# Measurements in a water channel for studying environmental problems Part I

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# Introduction

Water channel main advantages:

- large Reynolds numbers
- similitude with wind tunnels easily achieved
- (especially for turbulent boundary layers:  $\delta/x$ ,  $C_f = f(Re_x = U_eX/v)$ )
- flow visualisations and LDV/PIV measurements easily performed

# **but non negligible acceleration effect when channel is long** (several to ten meters or more)

# Water channel characteristic properties

## Previous sediment experiments in the COM water channel









Fig. 7 - Coefficient de frottement de la plaque plane -----  $C_f = 0.0594R_x^{-1/5}$  -----  $C_f = 0.0368 R_x^{-1/6}$ Résultats expérimentaux (regroupés par MICHEL)  $\Delta$  DHAWAN o SCHULTZ-GRUNOW • KEMPF

> Wall stresses  $\tau_p (=\rho u^{*2}) \le 2 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$

 $\begin{cases} U_e \approx 1m/s \\ X \approx 1m \\ \delta \approx 3 \text{ cm}^7 \end{cases}$ 

#### Estimated boundary layer thicknesses ( $\delta$ )





 $B = 60 \text{ cm}, 10 \text{ cm} < h < 50 \text{ cm}, 0.1 \text{ m/s} < U_b < 1 \text{ m/s}$ 



## The water channel HERODE (built in 2003)







Any guideline for quantifying this acceleration effect ?12



FIGURE 6. Flow development along axis of square duct. Data: +, Melling (1975), Re = 42000;  $\bigcirc$ , Gessner & Emery (1980), Re = 250000. Predictions: —, present model, quadratic f-function, Re = 50000; —, present model, quadratic f-function, Re = 250000; —, present model, linear f-function, Re = 250000; —, model of Naot & Rodi (1982).

#### From Demuren and Rodi, JFM, 1984





FIG. 3. Variation of Dimensionless Length of Flow Developing Zone with R/F

Data for open channels : only by Kirgöz and Ardichoglu (1997) L/h = 76 -0.0001 Re/FrFor HERODE (h=16 cm) : L ≈ 4 m : wrong !!! Our measurements for  $\delta/x$  (with  $\delta=h$ ) suggest L ≈ 11 m Need for a systematic study of the development region of pipe, duct and open channel flows

<u>3D Fluent computations :</u>

2 mesh sizes:  $\rightarrow 160x32x60 (8/24 \text{ m}, 16 + 21 \text{ cm})$  V, y  $\rightarrow 400x60x60 (40 \text{ m}, 30 \text{ cm})$ 

(+ circular pipe)

2 conditions for the « free surface »:

→ zero friction (open channel)

→ symmetry (square duct)

k- $\varepsilon$  standard model :  $(u_{rms} / U_b = 1\%, 1 \approx \frac{u_{rms}^3}{\varepsilon} = 1 \text{ cm}$  : inlet) Lengths : 8 m (stretched to 24 m) and 40 m

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> span (B) : 30 cm (with symmetry on the axis)

3 depths (h) : 16 cm, 21 cm, 30 cm

5 velocities : 20, 30, 45, 60 and 75 cm/s

Lateral wall

U, x

**Jutlet** 

**Free surface** 

B (m	) h (m)	d = 2h (m)	D (m)	$D_h$ (m)
Circular pipes			0.16, 0.21, 0.30	0.16, 0.21, 0.30
Ducts 0.60		0.32, 0.42, 0.60		0.418,  0.494,  0.60
Open-channels 0.60	0.16, 0.21, 0.30			$0.418, \ 0.494, \ 0.60$

Grid density	20x20	30x30	60x60	70x70
$d_{1m}^+$	64	26	2.5	1.1
$d_{10m}^{+}$	51	21	1.91	0.88





#### Duct, d = 2h = 32 cm (small mesh)



Duct, d = 2h = 32 cm (small mesh)



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## Duct, d = 2h = 60 cm (small mesh)



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Duct, d = 2h = 32 cm (small mesh)



#### Duct, d = 2h = 60 cm (small mesh)





## Circular pipes, $D = 16 \text{ cm} (\blacksquare)$ and $D = 30 \text{ cm} (\clubsuit)$



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#### Square duct, $d = 60 \text{ cm} (\blacksquare)$ and open channel $h = 30 \text{ cm} (\clubsuit)$



#### **Influence of the acceleration** ?

$$C_{f} = 2\frac{d\theta}{dx}$$
, with  $\theta = \int_{0}^{\delta} \frac{U}{U_{e}} (1 - \frac{U}{U_{e}}) dy$  and  $H = \frac{\delta_{1}}{\theta} \approx 1 + 2/n \approx 1.3$ 

