RXU-8A

Quick Start Guide for MT

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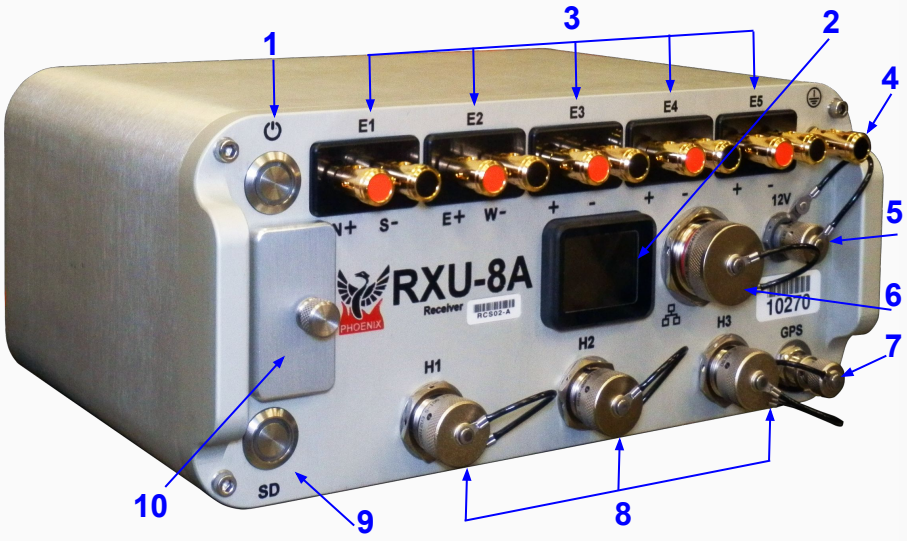

Components	
1	Power/Record button and indicator
2	Display
3	E1 (Ex) electrode connectors E2 (Ey) electrode connectors E3 electrode connectors E4 electrode connectors E5 electrode connectors
4	Ground electrode connector
5	12VDC power input
6	LAN connector
7	GPS antenna connector
8	H1 (Hx) magnetic sensor connector H2 (Hy) magnetic sensor connector H3 (Hz) magnetic sensor connector
9	SD card button and indicator
10	SD card slot and cover

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Designed with flexibility in mind, the RXU-8A can be used as a regular MT receiver, where the extra electric channels can be used to acquire a redundant recording on the same site or to acquire an adjacent site.

Excellent choice for controlled source acquisitions that require a large density of electric channels. The RXU-8A can also work for special applications where extra electric inputs might be needed.

This manual is intended for MT operations. The RXU-8A can also be used for CSAMT recordings. For more information on CSAMT consult the *CSAMT Operation manual* (DAA31).

Creating a Configuration File

Open **EMpower** and click the **Prepare** button

1. Select the **Receiver Type**

2. Recording

2.1. MT - **Configuration Creator**

Use the Calibration and System Test options needed

3. Calibration

3.1. Sensor Calibration

3.2. Receiver Calibration

**No additional configuration needed*

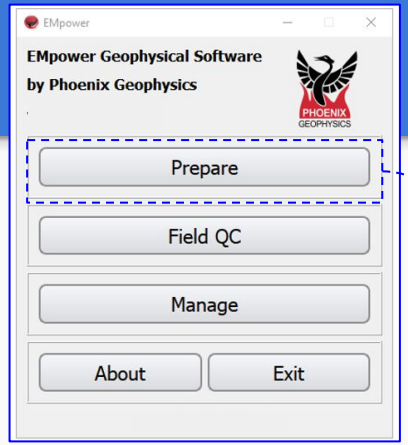
4. System tests

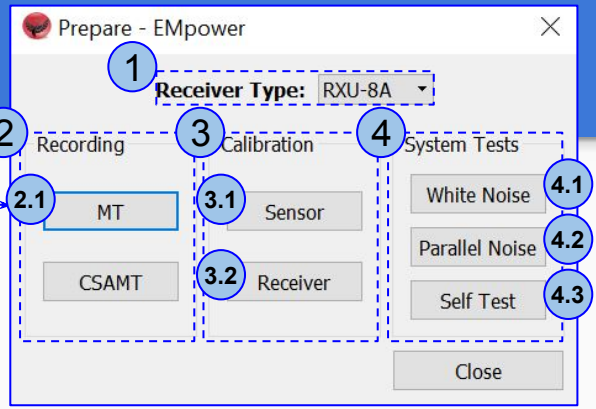
4.1. White Noise

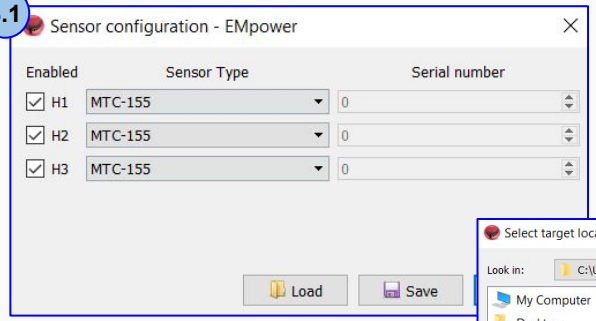
4.2. Parallel Noise - **Configuration Creator**

