

Dear Dr. Chen

Thank you for allocating your time to review our manuscript. You have mentioned valuable points, we really appreciate it. We revised the manuscript based on your suggestions. The revised version have great improvement compared to older ones:

- English language were improved in the revised version, some tables were merged, some figures were added to more clarity, and some sentences were rewrite, and so on.

Answer to editor comments

-I have a question regarding your responses to reviewer #2. The main novelty of the work is the use of a third-order numerical method in model structure. It is not clear in the manuscript.

Answer:

In the whole of manuscript we attempt to show unique characteristics of presented model, especially the capabilities of numerical method (QUICK scheme) that have been used in the model structure for spatial discretization of equations. In particular, in example 1, we design a pure advection transport problem to highlight the ability of presented model to handle the advection dominant problems better than other ones. As we frequently mentioned in the manuscript, in the rivers where the transient storage often observed (e.g. mountain rivers) due to topographical conditions (high slopes), the flow velocity is high and as a result the advection is the dominant process on transport. Also in example 2, we implement the three models, for three cases with different Peclet numbers. As you know the Peclet number is defined as the ratio of the rate of advection of a physical quantity by the flow to the rate of dispersion of the same quantity driven by an appropriate gradient. So highest Peclet number is equivalent to more advective transport. The results show that numerical oscillations in the presented model is very small compared to other ones (figures 8 and 11).

Besides the questions and suggestions from the reviewers, there are still some questions need to be clarified:

1. Some tables can be merged

Answer:

As you suggested some tables were merged, including; tables 3, 4 and 9; tables 5 and 6; tables 7 and 8; tables 12 and 13 and tables 19 and 20.

2. Page 11969: Line 13: “ $Dal = 0.8$ ” cannot guarantee that the parameters are correct. The meaning of Table 4 is not clear, which need to be clarified. Also On page 11971 line 24.

Answer:

-Yes, you are right. It just guarantee that transient storage is involved in transport. This sentence was rewritten and additional explanation given in revised version.

-For more clarity, Tables 4 and 9 were merged with table 3.

3. The case study doesn’t consider the processes of absorption and dissolution, which need to the clarified.

Answer:

As we mentioned in the reply to the comments of referee#1, we used the data of tracer studies that conducted by other researchers and have been used in the plenty of papers in the subject of transient storage. In the other hand, since the most of tracer studies were conducted with conservative solutes, we just found one tracer experiment with non-conservative solute (Bencala, 1983), that we used that experiment data in example 4. This example considers the effect of both chemical and physical processes on downstream transport (as it is clear from table 7 in revised version). Also, it worth to mention that the terms of differential equation that related to chemical processes (mainly first-order decay and kinetic sorption) are not very challenging for numerical method.

4. Rewrite this sentence “In the following, for showing the higher accuracy of numerical method that used in the presented model, the results of three models, CTQS, CTCS and BTCS

in compare with 2-D model ones, are presented.” On Page 11972. For me, it is not clear.
What is the difference between the three models and the 2-D model?

Answer:

This sentence was rewritten in revised version, (page 17, and lines 3-7 of this document).
Also additional explanation about 2-D model added.

5. A figure indicating your study area is suggested. And it is also suggested to add a figure showing the advection movement and the grid (Fig. 9) compared to the movement of 2-D model. If the experiments with different parameters, data and structure can be shown as figures or tables, it could be easier to understand. The experiment design is not clear through the whole manuscript. For example, how many dataset, models, setup are used?

Answer:

- Based on your suggestion, figures 12 and 21 were added to revised version, which show the study area for Uvas Creek and Huey Creek, respectively.

-in worth to mention that for pure advection case the results of 1-D, 2-D and 3-D model is the same, because the dispersion coefficient is zero.

-the simulation parameters and characteristics of hypothetical examples and experiments were used in manuscript, are given in tables 8, 11, 13 and 16.

- We used the observed data from tracer studies that conducted by other researchers and have been used in the plenty of papers in the subject of transient storage before. However additional explanations were added to revised version. For more information about these tracer studies we kindly asked you to see the following references:

- AVANZINO, R. J., ZELLWEGER, G. W., KENNEDY, V. C., ZAND, S. M. & BENCALA, K. E. 1984. Results of a solute transport experiment at Uvas Creek, September 1972. USGS Open-File Report 84-236 1984. 82 p, 40 fig, 9 tab, 5 ref.

- BENCALA, K. E. and WALTERS, R. A. 1983. Simulation of Solute Transport in a Mountain Pool-and-Riffle Stream: A Transient Storage Model. Water Resources Research, 19, 718-724, doi:10.1029/WR019i003p00718.

- BENCALA, K. E. 1983. Simulaon of solute transport in a mountain pool-and-riffle stream with a

1 kinetic mass transfer model for sorption. Water Resources Research, 19, 732-738, doi:
2 10.1029/WR019i003p00732.
3 - Runkel, R. L., Mcknigh, D. M. and Andrews, E. D. 1998. Analysis of transient storage subject to
4 unsteady flow: diel flow variation in an Antarctic stream. Journal of the North American
5 Benthological Society, 143-154.

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8 6. Why no merge Fig. 7a and Fig. 7b? It is obscure.

9 **Answer:**

10 Figure 7 (a) and (b) show the results of two different models (CTCS and BTCS) in compared to
11 2-D and CTQS models. Due to proximity of results and to facilitate the comparison, the
12 results have been presented in separate figures.

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14 7. The usage of "real data" and "correct parameter values" are not rigorous.

15 **Answer:**

16 - You are right, these phrases was changed to "observed data", in whole of manuscript.

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18 8. About the sensitivity analysis, I don't think it is reasonable: 1) "Input parameter" is not
19 good, consider input variable or model parameter; 2) It is obvious that with changes in
20 model parameter, the model performance will change; 3) Consider using the sensitivity
21 analysis method in (Max D Morris, 'Factorial Sampling Plans for Preliminary Computational
22 Experiments', Technometrics, 33 (1991), 161-74.)

23 **Answer:**

24 Actually, in sensitivity analysis section, we aimed to give the readers a general overview
25 about the effect of transient storage parameters on the model results. Your suggested
26 method is not applicable for presented model, because the relationship between dependent

1 and independent variables is not known, explicitly. So, after many discussions the authors
2 decide to remove this part from revised version.

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4 9. Conclusions need to be more concise and should give the scientific contribution of this
5 manuscript.

6 **Answer:**

7 - These changes were considered on revised version.

A Comprehensive One-Dimensional Numerical Model for Solute Transport in Rivers

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Abstract

Interactions between physical and chemical mechanisms involved in pollutant transport in rivers occur with varying degrees, depending on flow discharge and physical conditions. One of the issues that greatly affect the transport, especially in small mountain streams, is transient storage zones. The main effects include temporary retention of pollutants and reduce its concentration at the downstream and indirect impact on sorption process in the streambed. This paper proposes a one-dimensional model to simulate the pollutant transport in rivers with irregular cross-sections under unsteady flow with transient storage zones. The proposed model verified with analytical solution and comparison with 2-D model. The model application shown by two hypothetical examples and four set of observed data that covers different processes governing on transport, cross-section types and flow regimes. Comparing results of the model with two common contaminant transport models show good accuracy and numerical stability of the model than other ones.

1 Introduction

First efforts to understanding the solute transport issue, leading to longitudinal dispersion theory, is often referred to as classical advection-dispersion equation (ADE) (Taylor, 1954). This equation is a parabolic partial differential equation and obtained from combination of continuity equation and Fick's first law. One-dimensional ADE equation is as follows:

$$\frac{\partial(AC)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(CQ)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(AD \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right) - A \lambda C + AS \quad (1)$$

1 Where, A = flow area $[L^2]$, C =solute concentration $[ML^{-3}]$, Q = volumetric flow rate $[L^3T^{-1}]$
 2 , D = dispersion coefficient $[L^2T^{-1}]$, λ = first-order decay coefficient $[T^{-1}]$, S = source $[MT^{-1}]$
 3 , t =time $[T]$ and x =distance $[L]$.

4 When this equation is used to simulate transport in prismatic channels and rivers with
 5 relatively regular and uniform cross-sections, good results have been achieved. but field
 6 studies, particularly in mountain pool-and-riffle streams, indicates that observed
 7 concentration-time curves have a lower peak concentration and longer tails than ADE
 8 equation predictions (Godfrey and Frederick, 1970, Nordin and Sabol, 1974, Nordin and
 9 Troutman, 1980, Day, 1975). Thus a group of researchers based on field study results, stated
 10 that to accomplish more accurate simulation of solute transport in natural river and streams,
 11 ADE equation must be modified and some terms added to it for consideration the impact of
 12 stagnant areas-that so-called storage zones- (Bencala et al., 1990, Bencala and Walters, 1983,
 13 Jackman et al., 1984, Runkel, 1998, Czernuszenko and Rowinski, 1997, Singh, 2003).
 14 Transient storage zones, mainly includes eddies, stream poolside areas, stream gravel bed,
 15 streambed sediments, porous media of channel bed and banks and stagnant areas behind flow
 16 obstructions such as big boulders, stream side vegetation, woody debris and so on, (Jackson et
 17 al., 2013).

18 In general, these areas affect pollutant transport in two ways: On one hand, by temporary
 19 retention and gradual release of solute, causing an asymmetric shape in the observed
 20 concentration-time profiles, that could not be explained by classical advection-dispersion
 21 theory and on the other hand by providing the opportunity for reactive pollutants to repeated
 22 contact with streambed sediments, indirectly affect solute sorption process and makes it more
 23 intensive, especially in low flow conditions (Bencala, 1983, Bencala, 1984, Bencala et al.,
 24 1990, Bencala and Walters, 1983).

25 So far, several approaches have been proposed to simulate the solute transport in rivers with
 26 storage areas, that one of the most commonly used is transient storage model (TSM).
 27 Transient storage mathematical model has been developed to show solute movement from
 28 main channel to stagnant zones and vice versa. The simplest form of TSM is One-dimensional
 29 advection-dispersion equation with an additional term to transient storage (Bencala and
 30 Walters, 1983). Since the introduction of TS model, transient storage processes have been
 31 studied in variety of small mountain streams to big rivers and shown that simulation results of

1 tracer study data with considering transient storage impact have good agreement with
2 observed data. Also, interactions between main channel and storage zone, especially in
3 mountain streams have great effect on solute transport behavior (D'Angelo et al., 1993,
4 DeAngelis et al., 1995, Morrice et al., 1997, Czernuszenko et al., 1998, Chapra and Runkel,
5 1999, Chapra and Wilcock, 2000, Laenen and Bencala, 2001, Fernald et al., 2001, Keefe et
6 al., 2004, Ensign and Doyle, 2005, Van Mazijk and Veling, 2005, Gooseff et al., 2007, Jin et
7 al., 2009).

8 The objective of this study is to present a comprehensive model that merges numerical
9 schemes with higher order accuracy for solving one-dimensional advection-dispersion
10 equation with transient storage and kinetic sorption in rivers with irregular cross-sections under
11 unsteady flow condition that obviate shortcomings of common models of pollutant transport.
12 The presented model for providing a comprehensive modeling framework couples three sub-
13 models of calculating geometric properties of irregular cross sections, solving unsteady flow
14 equations and solving transport equations with transient storage and kinetic sorption.

15 For demonstrating of applicability and accuracy of model, results for two hypothetical
16 examples and four set of observed data, compared with the results of two current solute
17 transport models, the MIKE11 model (that uses classical ADE equation for solute transport
18 simulation) and OTIS model that today is the only existed model for solute transport with
19 transient storage (Runkel, 1998).The presented model and two other models properties in
20 comparison with each other are given in Table 1. As obvious from Table 1, the presented
21 model have advantages of both other models at the same time, whereas doesn't have their
22 disadvantages. For example, OTIS in simulation of transport in irregular cross-sections under
23 non-uniform or unsteady flow has to rely on an external stream routing program and
24 geometric properties and flow data must be interred the model from another routing program
25 in the form of text file. However in the presented and MIKE11 models, geometric properties
26 and unsteady flow data, are directly evaluated from river topography, bed roughness, flow
27 initial and boundary condition data. Also the presented model in this study has the ability to
28 simulate solute transport problem in both with and without transient storage conditions under
29 steady and unsteady flow regimes and in rivers with irregular cross section- without limitation
30 in section number- that from this aspect is unique among solute transport models presented so
31 far.

Another important point is the numerical scheme that used in model structure. Table 2 specifies comparison of numerical schemes that used in structure of three subjected models. The key and basic difference of the presented model with two other models is in spatial discretization of transport equations. The presented model uses control volume approach and QUICK scheme in spatial discretization of advection-dispersion equation with transient storage and kinetic sorption, whereas the two other models implement that by central spatial differencing. As many of researchers claims, central spatial differencing, is unable in simulation of pure advection problem and doesn't show good performance (it leads to non-convergent results with numerical oscillations) (Zhang and Aral, 2004, Szymkiewicz, 2010), while QUICK scheme is better than the central scheme one (Neumann et al., 2011).

It should be mentioned that, in recent years QUICK scheme has been widely used in spatial differencing for ADE equation, due to its high-order accuracy (from third order), very small numerical dispersion and having higher stability rang, in particular in the case of pure advection dominant transport than other numerical methods (Neumann et al., 2011, Lin and Medina Jr, 2003). Hence usage of QUICK scheme in numerical discretization of transport equation leads to significant superiority of the presented model to two other models, especially in advection dominant problems.

