



## Aquifer Hydraulics Parameters Determination regarding One Well Base on Geolistic Data: A Case Study in Bugbug Karangasem Bali



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### Abstract

Aquifer parameters knowledge was necessary for interpreting the aquifer state. It included porosity ( $\Phi$ ), hydraulic conductivity (K), specific storativity ( $S_s$ ), storativity (S) and transmissivity (T). There were some methods for knowing the aquifer hydraulics parameters was Chow Method, Jacob Method, and Theis Method. These methods employed two wells i.e. one as test wells and another one monitored well for monitoring the water depth. The one assumption in this method was the aquifer equal thickness to the infinite width. What if the aquifer has an unequal thickness and limited width as well as on aquifer with buried veins or trenches? A research has been conducted to determine the aquifer hydraulic parameters with a single geoelectric on data-based wells. The steps that were taken i.e. firstly was measured by geoelectric method currently place to know the magnitude of aquifer resistivity/conductivity. Secondly, drilling was carried out in the place of the suspected aquifer. Thirdly, it was the water conductivity measurement obtained from the aquifer. After the measurement of aquifer resistivity with the geoelectric method, it was found that the aquifer conductivity was 0.0325 S/m, the water conductivity was 0.02 S/m. The step draw-down test was done in five levels of discharge. The hydraulics parameter was calculated using a single well. The results of the analysis was obtained aquifer porosity ( $\Phi$ ) 36,90%, hydraulic conductivity (K) 0,00368 m/s transmissivity (T) 0,05792 m<sup>2</sup>/s, specific storage ( $S_s$ ) 9,7358 10<sup>-4</sup> / m, storativity (S) 0,0055883.

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## 1. Introduction

Aquifer parameters knowledge is necessary for interpreting the aquifer state. The aquifer parameters include porosity ( $\Phi$ ), hydraulic conductivity (K), specific storativity (Ss), storativity (S) and transmissivity (T). Several methods for knowing the aquifer hydraulics parameters are Chow Method, Jacob Method and Theis Method (Redana, 2012). These methods employ two wells one as test wells and one monitored well to monitor the water depth. A presumption in this method is the aquifer equal thickness to the infinite width. The results of field monitoring based on geoelectric data found that the aquifer does not have the same thickness and limited width. (Simpem & Redana, 2016; Indriatmono, *et al.*, 2005; Gifts, *et al.*, 2012; Mudiarto, *et al.*, 2013). How to get the aquifer hydraulics parameter? In the present research will be discussed how to get the aquifer hydraulic parameter for the well case which has an unequal thickness and limited width. The analysis has been conducted using single geoelectrically-based wells.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1 Theoretical Framework

A well through an isotropic homogeneous aquifer. The groundwater surface at first is flat. If the well is taken from the water discharge  $Q$  will be formed a round basin (Figure 1). It is called the *curve of depression*, whereas the drop in the water surface is called *drawdown* ( $S_w$ ). *Unconfined well*, reducing groundwater levels due to pumping and the water flows coming from the soil pores. The soil pore will be filled in by the air. In the *confined well*, there is a potentiometric drop in the water level, no drained material.

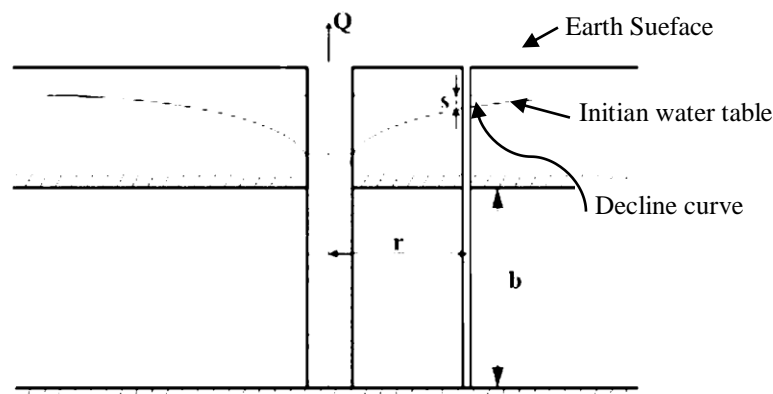


Figure 1. Decreasing of Ground Water Levels due to Pumping

Source: Tizro *et al.*, (2014)

The water amount discharge that can be taken depends on the aquifer physical properties which include porosity ( $\Phi$ ), hydraulic conductivity (K), transmissivity (T), specific storativity (Ss), and storativity (S). Porosity is the ratio of void volume towards a total volume, expressed in the percent (%). Aquifer material has a porosity ranging from 20-40%. Table 1 provides the porosity range values for some rock types.

