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LYSIMETER-TECHNIQUES**

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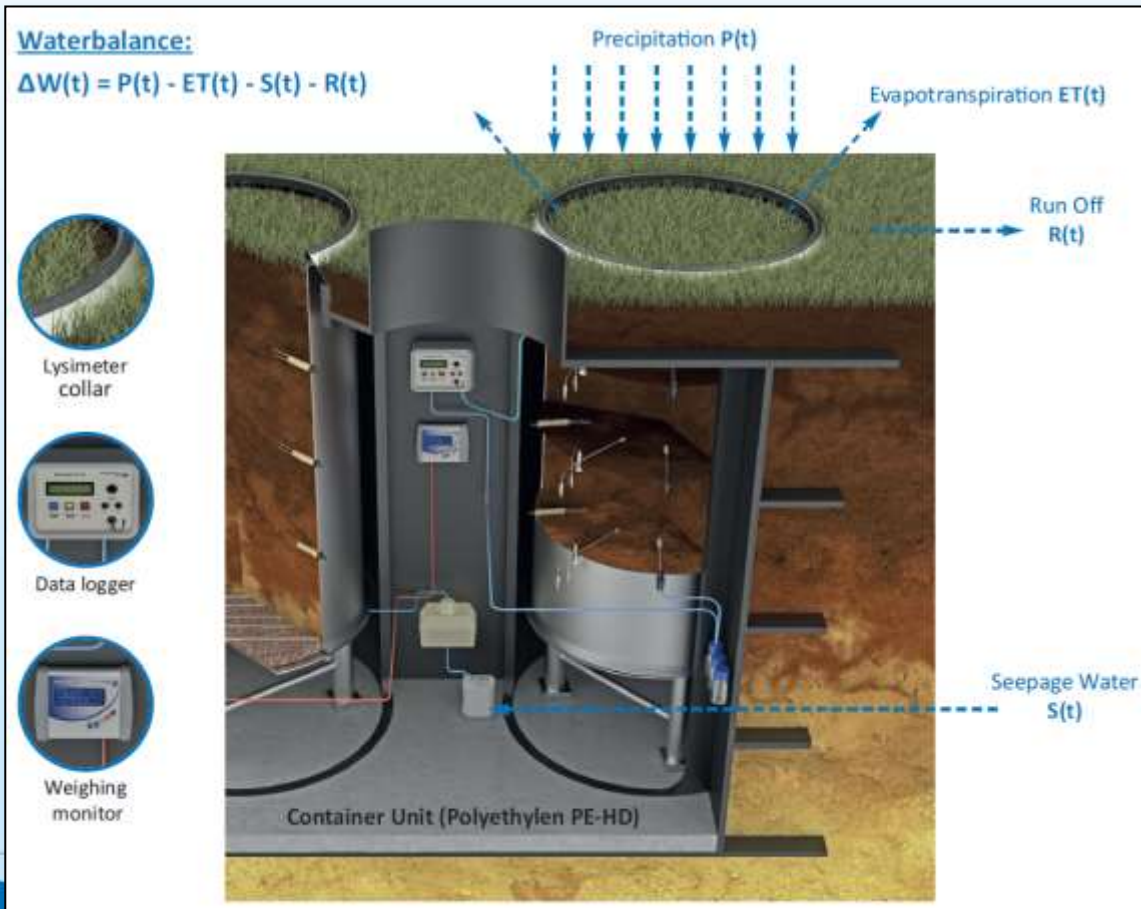
LYSIMETER MEASURING AND CONTROL TECHNOLOGY

Precision, functionality and persistence

Applications of lysimeters

- Lysimeters are used to:
 - Monitor the movement, the storage and the degradation of contaminants in the soil and the soil water
 - Monitor the correlation between the soil, environmental influences and plant parameters such as root growth or harvest
 - Determine the water balance under natural or controlled conditions

Water balance and lysimeters



- Soil column is cut off from its surroundings to enable an insight
- Boundary conditions are influenced as little as possible

Precision weighing system



- Load triangle with load cells



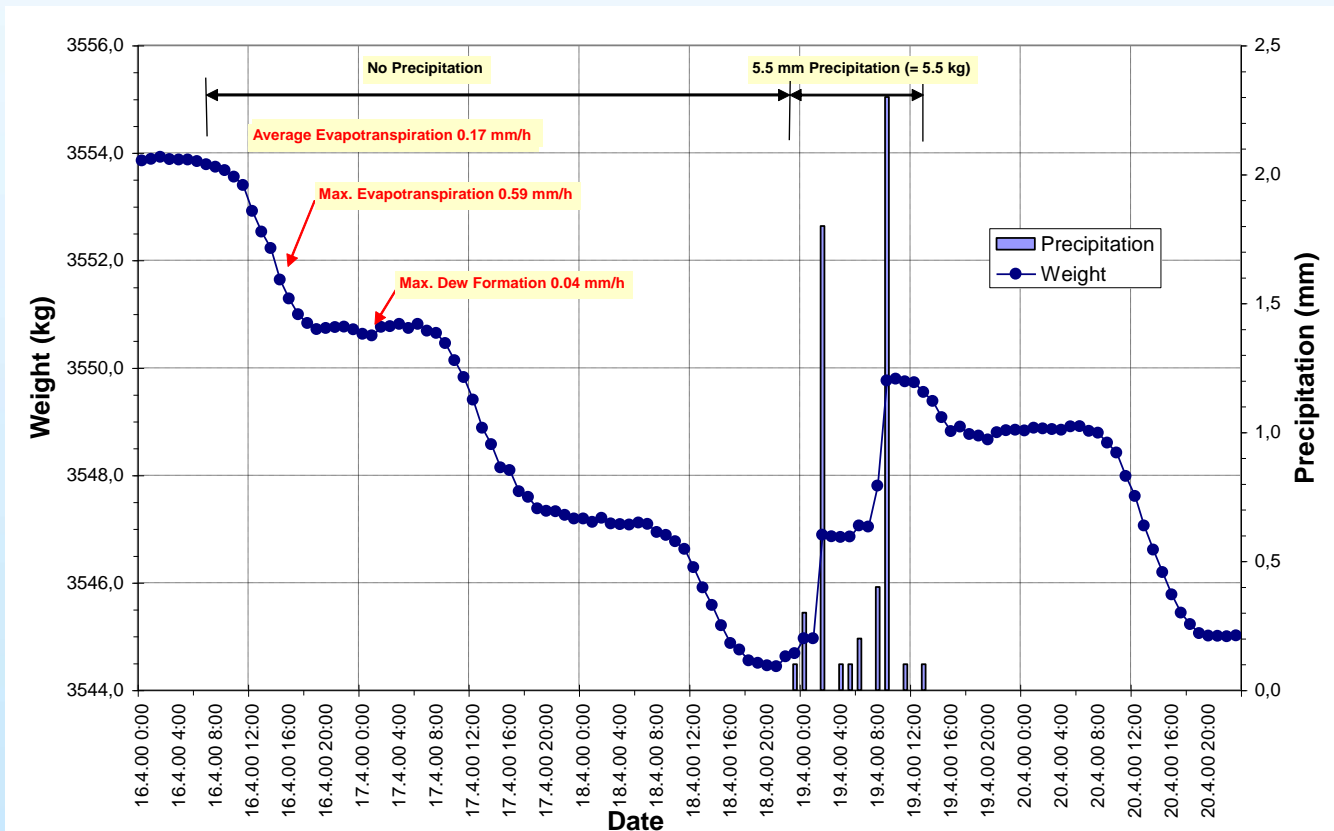
- Weighing monitor

Precision weighing system

- Total weight: up to 5,5t
- Resolution: 100 g
- Accuracy: 10 g

- All kinds of precipitation can be seen in the weighing data
 - For a lysimeter with a surface area of 1 m² 1 mm rainfall accords to 1 L and means a weight increase of 1 Kg
 - Dew as a weight increase in the early morning hours and also rime in winter

Precision weighing system



- Example of the diurnal weight change of a gravitation lysimeter planted with grass

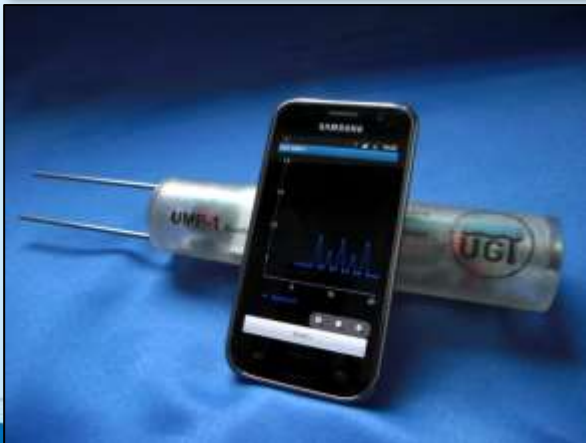
Lysimeter tensiometer TENSIO 160



- Designed for the use in lysimeters
 - Installed horizontally
 - Can be refilled and maintained in horizontal position
- No deinstallation necessary!**

- ✓ Measurement doesn't need to be interrupted
- ✓ Contact between soil and ceramic is not disturbed
- ✓ Soil bedding is not disturbed
- ✓ Automatic refill is possible

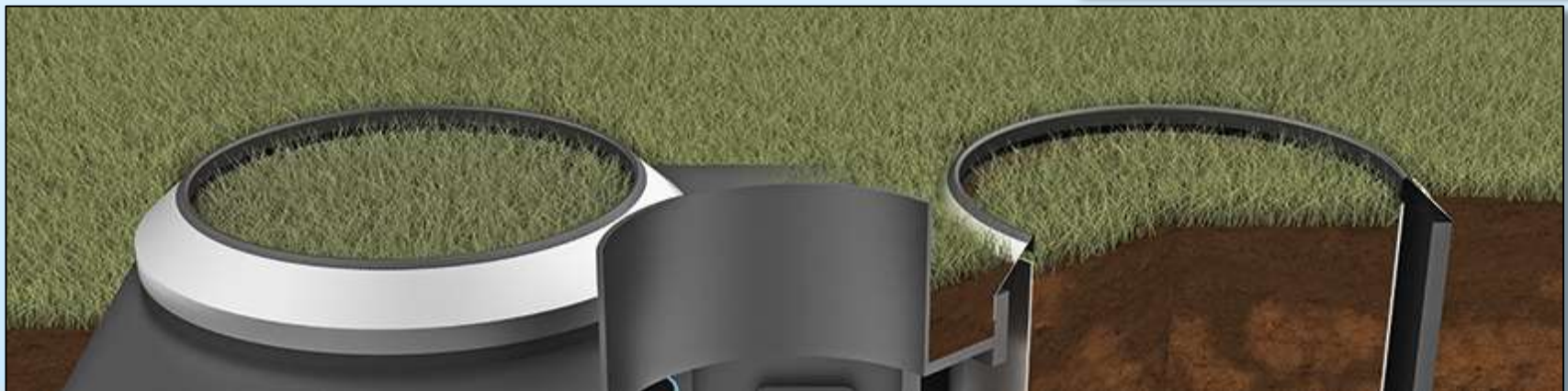
UMP-1 combined soil moisture, conductivity and temperature sensor



