

b. Continuous Point Source

1) No mean wind

Let $Q_2 =$ source emission rate (gm/T)

Thus $Q_2 dt =$ mass emitted in time dt
(like a burst or puff)

∴ Consider series of 3-D puffs emitted from source.

Integrate 3-D puff eq. over ~~time~~ all emission times.

Let: $t_1 =$ time emissions started
 $t =$ current (observation) time
 $\tau =$ time that any one puff was emitted.

$$C = \int_{t_1}^t \frac{Q_2}{[4\pi K(t-\tau)]^{3/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{r^2}{4K(t-\tau)}\right] d\tau$$

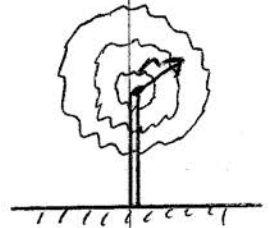
Upon integrating:

$$C = \frac{Q_2}{4\pi K r} \left[1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{r}{[4K(t-t_1)]^{1/2}}\right) \right]$$

$$C = \frac{Q_2}{4\pi K r} \operatorname{erfc}\left[\frac{r}{\{4K(t-t_1)\}^{1/2}}\right]$$

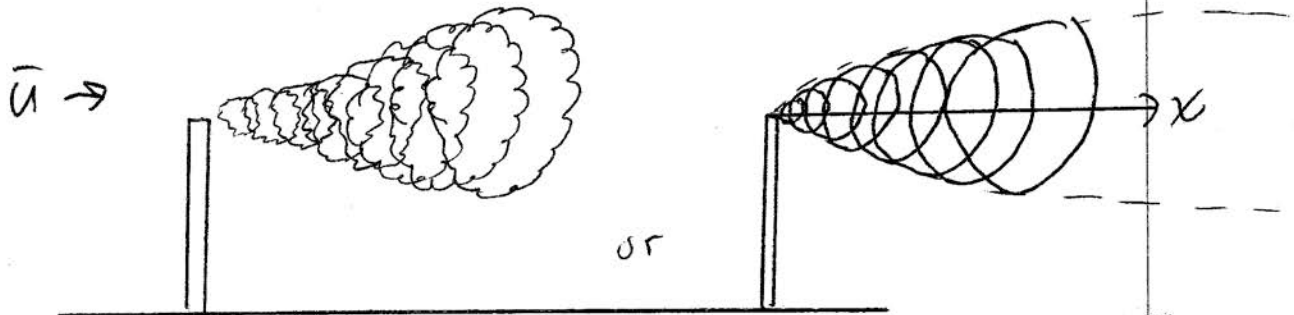
Note

$$C \rightarrow \frac{Q_2}{4\pi K r} \quad \text{as } t_1 \rightarrow -\infty$$



2) With Mean Wind

Theoretically, we could integrate over a series of puffs being advected downwind.

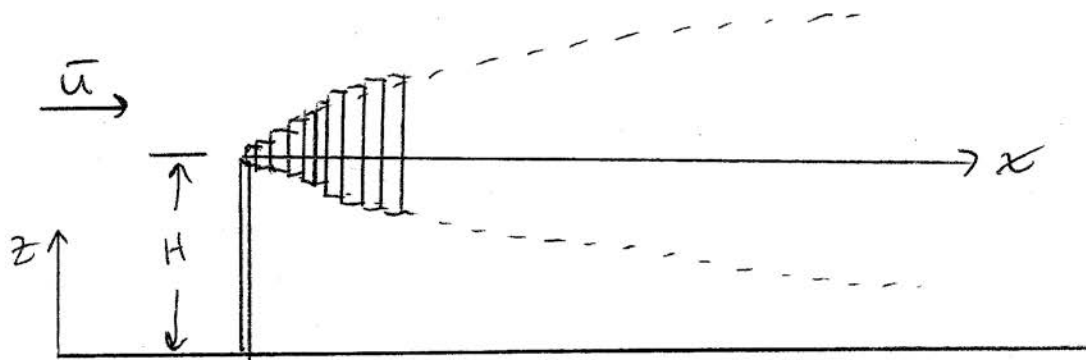


But very complicated, to integrate.

Instead assume that the loss of pollutants diffusing in $+x$ direction from a point are approx. balanced by pollutants diffusing in $-x$ direction from previous puff.

That is, assume no net diffusion in x -dir.
Assume only advection in x -dir.

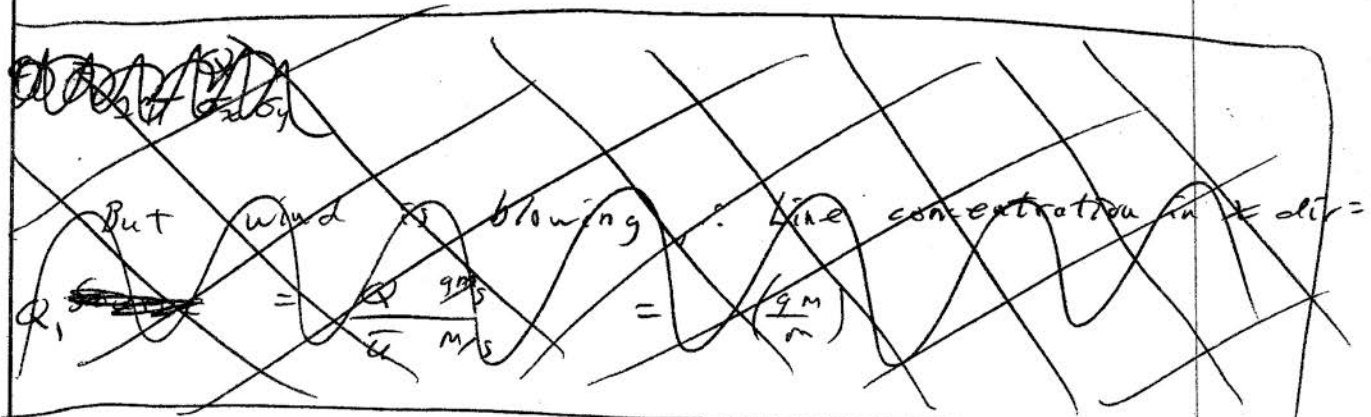
This is the "spreading disk" diffusion model.
Easier to integrate.



