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# Measurement method of energy consumption of skidder



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## RESEARCH AIM

The main goal of the research is to develop methods for measuring the energy consumption of skidders

ie. determination of the energy consumption of the skidder at different operating tasks and under different field conditions.

It is necessary to perform field measurements on existing vehicles, then conduct an adequate analysis of the collected data which, after processing, are used as a basis for the development of hybrid drives.





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## SKIDDER TYPE AND MEASURING DEVICES

Skidder Ecotrac 140V skidder was equipped by new measurement device – WIGO-E (Telematic Data collector) gateway fuel flow meter.

Devices provided precise data collecting of technical characteristics during timber skidding at different operating tasks and under different field conditions.



## RESEARCH AREA

Bjelovar-bilogora County – timber skidding from final fellings on hilly terrains

Lika –Senj County – timber skidding selective fellings on mountainous terrains



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## MEASUREMENTS

### Mobilisis – measuring equipment (installation)

WIGO-E (Telematic Data collector) gateway

- collecting and storing data from sensors and motor computer via CANBUS
- integrated GPS system
- data transfer of WLAN, LAN and GSM communication to Web platforms (Cloud).





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## MEASUREMENTS

### Differential fuel flow meters – DFM 100 D

Model	Minimum flow rate in each measuring camera, L/h	Maximum flow rate in each measuring camera, L/h	Measurement inaccuracy, ± %
DFM 100D	10	100	3

Nominal / Max fuel pressure, MPa	0,2 / 2,5
Min / Max kinematic viscosity, mm <sup>2</sup> /s	1,5 / 6,0
Infiltrations size in the liquid, mm	0,08
Min / Max supply voltage, V	10 / 45
Max current consumption, mA, dor Unom = 12/24 V	50 / 25
Operating temperature, °C	-40 ... +85 / -20 ... +60
Ingress protection rating (IP Code)	54

Measurement precision = 0,001 L





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## MEASUREMENTS

### Remote measurements

- Fuel consumption (mL)
- position (travelling route) of skidder (lat, lon)
- Detection of winch work (0, 1)
- Engine rpm ( $\text{min}^{-1}$ )
- Engine torque (% od max)
- Throttle position (%)
- Engine temperature
- sampling frequency – 3-5 s

### Terrain measurements

- skidder load volumes per cycles
- slopes of skid trails (GNSS)





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## DATA COLLECTION

- Web platform
- Mobilisis interface
- Vehicle operation reports (graphic and tabular display, .xlsx, .pdf)

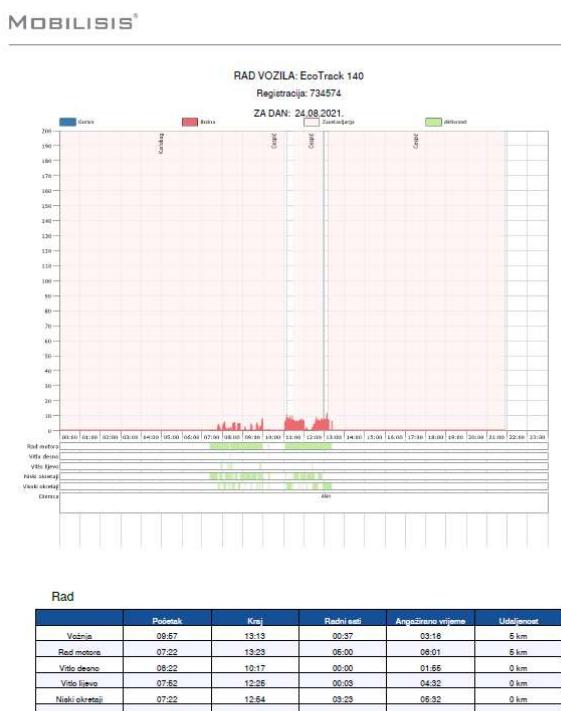
The screenshot shows the Mobilisis web interface for vehicle tracking. The main view is a map of a forested area with a vehicle's route highlighted in purple. Stop points are marked with red circles containing the word 'stop'. To the left, there are two sections: 'Vozila' (Vehicle) and 'Strojevi' (Equipment). The 'Vozila' section shows a vehicle named '734574' with details: 'EcoTrack 140', 'Nedostupan 8h', and '21m'. The 'Strojevi' section shows an 'FORVARDER Timberjack 1710D' with details: 'Vozač nije prijavljen' and 'Zaustavljen 5h 38m'. The right side of the screen contains a detailed sidebar with various status indicators and configuration options.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
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3		44.67629,15.090	45	1218	7	117	92	2	1	6	27,88	0000010001								
4		44.67082,15.089	49	1211	7	20	33	1	1	647	27,88	0000010001								
5		44.67065,15.089	36	1211	8	35	33	1	1	657	27,88	0000010001								
6		44.67047,15.089	15	1214	7	47	33	1	1	669	27,88	0000010001								
7		44.67042,15.089	99	1217	7	35	33	1	1	675	27,88	0000010001								
8		44.67024,15.088	99	1220	6	21	33	1	1	683	27,88	0000010001								
9		44.67012,15.088	90	1219	8	35	33	1	1	687	27,88	0000010001								
10		44.67000,15.088	90	1219	7	21	33	1	1	695	27,88	0000010001								
11		44.66952,15.088	76	1221	8	6	33	1	1	720	27,88	0000010001								
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# DATA PROCESSING

