

**Advanced Environmental Hydrology System – S12-MKII**

The S12 Advanced Environmental Hydrology System is unique in its capability, with features suitable for studying fluvial geomorphology which include: rainfall/runoff hydrographs for catchment areas of varying permeability; the abstraction of ground water by wells, both with and without surface recharge from rainfall; the formation of river features and unique to this apparatus, fluvial mechanics.

Realistic results can be obtained from this small-scale, floor standing apparatus, which can be conveniently located and requires no special services.

**HANDS ON EXPERIMENTATION  
REALISTIC ENVIRONMENTAL DEMONSTRATIONS**



S12 - Rainfall nozzles



**Experimental Content**

Example of channel formation

Example of scour in open channel flow around a circular bridge pier

- ▶ Determination of runoff hydrographs from model catchments including multiple storms, moving storms, effect of reservoir storage and land drains
- ▶ Generation of overland flow
- ▶ Effect of changing stream power on channel morphology
- ▶ Investigation of model stream flow in alluvial material
- ▶ Effect of base level change and long profile in alluvial channel morphology
- ▶ Demonstrating ground water flow between two canals with and without rainfall
- ▶ Demonstrating hydraulic gradients in ground water flow

- ▶ Formation of river features and development over time
- ▶ Demonstration of sediment transport, initiation and characteristics of bedload motion, scour and erosion
- ▶ Effect of changing stream power on channel morphology
- ▶ Construction of draw-down curves
- ▶ Water abstraction from a well in a confined aquifer
- ▶ Water abstraction from a well in an unconfined aquifer
- ▶ Water abstraction from a number of neighbouring wells
- ▶ Theory of superposition
- ▶ Demonstrating rainfall on a circular island with a central well

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## Description

The unit comprises a sand tank, made of stainless steel, measuring 2 x 1 metres. Water may be input to the sand tank from spray nozzles located above the tank (simulating rainfall) from an inlet tank simulating a river flow or from two French drains buried in the sand at either end of the tank. The water is output either from an outlet tank and flow measurement system located at the end of the main sand tank, from one or both of the two wells located in the tank, or from one or both of the French drains. A large plastic sump tank is located under the sand tank. Ground water table levels (phreatic surface) are measured using 20 tapping points in the sand tank, configured in a cruciform pattern, and displayed on a manometer bank.

Eight spray nozzles are mounted on a gantry above the sand tank, positioned to give an even distribution across the tank surface. The height of the gantry can be easily adjusted. Each nozzle has an associated on/off valve, allowing a wide variety of moving rainfall patterns to be simulated. The river inlet tank uses glass balls to still the flow and a shaped channel section to provide formed flow conditions into the sand tank. The subsurface flow inputs are via two French drains, buried in the sand at either end of the tank. These French drains extend the full width of the tank. Each drain can be configured as an inlet or an outlet to permit a

wide variety of hydrological demonstrations.

Two variable area flow meters with integral adjusting valves are used to control and measure the various flows into the tank. The use of self-sealing quick-release fittings allows the system to be configured in a variety of different ways, enabling a wide range of demonstrations. The two flow meters have different ranges, further enhancing the flexibility of the overall system. Pressure regulators and filters are incorporated in the water supply lines, minimising system disturbances. The outlet tank is located at the end of the sand tank, and is used for hydrographs, runoff and river formation demonstrations.