→ This is just 2-D diffusion! $y \neq z$
Works only if duration of emission is longer than travel time to the downwind position of interest.

Look at non-isotropic 2-D diffusion from H.

Source = Q_1 gm/m along x-axis



~~Spreading Disk model:~~ Spreading Disk model:

$$c = \frac{Q_1}{4\pi t (k_y k_z)^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{y^2}{4k_y t} - \frac{(z-H)^2}{4k_z t}\right]$$

$$\text{Let } \sigma_y \equiv \sqrt{2k_y t}$$

$$\sigma_z \equiv \sqrt{2k_z t}$$

$$Q_1 \frac{gm}{m} = Q \left(\frac{gm}{s}\right) / \bar{u} \left(\frac{m}{s}\right)$$

$$c = gm/m^3$$

$$c = \frac{Q}{2\pi \sigma_y \sigma_z \bar{u}} \exp\left[-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma_y^2} - \frac{(z-H)^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\right]$$

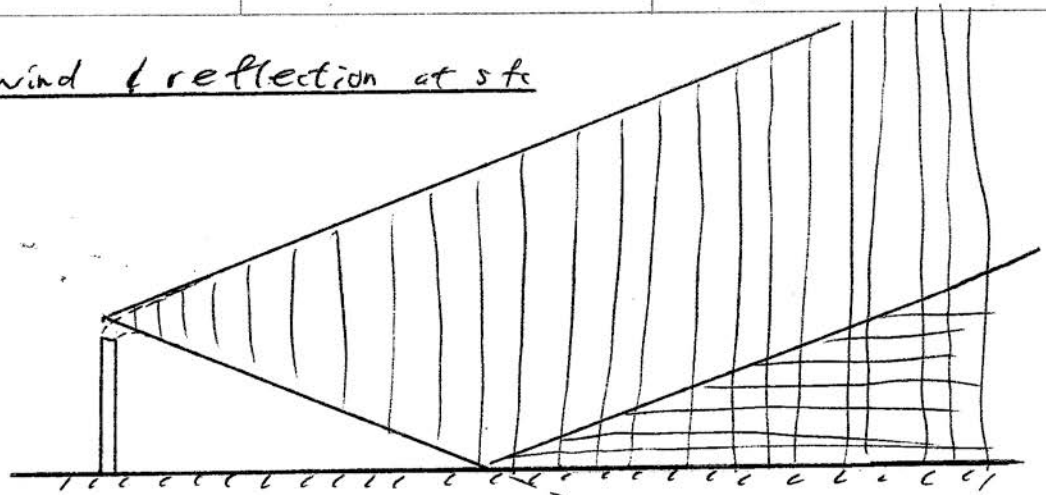
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Note, the vertical spread may be different than horizontal spread.

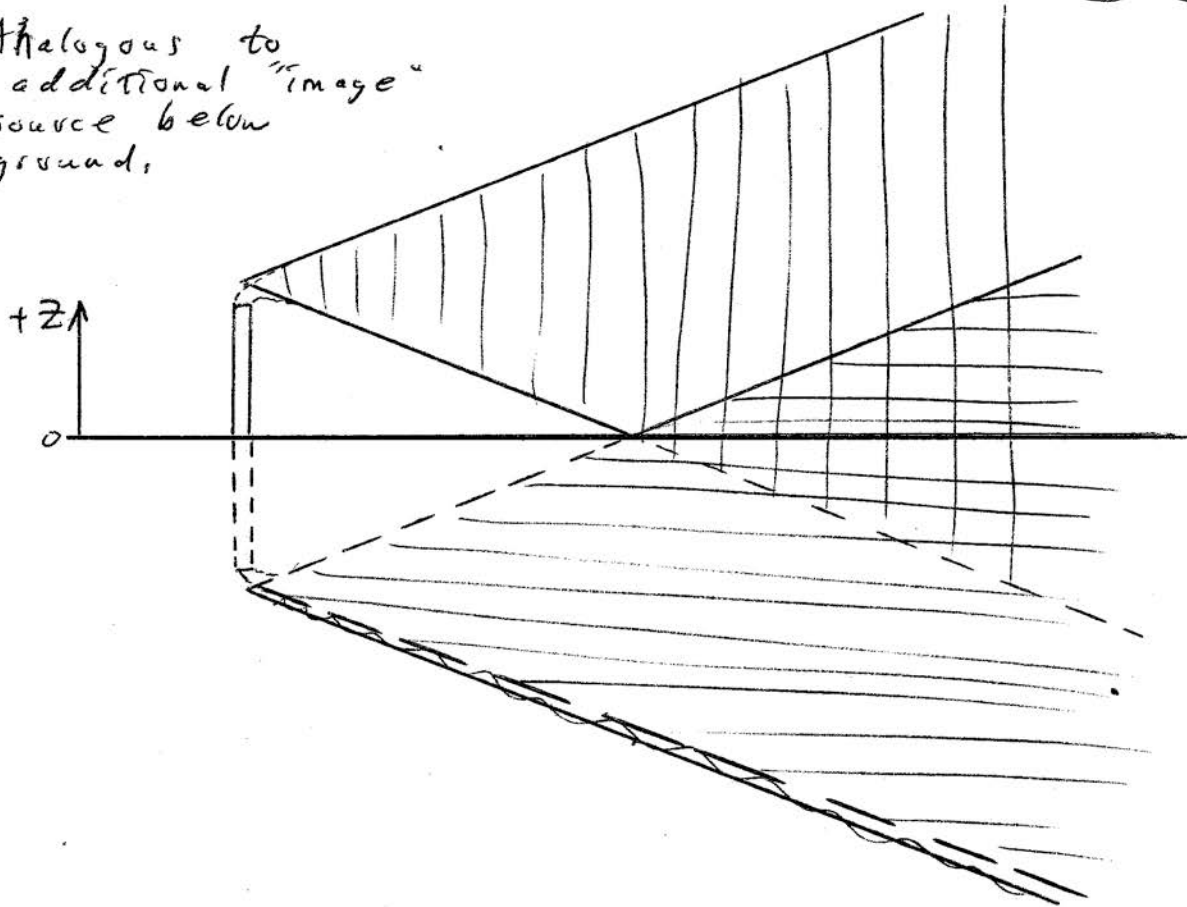
x is related to t by

$$x = \bar{u} \cdot t$$

3) Mean wind & reflection at sfc



Analogous to
additional "image"
source below
ground,



This "image" has a plume concentration of

$$C_{im} = \frac{Q}{2\pi \sigma_y \sigma_z \bar{u}} \exp - \left[\frac{y^2}{2\sigma_y^2} + \frac{(z+H)^2}{2\sigma_z^2} \right]$$

