Gravimetric Water Content (GWC)

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ABSTRACT

The method is the mass of water per mass of dry soil.

MATERIALS

- Small weighing tins (3 per site and depth)
- Soil (~ 30 g per site and depth)
- Balance
- Drying oven set to 60 °C or 100 °C

1 Record the mass of the empty labeled tin in the Core processing file. Add 10 g soil and record the mass of the tin and soil (this should be completed in the core processing step.

1.1 Do not tare the tin.

2 Place the soils in the drying oven for 24:00:00 at 100 °C. 1d

3 After 24:00:00 remove samples from drying oven and allow to cool. Record the mass of the soil and tin. 1d

4 Return samples to the drying oven for an additional 24:00:00. 1d

5 Repeat step 3 and record the new mass. If the mass is still changing repeat steps 3 and 4 until no further change.