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#### **SUMMARY**

The objective of the present study is to investigate the effect of suspended sediment on velocity and concentration profiles in open channel flow. The modified log-wake law which can represent the entire vertical velocity profile of the open channel flow was presented. The investigations were then extended to turbulent flows over smooth bed forms using measurements reported in the limited literature.

The modified log-wake law examines the effects of secondary currents and free surface on velocity profile in smooth rectangular open channels. It consists of three components: the effect of channel bed, the effect of secondary currents that result from the sidewalls; and the effect of gravity that is due to the free surface. Therefore, the sediment laden flow in an open channel could be represented using this law postulated by Guo(2002).

The first part of this study reveals the effect of sediment on the velocity profile in open channel. Where, the effect of suspended sediment could be thought of as a factor that made von Karman constant of sediment water lower than that of clear water. Moreover, the increase in sediment concentration reduces the turbulence transfer coefficient under defined condition and in turn reduces the resistance of the flow. This effect causes the sediment-laden water to flow more rapidly than clear water in the outer region.

The second part suggests the structure of general concentration profile equation that completely describes the distribution of sediment concentration over the whole depth. The suspended concentration is presented in terms of the normalized suspended concentration. The behavior of the proportionality coefficient ( $\beta$ ) that relates with the sediment transfer mechanism is investigated. Then the other parameters in the model are also determined and discussed.

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Finally, all the results provide strong evidence that the application of the modified logwake law in the sediment-laden flow is suitable for measuring velocity and concentration profile under a defined condition.

# **NOTATIONS**

The following symbols are used in this study:







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## **Chapter 1**

## **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Statement and significance of the problem**

Since the time of the previous investigations, the transportation of sediment has been regarded as a significant factor of flood control and channel maintenance. Sediment may be transported by flowing water in essentially two different ways, i.e., by rolling or sliding along the bed of the stream channel or in suspension in the body of the fluid. Material transported by the former method is called the bed-load of the stream, or simply bed-load, while that carried in the latter way is called the suspended load. In the neighborhood of the bed a continual interchange of material is occurring between the bed and the overlying fluid. Hence, it is obviously difficult to distinguish between the bedload and suspended load at this point. Naturally, the two types of transportation are by no means independent, but they are separated only for convenience in studying and referring to them.

As developing methods of reducing accelerated erosion on lands are concerned about the important aspect of the suspended load of sediment, this study was undertaken on suspended load. The author examined the effect of suspended load on the velocity and concentration profile of flow by using modified log-wake law (Guo, 2002). The author investigated the parameters which were influenced the suspended load in the flow. This study could be useful for various hydraulic and some environmental engineering problems. In addition, the results of this study may provide an explanation for the rising of erosion problems.

## **1.2 Objectives**

The main objectives of the present study are:

- (1) to apply the modified log-wake velocity profile model for clear water to sediment laden flow by changing the value of von Karman constant
- (2) to investigate the behavior of von Karman coefficient with respect to the sediment concentration gradient
- (3) to establish the physical law for the distribution of suspended sediment in turbulent open-channel flow and
- (4) to verify the theoretical concentration distribution law with the experimental data conducted by Coleman(1986).

### **1.3 Outlines**

This dissertation consists of six chapters.

Chapter 1 introduces the subject of significance and the objectives of this study.

Chapter 2 reviews the information and knowledge established by previous researchers

regarding velocity and concentration profiles in open channel turbulence flows.

Chapter 3 gives the details of experimental data used in this study.

Chapter 4 explains the method of analysis and discussion about the velocity profile in sediment-laden flow.

Chapter 5 also describes the method of analysis and discussion about the concentration profile in sediment-laden flow.

Lastly Chapter 6 draws a conclusion from the results of this study.

## **Chapter 2**

#### **Review of literature**

This chapter reviews the detailed literature survey of existing velocity and concentration profile in open channel flow. Firstly, the velocity profile in clear water is reviewed in Section 2.1. Then, a review of the sediment-laden velocity profiles is followed in Section 2.2. After that, Section 2.3 describes the early developed concentration profiles in sediment laden flow and finally Section 2.4 summarizes the previous major results and weaknesses described in this chapter.

### **2.1 Velocity Profile in Clear Water**

The existing velocity profile formula for the study condition can be classified into three groups: the logarithmic law, the log-wake law and the entropy law. The entropy law was proposed by Chiu(1987) and is still in its early stage of development, hence, is not discussed herein.

#### **2.1.1 Background of logarithmic law**

In the studied of the velocity profile, based on experimental studies on twodimensional wall turbulence, turbulent shear flows are usually divided into two regions (White 1991): (1) an inner region where the wall shear stress dominates the flow, and (2) an outer region where the wall shear stress only indirectly affects the flow and is more influenced by the surface of the flow. The inner region can be further divided into a viscous sub-layer, a buffer layer, and a log layer. Prandtl in 1930 (Schlichting 1979), using his momentum mixing length hypothesis, proposed the law of the wall for the inner region. It states that the velocity profile is a linear law in the viscous sub-layer and a log law away from the wall. In 1967, Spalding (White 1991) proposed a smooth transition between the linear law and the log law.

$$
\frac{u}{u_{*b}} = \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{zu_{*b}}{v} + A\right)
$$
\n(2.1)

in which  $\kappa$  = Karman coefficient = 0.4, and A = integration constant = 5.5. This equation smoothly merges the linear and the log laws and fits experimental data excellently. Therefore, Spalding's law of the wall can be regarded as a great success in the inner region. But the only weakness is its implicit functional relation.

#### **2.1.2 Background of log-wake law**

The fact that the departure from the logarithmic velocity profiles was observed as the distance from the boundary increases.

This phenomenon was first noticed by Laufer (1954) regarding with his experiment for pipe flow in the outer region. In his study, he found that the experimental data near a pipe axis systematically deviate from the log law. As the same results, Coles (1956) pointed out that similar deviations exist near the upper boundary of all boundarylayer flows including open-channel flows.

Then, Coles called this deviation a wake function  $W(\xi)$ . Hinze (1975) further described the wake function by the following empirical equation.

$$
W(\xi) = \frac{2\Pi}{\kappa} \sin^2 \frac{\pi\xi}{2}
$$
 (2.2)

In which  $\Pi$  is Coles' wake strength,  $\kappa = (0.4 \sim 0.43)$  is the von Karman constant, and  $\zeta = \frac{z}{s}$  is a normalized distance z relative to the boundary layer thickness  $\delta$ .

The log law was improved by adding the wake function (2.2) to result in the logwake law as shown below.

$$
\frac{u}{u_{*b}} = \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{zu_{*b}}{v} + A\right) - \frac{\Delta u}{u_{*}} + \frac{2\prod}{\kappa} \sin^{2}\left(\frac{\pi\xi}{2}\right)
$$
(2.3)

in which the first term represents the law of the wall, the second term is called the channel bed roughness function and the last term is also called wake flow function. In other words, for smooth bed boundary condition, the above equation becomes like that:

$$
\frac{u}{u_{*b}} = \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{z u_{*b}}{g} + A\right) + \frac{2\,\Pi}{\kappa} \sin^2 \frac{\pi \xi}{2}
$$
\n(2.4)

in which u is time-averaged velocity at z or  $\xi$ ,  $u_{\phi}$  is the shear velocity at the channel bed,  $\nu$  is the kinematics viscosity of water, and A is an integration constant.

In determining model parameters, Tominaga and Nezu(1992) experimentally showed that A is about 5.29 for sub-critical flow while it decreases with Froude number for supercritical flow. As for the wake strength  $\Pi$ , Coles(1956) suggested a value of 0.55 for flat plate boundary layers. However, the previous investigators proposed the various values of  $\Pi$ . Coleman(1981,1986) obtained  $\Pi = 0.19$ ; Nezu and Rodi(1986) found  $\Pi =$ 0.2; Kirkgoz(1989) reported a value of  $\Pi = 0.1$ ; Cardoso etal.(1989) observed  $\Pi = -$ 0.077 in a flow over smooth bed; Kironoto and Graf(1994) stated that  $\Pi = -0.08 \sim 0.04$ for flows over gravel bed; and Wang and Plate(1996) got  $\Pi = -0.06 \sim 0.2$ . Moreover, they recommended the von Karman constant  $\kappa = 0.33 \sim 0.4$  for non-Newtonian fluid.

