

Development of innovative methods and technologies of destruction process detection and monitoring for dams, levees and geotechnical engineering application

PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS SUMMARY

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IWEWM – ACTUAL RESEARCH TOPICS

I. DEVELOPMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT METHODS, FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT AND FLOOD PROTECTION METHODS

- 1. Methods for the evaluation of the economic efficiency of the flood protection investments
- 2. Application of the DPSIR analysis for estimation of state and forecasts of changes of river-bed and flow dynamics of the Vistula river and its tributaries in the Cracow agglomeration area
- 3. Assessment of the balance of hydrodynamic river within the catchments of different land use
- 4. The evaluation of river flow variability in the Raba catchment
- 5. Probabilistic approach to describe water dynamics in retention reservoir working under normal conditions.
- 6. Modern ways of increasing micro and small retention capability of a catchment area
- 7. Identification of the conditions for the development of flood protection system in the areas of different land





II. ANALYSIS OF INFLUENCE OF ANTHROPOGENIC FACTORS ON QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE PROPERTIES OF HYDROLOGICAL PROCESSES IN THE CATCHMENT

- 1. Identification and estimation of parameters for mathematical models of basic hydrological processes considering water quality changes.
- 2. Analysis of low flow characteristics in the Carpathian area of the Upper Vistula River
- 3. Application of natural sorbents in reduction of area pollutions from agricultural sources with particular emphasis on ameliorative drains.





III. DAMS AND LEEVES SAFETY

- 1. Development of innovative methods and technologies of destruction process detection and monitoring for dams, levees and geotechnical engineering application
- 2. Application of fuzzy inference system and artificial intelligence (AAN+FIS) in the assessment of flood risk control
- 3. Safety evaluation of embankment and concrete dams during passage of extreme floods





SOME OF BACKGROUND INFORMATIONS

WHY INTERNAL EROSION DETECTION AND MONITORING ARE IMPORTANT?

Statistics of dams and levees collapses due to internal erosion

Earth dams (World , of several years) Foster, 2000	46%
Flood protection dikes / levees (Poland, flood 2010r) Kledyński et all. 2012	30%

Collapse of dike in Cracow during flood of Vistula river in 2010

- The failure occurred at night
- No recent signs of danger





WHY INTERNAL EROSION DETECTION AND MONITORING ARE IMPORTANT?





WHY INTERNAL EROSION DETECTION AND MONITORING ARE IMPORTANT?

Visual inspections, spot geotechnical studies, classical geophysical surveys, spot sensor monitoring (if it exists),

- are not sufficient to reliably detect and assess the development of erosion processes
- especially in the early stages of their development,
- and especially during the floods to keep levees safe!



"The frequency of piping failures is significantly higher on first filling and early in the life of the dam." FOSTER et al. (2000) <The statistics of embankment dam failures and accidents>

"In the majority of failures, breaching of the dam occurred within 12 h from initial visual indication of piping developing, and in many cases this took less than 6 h".

FOSTER et al. (2000 - A method for assessing the relative likelihood of failure of embankment dams by piping.)



THE PROBLEM OF RELIABLE CONDITION ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING OF LEVEES

- The necessity to minimize the probability of disaster of dikes protecting valuable areas particularly urban and industrial ones
- Often poor condition of existing levees
- Shortage of methods for identification of vulnerable sections, especially in the early stages of development of erosion processes, especially the piping
- Shortage of diagnostic tools enabling monitoring and automatic detection of internal erosion threats during flood defence
- Shortage of methods to assess the most vulnerable sections of levees among all the sections where leakages were detected
- Shortage of decision support tools for identification of critical sections of levee after the flood that require immediate repair

Where is the most dangeour, vurneable cross section?



One of the PRINCIPAL PROBLEM is RELIABLE LEVEE FOUNDATION MONITORING AND CONDITION ASSESSMENT



BASIC CONCLUSION FOR DESTRUCTION PROCESS DETECTION AND MONITORING FOR DAMS, LEVEES AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING APPLICATION

SOME OF THE MAIN PROCESSUS / PARAMETERS THAT SHOULD BE MONITORED

- Leakages and Seepage
- Internal Erosion
- Displacements

PRINCIPALES PROBLEMS WITH MONITORING

- Large scale of the structures limits the range of application of monitoring technologies
- > Cost

NEW IDEAS FOR MONITORING METHODS AND TECHNOLOGIES AND FOR THEIRS APPLICATION METHODOLOGY



KRZYSZTOF RADZICKI TEAM RESEARCH AREAS

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Development of innovative methods and technologies of destruction process detection and monitoring for dams, levees and geotechnical engineering application

FOCUSING ON:

