

Ground Water Mapping, Monitoring and Analyzing

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My potable water journey



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Introduction

- Water is becoming a critical factor in the developed and developing world, it's also becoming political, with trans-boundary issues becoming heated, both supply and contamination.
- Water scarcity is impacting every country in the world, and not just north Africa and the Middle East.
- With only 1% of the world total water supply available for consumption, and we need dramatically improve the way manage this resource.
- Ground water is often out of sight, but “out of sight out of “mind no longer applies.
- The level's of groundwater contamination and depletion are how becoming a serious concern.



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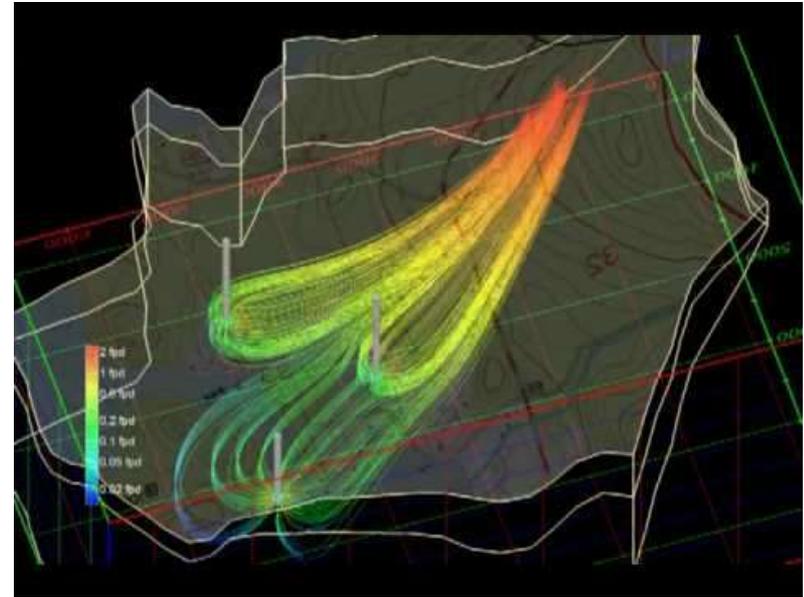
Mapping

- Mapping or GIS has always been an important tool for ground water management. But has tended to map to status-quo rather than the real time situation.
- Also the volume of advanced mapping data and the advent of more sophisticated monitoring system, means that it's time to take our systems and data to the next level.
- Need to starting thinking in 3D, both above and below ground.
 - 3D Terrain Model are important
 - Mapping Complete Water Infrastructure
 - Consumer location
 - Point and Area
 - Surface Conditions
 - Point, Linear and Area
 - Contamination Sources
 - Point, Linear, Area
- A Lot of Data!

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Modelling

- It's a very complex infrastructure we are modelling:
 - Supply, Consumption, Collection, Treatment, Loss
- The relationships between the elements are sophisticated:
 - Rain Water Collection/Harvesting
 - Water Metering
 - Agricultural Use
 - Commercial utilisation
- Flow and Loss rate between sources
- Possible Contamination sources and impact.



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Granular Modelling

Adding a New
Data Dimensions



Sources (all)



Collection



Consumers



Treatment



Analysis



Actionable
Analytics



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Adding a Temporal Element

- The time of year has a dramatic impact on the overall water cycle, so recording information throughout the year is important as supply and demand will change.
- But it's only after having some sample years, can we start to accurately track trends. So a benchmarking process is necessary at the object level.
- Add's a massive amount of data, so use of smart storage and active meta data speeds analytical and temporal based processing.
- Cyient has been developing “data roll-up and drill down” algorithms to further enhance performance and improve accuracy.
- GIS Rolling display can quickly show water stress areas or possible flooding situations

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Monitoring

- Move to real time monitoring
 - Real Time Water Quality
- Much more to monitor
 - Not just level and flow
 - Closer to source
 - Land and Pollution
 - Monitor the water cycle
- Need to be available to the consumer community, so real time access, published in real time.
- Some great examples in Australia and UK. Which demonstrate the benefits of information transparency.



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Analysis

- GIS has been the perfect tool for performing as-is analysis, but we now need to start to track trends and develop more sophisticated analysis functions.
- Ground water, has been considered as a sources, but we now need to model and perform analysis of it's entire life cycle.
- Most of the outputs are maps and reports

Actionable Analytics

- The key for moving forward is to have any analytic functions as actionable. We have seen recent problems in water supply, where identified issues where not actioned.
- The Flint situation is an excellent examples of where actionable analytics would have enable a simple problem to quickly resolved.
- Most of the outputs are actions the business need to take!

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Conclusions

- Ground Water Mapping is very important
- Need to cover whole Ground water life cycle
- Water Quality is not a “nice to have” (NSW Office of Water - is a great example)
- A dynamic and analytical approach is required
- Smart Cities have helped, significantly to raise awareness of the need for effective water management.



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