



# Monitoring of open water bodies

**Assignment: analysis of data for hydrological applications**

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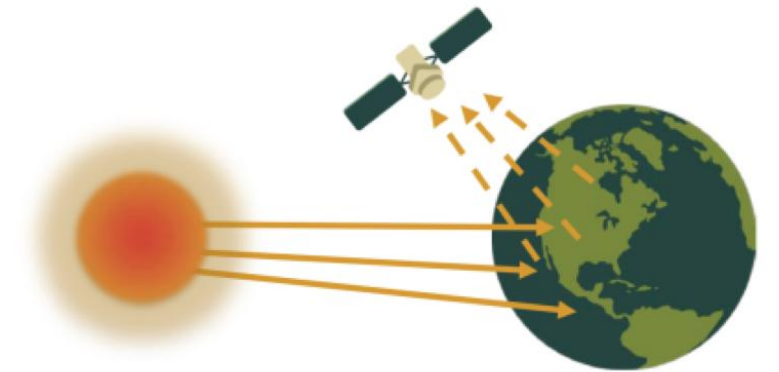
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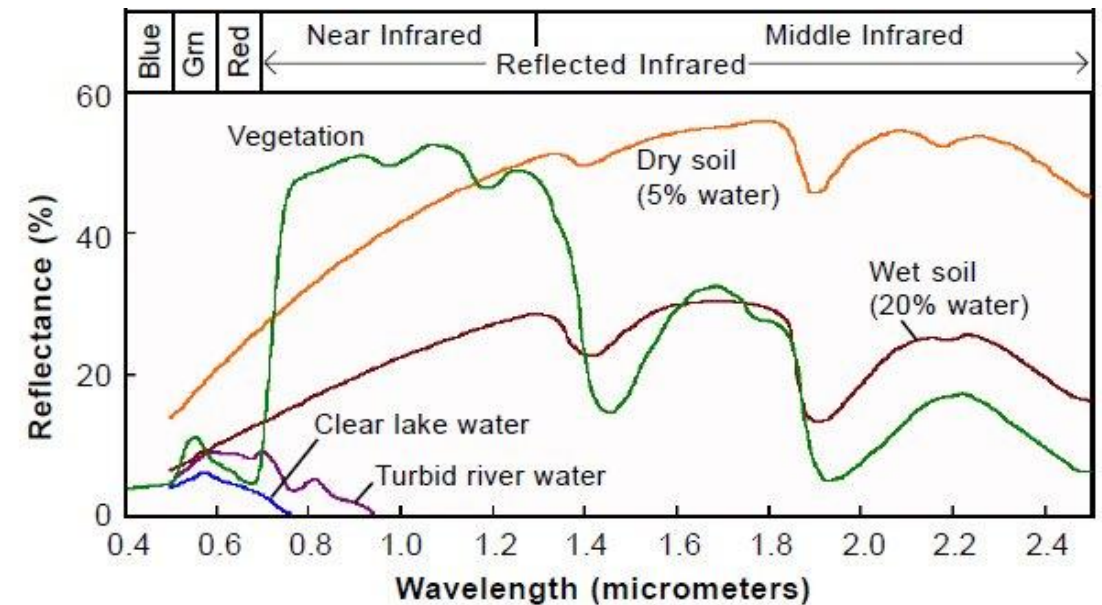
# Temporal variations in reservoir size

- Yesterday short introduction about principles of Remote Sensing
- Now apply remote sensing!
- Monitoring of open water bodies
- Instructions can be found in the manual (section 2.1)



# Sentinel-2 spectral signatures

- Spectral signatures show the **reflectance or emittance of a surface (or a pixel) across multiple wavelengths** of the electromagnetic spectrum
- Reflectance depends on type of surface and wavelength



