

Laboratório de Ensaios de Material de Irrigação (LEMI)



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International Network of Irrigation Testing Laboratories (INITL)





Purposes of the network

- Cooperation among irrigation testing laboratories
- Visits
- Exchange of professionals
- Research cooperation
- Sharing of methodologies and technologies
- Support to improvement/development of standards

Participants

- 18 laboratories in 17 countries





Last meeting

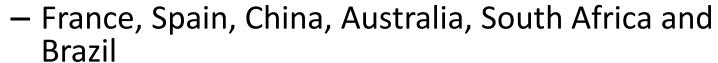
- I Inovagri International Meeting (2012)
- Representatives from:
 - France, Spain, China, Australia, South Africa and Brazil
- A round of cross tests was started
 - Drippers
 - Sprinklers





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 - Objectives:
 - Help on identifying weaknesses in methodologies or facilities by comparing results among the labs
 - Support ISO 17025 accreditation of the Chinese and Brazilian laboratories (cross tests are required)
 - Tests based on ISO standards



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Cross tests of sprinklers and drippers

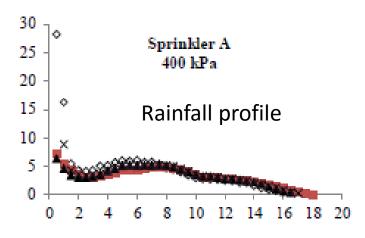
- Curve pressure-flow rate of drippers and sprinklers
- Water distribution uniformity of sprinklers
- Uniformity of flow rate of drippers
- Participants:
 - LERMI/IRSTEA (France)
 - LEMI/INCT-EI/ESALQ (Brazil)
 - IWHR (China)
 - UniSA (Australia)

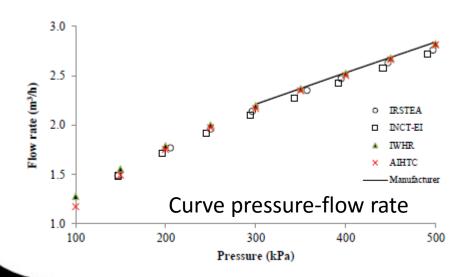




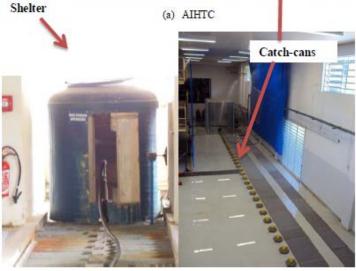
INITL Activities

Cross tests of sprinklers









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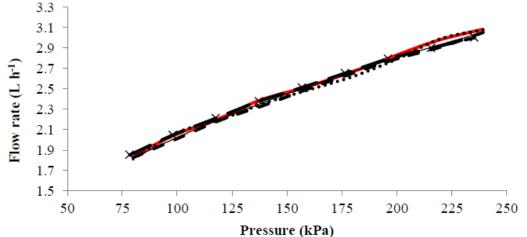
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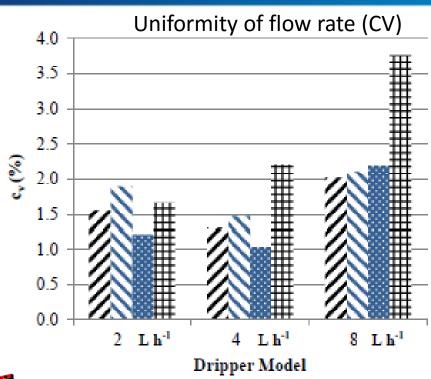


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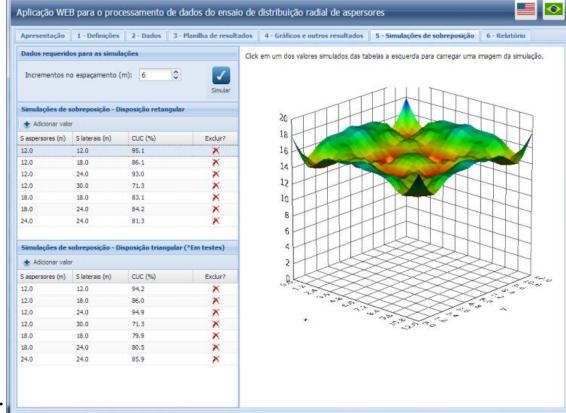






INITL Activities

 Web application for processing results from sprinklers tests



http://143.107.212.131/initl/.



