

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?

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

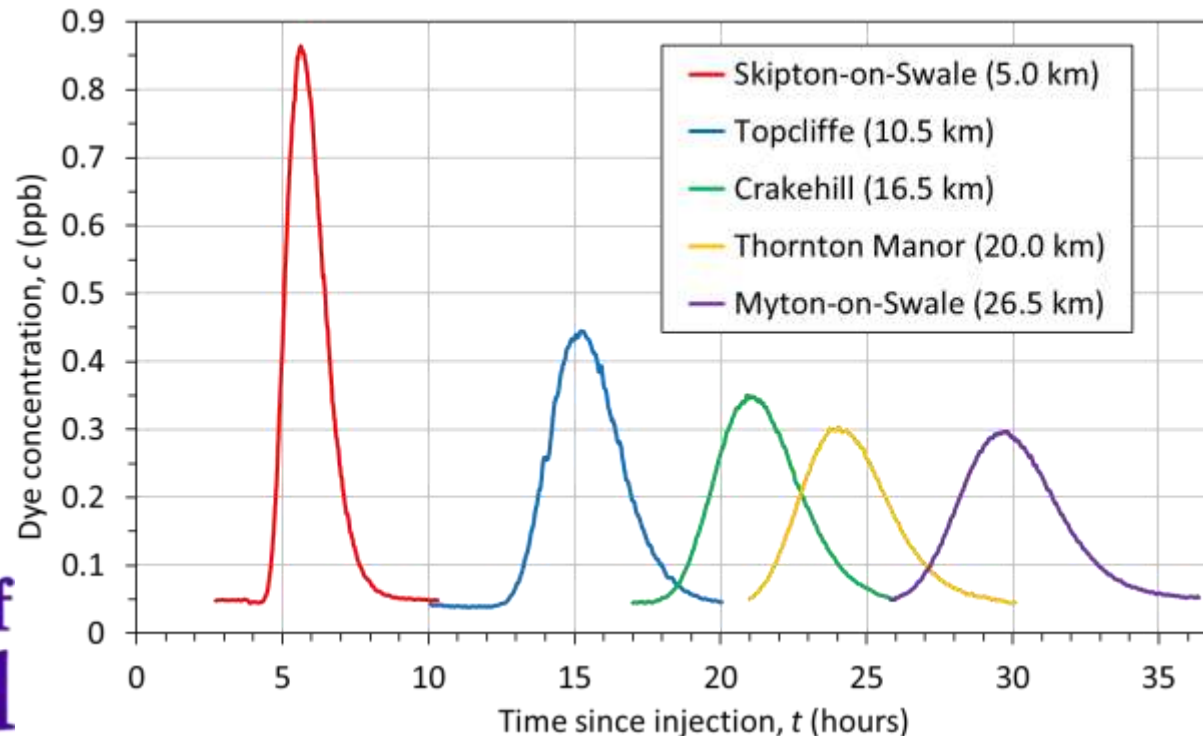
Models needed to describe the temporal concentration distributions

e.g. impact of contaminated highway runoff on receiving water ecology

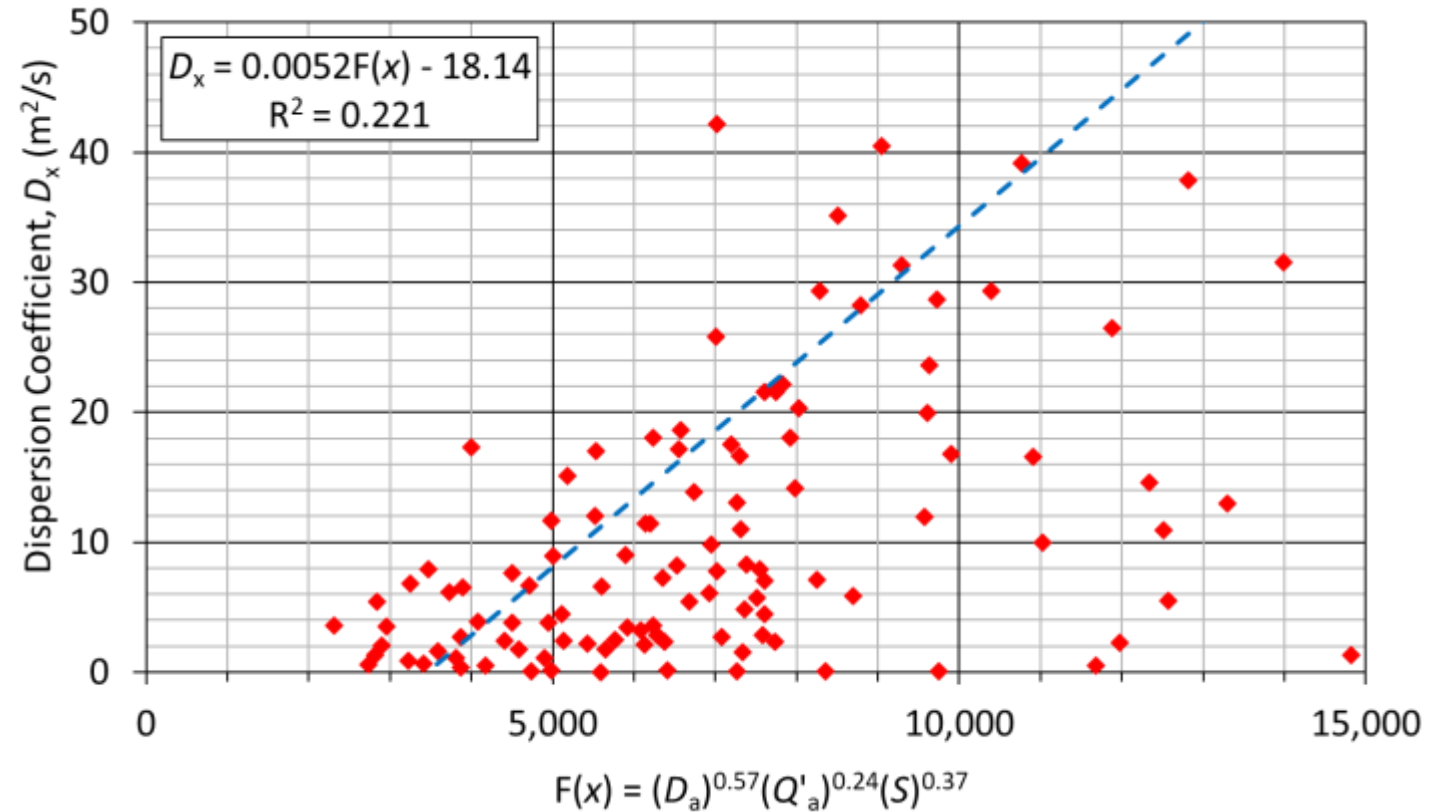
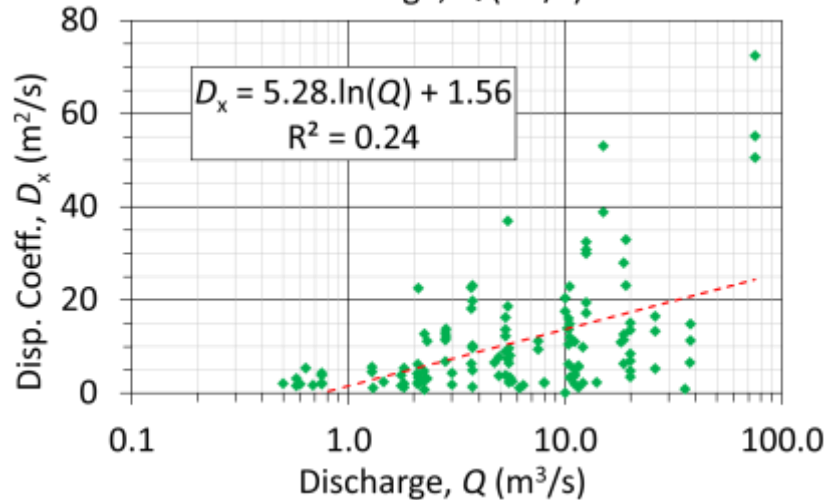
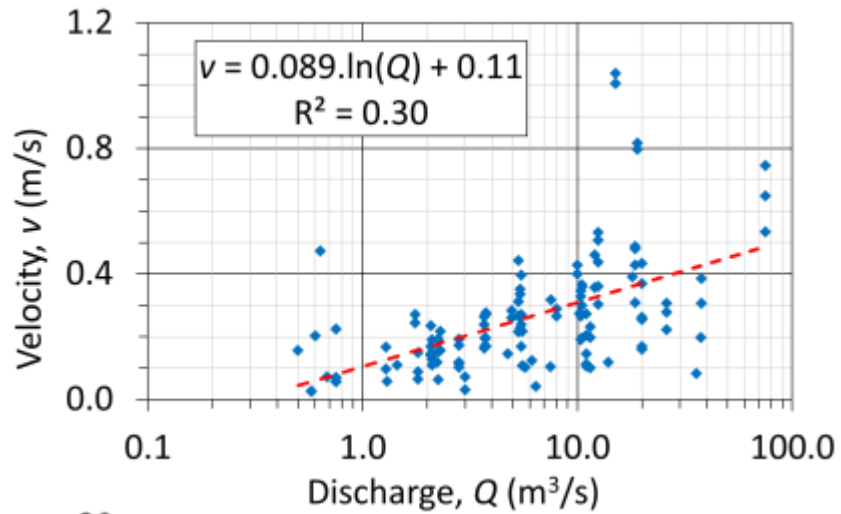


UK Environment Agency - Time of Travel Database

- 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



- Multiple processes affecting longitudinal dispersion
- What are the contributing components?

Mixing Processes

Diffusion

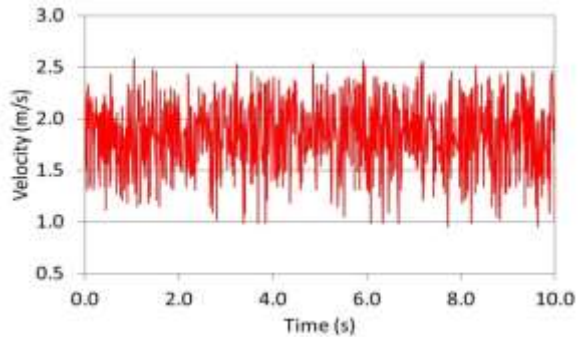


Relative magnitude of mixing processes

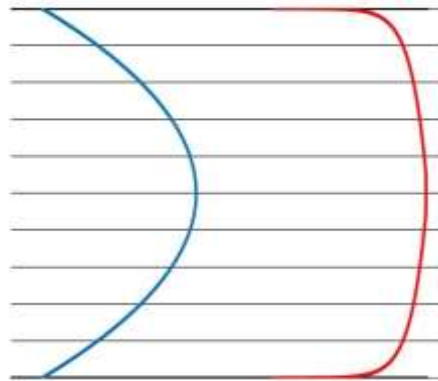
Molecular diffusion	e	10^{-10} to 10^{-9} m ² /s
Turbulent diffusion	ε	10^{-3} to 10^{-1} m ² /s
Shear dispersion	D_x	1 to 10^3 m ² /s

Differential Advection

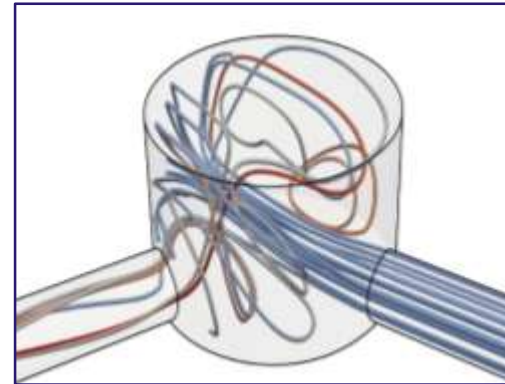
Turbulence



Shear flow



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)

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

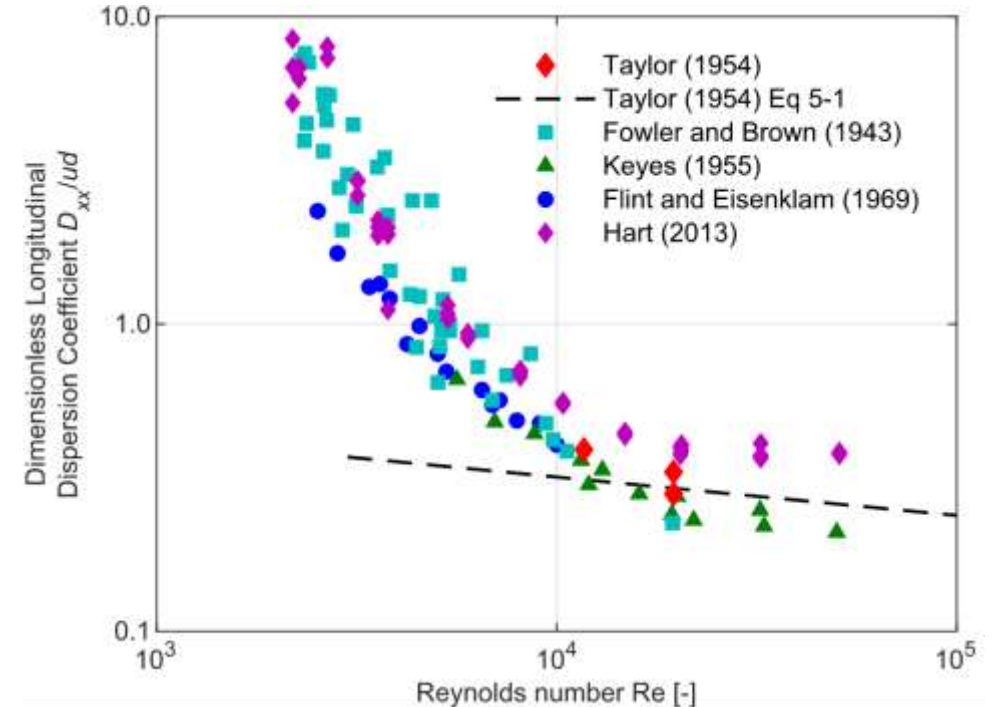
The dispersion of matter in turbulent flow through a pipe

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(Received 24 December 1953—Read 11 March 1954)

$$D_x = 10.1 a u^*$$

How to obtain a value of D_x ?



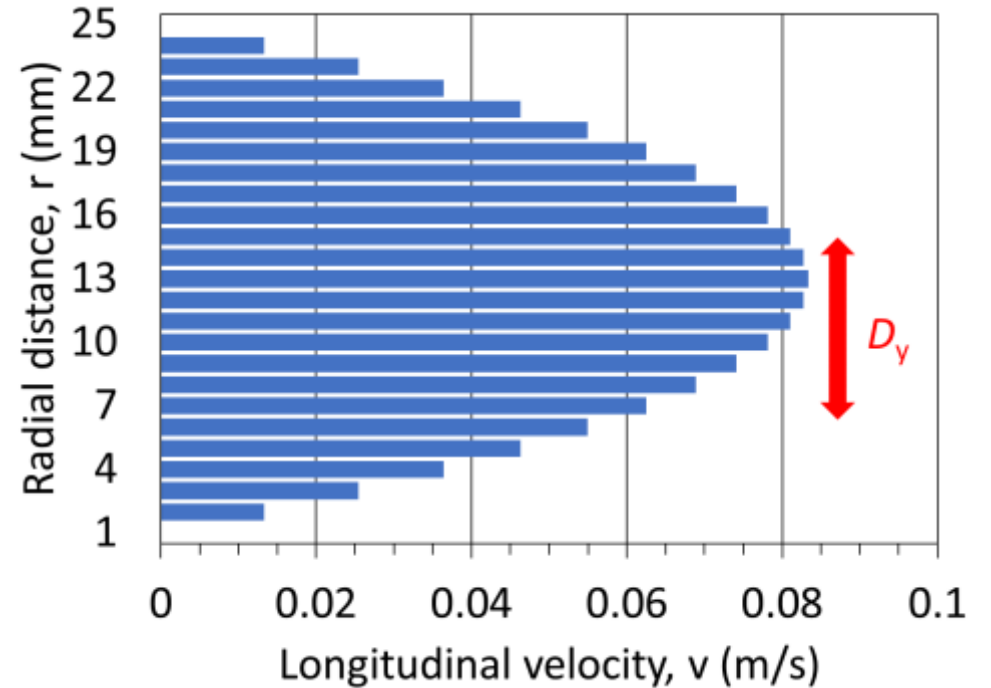
Estimating the Longitudinal Dispersion Coefficient

Fischer (1967), extended by Chickwendu (1986):

$$D_x = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} (q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_j)^2 [1 - (q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_j)]^2 \frac{[u_{12\dots j} - u_{(j+1)\dots N}]^2}{b_{j(j+1)}}$$

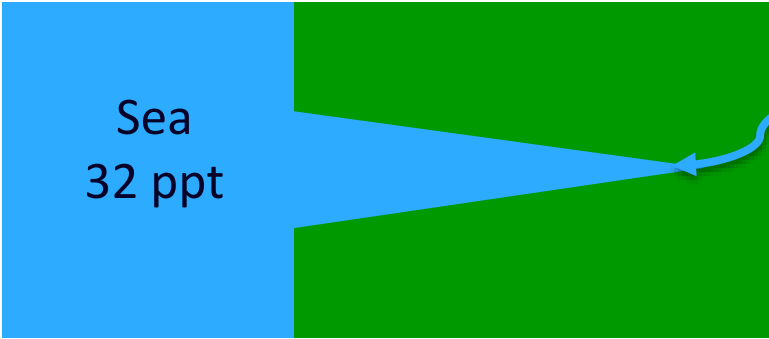
$$b_{j(j+1)} = \frac{2D_{yj(j+1)}}{h^2(q_j + q_{j+1})}$$

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



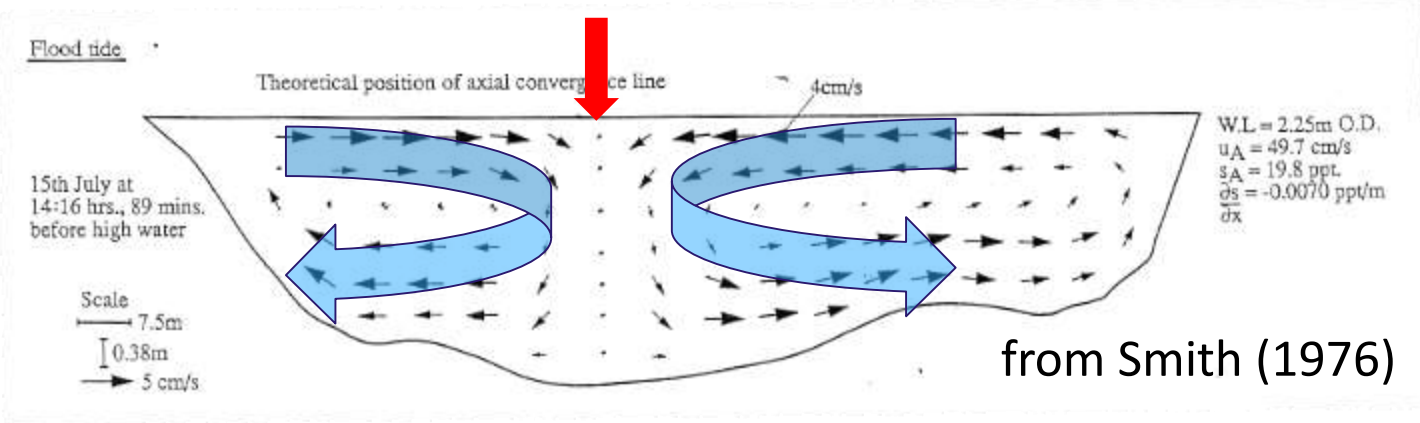
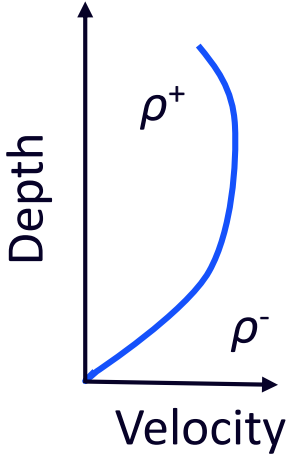
	D_y (m ² /s)	1.00.10 ⁻⁹
D_x (m ² /s)	Re = 1,000	8.47
	Re = 10,000	39.1

