

Study of Fundamental Parameter of Soil In Relation To Microwave Remote Sensing

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Abstract-In this paper an attempt has been made to introduce fundamental parameter of soil in relation to microwave remote sensing. To study soil behaviour various parameter that is Physical properties, Chemical properties geographical properties, Physico-chemical properties, has been utilize for calculations of dielectric properties of soil. There are also a lots of models used but empirical model and two point method is highly utilized. The instrument microwave test bench is also used. In research field of soil, characterization of fundamental parameter plays important role. With the help of such parameters following result have been observed in measuring the moisture content. Dielectric constant increases where as electrical conductivity is increases.

Keywords: Soil , microwave remote sensing, dielectric properties, model, electrical conductivity.

1. INTRODUCTION-

The role of soil is very important in the development of human being. The soil is simply the upper layer of ground which is useful supporting life. A lot of scientists, agriculturists defined soil. Soil is the upper part of earth crust in which plants are anchored. soil is the upper weathering layer. Soil is a natural body developed by natural forces acting an natural materials. It is usually differentiated into horizons of materials and organic constituent of variable depths which differ from the parent materials in morphology, physical constituents, chemical, properties , composition and biological characteristics. Soil is the topmost layer of earth crust capping the rock. Soil is made up different components as mineral particles, dead organic matter or humus , soil atmosphere, soil water and biological system or soil micro-organisms. The minerals represent about 90% of the total weight of the soil. Imports elements which are found in compound state are oxygen, Si, Fe, Al, N.P. K, Ca, Mg, C, H, etc [1] . Although there are eighteen main nutrients in the soil. Nitrogen in the form of nitrogen salt occurs from atmosphere organic matter is also called humus. The role of humus is also important. The main elements found in humus are carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, sulpher and nitrogen. The main compound found in humus are carbohydrates, phosphoric acid, some organic acids, fats, resins, area etc. Humus is a dynamic product and is constantly varying became of its oxidation, reduction and hydrolysis. Thus it can be said that humus has no definite chemical composition, it has much carbon content and less nitrogen humus is not soluble in water and less nitrogen humus is not soluble in water. It is present

in the soil in the form of organic colloids. The amount of human is different soils vary greatly humus percentage in the soil is affected by climatic and biological factors. It is less in arid soils and very high in humid soils. In the top layer of the soils humus quantity is greater than in the deep layers In dark humid areas which are thickly covered with vegetation.

2. THEORETICAL CONSIDERATION-

The soil has physical chemical as were as well as electrical properties. Besides these soil has different proportions as soil mineralogy, soil biology , soil chemistry, soil physical etc. There are above fifty model to evaluate dielectric behaviour of the soil, But Wang and Schmugge model is very relevant and practical method. Wang and Schemugge proposed an empirical model to describe the dielectric behaviour of soil water mixture using the transition moisture as an adjustable parameter, The model is based mainly an two observations: (i) for all soil samples the dielectric constant increases slowly initially with moisture content upto transition moisture after which it increases steeply with moisture content , (ii) The transition moisture is found to vary with texture of the soil, being smaller for sandy soils than that for high clay content soils. The wilting point (Wp) of a soil is percent of dry weight of the soil represented as [2],

$$Wp = 0.06774 - 0.00064 X \text{ sand} + 0.00478 X \text{ clay}$$

Where sand and clay are the sand and clay contents in percent of dry weight of a soil. The Wp characterizes a stage of Wc in the soil water system

. Between W_p and field capacity attraction, A_t $W_c \geq F_c$, water flows with gravity, further at $W_c \leq W_c$, it is difficult for crops to extract water from soil, water help in soils at temperature up to 105^0 c is called hygroscopic water (at soil tension of 3, bar) and is virtually a part of the mineral structure of the soil.