2 Material and methods

2.1 Governing differential equations

Transient storage model is a simplified mathematical framework of complex physical processes of transport in a natural river or stream. There are several equations for solute transport with transient storage, which among them, the transient storage model presented by Bencala and Walters (1983), used in this study, because of its ability to consider the unsteady flow regime and irregular cross-sections. By writing conservation of mass equations for solute in main channel and storage zone, a coupled set of differential equations for main channel and storage zone is derived:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -\frac{Q}{A} \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{A} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(AD \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{q_{LIN}}{A} (C_L - C) + \alpha (C_s - C) \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dC_s}{dt} = \alpha \frac{A}{A_s} (C - C_s) \quad (3)$$

Where A and A_s are the main channel and storage zone cross-sectional area $[L^2]$; C , C_L and C_s are the main channel, lateral inflow and storage zone solute concentration $[ML^{-3}]$, respectively; q_{LIN} is the lateral inflow rate $[L^2T^{-1}]$; α is the storage zone exchange coefficient $[T^{-1}]$. For reactive (or non-conservative) solute, with considering two types of chemical reactions; kinetic sorption and first-order decay, equations (2) and (3) are re-written as:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = L(C) + \rho \hat{\lambda} (C_{sed} - K_d C) - \lambda C \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{dC_s}{dt} = S(C_s) + \hat{\lambda}_s (\hat{C}_s - C_s) - \lambda_s C_s \quad (5)$$

Where \hat{C}_s is the background storage zone solute concentration $[ML^{-3}]$; C_{sed} is the sorbate concentration on the streambed sediment $[M / M]$; K_d is the distribution coefficient $[L^3M^{-1}]$; λ and λ_s are the main channel and storage zone first-order decay coefficient; $\hat{\lambda}$ and $\hat{\lambda}_s$ are the main channel and storage zone sorption rate coefficient $[T^{-1}]$, respectively; ρ is the mass of accessible sediment/volume water $[ML^{-3}]$; $L(C)$ and $S(C_s)$ are the right-hand side of equations (2) and (3) respectively. There is another variable concentration in equation (4), C_{sed} , which a mass balance equation is required:

$$\frac{dC_{sed}}{dt} = \hat{\lambda} (K_d C - C_{sed}) \quad (6)$$

2.2 Numerical solution of 1-D advection-dispersion equation with transient storage and kinetic sorption

Numerical solution of Eqs.(4)-(6), in this study are based on control volume method and centered time-QUICK space (CTQS) scheme. The spatial derivatives are discrete by QUICK scheme and average of n and $n+1$ time levels. QUICK scheme is based on quadratic upstream interpolation for discretization of advection-dispersion equation (Leonard, 1979). In this

scheme, face values are obtained from quadratic function passing through two upstream nodes and a downstream node. In a uniform grid, the value of desired quantity at the cell face is given by following equations:

$$\phi_{face} = \frac{6}{8}\phi_{i-1} + \frac{3}{8}\phi_i - \frac{1}{8}\phi_{i-2} \quad (7)$$

$$\text{if } u_w > 0: \quad \phi_w = \frac{6}{8}\phi_w + \frac{3}{8}\phi_P - \frac{1}{8}\phi_{WW} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{if } u_e > 0: \quad \phi_e = \frac{6}{8}\phi_P + \frac{3}{8}\phi_E - \frac{1}{8}\phi_W \quad (9)$$

Where P denotes to the unknown nodes with neighbor nodes to the west and east are identified by W and E respectively. The west side control volume face is referred to by w and the east side face of control volume by e . The dispersion terms are evaluated using the gradient of the approximating parabola. Since the slope of chord between two points on a parabola is equal to the slope of the tangent to the parabola at its midpoint, on a uniform grid with equal control volumes, dispersion terms are the same as expressions of central differencing for dispersion, therefore:

$$\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)_w = \frac{\phi_P - \phi_W}{\Delta x} \quad (10)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)_e = \frac{\phi_E - \phi_P}{\Delta x} \quad (11)$$

The discretized form of Eqs (4)-(6) are written as Eq (12)- (14):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{C_P^{n+1} - C_P^n}{\Delta t} = & \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{-Q_p}{A_p \Delta x} (C_e - C_w) \right)^{n+1} + \left(\frac{-Q_p}{A_p \Delta x} (C_e - C_w) \right)^n \right] + \\ & \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{A_p^{n+1} \Delta x} \left[\left(AD \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right)_e - \left(AD \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right)_w \right]^{n+1} + \frac{1}{A_p^n \Delta x} \left[\left(AD \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right)_e - \left(AD \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right)_w \right]^n \right\} + \\ & \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{q_{LIN}^{n+1}}{A_p^{n+1}} (C_L - C_P)^{n+1} + \frac{q_{LIN}^n}{A_p^n} (C_L - C_P)^n \right] + \frac{\alpha}{2} [(C_s - C_P)^{n+1} + (C_s - C_P)^n] + \\ & \frac{\rho \hat{\lambda}}{2} [(C_{sed} - K_d C_P)^{n+1} + (C_{sed} - K_d C_P)^n] - \frac{\lambda}{2} (C_P^{n+1} + C_P^n) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{C_S^{n+1} - C_S^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\alpha \frac{A_P}{A_S} (C_P - C_S) + \hat{\lambda}_S (\hat{C}_S - C_S) - \lambda_S C_S \right)^{n+1} + \left(\alpha \frac{A_P}{A_S} (C_P - C_S) + \hat{\lambda}_S (\hat{C}_S - C_S) - \lambda_S C_S \right)^n \right] \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{C_{Sed}^{n+1} - C_{Sed}^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\hat{\lambda} (K_d C_P - C_{Sed}) \right)^{n+1} + \left(\hat{\lambda} (K_d C_P - C_{Sed}) \right)^n \right] \quad (14)$$

By substitution the values on control face from Eqs.(8)-(11) and doing some algebraic operations, equation (12) can be written as:

$$a_{WW} C_{WW}^{n+1} + a_W C_W^{n+1} + a_P C_P^{n+1} + a_E C_E^{n+1} = R_P \quad (15)$$

For solving the resultant system of linear equations, all of the quantities that appear on the right hand side of equation (15) should be known, hence the quantities of storage zone concentration and the sorbate concentration on the streambed sediment at the advanced time level (C_{Sed}^{n+1} , C_S^{n+1}), should be evaluated by using Eqs.(13) and (14) as:

$$C_S^{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_P^{n+1} C_P^{n+1} + \gamma_P^n C_P^n + (2 - \Delta t \lambda_S - \gamma_P^n) C_S^n}{2 + \gamma_P^{n+1} + \Delta t \lambda_S} \quad (16)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\alpha \Delta t A}{A_S}$$

$$C_{Sed}^{n+1} = \frac{(2 - \Delta t \hat{\lambda}) C_{Sed}^n + \Delta t \hat{\lambda} K_d (C_P^n + C_P^{n+1})}{2 + \Delta t \hat{\lambda}} \quad (17)$$

If the number of control volumes in solution domain be N, writing equation (15) for each four successive control volumes, from third to N-1th control volume, results a set of equations with N-3 equation and N unknowns. For solving this set of equations three more equations is needed, which yield from upstream and downstream boundary conditions. In QUICK scheme the concentration quantities at control faces calculated by using of concentration values in three adjacent nodes, two nodes at upstream and one node at downstream. Nodes 1, 2 and N all for the reason of locating the proximity of domain boundaries and implementation of boundary conditions, need to be treated separately. Equation (18) shows the matrix form of the resultant system of equations. By solving this system of equations, main channel

1 concentrations in n+1 time level are obtained. Having main channel concentration values,
 2 storage zone and streambed sediment concentrations could be evaluated from Eqs. (16) and
 3 (17) for all control volumes.

$$4 \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_P & a_E & & & & & \\ a_W & a_P & a_E & & & & \\ a_{WW} & a_W & a_P & a_E & & & \\ & a_{WW} & a_W & a_P & a_E & & \\ & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ & & & a_{WW} & a_W & a_P & a_E \\ & & & a_{WW} & a_W & a_P & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \\ C_4 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ C_{N-1} \\ C_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \\ R_4 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ R_{N-1} \\ R_N \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

5 2.3 Damköhler Index

6 For assuring that transient storage happens in designed hypothetical examples, Damköhler
 7 number was used. This criterion is a dimensionless number that reflects the exchange rate
 8 between main channel and storage zones (Jin et al., 2009, Harvey and Wagner, 2000, Wagner
 9 and Harvey, 1997, Scott et al., 2003). For a stream or channel with length L, DaI is written as:

$$10 \quad DaI = \frac{\alpha \left(1 + \frac{A}{A_s} \right) L}{u} \quad (19)$$

11 Where A and A_s are the main channel and storage zone cross-sectional area $[L^2]$; C , L is the
 12 main channel length $[L]$, α is the storage zone exchange coefficient $[T^{-1}]$ and u is average
 13 flow velocity $[LT^{-1}]$.

14 When DaI is much greater than unity, for example 100, the exchange between main channel
 15 and storage zone is too fast that could be assumed that these two segments are in balance.
 16 When DaI is much lower than unity, for example 0.001, the exchange rate between main
 17 channel and storage zone is very low and negligible. In the other words, in such a stream
 18 where DaI is very low, practically there is no significant exchange between main channel and
 19 storage zone and transient storage does not affect downstream solute transport. It showed that

for a reasonable estimation of transient storage model parameters, the DaI value must be between 0.1 to 10 (Fernald et al., 2001, Wagner and Harvey, 1997, Ramaswami et al., 2005).

3 Model verification

The presented model is verified by analytical solution of advection-dispersion equation with transient storage for two type of upstream boundary condition (continuous and Heaviside) and also by comparing the model results with 2-D model ones. The characteristics and simulation parameters of hypothetical examples for model verification have been shown in Table 3.

3.1 Verification by analytical solution

In this section, model verification, carried out by using an analytical solutions that presented by Kazezyilmaz-Alhan (2008), (Kazezyilmaz-Alhan, 2008). Analytical solutions were developed for the transient storage model introduced by Bencala and Walters (1983), for both continuous and finite source boundary conditions, assuming that flow velocity, channel cross-sectional area and longitudinal dispersion coefficient do not change with respect to time, with no lateral inflows, and first order decay in main channel and storage zone. Based on the given parameters in Table 3, DaI dimensionless number is obtained from equation (19) as 0.8 (it is between 0.1 and 10), so transient storage can be considered in downstream solute transport simulation.

a) Upstream boundary condition: continuous

In this case, a solute concentration of 5 mg/m^3 is injected continuously for 10 hours. Computational time and space steps assumed 30 seconds and 1 m, respectively. Figure 1 shows the numerical model results compare to analytical solution at 50, 75 and 100 meter from upstream. In this study, for assessing accuracy of models, four error indexes were used. The square of the correlation coefficient (R^2) which compares the trend on calculated data with exact ones, Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE), which have the same dimension as observed data, and Mean Relative Error (MRE), that expressed in percentage. Error indexes for continuous contaminant boundary condition are given in Table 4. According to Figure 1 and error indexes of Table 4, it is clear that the trends of numerical

1 and analytical solutions of transient storage equations are similar and also the presented
2 model shows acceptable precision in this example.

3 As previously mentioned the presented model has the ability of solute transport simulation in
4 both with and without storage cases. Hence, in order to show model capabilities and assess
5 the model results accuracy in without transient storage case, the model is implemented with
6 $\alpha=0$ for this example and results compared to analytical solutions of classic advection-
7 dispersion equation. For instance, results are shown in Figure 2 , in the form of comparative
8 concentration-time curves in two cases of with and without storage at 100 m from upstream.
9 The last column of Table 4 presents error indexes for continuous boundary condition
10 simulation without transient storage. It can be seen from Figure 2 that the model results, in
11 both cases, are very close to analytical solutions. Error indexes, also confirm it. This figure
12 also illustrate that in the case of with transient storage, concentration-time curves have lower
13 peak than the without storage ones ($\alpha=0$), that matches the previously mentioned transient
14 storage concept.

15 **b) Upstream boundary condition: Heaviside function**

16 This time, a solute concentration of 5 mg/m³ is injected to the stream for a limited time of 100
17 minutes. Total time of simulation was 10 hours, also time and space steps assumed 30
18 seconds and 1 meter, respectively. Comparison of model results with analytical solutions
19 illustrated in Figure 3. Table 5 shows error indexes for this simulation. Figure 3 and Table 5
20 confirm the reliability of model results.

21 After assuring the correctness of simulation results in the case of Heaviside upstream
22 boundary condition with transient storage, the model is implemented for this example with
23 $\alpha=0$ and obtained results compared with analytical solution of classic advection-dispersion
24 equation. Results are given in Figure 4, as comparative concentration- time curve at 100 meter
25 from upstream. Error indexes for simulation with and without storage are presented in table
26 8. According to Figure 4, it is obvious that the model results in both cases (with and without
27 storage) have reasonable fitness with analytical solution and both results follow a similar
28 trend. This figure also clearly shows difference between solute concentration-time curves in
29 two cases. When storage affects downstream solute transport, these curves show lower peak
30 and longer tail than without storage transport ones.

3.2 Verification by 2-D model

The main cause of occurrence of transient storage phenomena is velocity differences between the main channel and storage zones (areas that assumed to be stagnant relative to main channel). 2D model consider velocity variations in two dimensions of river and so gives more accurate predictions of solute transport behavior in reality. Which means that it takes into account the effects of TS zones automatically, and could be used for verification of presented 1-D model as a reference. For this purpose, a hypothetical example was designed, a 1200 length river with irregular cross-sections. Figure 5 illustrates bathymetry properties of hypothetical river. As clear in the figure, for creation of hypothetical storage zone, in the distance of 300 to 600 meters the river have been widened as unilateral.

The total time of simulation is equal to 14 hours and the flow condition in river is unsteady and non-uniform. Also in this example the flow assumed to be subcritical, thus for model implementation boundary conditions at each upstream and downstream points are needed. The boundary conditions of flow sub-model are volumetric flow rate and water level variations with respect to time at upstream boundary ($x=0$ m) and downstream boundary ($x=1200$ m), respectively. For creation of flow initial condition, flow sub-model was implemented for 14 hours with constant flow discharge and depth, that equals to their values at $t=0$ (cold-start). Implementation of transport model also needs initial condition and two boundary conditions. Upstream and downstream boundary conditions are step loading and zero-gradient concentration, respectively.

The solute concentration in main channel and storage zone, at the beginning of simulation, assumed to be zero. In calculations of both flow and transport models, space step (Δx) and time step (Δt) are 100 m and 1 minute, respectively. Other characteristics of hypothetical example such as longitudinal dispersion coefficient, storage zone area and exchange coefficient are given in Table 3. DaI number based on the given parameters in Table 3, is obtained 0.4, that is in the appropriate range (between 0.1 and 10), which means that transient storage involves in downstream transport. Model results for simulations with and without transient storage in compare with 2-D model results, at different distances from upstream, illustrated in Figure 6. This figure shows that with appropriate A_s and α , concentration-time curves with transient storage is so close to the 2-D model results curve. These results indicates

the necessity of considering transient storage terms in advection-dispersion equation for more accurate simulation of solute transport especially in natural river and streams, again.

As it mentioned before, 2-D model due to consideration of velocity variations in two dimensions of river reach, gives more accurate predictions of solute transport behavior in rivers with TS zones, so the results of three models (CTQS, CTCS and BTCS) compared with 2-D model ones, to assess their accuracy in simulation of solute transport with transient storage. Figure 7 (a) and (b) show the results of two different models (CTCS and BTCS) in compared to 2-D and CTQS models. It should be noted that due to proximity of results and to facilitate the comparison, the results have been presented in separate figures. These figures indicate that the CTQS model results are closer to 2-D model results compared to two other model ones. That means that with considering appropriate parameters for storage zone area and exchange coefficient, the presented model is capable of estimating observed concentration-time curves in natural river and streams with sufficient and reasonable precision. For detailed comparison, error indexes are given in Table 6. These error indexes show that among all three mentioned methods, CTQS method has less error percentage and more accuracy than the two other ones. Also the trend of CTQS method results is much more like the 2-D model ones than the other.

4 Application

In this section, the application of presented model and comparison of the results with the ones of OTIS and MIKE11 models are presented by using of hypothetical examples and several sets of observed data (tracer studies data). General characteristics of these examples are given in Table 7. As shown in table, the chosen examples include the wide variety of solute transport simulation applications at different flow regimes in various cross-section types (regular and irregular) and physical and chemical transport processes.