Table 1  
Porosity range value of some rock types

No.	Soil Type	Porosity (%)
1	Clay	45
2	Sand	35
3	Gravel	25
4	Gravel and sand	20

5	Rough sand	15
6	Limestone, shale	5
7	Quartzite, granite	1

Source: *Linsley & Franzini (1989)*

Porosity ( $\Phi$ ) is calculated by equation (*Sen et al., 1988; Arafa, 2013; Simpen et al., 2016*):

$$\sigma = \Phi^m \left\{ \Phi_w + A \frac{Q_v}{(1+C \frac{Q_v}{\sigma_w})} \right\} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

m, A,  $Q_v$ , and C are constants that are empirically obtained.

Descriptions:

m = 2; A = 1,93 x m;  $Q_v = 2,04$ ; C  $Q_v = 0,7$  ohm/m;  $\sigma$  = aquifer conductivity  
 $\sigma_w$  = water conductivity;  $\Phi$  = porosity; conductivity = 1 / resistivity

The aquifer conductivity is measured by the geoelectric method, whereas the water conductivity that consists of the aquifer is measured by conductivity at taking a water sample. Hydraulic conductivity (K) display how far the water can pass through the aquifer in one unit of time. K depends on the fluid nature (water) and rock properties, unlike porosity, grain size, grain arrangement and grain shape, and its distribution (*Hudak, 2004*). Hydraulic conductivity value (K) several kinds of rocks can be seen in the following table (*Todd, 1980*).

Table 2  
 Hydraulic conductivity value (K) multiple rocks

Rock	K (m/day)	Rock	K (m/day)
Rough gravel	150	Clay	0,0002
Medium gravel	270	Limestone	0,94
Rough sand	450	Dolomite	0,001
Rough sand	45	Secis	0,2
Fine sand	12	Stone slats	0,00008
Pasir halus	2,5	Tuff	0,2
Medium sand stone	3,1	Basalt	0,01
Soft sandstone	0,2	Gabro	0,2
Lanau	0,08	Granite weathered	1,4

Source: *Todd, (1980)*

Hydraulic conductivity (K) of the aquifer can be known based on *drawdown test* ( $S_w$ ) with the following relationship (*Redana, 2012*).

$$K = \frac{Q}{(F S_w)} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Q is a pumping discharge,  $S_w$ : decreasing of the water surface due to pumping, and F: constant, its value depends on the well. The well use *casing* and filter without a *sand pack*, F value will be:

$$F = 27,5 (\delta r) \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

The well uses a *casing* and *sand pack* around the filter, on a sieve sealed with *bentonite* or cement, F value becomes:

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$$F = \frac{2 \pi L}{\ln\left(\frac{L}{R}\right)} \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

L is the length *screen*, R: trellis casing, for  $L > 8R$ .

Transmissivity (T) is related to hydraulic conductivity (K). Transmissivity (T) states the aquifer's ability to pass water horizontally through the vertical plane, passing through the aquifer thickness, and one hydraulic slope unit (Hudak, 2004). The transmissivity equation (T) can be written:

$$T = Kb \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

T is transmissivity, K: hydraulic conductivity, and b: aquifer thickness. The potential of underground water based on the transmissivity value according to U.S Dept. Of the Interior in Wibowo (2012) can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3  
The potential of groundwater based on transmissivity and its use

Transmissivity (m <sup>2</sup> /day)	Domestic	Irrigation
<1	bad	very bad
1-8	moderate	very bad
8-50	good	very bad
50-300	very good	bad
300-1000	very good	moderate
1000-10.000	very good	good
>10.000	very good	very good

Source: U.S Dept. Of the Interior in Wibowo (2012)

Specific storativity (Ss) represents the water volume released by one unit of aquifer volume in one hydraulic head drop unit, therefore it can be expressed as follows (Redana, 2012).

$$Ss = \rho g (\alpha + \Phi \beta) \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

Description:

- Ss: specific storativity
- $\rho$  : water density (1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- g : earth's gravity acceleration (9,72 m/s<sup>2</sup>)
- $\alpha$  : rock / aquifer compressibility ( $\alpha$  sand  $10^{-8}$  m<sup>2</sup>/N, Hudak, 2004)
- $\Phi$  : aquifer porosity (above calculated porosity)
- $\beta$  : water compressibility (4,4  $10^{-10}$  m<sup>2</sup>/N, Hudak, 2004)

Storativity (S) the aquifer represents the water volume released by one unit of the aquifer area in a unit of a hydraulic head drop or pyrometric plane, therefore it can be stated according to Redana (2012):

$$S = Ss b \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

Description:

- S : storativity
- Ss : specific storage
- b : aquifer thickness or well part thickness wherein the water entrance.

