Solute Mixing from Estuaries to Pipes

"travelling upstream from estuaries, through rivers, sewers, & into pipes, simplifying as we go"

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- Transport, fate and effect of soluble pollutants
- Laboratory and field studies to identify and quantify mixing processes
- Estuarine, coastal, rivers, urban drainage and pipes
 Where, when & what concentration?
- Diffusion; turbulence; velocity shear
- Advection & dispersion
- Spatial scale: from millimetres (turbulence) to several hundred kilometres (catchments)
 - Temporal scale: from milliseconds to months How to integrate all these processes within 1D network models?



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Contents

- Why quantify longitudinal dispersion (D_x) and can we predict D_x ?
- 1D networks:
 - estuaries/rivers/sewers/pipes
- Hydraulic conditions:
 - Uniform; steady; straight; turbulent; density
- Processes:
 - f(x) and f(t)
- How do cross-sectional (transverse) processes affect longitudinal processes?
- Comments & conclusions



Why needed?

Accidental spills & storm overflows produce time varying water quality discharges Models needed to describe the temporal concentration distributions e.g. impact of contaminated highway runoff on receiving water ecology















UK Environment Agency - Time of Travel Database

- 196 data sets, 27 different rivers
- Physical data recorded:

reach slope, catchment areas, discharge (instantaneous, annual mean, daily mean, Q95)







EA Database – Velocity & Dispersion trends



Mixing Processes



Relative magnitude of mixing processes

Molecular diffusion Turbulent diffusion Shear dispersion

e 10⁻¹⁰ to 10⁻⁹ m²/s
ε 10⁻³ to 10⁻¹ m²/s
D_x 1 to 10³ m²/s

Differential Advection

Turbulence



3D flow field

Transient Storage









Dead Zones, trapping effects, secondary circulation

Advection-dispersion Equation

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = D_x \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2}$$

Dispersion of soluble matter in solvent flowing slowly through a tube

BY SIR GEOFFREY TAYLOR, F.R.S.

(Received 31 March 1953)

$$D_x = a^2 u^2 / 48 D_m$$

The dispersion of matter in turbulent flow through a pipe

BY SIR GEOFFREY TAYLOR, F.R.S.

(Received 24 December 1953-Read 11 March 1954)

$$D_x = 10.1 au^*$$

How to obtain a value of D_x ?





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Estimating the Longitudinal Dispersion Coefficient

Fischer (1967), extended by Chickwendu (1986): D_{x} $= \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} (q_{1} + q_{2} + \dots + q_{j})^{2} [1 - (q_{1} + q_{2} + \dots + q_{j})]^{2} \frac{[u_{12\dots j} - u_{(j+1)\dots N}]^{2}}{b_{j(j+1)}}$ $b_{j(j+1)} = \frac{2D_{yj(j+1)}}{h^{2}(q_{j} + q_{j+1})}$

 D_x is the estimate of longitudinal dispersion for N zones based on geometry, longitudinal velocity profile and transverse dispersion coefficient profile.

	$D_{\rm v}$ (m ² /s)	1.00.10 ⁻⁹
<i>D</i> _x (m²/s)	Re = 1,000	8.47
	Re = 10,000	39.1



Chickwendu, S. C. (1986) "Calculation of longitudinal shear dispersivity using an N-zone model as $N \rightarrow \infty$ " J. Fluid Mech., 167, 19–30.



Estuarine Mixing Processes

[0.38m → 5 cm/s









Guymer, I. (1985) 'Some Aspects of Solute Transport Processes in the Conwy Estuary', PhD, University of Birmingham, UK.

from Smith (1976)

Smith, R. (1976). "Longitudinal dispersion of a buoyant contaminant in a shallow channel." *J. Fluid Mech.*, 78(4), 677-688.

Estuarine Mixing Processes



- Longitudinal density gradients, combined with vertical velocity profiles, create strong secondary circulations on the flood tide, reducing the longitudinal dispersion, D_x
- "Bends appear to be influential, due either to channel asymmetry promoting transverse effects in long bends or secondary flow induced intense mixing in short, sharp bends, thus decreasing dispersion effects"



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Planform Curvature – field studies



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Planform Curvature – laboratory studies



60° fixed bed channel Trapezoidal and change in shape Longitudinal dispersion



25 l/s natural formed channel Longitudinal and transverse mixing



Guymer, I. (1998) "Longitudinal Dispersion in a Sinuous Channel with Changes in Shape" *ASCE Journal of Hydraulic Engineering*, 124(1), 33-40.

Planform Curvature – laboratory studies











Boxall, J.B., Guymer, I. and Marion, A. (2003) "Transverse mixing in sinuous natural open channel flows", J. of Hydraulic Research, 41(2), 153-165.

Planform Curvature – transverse mixing



- Rozovskii (1961) analytical prediction of secondary flows due to planform curvature
- Employ increase in transverse mixing within Chickwendu (1986)
- Relate transverse to longitudinal mixing



Boxall, J.B. and Guymer, I. (2003) "Analysis and Prediction of Transverse Mixing Coefficients in Natural Channels", ASCE Journal of Hydraulic Engineering, 129(2), 129-139.