Estuarine Mixing Processes



River flow
0 ppt

Flood Tide



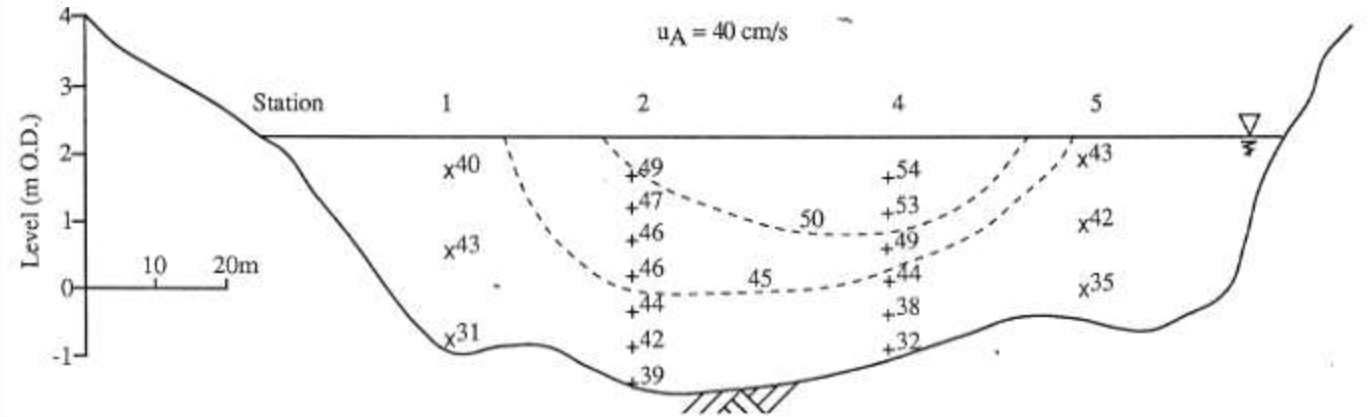
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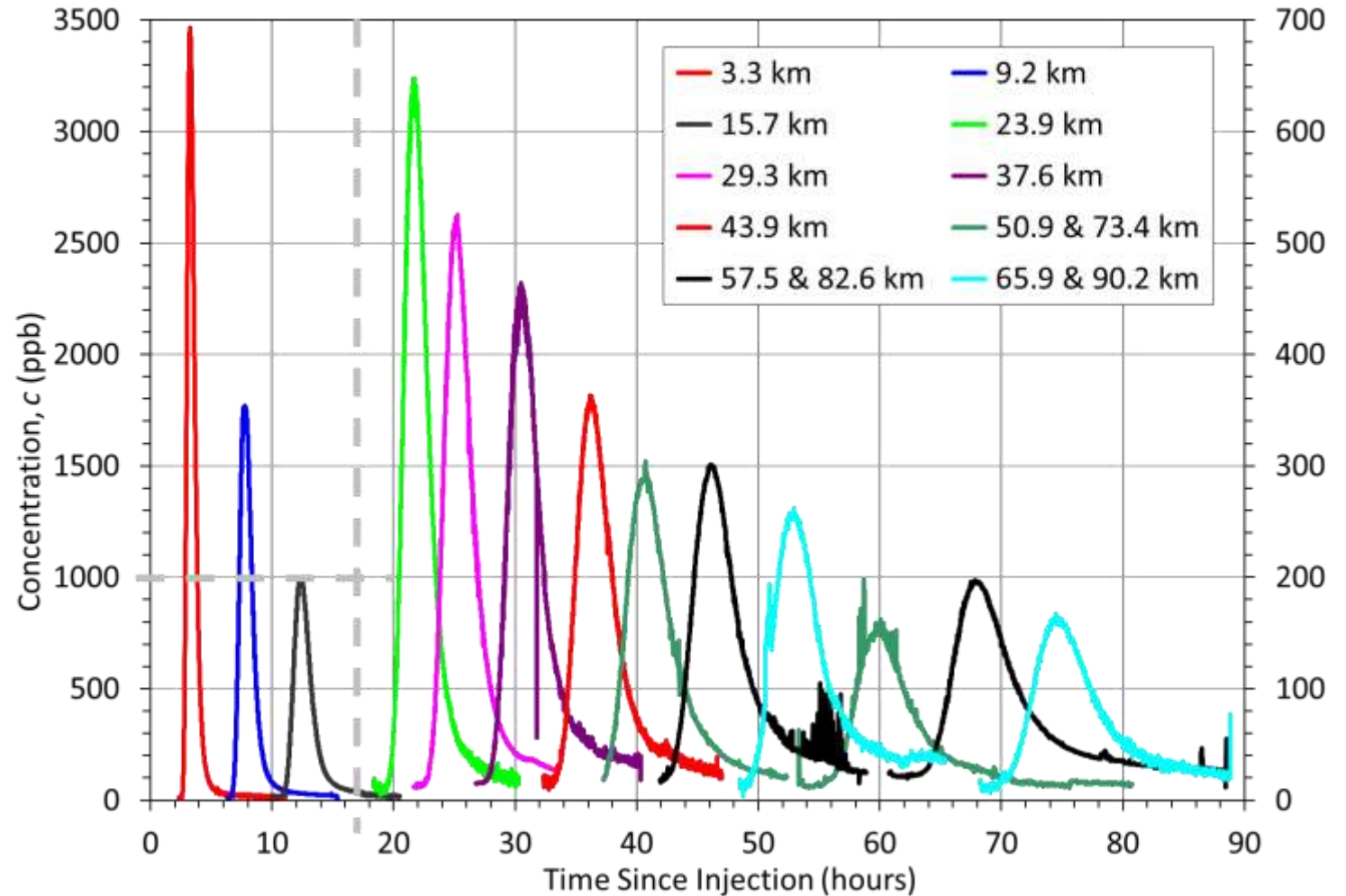
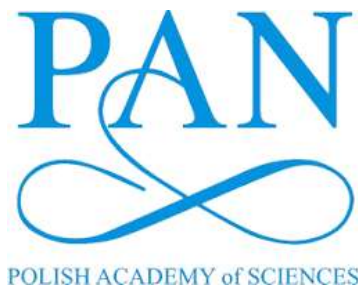


Velocity measurements



- 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”*

Planform Curvature – field studies



Rowinski, P.M., Guymer, I. and Kwiatkowski, K. (2008) "Response to the slug injection of a tracer – large scale experiment in a natural river", *Hydrological Sciences*, 53(6), 1300- 1309.

Planform Curvature – laboratory studies

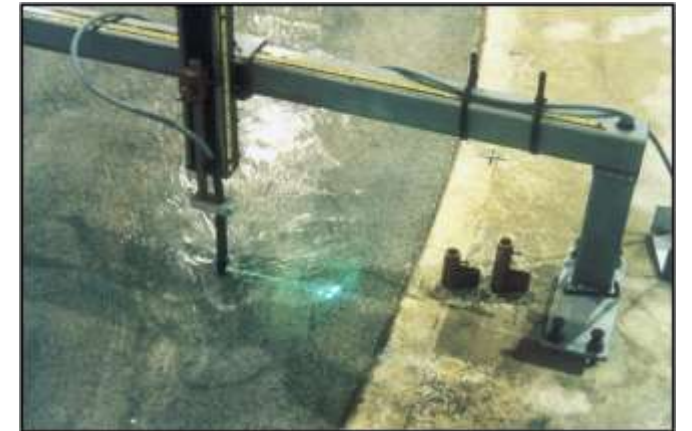
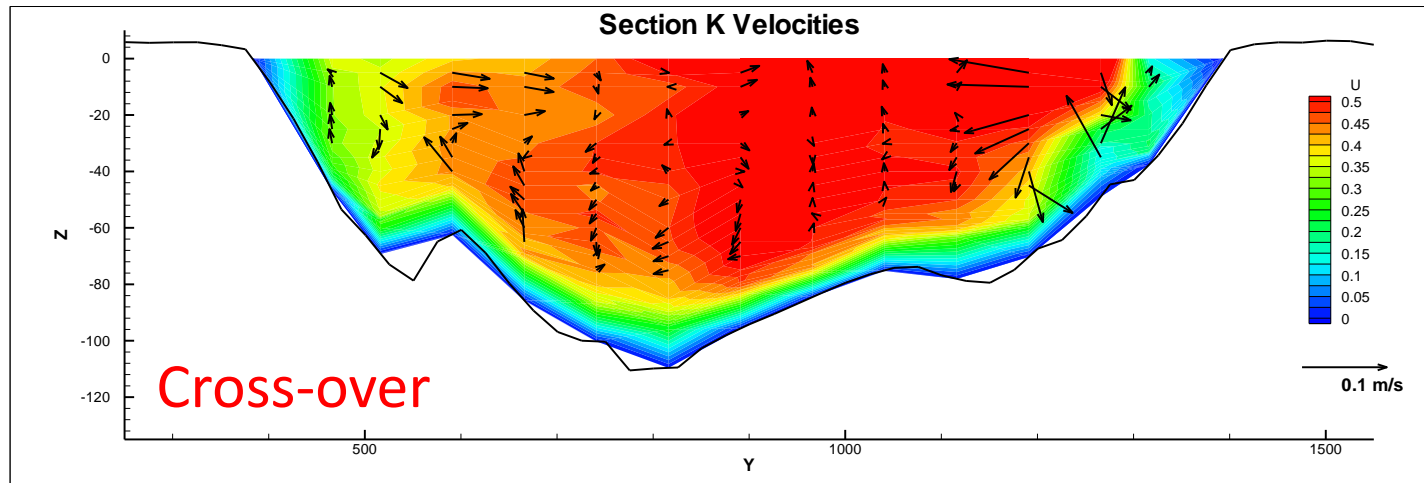
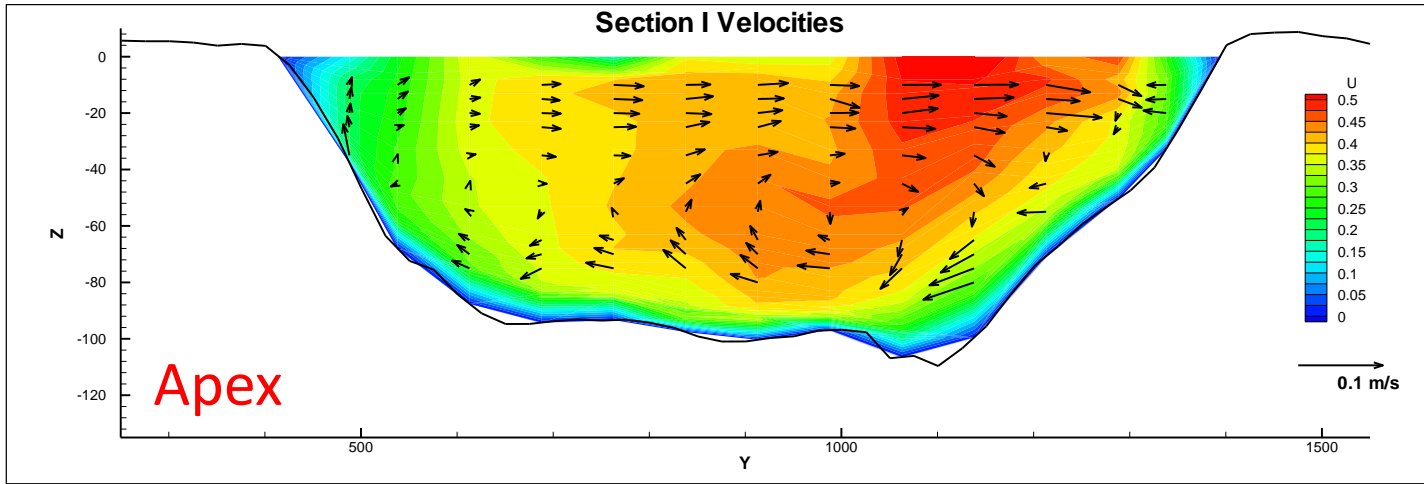


60° fixed bed channel
Trapezoidal and change in shape
Longitudinal dispersion

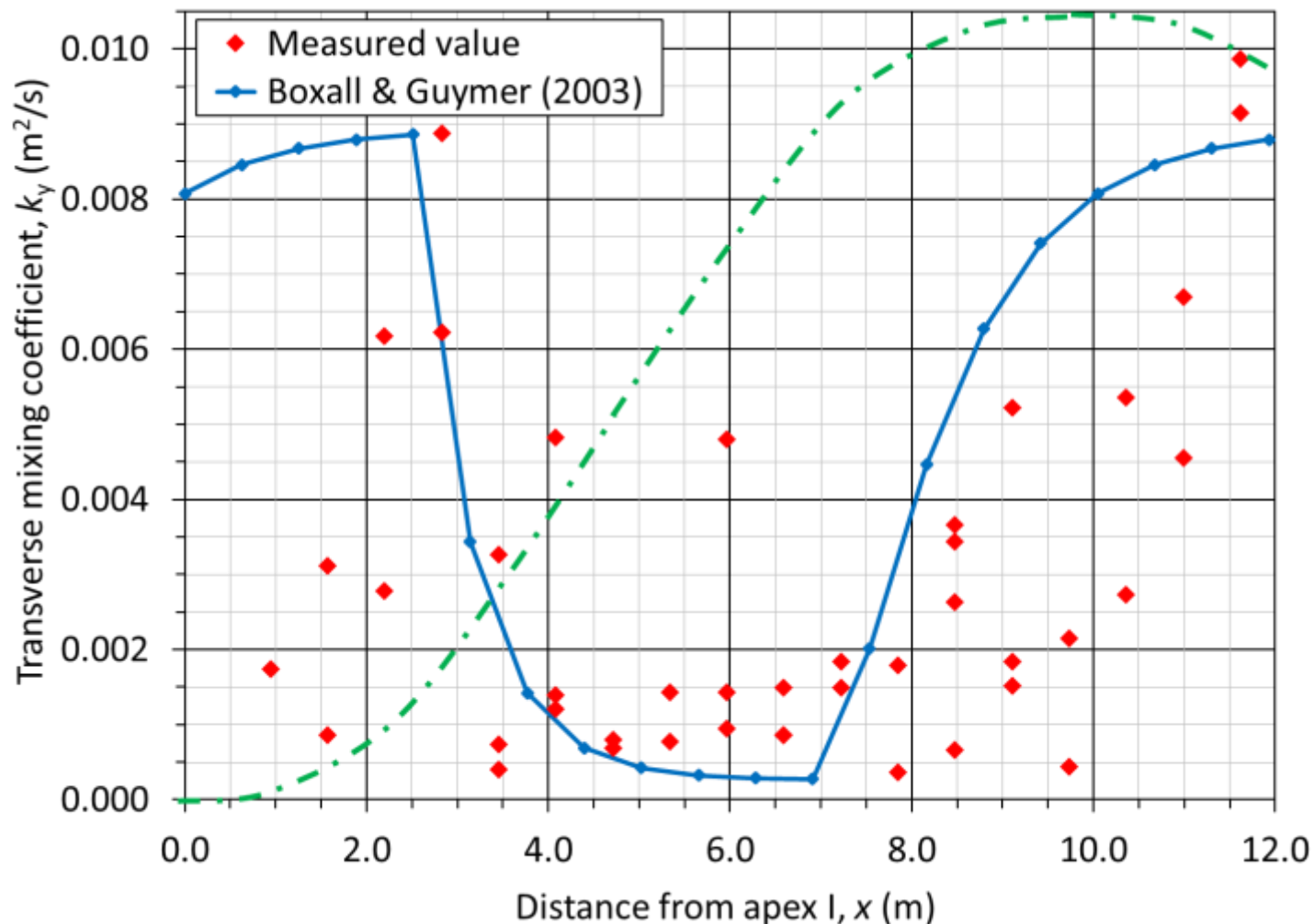


25 l/s natural formed channel
Longitudinal and transverse mixing

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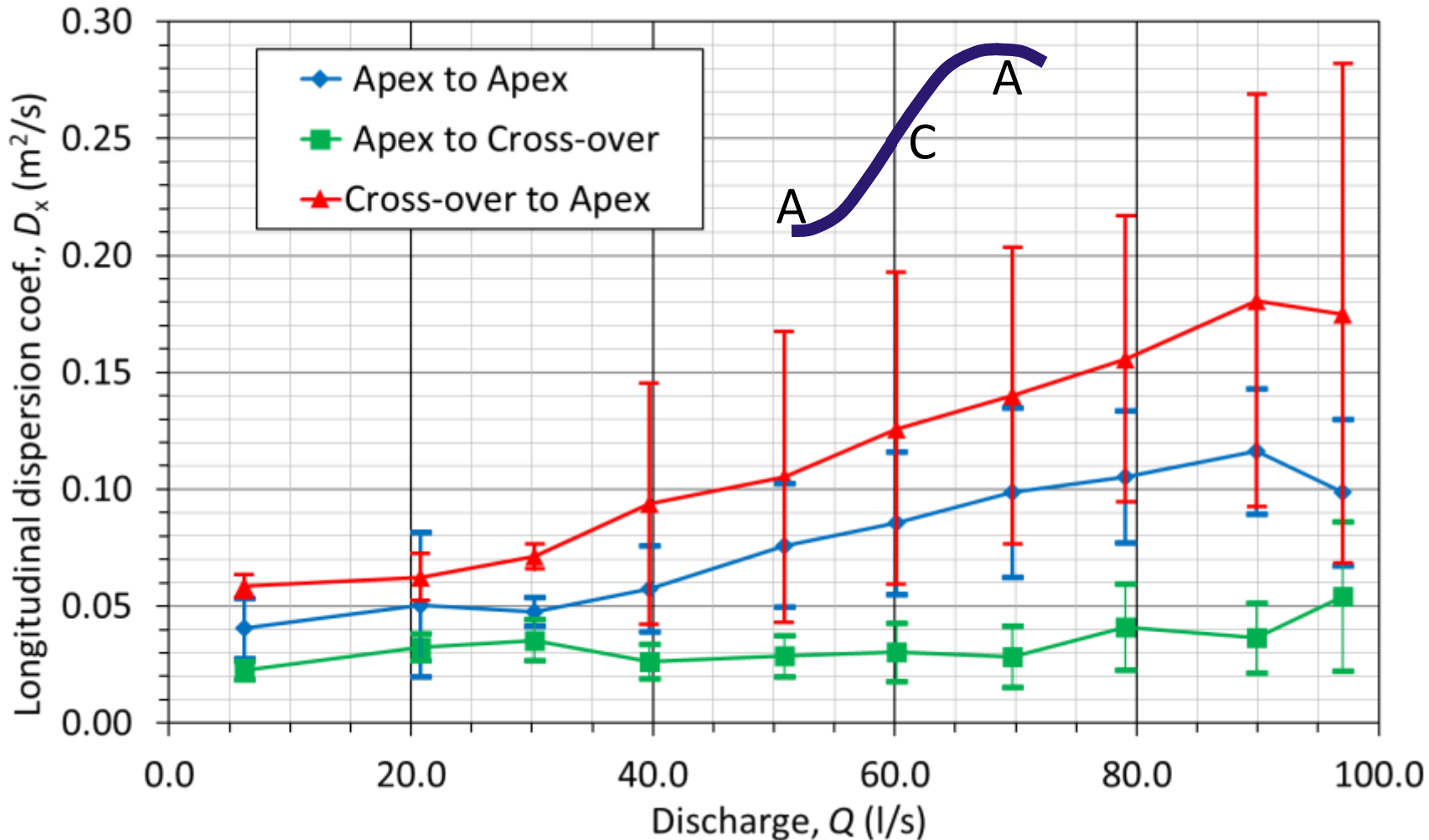


