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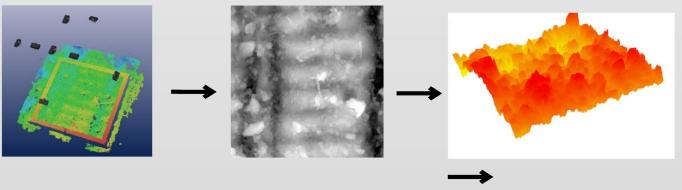
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Object and goals

- Monitoring of surface microtopography changes due to rain drop impact using photogrammetry
- Currently 2 projects:
 - Design of technical measures for stabilization and protection of slopes against erosion
 - Kinetic energy of rainfall as driving force of soil detachment and transport (KERS)
- Goal is to evaluate and quantify effect of rainfall to soil surface
 protection of soil against erosion (agricultural and urban areas)

Methods

- Rainfall experiments natural and artificial rainfall (Rainfall Simulators)
- Rainfall monitoring (disdrometers, rain gauges), soil conditions (moisture)
- Photogrammetry ("Structure from Motion")
 - soil surface to 3D data (Digital Elevation Models) with standard camera (Sony A6000)



- Processing photos in Agisoft PhotoScan
- Processing of DEM in ArcGIS, Matlab

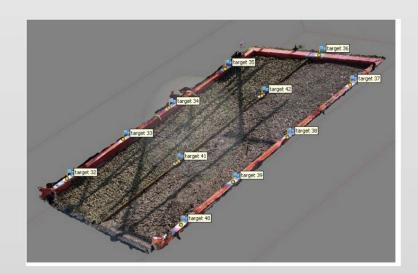
Digital Elevation Models (DEMs) surface parameters and its changes

Surface parameters

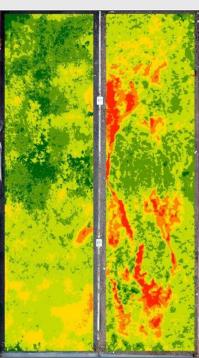
- Consolidation
- Roughness
- Slope, aspect,.....

1st project: Assesing the effectiveness of soil erosion control technologies on steep slopes

- Comparison of bare and protected soil (different materials)
- Resolution 1 mm/pix
- Surface parameters and volume changes







Before rainfall



After rainfall

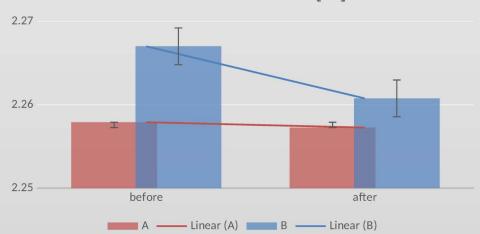


Preliminary results (only 2 experiments)

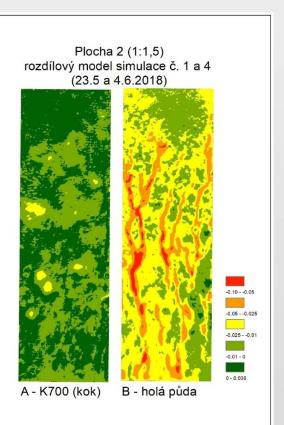
Porovnání celkové eroze (změny objemu) na ploše A a B (cm3)

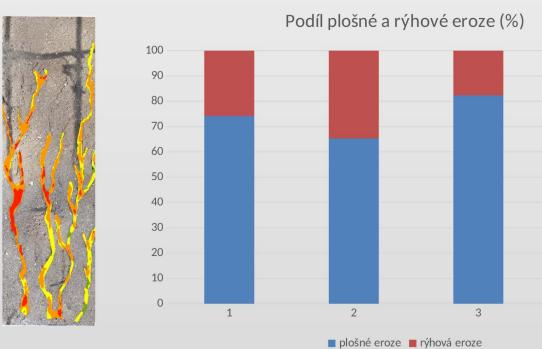


Mean surface level [m]