INITL Activities Published papers

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Flow Measurement and Instrumentation

Available online 14 August 2015, Article FLOWMEASINSTD1500007

In Press, Accepted Manuscript — Note to users



Intercomparison dripper testing within the INITL

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APLICAÇÃO WEB PARA PROCESSAMENTO DE DADOS DO ENSAIO DE DISTRIBUIÇÃO RADIAL DE ASPERSORES

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- Perspectives
- Future activities
- ... Bruno Molle...





Laboratório de Ensaios de Material de Irrigação (LEMI/INCT-EI/ESALQ/USP)







Organization / Facilities



University of São Paulo (USP)

College of Agriculture "Luiz de Queiroz" (ESALQ)



Department of Biosystems Engineering (LEB) Shared facilities

National Institute of Science and Technology -Irrigation Engineering (INCT-EI)

Hydraulics

Soil-water analyses

Water quality analyses

Irrigation

Laboratories related to irrigation

Laboratory of Research and Test of Irrigation Material



Activities



- Certified tests
 - ABNT NBR ISO/IEC 17025:2005

- Tests, researches, and development related to Irrigation Engineering
 - National Institute of Science and Technology –
 Irrigation Engineering (INCT-EI)
 - Department of Biosystems Engineering (LEB/ESALQ)



CERTIFIED TESTS





Accreditation ISO 17025 - General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories



Rotating Sprinklers

• Tests complying with ABNT NBR ISO 7749-1:2000

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- Uniformity of flow rate
- Uniformity of distribution
- Effective radius
- Height of water jet





Microsprinklers





- Uniformity of flow rate
- Curve pressure-flow rate





Emitters and emitting pipes

• Tests complying with ABNT NBR ISO 9261:2006



- Uniformity of flow rate
- Curve pressure-flow rate





Tests, researches, and development related to Irrigation Engineering



Tests Sprinklers

- ABNT NBR ISO 7749-1: Rotating sprinklers
 - Resistance
 - Watertightness
 - Rotation speed
 - Flow rate uniformity (certified)
 - Water distribution characteristics (certified)
 - Jet height
 - Curve pressure-flowrate
 - Durability







Tests Microsprinklers

- Microsprinklers
 - ABNT NBR 15084:2004





Testing bench for microsprinklers



Tests Drippers

- Emitters and emitting pipes
 - ABNT NBR ISO 9261:2006



Testing bench for drippers and emitting pipes



Pressure regulating valves and **Venturi injectors**

Pressure-regulating valves: ISO 10522:1993





Testing bench for pressure-regulating valves and Venturi injectors



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pressure-regulating valve

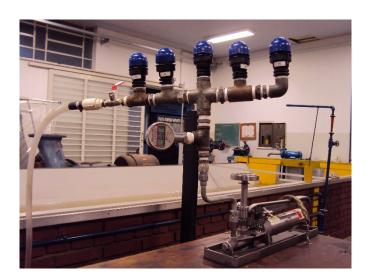


Venturi injectors



Tests Air valves

• Air valves: ISO 9635-4



Mechanical resistance and water tightness tests





Air flow test



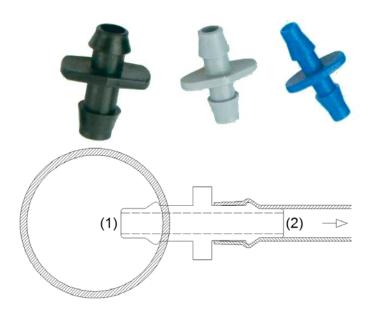
Tests Other hydraulic tests

Hydraulic tests of filters, fittings and accessories



Friction and local head losses







• Dimensional measurements (optical and laser equipment)