The *storativity* value towards free aquifer is 0.01-00.35, whereas in the aquifer is depressed 0.00005-0.005 (Todd, 1980).

## 2.2 Location and time of collecting the data

The present was conducted in Bugbug Karangasem (Figure 2). The research was begun in June 2014 until December 2015.

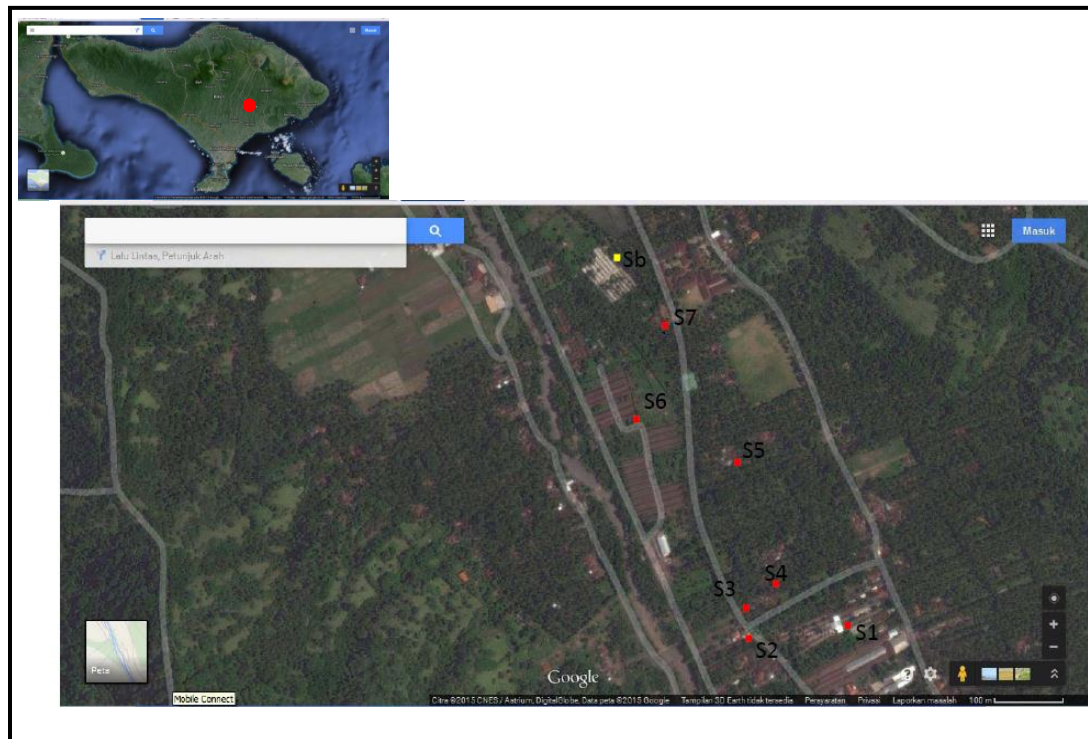


Figure 2. Research location  
S1 ... S7: dug wells; Sb: drilled well, Main Map Source: Google Map

### 2.3 Data and equipment needed

The data that has been needed includes:

- The data of aquifer conductivity is taken with the geoelectric set equipment
- The data of well water conductivity is collected by a conductivity meter.
- The data of water level drop due to pumping ( $S_w$ ) is measured by *diphthmeter*.
- The data of Pumping water discharge is collected by a pump and measuring tank.

### 2.4 Analysis method of aquifer characteristics

Aquifer characteristics parameters include porosity ( $\Phi$ ), hydraulic conductivity ( $K$ ), transmissivity ( $T$ ), specific storativity ( $S_s$ ), and storativity ( $S$ ). Porosity ( $\Phi$ ) is calculated by the equation. (1). hydraulic conductivity ( $K$ ) is calculated by the equation. (2). The transmissivity ( $T$ ), the aquifer is calculated by equation (5) *Specific storativity* ( $S_s$ ) is calculated by the equation. (6). Aquifer storage is calculated by the equation. (7).