Planform Curvature – transverse mixing



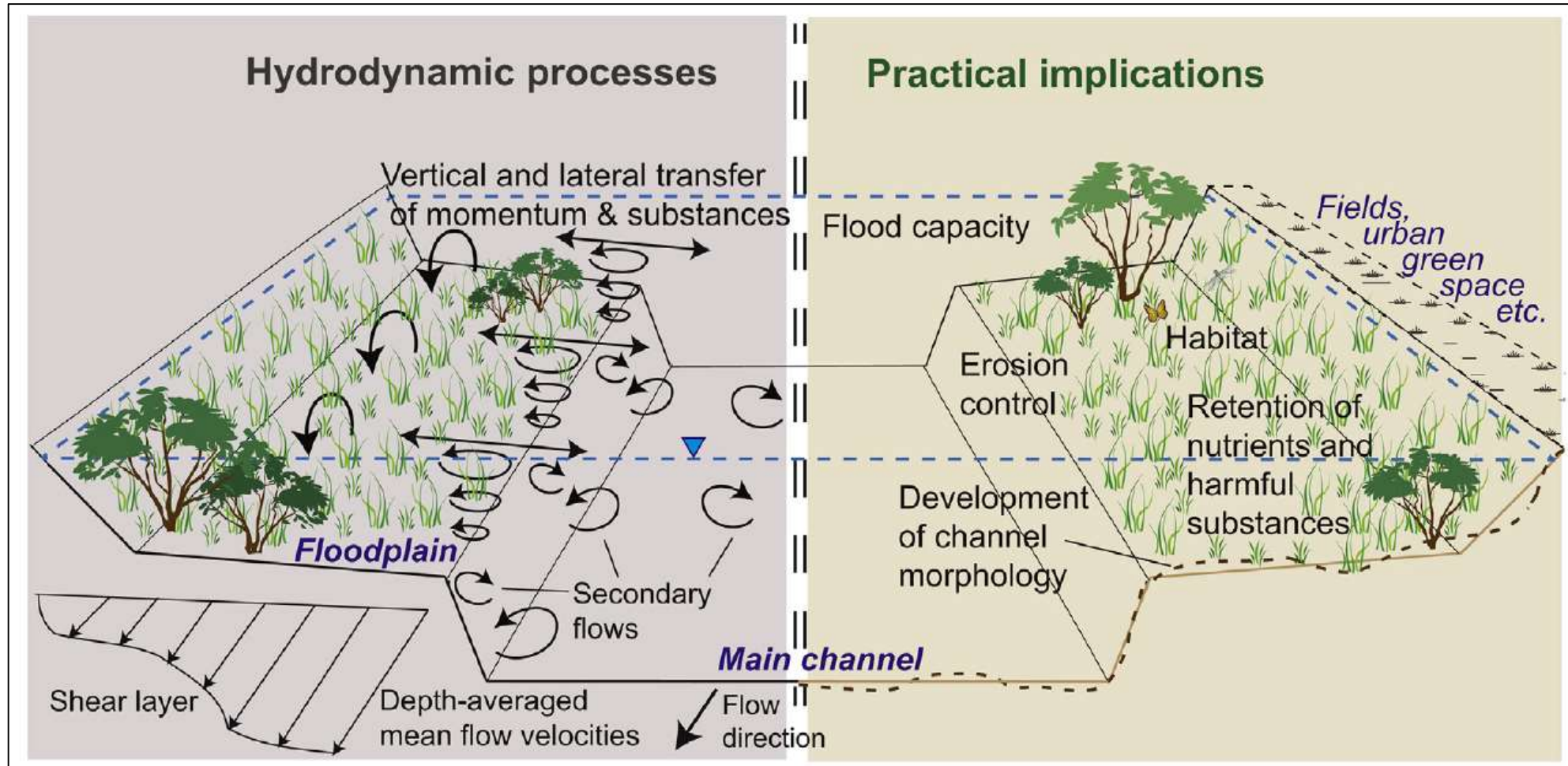
- Rozovskii (1961) analytical prediction of secondary flows due to planform curvature
- Employ increase in transverse mixing within Chickwendu (1986)
- Relate transverse to longitudinal mixing

Planform Curvature – longitudinal dispersion



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

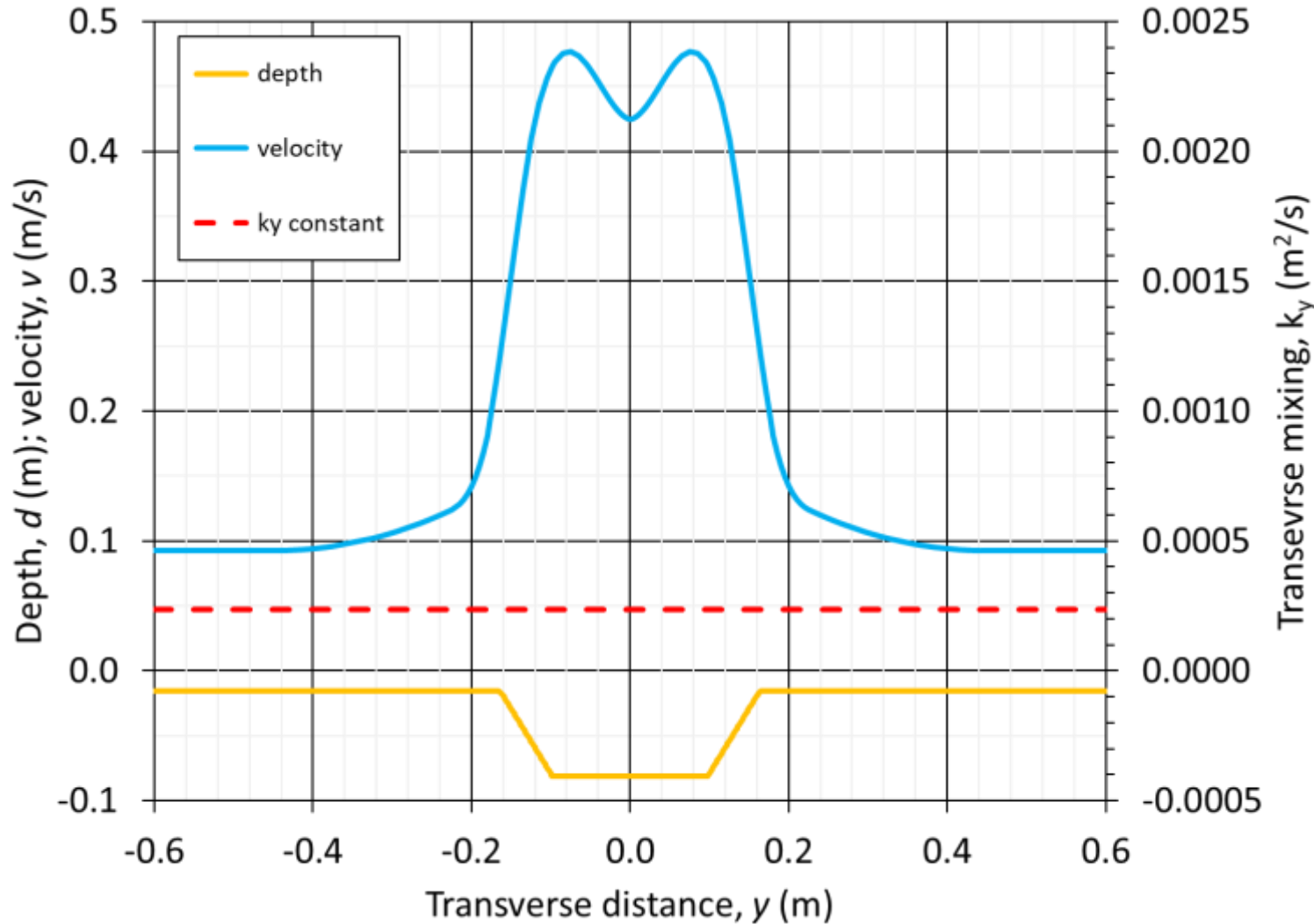
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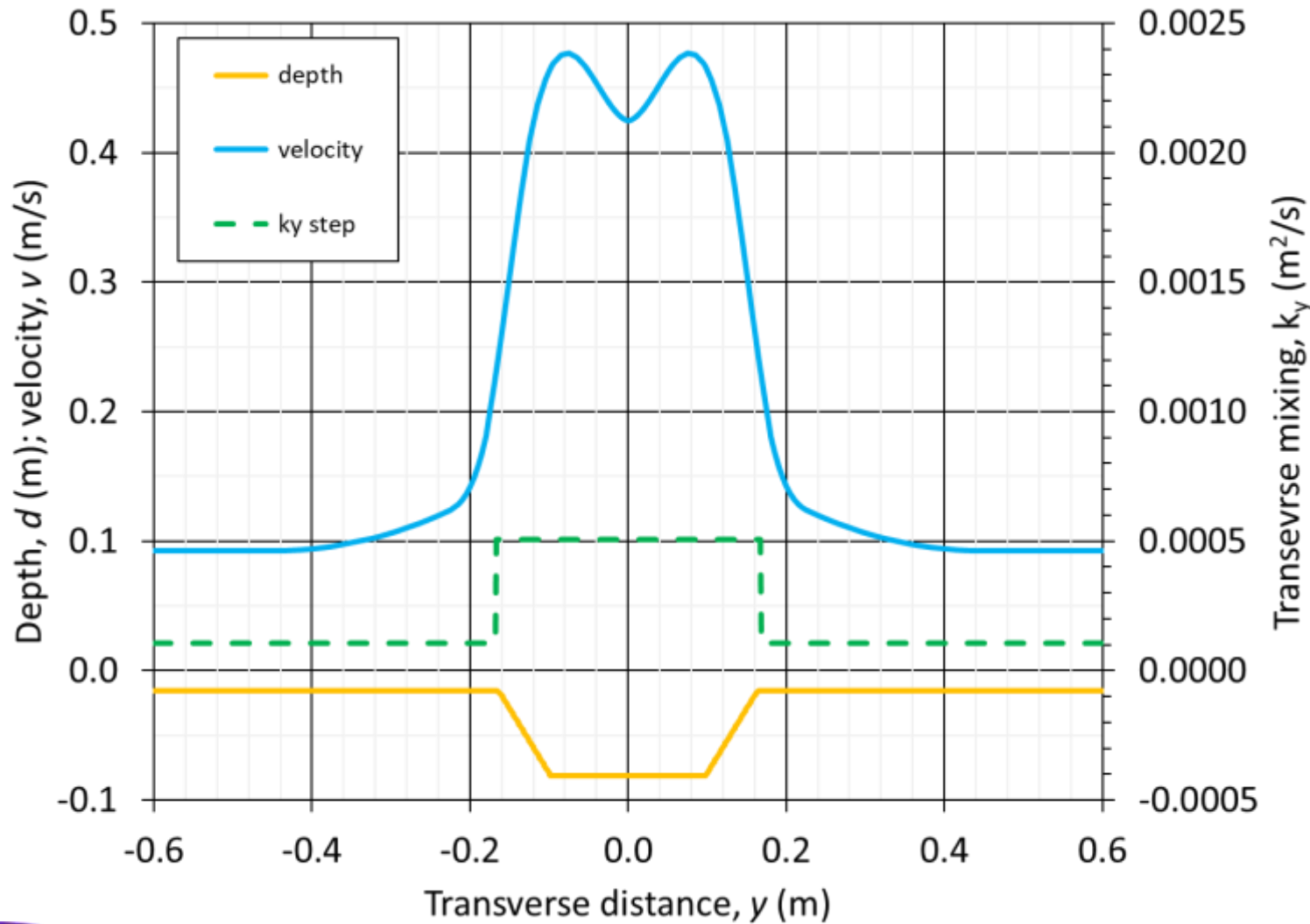
Compound Channels – transverse shear effects



- Spatial variation of transverse mixing, k_y
- Effect on longitudinal dispersion, D_x , evaluated using Chickwendu (1986)

Uniform D_x (m^2/s)
0.65

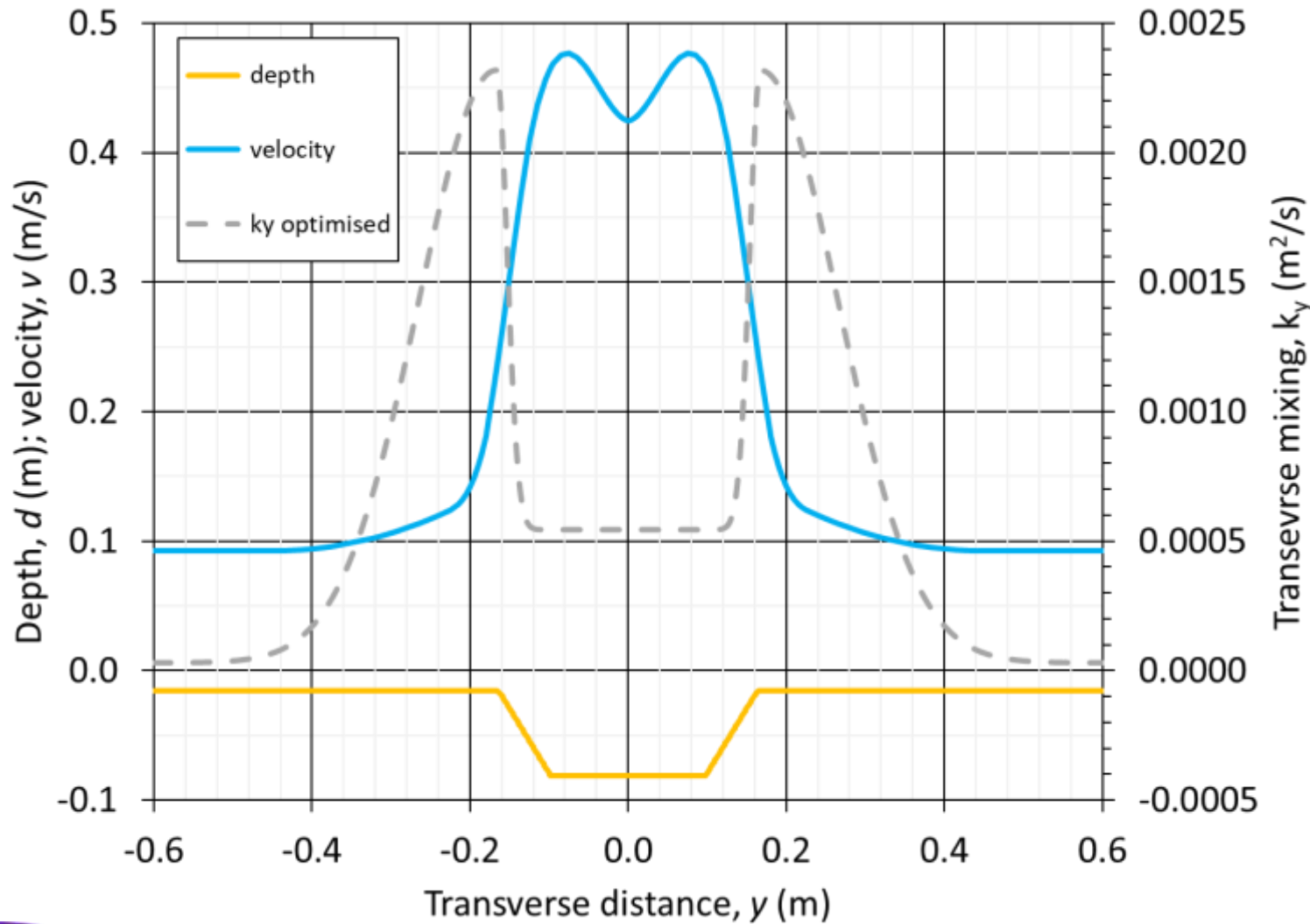
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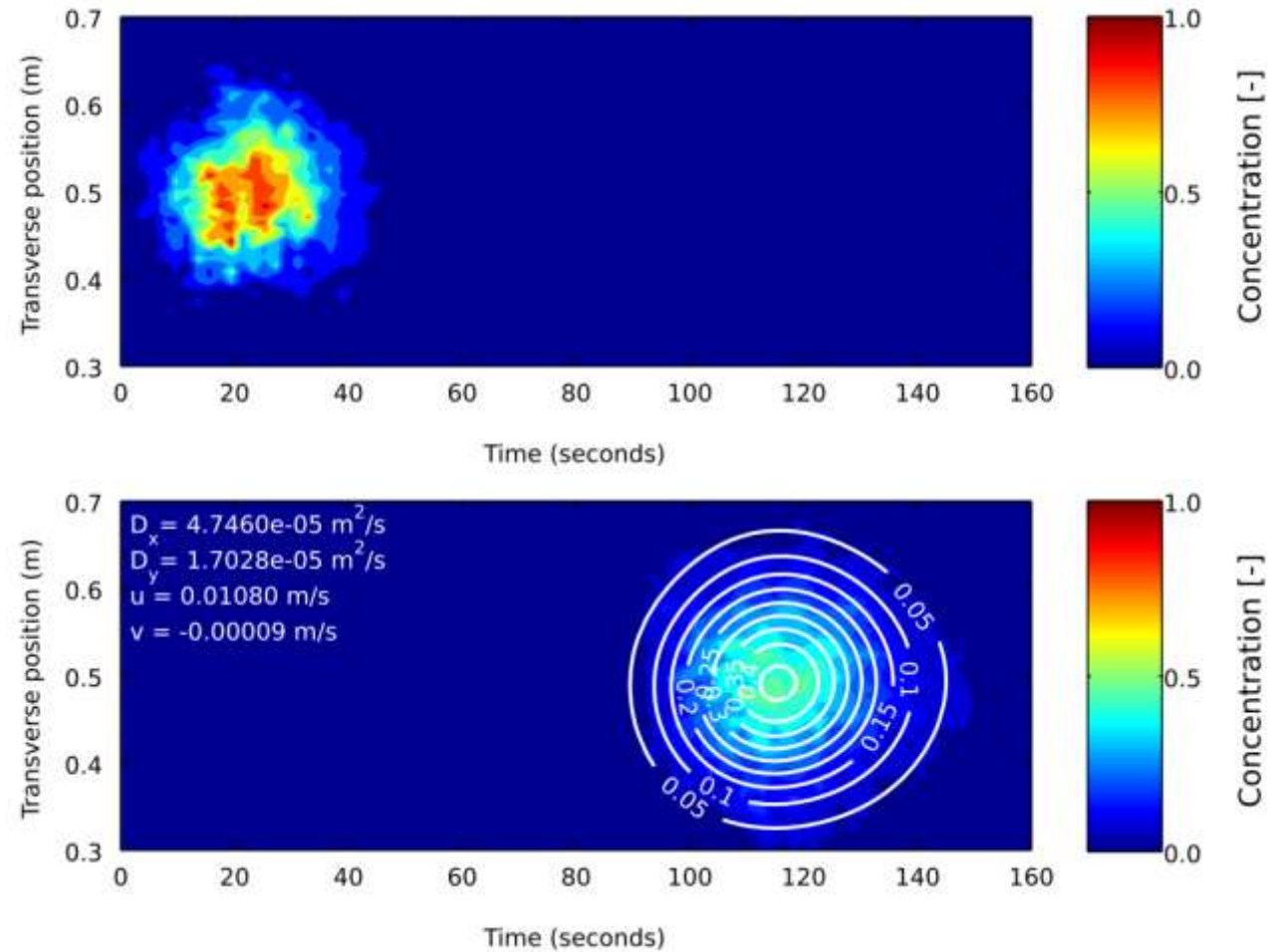
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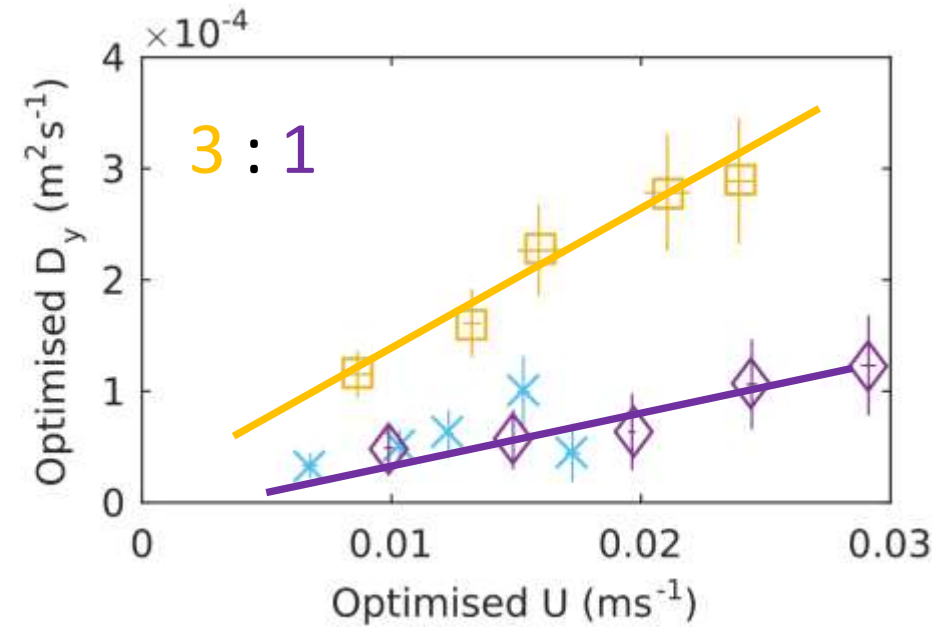
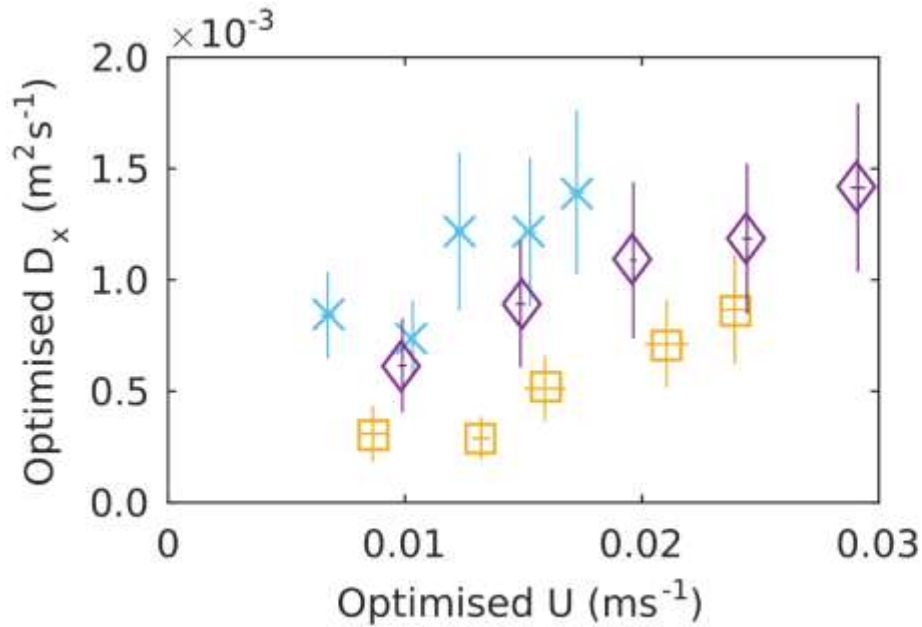
	D_x (m ² /s)
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Step	4.30
Best fit	1.32

