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Abstract

A slurry pipeline is one of the transportation modes used for transporting bulk materials for long distance using water or any other type of liquid as a carrier fluid [1-3]. Extensive research has been carried out on the improvement of this type of transportation in addition to the development of alternative ways for transportation of solid materials. Although the use of fluid flow for transportation purposes has been practiced for more than a millennium, detailed information on the flow behaviour of such complex mixtures in pipelines is still the subject of active research today.

The optimal design of a slurry pipeline includes the selection of the correct pipe sizes, shapes and materials for optimum energy consumption, equipment sizing and reliable operation of the pipeline networks. The prediction of some parameters such as pressure loss, concentration distribution, velocity distribution and wear rate will help the designer to optimise the selection of the design parameters [3-5].

The experimental investigation was carried out to obtain an improved database for modelling the solid-liquid flow in horizontal pipelines. Tests are conducted using uni-sized plastic beads, 4.5 mm diameter and 1329.2 kg/m³ density, as solid particles, and water as a carrier fluid. Frictional head loss is measured as a function of solid concentration and mean velocity. Transparent pipe section is used to study solids' deposition velocities and solids' bed. In addition to the experimental results, some other published experimental results are used to develop advanced modelling tools based on an SRC (Saskatchewan Research Council) two-layer model in order to predict and quantify the solid-liquid flow properties horizontally.

In order to improve the accuracy of the predicted data, this study includes improvement over the last previous version of Multi-Layer model for predicting flow properties across the cross-section of horizontal pipes transporting a solid-liquid mixture. The proposed model contains empirical correlations, which incorporate a wide range of experimental conditions. The model is applied for the prediction of concentration distribution of solid particles, velocity profile, and pressure drop. The predicted data are compared with the experimental results of different experimental works.
Furthermore, an optimisation model is developed in the current study based on the least cost principle. This model is designed based on the proposed multi-layer model to find the cost of energy for running any slurry system. In addition, the model has been used to find the optimal diameter of horizontal pipelines transporting slurries.

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Nomenclature

$A$ cross-sectional area of flow ($m^2$).

$C$ concentration ($v/v$ or $w/w$).

$C_1$ solid concentration in upper layer (equation 2.6).

$C_2$ solid concentration in lower layer (equation 2.7).

$C_c$ contact load particles average concentration over the whole pipe.

$C_D$ settling particle drag coefficient.

$C_f$ fine particle concentration.

$C_{lim}$ total concentration of coarse particles in the lower layer.

$C_{max}$ particle maximum packing concentration.

$C_r$ overall coarse particle concentration (equation 2.9).

$C_t$ in-situ concentration ($v/v$ or $w/w$).

$C_v$ concentration by volume, ($\%$).

$C_w$ concentration by weight, ($\%$).

$d$ particle diameter ($m$).

$d_{50}$ median particle diameter ($m$).

$d_{cf}$ particle diameter used in equation (1.8), ($m$).

$D$ pipe diameter, ($m$).

$f$ fanning friction factor.

$f_1$ parameter used in equation (2.21 and 2.22).

$g$ acceleration due to gravity ($m/s^2$).

$k$ pipe wall equivalent roughness.

$L$ length of pipe ($m$).

$P$ pressure ($Pa$).

$d_p$ particle diameter.

$Q$ volumetric flow rate, ($m^3/s$).

$Q_s$ solid volumetric flow rate, ($kg/s$).

$Q_L$ liquid volumetric flow rate, ($m^3/s$).

$Re$ terminal rise velocity, ($m/s$).
$Re_p$  particle Reynolds number.

$S_p$  percentage finer

$S_s$  ratio of solids to liquid density.

$t$  time (s).

$v$  local velocity, (m/s).

$v_1$  velocity in the first layer in two-layer model, (m/s).

$v_2$  velocity in the second layer in two-layer model, (m/s).

$v_0$  solid settling velocity, (m/s).

$v_c$  solid deposition velocity, (m/s).

$v_s$  mean solid velocity, (m/s).

$v_L$  mean liquid velocity, (m/s).

$v_\infty$  particle settling velocity infinite dilution, (m/s).

$K$  flow consistency index equation (1.19 a)

Greek letters

$\beta$  an angle defining the upper and lower layers area in two layer model (figure 2.2).

$\Delta$  deformation tensor rate.

$\Delta p$  pressure differential, (pa).

$\Delta: \Delta$  2nd invariant of the rate of deformation tensor.

$\phi$  actual slurry frictional headloss to the actual slurry frictional headloss i to the carrier fluid frictional headloss.

$\dot{\gamma}$  time rate of shear strain, shear rate, (s-1).

$\zeta$  parameter used in equation (4.15).

$\eta$  effective mixture viscosity, (Pa.s).

$\eta_f$  fluid apparent viscosity, (Pa.s).

$\eta_s$  coefficient of sliding friction.

$\mu$  Newtonian viscosity, (Pa-s).

$\mu_c$  Casson viscosity Pa-s, (Equation 1.19c)

$\mu_p$  Bingham plastic viscosity (Pa-s), (Equation 1.19b)
\( \mu_0 \) mixture viscosity, (Pa-s).

\( \rho \) mixture density, (kg/m\(^3\)).

\( \rho_f \) density of carrier fluid, (kg/m\(^3\)).

\( \rho_L \) density of the liquid, (kg/m\(^3\)).

\( \rho_{2f} \) fluid density in lower layer, kg/m\(^3\) (equation 2.15).

\( \rho_s \) solids density, (kg/m\(^3\)).

\( m \) mixture density, (kg/m\(^3\)).

\( \tau \) shear stress, (pa).

\( \tau_c \) Casson yield stress, pa (Equation 1.19c).

\( \tau_y \) yield stress, (pa).

\( \tau_{ij} \) shear stress tensor, (pa).

\( \Psi \) dimensionless grouping of the independent variables used in equation (1.15).
CHAPTER 1 Introduction

Pipelines play an important part in many engineering systems. Pipelines are used as a mode of transportation in various industries to move ores such as iron, coal, mining waste etc. over long distances. In order to analyse the complex flow phenomena in hydraulic pipelines transporting slurries, it is essential to understand the flow properties of solid-liquid pipelines. This chapter provides an introduction regarding the design of horizontal pipelines transporting slurries. In addition, this chapter provides detailed information about the flow parameters and the requirements of the design.
1.1 Introduction

A slurry pipeline is one of the transportation modes used for solid materials transportation by using a carrier fluid such as water or any other liquid. The carrier fluid transfers the necessary energy from the pump to the solid particles to keep in suspension and to move along with the flow [3, 4]. This mode of transportation is appropriate for long distance bulk materials haulage, such as transporting raw materials to processing plants, coal to thermal power plants, and for the disposal of waste material like fly ash, etc. [6, 7].

In this chapter, a brief background of solid-liquid flow modelling and its evolution over the years is presented. A detailed information are needed regarding flow properties such as head loss, critical velocity, regimes of flow prior to the design of the pipeline and the pump station [3]. In this chapter, the meaning and implications of design parameters in slurry flow modelling, motivation, and the scope of the present thesis are presented. In addition, a route map is given regarding the whole thesis.

Many chemical processing industries involve the transport or handling of some type of slurry or liquid-solid mixture. As a result of the development of chemical technology, since the turn of the last century the behaviour of liquid-solid mixtures flowing through pipelines has become the subject of continuous investigation. In the middle of the last century, many research studies were done in different countries, causing considerable technical progression. For example, in the United Kingdom, experimental works on the handling of coarse coal slurries were carried out by the well-known firm “British Hydraulic Research Association (BHRA)” in
cooperation with “the National Coal Board, UK”. A large amount of work has been carried out by Durand and Condolios [8] on the hydraulic transport of aggregates. Several advantages of using slurry pipelines have been highlighted, such as tremendous economy of scale, high degree of efficiency and reliability, simplicity of installation, ease of operation and automation, and ease of crossing both natural and artificial obstacles, etc. [3, 4].

Contrary to the aforementioned advantages, there are some disadvantages of the use of this mode of transportation. The required initial capital cost is high for building a new pipeline, large volumes of carrier fluid are required which may not be easily available, quality control is stringent, and the system is solely dedicated to the transportation of solids or multiphase mixtures [3, 4].

1.2 Hydraulic Design Considerations for the Slurry Pipeline

For the design of the solid-liquid pipeline, a large number of variables must be considered. These parameters can be classified as “hydraulic parameters, parameters affecting corrosion-erosion characteristics, and parameters affecting the operational stability of the system” [4].

1.2.1 Hydraulic Parameters

- Carrier fluid Selection: This depends on its availability and the solid materials used.
- Optimum particle size: Coarse slurry needs high transportation velocity and this leads to high pressure drop and wear rate. Extremely fine slurries also lead to high pressure drop.
• Optimum concentration of solids: It should be high enough to satisfy the required throughput and less than static settling concentration of 10% to 20%.

• Minimum system operation velocity: Depends on the concentration level and pipe diameter. On the other hand, the operation velocity should be higher than solid deposition velocity by 0.5 to 1 m/s.

• Pipe diameter should be designed as per the required solid throughput at optimum concentration and velocity.

• Pressure drop should be minimized.

• Additives may be required for flow improvement.

• Attrition of particles due to pumping should be minimised which is usually negligible except in a very long pipeline.

1.2.2 Parameters of Corrosion-Erosion

• Pipeline life expectation should be as long as possible (20 to 50 years).

• Corrosion additives should be used to control pH and dissolved oxygen.

• Selection of metal allowance.

1.2.3 Parameters of Operational Stability

• Shutdown start-up requirement.

Start-up of a slurry flow system, with either single pumps or several pumps in series, may create significant problems for the pump and pipeline. This may cause
damage to the motor or pipeline as a result of starting the pump using a “synchronous electric motor against an open valve” [3]. In addition, other difficulties can occur if there are any large changes in the mixture level in the pipeline. In the case of system shutdown, the “local high spots” are liable to “sub-atmospheric” pressure and might cause vaporisation. Subsequently, this vapour could cause undesirable hydraulic transients during start-up procedures. The mentioned problems can be avoided either by using Vacuum relief valves at high points of the pipeline or by draining the pipeline after each shutdown [3].

- Maximum allowance slope

The pipe inclination has significant effects on flow velocity, deposition limit and friction loss. The solid particle size and concentration are important factors in estimating the maximum allowance slope of the pipeline [3, 11].

1.3 Definitions

In principle, the solid-liquid flow can be defined as the process of transporting solid particles at a volumetric flow rate $Q_S$ and carrier fluid at a volumetric flow rate $Q_L$. The quantities of each phase are considered an important parameter to be fixed in any design suggestion.

The operational velocity $V$ is an important design parameter and it must be higher than the slurry deposition velocity for a given pipe diameter $D$. For a circular pipe cross section area $A = \frac{\pi}{4} D^2$, the operational (mean) velocity can be calculated as follows [12-15]:

$$v = \frac{(Q_S + Q_L)}{A}$$  (1.1)
Newitt et al [16] defined three regimes of flow which are flow with “homogeneous suspension”, flow with “heterogeneous suspension” and flow with a “sliding bed” which occurs in the lower part of the slurry pipe. The minimum operating velocity for slurry pipelines should ensure stable suspension of solid particles in the pipeline. The operating velocity normally chosen is slightly over the deposition velocity. In the case of turbulent flow and operating the system at a velocity higher than the deposition velocity, higher frictional head loss is expected along the pipeline [4, 17].

The solid fraction of the mixture can be simply related to both solid and liquid volume flow rate as follows:

\[ C_v = \frac{Q_S}{(Q_S + Q_L)} \]  

(1.2)

Experimentally, in a circular cross-sectional pipeline loop, the total in situ concentration is fixed, as a known amount of solids is placed in the pipeline. Therefore, the mean in situ concentration \( C_t \) remains unchanged at any time during the operation but the concentration of the delivered solids may vary as a result of any changes in flow rates.

\[ C_t = \frac{1}{A} \int c \, dA \]  

(1.3)

The mean solid velocity \( v_S \) can be related as follows:

\[ v_S = \frac{Q_s}{AC_t} \]  

(1.4)

Similarly, the mean velocity of carrier fluid \( v_L \) can be determined as follows:

\[ v_L = \frac{Q_L}{A(1 - C_t)} \]  

(1.5)
For coarse particle slurry flow, any variations in solid or carrier fluid velocity may cause a significant change in volume at each phase. By considering the density of each phase of carrier liquid and delivered solid ($\rho_s$ and $\rho_L$), the solid mass fraction (efflux concentration by weight) can be calculated as follows:

$$c_w = \frac{\rho_s Q_s}{(\rho_s Q_s + \rho_L Q_L)}$$  \hspace{1cm} (1.6)

For a given solid concentration $c$, the density of the mixture is:

$$\rho_m = \rho_s c + \rho_f (1 - c)$$  \hspace{1cm} (1.7)

### 1.4 Characterizing Slurries

The solid-liquid mixture can be classified into “fine-particle” and “coarse-particle” slurries. In fine-particle slurries, also called non-settling slurries, the particles are fully suspended or slowly settling along the pipeline in a quiescent state of flow. The mixture flows are either laminar or turbulent and the particle distribution appears homogeneous along the non-settling slurry pipeline [5, 15].

The second category of slurries, which are called settling or coarse-particle slurries, contain coarse particles which are too large and heavy to be completely suspended by the carrier fluid during normal operation of the pipeline. The flows are usually turbulent and the particles’ distribution is less uniform in normal operation [1].

In non-settling slurries, the turbulence does not affect particle suspension in the case of rapid particle settling. The immersed weight of the particles is transmitted to the pipe wall due to particle-to-particle interaction. The process of fluid-like friction consumes energy during the pipeline flow [9, 12]. On the other hand, as a
result of particle to pipe wall interactions, a considerably larger amount of energy is consumed. Therefore, the single-phase fluid models are not applicable for the prediction of the flow properties of coarse particle slurries [18].

If the slurry contains ultra-fine-particles, “it is assumed that these particles combine with the carrier fluid to form a new carrier fluid” with a different density and viscosity [1]. Mishra [4] proposed that all the particles smaller than a diameter $d_{cf}$ which corresponds to a particle settling Reynolds number equal to 0.1, will be treated as ultra-fine. Particle settling Reynolds number is usually denoted by $Re_p$ which represents the nature of surrounding flow and the fall velocity for a particle moving in a fluid. $d_{cf}$ depends on solid specific gravity and can be calculated from the expression:

$$d_{cf} = \left(\frac{1.8 (\mu_1/\rho_1)^2}{g(S_s - 1)}\right)^{1/3}$$  \hspace{1cm} (1.8)

Where $S_s$ is the ratio of solids to liquid density.

### 1.5 Head loss for Non-settling Slurry Flows

The flow of fine particle slurries are considered as homogeneous flow in pipelines. Usually a suitable fluid flow model for fine particle slurries is determined by conducting laminar flow experiments. In 1902, Einstein [9] presented a theoretical equation of the relative viscosity of the mixture $\mu_r$ according to the solids volume fraction $c$ for very dilute suspension.

$$\mu_r = 1 + 2.5c$$  \hspace{1cm} (1.9)
D. G. Thomas [19] suggested an empirical equation to modify Einstein’s equation to higher concentrations depending on the outcomes of some experimental works with “deflocculated” mono-sized spheres.

\[ \mu_r = 1 + 2.5c + 10.05c^2 + 0.00273 \exp (16.6c) \quad (1.10) \]

Churchill [20] modified a correlation of the Moody diagram which spanned the entire range of laminar, transient and turbulent flow in pipes. The correlation consists of the following expression:

\[
\begin{align*}
    f &= 2 \left[ \left( \frac{8}{Re} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{A + B} \right)^{3/2} \right]^{1/12} \\
    A &= \left\{ -2.457 \ln \left[ \left( \frac{7}{Re_p} \right)^{0.9} + 0.27 \frac{k}{D} \right] \right\}^{16} \\
    B &= \left( \frac{37530}{Re_p} \right)^{16}
\end{align*}
\quad (1.11) \]

Where \( D_h \) is the hydraulic diameter and \( k \) is pipe wall equivalent roughness.

For a Newtonian fluid, Churchill’s equation may be used to predict the head losses for turbulent flows. The shear strain rate and the shear history can be used for a non-Newtonian fluid mixture.

For scaling the data of laminar pipe flow to pipes with large diameter, the Metzner and Reed [21, 22] method can be applied. Several methods are proposed by Dodge and Metzner [23], Wilson and Thomas [24] and others for predicting turbulent flow head losses for laminar flow of non-Newtonian slurries.

The Durand-Condolios correlation introduced in 1952 contains two important dimensionless factors for predicting pressure drop, an excess head loss \( \Phi \) and a
dimensionless factor $\Psi$ which depends on the independent variables. The factor $\Phi$ is the ratio of the actual slurry frictional head loss $i$ to the carrier fluid frictional head loss for a given pipe diameter and mean velocity $i_L$.

$$\Phi = \frac{i - i_L}{C_v i_L}$$  \hspace{1cm} (1.14)

A widely used version of the Durand-Condolios correlation is [25]:

$$\Phi = 81 \Psi^{-3/2}$$  \hspace{1cm} (1.15)

$$\Psi = \frac{V^2 \sqrt{C_D}}{gD(S_s - 1)}$$

Charles [26] proposed the following modification:

$$\Phi = 120 \Psi^{-3/2} + (S_s - 1)$$  \hspace{1cm} (1.16)

$S_s$ is the ratio of solids to liquid density.

According to Wasp et al [27], solid-liquid mixture contains both "homogeneous" and "heterogeneous" portions. The homogeneous portion contains solidsthat assumed to increase the density and the viscosity of the slurry loop. Several modifications have been made to the Durand-Condolios equation. Based on this method, the solids contains several size intervals. An empirical equation has been developed to estimate the fraction of the homogeneous parts of each size interval. According to Shook et al [28], the pressure drop results for coarse particle solid-liquid flow in large pipes by using the Durand-Condolios method are overestimated.

Mechanistically based models are gradually replacing the mentioned correlations for the prediction of pressure drop in a coarse particle solid-liquid flow pipeline. Macroscopic and microscopic approaches are the two common modelling approaches, which are explained in detail in the next chapter. The mechanistic
two-layer model has been originally developed by Wilson [29] and then improved by Shook and Roco [25], Gillies et al [30] and Shook et al [31]. These works were based on extensive experimental data and derived from powerful empirical equations and correlations. Microscopic modelling is the basis of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD). The model depends on the solution of the governing differential equations that are derived based on the flow problems [12]. This type of modelling has benefitted as a result of the b of high-performance computers which include several techniques to make fast and efficient simulations [32].

1.6 Homogeneous Fluid Model

A fluid can be defined as a substance with continuous displacement as a result of applying shear force [12, 31]. In a Newtonian fluid, the shear stress ($\tau$) is directly proportional to the time rate of shear strain ($\dot{\gamma}$) in a moving fluid and fluid viscosity as shown in equation 1.17.

$$\tau = \mu \dot{\gamma} \quad (1.17)$$

For a Newtonian fluid, dynamic viscosity as a scalar parameter can be used to define the linear relation between the stress and the shear strain. A homogeneous fluid has rheological behaviour and can be described as:

$$\tau = \eta \dot{\gamma} \quad (1.18)$$

Equation 1.18 shows the basic relationship between the applied shear stress and the rate of deformation of the fluid. $\eta$ is the apparent viscosity of the fluid depending on multiple rheological parameters ($\tau$) and ($\dot{\gamma}$).
For a Newtonian fluid, $\eta$ has the same value of normal fluid viscosity and different parameters are required to derive the equation of shear stress as a function of the applied rate of shear strain as shown in equations 1.19 [25].

\begin{align*}
\tau &= K\dot{\gamma}^n \quad \text{Power Low} \quad (1.19a) \\
\tau &= \tau_y + \mu_p\dot{\gamma} \quad \text{Bingham} \quad (1.19b) \\
\tau^{0.5} &= \tau^{0.5}_c + (\mu_c\dot{\gamma})^{0.5} \quad \text{Casson} \quad (1.19c) \\
\tau &= \tau_y + K\dot{\gamma}^n \quad \text{Herchel-Bulkey} \quad (1.19d)
\end{align*}

In Power Low and Herchel-Bulkey [25], K is the consistency index, $\dot{\gamma}$ is the shear rate and n is “the flow behaviour index”. In Bingham-type behaviour of fluid, $\tau_y$ is the yield stress and $\mu_p$ is plastic viscosity. In equation 1.19c, $\tau_c$ is Casson yield stress, $\mu_c$ is “Casson viscosity” (Pa-s).

The Bingham model is considered to be the simplest of the rheological models as it represents a linear relationship between the shear stress and the shear strain rate. The flow of fluid happens when applied shear stress exceeds the yield stress [13, 33].

### 1.7 Bingham Fluid Model

The rheological behaviour of a fluid can be expressed by the mathematical equation between applied shear stress and the shear rate. The general tensor notation is:

\[ \tau = -\eta \Delta \] (1.20)
Where \( \tau \) is the viscous stress tensor, \( \eta \) is the effective viscosity and \( \Delta \) is deformation tensor rate. For a Bingham fluid, the effective viscosity can be expressed as follows [14]:

\[
\eta = \infty \quad \text{when} \quad \tau \leq \tau_y \\
\eta = \mu_0 + \frac{\tau_0}{\dot{\gamma}} \quad \text{when} \quad \tau \geq \tau_y \\
\tau = \sqrt{1/2(\Delta:\Delta)}
\]  

(1.21a)  

(1.21b)  

(1.21c)

\( \tau_y \) is the yield stress which the flow generates in any stresses higher than this amount. \( \mu_0 \) is a parameter with the unit of viscosity. \( (\Delta:\Delta) \) is the second invariant of the rate of deformation tensor.

The equation can be rearranged to relate an apparent viscosity with the rheological parameters and the shear rate:

\[
\eta = \mu_p + \frac{\tau_y}{\sqrt{1/2(\Delta:\Delta)}}
\]  

(1.22)

For one-dimensional problem, equation 1.21b can be used. Both the yield stress and the plastic viscosity have been shown as a function of the fine particle volumetric fraction [34]. It can be thus concluded that the Bingham fluid model has more in common with laminar flow than turbulent flow [35].

1.8 Motivation

Many long multi-phase pipelines have been built and are operating throughout the world. Many interdependent flow parameters need to be taken into consideration for the design of multi-phase pipelines transporting solid particles. Accurate information is needed regarding pressure drop, concentration of each phase, critical velocity, flow regimes etc. at the early stage of the design. Several methods
and techniques have been introduced to predict the behaviour of solid-liquid flow inside pipelines. Most of these correlations are empirical in nature and they have different degrees of accuracy due to the complexity of the interdependent hydraulic parameters. These reasons motivated the author of this study to conduct a detailed research study in this field.

The majority of the slurry pipelines built around the world consist of horizontal pipes and bends. Therefore, analysing the solid-liquid flow in horizontal pipes is fundamental. Generally, the design parameters are set by referring to the flow properties of the mixture. Head loss is one of the primary parameters that has to be predicted. Mechanistically based models give an estimation of flow properties such as head loss, velocity and solid particle distribution according to flow field and geometric variables. These models can be directly used for the design optimisation of a solid-liquid flow pipeline [36].

A slurry pipeline contains solid particles, which are usually heterogeneously distributed across the pipeline cross-section. The collision between particles and the pipe wall, and between particles, leads to an additional pressure drop in the pipe. Furthermore, the carrier fluid works as a lubricant in the flow system. Therefore, to accurately design the solid-liquid pipeline, modifications in the main parameters of friction factor and pressure drop are essential.

The accuracy of the predicted data is based on the accuracy of the model that has been used. In order to improve the prediction power, the model limitations should be removed. Hence, there is a need for a more coherent and realistic prediction model. Any proposed model needs to be validated with accurate experimental
data. Conducting experimental works to analyse slurry flow in horizontal pipelines is quite important. In addition, using more than one experimental result will decrease the uncertainties in the measurement results. Analysing the flow structure and the concentration profile are very important as usually a slurry pipeline is working in a turbulent mode with non-homogeneous distribution of the solid phase. Furthermore, for the commercial validity of slurry pipelines, it is obvious that these pipelines must be designed acceptably and optimally according to the standards of widespread use in industry. The designers are in need of a mechanistic model which covers as many as possible of the hydraulic and mechanical parameters to design the slurry pipeline in various projects with acceptable accuracy and minimum cost.

1.9 Research Aim

The specific research aims, listed below, were formulated based on the motivation for this study:

- To develop experimental based flow diagnostics of solid-liquid flow.
- To develop numerical based flow diagnostic and design of horizontal pipelines transporting slurries.
- To develop an Analytical Model for the optimum design of pipelines transporting slurries.