Slope for  $C_f$  = Slope for  $\delta_1$ . (1/5).(n)/((n+1)(n+2)) if dU<sub>e</sub>/dx negligible (=(1/5).(7/72) with 1/n=1/7)

but 
$$C_f = 2\frac{d\theta}{dx} - 2\theta\frac{H+2}{\rho U_e^2}\frac{dP}{dx}$$
 otherwise

Circular pipes, D = 16 cm(-) and D = 30 cm(-)Square duct,  $d = 60 \text{ cm}(\blacksquare)$  and open channel  $h = 30 \text{ cm}(\clubsuit)$ 



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2nd term in  $C_f$  evolution law

Circular pipes, D = 16 cm(--) and D = 30 cm(--)Rectangular duct,  $d = 32 \text{ cm}(\Box)$  and open channel  $h = 16 \text{ cm}(\clubsuit)$ Square duct,  $d = 60 \text{ cm}(\blacksquare)$  and open channel  $h = 30 \text{ cm}(\bigstar)$ 









with  $\delta_{1\text{th}} = (0.38/8) \text{ x } (\text{Re}_{\text{x}})^{-1/5}$ 

(direct consequence of the flow rate conservation, pipe flow :  $U_b \frac{\pi}{4} D_h^2 = U_e \frac{\pi}{4} (D_h - 2\delta_1)^2$ ,  $\frac{U_e}{U_b} = \frac{1}{(1 - 2\delta_1/D_h)^2} \approx 1 + 4\delta_1/D_h$ ) <sup>33</sup>

$$(X/D_h)/(U_bX/v)^{1/5} = C, \quad (L_e/D_h)^5 = C^5U_bL_e/v$$

$$L_e/D_h = C^{5/4}(U_bD_h/v)^{1/4} = C^{5/4}(Re)^{1/4}, \quad L_e/D_h = 1.3 (Re)^{1/4}$$

## Szablewski (1953) : pipe flows, ★ Kirgöz and Ardichoglu (1997) : open channel flows, ○



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### Compilation of square duct data by Demuren and Rodi (1984), $\blacksquare$ Open channel data measured by Nezu and Rodi (1986), $\bigstar$



Asymptotic values in the developed region 38

Compilation of pipe flow data by Coantic (1966), ---O---Compilation of plane channel data by Dean (1978), --- $\blacksquare$ ---Compilation of square duct data by Demuren and Rodi (1984), --- $\Box$ ---Open channel data measured by Nezu and Rodi (1986), --- $\bigstar$ ---



### Similarities / differences with laminar conditions



Laminar flows seem to display weaker universal behaviour : role of (specific) instabilities for pipe flows ?







## Conclusion

- Acceleration in the development region of pipe, duct and open channel flows is a unique linear function of  $\delta_1/D_h$ 

Development length L<sub>e</sub> is a function of (Re)<sup>1/4</sup> and not (Re)<sup>1/6</sup>
(..... as written in most monographs)
Acceleration scales as (X/D<sub>h</sub>)/(Re)<sup>1/4</sup> and not (X/D<sub>h</sub>)/(Re)
(..... as is the case for laminar flows)

- Influence of secondary vortices in the corners is negligible for these flow features

- k-ε model is sufficiently accurate for studying such properties of the development region

# Cohesive sediment properties

(Fabien TERNAT's thesis, 2007)



- For pollutant transport/storage in rivers (radionuclide/metallic elements), fine cohesive particles are essential because of their affinity with such positive ions.



- Very little is known about the properties of cohesive sediment :

\* erosion is modelled through threshold laws like Partheniades' (1965) :

$$\begin{cases} E = \alpha \left( \tau - \tau_{ce} \right)^{\beta} & \text{if} \quad \tau > \tau_{ce}, \\ E = 0 & \text{if} \quad \tau < \tau_{ce} \end{cases}$$

\*  $\tau_{ce}$  is « much larger » for cohesive than for non-cohesive sediment, \*  $\beta$  is generally considered equal to 1,

\* for non-cohesive sediment, Shields' diagram allows to collapse all data

**Can we derive a « general » model to account for the cohesive effect ?** 





$$d = \operatorname{cste} : \theta = \operatorname{Re}^{*2}(\rho_{W}\nu^{2}/((\rho_{s}-\rho_{W})gd^{3}))$$
$$u^{*} = \operatorname{cste} : \theta = \operatorname{Re}^{*-1}(\rho_{W}u^{*3}/((\rho_{s}-\rho_{W})g\nu))$$



Localisation of the different sites of core sampling for the resuspension campaigns.



