

WATER TREATMENT AND SUPPLY



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POTABLE WATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY

The programme aims to acquire adequate understanding of potable water treatment processes and related activities and to be able to assist in treating our scarce water resources in the most effective and cost-efficient way to an acceptable quality for potable and industrial use. Expected outcomes include improved and more cost-efficiency of treatment plants and improve manpower training level and knowledge base.

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WATER TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COMMUNITIES

This programme aims to provide, through research products, adequate quantity and quality water to rural communities on a sustainable basis. Expected outcomes required to achieve sustainable water services include community involvement, improved sustainable and more cost-efficient process technologies, and effective operation and maintenance.

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POTABLE WATER QUALITY

The programme aims to protect human health by ensuring that water supplies are of acceptable quality and standards. Outcomes include improved analytical and detection methodologies, and improved treatment technologies and hygiene practices.

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WATER DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

The programme aims to optimise the quality, quantity and reliability of the distribution and supply of treated, potable water to end-users. Expected outcomes include improved predicting of, and improved operational efficiencies in, distribution systems, with the purpose of reducing both capital and operational costs; ensuring that the quality and quantity of water is maintained in the distribution system - to the furthest end user; and the development of innovative methods, tools and processes that will improve system integrity and reliability.

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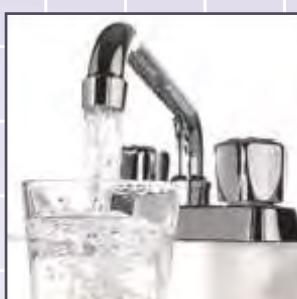
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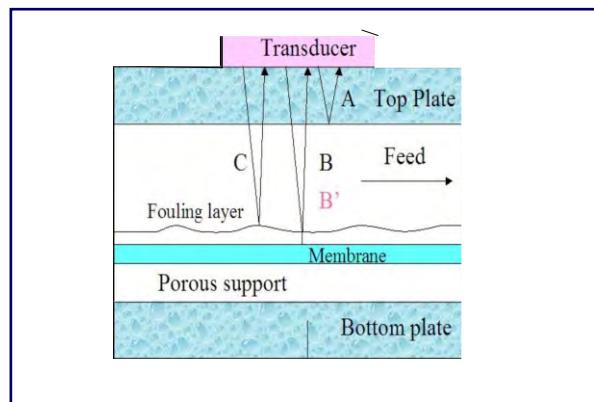
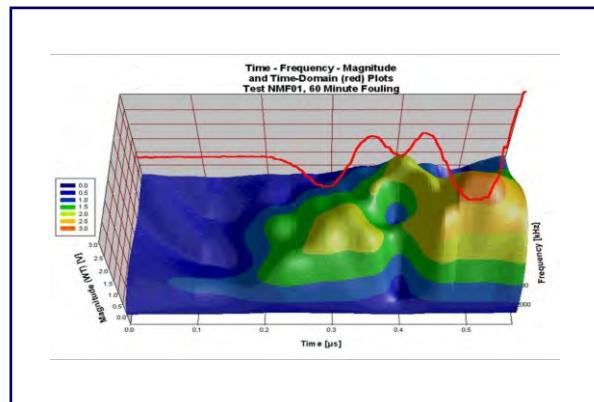
CASE STUDY 1

Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) provide a tool by which a detailed analysis may be done of the hydrodynamic behaviour of process tanks. A series of analyses performed on a number of process tanks - such as flocculation channels, sedimentation tanks, sand filter under-drains and ozonation contact tanks - demonstrated the potential in improving the current understanding and working of these processes.

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CASE STUDY 2

A Non-Invasive Membrane Fouling Meter

A novel method for the detection and characterization of fouling layers on membranes has been developed. The method is based on the use of differential ultrasonic waves and fouling can be detected on a (membrane) surface within seconds of initiation thereof. It is possible to subtract a spectrum of the unfouled membrane from the fouled membrane and therefore get very accurate analyses of fouling. This technology has been applied with success to the fouling of membranes by real effluents and a fouling detector produced.

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CASE STUDY 1

A Small Membrane System for Rural Water Supply

A series of membrane systems development projects funded by the WRC at the Institute for Polymer Science, University of Stellenbosch, culminated in a very successful and sustainable unit for the provision of potable water to small and rural communities. Based upon locally developed ultra-filtration membranes, they are capable of not only removing suspended clay particles, but also the dangerous micro-organisms not killed by chlorine disinfection, such as single-celled parasites. Water treated by these membranes is much clearer than with conventional water treatment systems and already partly disinfected at source before the addition of the required residual chlorine. Operation is much simpler than conventional treatment as no coagulants or other chemicals dosing is normally required on a constant basis.

