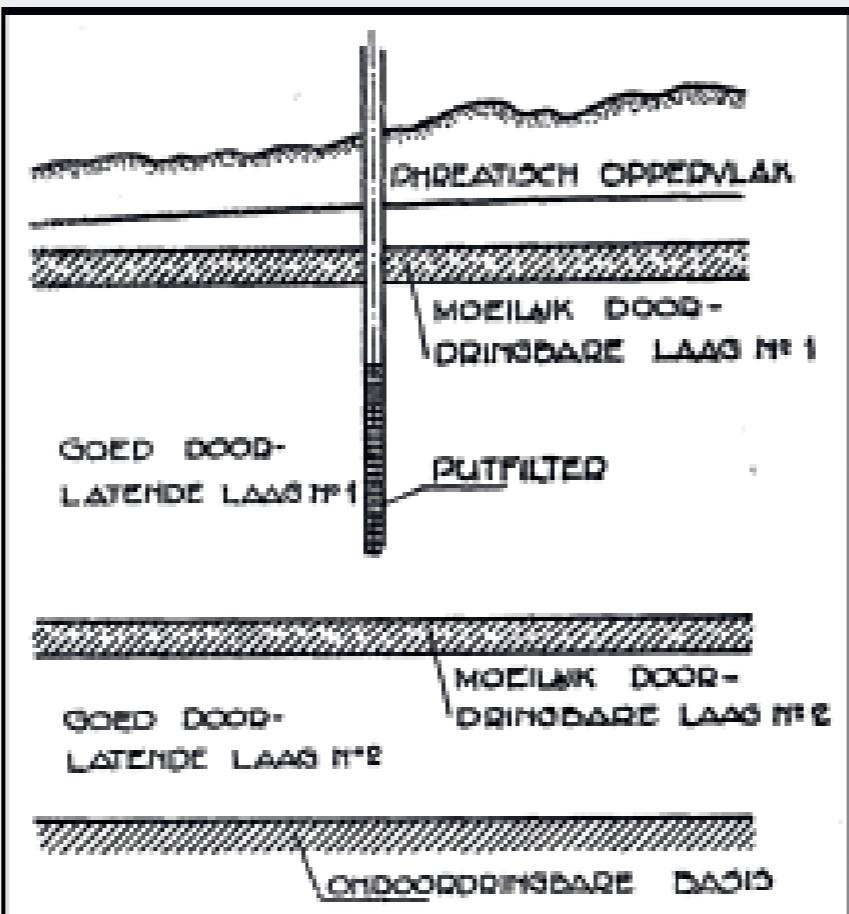


# Axisymmetric Flow in Multilayer Aquifer Systems: Solutions and Theoretical Considerations



# MY RESUME

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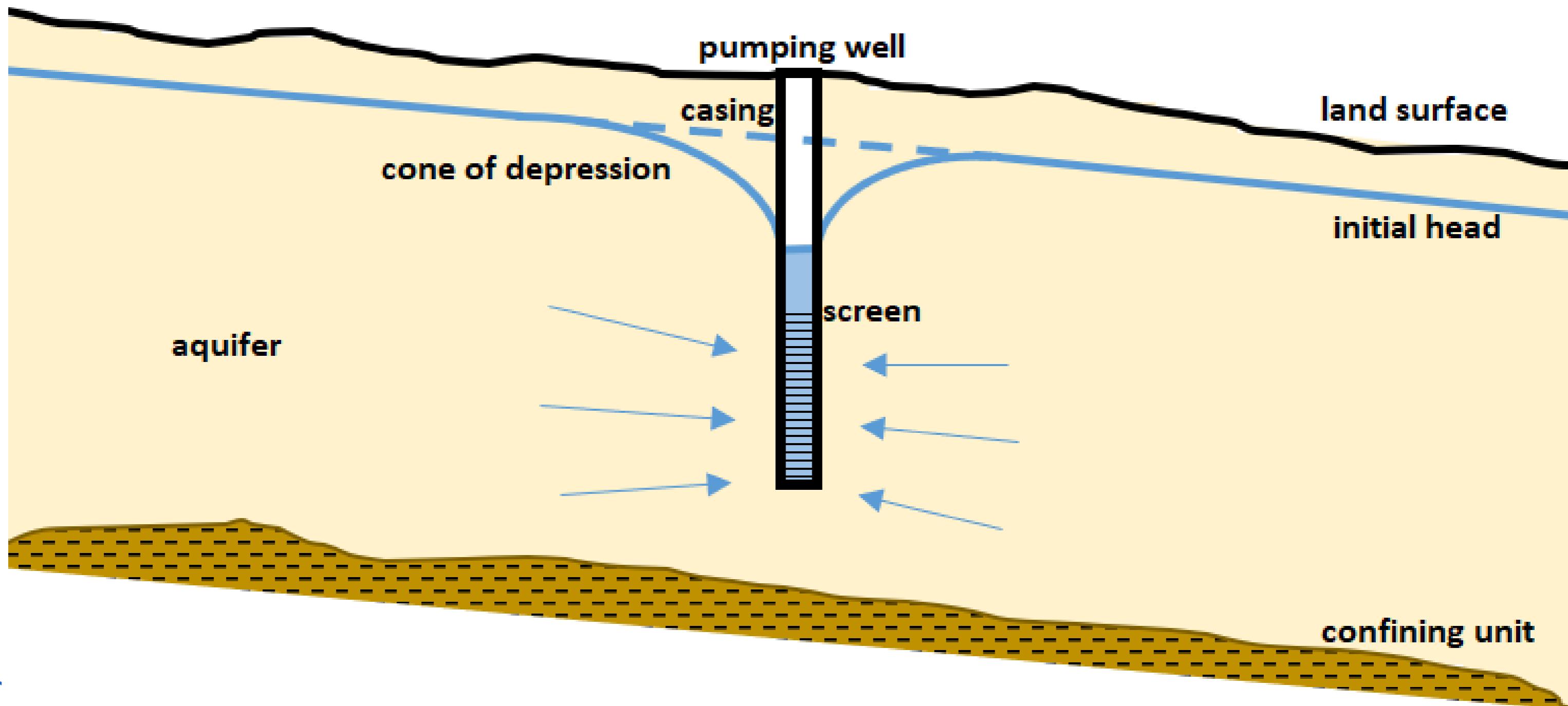
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# OVERVIEW

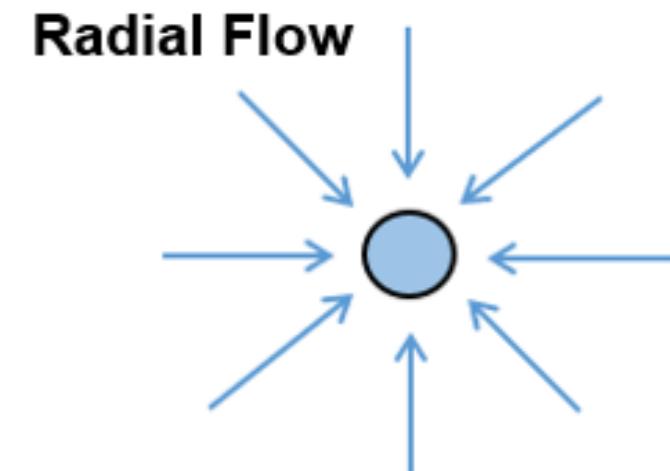
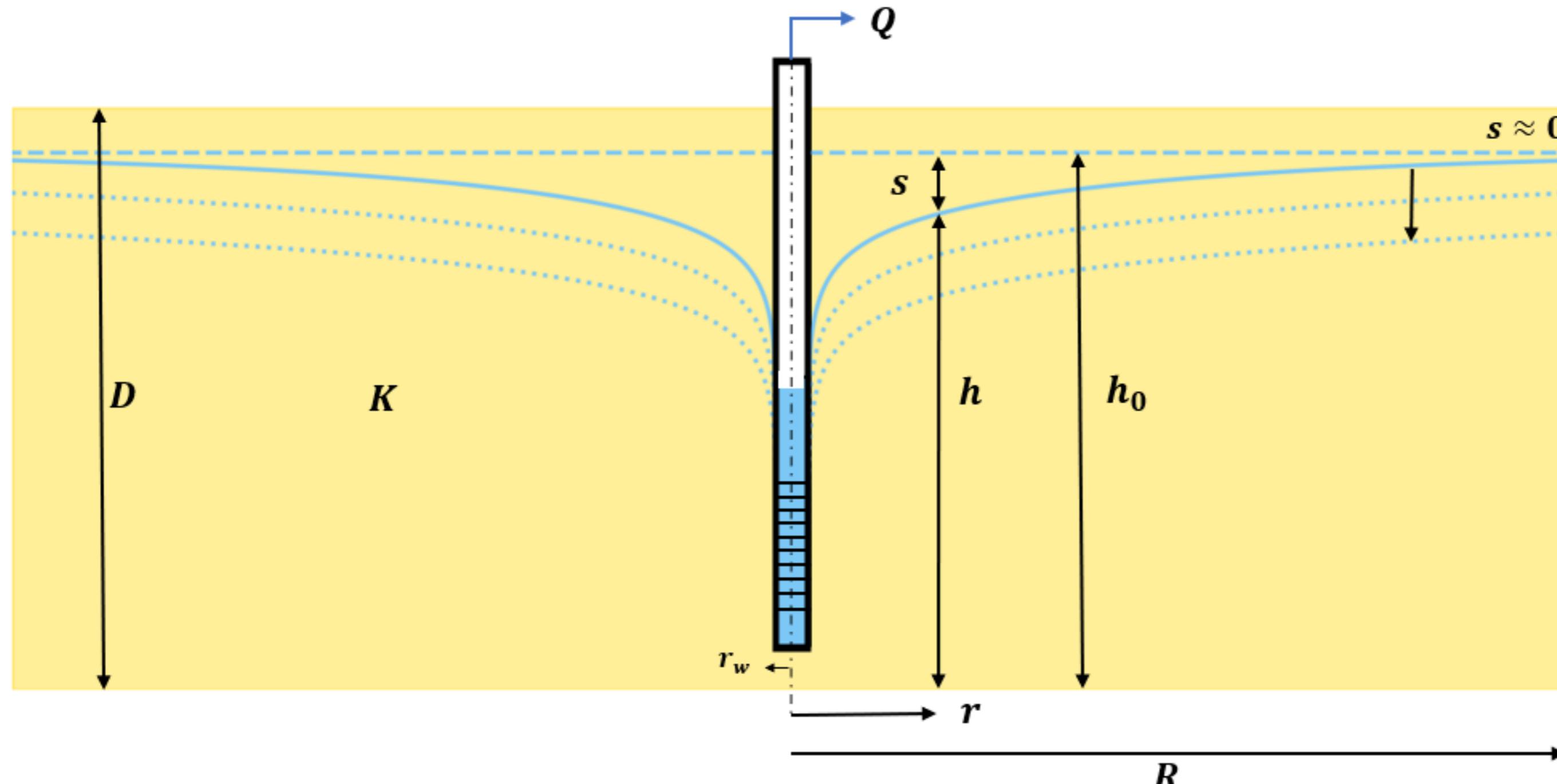
- Axisymmetric flow
- The very first axisymmetric models
- The radius of influence
- The water budget myth
- More advanced axisymmetric models
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# AXISYMMETRIC FLOW

# FLOW TO A PUMPING WELL



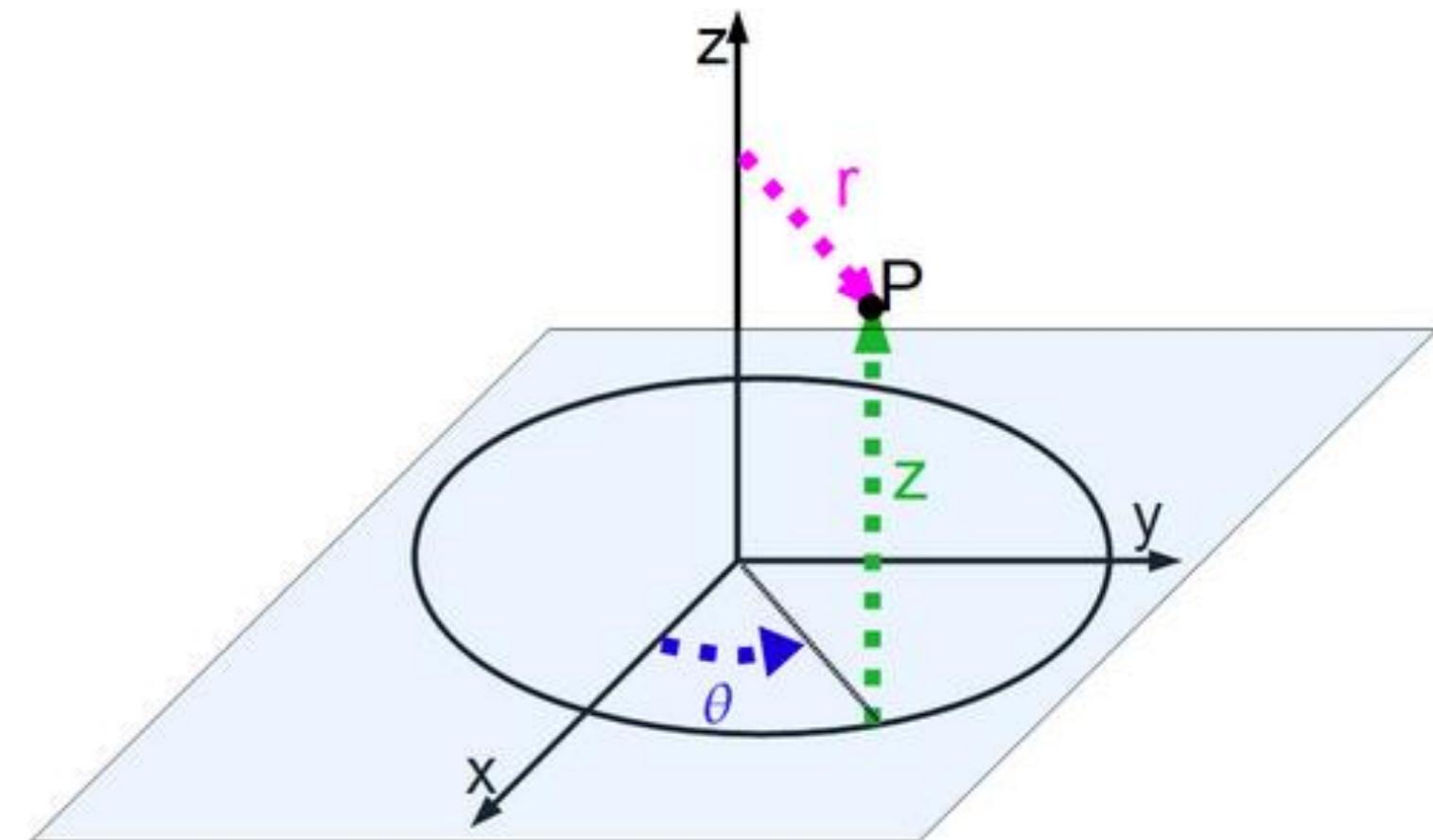
# AXISYMMETRIC MODEL



pumping rate	$Q$
aquifer thickness	$D$
aquifer conductivity	$K$
aquifer transmissivity	$T = KD$
hydraulic head	$h$
initial head	$h_0$
drawdown	$s$
radial distance	$r$
well radius	$r_w$
radius of influence	$R$

# CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES

- **Cartesian coordinates:**  $(x, y, z)$
- **Cylindrical coordinates:**  $(r, \theta, z)$ 
  - Polar coordinates:  $(r, \theta)$
- **Axial symmetry:**  $(r, z)$ 
  - No  $\theta$  dimension!
  - 1D flow: only  $r$



$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

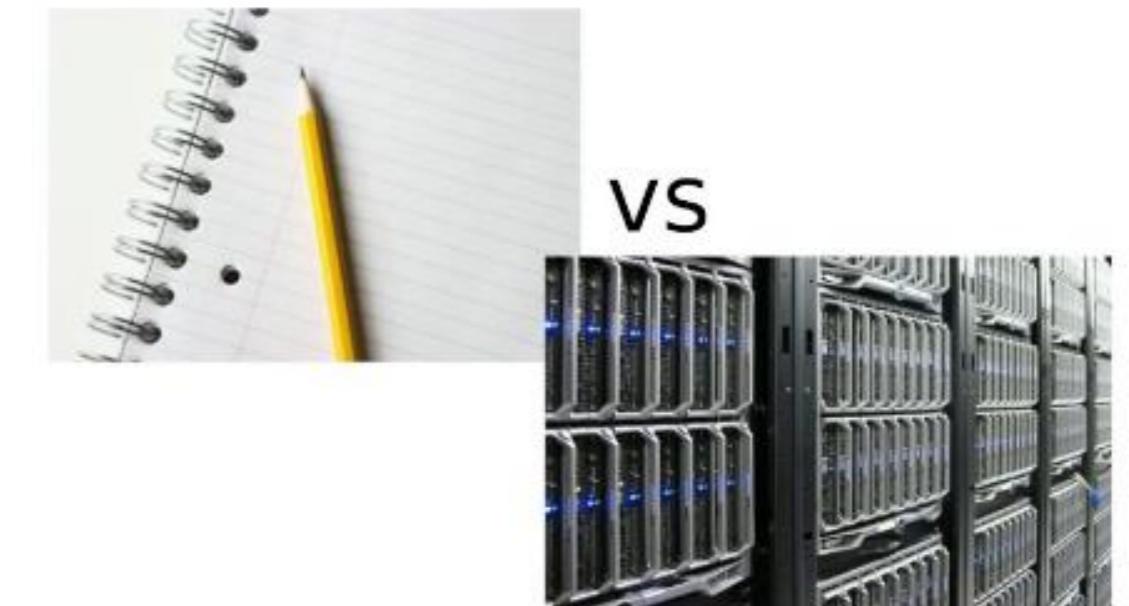
# PARAMETERS AND UNITS

parameter	symbol	dimension
hydraulic head	$h$	L
initial head	$h_0$	L
drawdown	$s$	L
well drawdown	$s_w$	L
head change in well	$H$	L
initial head change in well	$H_0$	L
radial distance	$r$	L
time	$t$	T

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pumping rate	$Q$	$L^3/T$
aquifer thickness	$D$	L
aquifer conductivity	$K$	$L/T$
aquifer transmissivity	$T = KD$	$L^2/T$
aquifer storativity	$S$	-
resistance	$c$	T
infiltration flux	$N$	$L/T$
radius of influence	$R$	L
well-screen radius	$r_w$	L
well-casing radius	$r_c$	L
well-skin radius	$R_s$	L

# ANALYTICAL VS NUMERICAL MODELS

- Analytical solutions
  - exact
  - closed-form equations
  - methods from calculus
  - e.g. integral transforms
- Numerical solutions
  - approximate
  - discretization of the model domain
  - iterative methods
  - e.g. finite-difference, finite-elements, ...



# FORWARD AND INVERSE PROBLEMS

- **forward problem**
  - simulate head  $h$  or drawdown  $s$
  - e.g. assessing the environmental impact of extractions
- **inverse problem type I**
  - derive transmissivity  $T$
  - e.g. pumping test interpretation
- **inverse problem type II**
  - derive pumping rate  $Q$
  - e.g. construction dewatering

# THE VERY FIRST AXISYMMETRIC MODELS

# THE THIEM-DUPUIT FORMULAS

- Steady confined flow (Thiem, 1870, 1906)

$$s(r) = \frac{Q}{2\pi K D} \ln \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

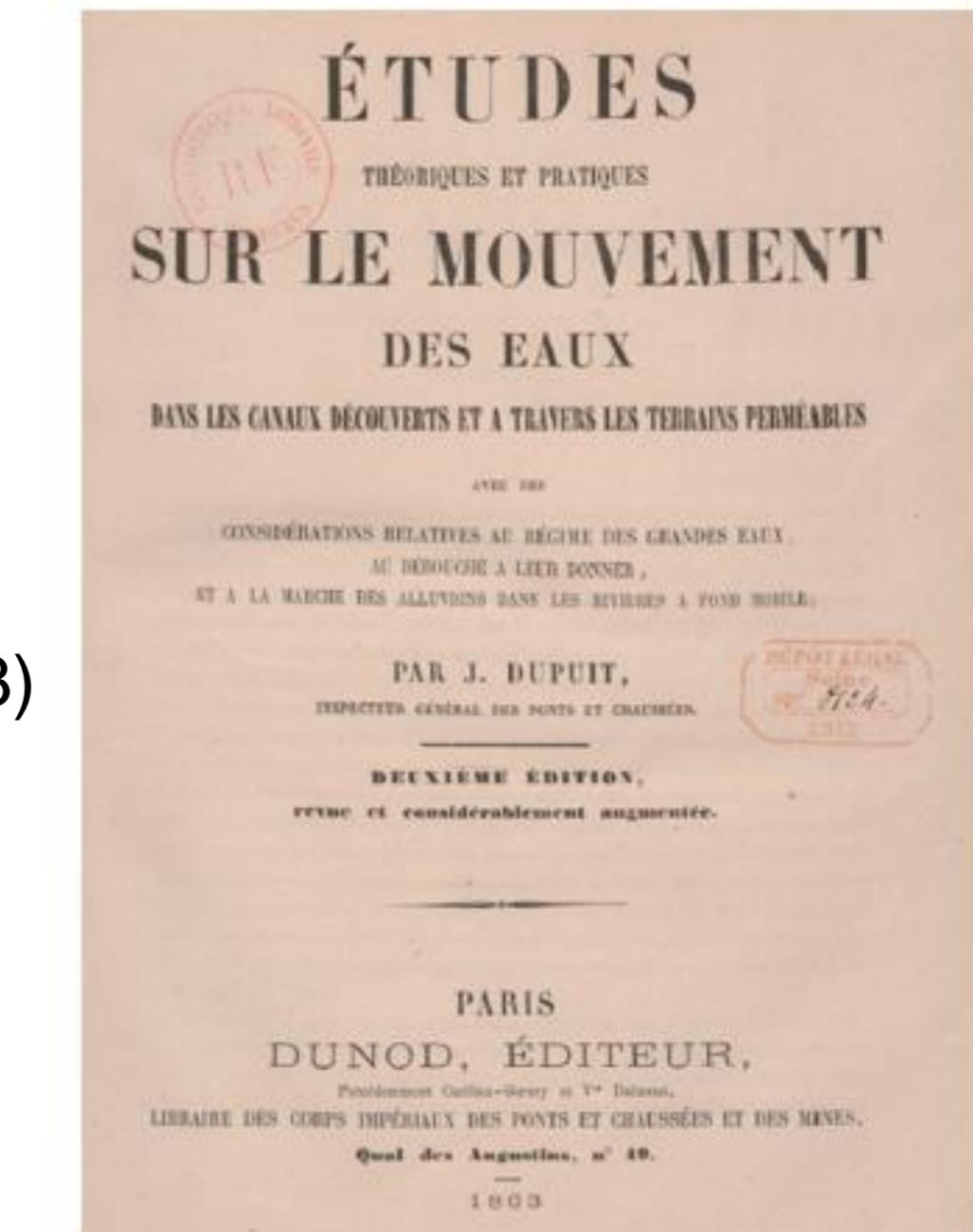
Initial head  $h_0$  is not required

- Steady unconfined flow (Dupuit, 1857, 1863)

$$s(r) = h_0 - \sqrt{h_0^2 - \frac{Q}{\pi K} \ln \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)}$$

$h$

Initial head  $h_0$  is required!



Jules Dupuit



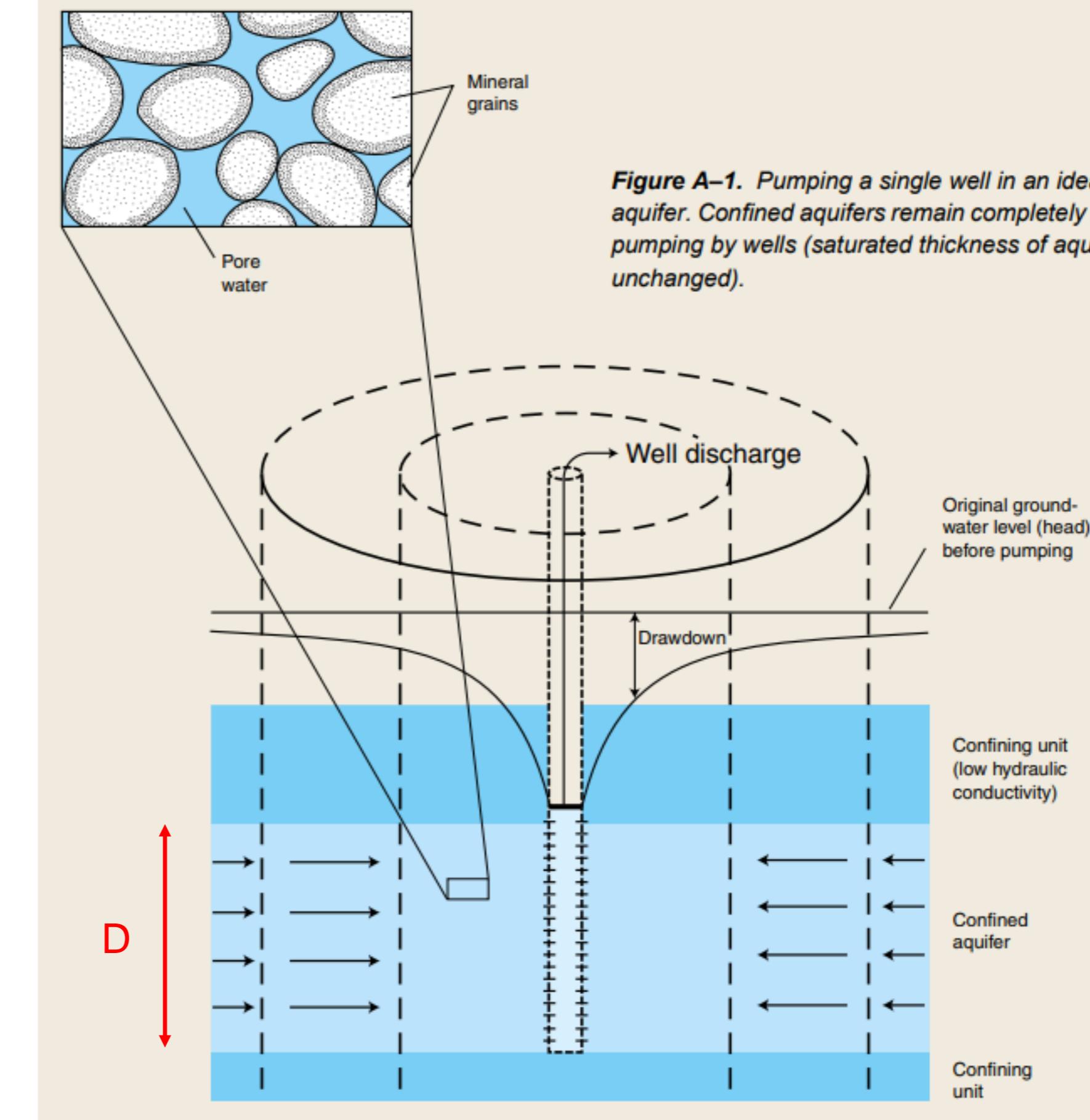
Adolf Thiem



Günther Thiem

# CONFINED FLOW

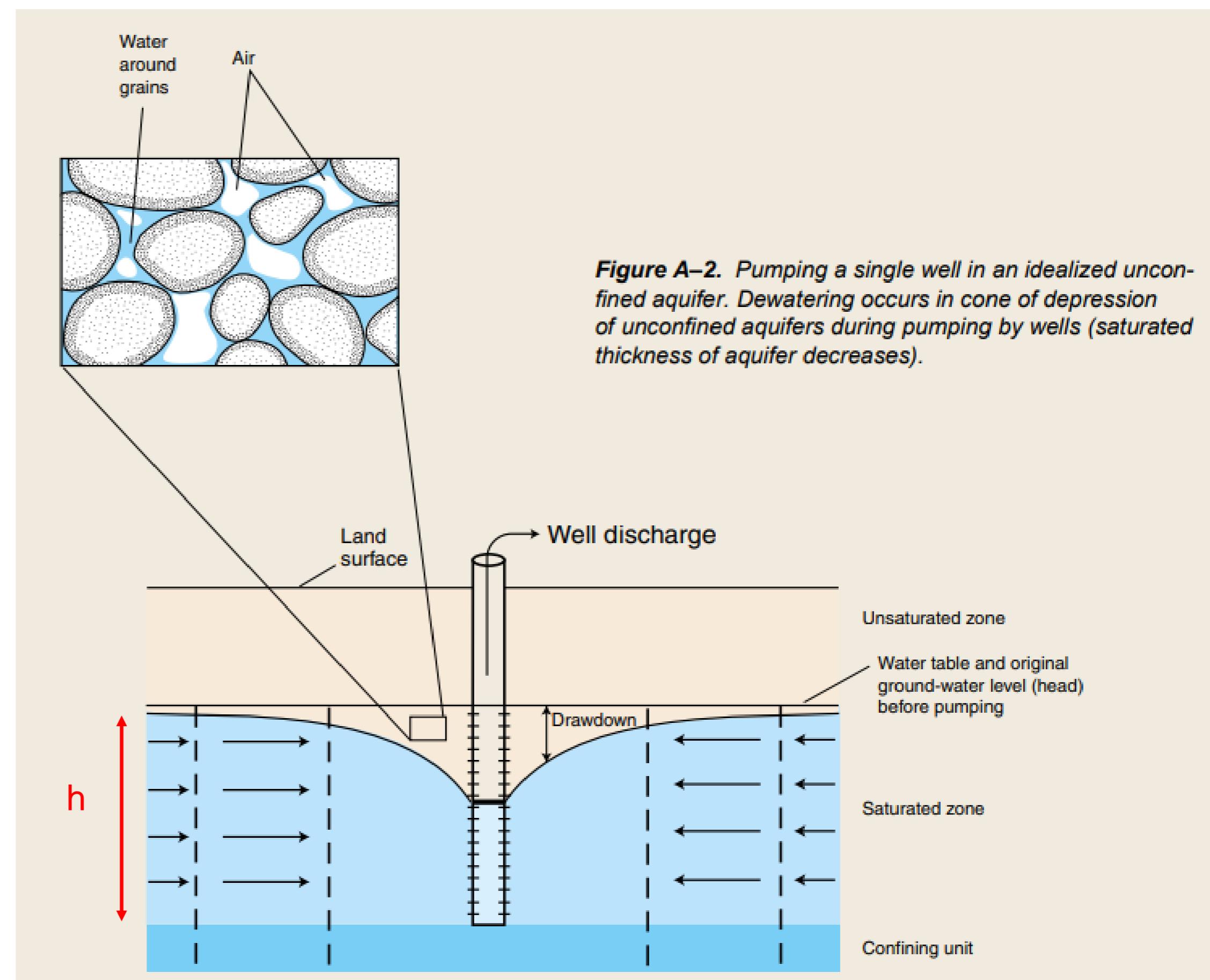
- Constant saturated thickness  $D$
- If aquifer is homogeneous:
  - $K$  is constant
  - $T$  is constant
  - $T = KD$
- Linear problem



**Figure A-1.** Pumping a single well in an idealized confined aquifer. Confined aquifers remain completely saturated during pumping by wells (saturated thickness of aquifer remains unchanged).

# UNCONFINED FLOW

- Saturated thickness = head  $h$
- If aquifer is homogeneous:
  - $K$  is constant
  - $T$  is head-dependent
  - $T = Kh$
- **Nonlinear** problem



# THIEM EQUATION: ASSUMPTIONS

- Flow:
  - Axisymmetric
  - Steady-state
  - Strictly horizontal
- Well:
  - Fully penetrating
  - Constant pumping rate
- Aquifer:
  - Homogeneous
  - **Constant saturated thickness**
  - Laterally bounded

# THIEM EQUATION: PROBLEM STATEMENT

Darcy's law:

$$Q = 2\pi r \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} \frac{dh}{dr} \quad (1)$$

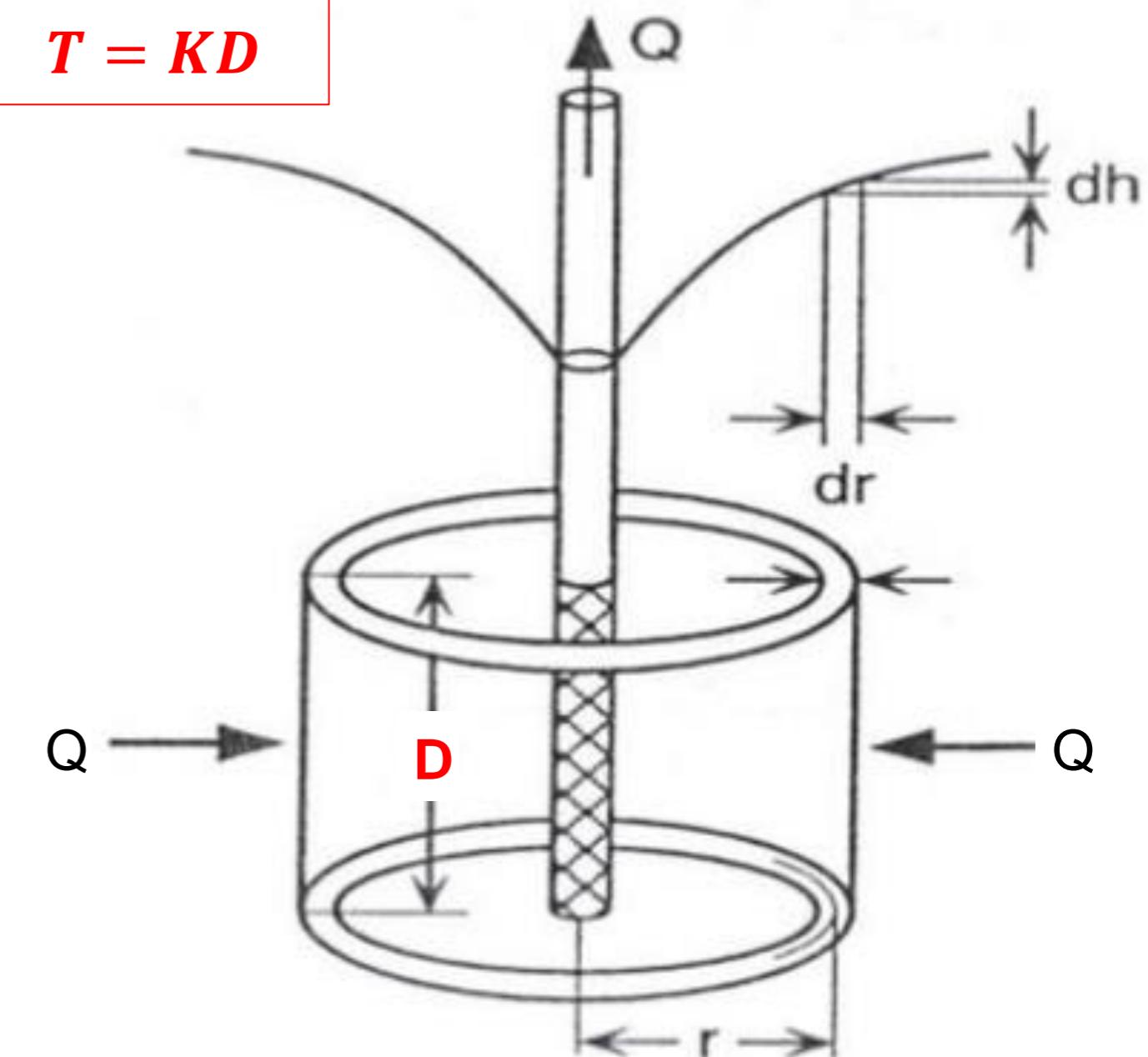
$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D}$$

Continuity of steady 1D axisymmetric flow:

$$\frac{dQ}{dr} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d^2h}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dh}{dr} = 0$$

Boundary condition: constant head  $h_0$  at distance  $R$ :

$$h(R) = h_0 \quad (2)$$



Source: Kresic, 1997

# THIEM EQUATION: DERIVATION

Rearranging (1):

$$dh = \frac{Q}{2\pi K D} \frac{dr}{r} \quad (3)$$

Integrating both sides of (3):

$$h(r) = \frac{Q}{2\pi K D} \ln r + C \quad (4)$$

Introducing (2) in (4):

$$h(R) = h_0 = \frac{Q}{2\pi K D} \ln R + C \quad (5)$$

Deriving integration constant  $C$  from (5):

$$C = h_0 - \frac{Q}{2\pi K D} \ln R \quad (6)$$

Introducing (6) in general solution (4):

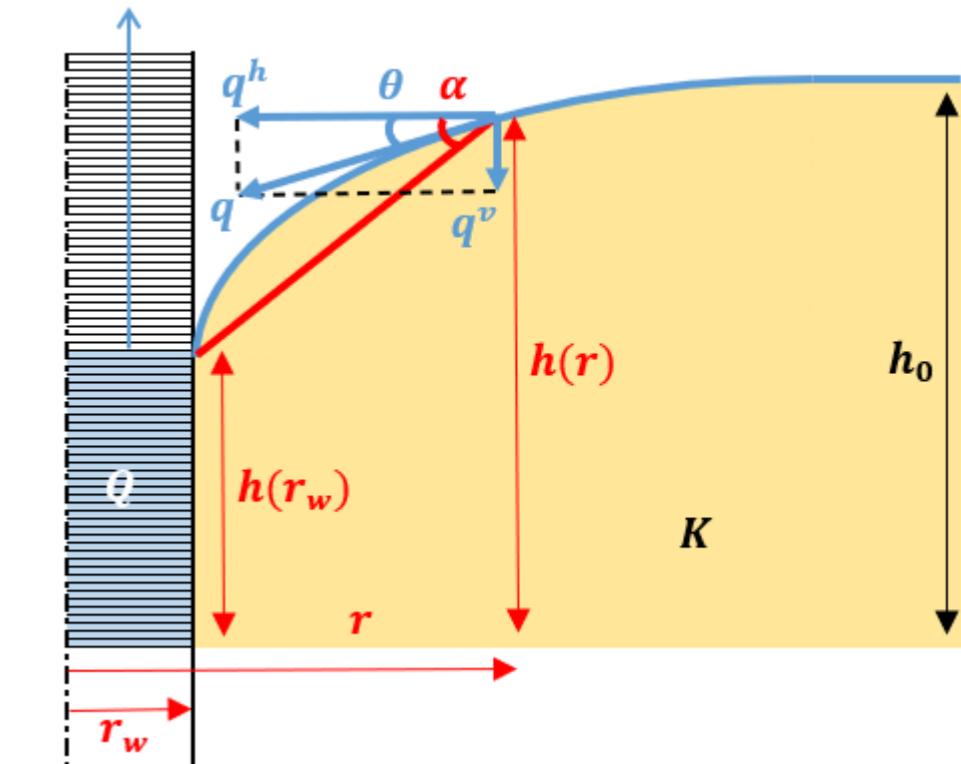
$$h(r) = h_0 - \frac{Q}{2\pi K D} \ln \frac{R}{r} \quad (7)$$

Applying definition of drawdown  $s$  to (7):

$$s(r) = h_0 - h(r) = \frac{Q}{2\pi K D} \ln \frac{R}{r} \quad (8)$$

# DUPUIT EQUATION: ASSUMPTIONS

- Flow:
  - Axisymmetric
  - Steady-state
  - Strictly horizontal:  $\theta < 30^\circ$   
= the Dupuit-Forchheimer approximation!