Real Vegetation - Laboratory studies



Simultaneous determination of longitudinal and transverse mixing

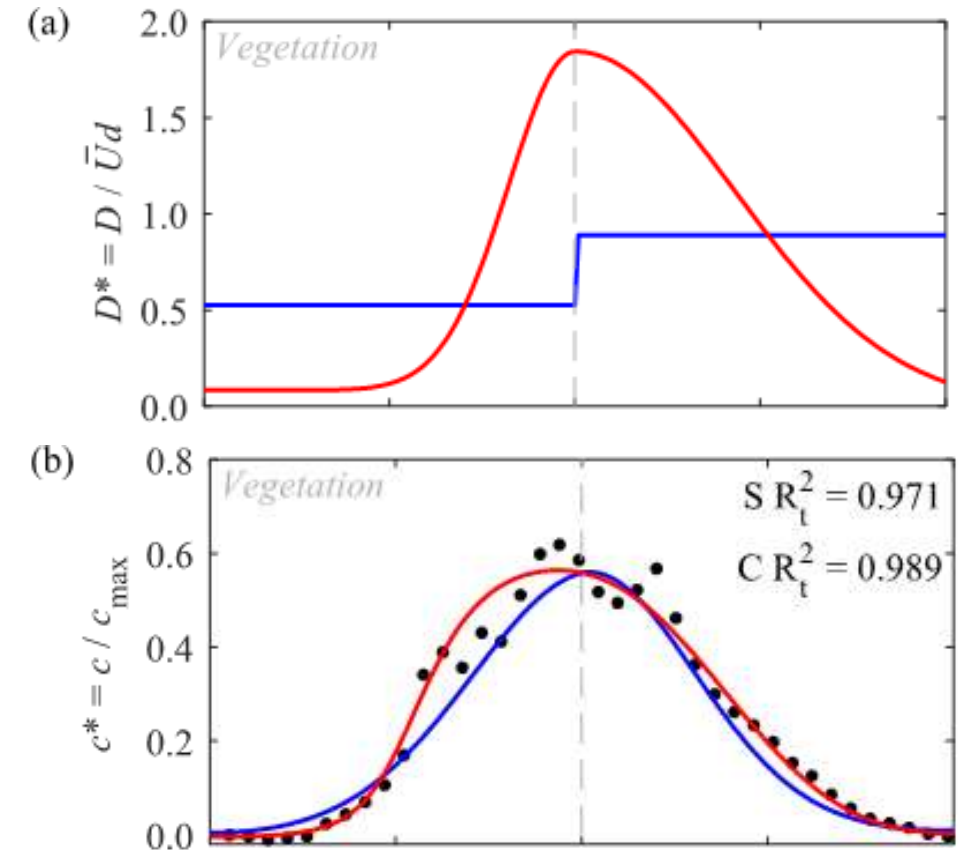
Real Vegetation - Results



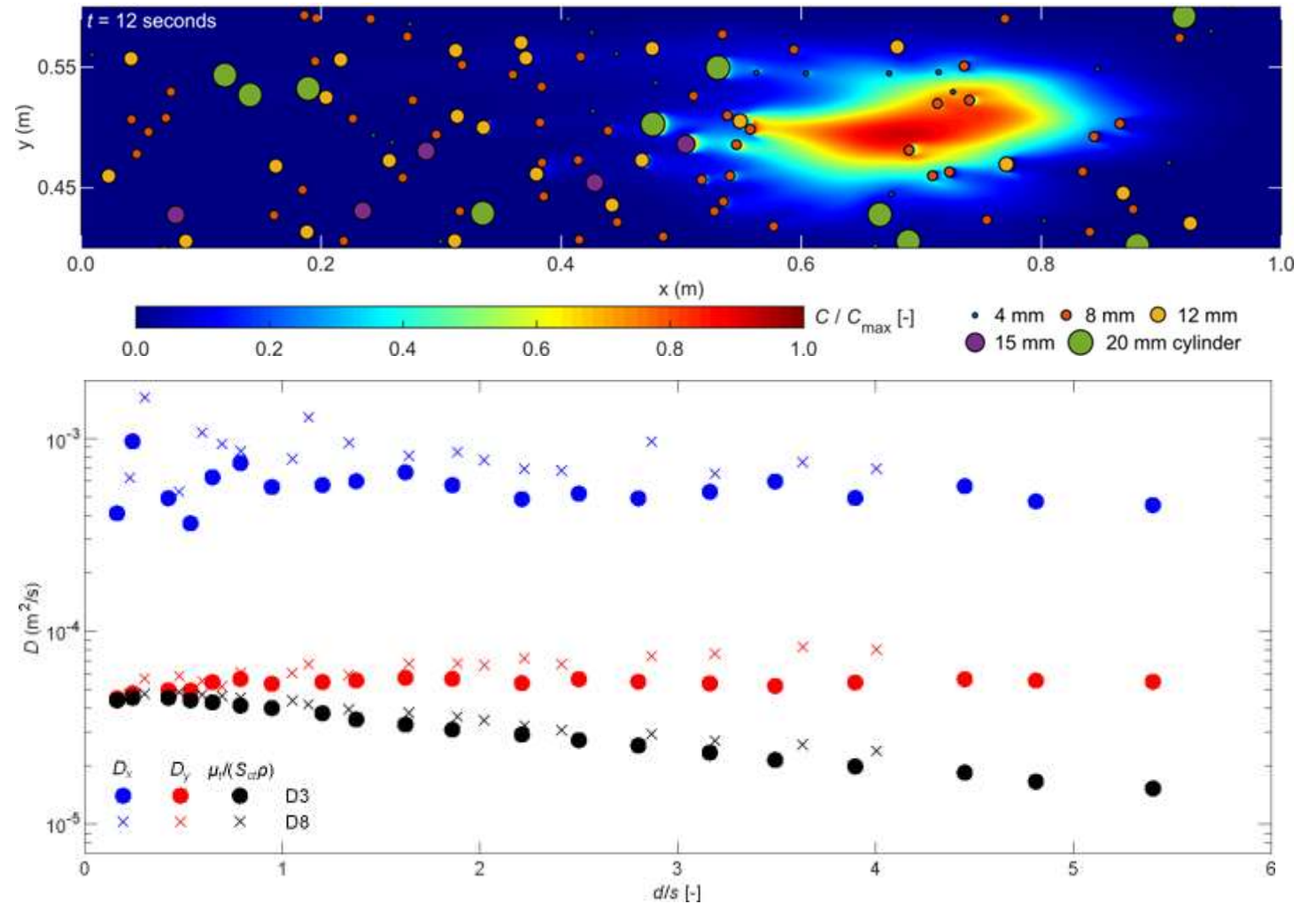
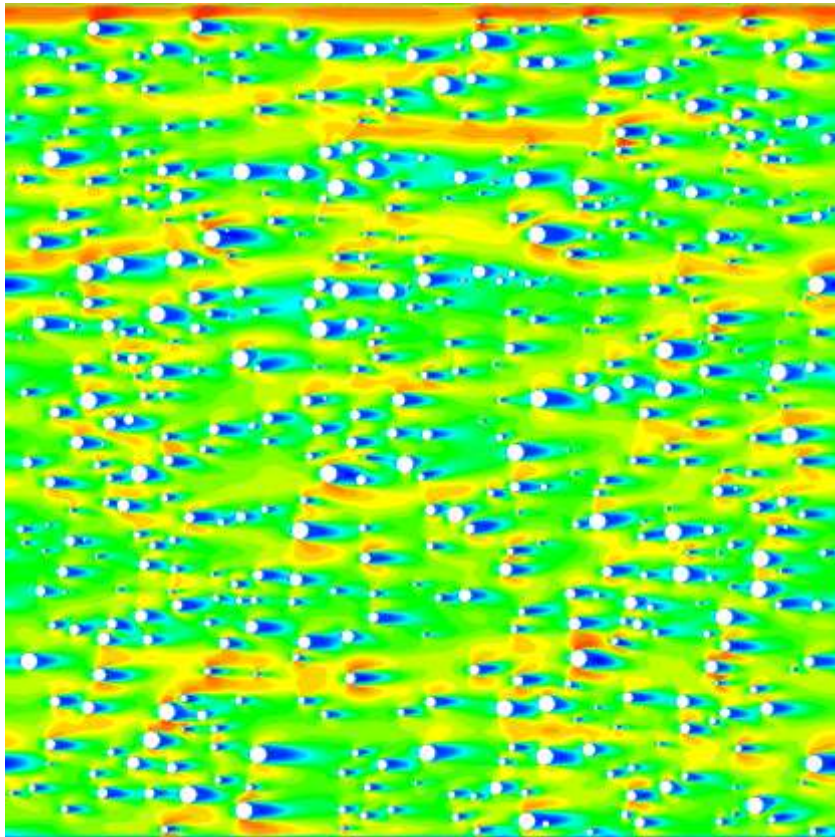
× Carex □ Winter Typha ◇ Summer Typha

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

Partial Vegetation – transverse shear effects



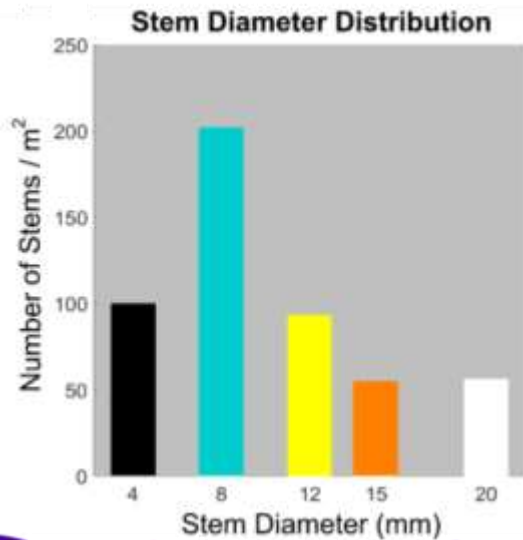
Artificial Emergent Vegetation – CFD study “RandoSticks”



RandoSticks - Laboratory System

RandoSticks morphology

Winter *Typha latifolia*



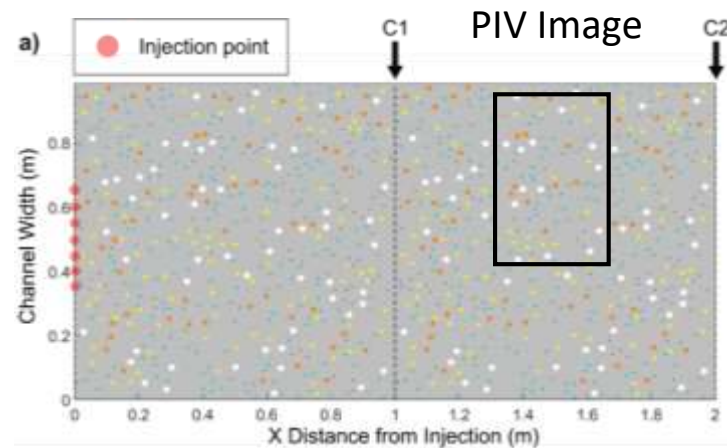
RandoSticks Layout

1.0 m x 1.0 m over 9 m

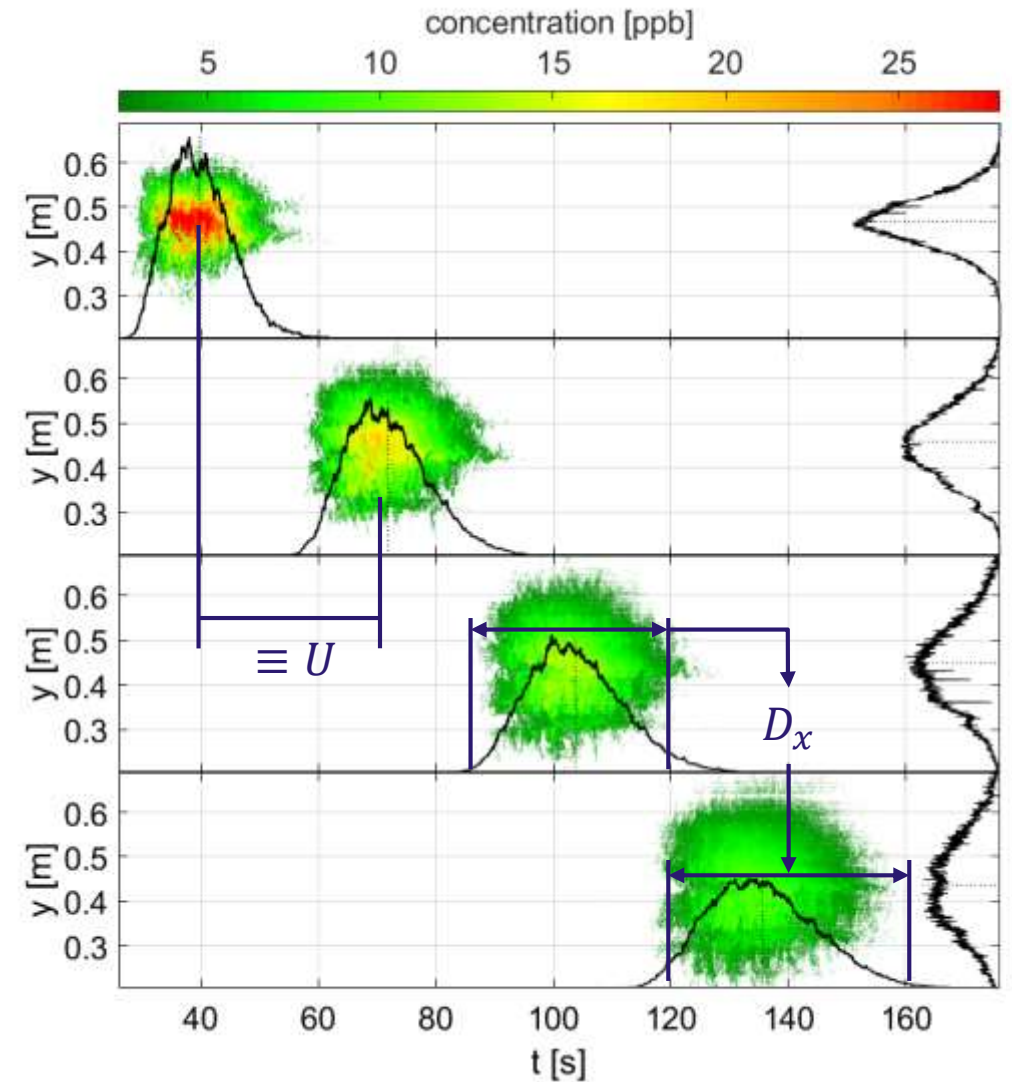
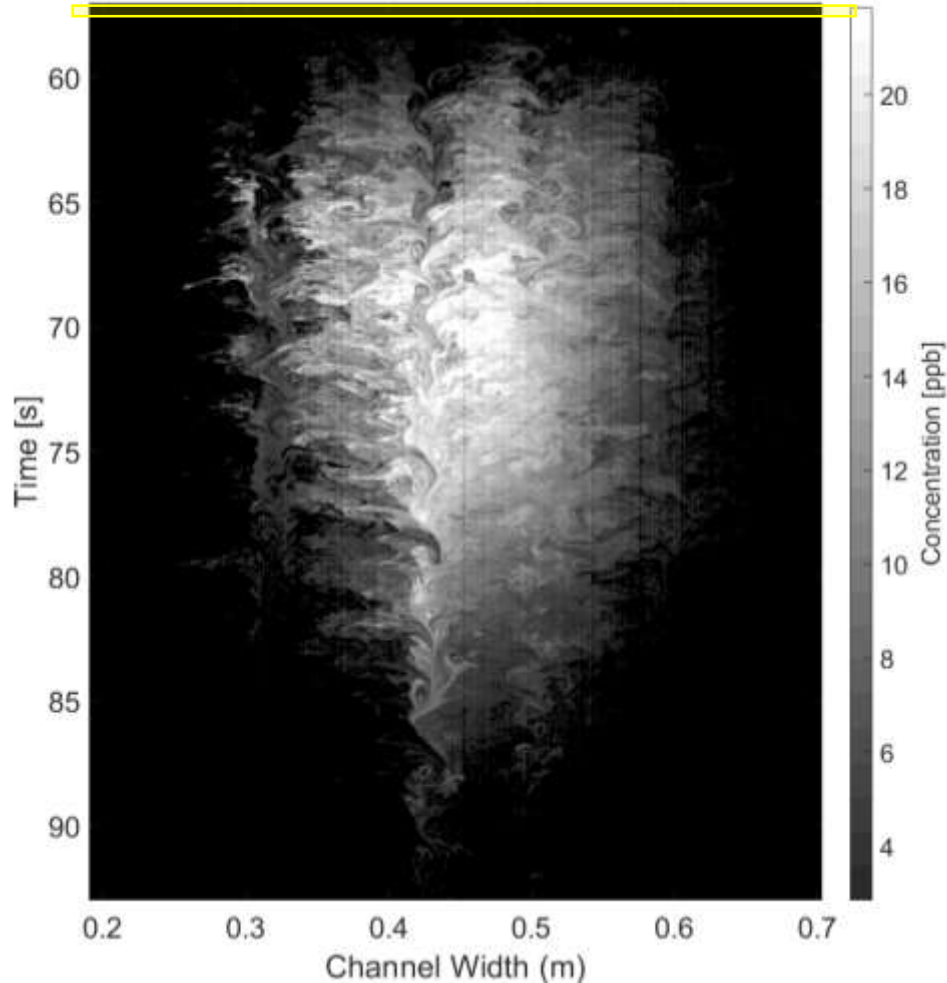


