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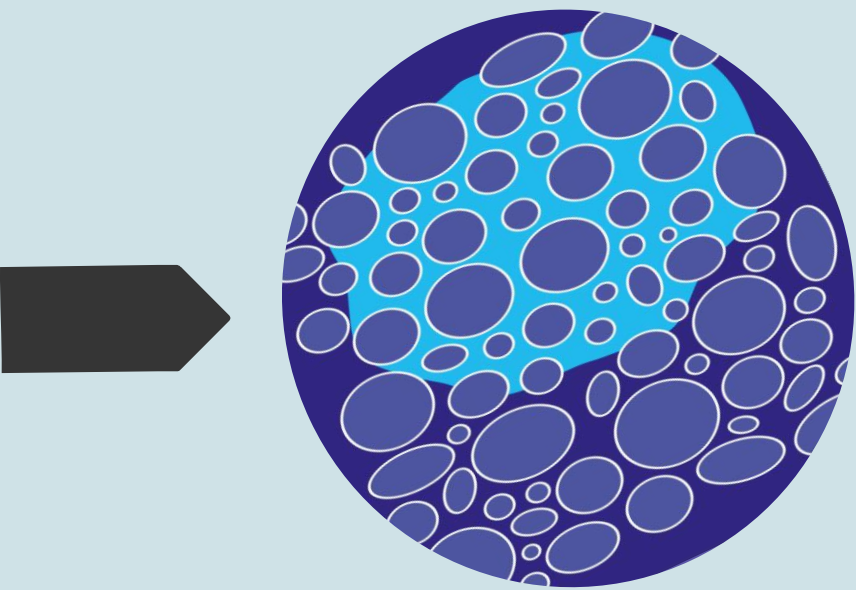
Contaminant Transport in  
Porous Media

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# Lecture 2

## ➡ 1 Solute Transport 溶质迁移



## Transport Terms

- Solute – matter dissolved in fluid.
- Hydraulic residence time- mean time for water molecules to travel to a point some distance from an initial position.
- Travel time – time required for a solute molecule to travel to a point some distance from an initial position (mean travel time).

## Solute Transport

Two methods of representation

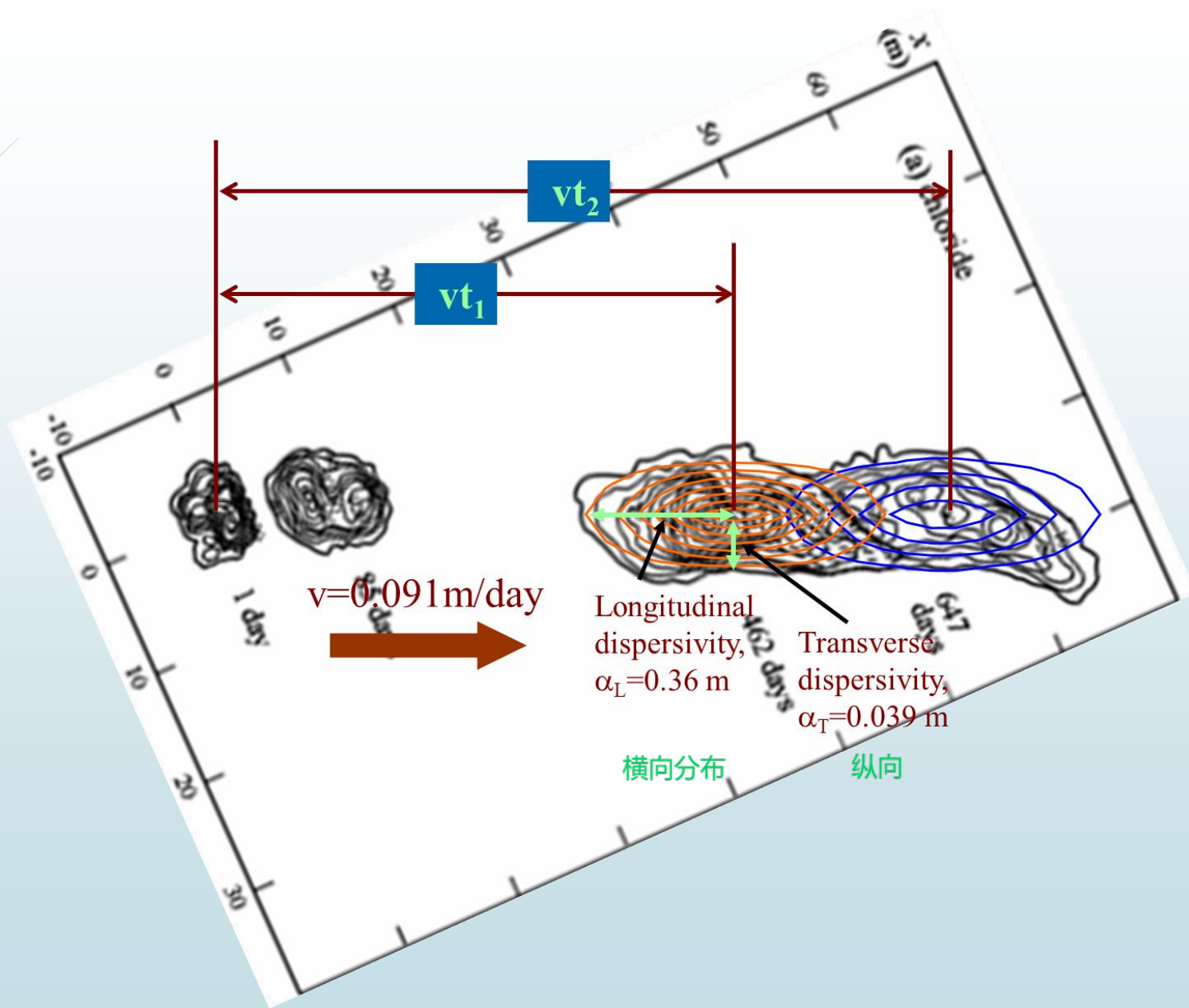
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[sample many point at one time]

provides info. on dimensions and locations of solutes

Lagrangian Approach = “move along with solute”

primarily 2-D and 3-D focus





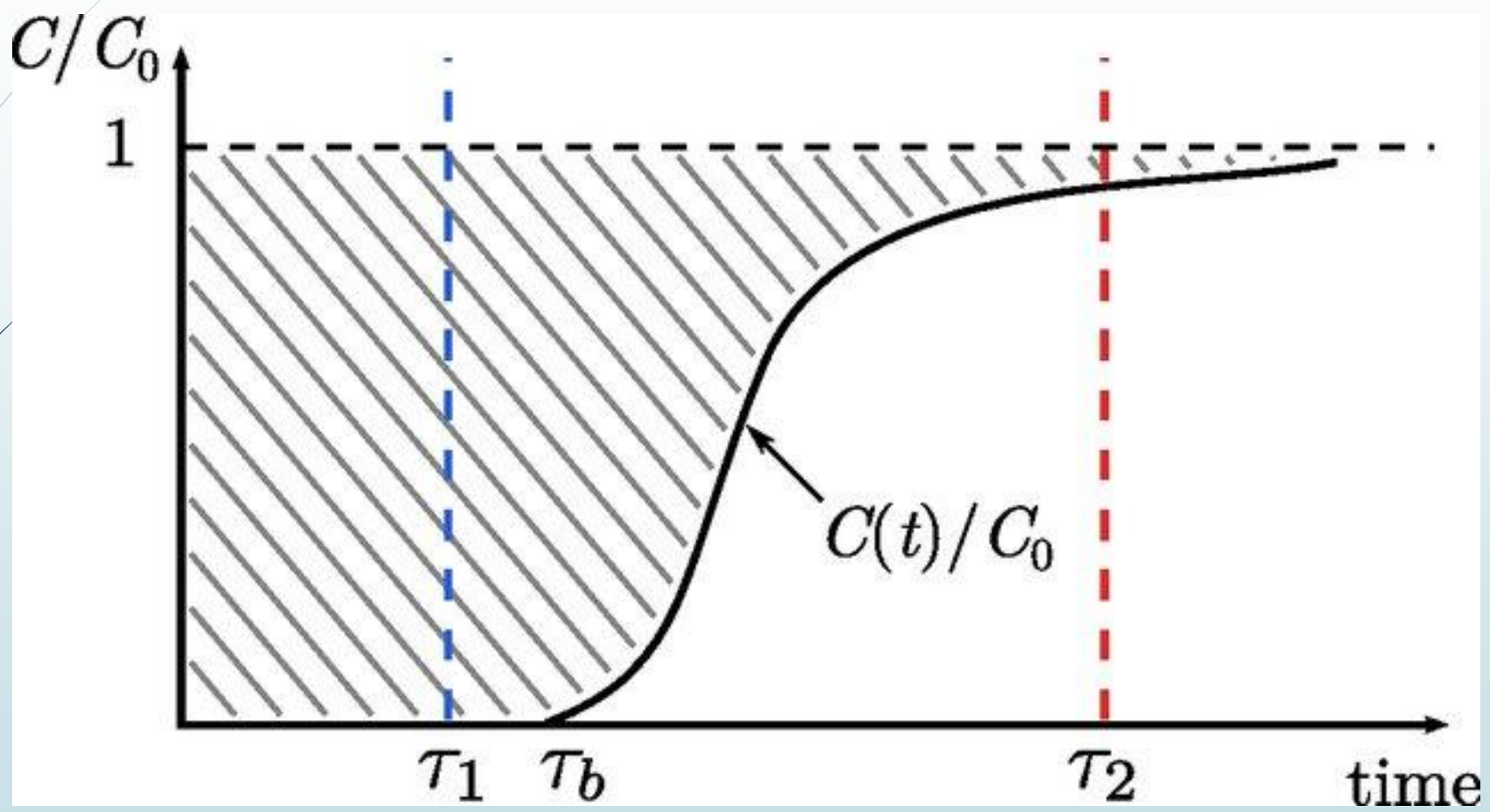
## Solute Transport

Two methods of representation

1. Temporal Distribution — Breakthrough curves  
[sample at many times at one point]  
provides info. on arrival times of solute  
Eulerian Approach = “watch solute pass by”  
primarily 1-D

# Concentration Distribution

1. Spatial Distribution — Plumes — Concentration areal extent (2D) or volume map (3D) at one point in time requires sampling many locations at one time. It provides information about extent of concentration distribution, total mass, and transport behavior. It uses the Lagrangian Approach → moving with the solute during transport.
2. Temporal Distribution — Breakthrough curves (BTC) — Concentration variability through time as observed at one location. It can be samples collected over time at one downgradient monitoring well or effluent concentrations observed from a laboratory column or extraction well. It provides information about solute transport arrival time or travel time, and it uses the Eulerian Approach → fixed location monitoring the solute as it passes by.





# Solute Transport Characteristics

## 1. Total Mass-- Zeroth Moment

Nonreactive solutes = mass in solution

Reactive solutes mass in all rel. phases

Provides mass balance

## 2. Center of Mass-- [Mean; First Moment]

Describes mean position of solute mass

Center of mass vs. time velocity

## 3. Spread-- [Standard deviation; Second Moment]

Describes spread of solute mass

## 4. Asymmetry-- [Third Moment]

Describes degree of symmetry of solute distribution(e.g., "bell shaped"?)

These are used for both plumes (spatial moments) and breakthrough curves (temporal moments)

# Moment Analysis

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- Absolute
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- $M_0$  = the total mass in the system
- $M_1$  Normal = mean location of the plume (center of mass location)
- $M_2$  Central = spread of concentration away from the center of mass
- Moment accuracy decreases with increasing order, but the 3rd moment is asymmetry.

# Moment Analysis

- *Normalized* (always divide by 0<sup>th</sup> moment  $M_0$ )

- nth (general) = 
$$\mu_n' = \frac{M_n}{M_0} = \frac{\int Cx^n dx}{\int Cdx} \cong \frac{\sum \bar{C}x^n \Delta x}{\sum \bar{C}\Delta x}$$

- - an example of normal moment is plume's mean velocity (1<sup>st</sup> moment):
- *Central* (centered on the mean) = mean location of the plume (center of mass location)

- nth (general) 
$$\mu_n = \frac{\int C(x - \mu_1')^n dx}{\int Cdx} \cong \frac{\sum \bar{C}(x - \mu_1')^n \Delta x}{\sum \bar{C}\Delta x}$$

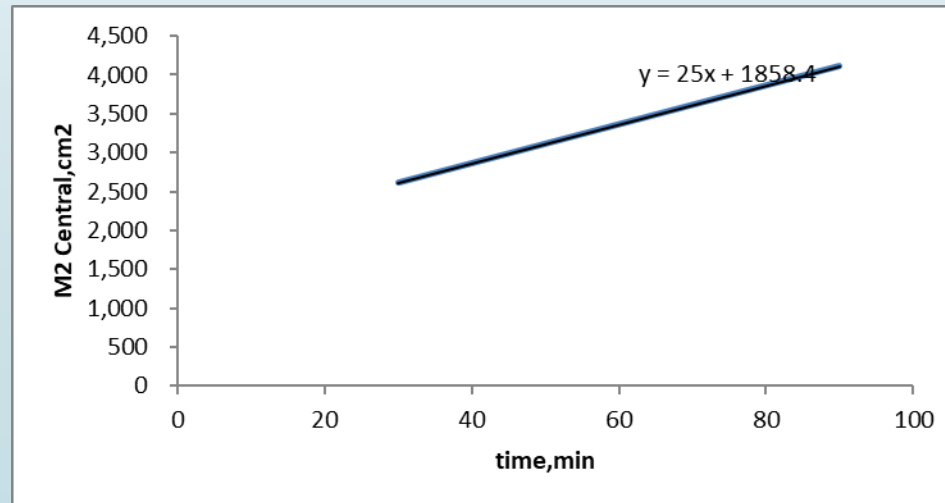
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# Moment Analysis

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$$\mu_2 = \frac{\int C(x - \mu_1)^2 dx}{\int C dx} \cong \frac{\sum \bar{C}(x - \mu_1)^2 \Delta x}{\sum \bar{C} \Delta x}$$

- Also  $\mu_2 = 2Dt$  or  $\frac{d\mu_2}{dt} = 2D$
- Where D is a term called a dispersion coefficient that describes the spreading of a plume, which we will discuss in detail.



# Moment Analysis

- Temporal Moments:

$M_0$  = the total mass transported passed monitoring location

$M_1$  Normal = mean arrival time of the plume (center of mass arrival time)

$M_2$  Central = variability in arrival times about the mean arrival time

Moments may also be derived for 2D and 3D analysis.

$t(\text{arrival}) = M_1 \text{ normal}$

$t(\text{travel}) = t(\text{arrival}) - 0.5t_0$

Pulse width =  $t_0 = t(\text{stop injection}) - t(\text{start injection})$

Average injection time =  $[t(\text{stop injection}) - t(\text{start injection})]/2$

# IDEAL SOLUTE TRANSPORT

## Major Assumptions:

- Homogeneous Porous Media
- Instantaneous Mass Transfer, Reactions
- First-order Transformation

## Transport Behavior--Spatial:

- First Moment: constant velocity
- Second Moment: small degree of spreading
- Third Moment: symmetrical

## Transport Behavior--Temporal:

- First Moment: inflection point = first moment
- Second Moment: small degree of spreading
- Third Moment: symmetrical (no tailing)



# NON-IDEAL SOLUTE TRANSPORT

## Major Causes:

- Heterogeneous Porous Media
- Structured Porous Media
- Rate-Limited Mass Transfer, Reactions
- Non-Linear Partitioning
- Non-First-order Transformation
- Facilitated Transport
- Non-Uniform Gradients

## Transport Behavior--Spatial:

- First Moment: non-constant velocity
- Second Moment: large degree of spreading
- Third Moment: asymmetrical

## Transport Behavior-- Temporal:

- First Moment: inflection point  $\neq$  first moment
- Second Moment: large degree of spreading
- Third Moment: asymmetrical (tailing)

# BASIC TRANSPORT PARAMETERS

## 1. Normalized Concentration $[C/C_0]$

$C$  = measured concentration

$C_0$  = influent or resident concentration

## 2. Normalized Distance $[X]$

$$X = x/L$$

$x$  = distance

$L$  = system length

## 3. Normalized Time $[T]$

“Hydraulic Residence Time” or “Pore Volume”

$$T = tv/L$$

$t$  = time

$v$  = average pore-water velocity

$L$  = system length

$$HRT: T = \left[ \frac{\text{time}}{\text{residence\_time}} \right] = \frac{t}{L/v} = \frac{tv}{L}$$

$$PV: T = \left[ \frac{\text{discharge}}{\text{capacity}} \right] = \frac{Qt}{ALn} = \frac{vnAt}{ALn} = \frac{tv}{L}$$