4.1 Example 1: Pure advection

In order to demonstrate the advantages of numerical method used in the proposed model, for advection dominant problems, a hypothetical example designed and three numerical schemes CTQS, CTCS and BTCS were implemented for this purpose. The results are shown and

1 compared in the form of concentration-time curves. Steady flow with $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ volumetric rate
2 and regular cross-sections with 10 m^2 area were assumed. Total time of simulation was 5 hour,
3 space and time steps were 100 m and 10 seconds, respectively. Due to that advection is the
4 only affective process in transport, the effect of dispersion and transient storage were ignored
5 (dispersion coefficient assumed to be very small and near to zero).

6 According to Figure 8 it is clear that, for pure advection simulation, the CTQS scheme has
7 less oscillation than the two other ones. In particular this figure shows that, the results of
8 CTCS scheme that also used in OTIS numerical model structure have very high oscillations,
9 while the CTQS scheme results show very little oscillations and higher numerical stability.
10 Therefore due to less numerical oscillations, it can be said that the presented model for
11 advection dominant simulation has better performance than the two other models. It is
12 interesting to note, that mountain rivers where transient storage mechanism also more
13 observed in such rivers, due to relatively high slope, have higher flow velocities than plain
14 rivers, and as a result advection is the dominant process in solute transport. Thus these results
15 somehow confirm the superiority of presented model for simulation of solute transport with
16 transient storage compared to the common models.

17 4.2 Example 2: Transport with first-order decay

18 This example illustrates the application of presented model in solute transport simulation
19 undergoing first-order decay without transient storage and kinetic sorption in the form of a
20 hypothetical problem. A decaying substance enters the stream with steady and uniform flow
21 during a 2 hour period. The solute concentration at the upstream boundary is 100
22 concentration units. Also in order to assess presented model capabilities in the case of high
23 flow velocity and advection dominant transport, this example implemented for 3 cases with
24 different Peclet numbers (as the Peclet number is the measure for advection relative power).
25 The simulation parameters and properties of three model implementation cases are given in
26 Table 8. Figure 9 to Figure 11 show simulation results of three numerical models in compare
27 to analytical solution. Error indexes are given in Table 9 and Table 10. It is obvious from
28 Figure 9 (a) to (c) that in the first case (Peclet number less than 2), all methods simulated
29 concentration time profile with same accuracy. Also, Figure 9 (d) to (f) show that MIKE11
30 model cannot simulate concentration-space accurately, because it does not consider transient

1 storage effect on transport, as Table 10 indexes confirm it. In the second case, by increasing
2 computational space step, all methods show falling in peak concentration, that its amount for
3 MIKE11 model is more and for the presented model is less than the others (see Figure 10 (a)
4 to (c)). Figure 10 (d) to (f) and Table 10 indexes demonstrate that the results of models that
5 used from central differencing scheme in spatial discretization of transport equations, show
6 more discrepancy with analytical solution.

7 In the third case, flow velocity increased about four times. As illustrated in Figure 11(c), by
8 increasing Peclet number, the OTIS model results show more oscillations in proximity of the
9 edges. This model results also show very intense oscillations in concentration-space profile in
10 the form of negative concentrations (Figure 11 (e)), while observed oscillations in the
11 presented model is very small compared to OTIS model (Figure 11 (d)). However QUICK
12 scheme oscillations in advection dominant cases, are less likely to corrupt the solution. Figure
13 11 (c) and (f) presents that MIKE 11 model results in compare to the proposed model have
14 greater difference with analytical solutions.

15 The reason of difference between model results in the three cases, actually related to how
16 advection and dispersion affect the solute transport. The dispersion process affects the
17 distribution of solute in all directions, whereas advection spreads influence only in the flow
18 direction. This fundamental difference manifests itself in the form of limitation in
19 computational grid size. Numerical schemes with central spatial differencing produce
20 spurious oscillations for certain problems such as high flow velocities and advection dominant
21 transport. One way to overcome these oscillations is the use of finer grids, with the choice of
22 space step based on the dimensionless Peclet number. Spatial discretization in a Peclet
23 number smaller than 2 can eliminate numerical oscillations and Peclet number less than 10
24 can reduce such oscillation, greatly. However the more computational cost due to extensively
25 fine grid may become impractical in some applications, particularly in natural river and
26 streams. While quadratic upstream interpolation schemes such as QUICK scheme that used in
27 the proposed model, is designed in the way that overcomes this oscillatory behavior. These
28 schemes simulate the problem with reasonable accuracy even with greater space steps in
29 compare to central differencing ones (Versteeg and Malalasekera, 2007).

4.3 Example 3: Conservative solute transport with transient storage

This example shows the presented model application to field data, by using the conservative tracer (chloride) injection experiment results, which was conducted in Uvas Creek, a small mountain stream in California (Figure 12). Injection of concentrated NaCl solution started in 8 AM of 26 September 1972 and continued for 3 hours. During the experiment, flow discharge in Uvas Creek was near to seasonal base-flow, approximately to 12.5 lit/s, non-uniform and steady flow. Chloride background concentration recorded 3.7 mg/lit. Five sampling sites established in 38, 105, 281, 433 and 619 meters downstream of injection point, respectively (Avanzino et al., 1984). Table 11 shows simulation parameters for Uvas Creek experiment such as reach length, dispersion coefficient, discharge, main channel and storage zone cross sectional area and exchange coefficient for each reach (Bencala and Walters, 1983). For assessing of efficiency and accuracy of three discussed models in simulation of the impact of physical processes (advection, dispersion and transient storage) on solute transport in a mountain stream, they are implemented for this set of observed data.

Figure 13 (a) to (c) illustrates simulated chloride concentration in main channel by using three mentioned models. It can be seen from figure and Table 12 indexes, that the presented model simulated the experiment results more accurate than the two other ones. Comparison of Figure 13 (a) and (b) show that the CTQS and OTIS models have good precision in modeling the peak concentration and the CTQS model has better performance in simulation of rising tail of concentration-time curve, particularly in 281 m station. Figure 13 (c) shows MIKE11 model results. Due to using classical AD equation and ignoring the effect of transient storage process, its results show significant discrepancy with observed data, particularly in peak concentrations. However at 38 m station, where transient storage doesn't affect solute transport ($\alpha=0$), the results of three models have little difference with observed data (Table 12).

Figure 14 demonstrates the model results for Uvas Creek experiment for simulation with and without transient storage at 281 and 433 m stations. This figure shows that in simulation with transient storage, the results have more fitness with observed data in general shape of concentration-time curve, peak concentration and peak arrival time. Figure 15 shows the simulated chloride concentrations in storage zone. As it is obvious from the figure, the concentration- time curves in storage zone have longer tails in compare to main channel ones.

That means some portions of solute mass remain in storage zones, after passing the solute pulse and when completely passage of pulse from stream occurs, gradually return to the main channel takes place. Because of these mechanisms the concentration- time curves in main channel have lower peak and longer tails than the predicted ones from classical advection-dispersion equation.

Figure 16 indicates the transient storage concept that mentioned later, in the form of observed data. This figure shows that gradually from the beginning of simulation, the main channel solute concentrations decrease and add to storage zone concentrations. At next example combined effect of physical and chemical processes on solute transport will be discussed.

4.4 Example 4: Non-conservative solute transport with transient storage

The objective of this example is demonstration of the presented model capabilities in non-conservative solute transport modeling in natural rivers and showing how physical and chemical processes affecting transport. For this purpose, the characteristics of a field experiment of the three-hour reactive tracer (Strontium) injection into the Uvas Creek were used. The experiment conducted at low-flow condition, so due to high opportunity of solute for frequent contact with relatively immobile streambed materials, solute and streambed interactions and its sorption into bed sediments was more intense than during the high flow conditions. Hence sorption process must be considered in simulation of this experiment (Bencala, 1983).

Simulation parameters are given in Table 13. The interesting point about this table data is the significant difference between the value of sorption rate coefficient in main channel and storage zone due to their completely different features of these two zones. The mass of accessible sediment/volume water (ρ) assumed in first and last reach is 4×10^4 and at other reaches 2×10^4 . Other simulation parameters such as reach length, dispersion coefficient, flow discharge, cross-sectional area of main channel and storage zone and exchange coefficients, are the same as Table 11 parameters.

Figure 17 (a) to (c) shows solute transport simulation results in this stream by Three examined models in compare to observed data. According to Figure 17 it could be say that the presented model results show better and more reasonable compatibility with observed data in general shape, peak concentration and peak arrival time. Presented error indexes in Table 14 also

confirm it. Figure 17 (c) clearly shows that simulation without transient storage and kinetic sorption in MIKE11 model, leads to very different results from observed data. These model results, especially at 38 m station which the exchange coefficient with storage zone assumed to be zero, demonstrate the direct effect of sorption on transport in the form of fall in peak concentration.

Figure 18 illustrates CTQS and OTIS model results for sorbate concentrations on the streambed sediments versus observed data at 105 and 281 m stations. As it is clear from Figure 18 and Table 14 indexes, the CTQS model results have better fitness with observed data that could be related to difference in numerical methods that used in models structure. Figure 19 presented Strontium sorbate concentrations at three various time of simulation (beginning, middle and the end of it) at all sampling stations. This figure clearly shows the solute sorption to and desorption from the bed sediments. At 38 and 105 m stations, which don't have storage zones ($\alpha=0$), variation in concentration levels between the middle of simulation to the end of it, is too high. It means that a lot of amount of sorbate Strontium rapidly return to the stream water in this period of time, however in other station which have storage zones, this process is slower. Particularly at 619 m station that exchange with storage zone is more than others (due to greater exchange coefficient and storage cross-sectional area than other stations), it can be seen that even with to the end of simulation, amount of sorbate concentration increased while desorption does not occurs yet. In other words, presence of storage zones delays Strontium desorption from bed sediments. This happens because of the longer time combination of Strontium transport into the storage zone, it's desorption and returns to main channel, compare to solute pulse passage duration.

4.5 Example 5: Solute transport with transient storage in a river with irregular cross-sections

This example shows the model application for a river with irregular cross-sections under unsteady flow condition. Putz and Smith (2000) describe properties of two field injection experiments at a 26 km length reach from Athabasca River near Hinton, Alberta, Canada. At first injection, 20% Rhodamin WT continuously injected to the river for 5.25 hour with constant discharge and at second one, a slug input tracer test was conducted and the samples were collected in four cross- sections downstream of injection point, means 4.725, 11.85,

1 16.275 and 20.625 kilometers (Putz and Smith, 2000). In this study the data of slug tracer
2 injection experiment have been used. The simulation reach length is 8.3 km, between 4.725
3 km to 13.025 km of river. The geometric parameters between two cross-sections, where the
4 survey data does not exist, calculated from linear interpolation of two adjacent sections for a
5 known water level.

6 The fundamental point in selecting this reach, is it must have common geometric features of
7 rivers with storage zones, such as pool-and-riffle consequently and significant and sudden
8 width variations. Total time of simulation is 10 hours, space and time step are 25 meter and 1
9 minute respectively. Cross sectional area and exchange coefficient for 5.5 to 6.250 km
10 interval, assumed 40 m^2 and 6×10^{-4} , respectively. Transient storage parameters obtained from
11 trial and error and visually determining of simulation results to experimental data. According
12 to estimated parameters, DaI obtained as 3.8, which are in acceptable domain, therefore it
13 could be say that transient storage affects downstream solute transport in simulation reach.

14 The flow model boundary conditions are constant flow discharge $334 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ at upstream and
15 constant water surface elevation of 952.6 meter, according to the Environment Canada
16 gauging station. Since samples were collected just in four cross-sections downstream of the
17 injection site, given concentration-time curve at 4.725 kilometers used as the upstream
18 boundary condition of transport model and the concentration-time curve taken at 11.85
19 kilometers were used to compare the model results with observed data. Downstream boundary
20 condition of transport model was zero-gradient concentration.

21 Figure 20 shows Athabasca experiment simulation results at 11.85 kilometers from upstream
22 by using three models. Error indexes also are given in Table 15. According to Figure 20 (a)
23 and Table 15, it can be said that concentration-time curve resulted from implementation of
24 proposed and OTIS models, fit very well with observed tracer concentration-time curve, but
25 the concentration-time curve simulated using the MIKE 11 model has great difference with
26 observed data. Higher MRE index indicates a poor performance of classical ADE equation in
27 simulation of solute transport in natural rivers. Thus in order to more accurate simulation of
28 solute transport in natural rivers, it is necessary that the impact of transient storage on solute
29 downstream transport be considered.

4.6 Example 6: Solute transport with hyporheic exchange under unsteady flow condition

This example shows application of the proposed model to simulate solute transport in irregular cross-sections stream, under unsteady flow regime. In most of solute transport models, in order to simplify the work process, flow is considered to be steady. While in most natural rivers, unsteady flow conditions is common and ignoring spatial and temporal flow rate variations and consequently a change in the geometry properties of cross-sections, may lead to incorrect results from solute transport simulation. Tracer study that used in this section, conducted in January 1992 at Huey creek located in the of McMurdo valleys, Antarctica (Figure 21). The stream has a complex hydrological system, because the flow rate changes with respect to temperature and radiation variations, either daily or seasonal (Runkel et al., 1998). Because of it, flow rate was variable from 1 to 4 cubic feet per second during the experiment. Since this stream does not have obvious surface storage zones, cross-sectional area of storage zone and the exchange rate with this area, actually represents the rate of hyporheic exchange and interaction of surface and subsurface water. LiCl tracer at the rate of 8.7 ml/s was injected into the stream for a period of 3.75 hours. Samples were taken at various points downstream and flow was measured at the same time. Table 16 shows the simulation parameters.

Figure 22 (a) to (c) demonstrate simulation results of Li concentration at 213 and 457 meter stations, by three models. The figure and error indexes of Table 17 show that the results of the presented model have a better fit to observed data than the two other models. This figure also indicates that the general shape of the concentration-time curve for this example is a little different from the other examples; the reason for this can be attributed to the extreme changes in flow rate during experiment. Figure 22 (c) presents the results of MIKE 11 model. As seen in figure, results have great discrepancies with observed data in peak concentrations and general shape of concentration-time curve. Figure 23 shows storage zone concentration at 213 and 457 m stations. As determined in figure, solute concentration-time curves in storage zone have lower peak and much longer tails than main channel ones that indicates longer residence time of solute in these areas compared to main channel.

5 Conclusions

In this study a comprehensive model is presented, that merges numerical schemes with higher order accuracy for solution of advection-dispersion equation with transient storage zones in rivers with irregular cross sections at unsteady flow regime, to obviate the flaws in current models of contaminant transport simulation. For this purpose QUICK scheme due to high stability and low approximation errors have been used in spatial discretization of transport equation with transient storage and kinetic sorption. The presented method is verified by analytical solution for two types of boundary conditions and with considering transient storage and 2D model. The results of verification implied that the presented model have reasonable accuracy in simulation of solute transport in natural river and streams with transient storage zones.

