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**“Using Near infrared (NIRS) technology as a potential tool  
for the monitoring of mahogany trade”**

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# ***PROBLEM: Wood identification and origin***

**Actual Solution: Wood anatomy (conventional methodology)**

**Alternative solutions (some under development):**

- ✓ **Wood anatomy using digital communication: Brasil/Instituto Florestal (SP)**
- ✓ **Vision machine – Image capture and comparison with a reference in the database: USA/FPL**
- ✓ **Genetic – DNA barcoding: Alemanha, França, China**
- ✓ **NIRS – Brasil, Italy, China**

**Reference: Best Practice Guide for Forensic Timber Identification – UNODC, 2016**

# NIRS MAHOGANY ID PROJECT

## Specific Objectives:

- Transfer a successful timber identification methodology using a NIRS bench equipment to a portable device;
- Focus on *Swietenia macrophylla* (mahogany) and anatomically similar species (*Cedrela odorata*, *Carapa guianensis*, *Micropholis melinoniana*) discrimination under field conditions;
- Discriminate *Swietenia macrophylla* wood according to the **country of origin** in America.
- Expand the spectra database to build a robust model for wood discrimination.

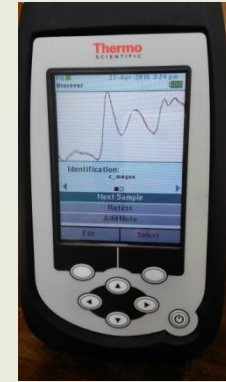
# MAIN STEPS



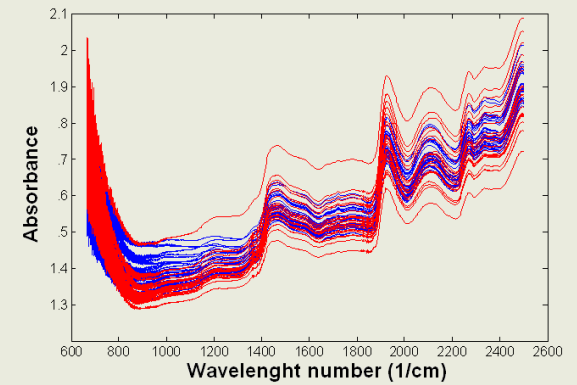
1. Wood identification



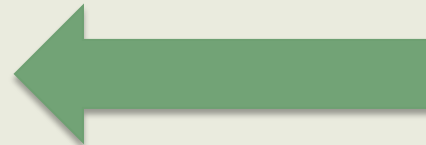
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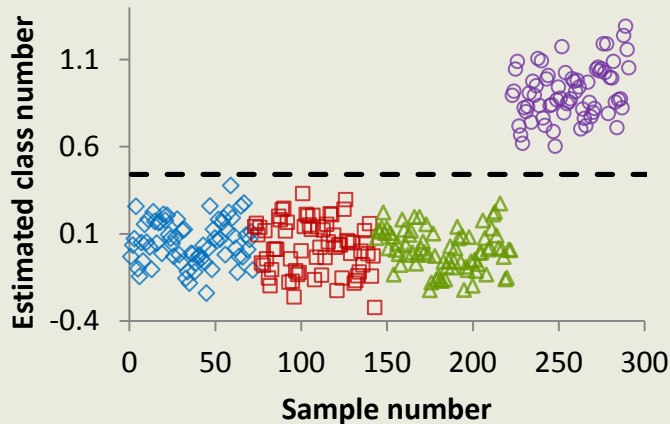
3. NIRS spectrum



4. Building spectra databank



5. Statistical model development



6. PLS-DA model for mahogany timber identification

# PILOT MISSIONS



**(1) Brazil: Brasilia (DF)**



**(2) Brazil: Fazenda Seringal Novo Macapá (AC)**



**(3) Bolívia: Santa Cruz de la Sierra**



**(4) Guatemala: Petén**

# ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS: 2 dissertations and 4 papers

*IAWA Journal 37 (3), 2016: 420–430*

## NIRS IDENTIFICATION OF *SWIETENIA MACROPHYLLA* IS ROBUST ACROSS SPECIMENS FROM 27 COUNTRIES

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*Transferência de calibração na discriminação de mogno e espécies semelhantes utilizando NIRS e PLS-DA*