The objectives for this research will be presented in the last section of the next chapter.
1.10 Organization of this Report

This report presents the work that has been carried out so far for the current research study.

Chapter 1 consists of an overview of solid-liquid two-phase flow through horizontal pipelines. The hydraulic design and important hydraulic parameters have been discussed for designing a slurry pipeline. From this overview, the motivation for carrying out this work is illustrated and the key areas to be reviewed in the literature are identified.

Chapter 2 contains a detailed review of the works that have been done in solid-liquid flow area. Furthermore, the scope and the individual objectives of the research are explained.

Chapter 3 highlights the experimental and numerical setups. These included flow loop setup, measurement devices, calibration of the used machines and the experimental procedure. In addition, a detailed discussion regarding the used materials and the used computer-based codes is presented.

Chapter 4 describes in detail the proposed equation for sliding friction between solid particles and the pipe wall. In addition, this equation has been used to develop a two-layer model for predicting pressure drops in horizontal pipelines transporting slurries.

Chapter 5 presents the proposed multi-layer model for predicting solid-liquid flow properties in horizontal pipes. This model has been applied for the prediction of concentration distribution, velocity profile and pressure drop. Details about the
steps of the model development, and the base equations, have also been highlighted.

Chapter 6 sheds light on the optimisation model for the design of a horizontal pipeline transporting slurries. The proposed model is based on least cost principles. In addition, the proposed multi-layer model has been used to predict the cost of power for operating the flow system.

Chapter 7 concludes the proposed equations, models and the findings of this study. In addition, the achievements and the additions to existing knowledge have been clearly presented and explained. Furthermore, recommendations for future research have also been presented.
CHAPTER 2 Literature Review

In the previous chapter, detailed information regarding the parameters involved in the design of horizontal slurry pipelines have been discussed. In this chapter, a detailed literature review is presented in order to highlight the knowledge gaps in the existing literature. The presented published works focus on topics related to pressure drop prediction models, concentration distribution prediction models, velocity profile prediction models and the optimisation methodologies of the design of horizontal slurry pipeline transporting slurries. Furthermore, the scope of this study has been specified and the research objectives have been explained as per the knowledge gaps concluded in the literature review.
2.1 Introduction

Solid-liquid flow is an important aspect of many applications in different engineering fields such as chemical process plants. The applications of this mode of transport encouraged many of the researchers to conduct new experimental and theoretical investigations to fulfil the industry’s requirements. Various models have been introduced by researchers to predict the flow properties of solid-liquid flow.

2.2 Pressure Drop in Horizontal Slurry Pipelines

The flow of solid-liquid in pipelines is associated with consumption of required energy to overcome the impedances that resist the flow. This resistance is called pressure drop [37]. An improved analysis which is called the force-balance model was used to estimate the limit of stationary deposition and pressure drop for a dense-phase flow [3]. Two-layer model has been developed by using force balance model in order to predict the flow behaviour for more dilute coarse-particle mixtures [3, 38]. The early version of the two-layer model is depicted in figure 2.1.

![Figure 2-1. Two-Layer Model](image)

Figure 2-1. Two-Layer Model [9]
Gillies et al [30] proposed the modified two-layer model which divides the solids into two groups corresponding to fine and coarse particles in a model called the SRC Two-layer Model.

Gillies et al [39] proposed a version of the two-layer model for slurry with negligible quantities of fine and slowly settling particles. As most industrial slurries contain fine particles, that version of the two-layer model is modified to consider fine particles [30].

The terminal settling velocity can be related to the physical properties of a single particle and a fluid as follows:

\[
V_\infty = \sqrt{\frac{4gd(\rho_s - \rho_f)}{3\rho_f C_D}}
\]  

(2.1)

Where:

- \(g\): Local acceleration due to gravity
- \(d\): particle diameter
- \(\rho_s\): Solid density
- \(\rho_f\): Fluid density
- \(C_D\): Drag Force

The interfacial particle drag force \(F_D\) can be calculated as follows:

\[
F_D = 0.5C_DA_P\rho_L(V_L - V_S)|V_L - V_S|
\]  

(2.2)

The total in-situ solid concentration \(C_t\) can be determined by adding the fractions of both fine particles \(C_f\) and coarse particles \(C_r\)

\[
C_t = C_f + C_r
\]  

(2.3)

The new carrier fluid density \(\rho_f\) can be determined as follows:

\[
\rho_f = \frac{\rho_t (1 - C_t) + \rho_s C_f}{1 - C_t + C_f}
\]  

(2.4)
The viscosity of the new carrier fluid can be measured or calculated mathematically as proposed by Thomas [19] as below:

$$\mu_f = \mu_l \left( 1 + 1.25 C_f + 10.5 C_f^2 + 0.00273 \exp(16.7 C_f) \right)$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.5)

Coarse particles with a diameter greater than $d_{cl}$ are assumed to create two composition layers as depicted in figure 2.2. The suspended particles by “fluid forces” are distributed uniformly with $C_1$ concentration. The second layer is formed in the lower part of the pipe, which contains particles with concentration $C_2$ whose immersed weight is transmitted to the pipe wall due to particle-particle interaction as a contact load. The contact load particles average concentration over the whole pipe is assumed to be $C_c$, thus the overall coarse particle concentration $C_r$ can be defined as follows [4]:

$$C_r = C_c + C_1$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.6)

$C_c$ and $C_2$ can be related considering the cross-sectional area of the whole pipe and the lower layers.

![Figure 2-2. Idealised velocity and concentration profile used in SRC Two-Layer Model [30]](image-url)
\[ C_2 A_2 = C_c A \] (2.7)

The total concentration of coarse particles in the lower layer \( C_{lim} \) is given by:

\[ C_{lim} = C_1 + C_2 \] (2.8)

The contact load fraction \( C_c/C_r \) is proposed by Gillies [30]:

\[ \frac{C_c}{C_r} = \exp \left( -0.0184 \frac{V}{V_\infty} \right) \] (2.9)

Gillies and Shook [40] observed that the contact load fraction is a function of the ratio of \( (V/v_\infty) \) and the Reynolds number of the flow.

\[ \frac{C_c}{C_r} = \exp \left( -0.001013 \, Re^{0.25} \frac{V}{V_\infty} \right) \] (2.10)

For coarse particle slurries, the ratio of the mean velocity to the deposition velocity is a function of Froude number.

\[ F_r = \frac{V}{[g D (S_S - 1)]^{0.5}} \] (2.11)

Based on equation (2.11), an empirical correlation has been suggested by [18] to modify equation (2.10) as below:

\[ \frac{C_c}{C_r} = \exp \left[ -0.0097 \, Re^{0.193} \left( \frac{V}{V_\infty} \right)^{0.864} F_r^{-0.292} \right] \] (2.12)

\( V_\infty \) is the terminal settling velocity at an infinite dilution, and can be determined by equation (2.1). Gillies et al. [30] proposed the following empirical equation:

\[ \frac{(C_{max} - C_{lim})}{(C_{max} - C_r)} = 0.074 \left( \frac{V}{V_\infty} \right)^{0.44} (1 - C_r)^{0.189} \] (2.13)

Here \( C_{lim} \) is the mean concentration for the whole lower layer, and \( C_{max} \) is a property of the solid-liquid suspension known as the static settling concentration.

Gillies and Shook [41] proposed another semi-empirical approach for determining \( C_{lim} \). Their approach depends on solid concentration distribution,
which is predicted by considering the solid turbulent diffusion. The concentration at the position of $y/D=0.15$ relative to the bottom of the pipe is assumed to be the predicted concentration of $C_{lim}$. The assigned $C_{lim}$ with the contact-load fraction is determined in equation (2.12) and (2.13). Thus, by using equations (2.7), (2.8) and (2.9), $C_1$ and $C_2$ can be calculated.

The mixture density in the upper and lower layers is $\rho_1$ and $\rho_{2f}$ respectively, which can be determined as follows:

$$\rho_1 = \rho_f (1 - C_1) + \rho_s C_1$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.14)

$$\rho_{2f} = \left[ \rho_f (1 - C_{lim}) + \rho_s C_1 \right] / \left[ 1 - C_{lim} + C_1 \right]$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.15)

By neglecting the slip between the phases, the volumetric balance for mixtures and solid particles is as follows:

$$AV = A_1 V_1 + A_2 V_2$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.16)

The momentum for the upper layer, lower layer and entire pipe is expressed in the equations (2.17), (2.18) and (2.19) respectively.

$$-d(P + \rho_1 gh) / dz = \tau_{11} S_{11} + \tau_{12} S_{12} / A_1$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.17)

$$-d(P + \rho_2 gh) / dz = -\tau_{12} S_{12} + \tau_2 S_2 / A_2$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.18)

$$-d(P + \rho_m gh) / dz = \tau_1 S_1 + \tau_2 S_2 / A$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.19)

The average mixture density can be expressed as:

$$\rho_m = \rho_s C_r + \rho_f (1 - C_r)$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.20)

The shear stress along the upper pipe boundary $\tau_1$ is presented in forms of the “Fanning friction factor” [4, 9, 12] as:
\[ \tau_1 = f_1 V_1 |V_1| \rho_1/2 \] (2.21)

\( f_1 \) is a function of the bulk flow “Reynolds number” and pipe roughness \( k \) and can be determined as:

\[ f_1 = f_1 \left[ \left( \frac{D}{\mu_f} \right)^\frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{k}{D} \right) \right] \] (2.22)

The force per unit length \( \tau_2 S_2 \) is produced as a result of fluid-like resistance to the flow of a mixture with \( \rho_{2f} \) density.

\[ \tau_2 S_2 = 0.5 f_1 V_2 |V_2| \rho_{2f} S_2 + 0.5 (\rho_s - \rho_f) C_2 (1 - C_{\text{lim}}) (\sin \beta - \beta \cos \beta) \eta_s/1 - C_2 \] (2.23)

\( \eta_s \) is “the coefficient of friction between solid particles and the pipe wall”, and the angle \( \beta \) is depicted in figure 2.2. Many researchers assumed the value of \( \eta_s \) as a constant, such as [30]. In addition, this factor has also been reported as a variable [42, 43]. This can be considered as a significant gap in this area. In the next chapter of this work, an extensive analysis will be carried out in order to derive a new empirical equation for predicting overall friction factor in the slurry.

\( \tau_{12} \), is the shear force at the interface between the two layers, and can be expressed as:

\[ \tau_{12} = 0.5 f_{12} (V_1 - V_2) |V_1 - V_2| \rho_1 \] (2.24)

\( f_{12} \) is a modified Colebrook friction factor and can be expressed as:

\[ f_{12} = (1 + 2Y)/[(4 \log_{10} (D/d_{12}) + 3.36]^2 \] (2.25)

Where [13]

\[ Y = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{d_{12}}{D} < 0.0015 \] (2.26a)
\[ Y = 4 + 1.42 \log_{10} \left( \frac{d_{12}}{D} \right) \quad \text{for} \quad 0.0015 < \frac{d_{12}}{D} < 0.15 \]  
(2.26b)

Where \( d_{12} \) is the particle diameter at the hypothetical interface.

The flux of fine particles (-\( d_{ci} \)) can be calculated as:

\[ F_f = C_f \left[ (1 - C_1) A_1 V_1 + (1 - C_{lim}) A_2 V_2 \right] / (1 - C_r) \]  
(2.27)

The total delivered flow rate of the solids is calculated as:

\[ C_v A V = C_1 A V + C_2 A_2 V_2 + F_f \]  
(2.28)

In order to validate the proposed SRC two-layer model, Gillies [9] conducted a practical test using sand and coal slurries in industrial pipelines. Pressure drop, transferred solids concentrations, particle concentration distributions and velocity profile were found as functions of “in situ solids concentration” and the mean velocity of system operation. By using transparent pipe sections, the deposition velocities of Solids were estimated visually [9]. The main gaps of the two-layer model can be listed as below:

- The model considers any particles < 74 micron as fine particles for any slurry flow.
- Generally, the model was built based on the assumption that the solid concentration at \( Y/D=0.15 \) is equal to the average concentration of lower layer \( C_{lim} \).
- An empirical equation was used for calculating \( C_{lim} \) for both uni-sized and multi-sized slurries. Two different modifications of the \( C_{lim} \) equation have been made since the introduction of the modified two-layer model in 1991.
- No equation has been suggested for calculating \( C_{max} \) and the effect of multi-sized mixture is not taken into consideration.
• The sliding friction coefficient between solid particles and pipe wall has been considered as a constant value, 0.5 for sand slurry and 0.4 for coal slurry. 

Mishra [4] designed a software called ‘PRES2PHASE’ using FORTRAN language to predict pressure drops, solid distribution and mixture velocity distribution for a steady, turbulent solid-liquid flow through circular pipes. The features of the programme include prediction of the parameters like pressure drops in both homogeneous and heterogeneous regimes of flow. The applicability of the programme varies from very dilute flows to extremely dense flows [4].

Hill [13] made experimental measurements using coarse particles (1.7 mm and 4.4 mm) in a 52 mm diameter pipe line to investigate the effect of fluid yield stresses. The results have been applied to evaluate two proposed numerical models for laminar and turbulent flows. The finite element method is used in the first numerical model to predict the velocity distribution, and then the concentration profile. A two-layer model principle has been considered in the second model and the effect of fluid yield stress on the model predictions was considered. The author concluded his work by mentioning that the two-layer model gives satisfactory predictions in turbulent flow and reasonably good predictions for laminar flow.

Kaushal and Tomita [44] predicted the pressure drop by summing head-loss due to homogeneously and heterogeneously distributed of multisized particles [45]. According to Kaushal and Tomita [44], the differences between the predicted and measured values of head-loss as “a percentage of the mean of measured values” are: for the Wasp et al [46] model: “5.0–21.8%; for the Gillies et al” [30] model:
6.0–9.2%; for the old version of the Kaushal and Tomita [45] model: 1.7–3.5%; and for their proposed model: 1.6–2.0%.

Kumar et al [1] used an integral flow model for predicting the pressure drop and solids distribution under various conditions. A transparent observation chamber was used to visually observe the particle movement near the bottom of the pipe. The research concluded that mixture with fine and coarse particles requires less energy for flowing than the energy needed for fine particles mixture. In addition, the required energy is even less for slurries with optimum particle size distribution. The results show that the slurry particle size has significant effects on head-loss and deposition velocity. The sold-liquid flow head loss and concentration distribution have been predicted by using the modified two-layer model and the modified Karabelas model respectively.

Spelay [12] developed a numerical model to estimate the laminar flow behaviour of coarse solid particles in open channel for non-Newtonian flows. In addition, the theory of shear-induced particle diffusion by Phillips et al [47] was used to formulate a set of relationships to define the diffusive flux of coarse particles within the flow. This study concluded that just before achieving a balance situation in the particle fluxes, particles form a settled bed near the bottom wall of the pipe. The limitation of this model is the incapability of distinguishing between coarse particles and carrier fluid while solving the momentum equation due to the use of mixture viscosity. The mentioned limitation is clearly evident in the packed bed region when the mixture velocity becomes zero.
Gillies et al. [18] proposed a new correlation for the friction coefficient which shows that pipeline friction is lower than the expected values at high velocities for sand slurries. Laboratory experiments were done for 0.09 mm and 0.27 mm median particle diameters. The results show that the particle-wall friction reduced when the particles were small in comparison with the viscous sub layer thickness $\delta$. The viscous sub-layer thickness can be defined as follows:

$$\delta = \frac{5\mu_f}{\rho_f v (f_f/2)^{0.5}}$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.29)

$$\eta_s = \eta_{s0} \zeta$$ \hspace{1cm} (2.30)

Where $\eta_{s0} = 0.5$ is the estimated value for sand slurries in steel pipes. The value constraint $\zeta$, is between 0 and 1, and can be determined as follows:

$$\zeta = 2 \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{d}\right)$$ \hspace{1cm} (2.31)

Wilson et al. [48] studied the support of slurry particles by fluid lift that is found in the near-wall zone of the pipe. This force assumed to be horizontal. The proposed model explains the effect of the ratio of particle size to the thickness of the viscous sub-layer on the lift coefficient. In addition, the effects of the shear Reynolds number of the particle and particle concentration have been taken into consideration.

Vlasak et al. [49] conducted an experiment on the flow visualisation of coarse slurry, modelled in a closed loop smooth stainless steel pipeline using water, glass balls and washed graded pebble gravel. The study revealed that the Durand model accurately predicted the flow behaviour of coarse-grained particle-water mixtures for moderate and higher flow velocities. Furthermore, the study demonstrated that...
the SRC two-layer model significantly underestimates the mixture pressure drop. The author explained this as probably due to higher energy consumption and particle saltation movement as a result of an extremely high value of pipe/particle diameter ratio, which caused amplified particle/particle and particle/pipe wall interactions.

Kumar A. [50] performed an experimental investigation to predict the flow characteristics of bi-modal sand slurries through horizontal pipelines. The work concluded that the head loss is directly proportional with the percentage of fine particles in the mixture and operational velocity. Kumar A. [50] performed a CFD simulation for the flow of silica sand-water slurries through horizontal pipes and bends using the Euleian and K-epsilon models. The paper concluded that the head loss will increase when increasing the operational velocity. Singh et al [51] modified the wasp model by replacing Durand’s empirical equation with a modified Karabelas concentration ratio equation. The results show better prediction of pressure drop.

2.2.1 Summary of Literature Regarding Pressure Drops in Horizontal Pipelines

Based on the literature review presented in the previous sections, for the pressure drop in horizontal slurry pipelines, it can be summarised that different models, that rely on some empirical equations, have been used in order to get an accurate prediction of the values of pressure drop. Prediction of the coefficient of sliding friction between solid particles and pipe wall is a research area with knowledge gap in the existing literature. Based on the results of the published literature as
covered in the previous section, this area still needs more scientific investigations in order to build up an adequate database for pressure drop in horizontal pipelines transporting slurries.

2.3 Concentration Distribution in Horizontal Slurry Pipelines

The prediction of solid concentration and particle size distribution across the pipe cross-section can be considered as a complicated process because it involves a large number of parameters such as pipe diameter, flow velocity and density etc. Information about these is very important in the process of optimal design of the slurry pipelines [52].

A simple diffusion model for concentration distribution prediction of solid particles in turbulent streams was the first work in this field. The model was first proposed by O’Brien [53] and Rouse [54] and then modified by Ismail [55] by introducing a new correlation for the mass transfer coefficient to shear stress/velocity gradient. This correlation was derived from von Karman’s universal velocity profile and validated based on the measured data of an experimental work using a rectangular channel. The work proved that the von Karman constant is inversely proportional to solid concentration. In addition, the work demonstrated that the concentration could be expressed in terms of exponential function. Wasp et al [56] modified the Ismail’s equation by using the value of 0.35 as von Karman’s constant. This modification led to a reasonable predicted concentration profile with respect to the experimental data. Subsequently, both results of Ismail [55] and Wasp et al [56] have been analysed by Wasp et al [57].
In addition to Wasp’s work [56], Shook and Daniel [58] and Shook et al [59] were conducted extensive research about solid-liquid flow in pipelines. These works confirmed that the equation suggested by O’Brien [53] and Rouse [54] does not take the normal dispersive forces into consideration. Karabelas [60] proposed an analytical model to estimate the vertical composite concentration and particle distributions depending on Hunt’s [61] model for slurry flow. He shown the applicability the developed expression by comparing the model results with experimental data. To estimate the overall concentration profile and particle size distribution, Seshadri et al [62] applied the equation developed by Wasp et al [57]. At the top half of the pipe, the results show good agreement with the experimental results. However, significant differences between model and experimental results were noticed at the bottom half of the pipe. Efforts are still ongoing to develop a more appropriate model for the prediction of concentration profile in pipes.

Kaushal and Tomita [45] introduced the Kaushal and Tomita model for solids’ concentration profiles and particle size distribution. They modified the model based on extensive analysis of experimental data by taking the effect of efflux concentration and size of particles on diffusivity of particles into consideration [44]. In this work, the ratio of the homogeneously and heterogeneously distributed fraction of each particle size has been determined. Seshadri et al [63] modified the Karabelas model for solid concentration and particle size distribution for the flow of multi-size particulate slurries through open channels and 2-D duct. They used different experimental data in order to establish the limitations of the Karabelas
model in addition to taking the effects of solid concentration on particle settling and turbulent diffusivity into consideration.

Kumar et al [50, 64] conducted a CFD based simulation to study the behaviour of solid particles in horizontal planes of slurry pipelines. The work investigated a significant change in the concentration profile while the overall solid concentration, horizontal plane solid concentration and flow velocity are constant. This is a clear indication for having a sliding bed regime.

Gopaliya and Kaushal [65] presented a three-dimensional CFD analysis of sand-water slurry flow through horizontal pipelines. A mathematical model has been designed to determine the growth of the skin friction factor of each phase along the pipeline for different particulate size slurries. The work considered the concentration distribution as the only factor involved in estimating the friction factor. More experiments and mathematical analysis is needed in order to explain the effects of various factors on the friction factor such as particle shape and size, density and flow velocity.

Singh et al [51] proposed a new correlation to calculate the change of dimensionless particle diffusivity with respect to particle size and solid concentration across the slurry pipe cross section. The correlation was then used to modify Karabelas model. Sigh et al [66] designed a CFD based computational model for the flow of fine silica sand and fly ash. The purpose of the study is to find a solution for the problem of damping of coal ash in thermal plants in India. This work concentrated on different velocities of different phases of the flow and
concluded that the fine particles of fly ash in coarser sand particles distribute the particles and reduce the effect of sedimentation.

2.3.1 Summary of Literature Regarding Concentration Distribution in Horizontal Slurry Pipelines

Based on the literature review presented in the previous sections, for the study of concentration distribution in horizontal pipelines transporting slurries, it can be summarised that various models, based on either analytical or empirical equations, have been used in order to get an accurate prediction of the values of solid concentration and particle size distribution. Many parameters are involved in this prediction process which make it very complicated. The knowledge gaps in the literature review can be identified by taking a number of parameters into consideration and neglecting other parameters in the building of the prediction models. For building more accurate prediction models, more extensive studies are required to identify all the factors affecting the solid concentration profile and to remove the existing limitations. Based on the results of the published literature covered in the previous section, this area still needs more accurate experimental investigations in order to build up an adequate database for concentration profile in horizontal pipelines transporting slurries.

2.4 Velocity Distribution in Horizontal Slurry Pipelines

Velocity field at a cross-section of a slurry pipeline is an important parameter for the design of a slurry pipeline. A complete knowledge about the velocity field is essential for understanding the complex interrelation between various parameters that are involved in this field, such as pipe diameter, pressure drop, solid
concentration and particle size distribution, operating velocity and mixture density. This can be done by conducting extensive experimental investigations. In the third decade of 20th century, O’Brien [53] and Rouse [54] proposed a simple diffusion model based on experimental investigations for dilute slurry flow in an open channel. Then, many researches were performed for the study of different parameters including velocity profile, such as Wasp et.al [57], Doron et.al [67], Mishra [4], Sundqvist et. al [68], Hill [13], Mishra et.al [6], Gillies et al [69], Ghanta and Purohit [70], Wilson et.al [71], and Kaushal et al [72], [73]. Vlasak et al [49] conducted an experimental investigation and flow visualisation of coarse grained particles-water flow in a closed pipe loop. The work concluded that the velocity profile is independent of the mean operational velocity and the particle distance from the pipe invert. The above findings are based on experimental investigations only, and are not supported by mathematical expressions. Nabil et.al [74] conducted a CFD simulation for the flow of sand-water slurries in a horizontal pipe to predict different flow parameters such as concentration distribution and velocity profile. The results of velocity profile show good agreement with the experimental data for up to 30% solid concentration and 5 m/s operational velocity. The work concluded that for a given velocity, the concentration of solid particles is inversely proportional with asymmetry due to the enhanced interference between solid particles especially in lower velocities. Messa et. al [75] described a mathematical model for the simulation of fully-suspended slurry flows in horizontal pipeline using the Eulerian–Eulerian approach in addition to applying the Inter-Phase Slip Algorithm (IPSA). The turbulent
dispersion of particles has been taken into consideration by introducing phase diffusion fluxes in all conservation equations. The method of mixture viscosity is used to account for the effect of the presence of multiple particles on interfacial momentum transfer. The model predicted the pressure gradient, solid fraction distribution by volume, and velocity profile, and the performance of the model was checked by comparison with experimental data.

Gopaliya and Kaushal [65] applied the Eulerian model with RNG based K-epsilon model using CFD simulation of sand-water mixture flow through horizontal pipes. Both pressure drop and velocity distribution have been studied and compared with the experimental data.

