

Centre for Water Systems



25th Anniversary Papers Collection

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We are delighted to celebrate 25 years of research at the University of Exeter's Centre for Water Systems. As part of our celebrations we've looked back over our publications to gather this collection of papers, showing some of the exciting research we've been a part of, so far.

We have sifted through hundreds of papers from us and our collaborators and selected a diverse range of research outputs which cover a broad range of authors and years. We've arranged the papers in order of publication, mapped to a series of themes, and it's been fantastic to track how our work has evolved within each of these from our founding through to the present day.

With so many papers available, we have prioritised presenting a broad selection covering the range of our outputs and there remains many excellent papers that we've had to leave out of this collection.

We hope you enjoy a selection of highlights from research at our Centre over the past 25 years, and that this gives you inspiration to remain with us on our journey as we progress together into the next 25.

Dr James L Webber On behalf of the Centre for Water Systems, 2023

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Research papers

Surface water and storm water

SIPSON – Simulation of Interaction between Pipe flow and Surface Overland flow in Networks

Djordjević S, Prodanović D, Maksimović Č, Ivetić M and Savić D

2005 Water Science and Technology

Keywords: Dual drainage, storm sewers, urban flood

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A novel cellular automata based approach to storm sewer design

Guo Y, Walters GA, Khu ST and Keedwell E

2007 Engineering Optimization

Keywords: Cellular automata, Optimisation, Storm sewer design

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Decision support for sustainable option selection in integrated urban water management

Makropoulos CK, Natsis K, Liu S, Mittas K and Butler D

2008 Environmental modelling and software

Keywords: Decision support, Optioneering, New developments, Water management

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A coarse-grid approach to representing building blockage effects in 2D urban flood modelling

Chen AS, Evans B, Djordjević S, Savić DA

2012 Journal of Hydrology

Keywords: Urban Inundation Model (UIM), Building blockage effect, Conveyance reduction factors

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Formulation of a fast 2D urban pluvial flood model using a cellular automata approach

Ghimire B, Chen AS, Guidolin M, Keedwell EC, Djordjević S and Savić DA

2013 Journal of Hydroinformatics

Keywords: Cellular automata, 2D flood modelling

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Rainwater harvesting in the UK: exploring water-user perceptions

Ward S, Barr S, Memon F and Butler D

2013 Urban Water Journal

Keywords: Rainwater harvesting, Receptivity, Water saving

SUDS, LID, BMPs, WSUD and more – The evolution and application of terminology surrounding urban drainage

Fletcher TD, Shuster W, Hunt WF, Ashley R, Butler D, Arthur S, Trowsdale S, Barraud S, Semadeni-Davies A, Bertrand-Krajewski JL, Mikkelsen PS, Rivard G, Uhl M, Dagenais D and Viklander M
2014 Urban Water Journal

Keywords: Sustainable drainage systems, Green infrastructure, Stormwater management

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Rainwater Harvesting Typologies for UK Houses: A Multi Criteria Analysis of System Configurations

Melville-Shreeve P. Ward SL and Butler D

2016 Water

Keywords: Rainwater harvesting

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State of SuDS delivery in the United Kingdom

Melville-Shreeve P, Cotterill S, Grant L, Arahuetes A, Stovin V, Farmani R and Butler D 2017 Water and Environment Journal

Keywords: Policy, SuDS, Surface water management

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Experimental study on scour at a sharp-nose bridge pier with debris blockage

Ebrahimi M, Kripakaran P, Prodanović DM, Kahraman R, Riella M, Tabor G, Arthur S and Djordjević S.

2018 Journal of Hydraulic Engineering

Keywords: Masonry bridge pier; Debris blockage; Scour; Laboratory experiments

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Quantifying Long-Term Benefits of Multi-purpose Rainwater Management Systems

Melville-Shreeve P, Cotterill S and Butler D

2018 UDM 2018: New Trends in Urban Drainage Modelling

Keywords: Rainwater management systems, SuDS, Water efficiency

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Investigating the effects of pluvial flooding and climate change on traffic flows in Barcelona and Bristol

Evans B, Chen AS, Djordjević S, Webber J, Gómez AG and Stevens J 2020 Sustainability

Keywords: Flooding, Climate change, Traffic modelling, Resilience

Is green infrastructure a viable strategy for managing urban surface water flooding?

Webber JL, Fletcher TD, Cunningham L, Fu G, Butler D and Burns MJ 2020 Urban Water Journal

Keywords: Urban surface water management, Green infrastructure

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Moving to a future of smart stormwater management: A review and framework for terminology, research, and future perspectives

Webber JL, Fletcher T, Farmani R, Butler D and Melville-Shreeve P 2022 Water Research

 ${\it Keywords: Smart\ stormwater, Internet\ of\ things}$

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Are sponge cities the solution to China's growing urban flooding problems?