(note z is neg.)

Summing the true & image concentrations:

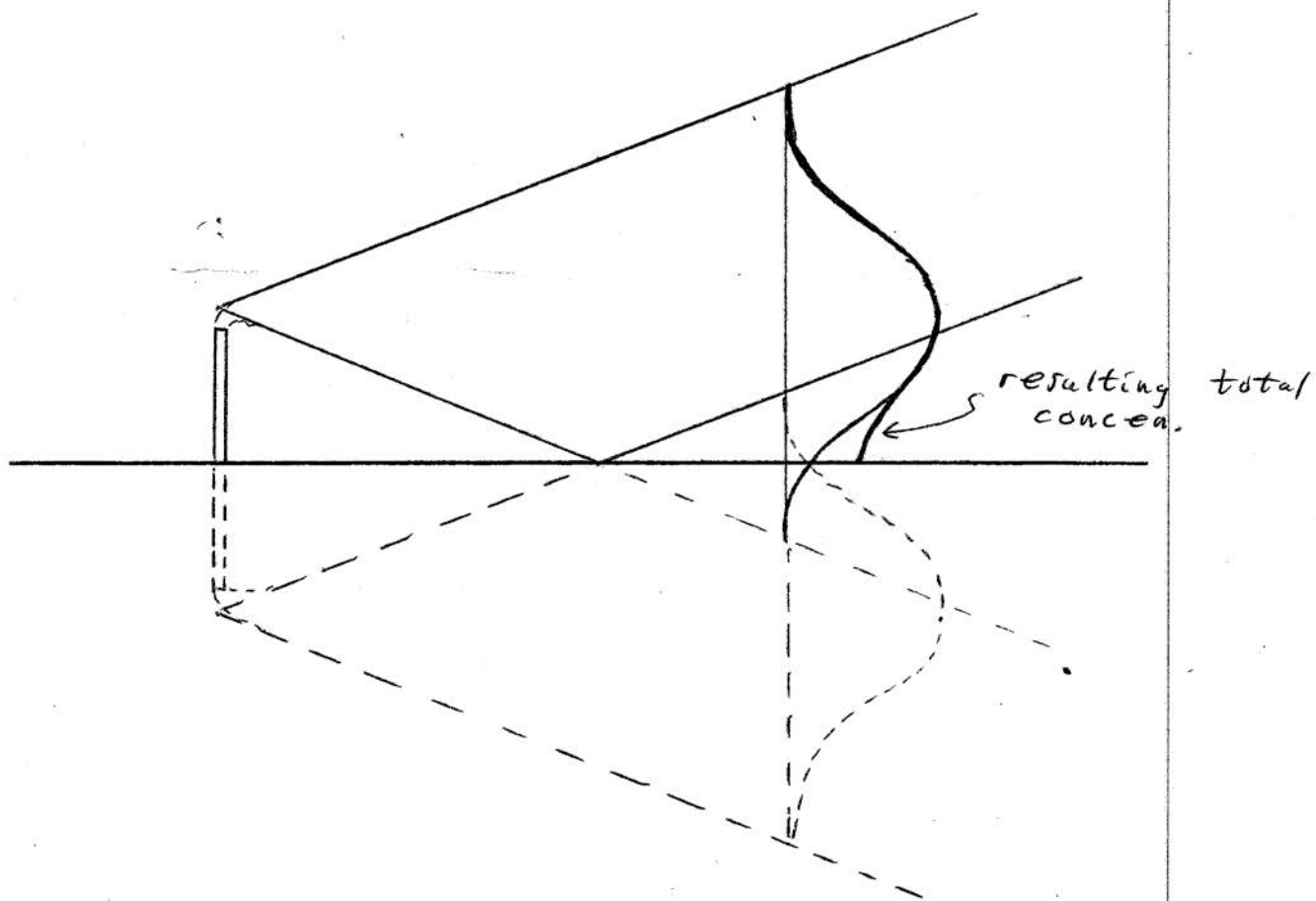
$$C = C_{\text{true}} + C_{\text{imag.}}$$

Assuming x -axis is aligned with mean wind

$$C = \frac{Q}{2\pi\sigma_y\sigma_z\bar{u}} \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma_y^2}\right) \left\{ \exp\left[-\frac{(z-H)^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{(z+H)^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\right] \right\}$$