- Measuring range water content: 0 ... 100 %
- Measuring range permittivity ϵ : 0 ... 80
- Measuring range conductivity: 0,001 ... 5 mS/cm
Optional upgrade to 40 mS/cm
- Measuring range temperature: -20 ... +60
- Accuracy water content: $\pm 2\%$
- Accuracy conductivity : $\pm 1\%$
- Accuracy temperature: $\pm 0,2^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Measurement Volume: 1000 ml

Waterproof lysimeter collar

- Prevent dirt and water entering the lysimeter station
- Don't cause oasis effects, barely seen after installation



Sensor grommet and isolation



- Pressure water proof
- Available in different sizes and shapes for different sensors
- Easy to install / uninstall

Controlled lower boundary condition



- Tension at the lower boundary can be controlled according to present tension values outside the lysimeter station or according to scenarios
- Ceramic cups with a bubble point of 1 bar

Sensor grommet and isolation

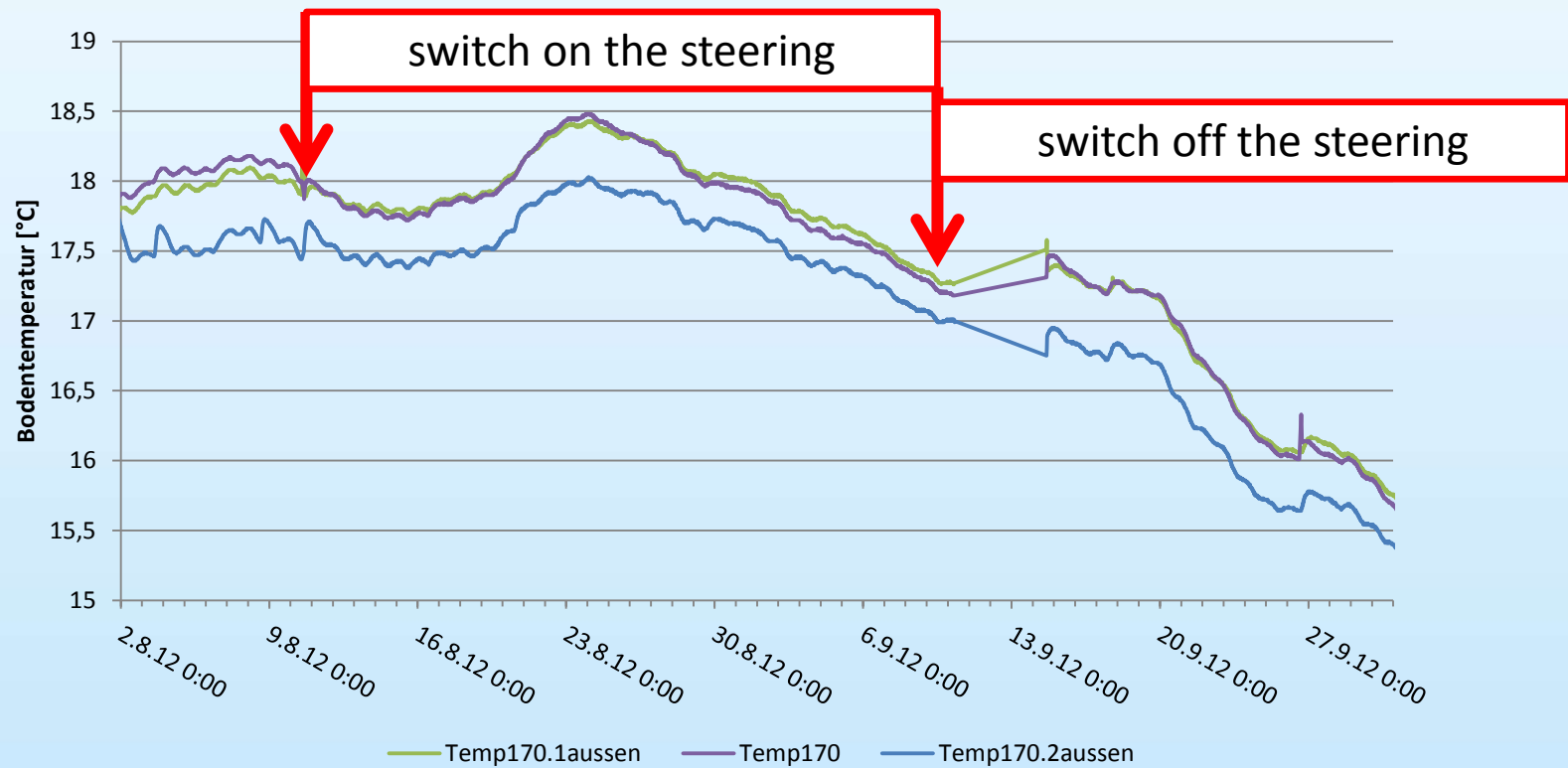


- Isolation layers or PE-vessels prevent heat exchange between surrounding air and soil in the lysimeter
- ↳ **Prevent horizontal temperature gradients**
- Aim is an undisturbed natural temperature profile in the soil

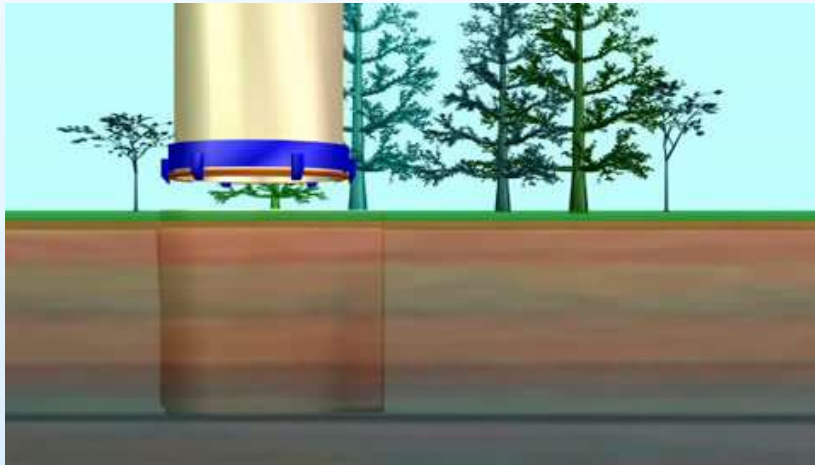
Controlled lower boundary condition



Controlled lower boundary condition







Function principle:

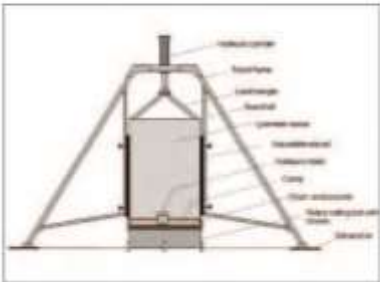
- *Excavation and base cutting of the soil monolith*

Technological operation:

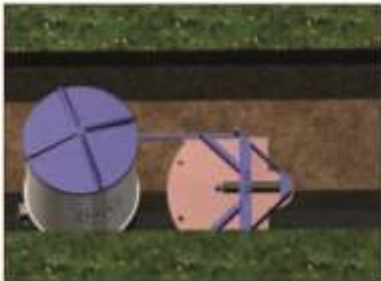
- *Undisturbed monolith excavation
(2m²; 2,5m heighth)*



Graphic of the technology for obtaining large undisturbed soil monoliths



Schematic of the technology for obtaining large undisturbed soil monoliths



Scheme of the cutting plate and hydraulic pushing device



It is also possible to cut soil monoliths with already grown vegetation like here in a barley field.



The soil profile is clearly visible in the excavation pit.

EXCAVATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR DIFFERENT SOIL COLUMNS AND MONOLITHS

The UGT GmbH adapted this excavation technique to provide you solutions for all sizes of monoliths and for all kinds of soil. Standard sizes are soil columns with surface areas of 0,03 m², 0,5 m², 1 m² and 2 m².



Cutting of a 0,03 m² (ø 20 cm) laboratory soil column



Excavation technology for a 0,03 m² (ø 20 cm) soil monolith



Excavation technology for a 0,07 m² (ø 30 cm) soil monolith on airport ground



Excavation technology for a 0,5 m² soil monolith



Cutting of a 1 m² soil monolith



Excavation technology for a 1 m² soil monolith



Excavation technology for a 2 m² soil monolith



The base of small soil columns is cut off with steel fins, for the large monoliths a cut-off plate is used.



Base cutting with steel fins of a 0.5 m³ soil monolith

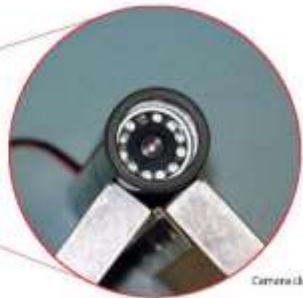


Diesel and drive chain



A wireless camera watches the cutting process to accomplish a well controlled cutting process

Quality control in the excavation process



Camera closeup



Base cutting with a cut-off plate of a 2 m³ soil monolith



Lifting of a 2 m³ soil monolith



PMMA cartridges make the soil column and its layers visible additionally computer tomography enables to even look inside the soil column to find cracks or roots



Layered soil in a PMMA cartridge





Technological operation:

- *Turning around the 2 m² soil monolith (11,5 t)*

Advantages of UGT excavation technologies

- Well visible soil profile
 - the excavation pit is not damaged

- Possibility of soil mapping after lifting the monolith out of the pit
 - visible soil horizons or soil layers

- Minimal damage of the surrounding area by using the excavation tools
 - no need to dig out the area around the vessel



1-, 2- u. 4-fould - PE-HD Lysimeter container stations



Dimensions :

- Heigth: 1,5 m ... 4,0 m
- Length: 2,5 m ... 3,5 m
- Width: 2,5 m ... 3,5 m

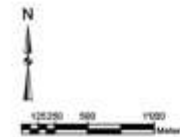
- Materials: PE-HD 80 / 100

Weigth of the station: 500... 1500 kg





- Alpine past
- Forest
- Intensive meadow
- Extensive past
- Vineyard w
- Vineyard w







Slope weighing lysimeter

A bar chart with four vertical bars of decreasing height from left to right. The first bar is labeled with a red 'P' above it, and the second bar is labeled with a red 'D' below it. The chart is partially obscured by a yellow box.
$$ET = P - R_{surf} - R_{perco} - dS$$

