map 2

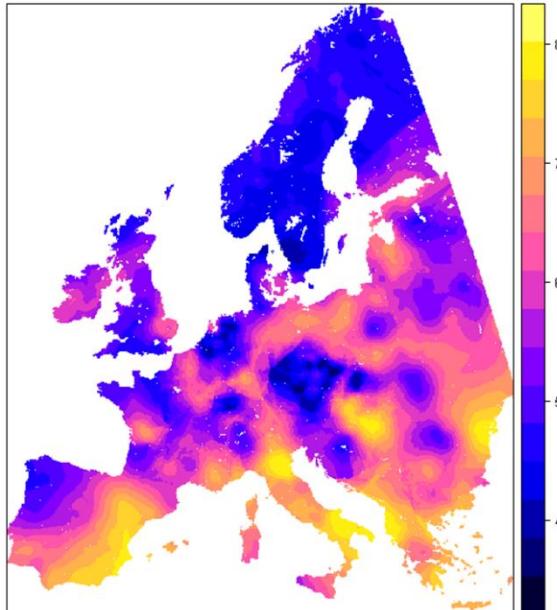
Map 1

add up the two maps

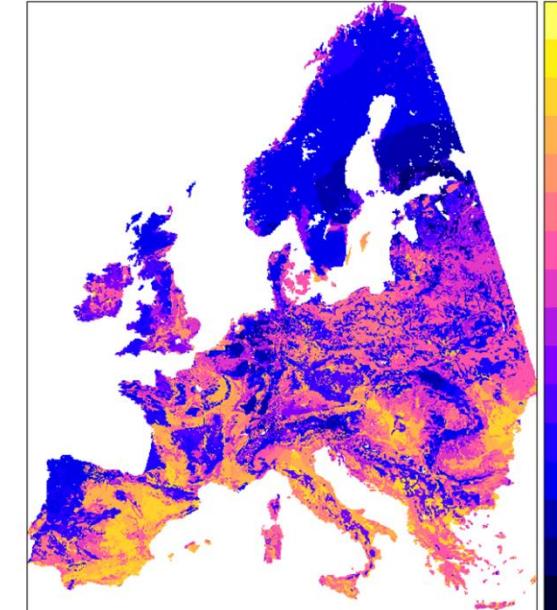


Regression Kriging: example I

Ordinary Kriging



Regression Kriging



Estimation maps of pH by ordinary kriging (left) and regression kriging (right). (Source: Heuvelink, 2017, ISRIC)



Take-Home Message



- 1 **Environmental covariates**, relevant as predictors of soil property/class, are derived from remote sensing, digital elevation, climatic datasets, ...
- 2 **Soil samples** are collected at the specified locations (e.g., Latin hypercube sampling) and soil property is measured in the laboratory.
- 3 **Intersecting the covariates** with the soil point observations.
- 4 **Machine learning models** (e.g., random forest) are trained using training data, and accuracy assessment is carried out using the test data set.
- 5 The ML models are applied to the entire study area in order to produce a **soil property/class map**.



1 #Preparing geodatabase

```
# import raster layers of covariates (RS data + DEM)
covariates <- stack(list.files("./cov/", pattern="\\.tif$", full.names = TRUE))
names(covariates)
    "Blue" "DEM" "Green" "Nir" "Red" "SWIR1" "SWIR2"
```

2 # import the point soil data

```
soil <- read.csv ("soil.csv", header = TRUE)
str(soil)
'data.frame':      183 obs. of  3 variables:
 $ x : num  777853 779844 781270 780613 783887 ...
 $ y : num  3589067 3589470 3589750 3588612 3589697 ...
 $ EC: num  138.9 232 232 183 5.67 ...
```

3 # extract values

```
cov_soil = raster::extract(covariates,soil,method='simple')
```

inspect the covariates + soil data

```
str(cov_soil)
'data.frame':      183 obs. of  8 variables:
 $ Blue : num  0.217 0.216 0.213 0.218 0.207 ...
 $ DEM  : num  1004 1003 1006 1008 1017 ...
 $ Green: num  0.252 0.253 0.247 0.254 0.232 ...
 $ Nir   : num  0.376 0.38 0.373 0.379 0.333 ...
 $ Red   : num  0.32 0.324 0.315 0.322 0.284 ...
 $ SWIR1: num  0.395 0.407 0.404 0.408 0.385 ...
 $ SWIR2: num  0.359 0.364 0.368 0.373 0.353 ...
 $ EC   : num  138.9 232 232 183 5.67 ...
```

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Linear Regression

```
linear_fit <- lm(EC ~ Blue+DEM+Green+Nir+Red+SWIR1+SWIR2,
                  data=cov_soil)
```

5

#preparing soil maps

```
map_linear <- raster::predict( covariates,linear_fit)
```



Useful Resources

