



# REMOTE SENSING OF THE SOIL MOISTURE AT THE AGRICULTURAL TEST FIELD IN VOLGOGRAD REGION WITH THE USING SENTINEL-1 OBSERVATIONS AND NEURAL NETWORK-BASED ALGORITHM

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# THE EXPERIMENTAL PLOT LOCATED ON THE FIELDS OF ALL-RUSSIAN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE

Cartographical location of the experimental plot



Ground image of the experimental plot

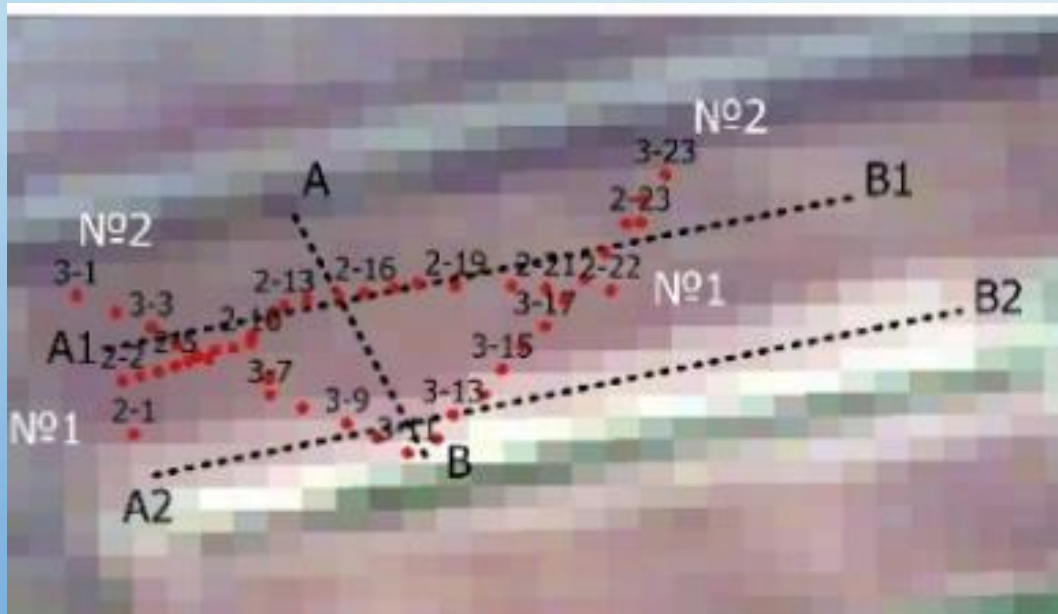


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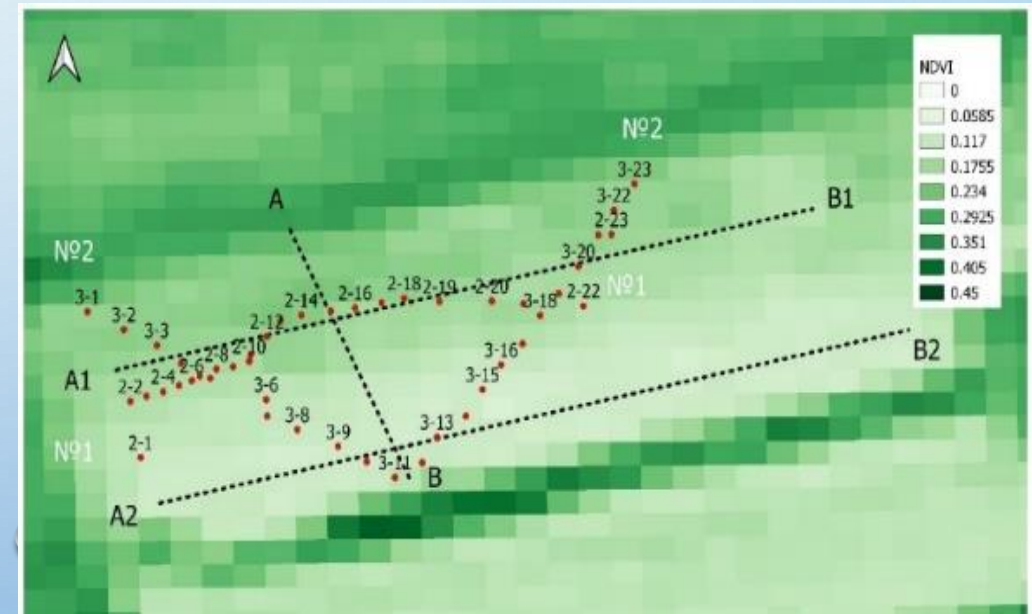


