

Proximal Soil Sensing

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## Dozen-soil-parameter mapping using a Real-time soil spectrophotometer

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Our objectives are to develop dozen-soil-parameter calibration models based on VIS-NIR soil reflectance data measurements directly carried out in agricultural fields using the Real-time soil sensor, and to give these soil maps for the grower.

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### Experimental Site

Located in [Location]

Commercial farm

10 fields  
31.48ha

Alluvial soil

To develop calibration model

No.1 3.70ha	No.3 4.43ha	No.7 3.52ha
No.2 3.45ha	No.4 4.51ha	No.8 1.78ha
No.5 2.26ha	No.6 2.50ha	No.9 3.64ha
		No.10 1.69ha

Scale: 0 75 150 300 m

Crop rotation: Wheat, Sugar beet, Green manure, Soy bean, Potato

### Materials and Methods

Wavelength : 350nm-1,700nm

Labels in diagram: GPS antenna, Sensor unit's housing, Laser line marker, CCD camera, Optical fiber for visible reflection, Optical fiber for NIR reflection, NIR thermometer, EC electrode, Soil penetrator, Soil flattener, Uniform surface, Optical fibers for illumination, Halogen lamp, Touch panel, Probes housing.

Operation speed is 0.56 m/s. Faster than custom speed (0.28 m/s)

### Procedure of Soil Sampling and Calibration

Soil sampling

Converted to the soil absorbance spectra

At a depth of 0.2m

Tokachi Soil analysis center

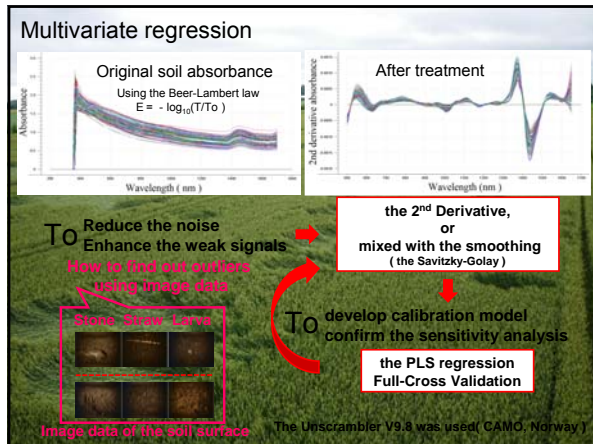
Out Lab

Chemical analysis

Criterion variable

Explanatory variable

Data set to the Unscrambler software



### Statistic of the data set

Parameter	Number of samples	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Range
pH	144	4.810	7.170	5.724	2.360
MC (%)	144	11.323	34.459	21.866	23.136
SOM (%)	144	3.883	10.220	6.595	6.337
TC (%)	144	0.791	3.130	1.878	2.339
N-a (mg/100g)	144	0.154	1.545	0.632	1.391
N-n (mg/100g)	144	0.210	4.180	0.703	3.970
N-s (mg/100g)	144	3.403	8.966	5.243	5.563
N-t (mg/100g)	144	0.066	0.241	0.144	0.175
P-a (mg/100g)	144	25.238	114.732	54.232	89.494
PAC	144	311.000	1069.000	632.278	758.000
EC (mS/cm)	144	0.025	0.267	0.069	0.242
CEC	144	5.861	22.615	14.625	16.754

72 data set Collecting . After harvesting winter wheat, from No.4, in August, 2009  
72 data set Collecting . After harvesting sugar beet, from No.3, in November, 2008

### RESULTS

look at Table 2 of my proceeding.

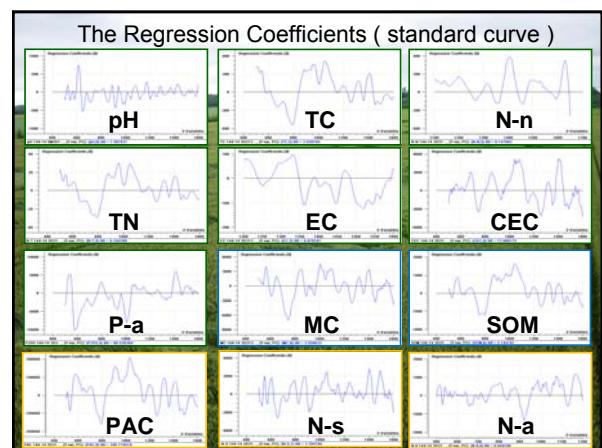
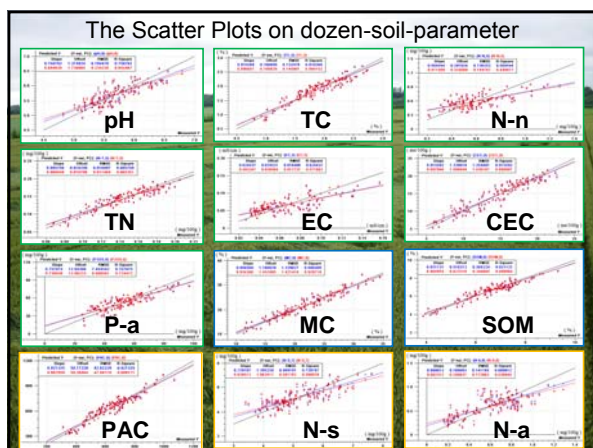
#### Comparison of the sensitivity analysis result.