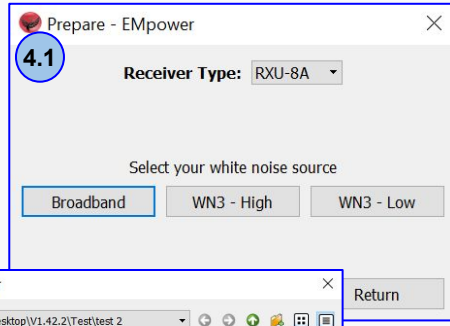
4.3. Self Test

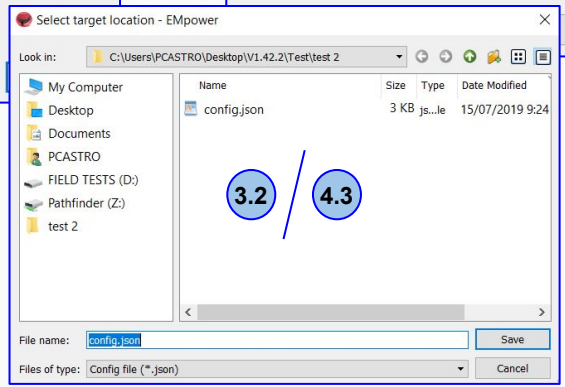
**No additional configuration needed*









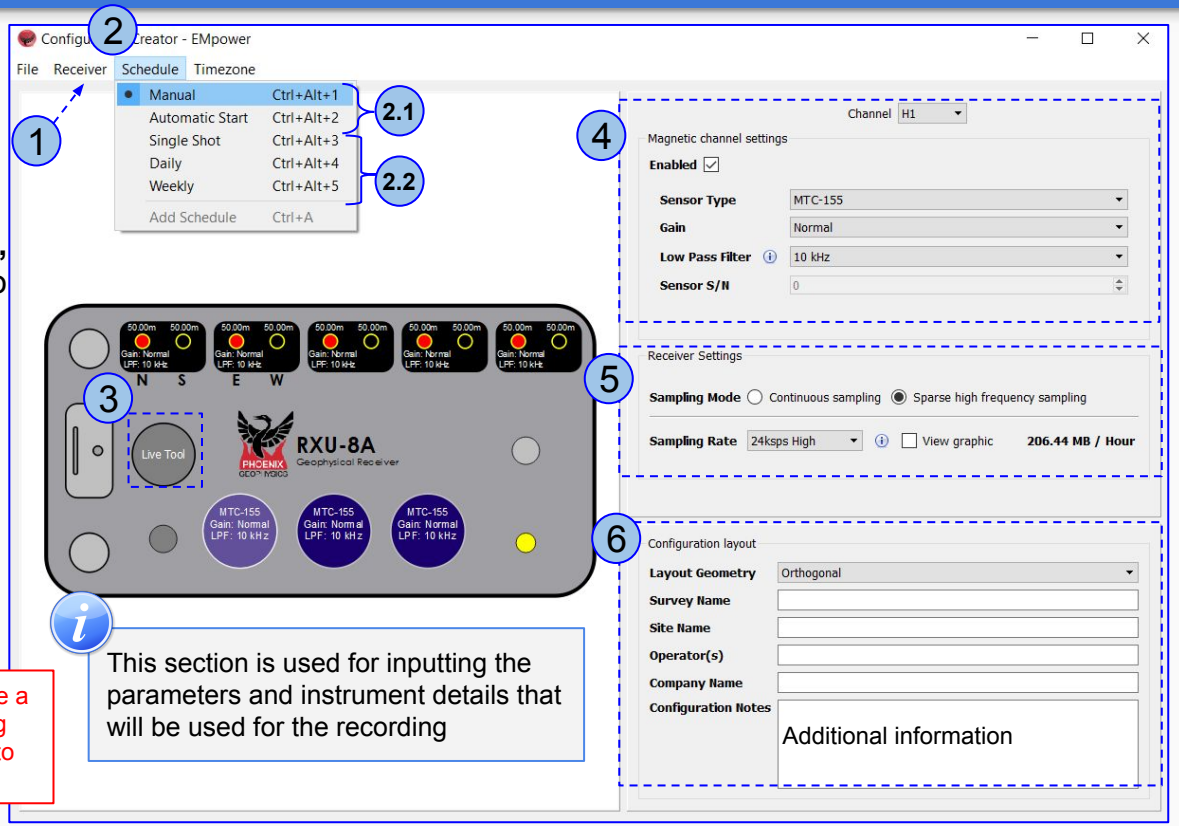


Creating a Configuration file - MT acquisition

1. Check that the **Receiver type** is **RXU-8A**
2. Select the **Schedule**
   - 2.1. **Manual** or **Automatic Start**
   - 2.2. Or for a specific schedule use, **Single Shot, Daily** or **Weekly** and click **Add Schedule** to define the time and date
3. **Ethernet port** *(see the Networking Settings manual)*
4. **Channels Settings**
5. Define the Receiver Settings
   - **Sampling Mode**
   - **Sampling Rate**