Therefore, from this point of views we can infer that the multiple values of Π might be due to the effects of secondary currents and free surface. It can also say that the log-wake law (2.4) cannot replicate the velocity dip phenomena in narrow channels.

In fact, recently Lyn (2000) systematically tested the log-wake law (2.4) in view of statistics, together with two other versions of wake function. He showed that all three types of the log-wake law were found inadequate in exhibiting to a greater or lesser degree systematic structure in the residuals. On the other hand, he concluded that the most widely accepted log-wake law (2.4) consistently performed the poorest in terms not only of exhibiting a clear structure in the residuals but also of being associated with the largest residual mean square.

Therefore we can deduce that a refined velocity profile model is still needed for both clear water and sediment suspension water flows.

#### **2.2 Velocity Profiles in Sediment-Laden Flows**

The velocity profile of an open channel flow can be affected by several factors, such as the existence of secondary flow, suspended sediment concentration, density gradient, flow resistance, etc. In this section, the extension of the log law, the log-wake law and the power law will be reviewed to define the velocity profile in sediment-laden flow.

#### **2.2.1 Application of logarithmic law in sediment-laden flows**

The effect of suspended sediment on the velocity profile of logarithmic law has been studied experimentally by Vanoni (1964) , Einstein and Chien (1955), Vanoni and Nomicos (1960) and Elata and Ippen (1961).Their results led to a view that the Karman constant,  $\kappa$ , of the logarithmic law equation decreases as sediment concentration increases. While, Imamoto, Asano and Ishigak (1977) found  $\kappa$  increases with increasing sediment concentration. Furthermore, Einstein and Chien (1955) proposed a graphical relation to predict the von Karman constant  $\kappa$  based on an energy concept. They also pointed out that the main effect of sediment suspension occurs near the bed. Later, Vanoni and Nomicos (1960) modified the Einstein and Chien parameter with the averaged volumetric concentration near the bed. Barton and Lin (1955) discussed the variation of the von Karman constant  $\kappa$  from the view of density gradient. Chien and Wan (1983) unified various arguments with a Richardson number. However, their study could not explain Elata and Ippen's (1961) neutral particle experiments. To explain his neutral particle experiments, Ippen (1971) argued that suspended sediment affects the velocity profile mainly by changing water viscosity. A good summary of this type of research can be found in the literature (Vanoni, 1975, Chien and Wan, 1983, Hu and Hui , 1995).

Almost at the same time as Einstein and Chien (1955), Kolmogorov(1954) and Barenblatt(1953,1996)also analyzed the effect of sediment suspension on the log law from a view of complete similarity. They considered the momentum equation, the sediment concentration equation and the turbulent energy equation simultaneously and concluded that the log law is still valid in sediment-laden flows except that the von Karman constant becomes smaller. This is exactly the same conclusion as that drawn by Einstein and Chien(1955). Barenblatt(1996) further pointed out that the application of the log law in sediment-laden flows, as it in clear water, is limited to the overlap zone. In the other words, the log law could not be valid in the wake layer and near the water surface.

Certainly a better model regarding velocity profiles in sediment-laden flow is still needed.

#### **2.2.2 Application of Log-wake law in sediment-laden flows**

One of the different forms of logarithmic law, the log-wake law, was introduced by Coleman (1981,1986).

$$
\frac{U}{U_*} = \left[\frac{2.303}{\kappa} \log \frac{U_* y}{U} + A\right] - \frac{\Delta U}{U_*} + \frac{\Pi}{\kappa} \omega \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)
$$
(2.5)

where the velocity U is the time-mean local velocity at y,  $\kappa$  is the Karman coefficient, and A is an integration constant. The term  $\Delta U/U_*$  is the channel roughness velocity reduction function and  $v = \frac{\mu}{\epsilon} = \frac{\mu_w (1 + 2.5\phi + 6.25\phi^2 + 15.62\phi^3)}{2.5\phi^2}$  $\rho_w + (\rho_s - \rho_w) \phi$  $\mu_w(1 + 2.5\phi + 6.25\phi^2 + 15.62\phi^2)$ ρ  $v = \frac{\mu}{\sigma}$  $w \perp \psi_s - \mu_w$ *w*  $+$   $(\rho_{\rm s}$  –  $= \frac{\mu}{\mu} = \frac{\mu_w \left(1 + 2.5\phi + 6.25\phi^2 + 15.62\phi^3\right)}{2.5}$  = kinematics viscosity.

The term  $\frac{\pi}{c}$   $\frac{y}{s}$ ⎠  $\left(\frac{y}{s}\right)$ ⎝  $\big($  $\omega\sqrt{\frac{1}{\delta}}$  $\frac{\pi}{\kappa} \omega \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)$  is the wake region velocity augmentation function. It contains the wake strength coefficient  $\prod$ , and the boundary layer thickness  $\delta$ . The symbol  $\omega$  is merely a functional symbol.

The part of Eq.(2.5) in square brackets is the original logarithmic law of the wall resulting from the familiar PRANDTL-KARMAN derivation. The velocity reduction and augmentation terms included in Eq.(2.5), with proper choice of numerical values of  $\kappa$ , A,  $\Pi$ , a proper definition of the functions  $\Delta U/U_*$  and  $\omega \frac{y}{s}$ ⎠  $\left(\frac{y}{5}\right)$ ⎝  $\big($  $\omega\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)$ , will describe the entire velocity profile inside the boundary layer thickness  $\delta$  in an open channel flow, except of case for any thin viscous sub-layer which may exist immediately at the channel bed. From the definition of  $\upsilon$ , an effect of sediment in suspension is explicitly included in

Eq (2.5). In addition, implicit applied to sediment-laden effects may change the numerical values of  $\kappa$ , A and  $\Pi$  when the equation is applied to sediment-laden flows in contrast to clear water flows. The occurrence of these changes is subject to Coleman's experimental determination.

For the wake region velocity augmentation function, COLES (1956) found the empirical form:

$$
\omega\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) = 2\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\frac{y}{\delta}\right) \tag{2.6}
$$

for a variety of flows ranging from boundary layer flows in air to water flows over an ogee spillway. Eq.(2.6) has the limit 2 at  $(y/\delta = 1)$  and the limit zero at  $(y/\delta = 0)$ . Using the upper limit of Eq.(2.6) and evaluating Eq.(2.5) at (  $U = U_m$  ,  $y = \delta$  ) gives:

$$
\frac{U_m}{U} = \frac{2.303}{\kappa} \log \frac{U_* \delta}{U} + A - \frac{\Delta U}{U_*} + 2\frac{\Pi}{\kappa}
$$
(2.7)

where  $U_m$  is the maximum flow velocity in the channel, and  $\delta$  is taken as the value of y at which  $U_m$  is observed to exist. Subtracting Eq.(2.7) from Eq.(2.5) gives the velocity defect law:

$$
\frac{U_m - U}{U_*} = \left\{ \left[ -\frac{2.303}{\kappa} \log \frac{y}{\delta} \right] + 2\frac{\Pi}{\kappa} \right\} - \frac{\Pi}{\kappa} \omega \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right) \tag{2.8}
$$

Like Eq.(2.5), Eq.(2.8) will represent the entire velocity profile up to (y =  $\delta$ ) except for the viscous sub-layer. The part of Eq.(2.8) in square brackets is the original form of the PRANDTL-KARMAN velocity defect law, and the part of the equation in curly brackets is the logarithmic part of the defect law in its later form, including an additive intercept term  $2 \prod / \kappa$ . Since  $\omega \left| \frac{y}{\epsilon} \right|$  $\left(\frac{y}{s}\right)$  $\sqrt{}$  $\omega\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)$  disappears only at (y/ $\delta$  = 0), the logarithmic part of Eq.(2.8)

⎠

⎝

is only an asymptote which the complete velocity defect law approaches as  $y/\delta$ diminishes.