$$C(x, y, z, H) =$$

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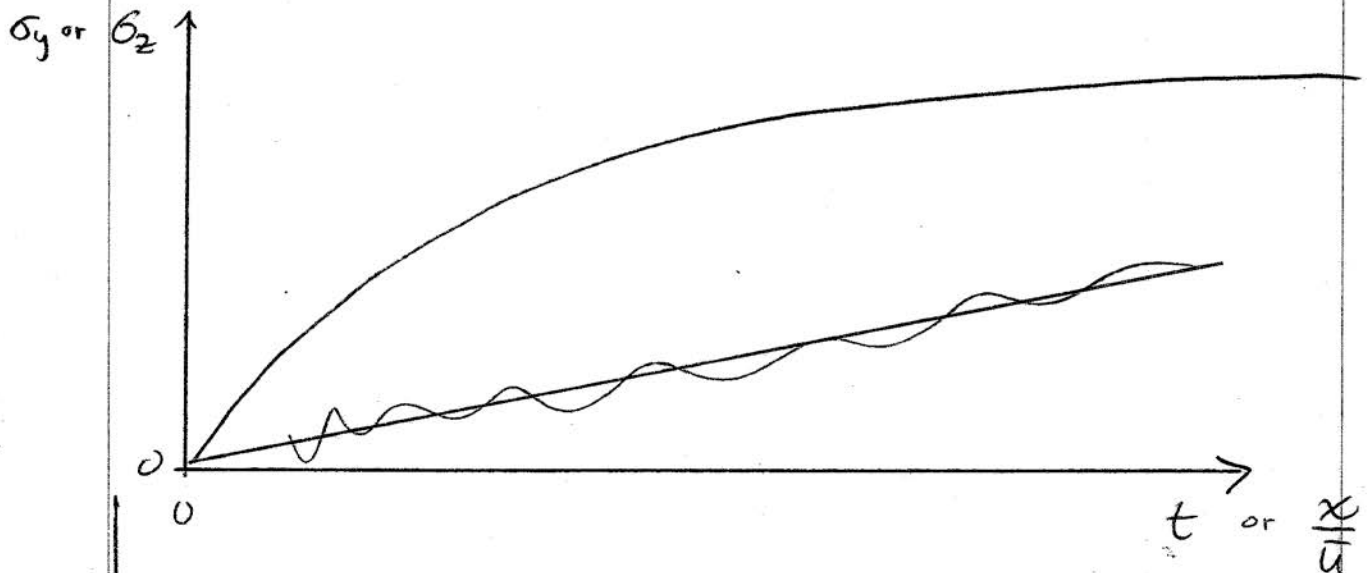
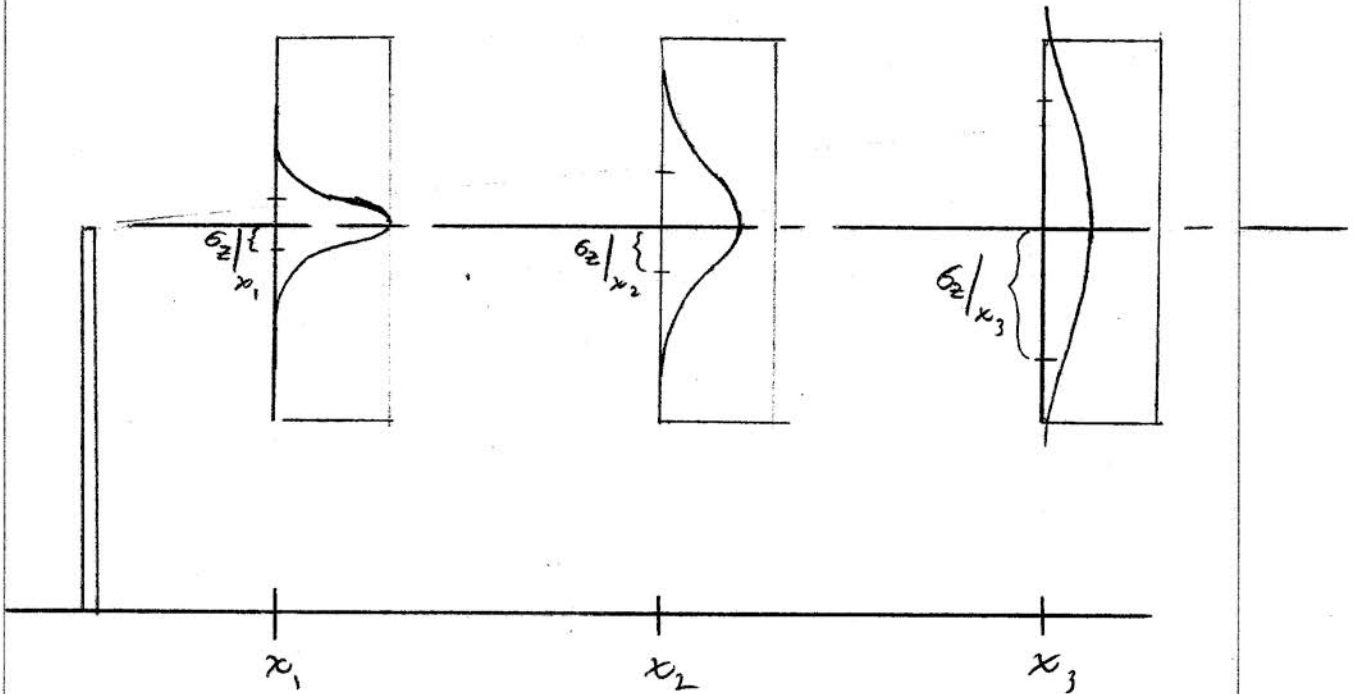


This assumes that there is no loss (or source) of pollutants at the surface (ie, total reflection)

Aside

$$\underline{\sigma_y \text{ or } \sigma_z} = f(t) = f\left(\frac{x}{u}\right)$$

For Neutral Stability



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AOS/IES 535 - Homework: Gaussian Dispersion with Reflection

