

## The EIS technique for tracing the changes of water content in selected practical use cases

Technika EIS do śledzenia zmian zawartości wody w wybranych praktycznych zastosowaniach

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#### MONITORING OF POROUS MATERIAL PROPERTIES IS COMPREHENSIVE PROBLEM

#### What we want to monitor?

Morphology of streambed, Bottom morphology of basin, pond, dike, dam, wood, masonry, meat ...

#### Where we want to monitor?

In laboratory or in real conditions?

#### What we know about the monitoring site?

Have we made geophysical prospecting? How much do we know the site, the process ...?

#### About what are we interesting in?

Are we interesting in sediment transport or accumulation, in sediment movement, in influence of water velocity to life in biotope, in locality? Are we interesting in erosion processes, movement of water level, studying of groundwater flow, seepage through dike, absorbency of materials ...?

#### Which methods is possible to use?

Direct or indirect, contact or contactless and so on.

# ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE EIS

- INDIRECT MONITORING METHOD ELECTRICAL IMPEDANCE SPECTROMETRY (EIS) WAS USED.
- NEW MONITORING APPARATUS (DEVICE, PROBE, USER'S SOFTWARE) WAS DEVELOPED AND USED.
- THE TESTS WAS REALIZED IN LABORATORY AND IN REAL CONDITIONS SOLVING PROJECTS OF GA CR AND PROJECTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM EUREKA.



E.g. hydraulic conductivity of unsaturated soil is about 3 or 4 levels smaller than in saturated soil.



#### EUREKA PROGRAMME **Seureka**

www.eurekanetwork.org www.eurostars-eureka.eu

- Eureka was established in 1985 as an agreement between 18 countries and the European commission to promote competitiveness and market integration and to encourage international cooperation in research and development.
- Since then, EUREKA has expanded to more than 45 countries (in Europe and beyond) that share the same goals and provide national/regional funding to organizations (at least two foreign partners) that apply through its programs.
- EUREKA has tailored programs to best support international industry-led research and development. These offer flexibility for international project partners within and outside the eureka network (network projects and Globalstars), support projects with leading companies in the field (Clusters), enable innovative smes to aim higher (Eurostars), support research and business activities on new markets (Innowwide).
- One of the fundamental principles of eureka is that project creation is bottom-up; organizations
  participating in eureka projects are free to define their research and development prior to application or
  even during project development.



#### CZECH REPUBLIC

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION





YOUTH AND SPORTS **Czech Republic funds** 

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#### Globalstars (funded) Clusters (5 funded) Eurostars (funded) Industry-driven programmes with thematic Innovative SMEs lead international project Calls for R&D projects with partners in a consortia and receive national and EU funding specific country outside the Eureka network. communities of experts, large companies, SMEs, universities and research organisations. to realise their innovation. Collaborate on R&D projects of any size. Discover Eurostars Discover Globalstars Network projects (funded) Innowwide (funded) Investment readiness A flexible programme for R&D projects with Innovative SMEs receive a grant of 60,000 any technological focus. You can propose or euro to assess the viability of research or ioin a project at any time or take part in our commercial ambitions in international target regular calls. markets. Discover Innoww

The Czech Republic implements the aforementioned projects within the framework of the Inter-Excellence program, specifically the Inter-Eureka sub-programme and the Eurostars program. The new INTER-EXCELLENCE II program (2021-2029) will include three sub-programs INTER-ACTION, INTER-COST, INTER-EUREKA (from May 24 to July14, 2023 is possible the project INTER-EUREKA submit, the results of the competition will be known by the end of the year).



INTER-EUREKA

## OUR EUREKA PROJECTS E!3838, E!4981 AND E!7614

 EUREKA projects must meet the following characteristics: civil purpose,

international cooperation between organizations in two or more countries,

research and development of a new product, process or service,

market oriented, where participating organizations decide the focus of their research.

The first Z-meters were produced with the financial support of the Grant Agency of the CzechRepublic. Next in the EUREKA program.Z-meter 1Z-meter 2

- E!3838 2007-2009;
- E!4981 2010-2012;
- E!7614 2013-2016
   with sustainability to the 2021.

Needs converter  $12V_{\pm}$  /230  $V_{\approx}$  and battery  $12V_{\pm}$ 



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## E!3838



Technical parameters

Internal switcher, 8 boards with 16 channels, Internal battery  $12V_{=}$ , PC, CF, mobile net, work signalization, two or four wire connection of the probes.





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Control tests and reports on electrical parameters of the device Z-meter IV should be given time to time because the unit is used in the landscape.