Then Coleman studied the effect of suspended sediment on the parameters  $\kappa$  and  $\Pi$ . He argued that if the log-wake law is applied, the von Karman constant κ remains the same as that in clear water but the wake strength coefficient ∏ increases with a Richardson number. He further pointed out that the previous conclusion by other researchers, i.e.,  $\kappa$  decreases with sediment suspension, was obtained by incorrectly extending the log law to the wake layer. Coleman's argument was supported by Clioffi and Gallerano( 1991) . Itakura and Kishi (1980) and Nezu and Rodi(1986) also found  $\kappa$ is constant and the effects of sediment concentration is reflected on the Monin-Obukhov length scale or wake strength.

Coleman's conclusion was actually an analogy to the effect of pressure-gradient on boundary-layer flows. However, the pressure equation of a boundary layer flow in the normal direction is not similar to the sediment concentration equation in a sediment-laden flow. The pressure or pressure-gradient is regarded as a constant at a certain cross-section in a boundary layer flow while the sediment concentration is usually not uniform in the vertical direction. In other words, the von Karman constant  $\kappa$  is not necessarily constant in sediment-laden flow.

Contrary to Coleman's finding, Lyn (1986,1988) believed that the effect of sediment suspension mainly occurs near the bed. That means the von Karman constant may decrease with sediment suspension while the wake strength coefficient  $\Pi$  may be independent of sediment suspension and kept about 0.2, the same as that in clear water. Recently, Kereselidze and Kutauaia(1995) , from their own experiments, deduced that both  $\kappa$  and  $\prod$  vary with sediment suspension.

Besides the log-wake law, some other wake function forms can be found in literature. Ni and Hui(1988) proposed a wake flow function with two terms: one indicates the effect of mean concentration; the other expresses the effect of concentration gradient. Umeyama and Gerritsen (1992)and Zhou and Ni (1995) suggested a Taylor series to express the wake flow function. Nevertheless the log-wake law can improve the accuracy of the velocity profiles in sediment-laden flows .But the effects of sediment suspension on  $\kappa$  and  $\Pi$  are still debatable.

#### **2.2.3 Application of power law in sediment-laden flows**

The power law formula is also applicable to a region between viscous sub-layer and the location of maximum velocity. It is generally given in the form of:

$$
\frac{U}{U_{\text{max}}} = \left(\frac{y}{h}\right)^{\frac{1}{N}}
$$
(2.9)

The depth-averaged velocity obtained from the above equation can be written as:

$$
\overline{U} = U_{\text{max}} \frac{N}{N+1} \tag{2.10}
$$

Assuming the above equation is applicable to the whole depth, and then the calculated depth-averaged velocity is:

$$
\overline{U} = U_{\text{max}} - \frac{U_*}{K} \tag{2.11}
$$

From equations (2.10) and (2.11), the expression of velocity profile power N is given by:

$$
N = K \frac{\overline{U}}{U_*} \tag{2.12}
$$

In the study of the power law, Schlichting (1979) and Hinze(1975) using the pipe flow data collected by Nikuradse and Laufer, found the power law is better than the logarithmic law. Chen (1984) found the power law exponent N decreases as sediment concentration increases. This is due to the formation of high concentration layer near the channel bed, which reduces the amount of momentum exchange. As a result the velocity profile becomes non-uniform and N decreases accordingly. As sediment concentration increases, the layer will get thicker and the amount of momentum exchange will become uniform, hence N will approach a constant value. Karim and Kennedy (1987), using the relationship between  $\kappa$  and N and the  $\kappa$  equation derived by them, obtained another equation for N. In addition, the study of power law was also reported by Chien and Wan (1983) and Woo, Julien and Richardson (1988). Therefore, power law is still developing and more investigations will be needed to represent the perfect velocity profile.

#### **2.3 Concentration Profiles in Sediment-laden flows**

Sediment transport in turbulent flows is of fundamental importance in many disciplines. Since about 1935, much progress has been made in the mechanics of suspension. In 1934, from the work of von Karman and Rouse, it has been generally believed that in sediment suspension a turbulence related sediment transfer mechanism exists.

Most existing analytical and mathematical models for concentration profile of sediment-laden flows are based on the governing equations (Xie and Wei 1987; Zhang and Xie 1993).

$$
\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( D \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right)
$$
(2.13)

in which **C** is the sediment volumetric concentration; the first term on the left-hand side is the concentration change with time; **u** is the convective velocity of sediment; the second term on the left-hand side is the transport by convention; **D** is the (constant) turbulent eddy viscosity; and the right-hand side is the transport by turbulent.

Examples of this kind of model are the widely accepted Rouse formula\n
$$
\frac{C}{C_a} = \left(\frac{h - y}{y}\frac{a}{h - a}\right)^z
$$
\nfor suspended sediment concentration distribution and the well-

known logarithmic velocity profile developed initially.

In other words, for flow in an open channel the differential equation for sediment suspension can be written in a number of forms (Brush, 1962, Apmann and Rumer, 1967). The simplest form which described by (O'Brien, 1933) was

$$
\varepsilon_s \frac{dC}{dy} + \omega C = 0 \tag{2.14}
$$

where  $\varepsilon$ <sub>s</sub> is the sediment transfer coefficient, C is the concentration at a point at distance y above the stream bed, and  $\omega$  is the fall velocity of sediment particle. The first term of this equation represents the upward sediment transport by diffusion and the second term the downward transport by gravity.  $\varepsilon$  is often estimated as  $\beta v_t$  where  $\beta$  is a proportionality coefficient and  $v_t$  is the diffusion coefficient for momentum transfer that can be obtained by Boussinesq hypothesis and a mean velocity profile, i.e.

$$
v_t = \frac{\tau}{\rho} \left(\frac{du}{dy}\right)^{-1} = u_*^2 \frac{\tau}{\tau_0} \left(\frac{du}{dy}\right)^{-1}
$$
 (2.15)

where  $\rho$  = fluid density, du/dy = velocity gradient along the y-axis, u\* = shear velocity, and  $\tau$  and  $\tau_0$  = shear stress at y and y = 0, respectively. Therefore, solution of (2.14) gives

$$
\frac{C}{C_a} = \exp\left[-\frac{\omega}{\beta u_*} \int_a^y \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_0}\right)^{-1} \frac{du}{dy} dy\right]
$$
\n(2.16)

where  $C_a = C$  at  $y = a$ . Eq.(2.16) shows that different mathematical models of the distribution of sediment concentration may be derived by using different models of the velocity and shear stress distributions.

We can see a classic example of a possible model that may be derived from  $(2.16)$ is the well-known Rouse equation:

$$
\frac{C}{C_a} = \left(\frac{h-y}{y}\frac{a}{h-a}\right)^z
$$
\n(2.17)

where  $C_a = C$  at  $y = a$ ; h = water depth and  $z = \frac{\omega}{\beta \kappa u}$ 

in which  $\kappa$  = von Karman's constant. In deriving equation (2.17), the velocity distribution was represented by the Prandtl-von Karman logarithmic equation:

$$
u = \frac{u_*}{\kappa} \ln \frac{y}{y_0} \tag{2.18}
$$

which is valid near the bed but inaccurate near the water surface when the maximum velocity occurs below the surface. The shear distribution used in deriving (2.17) was

$$
\frac{\tau}{\tau_0} = 1 - \frac{y}{h} \tag{2.19}
$$

Equation (2.17) is invalid at or near the channel bed and, also, often inaccurate near the water surface, thus diminishing its usefulness in determining the mean (depth-averaged) sediment concentration. Estimation of depth-averaged velocity by Prandtl-von Karman velocity distribution equation, which is invalid near the bed, may not cause a large error since the velocity near the bed is small, but estimation of depth-averaged sediment concentration by (2.17), which is invalid near the bed, will cause a large error since the sediment concentration at the channel bed is maximum and has a great effect on the mean sediment concentration.