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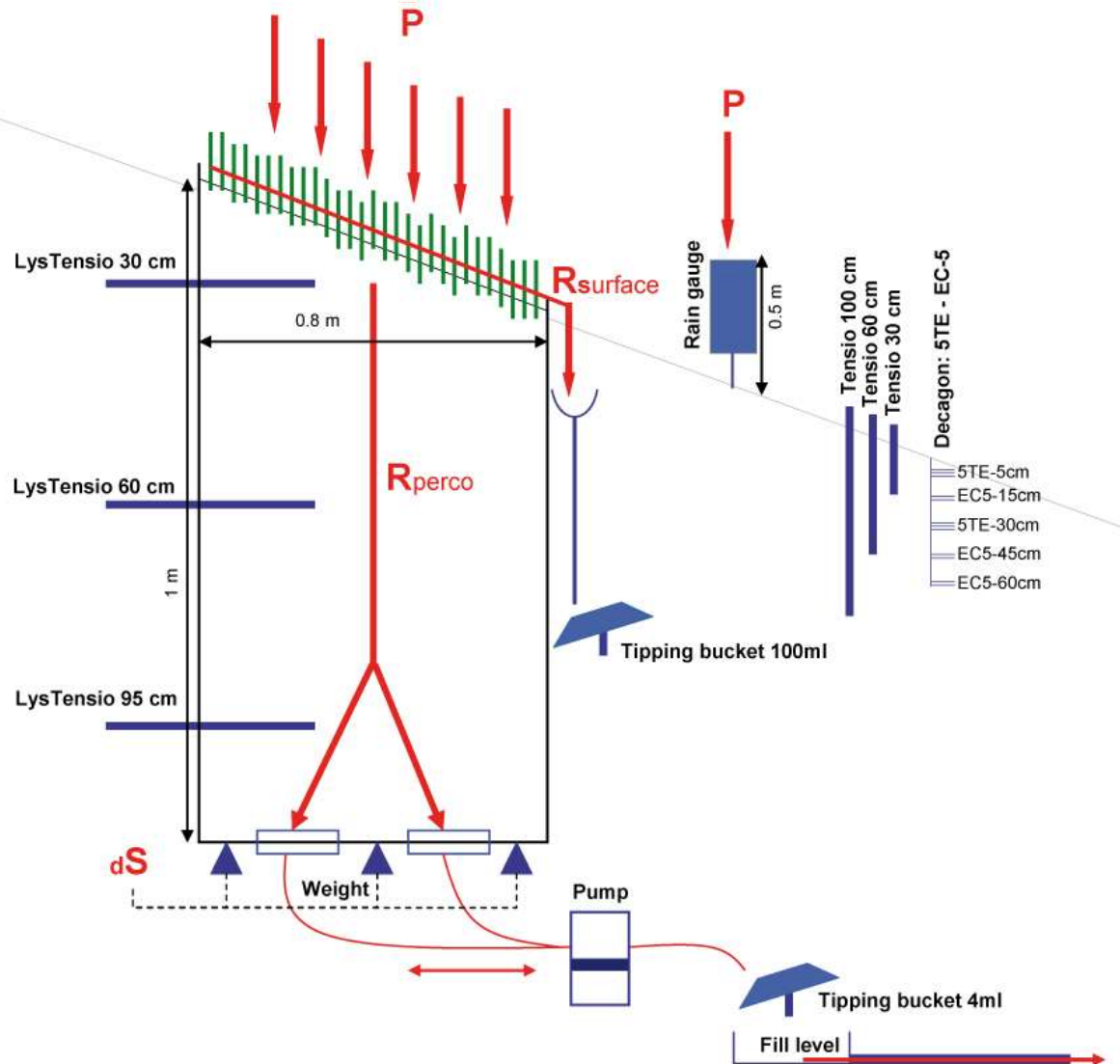
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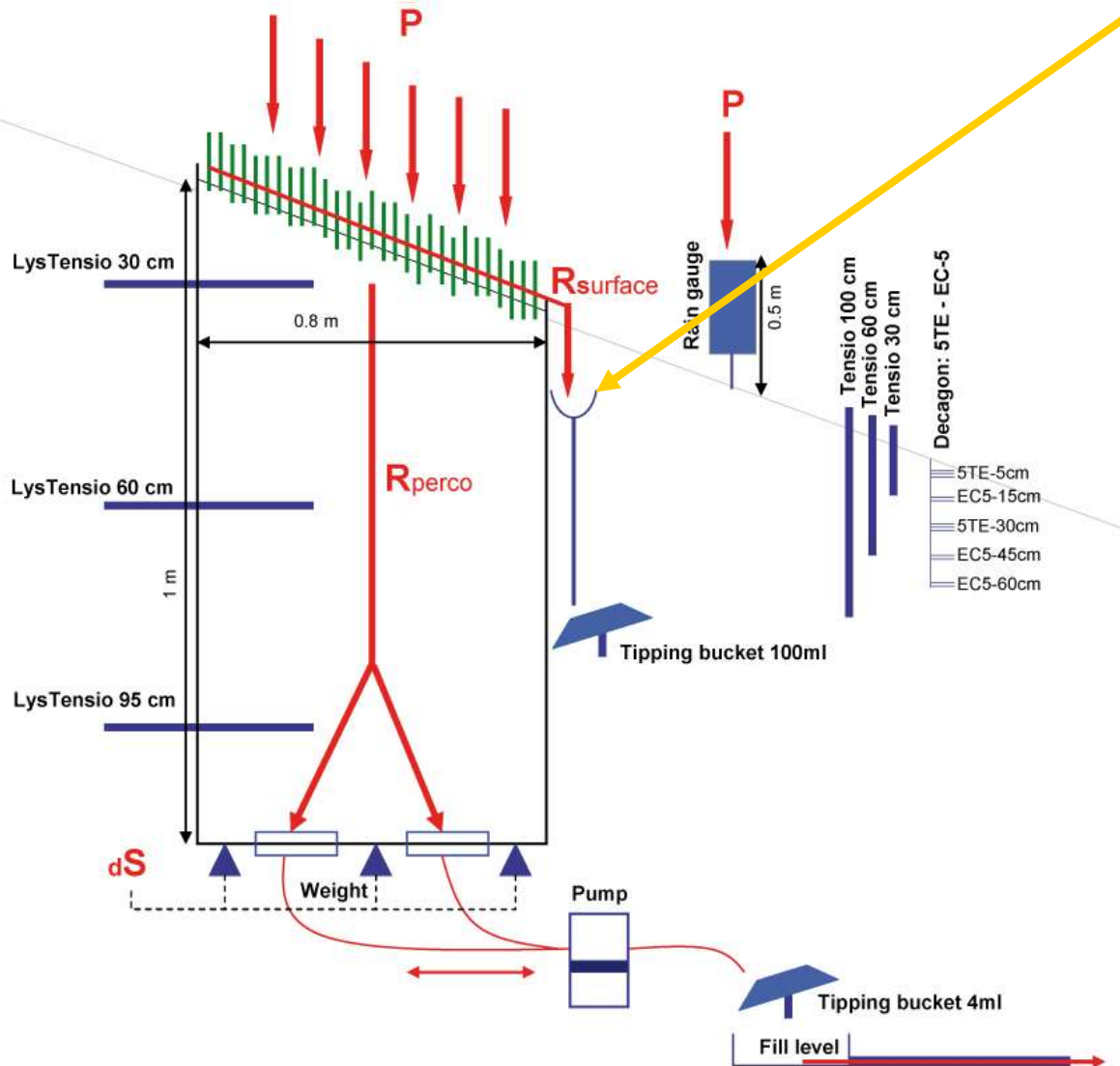
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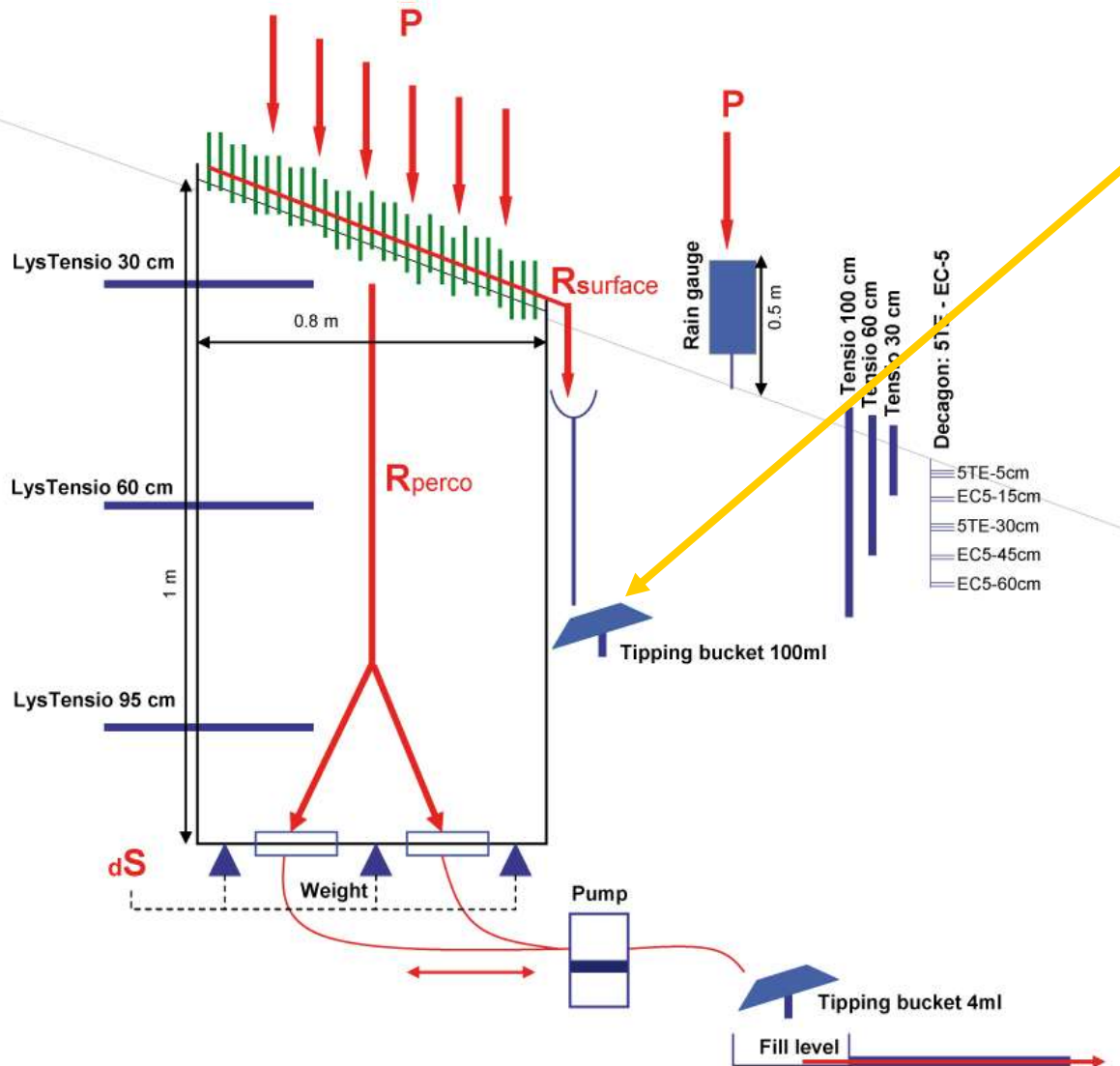
Slope weighing lysimeter