# Processes

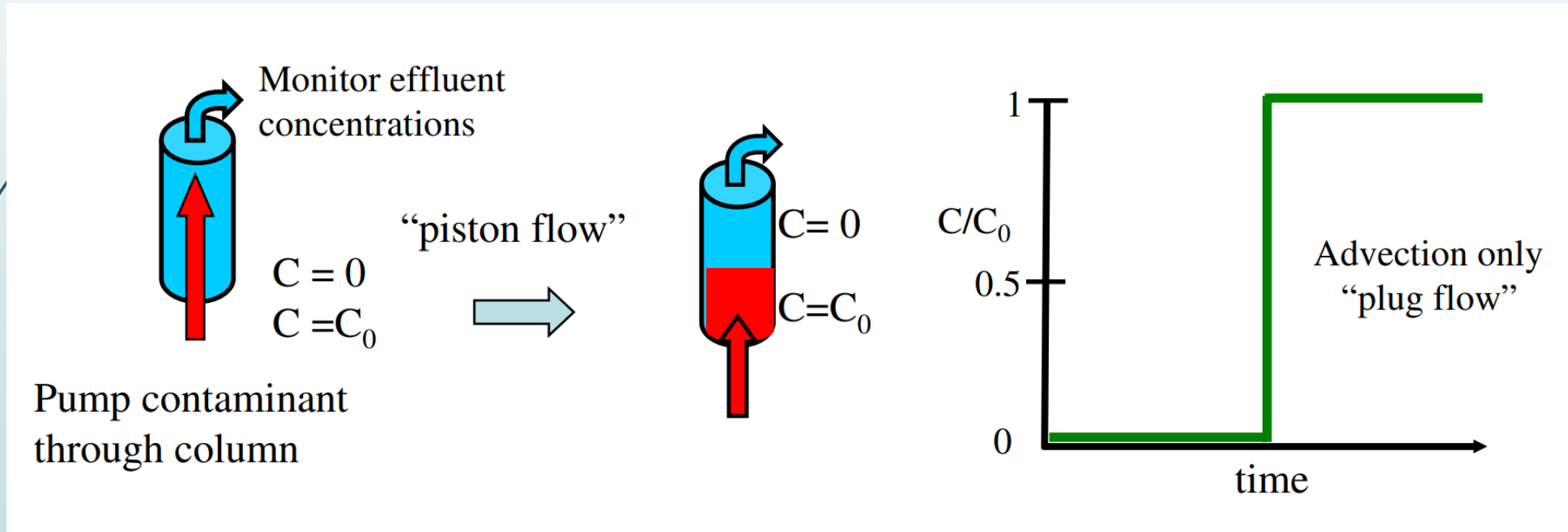


1. Advection: transport due to movement of fluid in response to fluid-potential gradient
2. Dispersion or Spreading: transport due to non-uniform flow fields and Molecular diffusion
3. Reactions: Mass-transfer and transformation processes

# Solute Transport – Advection Only

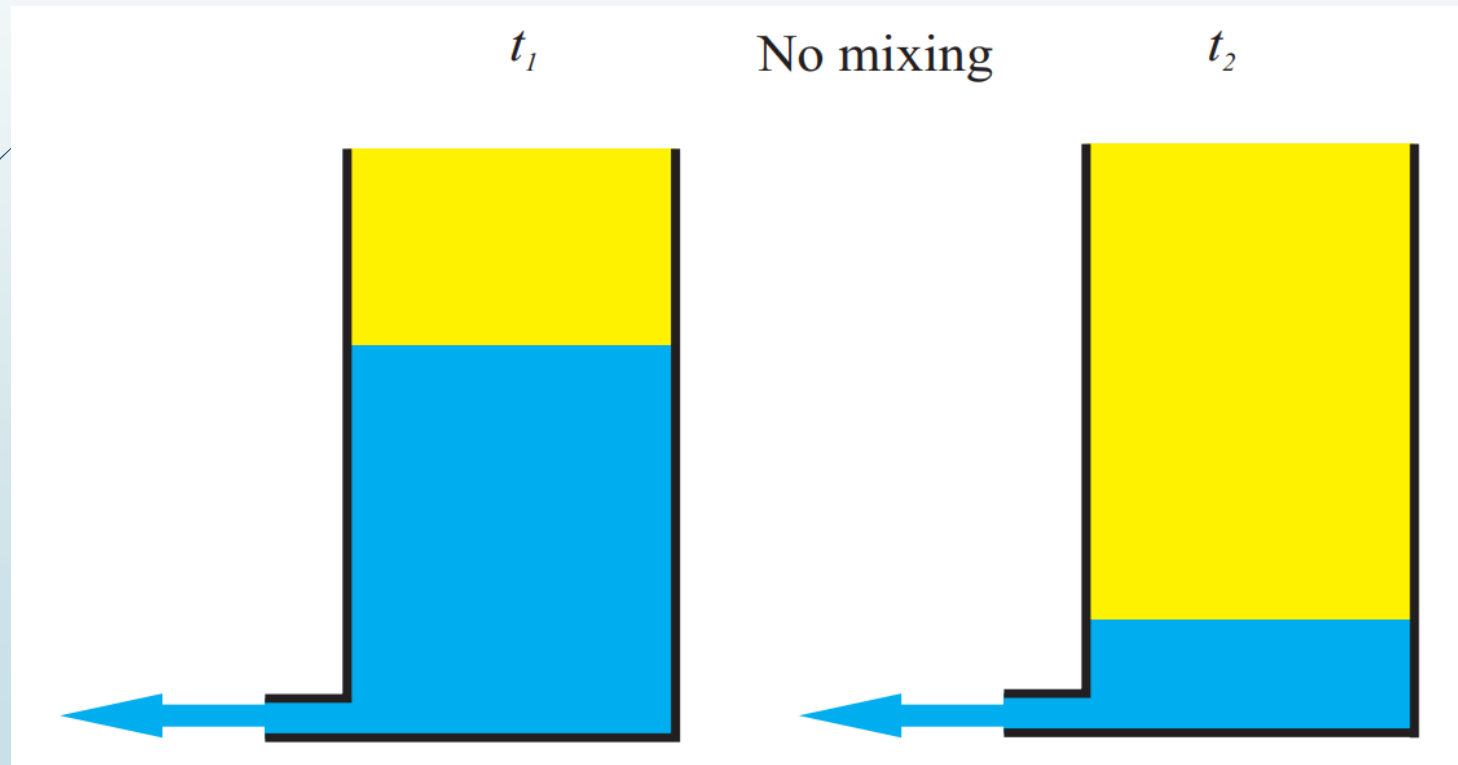
## One-dimensional Column Experiments

(monitoring concentrations at one point over time )



## Solute Transport – Advection Only

**An illustration of piston displacement without mixing**



## CAUSES OF DISPERSION

### 1. Microscopic:

Axial Diffusion {concentration gradient}

Mechanical Mixing {pore-size variations}

Boundary-Layer Mass Transfer {water films}

### 2. Macroscopic:

Structured Porous Media {aggregation, fractures, "macropores"}

Discontinuous Fluid Saturation

### 3. Megascopic:

Heterogeneous Porous Media(Hydraulic-conductivity variability)



# CAUSES OF DISPERSION

## FACTORS INFLUENCING DEGREE OF DISPERSION

### 1. Porous-Media Characteristics:

Particle-size Distribution

Structure

Heterogeneity

### 2. Solute Characteristics:

Size

Reactivity

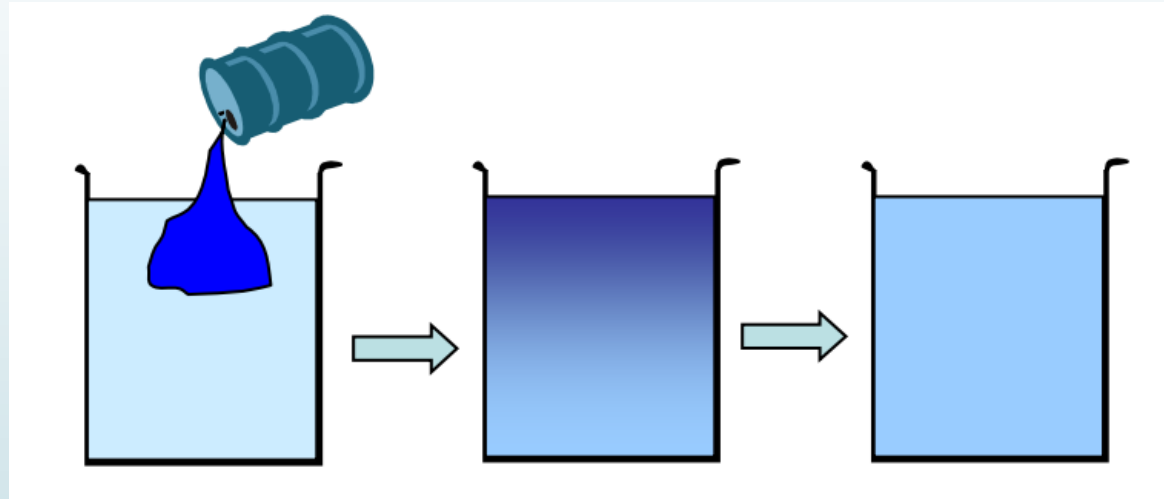
### 3. System Conditions:

Pore-Water Velocity

Saturation

## Molecular Diffusion

- From higher to lower concentration



Net movement of solute from high concentration to low concentration domain until equilibrium is reached (uniform distribution).



## Diffusion

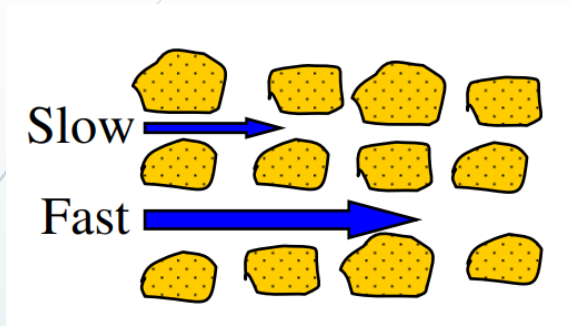
- Random molecular motion
- Kinetic energy-  $E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ 
  - m = mass of molecule
  - v = velocity of molecule $E_k$  same for all solutes (given Temp)

Therefore, for larger solutes, v(and  $D_o$ ) is smaller

## Mechanical Mixing

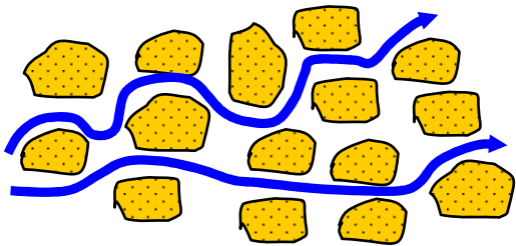
- AKA Hydrodynamic Dispersion
- For microscopic scale- due to pore-scale heterogeneity of porous medium, which leads to a spatially variable flow field, which causes rates of advection to be spatial variable (i.e., distribution of travel times)
- Primary axis of heterogeneity is across cross-section normal to mean direction of flow and transport

# Mechanical Mixing



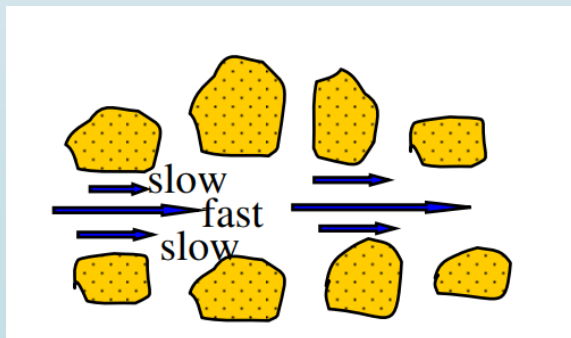
## Pore Size

- larger pore diameter = higher velocities
- smaller pore diameter = lower velocities



## Path Length

- long path lengths = more time to travel a given distance
- short path lengths less time to travel a given distance

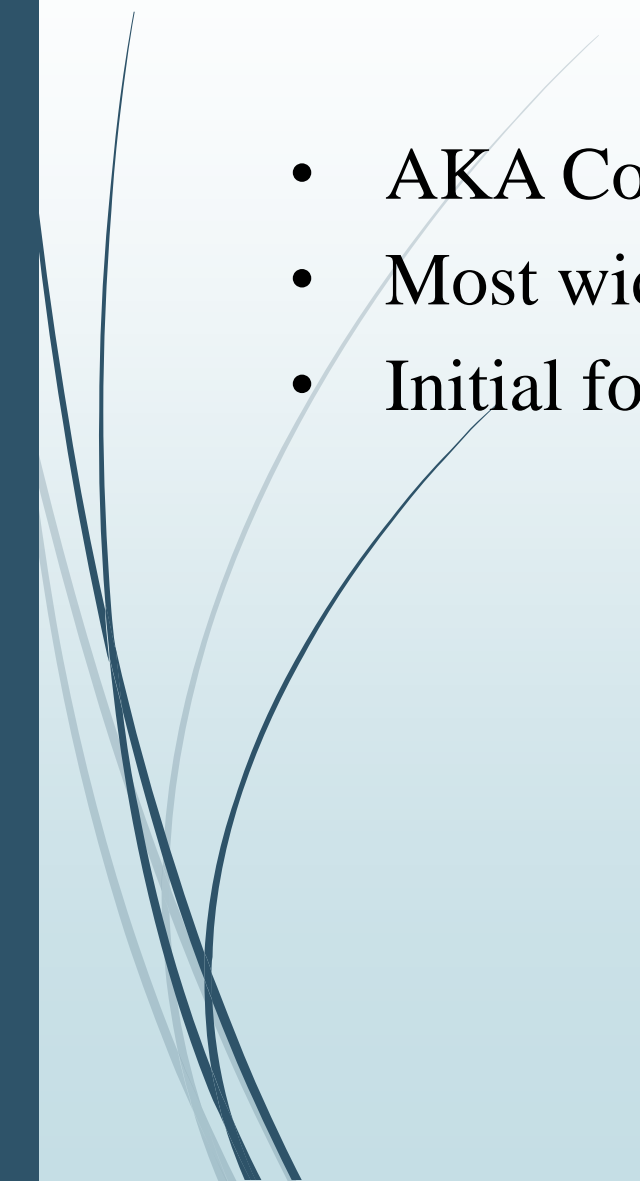


## Friction in Pore

more friction next to grain = slower velocity  
less friction in center of pore = higher velocity

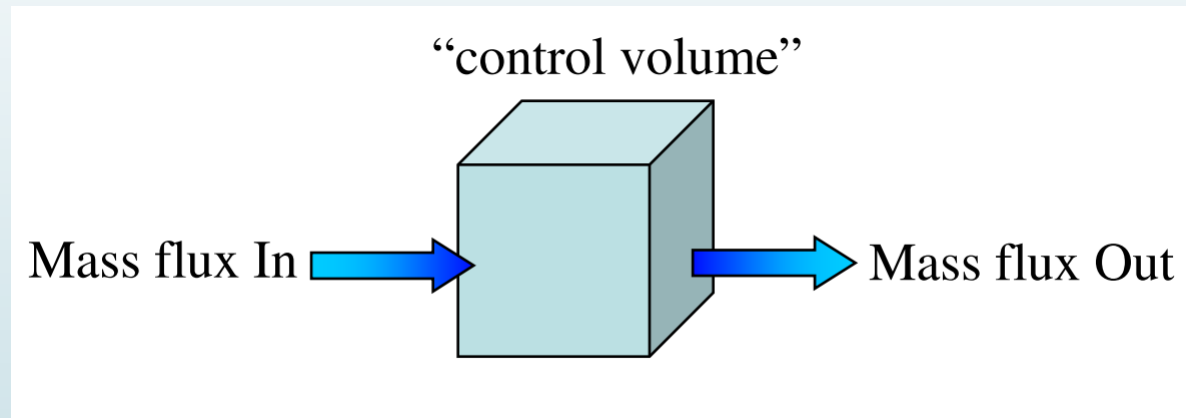


## Developing the Advection-Dispersion Equation

- AKA Convection-Dispersion
  - Most widely used equation for solute transport
  - Initial focus on physical processes-"non-reactive" solute
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## Solute transport

- Continuum Approach
- Mass Balance Conducted on a Control Element



Change in Solute Mass =  $\text{Mass}_{\text{out}} - \text{Mass}_{\text{in}} \pm \text{Sink/Source}$

Mass Flux = Advection + Dispersion + Reactions

Non-reactive solute = No Reactions

## Advection

- Solute Mass (M) = Fluid Volume (V)  $\times$  Concentration (C)  
[C = Mass/ Fluid Volume; e.g., mg/L]
- Total Mass Flux = Fluid Discharge (Q)  $\times$  C [MT<sup>-1</sup>]
- Mass Flux ( $J_a$ ) = QC/Area =  $qC$  [MT<sup>-1</sup>L<sup>-2</sup>]

$$J_a = qC$$

## Dispersion

- Fick's First Law

$$J_d = -D\theta \frac{\partial C}{\partial x}$$

- $D$  = Dispersion Coefficient [ $L^2T^{-1}$ ; e.g.,  $cm^2/s$ ]
- $\theta$  = volumetric water content (porosity)

## Dispersion

- Fick's Second Law

For system where the concentration are changing with time:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2}$$

- Diffusion only, constant source  $C_0$ ,

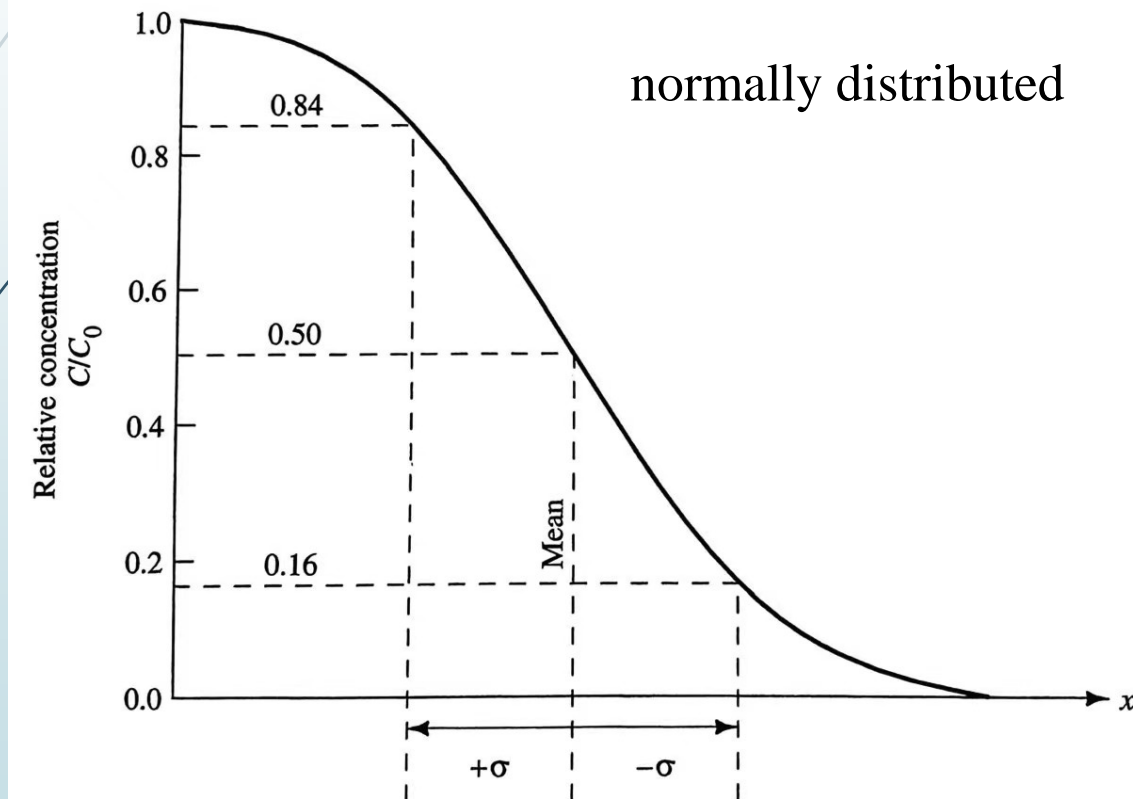
$$C_i(x, t) = C_0 \operatorname{erfc} \frac{x}{2(D_d t)^{0.5}}$$

- $C_i$  = the concentration at distance  $x$  from the source at time  $t$  since diffusion began
- $\operatorname{erfc}$  = the complementary error function



# Dispersion

- Fick's Second Law



- 84% of the values will be less than the value that is one standard deviation more than the mean
- 16% of the values will be less than the value that is one standard deviation less than the mean.
- The standard deviation is the square root of the variance.

