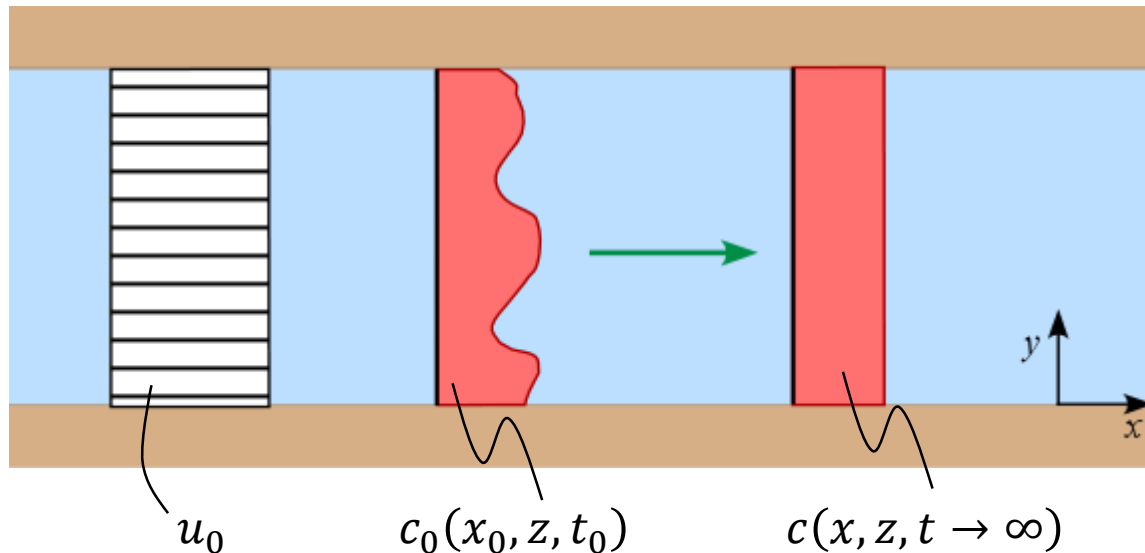


LESSON 09: 2D HYDRODYNAMIC DISPERSION

Hydrodynamic dispersion is given by:

- i. Non-uniform convective flow
- ii. Vertical and transverse diffusion

Considering **uniform flow**:

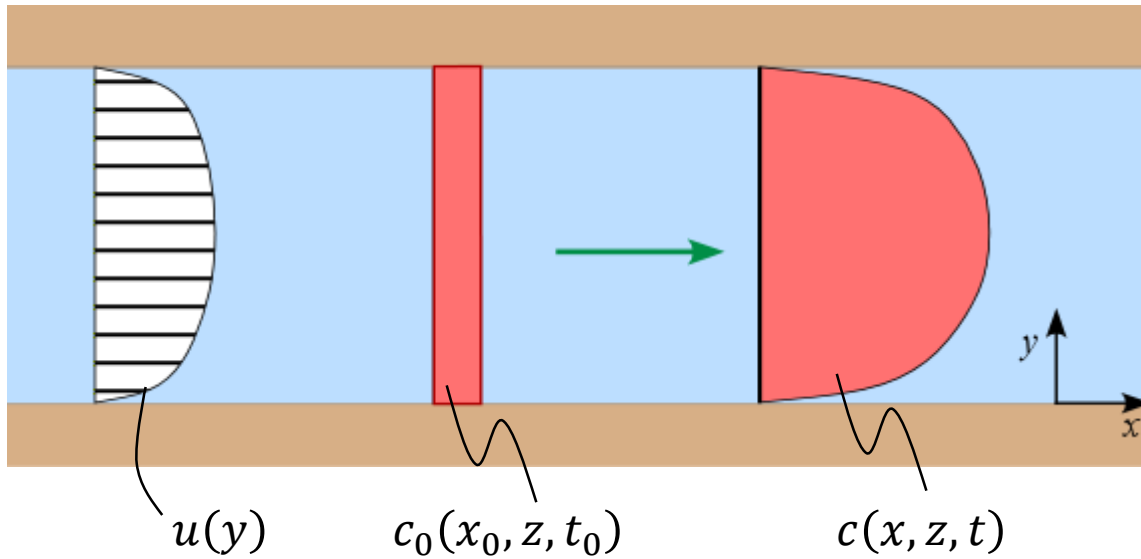


uniform flow
↓
No gradient
↓
No turbulent diffusion

Randomly the particles moves along the whole transversal section due to the molecular diffusivity D .