Optical System

LIF & PIV

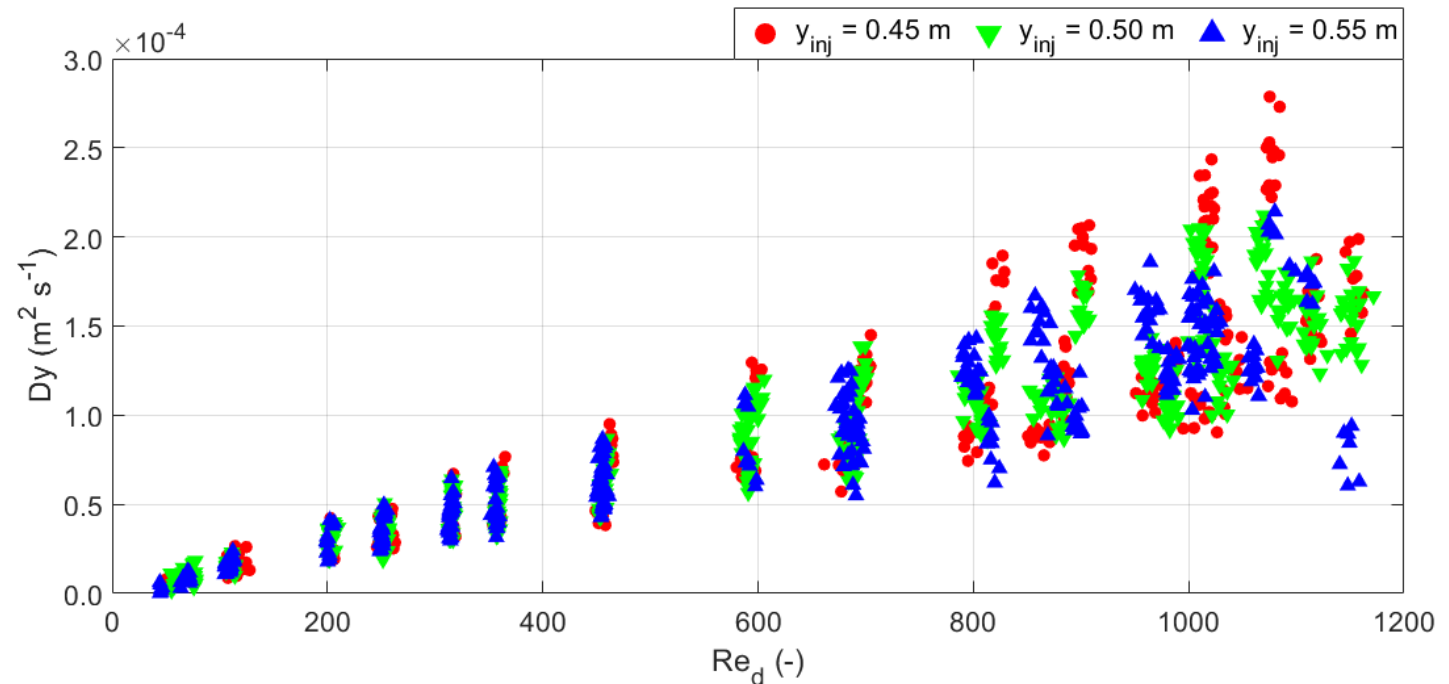
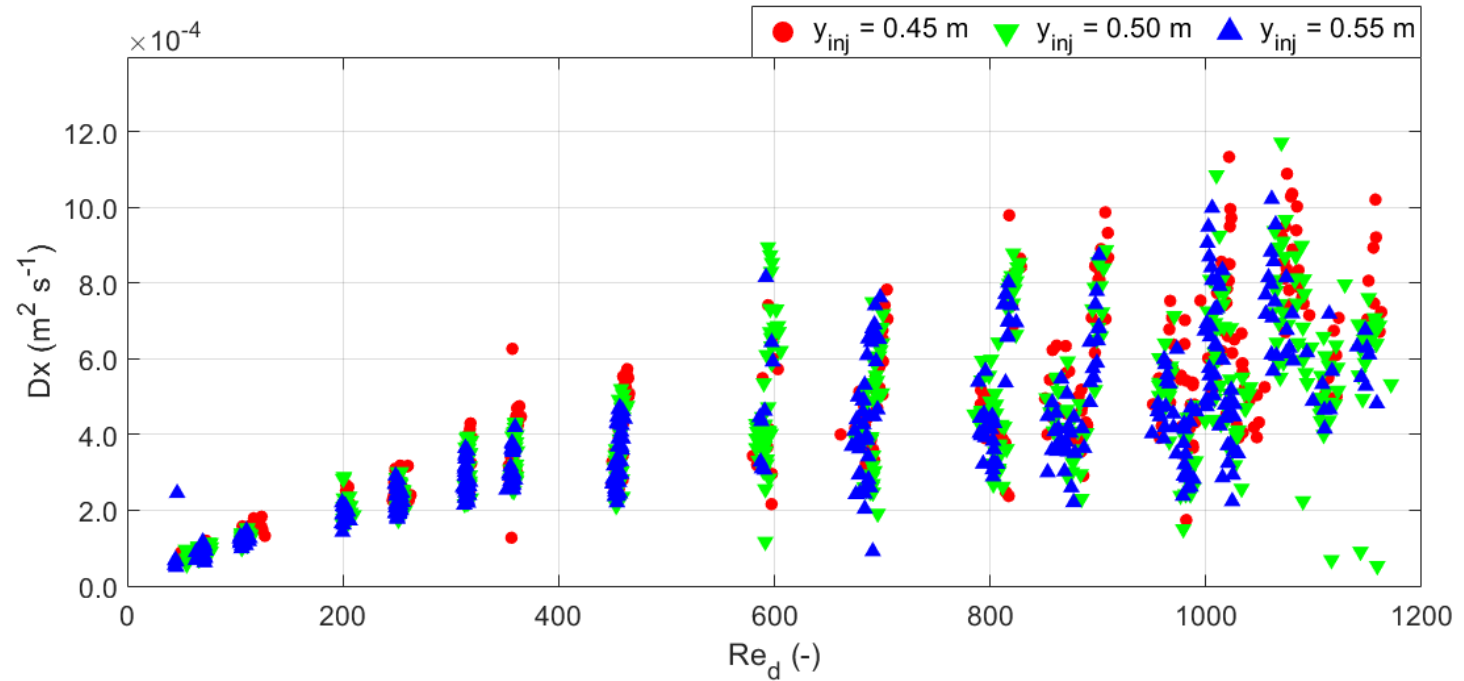


Laser Induced Fluorescence - Experiments

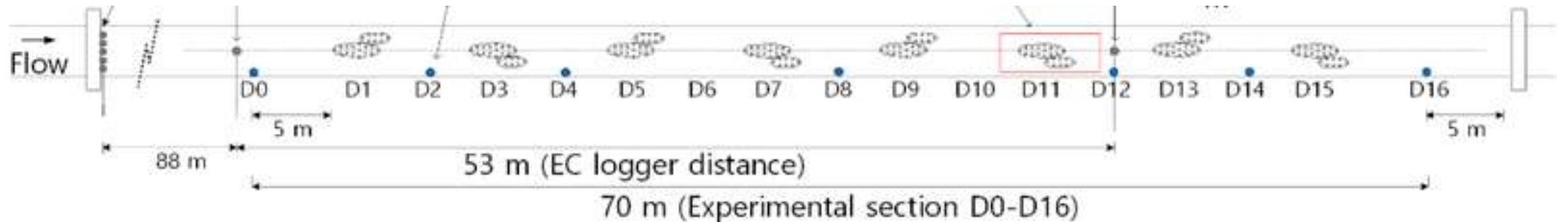


LIF Results

- 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.

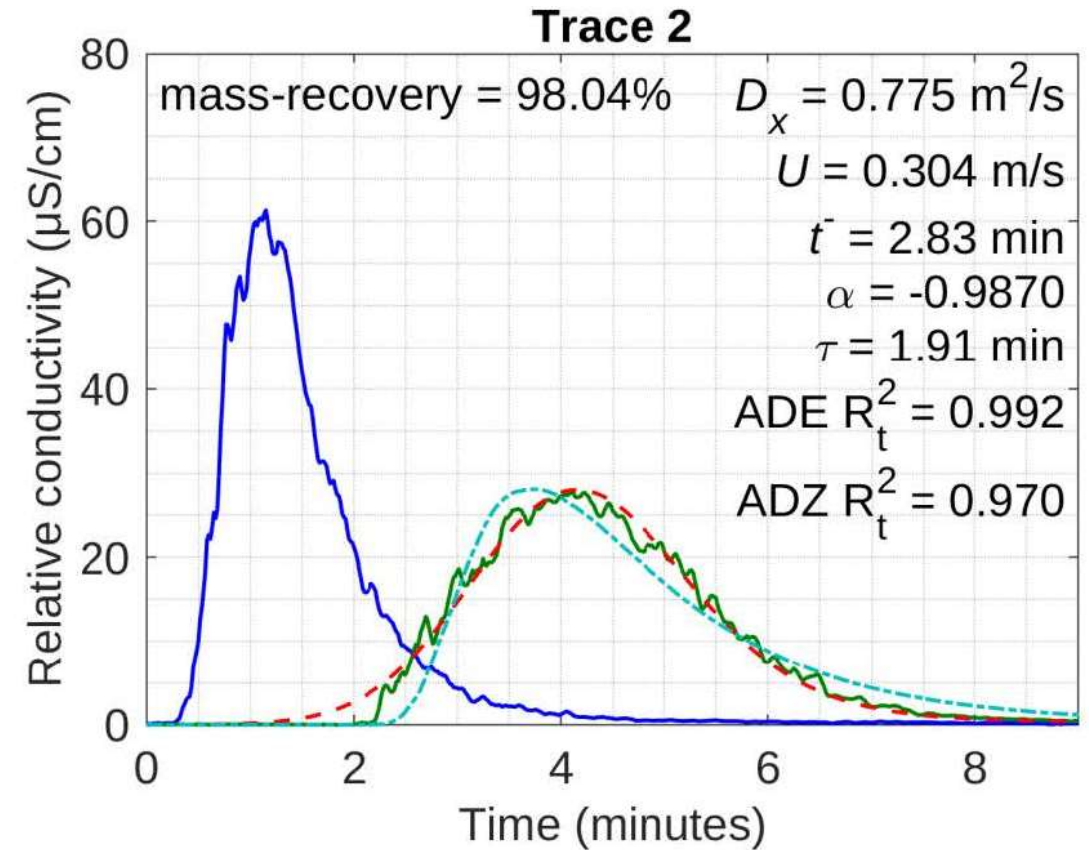
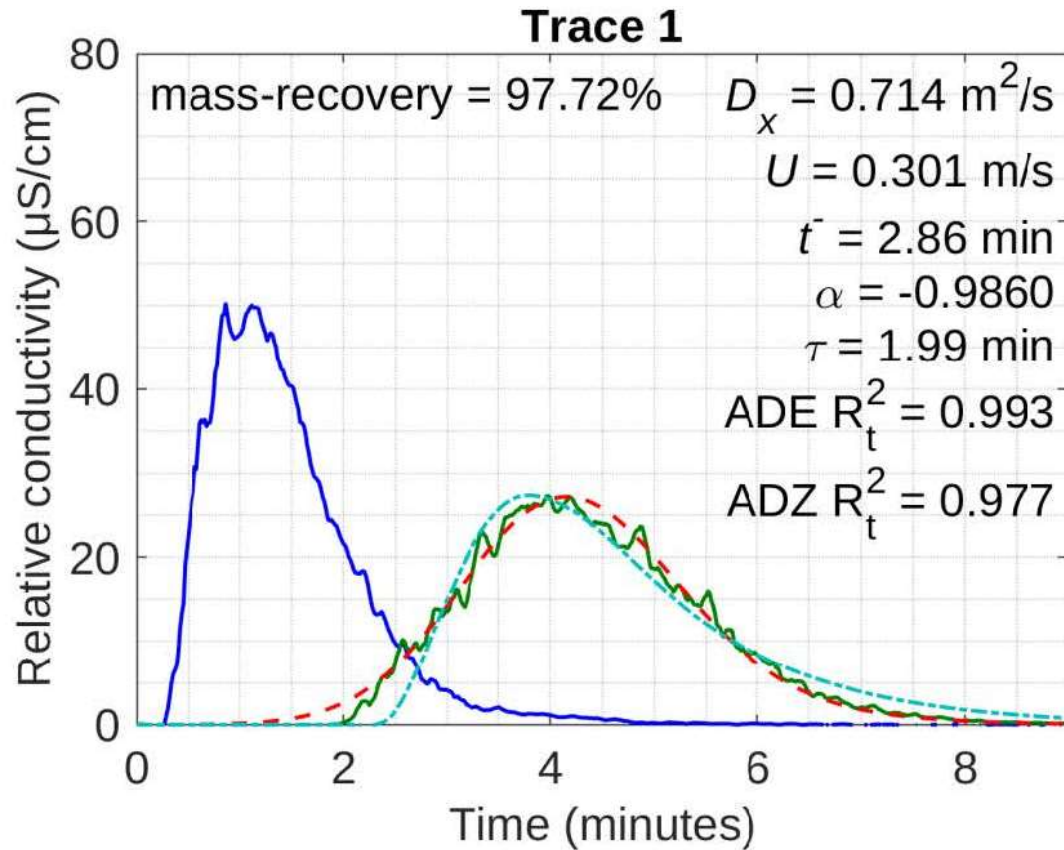


Longitudinal Dispersion with Willow Patches @ KICT - REC (River Experiment Center)



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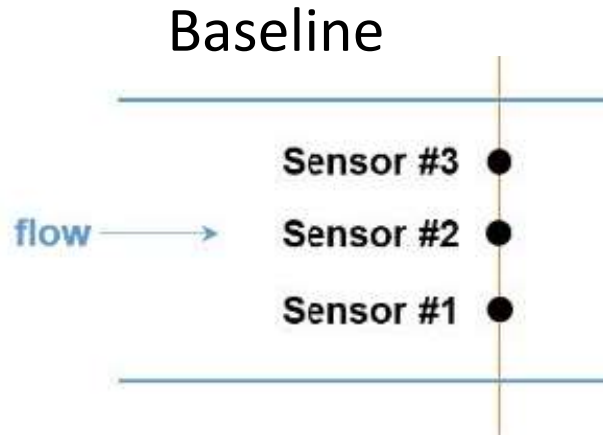
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— Upstream — Downstream - - - ADE - - - ADZ

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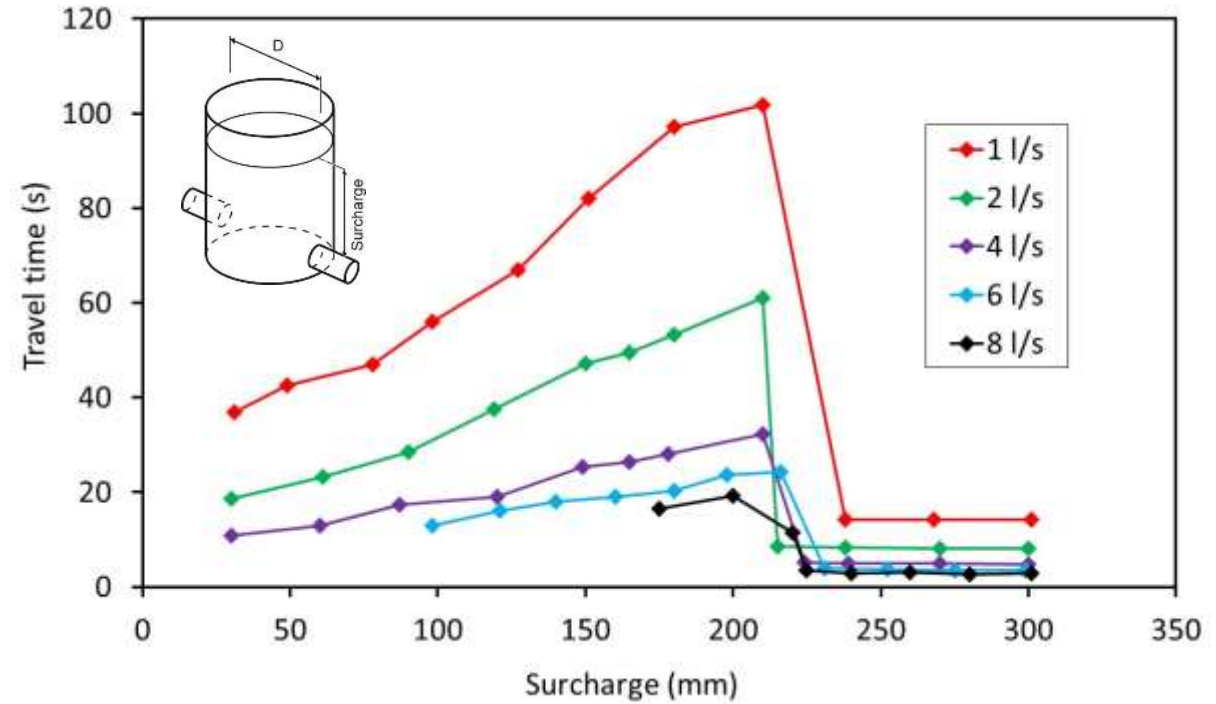
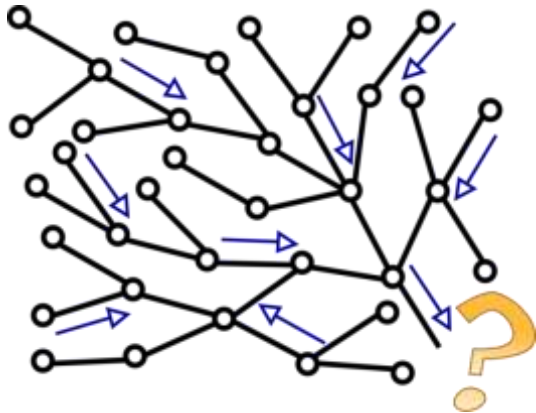
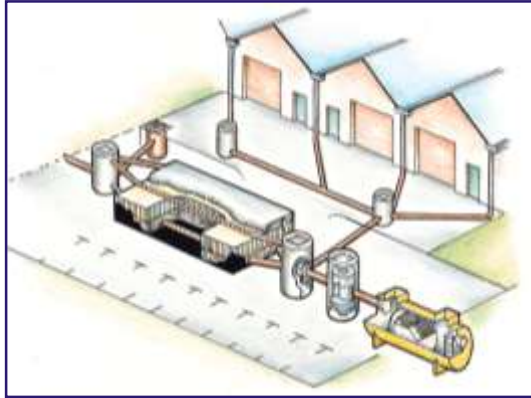
No vegetation

