**2. Material and methods**

2.1. Obtaining plant material

2.2. Sample preparation and FTIR measurements

2.3. Data analysis

**3. Results and discussion**

3.1. Spectroscopic analysis

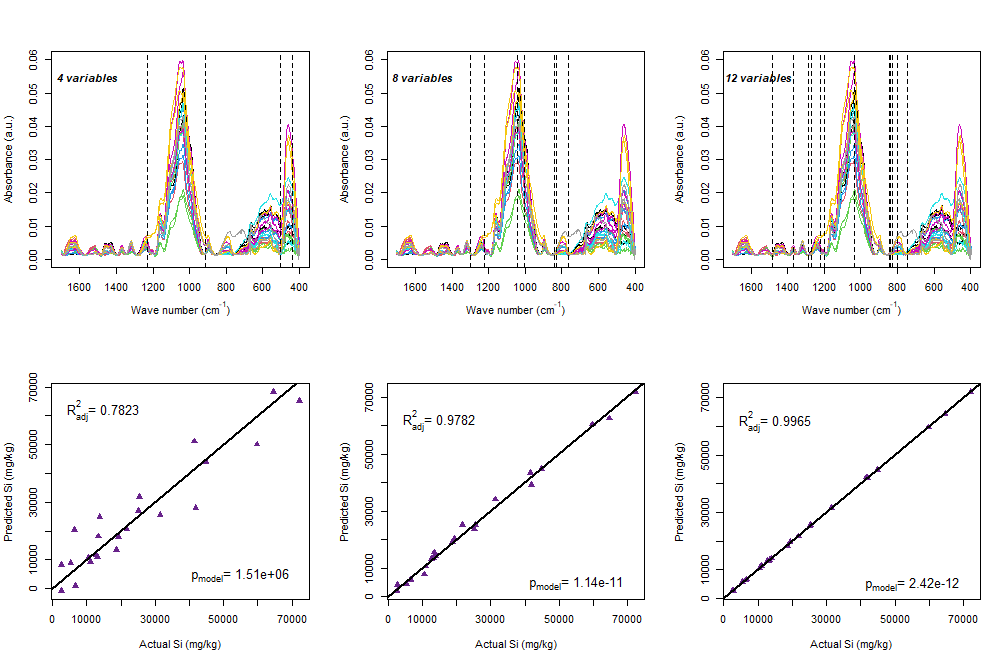
The different infrared spectra are presented in Fig. 1, where the absorption peaks of the different functional groups are observed for the species analyzed.

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Figure 1: Mean infrared spectra of wheat samples (a) full mid infrared range (4000 – 400 cm-1), (b) region of interest used for calibration.

Figure 2: Mean infrared spectra of wheat leaves samples (a) after baseline correction, (b) before baseline correction.

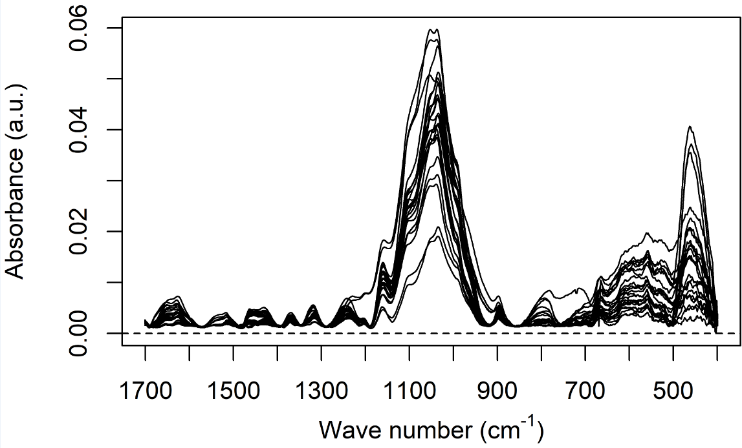
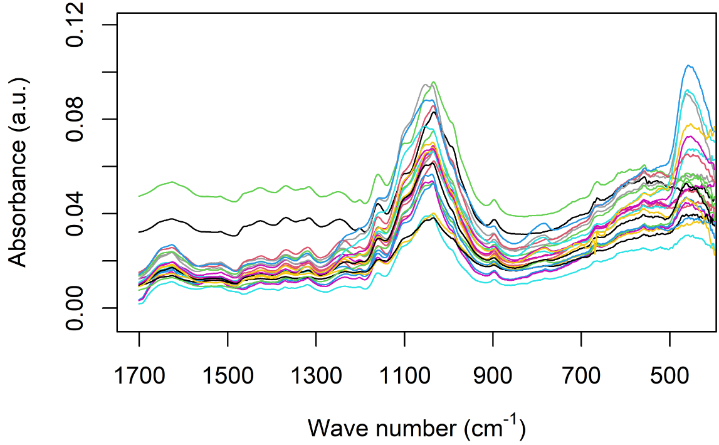


Figure 3: genetic algorithm selected variables for three different models and prediction plots for each set of variables.

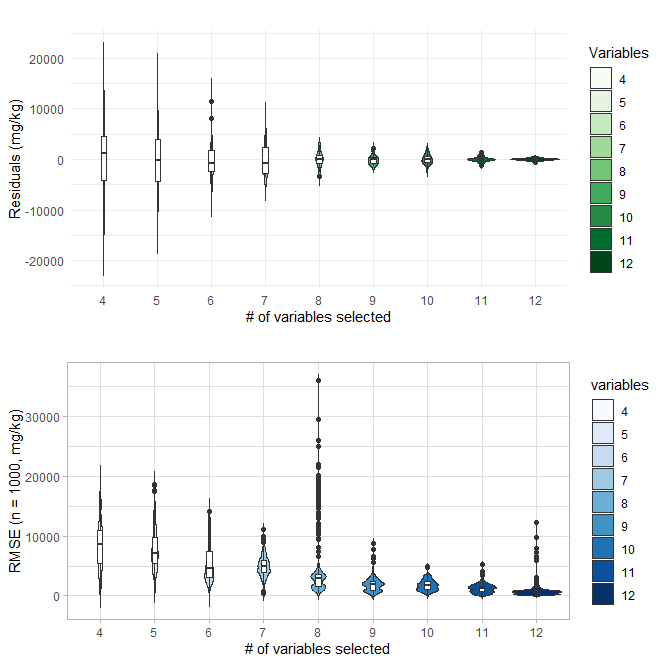


Figure 4: (a) distribution of model residuals vs complexity of model. (b) distribution of cross validated root mean squared error of prediction (folds = 10, iterations = 100) vs complexity of model.