## Dispersion

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \sqrt{1 - \exp\left(\frac{-4x^2}{\pi}\right)}$$

30. The error function is defined as:

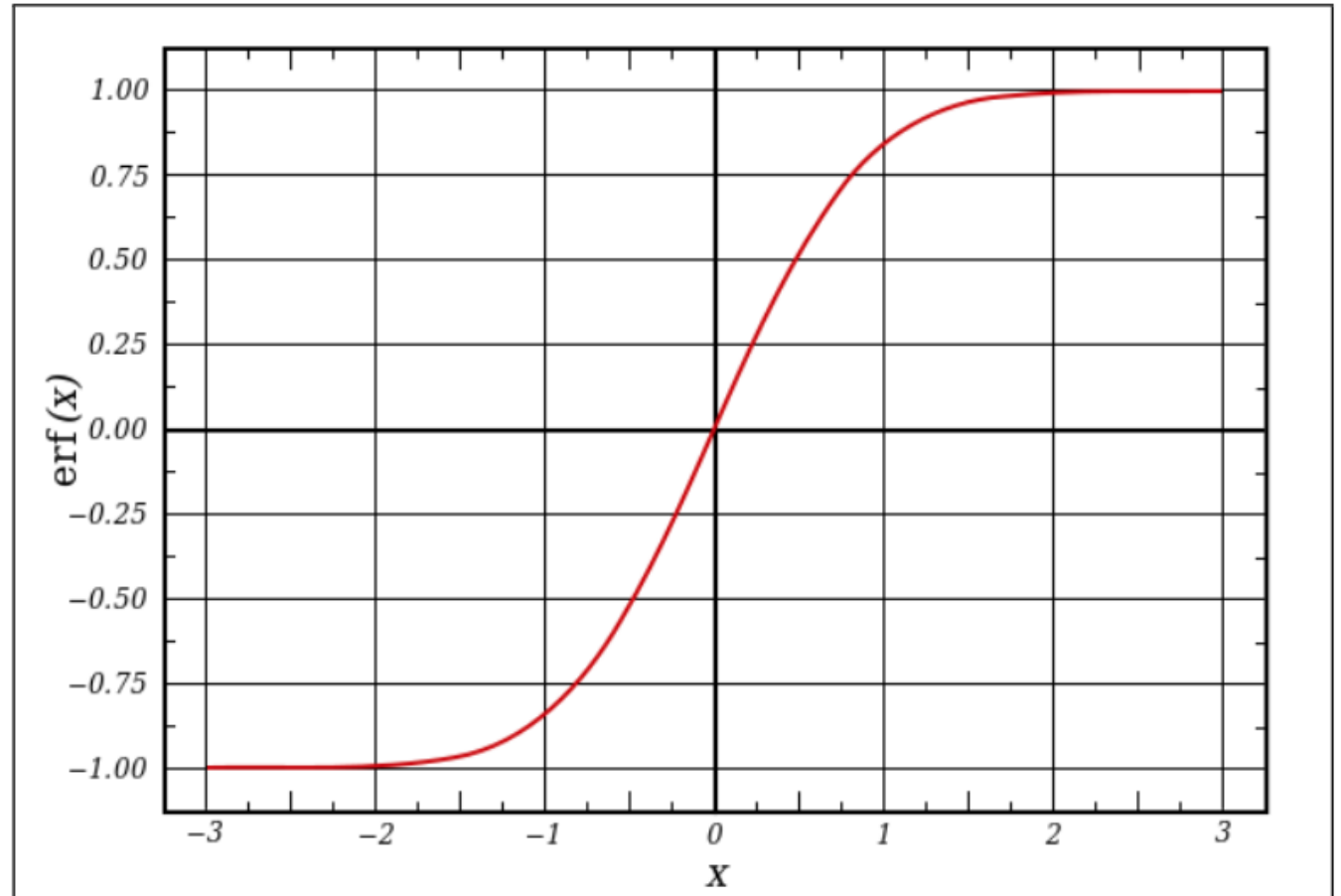
$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$$

The complementary error function, denoted  $\operatorname{erfc}$ , is defined as:

$$\operatorname{erfc}(x) = 1 - \operatorname{erf}(x)$$

- Draw  $\operatorname{erf}(x)$  and  $\operatorname{erfc}(x)$ .
- Show that

$$\operatorname{erfc}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_x^\infty e^{-t^2} dt$$



## EXAMPLE PROBLEM

Assume a  $D_d$  of  $5 * 10^{-10}$  m<sup>2</sup>/sec. Find the value of the concentration ratio,  $C_i/C_0$ , at a distance of 5 m after 100 yr of diffusion.

$$C_i(x, t) = C_0 \operatorname{erfc} \frac{x}{2(D_d t)^{0.5}}$$

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## Advective-Dispersive Flux

- A-D Flux ( $J_{a-d}$ ) =  $J_a + J_d$

$$J_{a-d} = qC - D\theta \frac{\partial C}{\partial x}$$

## Solute Transport Equation

- A-D Flux ( $J_{a-d}$ ) =  $J_a + J_d$

$$\frac{\partial C\theta}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial J_{a-d}}{\partial x}$$

- Substitute

$$\frac{\partial C\theta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [-qC + D\theta \frac{\partial C}{\partial x}]$$

- Expand Concentration and Flow Terms

$$\theta(t) \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + C \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = -q(x) \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} - C \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [D\theta \frac{\partial C}{\partial x}]$$

## IDEAL CONDITIONS

- Assume Homogeneous Porous Medium [ K, D = constant]

$$\theta \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + C \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = -q \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} - C \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + D \theta \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2}$$

- For Steady State Fluid Flow and Incompressible Fluid

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} = 0$$

- Simplify

$$\theta \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -q \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + D \theta \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2}$$

- Rearrange( $\theta$ ) and Substitute  $v=q/\theta$ :

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -v \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2}$$

## Non-Dimensional Transport Equation

- Divide by  $C_0$ ,  $v$ ; multiply by  $L$ :

$$\frac{\partial C/C_0}{\partial t} \frac{L}{v} = -\frac{v}{v} \frac{\partial C/C_0}{\partial x/L} + \frac{D}{vL} \frac{\partial^2 C/C_0}{\partial x^2/L^2}$$

- Substitute non-dimensional parameters:

$$\frac{\partial C^*}{\partial T} = -\frac{\partial C^*}{\partial X} + \frac{1}{P} \frac{\partial^2 C^*}{\partial X^2}$$

- Where  $C^*=C/C_0$

$$X=x/L$$

$$P=vL/D$$

$$T = -\frac{tv}{L} \left[ \frac{t}{L/v} \right] \left[ \frac{Qt}{AL\theta} = \frac{v\theta At}{AL\theta} = \frac{vt}{L} \right]$$



## Boundary and Initial Condition

- The initial conditions describe the values of the variable under consideration, in this case concentration, at some initial time equal to 0.
- The boundary conditions specify the interaction between the area under investigation and its external environment.
- Three types of boundary conditions for mass transport:
  - the first type : a fixed concentration (Dirichlet)
  - the second type : a fixed gradient (Neumann)
  - the third type : a variable flux boundary (Cauchy)

## Boundary and Initial Condition

For one-dimensional flow :

$C(x, t) = C(t)$  where  $C(t)$  is some known function.

For example

$$C(0, t) = C_0, t > 0$$

first-type boundary

$$C(x, 0) = 0, x > 0$$

initial condition

$$C(\infty, t) = 0, t \geq 0$$

first-type boundary condition at  $x = \infty$

## Boundary and Initial Condition

$C(x,0) = C_i, \quad x \geq 0$  initial condition with concentration of  $C_i$

Exponential decay of the source term and pulse loading at a constant concentration for a period of time followed by another period of time with a different constant concentration.

Exponential decay for the source term :  $C(0, t) = C_o e^{-it}$

Pulse loading:

$$C(0, t) = C_o \quad 0 < t \leq t_0$$

$$C(0, t) = 0 \quad t > t_0$$

## Boundary and Initial Condition

Fixed-gradient boundaries:

$$\left. \frac{dC}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = f(t) \quad \text{or} \quad \left. \frac{dC}{dx} \right|_{x=\infty} = f(t)$$

The variable-flux boundary, a third type:

$$-D \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v_x C = v_x C(t) \quad C(t) \text{ is a known concentration function}$$

A common fixed-gradient condition:

$$\left( -D \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v_x C \right) \bigg|_{x=0} = C_0$$

## Analytical Solution

- One-Dimensional Step Change in Concentration (First Type Boundary)

Initial condition  $C(x, 0) = 0, x > 0$

Boundary condition  $C(0, t) = C_0, t \geq 0$

Solution:  $C = \frac{C_0}{2} \left[ \overset{C(\infty, t) = 0, t \geq 0}{\operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{L - v_x t}{2\sqrt{D_L t}} \right)} + \exp \left( \frac{v_x t}{D_L} \right) \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{L + v_x t}{2\sqrt{D_L t}} \right) \right]$

in dimensionless form:

$$C_R(t_R, P_e) = 0.5 \left\{ \operatorname{erfc} \left[ \left( \frac{P_e}{4t_R} \right)^{1/2} \cdot (1 - t_R) \right] + \exp(P_e) \operatorname{erfc} \left[ \left( \frac{P_e}{4t_R} \right)^{1/2} \cdot (1 + t_R) \right] \right\}$$

## Analytical Solution

- One-Dimensional Continuous injection into a Flow Field  
(Second Type Boundary)

Initial condition  $C(x, 0) = 0, -\infty < x < +\infty$

Boundary condition  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} n_e C(x, t) dx = C_0 n_e v_x t, t \geq 0$

$$C(\infty, t) = 0, t \geq 0$$

Solution:

$$C = \frac{C_0}{2} \left[ \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{L - v_x t}{2\sqrt{D_L t}} \right) - \exp \left( \frac{v_x t}{D_L} \right) \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{L + v_x t}{2\sqrt{D_L t}} \right) \right]$$

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## Analytical Solution

- A solution for Third-Type Boundary Condition given by van Genuchten (1981)

Initial condition  $C(x, 0) = 0$

Boundary condition  $\left(-D \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v_x C\right) \Big|_{x=0} = v_x C_0 \quad \frac{dC}{dx} \Big|_{x=\infty} = f(t)$

Solution:

$$C = \frac{C_0}{2} \left[ \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{L - v_x t}{2\sqrt{D_L t}} \right) + \left( \frac{v_x^2 t}{\pi D_L} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left[ -\frac{(L - v_x t)^2}{4D_L t} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{v_x t}{D_L} + \frac{v_x^2 t}{D_L} \right) \exp \left( \frac{v_x t}{D_L} \right) \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{L - v_x t}{2\sqrt{D_L t}} \right) \right]$$

Sauty(1980) gives an approximation:

$$C = \frac{C_0}{2} \left[ \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{L - v_x t}{2\sqrt{D_L t}} \right) \right]$$

## Analytical Solution

- One-Dimensional Slug Injection into a Flow Field

If a slug of contamination is instantaneously injected into a uniform, 1D flow field, it will pass through the aquifer as a pulse with a peak concentration  $C_{\max}$  at  $t_{\max}$

Solution (Sauty 1980):

$$C_R(t_R, P_e) = \frac{E}{(t_R)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{P_e}{4t_R} (1-t_R)^2\right)$$

with

$$E = (t_{R\max})^{1/2} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{P_e}{4t_{R\max}} (1-t_{R\max})^2\right)$$

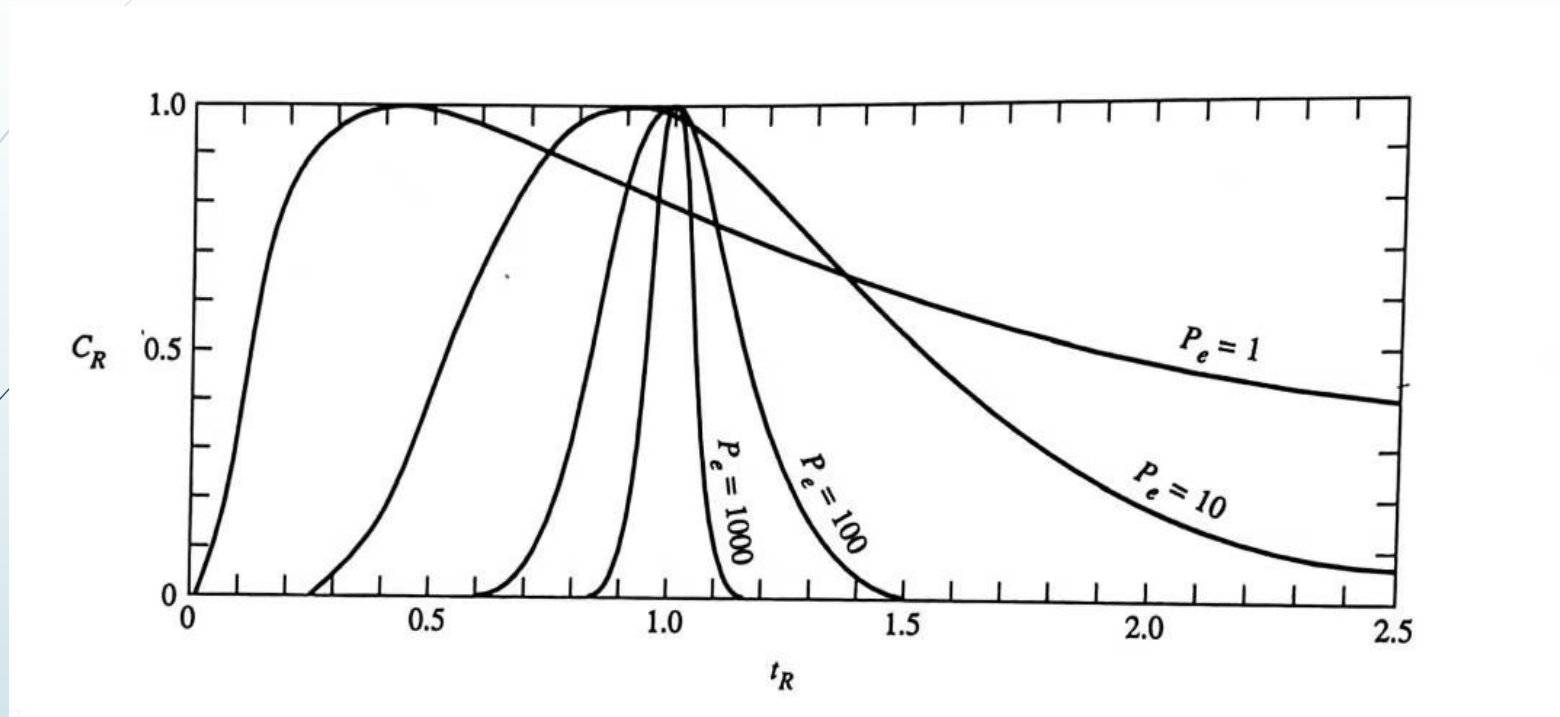
where

$$t_{R\max} = (1 + P_e^{-2})^{1/2} - P_e^{-1} \quad (\text{dimensionless time peak occurs})$$

$$t_{R\max} = (1 + P_e^{-2})^{1/2} - P_e^{-1}$$



## Analytical Solution

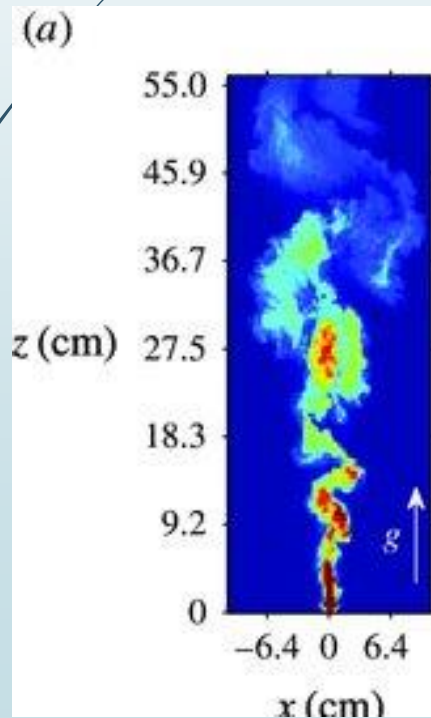


$C_R(C/C_{\max})$  for a slug injected into a uniform one-dimensional flow field plotted against dimensionless time,  $t_R$ , for several Peclet numbers. It can be seen that the time for the peak concentration ( $C_{\max}$ ) to occur increases with the Peclet number, up to a limit of  $t_R = 1$ . Breakthrough becomes more symmetric with increasing  $Pe$ .