Then the model application was shown, compared to current common models in the form of two hypothetical examples and four sets of observed data with different conditions (such as channel geometry, flow regime and the processes involved in transport). The results of first example showed that the numerical scheme used in the CTQS model, in cases where advection is the dominant transport process, have less numerical oscillations and higher stability compared to CTCS and BTCS numerical models. The results of second example indicate that quadratic upstream interpolation schemes such as QUICK scheme, expand the stability domain of numerical solution of solute transport equations (higher Peclet numbers) while maintaining an acceptable level of accuracy, can provide a larger grid size. While central spatial differencing method faced with step limitation and to achieve stable solution the calculation time step must be selected carefully, that in some practical applications will result in rise of computational cost.

The results of the third example for non-reactive tracer (chloride) showed that in addition to the standard mechanisms of advection and dispersion, transient storage mechanism also affects solute concentration levels at downstream. Results of the fourth example show that absorption of reactive tracer (strontium) in streambed sediments played role in reduction of concentrations levels at downstream. This is especially important in cases where pollution by fertilizers and pesticides occur, because the sorption of these substances into streambed sediments may greatly influence aquatic organisms and environment. Hence in order to achieve reliable prediction of pollutant transport the impact of storage zones and contaminant

sorption into the streambed sediments must be considered. The fifth example presented to demonstrate the capability of model in accurate calculation of geometric properties of irregular cross- sections; the results indicate higher accuracy of model in simulation of solute transport in a river with irregular cross-sections and transient storage than two other models.

In the sixth example, the most complex possibility was considered. This example shows the model application and its results compared to the results of two other models in simulation solute transport under unsteady flow in a river with irregular cross-sections. This time, the results show again higher accuracy of the proposed model compared to other models. Overall, considering all the mentioned points and obtained results , it can be said that the presented model in this study is a comprehensive and practical model, that has the combined ability of solute transport simulation (reactive and non-reactive),with and without storage, under both steady and unsteady flow regimes, in rivers with irregular cross sections, without restrictions on the number of sections, that from this aspect ,is unique compared to the other models that have been presented so far. Thus, it could be suggested as an appropriate alternative to the current popular models in solute transport studies in natural river and streams.

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1 Table 1. Qualified comparison of three model characteristics

Model	Model features				
	No limitations on the number of input parameters	Calculation of irregular cross-sections geometric properties	Unsteady model sub-model	Transient storage	Kinetic sorption
Presented study	+	+	+	+	+
OTIS	-	-	-	+	+
MIKE 11	+	+	+	-	-

2 (Note: The + sign means having a characteristic and symbol - means lack of it)

3 Table 2- comparison of numerical methods used in structures of three models.

Model	Numerical methods			
	Discretization scheme	Accuracy order	stability	Numerical dispersion
Present study	Centered Time - QUICK Space (CTQS)	Second order in time Third order in space	$Pe < \frac{8}{3}$	–
OTIS	Centered Time - Centered Space (CTCS)	Second order in time second order in space	$Pe < 2$	–
MIKE 11	Backward Time – Centered Space (BTCS)	first order in time second order in space	$Pe < 2$	$U^2 \Delta t / 2$

4 $(Pe = u \cdot \Delta x / D) *$

5 Table 3- Characteristics and simulation parameters of hypothetical examples for model verification.

Example	Verification method	Flow condition	Cross section type	Channel/river length (m)	Dispersion coefficient (m ² /s)	Storage zone area (m ²)	Exchange coefficient (1/s)	Contaminant upstream boundary condition
first	Analytical solution	Steady (Q=0.01m ³ /s)	Regular with constant area (A=1m ²)	200	0.2	1	0.00002	Continuous in case 1 and case 2, Heaviside with 100 minute, solute concentration at upstream boundary is 5 (mg/m ³) in both cases.
second	2-D model	unsteady	Irregular with varied area in space and time	1200	10	22	1.8×10 ⁻⁴	Step load for 3hour and peak concentration is 20 (mg/m ³)

Table 4. Error indexes of verification by analytical solution, for continuous boundary condition, in simulations with and without transient storage

index	With storage			Without storage
	50 m	75 m	100 m	100 m
R^2 (%)	99.97	99.96	99.96	99.99
RMSE (mg/m ³)	0.021	0.026	0.033	0.009
MAE(mg/m ³)	0.017	0.023	0.029	0.006
MRE (%)	0.450	0.780	1.20	0.640

Table 5. Error indexes of verification by analytical solution for Heaviside boundary condition, in simulations with and without transient storage

Index	With storage			Without storage
	50 m	75 m	100 m	100 m
R^2 (%)	99.98	99.97	99.96	99.99
RMSE (mg/m ³)	0.034	0.045	0.058	0.0094
MAE(mg/m ³)	0.031	0.044	0.056	0.007
MRE (%)	3.5	4.2	5	1.49

Table 6- Error indexes for CTQS, CTCS and BTCS methods for verification with 2-D model

Index	Distance from upstream, 500 m		
	CTCS	BTCS	CTQS
R^2 (%)	99.36	99.37	99.43
RMSE (mg/m ³)	0.36	0.37	0.35
MAE(mg/m ³)	0.16	0.18	0.15
MRE (%)	8.6	12.15	6.09

1 Table 7. The examples used for demonstration of model application

Example	Section type	Flow regime	Solute transport processes					
			physical				chemical	
			Advection	dispersion	Transient storage		First-order decay	Kinetic sorption
					Surface	Hyporheic exchange		
1	regular	Steady uniform	+	–	–	–	–	–
2	regular	Steady uniform	+	+	–	–	+	–
3	irregular	Steady non-uniform	+	+	+	–	–	–
4	irregular	Steady non-uniform	+	+	+	–	–	+
5	irregular	Steady uniform	+	+	+	–	–	–
6	irregular	unsteady non-uniform	+	+	–	+	–	–

2 (Note: + sign means that the process affects transport and – sign means no effect)

3 Table 8- simulation parameters and characteristics three cases of models implementation for
4 example 2

Parameter	L (m)	Q (lit/s)	A(m ²)	D (m ² /s)	λ (s ⁻¹)	case	Space step (m)	Flow velocity (m/s)	Peclet number
	2200	0.12	1	5	0.00002	1	10	0.12	0.24
						2	100	0.12	2.4
						3	100	0.5	10

5 Table 9- Error indexes for concentration- time profiles in 500 m from upstream (example 2)

Case 1	Index	Distance from upstream, 500 m		
		CTQS	OTIS	MIKE11
	R ² (%)	99.93	99.93	99.98
	RMSE	0.460	0.460	0.850
	MAE	0.236	0.238	0.480
	MRE (%)	0.9	1.0	1.7

Case 2	R ² (%)	98.26	97.82	97.75
	RMSE	2.66	2.98	3.24
	MAE	1.42	1.55	1.73
	MRE (%)	3.77	4.11	4.93
Case 3	R ² (%)	98.8	98.2	98.24
	RMSE	3.60	4.41	4.46
	MAE	0.80	1.12	1.17
	MRE (%)	1.25	1.95	2.15

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Table 10- Error indexes for concentration space profile (example 2)

	index	Model		
		CTQS	OTIS	MIKE11
Case 1	R ² (%)	99.9	99.9	99.9
	RMSE	0.146	0.154	0.360
	MAE	0.105	0.108	0.280
	MRE (%)	1.91	1.97	3.20
Case 2	R ² (%)	98.6	98	96
	RMSE	0.53	0.65	0.86
	MAE	0.40	0.47	0.64
	MRE (%)	5.40	6.56	11.20
Case 3	R ² (%)	95.7	92	88.4
	RMSE	5.46	7.24	7.88
	MAE	3.02	4.47	5.05
	MRE (%)	6.27	12.44	13.50

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Table 11- Simulation parameters for Uvas Creek experiment

Reach (m)	Flow discharge (m ³ /s)	Dispersion coefficient (m ² /s)	Cross- sectional areas		Exchange coefficient
			Main channel	Storage zone	
0-38	0.0125	0.12	0.30	0	0
38-105	0.0125	0.15	0.42	0	0
105-281	0.0133	0.24	0.36	0.36	3×10 ⁻⁵
281-433	0.0136	0.31	0.41	0.41	1×10 ⁻⁵
433-619	0.0140	0.40	0.52	1.56	4.5×10 ⁻⁵

Table 12- Error indexes of simulation of Uvas Creek experiment

index	38 m			281 m			433 m		
	CTQS	OTIS	MIKE11	CTQS	OTIS	MIKE11	CTQS	OTIS	MIKE11
R ² (%)	94.30	94.20	94.10	99.40	99.31	99.10	98.84	98.8	97.82
RMSE (mg/m ³)	0.727	0.728	0.730	0.180	0.183	0.340	0.203	0.205	0.440
MAE(mg/m ³)	0.202	0.203	0.212	0.108	0.109	0.205	0.121	0.125	0.280
MRE (%)	3.50	3.55	3.68	2.07	2.08	3.60	2.27	2.40	5.30

Table 13- Simulation parameters of example 4

Distribution coefficient, K_d (m^2/s)	sorption rate coefficient (s^{-1})		Background concentration (mg/l)			Input concentration (mg/l)
	Main channel	Storage zone	Main channel	Storage zone	Bed sediments	
70	56×10^{-6}	1	0.13	0.13	9.1×10^{-3}	1.73

Table 14- Error indexes of example 4 for both main channel and sorbate concentration in some stations

Index	Main channel concentration									Sorbate concentration			
	38 m			281 m			433 m			105 m		281 m	
	CTQS	OTIS	MIKE11	CTQS	OTIS	MIKE11	CTQS	OTIS	MIKE11	CTQS	OTIS	CTQS	OTIS
R ² (%)	99.30	93.17	93.00	99.00	96.00	90.80	93.60	90.00	80.20	99.40	99.30	99.16	98.6
RMSE (mg/m ³)	0.05	0.12	0.17	0.055	0.070	0.200	0.060	0.067	0.260	1.05	1.64	2.67	2.86
MAE(mg/m ³)	0.021	0.044	0.086	0.048	0.055	0.115	0.05	0.06	0.15	0.75	1.50	2.40	2.41
MRE (%)	6.40	11.80	24.60	13.60	18.00	27.40	17.40	20.70	40.00	3.04	5.66	10.50	10.80

Table 15- error indexes of Athabasca River experiment

index	Distance from upstream, 1850 m		
	CTQS	OTIS	MIKE11
R ² (%)	99.75	99.8	62.5
RMSE (mg/m ³)	0.030	0.047	0.50
MAE(mg/m ³)	0.020	0.025	0.260
MRE (%)	1.70	4.77	28.60

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Table 16- Simulation parameters of Huey Creek

Reach (m)	Dispersion coefficient (m ² /s)	Storage zone cross-sectional area	Exchange coefficient
0-213	0.50	0.20	1.07×10 ⁻³
213-457	0.50	0.25	5.43×10 ⁻⁴
457-726	0.50	0.14	1.62×10 ⁻²

Table 17-Huey Creek experiment error indexes

Index	213 m			457 m		
	CTQS	OTIS	MIKE11	CTQS	OTIS	MIKE11
R ² (%)	68.6	67	84	78	63.5	94
RMSE (mg/m ³)	0.673	0.674	0.740	0.48	0.63	0.62
MAE(mg/m ³)	0.28	0.30	0.54	0.23	0.28	0.52
MRE (%)	7.14	7.32	20.40	6.46	7.60	15

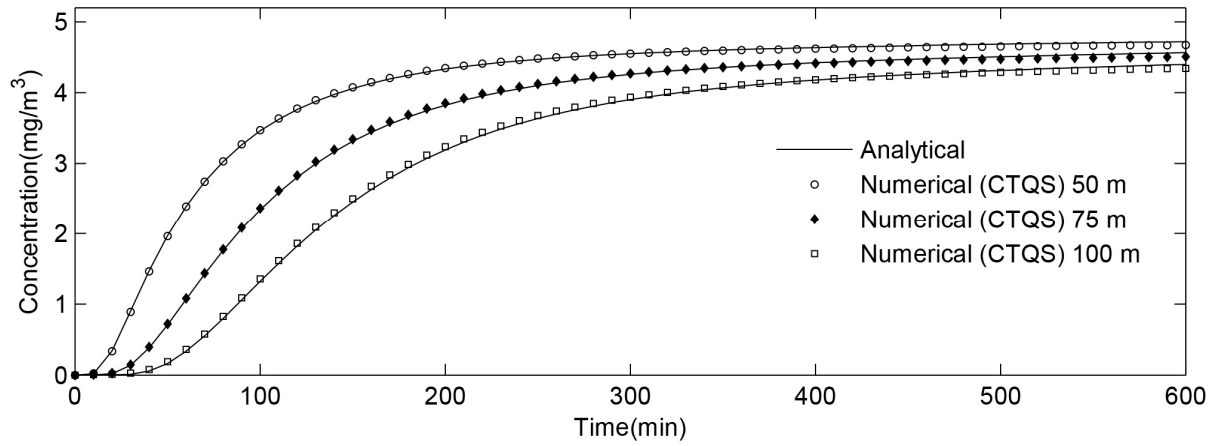


Figure 1. Results of model verification by analytical solution for continuous boundary condition, at 50, 75 and 100 m from upstream.