#### PARAMETERS OF THE DEVICES

Parameter	Z-meter 1	Z-meter II	Z-meter 2A	Z-meter III	Z-meter IV
Impedance range	10 Ω – 10 ΜΩ	10 Ω – 1 ΜΩ	10 Ω – 1 ΜΩ	100 Ω – 1 ΜΩ	10 Ω – 1 ΜΩ
Frequency range	10 Hz – 8 MHz	100 Hz – 20 kHz	100 Hz – 10 kHz	1 kHz – 100 kHz	10 Hz – 200 kHz
voltage	0.01 V – 0.70 V step 0.005 V	0.5 V – 5.0 V, step 0.5 V	0.5 V – 5.0 V, step 0.5 V	1.0 V	0.2 V – 1.0 V
Module Z measuring accuracy	±0,2% from range	$\pm 2\%$ from range	$\pm 2\%$ from range	$\pm 2\%$ from range	$\pm 2\%$ from range
Phase accuracy	±0.2°	±2°	±2°	±2°	±2
Communication interface	RS 232	USB	USB, LAN, SC card	USB, SD card	USB, SD card, Ethernet, bluetooth
Number of measuring points	32	128	128	1, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128	1, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256
Switch	external	internal	internal	internal, external	internal, external
Power supply	net	net battery	battery	battery	net battery

#### FINANCIAL DEMANDS OF THE SYSTEM

- Probe price approx. 125 Euro / 1 running meter without thermometers (in case of temperature measurement the price will increase by approx. 50%).
- GSM transmission 200 Euro.
- Active probe (signal transmission distances greater than 25 m) 700 Euro.
- The price includes operator training at LoWMR IoWS FCE BUT, CZ.
- The price of data processing software is solved separately according to the difficulty.
- Possibility of individual lease.



ths. € No. of channels	partner price	customer price
256	7.5	15.5
128	6.0	13.5
64	5.5	12.0
32	4.5	10.0
16	3.0	8.0
8	2.5	5.0
1	2.0	3.0



#### EIS – ELECTRICAL IMPEDANCE SPECTROMETRY

The basic principle of the EIS method is to measure the frequency characteristics of the monitored substances - soil, wood, meat, bio-waste, building materials, etc.
 Non-zero moisture or ionic substance acts as an electric conductor, dry or frozen as an insulator.



Full automatically measurement: composting process, BioSealing process at the dike, soil moister changes in different type of the forests.











#### FIELD ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

- MONITORING IN FOREST (SPECIES COMPOSITION OF TREES) SCHOOL FOREST ENTERPRISE KŘTINY, MENDELU (KANICE, ÚTĚCHOV).
- MONITORING IN SOUR CHERRY ORCHARD (DIFFERENT GRASSLAND, ROOT LENGTH) SCHOOL AGRICULTURE COMPANY ŽABČICE, MENDELU (ŽABČICE).
- MONITORING THE IRRIGATION AND FERTILIZATION PROCESS GOLF COURSES (SVRATKA, KUNĚTICKÁ HORA).
- MONITORING OF THE COMPOSTING PROCESS ZERA AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGIONAL AGENCY, Z.S. (COMPOSTING PLANT VÍCENICE NEAR NÁMĚŠŤ NAD OSLAVOU).
- MONITORING OF EARTH DAMS LESNÍ SPRÁVA BUČOVICE, ČESKÝ RYBÁŘSKÝ SVAZ, MO JEVÍČKO, POVODÍ MORAVY, S.
   P., POVODÍ LABE, S. P. (KOBEŘICE, JEVÍČKO, KAROLINKA, HORNICE BIOSEALING PROCESS, OPATOVICKÝ KANÁL) AND
   OF RESERVOIR BOTTOM MORPHOLOGY (KOBEŘICE, RÝZMBURK).
- MONITORING OF THERMO REMEDIATION PROCESS AND WOOD BURNING THERMO SANACE, S.R.O. (CASTLE RYCHVALD, TIMBERED HOUSE ŠTRAMBERK, CHURCH BRNO (SK - BRATISLAVA, SPIŠSKÁ KAPITULA) WATER MILLS DOLNÍ NĚMČÍ AND WESSELSKY LOUČKY NAD ODROU).
- MONITORING OF **SNOW STRATIFICATION** (CZ, AUSTRIA, FINLAND).
- MONITORING OF **MASONRY MOISTURE** (CASTLE RYCHVALD).
- MONITORING OF AERATION PROCESS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAT (MODŘICE, BRNO WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE).
- MONITORING OF BEEF RIPENING.