## Analytical Solution

- Continuous Injection into a Uniform 2D Flow Field

If a tracer is continuously injected into a uniform flow field from a single point that fully penetrates the aquifer, a two-dimensional plume will form.



It will spread along the axis of flow due to longitudinal dispersion and normal to the axis of flow due to transverse dispersion.

This is the type of contamination that would spread from the use of an injection well, which would be a point source.

## Analytical Solution

- One-Dimensional Slug Injection into a Flow Field

The well is located at the origin ( $x=0$ ,  $y=0$ ), and there is a uniform flow velocity at a rate  $v_x$ , parallel to the  $x$  axis. There is a continuous injection at the origin, of a solute with a concentration  $C_0$  at a rate  $Q$  over the aquifer thickness,  $b$ .

Solution for unit injection :  $C(x, y, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi t(D_L D_T)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - v_x t)^2}{4D_L t} - \frac{y^2}{4D_T t}\right)$   
(Bear, 1972; Fried, 1975)

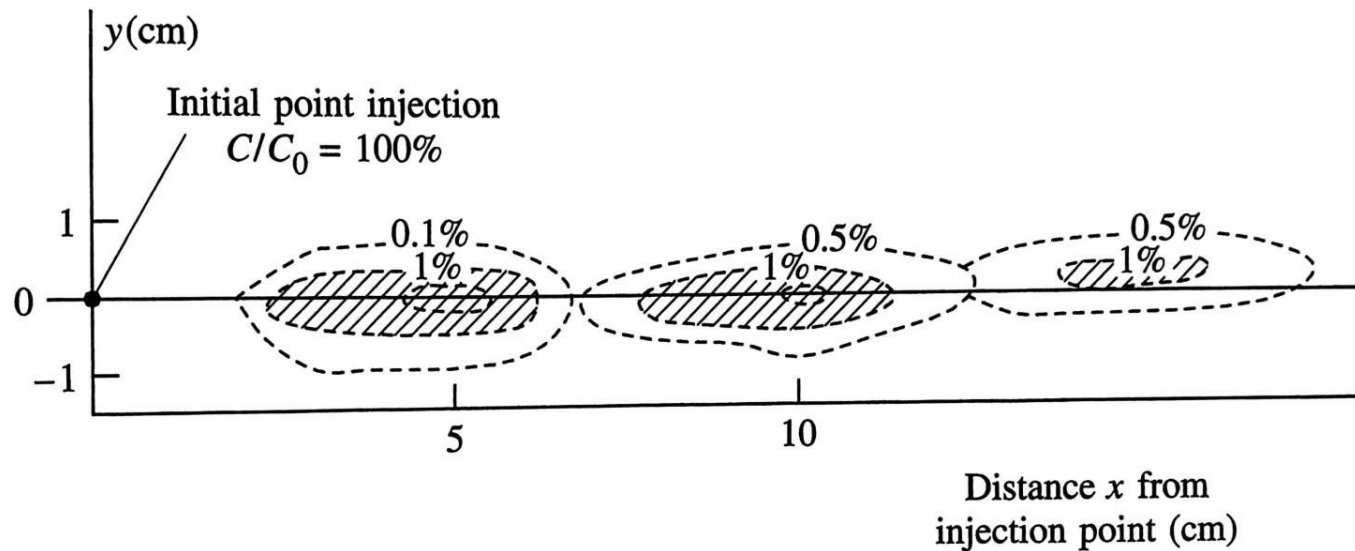
Solution- injection rate  $C_0(Q/b)$ :  $C(x, y, t) = \frac{C_0(Q/b)dt}{4\pi t(D_L D_T)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - v_x t)^2}{4D_L t} - \frac{y^2}{4D_T t}\right)$

Steady state when time approaches infinity

$$C(x, y) = \frac{C_0(Q/b)}{4\pi(D_L D_T)^{1/2}} \exp\left(\frac{v_x x}{2D_L}\right) K_0 \left[ \left( \frac{v_x^2}{4D_L} \left( \frac{x^2}{D_L} - \frac{y^2}{D_T} \right) \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

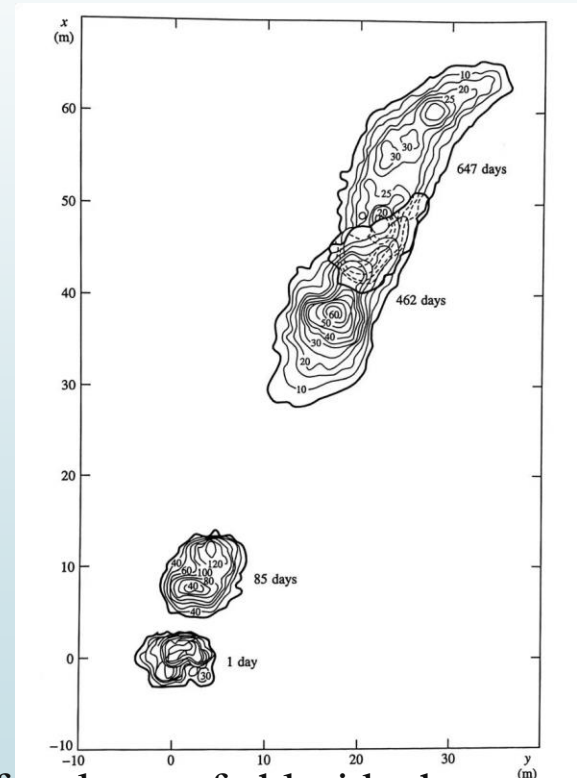
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- a slug of contamination is injected over the full thickness of a two-dimensional uniform flow field in a short period of time, it will move in the direction of flow and spread with time.



the pattern of contamination at three increments that result from a one-time spill

Bear (1961)



The spread of a plume of chloride that was injected into an aquifer as a part of a large-scale field test (Mackay et al. 1986)

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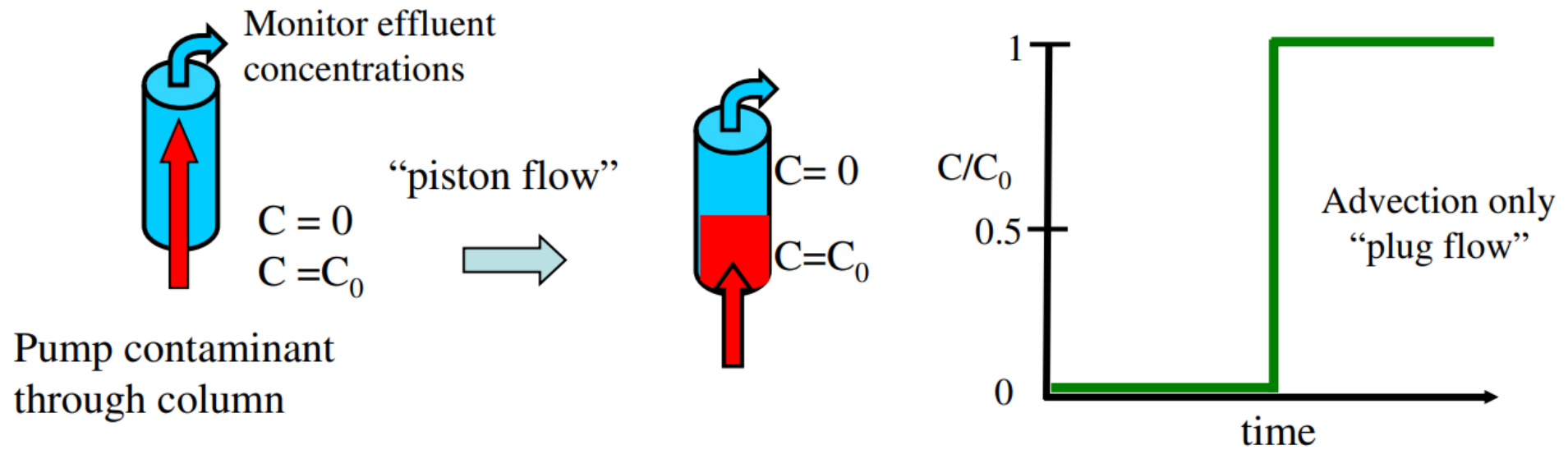
- If a tracer with concentration  $C_0$  is injected into a two-dimensional flow field over an area  $A$  at a point  $(x_0, y_0)$ , the concentration at a point  $(x, y)$ , at time  $t$  after the injection is

$$C(x, y, t) = \frac{C_0 A}{4\pi t (D_L D_T)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{((x - x_0) - v_x t)^2}{4D_L t} - \frac{(y - y_0)^2}{4D_T t}\right)$$

# Solute Transport – Advection Only

One-dimensional Column Experiments  
(monitoring concentrations at one point over time)

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -v \frac{\partial C}{\partial x}$$



## Advection

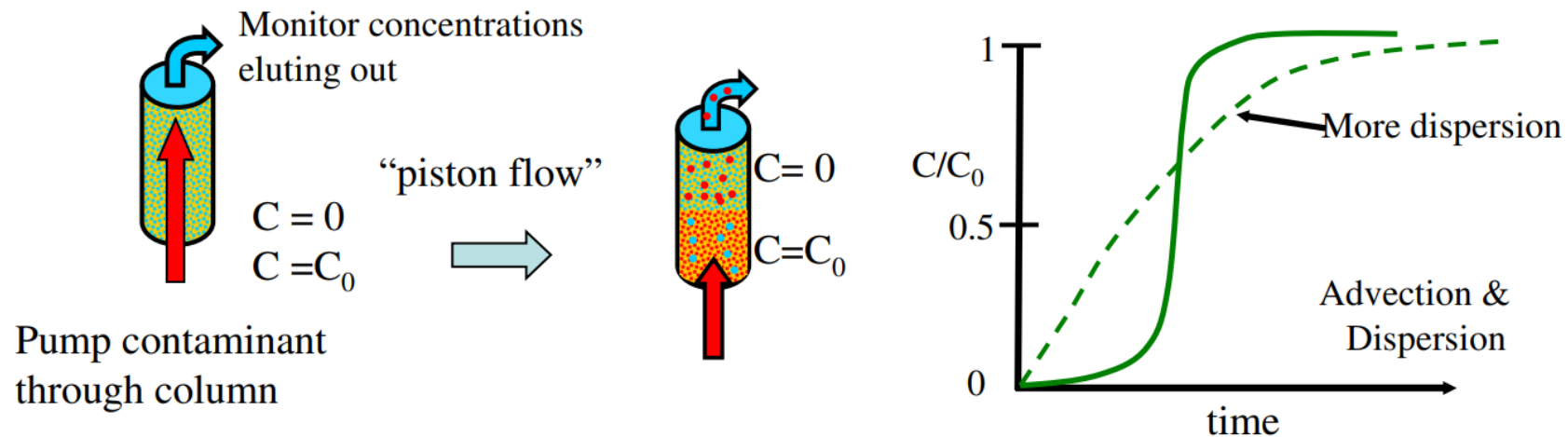
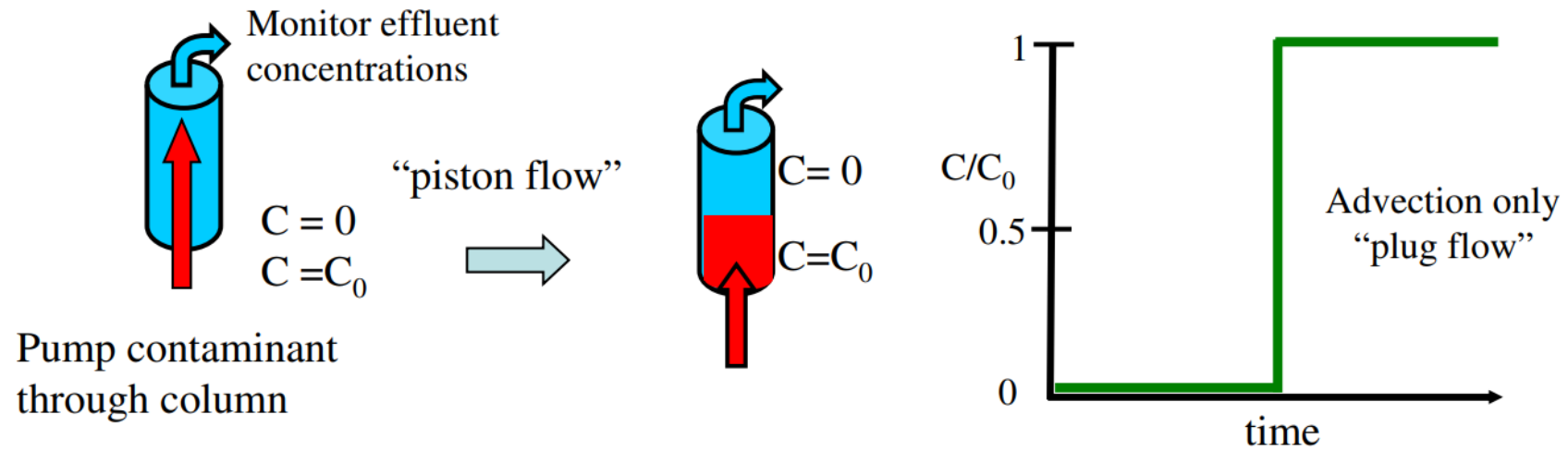
- Dissolved nitrate in a concentration of 18.0 mg/L is being advected with flowing groundwater at a velocity of 0.331 m/day in an aquifer with a porosity of 0.225. Groundwater from the aquifer discharges into a stream. What is the mass flux of nitrate into the stream if the aquifer is 1.80 m thick and 123 m wide where it discharges into the stream?

- $Q = J_a * \text{Area}$

$$J_a = qC$$

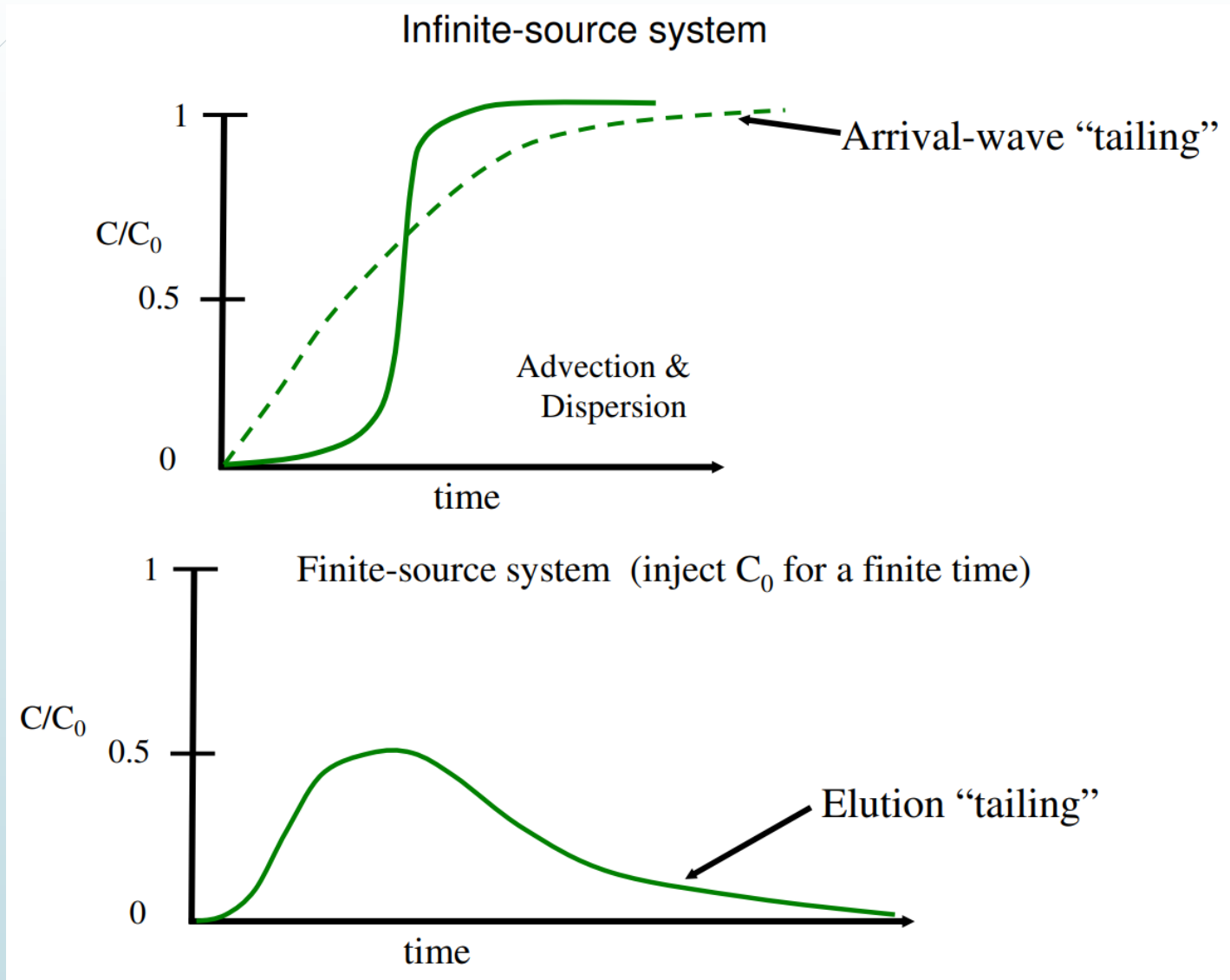
# Impact of Dispersion on Transport

One-dimensional Column Experiments (monitoring concentrations at one point over time)