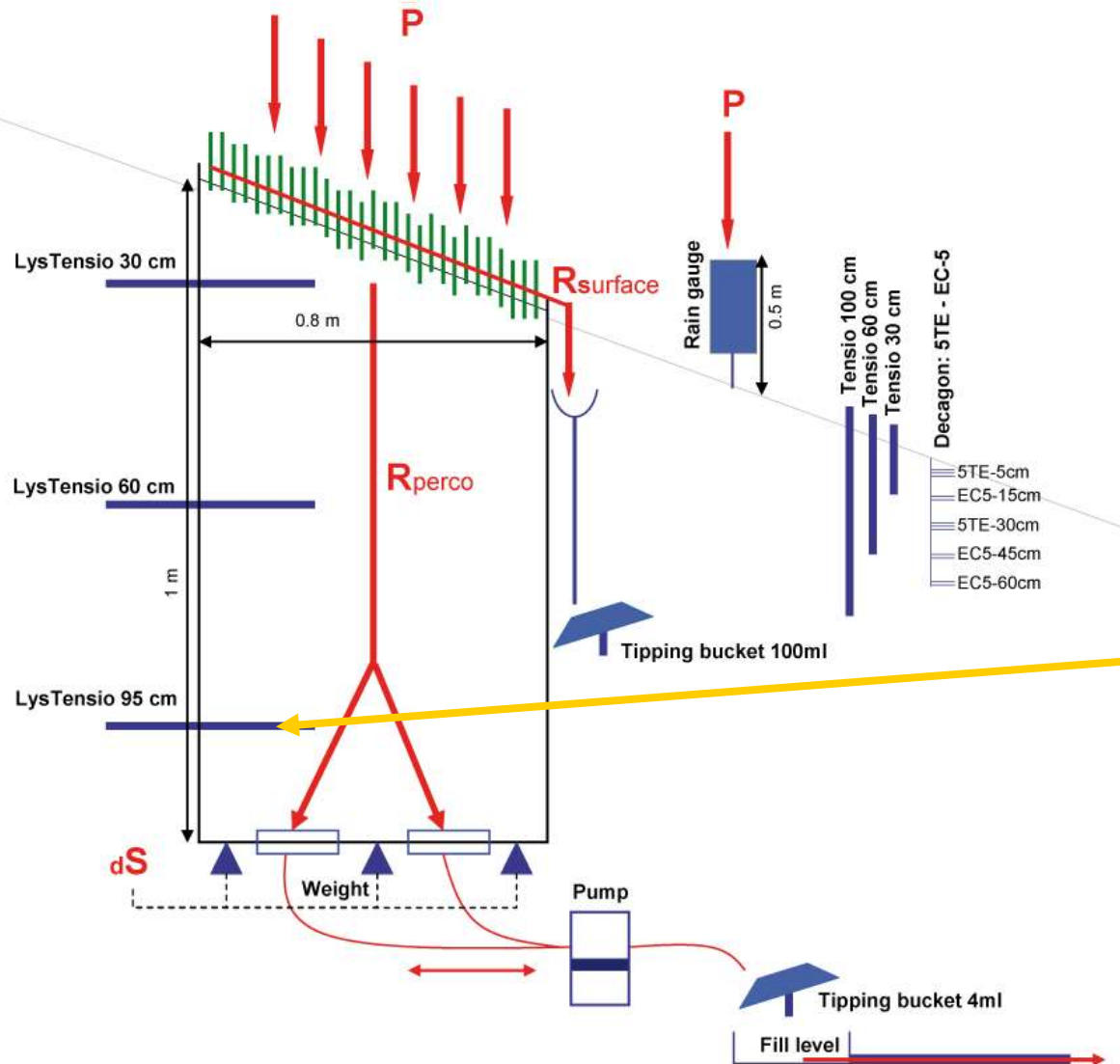
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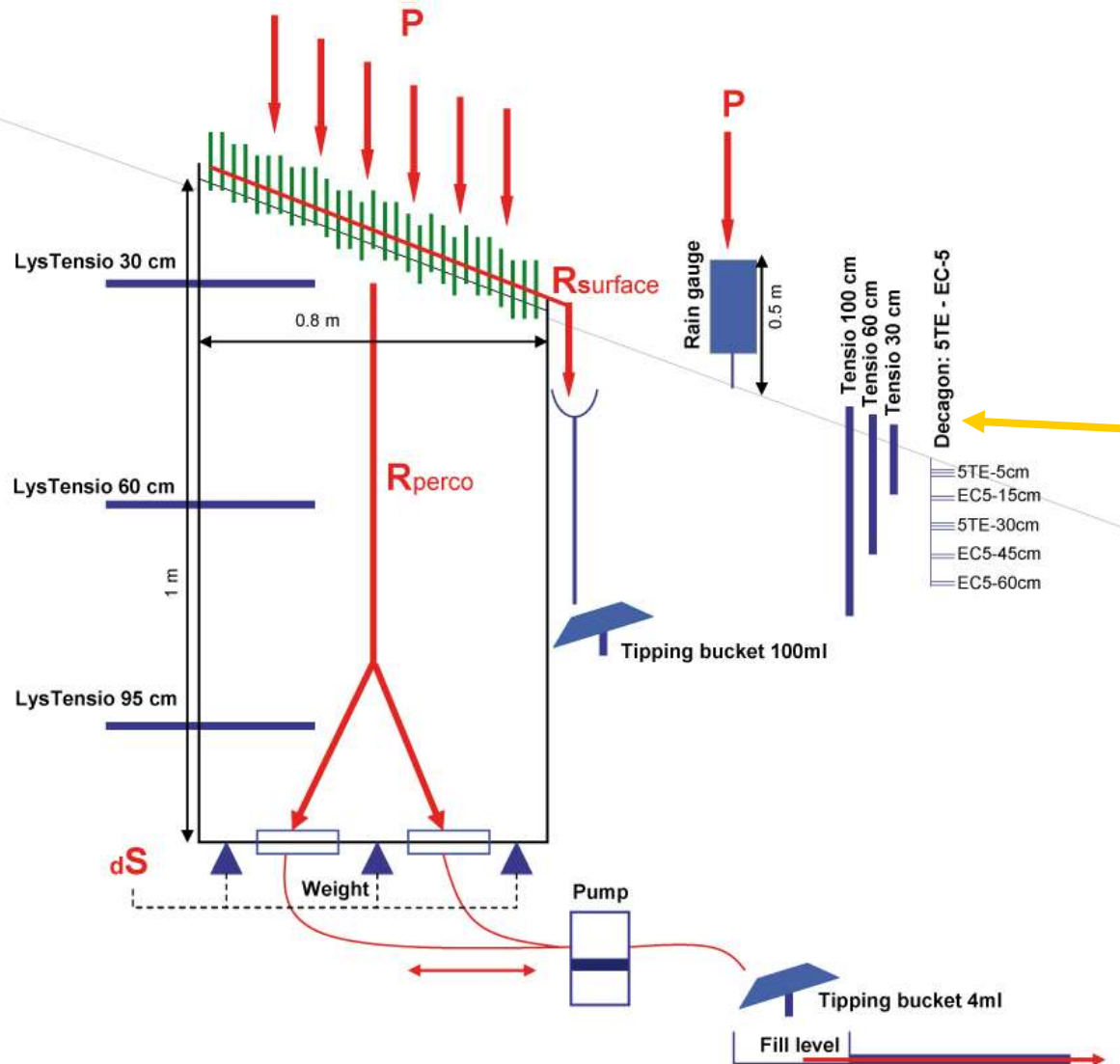
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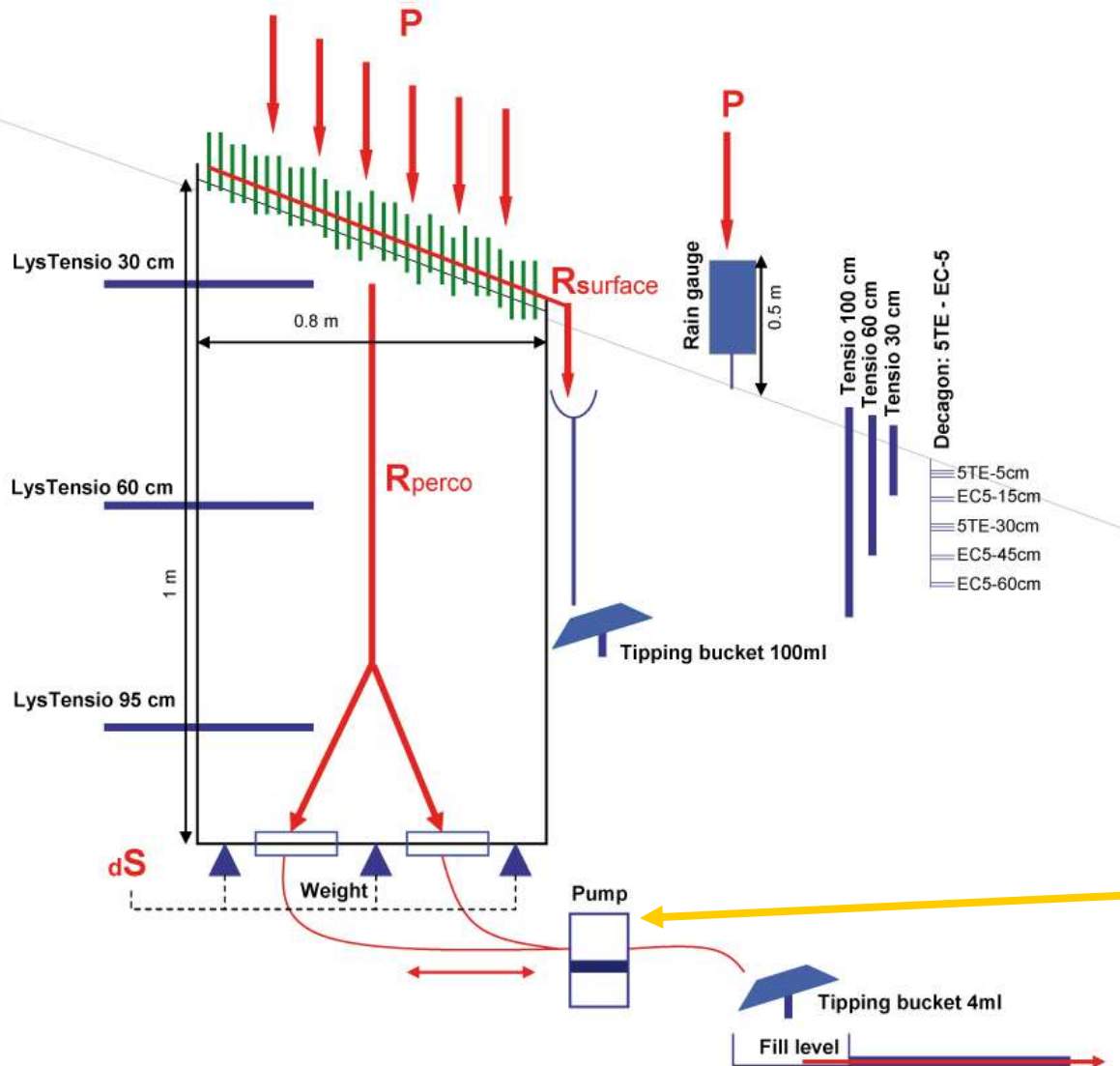
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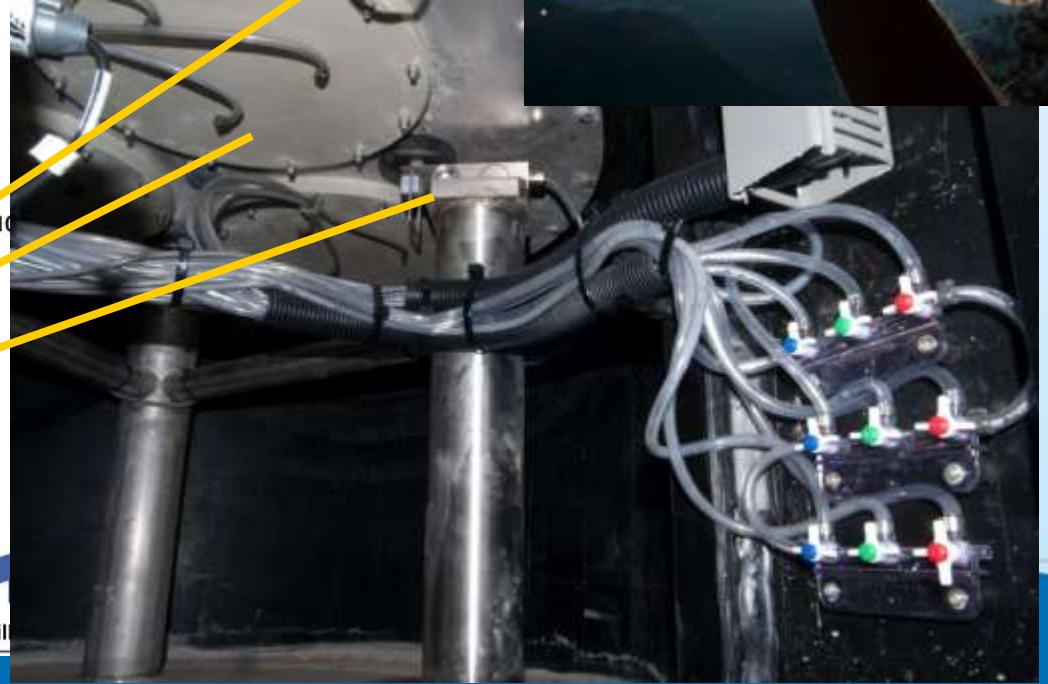
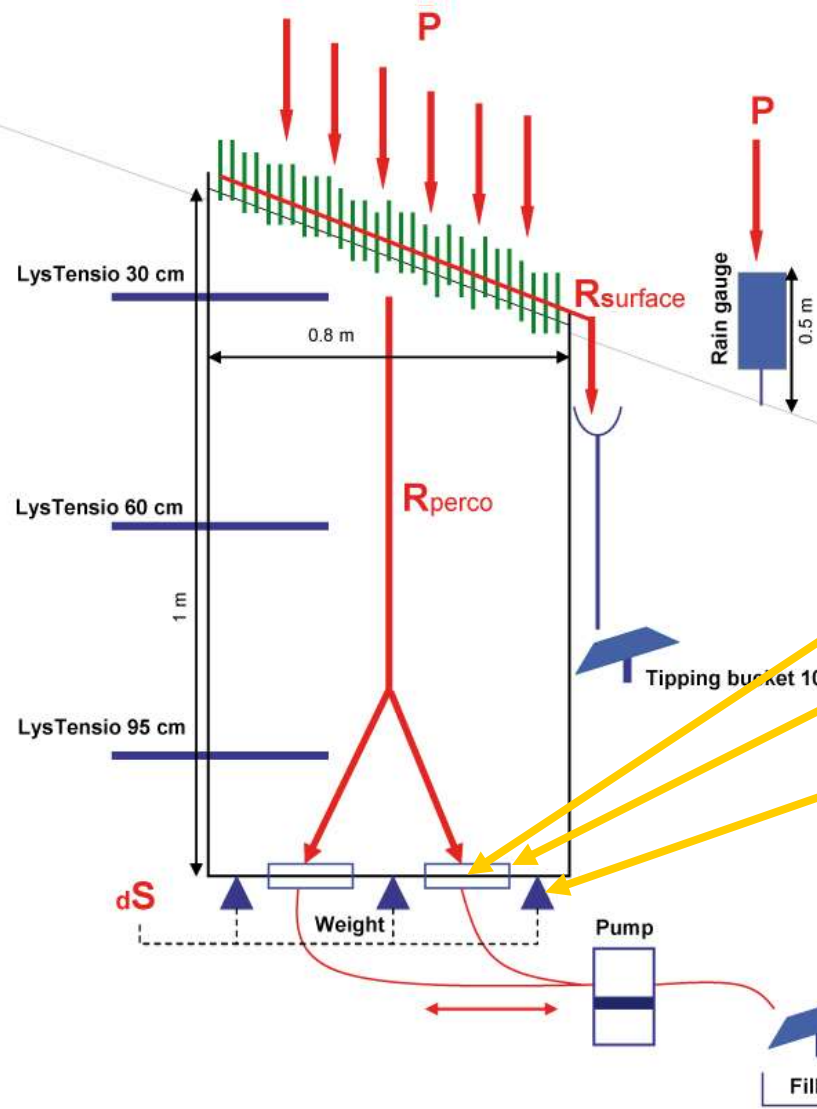
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Hillside lysimeter at Sierre/Switzerland