## ERASMUS+ AND EUREKA STUDENT WORK IN CZECH REPUBLIC





#### WATER INFILTRATION INTO THE SAND IN LAB

The sample of "Bratčice sand" by  $d_{ef} = 3.2 \text{ mm}$ ; loading with a rain intensity of approx. 2000 l·s<sup>-1</sup>·ha<sup>-1</sup>, which corresponds to a rainfall of approximately 12 mm·min<sup>-1</sup> (rain intensity during a local flood).



#### WATER INFILTRATION IN THE SOIL

#### INFLUENCING FACTORS;

- hydrological intensity and duration of precipitation.
- soil granularity, organic matter content, porosity, structure and soil moisture.
- MEASUREMENT OF THE PROCESS TOGETHER WITH PL AND SK PARTNERS;
  - infiltrometer cylindrical heating, compact overpressure, simple pressure.
  - rain simulator, Guelphs permeameter, SATURO.











# WATER INFILTRATION – SPECIES COMPOSITION OF THE GRASSES

- School Agriculture Company Žabčice, Mendel University in Brno (Žabčice cherry orchard).
- Fescue grass (kostřava) length of roots to 2 m × weed × usual grass with length of roots to 0.3 m.
- Dry  $\times$  irrigation (to 1 m<sup>2</sup> was poured about 10 l/s).
- Stable probe to 0.85 m (7 levels) and mobile probe (a pitchfork with two prongs) from 0.05 m to 0.20 m.
- Measurement  $1 \times$  per month.



horizontal profiles

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#### ELECTRICAL CONDUCTANCE MAPS, FREQUENCY ANALYSIS



#### EARTH-FILL DAMS

Cooperation with river basin enterprises, designers, forest management, private organizations.

- Monitoring of dams of small water reservoirs, protective and dam dams. Different probe length and connection.
- WS Karolinka problem with soil quality and its storage, monitoring from March 2011 yet, 4×per year now, max. probe length 13 m, 20 measured levels, one tube with different sensors distance (max. 2 m), sensors are placed in problematic levels, reconstruction in 2013
   – installation of a sealing wall, first probe was destroyed and

Mmax = 521.20 m a, s, L VL

had to be installed new.







13.0 m



#### WATER STRUCTURE KAROLINKA – EIS RESULTS

Installed sealing wall has reduced dike seepage, but (as it is not the same height everywhere)

the problem remains between the probes VL\_1 and VL\_2. There is probably an increase in soil

moisture when the wall underflows. It has not been proven that it is water from the reservoir.



#### KAROLINKA – MARCH\_EL. CONDUCTANCE MAPS

Consecutively are shown the maps of electrical conductance measured in March from 2011 to

2023. The colour scale of the electrical conductance is the same for all maps.





#### KAROLINKA – MARCH\_EL. CONDUCTANCE MAPS



22.09.2022

#### EARTH-FILL DAMS – BIOSEALING PROCESS

Time series – total length of the probe 3 m.

Time series - total length of the probe 10 m, selected layers

2016, October 22 the reservoir was launched due to fish catching

-2.8 --3.4 --3.7 --4.0 --4.3 --4.6 --4.9 --5.6 --6.0 --6.6 --7.7 --8.2 --8.8 --9.9 --3.1

colonies of

in the soil

microorganisms

Dark green

seepage on

downstream

grass indicates

the place of the

face of the dam.

- Earth-fill dam hornice monitored by EIS method during application of nutrient aqueous solution used in BioSealing method.
- BioSealing is caused by a combination of microbiological and geochemical processes.
- Converging groundwater flows transport the nutrients towards the leak,

where bacteria would induce clogging and reduce the flow rate

through the leaking structure. all monitored layers, average daily values of resistance Results - monitoring of the BioSealing process total rainfall per day total seepage per day —water level oil temperature 2.5 E 2.0 Time series - total length of the probe 3 m 49-51-53-55 57 59 31 value on the minor avis



#### WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT MODŘICE -**AERATION**

Disparity consistency of sludge during aeration.



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#### THE PROCESS OF COMPOSTING BIODEGRADABLE WASTE



Monitoring of the composting process - ZERA - Agricultural and Environmental Regional Agency,

z.s. (Composting plant Vícenice near Náměšť over the Oslava river).