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## Near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) as a potential tool for monitoring trade of similar woods: Discrimination of true mahoganv. cedar. andiroba. and curupixá

Tereza Cristina Monteiro Pastore<sup>1\*</sup>, Jez Willian Batista Braga<sup>2</sup>, Vera Terezinha Rauber Coradin<sup>1</sup>, Washington Luiz Esteves Magalhães<sup>3</sup>, Esmeralda Yoshico Arakaki Okino<sup>1</sup>, José Arlete Alves Camargos<sup>1</sup>, Graciela Inês Bonzon de Muñiz<sup>4</sup>, Otávio Augusto Bressan<sup>4</sup> and Fabrice Davrieux<sup>5</sup>

*Holzforschung*, Vol. 67, pp. 1–8, 2013

## Assessment of total phenols and extractives of mahogany wood by near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS)

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*Holzforschung*, Vol. 65, pp. 73–80, 2011

*IAWA Journal*, Vol. 32 (2), 2011: 285–297

## THE USE OF NEAR INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY TO IDENTIFY SOLID WOOD SPECIMENS OF *SWIETENIA MACROPHYLLA* (CITES APPENDIX II)

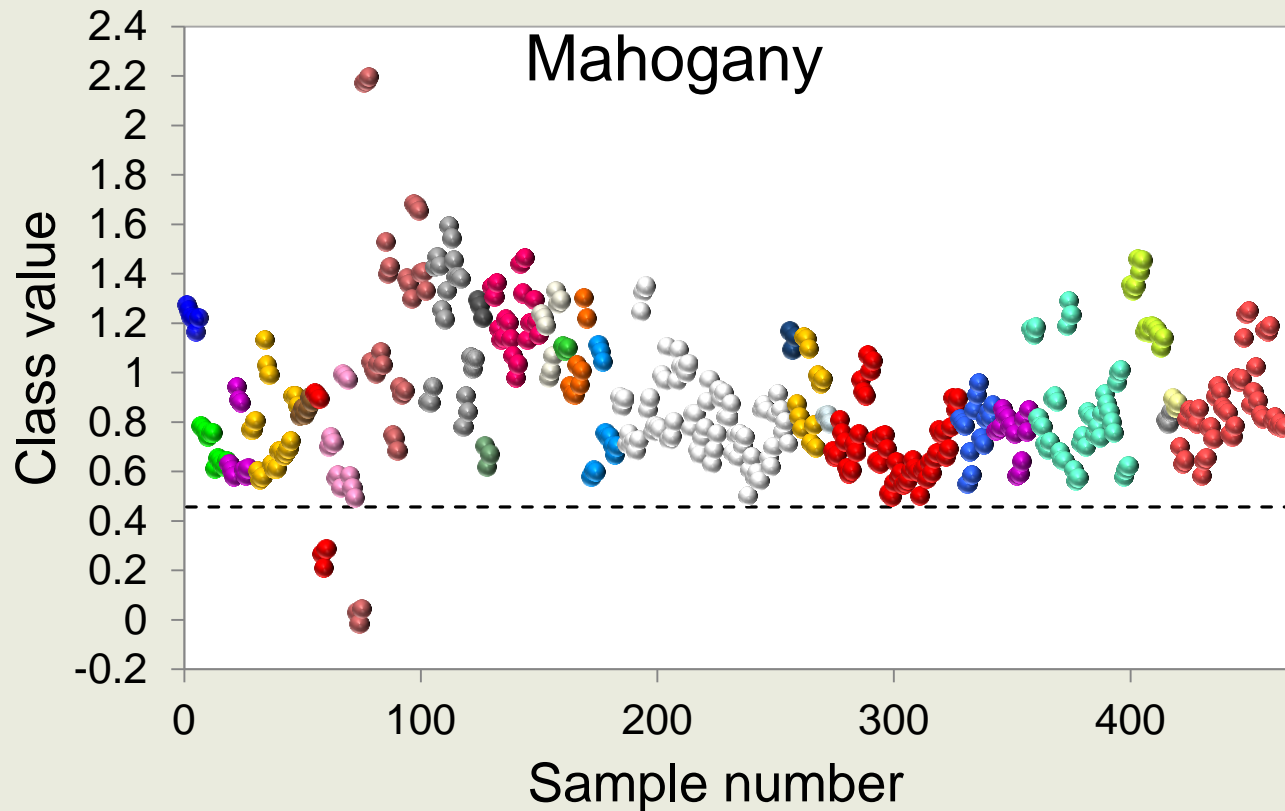
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# RESULTS: mahogany samples from 27 countries are correctly identified