From the detailed literature, we can see that in deriving an equation to describe the variation of suspended sediment concentration over the depth of flow in a river, it is necessary to specify how the sediment transfer coefficient  $\varepsilon$ , varies with distance from the bed. This coefficient is analogous to the momentum transfer coefficient  $v_t$  that appears in the theory of the diffusion of momentum [Hinze,1959; Schubaver and Tchen, 1961] .Therefore, the proportionality coefficient  $\beta$  that relates  $\varepsilon$ <sub>s</sub> and  $v_t$  was important.

## **2.4 Summary**

All investigations of sediment-laden flows are to study the effects of sediment suspension on the model parameters in the log law, the log-wake law or the power law. However, a literature review shows that any of the log law, the log-wake law and the power law is not the best functional form of the velocity profile model in pipes and openchannels. Consequently, the developed concentration models incorporating the above velocity distribution equations could not also give a good estimation of the sediment concentration of the desired flow. So, further study of modified log-wake law which gives better solution for both velocity and concentration profiles will be described in the next chapters.

## **Chapter 3**

#### **Detail of Experimental data used**

The data of the velocity and concentration profiles that was chosen for modeling was extracted from the research paper written by Neil L. Coleman (1986). This chapter discusses the experimental set up, method and procedures used by the original researcher to conduct the experiments. This chapter also discusses the difficulties encountered by the researcher in the experiment.

#### **3.1 Experimental setup**

The experiments were performed in a recirculating flume with a rectangular Plexiglas channel 356 mm wide and 15 m long, with slope adjustment capability for maintaining uniform flow. Velocity profiles were measured at a vertical location on the flume channel centerline 12 m downstream from the entrance. The velocity measuring instrument was a 10 mm diameter Pitot-static tube with a conical tip and a dynamic pressure tip opening 3.2 mm in diameter. An inclined manometer was used for withdrawing isokinetic samples of the sediment-water mixture for determining local suspended sediment concentration. For this purpose, the Pitot-static tube could be isolated from the manometer by appropriate valves and connected to a vacuum pump, sample receptacle, and regulating valve for controlling the sampling velocity. Flow uniformity was monitored by two point gauges. One gauge was located in the plane of the tip of the Pitot-static tube, while the other was located 6 m upstream. Secondary flow was minimized by a bank of tubular flow straighteners installed at the extreme upstream end of the flume channel. Three type of sands were used in the experiments as shown in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Experimental sands

Sand	$D_{\text{max}}$	$D_{\min}$	D
	mm	mm	mm
	0.088	0.125	0.105
$\overline{2}$	0.177	0.250	0.210
3	0.350	0.500	0.420

#### **3.2 Experimental Procedure**

Prior to experiments, the flume was pre-calibrated for determining the channel bottom shear velocity at the base of the velocity profile. Preston tube measurements were made on the centerline of the channel bottom in conjunction with energy gradient measurements. A series of calibration curves was then plotted for calculating shear velocity from

$$
u_* = [gy_t(S_e - S_w)]^{\frac{1}{2}}
$$

where g is gravitation,  $y_t$  is total depth,  $S_e$  is energy gradient, and  $S_w$  is that part of the energy gradient associated with head losses due to the channel walls and that part of the channel bottom not immediately along the centerline. The calibration curves were graphs of  $S_w$  against  $y_t$  with discharge as a parameter.

The experimental procedure was to establish a uniform flow at constant discharge, depth, and energy gradient, to establish the clear water velocity profile by local velocity measurement at standard elevations, and then to monitor changes in the velocity profiles

resulting from systematic increases in suspended sediment concentration while holding other flow conditions constant. Velocity and concentration profiles were established by averaging two replications of each local measurement. After establishing the clear-water profiles, sand was added in 0.91 kg increments, with another set of measurements being made after each addition. Each increment of sand was injected time equal to at least five flume recirculation periods. An additional 30 min of mixing time were then allowed, following which discharge, depth and energy gradient were checked and the replicated velocity and concentration measurements were made. Before the measurements, the flow was inspected from below through the Plexiglas flume bottom to ensure that no sand was being deposited. Experiments were continued until a highly concentrated continuously moving sheet of sand was observed on the flume bottom and were discontinued immediately upon the appearance of deposition. In this way the whole range of concentration up to capacity transport could be covered with no stationary sand bed in the flume, while the virtual origin of the velocity profile remained at the flume channel bottom. Any changes observed in the velocity profiles could be attributed to increases in suspended sediment concentration alone and not to other factors such as changes in channel roughness. The experiments were repeated with three sands, each sized down to a single square root of two size class, the nominal diameters of 0.105, 0.210 and 0.420 mm, as described in Table 3.1, respectively. The discharge was held at 0.064  $\text{m}^3\text{/s}$ , while the flow depth was held to an average of 169 mm with a standard deviation of 1.69 mm. Energy gradients were constant at 0.002 for all runs except for the last three runs with 0.420 mm sand; for these runs the energy gradient was 0.0022. Table 3.2 is a summary of experimental conditions for the 40 runs and Table 3.3 (see Appendix B) is a compendium of the local velocities and concentrations at the respective standard measurement elevations.

Using the experimental data, the dimensionless flow depth was plotted against the dimensionless velocity of the flow in the next Chapter.



Table3.2 Experimental conditions



#### **3.3 Experimental difficulties faced**

In the original experiment, there were a lot of difficulties faced by the researcher. These difficulties could cause inaccuracies in the results obtained and affect the comparison between the theoretical equation and the experimental data. The difficulties faced are as follows:

- 1. The measurements of the velocity and concentration of the sediment near the channel bed was difficult as the instruments used were bulky. Thus the velocity and concentration data near the bed were inaccurate and cannot be used for analysis.
- 2. The viscosity of the mixture and the flow were significantly changed by the presence of large concentration of sediments.
- 3. Since extremely high velocities were required to keep large amounts of coarse sediment in suspension, supercritical flow was used. This caused a small difference between the bed slope and the water surface to result in the energy slope being considerably different from the bed and water surface slopes.
- 4. Inaccuracies in the concentration profiles were obtained for runs with low concentration of sediment.
# **Chapter 4**

# **Method of Analysis and Discussions for Velocity Profile**

To represent the data of the flows by a better solution instead of using Standard log-wake law, modified log-wake law could be used, developed by Guo (2002), by only changing the von Karman constant. The modified log-wake law has been constructed from a theoretical analysis, asymptotic matching and empirical deduction. Section 4.1 presents the application of modified log-wake law in sediment laden flow and shows how the model parameters are determined. Section 4.2 explains the methods and procedures involved in programming and analysis. Section 4.3 interprets the results obtained using the analytical methods in previous introduction. And Section 4.4 touches on the findings of this study and makes a discussion. Finally, the last Section 4.5 gives the summary of this chapter.

#### **4.1 Application of modified log-wake law in sediment laden flow**

The modified log- wake law model, developed for clear water by Guo (2002), could be further written for sediment-laden flow as,

$$
\frac{u_{\text{max}} - u}{u_*} = -\frac{1}{\kappa} \left( \ln \xi - \frac{1}{25} \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{u_{*b}} \frac{u_{*w}}{u_{*b}} \cos^2 \frac{\pi \xi}{2} + \frac{1 - \xi^3}{3} \right) \tag{4.1}
$$

in which,

 $u_{\text{max}}$  = maximum velocity in the flow direction

- $u$  = time-averaged velocity in the downstream direction
- $u^*$  = shear velocity in two-dimensional boundary layers
- $u_{\ast b}$  = average bed shear velocity

 $u_{\text{w}}$  = average sidewall shear velocity

- $\xi$  = normalized distance z relative to the boundary layer thickness  $\delta$
- $\delta$  = boundary layer thickness at the channel centerline and
- $\kappa$  = von Karman constant.