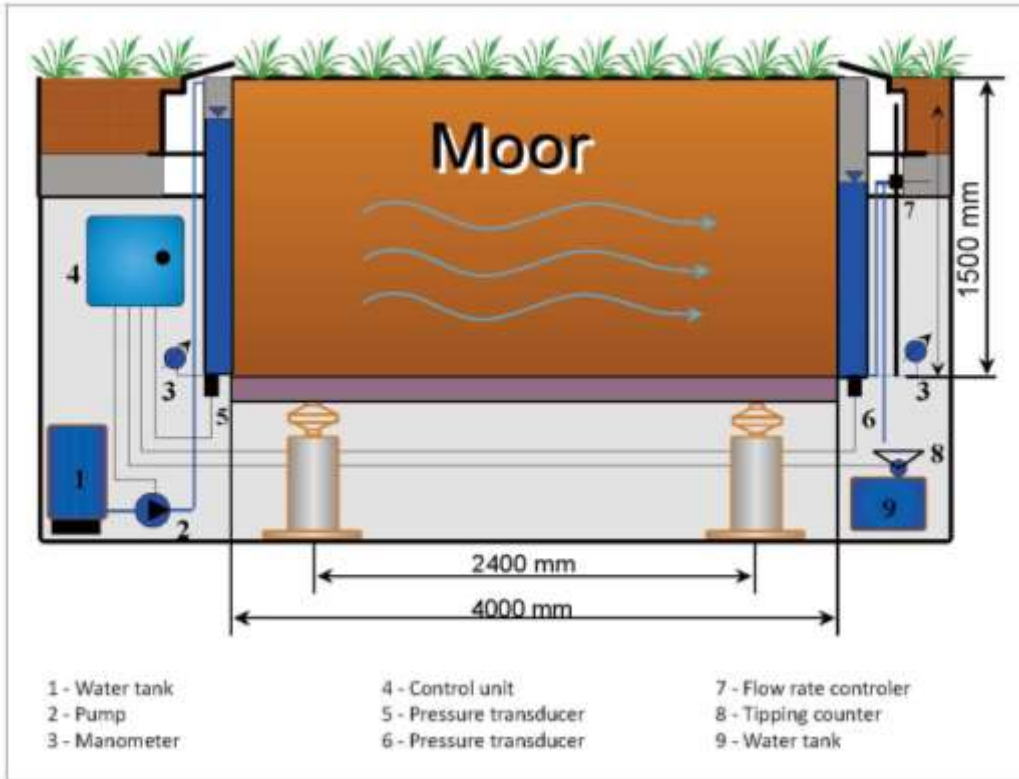


Access shaft of the lysimeter station



Hillside lysimeter at Sierre/Switzerland direct after installation





Scheme of a moor lysimeter



Stack of a moor lysimeter in operation



Moor lysimeter directly after installation



Free lyometer vessel with soil cutting tools



Lyometer vessel in starting pit



Cutting of the free lyometer



Vertical excavation technique for free soils



Free soil column with a diameter of 200 mm



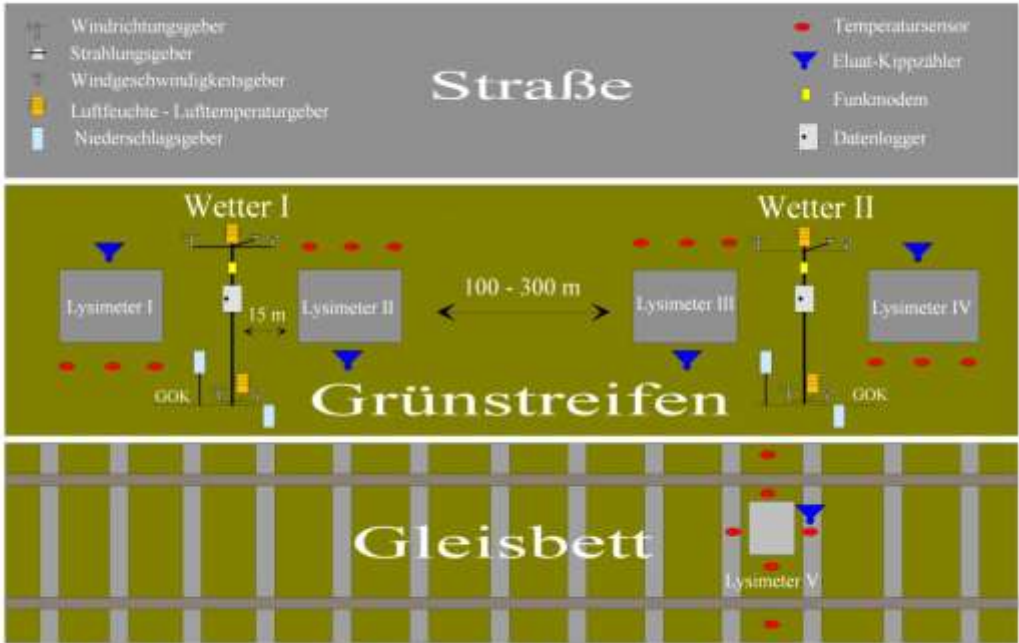
Soil profile of the cut soil



Retrieved free soil in soil with cut soil



Berlin-Projekt Urban Track



Torstraße - Rosenthaler Platz, Berlin



The main task of the Urban-track lysimeter is the evaluation and optimization of the water retention properties of various substrate and vegetation systems and the monitoring of emissions by penetrating lubricants and fuels in the roadbed field of urban transport.



