



Corrigendum: Error Estimation for Soil Moisture Measurements With Cosmic Ray Neutron Sensing and Implications for Rover Surveys

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In the original article, there was an error in the simplification of Equations (8) and (9) to Equation (10). A correction has been made to Equation (10):

$$\sigma_{\theta_g}(N) = \sigma_N \frac{a_0 N_0}{\left(N_{cor} - a_1 N_0\right)^4} \sqrt{\left(N_{cor} - a_1 N_0\right)^4 + 8\sigma_N^2 \left(N_{cor} - a_1 N_0\right)^2 + 15\sigma_N^4}$$
(10)

In the original article, there were mistakes in Figures 5 and 8 as published. The analytical uncertainty estimates were derived wrongly. The corrected Figures 5 and 8 appear below.

The corrected Figure 5 requires update of the description in the text. A correction has been made to the Results and Discussion section, Experiment A (Fendt site), paragraph 2:

"[...] With the exception of sections 5, 9 and 10, all sections showed good agreement between the expected and measured uncertainty of soil moisture. [...]"

The corrected Figure 8 requires update of the description in the text. A correction has been made to the Results and Discussion section, Experiment B (Selhausen site), paragraph 5:

"[...] However, the expected soil moisture estimation uncertainty using Selhausen site conditions (Figure 8) were similar to the overall uncertainty as expressed by the RMSE when only 3 measurements were used $(0.032 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}^3)$. This is undesirable and suggests the need for more aggregation. When nine measurements were aggregated, the average uncertainty due to uncertain neutron measurements decreased to 0.017 m³/m³ irrespective of aggregation strategy. [...]"

The authors apologize for these errors and state that this does not change the scientific conclusions of the article in any way. The original article has been updated.

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FIGURE 5 Overview of the results from the Fendt experiment for each of the ten analyzed sections. (A) CRN rover soil moisture without aggregation. (B) *In-situ* reference soil moisture. The relative coordinates in panels a and b were calculated from UTM coordinates. (C) Expected standard deviation of raw neutron counts (σ). (D) 3rd order approximation of standard deviation of soil moisture from raw neutron counts (σ_{θ_v}) in comparison to measured standard deviation with the CRN rover. (E) Soil moisture (θ_v) estimated with the CRN rover in comparison with mean reference soil moisture content for each section. Red area indicates \pm one measured standard deviation of the mean.



FIGURE 8 Comparison of soil moisture uncertainty from neutron counts (σ_{θ_r}) estimation with four aggregation strategies with the Jülich CRN rover at the Selhausen site with data measured on 11 July 2018. Top panels: moving window aggregation for three and nine following measurements, respectively. Bottom panels: nearest neighbor aggregation with the nearest two and eight neighbors, respectively. Base maps: ESRI World Imagery and Contributors.