→ c becomes uniform along y .

Let's assume that the transport of solute is due to only **convective flow**:



Velocity profile is
parabolic, i.e. laminar
flow

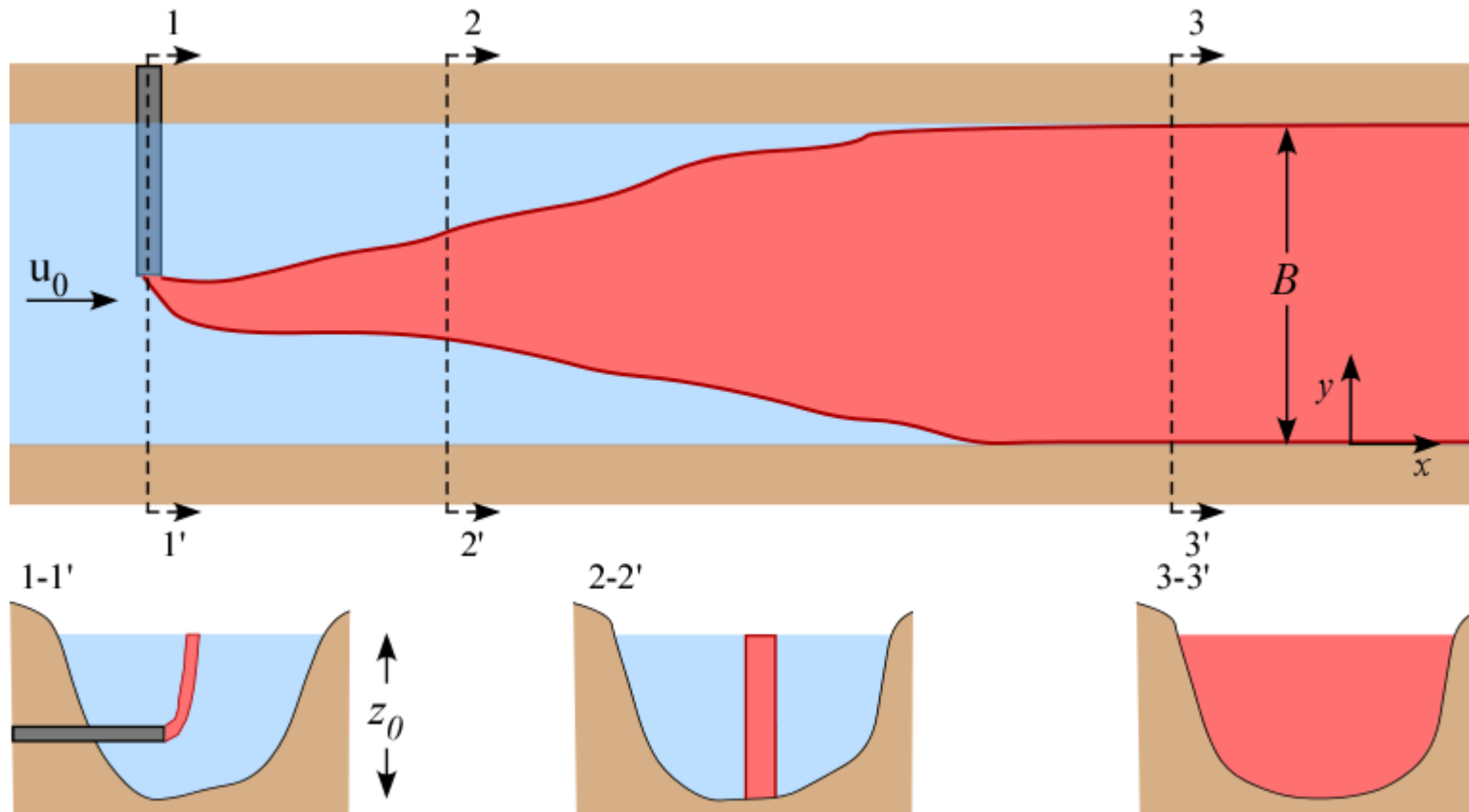


No turbulent diffusion

→ c distribution follows the velocity profile

If molecular diffusivity is neglected, the solute moves only along longitudinal direction.

Let's see the phenomenon in presence of **turbulent diffusion**.



$$x < 20 \div 50 z_0$$

The mixing depends on
buoyancy and mixture
momentum

3D modelling

$$20 \div 50 z_0 < x < 100 \div 300 B$$

Full vertical diffusion of the
solute. We can average on the
vertical

2D modelling

$$x > 100 \div 300 B$$

Full transverse diffusion of the
solute. We can study 1D flow
(c is uniform in the section)

1D modelling

Being **Dispersion = Non uniform advection + Turbulent diffusion**, the process can be studied by moving the reference system following the centroid of the mean cloud.