The transition moisture of the soil is calculated as.

$$W_t = 0.49 W_p + 0.165$$

For the moisture contents less than transition moisture W_t , most of the water molecules are tightly bound to the soil particles called bound water, There are a lot of parameter regarding dielectric behaviour of soil as [3],[4],

- texture (Sand, silt, clay)
- Bulk density
- Particle holding capacity
- Wilting point
- Field capacity
- Transition moisture
- Hydraulic conductivity
- Colour
- pH
- Electrical Conductivity
- Organic carbon
- Calcium Carbonate
- Available Nitrogen
- Phosphorus
- Available – Potassium
- Available- Iron
- Available-Mn
- Available-Zn
- NPK-Fertilizer
- Dielectric-Constant
- Dielectric –loss
- Tangent-loss
- Microwave-Conductivity
- Relaxation-Time
- Emissivity-
- LALA
- Complex dielectric constant

There are several models as well as technique to calculate electrical properties of soil following no are the Models [3]:

There are no. of methods and models which is as follows,

- A sensing technique
- Approximation model
- Automatic measurement system

- Cavity Method
- Coaxial Perturbation technique
- Coaxial Probe method
- Colloid dielectric Probe
- Data processing technique
- Dielectric spectroscopy technique
- Digital elevation model approach
- Dobson model
- Elmake model 7200
- Empirical Model
- Four Component –dielectric mixing model
- Four Component-Theoretical model
- Free space method
- Geo metric options model
- Gravimetric method for water content measurement using soil science.
- Hewlett Packareel Model 8540
- HP Network analyzer (HP8510-C) & HP dielectric Probe (85070m) employing coaxial probe method.
- Infinite sample method
- Key sight 85070E dielectric probe
- Micro Strip transmission live
- Model generation
- MVA (Multiple view angle) approach
- Open –structure technique
- Perturbation model
- Physical optic model
- RADAR approach
- Resonator model
- Roberts & van Hippel experimental technique.
- Semi empirical model
- Six-port –reflectometry
- Soil testing kit(Model-161)
- SSM inversion method
- Stern – Gowdy double layer
- TDR-(Time Domain Reflectometry) for measuring soil water content.
- Theoretical model /Technique/ICTP
- Transmission Method
- Two Point method
- Vector Network Analyzer
- Wang and Schmutz model
- Waveguide Cell method.

3. RESULTS & DISCUSSION-

Dielectric Properties of the soil depends on the activity of permanent, electrical dipoles, ionic conduction, and degree of dipole alignment [5]. It has been found that dielectric constant of soil depends on moisture contents and frequencies.

Dielectric and emissivity perhaps play very important role in the

hydrological research [6]. It has been seen that dielectric constant of soil increases with increasing percentage of water content.

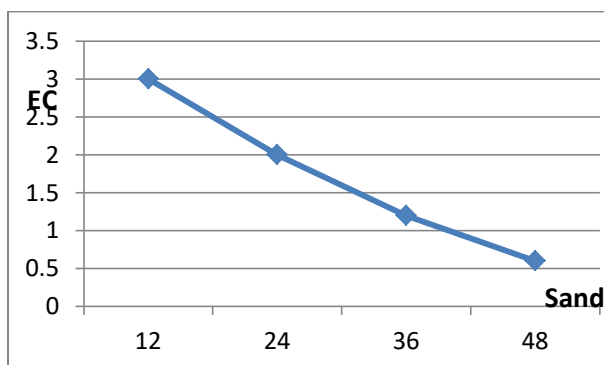


Fig. Variation of Electrical Conductivity with texture of black Soil.

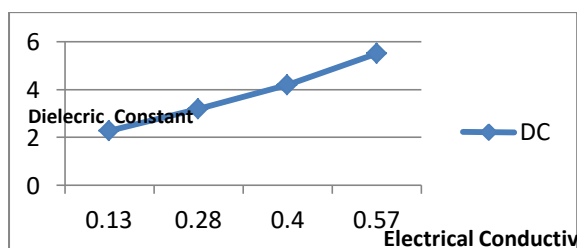


Fig. Variation of Electrical Conductivity with DC of Black Soil

4. CONCLUSIONS-

Following points are the conclusions which are given below,

- Dielectric Constant of dry soil is nearly 3.0.
- Increasing the moisture content dielectric constant increases.
- Increasing the percentage of clay the dielectric constant decreases.
- Dielectric constant decreases where porosity in soil increases.
- Dielectric constant decreases where bulk density increases.
- Dielectric constant increases where pH increases.
- Dielectric constant increases where EC increases.
- Dielectric constant increases where OC increases.
- Dielectric constant increases where Nitrogen increases.

- Dielectric constant increases where Phosphorus increases.
- D.C. increases where K increases.
- D.C. increases where Fe increases.
- D.C. increases where Zn increases.
- D.C. increases where Cu increases.
- D.C. increases slowly at constant Mn.

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