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CASE STUDY 2

An Affordable Solar Distillation System for Brackish Groundwater Treatment

This simple and affordable solar still was developed to provide potable water for drinking and cooking purposes to single households and small communities. The project revolved around re-designing an international unit with a view of making it more affordable as well as applicable to South African rural conditions. The project team succeeded in bringing the retail cost of the unit down to less than a third of the original cost. Single household units were firstly evaluated in the far Northern Cape. Thereafter, a system consisting of 15 single units in parallel were evaluated at Kerkplaas in the Karoo, where it is now supplying desalinated water to a church community of 40 people.

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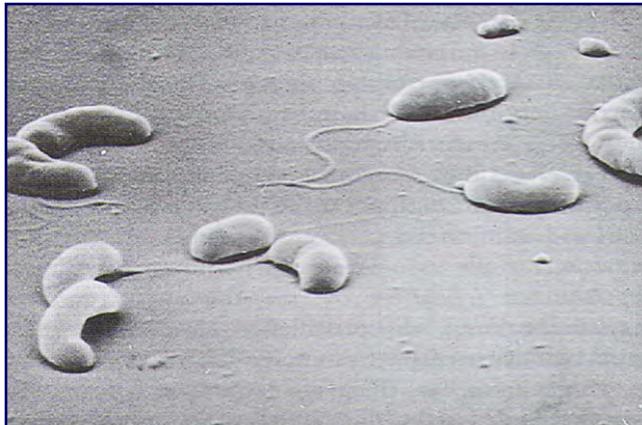
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Management of Water-related Microbial Diseases

Volume 1 - What is the problem? - Disease Characteristics

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CASE STUDY 1

Guidelines for the Management of Water-related Microbial Diseases

The need for this series of guides on the management of water-related microbial diseases arose as a result of the cholera epidemic. [Volume 1 What is the Problem? Disease Characteristics](#) provide general information on water quality with respect to microbial status and health issues. It further discusses the role of microbes in the transmission of the disease - how it is transmitted and how it can be prevented. The guide further provides a summary of management issues essential for the minimisation of water related microbial issues.

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CASE STUDY 2

Water Quality Guidelines

Volume 1: Assessment Guide (TT 101/98)

This guide answers the following questions: Is the water suitable for domestic use? If not, what can be done to make it more suitable for use.

Volume 2: Sampling Guide (TT 117/99)

Provides information on the correct procedure that must be followed to collect a representative water quality sample from a water supply intended for domestic use.

Volume 3: Analysis Guide (TT 129/00)

Provides information on a variety of aspects of water quality analysis.

Volume 4: Treatment Guide (TT 181/02)

Provides general information on the treatment of water for domestic use.

Volume 5: Management Guide (TT 101/98)

Covers planning of a new domestic water supply schemes, aeration and management aspects and identification of the responsible authority in a water Supply scheme.

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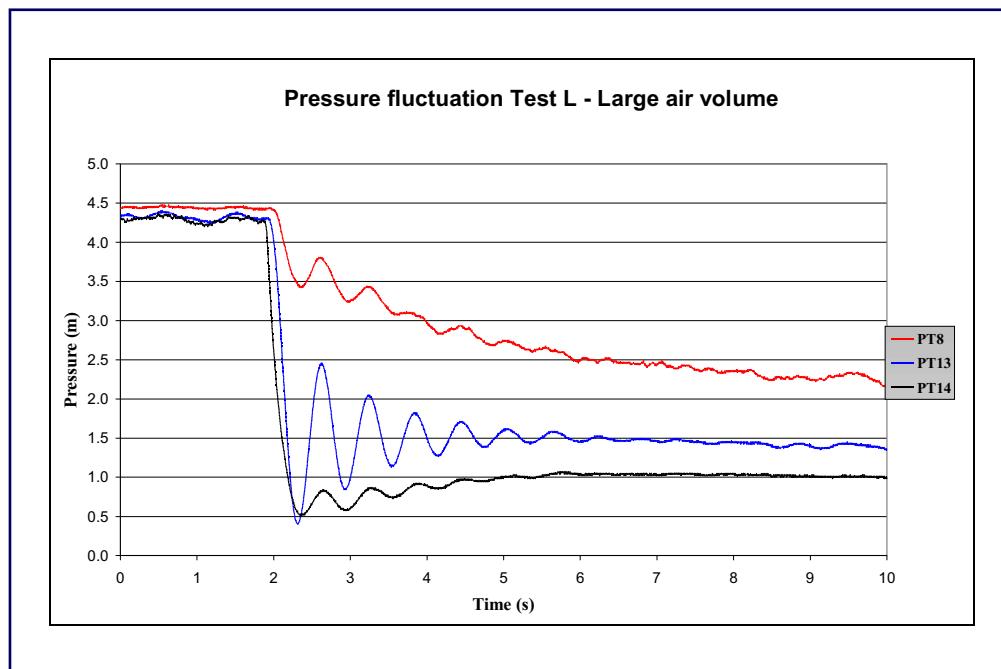
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