

MTRI is a recognized leader in the research, development and practical application of sensor and information technology to solve critical problems in national security, bio informatics, earth sciences and environmental processes.

Enhancing MTRI's remote sensing field capabilities is the FieldSpec3 Spectroradiometer. This instrument accurately measures reflectance, transmittance, radiance, or irradiance in the full spectrum range of 350-2500 nm. It was specifically designed for field environment remote sensing to acquire visible near-infrared (VNIR) and short-wave infrared (SWIR) spectra.

Capabilities include both terrestrial and aquatic spectral data collection using three detectors and multiple foreoptic attachments, including one designed specifically for the laboratory environment. In aquatic collections, researchers at MTRI utilize a custom-built gimbal and rod which allows for deployment from boats, bridges, etc.

MTRI has applied the spectroradiometer to a variety of research projects, including ones for turbidity and trophic state mapping, land cover analysis, the influence of bidirectional reflectance, road surface profiling, crop residue calculations, and forest fire burned area assessment. We maintain a computing infrastructure to analyze the spectral data, including ENVI and ERDAS Imagine software.



Collections are complemented by Institute Researchers who have the expertise to accurately process and evaluate a wide variety of spectral data. Collection of water profile data is shown above.

Wavelength Configuration

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| VNIR-SWIR1-SWIR2 | 350 –2500 nm |
| VNIR only | 350 –1050 nm |
| VNIR-SWIR1 | 350 –1800 nm |
| SWIR1 only | 1000 –1800 nm |
| SWIR1-SWIR2 | 1000 –2500 nm |
| SWIR2 only | 1800 –2500 nm |
| VNIR & SWIR2 | 350 –1050 nm and 1800 –2500 nm |

Spectral Resolution

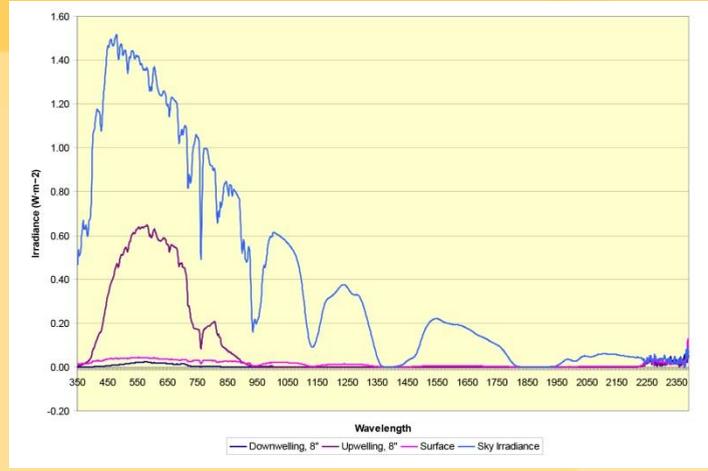
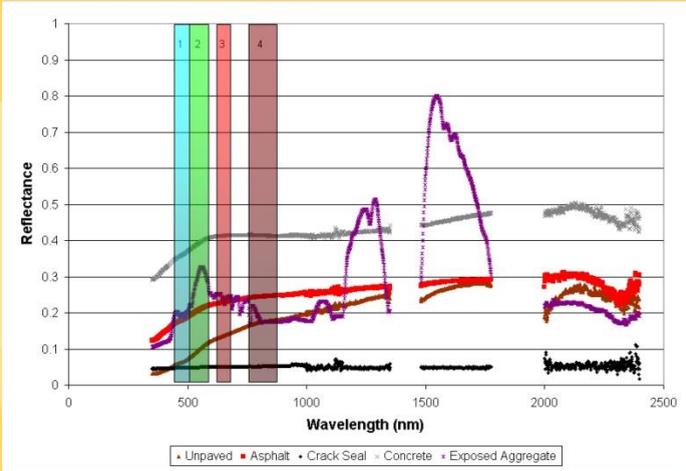
- 3 nm (Full-Width-Half-Maximum) at 700 nm
- 10 nm (Full-Width-Half-Maximum) at 1400 nm
- 10 nm (Full-Width-Half-Maximum) at 2100nm

Sampling Interval

- 1.4 nm for the spectral region 350-1000 nm
- 2 nm for the spectral region 1000-2500 nm

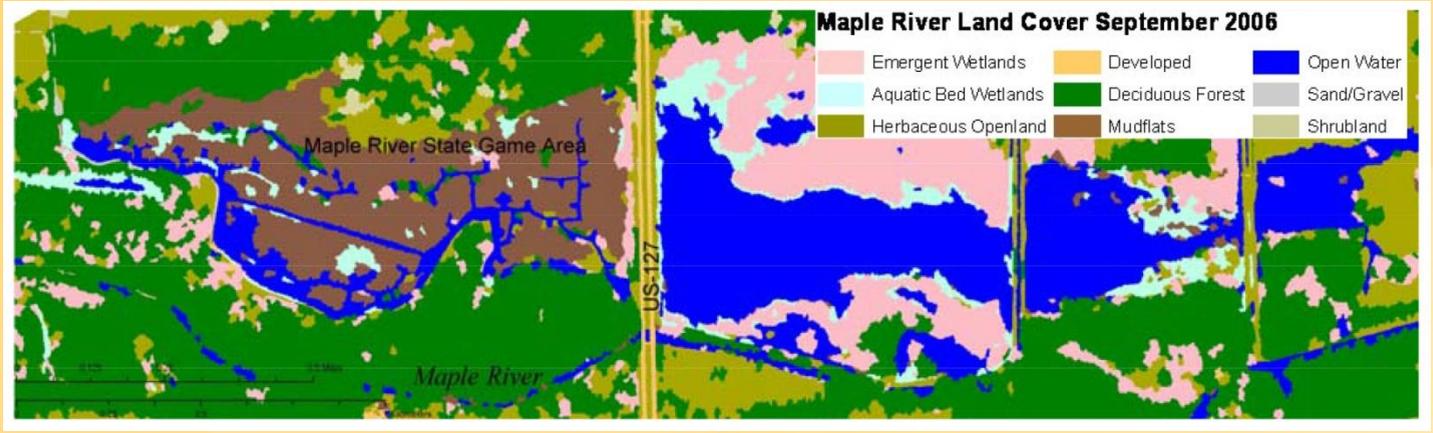


Collection of road surface and wetland spectral data are depicted above.



Road surface profiles used to map road types and surface quality.
Shaded bands reflect spectral bands of typical high resolution satellite imagery.

Irradiance measurements taken using aquatic equipment, showing differences in upwelling and downwelling data.



Land cover map created with the help of in situ spectral data collects.

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