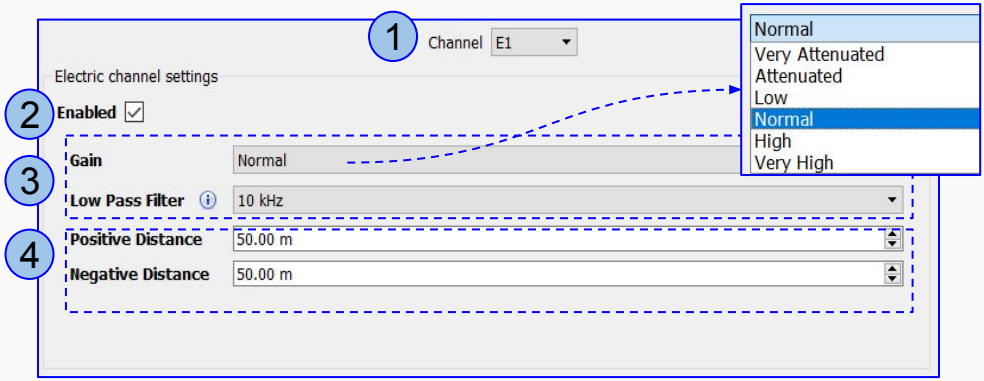
To use the magnetic sensor data from a different recording or use a remote reference, all recordings **must** have a matching Sampling Mode and Sampling Rates. Otherwise, EMpower will not allow to process data using borrowed channels or remote reference

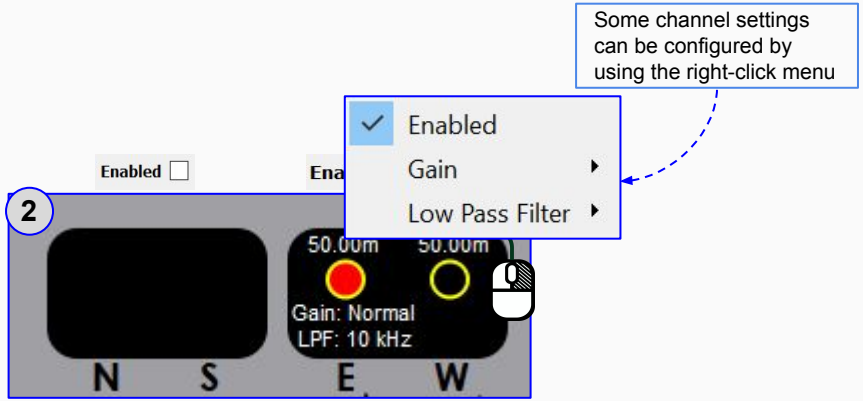
6. **Configuration Layout**



Creating a Configuration File - Electric Channel Settings

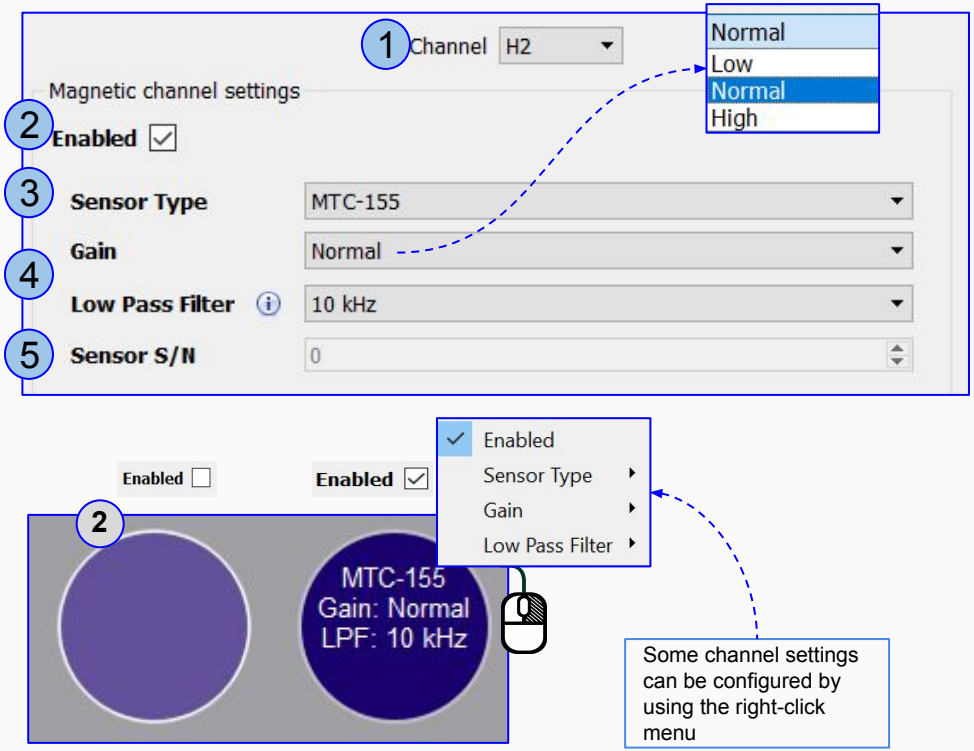
1. Select the **Electric** channel
2. **Enable or Disable** channel(s)
   - Disable channels that you do not plan to use during the recording. This will save space on the SD card.
3. Select the desired **Gain** and **Low Pass Filter**
   - For most applications, Normal Gain and 10 kHz LPF are best
4. Type **distances to the electrodes** of this channel if known
   - if not, they will need to be corrected later before data processing