# CARTOGRAMS OF THE EXPERIMENTAL PLOT CALCULATED BASED ON THE SENTINEL-2 IMAGE ON AUGUST 21, 2019

Sentinel-2 space image (red dots  
indicate places for soil sampling)



NDVI index based on the Sentinel-2  
image on August 21, 2019



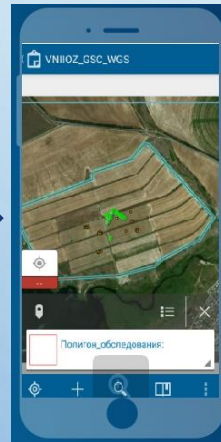
# EXPERIMENTAL METHODOLOGY

## Georeferencing and provisioning datasets of soil surface moisture content

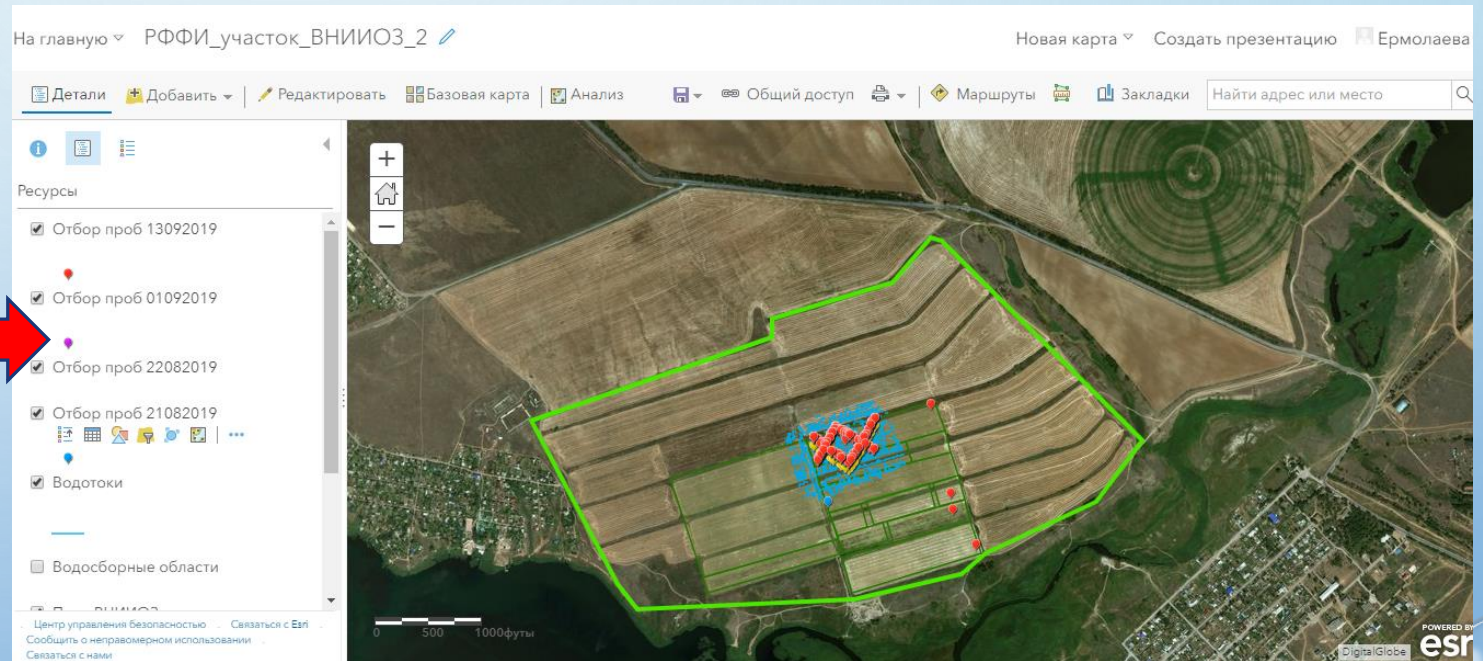
Soil sampling



Data recording and transferring



Visualization of created geodatabase at ArcGIS ONLINE of ground datasets



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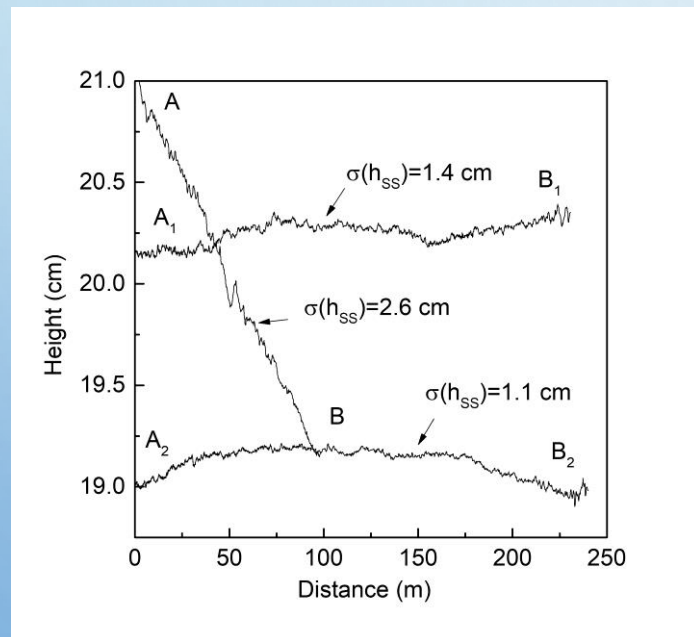


# EXPERIMENTAL & CALCULATED DATASETS

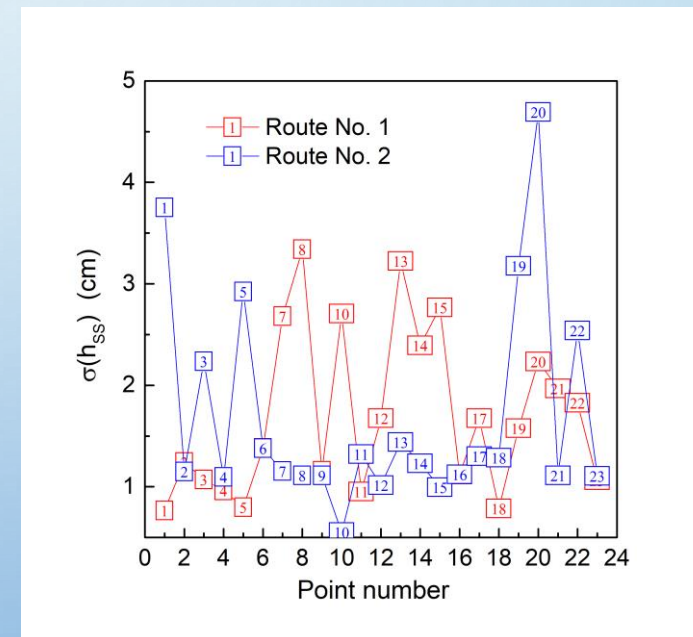
- DIRECT OBSERVATIONS OF SOIL MOISTURE (5CM THICKNESS) WAS DONE AT EXPERIMENTAL PLOT AT STUDY SITE OF THE ALL-RUSSIAN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE, NEAR THE VILLAGE VODNYI, VOLGOGRAD REGION.
- CALCULATED SOIL MOISTURES FOR THE PLACES OF SOIL SAMPLING WAS DONE USING THE PERMITTIVITY MODEL BASED ON THE ESTIMATES OF SOIL SURFACE CHARACTERISTICS: A) REFLECTIVITY.
- REFLECTIVITY WAS CALCULATED BY THE NEURAL NETWORK METHOD FROM SENTINEL-1 OBSERVATIONS
- SURFACE ROUGHNESS WAS OBTAINED FROM DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL CALCULATED FROM STEREOSCOPIC SURVEY WITH UAV PHANTOM 4 PRO.
- THE RASTER SET OF MOISTURE GEODATA WAS OBTAINED BASED ON THE REFLECTIVITY GEODATA RASTER SET IN SOLVING THE INVERSE PROBLEM USING A PERMITTIVITY MODEL THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE SOIL TEXTURE OF THE TEST PLOT.