- 1) DEVELOPMENT OF THERMAL METHOD OF LEAKAGES AND INTERNAL EROSION DETECTION AND ANALYSIS
 - # Identification and analysis of characteristic features of thermo-hydraulic influence of internal erosion
 - **# Development of data analysis methods**
 - **#** Development of innovative temperature measurements instruments
 - **#** Development of methodology of thermal method application
- 2) DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES OF DESPLACEMENT MEASUREMENTS AND IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING ONES
- 3) DEVELOPMENT OF METHODOLOGY OF COMPLEX, MULTI-METHODS DESTRUCTIVE PROCESSES INVESTIGATIONS, MONITORING AND CONDITION ASSESMENT



INTRODUCTION TO THERMAL METHOD

DIFFUSION-ADVECTION EQUATION

$$C_{\Theta} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + C_{f} \bar{q} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} - \lambda_{\Theta} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x^{2}} = 0$$

SYSTEM NONDIMENTIONAL



Peclet number

$$Pe = \frac{advection}{conduction} = \frac{C_{\Theta}\bar{q}L}{\lambda_{\Theta}}$$







INTRODUCTION ACTIVE AND PASSIVE THERMAL METHOD



Heat emission measurements

Schematic extent of the leak detection zone for spot measurements





IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS OF CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES OF THERMO-HYDRAULIC INFLUENCE OF INTERNAL EROSION

IDENTIFICATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN DIMENTIONS OF PIPING / BACKWARD EROSION PROCESS DEVELOPMENT AND ITS INFLUENCE ON HYDRO-THERMAL FIELD OF SOIL



Example of pipe influence:





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IDENTIFICATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN DIMENTIONS OF PIPING / BACKWARD EROSION PROCESS DEVELOPMENT AND ITS INFLUENCE ON HYDRO-THERMAL FIELD OF SOIL

Examples of some results:



Principal effects of piping hydro-thermal influence were defined One of the most important conclusions: There is a possibility to estimate the length of pipe by analysis of temperature measurements of water at outlet of the pipe

Results presented e.g in :

2009, Radzicki & Bonelli, Evaluation of piping erosion by means of temperature analysis, Studia Geotechnica et Mechanica,

2009, Radzicki, PhD rapport, Analyse retard des mesures de températures dans les digues avec application à la détection de fuite





IDENTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF SUFFOSION PROCESS THERMO-HYDRAULIC INFLUENCE IN EARTH DAMMING STRUCTURE

Examples of some results:



Radzicki and Bonelli (2012)

Temperature fields of a dam cross-section registered at the same time instant for different lengths of suffusion layer and for different values of suffusion layer hydraulic conductivity.

Principal effects of suffosion hydro-thermal influence were defined

Some results are presented e.g in paper:

2012, Radzicki & Bonelli, Monitoring of the suffusion process development using thermal analysis performed with IRFTA model, International Conference on Scour and Erosion





ACTUAL R&D WORKS

DETAILED IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS OF CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES OF THERMO-HYDRAULIC INFLUENCE OF INTERNAL EROSION IN THE CASE OF LEVEES

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DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE **MEASUREMENTS INSTRUMENTS** - quasi LINEAR **TEMPERATURE SENSOR MPointS**

INTRODUCTION - METHODS OF TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS



Linear temperature measurements sensors are crutial for thermal monitoring methods. Continuous measurements all along the structure brought about a quality change in the monitoring of seepage, leakages and erosion processes compared with the point monitoring carried out only at selected places of the structure



INTRODUCTION - SOME REFERENCE TO THERMAL METHOD

European Working Group on Internal Erosion of ICOLD

ICOLD'S Bulletin no 164 (2013): "INTERNAL EROSION OF EXISTING DAMS, LEVEES AND DIKES, AND THEIR FOUNDATIONS"

VOL.1 INTERNAL EROSION PROCESSES AND ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT

<Many less direct means of detecting seepage are now available. The most promising is temperature measurement which can be used to infer localized flow. >

<Fiber optic cables facilitate data collection and make it possible to cover large parts of the dam. Remote sensing options also offer great potential in detecting whether the seepage has caused erosion.>



Jean-Jacques FRY (2012), the chairman of ICOLD European Working Group on Internal Erosion - 80th ICOLD annual meeting in Kioto

PAPER : "HOW TO PREVENT EMBANKMENTS FROM INTERNAL EROSION FAILURE?"