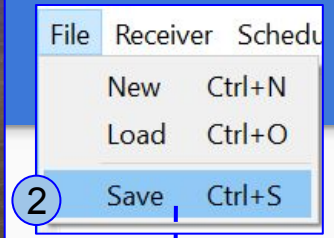
Creating a Configuration File - Magnetic Channel Settings

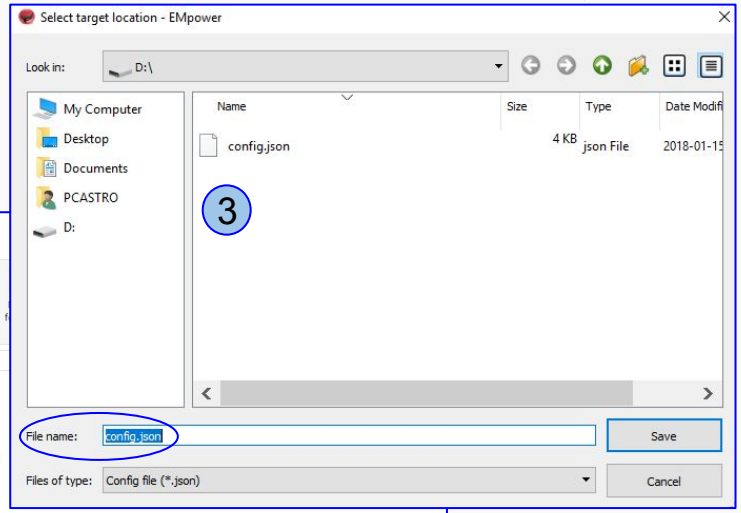
1. Select a **Magnetic** channel
2. **Enable or Disable** channel(s)
   - Disable channels that you do not plan to use during the recording. This will save space on the SD card.
3. Select the correct **Sensor Type**
   - If the sensor type is incorrect in the configuration file, the receiver will display a warning message. However, the recording will not be interrupted
4. Select the desired **Gain** and **LPF**
   - For most broadband applications with MTC-100 series sensors, Normal Gain and 10 kHz LPF are best
5. Type the **Serial Number** of the sensor if required
   - There is no need to type serial number for sensors MTC-155/MTC-185, since it will be automatically detected by the receiver.
   - For older sensors, type the serial number of each sensor. If you don't know this information in advance, keep field notes to add this information later, after the recording is imported into EMpower

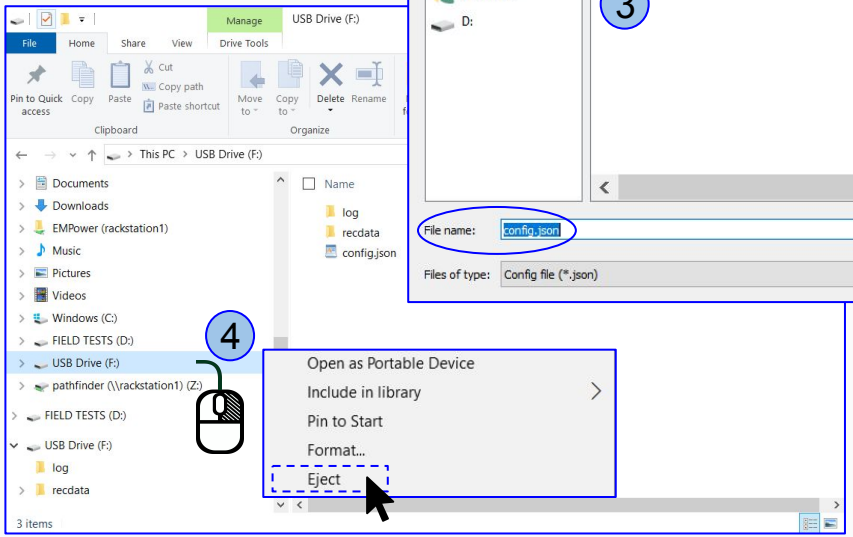


Saving a MT Configuration File

1. Insert the SD Card
   - The computer must be equipped with an SD card slot or use a USB card reader
2. Click the **File** menu
   - **Save or Ctrl+S**
   - **Select the SD card**
   - **EMpower** will automatically create the file **“config.json”**
3. Save the configuration file (**config.json**) in the root folder of the **SD card**
4. Open the file explorer
   - Right click **SD card** drive
   - **Select Eject option**
   - **Pull out the SD Card**