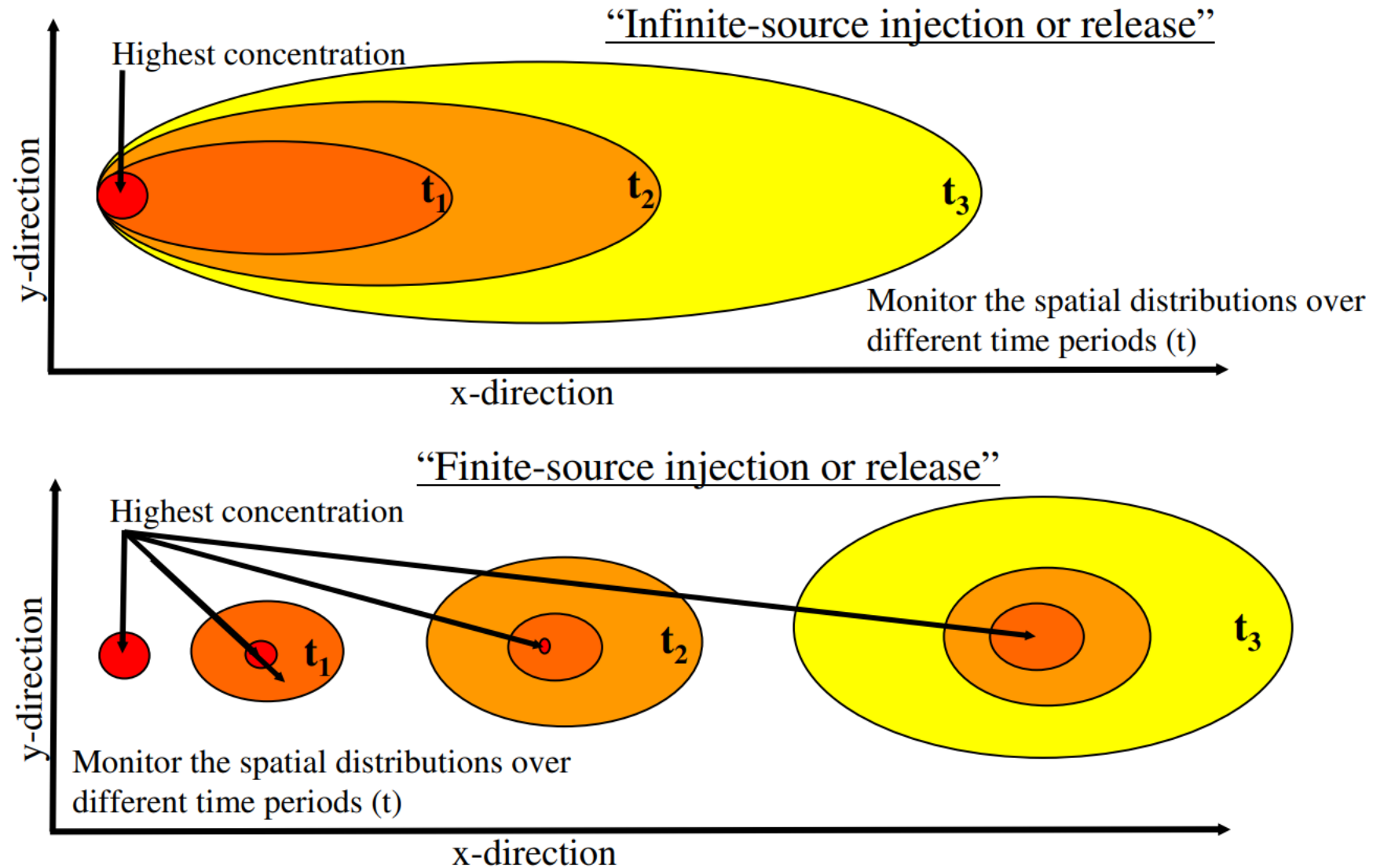




## Arrival wave v.s. Elution wave v.s. full BTC



## Two-dimensional Contaminant “Plumes” (map view)



## Dispersion Coefficient

Dispersion Coefficient (D) Components = axial (molecular) diffusion and mechanical mixing

$$D = \frac{D_o}{\tau} + \alpha_L v^n$$

## Dispersion Coefficient

Diffusion coefficient in porous medium:

$$D_d = \frac{D_o}{\tau}$$

$D_o$  = Diffusion coefficient in bulk fluid [ $\sim 10^{-5} \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$  in water]

$\tau$  = Tortuosity factor ( $>1$ )—— typically 1.3-2

Note: some use the form  $D_d = D_o * \tau$ , in this case  $\tau < 1$

# Dispersion Coefficient

Mechanical Mixing

$$D_m = \alpha_L v^n$$

$\alpha$  = Dispersivity (cm)

$v$  = Pore water velocity (cm/s)

$n$  = Dimensionless empirical parameter (typically equals 1)

## Peclet Number

Peclet number (P) =  $(vL)/D$

The non-dimensional ratio of characteristic time of dispersion ( $L^2/D$ ) and characteristic time of advection ( $L/v$ )

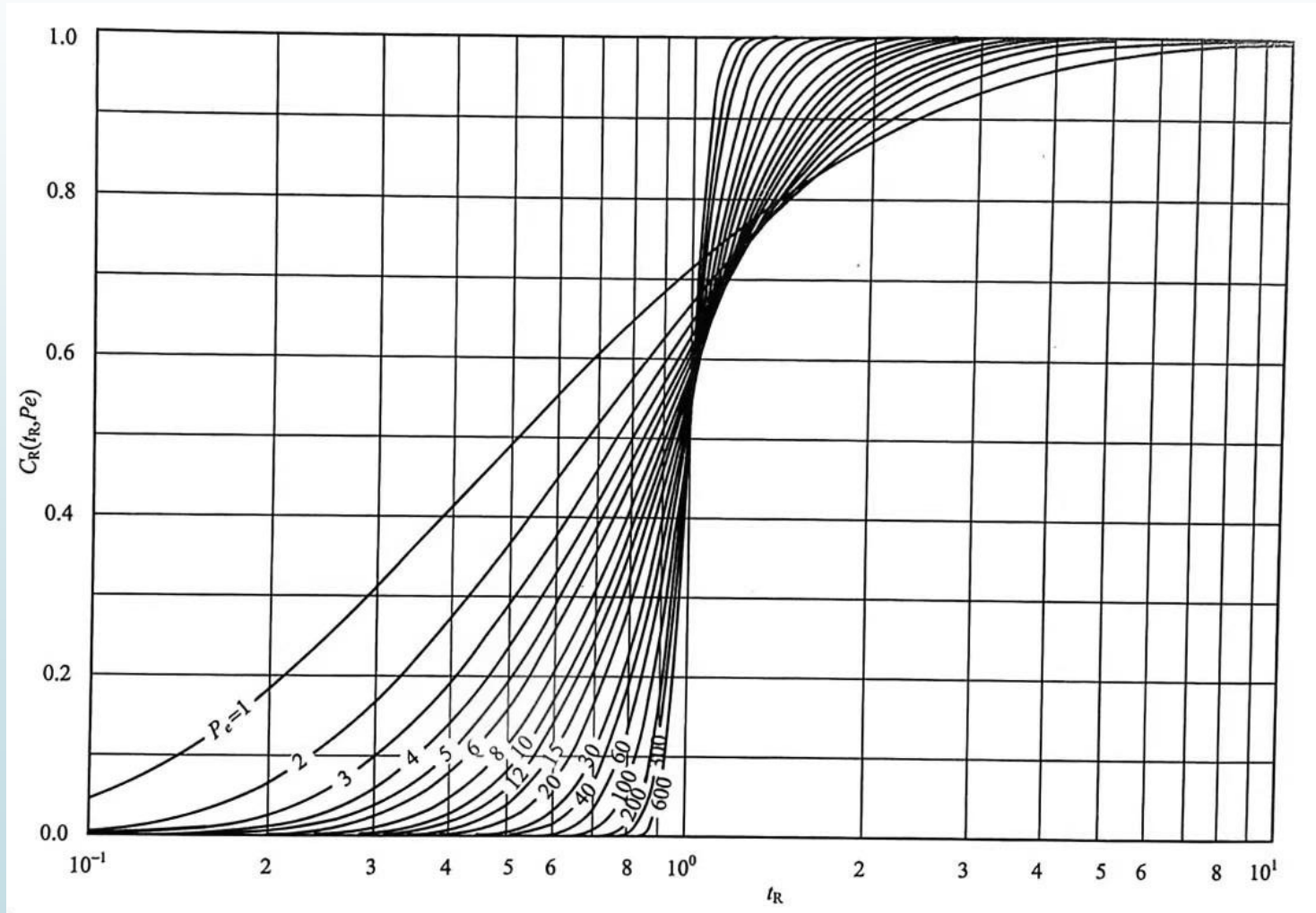
If diffusion can be neglected ...  $D = \alpha_L v$

And ...  $P = vL/D = vL/\alpha_L v = L/\alpha_L$

Value of P controls the magnitude of spreading

# BRENNER SOLUTION

[Nonreactive and conservative solutes]





## Dispersivity

Dispersivity is a key property used to characterize spreading component of transport

Range of Lab values: 0.01-1 cm

Magnitude of dispersivity characterizes-  
length of "mixing zone" for spatial distributions  
travel-time distribution for temporal distributions

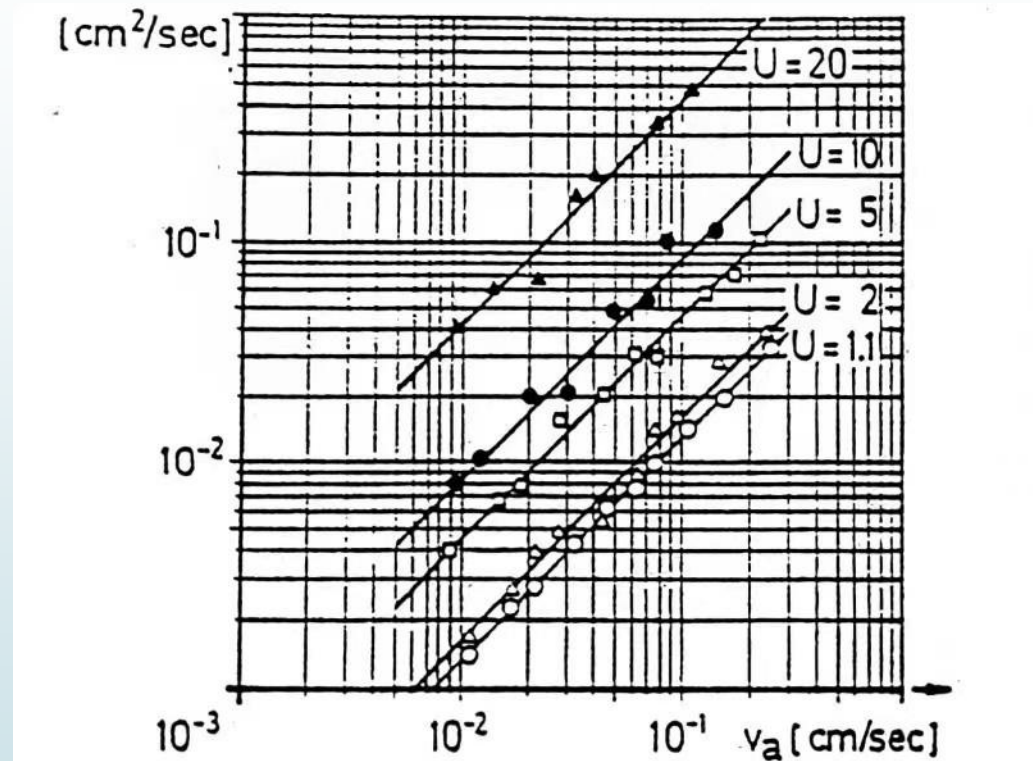


# Dispersivity

## Factors Influencing Dispersivity at the Microscopic Scale:

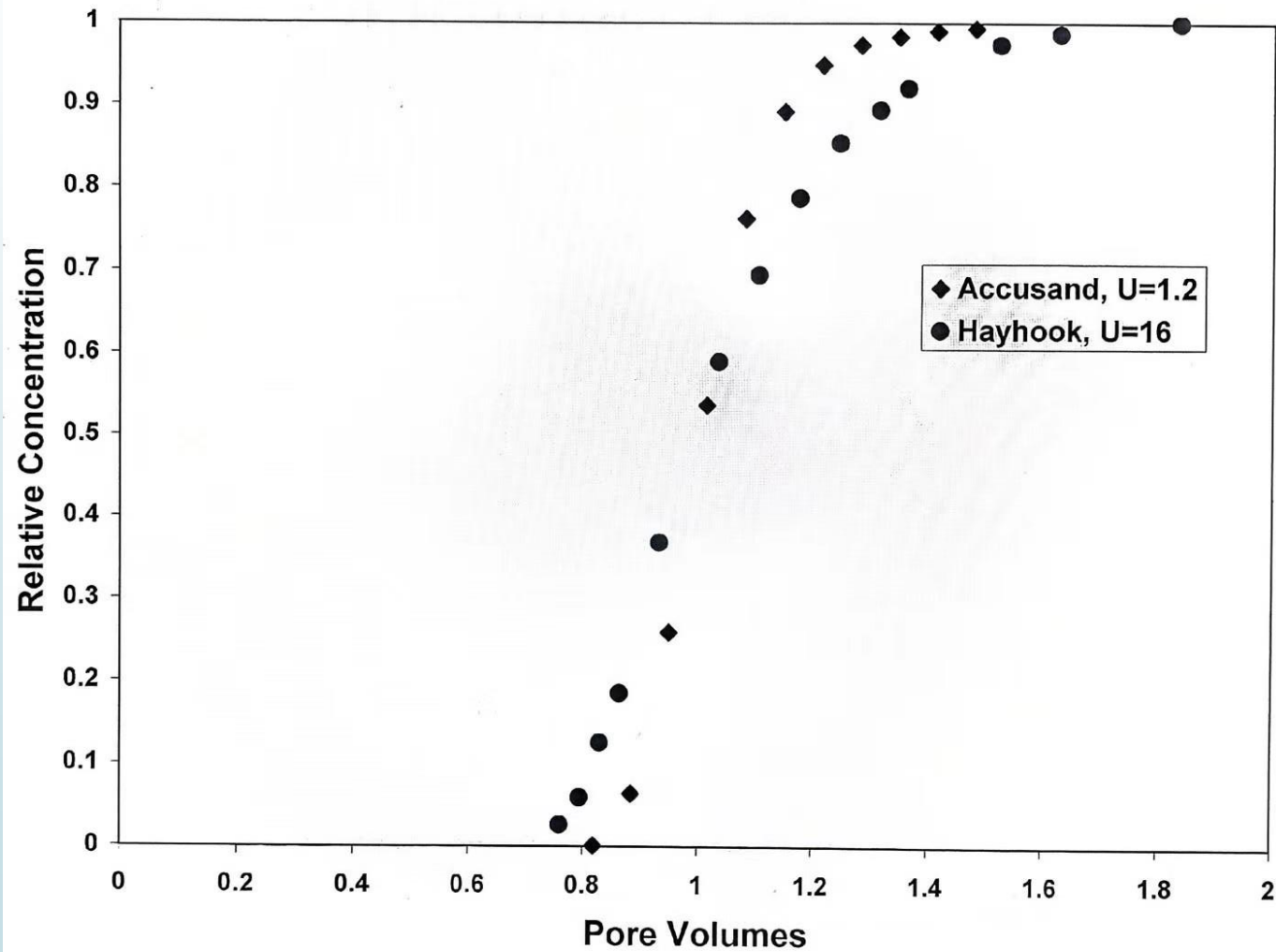
1. grain size distribution pore size distribution  
(pore size is related to grain size)  
uniformity coefficient is a measure of the grain-size distribution  
(larger  $U$  = larger distribution... poorly sorted... well graded)
2. roughness or angularity of grains

# Dispersivity

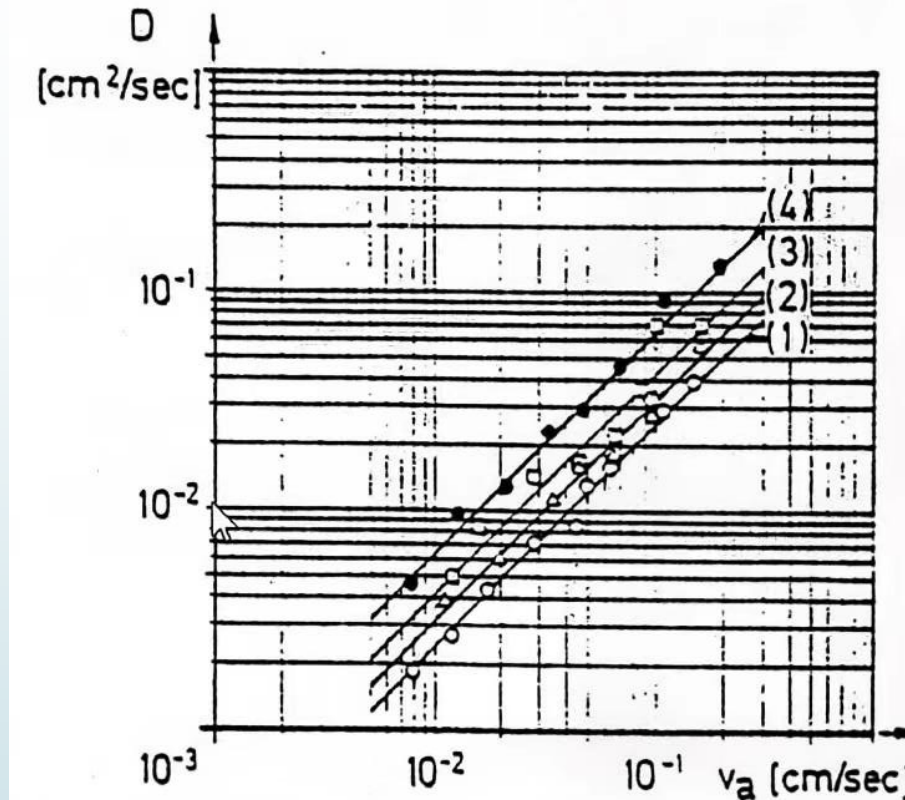


Longitudinal dispersion coefficient  $D$  in relation to distance velocity  $v_a$  for sands of effective grain diameter  $d_{50} = 1.0$  mm with different uniformity coefficients  $U$  of grain-size distribution: total porosities:  $n = 0.39$  for  $U = 1.1$ ;  $n = 0.33$  for  $U = 2$ ;  $n = 0.31$  for  $U = 5$ ;  $n = 0.29$  for  $U = 10$ ;  $n = 0.28$  for  $U = 20$