- Aquifer:
  - Homogeneous
  - **Head-dependent saturated thickness**
  - Laterally bounded

- Well:
  - Fully penetrating
  - Constant pumping rate
  - No seepage face

# DUPUIT EQUATION: PROBLEM STATEMENT

Darcy's law:

$$Q = 2\pi r \mathbf{K} h \frac{dh}{dr} \quad (1)$$

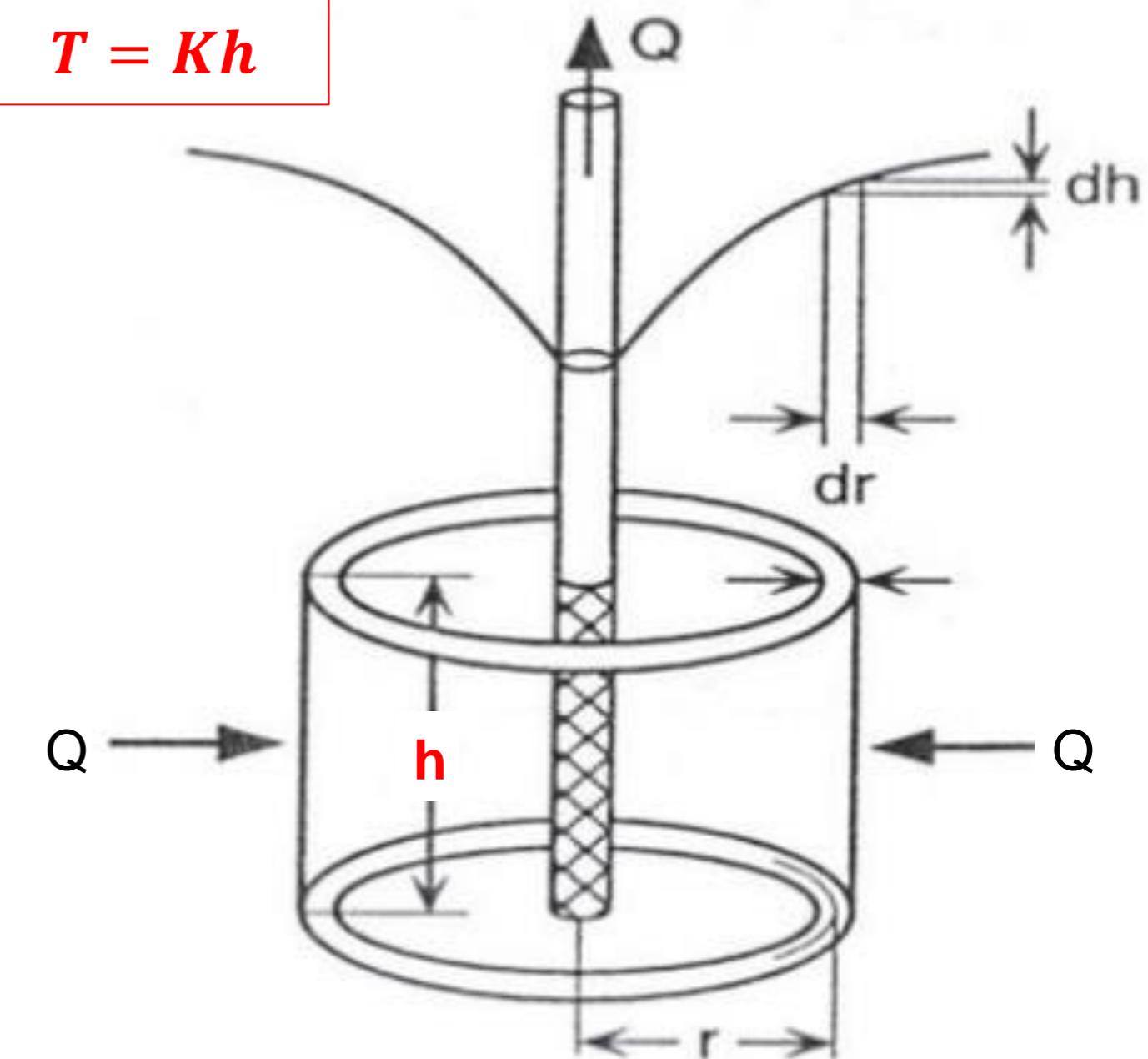
$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{K} h$$

Continuity of steady 1D axisymmetric flow:

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# DUPUIT VS THIEM

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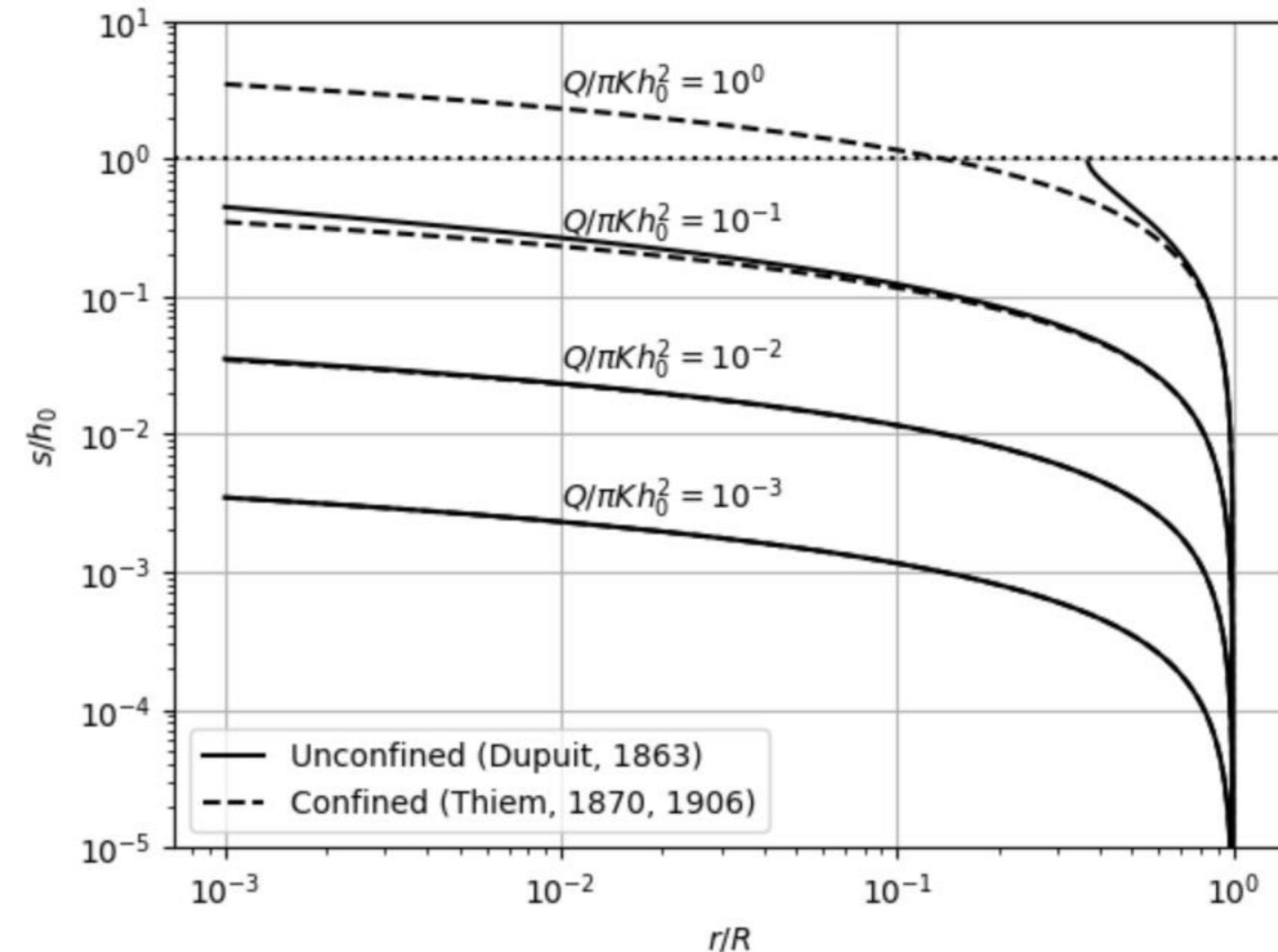
$$s(r) = h_0 \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{Q}{\pi K h_0^2} \ln \frac{R}{r}} \right) \quad (9)$$

Series expansion:

$$\sqrt{1-x} \approx 1 - \frac{x}{2} \quad (x \rightarrow 0) \quad (10)$$

Applying (10) to (9):

$$s(r) \approx \frac{Q}{2\pi K h_0} \ln \frac{R}{r} \quad (s < 0.1 h_0)$$



# THE RADIUS OF INFLUENCE

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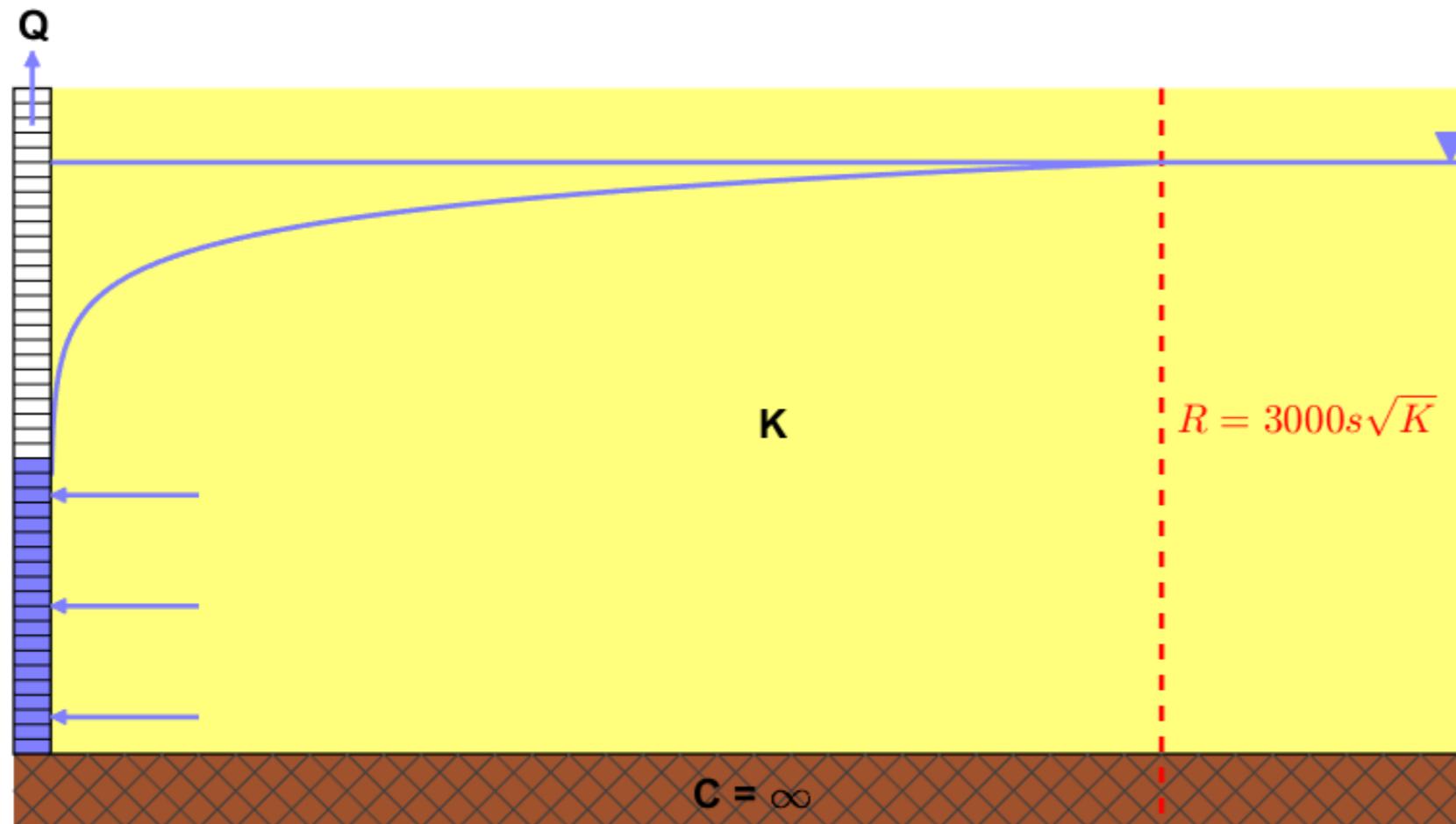
= *the radial distance from the pumping well where there is no lowering of the head or beyond which drawdown is negligible*

- Thiem-Dupuit equations: outer boundary
- How to determine?
  - empirical formulas
  - models defining more realistic boundary conditions

Author	Reference	Formula Influence	Radius of Influence
Lembke	(1886, 1887)	$R = h_o \times \sqrt{\frac{K}{2N}}$	
Weber	[Kyrieleis-Sichardt, 1930]	$R = 3 \times \sqrt{\frac{h_o \times K \times t}{n_e}}$	
Kusakin	Chertusov, 1949	$R = 575 \times s_w \times \sqrt{K \times h_o}$	
Kusakin	Aravin and Numerov, 1953	$R = 1,9 \times \sqrt{\frac{h_o \times K \times t}{n_e}}$	
Sichardt	[Kirieleis-Sichardt, 1930]	$R = 3000 \times s_w \times \sqrt{K}$	

<https://hatariwater.tumblr.com/post/138690184404/overview-of-the-radius-of-influence>

# EMPIRICAL SICHARDT FORMULA



weite begnügen kann. Einen gewissen Anhalt für solche Schätzungen gibt eine von Sichardt empirisch gefundene Formel, die bisher noch nicht veröffentlicht worden ist und hier mitgeteilt sei. Sie gilt für den Beharrungszustand und lautet

$$R = 3000 s \sqrt{k}, \quad (26)$$

worin  $s$  = Absenkung in  $m$ .

## Grundwasserabsenkung bei Fundierungsarbeiten

von  
Dr.-Ing. Wilhelm Kyrieleis

In zweiter Auflage neubearbeitet  
von  
Dr.-Ing. Willy Sichardt

Mit 152 Abbildungen im Text  
und 3 Tafeln



Berlin  
Verlag von Julius Springer  
1930

# FORWARD AND INVERSE PROBLEMS

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- simulate head  $h$  or drawdown  $s$
- e.g. assessing the environmental impact of extractions

$$s = \frac{Q}{2\pi K D} \ln \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

## – **inverse problem type I**

- derive transmissivity  $KD$
- e.g. pumping test interpretation

$$KD = \frac{Q}{2\pi} \frac{\ln r_2 - \ln r_1}{s_1 - s_2}$$

## – **inverse problem type II**

- derive pumping rate  $Q$
- e.g. construction dewatering

$$Q = 2\pi K D \frac{s_w}{\ln R - \ln r_w}$$

# DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

- Well performance and efficiency
- Hydraulic characteristics of aquifers
- The groundwater **basin** as part of the hydrological system
- Groundwater **sustainability** which also considers water quality, ecological and socio-economic aspects.

# THE RADIUS OF INFLUENCE MYTH

Applying the Sichardt formula:

- is inconsistent with fundamental hydrogeological principles
- may underestimate the extent of the cone of depression
- is not recommended to assess the impact of extractions



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## The Radius of Influence Myth

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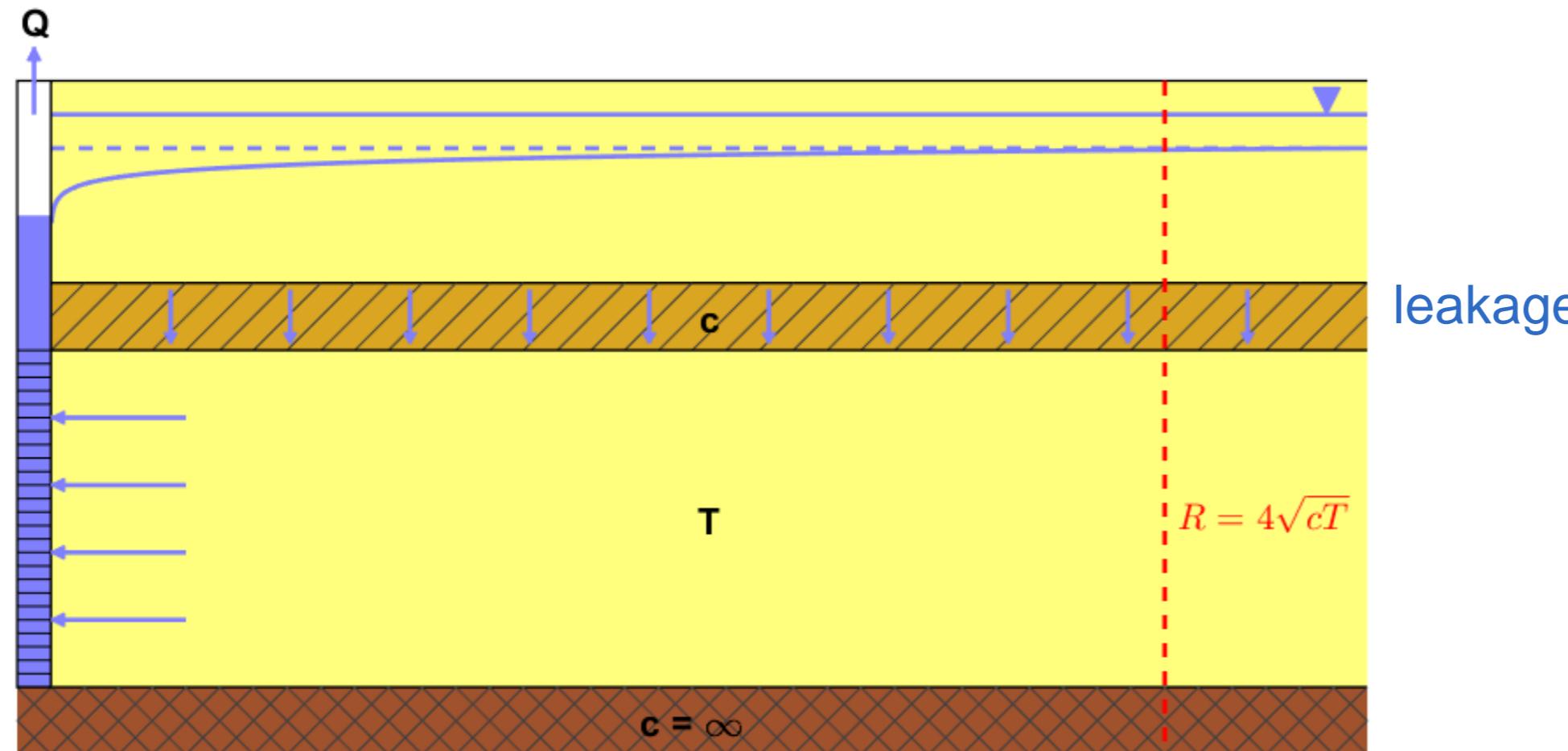
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# ALTERNATIVES

1D axisymmetric models consistent with fundamental principles:

- **de Glee (1930)**: steady well-flow in a leaky aquifer
- **Theis (1935)**: transient well-flow in a confined aquifer
- **Hantush-Jacob (1955)**: transient well-flow in a leaky aquifer
- **Ernst (1971)**: steady well-flow in a phreatic aquifer subject to uniform infiltration and drainage

# THE DE GLEE FORMULA



OVER GRONDWATERSTROOMINGEN  
BIJ WATERONTTREKKING DOOR  
MIDDEL VAN PUTTEN.

## PROEFSCHRIFT

TER VERKRIJGING VAN DEN GRAAD VAN  
DOCTOR IN DE TECHNISCHE WETENSCHAP  
AAN DE TECHNISCHE HOOGESCHOOL TE  
DELFTH, OP GEZAG VAN DEN RECTOR MAG-  
NIFICUS IR. F. WESTENDORP, HOOGLEERAAR  
IN DE AFDEELING DER WERKTUIGBOUW-  
KUNDE EN SCHEEPSBOUWKUNDE, VOOR  
EENE COMMISSIE UIT DEN SENAAT TE  
VERDEDIGEN OP WOENSDAG 2 APRIL 1930,  
DES NAMIDDAGS TE 3 UUR,

DOOR

GERRIT JAN DE GLEE,  
CIVIEL-INGENIEUR,  
GEBOREN TE ASSEN.



Johan Kooper



Charles E. Jacob

GEDRUKT BIJ DE TECHNISCHE BOEKHANDEL EN DRUKKERIJ  
J. WALTMAN JR. DELFT. — 1930.

Steady leaky flow (Kooper, 1914; de Glee, 1930; Jacob, 1946)

$$s(r) = \frac{Q}{2\pi K D} K_0 \left( r \sqrt{\frac{1}{c K D}} \right) \approx \frac{Q}{2\pi K D} \ln \left( \frac{2e^{-\gamma} \sqrt{K D c}}{r} \right)$$

# DE GLEE EQUATION: ASSUMPTIONS

- Flow:
  - Axisymmetric
  - Steady-state
  - Strictly horizontal
- Well:
  - Fully penetrating
  - Constant pumping rate
  - Infinitesimal radius
- Aquifer:
  - Homogeneous
  - Constant saturated thickness
  - Laterally unbounded
  - Leaky top

# DE GLEE EQUATION: PROBLEM STATEMENT

Continuity of steady 1D leaky flow:

$$T \left( \frac{d^2 h}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dh}{dr} \right) = \frac{h - h_0}{c} \quad (1)$$

leakage

Inner boundary condition at zero:

$$Q = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( 2\pi r T \frac{dh}{dr} \right) \quad (2)$$

Outer boundary condition at infinity:

$$h(\infty) = h_0 \quad (3)$$

Modified Bessel differential equation:



$$\frac{d^2 h}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dh}{dr} = ah - b$$

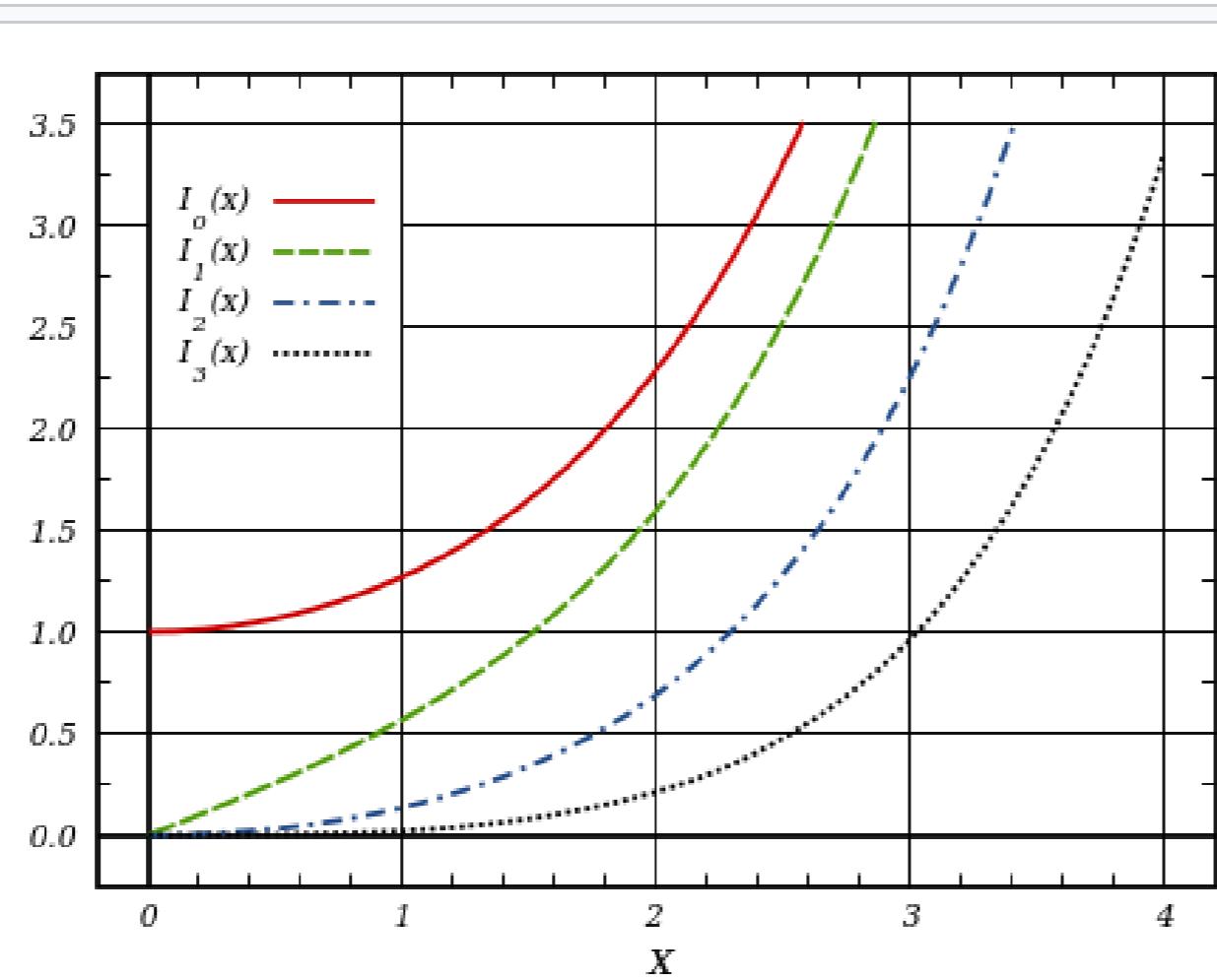
General solution:

$$h = \alpha I_0(r\sqrt{a}) + \beta K_0(r\sqrt{a}) + \frac{b}{a}$$

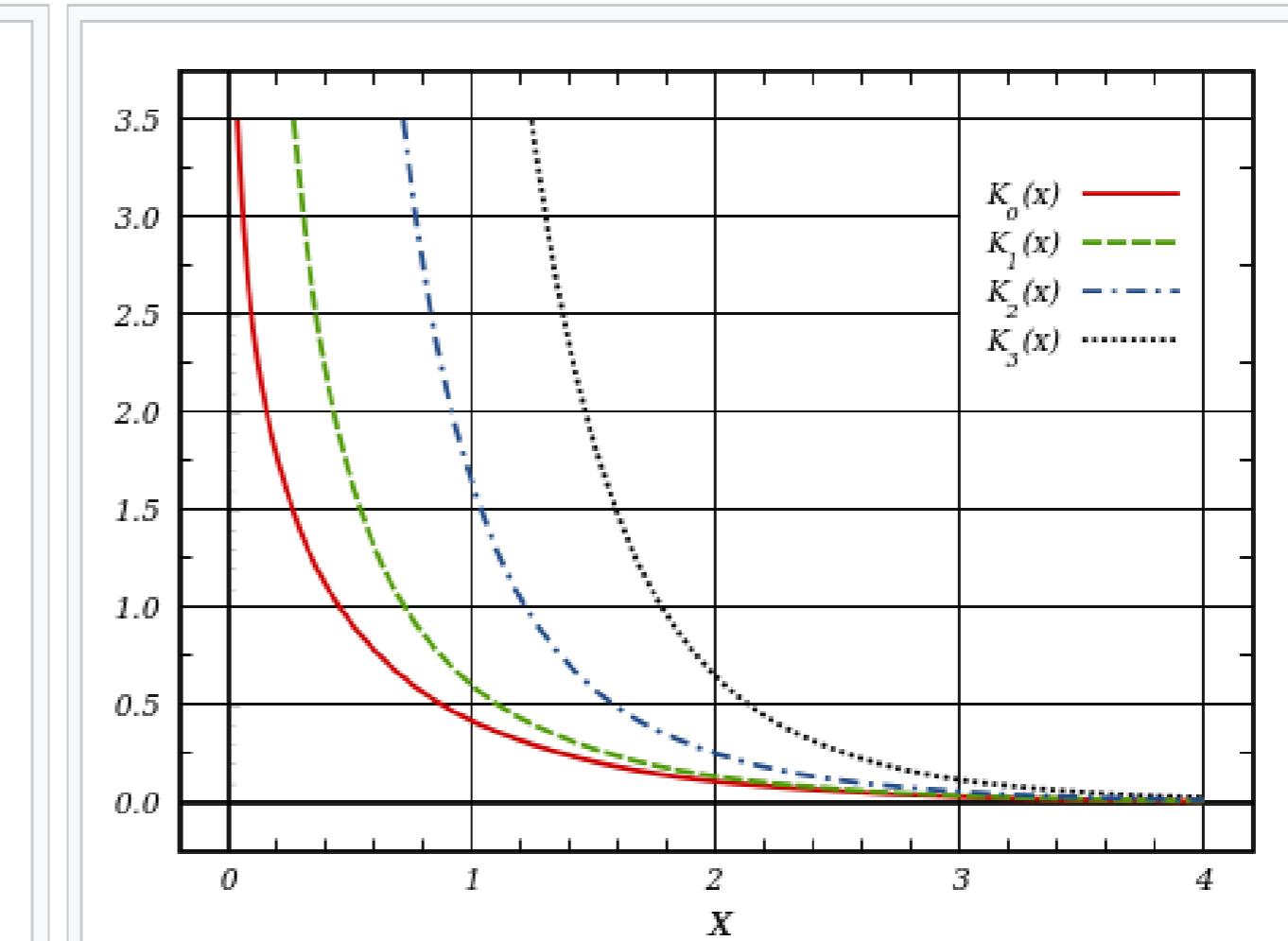
with:

- $I_0, K_0$ : the zero order modified Bessel functions of the first and second kind, resp.
- $\alpha, \beta$ : integration constants

# MODIFIED BESSEL FUNCTIONS



Modified Bessel functions of the first kind,  $I_\alpha(x)$ ,  
for  $\alpha = 0, 1, 2, 3$



Modified Bessel functions of the second kind,  
 $K_\alpha(x)$ , for  $\alpha = 0, 1, 2, 3$

$$\frac{dI_0(ax)}{dx} = aI_1(ax)$$

$$\frac{dK_0(ax)}{dx} = -aK_1(ax)$$

	$I_0(x)$	$K_0(x)$	$xI_1(x)$	$xK_1(x)$
$x \rightarrow 0$	1	$\infty$	0	1
$x \rightarrow \infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	0

# DE GLEE EQUATION: DERIVATION

General solution of (1):

$$h = \alpha I_0\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right) + \beta K_0\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right) + h_0 \quad (4)$$

with  $\lambda = \sqrt{Tc}$  the leakage factor

Applying BC (3):  $I_0(x) \rightarrow \infty$  if  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$\alpha = 0 \quad (5)$$

Introducing (5) in (4):

$$h(r) = h_0 + \beta K_0\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right) \quad (6)$$

Applying BC (2):  $xK_1(x) \rightarrow 1$  if  $x \rightarrow 0$

$$\beta = \frac{-Q}{2\pi T} \quad (7)$$

Introducing (7) in (6):

$$h(r) = h_0 - \frac{Q}{2\pi T} K_0\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right) \quad (8)$$

Applying definition of drawdown  $s$  to (8):

$$s(r) = h_0 - h(r) = \frac{Q}{2\pi T} K_0\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right) \quad (9)$$

# DE GLEE VS THIEM

Series expansion:

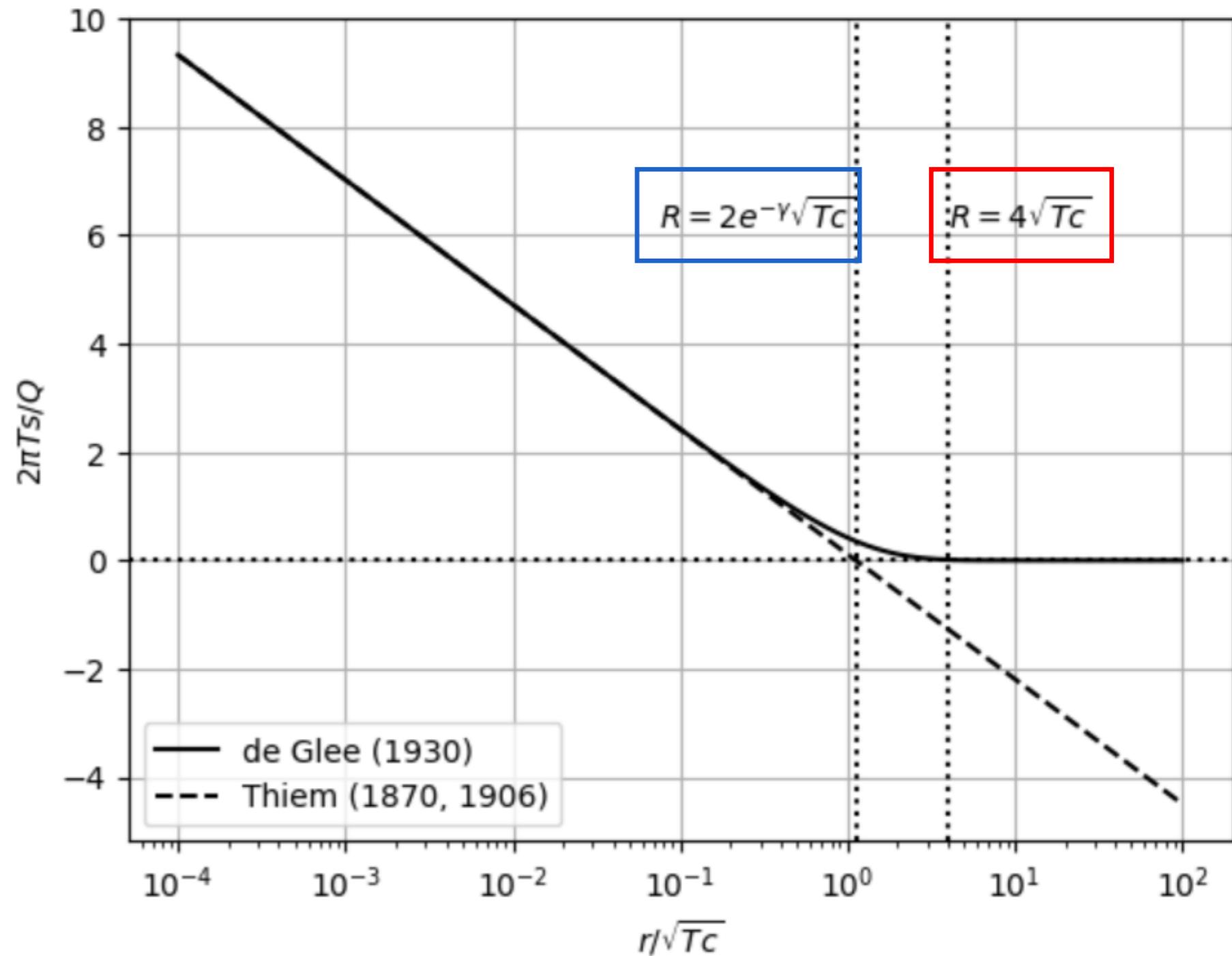
$$K_0(x) \approx -\gamma - \ln \frac{x}{2} \quad (x \rightarrow 0) \quad (10)$$