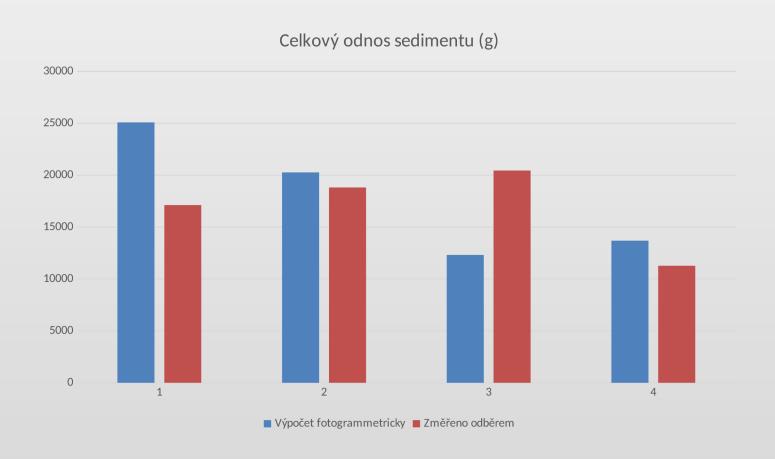


Rill vs. Interrill erosion

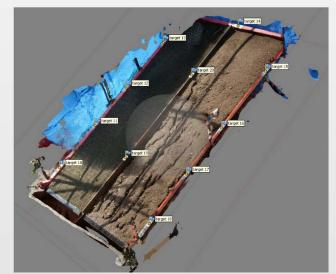




Sediment measured by photogrammetry vs. collecting buckets



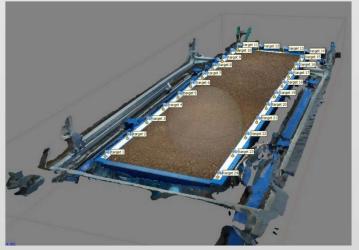
Outdoor experiments - high contrast can caused problems



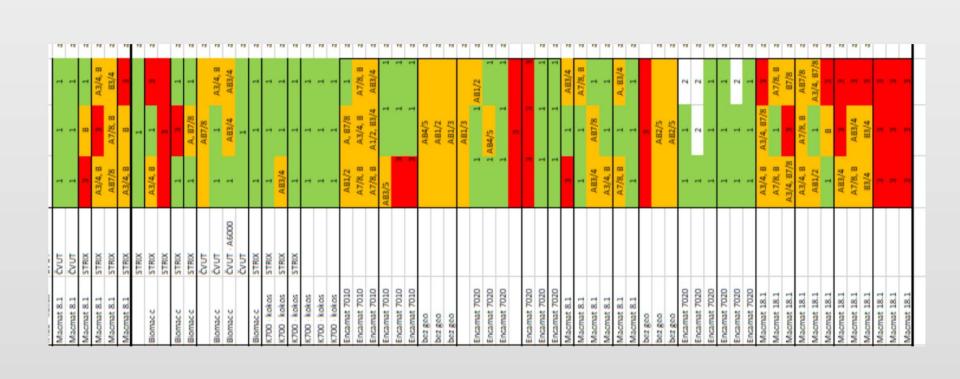


Laboratory experiments - uniform light is



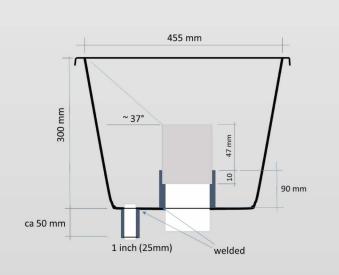


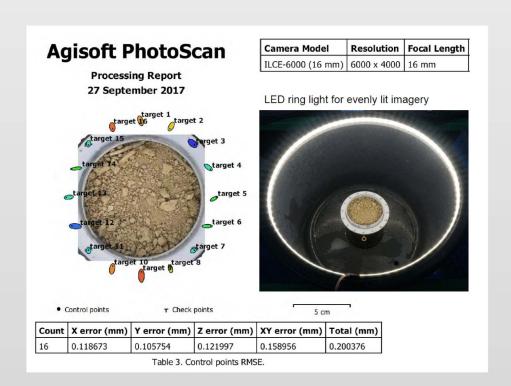
Photogrammetry measurement 2018 and 2019