2.4.1 Summary of Literature Regarding Velocity Distribution in Horizontal Slurry Pipelines

Based on the literature review presented above, for the velocity distribution in horizontal slurry pipelines, it can be summarised that the works are very limited in this area. Different models have been used in order to get an accurate prediction of the values of velocity profile. The knowledge gaps in the literature can be identified as disagreements between the experimental and the model data, and as considering some parameters as independent of the velocity profile without mathematically-based justifications. As illustrated in the previous section, the results are far from reality and require improved models. In addition, this area still needs more accurate experimental investigations in order to build up an adequate database for velocity profile in horizontal pipelines transporting slurries.
2.5 Design Optimisation of Horizontal Slurry Pipelines

Akintola and Solomon [76] used a least cost approach to find the optimal design of a pipeline transporting a non-viscous fluid. A computer-aided code was developed based on C++ program. The work concluded that the optimal pipe diameter is directly proportional with fluid compressibility in turbulent flow. The main limitation of this optimisation model is the applicability for single phase flow only.

Asim et al [77] used the least-cost principle to design an optimization model for the design of pipeline transporting slurries. The paper clearly demonstrated the steps of model operation and includes design case studies. The main strong point of this paper is that it takes a wide range of design parameters into consideration. Furthermore, the limitation of this model is in using Durand’s equation for the estimation of pressure drop instead of head loss prediction models that were developed recently with higher prediction accuracy in the flow of solid-liquid mixture.

Laszlo et al [78] developed a life-cycle cost analysis model to study the effects of solid particle size distribution on the optimal sizing and lifetime of pipeline. According to the proposed model, the lifetime of the pipe corresponding to the least annual total cost per pipe unit length will be determined. In addition, by determining the optimal pipe diameter, the total cost of unit pipe per unit volume of transported mixture will be minimum. The work concluded that the lifetime decreases by increasing the particle size and the annual total cost throughout the optimum lifetime is minimum for midsize solids (100-200 μm). The main gap in this
work is way that used in finding pressure loss. In addition, the model did not validated by using different particle densities.

Ihle [79] implemented an optimisation study to find the best operation conditions for a long distance ore pipeline. In addition to the economical point of view, the study focused on some subjective factors such as possibilities of water scarcity and energy instabilities. Different scenarios of high and low water cost and fuel cost were applied in order to be applicable for various situations. The main gap of this research is considering the diameter of the pipeline as a constant factor. Applying the same method using the optimal value of pipe diameter might produce better results.

Yildiz et al [80] used a genetic algorithm as an optimisation method for pipelines transporting slurries. The pipe cost has been defined as a function of pipe diameter and the cost of system operation. The proposed algorithm was designed using C language to solve non-linear programming functions. Furthermore, this optimisation model has the following limitations:

- It uses an old approximation equation for head loss proposed by Thomas [81] which is applicable for iron ore slurries with a particle diameter of 40 micron.
- Limited parameters for the model analysis.
- The factors that produce pressure drop in the slurry pipeline have not been taken into consideration.
2.5.1 Summary of the Literature Regarding the Design Optimisation of Horizontal Slurry Pipelines

The methods of optimisation presented in the previous section are based on various factors for the design of slurry pipelines. It can be summarised that accurate prediction models for the calculation of pressure drop in slurry pipelines are essential for optimally designing such pipelines. It is necessary to include the prediction models of pressure drop in a slurry pipeline in order to get more accurate results. Furthermore, the technique of the model is also an important factor in order to be user-friendly and flexible for different purposes.

2.6 Scope of the Research

Most of the published literature regarding solid-liquid flow within pipelines is based on experimental findings. Hence, it becomes very difficult to monitor and analyse the slurry flow variables without a wider range of investigations in this area. With the advent of modern computational software, it is now possible to develop sophisticated systems to model and simulate the complex fluid flow structure within pipelines.

The key areas of research for solid-liquid flow systems have been found based on the literature review. The first main area of the present study is the diagnostics and analysis of slurry flow through horizontal pipelines. Furthermore, the effect of different hydraulic design parameters on the solid-liquid flow needs to be analysed. The most important slurry flow properties to predict are pressure drop, concentration distribution and velocity profile. For this purpose, developed prediction models are needed. Furthermore, the effects of flow parameters,
discussed in Chapter 1, on the slurry flow in horizontal pipelines need to be analysed. Based on the literature, and due to high root-mean-square differences between the predicted and measured values of solid-liquid flow parameters through horizontal pipeline, further improvements or more accurate models are needed in this area [44].

The optimisation of the horizontal pipelines transporting slurries is the third key area of research for this study. This area will be based on the findings of the first and second key areas mentioned above. The optimisation in the design is essential, as nowadays the commercial validity of such pipelines is a concern.

2.7 Individual Objectives of the Research

Based on the aims of this research presented in the previous chapter, and the detailed literature review presented in the previous sections, the following objectives have been formulated:

1- To develop a robust prediction model for predicting the pressure drop of multi-sized particulate slurry flow in horizontal pipes.

2- To determine the effects of the solid-liquid mixture properties, operational velocity, and pipe diameter on the pressure drop within the pipelines.

3- To develop of a semi-empirical equation for the coefficient of friction in the solid-liquid flow system.

4- To develop a Multi-Layer model for predicting the solid concentration distribution of a multi-sized particulate slurry flow across a cross-section of horizontal pipes.
5- To develop a Multi-Layer model for predicting the velocity profile of a multi-sized particulate slurry flow across a cross-section of horizontal pipes.

6- To determine the effects of the solid-liquid mixture properties, operational velocity and pipe diameter on the velocity profile within the pipelines.

7- To develop a Multi-Layer model for predicting the pressure drop of multi-sized particulate slurry flow across a cross-section of horizontal pipes.

8- To develop a robust optimisation model for a solid-liquid flow system based on the least-cost principle.

In order to justify the mentioned research objectives, the following steps were taken in this study:

1- Laboratory based experiments on the flow of slurry in horizontal pipelines were conducted. A transparent observation pipe has been used in the pipeline to visually observe the particle behaviour in different concentrations and different operating velocities. The next chapter presents the slurry flow experiments conducted in this study.

2- MATLAB program was used in order to first run the available prediction models and then develop the numerical model using the proposed equations in this study. Chapter 4 presents the proposed equations in this study to be used to develop the prediction models.
CHAPTER 3 Solid-liquid Multiphase Flow Experimental Apparatus and Procedure

Based on the research objectives identified in the previous chapter, the multiphase flow loop facility was extended to have horizontal flow experiments. This chapter presents the flow loop setup and the measurement instruments used in this study.
3.1 Flow Loop Setup

The purpose of this study is the development of a prediction model for solid-liquid flow in horizontal pipelines. The available multiphase flow loop facility, which was previously used to diagnose the flow properties of slurry through vertical and inclined pipes, has been developed. A new 90mm pipeline was installed and used to collect the experimental data as shown in figures 3.1 and 3.2. The system is capable of providing either liquid flow via operating the water pump only, or solid-liquid flows via operating the solid pump or both pumps at the same time. The discharge and the volume fractions of solids and water can be controlled by either adjusting Valve 1 as shown in figure 3.1 or adjusting the speed of the solid pump. For solid phase, spherical plastic beads of 4.5mm diameter with density of 1329.2 kg m$^3$ were used. In order to obtain a homogeneous solid-liquid mixture, a mixing system that is mounted above the solids and water reservoir was used before being pumped to the working-section. The delivered solid-liquid mixture passes through the separator, which consists of a small inclined tank. The separator has a rectangular cross-section chute of stainless-steel mesh, which separates the liquid phase from the solid phase by the action of gravity. Baffles are positioned along the separator to impede the mixture movement and to accelerate the phase separation process as shown in figure 3.3. The separated phases then pass into two individual conical stainless-steel hoppers.
The hoppers are suspended on two separate load cells to measure the mass of each phase as a function of time. Pneumatic ball valves were installed at the base of each hopper which are automatically controlled. Two pressure taps, 1m distance between them, were installed on the horizontal transparent pipe. The pressure taps were connected with the pressure transmitter to measure the horizontal solid-liquid flow pressure drop as shown in figure 3.1.
Figure 3-2. A photograph of the multiphase flow loop in the University of Huddersfield

Figure 3-3. Schematic diagram of stainless-steel mesh separator
3.2 Solid Particle Density

Plastic beads were used as the solid and water as a carrier fluid. The density of the solid was measured in the lab by measuring the volume of known mass of the solid particles. The test was repeated twice using different solid weights. As shown in table (3-1), two average values of solid densities were found 1329.4 kg/m$^3$ and 1329 kg/m$^3$ respectively. In this experiment, the density of 1329.2 kg/m$^3$ has been considered as the mean value between both results.

Table 3-1 measuring the density of solid particles

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3.3 Reference Measurement Devices

3.3.1 Gravimetric Flow Measurement System

3.3.1.1 Hopper Load Cell System
The mass flow rate of both phases of liquid and solid can be obtained by using gravimetric systems after the process of separation of the phases. In the current investigations, two stainless steel hopper load cells were used for measuring the volumetric flow rate for water and solid particles (fine plastic beads) as shown in figure 3.1. A pneumatic ball valve was installed at the base of each hopper. The load cells and the pneumatic valves were interfaced to a computer. The mass flow rate for each phase can be calculated by considering the recorded time after closing the valves and the recorded mass flow rate of each hopper. By taking the density of each phase into consideration, the volumetric flow rate of each phase can be calculated.

\[ Q = \frac{\dot{M}}{\rho} \]  

(3.1)

Where \( \dot{M} \) is the mass flow rate, \( \rho \) is density, and \( Q \) is the volume flow rate.

The phase separation process using the stainless-steel mesh separator is not 100% efficient. In order to calculate the amount of water that flows into the solid hopper, the weight ratio between dry solids and wet solids was calculated and the calibration equation was applied to all readings.

3.3.1.2 Calibration of Hopper Load Cell
The load cells of both the water and solid hoppers were calibrated. To calibrate the hoppers, known masses of water were added gradually to each hopper and the
output voltage signal from the hopper load cells was recorded. As shown in figures 3.4 and 3.5, the calibration curves for both hoppers show a good linear relationship between the added masses and the output voltage for the load cells.

![Figure 3-4. Calibration curve of solids hopper load cell](image)

![Figure 3-5. Calibration curve of water hopper load cell](image)
By using the linear regression approach, the linear relationship between the reference masses and hopper’s output voltages are as follows:

\[ M_{SR} = 51.889 - 13.343 V_s \]  
\[ M_{lR} = 48.78 - 12.5 V_l \]  

Where \( M_s \) and \( M_l \) are masses for solids and liquid respectively, \( V_s \) and \( V_l \) are hoppers’ output voltage for the solids hopper and liquid hopper respectively.

3.3.1.3 Correction Methodology for the Solids Volumetric Flow Rate

In this study, a stainless-steel mesh separator was used to separate the solids from the water. The efficiency of this separation method must be known in order to calculate the amount of liquid that adheres to the surface of the solid particles and is carried into the solid hopper. Therefore, the amount of the actual masses of solids \( M_s \) and actual liquid masses \( M_l \) needs to be corrected according to the mass of excess water into the solid hopper \( M_{ex} \).

\[ M_s = M_{SR} - M_{ex} \]  
\[ M_l = M_{lR} + M_{ex} \]

The excess mean fraction by weight of the water inside the solids hopper \( C_{ex} \) can be calculated experimentally as:

\[ C_{ex} = \frac{M_{SR} - M_{dry}}{M_{SR}} \]

Where \( M_{SR} \) is the weight of a sample amount of wet solids in the hopper and \( M_{dry} \) is the weight of same amount of dry solids. The mass of excess water in the solid hopper can be defined as:

\[ M_{ex} = C_{wx} M_{SR} \]

The actual masses of solids \( M_s \) and liquids \( M_l \) can be defined as:
\[ M_S = (1 - C_{ex})M_{SR} \]  
\[ M_l = M_{lR} + M_{ex} \]  

(3.8)  
(3.9)

The actual volume flow rates of the solids \( Q_S \) and liquids \( Q_l \) can be defined as:

\[ Q_S = \frac{\Delta M_S}{\Delta t_S} \rho_s \]  
\[ Q_l = \frac{\Delta M_l}{\Delta t_l} \rho_l \]  

(3.10)  
(3.11)

Where \( \Delta t_S \) and \( \Delta t_l \) are the duration between two times taken by the solid hopper and liquid hopper respectively.

### 3.3.2 Differential Pressure Transmitter

In this investigation, a Yokogawa EJA 110A differential pressure transmitter has been used to measure the pressure drop (DP). As shown in figure 3.1, the DP has been installed on the flow loop to measure differential pressure along a one metre length of the working-section. The output of the Yokogawa DP cell output signal (4 mA to 20 mA) is converted to range of (1 V to 5V) for the differential pressure range 0–1 metre water gauge by using a current-to-voltage convertor. As depicted in figure 3.6, the circuit consists of (250 Ω) Ω, ±1% high precision resistor (Rref1). The voltage drop across the resistor is fed into two buffer amplifiers and the output from the buffers is connected to the input of a unity gain differential amplifier.
Figure 3-6. Schematic of current to voltage converter circuit

### 3.3.2.1 Calibration of Differential Pressure Transmitter

The Yokogawa EJA 110A DP was calibrated using a column of water as a physical source to provide different values of pressure loads. As shown in figure 3.7, both ends of the DP cell were connected with the upper and lower point of the pipe at level 0 and 1m respectively. The first reading is the 1m pressure head reading when water level was at reference point 0m. Then the pressure head readings of 0.8m, 0.6m, 0.4m, 0.2m and 0m when the water level was at levels 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8 and 1 respectively. The test has been done twice and similar readings have been recorded as shown in figure 3.8.
Figure 3-7. Calibration of DP cell

Figure 3-8. DP Transducer Calibration Curve
3.4 Experimental Procedure

The following steps are considered to collect the experimental data:

- Fill up the reservoirs using the available water tap and the water hose.
- Fill the nylon hoses at both ends of the transducer using the water tap.
- Turn on the main electric switch and sub switches.
- Turn on the water pump to operate the flow loop in a single phase flow until the steady state condition is reached. Make sure Valve 2 is closed and Valve 1 is opened figure 3.1.
- Turn on the mixer.
- Turn on the solid pump at different speeds to produce various solid-liquid flow conditions and open Valve 2.
- Turn on the air compressor and adjust it at 3.6 bar. The compressed air supply is used to operate the solid and water pneumatic valves as shown in figure 3.1.
- For each flow condition, the pressure drop, liquid hopper flow rate and solid hopper flow rate readings are collected around three minutes after setting the new flow condition.
- Turn on the computer and the load cell.
- Take readings from the load cells and record them and record the pressure drop data at the same time.
- The operation velocity is calculated from the total flow rate of the delivered mixture and considering the pipe diameter.
• Different flow velocity and solid concentration can be created by partially closing Valve 1 or/and Valve 2 as shown in figure 3.1.

• After the experimental data have been collected, turn off the mixer, the water pump and the solid pump.

• Close Valve 2 and turn off the air compressor.

• Close the program and turn off the PC.

• Drain the reservoirs by turning on the installed single phase submersible pump.

Special care needs to be taken while running the loop as three (3-phase) motors are operating. The main hazard is receiving an electric shock from the cable or pump body. This hazard can be minimised by checking the pump. In addition, the pipe-loop should be checked for leakage at low operational velocity. If any leakages are noticed, the loop should be turned off immediately. Another hazard is hot parts on the pump motor. This hazard can also be minimised by preventing touching the motors while the loop is running and by the use of safety gloves.

Uncertainty in taking the readings can be minimised by using the following steps:

• Calibration:
  The calibration of the hopper load cells and the pressure transducer should be done very accurately and several times before starting the test.

• Repeatability data:
  Repeatability data allow the researcher to analyse and observe variabilities in the measurement results. This can be accomplished by performing the same
process over and over again [82]. In the current study, the repeatability data process was taken into consideration.

- Reproducibility data:

Reproducibility data allow the researcher to analyse and observe the variability in the measurement process. This can be done by changing the common elements in the experimental process such as environmental conditions, operators, water temperature, time and measurement devices [82]. In the current study, the reproducibility data process was taken into consideration.

3.5 Other Experimental Data

In this investigation, in order to verify the proposed model, different experimental results were used. In addition to the current experimental works that were carried out, other published experimental results were employed such as [30], [4], [45], [83] and [84].

3.6 Summary of the Chapter

The multiphase flow loop at the University of Huddersfield was developed to carry out the experimental works. A transparent horizontal pipeline was added to the flow loop in order to conduct investigations about solid-liquid flow in a horizontal pipeline. Plastic beads were used as the solid and water was used as the carrier fluid. Two hopper load cells were used and calibrated in order to measure the flow rate of each phase. A Yokogawa EJA 110A differential pressure transmitter (DP) was used and calibrated in order to produce a pressure drop in the solid-liquid flow in a horizontal pipe. In order to meet the objectives outlined in the previous chapter, a transparent horizontal pipe was used to visually observe the particle behaviour.
in different concentrations and different operating velocities. In addition, the data of various flow conditions were recorded to be used in the next chapter as raw material to derive the empirical equations and to design the prediction models.
CHAPTER 4 Novel Pressure Drop Model for Horizontal Pipeline Flow with Enhanced Friction Factor

The experimental results discussed in the previous chapter and the results from the literature regarding the pressure drop in horizontal pipelines transporting slurries, are analysed here. A detailed analysis was carried out in order to understand the complex flow structure of the horizontal slurry pipelines. In addition, a detailed study was made to identify the effects of various parameters on a pressure drop. Furthermore, semi-empirical equations, for the flow of solid-liquid mixture in horizontal pipelines, were developed.
4.1 Introduction

An estimation of head loss is one of the most important points for the designer to be able to compute the actual power requirement under various operating conditions, and to select the pump size. Several correlations are presented in the literature, most of which are derived empirically [4, 12, 27, 30]. In commercial solid-liquid pipelines, the flow is generally turbulent and the particles distributed heterogeneously across the pipeline cross-section. Hence, the prediction of pressure drop becomes very complex, as many parameters are involved in the correlations. As reported in several articles, the SRC Two-Layer Model that was first proposed by Gillies et al. [30] can be considered as a valuable macroscopic model for predicting the flow parameters in slurry containing multi-sized particulate solids [4, 12, 13, 85]. As the original model is based on some simplified assumptions, this work can also contribute to further improvement of the model.

For a heterogeneous slurry pipeline, several parameters are known to affect the pressure drop or energy consumption. These parameters include flow velocity, solid concentration, particle size distribution, shape and size of the solid particles, and carrier fluid viscosity. The coefficient of friction between the solid particles and the pipe wall is another parameter whose effects on pressure drop are reported to be significant, but whose magnitudes have often been taken into less consideration by the researchers [9, 86, 87].

In a closed slurry flow system, the particles are transported by forces that result in a balance between the pressure gradient and frictional resistance of the solid particles on the pipe wall (Coulombic friction). However, the value of Coulombic
friction can be related to the minimum pressure gradient required to transport particles [9].

\[-\frac{dp}{dz} = 2\eta_s \phi_{\text{max}} g (\rho_s - \rho_f) \varphi\]  

(4.1)

Where \(\phi_{\text{max}}\) is maximum packing concentration by volume of the settled bed and \(\varphi\) is the geometric function which depends on the height of the sliding bed.

Modelling the solid-liquid flow macroscopically has been used since the middle of the last century [87]. This type of slurry flow modelling applies conservation equations to a large control volume of the solid-liquid mixture flow [49, 87]. An improved analysis, and the force-balance model, was used to estimate the limit of stationary deposition [88] and pressure drop for dense-phase flow [89]. The force balance model led to the development of a two-layer model to describe the flows of more dilute coarse-particle mixtures [90].

For heavy particles slurry, such as a slurry that contains gravels, the fluid force is unable to carry the submerged weight. Therefore, the immersed weight is transmitted by particle-particle interaction and carried by inter-granular contacts with the pipe wall. The mechanical forces of sliding friction resistance at the pipe wall increases as a result of increasing the normal force that arises from the immersed weight.

The focus of the present work is on reducing the uncertainty in this model and on the need for modification whilst improving the new definition of the coefficient of sliding friction between solid particles and pipe wall \(\eta_s\). Based on an extensive analysis of experimental data, reported by Gillies [9], Mishra [4], Ming et al [83] and Fusheng et al [84], the original two-layer model has been modified. The
uncertainty of the original model was identified and modifications incorporated to take into account the effect of the coefficient of sliding friction between solid particles and the pipe wall $\eta_s$. The predictions of the modified model are in good agreement with the experimental results.

4.2 Two-Layer Model

Gillies et al [39] proposed a version of the two-layer model for slurry with negligible quantities of fine and slowly settling particles. The Saskatchewan research council (SRC) two-layer model, which divides the solids into two groups of fine and coarse particles, was originally proposed by Gillies et al. [30]. The model was successfully verified against experimental data with reasonable accuracy by Gillies and Shook [41]. Furthermore, the model has undergone a number of refinements such as extension to a higher solid volume fraction by Gillies et al [91] and higher velocities by Gillies et al [18]. Basically, the model considers two types of friction, which are kinematic, and sliding bed friction. Kinematic friction, also called velocity-dependent friction, depends on the carrier fluid’s velocity and another component resulting from the particle dispersive stress [43, 92]. The Coulombic or sliding bed friction is produced by the action of the solid particles that are not suspended by the fluid turbulence and sliding against the pipe wall. The normal stress resulting from the immersed weight of the contact load particles is related to the shear stress required to move the sliding bed according to Coulomb’s law of friction [42, 43]. The suspended particles contribute in producing velocity dependent kinematic friction while the contact load particles contribute in producing Coulomb friction through contact with the pipe wall [9, 25, 31, 42, 90].
As most industrial slurries contain fine particles, that version of the two-layer model is modified to consider fine particles.

The values of $V, C_v, D, C_{\text{max}}, \mu_t, \rho_s, \rho_l$ and $A_k$ should be specified before using the model. In addition, the particle size distribution, viscosity and particle drag coefficient are important input parameters for the model. In order to calculate $C_v$, the following steps have to be followed:

1- $C_f$ and $d$ are determined from $C_t$ using equation (2.3) and (2.4).

2- $d_{cf}$ is calculated using equation (1.8).

3- Particle terminal velocity $V_\infty$ is calculated using equation (2.1).

The new carrier fluid density $\rho_f$ can be determined as follows:

$$\rho_f = \left[ \rho_l \left( 1 - C_t \right) + \rho_s C_f \right] / \left[ 1 - C_t + C_f \right]$$

The viscosity of the new carrier fluid can be measured or calculated mathematically as proposed by Thomas (1965) [19] as below:

$$\mu_f = \mu_l \left( 1 + 1.25 C_f + 10.5 C_f^2 + 0.00273 \exp \left( 16.7 C_f \right) \right)$$

The coarse particles with a diameter greater than $d_{cf}$ are assumed to create two layers of composition as depicted in figure 2.2. The suspended particles by fluid forces are distributed uniformly with $C_f$ concentration. The second layer is formed in the lower part of the pipe, which contains particles with concentration $C_2$ whose immersed weight is transmitted to the pipe wall due to particle-particle interaction as a contact load. The contact load particles average concentration over the whole pipe is assumed to be $C_c$, thus the overall coarse particle concentration $C_r$ can be defined as follows [4]:

$$C_r = C_c + C_1$$

$C_2$ and $C_2$ can be related considering the cross-sectional area of the whole pipe and the lower layers.

$$C_2 A_2 = C_c A$$

The total concentration of coarse particles in the lower layer $C_{\text{lim}}$ is given by:
\[ C_{lim} = C_1 + C_2 \]  

(4.6)

The contact load fraction \( C_c/C_r \) is proposed by Gillies (1991):

\[ C_c/C_r = \exp\left(-0.0184 \left(\frac{V}{V_\infty}\right)\right) \]  

(4.7)

\[ C_c/C_r = \exp\left(-0.001013 \, \text{Re}^{0.25} \, \frac{V}{V_\infty}\right) \]  

Gillies and Shook (2000)

\( V_\infty \) is the terminal settling velocity at an infinite dilution, and can be determined from equation (2.1). Gillies (1991) [30] proposed the following empirical equation:

\[ \frac{(C_{max} - C_{lim})}{(C_{max} - C_r)} = 0.074 \frac{V}{V_\infty}^{0.44} (1 - C_r)^{0.189} \]  

(4.8)

Here \( C_{lim} \) is the mean concentration for the whole lower layer, and \( C_{max} \) is a property of the solid-liquid suspension known as the static settling concentration. Gillies and Shook (1994) proposed another semi-empirical approach for determining \( C_{lim} \). Their approach depends on solid concentration distribution which is predicted by considering the solid turbulent diffusion. The concentration at the position of \( y/D=0.15 \) relative to the bottom of the pipe assumed to be the predicted concentration of \( C_{lim} \).