Applying (10) to (9):

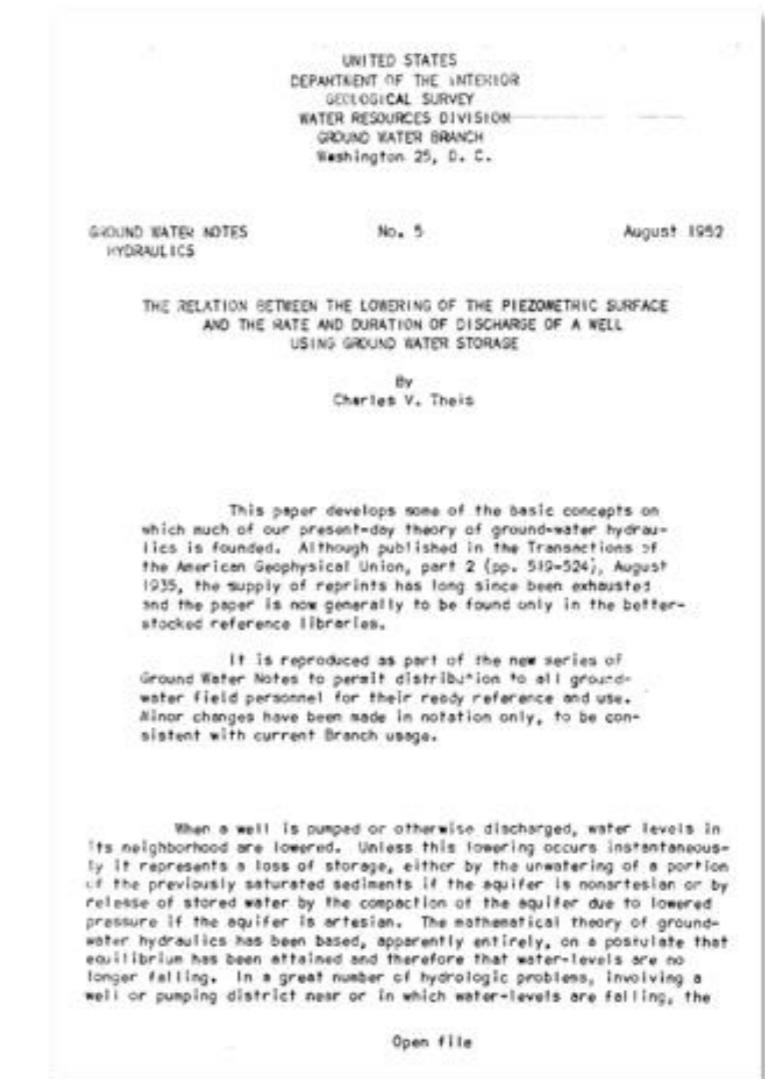
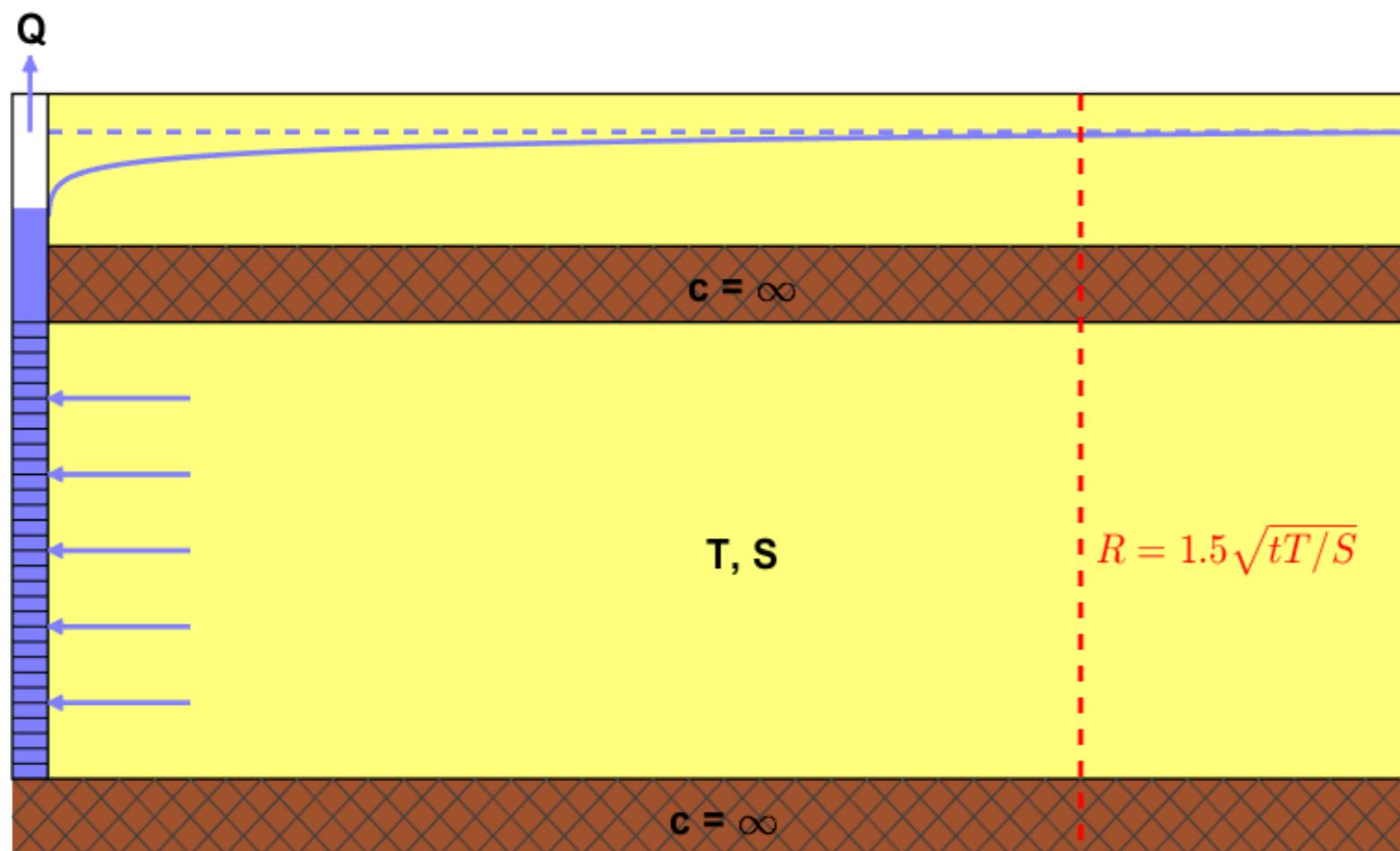
$$s(r) \approx \frac{Q}{2\pi T} \ln \left( \frac{2e^{-\gamma}\lambda}{r} \right) \quad (r < 0.1\lambda) \quad (11)$$

Comparing (11) to the Thiem equation:

$$R = 2e^{-\gamma}\lambda$$



# THE THEIS EQUATION



Transient confined flow (Theis, 1935; Cooper & Jacob, 1946)

$$s(r, t) = \frac{Q}{4\pi K D} W\left(\frac{r^2 S}{4t K D}\right) \approx \frac{Q}{2\pi K D} \ln\left(\frac{1}{r} \sqrt{\frac{4t K D}{e^\gamma S}}\right)$$

# THEIS EQUATION: ASSUMPTIONS

- Flow:
  - Axisymmetric
  - Transient-state
  - Strictly horizontal
- Well:
  - Fully penetrating
  - Constant pumping rate
  - Infinitesimal radius
- Aquifer:
  - Homogeneous
  - Constant saturated thickness
  - Laterally unbounded

# THEIS EQUATION: PROBLEM STATEMENT

Continuity of transient 1D confined flow:

$$T \left( \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} \right) = S \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$$

storage change

(1)



Partial differential equation (PDE):

- head  $h$  is function of  $r$  and  $t$
- apply Laplace transform w.r.t.  $t$

Inner boundary condition at zero:

$$Q = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( 2\pi r T \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} \right)$$

(2)

Outer boundary condition at infinity:

$$h(\infty, t) = h_0$$

(3)

Initial condition at  $t = 0$ :

$$h(r, 0) = h_0$$

(4)

# THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

= convert PDE in ODE by eliminating derivative w.r.t. time

Definition:

$$\bar{h}(r, p) = \mathcal{L}\{h(r, t)\}(p) = \int_0^{\infty} h(r, t)e^{-pt} dt \quad (5)$$

Derivative w.r.t. time  $t$ :

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}\right\}(p) = p\bar{h}(r, p) - \boxed{h(r, 0)} = p\bar{h}(r, p) - \boxed{h_0} \quad \text{Initial condition (4)} \quad (6)$$

Laplace transform of a constant:

$$\mathcal{L}\{Q\}(p) = \frac{Q}{p} \quad (7)$$

# THEIS EQUATION: LAPLACE TRANSFORM

Laplace transform of PDE (1):

$$\frac{d^2\bar{h}}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{h}}{dr} = \frac{S}{T} (p\bar{h} - h_0) \quad (8)$$



Modified Bessel differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2\bar{h}}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{h}}{dr} = a\bar{h} - b$$

Laplace transform of inner BC (2):

$$\frac{Q}{p} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( 2\pi r T \frac{d\bar{h}}{dr} \right) \quad (9)$$

Laplace transform of outer BC (3):

$$\bar{h}(\infty, p) = \frac{h_0}{p} \quad (10)$$

General solution:

$$\bar{h} = \alpha I_0(r\sqrt{a}) + \beta K_0(r\sqrt{a}) + \frac{b}{a}$$

with:

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- $\alpha, \beta$ : integration constants

# THEIS EQUATION: LAPLACE SOLUTION

General solution of (8):

$$\bar{h} = \alpha I_0(r\omega) + \beta K_0(r\omega) + \frac{h_0}{p}$$

with  $\omega = \sqrt{Sp/T}$

(11)

Applying BC (9):  $I_0(x) \rightarrow \infty$  if  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$\alpha = 0$$

(12)

Introducing (12) in (11):

$$\bar{h}(r, p) = \frac{h_0}{p} + \beta K_0(r\omega)$$

(13)

Applying BC (10):  $xK_1(x) \rightarrow 1$  if  $x \rightarrow 0$

$$\beta = \frac{-Q}{2\pi T p}$$

(14)

Introducing (14) in (13):

$$\bar{h}(r, p) = \frac{h_0}{p} - \frac{Q}{2\pi T p} K_0(r\omega)$$

(15)

Applying definition of drawdown to (15):

$$\bar{s}(r, p) = \frac{h_0}{p} - \bar{h} = \frac{Q}{2\pi T p} K_0(r\omega)$$

(16)

# THEIS EQUATION: LAPLACE INVERSION

Inverting (16) analytically:

$$s(r, t) = \frac{Q}{4\pi T} W(u)$$

$$\text{with } u = \frac{r^2 S}{4tT}$$

(17)

Theis' well function  $W$ :

$$W(u) = \int_u^\infty \frac{e^{-x}}{x} dx$$

(18)

$f(p) = L\{\bar{f}(t)\}$	$f(t) = L^{-1}\{\bar{f}(p)\}$
1. $1/p$	$\frac{1}{t^{n-1}/(n-1)}$
2. $1/p^n$	$(1/a)[1 - \exp(-at)]$
3. $1/p(p+a)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}}$
4. $1/\sqrt{p}$	$t^{k-1}/\Gamma(k)$
5. $1/p^k$	$(1/\sqrt{\pi t}) \exp(-k^2/4t)$
6. $(1/\sqrt{p}) \exp(-k\sqrt{p})$	$\text{erfc}(k/\sqrt{4t})$
7. $(1/p) \exp(-k\sqrt{p})$	$(4t)^{n/2} i^n \text{erfc}(k/\sqrt{4t})$
8. $(1/p^{1+n/2}) \exp(-k\sqrt{p})$	$(1/2t) \exp(-k^2/4t)$
9. $K_0(k\sqrt{p})$	$(1/2)W(k^2/4t)$
10. $(1/p)K_0(k\sqrt{p})$	$(1/2t) \exp(-at - k^2/4t)$
11. $K_0(k\sqrt{p+a})$	$(1/2)W(k^2/4t, k\sqrt{a})$
12. $(1/p)K_0(k\sqrt{p+a})$	$(1/2)H(k^2/4t, ka/4)$
13. $(1/p)K_0(k\sqrt{p+a}\sqrt{p})$	$A(t/k_1^2, k/k_1)$
14. $K_0(k\sqrt{p})/pK_0(k_1\sqrt{p})$	$(1/2)S(t/k_1^2, k/k_1)$
15. $K_0(k\sqrt{p})/p(k_1\sqrt{p})K_1(k_1\sqrt{p})$	$Z(t/k_1^2, k/k_1, k_1\sqrt{a})$
16. $K_0(k\sqrt{p+a})/pK_0(k_1\sqrt{p+a})$	

p.303 of "Hydraulics of Wells" (Hantush, 1964)

# THE COOPER-JACOB APPROXIMATION

Series expansion of (18):

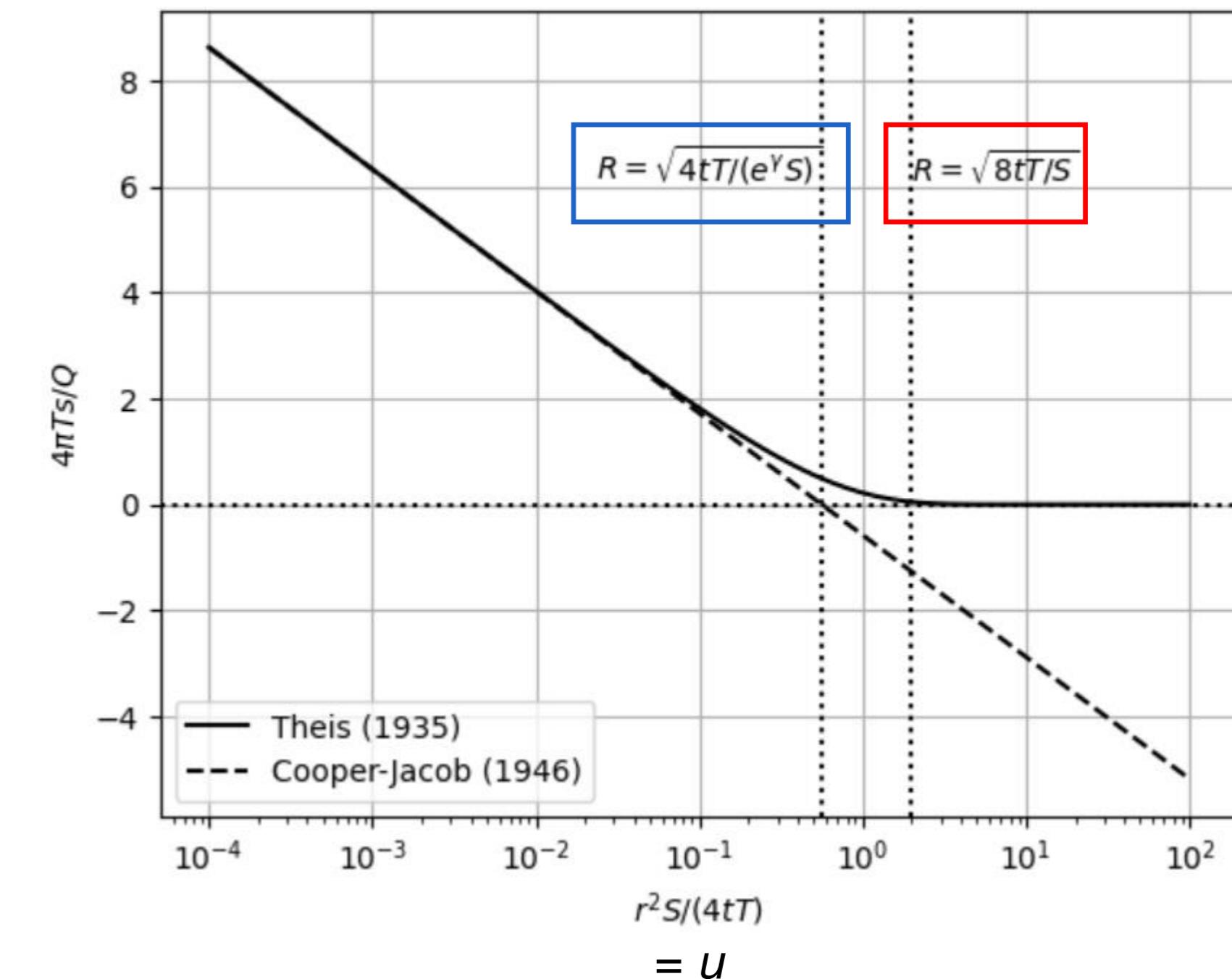
$$W(u) = -\gamma - \ln(u) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-u)^n}{n \cdot n!} \quad (19)$$

Truncating (19) and applying to (17):

$$s(r) \approx \frac{Q}{2\pi T} \ln \left( \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{\frac{4tT}{e^\gamma S}} \right) \quad (u < 0.1) \quad (20)$$

Comparing (20) to the Thiem equation:

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{4tT}{e^\gamma S}}$$



# THE HANTUSH-JACOB MODEL

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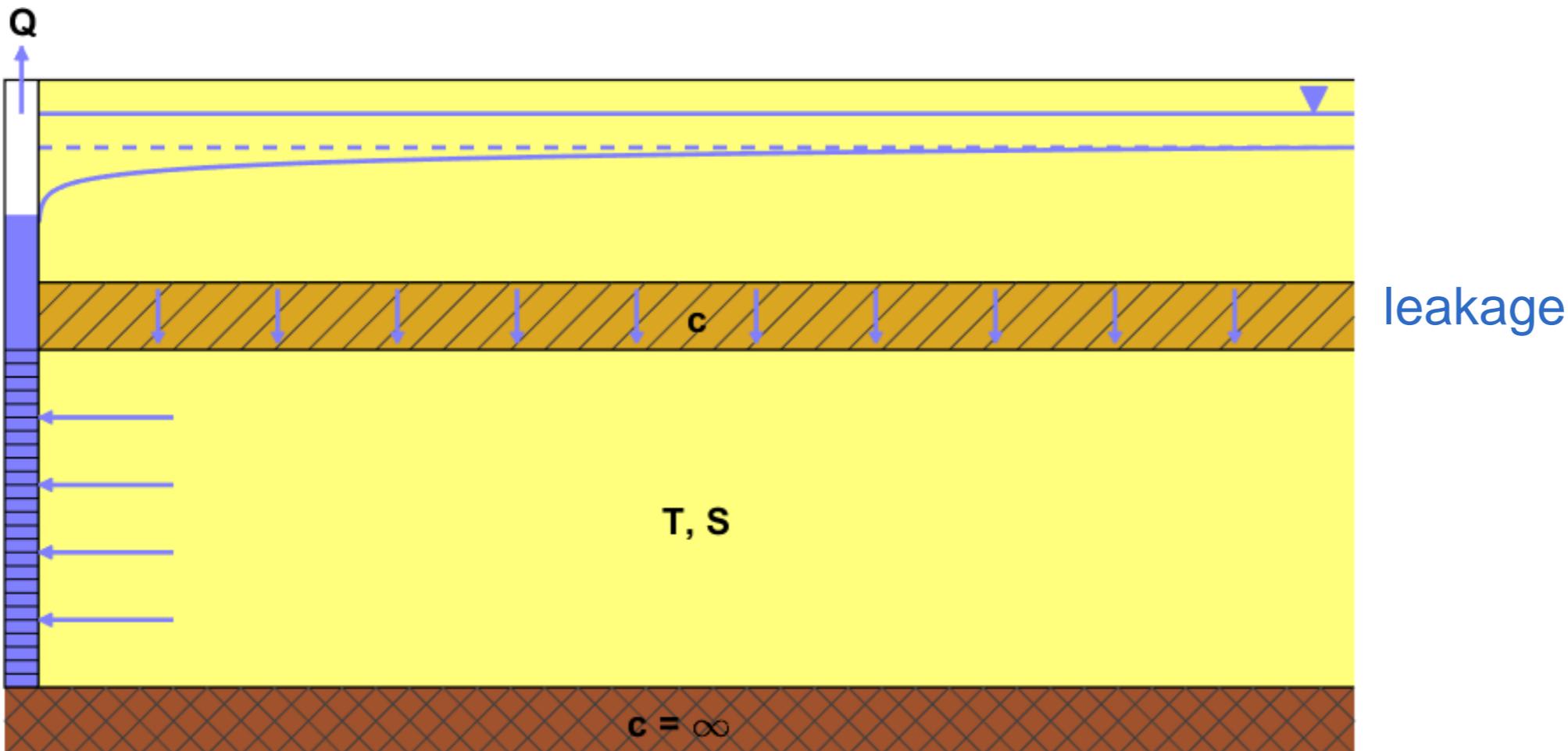
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## NON-STADY RADIAL FLOW IN AN INFINITE LEAKY AQUIFER

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**Abstract**--The non-steady drawdown distribution near a well discharging from an infinite leaky aquifer is presented. Variation of drawdown with time and distance caused by a well of constant discharge in confined sand of uniform thickness and uniform permeability is obtained. The discharge is supplied by the reduction of storage through expansion of the water and the concomitant compression of the sand, and also by leakage through the confining bed. The leakage is assumed to be at a rate proportional to the drawdown at any point. Storage of water in the confining bed is neglected. Two forms of the solution are developed. One is suitable for computation for large values of time and the other suitable for small values of time. This solution is compared with earlier solutions for slightly different boundary conditions.

**Introduction**--The differential equation for radial flow in an elastic artesian aquifer with linear leakage has been given by JACOB [1946]. He also obtained the non-steady drawdown distribution produced by a well of constant discharge situated in the center of a circular region whose outer boundary is maintained at constant head. The head distribution in his problem is initially uniform.

In this paper the solution is obtained for the problem in which the outer boundary is removed to infinity.

**Statement of the problem**--The problem is to determine the variation with time of the drawdown induced by a well steadily discharging from an infinite leaky aquifer in which the initial head is uniform. Leakage into the aquifer is assumed vertical and proportional to the drawdown. Stated mathematically the boundary-value problem is

$$\frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial r^2} + \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \frac{\partial s}{\partial r} - \frac{s}{D^2} = \left(\frac{S}{T}\right) \frac{\partial s}{\partial t} \quad \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$s(r, 0) = 0 \quad r \geq 0 \quad \dots \dots \dots (2a)$$

$$s(\infty, 0) = 0 \quad t \geq 0 \quad \dots \dots \dots (2b)$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r \frac{\partial s}{\partial r} = -Q/2\pi T \quad t > 0 \quad \dots \dots \dots (2c)$$

where

$s(r, t)$  is the drawdown at any time and any distance from the well.

$r$  is the distance to any point measured from the axis of the well.

$S$  is the storage coefficient of the artesian aquifer (a non-dimensional constant) defined as "the product of the thickness of the artesian bed and the relative volume of water released from storage by a unit decline of head" [JACOB, 1946].

$K$  and  $K'$  are the hydraulic conductivities (or 'permeabilities') of the artesian sand and confining bed, respectively. They have the dimension  $L/t$ .

$b$  and  $b'$  are the thicknesses of the artesian sand and confining bed, respectively.

$T = Kb$  is the transmissibility (of dimension  $L^2/t$ ) of the artesian sand. The ratio  $K'/b'$  may be termed 'specific leakage' or 'leakance' [HANTUSH, 1949, p. 8]. It has the dimension  $t/L$ .

The transmissibility divided by the leakance (of dimension  $L^3$ ) is symbolized by  $B^2$ .

$Q$  is the discharge of the well.

**Solution of the problem**--After separating the variables, it can be shown that

$$J_0(\alpha r/B) \exp[-(\alpha^2 + 1) Tt/BD^2] \quad \text{and} \quad K_0(r/B)$$

are particular solutions of (1), where  $J_0$  and  $K_0$  are respectively the Bessel function of the first kind of zero order and the modified Bessel function of the second kind of zero order, and where  $\alpha$  is any real constant.

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## Transient leaky flow (Hantush & Jacob, 1955)

$$s(r, t) = \frac{Q}{4\pi K D} W \left( \frac{r^2 S}{4t K D}, r \sqrt{\frac{1}{c K D}} \right)$$

# HANTUSH-JACOB: ASSUMPTIONS

- Flow:
  - Axisymmetric
  - Transient-state
  - Strictly horizontal
- Well:
  - Fully penetrating
  - Constant pumping rate
  - Infinitesimal radius
- Aquifer:
  - Homogeneous
  - Constant saturated thickness
  - Laterally unbounded
  - Leaky top

# HANTUSH-JACOB: PROBLEM STATEMENT

Continuity of transient 1D leaky flow:

$$T \left( \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} \right) = S \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{h - h_0}{c}$$

storage change      leakage

(1)

Inner boundary condition at zero:

$$Q = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( 2\pi r T \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} \right)$$

(2)

Outer boundary condition at infinity:

$$h(\infty, t) = h_0$$

(3)



Partial differential equation (PDE):

- head  $h$  is function of  $r$  and  $t$
- apply Laplace transform w.r.t.  $t$

Initial condition at  $t = 0$ :

$$h(r, 0) = h_0$$

(4)

# HANTUSH-JACOB: LAPLACE TRANSFORM

Laplace transform of PDE (1):

$$\frac{d^2\bar{h}}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{h}}{dr} = \left( \omega^2 + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \left( \bar{h} - \frac{h_0}{p} \right) \quad (5)$$

Laplace transform of inner BC (2):

$$\frac{Q}{p} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( 2\pi r T \frac{d\bar{h}}{dr} \right) \quad (6)$$

Laplace transform of outer BC (3):

$$\bar{h}(\infty, p) = \frac{h_0}{p} \quad (7)$$

Modified Bessel differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2\bar{h}}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{h}}{dr} = a\bar{h} - b$$

General solution:

$$\bar{h} = \alpha I_0(r\sqrt{a}) + \beta K_0(r\sqrt{a}) + \frac{b}{a}$$

with:

- $I_0, K_0$ : the zero order modified Bessel functions of the first and second kind, resp.
- $\alpha, \beta$ : integration constants

# HANTUSH-JACOB: LAPLACE SOLUTION

General solution of ODE (5):

$$\bar{h} = \alpha I_0(r\vartheta) + \beta K_0(r\vartheta) + \frac{h_0}{p}$$

with  $\vartheta = \sqrt{\omega^2 + \frac{1}{\lambda^2}}$

(8)

Applying BC (7):  $I_0(x) \rightarrow \infty$  if  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$\alpha = 0$$

(9)

Introducing (9) in (8):

$$\bar{h}(r, p) = \frac{h_0}{p} + \beta K_0(r\vartheta)$$

(10)

Applying BC (6):  $xK_1(x) \rightarrow 1$  if  $x \rightarrow 0$

$$\beta = \frac{-Q}{2\pi T p}$$

(11)

Introducing (11) in (10):

$$\bar{h}(r, p) = \frac{h_0}{p} - \frac{Q}{2\pi T p} K_0(r\vartheta)$$

(12)

Applying definition of drawdown to (12):

$$\bar{s}(r, p) = \frac{h_0}{p} - \bar{h} = \frac{Q}{2\pi T p} K_0(r\vartheta)$$

(13)

# HANTUSH-JACOB: LAPLACE INVERSION

Inverting (13) analytically:

$$s(r, t) = \frac{Q}{4\pi T} W(u, v)$$

$$\text{with } u = \frac{r^2 S}{4tT} \text{ and } v = \frac{r}{\sqrt{Tc}} \quad (14)$$

Hantush' well function W:

$$W(u, v) = \int_u^\infty \frac{e^{-x-v^2/4x}}{x} dx \quad (15)$$

$f(p) = L\{\bar{f}(t)\}$	$f(t) = L^{-1}\{\bar{f}(p)\}$
1. $1/p$	$1$
2. $1/p^n$	$t^{n-1}/(n-1) !$
3. $1/p(p+a)$	$(1/a)[1 - \exp(-at)]$
4. $1/\sqrt{p}$	$1/\sqrt{\pi t}$
5. $1/p^k$	$t^{k-1}/\Gamma(k)$
6. $(1/\sqrt{p}) \exp(-k\sqrt{p})$	$(1/\sqrt{\pi t}) \exp(-k^2/4t)$
7. $(1/p) \exp(-k\sqrt{p})$	$\text{erfc}(k/\sqrt{4t})$
8. $(1/p^{1+n/2}) \exp(-k\sqrt{p})$	$(4t)^{n/2} t^n \text{erfc}(k/\sqrt{4t})$
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10. $(1/p)K_0(k\sqrt{p})$	$(1/2)W(k^2/4t)$
11. $K_0(k\sqrt{p+a})$	$(1/2t) \exp(-at - k^2/4t)$
12. $(1/p)K_0(k\sqrt{p+a})$	$(1/2)W(k^2/4t, k\sqrt{a})$
13. $(1/p)K_0(k\sqrt{p+a}\sqrt{p})$	$(1/2)H(k^2/4t, ka/4)$
14. $K_0(k\sqrt{p})/pK_0(k_1\sqrt{p})$	$A(t/k_1^2, k/k_1)$
15. $K_0(k\sqrt{p})/p(k_1\sqrt{p})K_1(k_1\sqrt{p})$	$(1/2)S(t/k_1^2, k/k_1)$
16. $K_0(k\sqrt{p+a})/pK_0(k_1\sqrt{p+a})$	$Z(t/k_1^2, k/k_1, k_1\sqrt{a})$

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# INVERTING NUMERICALLY: STEHFEST

- Semi-analytical solution:
  - Analytical closed-form solution in Laplace space
  - Numerical inversion to the real time domain
- Several inversion algorithms available:
  - de Hoog et al. (1982)
  - Gaver (1966) - Stehfest (1970):

$$s(r, t) = \frac{\ln 2}{t} \sum_{k=1}^N \omega_k \bar{s}(r, k \ln 2/t)$$

with  $N$  the Stehfest number and

$$\omega_k = (-1)^{N/2+k} \sum_{j=\frac{k+1}{2}}^{\min(k, N/2)} \frac{j^{N/2} (2j)!}{(N/2-j)! (j)! (j-1)! (k-j)! (2j-k)!}$$

# HANTUSH-JACOB VS THEIS VS DE GLEE

Confined:  $c \rightarrow \infty$  and  $v \rightarrow 0$

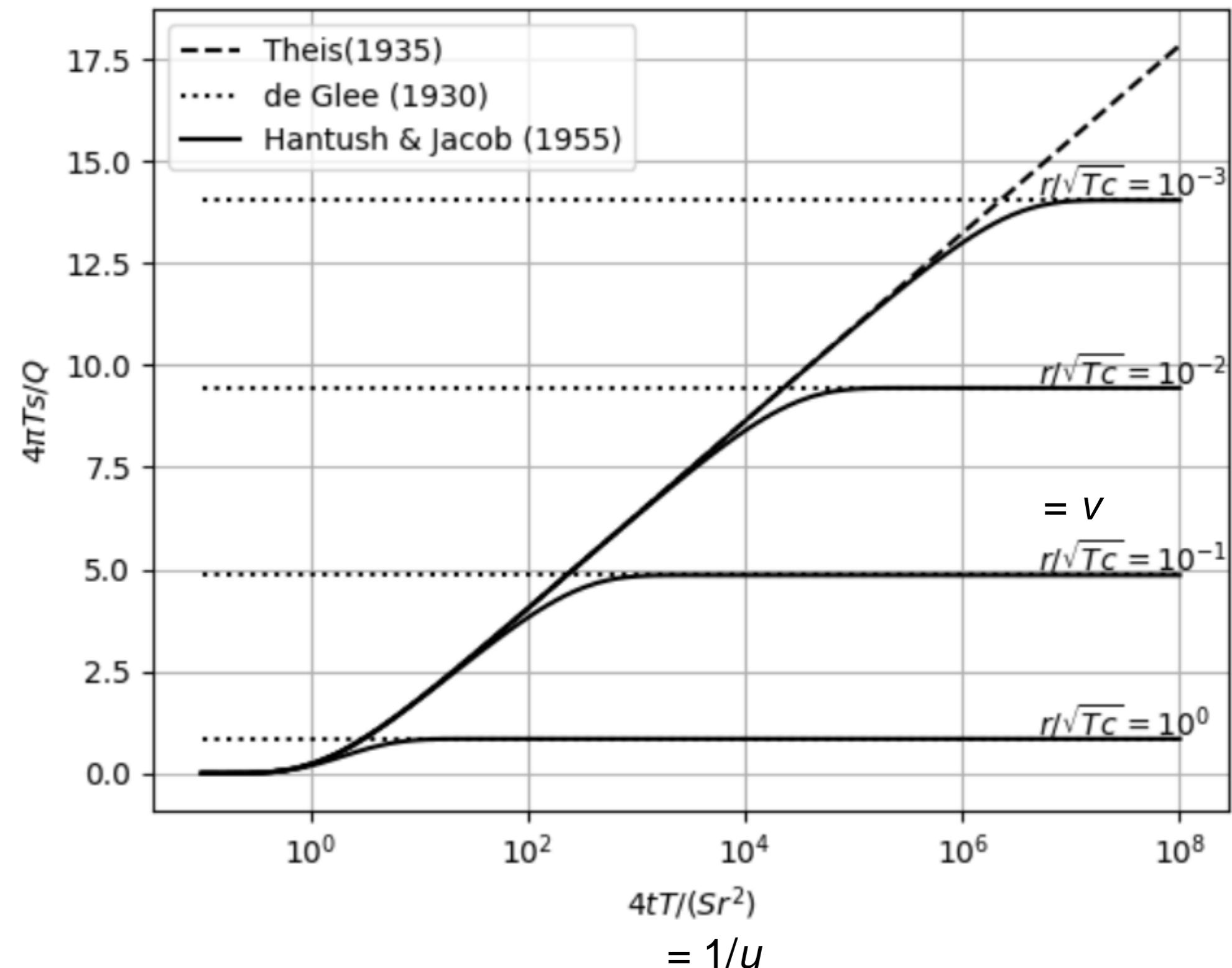
$$\lim_{v \rightarrow 0} W(u, v) = W(u)$$

Hantush-Jacob  $\rightarrow$  Theis

Steady-state:  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and  $u \rightarrow 0$

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} W(u, v) = 2K_0(v)$$

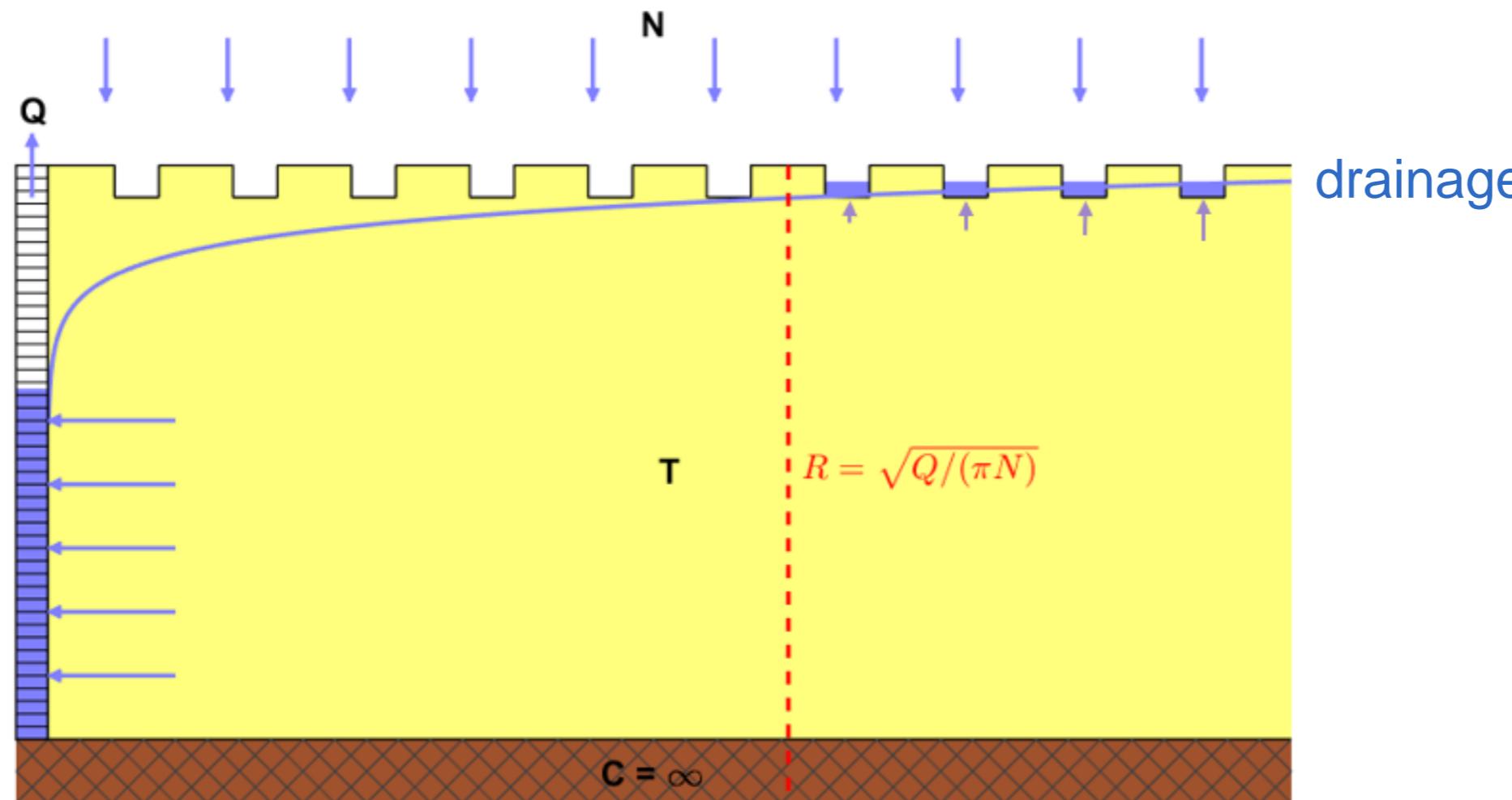
Hantush-Jacob  $\rightarrow$  de Glee



# THE ERNST MODEL

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ANALYSIS OF GROUNDWATER FLOW TO DEEP WELLS  
IN AREAS WITH A NON-LINEAR  
FUNCTION FOR THE SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE

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**Abstract:** The quantitative analysis of groundwater flow to deep wells in areas where the excess precipitation is discharged for a major part by surface drains, requires information about the system of this surface drainage. The non-linear relation between the discharge and the phreatic level (areal mean) can be explained mainly by the fact that the length of the drains containing water and giving discharge is varying in the same sense as the discharge and the phreatic level. Changes in evaporation by the plants are of less importance in this connection. As there is some evidence that the amplitude of the seasonal fluctuations of the phreatic surface will not be influenced very much when there is a constant pumping of water from deep wells, the change in that surface effected by pumping can be put equal to the drawdown during a steady state flow to the deep well. When the relation between hydraulic head and discharge by drains is linearized, i.e. represented in a graph as a broken straight line with for each part a specific value for the effective drainage resistance  $Y_e$ , the basic differential equation is reduced to a Bessel equation of zero order. The steady state solution either contains a combination of modified Bessel functions (for finite values of  $Y_e$ ) or a logarithm (when the effective drainage resistance  $Y_e = \infty$ ). The determination of the integration constants for several zones around the well is in principle not difficult. In the paper an explicit solution is only given for a rather simple case.