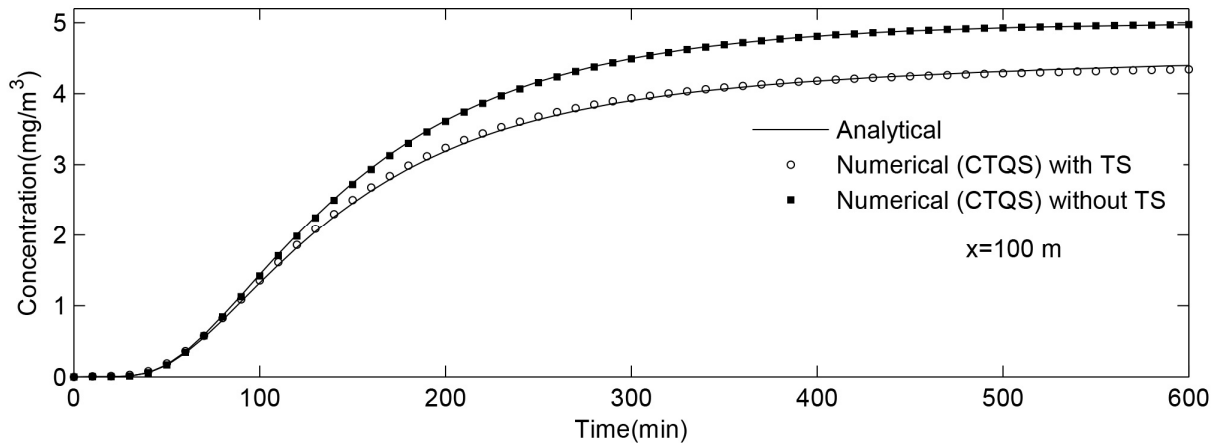


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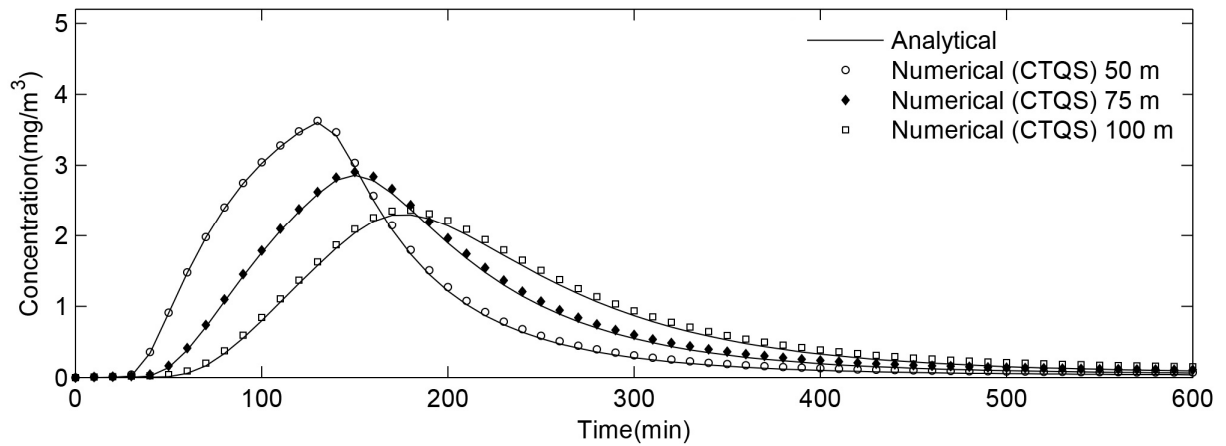


Figure 3. Results of model verification with analytical solution for Heaviside boundary condition, at 50, 75 and 100 m from upstream.

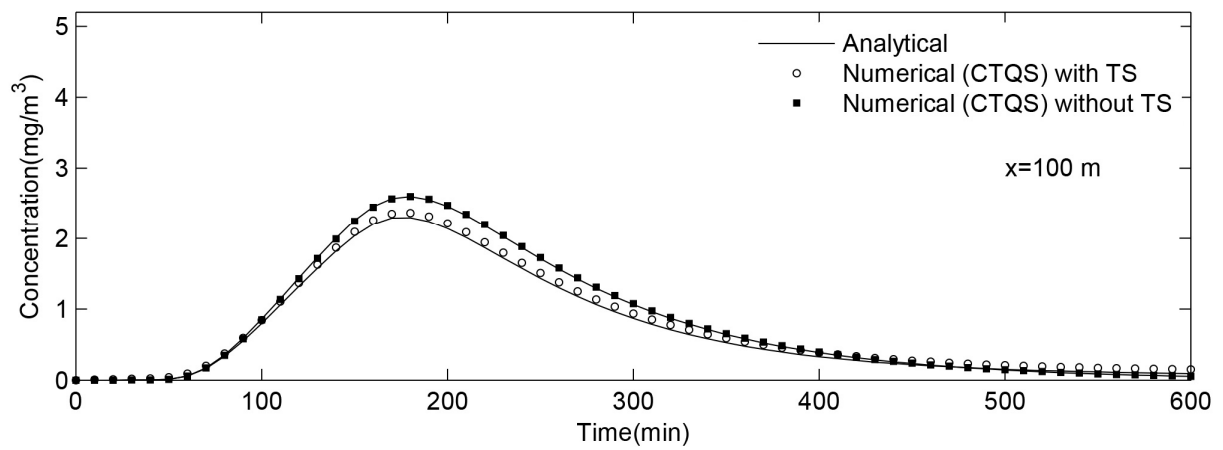


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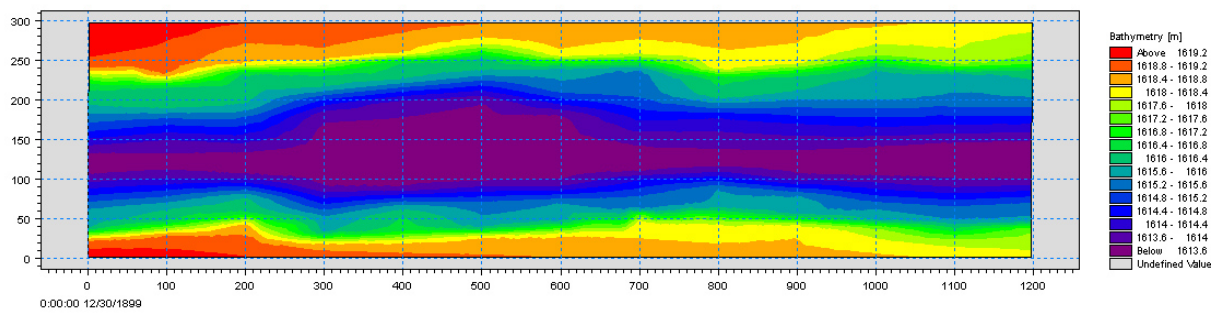
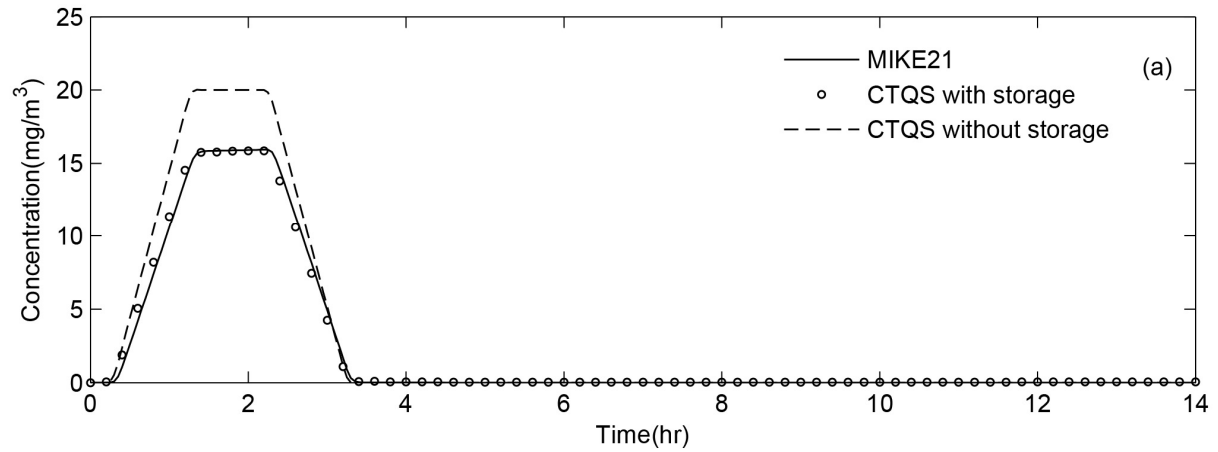


Figure 5. Bathymetry properties of hypothetical river.



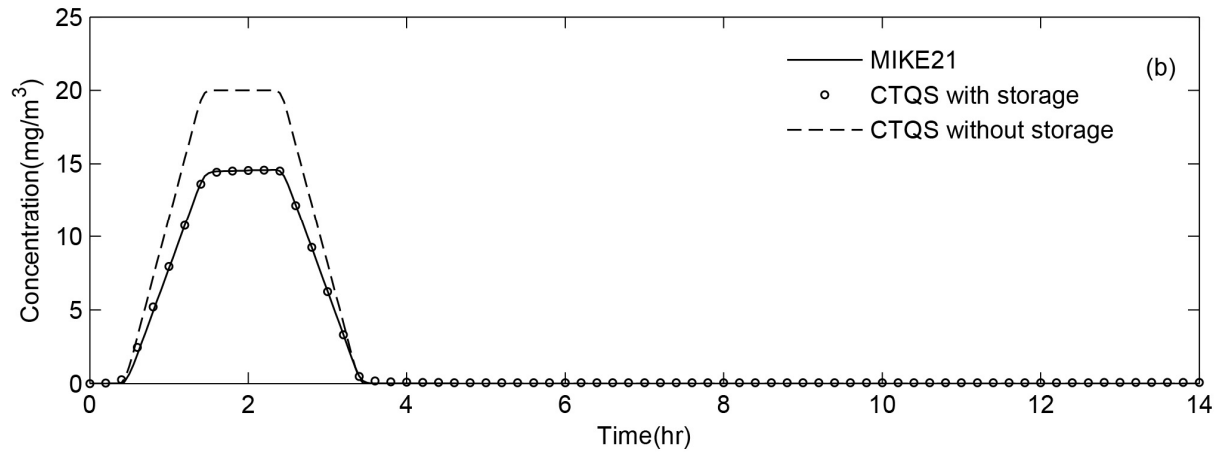


Figure 6. Simulation results of CTQS method for simulation with and without storage in compare with 2-D model results at (a) 500 m and (b) 800 m from channel upstream.

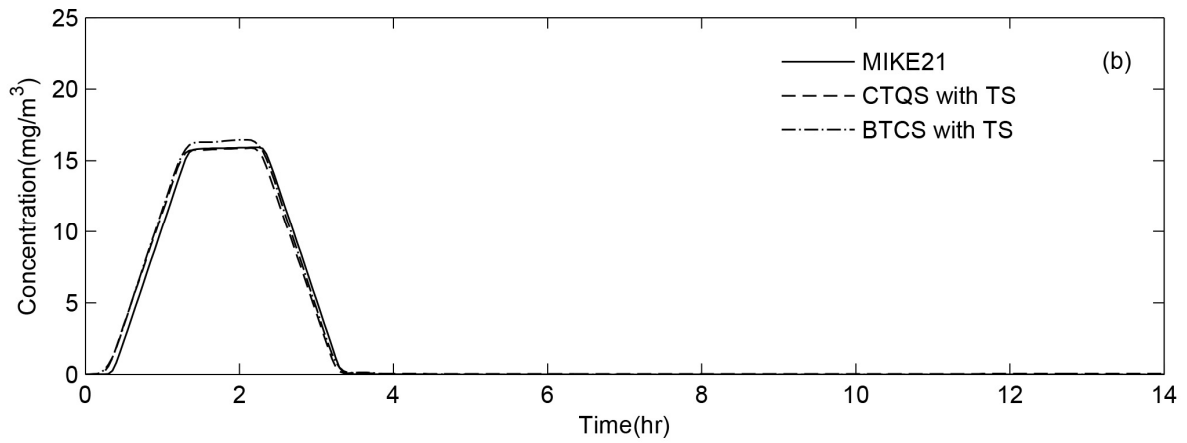
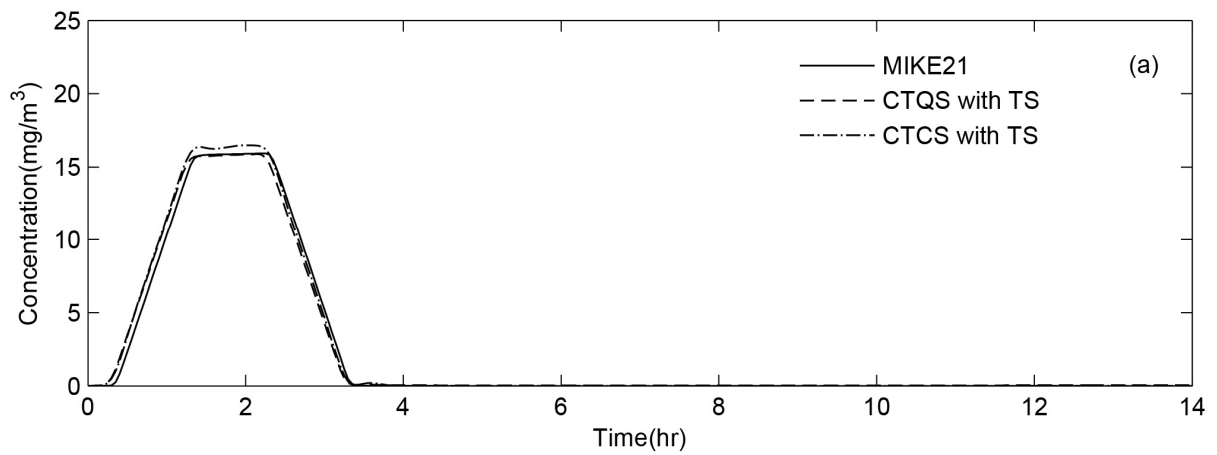


Figure 7. Comparison of results of (a) CTQS and CTCS, (b) CTQS and BTCS models with 2-D model ones at 500 m from upstream.

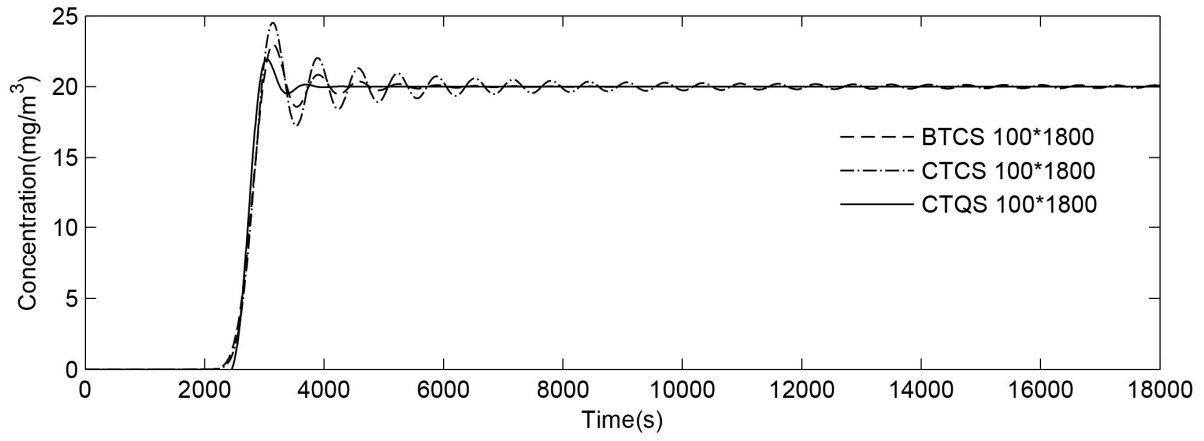


Figure 8. Comparison of CTQS, CTCS and BTCS scheme results for pure advection simulation at 100×1800 computation grid