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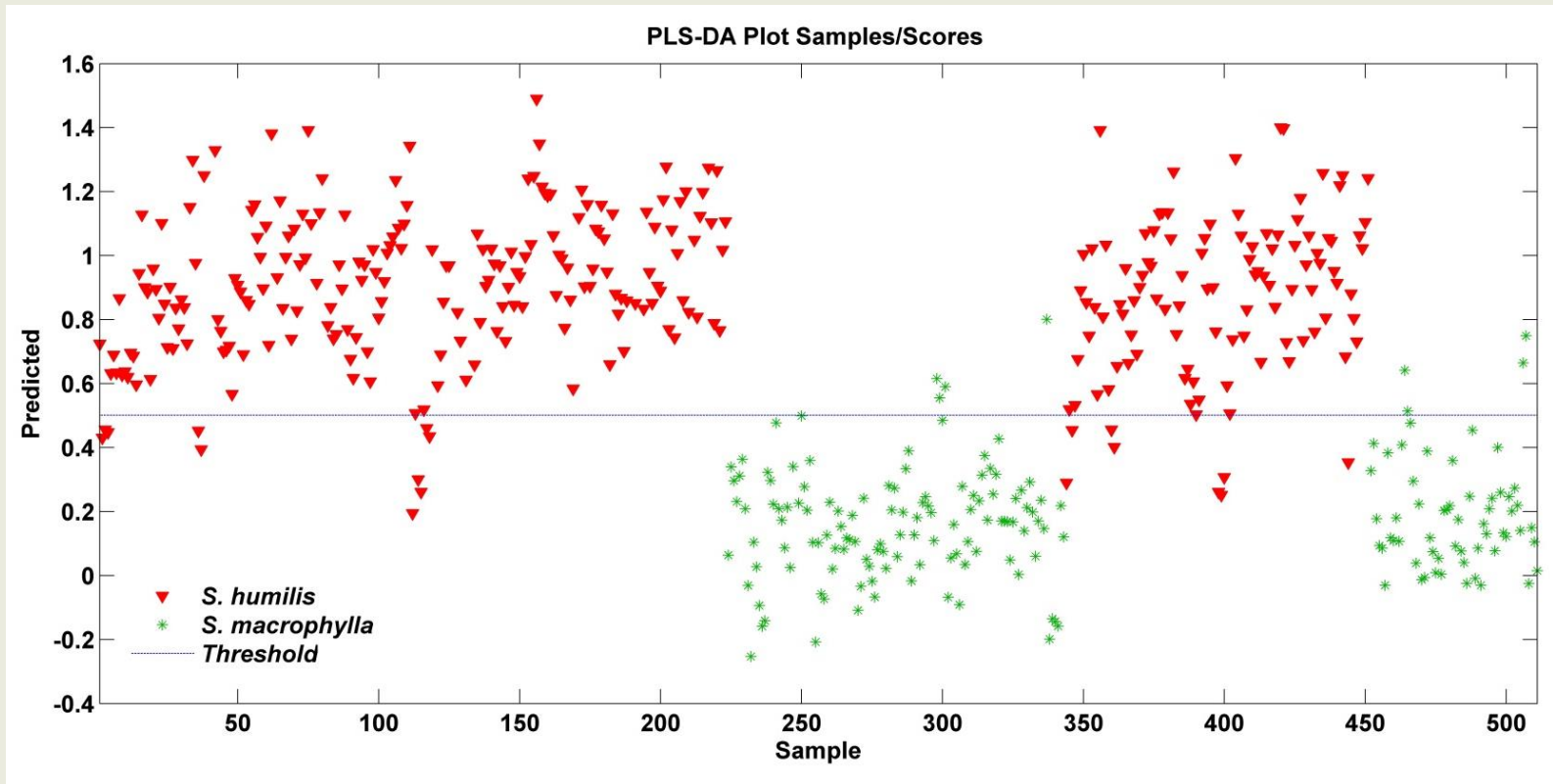
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**98 % samples were classified as mahogany;**