# **AND THIS IS THE** END, THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

#### CLOGGING PROCESS OF TANKS (SLUDGE, POND)



#### WS Kobeřice – pond tank







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#### WOOD MONITORING – BURNING, THERMO REMEDIATION

The measured electrical quantity is influenced by other physical factors **internal** – given by material properties (type, density, structure, anisotropy, temperature, wood defects, age, ...) and **external** – define the measurement conditions (frequency and intensity of electric field, relative air humidity, chemical contamination of wood, air velocity, season, etc.).

Two wooden blocks of spruce beams of the same dimension (0.175 m wide, 0.195 m high and 0.500 m long), but of different age, texture and structure.

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obe number	Active length of probe	Linear regression function	Value of reliability R <sup>2</sup>	Temperature range of calibration
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1	0,16	$t_1 = -0,0007 Z_1 + 843,32$	0,9875	<40°C; 130°C>
2	0,14	$t_2 = -0,0007 Z_2 + 867,54$	0,9942	<40°C; 130°C>
3	0,12	$t_3 = -0,0008 Z_3 + 943,63$	0,9930	<40°C; 130°C>
4	0,10	$t_4 = -0,0006 Z_4 + 794,62$	0,9886	<45°C; 130°C>
5	0,08	$t_5 = -0,0007 Z_5 + 887,49$	0,9858	<45°C; 130°C>
6	0,06	$t_6 = -0,0007 Z_6 + 971,69$	0,9944	<45°C; 130°C>















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old spruce beam





#### RESEARCH TOPIC - THE UNKNOWN MOISTURE MASONRY

Castle walls are of stone and brick. Wall thickness was about 1.5 m below. Composition of the walls is unknown (homogen inhomogeneous, binder, plaster, ...).

Bod6.9 °C

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Oblast Max. **73.1** 







Temporal changes of electrical conductivity at a depth of h = 0.225 m below the surface after applications of microwave heating.



#### MONITORING OF MOISTURE IN WALL

Profile 1 - 2





- Microwave applications.
- Heating 2 minutes with power 2 kW at one point, heated area was given an applicator used (the generator it was 0.18 m × 0.18 m and near the wall 0.47 m × 0.39 m), total were measured 20 points.

Frequency microwave generator 2.45 GHz was used, which is equivalent to the wavelength of electromagnetic waves 0.1225 m.

Wall surface temperature was measured infrared pyrometers GIM 530 MS (0 °C before heating and around 30 °C after heating), measurement at one level below the surface was used analog thermometer PU 521 with thermocouple.

Power density of electromagnetic field radiation near the generator was controlled by device MLT 4th .

 Moisture in one level was measured by the device Hydromette 4050.

 Impedance in different level of the wall was measured by Z-meter III.

Different length of "cable" pointed to the measurement of conductivity.

#### Schematic description of electrica current low circulation through a meat sample at:

A - low frequencies

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**B** – higher frequencies.

#### ELECTRICAL IMPEDANCE AS THE TOOL FOR EVALUATION OF BEEF MEET AGING

Measurement of tenderness is based on internationally standard Werner –Bratzler method.

Evaluation by EIS method.

Limousine

Limousine bull and Charolais bull were tested.

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	Frequency	5000 Hz		8000 Hz		10000 Hz		12000 Hz		15000 Hz	
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Overall conlcusions from existing literature:

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At low frequencies in the range from 1 to 10 kHz, the current is hardly able to pass through the cell membranes. It therefore crosses the ECF and contains practically no reactance component. For this reason, these frequencies can be used selectively to calculate the extracellular water volume - HAS TO DO WITH AGING (AND INCREASE OF TENDERNESS)

Taken from : Y. Yang et al., Mathematical and Computer Modelling 58 (2013) 819-825 With increasing frequency, up to 50 kHz, the current is able to penetrate the cell. Therefore, at frequencies around 50 kHz, measurements of the total body water volume and body cell mass can be made - HAS TO DO WITH THE ENTIRE WATER CONTECT (AND ARTIFICAL ADDITIONS)

#### MONITORED SITES

CZ – GEOtest, a.s., Karolinka, WWT Modřice, Bystrc, Náměšť nad Oslavou, Rýzmburk, Rychvald, Lutyně, Kozlovice, Štramberk, Žabčice, Svratka, Kunětická Hora, Jevíčko, Kobeřice, Hornice .... SK – Milhostov, Velké Ripňany, sv. Martin Bratislava, Senné, Nitra, IT – Bari, CH – Basel, B – Oostende, BG – Varna, Sofia, LV – Riga, LT – Kaunas, Moldova – Chisinau, Philippines – Manila, EP – Granada, Barcelona, PT – Lisboa (cooperation realized through teaching), UA – Ternopil, Rivne, Nicaragua, China and Mongolia.