In this equation (4.1), only the von Karman constant  $\kappa$  varies with sediment concentration. The least square method could be used for determining this value of  $\kappa$ . Thus the application of this equation could be proved to determine the velocity profile in the sediment laden flow as follow:







#### **Case 2: For medium sediment (diameter = 0.210 mm)**

**Case 3: For coarse sediment (diameter = 0.420 mm)** 



Fig (4.1) Comparison of modified log-wake law with Coleman's experimental data(1986) for sediment –laden flow

From these plots, it could be seen that the modified log-wake law could represent the data very well. In addition, the rest figures for all runs were appended at the end of this thesis (in Appendix B).

#### **4.2 Methods and Procedures involved in programming**

A simple Matlab program was used to plot out the experimental data. This simple Matlab program optimized the data so that the theoretical modified log-wake curve fitted the orientation of the data.

To perform the optimization, an intrinsic function of the Matlab was used. In Matlab version 6.5, the function is known as lsqcurvefit. It performs least square nonlinear approximation between the data points and the theoretical modified log-wake equation (4.1). The method of least square performs the optimization by minimizing the sum of the squares of the deviation between the actual experimental data points and the data points generated by modified log-wake equation (4.1). There is only one parameter, von Karman constant,  $\kappa$  in the modified log- wake law to optimize for velocity profile. This sample program is appended at the end of this thesis (Appendix A).

#### **4.3 Method of Analysis**

To have a general idea of how the velocity profiles of the sediment-laden flow varied with different concentrations of sediment, plots of the various velocity profiles of different sediment-laden flow runs were made. In all plots, both the X and Y axis of the graph had dimensionless parameters i.e., plotting of the dimensionless depth ( $\xi = \frac{y}{s}$ ) against the dimensionless velocity  $(u/u^*)$  of the flow was made. This type of graph was made to show the effect that the change in vertical distance from the bed surface has on the velocity.

After the parameter was obtained from the data, a relation between the gross flow

Richardson number = 
$$
\left[ R_i = \frac{g \delta(\rho_0 - \rho_\delta)}{\rho u_*^2} \right]
$$
, a weighted measure of overall suspension

concentration, and the parameter  $\kappa$  used in the modified log-wake law equation (4.1) had to be made to determine how the parameter  $\kappa$  changed with different sediment concentration. The sediment concentration used was in the form of volumetric sediment concentration. This was because the volumetric sediment concentration has no dimensions. Hence, a dimensionless value would give an individual better idea of how the parameter  $\kappa$  value varied with the sediment concentration without being tied to the absolute value of the sediment concentration. Throughout the calculation, the density of sediment was taken as  $2650\text{kg/m}^3$ . Then, the graph of the variation of von Karma constant  $\kappa$  versus volumetric sediment concentration was established as follows:



Fig (4.2) Establishing of relationship between Richardson number (concentration gradient) and von Karman constant  $\kappa$ 

## **4.4 Effect of suspended load on the velocity distribution**

#### **4.4.1 Results**

The von Karman constant, the main parameter for velocity distribution, for clear water  $\kappa_0$  was nearly constant as described by early researchers. While, that for sediment laden flow  $(\kappa)$  followed a trend of decreasing with increasing sediment concentration. This trend in von Karman constant to decrease as concentration of suspended sediment increases is consistent with earlier findings of Vanoni,1946; Brooks,1954; Einstein and Ning Chien,1955. Moreover, the results show that the density gradient (the Richardson number Ri ) has a significant effect on the von Karman constant  $\kappa$ . Thus, a linear relation between  $\kappa$  and Ri has been fitted to the data as

$$
\kappa = 2.2e-5 Ri^{2} - 0.0031 Ri + 0.43
$$
  

$$
\frac{\kappa}{\kappa_{0}} = 0.00005 Ri^{2} - 0.0072 Ri + 1
$$

in which  $\kappa_0$  is the von Karman constant 0.43 for clear water flows. From these results, it suggests that the effect of suspended sediment in a flow is to reduce the value of von Karman constant below its value for clear water.

#### **4.4.2 Comparison**

For comparison purposes, several vertical velocity profiles of Coleman's log-wake law and Modified log-wake law were plotted together. The reason for doing so was that the modified log-wake law could be better than the Coleman's log-wake law in practically.



Fig (4.3) Compare Modified log-wake law with Coleman log-wake law in sediment-laden flow

## **4.4.3 Discussion**

Using Coleman's experimental data as a model, it could be seen in fig (4.2) that the rate of variation of the von Karman constant  $\kappa$  was different for each of the three different sizes of sediment. It showed that the coarser sediment although reducing  $\kappa$  had less effect than the finer sediment.

Moreover, the existence of suspended sediment particles could be seen to have the effect of decreasing the gradient of the velocity profile in inner flow region and increasing in outer flow region (as shown in Fig 4.4 - Fig 4.6).

Next, from the following equation by Boussinesq

$$
\tau = \rho v_t \frac{du}{dy} \tag{4.3}
$$

it is obviously seen that velocity gradient (du/dy) also has the relation with shear stress ( $\tau$ ) and the coefficient of momentum exchange ( $v_t$ ).

Therefore, we could draw a conclusion that the increase in sediment concentration reduces not only the turbulence transfer coefficient in inner region but also the resistance of the flow in outer region. This phenomenon could be observed in the following Figs.



Fig (4.4) Comparison of Clear-water velocity profile with Sediment water velocity profile from the experimental series of 0.105 mm sand (runs 1 and 19, respectively).



Fig (4.5) Comparison of Clear-water velocity profile with Sediment water velocity profile from the experimental series of 0.210 mm sand (runs 21 and 30, respectively).



Fig (4.6) Comparison of Clear-water velocity profile with Sediment water velocity profile from the experimental series of 0.420 mm sand (runs 32 and 40, respectively).

#### **4.5 Summary**

The effect of sediment concentration on velocity profile of modified log-wake law was investigated. The changing of model parameter was analyzed and then tested with the available measured data (conducted by Coleman 1996). The results are satisfactory for various sediment concentration flow cases. Therefore, this chapter can be summarized as follows:

- 1. The existence of suspended sediment particles in the flow affects velocity profiles significantly.
- 2. The velocity profile of sediment laden flow in open channel could be described by using the modified log-wake law in which only von Karman constant  $\kappa$  was changed.
- 3. The effect of suspended sediment could be regarded as a factor that makes the value of von Karman constant  $\kappa$  of sediment water lower than that of clear water.
- 4. The decreases in the velocity gradient and the turbulent shear stress in inner region of the flow are probably caused by the increase in sediment suspension.

# **Chapter 5**

## **Method of Analysis and Discussions for Concentration Profile**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide the method of analysis for the distribution of suspended sediment concentration profile. A theoretical equation for the distribution of suspended sediment concentration profile is obtained from the incorporation of the modified log-wake law equation into the differential equation of sediment suspension. The finalized theoretical equation is then compared with the measurements of flows with various sediment concentrations.

## **5.1 Method of Analysis**

#### **5.1.1 Theoretical background for Concentration equation**

Modern theories of suspended load transportation are based upon the developments in the mechanics of turbulent fluid flows.

Consider a two-dimensional turbulent flow in the x direction with a velocity  $u(y)$ , where y is normal to x. Then according to Renolds, the shear parallel to x on a plane normal to y may be expressed by

$$
\tau = -\rho \overline{u'v'} \tag{5.1}
$$

where  $\rho$  is the mass density of the fluid and u and v are the turbulent velocity fluctuations in the x and y directions respectively. The bar denotes mean value.