Introduction

Where in humid areas the ground surface has only relatively small differences in elevation and the transmissivity of the underground is not very small, the excess precipitation is mainly carried off by groundwater flow to a system of rather closely spaced surface drains of different size and level (Fig. 1). The depth of the groundwater table and the discharge by the drains are variable owing to seasonal fluctuations of the evaporation and irregular variations of the precipitation.

Deep well pumping of groundwater from thick phreatic aquifers or from semi-confined aquifers will cause a decline of the phreatic surface, especially in the case of phreatic aquifers. Primarily this involves a smaller discharge of water by the surface drains. In those cases that formerly during summer (period with main evaporation) the depth of the phreatic surface was rather

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Steady flow with recharge and nonlinear drainage (Ernst, 1971)

$$s(r) = \frac{Q}{2\pi K D} \ln \left( \frac{R}{r} \right) - \frac{N}{4 K D} (R^2 - r^2) \quad \text{if } c \rightarrow 0$$

# ERNST: ASSUMPTIONS

- Flow:
  - Axisymmetric
  - Steady-state
  - Strictly horizontal
- Well:
  - Fully penetrating
  - Constant pumping rate
  - Infinitesimal radius
- Aquifer:
  - Homogeneous
  - Constant saturated thickness
  - Laterally unbounded
  - Uniform areal infiltration + drainage

# ERNST: PROBLEM STATEMENT

Steady flow with infiltration:

$$T \left( \frac{d^2 h_1}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dh_1}{dr} \right) = -N \quad (1)$$

infiltration

Inner boundary condition at zero:

$$Q = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( 2\pi r T \frac{dh_1}{dr} \right) \quad (2)$$

Outer boundary condition at  $R$ :

$$h_1(R) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$R$

Steady flow with infiltration & drainage:

$$T \left( \frac{d^2 h_2}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dh_2}{dr} \right) = -N + \frac{h_2}{c} \quad (4)$$

infiltration      drainage

Inner boundary condition at  $R$ :

$$h_2(R) = 0 \quad (5)$$

Outer boundary condition at infinity:

$$h_2(\infty) = 0 \quad (6)$$

# ERNST: SOLUTION

General solution of (1):

$$h_1 = \frac{-Nr^2}{4T} + \alpha_1 \ln r + \beta_1 \quad (7)$$

Applying inner BC (2) and outer BC (3):

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= \frac{Q}{2\pi T} \\ \beta_1 &= \frac{NR^2}{4T} - \frac{Q}{2\pi T} \ln R \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Introducing (8) in (7):

$$h_1 = \frac{N}{4T} (R^2 - r^2) + \frac{Q}{2\pi T} \ln \frac{r}{R} \quad (9)$$

**zone 1:**  $r \leq R$

$R$

General solution of (4):

$$h_2 = \alpha_2 I_0 \left( \frac{r}{\lambda} \right) + \beta_2 K_0 \left( \frac{r}{\lambda} \right) + Nc \quad (10)$$

Applying outer BC (6) and inner BC (5):

$$\alpha_2 = 0$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{-Nc}{K_0 \left( \frac{R}{\lambda} \right)} \quad (11)$$

Introducing (11) in (10):

$$h_2 = Nc \left[ 1 - \frac{K_0 \left( \frac{r}{\lambda} \right)}{K_0 \left( \frac{R}{\lambda} \right)} \right]$$

**zone 2:**  $r \geq R$

# ERNST: DETERMINING R

Continuity of flow at boundary  $R$ :

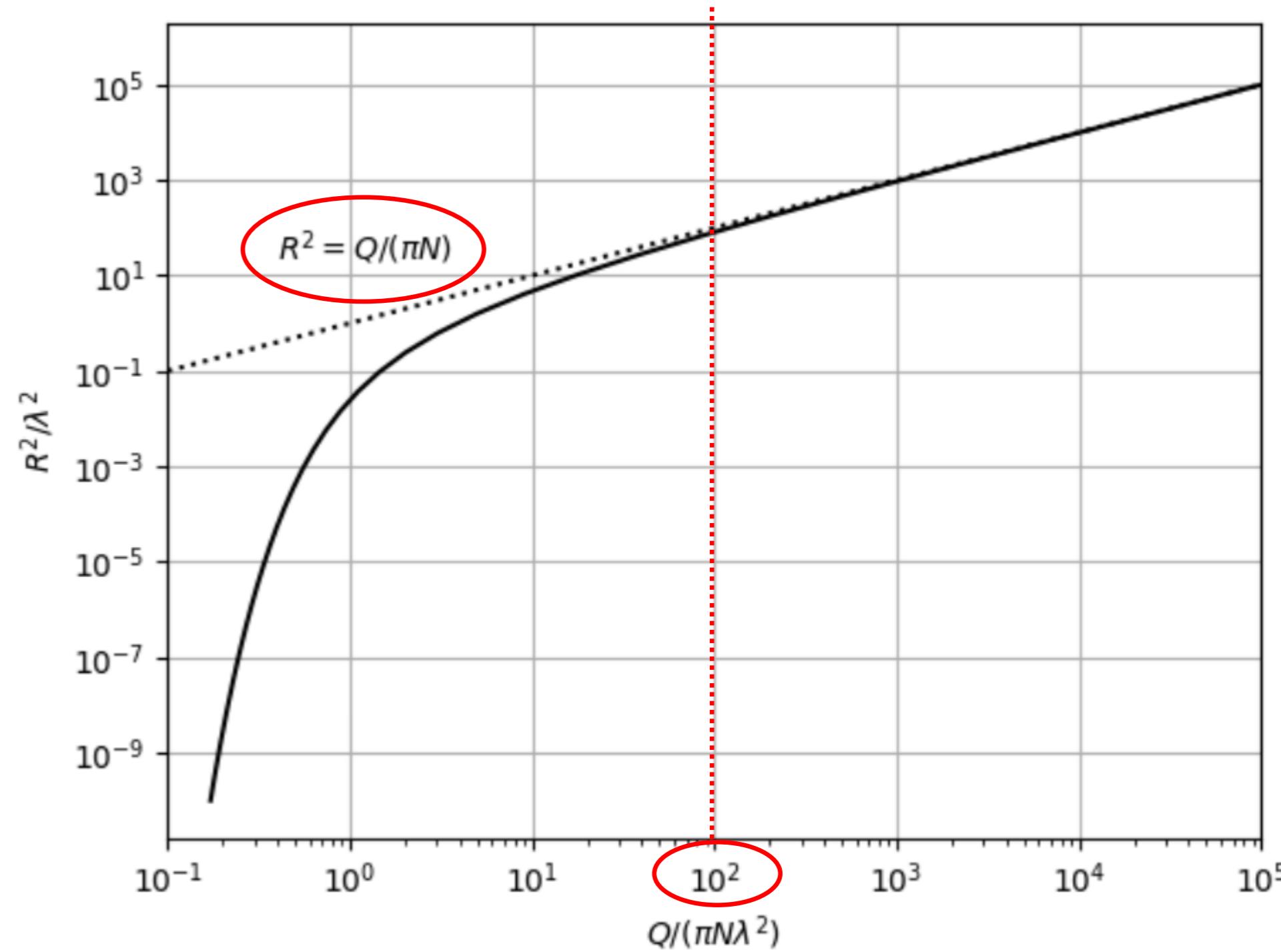
$$\frac{dh_1}{dr} = \frac{dh_2}{dr} \quad (r = R) \quad (13)$$

Solving (13) using (9) and (12) and rearranging:

$$R \left[ \frac{R}{\lambda} + 2 \frac{K_1\left(\frac{R}{\lambda}\right)}{K_0\left(\frac{R}{\lambda}\right)} \right] - \frac{Q}{\pi N \lambda^2} = 0 \quad (14)$$

Expression (14) simplifies to:

$$Q = \pi R^2 N \quad \text{if } Q > 100\pi N \lambda^2$$



# ERNST: ASYMPTOTIC SOLUTIONS

Low drainage resistance:  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$

$$R = \sqrt{Q/(\pi N)}$$

Radius of influence!

(15)

$$h_1 = \frac{N}{4T} (R^2 - r^2) + \frac{Q}{2\pi T} \ln \frac{r}{R}$$

(16)

$$h_2 = 0$$

(17)

Initial head  $h_0$  is equal to  $Nc$

High drainage resistance:  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$

$$R = 0$$

(18)

~~$$h_1 = -\infty$$~~

(19)

$$h_2 = Nc - \frac{Q}{2\pi T} K_0 \left( \frac{r}{\lambda} \right)$$

(20)

$$\downarrow Q = 0$$

Applying definition of drawdown  $s$  to (16):

$$s = -h_1 = \frac{Q}{2\pi T} \ln \frac{R}{r} - \frac{N}{4T} (R^2 - r^2)$$

= Thiem + circular infiltration pond

Applying definition of drawdown  $s$  to (20):

$$s = Nc - h_2 = \frac{Q}{2\pi T} K_0 \left( \frac{r}{\lambda} \right)$$

= de Glee

# ERNST VS THIEM VS DE GLEE

Relatively low resistance:

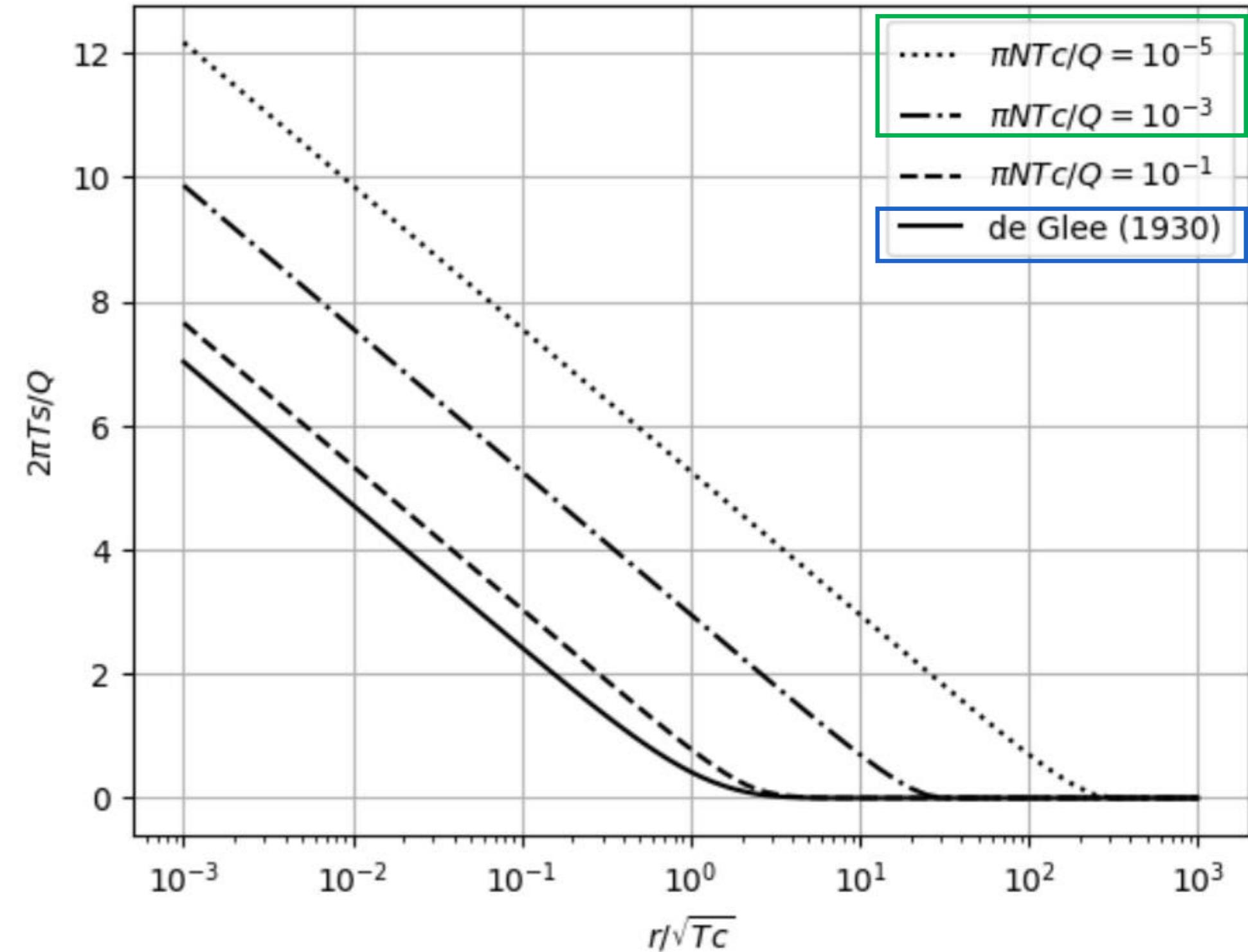
$$Q > 100\pi N \lambda^2$$

Ernst → Thiem + Infiltration pond

Relatively high resistance:

$$Q < \pi N \lambda^2$$

Ernst → de Glee



# THE WATER BUDGET

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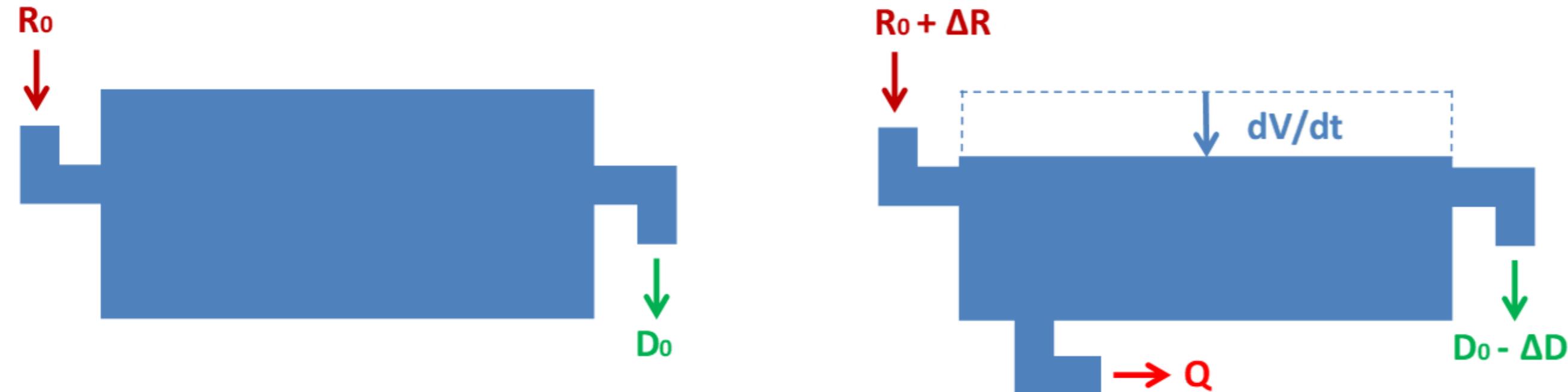
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# THE WATER BUDGET MYTH

– Safe yield:  $\cancel{Q = R_0}$

– Capture equation:  $Q = \Delta R - \Delta D - \frac{dV}{dt}$

(Theis, 1940; Bredehoeft et al., 1982; Bredehoeft, 2002)



Michael E. Campana  
(Read this paper before the  
one by Bredehoeft et al.)  
The Source of Water Derived from Wells  
*Essential Factors Controlling the Response of an Aquifer to Development*  
FROM A PAPER PRESENTED BEFORE THE ARIZONA SECTION  
By CHARLES V. THEIS

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# DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

- **Sustainable pumping:**
  - = the well does not go dry
  - only considers well performance
- **Sustainability:**
  - = much broader concept
  - also considers water quality, socio-economic and ecological aspects



# LINEAR VS NONLINEAR MODELS

- Linear model:  $Q = \Delta R - \Delta D - \frac{dV}{dt}$ 
  - superposition: recharge is canceled out
  - implicit assumption of infinite sources of water
  - e.g.: Thiem, de Glee, Theis, Hantush-Jacob
- Nonlinear model:  $Q = [R_t - R_0] - [D_t - D_0] - \frac{dV}{dt}$ 
  - initial conditions are relevant
  - so is recharge!
- Ernst model:  $Q = [D_t - D_0]$   
 $= \pi R^2 N$



Research Paper/

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# THE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE

- Property of linear models:

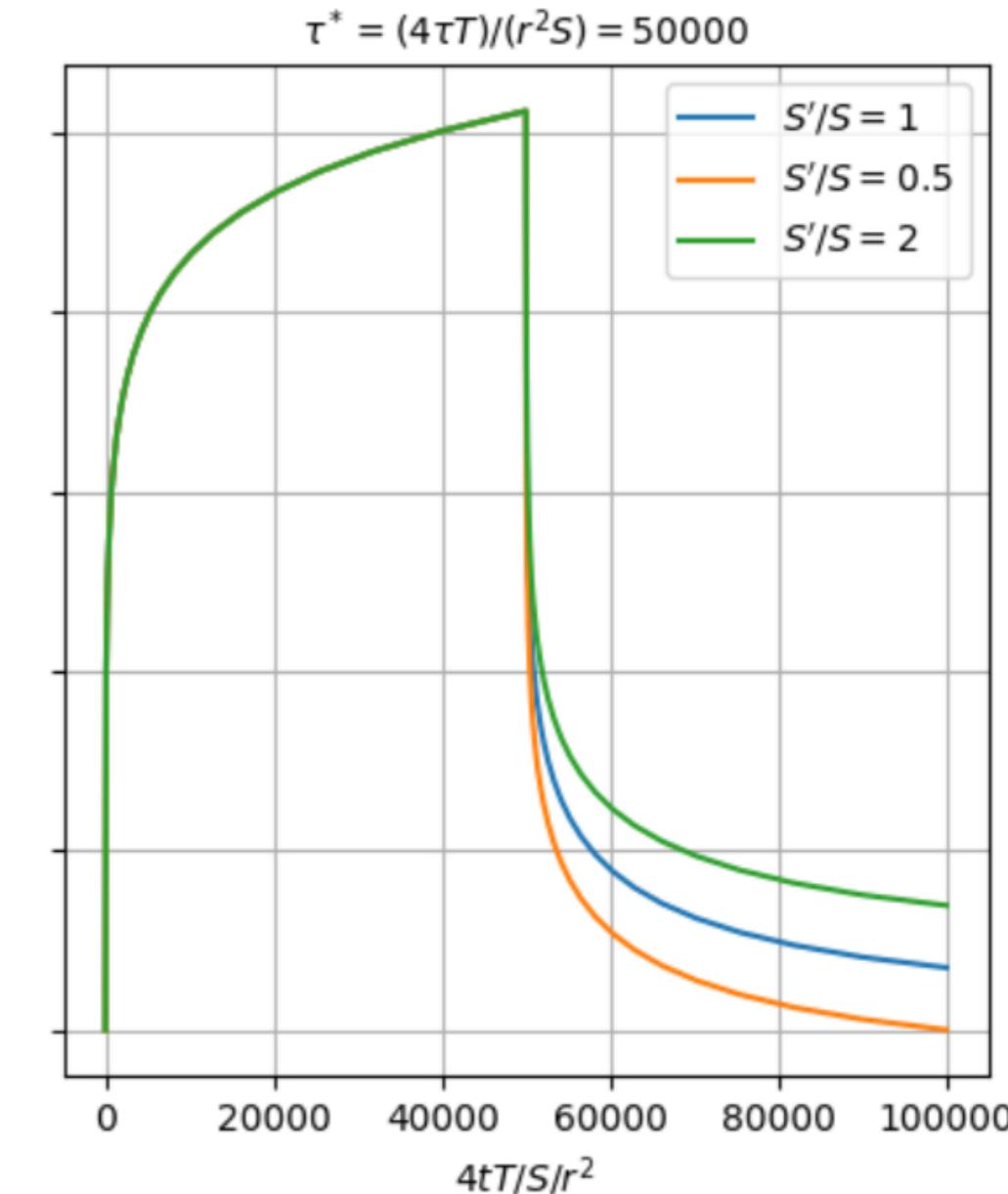
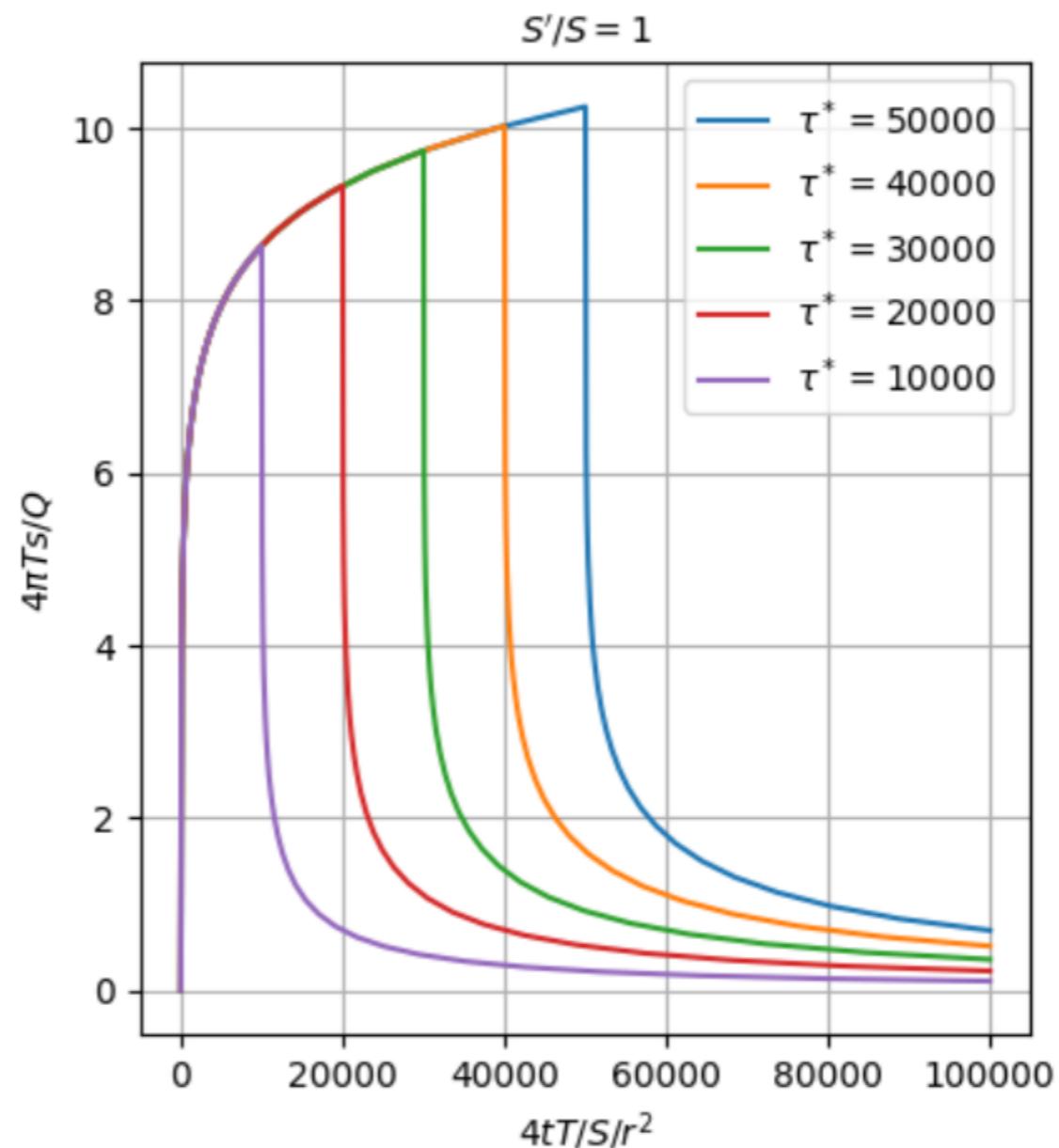
$$s = \sum_i Q_i \sigma_i \quad \text{with } \sigma_i \text{ drawdown according to unit discharge}$$

- Linear model:
  - linear differential equation
  - linear boundary conditions
  - **homogeneous** differential equation (mostly)
    1. model before pumping:  $\nabla^2 h_0 = -N$
    2. model during pumping:  $\nabla^2 h = -N$
    3. drawdown model:  $\nabla^2 s = \nabla^2 h_0 - \nabla^2 h = 0$

# SUPERPOSITION IN TIME: EXAMPLE

residual drawdown  $s'$   
during recovery (Theis, 1935):

- pump shuts down at time  $\tau$   
= start of injection  $-Q$
- storativity  $S'$  during recovery



$$s'(r, t) = \frac{Q}{4\pi T} \left[ W\left(\frac{r^2 S}{4tT}\right) - W\left(\frac{r^2 S'}{4\Delta t T}\right) \right]$$

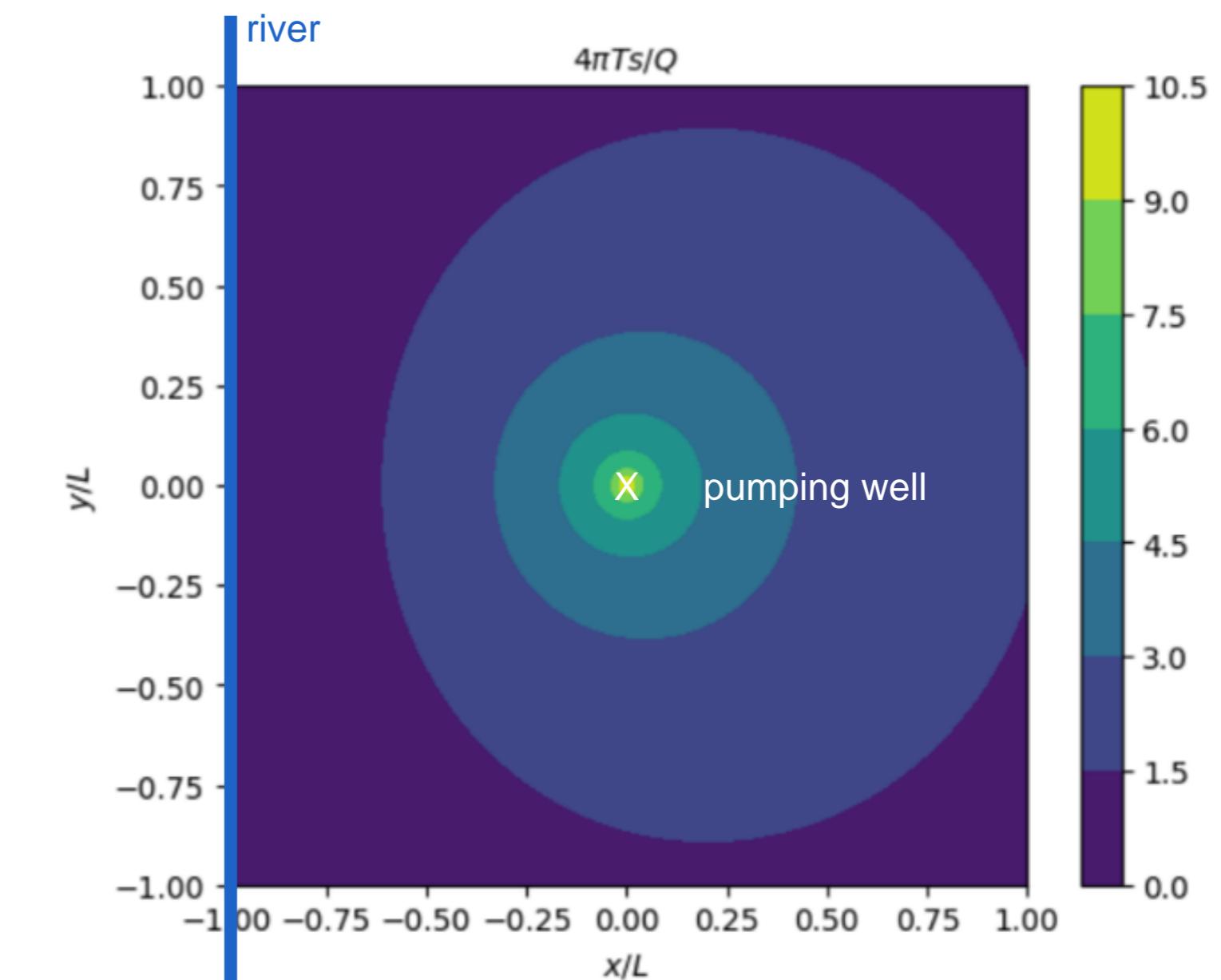
pumping + injection

with  $\Delta t = t - \tau$

# SUPERPOSITION IN SPACE: EXAMPLE

pumping well near straight  
constant-level river (Theis, 1941):

- well at position (0,0)
- straight river:  $x = -L$   
= constant-head boundary
- **method of images:**  
add injection well at position  $(-2L, 0)$

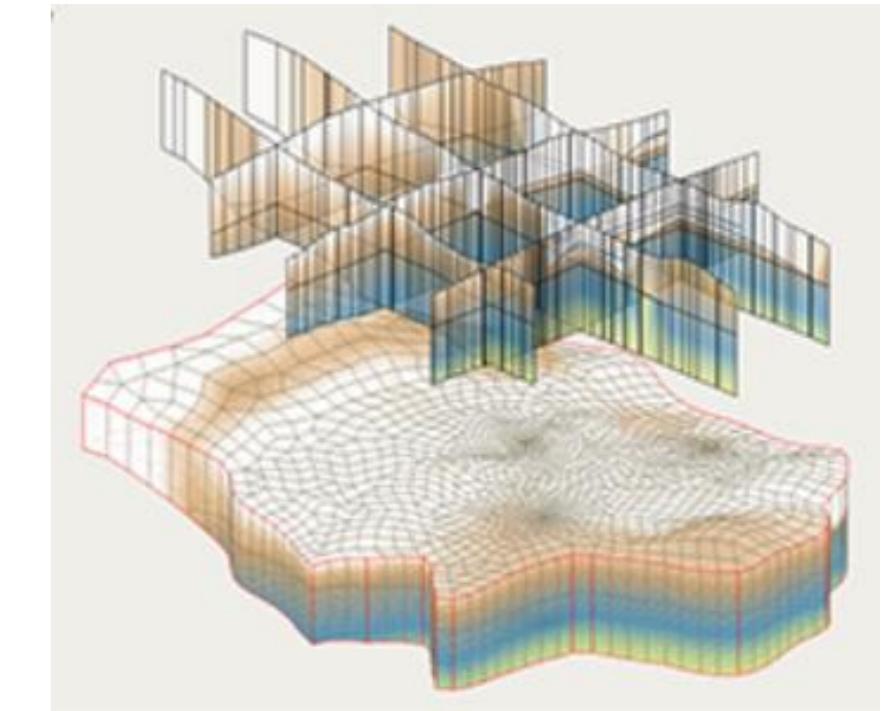


$$s(x, y, t) = \frac{Q}{4\pi T} \left[ W\left(\frac{[x^2 + y^2]S}{4tT}\right) - W\left(\frac{[(x + 2L)^2 + y^2]S}{4tT}\right) \right]$$

pumping well + imaginary injection well

# CONCLUSIONS

- assessing sustainability and impact of extractions requires **advanced numerical modeling**
- **analytical models** may be useful:
  - time and budget constraints
  - lack of data
  - *they offer insight!*



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# MORE ADVANCED AXISYMMETRIC MODELS

# EVOLUTION OF AXISYMMETRIC MODELS

- 1 layer
- incompressible aquitards
- well:
  - fully penetrating (mostly)
  - infinitesimal radius (mostly)

1856	Darcy
1857 & 1863	Dupuit
1870	A. Thiem
1906	G. Thiem
1914	Kooper
1930	de Glee
1935	Theis
1946	Jacob
1955	Hantush & Jacob

# EVOLUTION OF AXISYMMETRIC MODELS

- 1, 2 or 3 layers
- compressible aquitards
- anisotropy
- well:
  - partially penetrating
  - multi-aquifer
  - finite diameter (wellbore storage)
  - instantaneous head change (slug test)
  - finite-thickness skin
- water table conditions:
  - delayed yield
  - infiltration and drainage
  - confined-unconfined flow

1951	Huisman & Kemperman
1954 & 1963	Boulton
1964 & 1967	Hantush
1966	Papadopoulos
1967	Papadopoulos & Cooper
1967	Cooper et al.
1969	Neuman & Witherspoon
1971	Ernst
1972	Moench & Prickett
1972	Bruggeman
1972 & 1974	Neuman
1983	Javandel & Witherspoon
1984	Moench
1984	Wikramaratna
1988	Butler
1994	Hyder et al.
1995 & 1996	Moench
2012	Mishra et al.
2022	Louwyck et al.