Fu G, Zhang C, Hall JW, Butler D. 2023 Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Water Keywords: Flooding, Sponge city, Resilience

Water Supply and Demand

Evolutionary multi-objective optimization in water distribution network design

Farmani R, Savic DA and Walters GA 2005 Engineering Optimization

Keywords: Water distribution, Genetic algorithm

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Optimal design of water distribution systems using many-objective visual analytics

Fu G, Kapelan Z, Kasprzyk J, Reed P 2013 Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management Keywords: Multi-objective optimisation, Visual analytics, Optimal design Click here to read

A general multi-objective hyper-heuristic for water distribution network design with discolouration

McClymont K, Keedwell E, Savić DA and Randall-Smith M 2013 Journal of Hydroinformatics Keywords: Hyper-heuristics, WDN design, Discolouration

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Intermittent water supply systems: causal factors, problems and solution options

Simukonda K, Farmani R and Butler D 2018 Urban Water Journal

Keywords: Water distribution, Intermittent supply

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Pipeline failure prediction in water distribution networks using weather conditions as explanatory factors

Kakoudakis K, Farmani R and Butler D 2018 Journal of Hydroinformatics Keywords: Pipe failure, Water distribution

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Deep learning identifies accurate burst locations in water distribution networks

Zhou X, Tang Z, Xu W, Meng F, Chu X, Xin K, Fu G 2019 Water Research

Keywords: Deep learning, Leakage detection, Mobile sensor

Predicting failures in electronic water taps in rural sub-Saharan African communities: an LSTM-based approach

Mitchel ON, Wu Y and Memon FA

2020 Water Science and Technology

Keywords: Failure prediction, LSTM, Time-series data

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Pollution exacerbates China's water scarcity and its regional inequality

Ma T, Sun S, Fu G, Hall JW, Ni Y, He L, Yi J, Zhao N, Du Y, Pei T and Cheng W

2020 Nature Communications

Keywords: Water pollution, water scarcity, inequality

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The Nile water-food-energy nexus under uncertainty: Impacts of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam

Elsayed H, Djordjević S, Savić DA, Tsoukalas I and Makropoulos C

2020 Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management

Keywords: Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD); Nile basin; Stochastic analysis; System dynamics modeling; Water-foodenergy nexus

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Integrated 1D and 2D model for better assessing runoff quantity control of low impact development facilities on community scale

Yin D, Evans B, Wang Q, Chen Z, Jia H, Chen AS, Fu G, Ahmad S and Leng L

2020 Science of the Total Environment

Keywords: Integrated modelling; Cellular Automata Dual-DralnagE Simulation (CADDIES); Sponge city Click here to read

Optimization of a Horizontal Axis Tidal (HAT) turbine for powering a Reverse Osmosis (RO) desalination system using Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) and Taguchi method

Khanjanpour MH and Javadi AA

2021 Energy Conversion and Management

Keywords: Horizontal Axis Turbine, Desalination, Taguchi method, CFD

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Capturing high-resolution water demand data in commercial buildings

Melville-Shreeve P, Cotterill S and Butler D

2021 Journal of Hydroinformatics

Keywords: Low-cost water sensors, Smart water meters, Ultra-low flush toilet, Water demand management

A comprehensive comparative analysis of deep learning tools for modeling failures in smart water taps

Mitchel ON, Wu Y, Muniandy D and Memon FA

2022 Water Supply

Keywords: Deep learning, Failure prediction, Smart water taps, Digital Water

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The sustainability of desalination as a remedy to the water crisis in the agriculture sector: An analysis from the climate-water-energy-food nexus perspective

Zolghadr-Asli B, McIntyre N, Djordjevic S, Farmani R and Pagliero L

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Keywords: Sustainable Development, Desalination

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A closer look at the history of the desalination industry: the evolution of the practice of desalination through the course of time

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Household flow detection using FEAT (flow estimating accelerometer-thermometer) device, Flow Measurement and Instrumentation

Wills P, Memon FA, Wu Y, Merchant P and Roberts M

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Keywords: Sensors, Vibration, Temperature, Disaggregation

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Gradual Leak Detection in Water Distribution Networks Based on Multistep Forecasting Strategy

Wan X, Farmani R and Keedwell E

2023 Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management

Keywords: Leak detection, Water distribution

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Time Series Data Preparation for Failure Prediction in Smart Water Taps