- merging all data into a database

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Datum	Turnus	Radni zahvat	Potrošnja goriva, L	Potrošnja energije, kWh	Potrošnja goriva po turnusu, L	Potrošnja energije po turnusu, kWh	Privučeni tovar, m <sup>3</sup>
28.4.2022	1	Prazan	2,66	29,15	5,94	65,048	1,82
28.4.2022	1	Privitlavanje	0,83	9,10			
28.4.2022	1	Pun	1,87	20,50			
28.4.2022	1	Stovarište	0,575	6,30			
28.4.2022	2	Prazan	2,87	31,46	5,85	64,171	3,91
28.4.2022	2	Privitlavanje	1,275	13,97			
28.4.2022	2	Pun	1,005	11,01			
28.4.2022	2	Stovarište	0,705	7,73			
28.4.2022	3	Prazan	2,915	31,95	5,85	64,116	2,28
28.4.2022	3	Privitlavanje	1,43	15,67			
28.4.2022	3	Pun	0,95	10,41			
28.4.2022	3	Stovarište	0,555	6,08			
28.4.2022	4	Prazan	2,74	30,03	6,32	69,322	2,46
28.4.2022	4	Privitlavanje	0,995	10,91			
28.4.2022	4	Pun	1,545	16,93			
28.4.2022	4	Stovarište	1,045	11,45			
28.4.2022	5	Prazan	3,195	35,02	5,11	56,006	1,98
28.4.2022	5	Privitlavanje	0,565	6,19			
28.4.2022	5	Pun	0,445	4,88			
28.4.2022	5	Stovarište	0,905	9,92			
28.4.2022	6	Prazan	2,075	22,74	4,19	45,977	2,57
28.4.2022	6	Privitlavanje	0,72	7,89			
28.4.2022	6	Pun	0,98	10,74			
28.4.2022	6	Stovarište	0,42	4,60			
28.4.2022	7	Prazan	2,17	23,78	5,19	56,937	2,5
28.4.2022	7	Privitlavanje	1,22	13,37			
28.4.2022	7	Pun	0,92	10,08			
28.4.2022	7	Stovarište	0,885	9,70			



Skid trail lenght: 896 m

Skid trail average slope: + 8 %



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## CONCLUSIONS

The development of methods for the determination of the energy consumption of different types of forest vehicles performing different work tasks under different terrain conditions is a very important topic of scientific research in the field of forestry engineering. These data could be used as a basis for the development of hybrid and electric forest vehicles.

The new measurement method indicates the high accuracy of measuring data and could be considered a favorable tool for remote monitoring of operational characteristics of skidder in uncontrolled conditions for scientific research.



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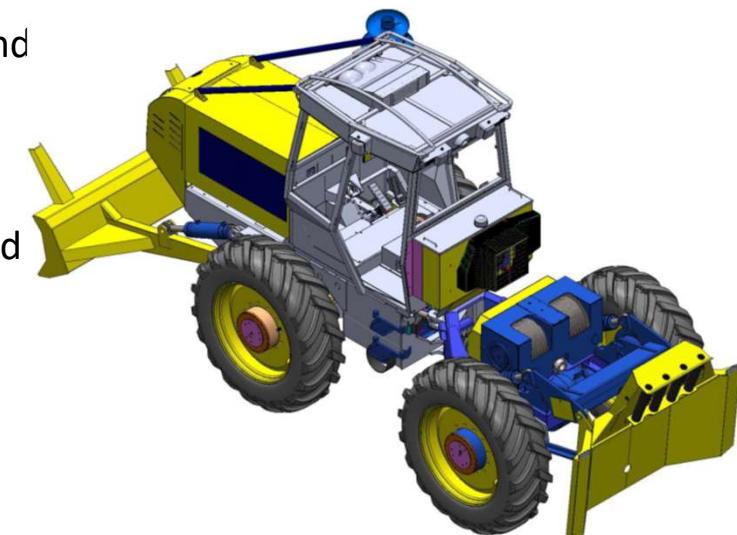


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The final outcome of the project is the conceptual design of a hybrid skidder that will be the basis for the prototype.





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