# TWO EXAMPLES

Extensions/modifications of the Theis (1935) model:

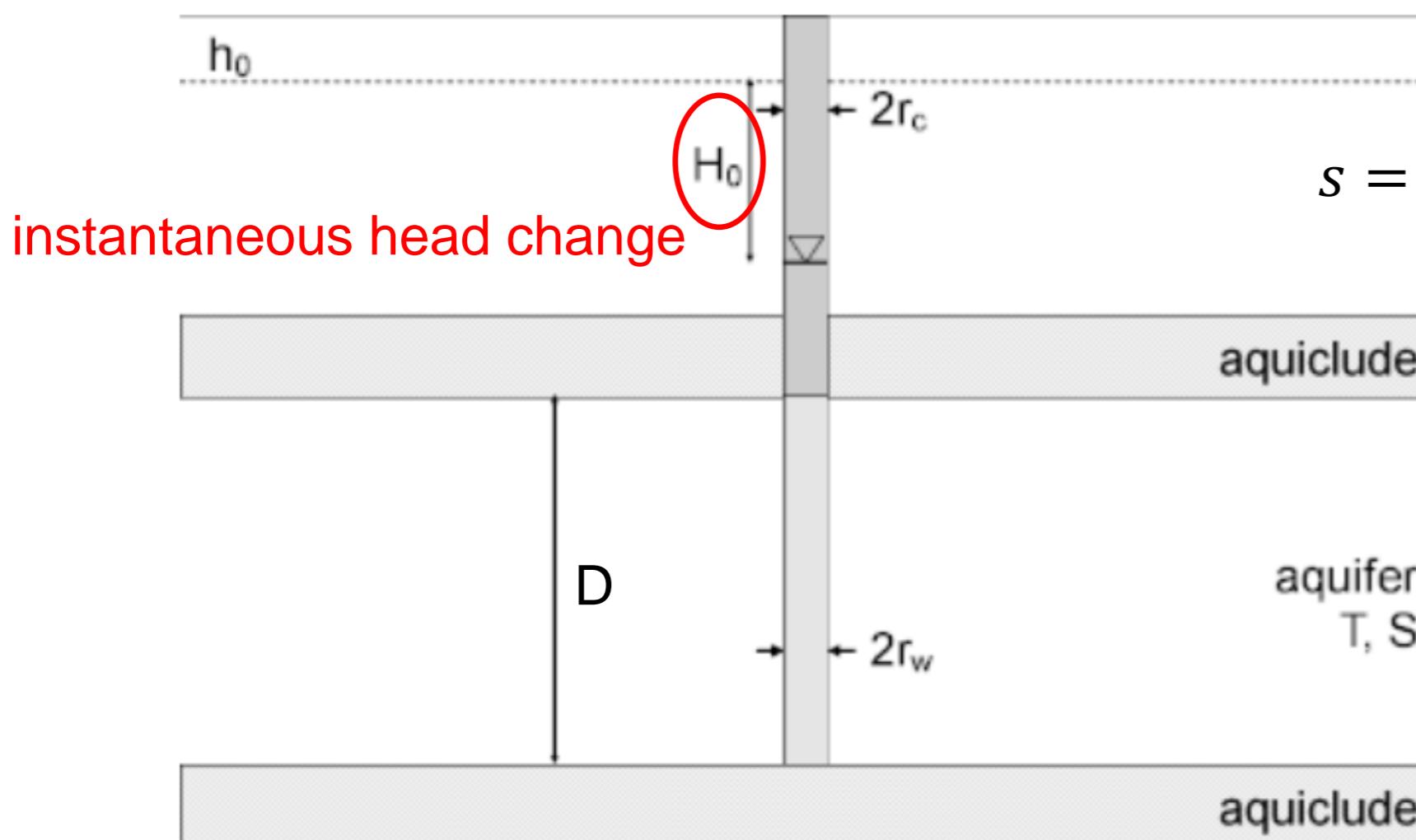
- **Cooper et al. (1967):**

Instantaneous head change inside the well  
 (= slug test)

- **Butler (1988):**

Pumping well with finite-thickness skin

# COOPER ET AL. MODEL



Slug test in confined aquifer (Cooper et al., 1967)

$$\bar{s}(r, p) = \frac{H_0 r_w S K_0(r\omega)}{T\omega[r_w \omega K_0(r_w \omega) + 2\alpha K_1(r_w \omega)]}$$

$$\text{with } \alpha = \frac{r_w^2}{r_c^2} S$$

Response of a Finite-Diameter Well to an Instantaneous Charge of Water<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract.** A solution is presented for the change in water level in a well of finite diameter after a known volume of water is suddenly injected or withdrawn. A set of type curves computed from this solution permits a determination of the transmissibility of the aquifer. (Key words: Aquifer tests; groundwater; hydraulics; permeability.)

#### INTRODUCTION

Ferris and Knowles [1954] introduced a method for determining the transmissibility of an aquifer from observations of the water level in a well after a known volume of water is suddenly injected into the well. (See also Ferris et al. [1962].) They reasoned that for practical purposes the well may be approximated by an instantaneous line source in the infinite region, for which the residual head differences due to the injection are described by

$$h = (V/4\pi T t)e^{-r^2 S/4Tr} \quad (1)$$

where

$h$  = change in head at distance  $r$  and time  $t$  due to the injection;  
 $r$  = distance from the line source or center of well;  
 $t$  = time since instantaneous injection;  
 $V$  = volume of water injected;  
 $T$  = transmissibility of aquifer;  
 $S$  = coefficient of storage of aquifer.

They reasoned further that the head  $H$  in the injected well would be described closely by (1) when  $r$  is set equal to the effective radius  $r_e$  [Jacob, 1947, p. 1049] of the screen or open hole. Then, since  $r_e$  is small, the exponential approaches unity quickly, so that the equation approaches  $H = V/4\pi T t$ , which can be written

$$T = V(1/t)/4\pi H \quad (2)$$

To the extent that the equation is valid for a

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well of finite diameter, a determination of the transmissibility can be obtained from the slope of a plot of head  $H$  versus the reciprocal of time ( $1/t$ ).

Since the volume of water injected into the well is  $\pi r_e^2 H_0$ , where  $r_e$  is the radius of the easing in the interval over which the water level fluctuates and  $H_0$  is the initial head increase in the well, equation 1 can be written

$$h/H_0 = (r_e^2/4Tt)e^{-r^2 S/4Tr} \quad (3)$$

and equation 2 can be written

$$H/H_0 = r_e^2/4Tt \quad (4)$$

Recently Bredehoeft et al. [1966] demonstrated by means of an electrical analog model of a well-aquifer system that equation 3 gives a satisfactory approximation of the head in an injected well only after the time  $t$  is large enough for the ratio  $H/H_0$  to be very small (see Figure 1). The observed discrepancy appears to arise from the assumption that the injected well can be approximated by a line source.

We present here an exact solution for the head in and around a well of finite diameter after the well is instantaneously charged with a known volume of water.

#### ANALYSIS

Consider a nonflowing well cased to the top of a homogeneous isotropic artesian aquifer of uniform thickness, and screened (or open) throughout the thickness of the aquifer (Figure 2). Suppose that the well is instantaneously charged with a volume  $V$  of water. (We will consider

# COOPER ET AL.: ASSUMPTIONS

- Flow:
  - Axisymmetric
  - Transient-state
  - Strictly horizontal
- Well:
  - Fully penetrating
  - Instantaneous initial head change
  - Finite radius → wellbore storage!
- Aquifer:
  - Homogeneous
  - Constant saturated thickness
  - Laterally unbounded

# COOPER ET AL.: PROBLEM STATEMENT

Continuity of transient 1D confined flow:

$$T \left( \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial s}{\partial r} \right) = S \frac{\partial s}{\partial t}$$

storage change

(1)



Partial differential equation (PDE):

- drawdown  $s$  is function of  $r$  and  $t$
- apply Laplace transform w.r.t.  $t$

Inner boundary condition at zero:

$$2\pi r T \frac{\partial s}{\partial r} = \pi r_c^2 \frac{dH}{dt} \quad (\text{wellbore storage}) \quad (r = r_w)$$

with  $H$  the head change in the well

(2)

Initial condition at  $t = 0$ :

Outer boundary condition at infinity:

$$s(\infty, t) = 0$$

(3)

$$s(r, 0) = \begin{cases} 0 & (r > r_w) \\ H_0 & (r = r_w) \end{cases}$$

instantaneous head  
change in the well

(4)

# COOPER ET AL.: LAPLACE TRANSFORM

Laplace transform of PDE (1):

$$\frac{d^2\bar{s}}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{s}}{dr} = \frac{S}{T} p \bar{s}$$

(5)



Modified Bessel differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2\bar{s}}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{s}}{dr} = a \bar{s}$$

Laplace transform of inner BC (2):

$$2\pi r T \frac{d\bar{s}}{dr} = \pi r_c^2 (p \bar{H} - H_0) \quad \text{initial condition!}$$

(6)

Laplace transform of outer BC (3):

$$\bar{s}(\infty, p) = 0 \quad (7)$$

General solution:

$$\bar{s} = \alpha I_0(r\sqrt{a}) + \beta K_0(r\sqrt{a})$$

with:

- $I_0, K_0$ : the zero order modified Bessel functions of the first and second kind, resp.
- $\alpha, \beta$ : integration constants

# COOPER ET AL.: LAPLACE SOLUTION

General solution of (5) after applying BC (7) which yields  $\alpha = 0$ :

$$\bar{s}(r, p) = \beta K_0(r\omega)$$

$$\text{with } \omega = \sqrt{Sp/T}$$

(8)

From (9) it follows that:

$$\beta = \frac{r_c^2 H_0}{r_c^2 p K_0(r_w \omega) + 2 r_w \omega T K_1(r_w \omega)} \quad (10)$$

Introducing (10) in (8) and rearranging:

$$\bar{s}(r, p) = \frac{H_0 r_w S K_0(r\omega)}{T \omega [r_w \omega K_0(r_w \omega) + 2 \alpha K_1(r_w \omega)]} \quad (11)$$

with  $\alpha = \frac{r_w^2}{r_c^2} S$

Applying BC (6) with  $\bar{H}(p) = \bar{s}(r_w, p)$

$$-2\pi r_w \omega T \beta K_1(r_w \omega) =$$
$$\pi r_c^2 [p \beta K_0(r_w \omega) - H_0]$$

(9)

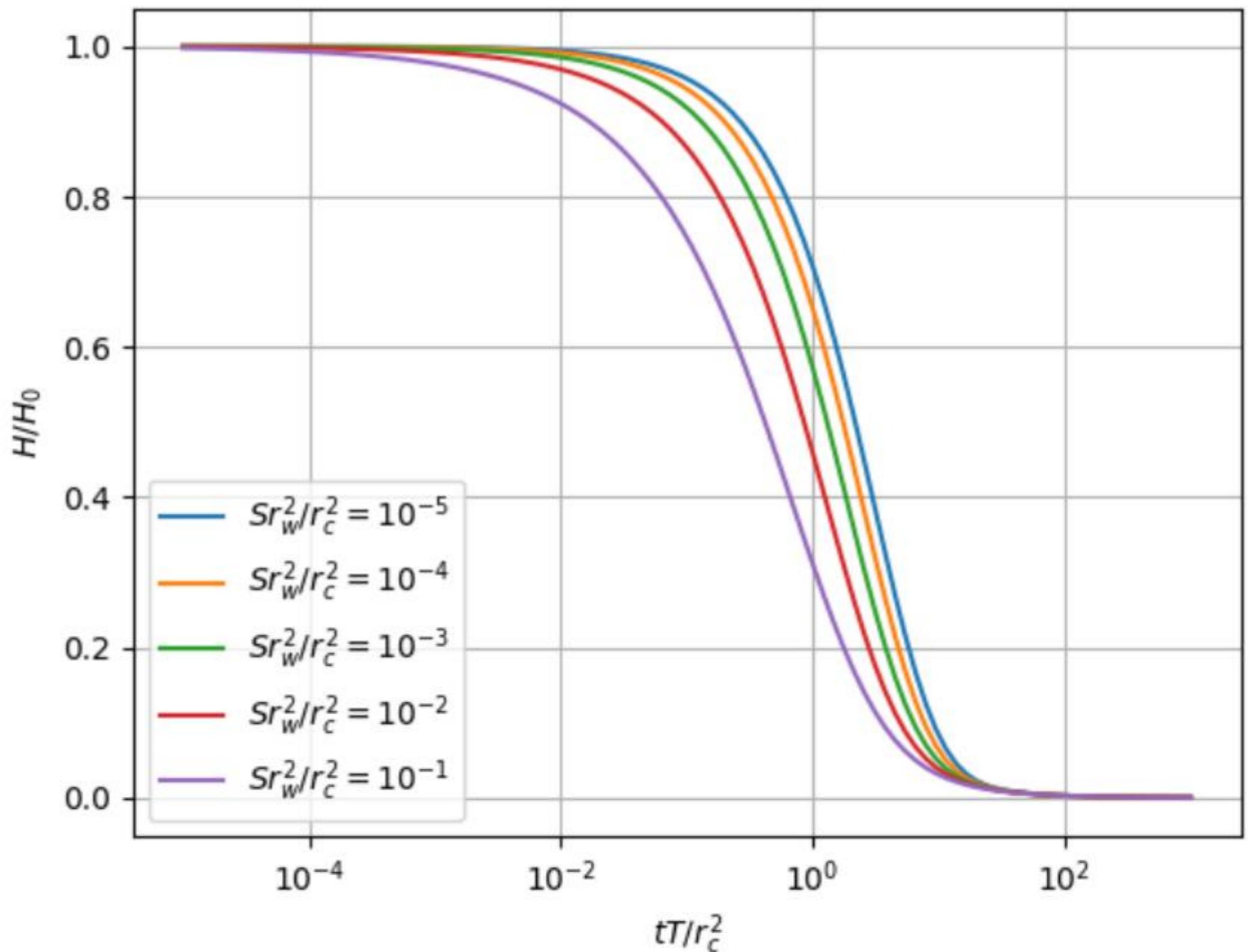
# COOPER ET AL.: NUMERICAL INVERSION

Applying the Stehfest algorithm

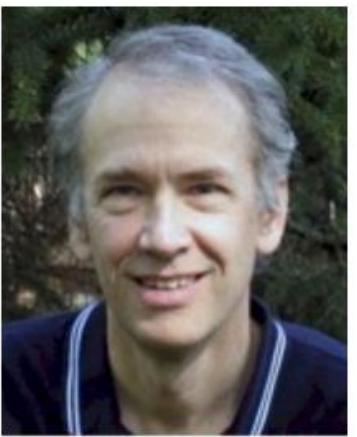
to Laplace solution (11)

with  $r = r_w$

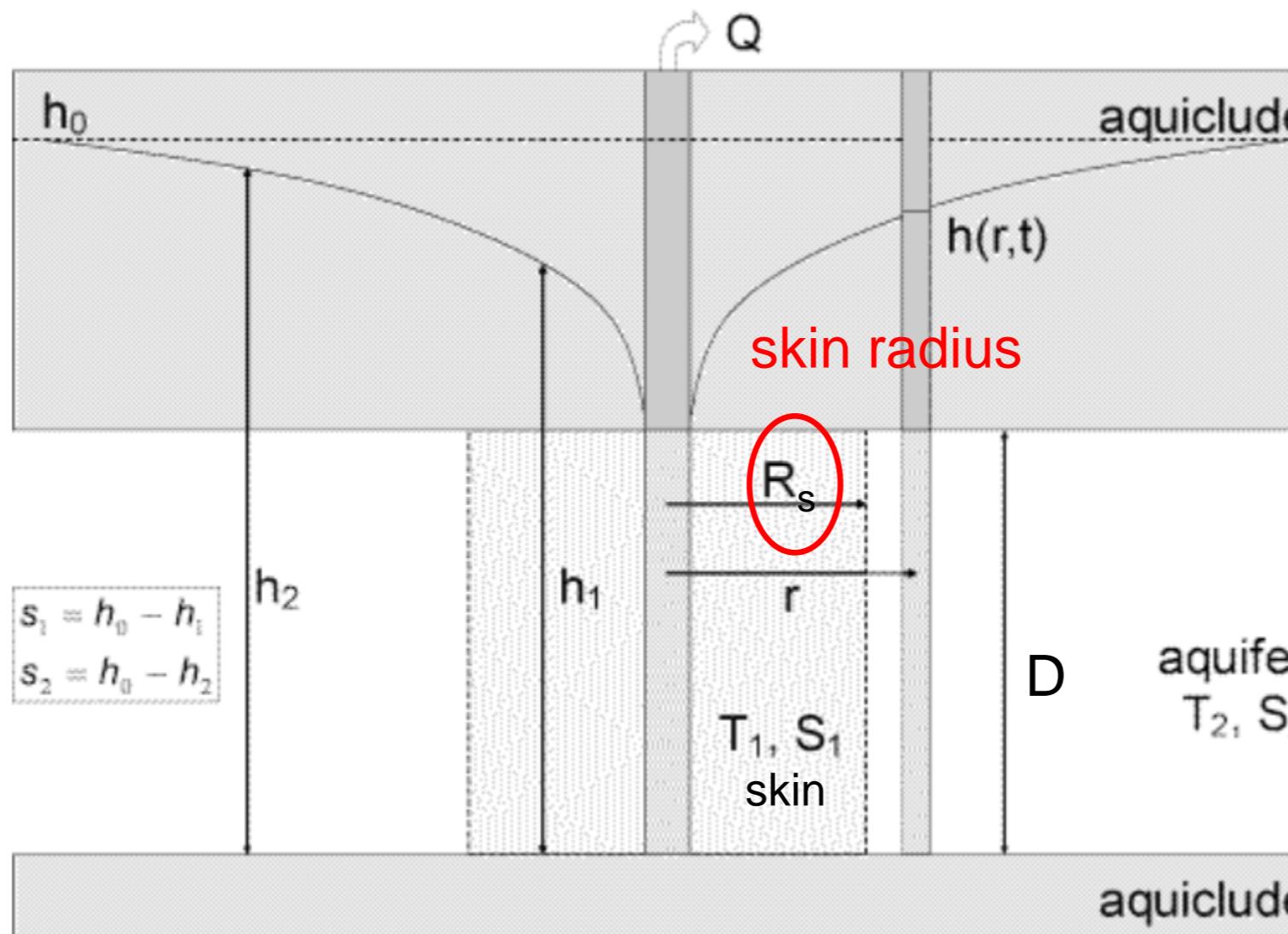
as  $H(t) = s(r_w, t)$



# BUTLER MODEL



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[2]  
PUMPING TESTS IN NONUNIFORM AQUIFERS — THE RADIALLY SYMMETRIC CASE

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ABSTRACT

Butler, J.J., Jr., 1988. Pumping tests in nonuniform aquifers—The radially symmetric case. *J. Hydrol.*, 101: 15–30.

Traditionally, pumping-test-analysis methodology has been limited to applications involving aquifers whose properties are assumed uniform in space. This work attempts to assess the applicability of analytical methodology to a broader class of units with spatially varying properties. An examination of flow behavior in a simple configuration consisting of pumping from the center of a circular disk embedded in a matrix of differing properties is the basis for this investigation. A solution describing flow in this configuration is obtained through Laplace-transform techniques using analytical and numerical inversion schemes. Approaches for the calculation of flow properties in conditions that can be roughly represented by this simple configuration are proposed. Possible applications include a wide variety of geologic structures, as well as the case of a well skin resulting from drilling or development. Of more importance than the specifics of these techniques for analysis of water-level responses is the insight into flow behavior during a pumping test that is provided by the large-time form of the derived solution. The solution reveals that drawdown during a pumping test can be considered to consist of two components that are dependent and independent of near-well properties, respectively. Such an interpretation of pumping-test drawdown allows some general conclusions to be drawn concerning the relationship between parameters calculated using analytical approaches based on curve-matching and those calculated using approaches based on the slope of a semilog straight line plot. The infinite-series truncation that underlies the semilog analytical approaches is shown to remove further contributions of near-well material to total drawdown. In addition, the semilog distance-drawdown approach is shown to yield an expression that is equivalent to the Thiem equation. These results allow some general recommendations to be made concerning observation-well placement for pumping tests in nonuniform aquifers. The relative diffusivity of material on either side of a discontinuity is shown to be the major factor in controlling flow behavior during the period in which the front of the cone of depression is moving across the discontinuity. Though resulting from an analysis of flow in an idealized configuration, the insights of this work into flow behavior during a pumping test are applicable to a wide class of nonuniform units.

INTRODUCTION

The pumping test has traditionally been the standard method used to evaluate the transmissive and storage properties of subsurface material for

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Pumping well with finite-thickness skin in confined aquifer (Butler, 1988)

$$s(r, t) \approx \begin{cases} \frac{Q}{2\pi T_2} \ln \frac{R}{R_s} + \frac{Q}{2\pi T_1} \ln \frac{R_s}{r} & (r \leq R_s) \\ \frac{Q}{2\pi T_2} \ln \frac{R}{r} & (r \geq R_s) \end{cases}$$

with  $R = \sqrt{\frac{4tT_2}{e^\gamma S_2}}$  and  $t \rightarrow \infty$

# BUTLER (1988) MODEL: ASSUMPTIONS

- Flow:
  - Axisymmetric
  - Transient-state
  - Strictly horizontal
- Well:
  - Fully penetrating
  - Constant pumping rate
  - Infinitesimal radius
  - **Finite-thickness skin**
- Aquifer:
  - Homogeneous
  - Constant saturated thickness
  - Laterally unbounded

# BUTLER: PROBLEM STATEMENT

Transient flow in the skin zone:

$$T_1 \left( \frac{\partial^2 s_1}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial r} \right) = S_1 \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial t} \quad (1)$$

Inner boundary condition at zero:

$$Q = - \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( 2\pi r T_1 \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial r} \right) \quad (2)$$

**Proximal zone 1:**  $r \leq R_s \rightarrow$  skin:  $T_1, S_1$

$R_s$

Transient flow in the aquifer:

$$T_2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 s_2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial s_2}{\partial r} \right) = S_2 \frac{\partial s_2}{\partial t} \quad (3)$$

Outer boundary condition at infinity:

$$s_2(\infty) = 0 \quad (4)$$

**Distal zone 2:**  $r \geq R_s \rightarrow$  aquifer:  $T_2, S_2$

Continuity of flow at the common boundary:

$$s_1(R_s, t) = s_2(R_s, t) \quad (5)$$

$$2\pi R_s T_1 \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial r} = 2\pi R_s T_2 \frac{\partial s_2}{\partial r} \quad (6)$$

# BUTLER: LARGE-TIME APPROXIMATION

Pseudo-steady flow in the skin zone:

$$\frac{d^2 s_1}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{ds_1}{dr} \approx 0 \quad (7)$$

Condition (2) is true for all distances  $r$ :

$$Q \approx -2\pi r T_1 \frac{ds_1}{dr} \quad (8)$$

**Proximal zone 1:**  $r \leq R_s \rightarrow$  skin:  $T_1$

$R_s$

Laplace transform of PDE (3):

$$\frac{d^2 \bar{s}_2}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{s}_2}{dr} = \frac{S_2}{T_2} p \bar{s}_2 \quad (9)$$

Laplace transform of BC (4):

$$\bar{s}_2(\infty) = 0 \quad (10)$$

**Distal zone 2:**  $r \geq R_s \rightarrow$  aquifer:  $T_2, S_2$

Laplace transform of conditions (5) and (6):

$$\bar{s}_1(R_s, p) = \bar{s}_2(R_s, p) \quad (11)$$

$$2\pi R_s T_2 \frac{d\bar{s}_2}{dr} \approx \frac{-Q}{p} \quad (12)$$

# BUTLER: LARGE-TIME APPROXIMATION

Solution of (7) subject to (8) and (5):

$$s_1(r, t) \approx s_2(R_s, t) + \frac{Q}{2\pi T_1} \ln \frac{R_s}{r} \quad (13)$$

General solution of (9) after applying BC (10) which yields  $\alpha = 0$ :

$$\bar{s}_2(r, p) = \beta K_0(r\omega)$$

$$\text{with } \omega = \sqrt{S_2 p / T_2} \quad (14)$$

Applying BC (12):

$$2\pi R_s T_2 \beta \omega K_1(R_s \omega) \approx \frac{Q}{p} \quad (15)$$

From (14) and (15):

$$\bar{s}_2(r, p) \approx \frac{Q}{2\pi T_2 p} \frac{K_0(r\omega)}{R_s \omega K_1(R_s \omega)} \quad (16)$$

If  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $p \rightarrow 0$  and  $R_s \omega K_1(R_s \omega) \rightarrow 1$ :

$$\bar{s}_2(r, p) \approx \frac{Q}{2\pi T_2 p} K_0(r\omega) \quad (17)$$

Analytically inverting (17):

$$s_2(r, t) \approx \frac{Q}{4\pi T_2} W\left(\frac{r^2 S_2}{4tT_2}\right) \quad (18)$$

If  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , then (18) is approximated as:

$$s_2(r, t) \approx \frac{Q}{2\pi T_2} \ln\left(\frac{1}{r} \sqrt{\frac{4tT_2}{e^\gamma S_2}}\right) \quad (19)$$

# BUTLER: LARGE-TIME SOLUTION

Combining (13) and (19):

$$s_1(r, t) \approx \frac{Q}{2\pi T_2} \ln \frac{R}{R_s} + \frac{Q}{2\pi T_1} \ln \frac{R_s}{r}$$

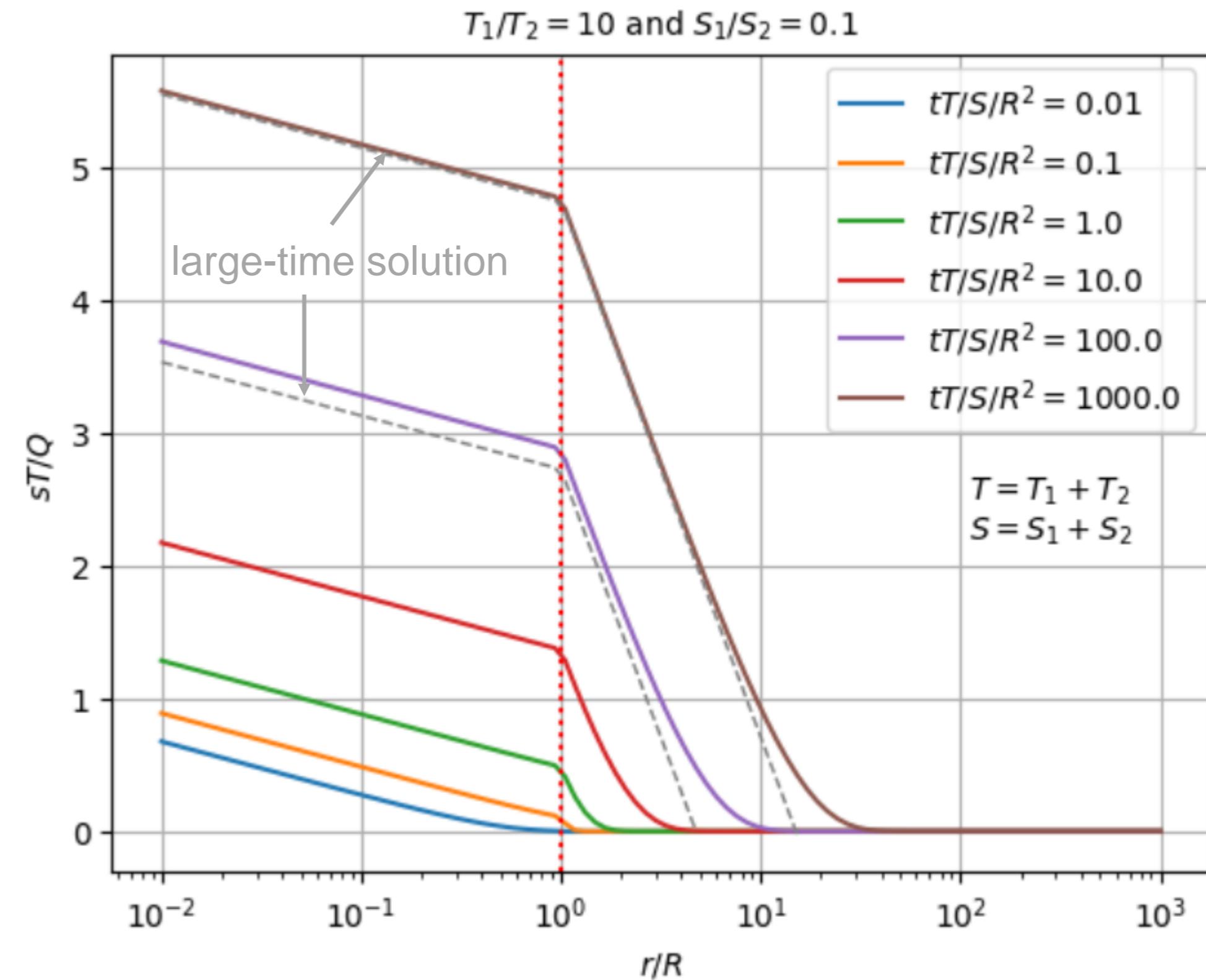
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$$s_2(r, t) \approx \frac{Q}{2\pi T_2} \ln \frac{R}{r}$$

with  $R = \sqrt{\frac{4tT_2}{e^\gamma S_2}}$

radius of influence

(20)



# SKIN FACTOR

Definition of dimensionless skin factor  $F$ :

$$F = \frac{T_2}{T_1} \ln \frac{R_s}{r_w} \quad (21)$$

Drawdown  $s_w$  in pumping well:

$$s_w(t) = s(R_s, t) + \frac{Q}{2\pi T_2} F \quad (22)$$

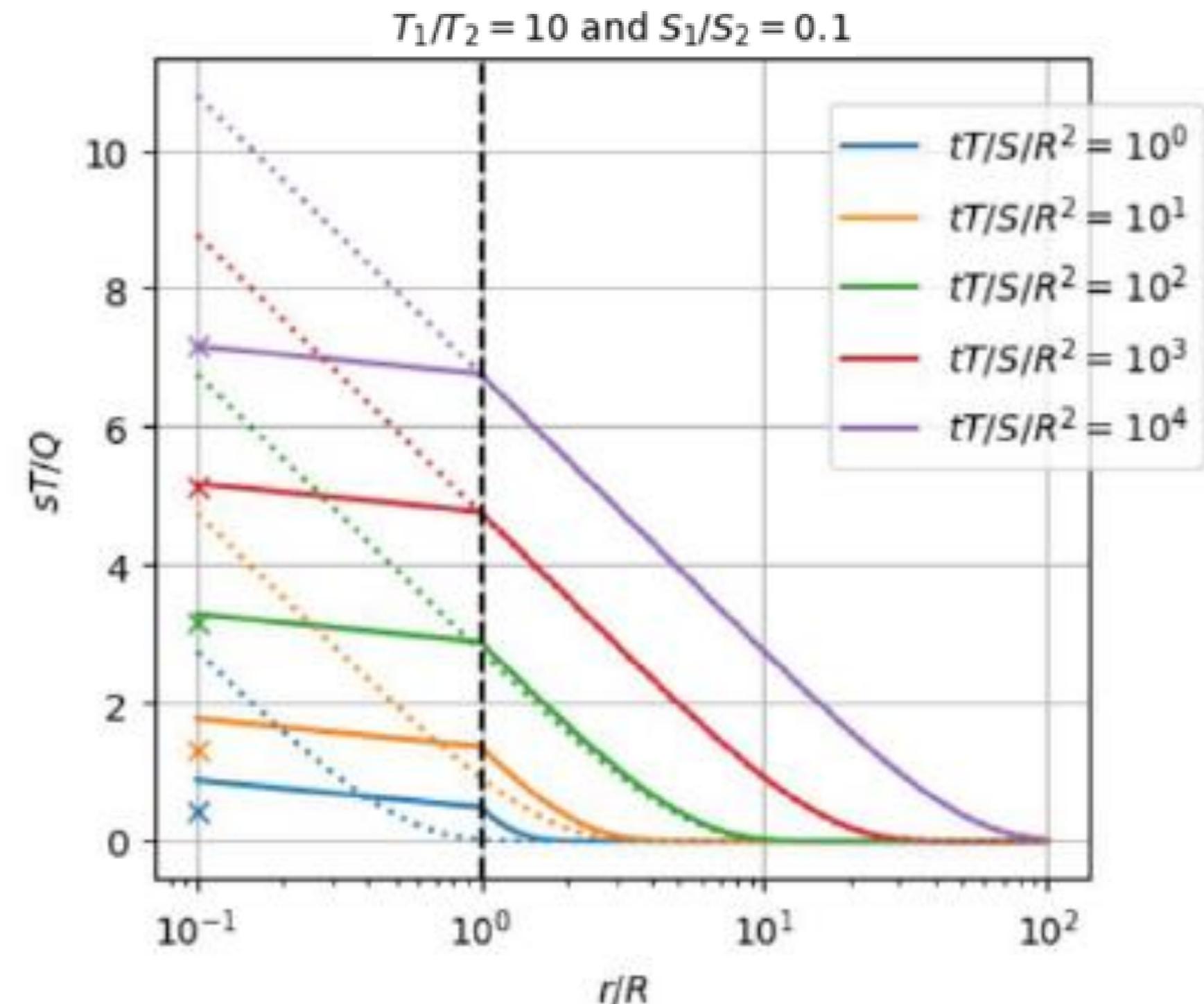
(22) corresponds to (20) as:

$$s_w(t) = s_1(r_w, t)$$

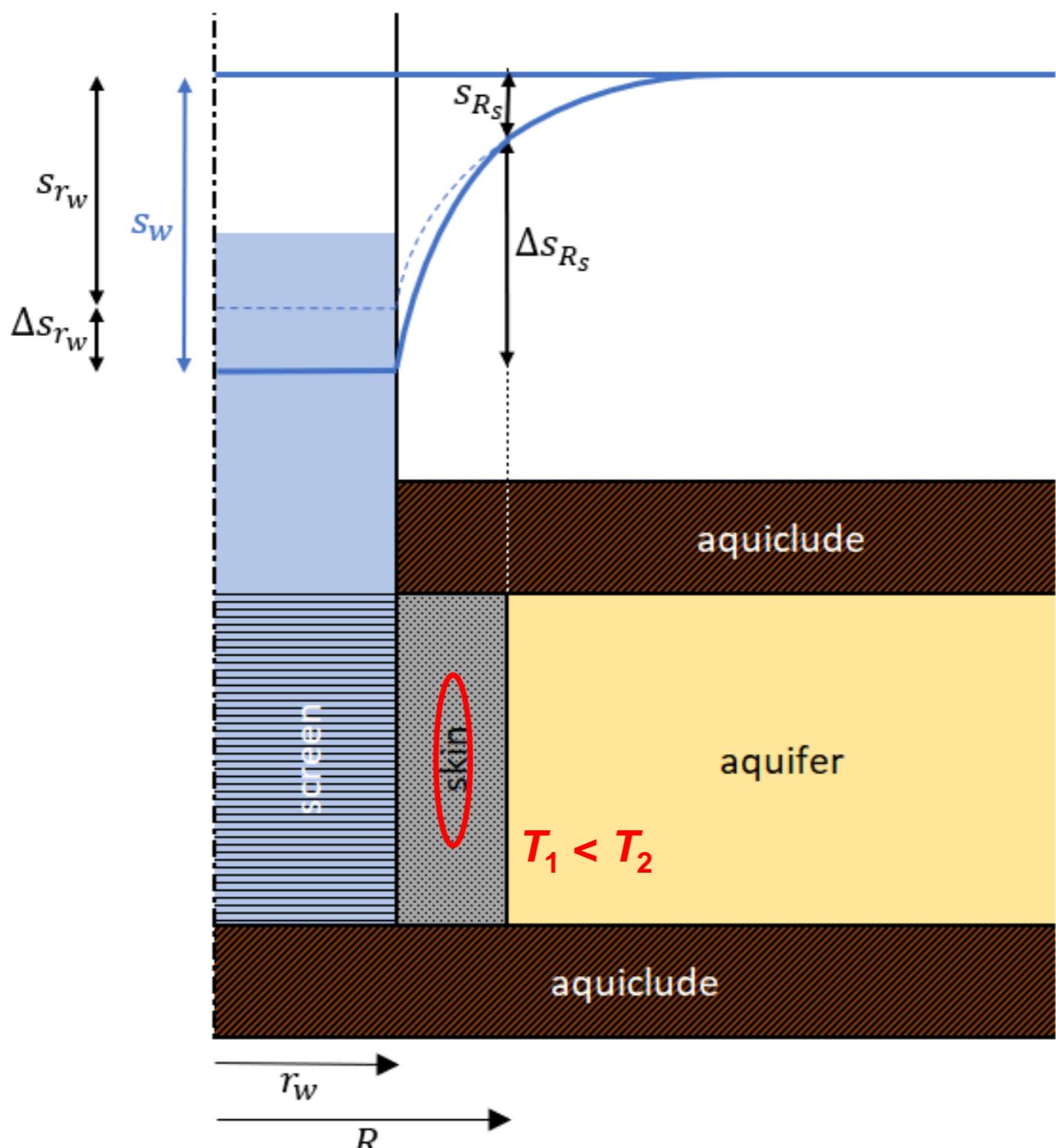
$$s(R_s, t) = \frac{Q}{2\pi T_2} \ln \frac{R}{R_s} \quad \text{Cooper-Jacob}$$

$$\frac{Q}{2\pi T_2} F = \frac{Q}{2\pi T_1} \ln \frac{R_s}{r_w} \quad \text{Thiem}$$