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The main gaps in the two-layer model are listed as below:

1- Considering the coefficient of friction as a constant value.

2- Considering the value of \( C_{lim} \) as the concentration at the position of \( y/D=0.15 \).

3- Considering the value of \( C_{max} \) as a constant.
In the current study, two empirical equations are proposed for calculating $C_{lim}$ for both uni-sized particles and multi-sized particles. Several assumptions have been applied for deriving the equations. The following steps were taken in order to derive the equation of $C_{lim}$:

1- A MATLAB code was designed to find the optimal $C_{lim}$ for any experimental data. The experimental values of $C_{lim}$ have been used as an input of the program.

2- Karabelas’ model [60] was used to find the optimal $y/D$ for the obtained $C_{lim}$. The optimal values of $C_{lim}$ have been found at different positions of $y/D$.

For uni-sized particles, the best assumption was considered and the value of $C_{lim}$ assumed to be dependent on the ratio of volume fraction to maximum packed concentration of solid particles $C/C_{max}$, the ratio of particle diameter to the diameter of ultrafine particles $d/d_{cf}$, and Reynolds number. The regression result shows the following equation:

$$C_{lim} = 27.53 \times (C/C_{max})^{0.96} \times (d/d_{cf})^{0.4} / Re^{0.33}$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.9)

In addition, a new equation is proposed to calculate $C_{lim}$ for multi-sized particles. Instead of $d/d_{cf}$, the ratios of median diameter of (+50%) coarser particles to the diameter of ultrafine particles $d + 50/d_{cf}$ and the ratios of the median diameter of (-50%) finer particles to the diameter of ultrafine particles $d - 50/d_{cf}$ are considered as below:
\[ C_{lim} = \frac{0.488 \left( \frac{C}{C_{max}} \right)^{0.33} \left( \frac{d_{50}}{d_{cf}} \right)^{0.11}}{Re^{0.0042} \left( \frac{d_{-50}}{d_{cf}} \right)^{0.025}} \]  

(4.10)

Figure 4-1. The experimental and model data of \( C_{lim} \)

As shown in figure 4-1, the model results of \( C_{lim} \) have good agreement with the experimental data. Most of the experimental data are located between inside the two line \((C_{lim} + 0.05)\) and \((C_{lim} - 0.05)\).

For calculating the maximum packed concentration of solid particles \( C_{max} \), two equations are proposed for uni-sized and multi-sized particles. For uni-sized spherical particles, the ratio of 1 unit diameter sphere volume to 1 unit length of cube volume was considered as below:

\[ C_{max} = 0.167\pi + e \] 

(4.11)

For \( C_{max} \) of multi-sized particles, the following empirical equation was proposed:
\[ C_{\text{max}} = 0.167\pi + e^{\left(\frac{dC}{dF}\right)^{1.1847}} \] (4.12)

\( e \) is the experimental coefficient and was found to be 0.009. \( dC \) and \( dF \) are the mean diameters of \( d_{+50} \) and \( d_{-50} \) particles respectively. \( d_{+50} \) include all the size fraction particles above percentage finer of 0.5 (\( S_P > 0.5 \)) and \( d_{-50} \) include all the size fraction particles below a percentage finer of 0.5 (\( S_P < 0.5 \)). If a percentage finer (\( S_P = 0.5 \)) is not available, a linear interpolation might be used between two percentage finers data just under and above 0.5.

In the above equation, when the value of \( dC/dF \) approaches unity, the equation will be equal to (4.4) which is true for representing uni-sized particles. For a high value of \( dC/dF \), the value of \( C_{\text{max}} \) will increase as the void fraction of coarse particles decreases and is filled out by partially fine particles.

![Graph](image)

**Figure 4-2. The experimental and model data of \( C_{\text{max}} \)**
4.3 The Novel Equation of Coefficient of Friction in Solid-Liquid Flow

As presented in the literature, many works have been carried out on liquid-solid two-phase flow, including the two-layer model, considering the coefficient of friction between solid particles and pipe wall $\eta_s$ as constant.

Wilson et al [3] suggested that $\eta_s$ can be determined using a tilting tube test in the lab. Shook et al [28] experimentally determined that the average wall-particle coefficient of friction $\eta_s$ is 0.5 for sand and gravel slurries and 0.4 for coal slurries. Gillies [9] reported that $\eta_s$ is reduced when particles are moving parallel to the pipe wall due to the lubrication effect of the carrier fluid. However, $\eta_s$ is independent of operational velocity as the lubrication force is small.

Wilson et al [93] predicted that the coefficient of friction will decrease as a result of increasing the generated lift force which repels the solid particles from the pipe wall. This argument is supported experimentally by Gillies et al [18]. As the generated lift force is directly proportional to the operational velocity, the coefficient of friction is dependent of the operational velocity. According to Gillies and Shook [40], the friction coefficient increases rapidly at low velocities as a result of increasing solid concentration up to 30% - 35%. This idea was also supported by Krampa [94] in his research with the Saskatchewan Research Council.

Furthermore, the ANSYS simulation results of Eesa [95] concluded that the particle-wall coefficient of friction decreases by increasing the solid particle diameter whilst keeping the solid phase volume fraction unchanged.
A MATLAB program code was designed for predicting flow parameters in horizontal slurry pipelines, based on the Modified Two-Layer Model by Gillies et al [30]. The coefficient of friction between sand particles and the pipe wall was assumed to be 0.5 [9, 30]. In order to perform the work with high accuracy, different reliable and high quality experimental data were selected rather than a single experimental result, to perform the reproducibility data requirement as explained in the previous chapter (section 3-4). The model pressure drop results were compared with the chosen practical data reported by Gillies [9], Mishra [4], Kaushal et al [72], Ming et al [83], Fusheng, et al [84], and Mali et al [96] and the comparisons showed that the values of model pressure drop are generally higher than the used experimental readings as illustrated in figure 4.3. The value of \( \eta_s \) was reduced gradually and the experimental and model data were compared as shown in figure 4.4.
Figure 4-3. Experimental data and model data when $\eta_s = 0.5$, $D = 0.2631m$, $d_{50} = 0.45mm$, CV=13% [9]
Figure 4-4. Experimental data and model data when $\eta_s = 0.2$, $D = 0.2631m$, $d_{50} = 0.45mm$, CV=22 % [9]

A second MATLAB code was designed to calculate the predicted value of the friction coefficient in order to equalise the experimental data on pressure drops with the model's result as depicted in figure 4.6. For this purpose, different MATLAB functions were prepared, which interact with the main program. It is mandatory for the user to enter and update the input data file (Excel file) which should have data on the physical properties of the solid and liquid each in the correct cells that are provided. As the code was designed based on the closed loop system, any predicted value of pressure drop is compared with the provided value.
of the experimental result pressure drop and the error is calculated. As at the beginning, we start with a high value of $\eta_s$ and the predicted value of pressure drop is expected to be higher than the experimental value, the program increases the value of $\eta_s$ until the predicted value of the pressure drop equals the experimental result. The program prints the equivalent value of $\eta_s$.

![Program flow chart](image)

**Figure 4-5. The program flow chart**

The new predicted coefficient of friction data was recorded for each experimental case, see the two samples of data illustrated in figures 4.6 and 4.7 for both dilute and dense slurries respectively. As shown, the optimum value of the friction coefficient is small at low and high velocities.
Figure 4-6. Optimum values of $\eta_s$ for solid particle in dilute slurries [4, 9, 83, 84]

Figure 4-7. Optimum values of $\eta_s$ for solid particle in slurries with $c_v=11\%$ [4, 9, 72, 84]
To derive the equation of the coefficient of sliding friction, many parameters were used to test the rate of dependency of $\eta_s$ on each parameter. According to the test result, six parameters were considered based on the regression analysis results. The parameters were then converted to three dimensionless ratio values to guarantee that the output result would also be dimensionless. For considering the velocity factor, $(v_2/v_c)$ is used. $(V2)$ is the velocity in the lower layer and $(Vc)$ is the deposition velocity. For solid concentrations, $(C_2/1 - C_2)$ is used as a ratio of solid concentration in the lower level, to the liquid concentration at the same level. The third parameter being used is $((d_{50} - A_k)/A_k)$, where $d_{50}$ is the mass median particle diameter and $A_k$ is the roughness of the pipe. An empirical equation was created to predict the coefficient of friction in a coarse slurry pipeline based on the experimental data. Different regression analyses models were applied. The polynomial model, which is a special case of the multiple regression model, was chosen as it gives a best fit curve with the data. The regression statistics are presented in Appendix (1). The equation below shows the fifth order polynomial equation for the range of the data.

$$
\eta_s = a + bX + cY + dZ + eX^2 + fY^2 + gZ^2 + hX^3 + iY^3 + jZ^3 + kX^4 + lY^4 + \\
mz^4 + nX^5 + oY^5 + pz^5
$$

(4.13)

Where:

$$
X = \frac{v_2}{v_c}, \quad Y = \frac{C_2}{(1 - C_2)}, \quad Z = \frac{(d_{50} - A_k)}{A_k}
$$

(4.14)
Table 4-1 the values of the polynomial equation parameters

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The contribution of the parameters (g, j, m and p) in the polynomial equation are very small and can be neglected. This indicates that the effects of Z is very small on the value of coefficient of sliding friction. As shown in figure 4.8, most data points are located inside the (-10%) and (+10%) error lines.

Figure 4-8. The modified model value of coefficient of sliding friction
4.4 Validation of the Proposed Model

The new values of the coefficient of sliding friction are shown in figure 4.9. The new equation was applied to the SRC Two-Layer Model. The results show better predictions of pressure drops in comparison to the experimental data. Most practical data for the pressure drops are near to the model line by less than +/- 10%. If the modified model results, as shown in figure 4.9, are compared with the original two-layer model results, as shown in figures 4.3 and 4.4, a significant improvement will be noticed. Considering the value of the coefficient of friction as 0.5 for sand and gravel slurries will generate higher pressure drops than the experimental data. Using the optimal value for the coefficient of sliding friction will move the model data series closer to the practical data series.

Figure 4-9. The modified model results
4.5 Factors Influencing the Pressure Drop

The predicted coefficient of friction data were recorded for each experimental case using sand and gravel with a particle density of 2650 kg/m$^3$. The effects of operational velocity, solid particle diameters and solid concentration on $\eta_s$ have been studied separately.

4.5.1 The Effects of Operating Velocity on the Coefficient of Sliding Friction

To understand the effect of operational velocity on $\eta_s$, experimental values of operational velocity were considered for the same values of particle sizes and concentration. As shown in Figure 4.10, the value of $\eta_s$ that ensures a good matching between the experimental and predicted data shows a mixed trend. It increases with increasing flow velocity before falling down to initial levels. The lower values of $\eta_s$ at low velocities might be due to a stationary or relatively low movement of the solid bed at the bottom of the pipe. In addition, the value of $\eta_s$ reaches the maximum when the generated lift force is slightly less than required to carry the contact load particles, and the generated motive force is high enough to move such particles along the flow. Furthermore, decreasing the value of $\eta_s$ at relatively higher velocities might be due to the generation of enough lift force to keep the solid particles away from the pipe wall.
Figure 4-10. The effect of operational velocity on $\eta_s$
4.5.2 The effects of Solid Throughput on the Coefficient of Sliding Friction

The next step of this analysis is studying the effect of solid particle volume friction on the solids-wall coefficient of sliding friction. Experimental values of used solid concentration by volume were considered for the same values of operational velocity and the same range of particle sizes. As shown in figure 4.11, the value of $\eta_s$ is directly proportional to the solid concentration.

![Graphs showing the effect of solid particle concentrations on $\eta_s$ for different velocities and diameters.](image)

Figure 4-11. The effect of solid particle concentrations on $\eta_s$. 

Optimal design of a Multi-phase flow pipeline by Hawre Hussein
School of Computing & Engineering, University of Huddersfield, UK (2019)
4.5.3 The Effects of Particle Size on Coefficient of Sliding Friction

To study the effect of solid particle sizes on the solids-wall coefficient of sliding friction, experimental values of the used particle sizes were considered, whilst the operational velocity and solid concentration remained constant. As shown in figure 4.12, the value of $\eta_s$ is inversely proportional to the particle sizes at low velocities and high velocities. At low velocities, increasing particle sizes help to generate stationary or low movement beds at the bottom of the pipe which lead to a decrease in the friction between solid particles and the pipe wall. At high velocities, decreasing the value of $\eta_s$ might be due to different dispersion behaviour of fine and coarse particles. In other cases, $\eta_s$ approaches the maximum by increasing the particle sizes as a result of depositing the solid particles at the bottom of the pipe, and by further increasing the particle size, the slow moving or stationary beds decrease $\eta_s$ as discussed previously.
Figure 4-12. The effect of solid particle diameter on $\eta_s$
4.6 The Equation of Coefficient of Sliding Friction $\eta_s$

As presented in section 4.3, various parameters were used in order to derive an equation for the coefficient of sliding friction between solid particles and the pipe wall. As shown in equations 4-13 and 4-14, the equation is very complicated. Based on the previous analysis of the effects of various parameters on $\eta_s$, a new simple equation can be derived.

To derive an equation for the coefficient of sliding friction, many parameters were tested. One of the parameters is the ratio between the velocity in the first layer to the velocity in the second layer $v_1/v_2$. In order to create this relation, a dimensionless grouping of the other dependent parameters $\zeta$ was proposed in this research.

$$\zeta = \log \left( \frac{d_{50}}{A_k} \right) (1 - C_V)$$

(4.15)

As shown in figure 4.13, the maximum values of the coefficient of sliding friction $\eta_s$ are recorded for different values of $\zeta$ when the ratio value of $v_1/v_2$ is about 1.8 to 2.0. $C_V$ is the delivered solid particles volume fraction, $v_1$ is the velocity of the upper layer and $v_2$ is the velocity of the lower layer. The value of $\zeta$ approaches zero when the values of $V_1$ and $V_2$ approach unity. In addition, $\eta_s$ settles at 0.1 for any values of $v_1/v_2$ greater than 3.8. Further research is required to provide experimental evidence of the relation between these parameters in order to give a better understanding of the behaviour of solid-liquid flow in circular smooth pipes.
Figure 4-13. The behaviour of the coefficient of sliding friction.

Figure 4-14. The proposed chart for estimating the coefficient of sliding friction: d50=2mm to 24mm, Cv=5% to 25%
According to the analysis presented in the previous section, the effect of all factors can be combined into a single reading graph. The importance of producing this reading graph is to estimate the value of the coefficient of sliding friction \( \eta_s \) for any slurry flow properties. To ensure the relation is dimensionless, \( (v/v_\infty) \) and the median dimensionless particle diameter \( d_+ \) were used instead of operational velocity and median particle diameter respectively. \( v_\infty \) is the particle settling velocity and \( d^+ \) is defined as:

\[
d^+ = d \left( \frac{\rho_f (\rho_s - \rho_f) g}{\mu^2} \right)^{1/3}
\]  

(4.16)

The maximum values of \( \eta_s \) for different flow properties were explained in the previous section. To define the maximum reachable coefficient of sliding friction for any solid particle sizes and concentration by volume \( Y^* \), the following adjustment is used:

\[
Y^* = C_v^{0.47} \frac{d_+^{0.013}}{0.5}
\]

(4.17)

The maximum value of the coefficient of friction was found to be 0.5 based on the experimental data. The diagram of coefficient of sliding friction \( \eta_s \) is shown in figure 4.14 and the value of \( \eta_s \) can be read by the steps illustrated in figure 4.15. The dimensionless particle diameter \( d^+ \) was computed using equation (4.16). By using equation (4.17), the maximum reachable coefficient of sliding friction \( Y^* \) can be computed and the new chart for the current solid particle mean diameter and solid concentration by volume can be drawn.

As shown in figures 4.10 and 4.12, the value of \( \eta_s \) peaks at different values of operational velocity and mean particle diameters, then decreases. However, as
shown in figure 4.11, $\eta_s$ is directly proportional with the solid particles volume fraction. Accordingly, $(v/v_\infty)$ and dimensionless particle diameter $d_+$ should be considered to compute $X^*$ of figure 4.14 as below:

$$X^* = 0.028\left(\frac{v}{v_\infty}\right) d_+^{0.88}$$

(4.18)

Figure 4-15. Flowchart illustrating the steps of using Coefficient of friction graph.
The proposed graph has been justified for mean particle diameter 2mm to 24mm and solid volume fraction 5% to 25%. Figure 4.16 shows the comparison between the predicted values of $\eta_s$ using the graph shown in figure 4.14 and the optimum values of $\eta_s$ as explained in section 4.3. The accuracy of predicting $\eta_s$ in most cases is less than $\pm 0.05$. As shown, the results are not accurate with respect to the experimental data in some instances. There are many factors affecting the results such as the prediction power of the proposed equation and the inaccuracy of the used experimental data. Further researches in this field are necessary to study the limitations of the proposed equation. Generally, the equation proves that the coefficient of sliding friction between solid particles and pipe wall is not constant.

The two-layer model has a number of equations with no graph reading sections. In order to fit the previous works to this model, the graph can easily be replaced by equations.

\[
\eta_s = 0.1 \quad \text{When } X^* < 1 \\
\eta_s = 0.25(Y^* - 0.1)(X^* - 1) + 0.1 \quad \text{When } 1 \leq X^* \leq 5 \\
\eta_s = 0.5(0.05 - Y^*)(X^* - 7) + 0.05 \quad \text{When } 7 \geq X^* \geq 5 \\
\eta_s = 0.05 \quad \text{When } X^* > 7
\] (4.19a)
4.7 Applying the Proposed Equation in the Two-Layer Model:

The developed equations of the coefficient of sliding friction $\eta_s$ were used to predict the pressure drop for the flow of multi-sized particulate slurry through horizontal pipelines based on the two-layer model. In the new model, instead of fixing the value of sliding friction, the proposed equations of the prediction of sliding friction, as presented in equations (4-19) and then the value of $\eta_s$ are applied in equation (2-23). $C_{lim}$ was defined by applying the proposed equations (4-2) and (4-3) instead of the equation (2-12). In addition, $C_{max}$ was defined by applying the proposed equations (4-11) and (4-12). The momentum for the upper layer, lower layer and entire pipe is expressed in the equations (2.17), (2.18) and (2.19) respectively. The other steps of the determination of pressure drop using the two-layer model were explained in Chapter 2.

The results show better predictions of pressure drop in comparison to using fixed values of $\eta_s$, as shown previously in figures 4.3 and 4.4. As shown in figure 4.17,
most experimental data for pressure drop fit are near to the modified model curve by less than +/- 10%. The results are clear proof that the proposed equations are effective in the development of the two-layer model.

![Graph showing model data compared to experimental data with a range of data included.]

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Figure 4-17. The predicted values of pressure drop using the modified model
4.8 Validation of the Proposed Model Using the Experimental Data

As discussed in the previous chapter, experiments were conducted to transport plastic beads in horizontal pipes using water as a carrier fluid. The used plastic beads have a density of 1329 kg/m³ and diameter of 4.5 mm. The experiments were done with different solid concentrations. Figures 4.18 and 4.19, show a comparison between the experimental data and different models of pressure drop. Figure 4.18 depicts the measured and predicted pressure drop for the flow of plastic beads with 7.5% solid concentration using water as the carrier fluid. As shown, the predicted data of the proposed model has a good fit with the measured data. In addition, the results show good improvements of the proposed model if compared with the Wasp model and the two-layer model.

Figure 4-18. The measured and predicted pressure drop for the flow of plastic beads with 7.5% solid concentration.
Figure 4.19 shows the comparison between the measured data of pressure drop and predicted data using different models in low velocities. The two-layer model overestimates the value of head losses in low velocities. In addition, the Wasp model underestimates the pressure drop in most of the tested data.

![Graph showing pressure drop comparison](image)

**Figure 4-19.** The measured and predicted pressure drop for the flow of plastic beads with 10% solid concentration.

### 4.9 Summary of the Chapter

This chapter focused on the behaviour of the coefficient of sliding friction between solid particles and the pipe wall in a slurry flow pipeline. The study was based on the two-layer model for the prediction of flow properties in horizontal pipelines. An empirical equation was derived for predicting the coefficient of sliding friction in a
coarse slurry pipeline based on the different experimental data. The new equation was applied to the SRC Two-Layer Model. The results show better predictions of pressure drops in comparison to the experimental data.

Figure 4.13 clearly demonstrates that the maximum value the coefficient of friction might reach is 0.5 when the value of $v_1/v_2$ is around 1.8 to 2. Figure 4.14 and the proposed equations can be used for pre-estimation of the value of the coefficient of sliding friction in the range of $d_{50}=2\text{mm}$ to $24\text{mm}$ and $C_v=5\%$ to $25\%$.

The chart can be easily used by students and researchers prior to any experimental investigations, however, further research is required to extend the validity of this chart to wider ranges of $d_{50}$ and $C_V$.

The proposed model was validated using the experimental data as explained in the previous chapter. The results show that the proposed model has a good fit with the experimental data. The results clearly demonstrate the improvements that are offered by the proposed model with respect to the Wasp model and the two-layer model.
CHAPTER 5 Multi-Layer Model

In the previous chapter, the two-layer model was modified to predict the pressure drop in a horizontal slurry pipeline. The coefficient of friction between solid particles and pipe walls was considered as a variable that changes according to the flow properties. According to the experimental results, the values of velocity and pressure drop are varying continuously across the cross-section of the pipe which is against the concept of two-layer model. In order to have accurate prediction results at any point across the cross-section of pipeline, a multi-layer model has been proposed in the current study. The model was applied to determine the concentration distribution, velocity profile and pressure drop in horizontal pipelines transporting slurries. Furthermore, the equations presented in the previous chapter are used in the model.
5.1 Introduction

In two-layer model, a horizontal hypothetical interface, has been assumed to couple the upper and lower layer. Then each layer is considered to have constant velocity and solid concentration. The logic behind proposing a multi-layer model is to decrease the assumptions and to develop more accurate and realistic model to study the flow properties in horizontal slurry pipelines. This can be achieved by dividing the pipeline into more horizontal layers and considering each layer as a separate region with a different velocity, solid concentration and that contributes to overall local pressure drop.

The first step of the modelling is dividing the cross-section of the pipe into $n$ equal layers by width as shown in figure 5.1. This division will be made in order to study the behaviour of slurry in each layer from top to bottom of the horizontal pipe. As discussed in the literature, the solid concentration varies along the depth; hence designing a prediction model based on the horizontal layers is necessary.

$$A = \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + \cdots + A_n$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.1)

The vertical distance of each layer from the bottom of the pipe can be determined as below:

$$(Y_c)_i = \frac{i}{n} D, i = 1,2,..., n$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.2)

The chord length of each layer can be calculated as below:

$$X_i = \sqrt{r^2 - (|r - (Y_c(i))|)^2}$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.3)

$\beta_i$ is layer angle as shown in figure 5.1 and can be calculated as follows:

$$\beta_i = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{X_i}{r}\right)$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.4)
$A A_i$ is the cross-section area from the layer to the bottom of the pipe and can be defined as below:

$$A A_i = \frac{D^2}{4} (\beta_i - \sin \beta_i \cos \beta_i) \quad \text{when } y_c \leq r$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.5)

$$A A_i = \frac{D^2}{4} (\beta_i - \sin (180 - \beta_i) \cos (180 - \beta_i)) \quad \text{when } y_c \geq r$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.6)

Then the area of each layer can be calculated as below:

$$A_i = A A_i - A A_{i-1}, \quad i = 2, 3, \ldots, n$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.7)

Figure 5-1. Idealised velocity and concentration profile used in Multi-Layer Model and Two-Layer models
5.2 Prediction of Concentration Distribution

The concentration distribution of solid particles in slurries varies along the depth of the pipes. In addition, the size ratio of the largest to smallest solid particles in most commercial slurries could be as high as 1000. However, a number of parameters will influence the solid distribution across the pipe cross-section such as flow velocity, particle size, pipe diameter, particle density and solid concentration etc. In order to optimize the operating conditions for slurry flow and to calculate the energy requirement, the distribution of solid particles across the pipeline must be adequately predicted [1, 97]. There are strong interaction effects of many variables that make the theoretical prediction of concentration distribution almost impossible [4]. Many semi-empirical correlations have been proposed in this regard, as explained in Chapter 2.

