# SSHCZO Metadata Worksheet

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| Data File Name | **DOE SSHCZO Soil Core Subset Data 2015** |
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| Descriptive Title | Root length density and soil physical and chemical properties taken at 100 locations throughout the catchment |
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| Abstract | Root length density and various soil physical and chemical properties were measured in 100 soil cores in the catchment with the goal of understanding topographic controls on belowground carbon fluxes. |
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| Data Value Descriptions | • COL1: label = Easting• COL2: label = Northing• COL3: label =Field Site (associated with map)• COL4: label = Tube (soil core label)• COL5: label = Depth ID (a=0-20cm, b=20-40cm, c=40-80cm, d=80-120cm, e=120-165cm)• COL6: Slope Position (1=Ridgetop, 2 = Midslope Planar, 3 = Swale, 4 Valley Floor)• COL7: KCl Exchangeable Acidity, units=meq• COL8: SOM (soil organic matter), units = %• COL8: Absorptive RLD, units = cm/cm3• COL9: Avg NH4 conc., units = ppm• COL10: Avg NO3 conc, units=ppm• COL11: Rock:Soil, units=g/g* COL12: Soil Water Content, units=%
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| Keywords | root length density, soil water content, nitrate, ammonium, soil organic matter, exchangeable acidity, topography, belowground carbon |
| Methods | 5 soil cores were taken at each plot (map provided) to a maximum depth of 165 cm or until mechanic barriers prevented maximum coring depth. Cores were dissected into intervals of 0-20, 20-40, 40-80, 80-120 and 120-165 cm depending on the depth of the core taken. Core samples were gently homogenized and divided into two equal halves, one each for soil analysis and root distribution. 2 of the 5 cores were analyzed for soil physical and chemical propertiesSoil was washed from root samples through a 2mm sieve, and roots were stored in water at 5°C. Roots were then dissected by order. Absorptive roots were defined as third order roots or less with most roots falling into the first two orders. Absorptive and woody roots were scanned separately and processed with WinRHIZO to determined average length and diameter of each core sample. Root length density (RLD) was determined using the following equation:RLD = (root length x 2) / core sample volume.Samples for soil analysis were air dried in a greenhouse and sieved to 2mm before being analyzed. Nitrate concentration, ammonium concentration and exchangeable acidity were determined with a KCl extraction. Soil organic matter content was determined using loss on ignition at 450°C. Water content was measured on July 7th, 2015 usingan IKMO trime. |
| Sites | A map is provided with locations of all of the plots along with coordinates of each soil core. |
| Publications | None |
| Citation | Logistical support and/or data were provided by the NSF-supported Susquehanna Shale Hills Critical Zone Observatory. |
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