Moreover, Boussinesq introduced an expression for the shear of the form,

$$
\tau = \rho v_t \frac{du}{dy} \tag{5.2}
$$

where the quantity  $\rho v_t$  is analogous to the coefficient of viscosity in the expression for viscous shear. u is the mean velocity in the x direction. The quantity  $v_t$  has the dimension of a kinematics viscosity and varies from point to point.

Then, equation (5.2) may be written in the following form,

$$
\tau = \nu_t \frac{d}{dy}(\rho u) \tag{5.3}
$$

in which, the term  $\frac{d}{dy}(\rho u)$  is the momentum gradient in the y direction. Since the shear

stress is equal to the momentum transferred through unit area in unit time, the quantity  $v_t$ is a coefficient expressing the exchange of fluid between neighboring filaments. Thus, this quantity is called the coefficient of turbulent (or momentum) exchange.

For steady condition of particle suspension, such as occurs in suspended-sediment transportation, the turbulent transfer of particles in the upward direction is balanced by the settling of the particles due to the force of gravity,i.e.,

$$
-\varepsilon_s \frac{dC}{dy} = \omega C \tag{5.4}
$$

in which  $\omega$  is the settling velocity of the particles. Then the differential equation for suspended sediment becomes like that,

$$
\omega C + \varepsilon_s \frac{dC}{dy} = 0 \tag{5.5}
$$

By integrating the equation (5.5), we get the following solution,

$$
\ln \frac{C}{C_a} = -\omega \int_a^y \frac{dy}{\varepsilon_s} \tag{5.6}
$$

where  $C_a$  is the concentration at an arbitrary reference level  $y = a$ .

In the early investigation, the experimental sediment-distribution measurements were compared with the theoretical distribution which assumes that the coefficient for the turbulent transfer of suspended sediment  $\varepsilon$ <sub>s</sub> is the same as the coefficient for the turbulent transfer of momentum  $v_t$ .

However, the measured sediment distributions have the same form as the theoretical distribution but do not agree quantitatively with them, thus showing, the invalidity of the assumption that the transfer coefficient for sediment  $\varepsilon$ <sub>s</sub> was equal to that for momentum  $v_t$ .

Therefore,  $\varepsilon$ <sub>s</sub> is often estimated as  $\beta v_t$  in which  $\beta$  is a proportionality coefficient. Such a relation is furnished by the momentum transfer theory, equation (5.2), which yields the expression for the coefficient of turbulent exchanges  $v_t$  as follows,

$$
\frac{\varepsilon_s}{\beta} = v_t = \frac{\tau}{\rho \frac{du}{dy}}
$$
 or  

$$
\varepsilon_s = \beta v_t = \beta \frac{\tau}{\rho \frac{du}{dy}}
$$
 (5.7)

Then, by substituting equation (5.7) into equation (5.6), we get the following concentration equation:

$$
\ln \frac{C}{C_a} = -\frac{\rho \omega}{\beta} \int_{a}^{y} \frac{dy}{\tau} dy
$$
\n(5.8)

In a uniform open-channel flow, one has known that the shear stress is linearly distributed along the vertical direction of the channel, i.e.,

$$
\tau = \tau_0 \frac{h - y}{h}
$$
 or

By substituting  $\xi = \frac{y}{h}$ , it becomes

$$
\tau = \tau_0 \left( 1 - \xi \right) \tag{5.9}
$$

Then, introducing equation (5.9) into equation (5.8) results the following relation,

$$
\ln \frac{C}{C_a} = -\frac{\rho \omega}{\beta \tau_0} \int_{a}^{y} \frac{du}{1 - \xi} dy
$$
 (5.10)

where  $\tau_0$  is the shear stress at the bottom and can be calculated from  $\tau_0 = \rho u_*^2$ , the coordinate y will be normalized by the thickness h in wide channel, i.e., *h*  $\zeta = \frac{y}{l}$ . But for narrow channel, the maximum velocity occurs below the free surface, thus the normalized distance becomes  $\zeta = \frac{y}{\delta}$  in which  $\delta$  = the distance from the channel bed to the place of maximum velocity occurs.

By substituting  $\tau_0 = \rho u_*^2$  and  $\xi = \frac{y}{\delta}$  for narrow open channel, we can get the following equation:

$$
\ln \frac{C}{C_a} = -\frac{\rho \omega}{\beta \rho u_*^2} \int_{a}^{y} \frac{\delta d\xi}{1 - \xi} \delta d\xi
$$
 (5.11)

Rearranging the above equation (5.11), it becomes

$$
\ln \frac{C}{C_a} = -\frac{\omega}{\beta u_*} \int_{a}^{y} \frac{1}{u_*} \frac{du}{1 - \xi} d\xi
$$
 (5.12)

By using  $\frac{1}{u_*} \frac{du}{d\xi}$ *u*\*  $\frac{1}{1 - \frac{du}{dx}}$ , which comes from the velocity defect form of the modified log wake

equation (4.1), the distribution of sediment concentration can be calculated from the equation (5.12) for different sediment fractions.

#### **5.1.2 Incorporation of modified log-wake law into concentration model**

To establish a general concentration profile equation of the sediment-laden flow, we have to start from the velocity defect form of the modified log-wake law presented in previous chapter, i.e.,

$$
\frac{u_{\text{max}} - u}{u_*} = -\frac{1}{\kappa} \left( \ln \xi - \frac{1}{25} \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{u_{*b}} \frac{u_{*w}}{u_{*b}} \cos^2 \frac{\pi \xi}{2} + \frac{1 - \xi^3}{3} \right) \tag{5.13}
$$

Then, to facilitate for differentiating and integrating, we substitute a polynomial version i.e.,  $\left[\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2} \approx 1 - 3 \xi^2 + 2 \xi^3\right]$ 2  $\cos^2 \frac{\pi \xi}{\xi} \approx 1 - 3\xi^2 + 2\xi^3$  in the place of cosine-square version in equation (5.13).

Therefore, the resultant equivalent version becomes in the following form,

$$
\frac{u_{\text{max}} - u}{u_*} = -\frac{1}{\kappa} \left( \ln \xi - \frac{1}{25} \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{u_{*b}} \frac{u_{*w}}{u_{*b}} (1 - 3\xi^2 + 2\xi^3) + \frac{1 - \xi^3}{3} \right)
$$
(5.14)

But, before substituting we have examined the equivalent case as shown in figure (5.1).



Fig (5.1) Comparison of the cosine-square version with the polynomial version of the modified log-wake law

After checking completely, we differentiate equation (5.14) with respect to  $\xi$  and then the result becomes

$$
\frac{1}{u_{*b}}\frac{du}{d\xi} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \left( \frac{1}{\xi} - \frac{1}{25} \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{u_{*b}} \frac{u_{*w}}{u_{*b}} \left( -6\xi + 6\xi^2 \right) - \xi^2 \right)
$$
(5.15)

# **5.1.3 Establishment of Concentration equation**

Introducing equation (5.15) into equation (5.12) gives the following equation,

$$
\ln \frac{C}{C_a} = -\frac{\omega}{\beta u_* \kappa} \int_{\xi_a}^{\xi} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{\xi} - \frac{1}{25} \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{u_{\text{max}}}}{\frac{u_{\text{max}}}{1 - \xi}} \left( -6 \xi + 6 \xi^2 \right) - \xi^2 \right) d\xi
$$

$$
\ln \frac{C}{C_a} = -\frac{\omega}{\beta u_{*} \kappa} \int_{\xi_a}^{\xi} \left\{ \frac{1}{\xi (1-\xi)} - \frac{6}{25} \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{u_{*b}} \frac{u_{*w}}{u_{*b}} \left( -\frac{\xi}{1-\xi} + \frac{\xi^2}{1-\xi} \right) - \frac{\xi^2}{1-\xi} \right\} d\xi
$$