# Dispersivity

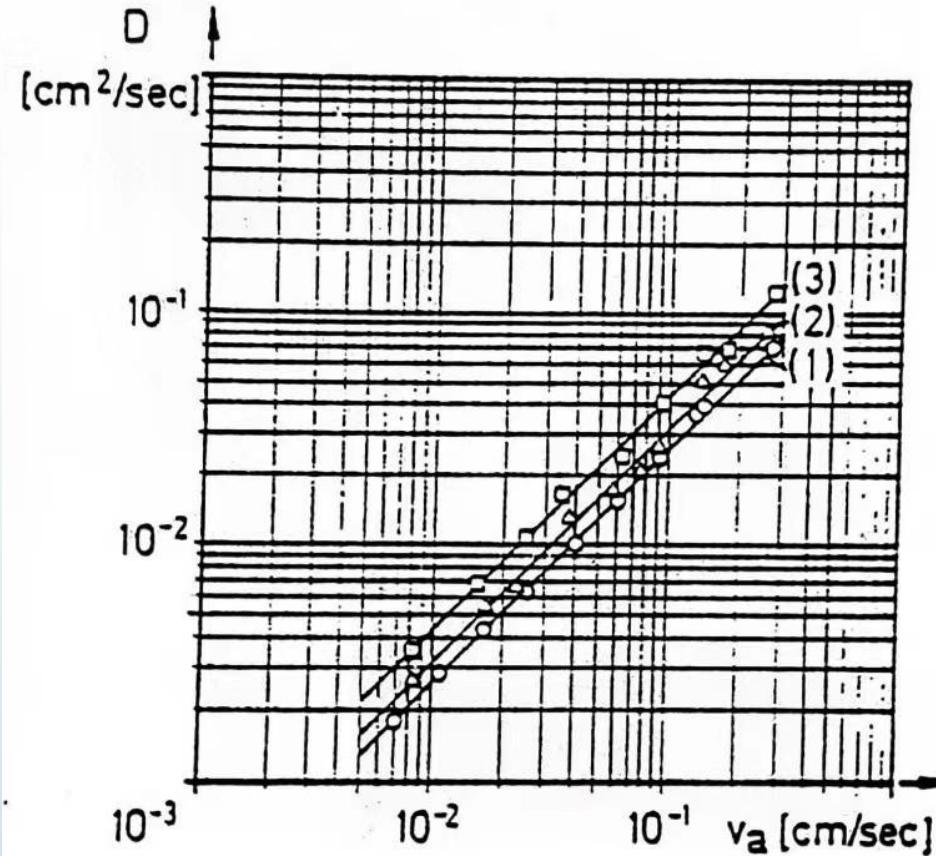


# Dispersivity



Longitudinal dispersion coefficient  $D$  in relation to distance velocity  $v_a$  for sands with a grain size of 0.9 -1.12 mm ( $U = 1.1$ ) with varying roughness and angularity of grains: (1) completely rounded (spheres),  $n=0.37$ ; (2) well rounded (filter sand),  $n=0.38$ ; (3) averagely rounded,  $n=0.39$ ; (4) entirely angular (chip material),  $n=0.42$ .

# Dispersivity



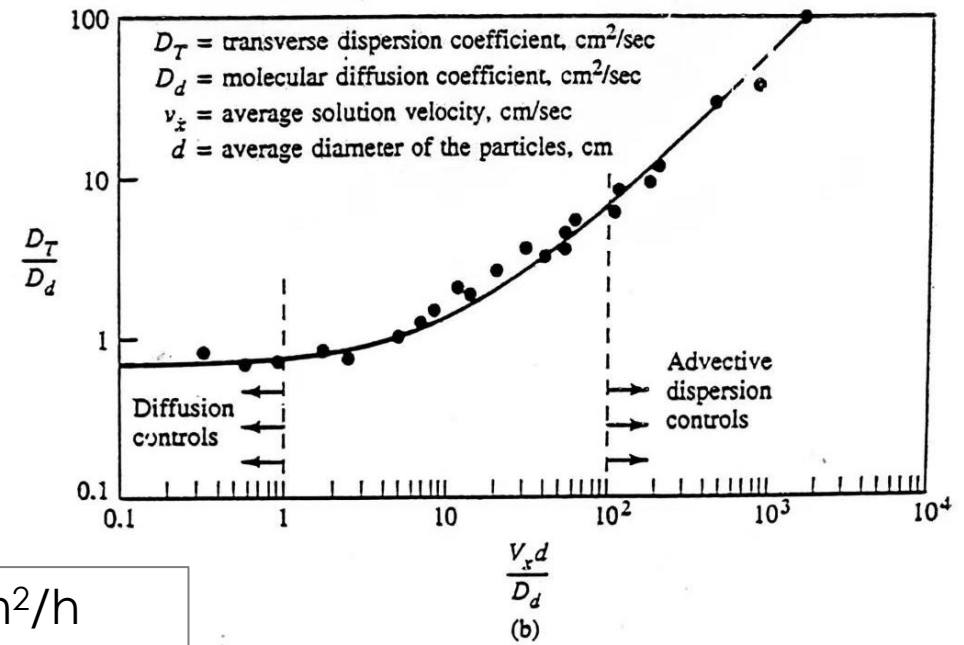
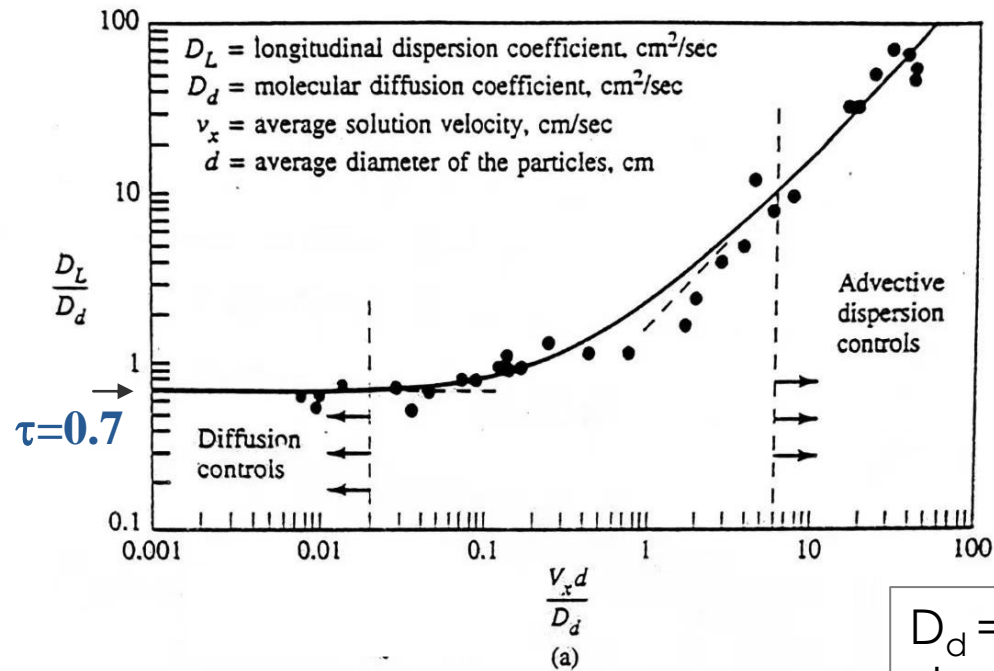
Longitudinal dispersion coefficient  $D$  in relation to distance velocity  $v_a$  for porous media of grainsizes 2 -3 mm ( $U \approx 1.5$ ) with different grain shapes: (1) spherical shape,  $n=0.36$ ; (2) lenticular shape,  $n=0.32$ ; (3) cylindrical shape,  $n=0.33$ .

# Mechanical Mixing vs Diffusion

- Diffusion always occurs
  - when is it significant
- Mechanical mixing occurs only when  $v > 0$



# Mechanical Mixing vs Diffusion



$D_d = 0.09 \text{ cm}^2/\text{h}$   
 $d = 0.1 \text{ cm}$

- Graph of dimensionless dispersion coefficients versus Peclet number,  $P = v_x d / D_d$   
 (a)  $D_L / D_d$  versus  $P$  and (b)  $D_T / D_d$  versus  $P$ . Source: T. K. Perkins and O. C Johnson, Society of Petroleum Engineers Journal, 3 (1963): 70-84

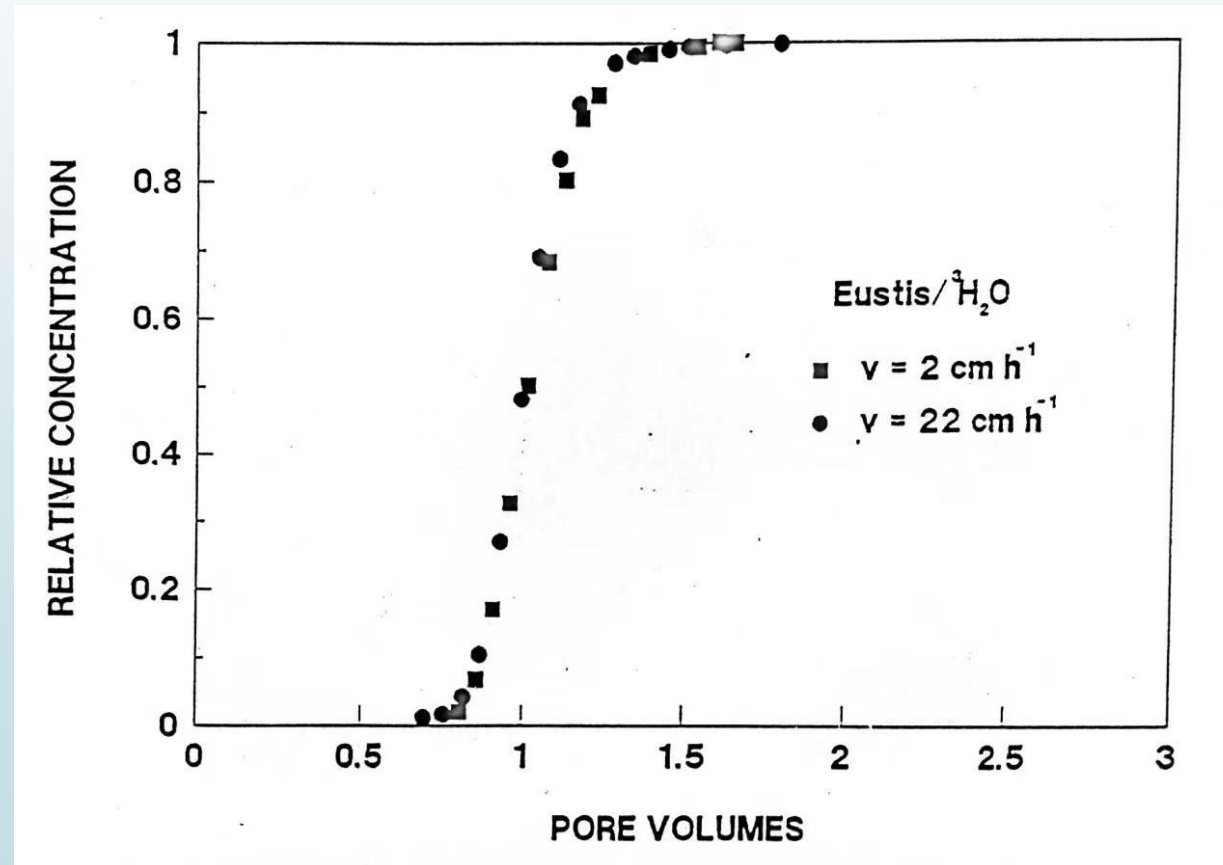
## Impact of p-w velocity on Spreading

- Recall  $D_m = \alpha \cdot v$
- When diffusion is minimal:
  - No effect (identical BTCs for all velocities)
- When diffusion is important
  - Greater spreading at smaller velocities

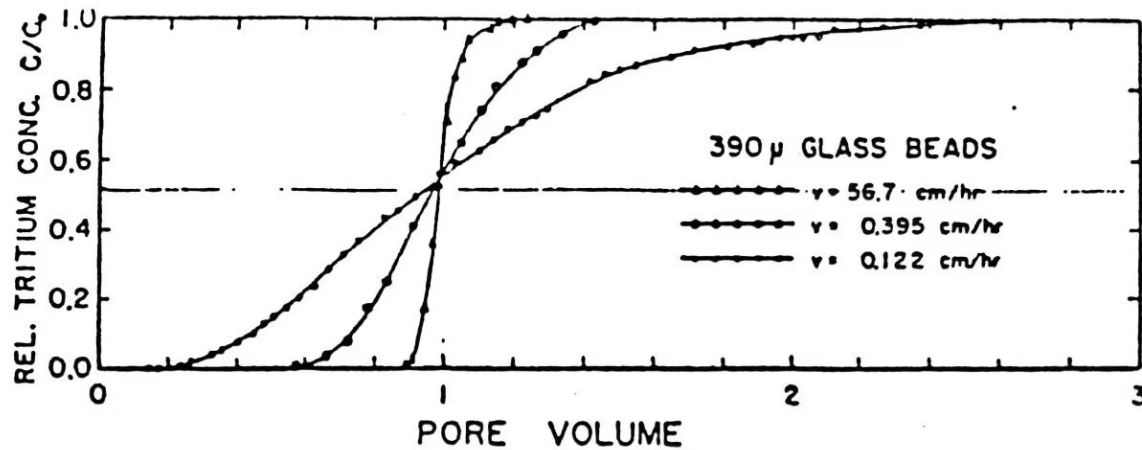


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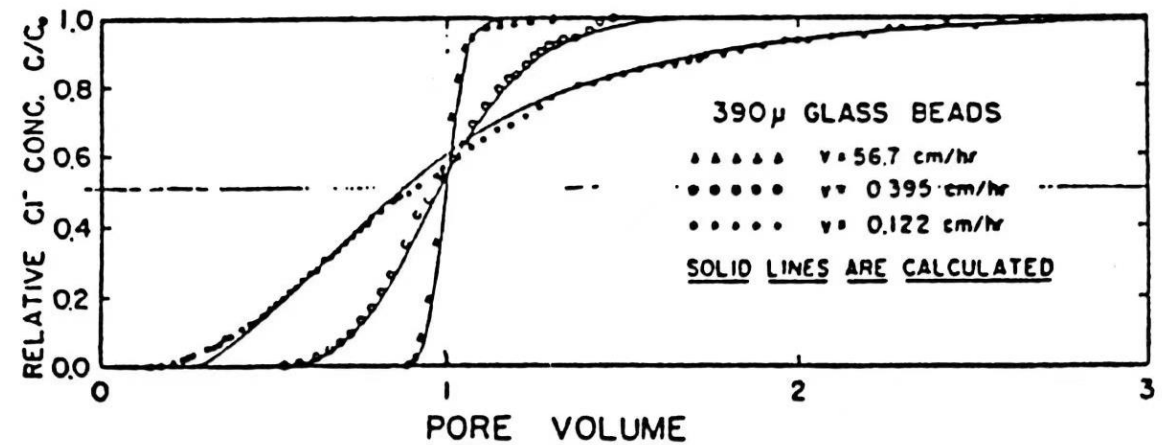
The effect of pore-water velocity on transport in sandy soil



## Impact of p-w velocity on Spreading

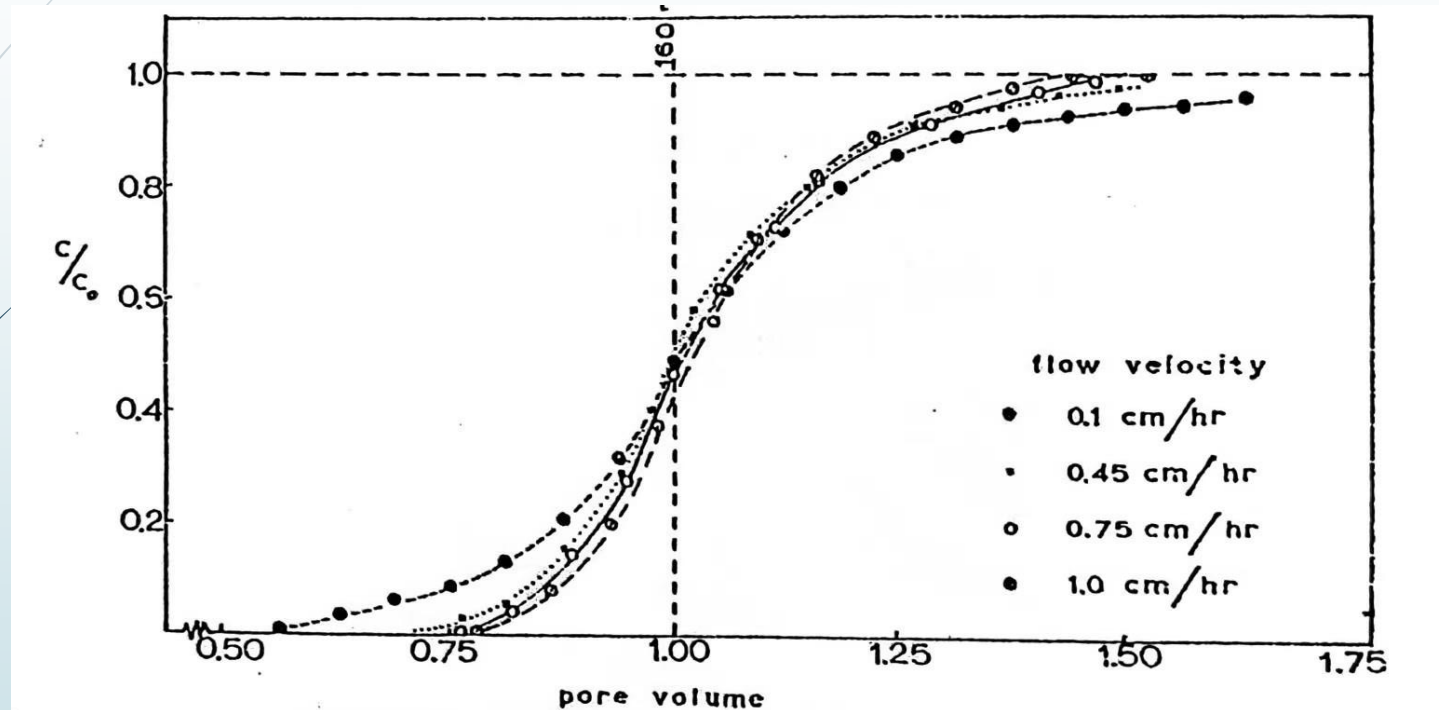


Tritium breakthrough curves from 390 $\mu$  glass beads for three flow velocities.