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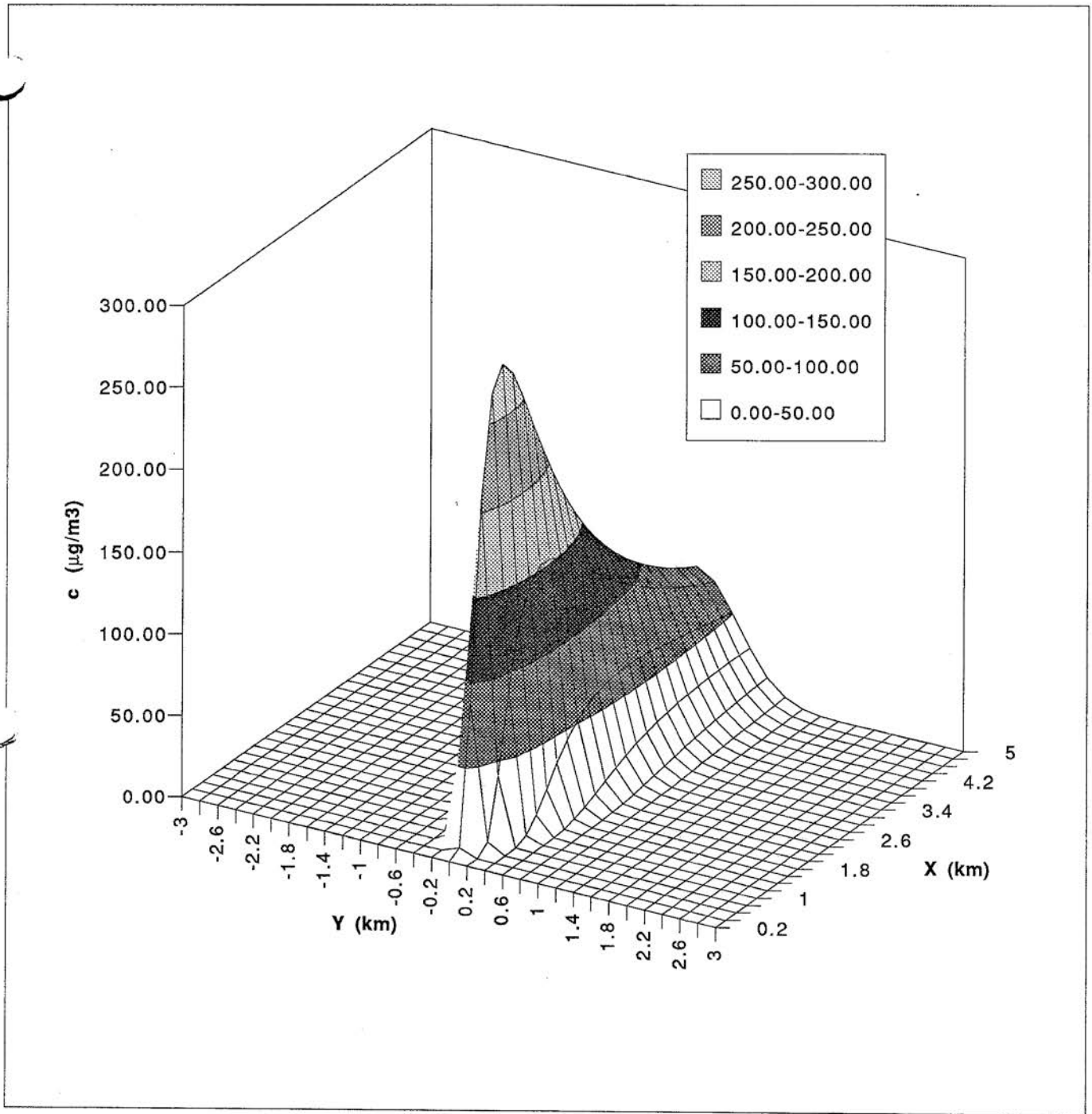
Given: Emission rate of SO₂ from a point source is Q (g/s) = 263
 Effective stack height of H (m) = 200
 Mean wind from west constant with height of M = U(m/s) = 5
 Assume D stability class. Use sigmas from HBH Table 4.5 for urban.

Prob: Calculate the concentration (µg/m³) at the surface for an array of grid points
 (Hint, use eq 3.2 from Turner's Workbook, & be careful with units.)
 From y (km)= -3 to y = 3 km, at increment Δy(km) = 0.2
 From x (km)= 0.2 to x = 5 km, at increment Δx(km) = 0.2
 Contour the resulting isopleths of equal concentration, for c(µg/m³) =
 0.1, 10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, etc.

Answer:

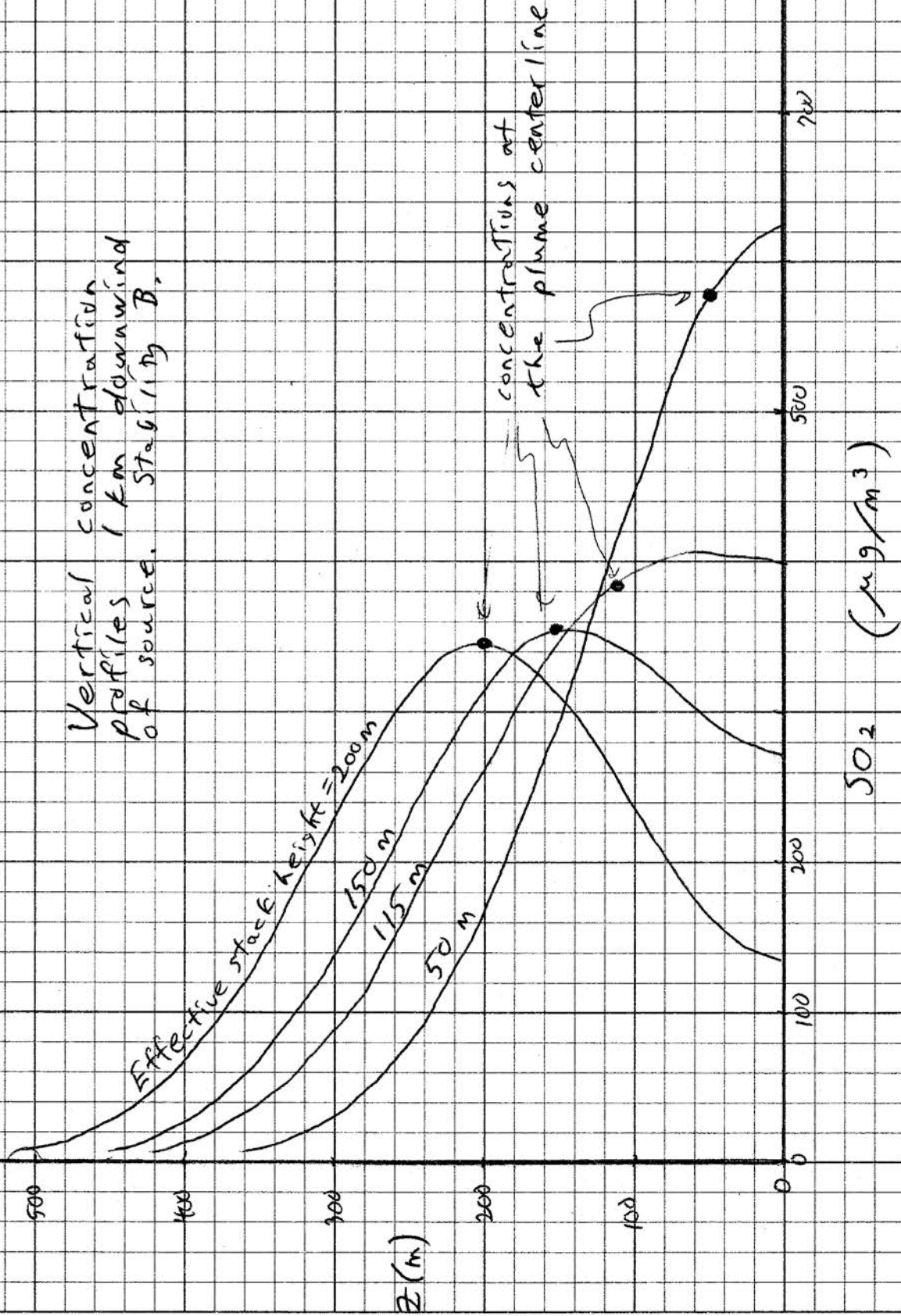
x(km) =	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2	2.2	2.4
sig y (m)=	30.792	59.423	86.211	111.41	135.22	157.82	179.34	199.9	219.6	238.51	256.72	274.29
sig z (m)=	27.196	52.915	77.328	100.58	122.79	144.06	164.48	184.13	203.07	221.36	239.05	256.2
	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2	2.2	2.4
-3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-2.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-2.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-2.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-2.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-1.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-1.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-1.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-1.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
-1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.10	0.23
-0.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.30	0.76	1.50
-0.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.20	1.01	2.79	5.53	8.91	12.52	16.06
-0.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	3.37	11.32	22.53	34.06	44.00	51.67	57.11	60.66
-0.2	0.00	0.01	6.01	41.30	89.64	125.86	146.52	152.88	152.69	148.35	141.94	134.67
0	0.00	4.21	88.59	208.91	267.62	280.92	271.00	252.17	231.17	210.84	192.26	175.68
0.2	0.00	0.01	6.01	41.30	89.64	125.86	146.52	152.88	152.69	148.35	141.94	134.67
0.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	3.37	11.32	22.53	34.06	44.00	51.67	57.11	60.66
0.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.20	1.01	2.79	5.53	8.91	12.52	16.06
0.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.30	0.76	1.50	2.50
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.10	0.23
1.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
1.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

0.1
10
50
100
150
100
50
10
0.1



Example of Reflection from ground (Gaussian Plume)

Vertical concentration profiles 1 km downwind of source. Stability B.



Numerical Representation (Finite Difference)

Used where can't use simpler analytic solutions

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = K \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2} = K \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \right)$$

Let $t = i \Delta t$

$$\frac{\Delta C}{\Delta t} = K \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\Delta C}{\Delta z} \right)$$

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$$C_{i+1,j} - C_{i,j} = K \left[\frac{(\Delta C / \Delta z)^+}{\Delta z} - \frac{(\Delta C / \Delta z)^-}{\Delta z} \right]$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} 0 \quad j+1 \\ \cdot \\ 0 \quad j \\ \cdot \\ 0 \quad j-1 \end{array} \right\} \Delta z$$

$$= K \left[\frac{(C_{i,j+1} - C_{i,j}) / \Delta z}{\Delta z} - \frac{(C_{i,j} - C_{i,j-1}) / \Delta z}{\Delta z} \right]$$

$$= K \frac{C_{i,j+1} - 2C_{i,j} + C_{i,j-1}}{\Delta z^2}$$

$$C_{i+1,j} = C_{i,j} + \left(K \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta z^2} \right) [C_{i,j+1} - 2C_{i,j} + C_{i,j-1}]$$

Solve this eq. at every point, j , to make one step forward in time.

Repeat process, stepping from previous point to get forecast at any time t .

Numerically unstable if $\left(\frac{K \Delta t}{\Delta z^2} \right) > \frac{1}{2}$

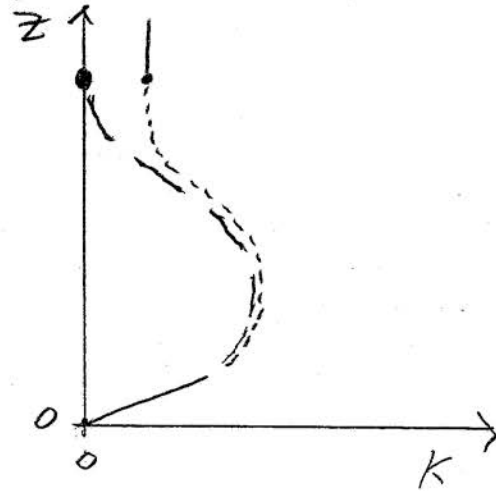
\therefore If K is determined by the physics of the flow, then

$$\Delta t < \left(\frac{\Delta z^2}{2K} \right) \text{ to be stable}$$

Parameterizing K

(Translates to parameterizing σ_y^2 @ σ_z^2 in air pollution studies)