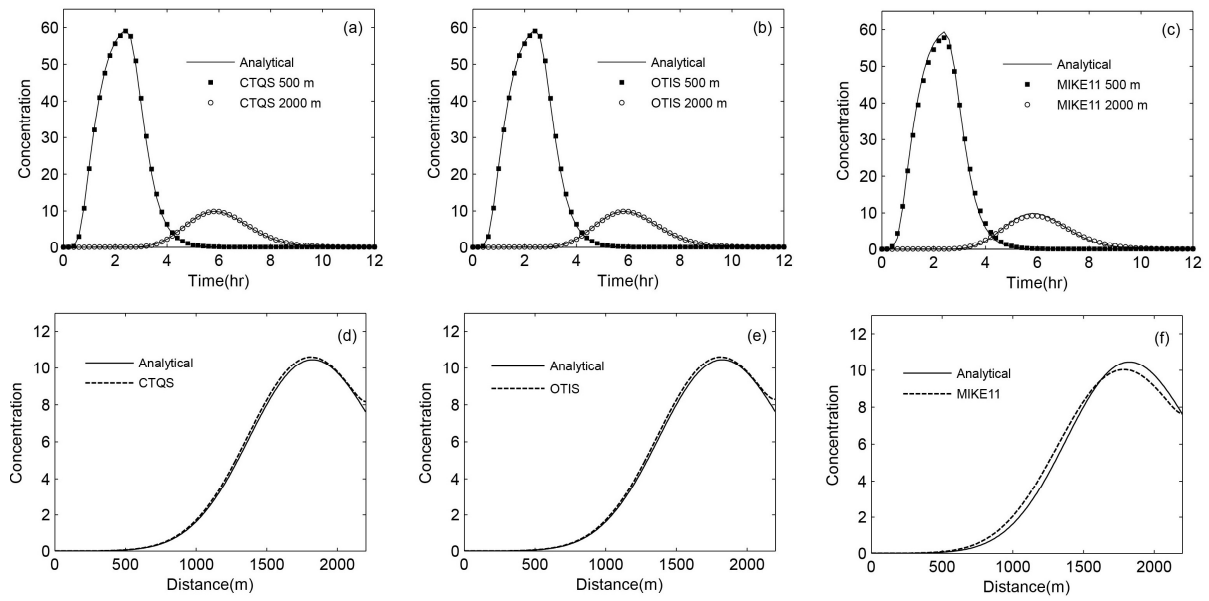


Figure 9. Comparison of various numerical schemes (CTQS, OTIS and MIKE11) with analytical solution for the first case

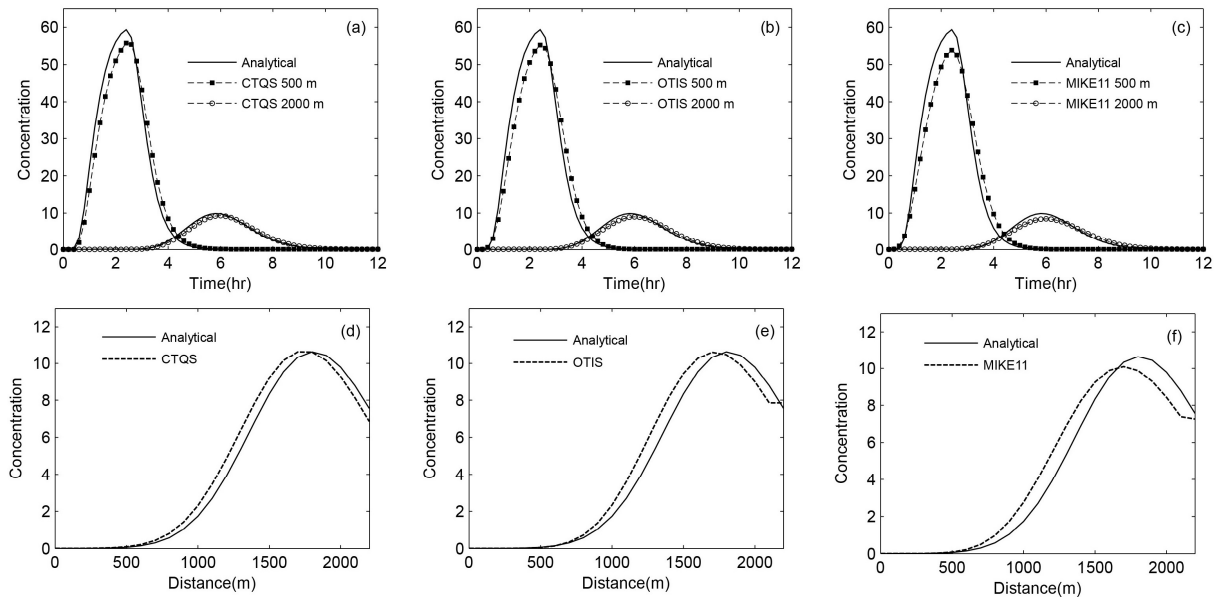


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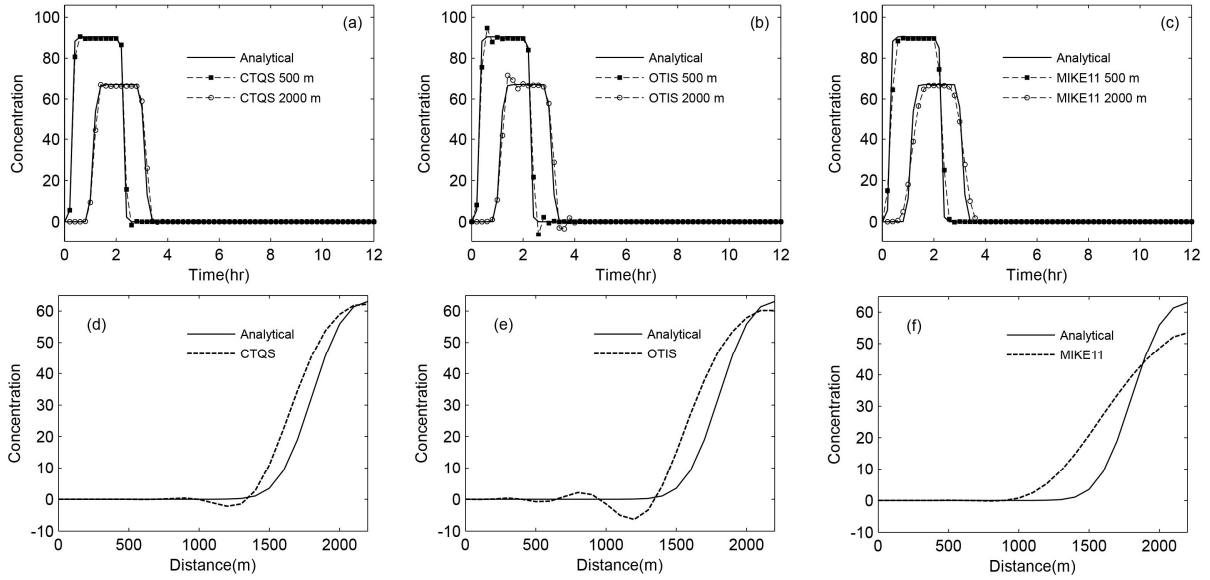


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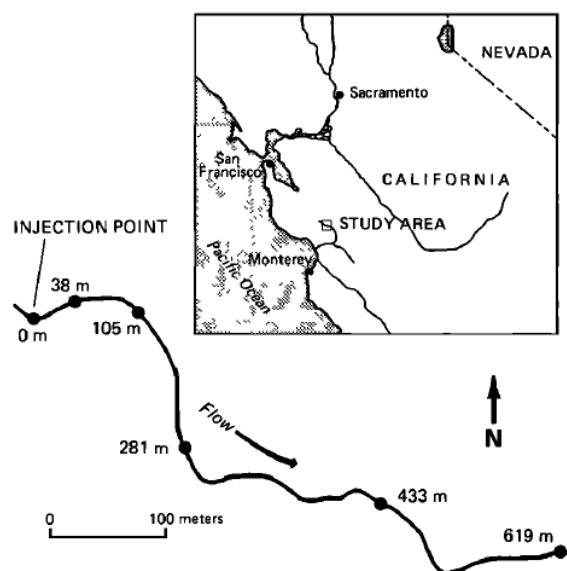


Figure 12-Experimental reach of Uvas Creek (Santa Clara County, California). Injection point and five monitoring locations are indicated (Bencala and Walters, 1983).

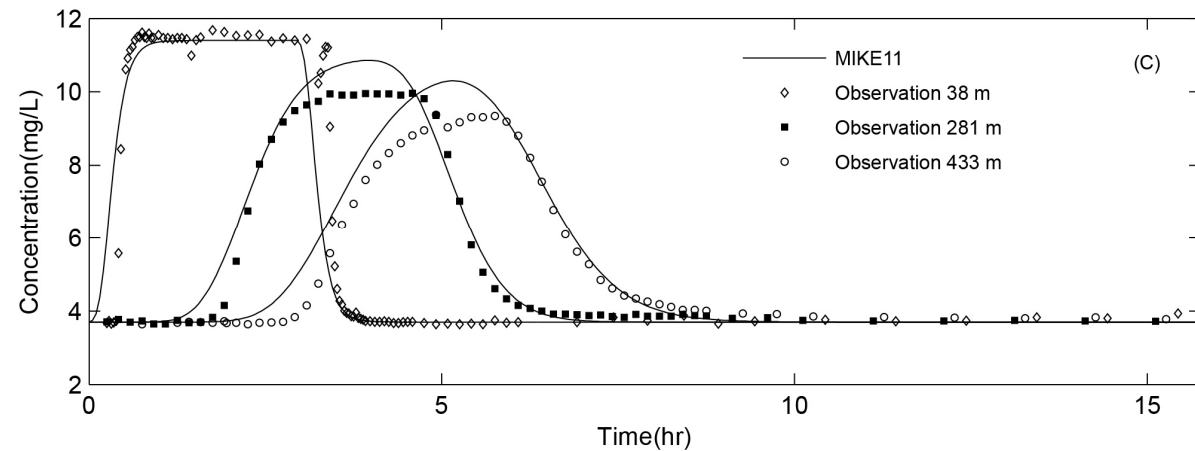
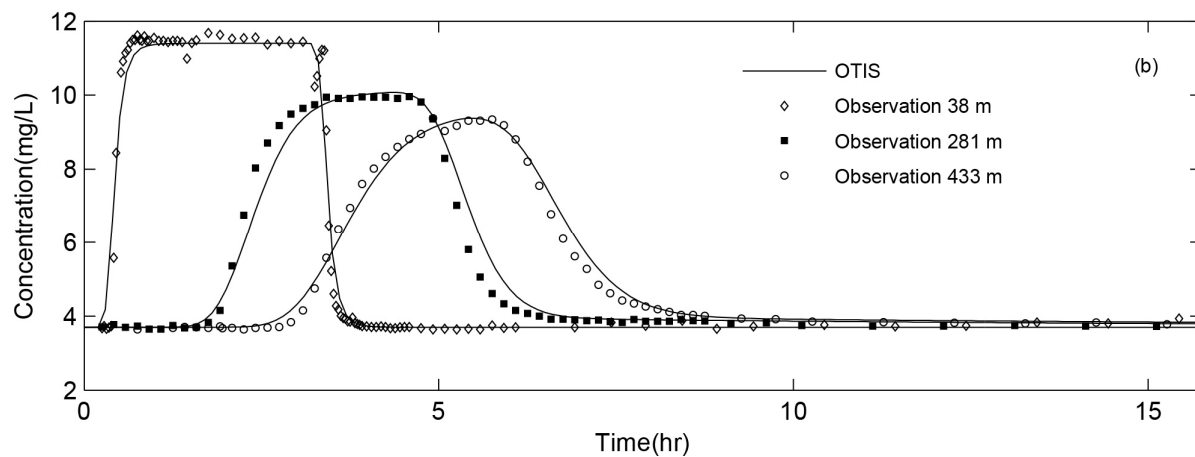
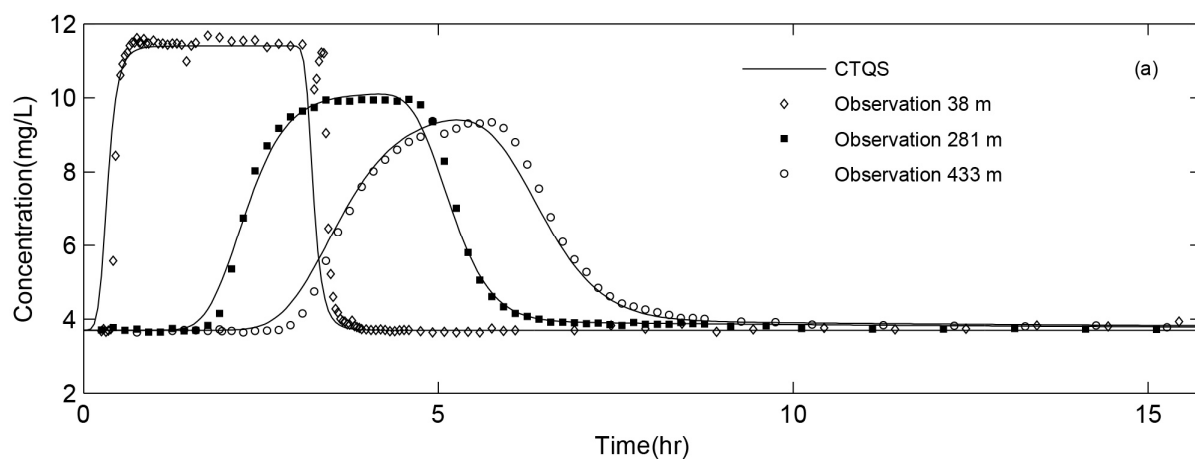


Figure 13. Observed and simulated chloride concentrations in main channel at 38, 281 and 433 m Uvas Creek by (a) CTQS, (b) OTIS and (c) MIKE11 models.

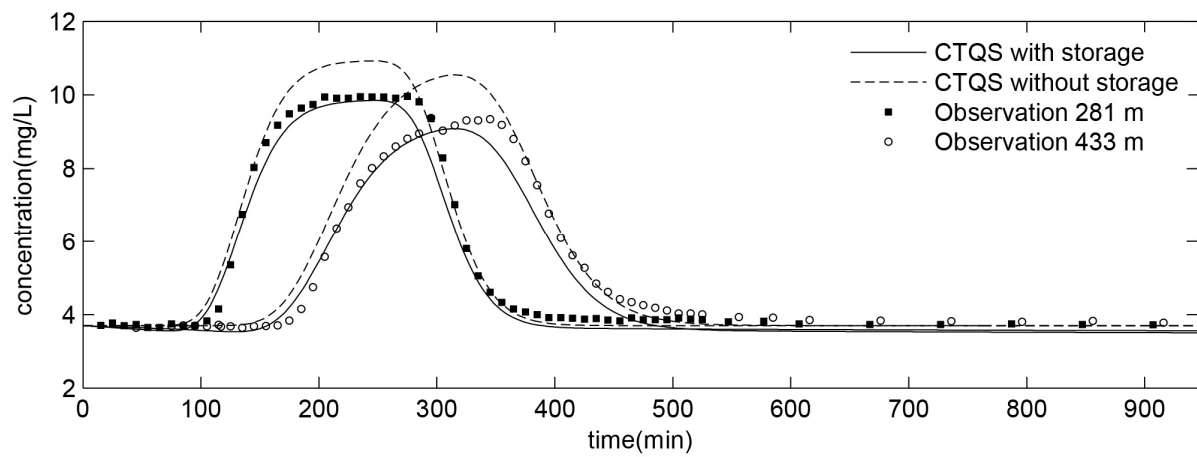


Figure 14. CTQS model results for simulation with and without transient storage at 281 and 433 m stations.