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Caisson n°6



using: 
$$\tau_f = \frac{\rho B}{2} \left( \frac{xC}{D_h} Re_b^{-1/5} + 1 \right)^{9/5} U_b^2 Re_b^{-1/5}$$



 $\square$  Different sediment classes associated with increasing  $\tau_{ce}$  values





Experimental measurements of the erosion threshold presented in the Shields diagram for the 10 campaigns.

Our domain of interest :  $\text{Re}^* < 1$  57



The particle « moves » (rotation around the vertex I) if

$$F_D = \tan \Phi \cdot (F_W - F_L + F_C)$$

( $\Phi$  is a characteristic internal friction angle)

$$F_W = k_W . g. (\rho_s - \rho_w) . d^3$$

$$C_{D} = \frac{24}{Re} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{3}{16} \cdot Re\right)$$

$$Re = \alpha \cdot Re^{*2}$$

$$u^{+} = z^{+}$$

$$u_{b} = \alpha \cdot \frac{d}{\nu_{w}} \cdot u^{*2}$$

$$Re = \alpha \cdot Re^{*2}$$

$$F_{D} = k_{D} \cdot a \cdot \alpha \cdot \rho_{w} \cdot \nu_{w}^{2} Re^{*2} \left(1 + \frac{3 \cdot \alpha}{16} \cdot Re^{*2}\right)$$

$$F_L = k_L . \alpha . \rho_w . \nu_w^2 . Re^{*3}$$

Erosion threshold :  $\tau^* = \frac{k_W \frac{\tan \Phi}{\alpha k_D}}{a + \frac{k_L}{k_D} \tan \Phi . Re^* + \frac{3.a.\alpha}{16} . Re^{*2}} \left(1 + \frac{F_C}{k_W . g.(\rho_s - \rho_w) . d^3}\right)$ 





$\alpha$	a	$k_D$	$k_W$	$k_L$	$n_{max}$	$n_c$
0, 16	37, 49	0,4	1	30	1	0, 47

#### A modelling attempt of cohesion : using Van der Waals' force

For two particles :

$$F_H(n, d_1, d_2) = \frac{A_H \cdot d_1 \cdot d_2}{12 \cdot (d_1 + d_2) \cdot d_i^2}$$

where  $A_H \simeq 10^{-20} J$  is the Hamaker constant,  $d_1$  (m) and  $d_2$  (m) the particle diameters,  $d_i$  the interparticle distance. Typical  $A_H$  values for different argileous minerals are  $2, 2.10^{-20} J$  for montmorillonite and  $3, 1.10^{-20} J$  for kaolinite [Bergström, 1997, cited by *Gelard*, 2005]. The range of variation of  $d_i$  is given by the condition:  $d_i << d_1, d_2$ . For any particular cristal arrangement (simple cubic, centered cubic, ...), the compaction factor is defined (as the ratio between the effective volume of particles and the total cristal volume) by :

$$c = \frac{\pi}{6} \cdot \left(\frac{d}{b}\right)^3$$
,

with  $b = d + d_i$ , the distance between two particle centers.

Thus: 
$$d_i = \left(\left(\frac{6.c}{\pi}\right)^{-1/3} - 1\right) \cdot d$$
,

with  $d_i > 0$  implying that  $c < c_c$  (generally equal to  $\pi/6$ ).



And, using the porosity n :  $(n = V_w/V_{tot})$ 

$$c = \frac{n_{\max} - n}{n_{\max} - n_{\min}} \cdot c_c$$

so that finally the used expression for  $d_i$  is:

$$d_i = K(n) \cdot d$$

with K(n), the compaction function defined by:

$$K(n) = \left( \left( \frac{n_{\max} - n_{\min}}{n_{\max} - n} \right)^{1/3} - 1 \right)$$

If we now consider that the « small » and « big » particles are arranged like:



Then,

the coordination number corresponds to the number of small particles of radius  $\frac{d_s}{2} + d_i$  that can be included inside the volume comprised between the big sphere and the one of radius  $\frac{d_b}{2} + 2.d_i + d_s$ :  $C = \frac{V_v}{V_c}$ 

with

$$V_v = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot \left[ \left( \frac{d_b}{2} + d_s + 2.d_i \right)^3 - \left( \frac{d_b}{2} \right)^3 \right]$$
$$V_s = \frac{4}{3} \pi \cdot \left( \frac{d_s}{2} + d_i \right)^3$$
$$C = \left( \frac{d_b}{(1+2.K)d_s} \right)^3 \left[ \left( 1 + 2.(1+2.K)\frac{d_s}{d_b} \right)^3 - 1 \right]$$