We can observe a random walk process of the solute which is ruled by a fictitious diffusive coefficient greater than the coefficients determined by the turbulence analysis!

N.B. This is true when the process of turbulent diffusion is fully developed!

We distinguish two kind of dispersion:

- i. By averaging the mass balance along the vertical (2D flow shown in section 2-2'). The dispersion is expressed by the coefficients of longitudinal and transverse direction, k_x and k_y respectively.

$$k_x = k_x(\partial U / \partial z, e_z)$$

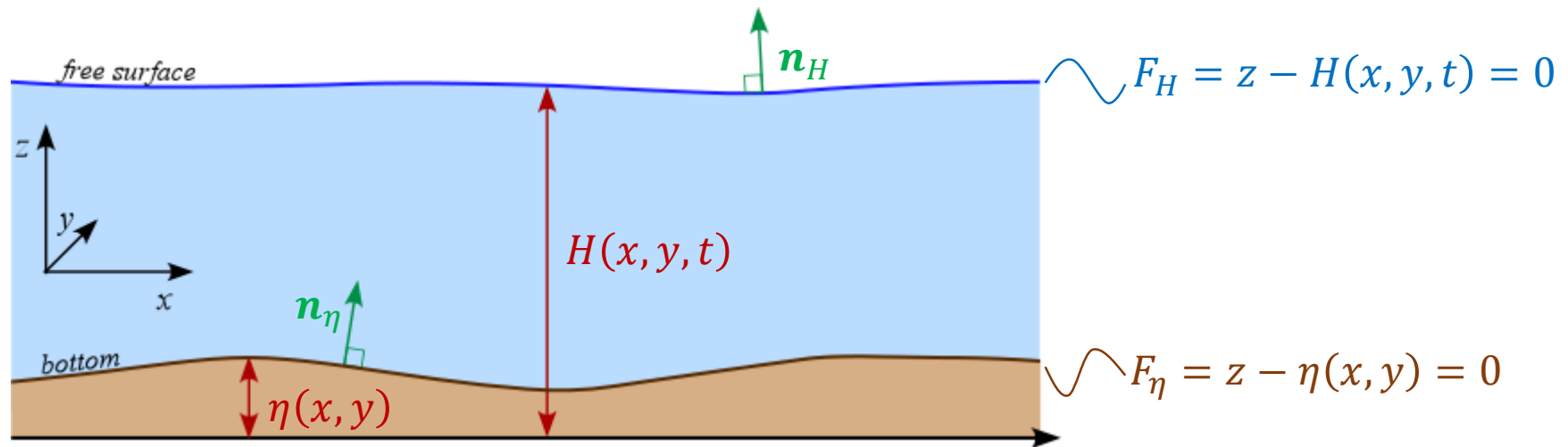
$$k_y = k_y(\partial U / \partial z, e_z)$$

- i. By averaging the mass balance in the whole section (1D flow shown in section 3-3'). The process is expressed by the overall longitudinal dispersion coefficient K_x .

$$K_x = K_x(\partial U / \partial y, k_y)$$

Let's consider the figure below and the turbulent diffusion equation neglecting molecular diffusivity, i.e. $D \nabla^2 \langle c \rangle = 0$:

$$\frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\langle \mathbf{u} \rangle \langle c \rangle) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(e_z \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial z} \right)$$



If we consider the erosion and the deposition of sediment on the bottom, also the function η depends on time t :

$$\eta = \eta(x, y, t)$$

The kinematic conditions of the bottom and the free surface are:

$$\text{i. } \frac{dF_\eta}{dt} = 0 \rightarrow \left[\cancel{\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t}} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \cancel{\frac{dx}{dt}} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \cancel{\frac{dy}{dt}} - \cancel{\frac{dz}{dt}} \right]_{z=\eta} = 0$$

$\begin{matrix} < u_x > & < u_y > & < u_z > \end{matrix}$

$$\text{ii. } \frac{dF_H}{dt} = 0 \rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} < u_x > + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} < u_y > - < u_z > \right]_{z=H} = 0$$

In the domain the mass is confined and it is constant, i.e.:

$$\text{i. } [\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{n}]_{z=\eta} = 0$$

$$\text{ii. } [\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{n}]_{z=H} = 0$$