Parameters	Calibration			Validation			References
	correlation	R <sup>2</sup>	SEC	correlation	R <sup>2</sup>	SEV	
pH	0.87	0.76	0.20	0.81	0.66	0.24	This paper
pH	—	0.71	0.10	—	0.54	0.13	Shibusawa et al.
MC (%)	0.97	0.95	1.23	0.96	0.93	1.43	This paper
MC (%)	—	0.91	1.89	—	0.66	3.11	Shibusawa et al.
SOM (%)	0.96	0.92	0.30	0.95	0.90	0.35	This paper
SOM (%)	—	0.95	0.26	—	0.65	0.56	Shibusawa et al.
TC (%)	0.95	0.91	0.13	0.94	0.89	0.15	This paper
TC (g/kg)	—	0.91	0.65	—	—	—	Chang and Laird
EC (mS/cm)	0.80	0.64	0.016	0.75	0.57	0.017	This paper
EC (mS/cm)	—	0.74	0.024	—	0.65	0.042	Shibusawa et al.
CEC	0.96	0.92	1.26	0.94	0.89	1.44	This paper
CEC	—	0.88	—	—	—	—	Shepherd and Walsh

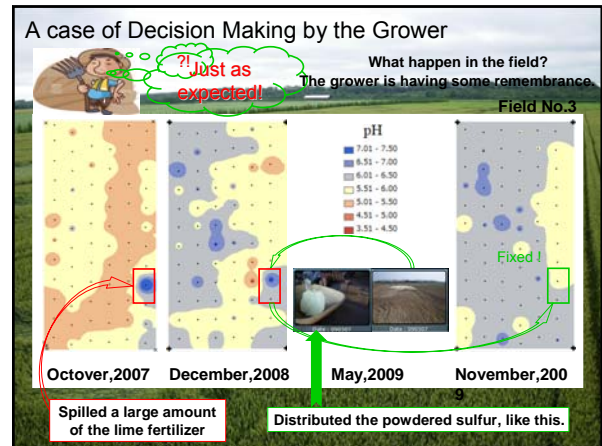
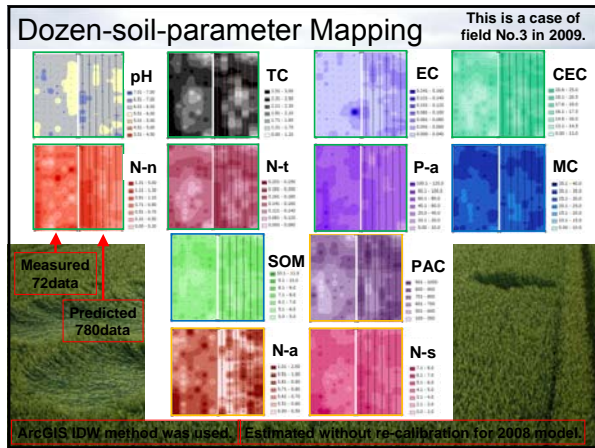
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Parameters	Calibration			Validation			References
	correlation	R <sup>2</sup>	SEC	correlation	R <sup>2</sup>	SEV	
N-a (g/100g)	0.83	0.69	0.14	0.73	0.54	0.17	This paper
N-n (mg/100g)	0.71	0.50	0.14	0.67	0.45	0.15	This paper
N-n (mg/100g)	—	0.80	3.70	—	0.54	4.74	Shibusawa et al.
N-s (mg/100g)	0.85	0.73	0.47	0.77	0.59	0.58	This paper
N-t (%)	0.94	0.89	0.01	0.93	0.87	0.01	This paper
N-t (g/kg)	—	0.86	0.04	—	—	—	Chang and Laird
P-a (mg/100g)	0.87	0.76	7.48	0.85	0.72	8.03	This paper
P-a (mg/kg)	—	0.81	—	—	—	—	Daniel et al.
PAC	0.96	0.92	42.18	0.95	0.90	48.13	This paper

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- ### Conclusions
- o Dozen-soil-parameter calibration models were developed using multivariate regression.
  - o The sensitivity analysis for dozen-soil-parameter was obtained almost the same result with previous study.
  - o A major result of this study was accepted by the grower as one of a decision-making support tool.

## Thank you for your attention.

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