In the field, it is often most efficient to connect the components to the receiver following the order on the right

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Connection - Single site MT

Start by connecting:

1. Ground electrode
2. Electrodes to channel **E1**(Ex) (N+, S-) and channel **E2**(Ey) (E+, W-)
   - Channels E3, E4, E5 are normally not required in a conventional Single site MT survey
3. Magnetic sensors to channels **H1**(Hx), **H2**(Hy) and **H3**(Hz)
4. GPS antenna
5. 12V DC Power Source
6. Network connector

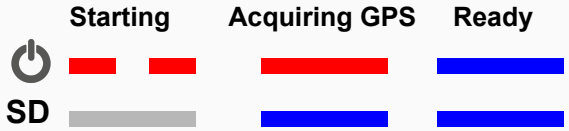
SD Card - Recording Data

Recording

1. Insert the **SD card** and close the cap
2. To turn on the receiver, press the **Power** button briefly, wait until both **LEDs** are solid blue
   - 2.1. **LED** pattern for **Automatic Start** recording
3. If the schedule type was configured as **Manual,** press the **Power** button briefly and release to start recording

**For any problem with the SD Card, check the Troubleshooting manual*

2 Briefly press and release the power button



2.1 ***Automatic Start***
The recording starts automatically according to the schedule

Indicators

Rapid, equal pulses
Solid color / Off

Briefly press and release the power button

The receiver auto-detects serial and model for magnetic sensors of the new generation (MTC-155/185). The information about the sensor is updated on the receiver screen only at power on and right after each recording starts.

Stopping a recording

1. Press the **Power** button briefly and release to stop recording
   - Wait until both LEDs are steady blue
2. Turn off the receiver by pressing the **Power** button for a few seconds, until the **LEDs** will flash red
   - Wait until both **LEDs** turn off
3. Eject the **SD card**
   - Press the **SD card** and release, pull the **SD card**

Indicators

Rapid, equal pulses

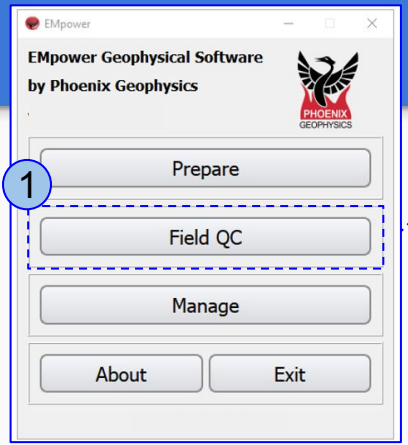
Solid color / Off

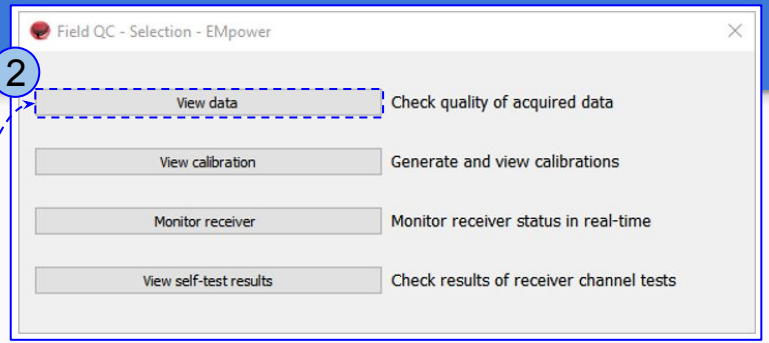
1 Briefly press and release the power button

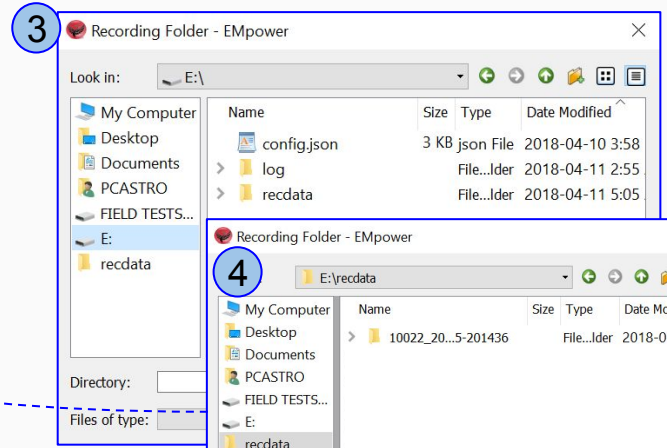
2 Keep pressing the power button 3 sec and release