The outward normal vector is defined as: $\mathbf{n} = \frac{\nabla F}{|\nabla F|}$

So in this case we have:

$$\mathbf{n}_\eta = \frac{(-\partial \eta / \partial x, -\partial \eta / \partial y, 1)}{\sqrt{1 + (\partial \eta / \partial x)^2 + (\partial \eta / \partial y)^2}}$$

$$\mathbf{n}_H = \frac{(-\partial H / \partial x, -\partial H / \partial y, 1)}{\sqrt{1 + (\partial H / \partial x)^2 + (\partial H / \partial y)^2}}$$

Moreover, the turbulent flux is defined as: $\mathbf{q} = \left(e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x}, e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y}, e_z \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial z} \right)$

The products between $\mathbf{n}$ and $\mathbf{q}$ give the dynamic conditions of the problem, that is:

$$\text{i.} \quad \left[-e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} + e_z \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial z} \right]_{z=\eta} = 0$$

$$\text{ii.} \quad \left[-e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} - e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y} \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} + e_z \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial z} \right]_{z=H} = 0$$

Now the problem is well posed and we can integrate the transport equation along z :

$$\int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial t} dz + \int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle \langle u_x \rangle}{\partial x} dz + \int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle \langle u_y \rangle}{\partial y} dz + \int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle \langle u_z \rangle}{\partial z} dz \quad (1)$$

$$= + \int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x} \right) dz + \int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y} \right) dz + \int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(e_z \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial z} \right) dz \quad (2)$$

Noting that:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle \langle u_z \rangle}{\partial z} dz = [\langle c \rangle \langle u_z \rangle]_{z=H} - [\langle c \rangle \langle u_z \rangle]_{z=\eta}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(e_z \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial z} \right) dz = \left[e_z \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial z} \right]_{z=H} - \left[e_z \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial z} \right]_{z=\eta}$$

And recalling the Leibniz rule of integration, we have:

$$\int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dz = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{\eta}^H f dz - f \Big|_{z=H} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + f \Big|_{z=\eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}$$

By replacing (1) and (2) into the integrated transport equation, and by applying the Leibniz rule, we find:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\eta}^H \langle c \rangle dz - \langle c \rangle \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} + \langle c \rangle \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{\eta}^H \langle c \rangle \langle u_x \rangle dz - \langle c \rangle \langle u_x \rangle \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \\
 & + \langle c \rangle \langle u_x \rangle \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int_{\eta}^H \langle c \rangle \langle u_y \rangle dz - \langle c \rangle \langle u_y \rangle \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} + \langle c \rangle \langle u_y \rangle \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \\
 & + [\langle c \rangle \langle u_z \rangle]_{z=H} - [\langle c \rangle \langle u_z \rangle]_{z=\eta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{\eta}^H e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x} dz - \left[e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x} \right]_{z=H} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \\
 & + \left[e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x} \right]_{z=\eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int_{\eta}^H e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y} dz - \left[e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y} \right]_{z=H} \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} + \left[e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y} \right]_{z=\eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \\
 & + \left[e_z \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial z} \right]_{z=H} - \left[e_z \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial z} \right]_{z=\eta}
 \end{aligned}$$

By grouping:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\eta}^H \langle c \rangle dz - \langle c \rangle \left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \langle u_x \rangle + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} \langle u_y \rangle - \langle u_z \rangle \right]_{z=H} +$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{\eta}^H \langle c \rangle \langle u_x \rangle dz + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int_{\eta}^H \langle c \rangle \langle u_y \rangle dz$$

$$+ \langle c \rangle \left[\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \langle u_x \rangle + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \langle u_y \rangle - \langle u_z \rangle \right]_{z=\eta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{\eta}^H e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x} dz$$

$$+ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int_{\eta}^H e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y} dz + \left[-e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} - e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y} \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} + e_z \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial z} \right]_{z=H}$$

$$- \left[-e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} + e_z \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial z} \right]_{z=\eta}$$

And then:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\eta}^H \langle c \rangle dz + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{\eta}^H \langle c \rangle \langle u_x \rangle dz + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int_{\eta}^H \langle c \rangle \langle u_y \rangle dz \\ = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{\eta}^H e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x} dz + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int_{\eta}^H e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y} dz \end{aligned}$$