Calculated chloride breakthrough curves through measured values from 390 $\mu$  glass beads.

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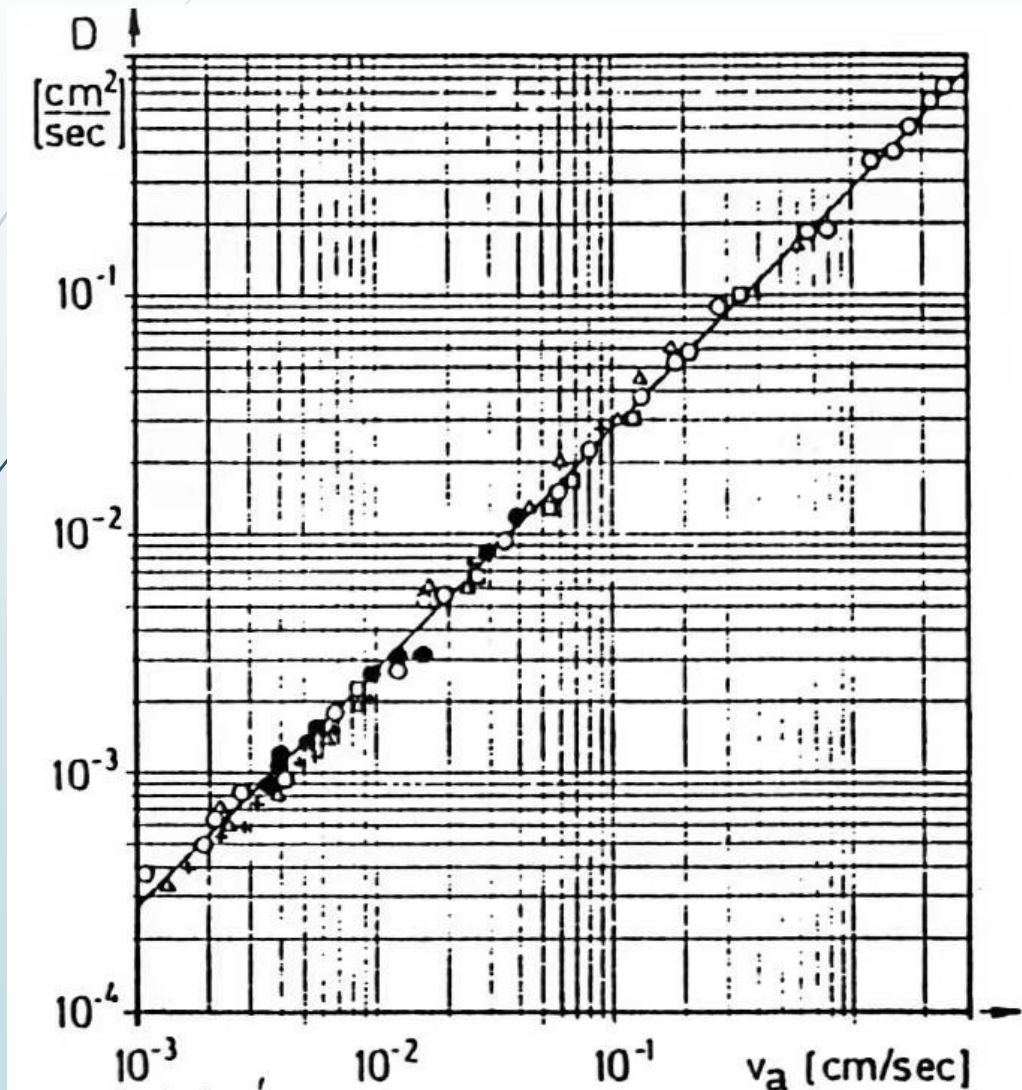


Chloride breakthrough curves for flow velocities of 1.0 cm/hr, 0.75cm/hr, 0.45 cm/hr, and 0.1 cm/hr in saturated columns containing sand plus 5 percent powdered Clackline clay.

## Impact of Solute Size on Spreading

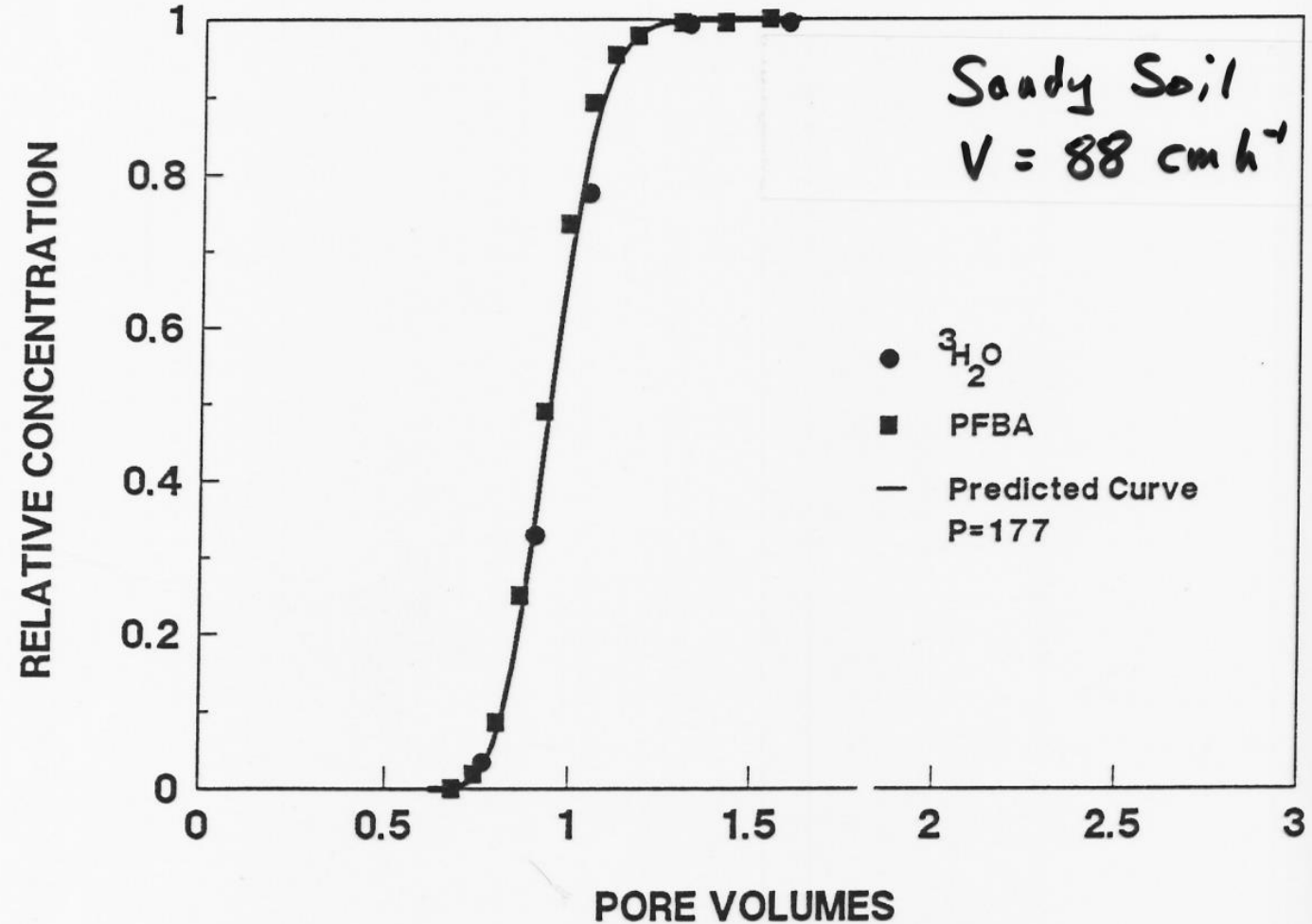
- Recall  $Do$  correlates to  $1/MW$
- When diffusion is minimal:
  - No effect (identical BTCs for all solutes)
- When diffusion is important
  - Greater spreading for smaller solute

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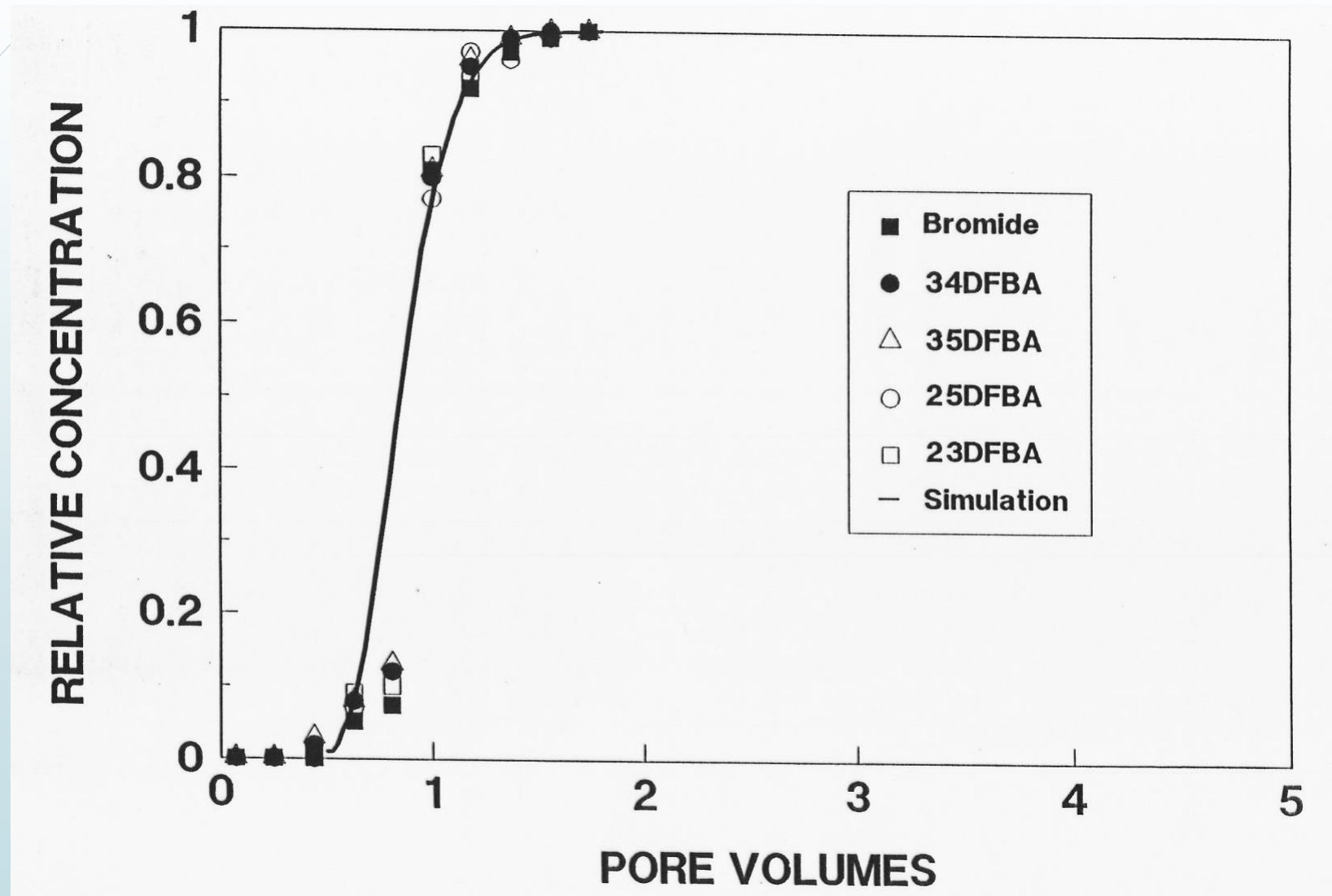


Longitudinal dispersion coefficient  $D$  in relation to distance velocity  $v_a$  using different tracer solutions: C  $\text{NH}_4$ ,  $^{82}\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{Na}^{131}$ ,  $\Delta \text{NaCl}$ ,  $\square \text{Uranin A}$ , +  $^{51}\text{Cr-EDTA}$ . Porous medium (total porosity  $n = 0.38$ ).

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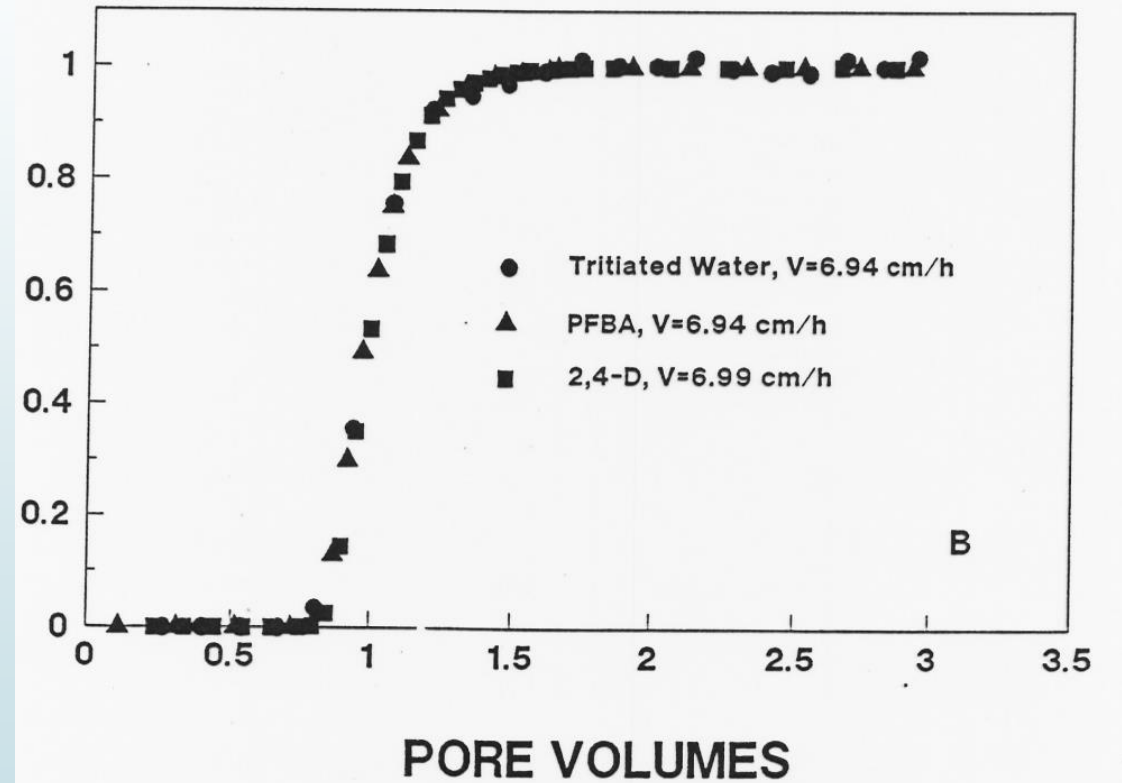
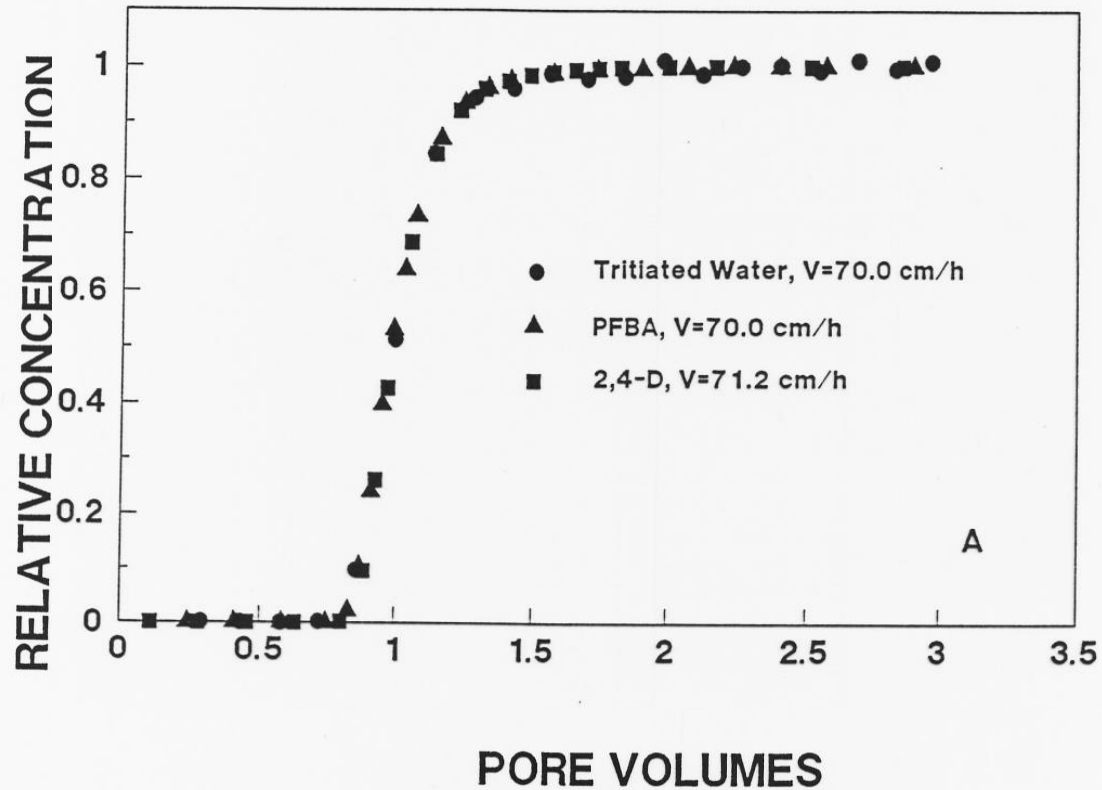