The diffusion equations, proposed by Hunt [98], describes vertical diffusion of particles when the diffusivity of solids is uniform and equal to liquid diffusivity.

$$
\epsilon_s \frac{\partial C_j}{\partial Y} + C_j (W_j - V_Y) = 0, \quad j = 1,2, ..., n
$$

(5.8)

Where,

$$
V_Y = \sum_1^n W_i C_i
$$

(5.9)

For horizontal flow, the following general solution is proposed by Karabelas [60]

$$
C_j (Y) = \frac{G_j \exp \left( -w_j f(Y) \right)}{1 + \sum_1^m G_i \exp \left( -w_i f(Y) \right)}, \quad j = 1,2, ..., m
$$

(5.10)

Where

$$
f(Y) = \int_0^Y \frac{dY}{\varepsilon_S(Y)}
$$

(5.11)
$G_j$ is a set of characteristic coefficients of each size fraction but independent of space coordinates, $\varepsilon_S$ is the particle diffusivity and $w_j$ is the settling velocity of jth size fraction.

The following equation has been proposed to calculate $\varepsilon_S$ [27, 46, 99-101]

$$\varepsilon_S(Y) = \beta \varepsilon_l(Y) \quad (5.12)$$

Where, $\varepsilon_l$ is liquid diffusivity and can be calculated as suggested by Longwell [102]:

$$\varepsilon_l = 0.369R u_* \frac{y}{R} \left(1 - \frac{y}{R}\right) \quad \text{for} \ 0 \leq \frac{y}{D} \leq 0.337 \quad (5.13a)$$

$$\varepsilon_l = 0.0775R u_* \quad \text{for} \ 0.337 \leq \frac{y}{D} \leq 0.663 \quad (5.13b)$$

$$\varepsilon_l = 0.369R u_* \left(\frac{y}{R} - 1\right)\left(2 - \frac{y}{R}\right) \quad \text{for} \ 0.663 \leq \frac{y}{D} \leq 1.0 \quad (5.13c)$$

and $\beta$ can be calculated as suggested by Kaushal et al [100] as below:

$$\beta = 1 + 0.12504 e^{4.22054 \frac{C_{vf}}{C_{vss}}} \quad (5.14)$$

$$V_j(Y) = \frac{C_j(Y)}{1 - \sum_i C_j(Y)} \quad (5.15)$$

$$\bar{V}_j = \frac{C_{vff}}{1 - C_{vf}} \quad (5.16)$$

The shear velocity $u_*$ is obtained as below:

$$u_* = \sqrt{i \frac{G D}{4}} \quad (5.17)$$

Where bar denotes the quantities averaged over the pipe cross-section and $C_{vff}$ is the mean concentration of each particle size. The relative concentration $V_j(Y)$ from equation (5.8) can be expressed as follows:

$$V_j(Y) = G_j \exp[- w_j f(Y)] \quad (5.18)$$
The coefficients $G_j$ are calculated by using equations 5.15, 5.16 and 5.8. In addition, it is assumed that the flow is steady and there is no particle deposition at the bottom of the pipe. Thus, $C_{vff}$ in the pipe cross-section is constant and already known and the mean relative concentration is constant too.

$$ V_j = \frac{1}{A} \int_A V_j(Y) dA = G_j \frac{1}{A} \int_A \exp(-w_jf(Y))dA $$

(5.19)

Hence,

$$ G_j = \frac{V_j}{\frac{1}{A} \int_A \exp(-w_jf(Y))dA}, \quad j = 1,2,...,m $$

(5.20)

Where $w_j$ is the actual settling velocity of the $j^{th}$ size fraction and can be calculated by using the formula proposed by Richardson and Zaki [103] as below:

$$ w_j = v_{\infty}(1 - C_{vff})^Z $$

(5.21)

Where:

$$ Z = 4.65 + 1.95 \left(\frac{d_j}{D}\right) \quad 0.002 < Re_p \leq 0.2 $$

(5.22a)

$$ Z = \left[4.35 + 17.5 \left(\frac{d_j}{D}\right)\right] Re_p^{-0.03} \quad 0.2 < Re_p \leq 1.0 $$

(5.22b)

$$ Z = \left[4.45 + 18 \left(\frac{d_j}{D}\right)\right] Re_p^{-0.1} \quad 1.0 < Re_p $$

(5.22c)

Where $Re_p$ is particle Reynolds number, $D$ is the diameter of the pipe, $C_{vff}$ is volume efflux concentration and $d_j$ is the mean diameter of the $J^{th}$ size fraction.
5.2.1 Results of Concentration Distribution Model

The Multi-layer model is proposed in this work to predict the concentration distribution across the pipe cross-section. The model was applied using the MATLAB program. The model was designed as per the following steps:

1. Input a value of pipe diameter D.
2. Input the value of solid throughput (target).
3. Input the size fractions and percentage finer of the solid particles.
4. Calculate Mixture flow rate $Q_m$ using solid throughput and solid concentration.
5. Calculate pressure drop based on the modified two-layer model.
6. Calculate shear velocity using the result of pressure drop from equation (5.17).
7. Calculate liquid diffusivity (equation 5.13).
8. Calculate solid diffusivity (equation 5.12).
9. Calculate actual settling velocity of the jth size fraction.
10. Calculate the relative concentration $V_j(Y)$ (equation 5.18).
11. Apply equation (5-17).

The proposed model was applied for the flow of multisized slurries with 0.22 solid concentration and the following particle diameter ($d_p$) and percentage finer ($S_p$):

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<th>4760</th>
<th>3360</th>
<th>3380</th>
<th>1680</th>
<th>1190</th>
<th>595</th>
<th>210</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>0.942</td>
<td>0.795</td>
<td>0.414</td>
<td>0.085</td>
<td>0.033</td>
<td>0.025</td>
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The pipe diameter is 0.2631 m with an operating velocity of 4.52 m/s. Using 999 kg/m³ and 2650 kg/m³ as the densities of water and solids respectively. Figure 5.2 depicts the comparison between the model results and the experimental data using the Karabelas model and the proposed model. In the proposed model, the modified two-layer model was used for the prediction of pressure drop. As shown, the proposed model provides a good match with the experimental data.

![Graph comparing model results and experimental data](image)

**Figure 5-2.** Comparison between measured and predicted overall concentration profile (Karabelas model and proposed model), $V=4.52$ m/s.

The model was applied again on the previous example with the median velocity (3.25 m/s) as shown in figure 5.3. The predicted results have good agreement with the measured data.
Figure 5-3. Comparison between measured and predicted overall concentration profile (Karabelas model and proposed model), $V=4.08$ m/s.

Figure 5-4. Comparison between measured and predicted overall concentration profile (Karabelas model and proposed model), $V=3.25$ m/s.
Figure 5.4 depicts the overall comparison between both the Karabelas model and the proposed model with respect to the measured data by Gillies 1993 [6]. As shown, the results of Multi-layer model show a better fit between the measured and predicted data compared to Karabelas model.

![Comparison between measured and predicted overall concentration profile (Karabelas model and proposed model)](image)

**5.3 Prediction of Velocity Profile**

The velocity field at a cross-section of the slurry pipeline is an important parameter for its design. A complete knowledge about the velocity field is essential for understanding the complex interrelation between various parameters. The proposed model is based on the computational procedure originally proposed by...
Roco and Shook [104] for the prediction of velocity profile across a pipe cross-section. Some modifications are incorporated in order for it to be applied for the prediction of the flow parameters in multi-sized particulate solid-liquid mixtures and to improve the model accuracy.

The Cauchy momentum equation for both liquid and solid phases can be written as:

\[
(1 - C)\rho_l \frac{dV_{Li}}{dt} = (1 - C)\rho_l f_i - (1 - C) \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial \tau_{Lij}}{\partial x_j} + (R_{Li})_s \tag{5.23}
\]

\[
c\rho_s \frac{dV_{Si}}{dt} = c\rho_s f_i - c \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial \tau_{Sij}}{\partial x_j} + (R_{si})_L \tag{5.24}
\]

Where \( \tau_{Lij} \) and \( \tau_{sij} \) are shear stresses due to liquid phase and solid phase separately. \( f_i \) is the specific body force, and both terms \( (R_{Li})_s \) and \( (R_{si})_L \) are the interaction forces per unit volume of the slurry which are equal in magnitude and opposite in sense. In the particular case of microscopically steady \( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0 \right) \), uniform \( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} = 0 \right) \) and unidirectional flow in a pipe \( (V_1 = V_2 = 0, V_3 = V = 0) \), equations (5.23) and (5.24) can be rewritten as below:

\[
0 = (1 - C)\rho_l f_z - (1 - C) \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \tau_{Lz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{Lz}}{\partial y} + (R_{Lz})_s \tag{5.25}
\]

\[
0 = c\rho_s f_z - c \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \tau_{Sz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{Sz}}{\partial y} + (R_{Sz})_s \tag{5.26}
\]

The shear stress has two components, one due to a change in viscosity between the adjacent layers and the other due to the mass turbulent exchange between these layers.

\[
\tau = \tau_{friction} + \tau_{turbulent} \tag{5.27}
\]
The frictional shear stress in the liquid phase can be determined by using Newton’s law of viscosity applied to the volume occupied by liquid and turbulent shear stress as derivative of kinetic energy as below:

\[ \tau_{Lzx} = \tau_{friction L(S)} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \alpha_{Lzx} (1 - C) \rho_l V_l^2 \right] \]  \hspace{1cm} (5.28)

\[ \tau_{Szx} = \tau_{friction S(L)} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \alpha_{Szx} C \rho_s V_s^2 \right] \]  \hspace{1cm} (5.29)

Where \( \alpha_{Lzx} \) and \( \alpha_{Szx} \) are coefficients of turbulence and \( \tau_{friction L(S)} \) is the shear stress due to the friction between fluid layers in the presence of solid particles.

\[ \tau_{friction L(S)} = (1 - C) \mu_{L(S)} \frac{\partial V_l}{\partial x} \]  \hspace{1cm} (5.30)

\( \tau_{friction S(L)} \) is considered to be a shear stress as a result of friction between solid particles due to relative motion in the liquid.

By summing both equations (5.25) and (5.26) and considering \( (R_{Lz})_z = -(R_{Sz})_L \), the following equation can be created:

\[ 0 = \rho_m f_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial (\tau_{Lzx} + \tau_{Szx})}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (\tau_{Lzy} + \tau_{Szy})}{\partial y} \]  \hspace{1cm} (5.31)

Assuming \( \alpha_{zx} = \alpha_{zy} = \alpha \), and using equations (5.28), (5.29) and (5.31), the momentum equation in the axial direction becomes:

\[ 0 = \rho_m f_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \mu_m \frac{\partial V_m}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (\alpha_m \rho_m V_m^2)}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \mu_m \frac{\partial V_m}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial (\alpha_m \rho_m V_m^2)}{\partial y} \right] \]  \hspace{1cm} (5.32)

Where,

\[ V_m = \frac{V_L}{\beta_L} = \frac{V_S}{\beta_S}; \beta_L > 1, \beta_S < 1 \]  \hspace{1cm} (5.33)

\[ \rho_m = (1 - C) \rho_l + C \rho_S \]  \hspace{1cm} (5.34)
\[ \mu_m = (\tau_{friction \, l(S)} + \tau_{friction \, s(L)}) \frac{\partial m}{\partial V_m} \quad (5.35) \]

\( m = x \) and is estimated from the expression proposed by Vocaldo and Charles [105],

\[ \mu_m = \mu_t \left[ \exp \left( \frac{2.5C - n(c/C_{max})}{1 - (c/C_{max})} \right) \right] \quad (5.36) \]

\( n \) is the experimental coefficient (\( n=2 \) for sand) and \( C_{max} \) is the maximum packing concentration. In the present study, the two proposed equations of (4.11) and (4.12) are utilised to calculate \( C_{max} \) for uni-sized and multi-sized slurries respectively.

For solids of relatively smaller dimensions, the ratio \( \frac{V_S}{V_L} = \frac{\beta_S}{\beta_L} \approx 1 \). Now the momentum equation can be rearranged as below:

\[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( p + \rho_m g h \right) = \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \left[ \pi_m V_m + \rho_m \alpha_m V_m^2 \right] - (V_m \nabla^2 \mu_m + \nabla \mu_m \nabla V_m) \quad (5.37) \]

Where \( h \) is measured in downward vertical direction.

The last two terms of equation (5.28) expressing a second order effect of viscosity. By neglecting these two terms in the turbulent flow, the results of cylindrical pipe with any inclination can be expressed as:

\[ \nabla^2 \xi = \frac{d(p + \rho_m g h)}{dz} \quad (5.38) \]

Where

\[ \xi = \pi_m V_m + \rho_m \alpha_m V_m^2 \quad (5.39) \]

Equations (5.38) and (5.39) can be rewritten for a horizontal circular pipeline as below:
\[ \xi(r) = \frac{1}{4} \left( -\frac{dp}{dz} \right) \left( D^2/4 - r^2 \right) \quad (5.40) \]

and

\[ V_m(r) = -\frac{\mu_m}{2\alpha_{md}} + \sqrt{\frac{\mu_m^2}{4\alpha_{md}^2} + \frac{\xi(r)}{\alpha_{md}}} \quad (5.41) \]

Where \( \alpha_{md} = \rho_m \alpha_m \) is the dynamic coefficient of turbulence for the solid-liquid mixture. \( \alpha_{md} \) can be expressed for slurry as below:

\[ \alpha_{md} = \left[ (1 - C) \rho_l \alpha_{L(S)} \beta_L^2 + C \rho_s \alpha_s \beta_S^2 \right] \quad (5.42) \]

Where \( \beta_L \) and \( \beta_S \) are the ratio of liquid velocity and solid velocity to slurry mixture velocity respectively.

The coefficient of turbulence in the case of water flow and slurry flow can be expressed as:

\[ \delta \alpha_{md} = \left[ (1 - C) \rho_l \phi_{L(S)} \beta_L^2 + C \rho_s \phi_s \beta_S^2 \right] \delta \alpha_0 \quad (5.43) \]

Where \( \phi_{L(S)} \) is the ratio between kinematic coefficients for liquid phase in the presence of solid particles, and in the absence of solid particles, and \( \phi_s \) is the ratio between the kinematic coefficient for solid phase and that for clear water.

According to Peckenkin [106], \( \phi_{L(S)} \) can be related as:

\[ \phi_{L(S)} = \frac{\delta \alpha_{L(S)}}{\delta \alpha_0} = 1 - C/C_{max} \quad (5.44) \]

Equation (5.44) was modified by Mishra [4] based on his experimental data as below:

\[ \phi_{L(S)} = \frac{\delta \alpha_{L(S)}}{\delta \alpha_0} = 1 - \left( C/C_{max} \right)^b \quad (5.45) \]

Where \( \alpha_{L(S)} \) and \( \alpha_0 \) are kinematic coefficients of liquid phase in presence of solid phase and in absence of solid phase respectively. \( b \) is a coefficient which was
found to be independent of efflux concentration and flow velocity with a value of 0.5.

The expression of $\phi_S$ as proposed by Mishra [4] is:

$$\phi_S = \frac{\delta a_s}{\delta a_0} = \exp\left(\frac{1/Fr}{1 - \left(C/C_{\text{max}}\right)^a}\right)$$

(5.46)

Where

$$Fr = \frac{U^*}{g \, d_{av} (S_S - 1)}$$

(5.47)

$a$ is the experimental coefficient independent of efflux concentration and flow velocity and was found to be 0.7, $d_{av}$ is the weighted mean diameter of the particles and $U_*$ is the shear velocity.

In equation (5.43), $\phi_{L(S)}$ approaches zero when the value of $C$ approaches $C_{\text{max}}$ because when the solid concentration in solid-liquid flow reaches static settled concentration there is no diffusion between the layers. Furthermore, when $C$ approaches zero, $\phi_{L(S)}$ becomes unity which is true for representing the flow of clear water. An evaluation has been made for both coefficients of $a$ and $b$ based on the comparison between calculated velocity distribution along different planes and measured flow rate.

The dynamic coefficient of turbulence for flow of clear water is given by the following semi-empirical equation [104]:

$$\alpha_0 = \frac{D}{4} \left(1 - 4 \frac{r^2}{D^2}\right) \left[8.5 - 5.75 \log \left(\frac{k + 3.3 \frac{v}{U_*}}{\frac{D}{2} - r}\right)\right]^{-2}$$

(5.48)
To calculate the dynamic coefficient for slurries $\alpha_{md}$, the distance $(\frac{D}{2} - r)$ is replaced by $Y_{eq}$.

$$
\frac{Y_{eq}}{dY} = \frac{1}{(1 - c) \phi L(S) \beta_L z + c_s \phi S \beta_S z^2} = \frac{1}{\phi(C)}
$$

The expression of $Y_{eq}$ from at the $n^{th}$ increment of distance from the pipe wall is:

$$
Y_{eq} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta Y_i / \phi(C_i)
$$

Where $C_i$ is the solid concentration at the midpoint of distance increment $\delta y_i$.

Experimentally, $Y_{eq}$ is considered to be smaller than the summation value of equation (5.50) from the point under consideration vertically to the bottom of the pipe, and from the any considered point radially to the pipe wall.

In this proposed model, the value of the coefficient of sliding friction is considered as a variable, which is assumed to depend on particle diameter, solid concentration, operational velocity and settling velocity as explained in the previous chapter.

**5.3.1 Results of the Proposed Velocity Profile Model**

The proposed model is based on the proposed equations that were explained in the previous chapter, such as the equation of maximum settled concentration for uni sized and multi sized slurries. In addition, both proposed models of concentration distribution and pressure drop that were illustrated in the previous sections have been used. The model is designed as per the following steps:

1. Input a value of pipe diameter $D$.
2. Input the value of solid throughput (target).
3. Input the size fractions and percentage finer of the solid particles.
4. Calculate mixture flow rate $Q_m$ using solid throughput and solid concentration.
5. Calculate pressure drop based on modified two-layer model.
6. Calculate shear velocity using the result of pressure drop (equation 5.10).
7. Calculate liquid diffusivity, solid diffusivity and actual settling velocity of the $j^{th}$ size fraction (equations 5.13, 5.12 and 5.21).
8. Calculate the relative concentration $V_j(Y)$ and apply equation (5-8).
9. Apply equation (5.47) to calculate $Fr$.
10. Apply equations (4-11) and (4.12) to calculate $C_{max}$.
11. Apply equation (5.46) to calculate $\phi_S$.
12. Apply equation (5.45) to calculate $\phi_{L(S)}$.
13. Apply the dynamic turbulent using equation (5.40), (5.41) and (5.42).
14. The coefficient of turbulence can be found by applying equation (5.35) and (5.36).
15. Apply equations (5.42) and (5.43).

For unisized particulate slurry flow, the predicted results of the proposed model have been compared with the experimental data and CFD results of Nabil et al [107]. As shown in figure 5.6, the predicted results for 0.2mm sand slurries with 10% concentration and 2 m/s velocity are compared with experimental data and
CFD results [107]. Both the results show an inaccurate fit with the experimental data in dilute slurries.

Figure 5-6. Velocity profile for flow of 0.2mm sand particle at 10% concentration and 2 m/s

Figure 5.7 depicts a comparison study between measured and predicted data for fine dense particle slurries with 30% concentration and 1.4mm particle diameter. As shown, the results of multi-layer model show a better fit between the measured and predicted data compared to figure 5.6.
Figure 5-7. Velocity profile for flow of 1.4mm sand particle at 30% concentration and 1m/sec

Figure 5.7 shows a comparison between the measured and predicted velocity profile for 0.7mm particles slurries with 20% concentration and 1 m/s velocity. The results show a better fit between the measured and predicted data compared to Figures 5.6 and 5.7.

Figure 5-8. Velocity profile for flow of 0.7mm sand particle at 20% concentration and 1m/sec
For dense unisized particles slurries, slurry with 0.7mm sand particles and 20% and 30% concentration by volume have been studied. As shown in Figures 5.9 and 5.8, the mixture flows at 3 m/s and the concentrations are 20% and 30% respectively. The predicted results of the multi-layer model show a reasonable fit with the experimental data.

Figure 5-9. Velocity profile for flow of 0.7mm sand particle at 20% concentration and 3m/sec
Figure 5-10. Velocity profile for flow of 0.7mm sand particle at 30% concentration and 3m/sec

Figure 5.10 depicts the comparison between the predicted results and experimental results for dense slurries at a high operating velocity. The slurry contains 30% concentration by volume of 0.7mm sand and flows with 5 m/s velocity. The predicted results using the multi-layer model show a reasonable fit with the experimental data.
Figure 5.11. Velocity profile for flow of 0.7mm sand particle at 30% concentration and 5 m/s

For multi-sized particulate slurries, the experimental data of Gillies (1993) [9] has been used. Figures 5.11 and 5.12 show the velocity profile of 15% concentration multi-sized particulate slurries with operating velocity of 1.83 m/s and 3.05 m/s respectively through a 0.0532m diameter pipe. The results show a better fit at lower operating velocities.
Figure 5-12 Velocity profile for flow of multi-sized sand particles in 0.0532m diameter pipe at 15% concentration and 1.83 m/sec
For studying other examples, coarser multi-sized particulate slurries were used containing 2.38mm diameter to 0.007mm diameter particles. As shown in figures 5.13 and 5.14, the model has a reasonable fit with the experimental data with operating velocities of 1.8 m/s and 3.05 m/s respectively.
Figure 5-14. Velocity profile for flow of multi-sized sand particles in 0.0532m diameter pipe at 15% concentration and 1.8m/sec
Figure 5-15. Velocity profile for flow of multi-sized sand particles in 0.0532m diameter pipe at 15% concentration and 3.05m/sec.

The same mixture was tested again with a bigger pipe diameter (0.2136m). Figures 5.15 and 5.16 show a comparison between the measured and predicted results of the velocity profile at high operation velocities of 4.21m/s and 4.65 m/s respectively. The results show an acceptable match between the measured and predicted data.

As shown in the figures, the model gives more accurate results in low velocities than high velocities. In addition, the particle size also has effective role in the results. In coarse particle slurries, the model result has a good fit with the experimental data.
Figure 5-16. Velocity profile for flow of multi-sized sand particles in 0.2136 diameter pipe at 15% concentration and 4.21 m/sec
Figure 5-17. Velocity profile for flow of multi-sized sand particles in 0.2136 diameter pipe at 15% concentration and 4.65 m/sec

### 5.4 Prediction of Pressure Drop

The prediction of head loss is essential in the design of a slurry pipeline in order to estimate the energy requirement under various operating conditions. Most of the proposed models to predict the head loss are empirical in nature [27, 30, 46]. These models have been developed based on experimental data for both equally sized and narrow size range particles. The flow of most commercial slurry pipelines is generally turbulent with a heterogeneous distribution of solid particles across the pipe cross-section. Under these conditions, the prediction of head loss becomes...
complex. The prediction of pressure drop in the current study is based on the SRC two layer model as explained in detail in the previous chapter. However, the model has been modified from two-layer to multi-layer. The number of layers should be specified as a basic input of the model. The idea of this modification is to build a model as close as possible to reality and to improve its power of prediction.

To define the ultrafine particles ($d_{cf}$), equation (1.8) is used. $C_f$ is determined from $C_c$ and the particle size distribution and $C_r$ is determined using equation (4.4). $C_c$ is the actual concentration of coarse particle in each layer which is the sum of $j^{th}$ size fraction in that layer.

The density of the carrier fluid can be defined as below:

\[
\rho_f = \frac{\rho_t (1 - C_t) + \rho_s C_f}{1 - C_t + C_f}
\]  
(5.52)

The discharge of the mixture is a constant value which equal to the sum of the actual discharge in each layer as below:

\[
AV = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_i V_i
\]  
(5.52)

However,

\[
F_f = \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_f \left[ (1 - C_i) A_i V_i \right] / (1 - C_r)
\]  
(5.53)

The flux of ($-d_{cf}$) particles.

\[
Q_c = \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_c_i A_i V_i
\]  
(5.54)

The delivered solid flowrate (including $-d_{cf}$ particles)

\[
C_v AV = C_f AV + Q_c + F_f
\]  
(5.55)

Mixture density in each layer

\[
\rho_i = \rho_f (1 - C_i + C_f) + \rho_s C_f
\]  
(5.56)
Force balance for n-layers

**For layer 1:**

\[ i_1 \rho_i g = \left( \tau_1 S_1 - \tau_{12} S_{12} \right) / A_1 \]  
(5.57a)

**For layer n:**

\[ i_n \rho_i g = \left( \tau_n S_n + \tau_{n(n-1)} S_{n(n-1)} \right) / A_n \]  
(5.57b)

**For layers 2 to n:**

\[ i \rho_i g = \left( \tau_i S_i - \tau_{ij} S_{ij} + \tau_{ki} S_{ki} \right) / A_n \]  
where \( i = 2, 3, ..., (n - 1), j = i + 1, k = i - 1 \)  
(5.57c)

The sign of \(-\tau_{ij}\) is determined by \( V_i > V_{i-1} \)

The total pressure drop in the pipe can be defined as an average of the local pressure drops in n layers. The detailed steps for applying the proposed model were presented in figure 5.17.
5.4.1 Validation of the Proposed Model of Pressure Drop

In the previous section, a Multi-layer model for predicting the pressure drop of solid-liquid flow in circular pipelines has been discussed. In order to validate the model, two main methods were used. First the model was validated against experimental data and the prediction power of the proposed model was compared with the modified two layer model and wasp model. For this purpose, a solid-liquid flow loop was developed in order to generate new experimental data as explained.

