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# Geophysics in archeology

Geophysical prospecting methods are increasingly used in archeology. The measurements are carried out non-destructively at the surface. Large areas can be explored efficiently. With the geophysical results, archeological excavations can be planned and performed precisely. With our professional equipment we are able to provide the optimum method for each case.

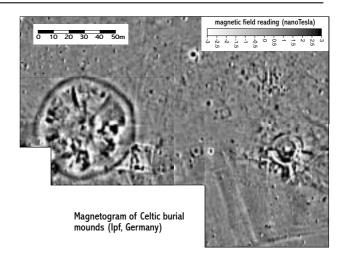
# FEREX 4-probe gradiometer

Since 2006 we own the state-of-the-art gradiometer system Ferex which simultaneously measures 4 traces at a distance of 0.5m. The system allows to explore up to 2 hectares per day (20.000m<sup>2</sup>, 16 readings/m<sup>2</sup>).



FEREX 4-probe gradiometer in the field

The new generation of sensors are no more affected by temperature drift. The vertical distance of the fluxgate probes of 0.65m provides enhanced depth penetration and resolution.

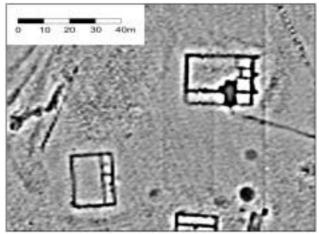


# Resistivity mapping

The electric resistivity of the ground is measured by geoelectrical methods. Resistivity mapping is used in addition or alternatively, i.e. when magnetometry does not provide clear results. Remnants of walls and foundations are detected by anomalies of higher resistivity. We use the device RM15 of Geoscan Research. Per day up to 0.5 hectares can be explored.



Geoelectric mapping in Panama



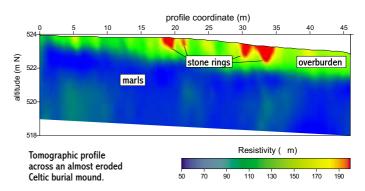
Geoelectric mapping: remnants of Roman buildings in Buchen, Germany

# Geoelectric tomography

Geoelectric tomography is measured along profiles. It is used as an additional tool, i.e. to resolve higher depths and vertical resolution.



Geoelectric tomography over paved ground





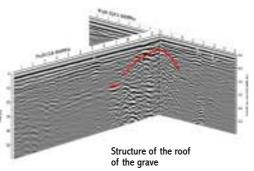
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# **Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)**

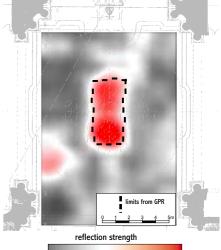
In special cases GPR is a successful tool. It is used for depth resolution and on sealed ground in towns and within buildings.



GPR inside the monastery Zwiefalten



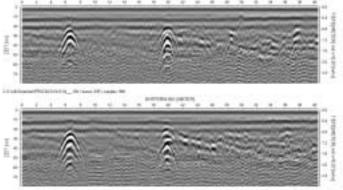
GPR: Detection of a hidden grave (void) in a monastery (Zwiefalten, Germany)





GPR survey

Our state-of-the-art radar system works with shielded and unshielded antennas from 50 to 500MHz.



Roman foundations in the radargram, parallel profiles (Osterholz, Germany)

# Our geophysical devices

- 4-probe gradiometer Ferex, Institut Dr. Förster, Reutlingen
- 1-probe-gradiometer FM36, Geoscan Research, U.K.
- resistivity meter RM15, Geoscan Research, U.K.
- geoelectric multi-electrode system with 80 electrodes
- ground penetrating radar system Ramac/GPR, shielded and unshielded antennas, 50-500 MHz
- differential GPS



Magnetometry in Austria

### Selected references

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