The difference between free surface and the bottom is the water depth: $z_0(x, y) = H - \eta$.
Then, the mean concentration along the vertical z is defined as:

$$C_0 = \frac{1}{z_0} \int_{\eta}^H \langle c \rangle dz$$

The other quantities of the equation, which are averaged along z , are expressed by overbar:

$$\overline{\langle c \rangle \langle u_x \rangle} = \frac{1}{z_0} \int_{\eta}^H \langle c \rangle \langle u_x \rangle dz \quad \overline{\langle c \rangle \langle u_y \rangle} = \frac{1}{z_0} \int_{\eta}^H \langle c \rangle \langle u_y \rangle dz$$

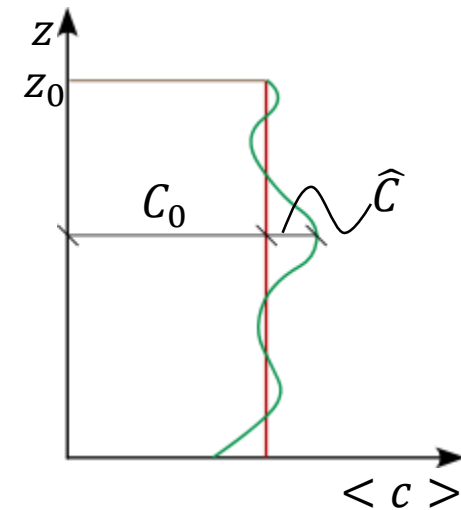
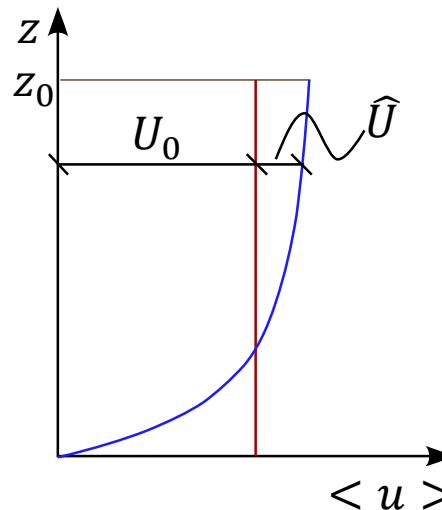
$$\overline{e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x}} = \frac{1}{z_0} \int_{\eta}^H e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x} dz \quad \overline{e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y}} = \frac{1}{z_0} \int_{\eta}^H e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y} dz$$

These definitions of the averaged quantities into the transport equation yield:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (z_0 C_0) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (z_0 \overline{< c > < u_x >}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (z_0 \overline{< c > < u_y >}) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(z_0 e_x \overline{\frac{\partial < c >}{\partial x}} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(z_0 e_y \overline{\frac{\partial < c >}{\partial y}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Let's see the variables along z . We can decompose them following the Reynolds approach:

$$\begin{aligned} < c > &= C_0 + \hat{C} \\ < u_x > &= U_{x0} + \hat{U}_x \\ < u_y > &= U_{y0} + \hat{U}_y \\ e_x &= e_{x0} + \hat{e}_x \\ e_y &= e_{y0} + \hat{e}_y \end{aligned}$$



Replacing decomposed variables into vertical averaged products yield:

$$\overline{\langle c \rangle \langle u_x \rangle} = C_0 U_{x0} + \cancel{\overline{\hat{C} U_{x0}}} + \cancel{\overline{C_0 \hat{U}_x}} + \overline{\hat{C} \hat{U}_x} = C_0 U_{x0} + \overline{\hat{C} \hat{U}_x}$$

$$\overline{\langle c \rangle \langle u_y \rangle} = C_0 U_{y0} + \cancel{\overline{\hat{C} U_{y0}}} + \cancel{\overline{C_0 \hat{U}_y}} + \overline{\hat{C} \hat{U}_y} = C_0 U_{y0} + \overline{\hat{C} \hat{U}_y}$$

$$\overline{e_x \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial x}} = e_{x0} \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial x} + \cancel{\hat{e}_x \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial x}} + \cancel{e_{x0} \frac{\partial \hat{C}}{\partial x}} + \hat{e}_x \frac{\partial \hat{C}}{\partial x} = e_{x0} \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial x} + \overline{\hat{e}_x \frac{\partial \hat{C}}{\partial x}}$$

$$\overline{e_y \frac{\partial \langle c \rangle}{\partial y}} = e_{y0} \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial y} + \cancel{\hat{e}_y \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial y}} + \cancel{e_{y0} \frac{\partial \hat{C}}{\partial y}} + \hat{e}_y \frac{\partial \hat{C}}{\partial y} = e_{y0} \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial y} + \overline{\hat{e}_y \frac{\partial \hat{C}}{\partial y}}$$