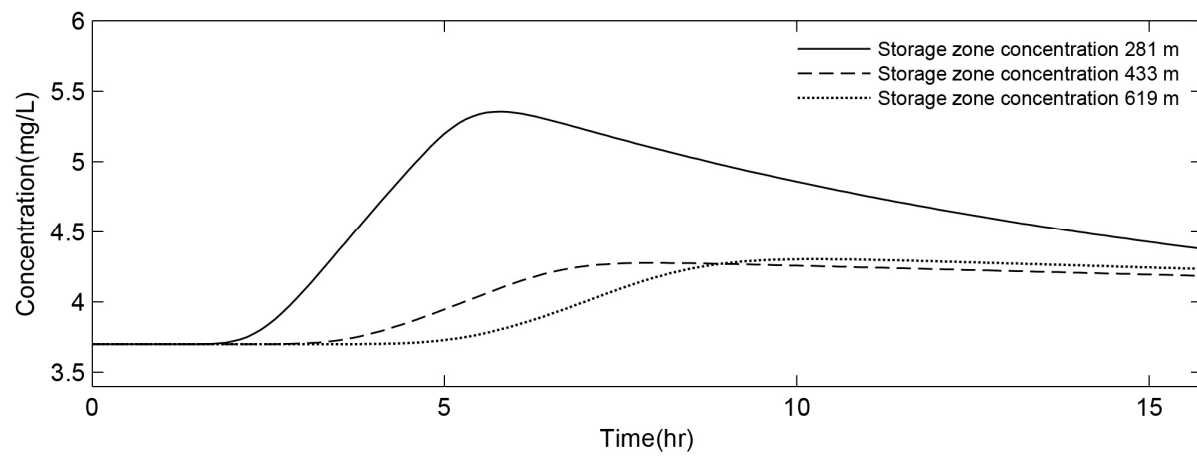


Figure 15. Observed and simulated storage zone concentrations at 281, 433 and 619 m stations.

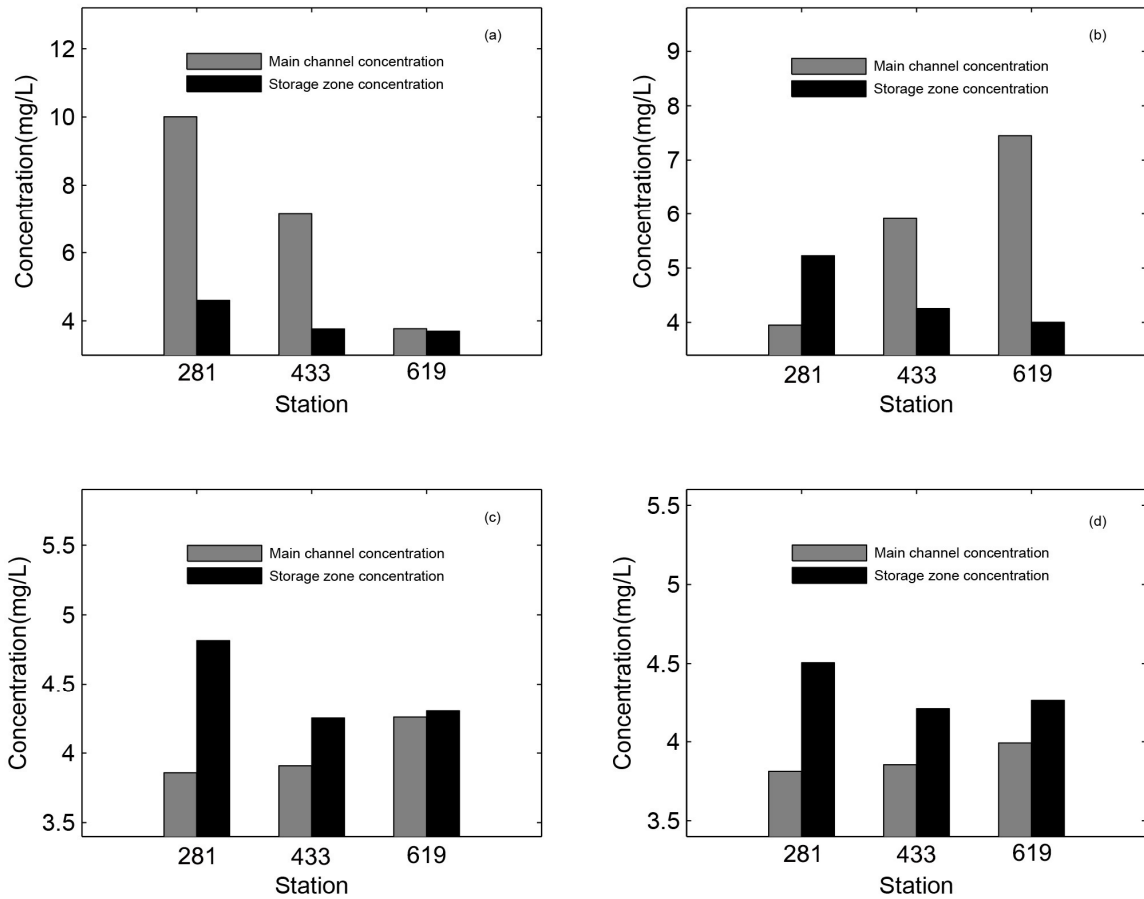


Figure 16. Comparison of main channel concentration (left column) and storage zone (right column) at 281, 433 and 619 m Uvas Creek in various times (a) 4.5 (b) 7, (c) 5 and (d) 15 hours after simulation start.

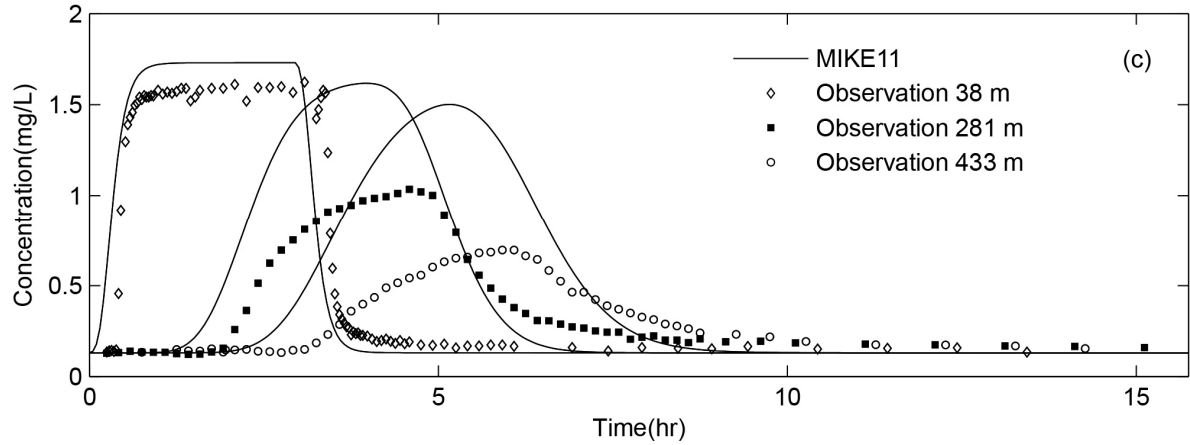
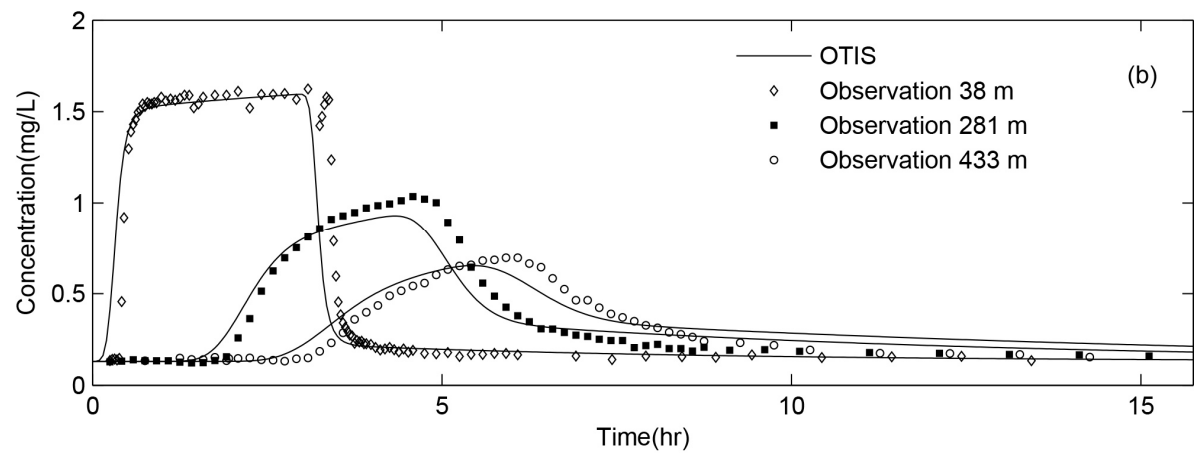
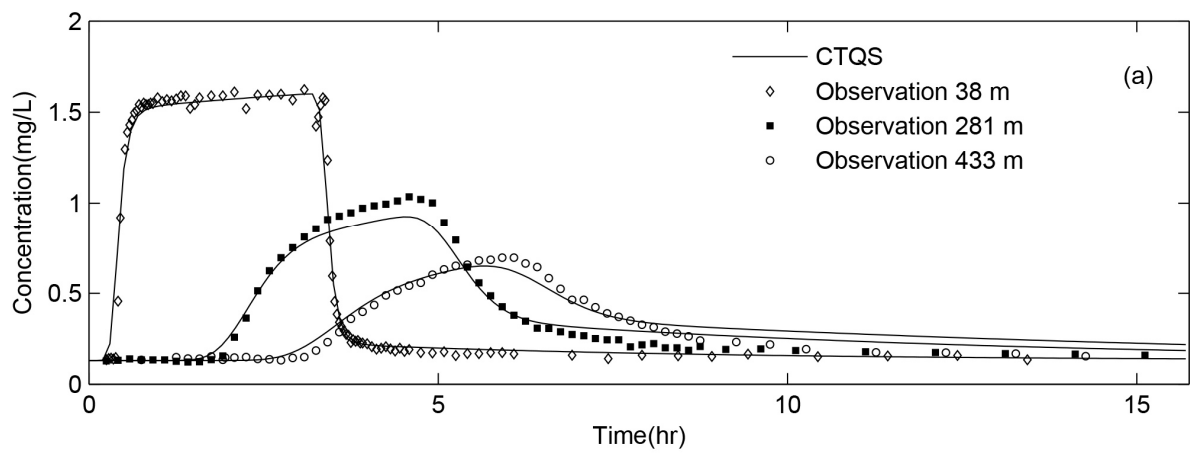


Figure 17. Observed and simulated Strontium concentrations in main channel affected by various physical and chemical processes at 38, 281 and 433m Uvas Creek by (a) CTQS, (b) OTIS and (c) MIKE11 model.

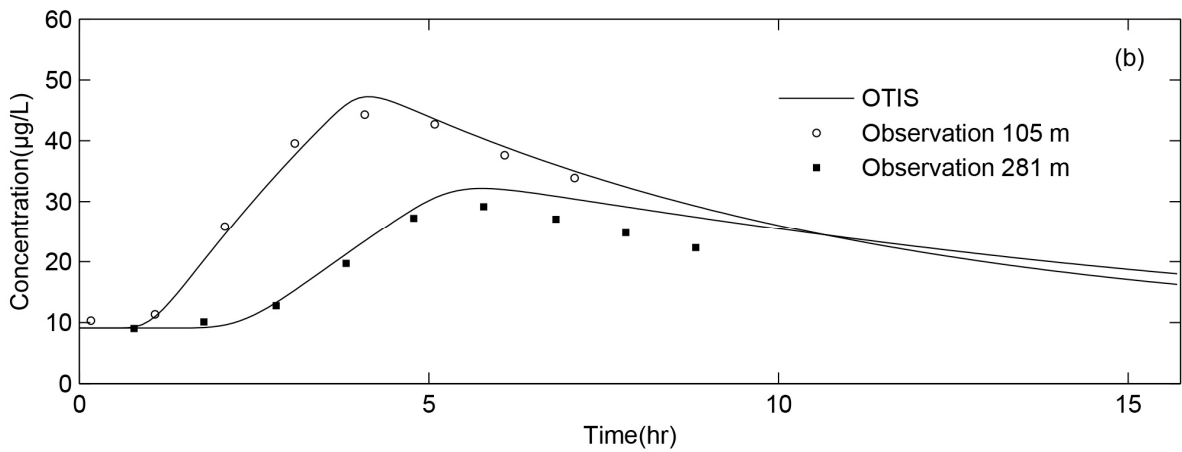
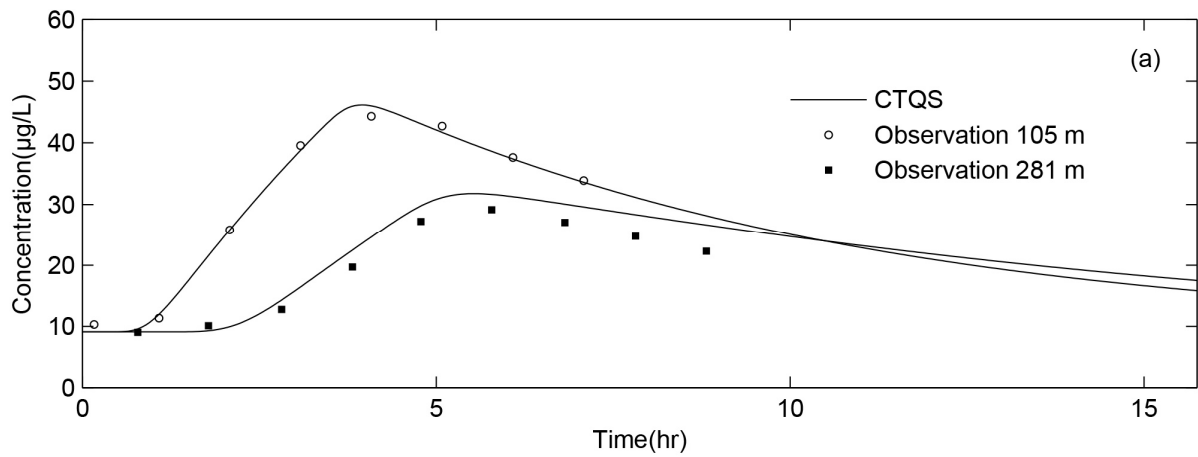


Figure 18. Sorbate and observed Strontium concentrations at 105 and 281 m stations of Uvas Creek by (a) CTQS and (b) OTIS model

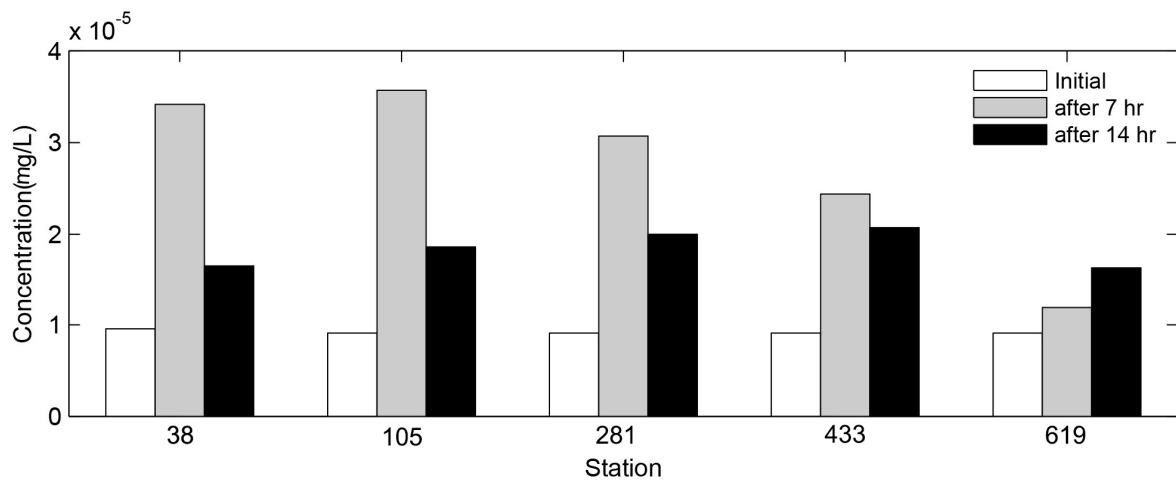


Figure 19. Sorbate concentrations of Strontium at various times at five observation stations of Uvas Creek.