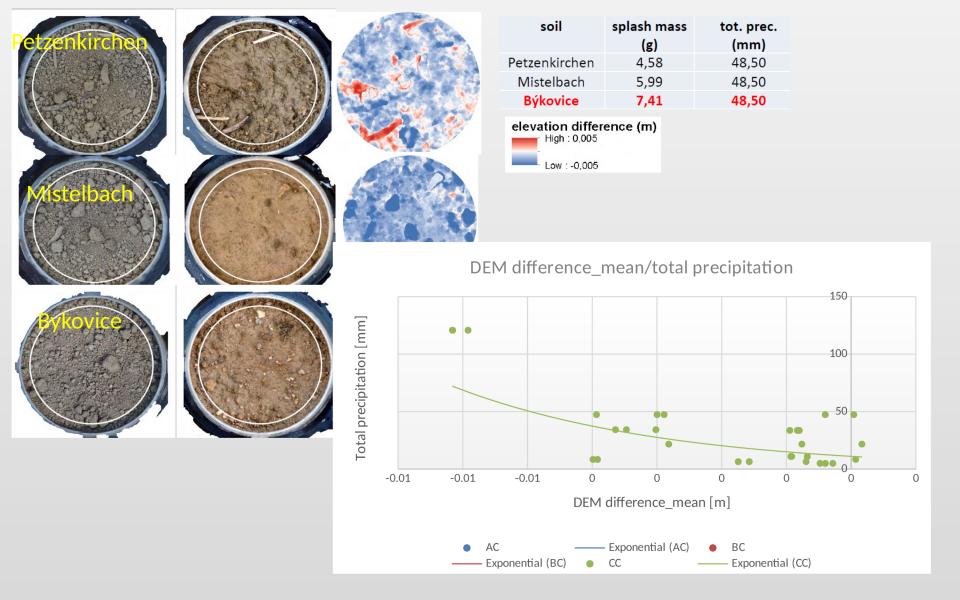


2nd project: Kinetic energy of rainfall as driving force of soil detachment and transport (KERS)

- Testing 3 soil at 3 locations (Prague, Petzenkirchen, Mistelbach)
- Measuring splash erosion with modified "Morgan" splash cups
- Resolution 0,05 mm/pix

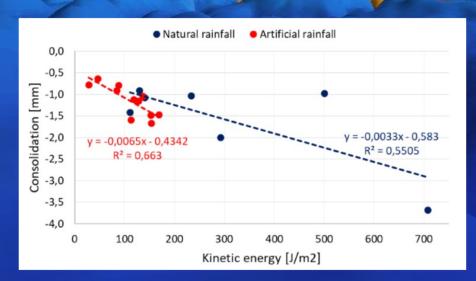


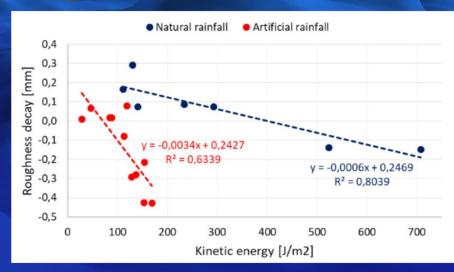






• Surface x rainfall parameters

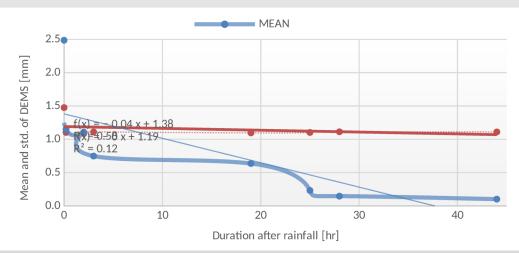




Efect of drying soil after rainfall

Cracks begin to appear on soil surface after 30 hours after rainfall with a constant drying at 27°C.





Consolidation (MEAN) caused by drying of the soil is almost the same as caused by the rainfall itself (-1,33 mm vs -1,05 mm). Roughness (STD) does not exhibit remarkable changes.

Conclusion

- Photogrammetry is useful method for evaluating soil surface and volume changes.
- It is necessary to provide good lighting.
- Final results will be published after all scheduled experiments during this year.

Thank you for your attention!