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**Figure 5-18. Flowchart for applying the Multi-layer model**
in Chapter 3. In addition, many published experimental data were used from refs. [4, 9, 45, 83, 84].

Figure 5.18 depicts the comparison between the experimental data and predicted data using different models with operating velocity range (1.5 m/s to 5.5 m/s). As shown, the proposed model has good prediction power and provides a good match with the experimental data.

![Comparison between measured and predicted overall pressure drop](image)

Figure 5-19. Comparison between measured and predicted overall pressure drop (using the two-layer model, Wasp model and proposed model)
5.5 Summary of the Chapter

In this chapter, a new model (the Multi-layer model) was introduced for the prediction of pressure drop, concentration distribution and velocity profile for solid-liquid flow in horizontal circular pipelines. The proposed model contains many empirical and semi empirical equations, some of which were proposed in the current study based on extensive data analysis.

The proposed multi-layer model of concentration distribution prediction has been designed based on the Karabelas model and two-layer model. The results were compared with the experimental data (by Gillies 1993) and predicted results (using the Karabelas model). Figure 5.4 depicts the improved prediction power of the proposed model if compared with the Karabelas model.

The second part of the multi-layer model was a model for prediction of the velocity profile. The model was developed based on the computational procedure originally proposed by Roco and Shook [104] for the prediction of the velocity profile across the pipe cross-section. The model was tested on both uni-sized and multi-sized particulate slurries. As shown in the results, further improvements are needed in order to get a model with better prediction power. In addition, more researches with accurate experimental investigations are needed in this field.

The last part of the multi-layer model is the prediction model of pressure drop. This model has been proposed based on the two-layer model. The model was designed based on n number of layers, which can be specified by the user. The mass balance and force balance equations were applied in each layer and the local pressure drop in each layer was defined. The total pressure drop at any point along
the pipeline can be defined as the average of the pressure drop in specified layers. As shown in figure 5.5, the proposed model has a good data fit with the experimental results.

![Flow chart of applying the Multi-Layer model](image)

Figure 5-20. Flow chart of applying the Multi-Layer model
CHAPTER 6  Optimisation of horizontal pipelines transporting slurries

The optimisation of solid-liquid two-phase flow pipelines is essential, as commercial viability is concerned in the design of these pipelines. In the Literature review (Chapter 2), some of the existing optimisation models were highlighted. Different methods have been utilised in the presented models such as mechanical design and hydraulic design. In this work, an optimisation methodology has been developed based on both mechanical and hydraulic design.
6.1 Introduction

The least-cost principles method and the proposed prediction models that are explained in the previous chapters were used. All these models are interconnected together to take both the design standards of acceptability and commercial validity into consideration. Robustness and user-friendliness are two main features of the proposed model.

6.2 Developed Least Cost Principle Method

The least cost principle model intends to optimize the design in order to have minimum cost. The cost of a pipeline includes the manufacturing cost and operation cost of the system. This model can also be applied to a slurry pipeline system.

The total cost of a slurry pipeline can be defined as the following:

\[ C_T = C_{\text{manufacturing}} + C_{\text{Operating}} \]  

(6.1)

In order to have an accurate and meaningful total cost, we have to calculate both the manufacturing and operating costs in specified time period. The operating cost can easily be calculated as per one-year of operation. However, the manufacturing cost can also be considered per year by using system depreciation.

6.3 Manufacturing Cost

The manufacturing cost of most slurry systems can be divided into the pumping station cost and pipeline cost. The design selection of any pumping station is based on many parameters such as the minimum required solid throughput, the mixture properties, pipeline type and length.
\[ C_{\text{Manufacturing}} = C_{\text{pump}} + C_{\text{pipe}} \]  \hspace{1cm} (6.2)

The net annual cost of pipe per unit pipe length \( C_{\text{pipe}} \) is given by Chermisinoff [3] as a function of net annual cost of pipe per unit weight of pipe material \( C_2 \):

\[ C_{\text{pipe}} = \pi D t \gamma_p C_2 \]  \hspace{1cm} (6.3)

where:

- \( t \): Thickness (m)
- \( \gamma_p = \rho_p g \) = Specific weight of the pipe \( (N/m^3) \)
- \( \rho \): Density \( (Kg/m^3) \)

The standard dimension ratio SDR is the ratio of pipe diameter to the wall thickness of the pipe. Hence, the cost of the pipe would be:

\[ C_{\text{pipe}} = \pi D^2 \gamma_p C_2 / \text{SDR} \]  \hspace{1cm} (6.4)

**6.4 System Depreciation**

Depreciation is an accounting method in order to allocate the total cost of any system over its expected operation life. Usually the depreciation method is used for calculating taxes and for other accounting purposes. In this work, depreciation can be used in order to calculate the manufacturing cost per one year of operation. There are different depreciation methods such as declining balance method and straight-line method. In this work, the straight-line method was used due to simplicity of the system and its applicability to the optimization model.
Depreciation rate = \frac{(System Value - Salvage value)}{Useful Life} \\
(6.5)

6.5 Cost of Power

The cost power for operating the system for one hour can be expressed as:

\[ C_{\text{Power/hr}} = C_1 \times P \]  \\
(6.6)

Where \( C_1 \) is the unit cost of power per one KW-Hr and \( P \) is the power needed for operating the pump. The power needed for operating the system can be defined as:

\[ P = \gamma_m Q \Delta P / \eta \]  \\
(6.7)

Where:

\( \gamma_m = \rho_m g \) : Specific weight of the mixture (\( N/m^3 \))

\( Q_m \) : Mixture flow rate (\( m^3/sec \))

\( \Delta P \) : Pressure drop (\( m/m \))

\( \eta \) : Efficiency of the Pumping Unit (%)

The mixture density can be defined as:

\[ \rho_m = (C_v \rho_s) + (1 - C_v \rho_l) \]  \\
(6.8)

Where:

\( \rho_s \) : Solid density (\( Kg/m^3 \))

\( \rho_l \) : Carrier fluid density (\( Kg/m^3 \))

The total cost of power for operating the pipeline for one year can be expressed as:
\[ C_{Power} = C_1 \gamma_m Q_m \Delta P L_p H_{day} D_{year} / \eta \]  

(6.9)

where:

- \( L_p \): Length of the pipe (m)
- \( H_{day} \): Operating hours per day (Hr/Day)
- \( D_{year} \): Operating days per year (Day/Year)

The mixture flow rate can be expressed as a function of the pipe cross-sectional area and operational velocity as below:

\[ Q_m = \pi D^2 / 4 V \]  

(6.10)

- \( V \): Flow Velocity (m/sec)

The pressure drop has been measured in this model based on the multi-layer model as explained in the previous chapter. In addition to the mentioned major losses, there are minor losses such as the loses due to pipe fittings and bends [77] and the losses due to crushing of particles [78]. For a long pipeline, the effect of these minor losses will be negligible [78].

6.6 The Optimisation Model

An optimisation model has been proposed in this work based on developed least cost principles and prediction models that were proposed in the previous chapter. The optimisation model can be run as per the following steps with the input value of the solid throughput.

1- Assume a value of D using for loop from 0.05 to 0.2 using step 0.05.

The value of solid throughput is known (target).

2- The pipeline length is given.
3- Assume the value of solid concentration.
4- Mixture flow rate $Q_m$ can be calculated using solid throughput and solid concentration.
5- For each value of D, the mixture flow velocity can be calculated using mixture flow rate and pipe cross-section area.
6- Calculating the cost of pipes depends on the information regarding the pipe materials and the market price.
7- For each value of D, find the optimum value of velocity to reach the required value of solid throughput.
8- Assume the pumping unit efficiency (0.6 – 0.75) and then keep it fixed.
9- Calculate the pressure drop using multi-layer model.
10- Find out the power requirement for the system.
11- Assume the useful life of the pipeline, such as 20 years.
12- Calculate the power cost of the pipeline for the period of useful life of the pipeline (20 years operation).
13- Calculate the pipeline total cost (Pipeline cost + operation cost) for the useful life period (20 years).
14- Save the data for each value of D and find the case where the value of the total cost is minimal.
6.7 Design Case Studies

6.7.1 Optimisation for Uni-size Slurry Pipeline

**Case Study 1:**

An optimal design is needed for a high dense polyethylene pipeline transporting 700 mm diameter gravel with 20% concentration. The solid density is 2650 kg/m³ and the carrier fluid is water with 999 kg/m³ density. The required solid throughput is 65 kg/hr. Assume that the cost of unit power is C₁=1.4 per KwH, the pipe density is 960 kg/m³ and C₂=1.

By applying the proposed model of optimisation, the results shown in Table 6-1 were obtained.
Table 6-1 Variations in total cost and pumping velocity w.r.t pipe diameter for Case study 1

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6.7.2 Optimisation for Multi-Size Slurry Pipeline

**Case Study 2:**

An optimal design is needed for a high density polyethylene pipeline transporting multi-sized slurries with 15% concentration. The solid density is 2650 kg/m³ and the carrier fluid is water with 999 kg/m³ density. The required solid throughput is 60 kg/hr. Assume that the cost of unit power is $C_1 = 1.4$ per KwH, the pipe density is 960 kg/m³ and $C_2 = 1$. The solid size fractions and percentage finer are as follows:

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Figure 6.1. Variation of various slurry pipeline costs for case study 1.
By applying the proposed model of optimisation, the results shown in Table 6-2 were obtained.

Table 6-2 Variations in total cost and pumping velocity w.r.t pipe diameter for case study 2

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Case Study 3:

An optimal design is needed for a high density polyethylene pipeline transporting multi-sized slurries with 15% concentration. The solid density is 2650 kg/m$^3$ and the carrier fluid is water with 999 kg/m$^3$ density. The required solid throughput is 70 kg/hr. Assume that the cost of unit power is $C_1=1.4$ per KwH, the pipe density is 960 kg/m$^3$ and $C_2=1$. The solid size fractions and percentage finer are as the following:

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By applying the proposed model of optimisation, the results shown in Table 6-3 were obtained.
Table 6-3 Variations in total cost and pumping velocity w.r.t pipe diameter for case study 3

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Figure 6.3. Variation of various slurry pipeline costs for case study 3.

Figure 6.4 depicts the variations in the pumping velocity and total head loss in the slurry pipeline for different pipe diameters. It is a fact that the mixture velocity is directly proportional with the pipe diameter. In addition, the figure clearly demonstrates that the total pressure drop is directly proportional to the operating velocity. Hence, this result supports the results of pumping power required for various pipeline diameters.
Figure 6.4. Variations of operating velocity and total head loss for various pipeline diameters for case study 3.

6.7 Summary of the Optimisation Model

A detailed cost analysis of pipelines transporting slurries with fixed solid throughput gives the following results:

- The manufacturing cost is directly proportional to the pipe diameter as shown in figures 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3.
- The operating cost is inversely proportional to the pipe diameter as shown in figures 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3.
- The total cost is inversely proportional with diameters less than the diameter at the optimal point, as shown in figures 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3.
➢ The total cost is directly proportional with diameters greater than the diameter in the optimal point, as shown in figures 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3.

➢ The total head loss is inversely proportional to the pipe diameter and directly proportional with mixture velocity as depicted in figure 6.4.

➢ For the same concentration of case studies (2&3), the coarser particle size has a smaller optimal pipe diameter than the finer particles slurries. This is due to a higher pressure drop in the flow of the fine particle slurries.

➢ The useful life of any pipeline is an important parameter in the optimisation model. This value must be accurately assumed by the designer based on the special mathematical equations according to the quality of the used materials.
CHAPTER 7 Conclusion and Discussion

From the results obtained in the previous chapters regarding the solid-liquid multiphase flow in horizontal pipes, and the development of a prediction model for predicting slurry flow properties, detailed conclusions are drawn in this chapter. In addition, the major achievements are referenced back to the initial aims of this research and contributions to the existing knowledge base are summarised. Finally, the next steps to complete this ongoing study and the future work are planned and explained.
7.1 Research Problem Synopsis
Transport of solid particles through pipelines is extensively used in chemical engineering and many other applications. However, the majority of research studies carried out on slurry flow in circular pipelines are based on either empirical or semi empirical correlations and assumptions which lack a mathematical basis and detailed investigations about the complex flow behaviour within such pipelines. Since the middle of the last century, several models have been proposed to predict slurry flow behaviour within pipelines. However, the prediction power of the proposed models changes based on different operating conditions. Thus, extensive works were undertaken in this thesis in order to propose a model with better prediction power which is suitable for a wider range of operational conditions.

From the comprehensive review of the literature presented in Chapter 2, a number of limitations were found which are concerned with the above mentioned issues. To improve the prediction model for complex solid-liquid flow in horizontal pipes a set of aims and objectives were identified which represent the scope of this study.

7.2 Research Aims and Major Achievements
The main aims of the current study are outlined in Chapter 1.

Research Aim #1: Experimental based flow diagnostics for solid-liquid flow.
Achievement: The available multiphase flow loop facility in the University of Huddersfield, which was previously used for the flow of solid-liquid mixture in
vertical and inclined pipes, was adopted for horizontal flow experiments. A new 90mm pipeline was installed and used to collect the experimental data. The study involved the observation of slurry flow through the transparent pipe section. Moreover, experiments were performed to collect data that have been used for proposing empirical equations as explained in Chapter 4.

**Research Aim #2:** Numerical flow diagnostic and design of horizontal pipes transporting slurries.

**Achievement:** This study provides a detailed numerical based investigation of solid-liquid two-phase flow in horizontal pipelines. The model is able to predict pressure drop along the pipeline, concentration distribution and velocity profile across the pipe cross-section based on some basic input data, which are the pipe diameter and pipe wall roughness, the physical properties and volume fraction of solid particles, the physical properties of the carrier fluid and the operational velocity. Furthermore, any of the input data can be optimised based on the analysis of wide range of data according to the requirement of the design.

**Research Aim #3:** Development of an analytical model for the optimum design of pipelines transporting slurries.

**Achievement:** In the current study, a prediction and optimisation model for pipelines transporting slurries was proposed. The model is an improvement of the
Least Cost Principle method. The model is capable of predicting the optimal diameter of a pipeline in order to have the least manufacturing and operation cost. The models of pressure drop, concentration distribution and velocity profile that are proposed in this work have been used in the model.

7.3 Report Conclusions:
A comprehensive study has been conducted in the area of solid-liquid flow in horizontal pipes in order to support the existing literature and to contribute to the knowledge in this regard. The main conclusions of this report can be summarised as follows:

Research Objective #1: To develop a robust prediction model for predicting the pressure drop of multi-sized particulate slurry flow in horizontal pipes.

Conclusion #1: This research suggests some improvements on the two-layer model. These modifications were applied by developing a prediction model for the prediction of pressure drop of solid-liquid flow in horizontal pipes. The modified model contains semi-empirical correlations that were provided by the available literature, and new equations proposed in this study.

The model was developed based on studying the effects of different parameters on pressure drop. The considered design parameters are pipe diameter, solid particle size and solid concentration by volume. Then the effects of each parameter on pressure drop were presented. Then an empirical equation was developed
which considers these effects. The most important outcome of this work is considering the coefficient of sliding friction between solid particles and the pipe wall as a variable parameter. An equation was derived in order to predict the value of sliding friction based on the mentioned design parameters.

The proposed model was validated by comparing the results with the experimental data. In addition to the experimental results that are explained in Chapter 3, different experimental data were used in order to check the prediction power of the model. Furthermore, the model was also compared with the Wasp model and the two-layer model. As shown in the presented graphs, the proposed model has good prediction power with respect to the other prediction models.

**Research Objective #2:** To determine the effects of the solid-liquid mixture properties, operational velocity and pipe diameter on the pressure drop within the pipelines.

**Conclusion #2:** The effects of the solid-liquid mixture properties, operational velocity and pipe diameter on the pressure drop were studied based on their effects on the coefficient of sliding friction between the solid particles and pipe wall. In Chapter 4, all these effects have been explained in detail. The chapter clearly demonstrated that these factors have direct effects on the value of the coefficient of sliding friction. Hence, this coefficient cannot be considered as a fixed value as suggested by many previous works.
A computer based numerical program was designed to find the ideal value of the coefficient of sliding friction for given flow properties. Hundreds of experimental data cases were applied. The results were analysed based on the effect of particle size, concentration of solids in the mixture, operational velocity and pipe diameter. The effect of each factor was studied separately and depicted in a graph. In the next step, these data were joined together in order to develop semi-empirical relations for the friction factor and pressure drop in horizontal pipeline transporting slurries.

**Research Objective #3:** The development of a semi-empirical equation for the coefficient of friction in the solid-liquid flow system.

**Conclusion #3:** The coefficient of friction between particle-particle and particle-wall is the dominant factor causing pressure drops in coarse slurry flow in cylindrical pipelines. Many parameters were found to be greatly important in determining the magnitude of the overall frictional coefficient, such as, the ratio of operating velocity to the particle settling velocity $\frac{v}{v_c}$ and the ratio of the solid concentration in the lower layer to the solid concentration in the upper layer based on the two-layer model. There are also other parameters found to have less effect on the coefficient of friction, such as the ratio of particle diameter to the wall roughness in smooth wall horizontal pipelines.

An empirical equation was derived for predicting the coefficient of friction in a coarse slurry pipeline based on the experimental data. The new equation was
applied to the SRC Two-Layer Model. The results show better predictions of pressure drops in comparison to the experimental data.

**Research Objective #4:** To develop a Multi-Layer model for predicting the solid concentration distribution for the flow of multi-sized particulate slurries across a cross-section of horizontal pipes.

**Conclusion #4:** A Multi-layer model was proposed to predict the concentration distribution of solid particles across the cross-section of horizontal slurry flow pipelines. The proposed model is based on the general solution of diffusion equations [60, 98]. The model can be considered as a modified Karabelas model and is capable of predicting the concentration of each particle size fraction in any layer across a cross-section of such pipes.

The proposed model was validated by comparing the results with the experimental data. For this purpose, different experimental works in the literature were used. Furthermore, the model was also compared with the Karabelas model and the two-layer model. As shown in the comparison graphs, the proposed model has acceptable prediction power with respect to the other prediction models. Further analysis of the model results is needed to show the prediction power of the model.

**Research Objective #5:** To develop a Multi-Layer model for predicting the velocity profile of multi-sized particulate slurry flow across a cross-section of horizontal pipes.
Conclusion #5: A Multi-layer model has been proposed to predict the velocity profile of multi-sized particulate slurry flow across the cross-section of horizontal slurry flow pipelines. The proposed model is based on the computational procedure originally proposed by Roco and Shook [104] and modified equations of the dynamic coefficient of turbulence for the solid-liquid mixture proposed by Mishra [4]. In this work, in addition to the structure of the multi-layer model, the proposed equations that are illustrated in Chapter 4 have been used.

The proposed model was validated by comparing the results with the experimental data for both uni-sized and multi-sized slurries. In the case of uni-sized slurries, in addition to the experimental data, the predicted data was compared with the predicted CFD results by Nabil et al [107]. As shown in the figures of the results in Chapter 5, the model has reasonable agreements with the experimental data. The accuracy of the proposed model depends on the operation velocity, solid concentration and particle size. In low velocities, the model gives more accurate results than high velocities as shown in figures 5.9 and 5.10. In addition, a better match between the model data and experimental data was noticed in lower concentration slurries as depicted in Figures 5.8 and 5.9. Furthermore, the model gives better prediction results in coarse particles slurries than fine slurries as shown in Figures 5.12 and 5.14. Further analysis of the model results and accurate and reliable experimental works are needed in order to evaluate the prediction power of the proposed model.
**Research Objective #6:** To determine the effects of the solid-liquid mixture properties, operational velocity and pipe diameter on the velocity profile within the pipelines.

**Conclusion #6:** From the investigations regarding the effect of the solid-liquid mixture properties, operational velocity and pipe diameter on the velocity profile within the pipelines, carried out in this study, it can be concluded that all the mentioned factors have significant effects on the velocity profile. All the mentioned relations have been clearly explained in Chapter 5. This conclusion is true for both uni-sized and multi-sized particulate slurries. The results were analysed based on the effect of particle size, concentration of solids in the mixture, operational velocity and pipe diameter. The effect of each factor was studied separately and depicted using graphs. As shown in figures 5.8 and 5.9, at 20% solid concentration, the maximum velocity was recorded at Y/D=0.6, however, at 30% solid concentration the maximum velocity was recorded at Y/D=0.68 for the same operational velocity and particle size. In addition, for the same concentration and particle size slurries, by increasing the operational velocity, the maximum velocity will be at a lower Y/D value as shown in figures 5.9 and 5.10. Moreover, particle size also has a significant effect on velocity profile. As shown in figures 5.12 and 5.14, maximum velocity will be at a higher Y/D for fine slurries than coarse slurries. More studies and experimental investigations are needed in order to develop equations to predict accurate velocity profiles based on the mentioned understandings.
Research Objective #7: To develop a Multi-Layer model for predicting the pressure drop of multi-sized particulate slurry flow across a cross-section of horizontal pipes.

Conclusion #7: The prediction of pressure drop in the current study is based on the SRC Two Layer Model as explained in detail in Chapter 3. However, the model was modified from two-layer to multi-layer based on the general structure of the model. The number of layers were specified as a basic input of the model. The idea of this modification is to build a model as close as possible to reality and to improve its power of prediction. The main point of the improvement in this model is applying the force balance equation in each layer according to the local velocity and solid concentration of the layers.

Research Objective #8: Development of a robust optimisation model for a solid-liquid flow system based on the least-cost principle.

Conclusion #8: From the proposed optimisation model that is explained in Chapter 6 regarding the horizontal pipeline transporting slurries, it can be concluded that, for a fixed solid throughput in such a pipeline, the diameter size is directly proportional with the manufacturing costs. On the other hand, it can also be concluded that the diameter size is inversely proportional with the head loss. Therefore, by increasing the diameter, the operational cost will decrease as a result of decreasing the required pumping power. In addition, the pumping velocity is also an effective factor in optimisation methodology. As shown in the results, when the optimal diameter is selected, the operating velocity must be within the
acceptable range, otherwise different diameters should be taken into consideration. The solid throughput is the only input in the proposed optimisation model in the present study and it can be considered as robust and user-friendly.

7.4 Research Contributions

The current study has some contributions and novelties. The major research contributions and the description of the novelties are summarized below:

Contribution #1:

One of the major contributions of the current research is the development of a new equation for the coefficient of sliding friction between solid particles and pipe wall of the horizontal pipeline transporting slurries over a wide range of flow conditions. Most of the available literature either defined this coefficient as a constant value or reported as its value changes according to the flow properties without proposing an equation for measuring its value. In the current study the effects of many flow parameters on the coefficient of sliding friction were studied. The effects of the diameter of solid particles, solid particles distribution, pipe diameter and system operating velocity were also taken into consideration. Furthermore, a novel equation for predicting the coefficient of sliding friction was developed over a wide range of flow conditions. The equation was derived based on extensive numerical investigations and taking hundreds of experimental data of different flow conditions into consideration. The proposed equation can be used for estimating the value of the coefficient of sliding friction in different flow conditions, which is an important parameter in pressure drop prediction modelling.
Contribution #2:
The second major contribution of the current research study is modifying the SRC Two-Layer Model for the prediction of pressure drop in horizontal pipelines transporting slurries. The model data were analysed based on the experimental data and the gaps of the model were identified. Furthermore, the model has been improved based on the proposed equations of the current study which are the proposed equations of coefficient of sliding friction, $C_{lim}$ and $C_{max}$. The proposed novel pressure drop prediction model can be run using a computer-based program, such as MATLAB, and the value of pressure drop in horizontal pipelines transporting slurries can be accurately predicted. In addition, the model can be used for both uni-sized and multi-sized particulate slurries.