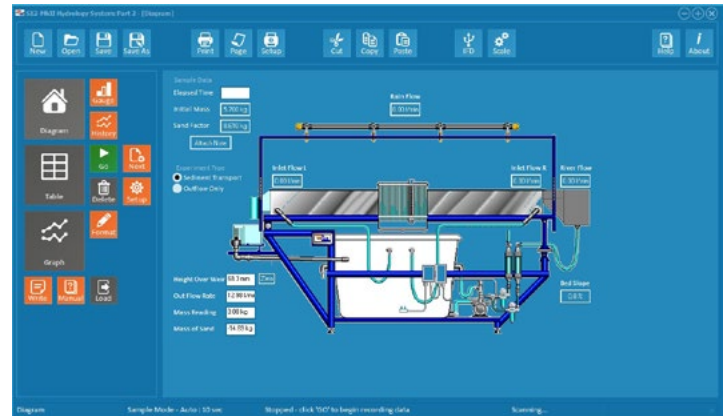
A stepped height weir is used to adjust the outlet conditions. When performing water table demonstrations this stepped weir is replaced with a sealing plate. The outlet tank comprises a sand trap, a water stilling system and a flow measurement device. The flow measurement is performed by measuring the height of the water flowing over the outlet weir, using a direct reading inclined manometer.

The sand trap is configured to allow the sediment to be collected in a sieve. In this way the amount of sediment collected over a period of time can be measured.

S12-MKII-50 digital data logger



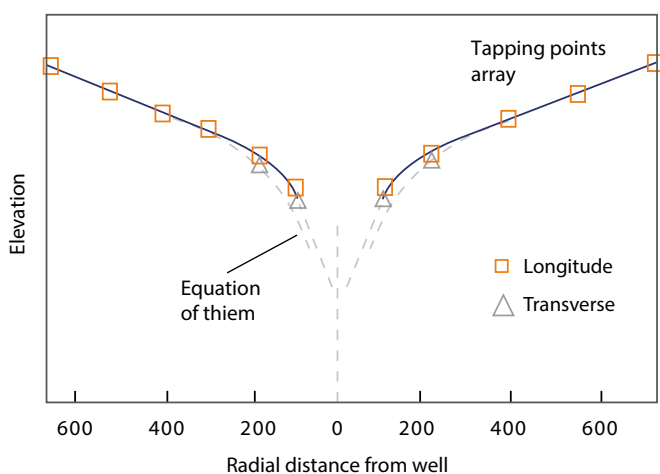
Inclined manometer for measuring of the height over the notch weir



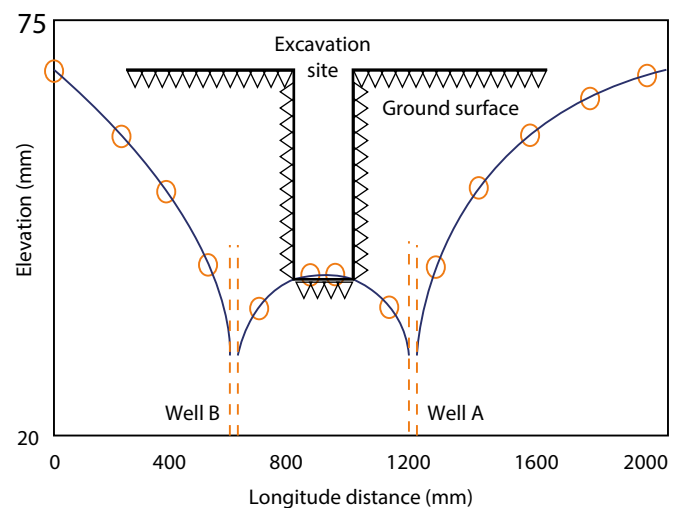
*The S12MKII-50 version includes additional instrumentation and a data logging system that is used to measure both the water flow and the sediment flow.*

This system works by measuring the weight of the sand and water collected in the outlet tank, and calculating the sediment flow rate from the rate of change of the weight. It comes complete with educational software, help texts, graph plotting etc.