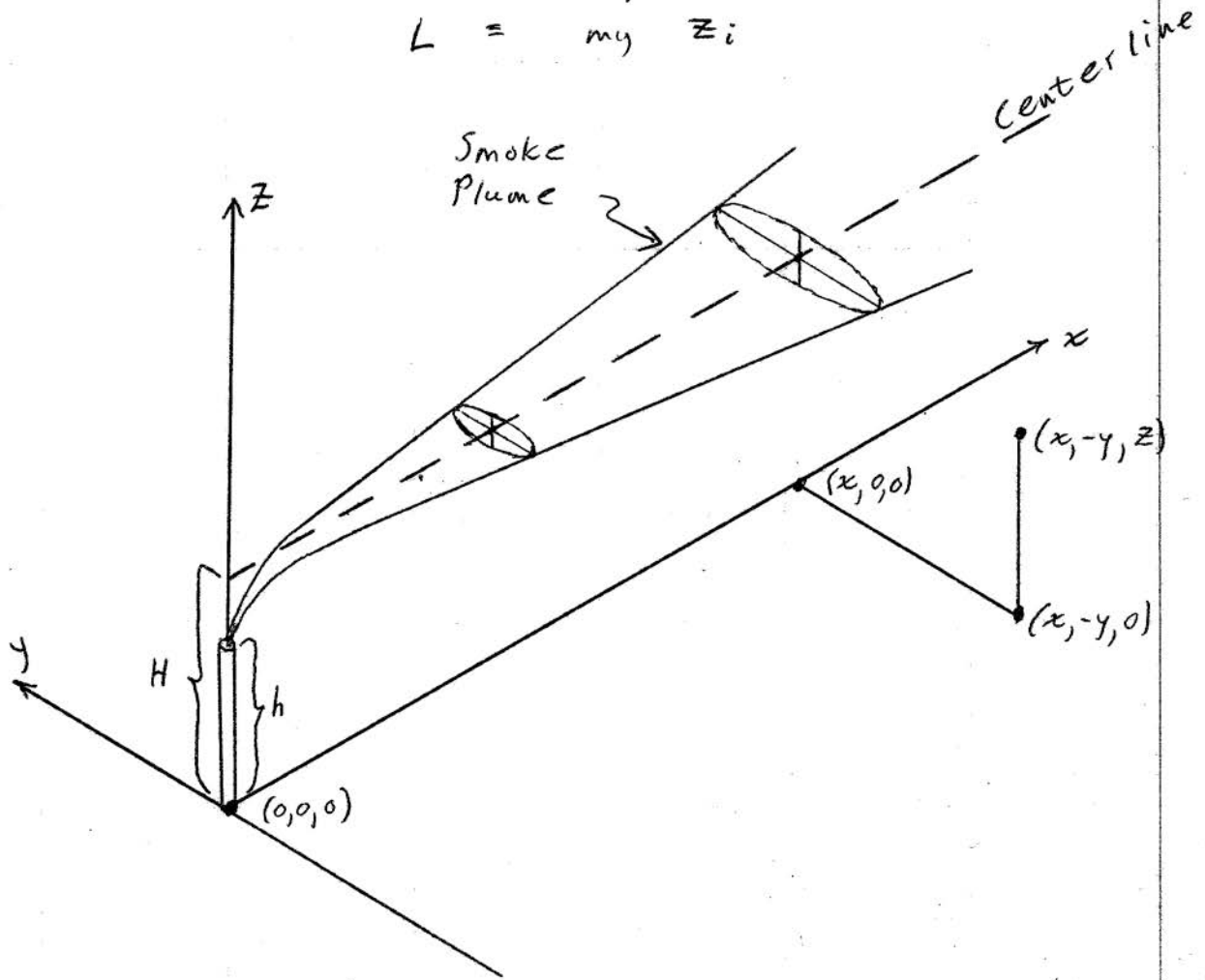
- 1) $K=0$ at ground
- 2) $K=0$ where no turbulence (ie, above top of BL)
- 3) $K = k u_* z$ in surface layer (= $z^{-1/2} \left| \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial z} \right|$ Mixing length theory)
- 4) Varies with turbulence intensity
 $K \uparrow$ as $TKE \uparrow$
 $\equiv l^2 = \text{mixing length}$
 $\propto z^2$ in sfc layer
- 5) \therefore Also varies with static stability



($K = \text{const} \Rightarrow$ Ekman Spiral)

4. Practical Applications of Gaussian Diffusion
 a. General Form

(Note: Turner's $X \equiv my C.$
 $L = my Zi$)



$$C(x, y, z, H) = \frac{Q}{2\pi \sigma_y \sigma_z \bar{u}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2} \cdot \left[e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z-H}{\sigma_z}\right)^2} + e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z+H}{\sigma_z}\right)^2} \right] \quad \text{IV. B. 4.1}$$

Get σ_y & σ_z from tables, graphs, or formulas

$\sigma = \sigma(x, TKE, z_0)$
 See Pasquill & Gifford's curves empirical
 Turners Fig 3-2, 3-3

1) σ_y & σ_z vary with x , TKE

or x , \bar{u} , Ri , z_0

Get σ_x & σ_y from graphs, tables, or formulas.

Pasquill & Gifford have some empirical curves.

See Turner's Figs 3-2 & 3-3
 σ_y σ_z

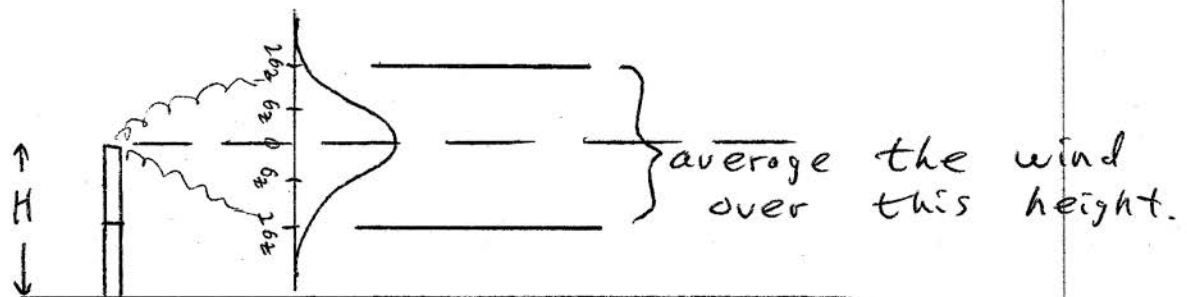
based on 10 min averages |

Will talk much more about σ_y & σ_z later !!