Measuring plots with weighing lysimeters and vegetation



View over the test roofs with different vegetation systems



Lysimeters integrated in the green roof construction

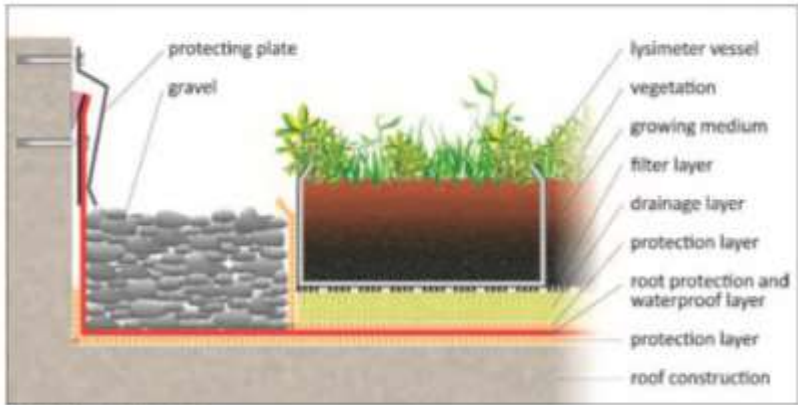
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"Enseñar la explotación de la tierra, no la del hombre"



Flat green roof Lomonosov University Moscow



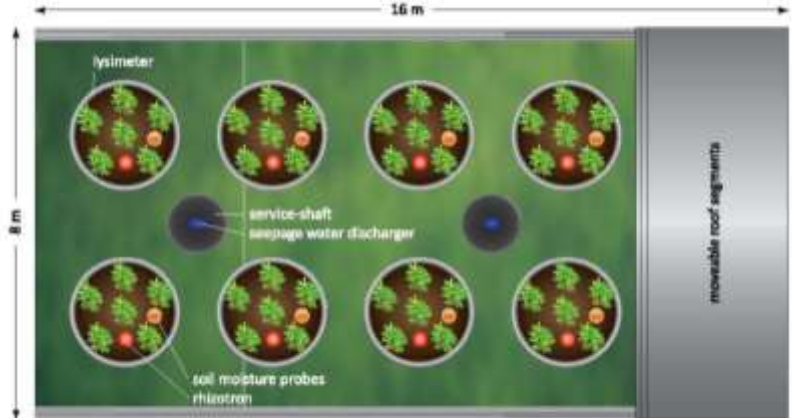
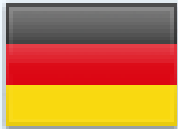
Scheme of a GreenRoof Construction



Green roof lysimeter

Scientific Measuring tasks and Advantages of Green Roofs:

- Retardation of precipitation run-off from the roof, relief of canalization and water clearing systems
- Water retention (50 – 90%) of rainwater and successive return in the atmosphere by evaporation, thereby increasing the air humidity and cooling surrounding air
- Decrease of heat irradiation of buildings and train lines in the summer period
- Air pollution mitigation due to deposition of particulate matter (PM) on the rough vegetation surface, adsorption, binding and uptake of some parts of PM
- Reduction of sound reflection
- Mitigation of urban problems due to their positive optical appearance and environmental impact
- Improvement of urban space quality and its aesthetical worth



DryLab Design



Root studying with rhizotrons and microcameras



Lysimeter with irrigation system and young beeches

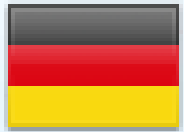


DryLab an der VIB



The DryLab

is used to simulate different future settings of climate change and to check the drought assimilation of defined tree species. An outdoor laboratory like DryLab is a big advantage compared to an indoor laboratory, because all environmental impacts except the managed one are conform to the real outdoor conditions.





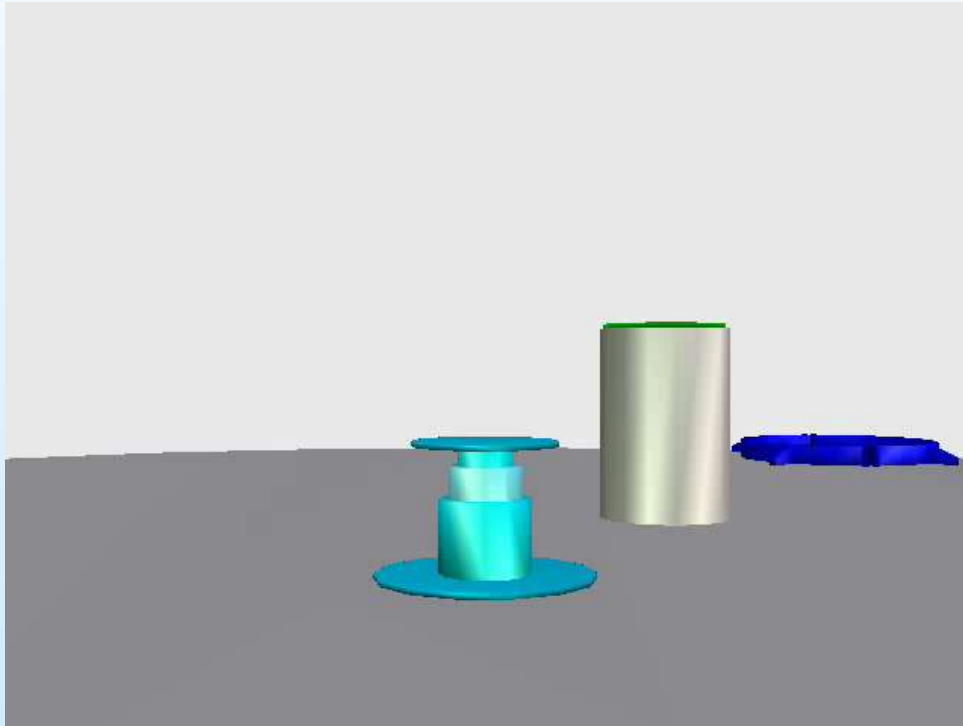
Root Laboratory (Rhizarium)
Forestry Botanical Garden
Eberswalde



10 weighable lysimeter for non-invasive root observation, and the detection of water and solute fluxes



Nondestructive On-signature of the root and shoot growth native and exotic tree species



Technological operation:

- *Cutting of the monolith in different soil layers*
- *Preparation of lysimeter vessel for the next application*



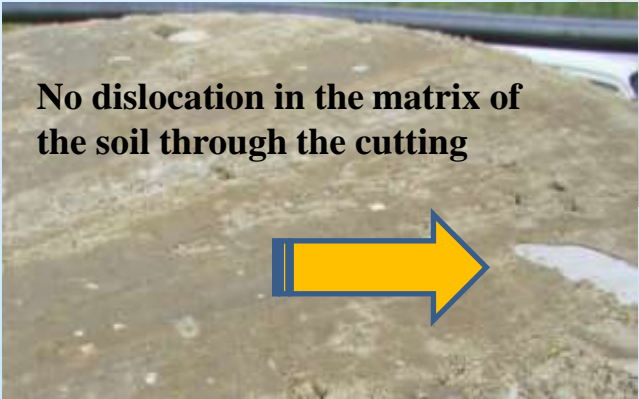
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Vertical cutting technology



Horizontal cutting technology



No dislocation in the matrix of the soil through the cutting

Horizontal cut surface



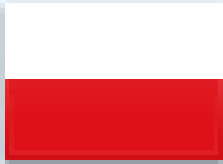
View on the cutting wire



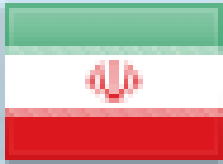
Cut through stone enclosure

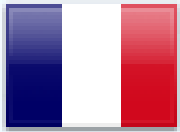


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Remediation

Planning, construction and maintenance of a large lysimeter station in Homécourt for the *Groupement d'Intérêt Scientifique sur les Friches Industrial GISFI*
(French scientific community of interest - industrial wasteland)





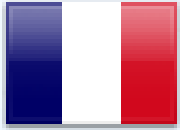
Photolysimeter with different vegetation the data loggers are stored weatherproof in the grey boxes



UGT suction probe technology



Fully automated by the control unit



ANDRA - Agence National pour la gestion des Déchets Radioactifs



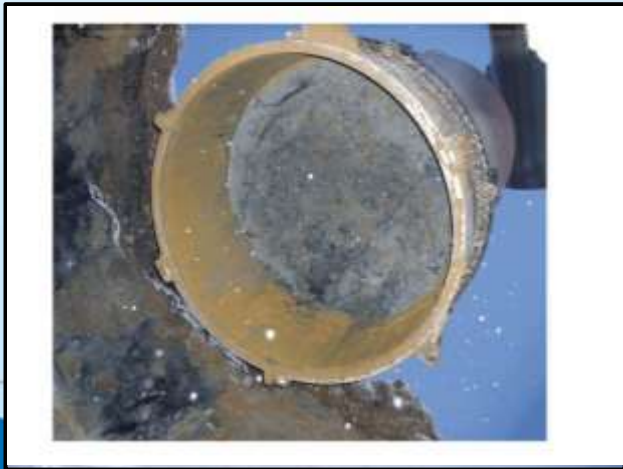
Test of a loam block in Bure as a repository for radioactive waste from the French Atomic Energy economy with the help of UGT-lysimeters