Differential advection
& turbulent mixing

$$D_x$$

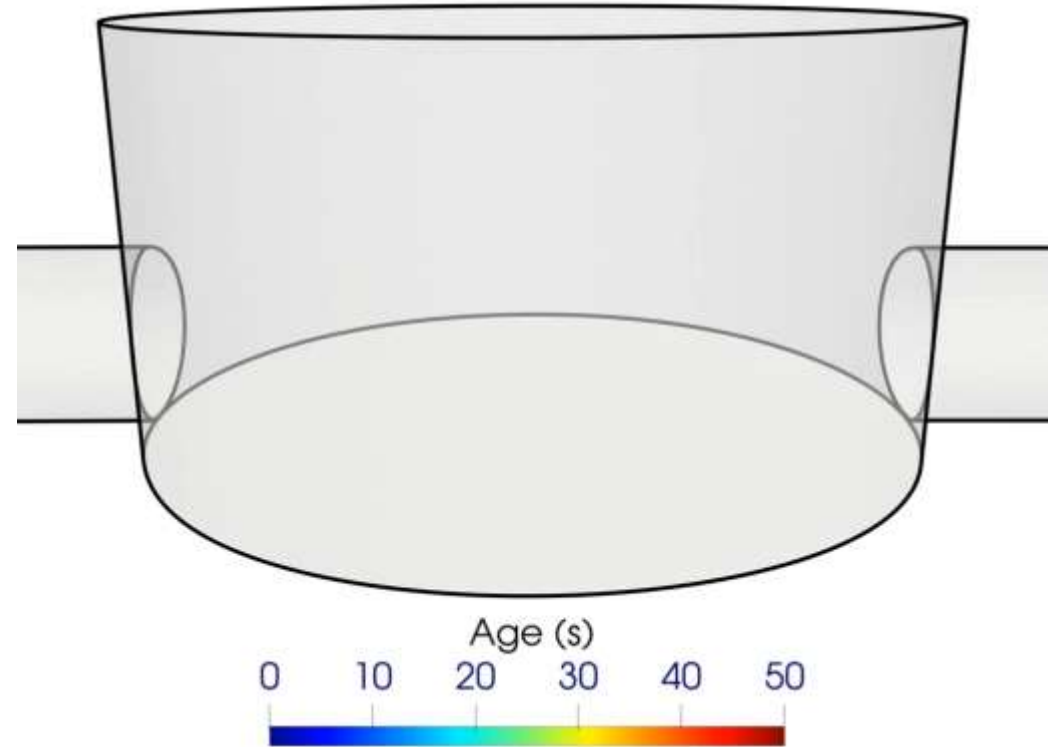
Urban Drainage Systems

Effects of changes in shape, e.g. manholes



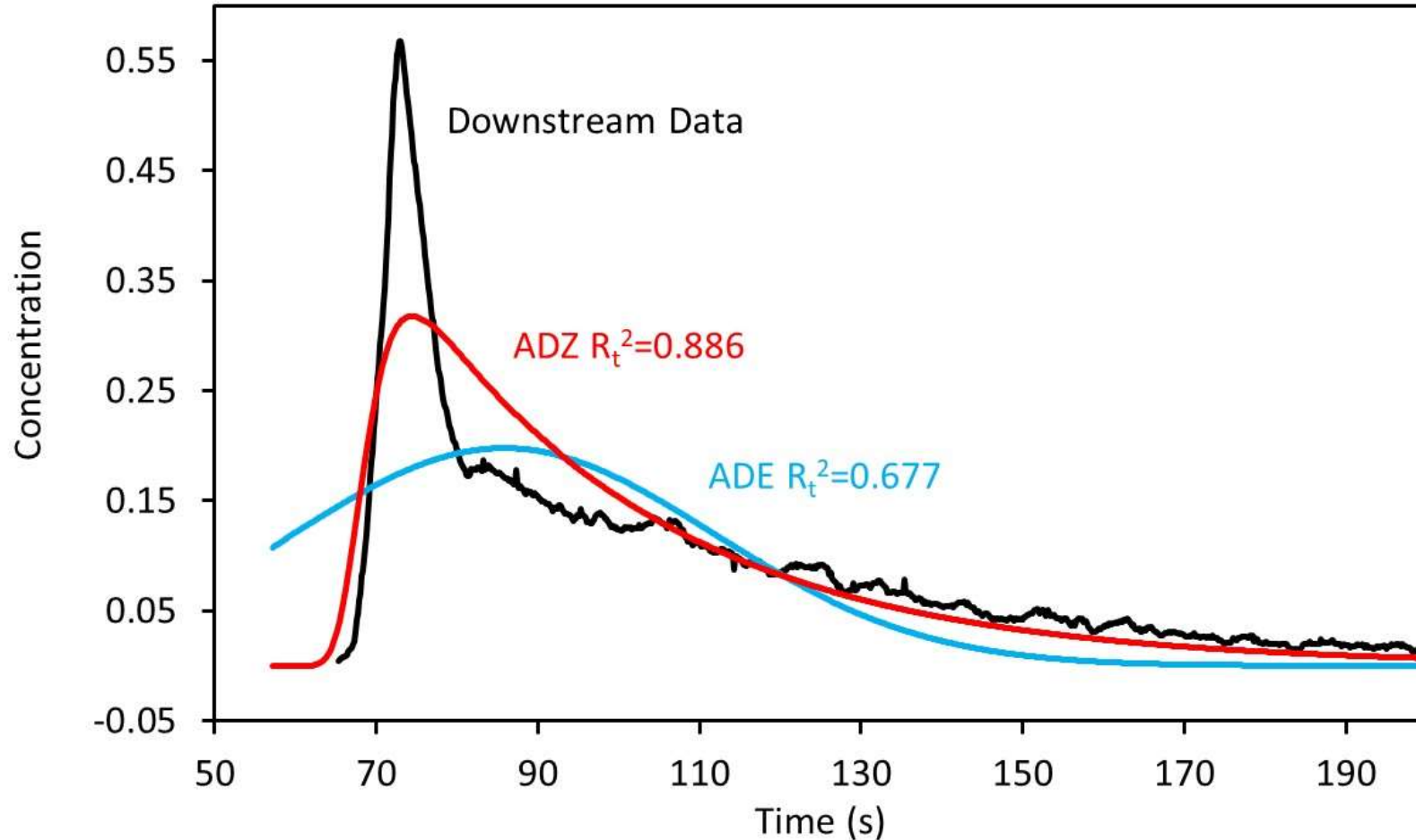
Commercial models employ either advection only (no mixing) or complete instantaneous mixing

Mixing in Surcharged Manholes



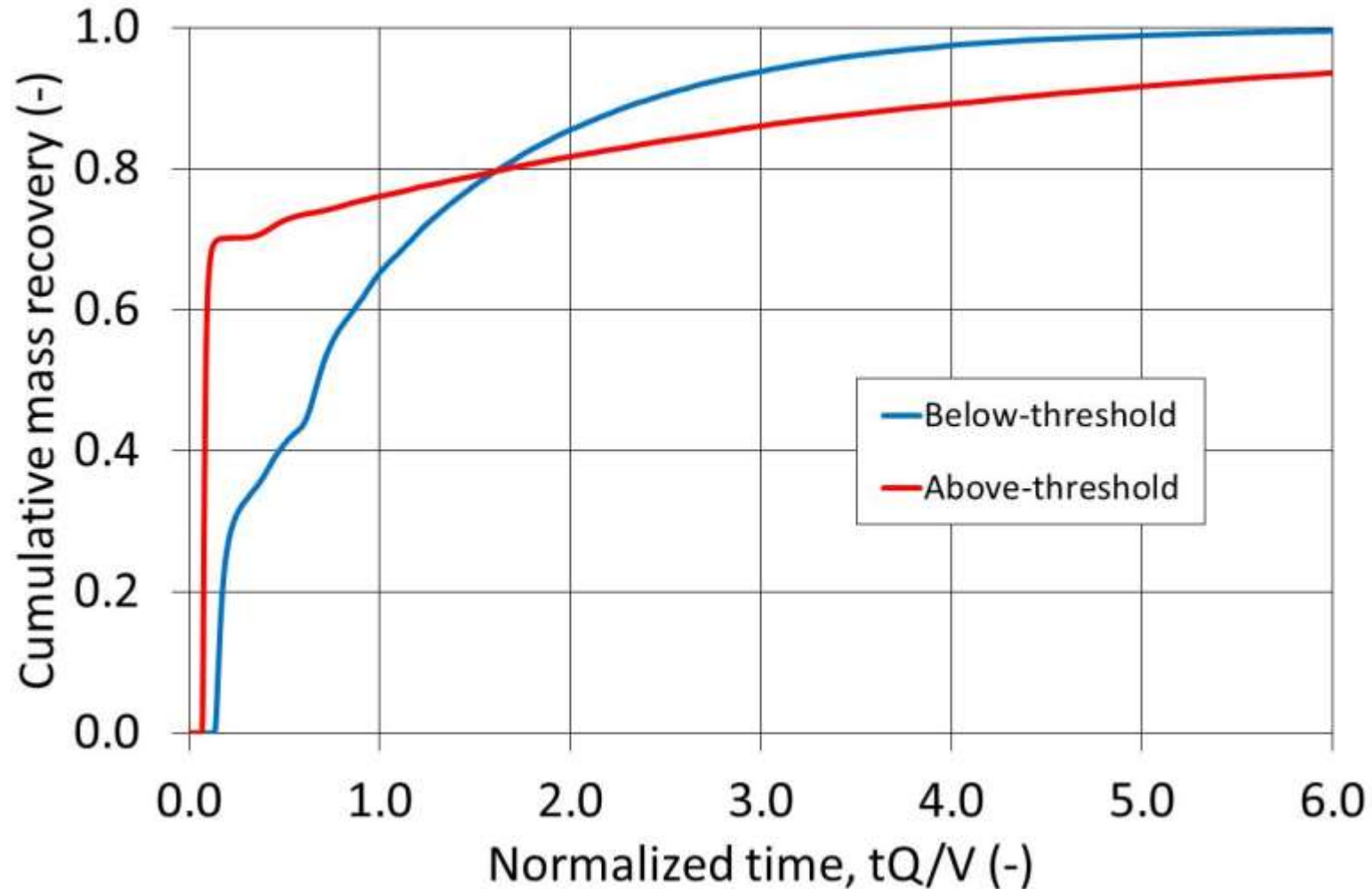
Complex 3D flow paths

Manhole Mixing – ADE & ADZ model predictions



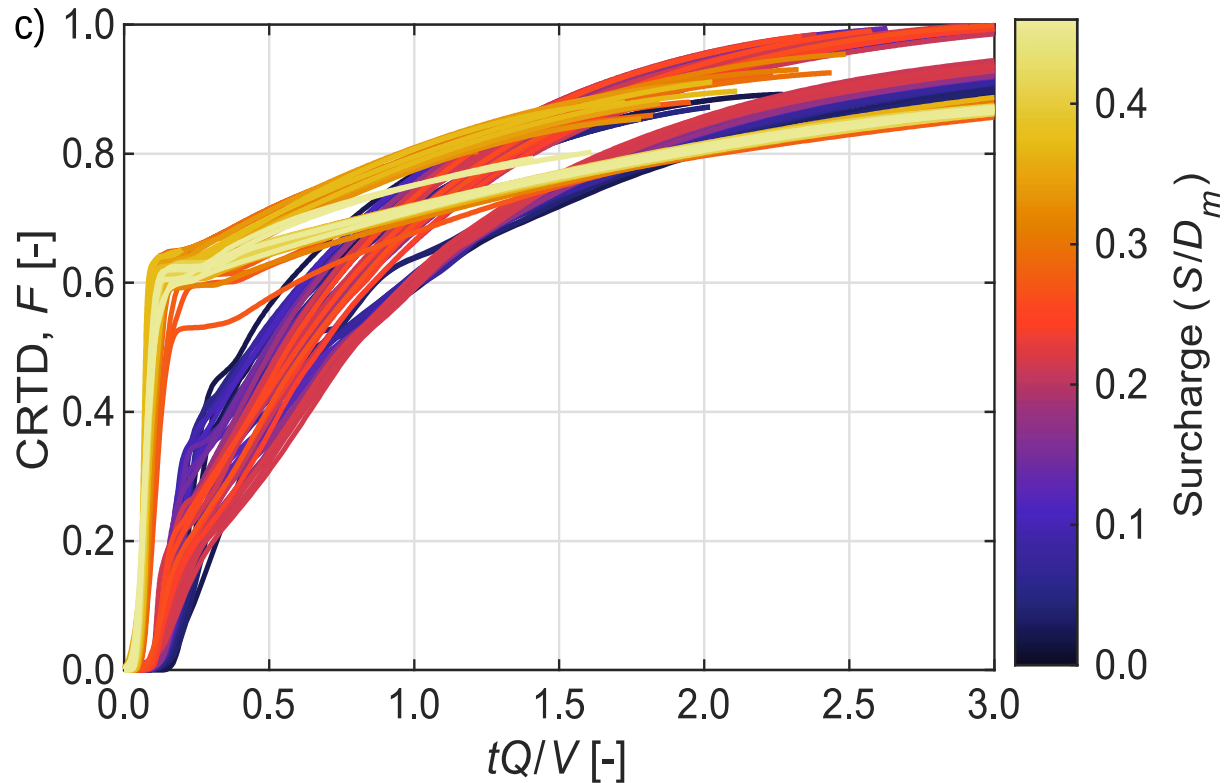
- Application of 2 parameter mixing models
- *That prediction is ... poor !!!!*
- *What about a unit hydrograph type approach?*

Manholes – Non-dimensional CRTD

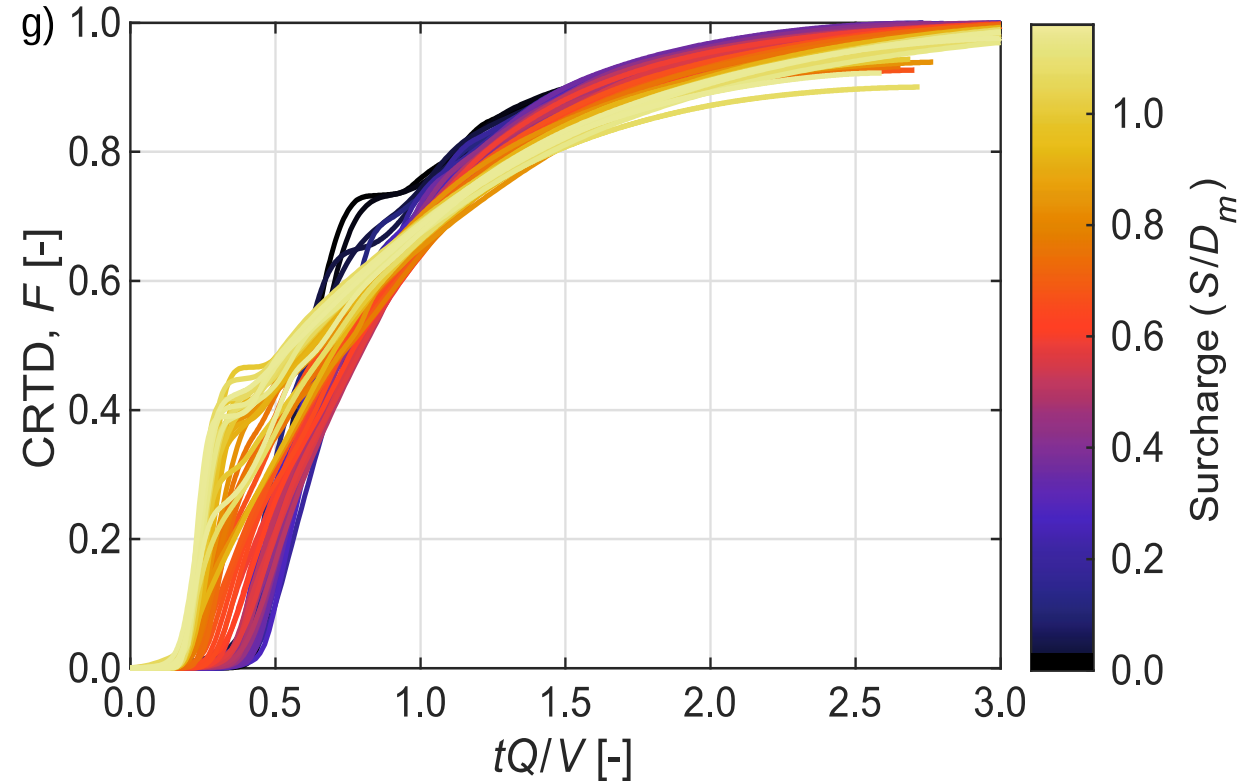


- for large $\phi_m:\phi_p$ ratio surcharged circular manholes
- deconvolution of laboratory trace data
- mixing can be characterised by just two dimensionless CRTDs