# CHARACTERISTICS OF SOIL SURFACE ROUTHNESS

Profiles of elevation of daylight soil surface along the lines A-B, A1-B1 and A2-B2

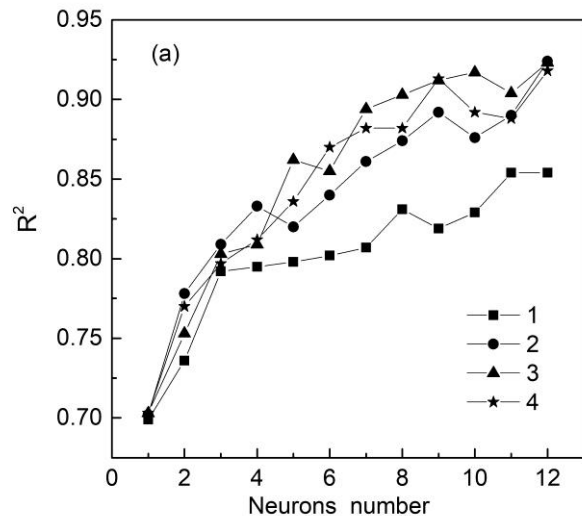


The standard deviation of the soil surface roughness  $\sigma(h_{ss})$  along the routes No. 1 and No. 2

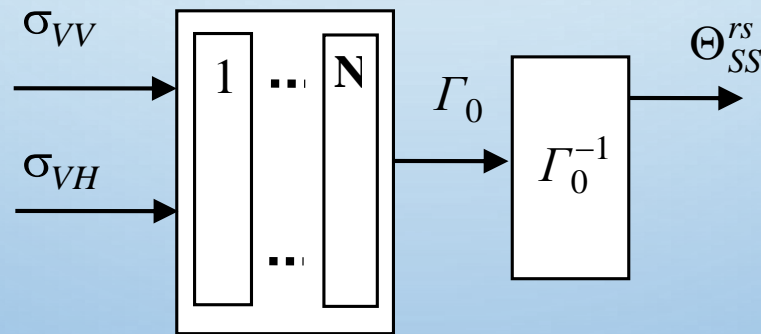


# METHOD OF A POSTERIORI ESTIMATION OF SOIL MOISTURE BASED ON SENTINEL-1 GEODATA USING A NEURAL NETWORK

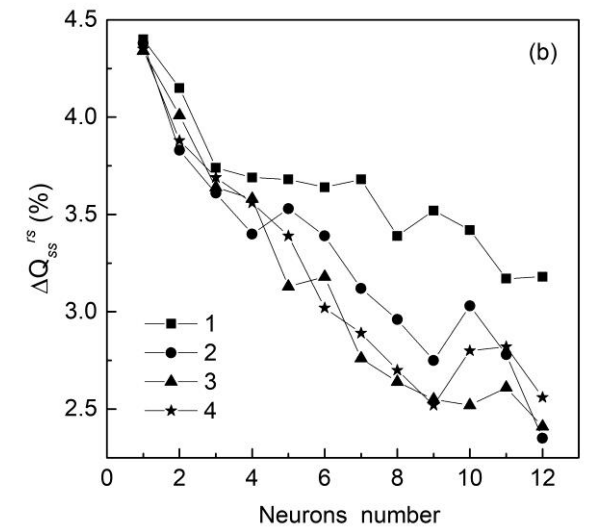
Determination coefficient  
between  $\Gamma_0^N$  and  $\Gamma_0(\Theta_{ss}^{gr}, f_{clay})$