Ecological major project Bohlen

Built the UGT GmbH for DOW 2005/2006 - Olefinver (Leuna, Buna) a 4-fold lysimeter HD-PE for the investigation of contaminated soil at the former refinery locations



Lysimeter Station in Shixia



Adaptation to extreme climatic conditions

This 2010 built in Miyun catchment area in Shixia / China 2-station has a specially designed, climatically adapted collar design sectors to ensure a reliable weighing despite extreme temperature variations

Loess Plateau Pingliang / Xian China 2012



Monolith extraction and Lysimeterinstallation
on terraced hillsides for erosion research



Dew and fog in Miyun, China



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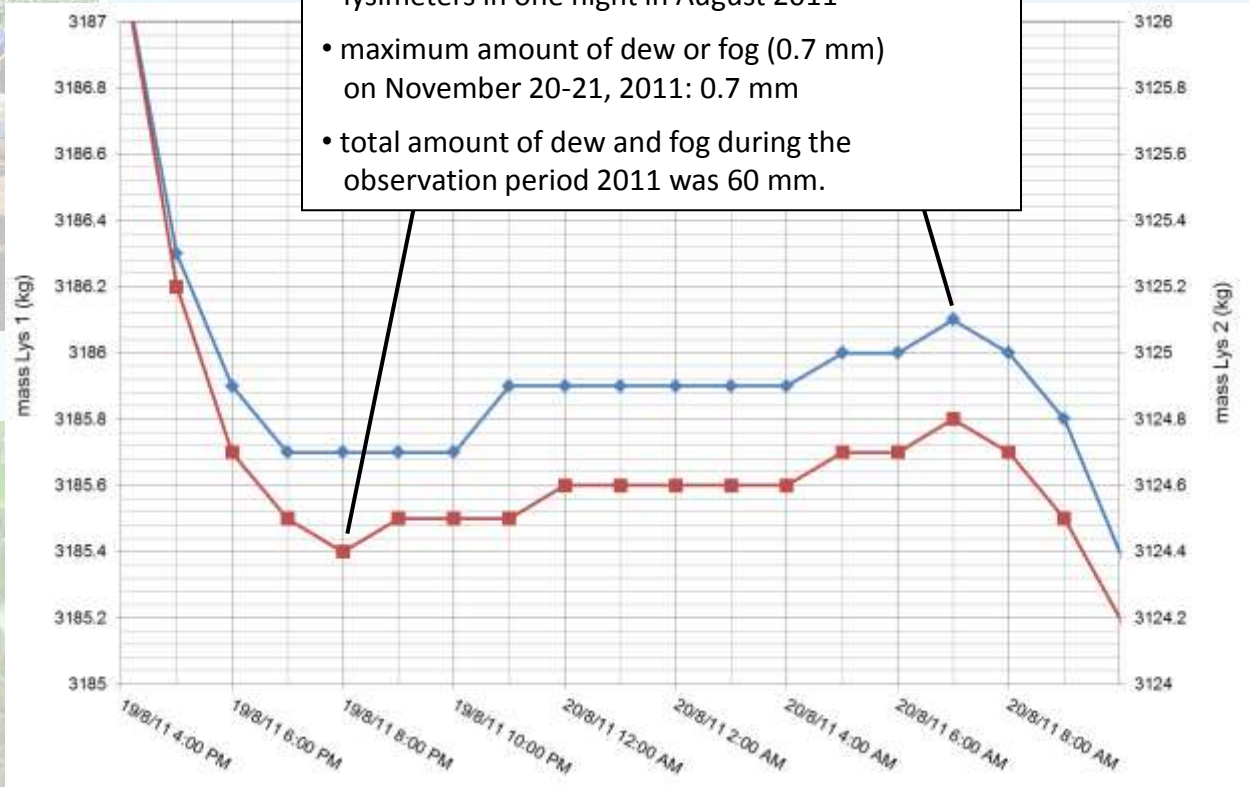
Actual evapotranspiration and 14-day-average (mm/d *lines*), precipitation and seepage water (mm/d *columns*) of one of the lysimeter in Miyun.

The results shows a very good agreement with the results of the modelling with STOFFBILANZ.

Dew and fog

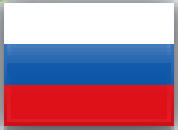
Example for the formation of dew on August 19-20, 2011

- 0.4 mm of dew measured in both lysimeters in one night in August 2011
- maximum amount of dew or fog (0.7 mm) on November 20-21, 2011: 0.7 mm
- total amount of dew and fog during the observation period 2011 was 60 mm.



Example of an overnight mass change of 2 lysimeters planted with maize in China, August 2011





German-Russian BMBF joint project

Lysimeter use in steppe of Siberia to develop sustainable agronomic, site conditions, adapted useful strategies to reduce wind erosion and the decrease of humus content of the soil



Tailings piles at Zielitz in Germany

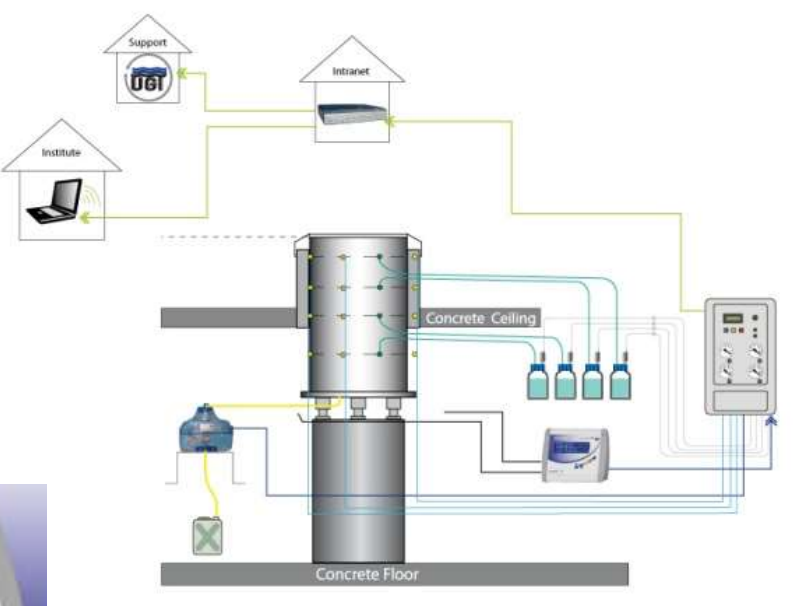




Agroscope Zurich-Reckenholz Switzerland



- Lysimeter Project Zurich-Reckenholz



UGT – 72 Lysimeter within 7 months



Flooded wetland at Spreewald



Area of the steel piling (5 m x 6 m) with groundwater lowering



Completed lysimeter station including a weather station



Extraction of four soil enclosures in the excavated area



Utilization of the excavation pit for the installation of two 2-tile container lysimeter stations



Insertion of the lysimeter into the station



Filling of the excavation pit after inserting the station



Lysimeter stations after the installation of the waterproof collars and dismantling of the groundwater lowering



View of the lysimeter station including the weather station



Loading of the hydrators to the chemical industry site



Loading and transport of the cat. soil monoliths



Total view of the catalyzed hydrator station with different monolith compositions