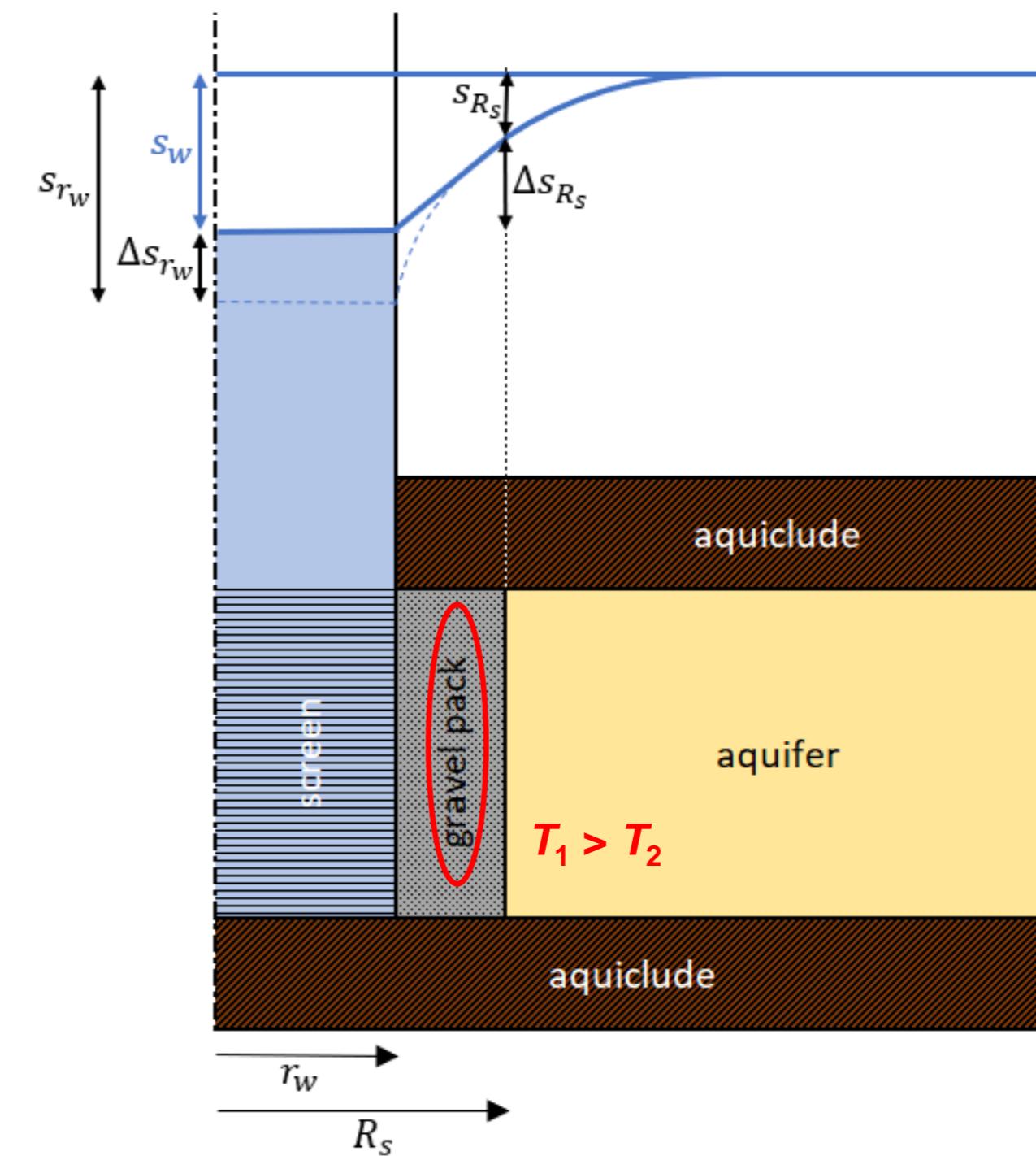
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- dotted lines: Theis (1935)
- crosses: Theis + skin factor



# SKIN EFFECT



*positive skin effect*



*negative skin effect*

# AXISYMMETRIC FLOW

# IN MULTILAYER

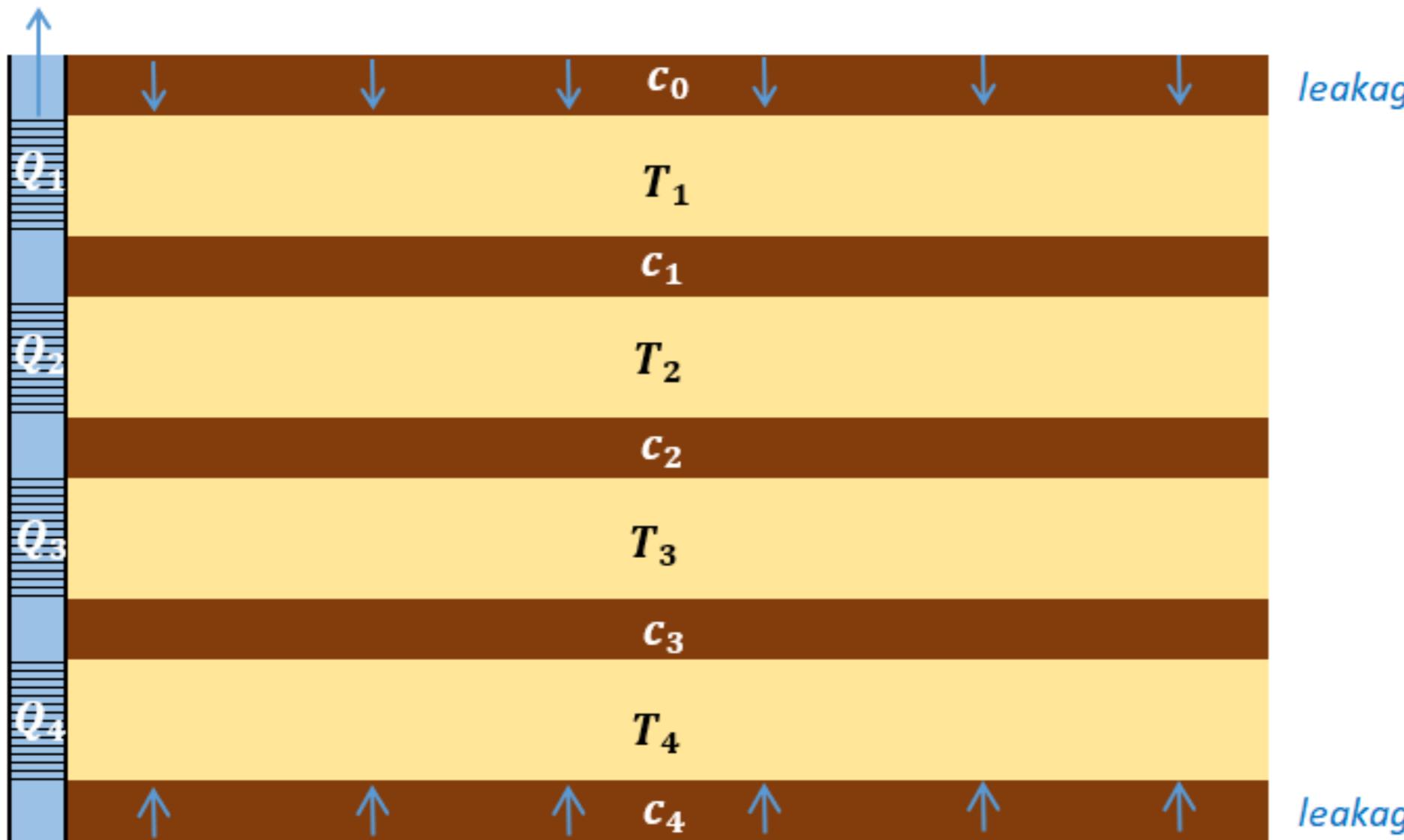
# AQUIFER SYSTEMS

# EVOLUTION OF AXISYMMETRIC MODELS

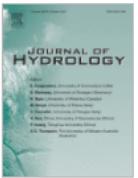
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# HEMKER: STEADY MULTI-AQUIFER FLOW



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**Steady** flow to a well in a leaky multi-aquifer system (Hemker, 1984)

$$s = V^{-1} KVQ$$

# HEMKER (1984) MODEL: ASSUMPTIONS

- Flow:
  - Axisymmetric
  - **Steady-state**
  - Aquifers: strictly horizontal
  - Aquitards: strictly vertical
- Well:
  - Fully penetrating screens
  - Screens are not connected
  - Constant pumping rates
  - Infinitesimal radius
- Aquifer system:
  - Homogeneous aquifers and aquitards
  - Aquifers have constant saturated thickness
  - Incompressible aquitards → zero-thickness resistance layers
  - Laterally unbounded
  - Leaky top and bottom (**both top and bottom impervious is not possible!**)

# HEMKER (1984): PROBLEM STATEMENT

Steady flow in each layer  $i$ :

$$T_i \left( \frac{d^2 s_i}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{ds_i}{dr} \right) = \frac{s_i - s_{i-1}}{c_{i-1}} + \frac{s_i - s_{i+1}}{c_i}$$

leakage from adjacent layers

(1)

Matrix notation:

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{s}}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{dr} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$$

(4)

Inner boundary condition at zero:

$$Q_i = - \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( 2\pi r T_i \frac{ds_i}{dr} \right)$$

(2)

$$Q = - \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( r \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{dr} \right)$$

(5)

Outer boundary condition at infinity:

$$s_i(\infty) = 0$$

(3)

$$\mathbf{s}(\infty) = \mathbf{0}$$

(6)

# HEMKER (1984): MATRICES

Vector  $\mathbf{s}$  :

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_{n_l} \end{bmatrix}$$

Vector  $\mathbf{Q}$  :

$$\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \begin{bmatrix} Q_1/T_1 \\ \vdots \\ Q_{n_l}/T_{n_l} \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $n_l$  the number of layers

System matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  :

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + b_1 & -b_1 & 0 & \cdots \\ -a_2 & a_2 + b_2 & -b_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots & \\ \vdots & & & \\ \cdots & -a_{n_l} & a_{n_l} + b_{n_l} & \end{bmatrix}$$

with

$$a_i = \frac{1}{c_{i-1} T_i}$$

$$b_i = \frac{1}{c_i T_i}$$

# HEMKER (1984): EIGENDECOMPOSITION

Eigendecomposition of matrix  $A$ :

$$A = V^{-1}DV \quad (7)$$

Applying (7) to ODE (4) with  $g = Vs$ :

$$\frac{d^2g}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dg}{dr} = Dg \quad (8)$$

Multiplying each side of (5) and (6) by  $V$ :

$$q = VQ = -\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( r \frac{dg}{dr} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$g(\infty) = 0 \quad (10)$$

General solution of (8):

$$g = I\alpha + K\beta \quad (11)$$

Diagonal matrices  $I$  and  $K$ :

$$I_{ii} = I_0(r\sqrt{d_i}) \text{ and } K_{ii} = K_0(r\sqrt{d_i})$$

with  $d_i$  the  $i$ -th eigenvalue of  $A$

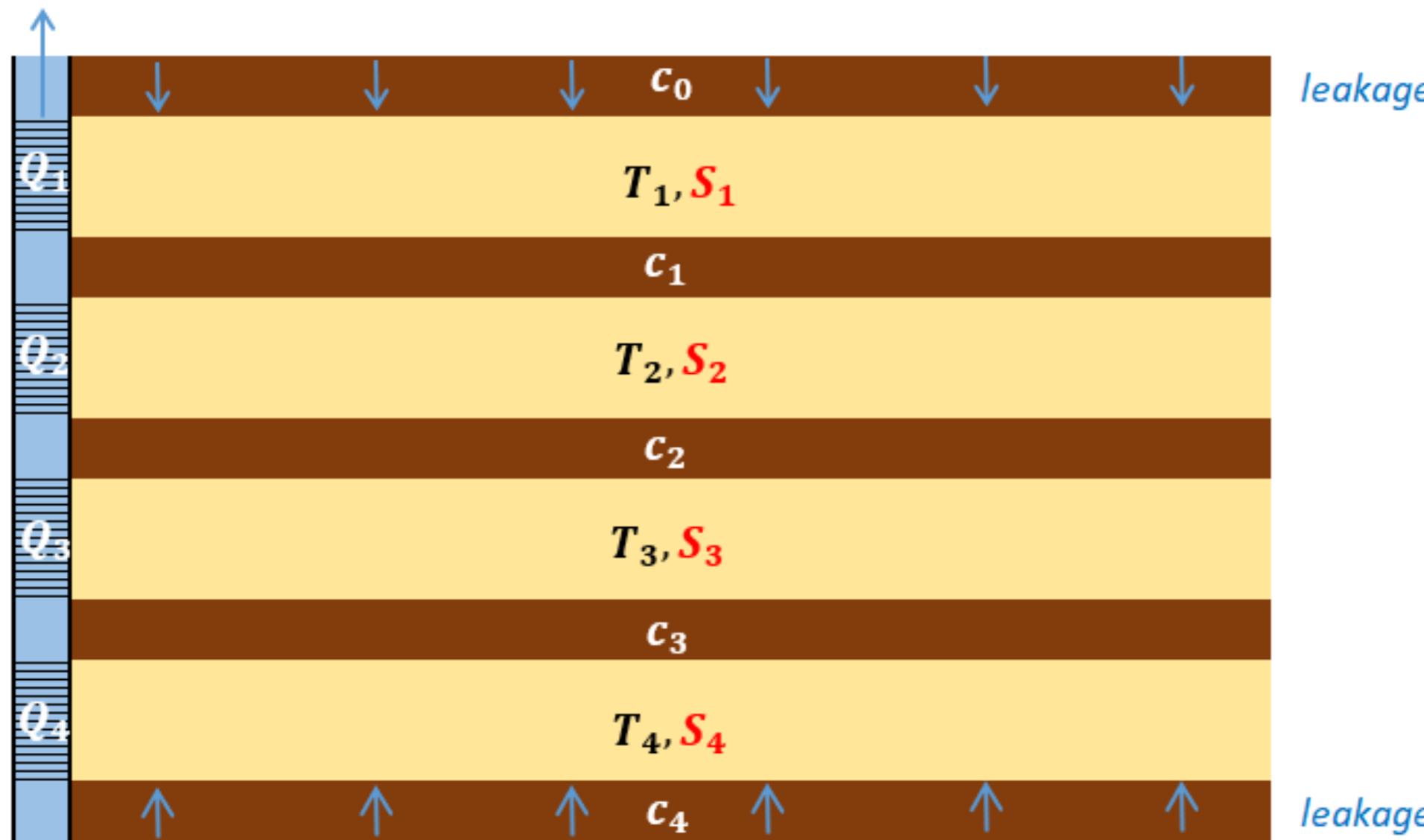
From (10):  $\alpha = 0$

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Introducing  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in (11):

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# HEMKER: TRANSIENT MULTI-AQUIFER FLOW



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Transient well flow in leaky multiple-aquifer systems

C.J. Hemker<sup>1,b</sup>

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**Transient** flow to a well in a leaky multi-aquifer system (Hemker, 1985)

$$\bar{\mathbf{s}} = V^{-1} \mathbf{K} V \mathbf{Q}$$

= Laplace solution which is numerically inverted

# HEMKER (1985) MODEL: ASSUMPTIONS

- Flow:
  - Axisymmetric
  - **Transient-state**
  - Aquifers: strictly horizontal
  - Aquitards: strictly vertical
- Well:
  - Fully penetrating screens
  - Screens are not connected
  - Constant pumping rates
  - Infinitesimal radius
- Aquifer system:
  - Homogeneous aquifers and aquitards
  - Aquifers have constant saturated thickness
  - Incompressible aquitards → zero-thickness resistance layers
  - Laterally unbounded
  - Leaky top and bottom (**both top and bottom impervious is possible!**)

# HEMKER (1985): PROBLEM STATEMENT

Transient flow in each layer  $i$ :

$$T_i \left( \frac{\partial^2 s_i}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial s_i}{\partial r} \right) = \boxed{S_i \frac{\partial s_i}{\partial r}} + \boxed{\frac{s_i - s_{i-1}}{c_{i-1}} + \frac{s_i - s_{i+1}}{c_i}} \quad (1)$$

storage change      leakage

Matrix notation + Laplace transform:

$$\frac{d^2 \bar{s}}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{s}}{dr} = A \bar{s} \quad (4)$$

Inner boundary condition at zero:

$$Q_i = - \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( 2\pi r T_i \frac{\partial s_i}{\partial r} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$Q = - \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( r \frac{d\bar{s}}{dr} \right) \quad (5)$$

Outer boundary condition at infinity:

$$s_i(\infty) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\bar{s}(\infty) = 0 \quad (6)$$

# HEMKER (1985): MATRICES

Vector  $\bar{s}$  :

$$\bar{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{s}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{s}_{n_l} \end{bmatrix}$$

Vector  $Q$  :

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System matrix  $A$  :

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# HEMKER: STEADY VS TRANSIENT

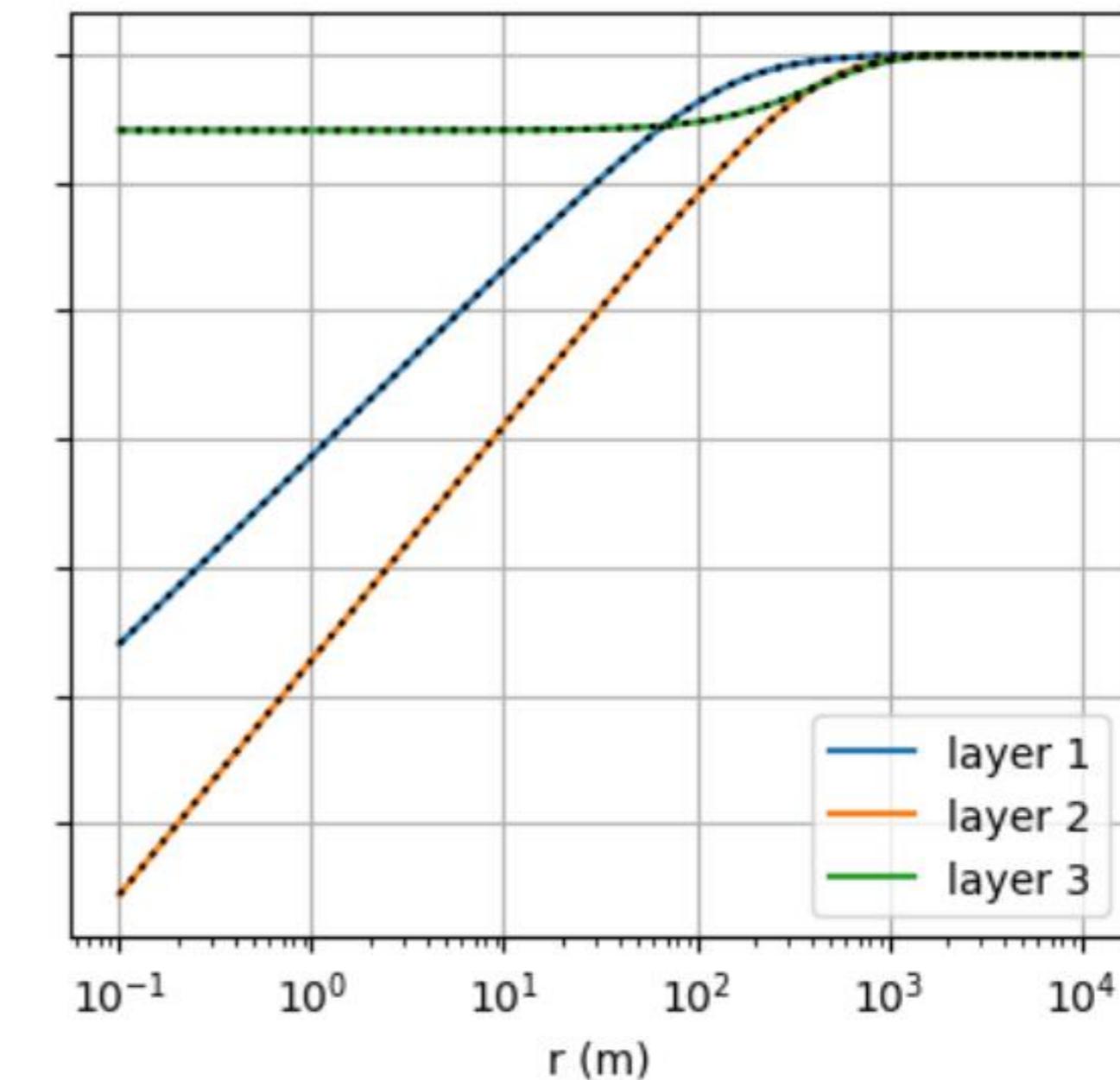
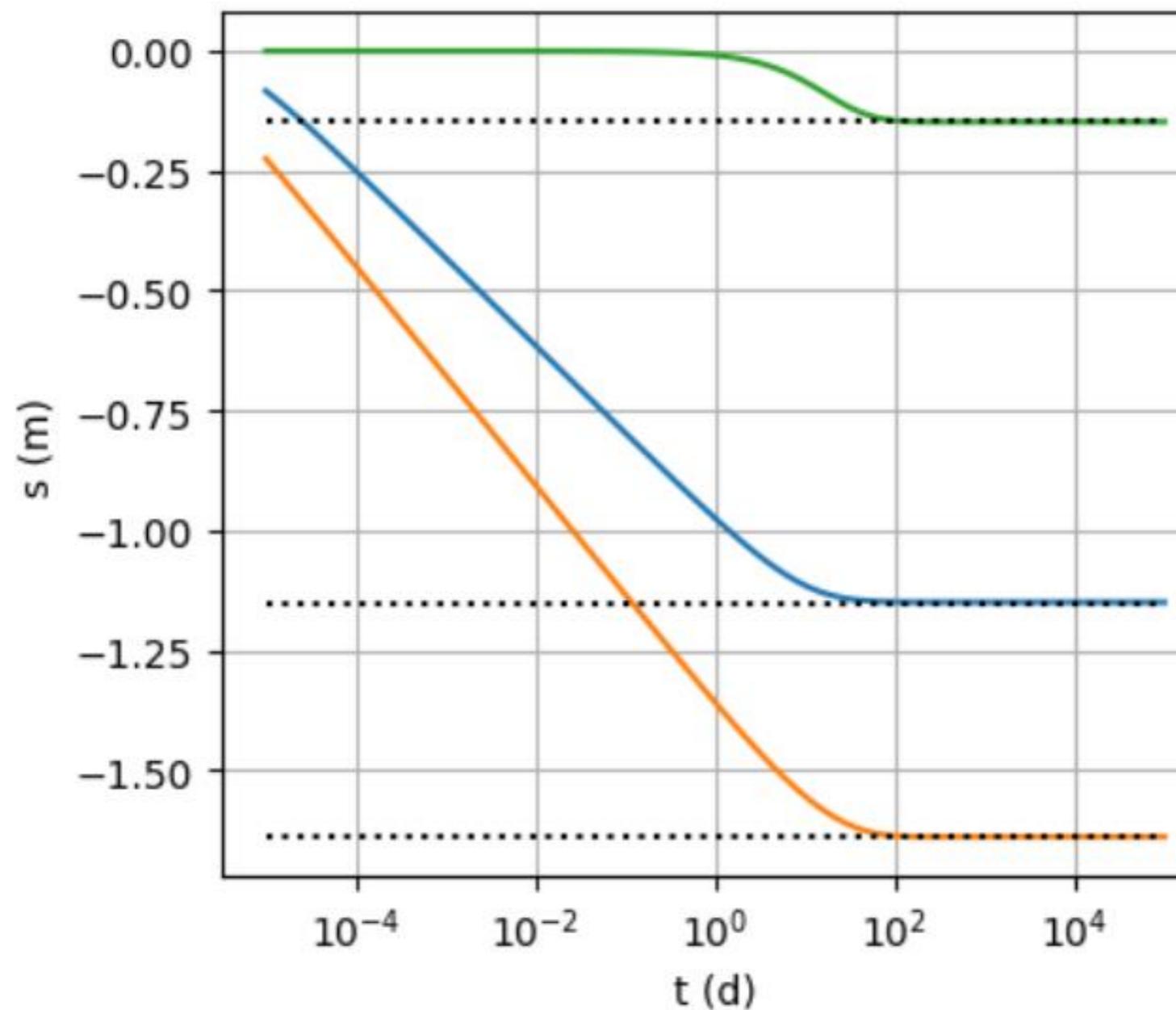


alouwyck / maxsypy

```
T = [100, 200, 50]          # aquifer transmissivities (m²/d)
S = [0.1, 0.05, 0.01]        # aquifer storativities (-)
c = [100, 500, 1000, np.inf] # aquitard resistances (d)
Q = [-100, -250, 0]          # pumping rates (m³/d)

model1 = Steady(T=T, Q=Q, c_top=c[0], c=c[1:-1], c_bot=c[-1])
model2 = Transient(T=T, S=S, Q=Q, c_top=c[0], c=c[1:-1], c_bot=c[-1])
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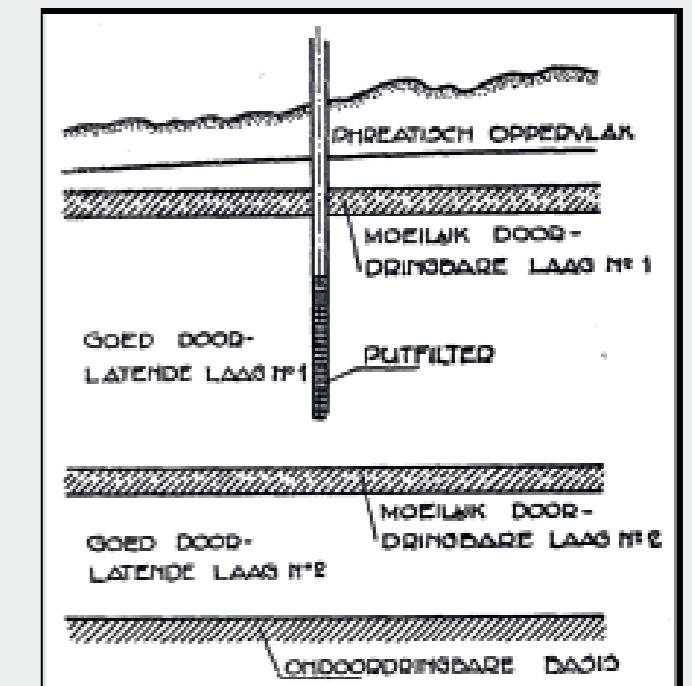
- solid lines: transient-state
- dotted lines: steady-state





- **Semi-analytical method:**
  - Generalized semi-analytical solution for multilayer flow
  - Extension to multilayer-multizone flow
- **Finite-difference approach:**
  - Matlab tool MAxSym for multilayer flow
  - MODFLOW procedure for axisymmetric flow
  - Extension to multi-node wells
- **Comparing both solution methods**

Axisymmetric Flow in  
Multilayer Aquifer Systems:  
Solutions and Theoretical Considerations



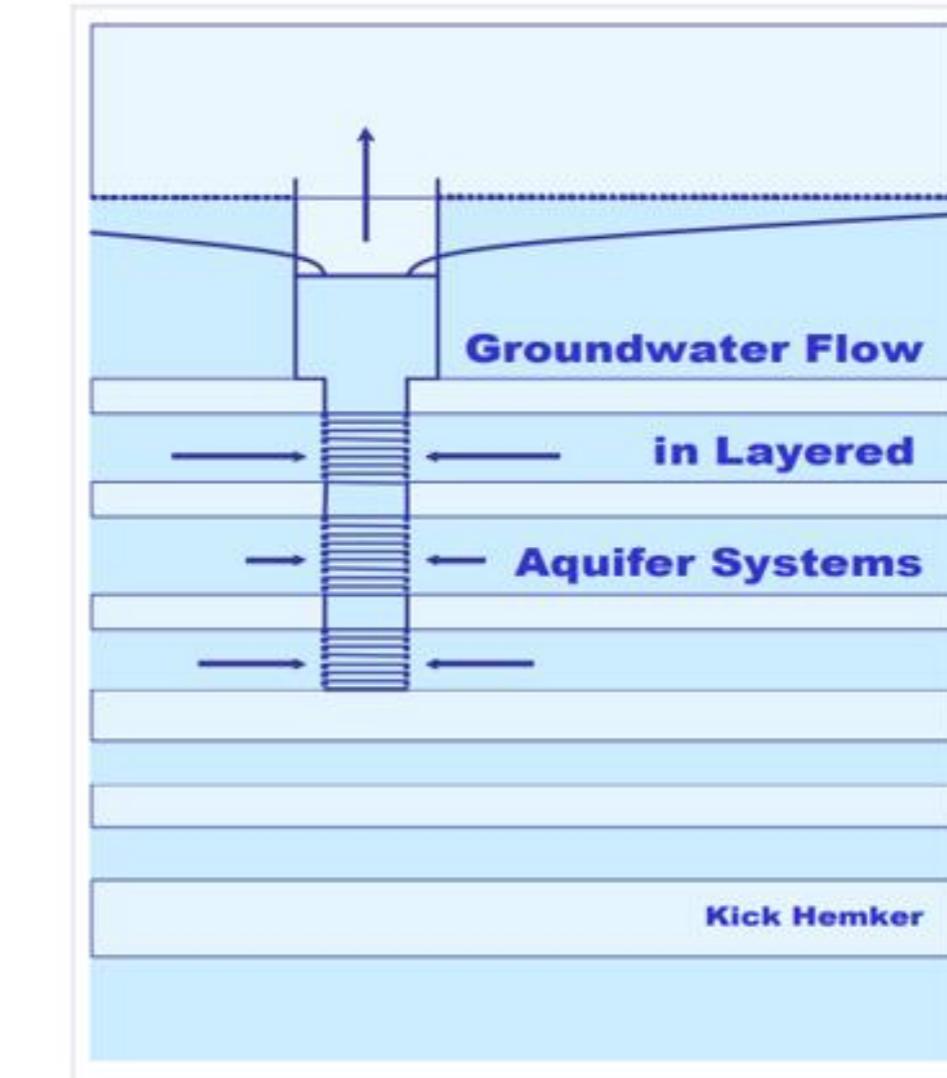
# GENERALIZED SEMI-ANALYTICAL SOLUTION

- Python code:
  - axisymmetric or parallel flow
  - steady or transient state
  - specified discharge or head
  - laterally bounded or unbounded
  - confined or leaky + recharge
  - superposition in space and time
- based on earlier work
  - Hemker (1984, 1985, 1999, 2000)
  - Bakker & Strack (2003)



```
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                  S=[0.1, 0.05, 0.01],    # storativities (-)
                  Q=[-100, -250, 0],     # pumping rates (m³/d)
                  c=[500, 1000],          # resistances (d)
                  c_top=100)             # top resistance (d)

t = np.logspace(-5, 5, 100) # simulation times (d)
r = 0.1 # well-radius (m)
s = model.h(r, t) # drawdown s (m)
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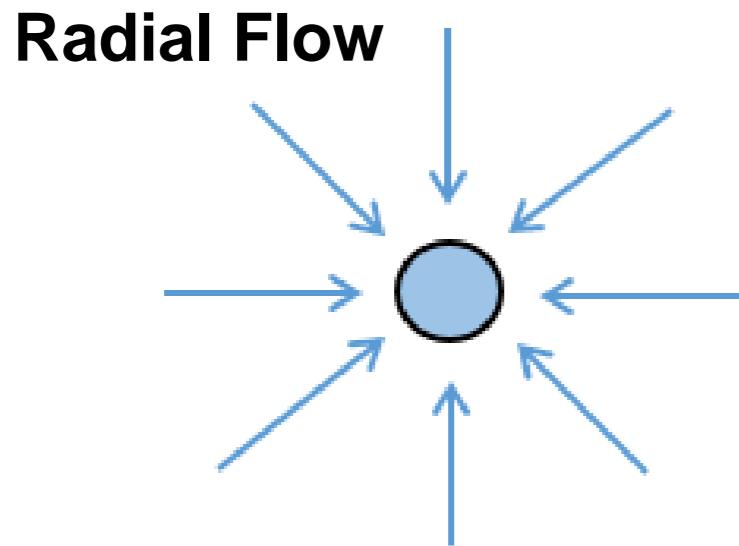


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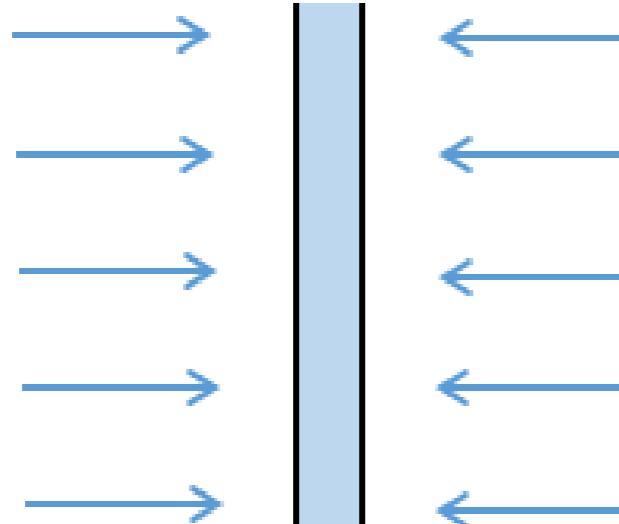