Integrating the above equation, we obtain

$$
\ln \frac{C}{C_a} =
$$
\n
$$
-\frac{\omega}{\beta u_* \kappa} \left[ \ln \frac{\xi}{1-\xi} - \frac{6}{25} \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{u_{*b}} \frac{u_{*w}}{u_{*b}} \left( (\ln(1-\xi) + \xi) + (-\ln(1-\xi) - \xi - \frac{\xi^2}{2}) \right) - \left( -\ln(1-\xi) - \xi - \frac{\xi^2}{2} \right) \right]_{\xi_a}^{\xi}
$$
\n
$$
= -\frac{\omega}{\beta u_* \kappa} \left\{ \ln \frac{\xi (1-\xi_a)}{(1-\xi)\xi_a} - \frac{6}{25} \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{u_{*b}} \frac{u_{*w}}{u_{*b}} \left( -\frac{\xi^2}{2} + \frac{\xi_a^2}{2} \right) - \ln \frac{1-\xi_a}{1-\xi} + \frac{\xi^2}{2} - \frac{\xi_a^2}{2} + \xi - \xi_a \right\}
$$
\n
$$
= -\frac{\omega}{\beta u_* \kappa} \left\{ \ln \frac{\xi}{\xi_a} - \frac{6}{25} \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{u_{*b}} \frac{u_{*w}}{u_{*b}} \left( -\frac{\xi^2}{2} + \frac{\xi_a^2}{2} \right) + \frac{\xi^2}{2} - \frac{\xi_a^2}{2} + \xi - \xi_a \right\}
$$
\n
$$
= -\frac{\omega}{\beta u_* \kappa} \left\{ \ln \frac{\xi}{\xi_a} + (\frac{3}{25} \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{u_{*b}} \frac{u_{*w}}{u_{*b}} + \frac{1}{2}) (\xi^2 - \xi_a^2) + \xi - \xi_a \right\} \tag{5.16}
$$

Finally the structure of equation (5.16) can be generalized as follow:

$$
\ln \frac{C}{C_a} = -\frac{\omega}{\beta u_* \kappa} \left\{ \ln \frac{\xi}{\xi_a} + \alpha (\xi^2 - \xi_a^2) + (\xi - \xi_a) \right\}
$$
(5.17)

Where  $\alpha$  is sidewalls coefficient;  $\omega$  = settling velocity of sediment;  $\beta$  = proportionality coefficient; and  $\kappa$  = von Karman coefficient.

By using this equation (5.17) it is possible to plot the curves of relative sediment distribution as shown in figure (5.2).

**Case 1: For fine sediment (diameter = 0.105 mm)** 



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**Case 2: For medium sediment (diameter = 0.210 mm)** 



**Case 3: For coarse sediment (diameter = 0.420 mm)** 



Fig (5.2) Plot of concentration Vs dimensionless water depth.

In all plots, both the X and Y axis of the graph had dimensionless parameters. The graphs on the above pages show briefly how the concentration profiles vary with distance from the bed for different types of sediment used. The testing results for the other runs were appended in Appendix D. From the above graphs, we could see that our presented concentration profile model was structurally applicable in the prediction of concentration profile of sediment.

#### **5.1.4 Finding parameters in concentration equation**

In our finalized concentration equation (5.17), we have only two parameters  $\beta$ and  $\alpha$  to optimize. These parameters can be obtained using the Matlab program (shown in Appendix A). Hence, the Matlab program optimized these parameters so that the theoretical curve fitted the orientation of the experimental data. However  $\kappa$  value is substituted from the previous optimization result of the velocity profile.

Then, to investigate a value for the settling velocity, we apply the following mathematical equation- 5.18, which relates the settling velocity to the sediment fluid properties.

$$
\frac{\omega d}{\omega} = \frac{d^{\frac{3}{x}}}{24 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}d^{\frac{3}{x}}}
$$
(5.18)

in which  $\omega$  = settling velocity; d = sediment particle diameter;  $\upsilon$  = kinematics viscosity of fluid; and

$$
d_* = \left(\frac{(\rho_s - \rho)g}{\rho v^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}d\tag{5.19}
$$

where  $\rho_s$  = density of the sediment (ie., sand = 2650 kg/m<sup>3</sup>);  $\rho$  = density of water  $(1000 \text{ kg/m}^3)$ .

But, in flow with suspended sediment, treatment of the sediment-water mixture as a single fluid requires an expression for the kinematics mixture viscosity (Graf,1971; Coleman,1981). So we apply the following equation.

$$
v = \frac{\mu_w (1 + 2.5 + 6.25 C_{avg}^2 + 15.62 C_{avg}^3)}{\rho_m}
$$
(5.20)

where  $\rho_m = \rho_w + (\rho_s - \rho_w)C_{ave}$ 

1 0  $\mu_w = \mu_0 e^{y}$  = dynamic viscosity of water at a given temperature degree Celsius in which  $\mu_0$  = dynamic viscosity of water at zero degree Celsius = 0.001792 and

$$
y_1 = a + b \left(\frac{T_0}{T_k}\right) + c \left(\frac{T_0}{T_k}\right)^2 \tag{5.21}
$$

in which

 $T_k$  = given temperature in Kelvin;  $T_0$  = 273.16;

and the constants  $a = -1.94$ ;  $b = -4.8$ ;  $c = 6.74$ .

#### **5.1.5 Comparison of present model with classical Rouse's equation**

It is shown in Fig (5.3) that the difference between the present model and the Rouse's equation is not so much. But the Rouse's equation (seen in previous chapter) gives over estimation of flow concentration in some place. Thus, the present model could describe the sediment laden flow much better than the Rouse's equation that was commonly used in this field.



Fig (5.3) Comparison of present concentration model with Rouse's equation

# **5.2 Establishing relationship between parameters and Concentration gradient**

In theoretical concentration profile equation  $(5.17)$ , there were three parameters  $(\kappa, \beta, \alpha)$ . But we kept  $\kappa$  as a known value that was optimized from the velocity profile. Therefore, the optimization of parameters was done on the two parameters ( $\beta, \alpha$ ).

After the parameters were obtained from the data, a relation between sediment concentration gradient and the parameters were made.



Fig (5.4) Checking of beta coefficient with sediment concentration gradient



Fig (5.5) Checking of alpha coefficient with sediment concentration gradient

From these graphs, one could see that  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  did not change with sediment concentration gradient. These parameters only changed with the sizes of sediment particles. So we can try to establish a relationship between the values of  $\beta$  to that of the diameter size of the sediment.

From the  $\beta$  values obtained,

- $\beta \sim 0.3$  for 0.105 mm diameter of sediment (fine) particle
- $\beta \sim 0.65$  for 0.210 mm diameter of sediment (medium) particle
- $\beta \sim 1.5$  for 0.420 mm diameter of sediment (coarse) particle

That means for the fine and medium sizes of sediment, the sediment transfer coefficient  $\varepsilon$ <sub>s</sub> is smaller than the momentum transfer coefficient  $v_t$ , while the opposite is true for the coarse sediment.

## **5.3 Establishing relationship between parameters and settling velocity**

From another point of view, we could examine the effect of settling velocity of sediment particles on both parameters  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$ . These results were shown in the following figures.



Fig (5.6) Checking of beta coefficient with settling velocity of suspended sediment.



Fig (5.7) Checking of alpha coefficient with settling velocity of suspended sediment.

From the above figure (5.6), one can deduce that  $\beta$  varies directly with fall velocity for a constant flow condition as defined by u\*. Moreover, its value will become larger for larger particles, other things being equal and we can propose the functional relationship between  $\beta$  and w/u<sup>\*</sup> as follow:

$$
\beta = 2.213 \text{ w/u}^* + 0.1236.
$$

However, for the case of  $\alpha$  parameter, a correlation between coefficient  $\alpha$  and  $w/u^*$  is unclear. We can only say that  $\alpha$  becomes smaller for larger particles and the physical relationship between them require further studies.