Contribution #3:
Another major contribution of the current research study is the extensive study of available models for the prediction of concentration distribution in horizontal pipelines transporting slurries. The available models have been analysed based on experimental data and the gaps of the models were identified. Furthermore, an improved model for the prediction of concentration distribution of solid particles in horizontal slurry pipeline was proposed. The proposed model can be considered as an improved version of the Karabelas model. The proposed novel pressure drop prediction model can be run using a computer-based program, such as MATLAB, and the concentration distribution of a horizontal slurry pipeline can be reasonably
accurately predicted. In addition, the model can be used for both uni-sized and multi-sized particulate slurries.

**Contribution #4:**

Another major contribution of the current research is improving the available models for the prediction of velocity profile in horizontal pipelines transporting slurries. The model data were analysed based on experimental data and the gaps of the model have been identified. Furthermore, the proposed model was developed based on the proposed equations in the current study. The proposed velocity profile prediction model can be run using a computer-based program, such as MATLAB, and the results of the velocity profile in horizontal pipelines transporting slurries can be predicted with acceptable prediction power. In addition, the model can be used for both uni-sized and multi-sized particulate slurries.

**Contribution #5:**

The optimisation methodology is another contribution of the current research study. Horizontal slurry pipelines are widely used in many chemical industries as a method of transportation, and consequently, having an improved optimisation model for the design of slurry pipeline is highly recommended. An improved optimisation model has been proposed in the current research study based on least cost principle method. In addition, an improved pressure drop model has been used for calculating the cost of power. The robustness and user-friendliness are two of the most important features of the proposed model. Furthermore, the model can be used for the design of horizontal pipelines transporting both uni-sized and multi-sized particulate slurries.
7.5 Future Works

In the present research study, the prediction and optimization models for horizontal pipelines transporting slurries have been proposed to bridge the gaps that were identified in the literature. The research study has been concluded in the previous section and the vast potential for future research clear. Below are the main suggested areas for future work to be performed regarding the prediction and optimization methodology for horizontal pipelines transporting slurries.

Recommendation #1:
One of the main problems in slurry flow in pipelines is the wear rate that is the result of sliding friction between solid particles and the pipe wall. In addition to the prediction of pressure drop, concentration distribution and velocity profile, prediction of wear rate is also a very important factor that should be taken into consideration. The proposed multi-layer model could be beneficial for the development of a wear rate prediction model. Furthermore, the proposed equation of the coefficient of sliding friction between solid particles and the pipe wall is also an addition in this field.

Recommendation #2:
Most of the existing slurry systems in the real world contain an amount of gas phase such as air. In order to have accurate results and applicable prediction models, the amount of gas phase inside the pipeline should be taken into consideration. The proposed multi-layer model can be developed to predict the flow properties of three-phase liquid-solid-gas flow inside pipelines.
**Recommendation #3:**

The optimization methodology that was proposed in the current research study is one of the fields that need further research and development. The estimated manufacturing cost for one year is based on an assumption of the useful life of the pipeline. In order to get more accurate results, a new equation for the prediction of the useful life of the pipeline based on the mechanical properties of the pipes and the slurry mixture is highly recommended. In addition, the maintenance cost of the system should be also taken into consideration in the optimization methodology.
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### Appendices

#### Appendix 1: The Regression Data of Equation (4.13)

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| X Variable 10 | 0.618793236 | 0.395596934 | 1.564190619 | 0.120079807 | -7.92787E-05 | 3.30119E-05 | -7.92787E-05 |
| X Variable 11 | 3219.702645 | 2647.517928 | 1.216121187 | 0.226029983 | -2015.581942 | 8454.987232 | -2015.581942 |
| X Variable 13 | -0.097265407 | 0.058667731 | -1.657903013 | 0.099625087 | -0.213276809 | 0.018745994 | -0.213276809 |
| X Variable 14 | -1686.332564 | 1416.15272 | -1.190784398 | 0.235797353 | -4486.677153 | 1114.012026 | -4486.677153 |
| X Variable 15 | 4.08499E-07 | 8.58677E-08 | 4.757301984 | 4.91388E-06 | 2.38701E-07 | 5.78296E-07 | 2.38701E-07 |
• Appendix 2: Matlab Codes

Multi Layer Model

clc
clear all
CLIMY=zeros(1,11); CLIM=zeros(1,11);
for KK=1:11;
% V=(KK/2)+0.5;
N=16;
data = xlsread('input.xls');
CWMAX = data(1,1);
AMUL = data(2,1);
ROS = data(3,1);
ROL = data(4,1);
EITA = data(5,1);
PD = data(6,:);
SP = data(8,:);
V = data(9,1);
ER=data(13,1);
D = data(14,1);
M = data(15,1);
AMS = data(16,1);
VMX1 = data(22,1);
VMN1 = data(23,1);
VN1 = data(24,1);
CW = data(25,1);
CV = data(26,1);
PREG = data(18,1);
R=D/2;
YC=zeros (1,N); X=zeros (1,N-1); B=zeros (1,N); AA=zeros (1,N); A=zeros (1,N);
PD1=zeros(1,M-1); SP3=zeros(1,M-1); CFC=0.0; CVH=zeros(1,M-1); CBED=zeros(1,M-1); GITA=zeros(1,N);
CT=CV;
CMAX=(CWMAX/ROS)/((CWMAX/ROS)+((1-CWMAX)/ROL));
G=9.81;
SS=ROS/ROL;
DCF=((1.8*((AMUL/ROL).^2)/(G*(SS-1.0))).^0.333)*1000000.0;
for IJJ=1:N;
 CTT(IJJ)=CT;
end
for I=1:M;
 if PD(I)<DCF && I>1
 L=I-1;
 CFC=SP(L)-((PD(L)-DCF)/(PD(L)-PD(I))*(SP(L)-SP(I)));
 break
 end
 if I==N
 L=I-1;
 CFC=SP(L)-((PD(L)-DCF)/(PD(L)-PD(I))*(SP(L)-SP(I)));
end
end
CFL=1.0-(CFC);
\[ CF = CFC \times CT / 100; \]
\[ CR = CT - CF; \]
\[ AMUF = AMUL \times (1.0 + 2.5 \times CF + 10.5 \times (CF \times 2.0)); \]
\[ ROF = (ROL \times (1.0 - CT) + ROF \times CF) / (1.0 - CT + CF); \]
\[ CRC = 1 + 6.88 \times CV; \]

for \( i = 1 : N; \)
\[ YC(i) = (i / N) \times D; \]
if \( i < N \)
\[ X(i) = (R^2 - (abs(R - YC(i))^2))^0.5; \]
end
if \( i < (N/2); \)
\[ B(i) = asin(X(i)/R); \]
end
if \( YC(i) \leq R \)
\[ AA(i) = ((D^2) / 4) \times (B(i) - \sin(B(i)) \times \cos(B(i))); \]
end
end
\[ A(1) = AA(1); \]
for \( i = 2 : N; \)
if \( i < N/2; \)
\[ A(i) = AA(i) - AA(i-1); \]
else
\[ A(i) = A(N-i+1); \]
end
end
for \( II = 1 : M - 1; \)
\[ PD1(II) = PD(II) + PD(II+1)/2.0; \]
\[ SP3(II) = SP(II) - SP(II+1); \]
\[ PD1(II) = PD1(II) / 1000000.0; \]
\[ CJBAR(II) = SP3(II) \times CT / 100.0; \]
\[ VNF1(II) = G \times (PD1(II) \times 2.0) \times (ROF / (18.0 \times AMUF)); \]
\[ R18 = VNF1(II) \times PD1(II) \times ROF / AMUF; \]
if \( R18 < 0.02 \)
\[ Z = (4.65 + 1.95 \times (PD1(II) / D)) \]
else if \( R18 > 0.02 \) \&\& \( R18 < 1.0; \)
\[ Z = (4.35 + 17.5 \times (PD1(II) / D)) \times ((R18) \times (-0.03)); \]
else
\[ R18 > 1 \) \&\& \( R18 < 1000.0; \)
\[ XX = (G \times (ROF / ROF))^0.72 \times (PD1(II) \times 1.18); \]
\[ XX1 = (AMUF / ROF)^0.45; \]
\[ VNF1(II) = 0.2 \times XX / XX1; \]
\[ R18 = VNF1(II) \times PD1(II) \times ROF / AMUF; \]
\[ Z = (4.45 + (18 \times (PD1(II) / D))) \times ((R18) \times (-0.1)); \]
else
\[ VNF1(II) = sqrt((4.0 \times G \times PD1(II) \times (ROF / ROF) / (3.0 \times 0.44 \times ROF))); \]
\[ Z = (4.45 + (18 \times (PD1(II) / D))) \times ((R18) \times (-0.1)); \]
end
end
end
\[ G = 9.81; \]
\[ SS = ROF / ROL; \]
\[ DCF1 = ((1.8 \times (AMUL / ROL) \times CT) / (G \times (SS - 1.0)))^0.333; \]
\[ DCF = DCF1 \times 1000000.0; \]
for \( I = 1 : M; \)
if \( PD(I) < DCF \) \&\& \( I > 1 \)
L=I-1;
CFC=SP(L)-(PD(L)-DCP)/(PD(L)-PD(I))*(SP(L)-SP(I));
break
end
end
CFL=1.0-(CFC);
for I=1:M;
    SP1(I)=SP(I)-CFC;
    SP2(I)=SP1(I)*100.0/CFL;
    if SP2(I)<0.0;
        SP2(I)=0.0;
    end
end
for II=1:M-1;
    PD1(II)=(PD(II)+PD(II+1)/2.0);
    SP4(II)=SP2(II)-SP2(II+1);
    PD1(II)=PD1(II)/1000000.0;
end
sum=0.0;
DF=0.0;
DC=0.0;

%%% CALCULATING DC THE AVERAGE DIAMETER OF +50% OF PARTICLES
for i=1:M-1;
    sum=sum+SP4(i);
    if sum<50;
        SPC(i)=SP4(i);
        PDC(i)=PD1(i);
        DC=DC+(PDC(i)*SPC(i)/50);
        CC=sum;
    elseif sum==50;
        SPC(i)=SP4(i);
        PDC(i)=PD1(i);
        DC=DC+(PDC(i)*SPC(i)/50);
        break
    else
        SPC(i)=50-CC;
        PDC(i)=PD1(i-1)+(((PD1(i)*sum)-(PD1(i-1)*(sum-SP4(i))))/(SP4(i)-SP4(i-1)));
        DC=DC+(PDC(i)*SPC(i)/50);
        break
    end
end

%%% CALCULATING DF THE AVERAGE DIAMETER OF -50% OF PARTICLES
NT=0.0;
sum=0.0;
for i=M-1:-1:1;
    NT=NT+1;
    sum=sum+SP4(i);
    if sum<50;
        SPF(NT)=SP4(i);
        PDF(NT)=PD1(i);
        DF=DF+(PDF(NT)*SPF(NT)/50);
        CC=sum;
    end
end
else if sum==50;
    SPF(NT)=SP4(i);
    PDF(NT)=PD1(i);
    DF=DF+(PDF(NT)*SPF(NT)/50);
    break
else
    SPF(NT)=50-CC;
    if i<2;
        break
    end
    PDF(NT)=PD1(i-1)+(((PD1(i)*sum)-(PD1(i-1)*(sum-SP4(i))))/(SP4(i)-SP4(i-1)));
    DF=DF+(PDF(NT)*SPF(NT)/50);
end
end

D501=0.0;
for I=1:M-1;
    D50=PD1(I)*SP4(I)/100;
    D50=D501+D50;
    D501=D50;
end

for I=2:N;
    if SP2(I)<50;
        J=I-1;
        break
    end
end
DPC=PD(J)-((SP2(J)-50)*(PD(J)-PD(I))/(SP2(J)-SP2(I)));
DMD=DPC/1000000.0;

%%%%%%%%% PRESSURE DROP %%%%%

CT=CV;
AK=0.00002;
P=0.026*((AK/D).^0.225)+0.133*AK/D;  %% unitless
Q=22.0*((AK/D).^0.44);  %% unitless
R=1.62*((AK/D).^0.136);  %% unitless
REE=(ROL*V*D)/AMUL;  %% unitless
AFA=P+Q*(1./((REE.^R))));  %% unitless
WPL=2.0*AFA*((V.*2.0)/(9.81*D));  %% unitless
CF=CFC*CT;
AMUF=AMUL*(1.0+2.5*CF+10.5*(CF.^2.0));
ROF=(ROL*(1.0-CT)+ROS*CF)/(1.0-CT+CF);
CRC=1+6.88*CV;  %%%%%%%%%%%%%  945
VINF=(9.81*(D50.^1.625)*(ROS-ROF))/(18.0*AMUF)/CRC;
R8=(VINF*D50*ROF)/AMUF;  %% Settling Reynolds Number
for K=1:100000;
    if R8<1
        break
    end
    XP=4.0*9.81*(D50.^1.625)*(ROS-ROF)/90.0;
    X11=(ROF.*0.375)*(AMUF.*0.625);
    X22=XP/X11;
    VINF=(X22.^0.727)/CRC;
    R8=VINF*D50*ROF/AMUF;
if \( R8 > 1000; \)
    \[ \text{VINF} = \sqrt{\frac{(4.0 \times 9.81 \times D50 \times (\text{ROS} - \text{ROF})}{(3.0 \times 0.10 \times \text{ROF})}} / \text{CRC}; \]
end
\[ R8 = \text{VINF} \times D50 \times \text{ROF} / \text{AMUF}; \]
end

\begin{verbatim}
****************************** MLAYER CONCENTRATION DISTRIBUTION ******************************
AMUFM = \text{AMUL} \times (1.0 + (2.5 \times CT) + 10.5 \times (CT \times 2.0));
\text{ROM} = \text{ROS} \times CT + (1.0 - CT) \times \text{ROL};
\text{REM} = \text{ROM} \times V \times D / \text{AMUFM};
\text{if REM} < 2000.0;
    \text{F1} = 16.0 / (\text{PRI});
\text{end}
\text{P} = 0.026 \times ((\text{AK} / D)^{0.225}) + 0.133 \times \text{AK} / D; \\
\text{Q} = 22.0 \times ((\text{AK} / D)^{0.136});
\text{R} = 1.62 \times ((\text{AK} / D)^{0.044});
\text{F1M} = \text{P} + \text{Q} \times \frac{1}{(\text{REM} \times R^2)};
\text{PRE} = (2.0 \times \text{F1M} \times (V \times 2.0) \times (\text{ROM} / \text{ROL}) / (9.81 \times D));
\text{USTAR} = \sqrt{\text{PRE} \times G \times D / 4.;}
\text{for i = 1:N;}
    \text{if} (Y_C(i) / D) \leq 0.337 \text{ AND } (Y_C(i) / D) \geq 0.0;
        \text{GCOF} = 0.369 \times \text{USTAR} \times (Y_C(i) / R); \\
    \text{else if} (Y_C(i) / D) > 0.337 \text{ AND } (Y_C(i) / D) \leq 0.663
        \text{GCOF} = 0.0775 \times R \times \text{USTAR};
    \text{else}
        \text{GCOF} = 0.369 \times R \times \text{USTAR} \times ((Y_C(i) / R) - 1) \times (2 - (Y_C(i) / R));
    \text{end}
\text{end}
\% \text{GITA(i)=GCOF*(1.0+0.12504*exp(4.22054*(CTT(i)/CMAX)))};
\% \text{if GITA(i)==0;}
\% \text{GITA(i)=0.01;}
\% \text{end}
\text{for IIL=1:M-1;}
\text{CJBAR(IIL)=SP3(IIL)*CT/1.0;}
\text{VNF1(IIL)=G*(PD1(IIL)^2.0)*(ROF-ROF)/(18.0*AMUF);}
\text{R18=VNF1(IIL)*PD1(IIL)*ROF/AMUF;}
\text{Z=(4.65+1.95*(PD1(IIL)/D));}
\text{for RR=1:1000000;}
    \text{if} R18 > 0.002 \text{ AND } R18 < 0.2 ;
        \text{break}
    \text{end}
\text{Z=(4.35+17.5*(PD1(IIL)/D))*((R18)^(-0.03));}
\text{if} R18 > 0.2 \text{ AND } R18 < 1 ;
        \text{break}
    \text{end}
\text{XX=((G*(ROF-ROF)/ROF)^0.72)*(PD1(IIL)^1.18);}
\text{XX1=((AMUF/ROF)^0.45);}
\text{VNF1(IIL)=0.2*XX/XX1;}
\text{R18=VNF1(IIL)*PD1(IIL)*ROF/AMUF;}
\text{Z=(4.45+18*(PD1(IIL)/D))*((R18)^(-0.1));}
\text{if} R18 > 1 \text{ AND } R18 < 1000.0 ;
        \text{break}
    \text{end}
\end{verbatim}
VNF1(IIL)=sqrt((4.0*G*PD1(IIL)*(ROS-ROF)/(3.0*0.44*ROF)));
Z=(4.45+18*(PD1(IIL)/D))*((R18).^(-0.1));
if R18>1000 && R18<20000.0;
    break
end
VNF1(IIL)=sqrt((4.0*G*PD1(IIL)*(ROS-ROF)/(3.0*0.1*ROF)));
Z=(4.45+18*(PD1(IIL)/D))*((R18).^(-0.1));
end
for IN=1:N;
    VINF1(IIL,IN)=VNF1(IIL)*(1.0-CTT(IN).^Z);
end
for IIL=1:M-1;
    for IN=1:N;
        VINF1(IIL,IN)=VNF1(IIL)*(1.0-CTT(IN).^Z);
    end
end
for IJI=1:N;
    YR(IJI)=IJI*(2/(N-1))-(1+(2/(N-1)));
    YD(IJI)=(YR(IJI)+1.0)/2.0;
    if YD(IJI)<=0.337 & YD(IJI)>=0.0
        YYD=YD(IJI)*D;
        GCOF=0.369*(2*YD(IJI))*(1-(2*YD(IJI)));
    else if YD(IJI)>=0.337 && YD(IJI)<=0.663
        if YD(IJI)<0.5;
            YYD=YD(IJI)*D;
            else
            YYD=D*(1.-YD(IJI));
            end
        GCOF=0.0775;
    else
        GCOF=0.369*((2*YD(IJI))-1)*(2-(2*YD(IJI))));
    end
    end
    % if GCOF<0.0775
    % GCOF=0.0775;
    % end
    GITA(IJI)=GCOF*(1.0+0.12504*exp(4.22054*(CTT(IJI)/CMAX)));
    if GITA(IJI)==0;
        GITA(IJI)=0.01;
    end
end
for III=1:M-1;
    for IM=1:N;
        AKJ(III,IM)=VINF1(III,IM)/(USTAR*GITA(IM));
        for ITH=1:180;
            PI=22/7;
            TH=(ITH)*PI/180;
            FT(ITH)=exp(-AKJ(III,IM)*cos(TH)*sin(TH)*sin(TH));
        end
    end
% DSUM=0.0;
for IB=2:2:178;
DSUM = D
end
DSUM1 = 0.0
for IO = 3:2:179;
    DSUM1 = DSUM1 + FT(IO);
end
EKJ(III, IM) = (2/180) * (FT(1) + FT(180) + (2*DSUM1) + (4*DSUM)) / 3;
VJB(III) = CJBAR(III) / (1 - CT);
end
end
for IJK = 1:M - 1;
    for IJI = 1:N;
        YR(IJI) = IJI * (2 / (N - 1)) - (1 + (2 / (N - 1)))
        YD(IJI) = (YR(IJI) + 1) / 2;
P(IJK, IJI) = exp((-AKJ(IJK, IJI) * YR(IJI)));
        if P(IJK, IJI) > 1e94;
P(IJK, IJI) = 1e94;
        end
        COP(IJK, IJI) = (VJB(IJK) / EKJ(IJK, IJI)) * P(IJK, IJI);
end
end
for KII = 1:N;
    for KI = 1:M - 1;
        ECOF(KII) = COF(KI, KII) + ECOFJ;
    end
ECOFJ = ECOF(KII);
end
CLIM = CMAX - 0.074 * ((V/VINF) .* 0.44) * ((1 - CR) .* 0.189) * (CMAX - CR);
for KFI = 1:M - 1;
    for KFII = 1:N;
        C(KFI, KFII) = COF(KFI, KFII) / (1.0 + ECOF(KFII));
    end
    CAB1(KFI, KFII) = C(KFI, KFII) / CJBAR(KFI);
end
CNET = zeros(1, N - 6);
for i = 1:N - 6;
    sum = 0.0;
    for j = 1:M - 1;
        sum = sum + C(j, i + 3);
    end
    CNET(i) = sum;
end
% CLIMY = 0.0;
for I = 1:N;
    L = C(:, I);
    SUM = 0.0;
    for J = 1:M - 1;
        SUM = SUM + L(J);
    end
    CL(I) = SUM;
    if abs(CL(I) - CLIM) <= 0.025;
        CLIM = I / N;
    end
end
START EDITING VELOCITY PROFILE
DIVIDING EACH CHORD IN TO 6 PARTS

for I=1:N-1;
    XX=X(I)/6;
    XPP(I,1)=0.0;
    for J=2:7;
        XPP(I,J)=XPP(I,J-1)+XX;
    end
end

DETERMINATION OF RADIAL DISTANCES AND IDENTIFYING DIFFERENT POINTS ALONG IT

for I=1:N-1;
    for J=1:7;
        if YD(I)<0.5
            YD1(I)=(D/2)-(YD(I)*D);
        else
            YD1(I)=YD(I)*D-(D/2);
        end
        RZ(I,J)=sqrt((YD1(I)^2)+(XPP(I,J)^2));
        RPP(I,J)=(D/2)-RZ(I,J);
    end
end

IDENTIFYING POINTS ALONG RADIAL UP TO THE WALL

for I=1:N-1;
    for J=1:7;
        RPN=RPP(I,J)/6;
        RPl(I,J,1)=0.0;
        for K=2:7;
            RPl(I,J,K)=RPl(I,J,K-1)+RPN;
        end
    end
end

CALCULATION OF EQUIVALENT VERTICAL DISTANCES

for I=1:N-1;
    for J=1:7;
        TT=XPP(I,J)/abs((YD(I)*D-(D/2)));
        TH1(I,J)=atan(TT);
        %COS(I,J)=cos(TH1(I,J));
    end
end

for I=1:N-1;
    for J=1:7;
        for K=1:7;
            if (YD(I)<0.5);
                FF(I,J,K)=((D/2)-RPl(I,J,K))*cos(TH1(I,J));
            end
        end
    end

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YCC(I,J,K)=((D/2)-FF(I,J,K))/D;

else

FF(I,J,K)=(((D/2)−RP1(I,J,K))*cos(TH1(I,J)));
YCC(I,J,K)=((D/2)+FF(I,J,K))/D;

end
if (YCC(I,J,K)<1e-10);
YCC(I,J,K)=0.0;
end
end
end
end
end
X1=zeros(1,4);
X2=zeros(1,4);
[ YD,X2 ] = cinter2( CNET,YD,X2,N); % CALLING cinter FUNCTION (cinter.m)
PI=22./7.;
for I=1:N;
DC1=0.0;
for II=1:M-1;
DC(I)=C(II,I)*PD1(II)+DC1;
DC1=DC(I);
end
DC(I)=DC(I)/CTT(I);
%disp ('DC(I)'); disp (DC(I));
end
[ YD,X2 ] = cinter2( CNET,YD,X2,N); % CALLING cinter FUNCTION (cinter.m)
for I=1:N-1;
for J=1:7;
for K=1:7;
PAA=0.0;
PCC=0.0;
YLY=YCC(I,J,K);
for NN=1:4