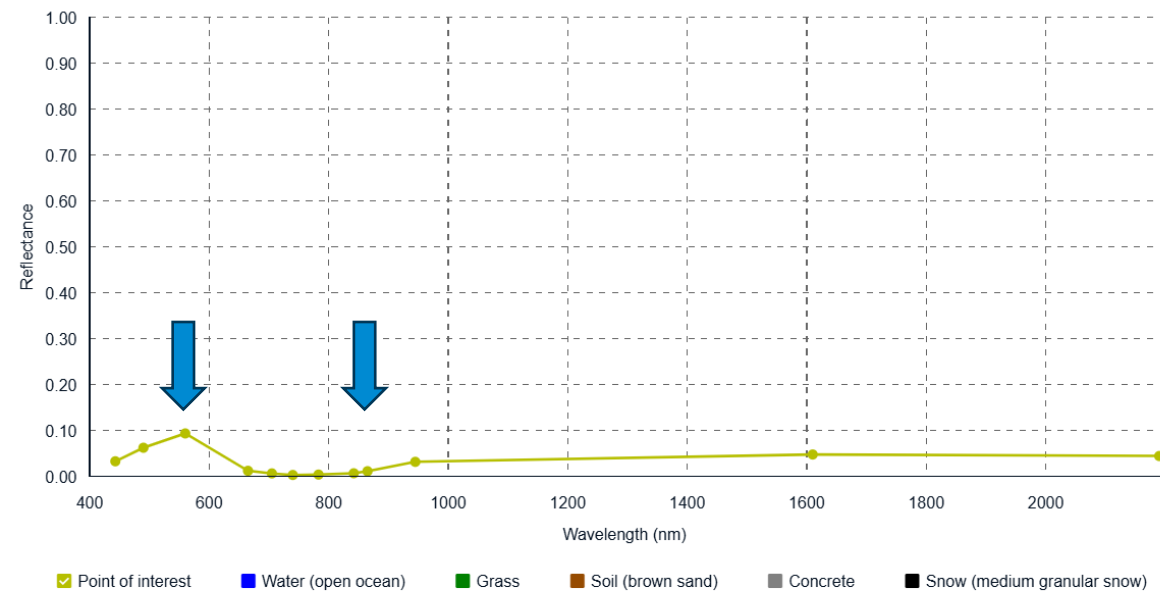
# Spectral signatures

Spectral explorer: Sentinel-2 L2A

x

Kufranjah

Chart Values



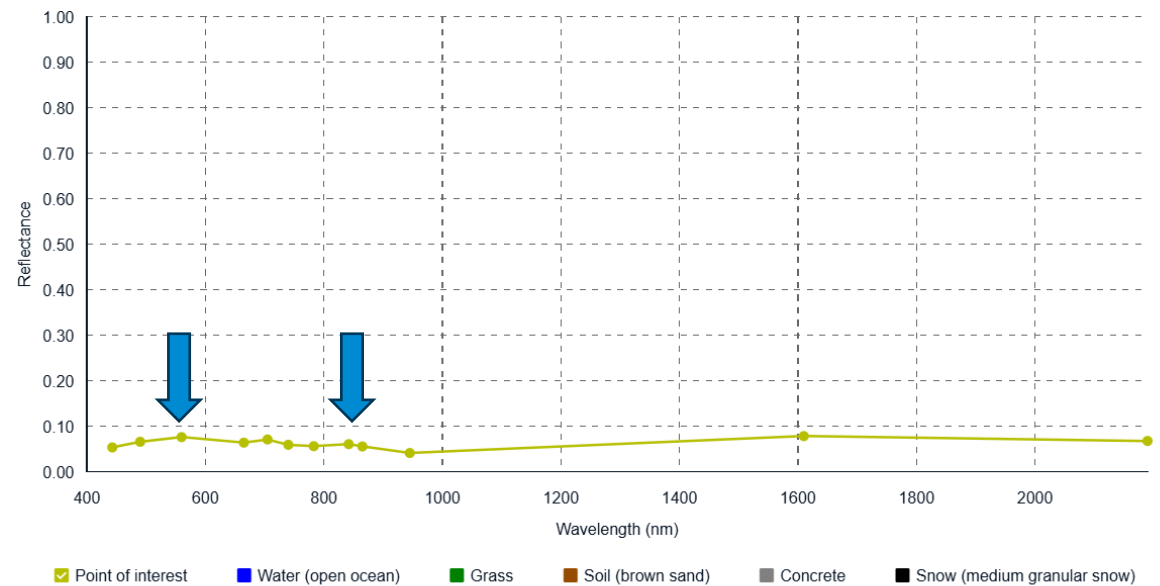
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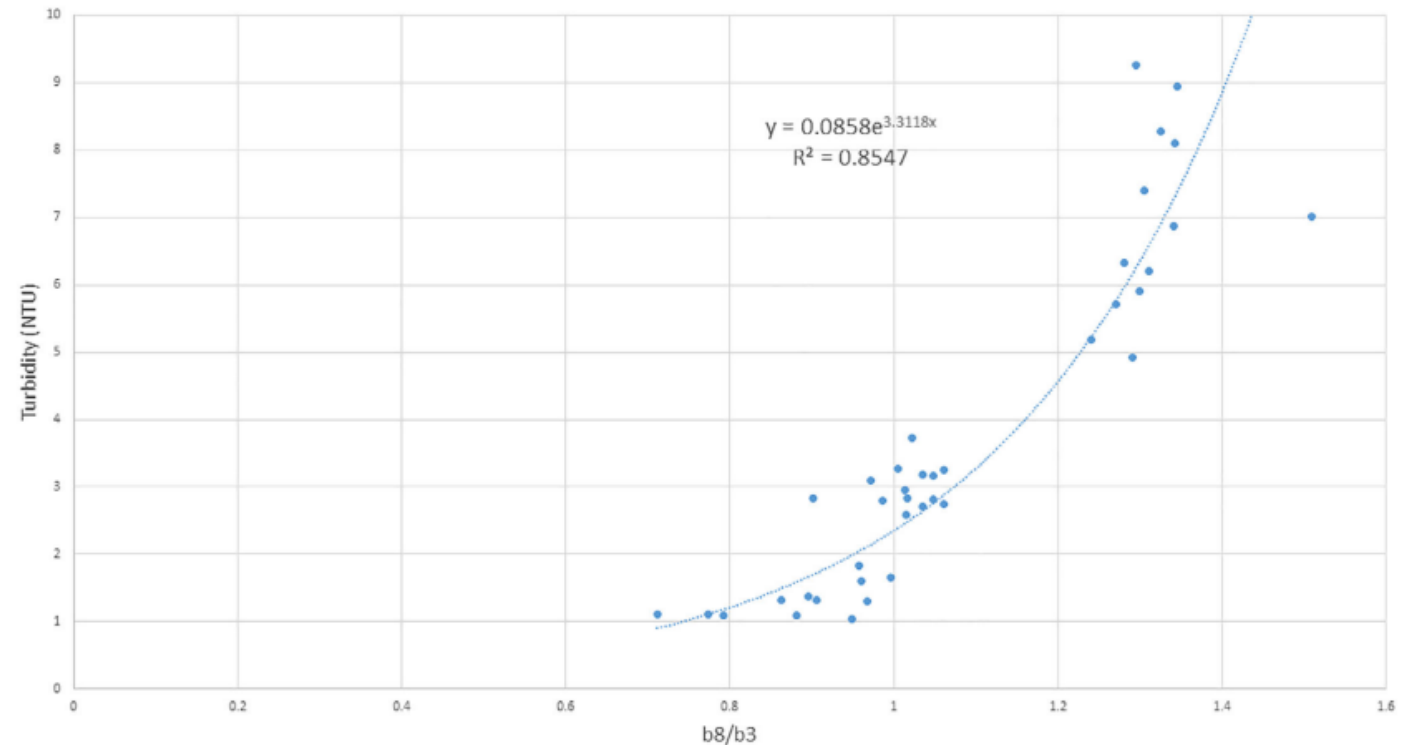
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# Turbidity

- $B8/B3 = \text{NIR}/\text{Green}$  ratio
- **Kufranjah:** higher reflectance in Green than NIR  $\rightarrow B8/B3 < 1 \rightarrow$  lower turbidity
- **KTD:** minor differences in reflectance Green vs. NIR  $\rightarrow B8/B3$  around 1  $\rightarrow$  higher turbidity
- [Hussein, Assaf, & Abohussein, 2023](#)



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