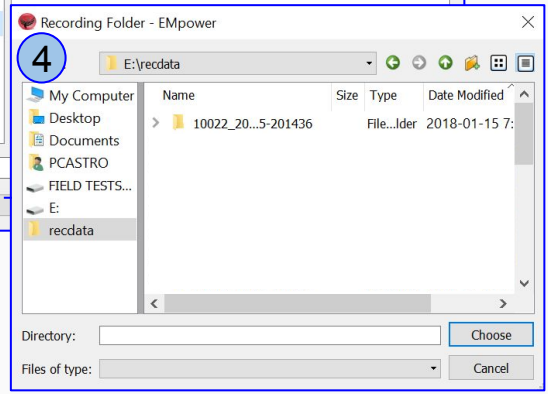
Importing - Field QC

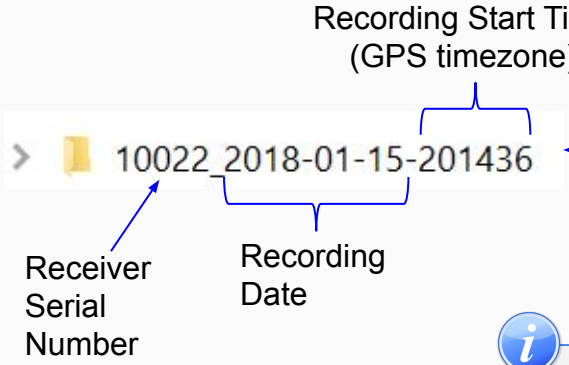
1. Click the **Field QC** button
2. Select **View data**
3. Select the **SD card**
   - The recording creates two folders, log and recdata
4. Open the **recdata** folder
   - Select the recording file
   - Click **Choose**











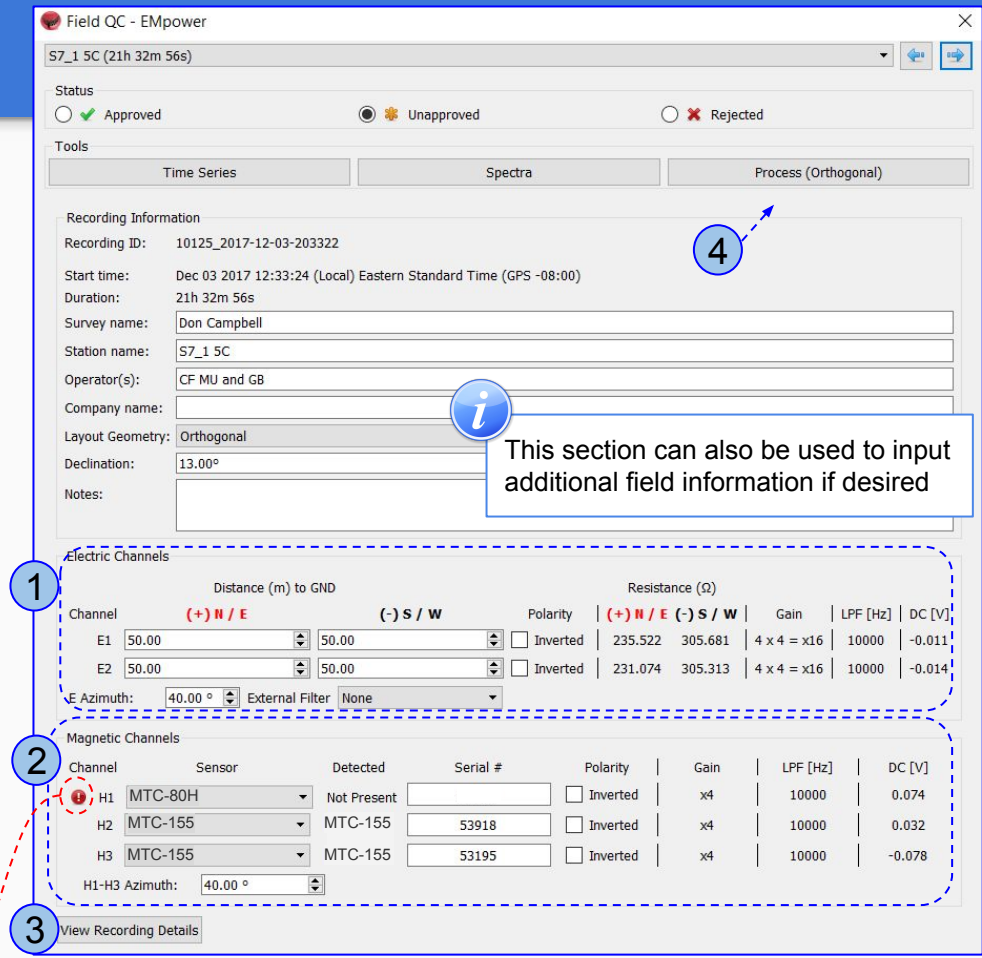
To manage data the "Manage" section can be consulted.