Planform Curvature – longitudinal dispersion



- Bends induce secondary flows
- increase transverse mixing
- reduce influence of longitudinal differential advection
- reduce longitudinal dispersion



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 Spatial variation of transverse mixing, k_y

Uniform

Effect on longitudinal dispersion, D_x, evaluated using Chickwendu (1986)

D_x (m²/s) 0.65

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	<i>D</i> _x (m²/s)
Uniform	0.65
Step	4.30
Best fit	1.32





Real Vegetation - Laboratory studies



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Sonnenwald, F., Hart, J.R., West, P., Stovin, V.R. and Guymer, I. (2017) "Transverse and longitudinal mixing in real emergent vegetation at low velocities" *Water Resources Research*



- D_x similar trends, slightly different magnitudes
- Winter Typha exhibits greater transverse mixing



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Partial Vegetation – transverse shear effects





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Artificial Emergent Vegetation – CFD study "RandoSticks"







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RandoSticks - Laboratory System

RandoSticks morphology

Winter Typha latifolia



RandoSticks Layout 1.0 m x 1.0 m over 9 m





Optical System LIF & PIV





Laser Induced Fluorescence - Experiments





Current laboratory study Dr Jesús Leonardo Corredor García

LIF Results

- Comprehensive Re_d range for cylinder flows $40 < Re_d < 1200$
 - Laminar flow (no shedding)
 - Vortex street
 - Transition to turbulence
- Solid volume fraction $\varphi = 0.05$
- 3 reaches & 3 injection locations
- D_x and D_y proportional to Re_d
- Increases in advection, turbulence and shear contribute to mixing.





Longitudinal Dispersion with Willow Patches @ KICT - REC (River Experiment Center)





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No vegetation Differential advection & turbulent mixing D_x



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Urban Drainage Systems

Effects of changes in shape, e.g. manholes









Commercial models employ either advection only (no mixing) or complete instantaneous mixing

Guymer, I and O'Brien, R.T. (2000) "Longitudinal Dispersion due to Surcharged Manhole", ASCE Journal Hydraulic Engineering, 126(2), 137-149.

Mixing in Surcharged Manholes





Complex 3D flow paths



Manhole Mixing – ADE & ADZ model predictions



- Application of 2 parameter mixing models
- That prediction is ... poor !!!!
- What about a unit hydrograph type approach?



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Manholes – Non-dimensional CRTD



- for large Ø_m:Ø_p ratio surcharged circular manholes
- deconvolution of laboratory trace data
- mixing can be characterised by just two dimensionless CRTDs



Guymer, I. & Stovin, V.R. (2011) "A 1D mixing model for surcharged manholes" ASCE, J. Hydraulic Engineering, 137(10), 1160-1172.

Experimental Deconvolved CRTDs



c) straight-through Dm/Dp = 9.1

g) 90° angled outlet manholes



Comprehensive data set for different manhole:pipe diameters; flow rates; surcharge depths; outlet angles and step heights

Compartmental "Jet Mixing" Model





Sonnenwald, F., Mark, O., Stovin, V., & Guymer, I. (2021). Predicting manhole mixing using a compartmental model. Journal of Hydraulic Engineering, 147(12), 04021046.

Pipe flows - challenge and context

- In drinking water distribution systems, numerous lengths have laminar flow for long durations
- In buildings flows are mainly stationary or laminar
- Do we have the tools to model laminar and unsteady flows?
- In laminar flow "Given sufficient time" t > 0.5a²/D_m for 15 mm diameter pipe t > 8 hrs





- How do we know "the time in the flow"?
- If Taylor/Gaussian RTD is not applicable, then what?
- Challenges of unsteady flows

Longitudinal Dispersion in Pipes



Longitudinal Dispersion in pipes – steady flow



- Longitudinal dispersion coefficient deviates from Taylor prediction for Re < 10,000, due to boundary shear effect
- For transitional and turbulent flow the RTD is Gaussian shape
- In laminar flow, Gaussian if $t > 0.5a^2/D_m$



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Application to Laminar Flow



- Predictions made from upstream data recorded 4.89 m from injection
- Compared to data 8.17 m further downstream
- Predictions using:
 - i) Modified Gaussian
 - Lee (2004)
 - Romero-Gomez and Choi (2011)
 - ii) Laminar velocity profile RTD Danckwerts (1953)



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Longitudinal Dispersion in Pipes for Unsteady Flow





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Laminar to Turbulent Accelerating Flow



• Note the disaggregation of the tracer between 0.5 m and 2.68 m



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Exploring cross-sectional mixing in pipes

- 24 mm diameter
- 13 m long pipe
- Accelerating flows
- Re = 1,000 to 11,000
- 4x LIF systems





Current laboratory study Dr Zhangjie Peng





















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- Disaggregation caused by non-uniform acceleration
- Cross-sectionally well-mixed for turbulent conditions

Comments

- Longitudinal dispersion coefficients, D_x, integrate spatial and temporal flow variations to describe "mixing"
- Knowledge of the major flow processes helps to estimate magnitudes of D_x
- Velocity measurements, in combination with dye tracing, can be used to quantify D_x





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