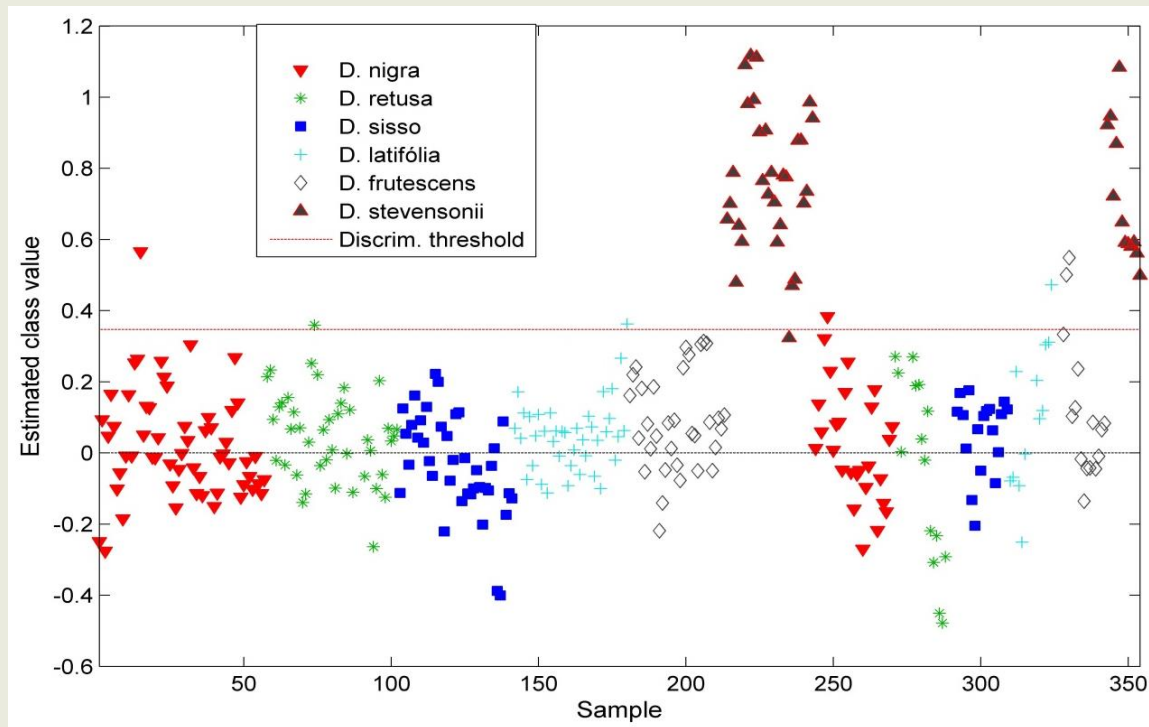
# Result: *Swietenia macrophylla* and *S. humilis* from Guatemala are discriminate



*S. macrophylla* and *S. humilis* was separated with an Efficiency Rate of 86% .