Field QC

Review and Process the recording information

1. Review the Electrode **Resistance** values and make the necessary corrections
   - Electrode **Distance (m) to GND**
   - **Polarity**
   - **E-Azimuth**
   - **External Filter**
2. Ensure that the magnetic sensors were detected and make the necessary corrections
   - **Serial #**
   - **Polarity**
   - **H1-H3 Azimuth**
3. **View Recording Details** *(see page 16)*
4. After reviewing the information, **Process** the data (see next page)

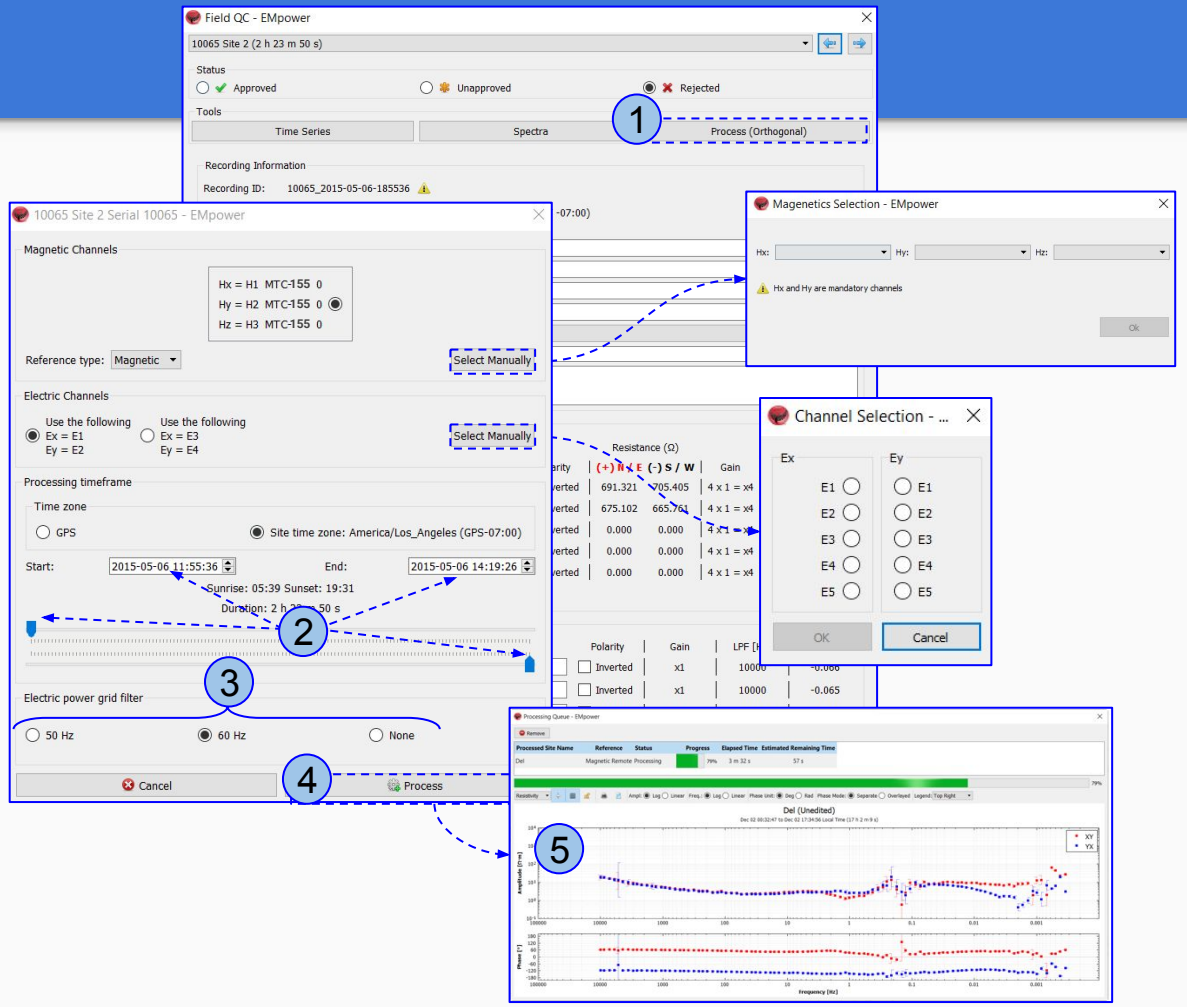
The warning icon indicates that something might be wrong with the recording, review the recording information and make necessary changes if needed. Hover mouse pointer over the warning icon for more information.