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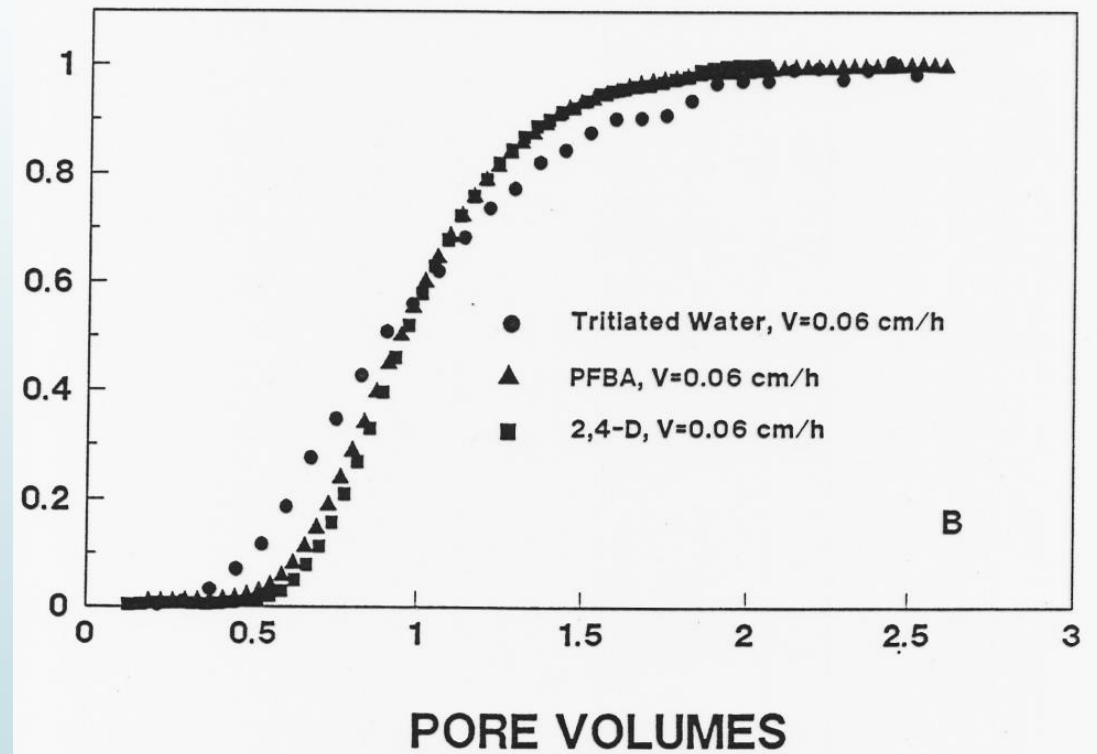
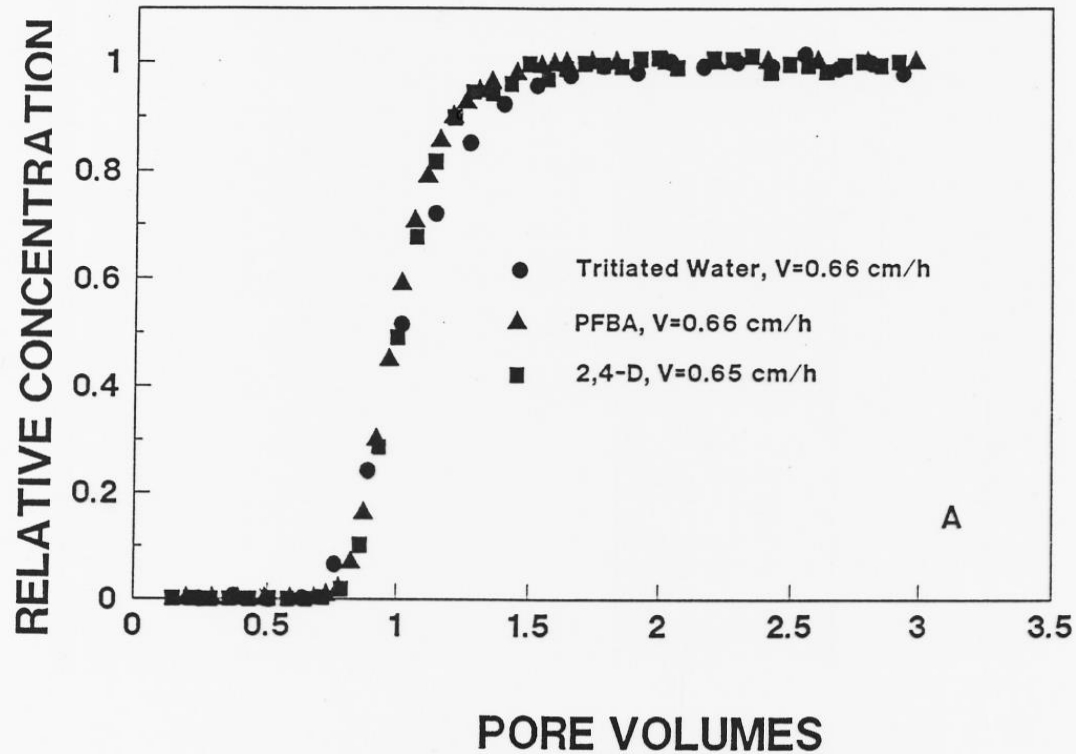


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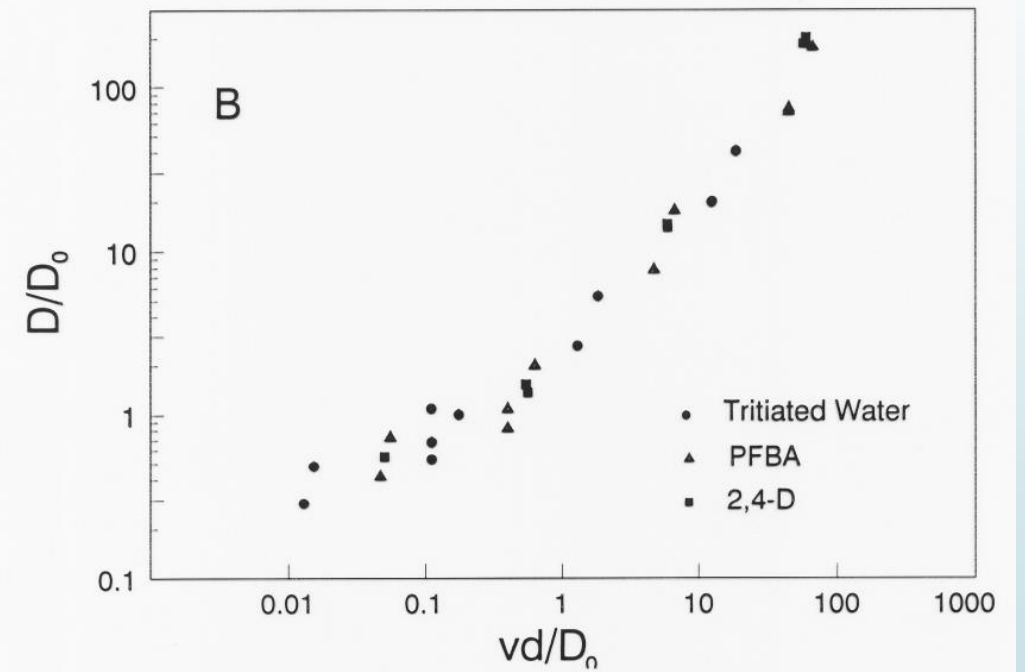
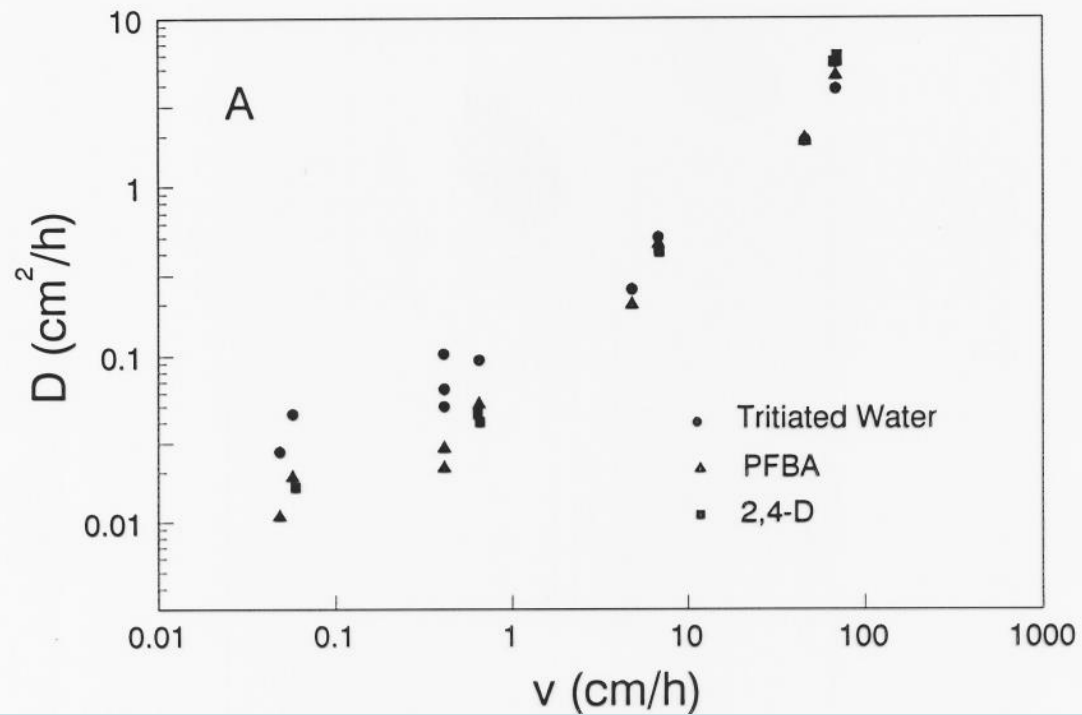




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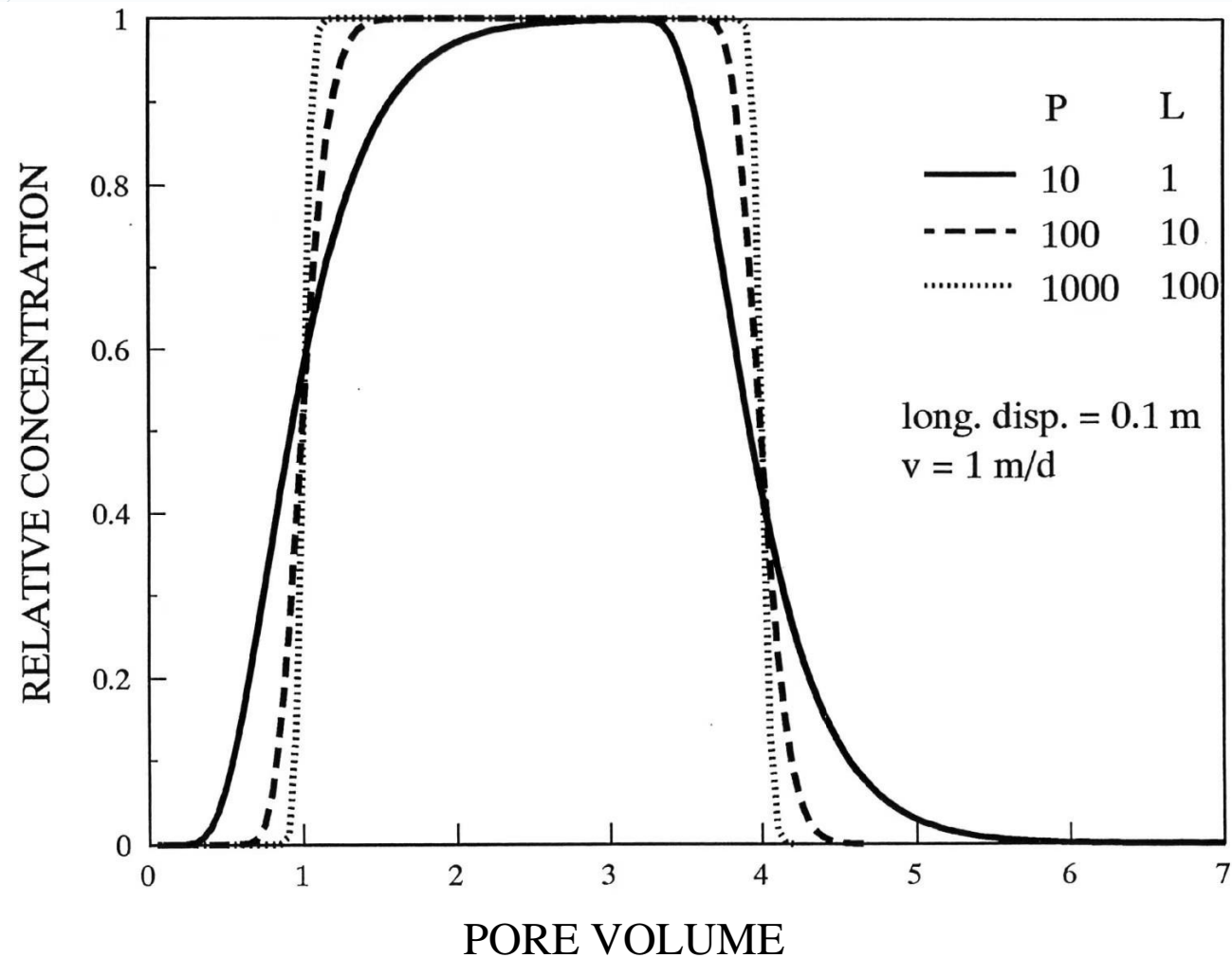
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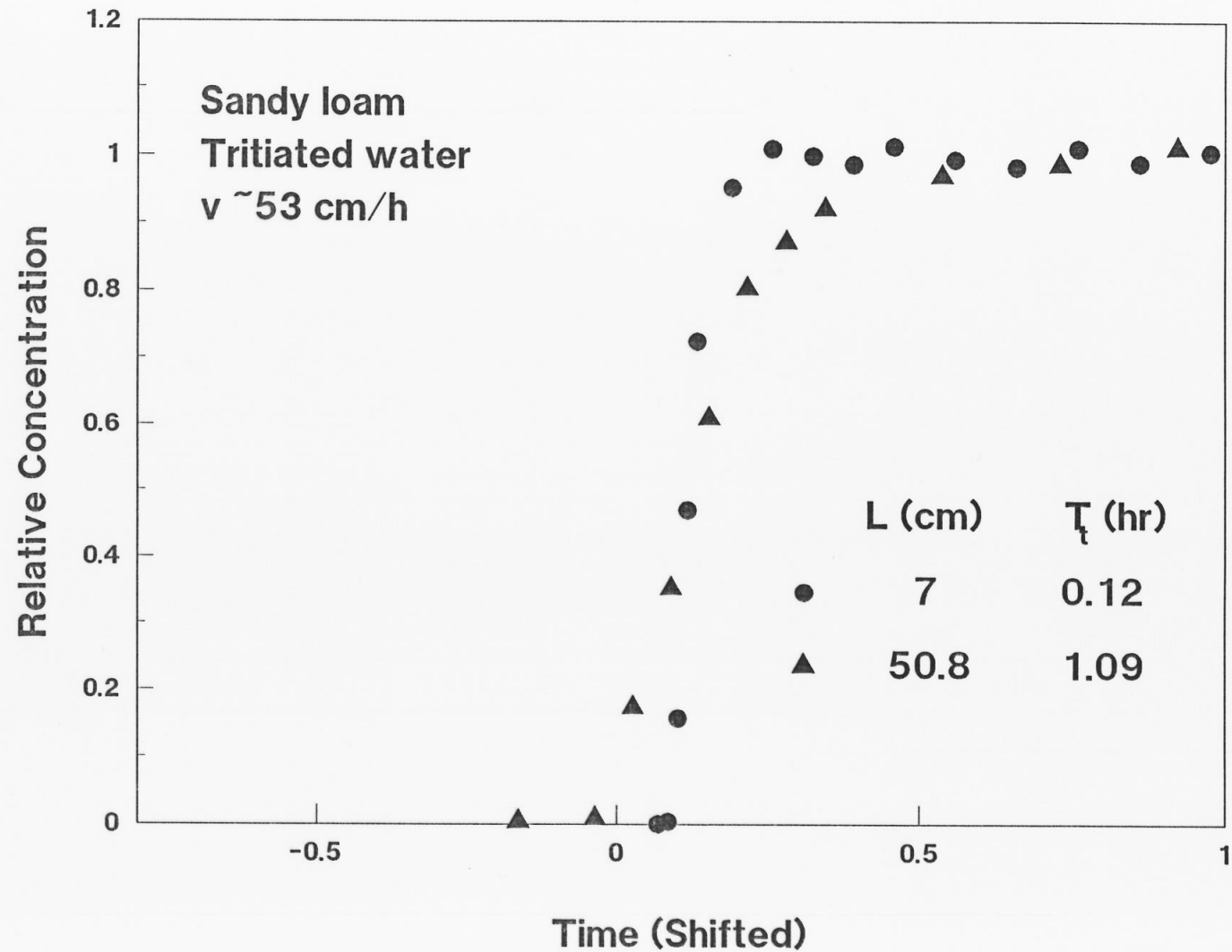
## Spreading and Travel Distance

- $P = L/\alpha$ 
  - Assume diffusion is minimal

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