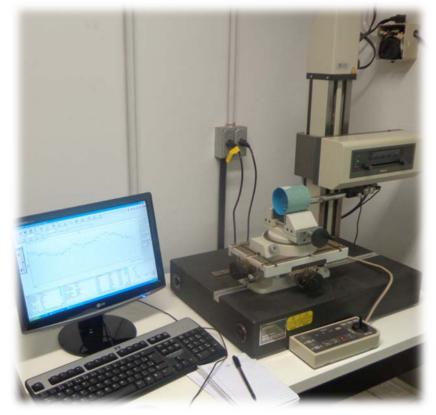




• Surface roughness measurements









Mechanical resistance



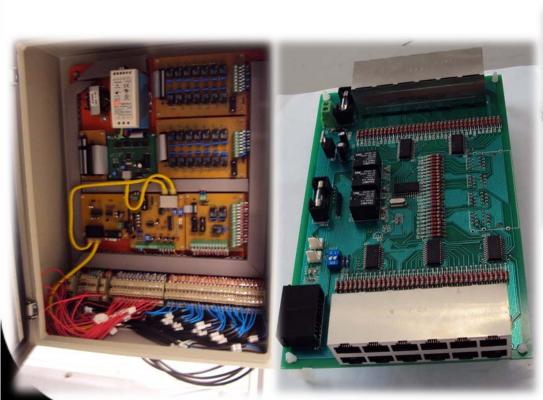
Polyethylene pipe

Universal testing machine



Technical activities

- Development of solutions for instrumentation
 - Data acquisition and control of processes
 - Microprocessed modules
 - Automation of testing benches and experimental areas
 - Our lab is being automated using our own solutions











Clogging of drippers by solid particles



- Main research subjects:
 - Clogging processes within emitters
 - Methodologies for in-field identification of clogging problems
 - Testing protocols to evaluate sensitivity of emitters to clogging
 - Simulations based on Computational Fluid-Dynamics (CFD) for improvement of irrigation equipment
 - Support to improvement of ISO standards related to irrigation equipment - Support to the Committee ISO/TC 23/SC 18 – Irrigation and drainage equipment and systems





Experimental researches on clogging processes

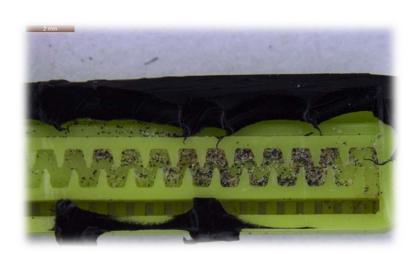
within drippers





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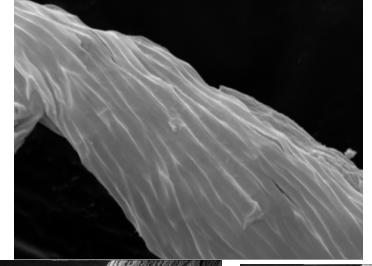






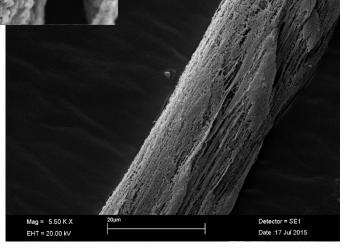
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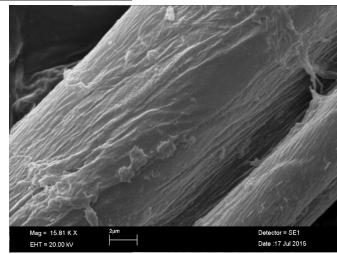
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• Facility for experimental researches on

clogging processes









CONCLUSIONS



Perspectives / Conclusions

Improvement of labs

- Automation process on going at LEMI/INCT-EI (Brazil) based on LERMI/IRSTEA facilities
- The cross tests enabled to identify minor problems in facilities and methodologies of some of the labs

LEMI's perspective about INITL

- We learned too much with IRSTEA (France)
- Changes in our lab after my exchange period in France
- Keep helping on cross tests and development of irrigation related laboratories
- Support ISO standards development by performing the requested researches
- Most important... Learn and Help





Thank you!



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