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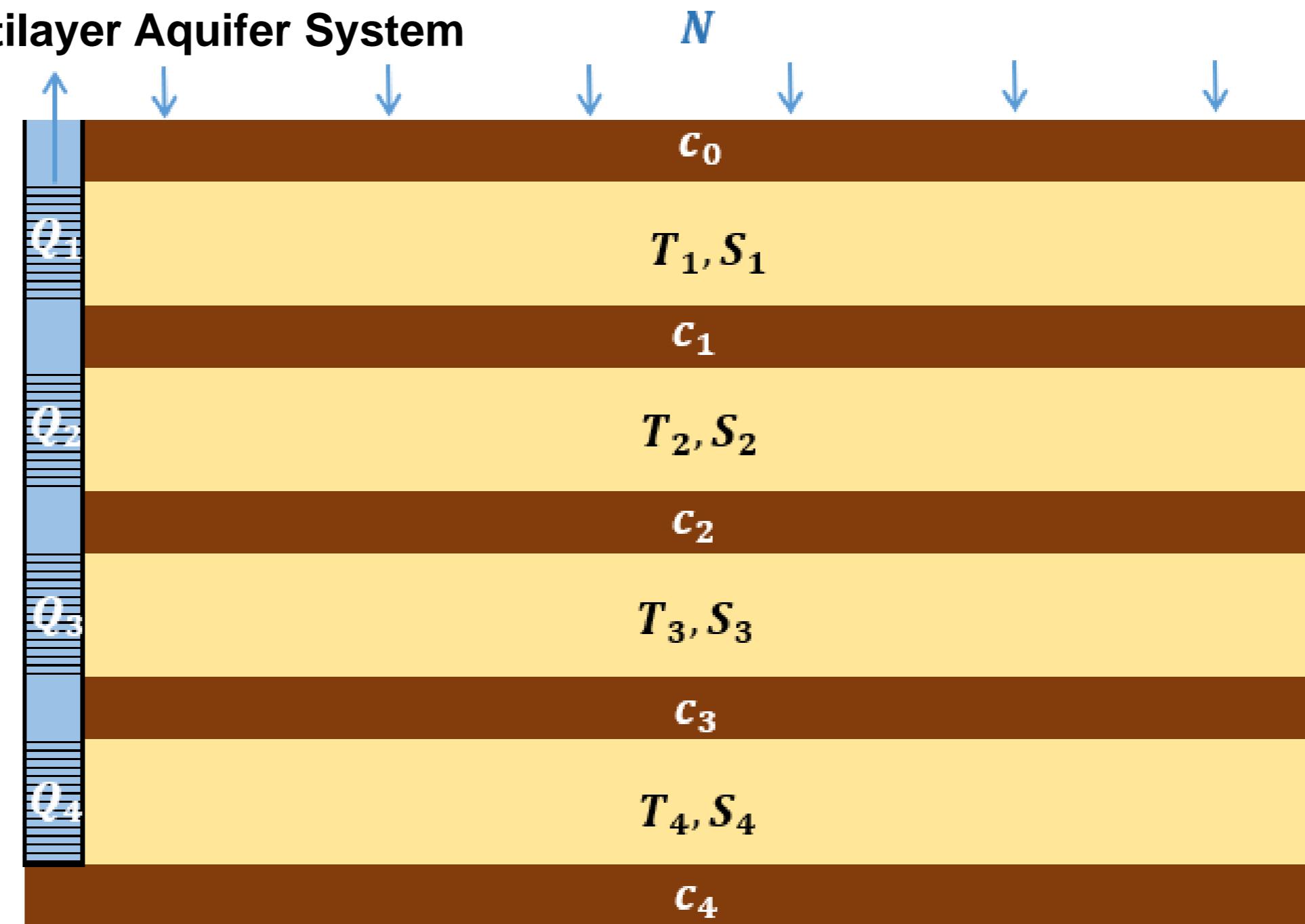
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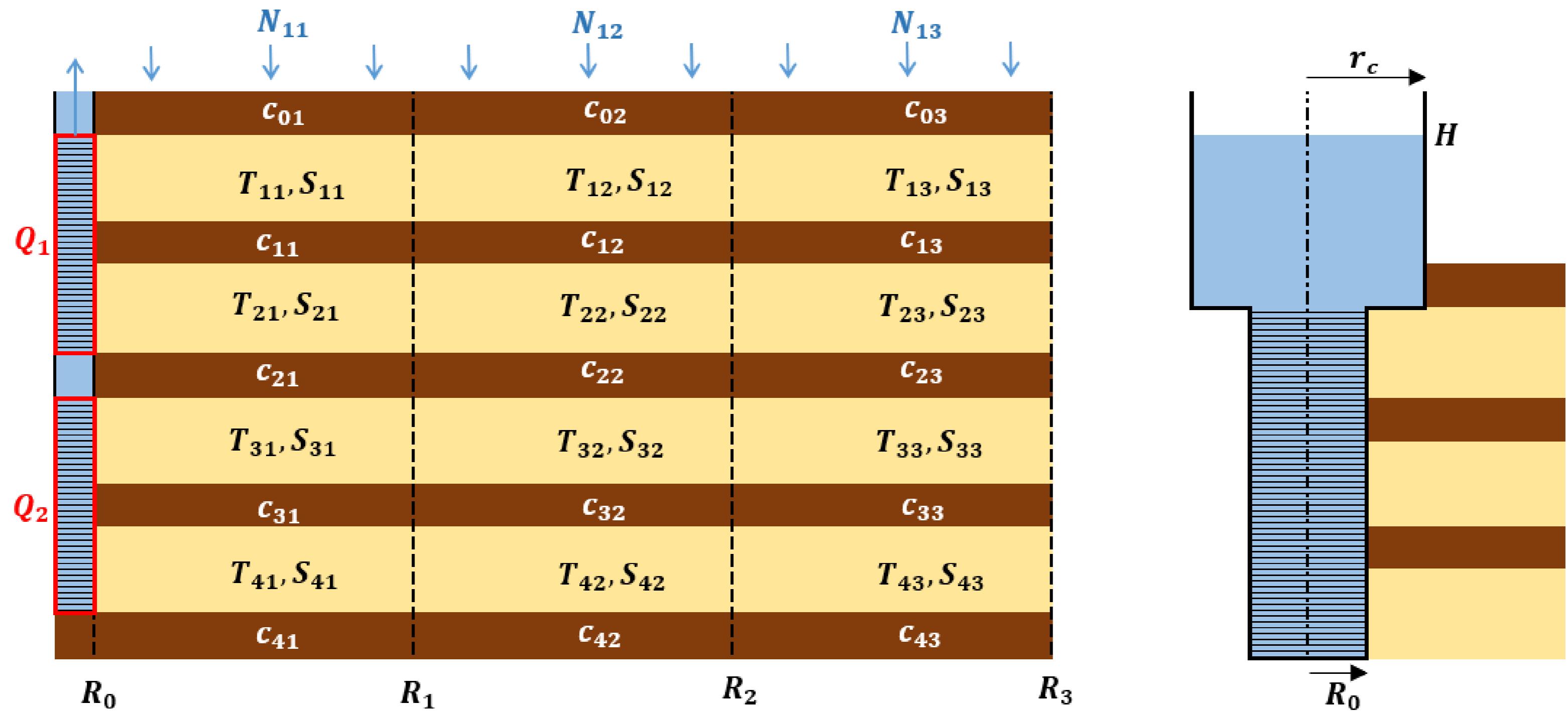
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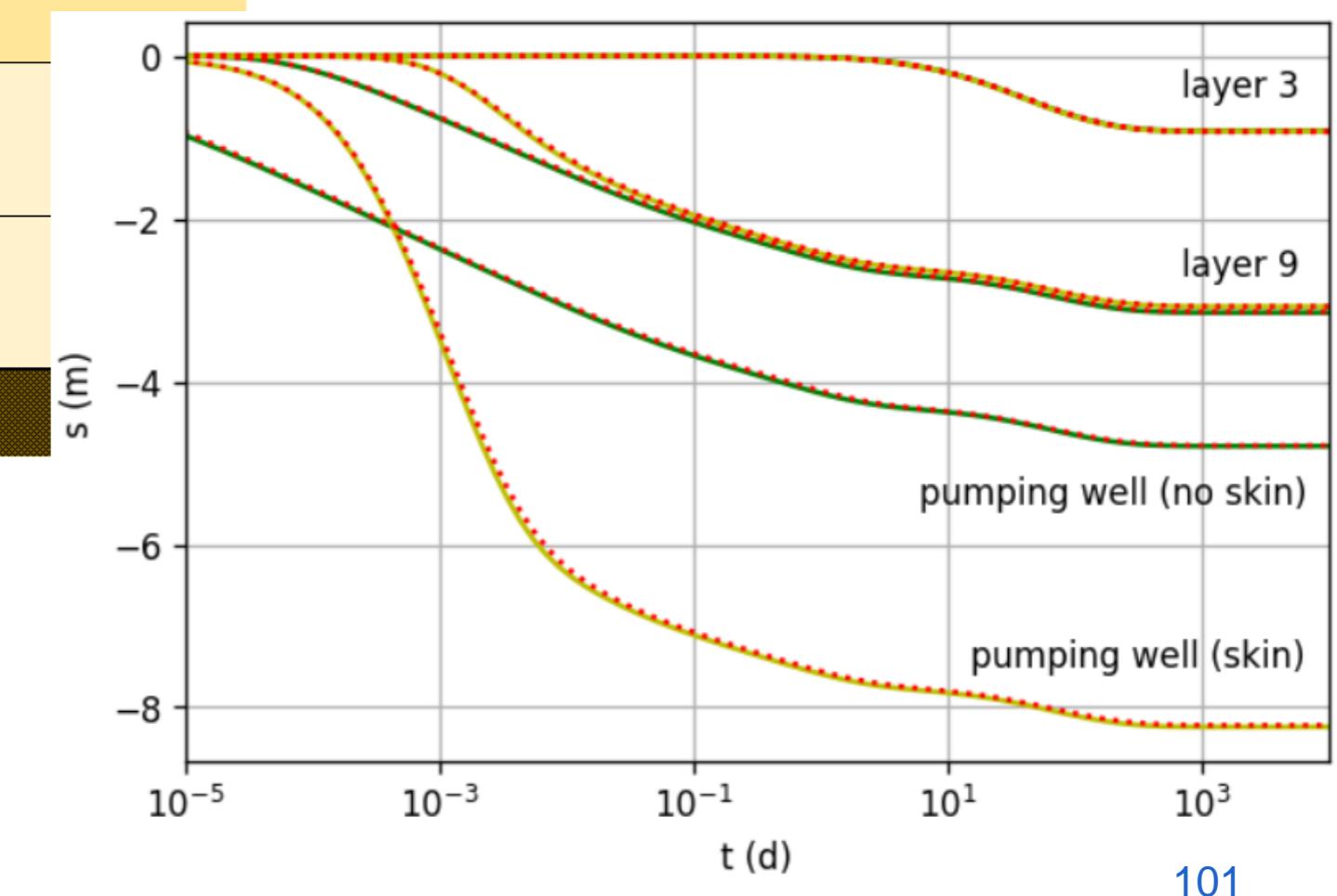
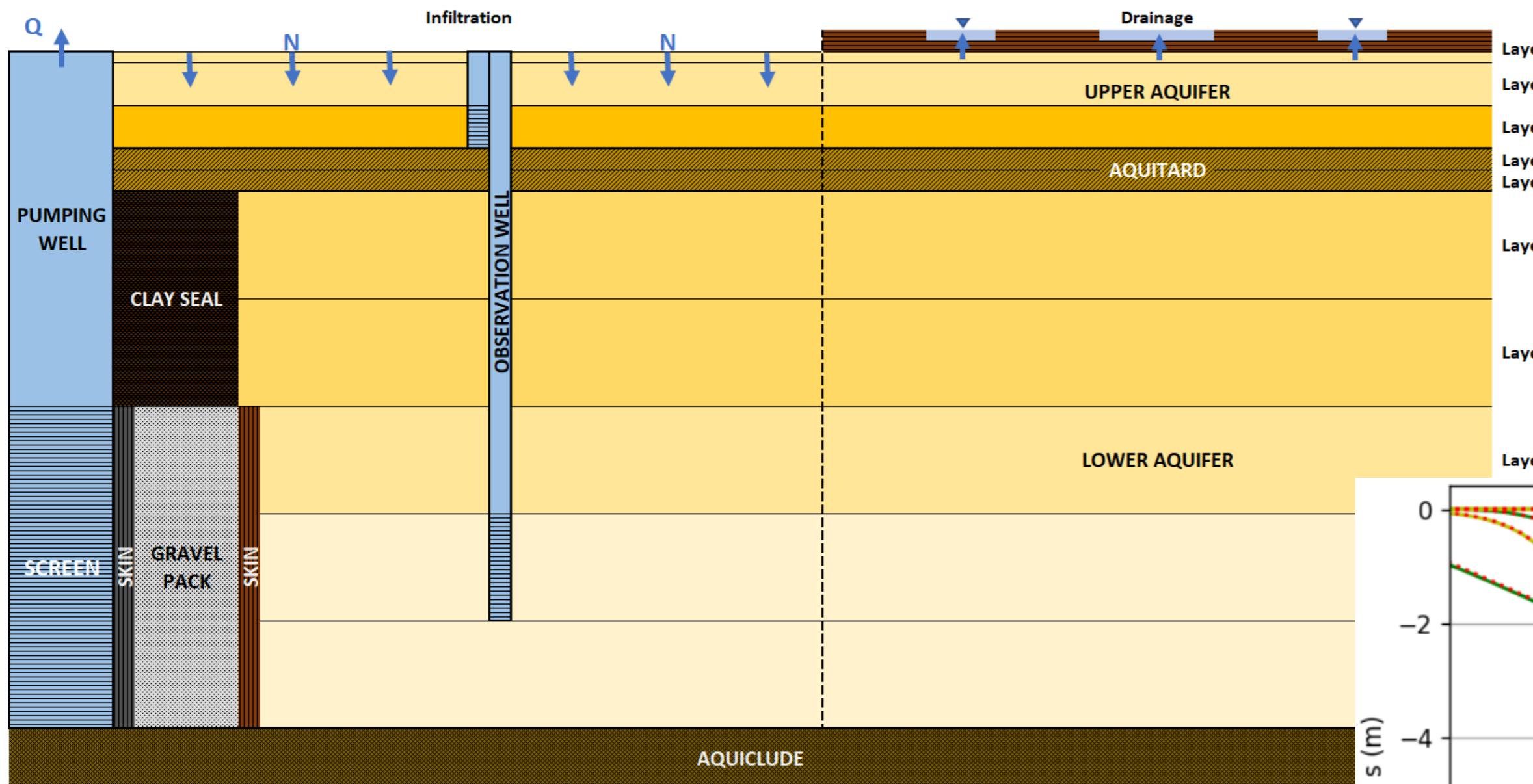
**Multilayer Aquifer System**



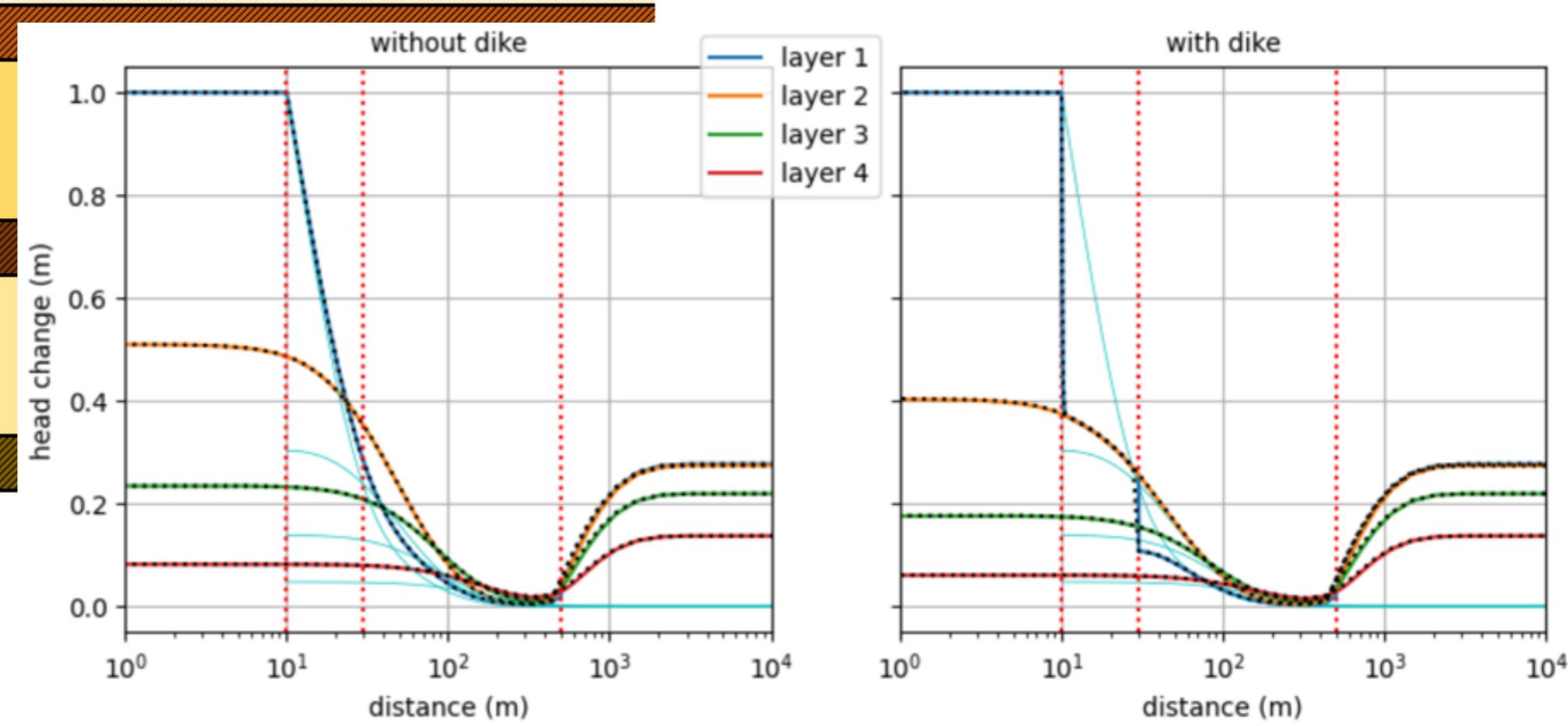
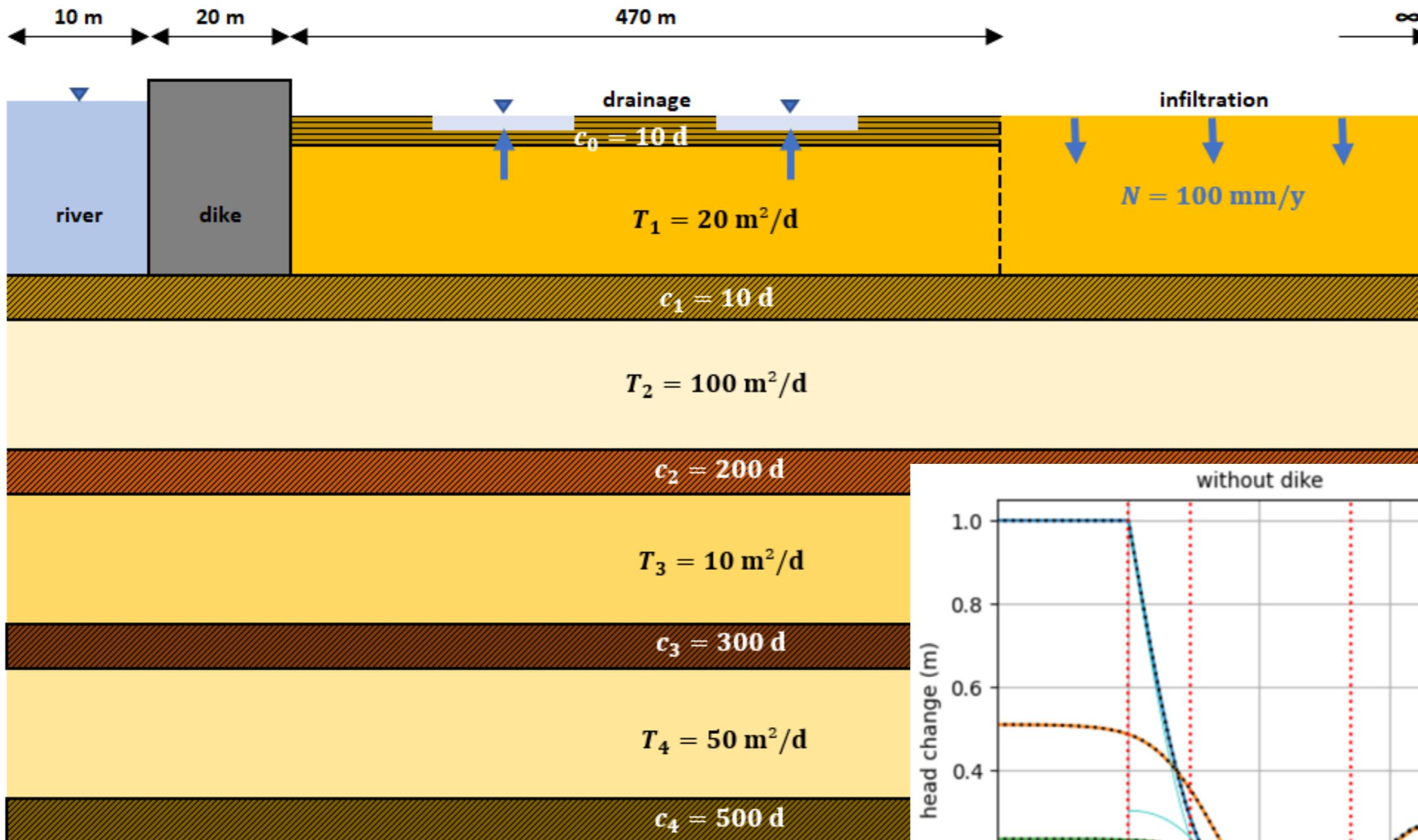
# EXTENSION: MULTILAYER-MULTIZONE FLOW



# EXAMPLE: MULTILAYER WELL



# EXAMPLE: EMBANKED RIVER



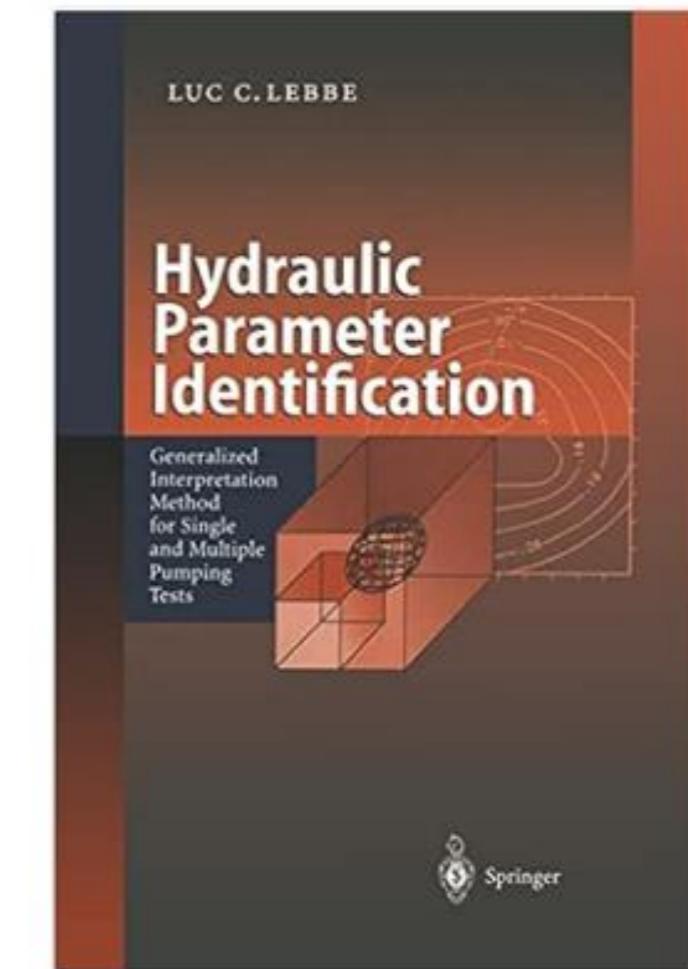


## – software implementations

- AS2D Matlab wrapper
- OGMA-RF (Louwyck et al., 2007, 2010; Vandenbohede et al., 2008, 2009)
- MAxSym (Louwyck, 2011, 2015; Louwyck et al., 2012)
- MODFLOW procedure (Louwyck et al., 2012, 2014)
- Python version

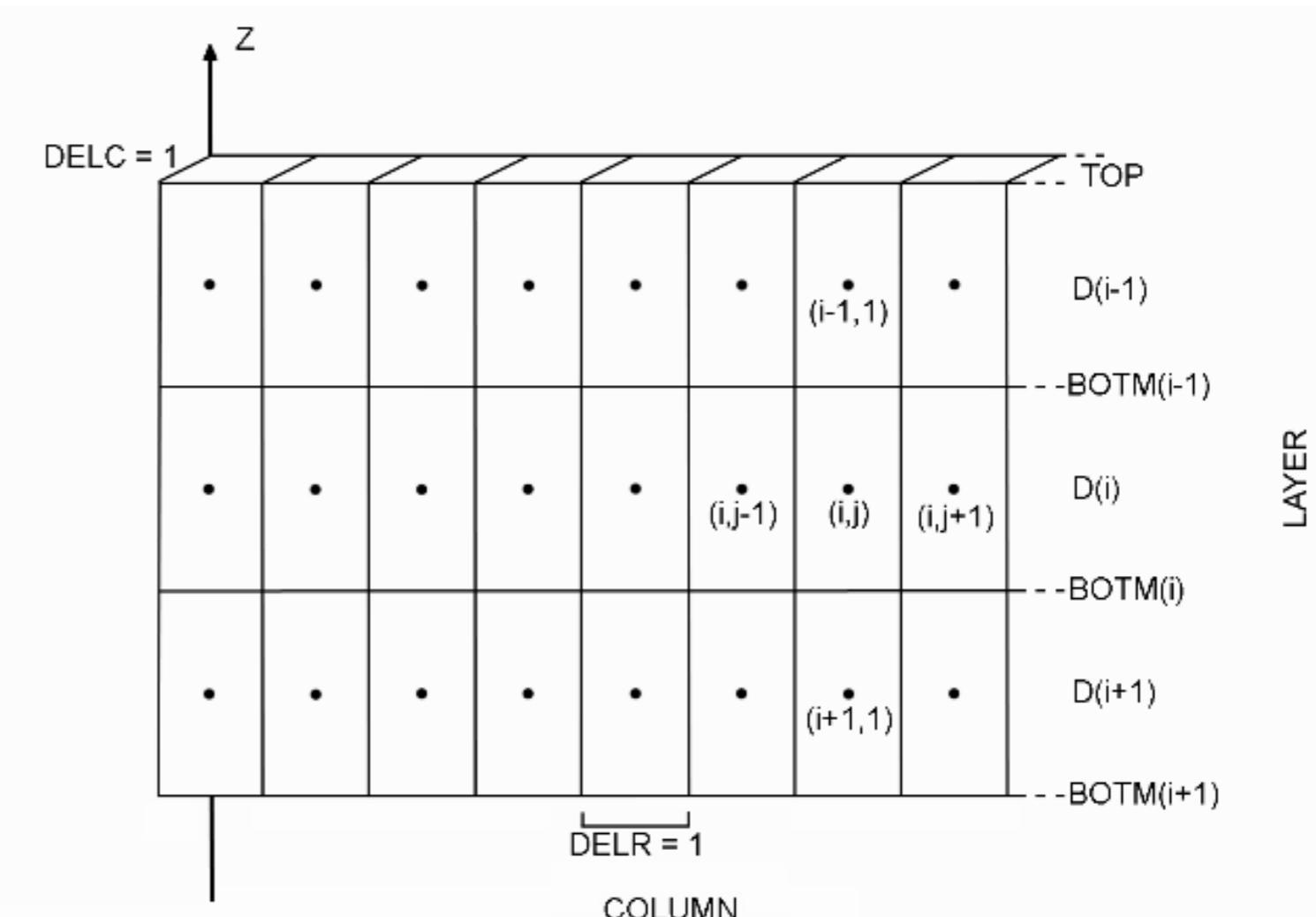
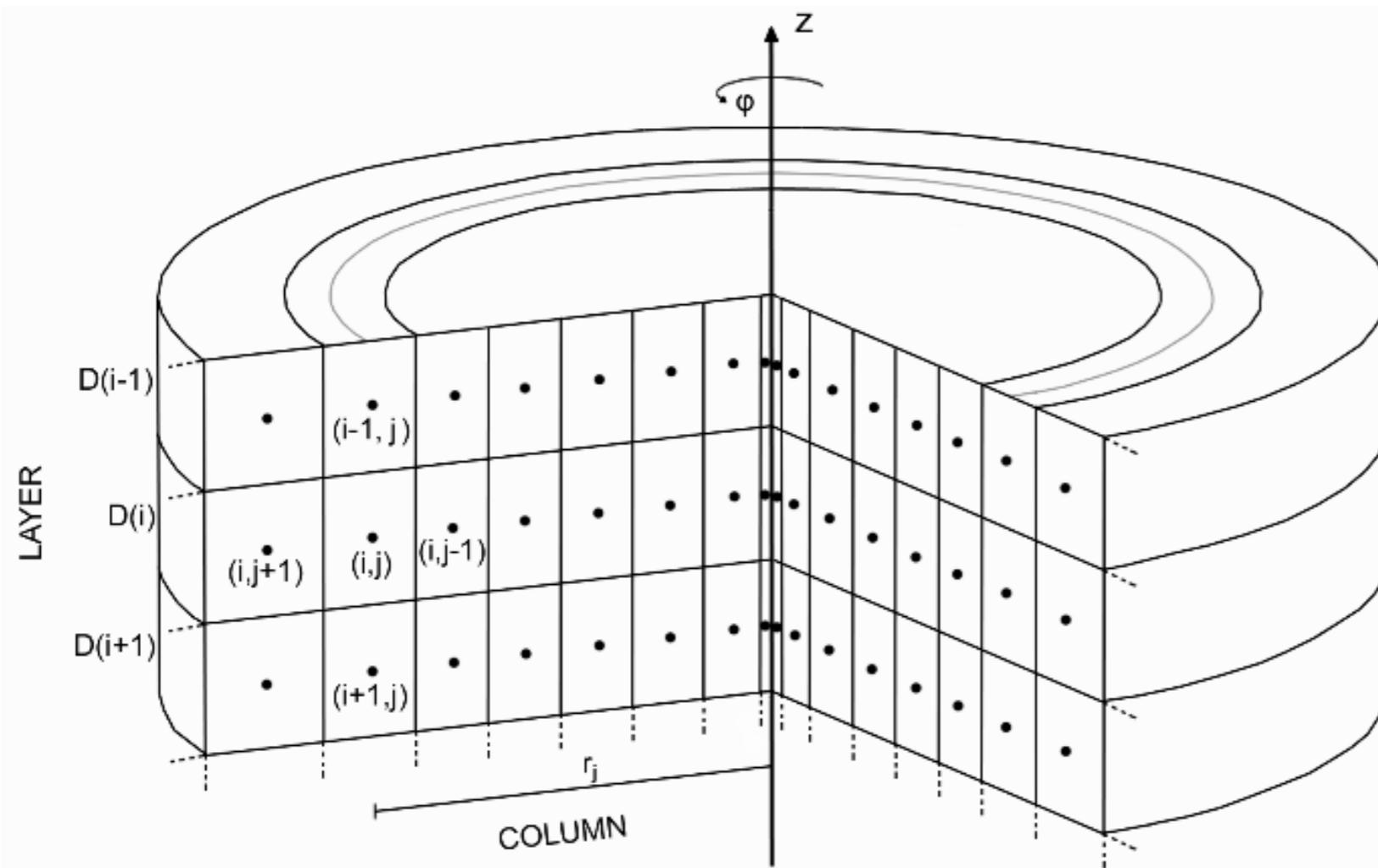
## – based on earlier work

- AS2D (Lebbe, 1983, 1988, 1999)
- MODFLOW (1984, 1988, 1996, 2000, 2005)
- MODFLOW procedure (Langevin, 2008)



Luc Lebbe

# MODFLOW PROCEDURE



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**MODFLOW procedure to simulate axisymmetric flow in radially heterogeneous and layered aquifer systems**

# CONCLUSIONS

## **Semi-Analytical (SA) vs Finite-Difference (FD):**

- both very accurate and fast
- FD easier to implement in case of
  - heterogeneities
  - nonlinearities
- SA offers insight!

# A THEORETICAL CASE

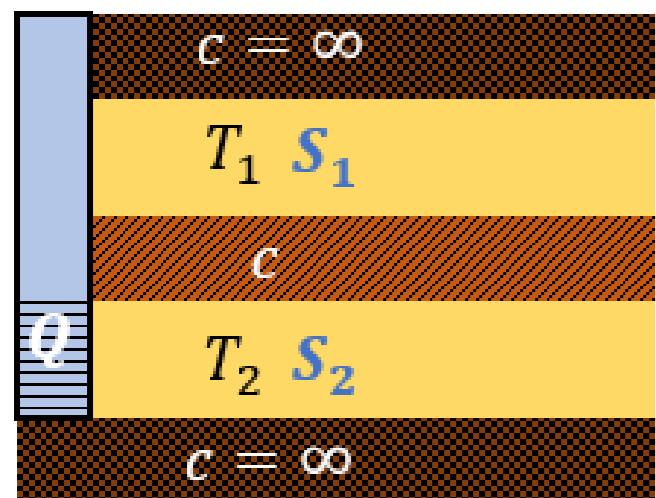
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# STUDY

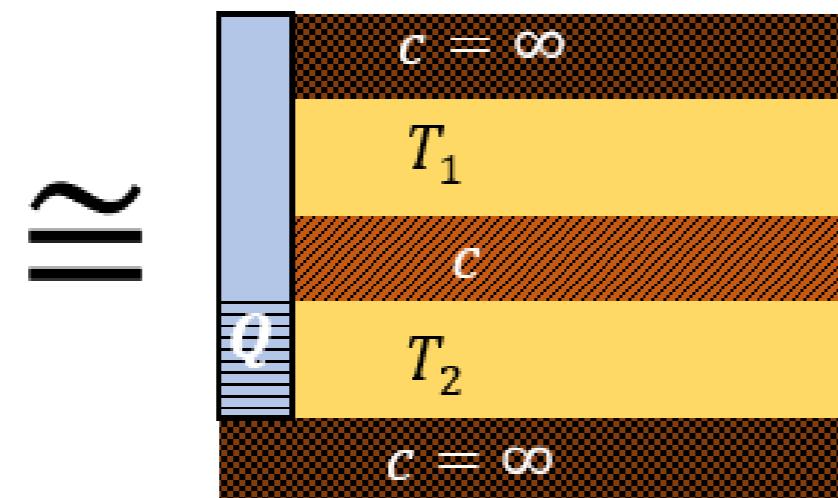
# LARGE TIME APPROXIMATION

for confined multilayer well-flow:

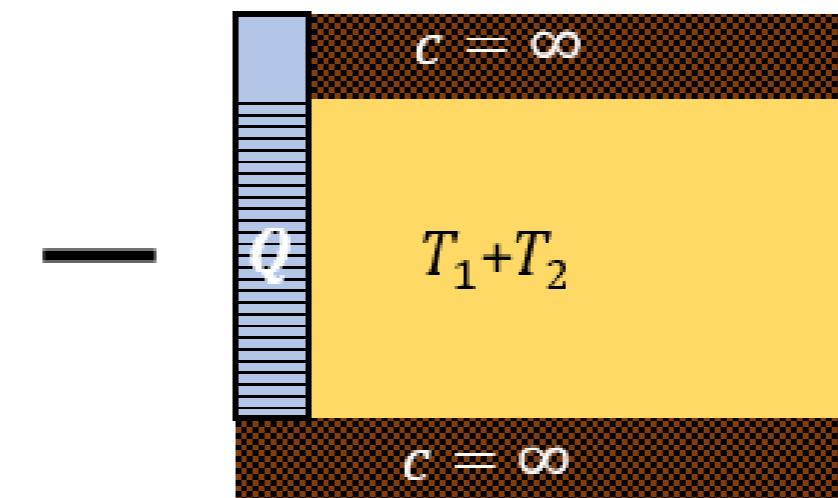
$$s(i, r, t) \sim s_{steady}(i, r) - s_{thiem}(r) + s_{theis}(r, t) \quad (t \rightarrow \infty)$$