*This requires the user to have their own PC with a spare USB port running windows 7 or above.*



Cone of depression for a single well



Use of well points to dewater an excavation

## Features

- ▶ Stilled inlet tank provides developed river-flow conditions, allowing the full length of the tank to be used for river simulations
- ▶ Novel outlet tank design for water flow and sediment flow measurement
- ▶ Stainless steel sand tank
- ▶ Dual jacks provide adjustable tilt
- ▶ Adjustable spray nozzle height
- ▶ Use of fine-grade sand allows detailed feature development
- ▶ Single grade of sand for all defined demonstrations, no need to change the sand
- ▶ Control and measurement of inlet flows
- ▶ Flexible configuration allows a wide range of simulations
- ▶ Computer data logging option for sediment and water outlet flow measurement

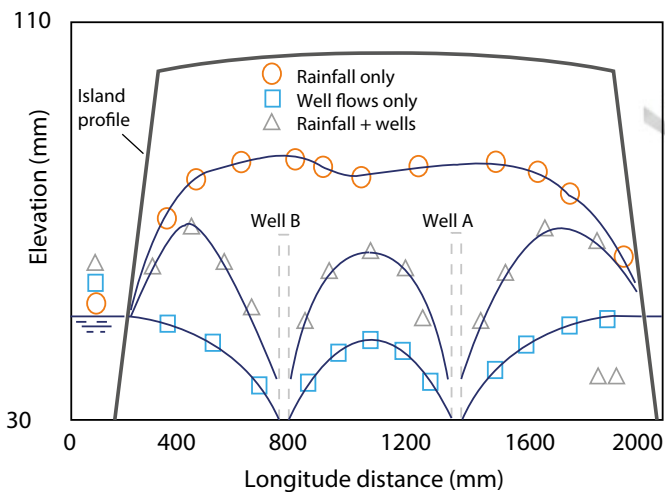
## Requirements

## Scale



Clean water supplier

Sand - recommended 16/30 mesh swimming pool silica filter grit x 550Kg



Well abstraction from a circular island

## Overall dimensions

### Dimensions

Length	1.70m
Width	1.30m
Height	2.70m

### Packed and crated shipping specifications

Volume	7.5m <sup>3</sup>
Gross weight	600Kg

## Ordering specification

- ▶ 1. A self contained floor standing apparatus for hydrology and fluvial geomorphology demonstrations comprising:
  - (a) A 2m x 1m stainless steel tank, tiltable using a dual linked jacking system
  - (b) 8 spray nozzles mounted on an adjustable height gantry
  - (c) A stilled tank providing a formed flow river inlet
  - (d) Two flow meters (3 l/min & 5 l/min) to measure and adjust the inlet flows
  - (e) An outlet tank allowing both water and sediment flow to be measured
  - (f) Two French drains, two well points and 20 manometer tapping points linked to a manometer bank
  - (g) A large plastic sump tank plus a recirculating pump
- ▶ 2. Experimental capabilities include:
  - (a) Runoff hydrographs from model catchments
  - (b) Drawdown curves for one well and two well systems
  - (c) Ground water flow and hydraulic gradients
  - (d) Model stream flow in alluvial material
  - (e) Formation and development of river features over time
  - (f) Sediment transport, bedload motion, scour and erosion
- ▶ 3. A version is available with instrumentation to measure both water and sediment runoff in real time. The package includes data logging and educational software. The user must have a PC with a USB port, running Windows 7 or above.



An optional accessory is a set of shapes and models for use when investigating surface flow effects and runoff effects.

## Ordering codes

- ▶ **S12-MkII-A** - 220-240V/1ph/50Hz - *manual data entry*  
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- ▶ **S12-MkII-G** - 220-240V/1ph/60Hz - *manual data entry*  
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- ▶ **S12-MkII-50-A** - 220-240V/1ph/50Hz - *automatic data entry*  
Advanced Hydrology system c/w instrumentation
- ▶ **S12-MkII-50-G** - 220-240V/1ph/60Hz - *automatic data entry*  
Advanced Hydrology system c/w instrumentation
- ▶ **S12-MODELS**  
Surface models for use with S12-MkII

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## Knowledge base

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- > 50 years providing engaging engineering teaching equipment

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