Mitchel ON, Memon FA and Wu Y

2023 Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute

Keywords: Deep learning, Smart water taps

Multi-Objective Multi-Gene Genetic Programming for the Prediction of Leakage in Water Distribution Networks

Hayslep M, Keedwell E and Farmani R
2023 Proceedings of the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference
Keywords: Genetic programming, Leakage, Real world problems
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Wastewater

Multiple objective optimal control of integrated urban wastewater systems

Fu G, Butler D and Khu ST

2008 Environmental Modelling and Software

Keywords: Integrated modelling, Multiple objective optimization, NSGA II, Urban wastewater system

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Modelling the potential for multi-location in-sewer heat recovery at a city scale under different seasonal scenarios

Abdel-Aal M, Schellart A, Kroll S, Mohamed M and Tait S

2018 Water Research

Keywords: Heat recovery, Heat transfer modelling, Wastewater, Clean thermal energy

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Modelling the diffusion and operation of anaerobic digestions in Great Britain under future scenarios within the scope of water-energy-food nexus

Abdel-Aal M, Haltas I and Varga L

2020 Cleaner Production

Keywords: Anaerobic digestion, Water-energy-food nexus, Future scenarios, Agent-based model

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Using long term simulations to understand heat transfer processes during steady flow conditions in combined sewers

Abdel-Aal M, Tait S, Mohamed M and Schellart A

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Keywords: Wastewater temperature, Heat transfer, Heat recovery from wastewater

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An Analysis of SARS-CoV-2 in Wastewater to Evaluate the Effectiveness of Nonpharmaceutical Interventions against COVID-19 in The Netherlands

Stephens N, Béen F and Savić DA

2022 American Chemical Society

Keywords: SARS-CoV-2, Wastewater, Analytics

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Investigation and analysis of microplastics in sewage sludge and biosolids: A case study from one wastewater treatment works in the UK

Harley-Nyang D, Memon FA, Jones N and Galloway T

2022 Science of the Total Environment

Keywords: Plastics, Biosolids, Sludge treatment, Anaerobic digestion, Lime stabilisation

A comparative evaluation of the sustainability of alternative aeration strategies in biological wastewater treatment to support net-zero future

Pryce D, Kapelan Z and Memon FA 2022 Journal of Cleaner Production

Keywords: Sustainable development, Net zero, Climate change, Wastewater treatment

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Building knowledge of university campus population dynamics to enhance near-to-source sewage surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 detection

Sweetapple C, Melville-Shreeve P, Chen AS, Grimsley JMS, Bunce JT, Gaze W, Fielding S and Wade MJ 2022 Science of the Total Environment, volume 806, 150406

Keywords: COVID-19, Near-to-source, Normalisation, SARS-CoV-2, Wastewater-based epidemiology Click here to read

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An evolutionary Bayesian belief network methodology for optimum management of groundwater contamination

Farmani R, Henriksen HJ and Savic DA 2009 Environmental Modelling & Software Keywords: Groundwater management

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A Cost-Effective Method to Control Seawater Intrusion in Coastal Aquifers

Abd-Elhamid HF and Javadi AA

2011 Water Resources Management

Keywords: Seawater intrusion, Control, Finite element, Genetic algorithm, Simulation-optimization

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Modelling of contaminant transport in soils considering the effects of micro- and macroheterogeneity

Mousavi Nezhad M, Javadi AA and Rezania M

2011 Journal of Hydrology

Keywords: Contaminant transport, Stochastic finite element method, Dual-domain, Soil heterogeneity

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Multi-objective Optimization of Different Management Scenarios to Control Seawater Intrusion in Coastal Aquifers

Javadi AA, Hussain M, Sherif M and Farmani R

2015 Water Resources Management

Keywords: Seawater intrusion, Simulation-optimization, Multi-objective GA, Treated wastewater

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A surrogate model for simulation-optimization of aquifer systems subjected to seawater intrusion

Hussain MS, Javadi AA, Ahangar-Asr A and Farmani R

2015 Journal of Hydrology

Keywords: Seawater intrusion, Optimization, Surrogate model, Evolutionary modelling

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Developing a fuzzy logic-based risk assessment for groundwater contamination from well integrity failure during hydraulic fracturing

Milton-Thompson O, Javadi AA, Kapelan Z, Cahill AG and Welch L

2021 Science of the Total Environment

Keywords: Hydraulic fracturing, Risk assessment, Groundwater contamination, Well integrity

Coupled three-dimensional modelling of groundwater-surface water interactions for management of seawater intrusion in Pingtung Plain, Taiwan