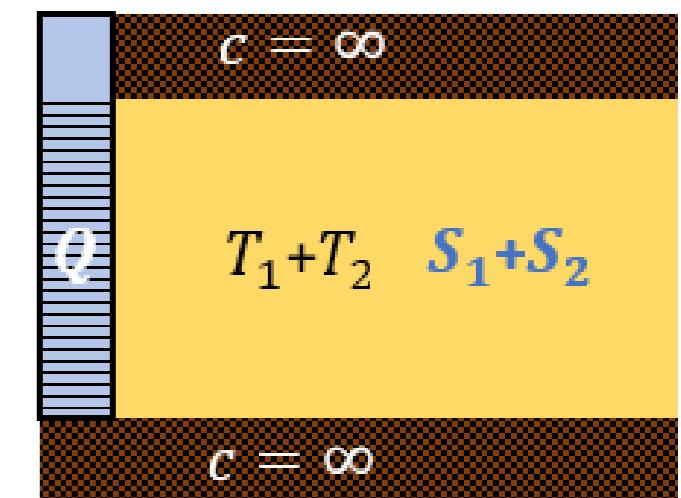
transient-state solution



steady-state solution



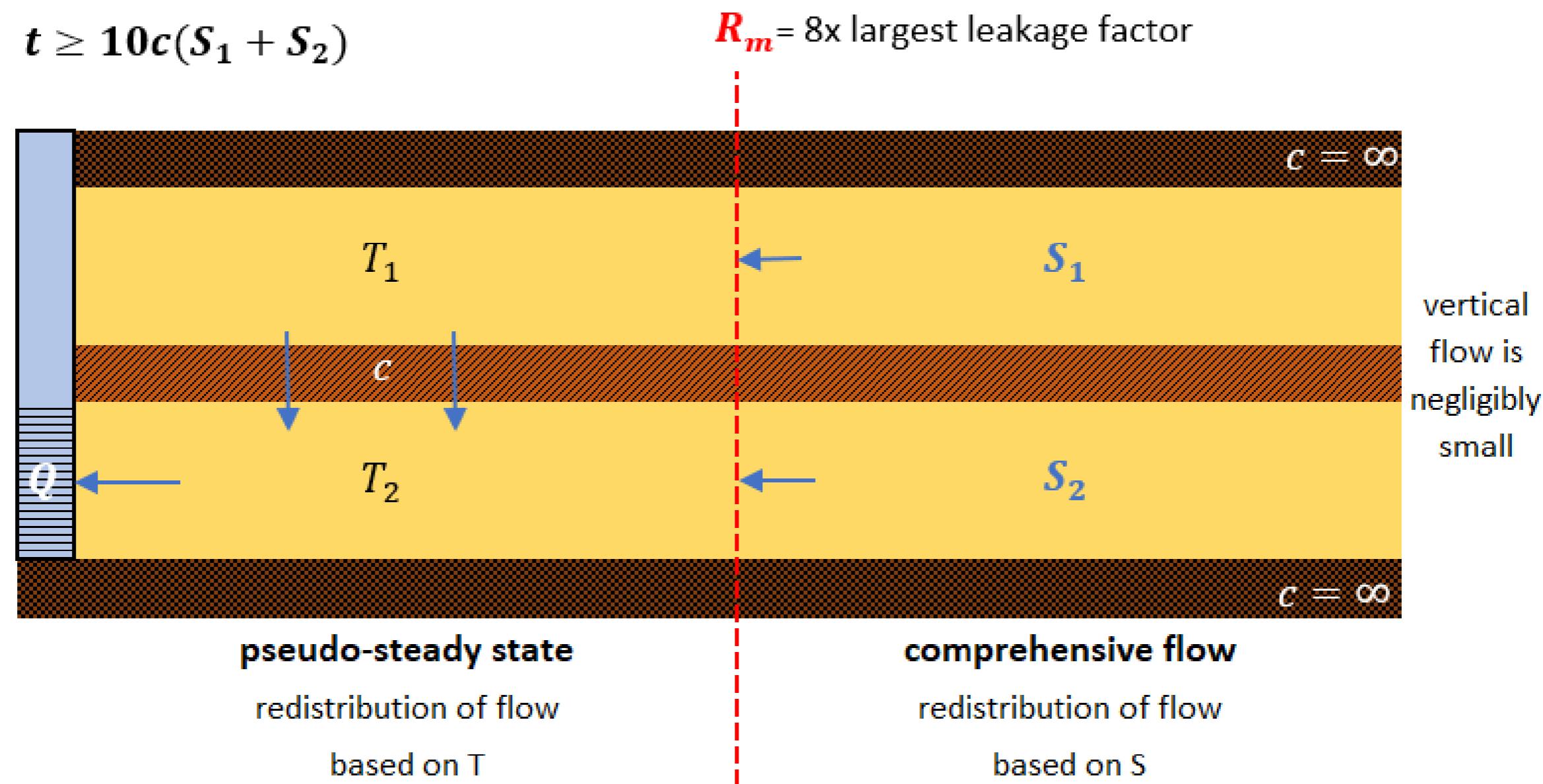
Thiem solution



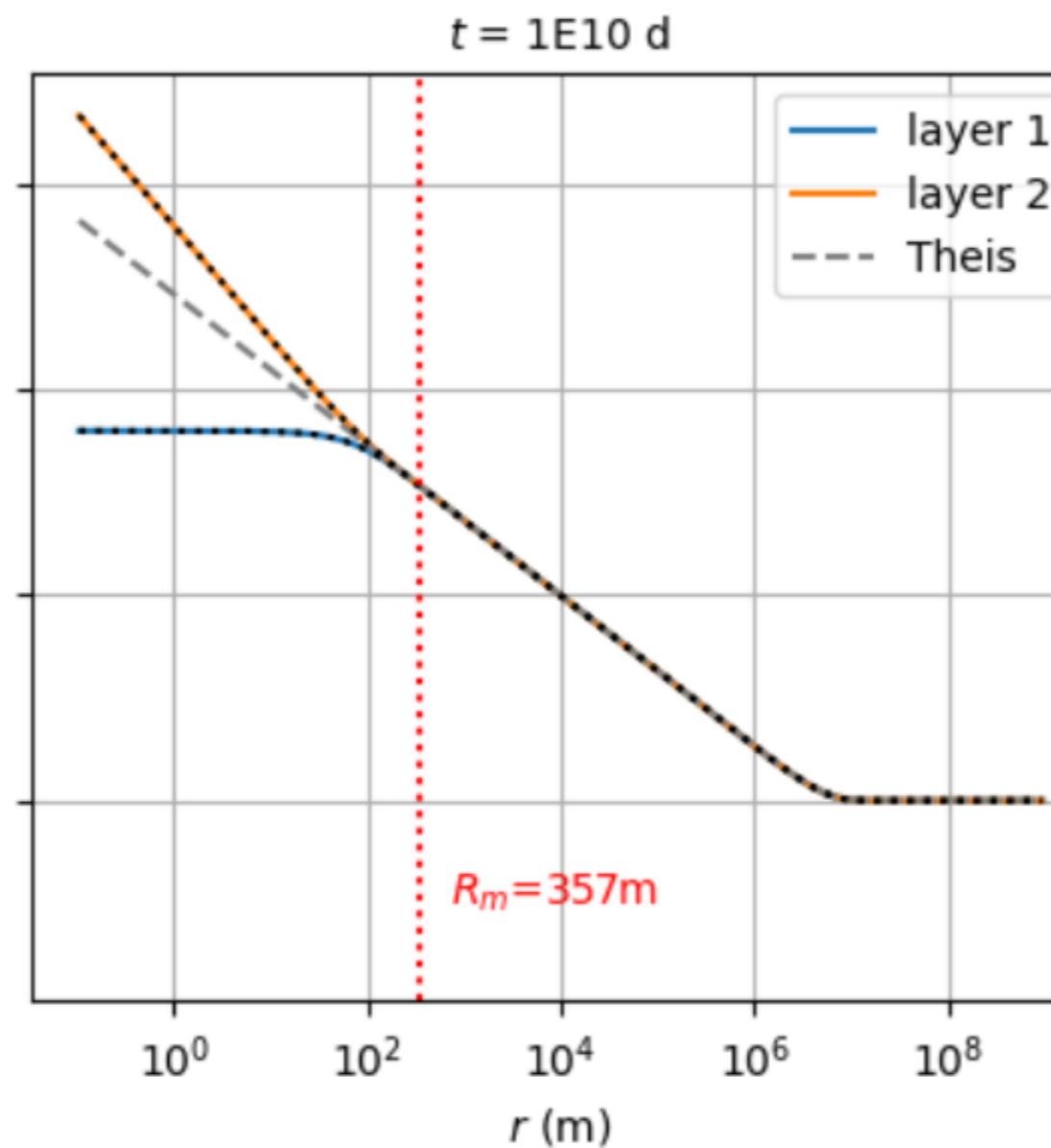
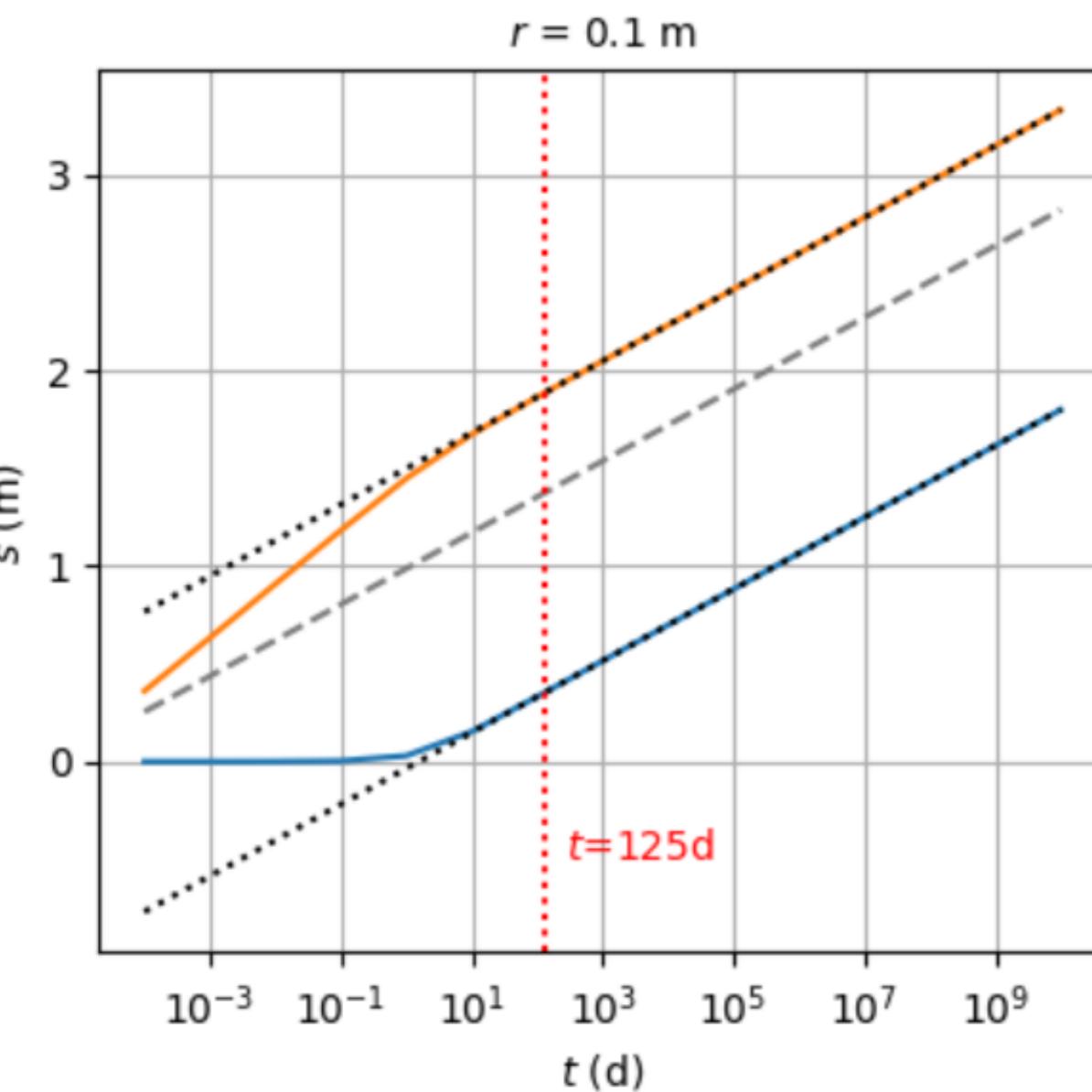
Theis solution

# PSEUDO-STEADY STATE

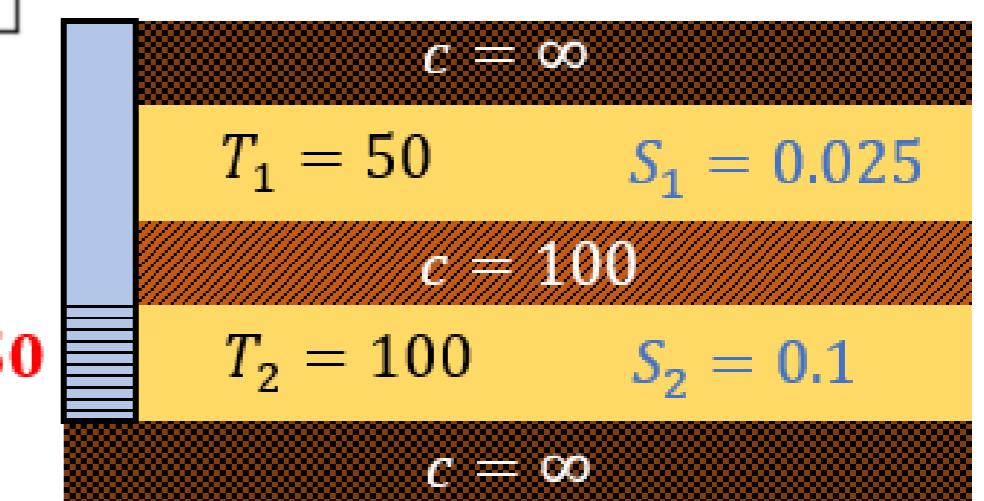
also called *steady shape* (Bohling et al., 2002)



# EXAMPLE

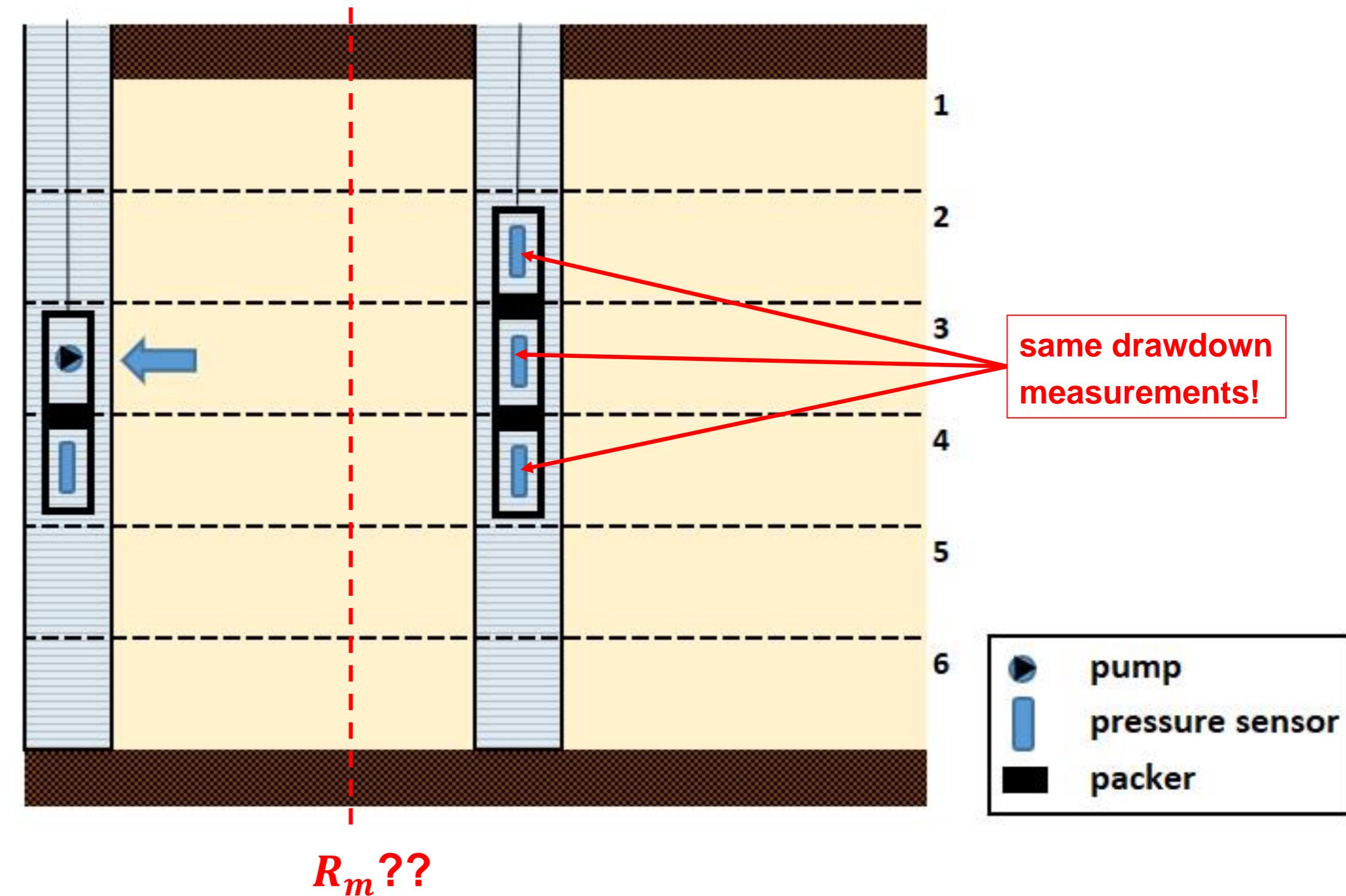
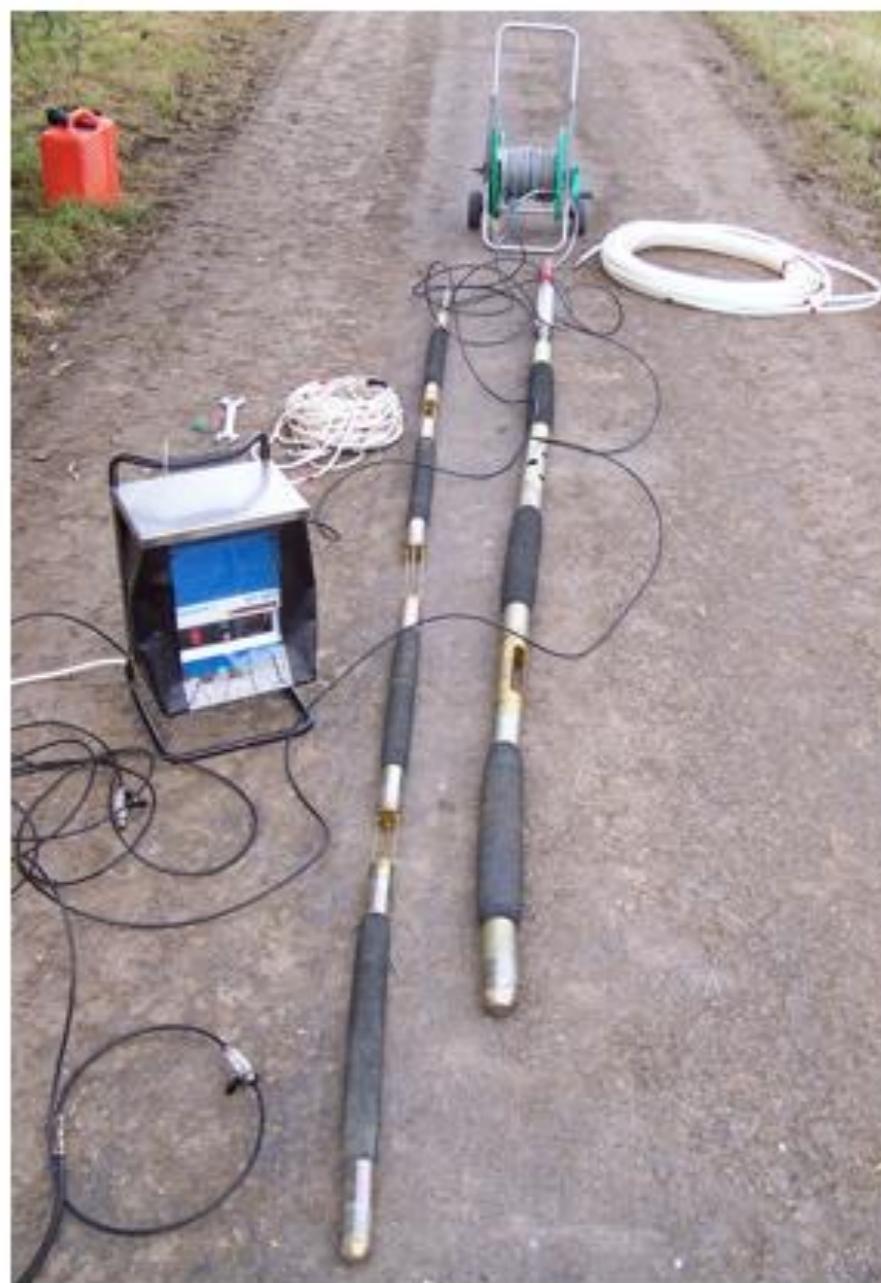


- solid lines: exact
- dotted lines: approximate



$$Q = 150$$

# HYDRAULIC TOMOGRAPHY



$R_m??$

= sequence of small-scale short-term pumping tests

# CONCLUSIONS

- Theis curves (again) at large values of time
- inversion of flow in the distal zone possible
- spatial averaging in drawdown measurements
- multilevel pumping tests have inherent limitations



## Inherent Limitations of Hydraulic Tomography

Geoffrey C. Bohling ✉, James J. Butler Jr.

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# A PRACTICAL CASE

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# STUDY

# OPTIMIZING A DRAINAGE SYSTEM

## Excavation site “Duinenabdij”

(Koksijde, Belgium)

- Valuable dune area in the Belgian coastal plane
- Multilayer aquifer system
- Shallow semi-pervious layer caused flooding during the winter

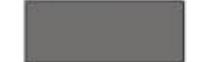


### LEGEND

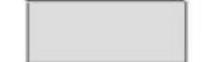
military area



urbanised area

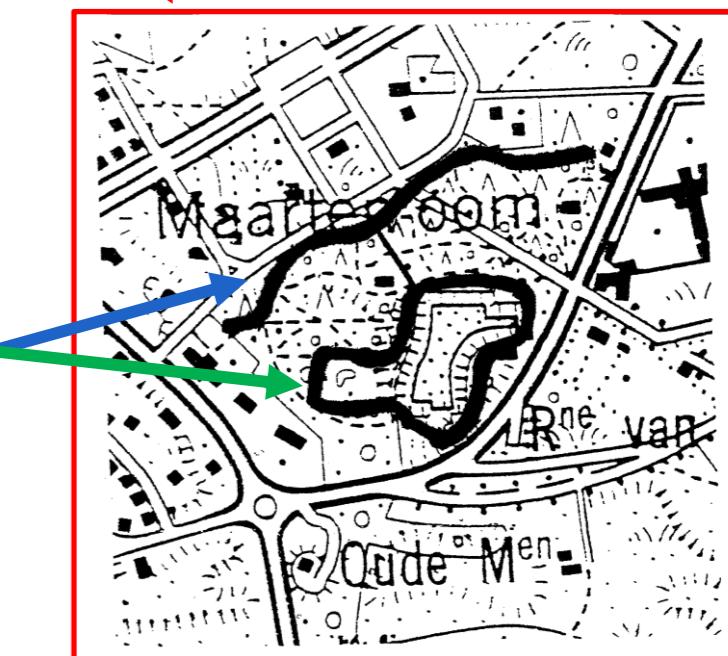


preserved dune area

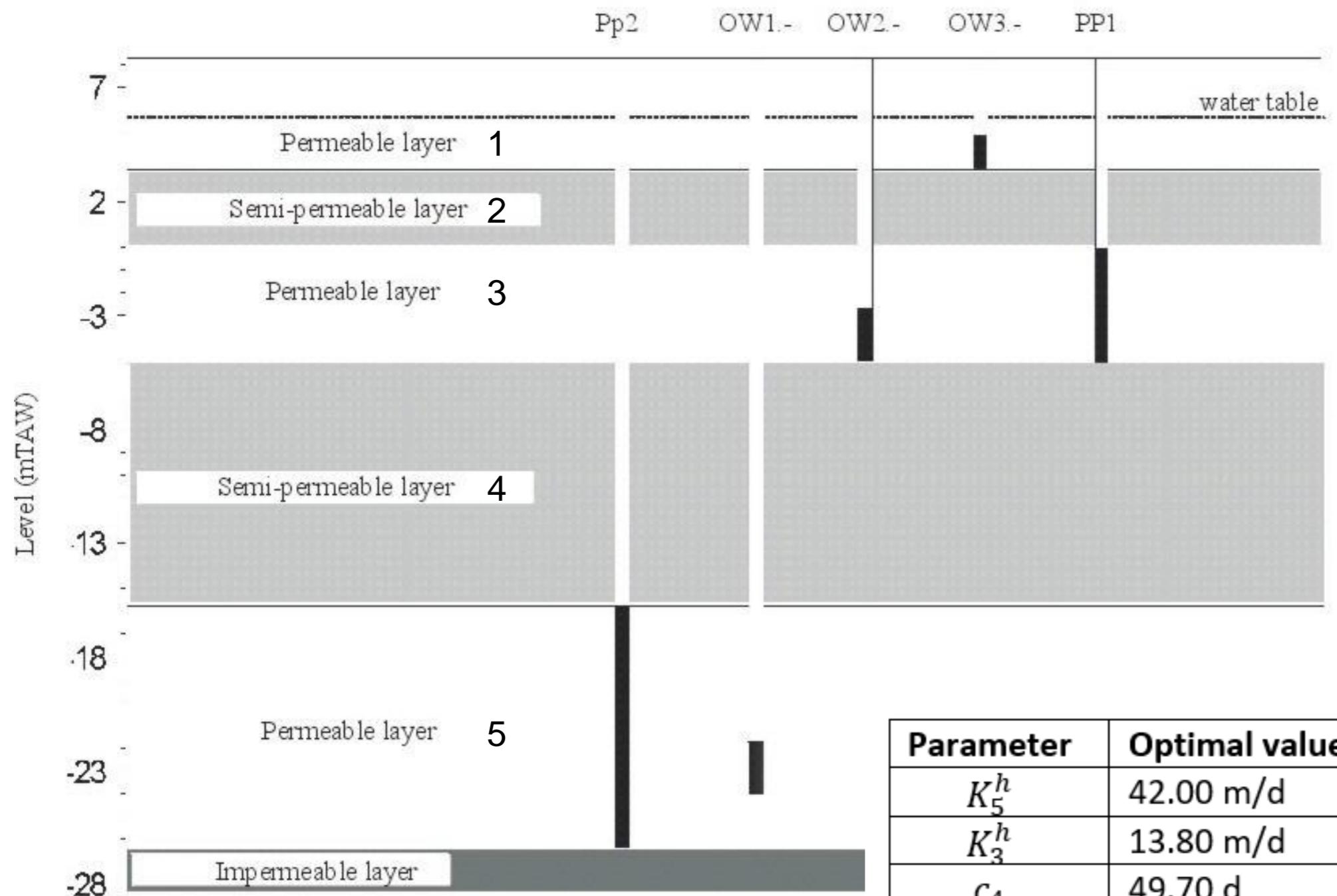


0 300m

- Combined system of pumping and injection wells
  - Pumping to drain excess groundwater
  - Re-injecting the extracted groundwater
  - Re-injecting to protect the dunes in the north



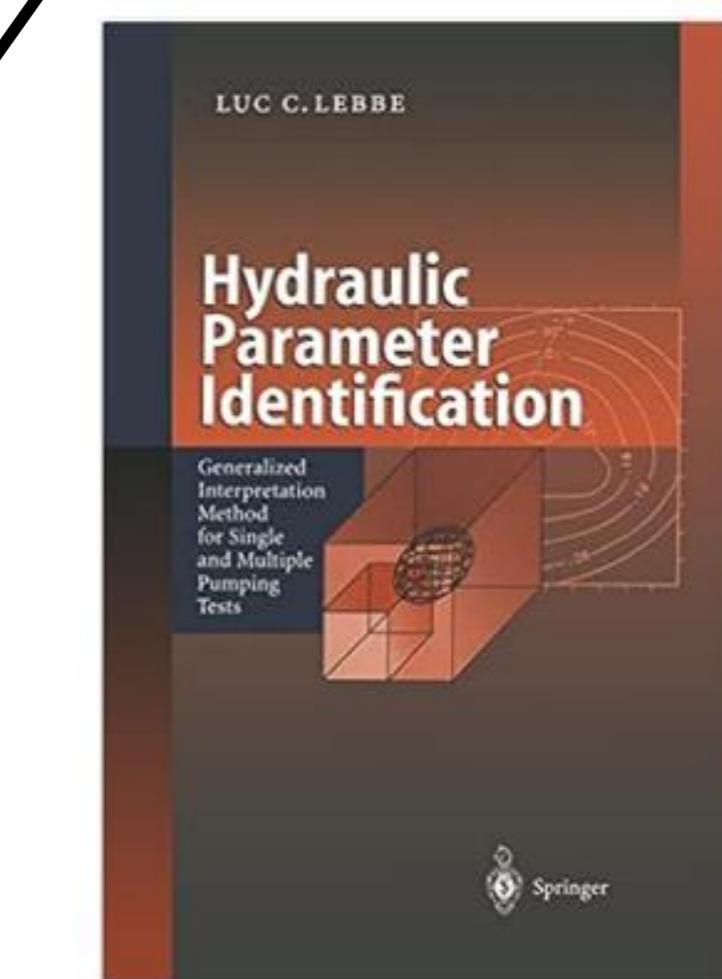
# THE MULTILAYER AQUIFER SYSTEM



Parameter	Optimal value
$K_5^h$	42.00 m/d
$K_3^h$	13.80 m/d
$c_4$	49.70 d
$S_5^s$	$7.12 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^{-1}$
$S_2^s = S_3^s$	$7.80 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^{-1}$
$S_4^s$	$2.09 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^{-1}$
$c_2$	735.00 d

## Double pumping test:

- Pumping test on layer 3
- Pumping test on layer 5
- Observations in all layers
- Simultaneous interpretation



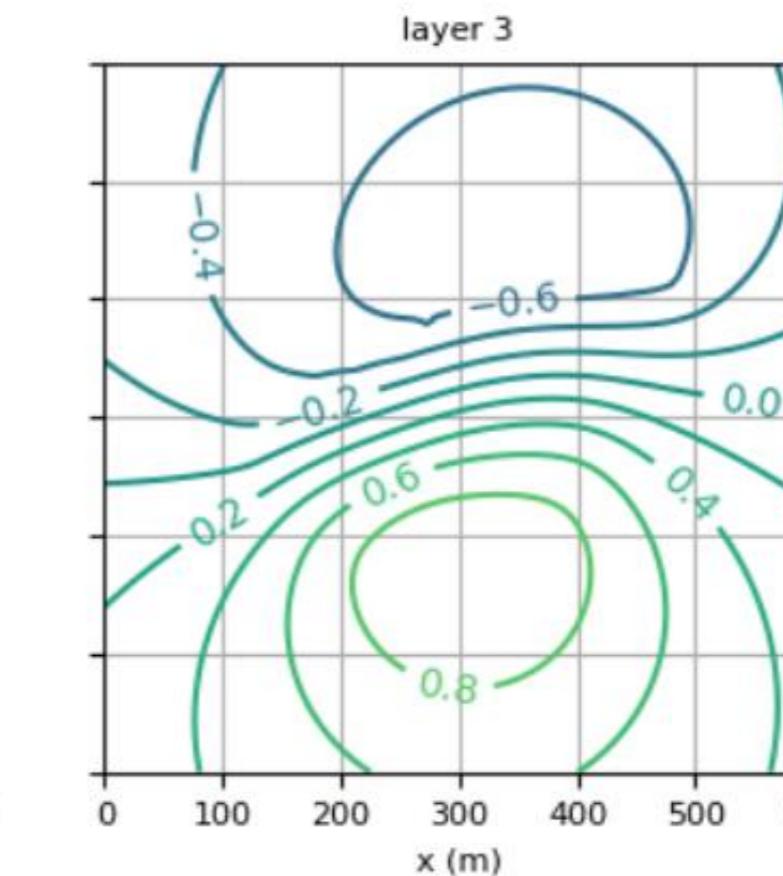
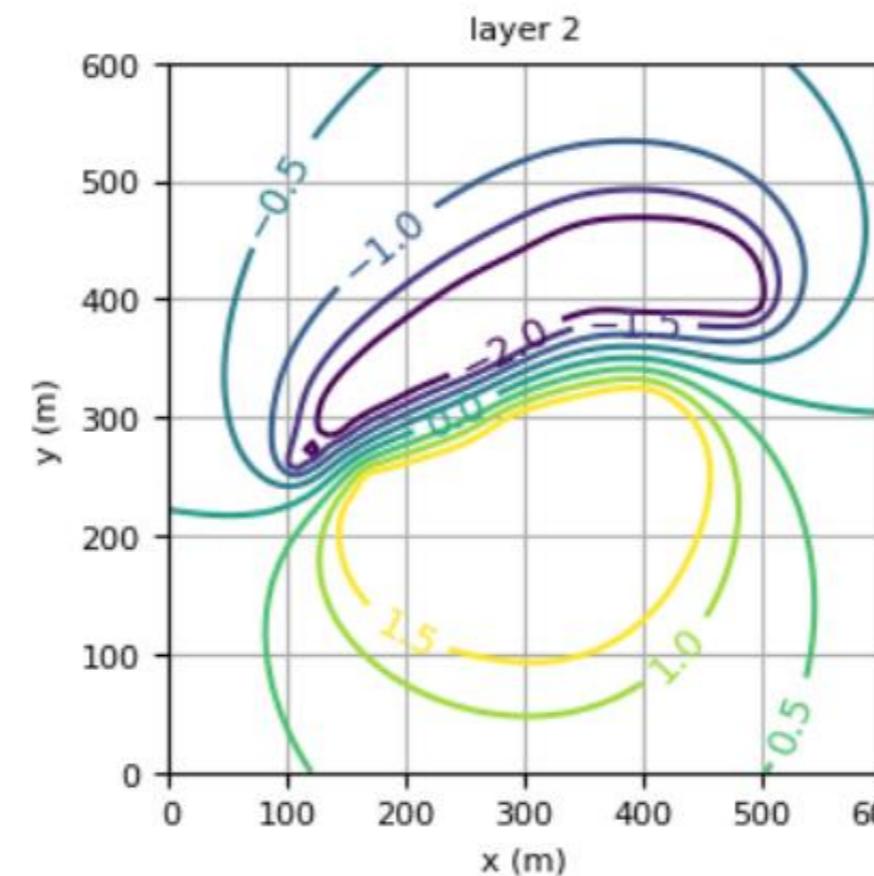
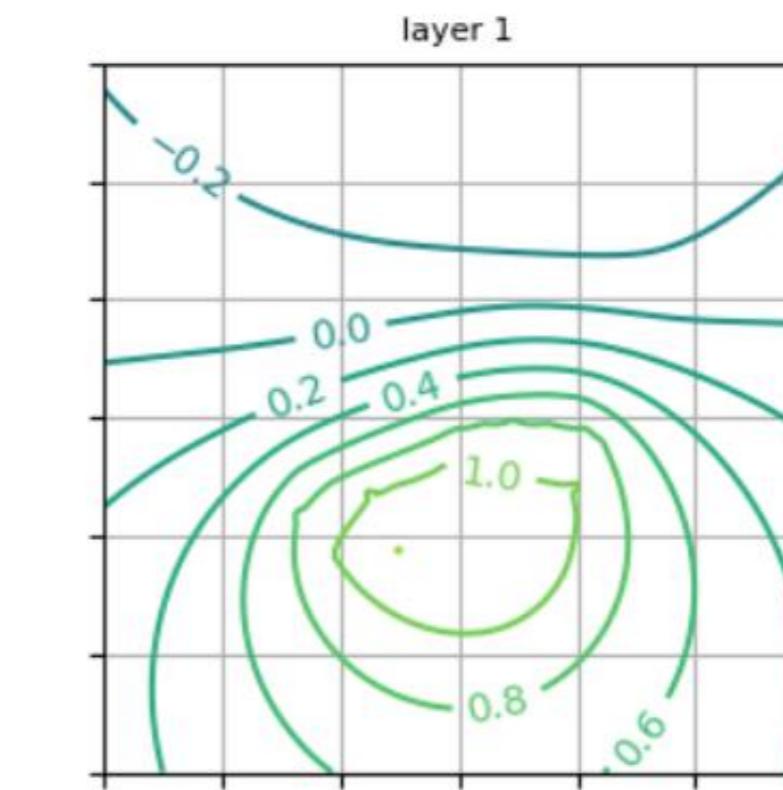
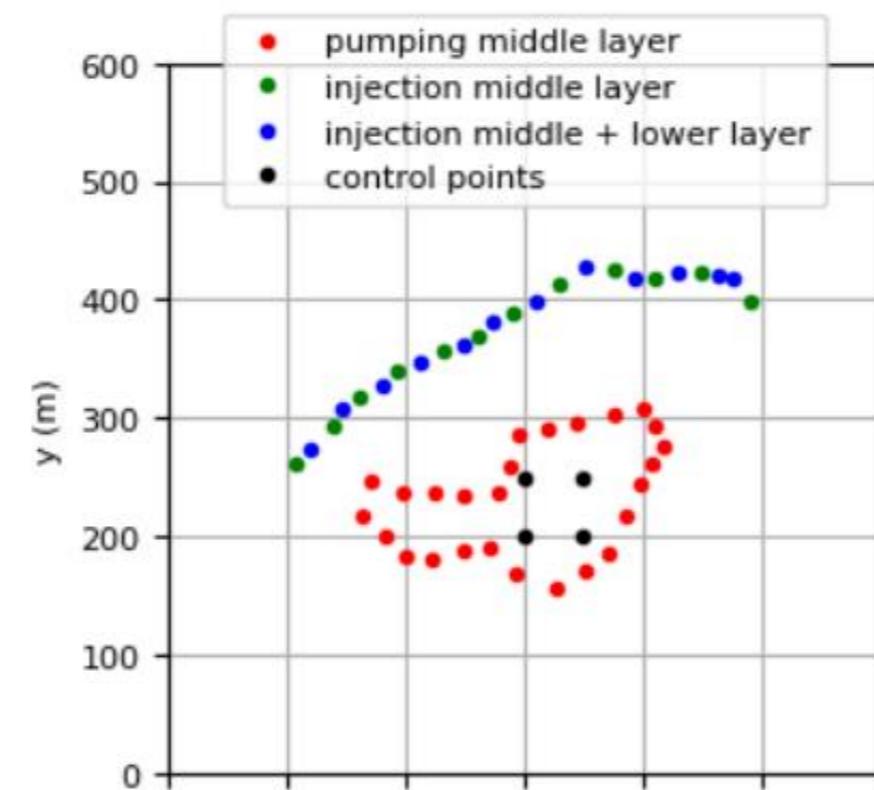
# SIMULATING THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM



- Analytical solution:
  - steady-state
  - axisymmetric flow
  - confined system
  - 3 homogeneous layers
  - 2 separating resistances
- Superposition in space

$$s_i(x, y, t) = \sum_{p=1}^{n_w} \frac{Q_p}{Q_{ref}} s_i(r_p, t)$$

with  $r_p = \sqrt{(x_p - x)^2 + (y_p - y)^2}$



# OPTIMIZING THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM



= Minimizing the total pumping rate:

- Linear programming
- Python package PuLP

```
!pip install pulp  
from pulp import *
```

- Constraints:
  - 4 control points
  - drawdown min 1m

$$s \geq 1$$

```
# instantiating LpProblem object (linear programming problem)  
prob = LpProblem("Scenario_1", LpMinimize) # it's a minimization problem  
  
# defining the variables  
Q_pump1 = LpVariable("Q_pump", lowBound=0) # pumping rate middle layer (Q > 0)  
Q_inj1 = LpVariable("Q_inj", upBound=0) # injection rate middle layer (Q < 0)  
  
# defining the objective function  
prob += Q_pump1, "minimize total pumping rate"  
  
# adding constraint Q_out == Q_in  
prob += npw * (Q_grav + Q_pump1) + niw * Q_inj1 + niw / 2 * Q_deep == 0  
  
# add constraint at the 4 control points  
for i in range(len(xc)):  
    # drawdown in top layer must be at least 1 m: P1*s1 + P2*s2 + P3*s3 + P4*s4 >= 1  
    prob += Q_grav * s1[i] + Q_pump1 * s2[i] + Q_inj1 * s3[i] + Q_deep * s4[i] >= 1.0  
  
# solving the problem  
print(prob.solve())  
print(LpStatus[prob.status]) # checking the status of the solution  
print(Q_pump1.value(), Q_inj1.value(), Q_deep) # checking the optimized variables
```

# CONCLUSIONS

- The **combined system of pumping and injection wells** is effective in creating local drawdown and protecting the surrounding dunes
- A **hydrogeological study including field tests** was necessary to reliably characterize the hydraulic properties of the aquifer system
- The **analytical multilayer solution** can be applied to efficiently solve a real-world problem without having to build a computationally expensive model
- **Linear programming** is an effective way of minimizing pumping rates subject to given drawdown constraints
- It is straightforward to implement both the analytical solution and the linear programming using **Python's packages for scientific computing**.



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