Introduction to YieldPoint Solutions

• Andrew Hyett, Founder, Owner & CEO
• References: YieldPoint Clients in the last year
• Digital and Analog instruments
• YieldPoint Instruments
• Unique Features of YieldPoint Extensometers
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Innovative Digital Geotechnical Instrumentation
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Working relationships with mines and academia
Frequent peer reviewer
YIELDPOINT CLIENTS
INTRODUCTION TO YIELDPOINT INSTRUMENTS AND MARKETS

Extensometers improve Safety and Productivity by monitoring the strength and soundness of ground support structures.

SAFETY: Monitoring movements in the rock is paramount as it allows engineers to take remediation measures before risks become tangible.

PRODUCTIVITY: Unexpected groundfalls force evacuations and closures for assessment and remediation. Weeks of production are lost. Any mitigation will lower final costs enormously.
Analog instruments present both complexities and risks that are entirely resolved by digital solutions.
COMPLEXITY WITH ANALOG INSTRUMENTS

- Readings in engineering units must be converted.
- Deployment must be recorded manually and accurately.
- Instruments/loggers/ports connections must be mapped.
- Changes to configuration must be documented accurately.
- Repairs to broken wires must reproduce previous configuration accurately.
- Data streams out of loggers are not identified.
- Instruments cannot be calibrated individually.
- Manual data processing must take place to obtain usable readings.
RISKS WITH ANALOG INSTRUMENTS

- Data rendered useless with any mistake in system deployment/labeling/mapping/repairs.
- Data unreliable if broken wires improperly repaired.
- Small manual errors when downloading will associate data files with wrong instruments.
- No way to identify whether data files are properly addressed.
- Instruments cannot be individually calibrated.
- Instruments cannot be optimized.
- Harsh environments affect data reliability.
- Less reliable data compromises safety.
COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES FOR YIELDPOINT

- World’s only range of digital geotechnical instruments.
- Data processing right at the site of the measurement.
- Readings directly in millimeters. No need for risky manual conversions.
- Individual instruments ID for easy deployment without configuration.
- No need for reconfiguration after changes and repairs to system.
- Data files always associated to each individual instrument ID.
- Instruments individually calibrated in factory for optimized performance.
- Digital data strings very solid for transmission in harsh environments.
- Seamless communications via d-MESH radio telemetry.
- Complete compatibility of readout, data loggers and radios.
- Cloud access via Ethernet and Wifi.
## YIELDPOINT INSTRUMENTS

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One Instrument = One Data String  
One Data String = ID + Temperature + 8 readings
## YieldPoint Data Management

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The readout unit dREADER provides instant readings of the entire data string coming from any YieldPoint instrument and without any configuration of any kind, not even the need to press on a button.

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YIELDPOINT DATA LOGGER

Instrument 3
(up to 10 channels)

Instrument 2
(up to 10 channels)

Instrument 4
(up to 10 channels)

Instrument 1
(up to 10 channels)

Port 5: TTL (0-3.3V) Interface
Mesh radio (900MHz)

1 Radio Node + 1 Logger + 4 Instruments = 1 Telemetry Unit
COORD (TTL Interface)

Multiple Radio Nodes = 1 Telemetry Mesh Network including 1 Coordinator
CONNECTIONS TO A WIFI/ETHERNET GATEWAY
Option 1: 2 DATA LOGGERS TO GATEWAY

TTL Interface or RS485 (needs modification)
Option 2: MESH NETWORK TO GATEWAY
Option 3: MESH NETWORK + LOGGER TO GATEWAY
COMPLETE CLOUD SOLUTION

Transparent: WiFi, Ethernet, Fiber
Radio telemetry and logging components can be placed in protective steel enclosures in blasting areas. It has been proven that radio communications will continue to be effective and precious data never obtained before can be collected that will show the impact of blasts on the rock stability.
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Data is presented from the readout unit, the data loggers and the dMESH telemetry in a very safe, clear format. Date and time stamped, it associates an instrument ID to the temperature reading and the channels of displacement for each anchor point. This data can be exported to Excel for further processing and graphing and presented in reports.
Very clear graphical data using Minescope™ software gives the ability to immediately analyze and report on the information contained in the data. Blasting events can be identified. Data can be viewed relative to time and relative to depth in the borehole.