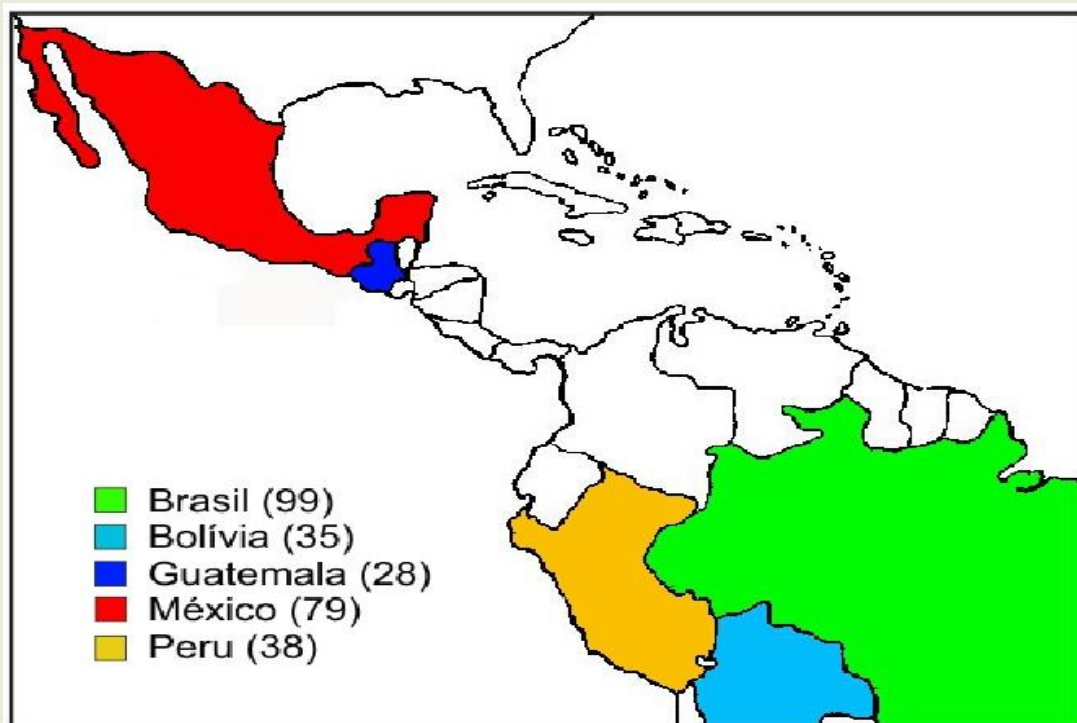


# PRELIMINARY RESULT: Discrimination of six *Dalbergia* species



Species	Efficiency rate (%)
<i>D. nigra</i>	88
<i>D. retusa</i>	95
<i>D. sisso</i>	80
<i>D. latifolia</i>	62
<i>D. frutescens</i>	95
<i>D. stevensonii</i>	95

# RESULT: identification of mahogany wood from five countries with portable device



Efficiency rate (%)				
COUNTRY				
Bolivia	Brazil	Guatemala	Mexico	Peru
100%	89%	97%	94%	99%

# Advantages of NIRS

1. Analyses is performed *in field* very quickly (<30s)
2. Portable devices are user-friendly and results obtained in real time are possible
3. Wood surface is easily prepared (plane, sand and clean)
4. NIRS can distinguish between wood of:
  - a) **different parts of a tree:** trunk, branches and fork
  - b) **different species of the same family (Meliaceae):**  
mahogany, cedar and andiroba
  - a) **different families:**  
mahogany (Meliaceae) and curupixá (Sapotaceae)
5. NIRS is a non-destructive, reagent and waste free method.
6. The comparison of costs between wet chemistry analysis (conventional) and NIRS is very favorable: NIRS is 2X cheaper

## *Some basic requirements:*

- 1. A large number of samples of each species must be available;**
  - 2. The participation of a specialized wood anatomist is essential to build a reliable model prediction;**
  - 3. The statistical model must be robust to enable a reliable discrimination of wood species;**
  - 4. Variable factors such as moisture and fiber orientation should be introduced in the chemometric model;**
  - 5. Models should be periodically reviewed and updated.**
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# CONCLUSIONS :

- **NIRS associated with multivariate analysis is a reliable method for wood identification**
- **The method can be used in field conditions with high rate of correct classification (> 90% with portable devices)**
- **It was possible to identify the source or origin of the wood**
- **The method can be used for timber certification and illegal traffic control.**



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