2) \bar{u}

Use an average \bar{u}
averaged over the plume

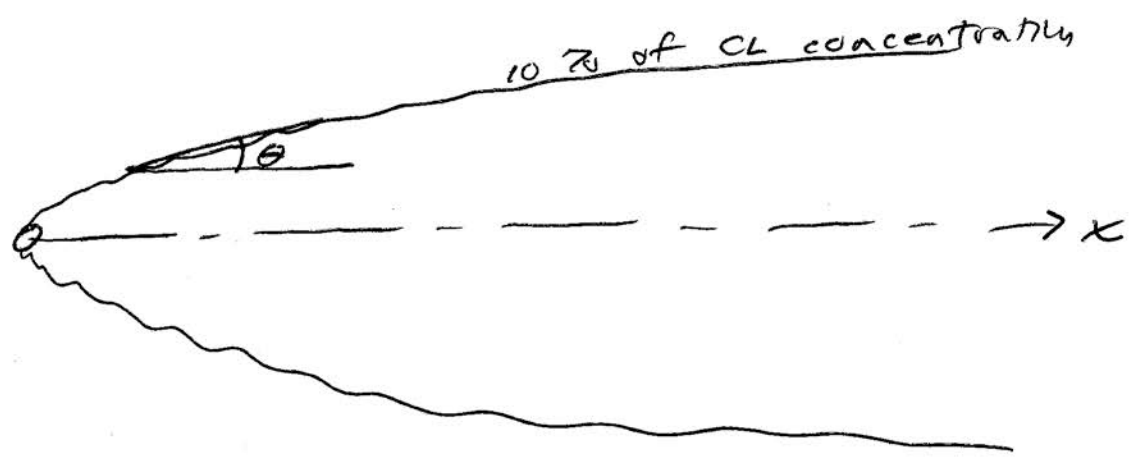
$$\bar{u}_{avg} = \frac{1}{4\sigma_z} \int_{H-2\sigma_z}^{H+2\sigma_z} \bar{u} dz$$



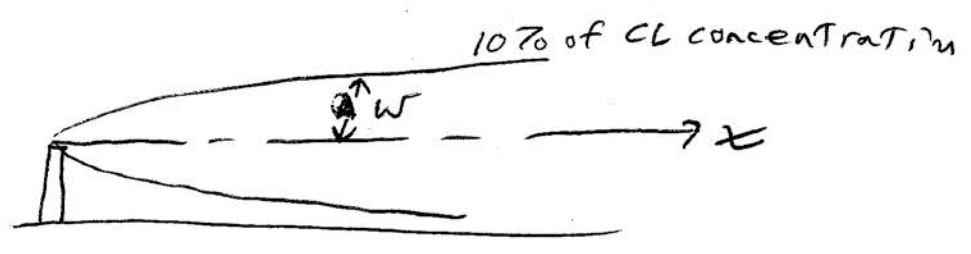
∞ "Surface" (10 m) wind is not always the best to use

~~Ex 2~~ (3) Photographs of plume spread

Top view:



Side view:



$w =$ plume half width (or depth)

$$w = 2.15 \sigma_z$$

for plume boundaries at $C = 10\% C_{CL}$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{2.15 \sigma_y}{x}$$

Notes on the "Pasquill-Gifford Curves":

(Slade's stability curves don't represent any data very well.)

~~Pasquill-Gifford's~~ Pasquill-Gifford's values of σ_y & σ_z are (based on Mead's (1960) measurements) of h & θ for ^{open} natural conditions, level terrain.

best (Note that Turner's workbook graphs of the stability curves best represent Pasquill's data.)

7. σ_α = Standard Deviation of Horizontal Wind Direction, 2

Prove: $\sigma_\alpha \approx \frac{\sigma_v}{\bar{u}}$

① Hint: Align coordinate system such that x is along mean wind direction (ie, $\bar{v}=0$).

where $\sigma_\alpha = (\overline{\alpha'^2})^{1/2}$

② Hint: $\bar{\alpha} = 0$ α' = small = st. dev. of azimuthal wind direction

$\sigma_v = (\overline{v'^2})^{1/2}$

= st. dev. of wind in y-dir.

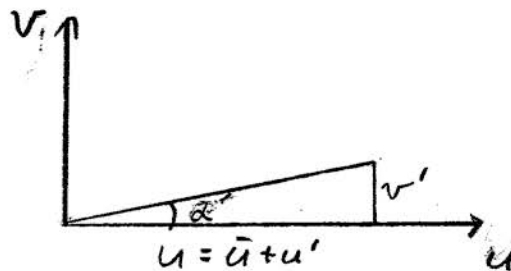
③ Hint \bar{u} = mean wind in x dir. $\Rightarrow u', v'$

Proof

$u = \bar{u} + u'$

$v = \bar{v} + v'$

$= v'$ because $\bar{v} = 0$.



$\tan \alpha' = \frac{v}{u} = \frac{v'}{\bar{u} + u'}$

But

$\tan \alpha' \approx \alpha'$ for small α'

Thus

$\alpha' \approx \frac{v'}{\bar{u} + u'}$

$\alpha'^2 \approx \frac{v'^2}{(\bar{u} + u')^2} = \frac{v'^2}{\bar{u}^2} \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{u'}{\bar{u}})^2}$

But using Taylor's Series

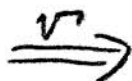
$(1 + \frac{u'}{\bar{u}})^{-2} \approx 1 - 2\frac{u'}{\bar{u}} + 3(\frac{u'}{\bar{u}})^2 - \dots$

≈ 1 for $u'/\bar{u} \ll 1$

Thus: $\alpha'^2 \approx \frac{v'^2}{\bar{u}^2}$

Upon averaging

$\overline{\alpha'^2} = \frac{\overline{v'^2}}{\bar{u}^2}$



$\sigma_\alpha = \frac{\sigma_v}{\bar{u}}$

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using Taylor's stat. theory. (only works close to the source)

Note, air poll. literature uses symbol θ instead of α . don't confuse it w/ pot. temp.

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