Processing MT Data

1. Click the **Process** button
   - Verify that the channels and references selected are the desired ones
2. Define the segment of time series to be processed
   - Select the Start and End date/time
   - Or by using the arrows to define the time period
3. **Enable the electric power grid filter** that corresponds to the frequency carried by the power lines in the survey region *(50Hz, 60Hz or None)*
4. Click the **Process** button
5. A live display of the resistivity curve will appear after a few seconds

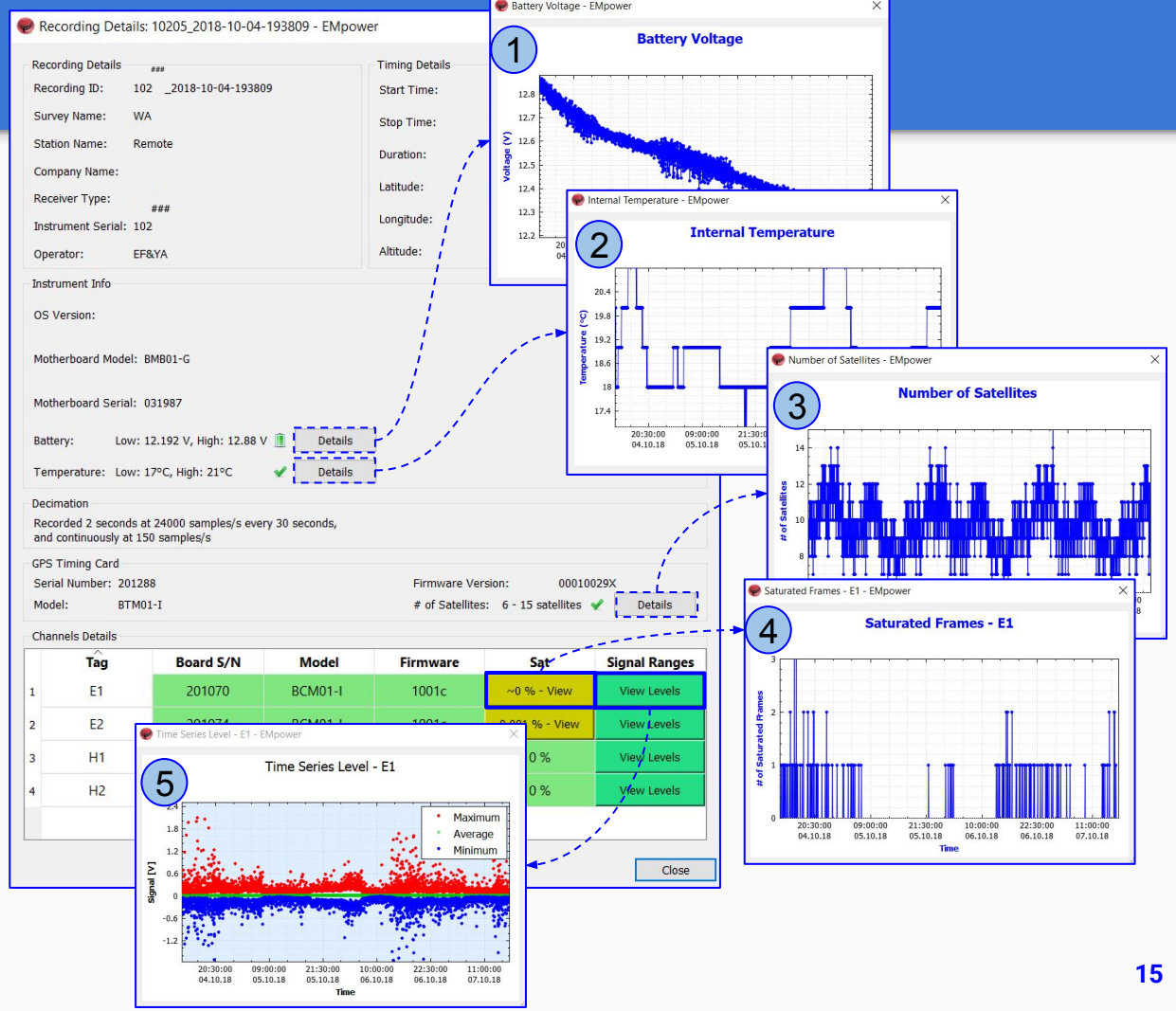
**This resistivity curve is not saved. It is purely for QC purposes*



Viewing Recording Details

Review that the following levels are within valid limits for quality control:

1. **Battery Voltage**
2. **Internal Temperature**
3. **Number of Satellites**
4. **Saturated Frames**
   - If saturation is not close to ~0%, review the channel configuration *(see pages 4 - 6)*, the channel gain might be too high and/or there is artificial noise on your site
5. **Time Series Levels for each channel**



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