#### **5.4 Summary**

This chapter presented the mathematical model for the concentration profile that can completely describe the distribution of the sediment concentration from the channel bed to the water surface. In this model, we incorporate velocity distribution equation that corresponds to modified log-wake law with the model. The main results of this chapter are as follow.

The distribution of the relative concentration of suspended load is in the form of the derived distribution equation (5.17) which consists of two parameters: the proportionality coefficient ( $\beta$ ) for sediment transfer mechanism and the sidewalls coefficient ( $\alpha$ ) for secondary current. These two parameters need to be used in this model because in theoretical consideration, the analysis of turbulence events cannot be substituted for the analysis of sediment events. Thus, these parameters become important for sediment dynamics.

Moreover, the changes of the proportionality coefficient ( $\beta$ ) with various sediment particles sizes shows that the value of  $\beta$  is about 0.3 for smaller particle size and otherwise, the value of  $\beta$  will increase to some what. But it is invariant with sediment concentration gradient. In addition, it is observed that the  $\beta$  <1 value is true for the sediment size up to medium size particles (i.e., about  $0.2 \text{ mm} \sim 0.3 \text{ mm}$  diameter). This suggestion agrees with the results of Graf and Cellino (2002) who conducted their experiment with the sand particles of 0.135mm and 0.230mm diameter. But they overlooked for coarse particle. Thus, from our results point of view,  $\beta > 1$  value could be possible for coarse particle sediments.

# **Chapter 6**

# **Conclusions**

 Application ofmodified log-wake law in sediment-laden flow is presented and tested with experimental data. The following conclusions are obtained:

1. The general equation for velocity profile in sediment-laden flow is

$$
\frac{u_{\max} - u}{u_*} = -\frac{1}{\kappa} \left( \ln \xi - \frac{1}{25} \frac{u_{\max}}{u_{*b}} \frac{u_{*w}}{u_{*b}} \cos^2 \frac{\pi \xi}{2} + \frac{1 - \xi^3}{3} \right)
$$

- 2. By only changing von Karman constant, the velocity profile of modified log-wake law compares very well with Coleman's (1986) experimental data in smooth rectangular channels as shown in figs (4.1).
- 3. The analysis of the application of modified log-wake law in sediment-laden flow indicates that the von Karman coefficient is dependent upon the amount of suspended sediment in an open channel flow and it decreases with increasing sediment concentration in the flows as shown in fig  $(4.2)$ .
- 4. The Karman coefficient is a function of the gross flow Richardson number (concentration gradient) in fig (4.2).
- 5. The modified log-wake law can provide a better velocity gradient for turbulent mixing studies and give the corresponding concentration profile.
- 6. The general structure of the concentration profile is:

$$
\ln \frac{C}{C_a} = -\frac{\omega}{\beta u_* \kappa} \left\{ \ln \frac{\xi}{\xi_a} + \alpha (\xi^2 - \xi_a^2) + (\xi - \xi_a) \right\}
$$

- 7. The concentration profile has three parameters: (i) the von Karman constant carried from the velocity profile model; (ii) the proportionality coefficient ( $\beta$ ) for sediment transfer mechanism (iii) the sidewalls coefficient ( $\alpha$ ).
- 8. The proportionality coefficient  $(\beta)$  is directly proportional to the size of the sediment and the settling velocity. But  $(\beta)$  is independent of the sediment concentration.
- 9. The secondary current effect coefficient ( $\alpha$ ) is independent of the properties of the sediment and that of the sediment concentration.

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# **APPENDIX A SAMPLE MATLAB PROGRAM**

#### **Velocity Profile Program**

[filename, filepath]=uigetfile('\*.\*', 'Open data file');

if isequal(filename,0), disp ('File not found'); return; end

Data =  $load([filepath, \n\,\; filename], '-ascii');$ 







tau\_w =  $b$ ./2./h.\*(1 - tau\_b);  $\%$  non-dimension wall shear stress  $u_{\text{start}} = \sqrt{\text{sqrt}(\text{tau}_{\text{w}} \cdot \text{s}^2)/(\text{bar} \cdot \text{s}^2)}$ ; % shear velocity at the wall  $x = z$ ./delta;  $\%$  non-dimension normalized depth  $y = (umax - u)$ ./u\_starb;  $U = u./u_stat;$ figure(1) plot(U,x,'o'), hold on figure(2) semilogy(U,x,'o'), hold on fun=inline( $[$ '(-sqrt(3).\*exp(1)./2.\*Pi.\*(log(x)-(',num2str(umax),'./(25.\*',num2str(u\_starb),').\*cos(pi.\*x./2).^2)+ (1 - x.^3)./3))'],'Pi','x');  $Pi = Isqcurvefit(fun, [0.1], x, y)$  $x1 = logspace(-2, log10(h./delta), 50);$ y1 = umax./u\_starb + (sqrt(3).\*exp(1)./2).\*Pi.\*(log(x1)-(umax./(25.\*u\_starb).\*cos(pi.\*x1./2).^2)+ (1  $x1.^{4}3).^{3}$ figure(1) plot(y1,x1), hold off  $ylabel('{\xi} = y/{\delta'}$ ;  $xlabel('u/u_*');$ title('Velocity Profile for Run 23'); legend('Coleman experiment data(1986)','Modified log-wake law,2'); figure(2)  $semilogy(y1,x1)$ , hold off  $ylabel('{\xi} = y/{\delta'}$ ;  $xlabel('u/u_*');$ title('Velocity Profile for Run 23'); legend('Coleman experiment data(1986)','Modified log-wake law,2');

### **Concentration Profile Program**

[filename, filepath]=uigetfile('\*.\*', 'Open data file');

if isequal(filename,0), disp ('File not found'); return; end

Data =  $load([filepath, \, \backslash', filename], '-ascii');$ 

 $z = Data(:,1);$  % (mm) depth of water level from the channel bed  $C = Data(:,2);$  % (m3/m3) given experimental concentration at a various level of depth from channel bed



];



tau\_b = (4./pi.\*atan(exp(-pi.\*h./b)) + pi./4.\*h./b.\*exp(-h./b)); % non-dimension





 $Pi = \text{lsqcurvefit}(\text{fun}, [1.0 0.1], x, y);$ 

x1 = 0.01:0.001:1.4;

B =  $(-w/(u_{\text{start}})*K.*Pi(1))).*(log (x1.x_0) + Pi(2).*(-x_0.^2 + x1.^2) + (x1 - x_0));$ 

 $D = exp(B)$ ;

 $A = C./Ca;$ 

figure(1)

plot(A,x,'\*'),hold on

plot(D,x1,'r-'),hold off

 $ylabel('{\xi} = z/{\delta}'$ ;

xlabel('(C/Ca)');

title('concentration Vs {\xi} for Run 23');

legend('Coleman experiment data(1986)','Modified log-wake law');

figure(2)

semilogx(A,x,'\*'),hold on

semilogx(D,x1,'r-'),hold off

 $ylabel('{\xi} = z/{\delta}'$ ;

xlabel('(C/Ca)');

title('concentration Vs {\xi} for Run 23');

legend('Coleman experiment data(1986)','Modified log-wake law');

figure(3)

loglog(A,x,'\*'),hold on

semilogx(D,x1,'r-'),hold off

 $ylabel('{\xi} = z/{\delta}'$ ;

xlabel('(C/Ca)');

title('concentration Vs {\xi} for Run 23');

legend('Coleman experiment data(1986)','Modified log-wake law');

# **APPENDIX B VELOCITY AND CONCENTRATION EXPERIMENTAL DATA**







## **APPENDIX C RESULTED VELOCITY PROFILE FIGURES**







































# **APPENDIX D RESULTED CONCENTRATION PROFILE FIGURES**




