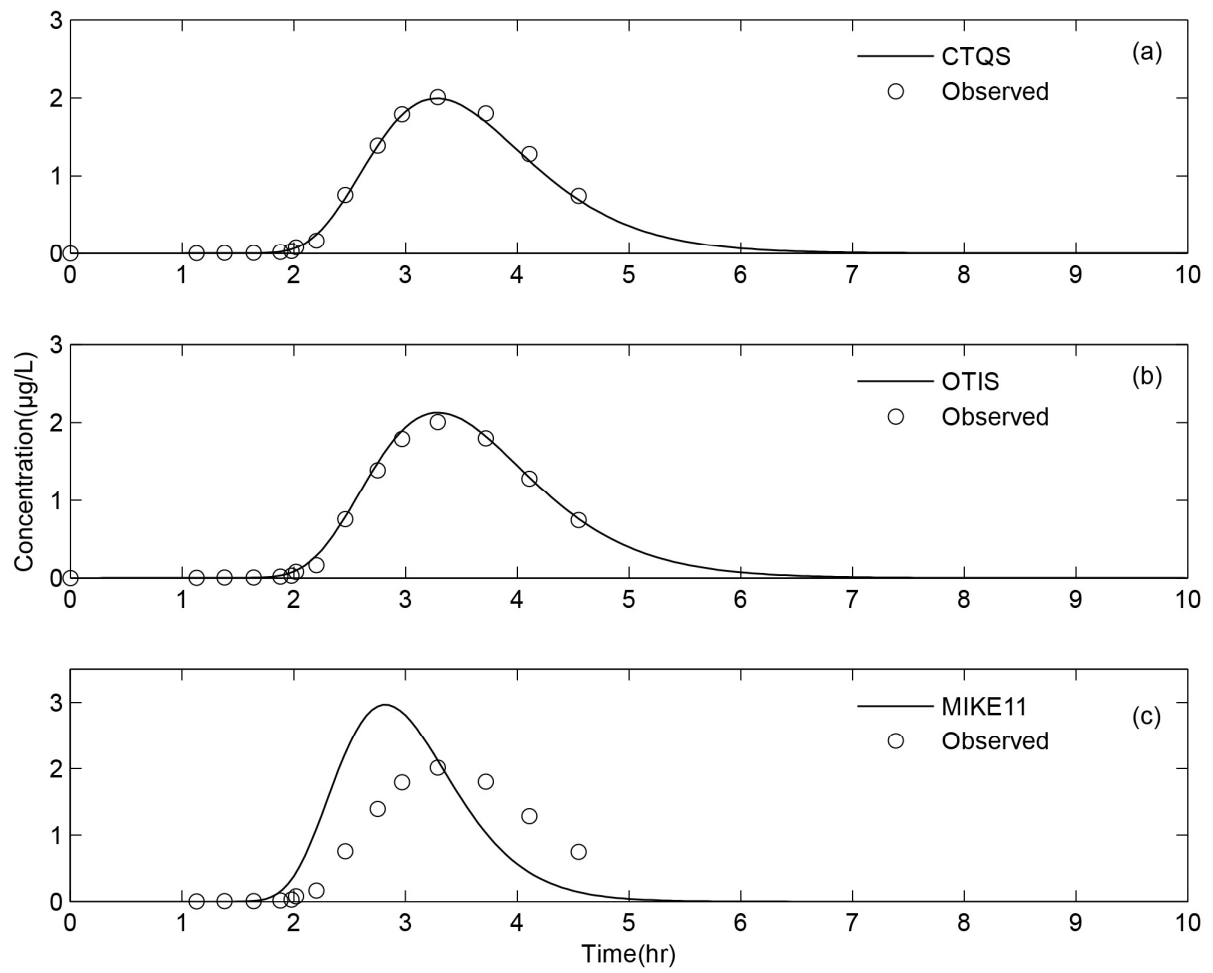


Figure 20. Simulation results for Athabasca River experiment at 11.85 km downstream from injection point by (a) CTQS, (b) OTIS and (c) MIKE11 model.

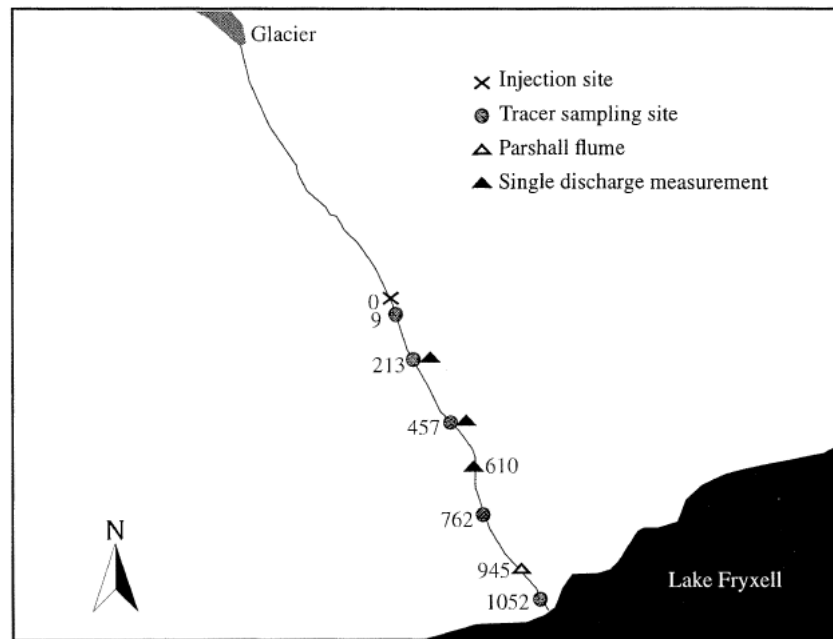
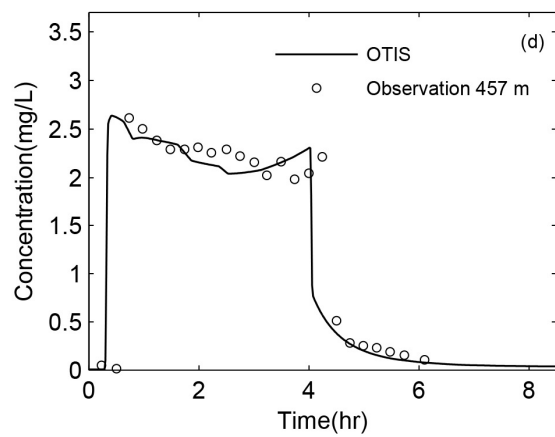
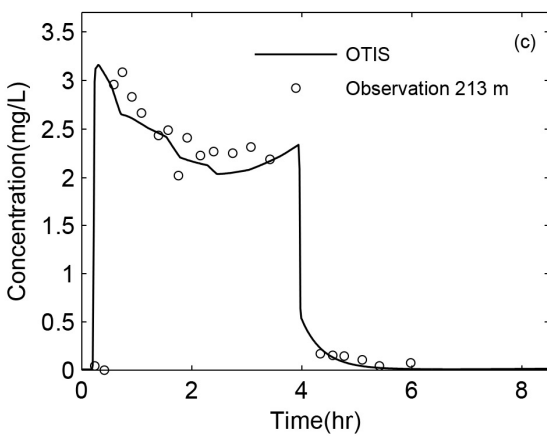
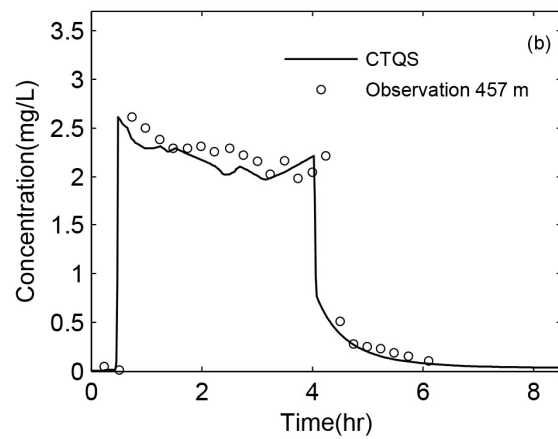
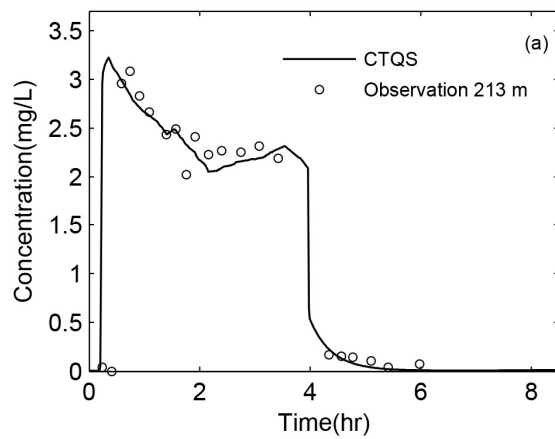


Figure 21 – Map of Huey creek, showing tracer sampling and stream-flow measurement stations. Site numbers refer to distance (m) from the tracer injection (Runkel et al. 1998).



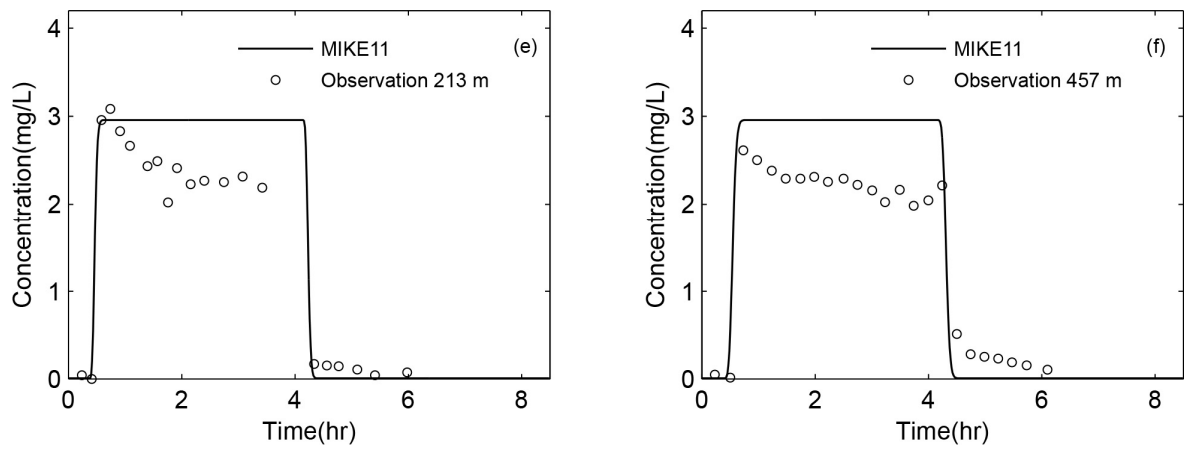


Figure 22. Observed and simulated main channel Li concentrations at 213 and 457 m stations of Huey Creek by (a), (b) CTQS, (c), (d) OTIS and (f), (e) MIKE11 model.

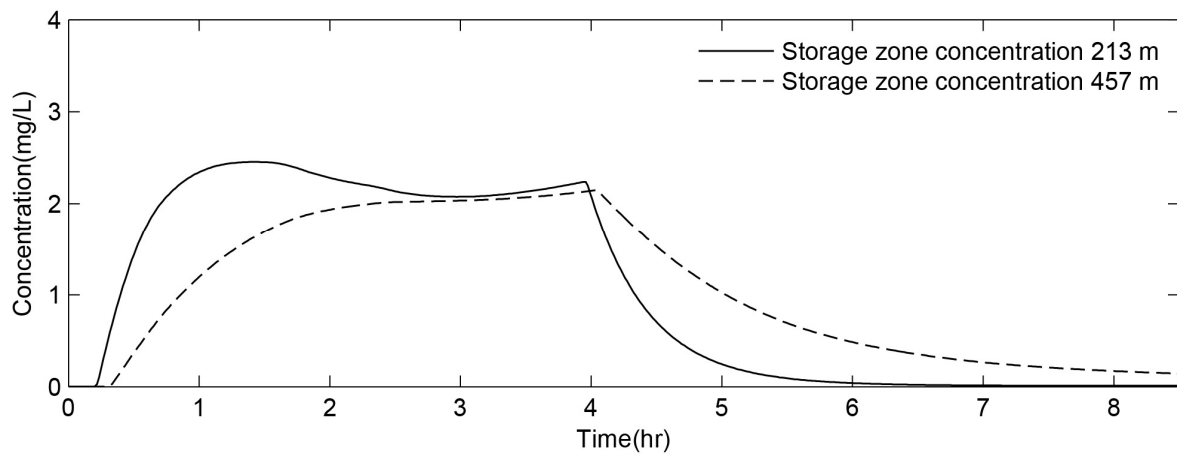


Figure 23. Storage zone concentration at 213 and 457 m station of Huey Creek