Simple feed-forward neural  
network with  $N$  hidden layers



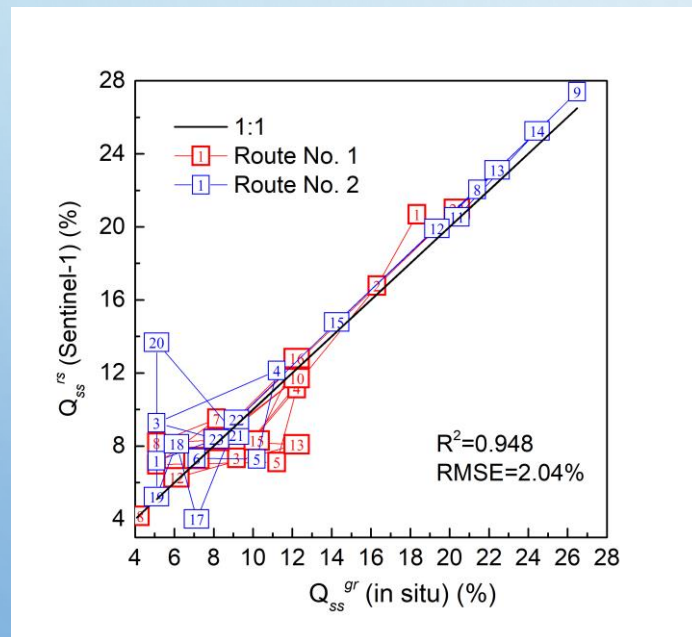
Standard deviation  
between  $\Theta_{ss}^{rs}$  and  $\Theta_{ss}^{gr}$



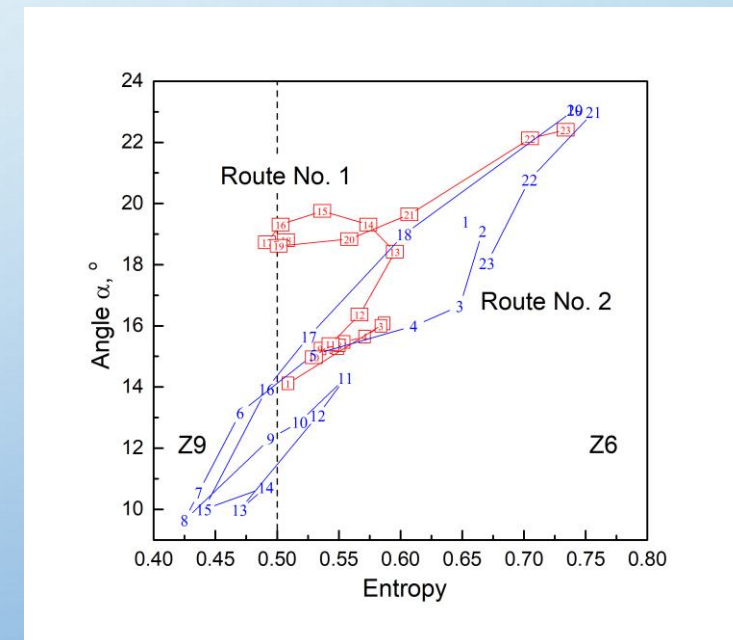
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# ESTIMATION THE SOIL SURFACE MOISTURE ( $\theta_{ss}^{rs}$ ) VALUES FOR ALL 46 SOIL SAMPLING POINTS AT THE TEST PLOT

Correlation between predicted from remote sensing data  $\theta_{ss}^{gr}$  and measured in situ  $\theta_{ss}^{rs}$  soil moisture values along the routes No.1 and No.2



Measured in situ  $\theta_{ss}^{gr}$  profiles along the routes No.1 and No.2 on August 20, 2019



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# CONCLUSIONS

- THE VALUES OF DETERMINATION COEFFICIENT (0.948) AND THE STANDARD DEVIATION (2.04%) WERE OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF COMPARING GRODATA SETS OF MOISTURE GEODATA
- A SATISFACTORY REPRODUCTION OF THE GROUND BASED SOIL MOISTURE BY CALCULATED IN THE BASE OF REMOTELY SENSED DATA BY THE DEVELOPED METHOD USING SENTINEL-1 RADAR DATA AND DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL.
- THE DEVELOPED METHOD CAN BE CONSIDERED AS THE SCIENTIFIC AND METHODOLOGICAL BASIS OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR CARTOGRAPHIC MONITORING OF SOIL SURFACE MOISTURE
- THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY CAN BY USED TO AUGMENT EFFICIENCY OF PRECISION IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION!

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