Then:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (z_0 C_0) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (z_0 C_0 U_{x0}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (z_0 \overline{\hat{C} \hat{U}_x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (z_0 C_0 U_{y0}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (z_0 \overline{\hat{C} \hat{U}_y})$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(z_0 e_{x0} \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(z_0 \overline{\hat{e}_x \frac{\partial \hat{C}}{\partial x}} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(z_0 e_{y0} \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(z_0 \overline{\hat{e}_y \frac{\partial \hat{C}}{\partial y}} \right)$$

Finally:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(z_0 C_0) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(z_0 C_0 U_{x0}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(z_0 C_0 U_{y0}) = & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[z_0 \left(e_{x0} \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial x} + \overline{\hat{e}_x \frac{\partial \hat{C}}{\partial x}} - \overline{\hat{C} \hat{U}_x} \right) \right] + \\ & + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[z_0 \left(e_{y0} \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial y} + \overline{\hat{e}_y \frac{\partial \hat{C}}{\partial y}} - \overline{\hat{C} \hat{U}_y} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$
Turbulent
Diffusion
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$
Dispersion

When the solute is completely mixed along z (section 2-2' in figure 3), i.e. $t > z_0^2 / e_x$, the non-uniform advection and the vertical gradient of turbulent diffusion are in equilibrium:

$$\overline{\hat{e}_x \frac{\partial \hat{C}}{\partial x}} - \overline{\hat{C} \hat{U}_x} = k_x \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial x} \quad \longrightarrow \quad k_x \text{ is the } \underline{\text{longitudinal dispersion coefficient}}$$

$$\overline{\hat{e}_y \frac{\partial \hat{C}}{\partial y}} - \overline{\hat{C} \hat{U}_y} = k_y \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial y} \quad \longrightarrow \quad k_y \text{ is the } \underline{\text{transverse dispersion coefficient}}$$

Dispersion coefficient is much greater than diffusion coefficient, thus the transport equation can be simplified in the following:

$$\longrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(z_0 C_0) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(z_0 C_0 U_{x0}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(z_0 C_0 U_{y0}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[z_0 k_x \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[z_0 k_y \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial y} \right]$$

This equation is useful to solve numerically dispersion problem. For determining analytical solution the latter needs of being simplified by using the continuity equation.

2D continuity equation for incompressible fluid is:

$$\longrightarrow \frac{\partial z_0}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(z_0 U_{x0}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(z_0 U_{y0}) = 0$$

Then, expanding the dispersion equation, we find:

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 \frac{\partial z_0}{\partial t} + z_0 \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial t} + C_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(z_0 U_{x0}) + (z_0 U_{x0}) \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial x} + C_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(z_0 U_{y0}) + (z_0 U_{y0}) \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial y} \\ = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[z_0 k_x \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[z_0 k_y \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial y} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging the equation:
$$\frac{\partial C_0}{\partial t} + U_{x0} \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial x} + U_{y0} \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial y} + C_0 \left[\frac{\partial z_0}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (z_0 U_{x0}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (z_0 U_{y0}) \right]$$

0

$$= \frac{1}{z_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[z_0 k_x \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{1}{z_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[z_0 k_y \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial y} \right]$$

Finally, considering implicitly vertical averaged variables we have:

→
$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + U_x \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + U_y \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{z_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[z_0 k_x \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{1}{z_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[z_0 k_y \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \right]$$

Integrating $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ in z :

$$\int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial U_{x0}}{\partial x} dz + \int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial U_{y0}}{\partial y} dz + \int_{\eta}^H \frac{\partial U_{z0}}{\partial z} dz = 0$$

Leibniz

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{\eta}^H U_{x0} dz - U_{x0} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + U_{x0} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int_{\eta}^H U_{y0} dz - U_{y0} \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} + U_{y0} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} + U_{z0} \Big|_{\eta}^H = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial [U_{x0}(H - \eta)]}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial [U_{y0}(H - \eta)]}{\partial y} + \underbrace{\left[U_{z0} - U_{x0} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} - U_{y0} \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} \right]_{z=H}}_{\partial H / \partial t} - \underbrace{\left[U_{z0} - U_{x0} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - U_{y0} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \right]_{z=\eta}}_{\partial \eta / \partial t} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial (U_{x0} z_0)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (U_{y0} z_0)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial (H - \eta)}{\partial t} = 0 \longrightarrow \frac{\partial z_0}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (U_{x0} z_0) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (U_{y0} z_0) = 0$$