## 3. Results and Discussions

### 3.1 Geographical status in research location

The height of the research location is 10-20 m dpl, the coordinates about 8,500,584 LS 115,594636 BT. The rock formations consist of rock formations, volcanic of Mount Agung that was erupted in 1963 and earlier (Hadiwidjojo, 1971). The rock formations cover the fields, rivers, and moats.

### 3.2 Measurement results

Geoelectric data shows there is an aquifer in the depth for 18.5 m, width is 34 m unknown thickness due to it is beyond the reach of the geoelectric apparatus (Fig. 3). Aquifer conductivity is 0.0325 S/m and water conductivity is 0.02 S/m. Based on the geoelectric data, it appears that the aquifer width is limited, therefore when making the test well, it must be within the range of aquifer wide range is 34 m. The well drilling in this area is very difficult due to the rock formations of rock formations occurring from volcanic eruptions, in accordance with Hadiwidjojo (1971) opinion that drilling results when making wells. After the wellbore is made, aquifer thickness, which is part of the water entry into well or the casing portion of screened plus unidentified well section is 5.74 m. The casing trellis is 0.063 m.

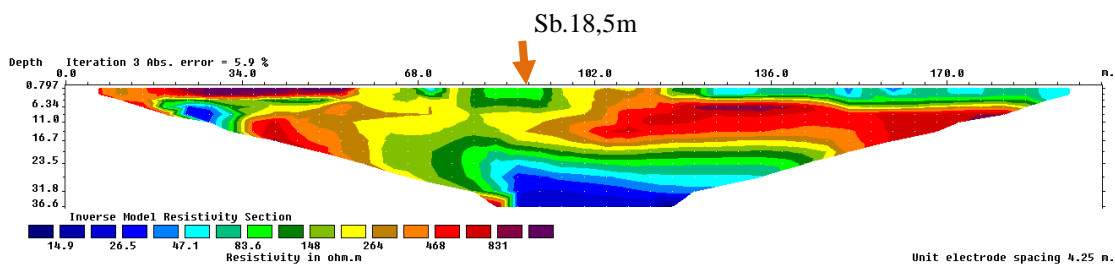


Figure 3. Contour Section of Measurement Resistivity Trajectory

The results of well testing using *step draw-down test* method can be illustrated in Table 4.

Table 4  
The Result of Drill Well Testing

Step	Q (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Sw (m)
1	0,00078	0,088
2	0,00125	0,187
3	0,00181	0,320
4	0,00233	0,428
5	0,00278	0,533

Description: Q pumping discharge and Sw decreasing of water level at the well due to pumping

Based on the data and the analysis method that is mentioned above, it can be calculated an aquifer hydraulic parameter, the results are described in the following table.

Table 5  
Characteristics of aquifer

Aquifer Parameter	Unit	Quantity
Aquifer porosity ( $\Phi$ )	%	36,90
Hydraulic Conductivity (K) <sup>*)</sup>	m/s	0,00368
Transmissivity (T)	m <sup>2</sup> /s	0,05792
Specific Storage (Ss)	/m	9,7358 10 <sup>-4</sup>
Storativity (S)		0,0055883

\*) K average

Based on the aquifer parameter is obtained, it is interpreted that aquifer porosity is 36.90%, according to Linsley & Franzini (1989) aquifer is in the sand form, hydraulic conductivity 0.00368 m/s, according to Todd (1980) aquifer in the sand form, transmissivity 0.05792 m<sup>2</sup>/s, according to U.S Dept. of the Interior in Wibowo (2012) the well productivity is very good for domestic purposes and as well as good for irrigation purposes, storativity 0,0055883, according to Todd (1980) the aquifer is an aquifer distressed. The prediction result is also proved by drilling result that is in the aquifer area in the sand form. The geoelectric measurements results show that around an aquifer, there is a layer with higher resistivity which means the aquifer is an aquifer distressed. The analysis results are to show that well parameters can be calculated by single wells based on geoelectric data.

#### 4. Conclusion

The results of the present study are obtained that the aquifer has been limited thickness and width. The calculation of aquifer hydraulics parameters can be obtained with a single geo-electrically-based well. The calculation results i.e. aquifer porosity 36.90%, hydraulic conductivity 0.00368 m/s transmissivity (T) 0.05792 m<sup>2</sup>/s, specific storage (Ss) 9,7358 10<sup>-4</sup>/m, storativity 0,0055883.

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