<In our opinion, Distributed Fibre Optic Temperature measurement is the best method Remote control monitoring of temperature by fibre optic is the only method available for practical application, which has been used successfully during the last 10 years during the last 10 years in Germany, Sweden and France>

<The IJkdijk-piping tests clearly demonstrate the reliability and the capabilities of the fiber optic system to detect the early stage of a piping process.>



INTRODUCTION DFOT (Distributed Fibre Optic Temperature) SENSING



Fiber optic temperature

- Spatial resolution 1m
- Resolution ± 0.1 °C
- Measurement distance - up to 30km with one fiber optic cable



PROBLEMS WITH INSTALLATION OF DFOT SYSTEMS

COST OF APPLICATION

- > Cost of fiber optic cable installation (particularly if earth works are required)
- Costly technology for short distances of measurements due to relatively high cost of sensing unit (DTS unit)

SAFETY PROBLEMS

- Earthworks affect body or foundation of the structure. They must be carried out very carefully. There is a risk of creation of preferential seepage paths by these works
- In the case of high water level in the body of earth damming structure the risk of piping appearance due to affection the soil by installation of fiber optic cable can be very high

OTHER PROBLEMS

- Permission of earthworks usually is necessary
- > There must be an access for vehicle along the structure (problem particularly for levees)
- Limited depth for foundation monitoring

IN CONSEQUENCE: DFOT is recommended to be installed on new dams or levees or during their renovations, for their long sections (more than some hundreds meters), where cost of earthworks is already included

DFOT system is not optimal for temporal (up to several years), short distance (up to some hundreds meters) monitoring, particularly in the cases where urgent investigation is necessary or for the problem of deep (more than 2m) foundation investigation?

These are typical problems for the case of levee investigation or monitoring

Presented problems and conclusions were described e.g in paper: 2015, Radzicki K., Siudy A., Stoliński M., An innovative 3D system for thermal monitoring of seepage and erosion processes and an example of its use for upgrading the monitoring system at the Kozłowa Góra dam in Poland, Q. 99 – R. 7, 25th International Congress on Large Dams,



INNOVATIVE QUASI-LINEAR TEMPERATURE SENSOR MPointS

Driving Multi Points Sensor to use for passive or/and active quasi continuous thermal monitoring

MPointS are mounted without an excavation by inserting successive sensors in a series, one after another without necessity of the earthworks from the surface of terrain (for example from the crest of the berm, etc.).

MPointS can be installed along the damming structure particularly at its downstream toe instead of fiber optic cable.

This sensors can be installed much more deeper than fiber optic cable



MPointS are particularly useful for monitoring of existing dams and levees sections up to several hundreds meters of length. This is much cheaper and easier for installation than fiber optics. No earthwork permission is necessary.

MPointS could be immediately installed to investigate leakages and internal erosion processes in order to optimize decisions about necessity of renovation and/or about its range.



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INNOVATIVE QUASI-LINEAR TEMPERATURE SENSOR

MCableS

Multipoint Cable Sensor to use for passive or/and active quasi continuous thermal monitoring



MCableS is a cable inside which single temperature sensors and communication and supply cables have been placed and integrated.

The main advantage of this solution for short measurement sections of up to several hundred meters is its cost which is even several times lower than that of a fibre optic-based thermal monitoring system.

MCables can be applied in water temperature measurements in piezometers. Given its small diameter, a "multi sensor cable" does not prevent manual periodic measurements in a piezometer, which are more often than not required for dams in order to verify automatic pressure measurements.



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ACTUAL R&D WORKS

DEVELOPMENT OF LOW-POWER CONSUMPTION MPointS SYSTEM DEDICATED FOR THERMAL PASSIVE AND ACTIVE LEVEE SYSTEM MONITORING

EXISTING LEVEES WILL BE EQUIPED WITH THIS SYSTEM:

- 2017 ONGOING INSTALLATION
- 2018 PLANNED INSTALLATION

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DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE MEASUREMENTS INSTRUMENTS **VERTICAL DISPLACEMENT LINEAR SENSOR -Hydroprofile meter**

INNOVATIVE VERTICAL DISPLACEMENT LINEAR SENSOR Hydroprofile meter

The sensor is a hose through which a liquid is pushed. The position of the hose is identified by measurements of the liquid pressure in relation to the reference level of hose inlet. An adequately dense measurement of the position points of the measuring hose allows to achieve quasi-continuous measurements.



Technology was described e.g. n paper: 2015, Radzicki K., The concept of quasi-3d monitoring of seepage and erosion processes and deformations in dams and dikes, considering in particular linear measurement sensors, Technical Transactions

NeoStrain



PLANNED APPLICATION OF Hydroprofile meter FOR INVESTIGATIONS OF WIEPRZ-KRZNA CANAL



Lokalizacja terenów chronionych w sąsiedztwie kopalni "Bogdanka"





PLANNED APPLICATION OF Hydroprofile meter FOR INVESTIGATIONS OF WIEPRZ-KRZNA CANAL







ACTUAL R&D WORKS

DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROPROFILE METER FOR APPLICATION IN GEOTECHNICAL MONITORING INCLUDING LEVEE MONITORING, TWO EXISTING LEVEES WILL BE EQUIPED WITH THIS SYSTEM IN 2017 AND IN 2018