Experimental Deconvolved CRTDs

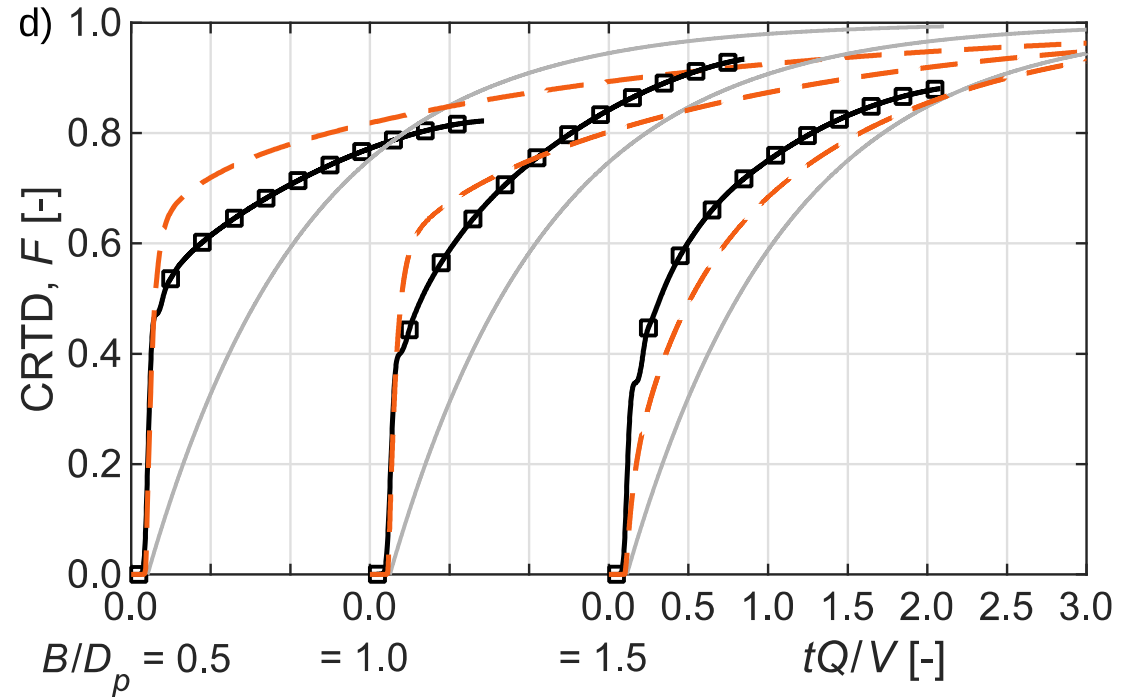
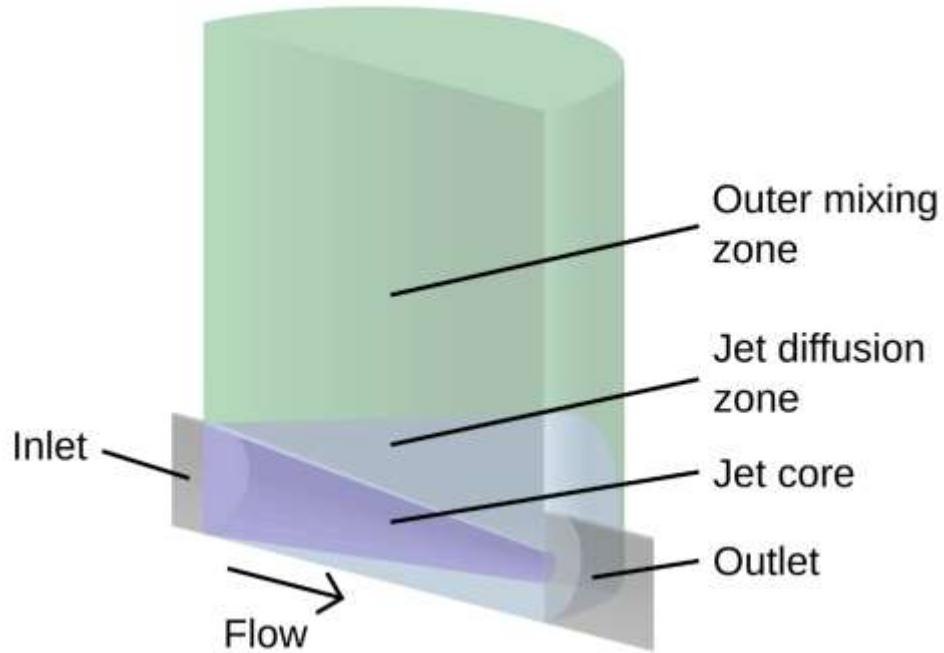


c) straight-through $D_m/D_p = 9.1$



g) 90° angled outlet manholes

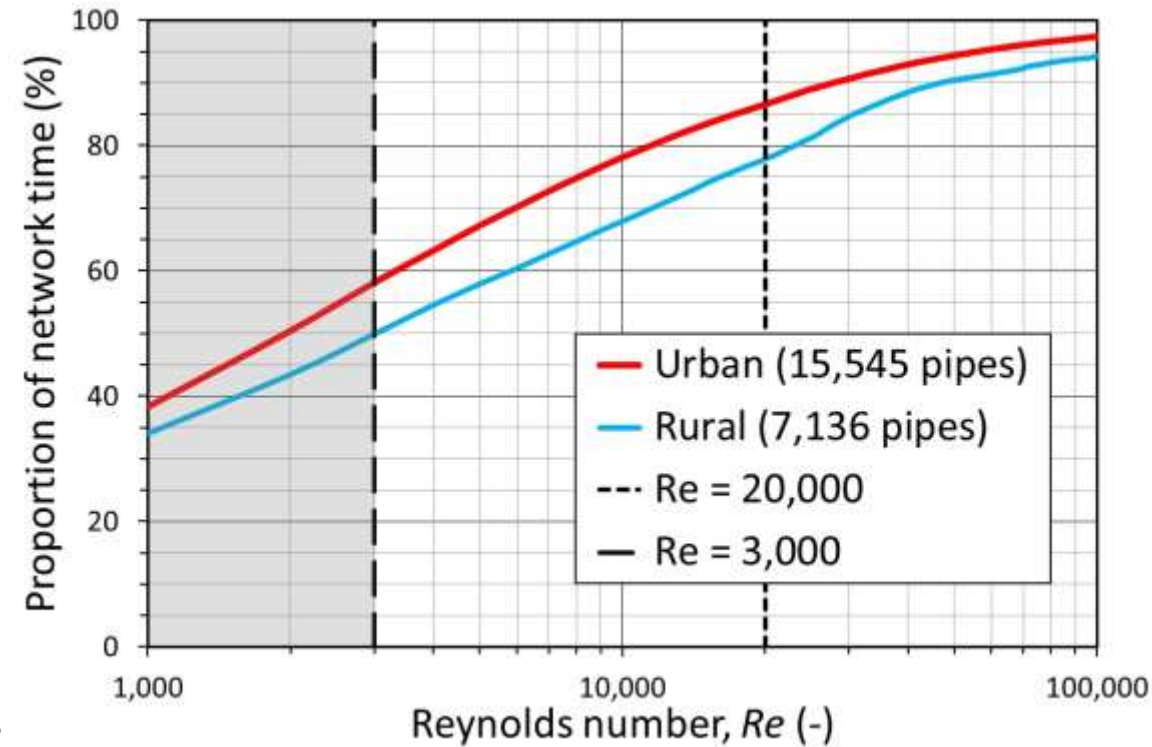
Compartmental “Jet Mixing” Model



—■— Experimental CRTD — — — New compartmental model — — — Well-mixed exponential CRTD

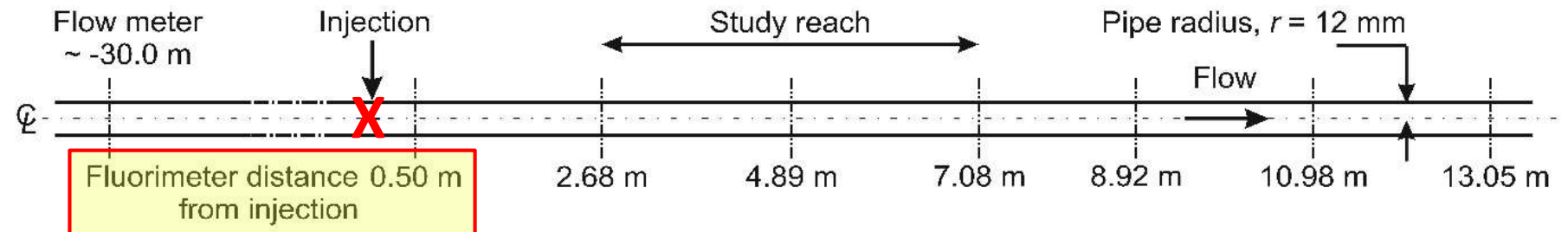
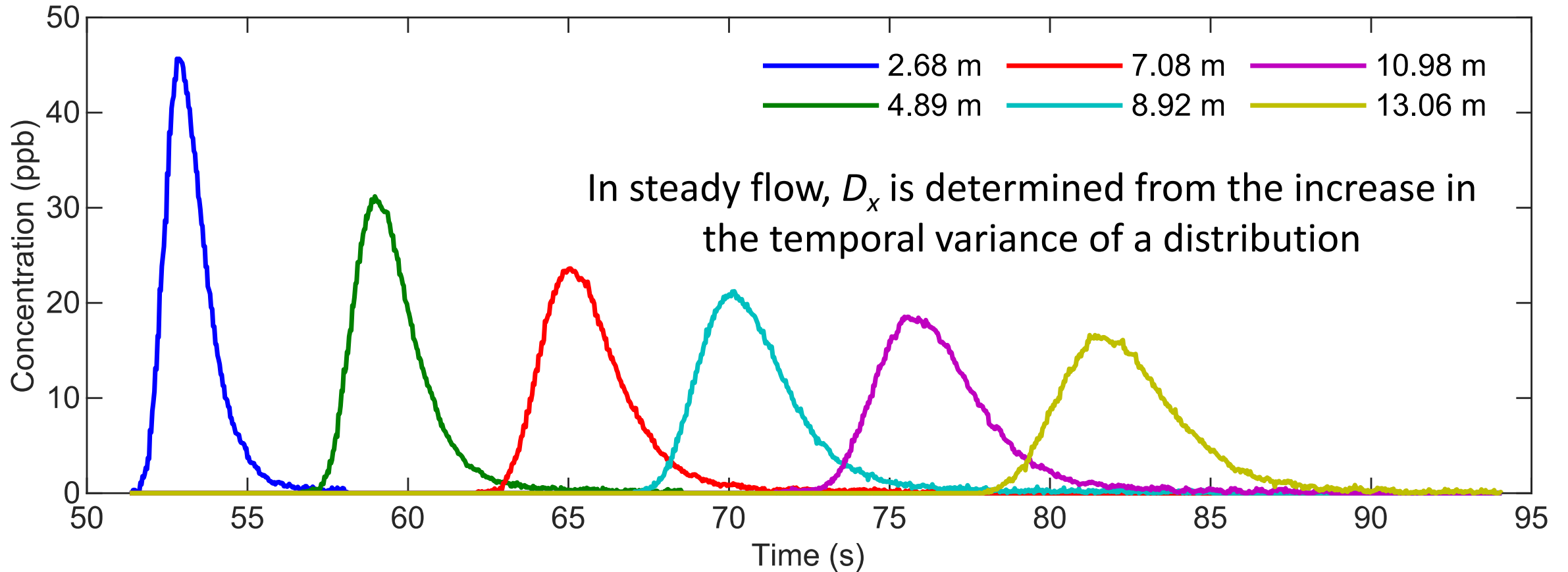
Pipe flows - challenge and context

- 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*”
 $t > 0.5a^2/D_m$ for 15 mm diameter pipe $t > 8$ hrs

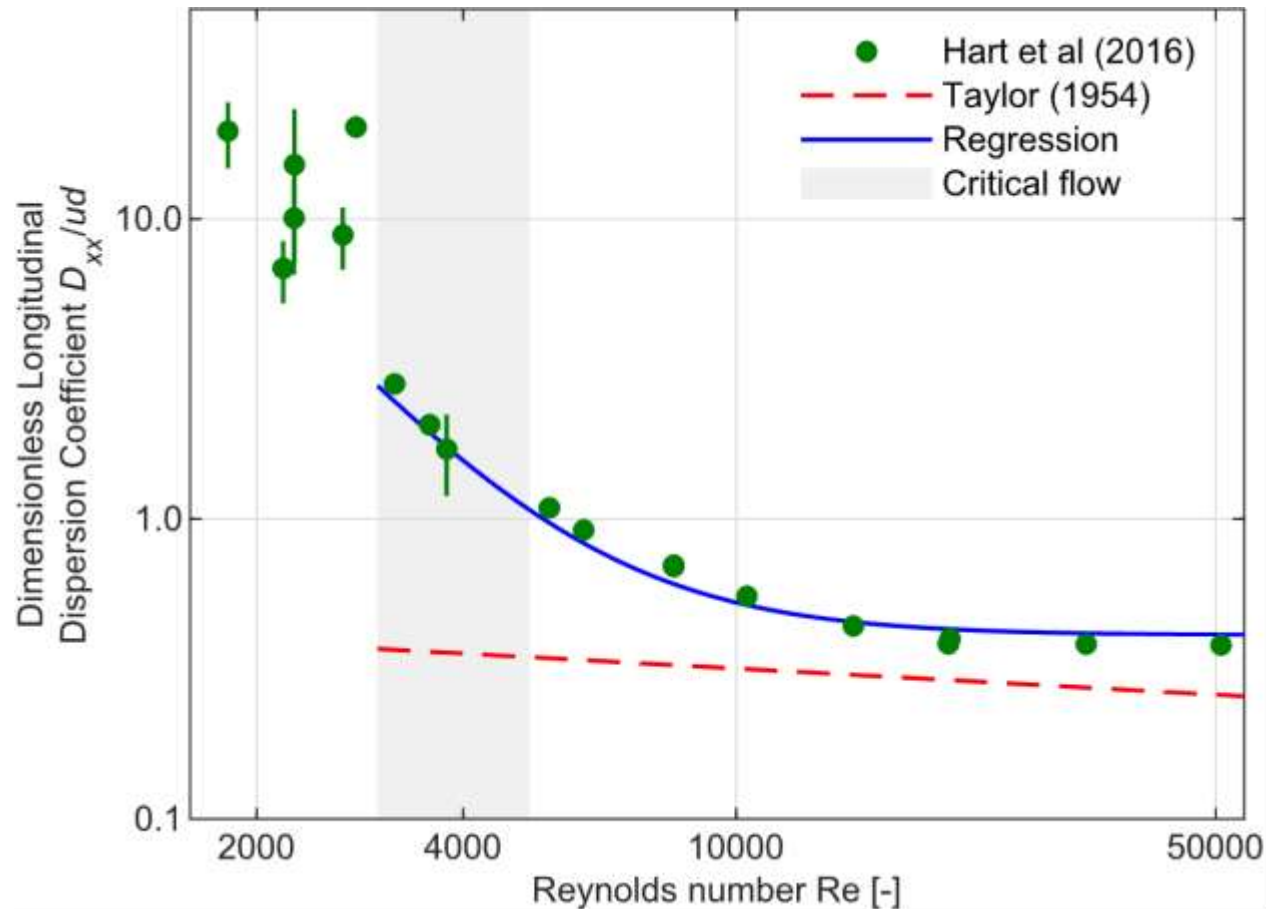


- How do we know “the time in the flow”?
- If Taylor/Gaussian RTD is not applicable, then what?
- Challenges of unsteady flows

Longitudinal Dispersion in Pipes

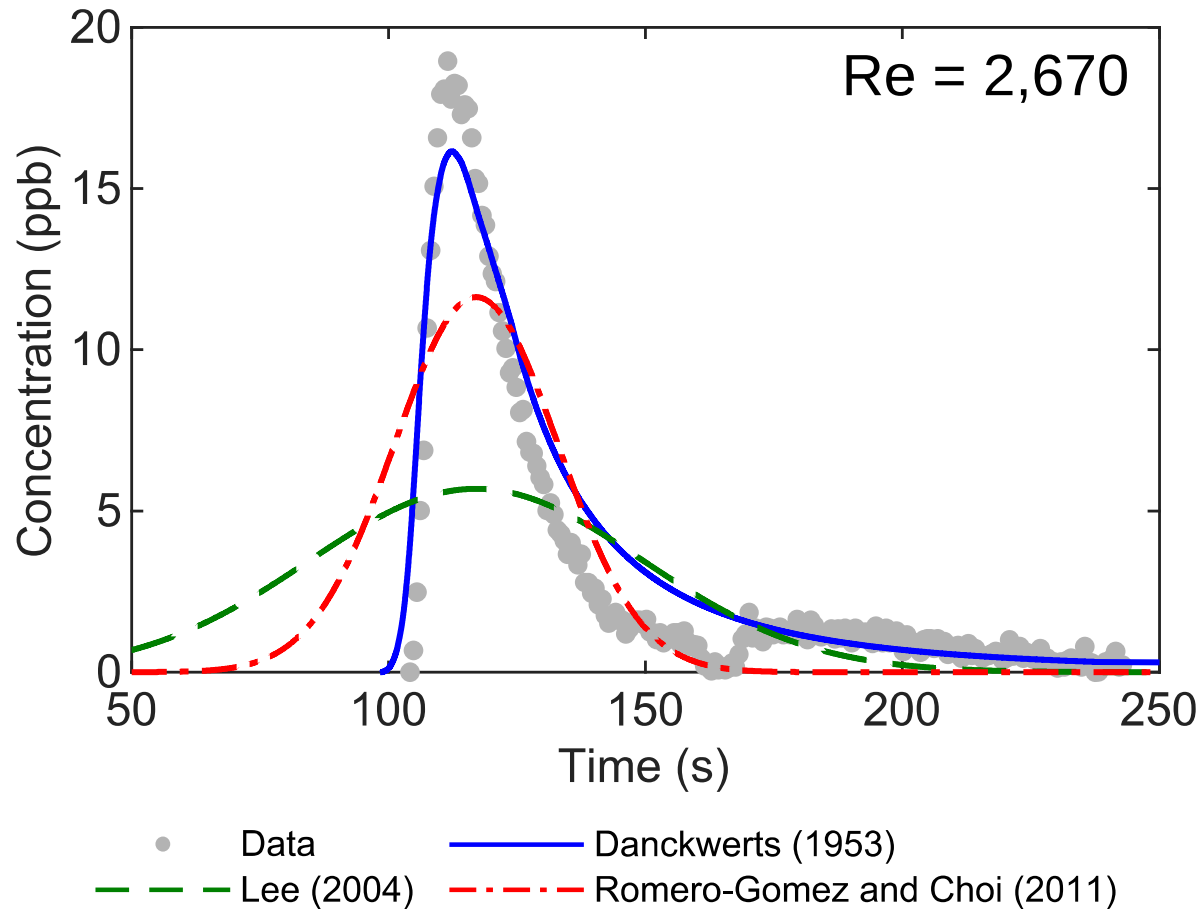


Longitudinal Dispersion in pipes – steady flow



- 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 $t > 0.5a^2/D_m$

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

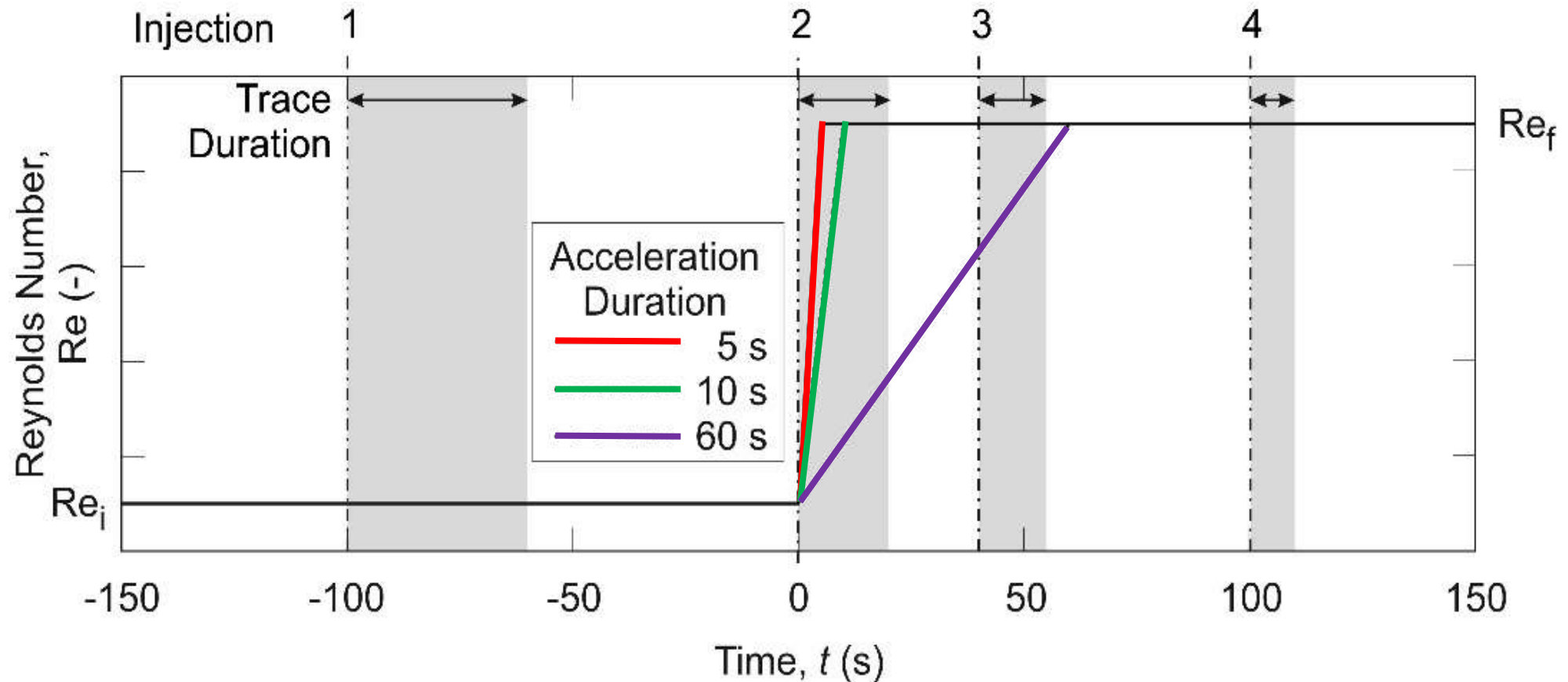
Lee (2004)