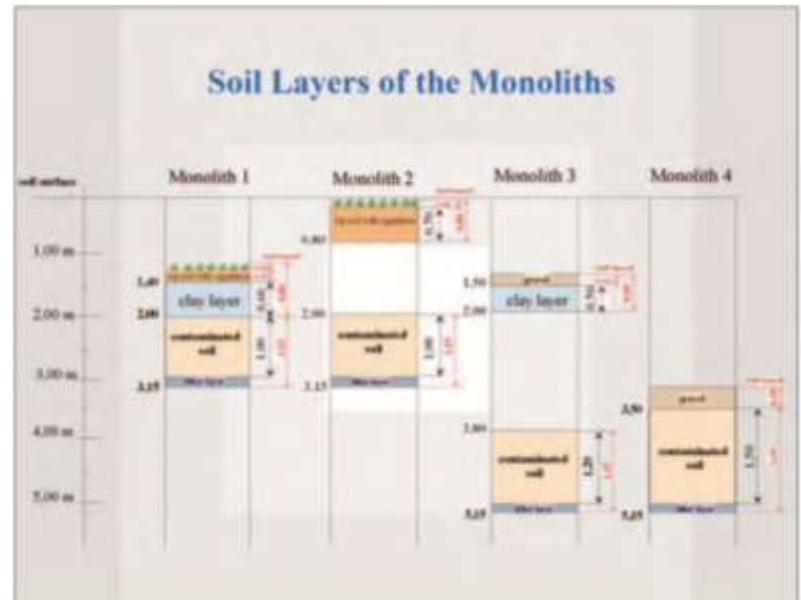
Monolith section to 4 m depth



View of the partial monolith



Soil profile of the catalyzed site



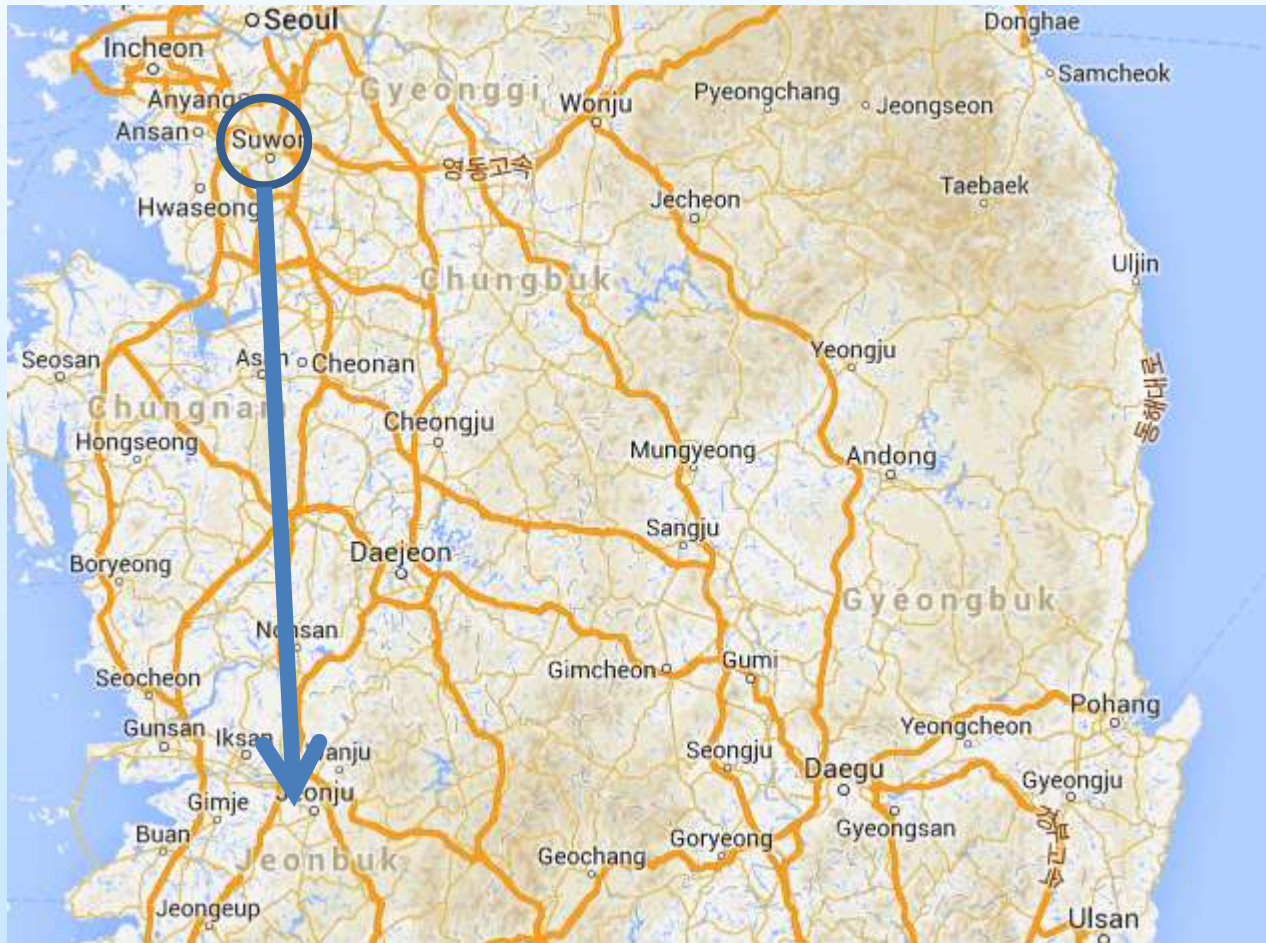
Monoliths composed of different layers



Sanierung des Uranbergbaus



Haldensanierung des Uranbergbaus im Dienst der WISMUT GmbH
Errichtung des Langzeit-Halden-Monitorings auf sämtlichen Thüringer Standorten und tlw. im Sächsischen Untertagebau



The new lysimeter station in Jenju South Korea:

54 Lysimeters: 1m²

38 Lysimeters: 30 cm diameter

3 Erosion plots

3 Rain simulators

Call for bids:

January 2012

Project planning:

October 2012

Sign up the contract:

March 2013

Start of Production:

March 2013

Construction of the base

September 2013

Start with excavation of the lysimeters

October 2013

Handover

May 2014

20 World Congress of Soil Science

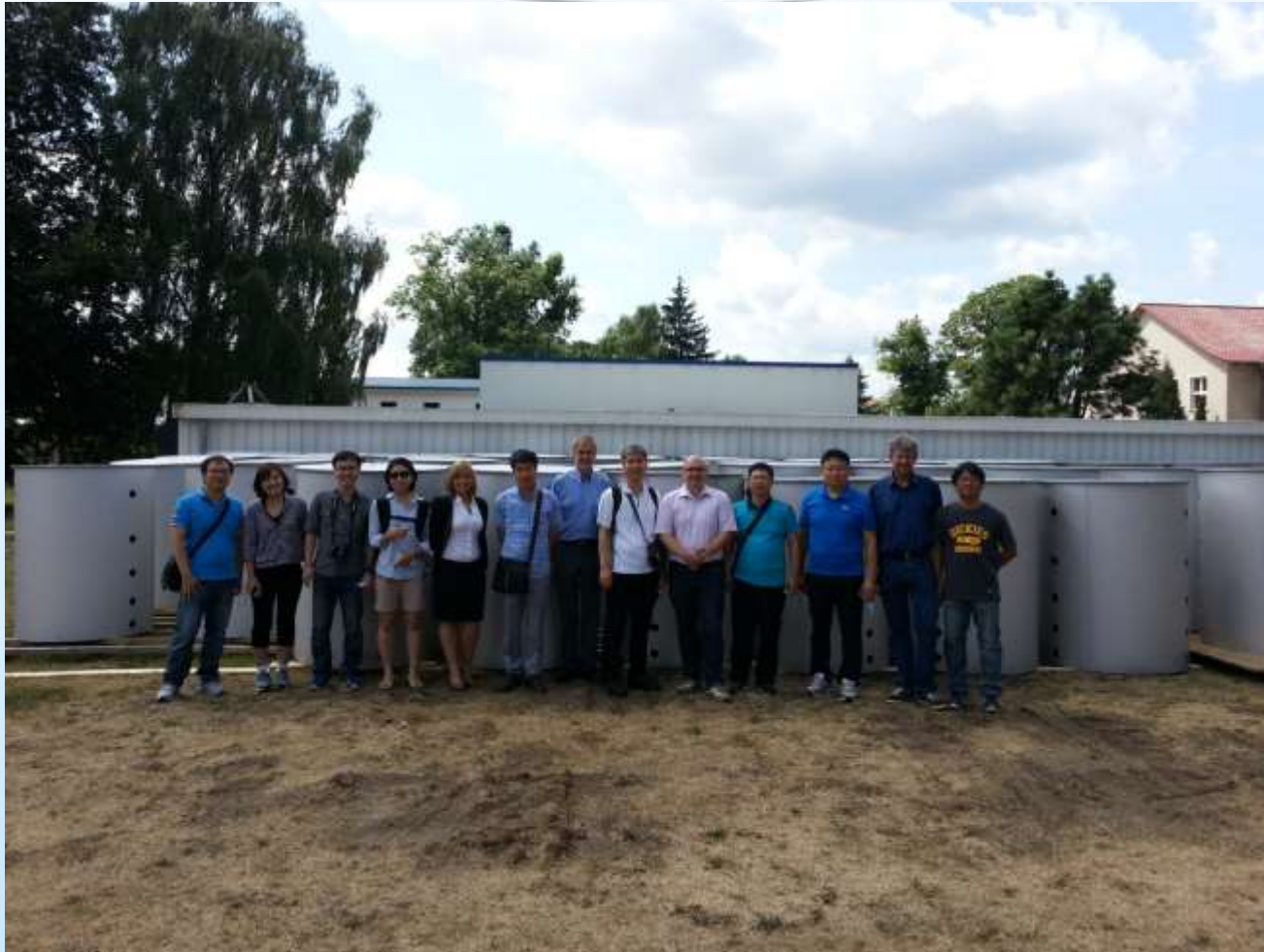
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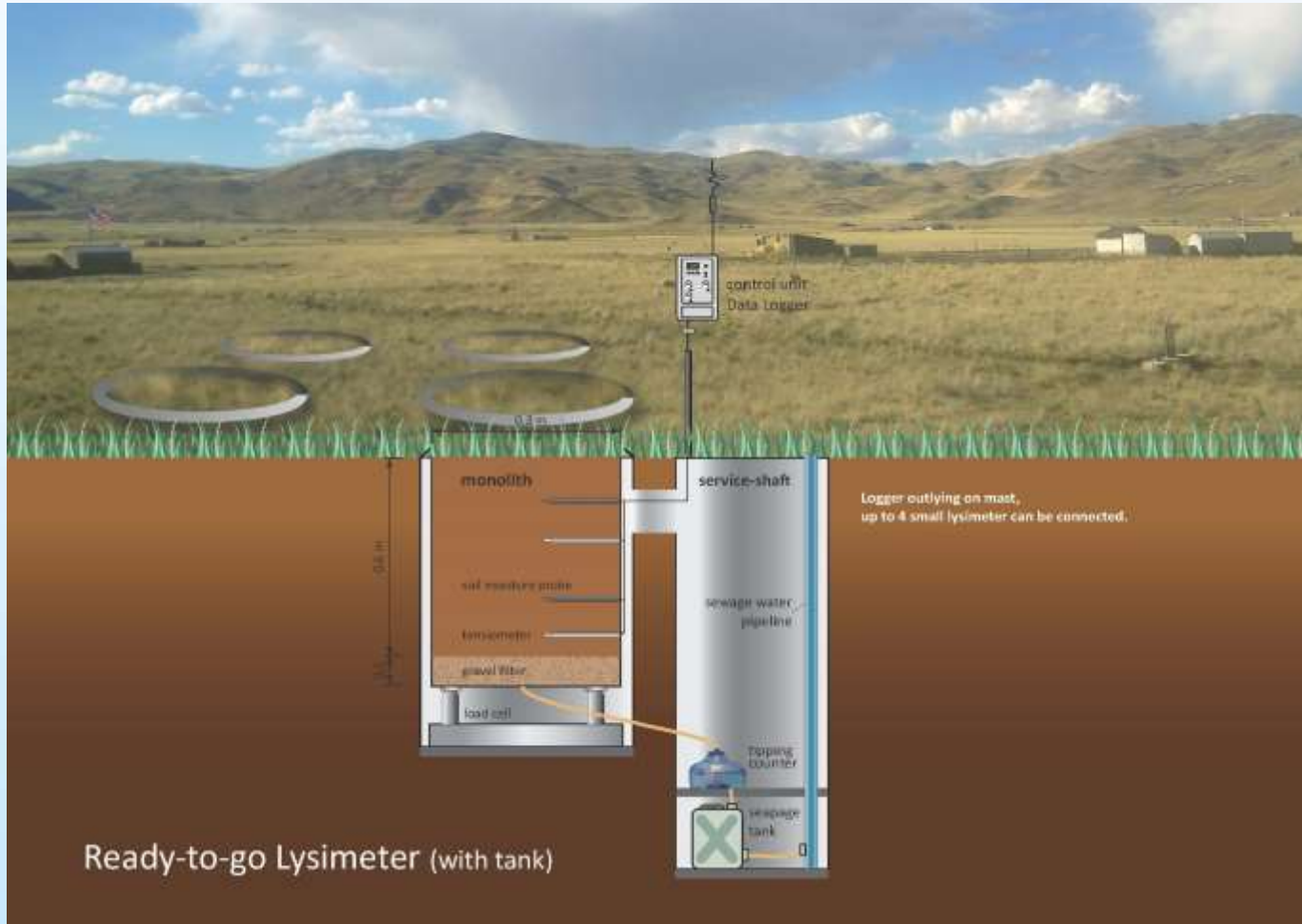


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The Ready-To-Go Lysimeter:

Different sizes are possible

- 30cm depth
- 60cm depth
- 90cm depth

and all depths are available in

- 30cm diameter
- 0.5m² surface area



At one data logger (attached outside on a mast) you can connect up to 4 Ready-To-Go Lysimeters. The logger is connected with the SVADSS Data Integration Box, which enables the plug and play use to get the measured data via Internet.





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