(with  $d_i = K d_s$ ).

so that

If we also consider that the particle is only partially buried at the Interface water/sediment:



then the actual contact surface is:

$$S_I = \frac{\pi \cdot d^2}{2} \left(1 - \cos \Phi\right)$$

so that C is given by: (for any  $d_b/d_s$  pair)

$$C_I(n, d_b, d_s) = \left(\frac{1 - \cos \Phi}{2}\right) \left(\frac{d_b}{(1 + 2.K(n))d_s}\right)^3 \\ \left[ \left(1 + 2.(1 + 2.K(n))\frac{d_s}{d_b}\right)^3 - 1 \right]$$

For a given size of  $\ll$  big  $\gg$  particles d<sub>b</sub>, the elementary cohesion force exerted by all smaller particles of size d<sub>s</sub> is then :

$$F_{2C}(n, d_b, d_s) = C_I(n, d_b, d_s) \cdot F_H(n, d_b, d_s) \cdot s(d_s)$$

(where s(d) is the granulometric spectrum). Then, the total cohesion force writes:

$$F_{C}(n, d_{b}) = \int_{0}^{\infty} F_{2C}(n, d_{b}, d_{s}).dd_{s}$$
  
= 
$$\int_{0}^{\infty} C_{I}(n, d_{b}, d_{s}).F_{H}(n, d_{b}, d_{s}).s(d_{s}).dd_{s}$$



Granulometric distributions for our experiments.



Two by two cohesion function  $1 + \frac{F_C}{F_W}$  vs. particle diameter d for different values of the porosity n.

$\stackrel{\rho_s}{(kg.m^{-3})}$	$\stackrel{\rho_w}{(kg.m^{-3})}$	$\begin{pmatrix} g\\ (m.s^{-2}) \end{pmatrix}$	$A_H$ (J)
2650	1000	10	$1.10^{-20}$
$n_{max}$	$n_c$	$\Phi$	
(-)	(-)	(deg)	
1	$1-rac{\pi}{6}\simeq 0.48$	52, 5	



Evolution of the cohesion function  $1 + \frac{F_C}{F_W}$ vs. particle diameter *d* for different granulometric spectra, for the same compaction degree.

Finally, the global cohesion function acting within a sediment sample is:

$$\left\langle 1 + \frac{F_C}{F_W} \right\rangle(n) = \int_0^\infty 1 + \frac{F_C(n,d)}{F_W} s(d).dd$$

So that  $u_{ce}^*$  is finally obtained by fiding the zeros of the relation:

$$f(d, u_{ce}^{*}, n) = \frac{3.\alpha^{2}.k_{D}.a.\rho_{w}}{16.\nu_{w}^{2}.\tan\Phi} d^{4}.u^{*4} + \frac{\alpha.k_{L}.\rho_{w}}{\nu_{w}} d^{3}.u^{*3} + \frac{\alpha.k_{D}.a.\rho_{w}}{\tan\Phi} d^{2}.u^{*2} - k_{W}.g.(\rho_{s} - \rho_{w}).d^{3} - F_{C}(d, n)$$

(which is found to have only one positive real solution).


Evolution of the Shields parameter  $\tau^*$  vs. the particle Reynolds number  $Re^*$  for different values of the porosity.



Experimental evolution of the porosity vs. depth for the 10 campaigns.

These porosity profiles are fitted according to Athy's law:

$$n(z) = n_{\infty} + (n_0 - n_{\infty}).e^{-\varsigma_s \cdot z}$$
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Evolution of the depth deduced from Athy's law in function of the depth deduced from concentration measurements.

The eroded depth estimated from the suspended matter concentration in the water channel has to be corrected (on the basis of Athy's law).



Comparison between experimental and modeled critical erosion velocities  $u_{ce}^*$  for all resuspension campaigns.

## Conclusion

- The water channel HERODE allowed us to perform experiments on the erosion properties ( $\tau_{ce}$ , porosity, granulometry) of cohesive sediment
- These results were used as a basis for developing a model of cohesion

## **Future developments:**

- Test the cohesion model on other cohesive sediment (with different origins : different clay contents, different water salinities, different water pH values, ...., and different erosion modes also ?)

- Improve the water channel in order to have a better control of the eroded sediment height and of the fraction of saltating eroded matter

Thank you .....