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DEVELOPMENT OF QUASI 3D MONITORING DEFINITION AND METHODOLOGY INCLUDING LINEAR OR QUASI LINEAR SENSORS

DEVELOPMENT OF QUASI 3D MONITORING DEFINITION AND METHODOLOGY



Conception of quasi 3D thermal monitoring and displacement monitoring proposed e.g. for the largest, planned Polish dam, Racibórz dam

Conception presented e.g. in: 2015, Radzicki K., The concept of quasi-3d monitoring of seepage and erosion processes and deformations in dams and dikes, considering in particular linear measurement sensors, Technical Transactions of earth dams and leeves"

Complex scientific paper preparation is in progress





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MCableS Measurements of vertical temperature profiles in the dam body in existing piezometers



PASSIVE THERMAL **METHOD**

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ACTUAL R&D WORKS

WE PREPARE RECOMENDATIONS FOR LEVEES CONCERNING THERMAL METHOD APPLICATION INCLUDING QUASI 3D SYSTEMS

TWO EXISTING LEVEES WILL BE EQUIPED WITH QUASI 3D SYSTEM

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VERIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OR EXISTING METHODS OF DATA ANALYSIS



We proved that thermal method allows for very precise investigation of seepage and internal erosion. Only thermal method allowed in cost-effective way to investigate a foundation of Kozłowa Góra dam

Results are presented e.g in:

2017, Radzicki K., Termomonitoring procesów filtracyjno-erozyjnych w zaporach i wałach przeciwpowodziowych

2018, Radzicki K., Opaliński P, Bonelli S., Investigation of leakages and internal erosion at Kozłowa Góra dam using thermal method and HST model, ICOLD congress, accepted paper

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DEVELOPMENT OF

IRFTA (Impulse Response Function Thermal Analysis) MODEL

SOLUTION OF LINEAR PROBLEM WITH THE GREEN'S FONCTION



Simplest exponential approximation of the impulse response function

$$\boldsymbol{h}_{i}(t) = \boldsymbol{F}_{i}(\boldsymbol{a}_{i}, \boldsymbol{h}_{i}, t)$$

- α_i damping factor
- η_i^r characteristic time of the delayed system response

MODEL IRFTA (Impulse response function thermal analysis)

$$\hat{T}(x,t) = \theta_0(x) + F_{air}(\alpha_{air},\eta_{air},t) * \theta_{air}(t) + F_w(\alpha_w,\eta_w,t) * \theta_w(t)$$



DEVELOPMENT OF IRFTA (Impulse Response Function Thermal Analysis) MODEL





DEVELOPMENT OF

IRFTA (Impulse Response Function Thermal Analysis) MODEL

Very successful application of IRFTA model for thermal leakage detection and analysis of seepage process on French damming structures

e.g we proved e.g. that even, only changes of moisture of soil (without water flow) is enough to detect a leakage by IRFTA model using sensors located in downstream toe of structure





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Results presented e.g. in:

2012, Radzicki & Bonelli (2012). Physical and parametric monitoring of leakages in earth dams using analysis of fibre optic distributed temperature measurements with IRFTA model, 24thICOLD Congress,

2009, Radzicki, PhD rapport, Analyse retard des mesures de températures dans les digues avec application à la détection de fuites





ACTUAL R&D WORKS

NEW MODELS FOR THERMAL METHOD ARE BEING DEVELOPPED

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DEVELOPMENT OF THERMAL METHOD APPLICATION METHODOLOGY **AND MULTI-METHODS APPLICATIONS** METHODOLOGY

COMPLEX METHODOLOGY OF THERMAL MONITORING METHOD APPLICATION FOR EARTH DAMS AND LEVEES INCLUDING INNOVATIVE MEASUREMENTS TECHNOLOGIES





COMPLEX METHODOLOGY OF MULTI-METHODS APPLICATIONS FOR LEVEES INVESTIGATIONS, MONITORING AND CONDITION ASSSESMENT



Concept is presented e.g in paper:

2014, Radzicki K., (2014). The important issues of levees monitoring with special attention to thermal-monitoring method application, South Baltic Conference on New Technologies and Recent Developments in Flood Protection.



ACTUAL R&D WORKS

COMPLEX METHODOLOGY OF THERMAL METHOD AND MULTI-METHODS APPLICATIONS FOR LEVEES INVESTIGATIONS, MONITORING AND STATE ASSSESMENT ARE BEING DEVELOPPED

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INSTALATION OF ABOUT 2000 OF TEMPERATURE SENSORS TO INVESTIGATE CROSS SECTIONS OF RYGA EARTH DAMS







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