Dibaj M, Javadi AA, Akrami M, Ke K, Farmani R, Tan YC and Chen A

2021 Hydrology Regional Studies

Keywords: Coupled model, Groundwater, Surface water, Seawater intrusion, FEFLOW, Taiwan

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Optimal management of mixed hydraulic barriers in coastal aquifers using multi-objective Bayesian optimization

Saad S, Javadi AA, Chugh T and Farmani R

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Keywords: Seawater intrusion, Coastal aquifer management, Gaussian processes, Hydraulic barriers

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Efficient uncertainty quantification for seawater intrusion prediction using optimized sampling and Null Space Monte Carlo method

Saad S, Javadi AA, Farmani R and Sherif M

2023 Hydrology

Keywords: Seawater intrusion, Optimized Latin hypercube sampling, Uncertainty analysis

Computational Fluid Dynamics

The use of CFD coupled with physical testing to develop a new range of vortex flow controls with attributes approaching the ideal flow control device

Jarman DS, Tabor GR, Butler D and Andoh RYG

2011 World Environmental and Water Resources Congress

Keywords: Vortex flow controls, CFD

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Experimental and numerical investigation of interactions between above and below ground drainage systems

Djordjević S, Saul AJ, Tabor GR, Blanksby J, Galambos I, Sabtu N and Sailor G

2013 Water Science and Technology

Keywords: CFD, Flood modelling, Urban pluvial flooding

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Computational fluid dynamics of vortex controls at low flow rates

Queguineur G, Jarman D, Paterson E and Tabor G

2013 Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers

Keywords: CFD, Vortex flow control

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Modelling of vortex flow controls at high drainage flow rates

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Keywords: CFD, Vortex flow control

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Explicit calculation of natural aeration using a Volume-of-Fluid model

Lopes P, Tabor GR, Carvalho RF and Leandro J

2016 Applied Mathematical Modelling

Keywords: Air-entrainment, Air-water two-phase flow, Sub-grid explicit model

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Derivation of the Adjoint Drift Flux Equations for Multiphase Flow

Grossberg S, Jarman DS and Tabor GR

2020 Fluids

Keywords: CFD, Multiphase flow

Application of multi-objective Bayesian shape optimisation to a sharp-heeled Kaplan draft tube

Daniels SJ, Rahat AAM, Tabor GR, Fieldsend JE and Everson RM 2022 Optimisation and engineering

Keywords: Multi-objective optimisation, CFD

Hydroinformatics

Genetic Algorithms for Least-Cost Design of Water Distribution Networks

Savić DA and Walters GA

Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management

Keywords: Water distribution systems, Optimisation, Genetic algorithms

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A symbolic data-driven technique based on evolutionary polynomial regression

Giustolisi O and Savić DA

2006 Journal of Hydroinformatics

Keywords: Machine learning, Genetic programming, Pipes, Friction characteristics

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Evolutionary algorithms and other metaheuristics in water resources: Current status, research challenges and future directions

Maier HR, Kapelan Z, Kasprzyk J, Kollat J, Matott SL, Cunha MC, Dandy GC, Gibbs MS, Keedwell E, Marchi A, Ostfeld A, Savic DA, Solomatine DP, Vrugt JA, Zecchin AC, Minsker BS, Barbour EJ, Kuczera G, Pasha F, Castelletti A, Giuliani M and Reed PM

2014 Environmental Modelling & Software

Keywords: Evolutionary algorithms, Hyper-heuristics, Position paper

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From hazard to impact: the flood damage assessment tools for mega cities

Chen AS, Hammond M, Djordjević S, Butler D, Khan DM and Veerbeek W 2016 Natural Hazards

Keywords: Damage function, Hydraulic modelling, Hazard impact assessment, Urban growth

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A weighted cellular automata 2D inundation model for rapid flood analysis

Guidolin M, Chen AS, Ghimire B, Keedwell EC, Djordjević S and Savić DA

2016 Environmental Modelling and Software

Keywords: 2D flood modelling, Cellular automata

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Serious Gaming for Water Systems Planning and Management

Savić DA, Morley MS and Khoury M

2016 Water

Keywords: Serious games, Water management

An integrated model to evaluate water-energy-food nexus at a household scale

Hussien WA, Memon FA and Savić DA

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Keywords: Households, Seasonal variability, System dynamics modelling, Water-energy-food nexus

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The effect of inclusion of inlets in dual drainage modelling

Chang TJ, Wang CH, Chen AS and Djordjević S

2018 Journal: Journal of Hydrology

Keywords: Coupled 1D/2D flood model, Dynamic flow interaction, Overland flow, Storm sewer flow

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Rapid assessment of surface-water flood-management options in urban catchments

Webber JL, Gibson MJ, Chen AS, Savic D, Fu G and Butler D

2018 Urban Water Journal

Keywords: 2D flood modelling, Cellular automata, surface water management

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The role of deep learning in urban water management: A critical review

Fu G, Jin Y, Sun S, Yuan Z, Butler D.