Romero-Gomez and Choi (2011)

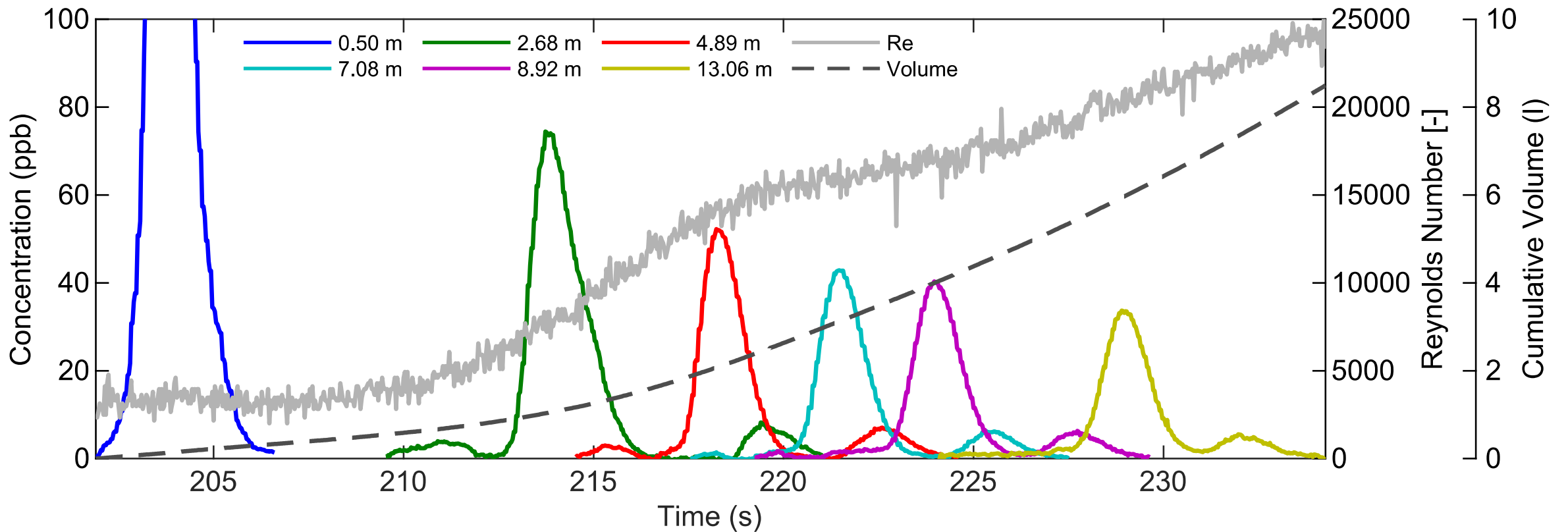
ii) Laminar velocity profile RTD

Danckwerts (1953)

Longitudinal Dispersion in Pipes for Unsteady Flow



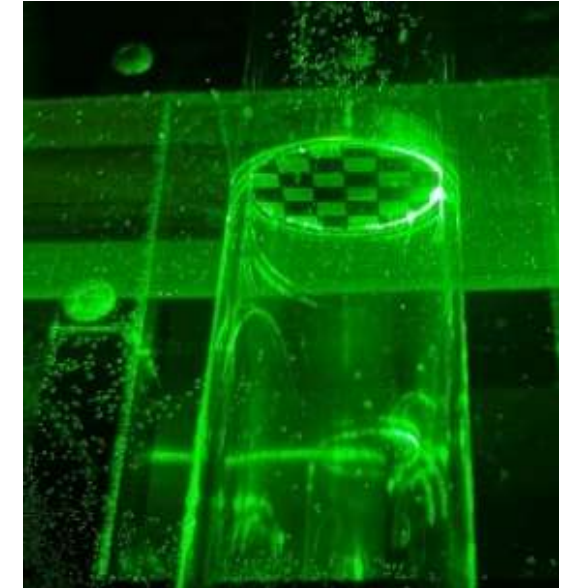
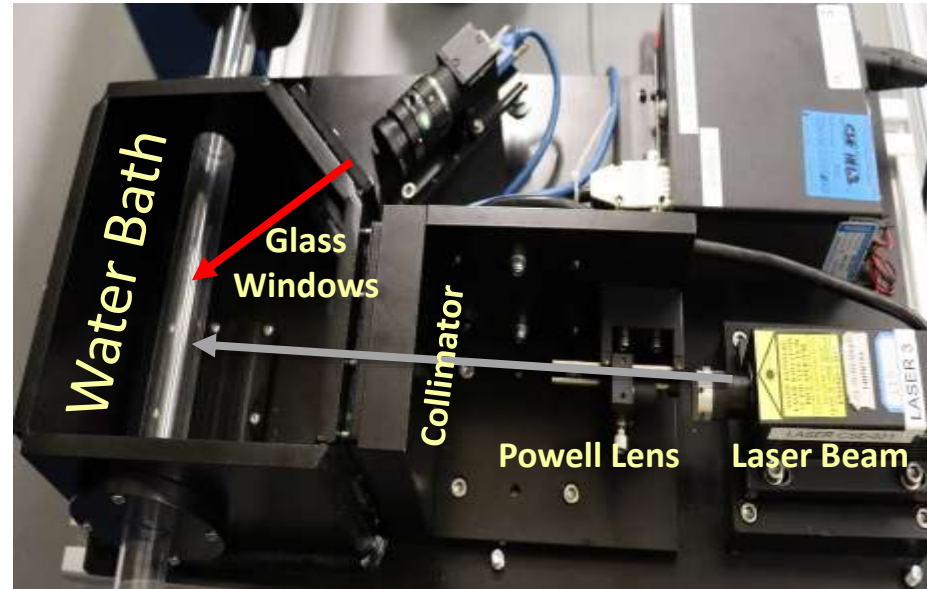
Laminar to Turbulent Accelerating Flow



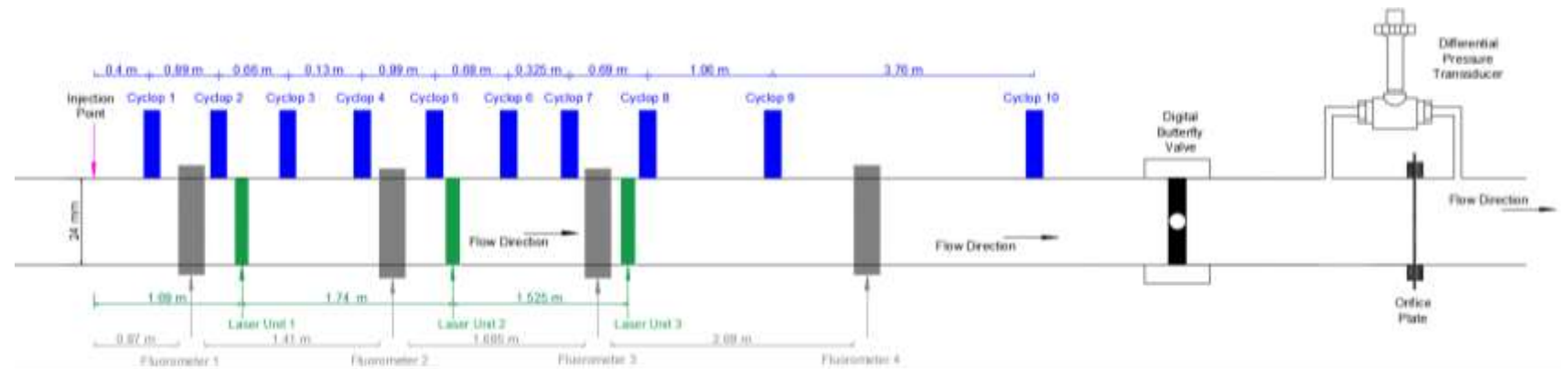
- Note the disaggregation of the tracer between 0.5 m and 2.68 m

Exploring cross-sectional mixing in pipes

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

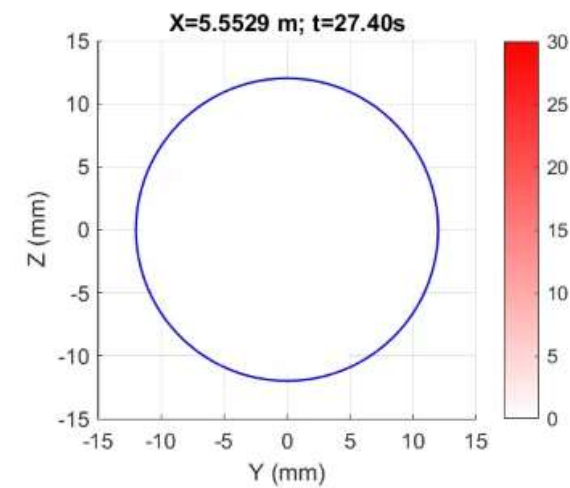
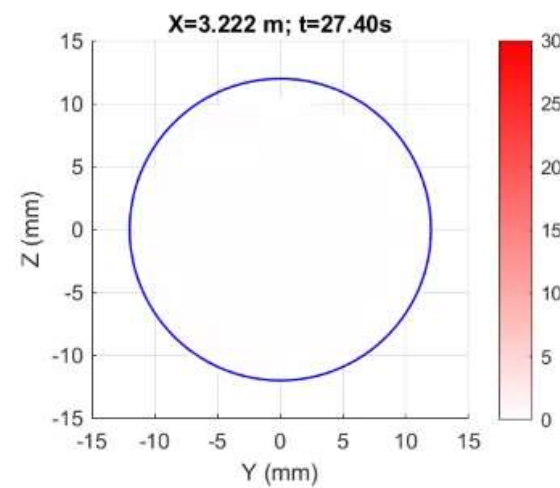
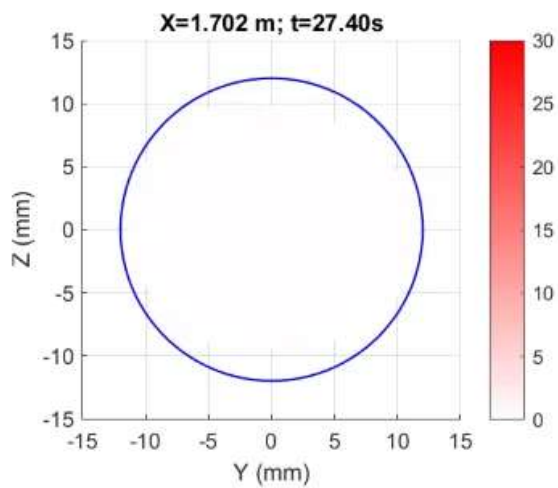
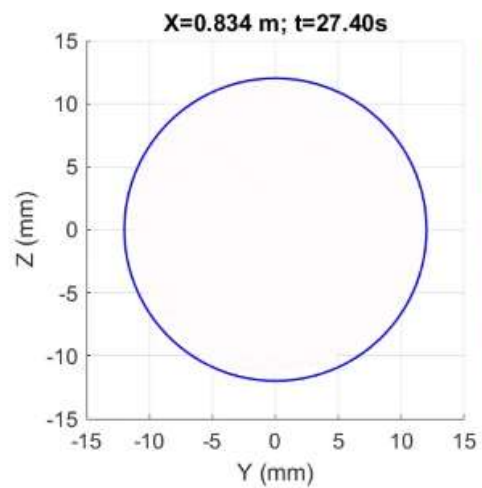
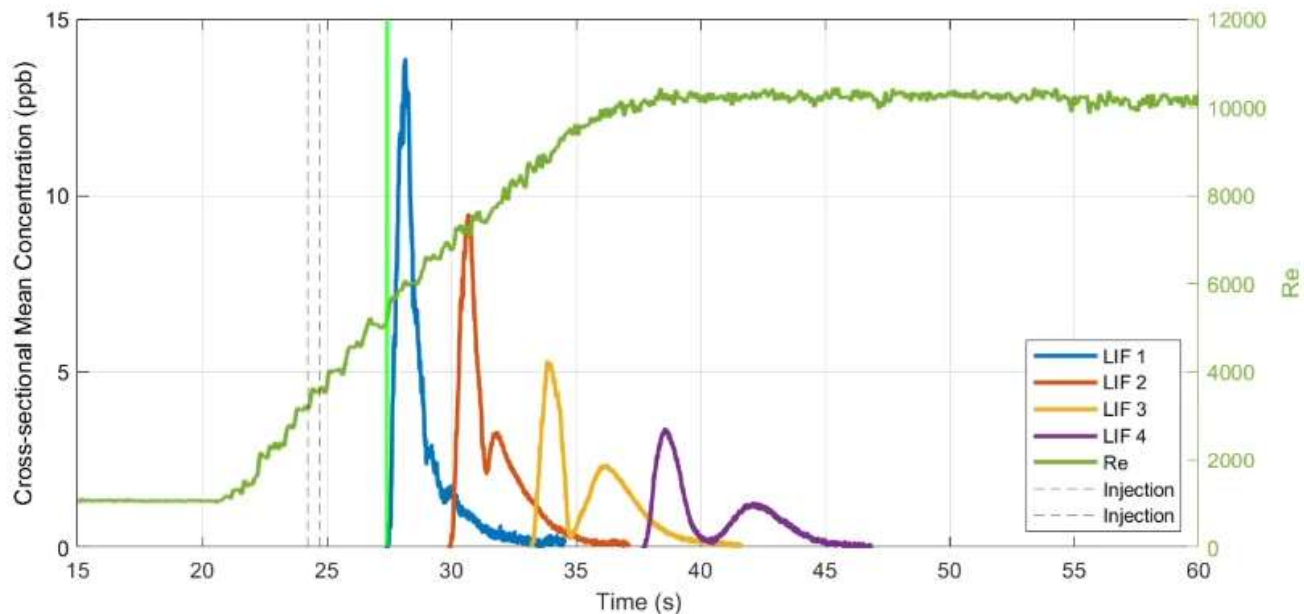


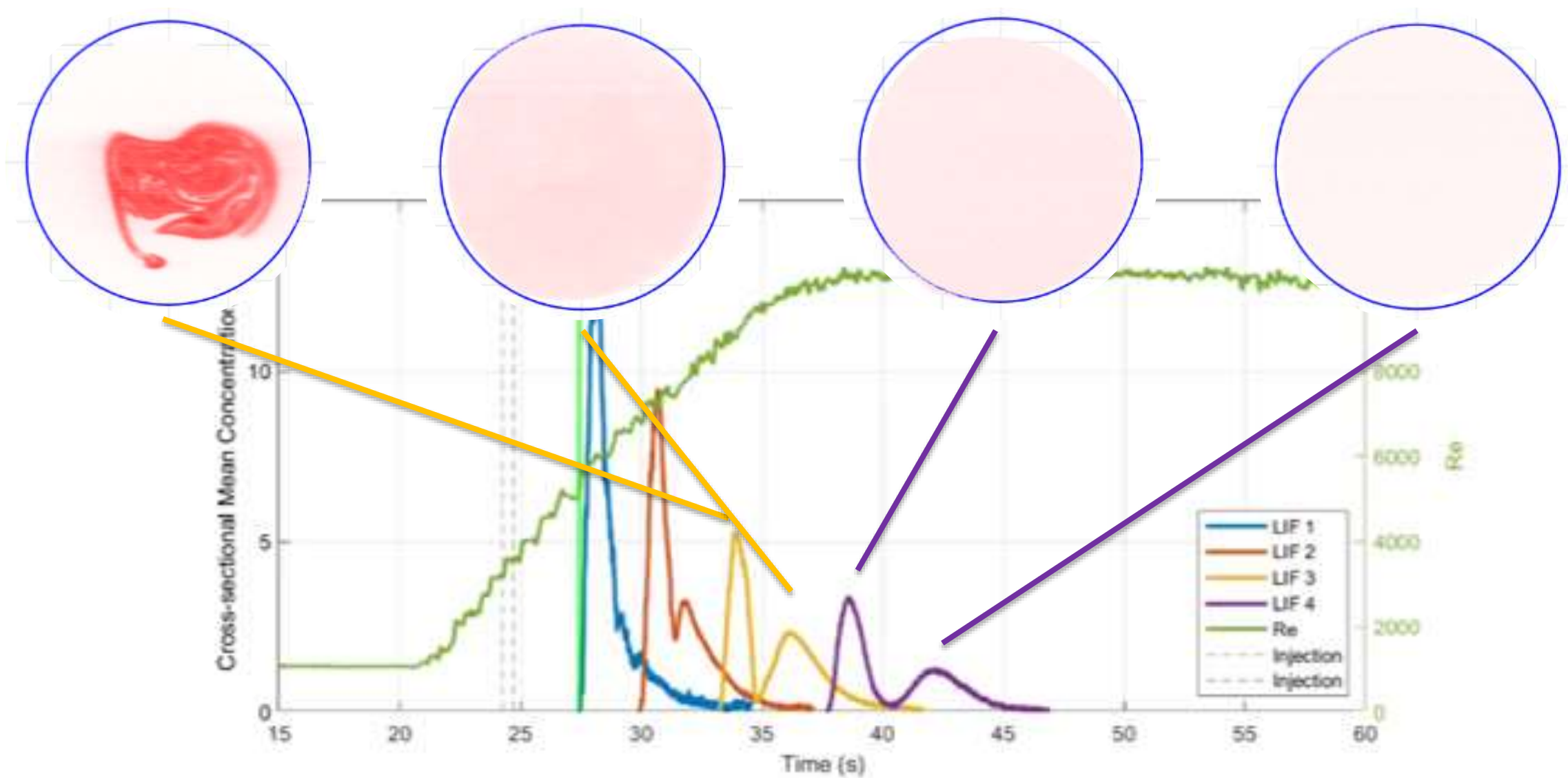
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Pipe LIF Study

Unsteady
flow
Injection
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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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