2022 Water Research

Keywords: Artificial intelligence, Deep learning, Urban water management

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Computational Intelligence-based Optimization Algorithms: From Theory to Practice

Zolghadr-Asli B

2023 CRC Press

Keywords: Computational Intelligence, Optimization Algorithms

Resilience

New policies to deal with climate change and other drivers impacting on resilience to flooding in urban areas: the CORFU approach

Djordjević S, Butler D, Gourbesville P, Mark O and Pasche E

2011 Environmental science & policy

Keywords: Urban flooding, Resilience, Collaborative research, Urban growth, Climate change

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Urban flood impact assessment: A state-of-the-art review

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Keywords: Urban flooding, Resilience, Impact assessment, Urban water management

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Reliable, resilient and sustainable water management: the Safe & SuRe approach

Butler D, Ward S, Sweetapple C, Astaraie-Imani M, Diao K, Farmani R and Fu G 2016 Global Challenges.

Keywords: Framework, Interventions, Reliability, Resilience, Sustainability, Water management

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Ward S and Butler D

2019 Water

Keywords: Rainwater harvesting, Resilience, Social network analysis, Sustainability

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Assessing the knock-on effects of flooding on road transportation

Pyatkova K, Chen AS, Butler D, Vojinović Z and Djordjević S

2019 Journal of Environmental Management

Keywords: Flood impacts, Microscopic traffic modelling, Model integration, Traffic disruption

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Assessing and visualising hazard impacts to enhance the resilience of Critical Infrastructures to urban flooding

Vamvakeridou-Lyroudia LS, Chen AS, Khoury M, Gibson MJ, Kostaridis A, Stewart D, Wood M, Djordjević S and Savić DA.

2020 Science of the Total Environment

Keywords: Natural hazards, Climate change, Flood modelling, Resilience, Visualisation

COVID-19 and the water sector: understanding impact, preparedness and resilience in the UK through a sector-wide survey

Cotterill S, Bunney S, Lawson E, Chisholm A, Farmani R and Melville-Shreeve P 2020 Water and Environment Journal Keywords: Covid-19, Water sector preparedness, Resilience

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Multi-stakeholder development of a serious game to explore the water-energy-food-land-climate nexus: The SIM4NEXUS approach

Sušnik J, Chew C, Domingo X, Mereu S, Trabucco A, Evans B, Vamvakeridou-Lyroudia L, Savić DA, Laspidou C and Brouwer F

2018 Water

Keywords: Nexus; Participatory modelling; Serious game; System dynamics; Water-food-land-energy-climate

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AccessLab: Workshops to broaden access to scientific research

Griffiths AGF, Modinou I, Heslop C, Brand C, Weatherill A, Baker K, Hughes AE, Lewis J, de Mora L, Mynott S, Roberts KE and Griffiths DJ

2019 PLOS Biology

Keywords: Decentralised research, Policy

https://journals.plos.org/plosbiology/article?id=10.1371/journal.pbio.3000258

Co-producing research with academics and industry to create a more resilient UK water sector

Baker K, Ward S, Turner B, Webber J, Sweetapple C, Drake P, Thomas D, Melville-Shreeve P, Fu G, Cherington-Rimmell S, Farmani R and Butler D

2020 Research for All

Keywords: Co-creation, Co-dissemination, Co-production, Engagement, Water sector

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Communities of practice at the center of circular water solutions

Fulgenzi A, Brouwer S, Baker K and Frijns J

2020 Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Water

Keywords: Circular economy; Knowledge co-production; Social learning

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Hydroinformatics education – the Water Informatics in Science and Engineering (WISE) Centre for Doctoral Training

Wagener T, Savic D, Butler D, Ahmadian R, Arnot T, Dawes J, Djordjevic S, Falconer S, Farmani R, Ford D, Hofman J, Kapelan Z, Pan S and Woods R

2021 Education and Communication

Keywords: Education, Hydroinformatics, PhD, Cohort, Centre for doctoral training

A modelling testbed to demonstrate the circular economy of water

Evans B, Khoury M, Vamvakeridou-Lyroudia L, Chen O, Mustafee N, Chen AS, Djordjević S and Savić DA

2023 Journal of Cleaner Production

Keywords: Water, Circular economy, Serious game, System dynamic modelling