CTTCC(I,J,K)=X1(NN)*(YCC(I,J,K)^(NN-1))+PAA;
DCC(I,J,K)=X2(NN)*(YCC(I,J,K)^(NN-1))+PCC;
PAA=CTTCC(I,J,K);
PCC=DCC(I,J,K);
end
end
end
PAPP=1.0;
AC=0.7;
% for WW=1:100000;
POP=zeros(N-3,7,7);
KK=zeros(N-3,7,7);
for I=2:N-1;
for J=1:7;
for K=1:7;
FR1(I,J,K)=USTAR^2.0/(G*DCC(I,J,K)*(SS-1)); % Froude Number
FLILS1(I,J,K)=(1−(CTTCC(I,J,K)/CMAX)); % Coefficient for influence of solid particles on turbulence intensity
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if FILS1(I,J,K)<0;
    FILS1(I,J,K)=0;
end
if FR1(I,J,K)<0.01;
    FR1(I,J,K)=0.01;
end
KK(I,J,K)=1/FR1(I,J,K);
POP(I,J,K)=exp(KK(I,J,K));
FIS1(I,J,K)=(POP(I,J,K))/((1-(CTTCC(I,J,K)/CMAX)^AC));
FCC(I,J,K)=(1-CTTCC(I,J,K))*FIS1(I,J,K)+CTTCC(I,J,K)*SS*FIS1(I,J,K);
end
end
%%%%% CALCULATION OF Y EQUIVALENT FOR EACH POINT %%%%%
for I=2:N-1;
    for J=1:7;
        YQ1(I,J,1)=0.0;
        RPN=RPP(I,J)/6.0;
        for K=2:7;
        end
        YYQ(I,J)=YQ1(I,J,7);
    end
end
for I=2:N-1;
    for J=1:7;
        GDR(I,J)=0.25*PRE*ROL*G*((D^2)/4)-(RZ(I,J)^2));
    end
end
AMUM=AMUL*(1+2.5*CV+10.5*(CV^2))
for I=2:N-1;
    for J=1:6;
        DM1(I,J)=((1-DCC(I,J,7))*ROL)+(DCC(I,J,7)*ROS);
        ALFM1(I,J)=0.25*D*(1-(4*((RZ(I,J)/D)^2)))*((8.5-5.75*log(abs(((AK+3.3*(AMUM/(DM1(I,J)+0.001))/USTAR))/(YYQ(I,J)+0.001))))
    end
end
VVM(I,J)=((VVM1(I,J)+sqrt(VVM2(I,J))))
VVM(I,J)=(VVM1(I,J)+sqrt(VVM2(I,J)));
end
end
for I=1:N-2;
    for J=1:6;
        VVMM(I,J)=VVM(I+1,J);
    end
end
VT=VVMM(:,1);
VTM=mean(VT);
while VTM>V;
    for I=1:N-2;
        VT(I)=VT(I)-0.1;
end
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end
VTM=mean(VT);
end

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%% END OF VELOCITY PROFILE
VTT=zeros(1,N-1);
VTT(1)=VT(1);
VTT(N)=VT(N-2);
for I=2:N-1
VTT(I)=VT(I-1);
end

Optimisation Model

clear all;
clc;
p1=22/7; cp=0.2; Lp=1000; CC=0.001; MU=0.7; C22=950; C11=1.4;
PD=zeros(1,40); SP=zeros(1,20); SP2=zeros(1,20); PD1=zeros(1,120);
SP3=zeros(1,40);
AKJ=zeros(50,50); EKJ =0; VP=0.0;
zeros(50,50); CJBAR=zeros(1,50); VJB=zeros(1,50);
YR=zeros(1,50); COF =zeros(50,50); ECOP =zeros(1,50); C=zeros(100,100);
CTT=zeros(1,50); SP4=zeros(1,50);
CTT1=zeros(1,50); CAB1 =zeros(50,50); FILS =zeros(10,50);
FIS=zeros(1,50); DR=zeros(1,50); YV=zeros(1,50);
ALFO=zeros(1,50); DALFO =zeros(1,50); DALFM =zeros(1,50);
ALFM=zeros(1,50); GDR=zeros(1,50);
VM=zeros(10,50); VM1=zeros(1,50); VM2 =zeros(1,50);
DALM=zeros(1,50); FT=zeros(1,500);
CTTW=zeros(1,100); GITA =zeros(1,50); DR1 =zeros(1,50);
FC=zeros(10,50); YD1=zeros(1,50);
YY=zeros(1,101); AXX =zeros(1,101); AA =zeros(1,20); OSUM=zeros(1,10);
ESUM=zeros(1,10);
DM=zeros(1,50); DC =zeros(1,50); FR =zeros(1,50); VD1=zeros(1,20);
DPW=zeros(1,20); X1=zeros(1,50);
BA1=zeros(1,50); BAQ =zeros(1,50); BQ =zeros(1,50); CTTT=zeros(10,50);
EW=zeros(1,50);
CFC=0.0; D50=2.075; SS=0.0; DD50=0.0; DMD=0.0;
SP1=zeros(1,20); SP3=zeros(1,40); SP4=zeros(1,50);
AK=0.0002; F1=0.0; CV1=0.0; AMUFM=0.0; C1=0.0; C2=0.0; VV=zeros(1,20);
DD=[2 3 4 5 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 28];
for i=1:15;
DD(i)=DD(i)*0.0254;
end
for iq=1:15;
D=DD(iq);
data = xlsread('input.xls');
CWMAX = data(1,1);
AMUL = data(2,1);
ROS = data(3,1);
ROL = data(4,1);
EITA = data(5,1);
PD = data(6,:);
\begin{verbatim}
SP = data(8,:);
V = data(9,1);
ER=data(13,1);
D = data(14,1);
N = data(15,1);
AMS = data(16,1);
VMX1 = data(22,1);
VMN1 = data(23,1);
VN1 = data(24,1);
CW = data(25,1);
CV = data(26,1);
PREG = data(18,1);
QS = data(20,1);
A=(pi/4)*(D^2);
QW=(1/CV)*(QS/ROS);
Qm=QW*(1+(CV/(1-CV)));
VV(iq)=Qm/A;
V=VV(iq);
while V>1.0 && V<6.0;

%fMAX=CWMAX;
%PP = data(30,1);
%disp('STATIC SETT. CONC.:'); disp (CWMAX)
disp('VISCOSITY:'); disp (AMUL);
C_MAX=(CWMAX/ROS)/((CWMAX/ROS)+((1-CWMAX)/ROL));
PRE=0.0; V2=0.0;
PI=22/7;
G=9.81;
flag=0.0;
if CW==0.0;
    if CV==0;
        return
    end
    CT=CV;
    [ CFC, D50, SS, DD50, DMD, DCF, SP2 ] = part( N, PD, SP, AMUL, ROS, ROL, PD1, SP2, SP3, SP4 );
disp ('DCF='); disp(DCF); disp ('CT='); disp(CT);
AAK=1;
%AACK = input ('IF DEPOSITION VELOCITY REQUIRED TYPE 0 ELSE POS REAL');
for MM=1:100000;
    %%%%%%%%% goto 12;
    if AAK>0.0;
        %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
        goto 12
    break
end
AK=0.00020;
%%%%%%%%%%%%%dp.m%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
%VP=4.0;
%for EETT=1:10000;
V_P=4.0;
for I=1:1000000;
    if I>11
        disp ('BY TYPING 1 YOU CAN COME OUT OF THE MODULE');
        disp ('WRITE OTHER NO. TO CONTINUE');
        disp ('THIS PROVISION IS MADE IN CASE OF NON CONVER.');
        OUT = input;
        if OUT==1.0;

\end{verbatim}
return
end

if V2>0.0;
    VP=VP-.05;
end

if V2<0.8
    disp ('DEPOSITION NOT ENCOUNTERED');
end
break
end
%if PRE<=PREG
if V2<0.0;
    disp ('V2='); disp (V2);
    disp ('DEPOSITION VELOCITY'); disp (VP);
    return
end
%EITA1=input('if estimate of deposition velocity is already available change EITA to match the two values give new value of Eita else type 0.0');
% if EITA1==0.0;
%        break
%end
%EITA=EITA1;
%end
break
%end
end
for UU=1:10000;  %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%   goto 16
for ZZ=1:10000;
    %for PREGGG=1:1000000
    [PRE,V2,AMUF,ROF,USTAR,VINF, C1, C2,V1,B,EITA, CV1,CT] = pres(C1, C2, AK,SP2,PD,CMAX,VMN1,VMX1, VN1,ER,CFC,CT,V,AMUL,D,N,EITA,ROS,ROL,D50,DMD, CV)  %%%552 (17)
    %disp ('PRESSSURE DROP PRE'); disp (PRE);
    %disp ('VELOCITY V'); disp (V);
    %disp ('CONCENTRATION CT'); disp (CT);
    %disp ('CV1'); disp (CV1);
    %if PRE<=PREG
    %    break
    %end

    %EITA=EITA-0.001;
    %end

    if CV1==100.0;
        % PREX = input ('GIVE VALUE OF MEASURED GRADIENT IF AVAILABLE ELSE WRITE 0.0 EXPERIMENTAL VALUE');
        PREX=0.0;
flag=222.0;
break %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%% goto 22 (goto 34)
end
CV1D=abs(CV-CV1);
if CV1D>0.01;
disp ('MASS BALANCE NOT SATISFIED CARRYING OUT ITER');
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%% (19)
flag=2121;
else
PREX=0.0;
end
CVDST=1;
%CVDST = input ('TYPE 0. IF CONC. & VELOCITY DISTRIBUTION IS REQUIRED ELSE POS. REAL');
if CVDST==0.0;
break %%%%%%%%% goto 23
end
VCC=((2*9.81*D*(SS-1))^0.5)*1.7951*(CV^(0.1087))*((1-CV)^(0.2401))*(((ROL*D*((9.81*D*(SS-1))^(0.5))/AMUL)^(0.00179))*((D50/D)^(0.06623));
CVD=CV-CV1;
CV2=abs(CVD);
disp ('CV2='); disp (CV2);
if CV2<0.010
break %%%%%%%%% goto 22
end
CT=CT+0.01;
disp ('MASS BALANCE NOT SATISFIED CARRYING OUT ITER');
if flag==222;
break
end
USTAR=sqrt(PRE*G*D/4.); %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%% (23)
break
end
t=CC*D;
Cp(iq)=pi*D*t*cp*C22*Lp;
P=Qm*PRE/MU;
Co(iq)=C11*P;
Ct(iq)=Cp(iq)+Co(iq);
break
end
end

Wasp Model
clc
clear all
N=5;
data = xlsread('inputz.xls');
CWMAX = data(1,1);
AMUL = data(2,1);
ROS = data(3,1);
ROL = data(4,1);
EITA = data(5,1);
PD = data(6,1);
SP = data(8,:);
V = data(9,1);
ER=data(13,1);
D = data(14,1);
M = data(15,1);
AMS = data(16,1);
VMX1 = data(22,1);
VMN1 = data(23,1);
VN1 = data(24,1);
CW = data(25,1);
CV = data(26,1);
PREG = data(18,1);

\[ R = \frac{D}{2} \]

YC=zeros (1,N); X=zeros (1,N-1); B=zeros (1,N); AA=zeros (1,N); A=zeros (1,N);

%PD1=zeros(1,M-1); SP3=zeros(1,M-1); CFL=1.0-(CFC); CF=CFC*CT/100; CR=CT-CF;
AMUF=AMUL*(1.0+2.5*CF+10.5*(CF.^2.0));
ROF=(ROL*(1.0-CT)+ROS*CF)/(1.0-CT+CF);
CRC=1+6.88*CV;

for i=1:N;
    YC(i)=(i/N)*D;
    if i<N
        X(i)=((R^2)-((abs(R-YC(i)))^2))^(0.5);
    end
    if i<=(N/2);
        B(i)=asin(X(i)/R);
    end
    if YC(i)<=R
        AA(i)=((D^2)/4) * (B(i)-sin(B(i))*cos(B(i)));
    end
end
A(1)=AA(1);

for i=2:N
    if PD<DCF
        CFC=0.0;
    else
        CFC=1.0;
    end
    CFL=1.0-(CFC);
    CF=CFC*CT/100;
    CR=CT-CF;
    AMUF=AMUL*(1.0+2.5*CF+10.5*(CF.^2.0));
    ROF=(ROL*(1.0-CT)+ROS*CF)/(1.0-CT+CF);
    CRC=1+6.88*CV;
end

end
if i<=N/2;
A(i)=AA(i)-AA(i-1);
else
A(i)=A(N-i+1);
end
end

PD1=PD/1000000.0;
CJBAR=CT/100.0;
VNF1=G*(PD1.^2.0)*(ROS-ROF)/(18.0*AMUF);
disp ('PD1'); disp (PD1);
disp ('ROF'); disp (ROF);
disp ('AMUF'); disp (AMUF);
R18=VNF1*PD1*ROF/AMUF;
if R18<0.02
  Z=(4.65+1.95*(PD1/D))
else if R18>0.02 && R18<1.0;
  Z=(4.35+17.5*(PD1/D))*((R18).^(-0.03));
else
  if R18>1 && R18<1000.0;
    XX=((G*(ROS-ROF)/ROF).^0.72)*(PD1.^1.18);
    XX1=((AMUF/ROF).^0.45);
    VNF1=0.2*XX/XX1;
    R18=VNF1*PD1*ROF/AMUF;
    Z=(4.45+(18*(PD1/D)))*((R18).^(-0.1));
  else
    VNF1=sqrt((4.0*G*PD1*(ROS-ROF)/(3.0*0.44*ROF)));
    Z=(4.45+(18*(PD1/D)))*((R18).^(-0.1));
  end
end
end

G=9.81;
SS=ROS/ROL;
DCF1=((1.8*(AMUL/ROL).^2)/(G*(SS-1.0))).^0.333);
DCF=DCF1*1000000.0;

sum=0.0;
DF=0.0;
DC=0.0;

%%%% CALCULATING DC THE AVERAGE DIAMETER OF +50% OF PARTICLE
%%%% CALCULATING DF THE AVERAGE DIAMETER OF -50% OF PARTICLES
DMD=PD/1000000.0;

foreach AFA=P+Q*(1./(REE.^R)); % unitless
%%%% PRESSURE DROP %%%%%%%%%
CT=CV;
AK=0.000002;
P=0.026*((AK/D).^0.225)+0.133*AK/D; % unitless
Q=22.0*((AK/D).^0.44); % unitless
R=1.62*((AK/D).^0.136); % unitless
REE=(ROL*V*D)/AMUL; % unitless
AFA=P+Q*(1./(REE.^R)); % unitless
WPL=2.0*AFA*(V.^2.0)/(9.81*D); % unitless

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CF=CFC*CT;
AMUF=AMUL*(1.0+2.5*CF+10.5*(CF.^2.0));
ROF=(ROL*(1.0-CT)+ROS*CF)/(1.0-CT+CF);
CRC=1+6.88*CV; %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%% 945
VINF=(9.81*(PD.^2.0)*(ROS-ROF))/(18.0*AMUF)/CRC;
R8=(VINF*PD*ROF)/AMUF;  %%% Settling Reynolds Number
for K=1:100000;
  if R8<1
    break
  end
  XP=4.0*9.81*(PD.^1.625)*(ROS-ROF)/90.0;
  X11=(ROF.^0.375)*(AMUF.^0.625);
  X22=XP/X11;
  VINF=(X22.^0.727)/CRC;
  R8=VINF*PD*ROF/AMUF;
  if R8>1000;
    VINF=sqrt((4.0*9.81*PD*(ROS-ROF))/(3.0*0.10*ROF))/CRC;
  end
  R8=VINF*PD*ROF/AMUF;
end

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%% MLAYER CONCENTRATION DISTRIBUTION
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%% AMUMFM=AMUL*(1.0+(2.5*CT)+10.5*(CT.^2.0));
ROM=ROS*CT+(1.0-CT)*ROL;
REM=ROM*V*D/AMUMFM;
  if REM<2000.0;
    F1=16.0/(PRI);
  end
  P=0.026*((AK/D).^0.225)+0.133*AK/D; %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%340
  Q=22.0*((AK/D).^0.44);
  R=1.62*((AK/D).^0.136);
  F1M=P+Q*(1./(REM.^R));
  PRE=(2.0*F1M*(V.^2.0)*(ROM/ROL)/(9.81*D));
  USTAR=sqrt(PRE*G*D/4.0);
for i=1:N;
  if (YC(i)/D) <= 0.337 && (YC(i)/D)>=0.0;
    GCOF=0.369*USTAR*(YC(i)/R);
  else if (YC(i)/D) >= 0.337 && (YC(i)/D)<=0.663
    GCOF=0.0775*R*USTAR;
  else
    GCOF=0.369*R*USTAR*(((YC(i)/R)-1)*(2-(YC(i)/R));
  end
%GITA(i)=GCOF*(1.0+0.12504*exp(4.22054*(CTT(i)/CMAX)));
%if GITA(i)==0;
%  GITA(i)=0.01;
% end
end
CJBAR=CT/100.0;
VNF1=G*(PD1.^2.0)*(ROS-ROF)/(18.0*AMUF);
R18=VNF1*PD1*ROF/AMUF;
Z=(4.35+17.5*(PD1/D))*((R18).^(-0.03));
CD=24*((R18).^(-1));
for RR=1:1000000;
    if R18<1;
        break
    end
    XX=((G*(ROS-ROF)/ROF).^0.72)*(PD1.^1.18);
    XX1=((AMUF/ROF).^0.45);
    VNF1=0.2*XX/XX1;
    R18=VNF1*PD1*ROF/AMUF;
    Z=4.45*((R18).^(-0.1));
    CD=(24/R18)*(1+(0.15*(R18).^0.687));
    if R18>1 && R18<1000.0;
        break
    end
    VNF1=sqrt((4.0*G*PD1*(ROS-ROF)/(3.0*0.44*ROF)));
    Z=2.39;
    CD=0.44;
    if R18>1000 && R18<200000.0;
        break
    end
end
for IN=1:N;
    VINF1(IN)=VNF1*(1.0-CTT(IN).^Z);
end

IBED=0.0;
SP3=1.0;
    CVH=10.^(-1.8*(VINF1/(0.41*USTAR)));
    CBED=(SP3-CVH)/100;
    IB=82*PRE*CBED*((9.81*D*(SS-1))/(V^2)*(Z^0.5)^1.5);
    IBED=IBED+IB;
PRI=PRE+IBED;
for KK=1:1000;
    USTAR=sqrt(PRE*G*D/4.);
    IBED=0.0;
    CVH=10.^(-1.8*(VINF1/(0.41*USTAR)));
    CBED=(SP3-CVH)/100;
    IB=82*PRE*CBED*((9.81*D*(SS-1))/(V^2)*(Z^0.5)^1.5);
    IBED=IBED+IB;
    KK=PRE+IBED;
    ZK=KK/PRI;
    PRI=KK;
    if ZK<=1.05 && ZK>=0.95
        break
    end
end
Karabelas Model

clc
clear all
N=16;
data = xlsread('input.xls');
CWMAX = data(1,1);
AMUL = data(2,1);
ROS = data(3,1);
ROL = data(4,1);
EITA = data(5,1);
PD = data(6,:);
SP = data(8,:);
V = data(9,1);
ER=data(13,1);
D = data(14,1);
M = data(15,1);
AMS = data(16,1);
VMXl = data(22,1);
VMNl = data(23,1);
VN1 = data(24,1);
CW = data(25,1);
CV = data(26,1);
PREG = data(18,1);
R=D/2;
YC=zeros (1,N); X=zeros (1,N-1); B=zeros (1,N); AA=zeros (1,N); A=zeros (1,N);
PD1=zeros(1,M-1); SP3=zeros(1,M-1); CFC=0.0; CVH=zeros(1,M-1); CBED=zeros(1,M-1);
CT=CV;
CMAX=(CWMAX/ROS)/((CWMAX/ROS)+((1-CWMAX)/ROL));
G=9.81;
SS=ROS/ROL;
DCF=((1.8*((AMUL/ROL).^2)/(G*(SS-1.0))).^0.333)*1000000.0;
for IJJ=1:N;
    CTT(IJJ)=CT;
end
for I=1:M;
    if PD(I)<DCF && I>1
        L=I-1;
        CFC=SP(L)-((PD(L)-DCF)/(PD(L)-PD(I))*(SP(L)-SP(I)));
        break
    end
    if I==N
        L=I-1;
        CFC=SP(L)-((PD(L)-DCF)/(PD(L)-PD(I))*(SP(L)-SP(I)));
    end
end
CFL=1.0-(CFC);
CF=CFC*CT/100;
\[ \text{CR}=\text{CT}-\text{CF}; \]
\[ \text{AMUF}=(\text{AMUL}*(1.0+2.5*\text{CF}+10.5*(\text{CF}^2.0))); \]
\[ \text{ROF}=(\text{ROL}*(1.0-\text{CT})+\text{ROS}*(\text{CF})/(1.0-\text{CT}+\text{CF}); \]
\[ \text{CRC}=1+6.88*\text{CV}; \]

\begin{verbatim}
for i=1:N;
    YC(i)=(i/N)*D;
    if i<N
        X(i)=((R^2)-((\text{abs}(R-YC(i)))^2))^{0.5};
        if i<= (N/2);
            B(i)=\text{asin}(X(i)/R);
        end
        if YC(i)<=R
            AA(i)=((D^2)/4)*((B(i)-\text{sin}(B(i)))*\text{cos}(B(i)));
        end
    end
end
A(1)=AA(1);
for i=2:N
    if i<=N/2;
        A(i)=AA(i)-AA(i-1);
    else
        A(i)=A(N-i+1);
    end
end
for II=1:M-1;
    PD1(II)=PD(II)+PD(II+1)/2.0;
    SP3(II)=SP(II)-SP(II+1);
    PD1(II)=PD1(II)/1000000.0;
    CJBAR(II)=SP3(II)*\text{CT}/100.0;
    VNF1(II)=\text{G}*(PD1(II).^2.0)*((\text{ROS}-\text{ROF})/(18.0*\text{AMUF});
    R18=VNF1(II)*PD1(II)*\text{ROF}/\text{AMUF};
    if R18<0.02
        Z=(4.65+1.95*(PD1(II)/D))
    else if R18>0.02 && R18<1.0;
        Z=(4.35+17.5*(PD1(II)/D))*((R18).^(-0.03));
    else
        \text{XX}=((\text{G}*(\text{ROS}-\text{ROF})/\text{ROF}).^0.72)*\text{PD1(II)}^{1.18};
        \text{XX1}=\text{(AMUF/ROF).^0.45});
        VNF1(II)=0.2*XX/XX1;
        R18=VNF1(II)*PD1(II)*ROF/AMUF;
        Z=(4.45+(18*(PD1(II)/D)))*((R18).^(-0.1));
    end
end
end
\end{verbatim}

\[ \text{G}=9.81; \]
\[ \text{SS}=(\text{ROS/ROL}); \]
\[ \text{DCF1}=((1.8*((\text{AMUL/ROL})^2))/(\text{G}*(\text{SS}-1.0))).^0.333); \]
\[ \text{DCF}=(\text{DCF1})*1000000.0; \]

\begin{verbatim}
for I=1:M;
    if PD(I)<\text{DCF} && I>1
        L=I-1;
\end{verbatim}
CFC = SP(L) - ((PD(L) - DCF) / (PD(L) - PD(I))) * (SP(L) - SP(I));

break
end
CFL = 1.0 - (CFC);
for I = 1:M;
    SP1(I) = SP(I) - CFC;
    SP2(I) = SP1(I) * 100.0 / CFL;
    if SP2(I) < 0.0;
        SP2(I) = 0.0;
    end
end
for II = 1:M - 1;
    PD1(II) = (PD(II) + PD(II + 1)) / 2.0;
    SP4(II) = SP2(II) - SP2(II + 1);
    PD1(II) = PD1(II) / 1000000.0;
end
sum = 0.0;
DF = 0.0;
DC = 0.0;

%%% CALCULATING DC THE AVERAGE DIAMETER OF +50% OF PARTICLES
for i = 2:M - 1;
    sum = sum + SP4(i);
    if sum < 50;
        SPC(i) = SP4(i);
        PDC(i) = PD1(i);
        DC = DC + (PDC(i) * SPC(i) / 50);
        CC = sum;
    else if sum == 50;
        SPC(i) = SP4(i);
        PDC(i) = PD1(i);
        DC = DC + (PDC(i) * SPC(i) / 50);
        break
    else
        CC = sum;
        SPC(i) = 50 - CC;
        PDC(i) = PD1(i - 1) + (((PD1(i) * sum) - (PD1(i - 1) * (sum - SP4(i)))) / (SP4(i) - SP4(i - 1)));
        DC = DC + (PDC(i) * SPC(i) / 50);
        break
    end
end

%%% CALCULATING DF THE AVERAGE DIAMETER OF -50% OF PARTICLES
NT = 0.0;
sum = 0.0;
for i = M - 1:-1:2;
    NT = NT + 1;
    sum = sum + SP4(i);
    if sum < 50;
        SPF(NT) = SP4(i);
        PDF(NT) = PD1(i);
        DF = DF + (PDF(NT) * SPF(NT) / 50);
        CC = sum;
    else
        break
    end
end
else if sum==50;
    SPF(NT)=SP4(i);
    PDF(NT)=PD1(i);
    DF=DF+(PDF(NT)*SPF(NT)/50);
    break
else
    SPF(NT)=50-CC;
    PDF(NT)=PD1(i-1)+(((PD1(i)*sum)-(PD1(i-1)*(sum-SP4(i))))/(SP4(i)-SP4(i-1)));
    DF=DF+(PDF(NT)*SPF(NT)/50);
    break
end
end
D501=0.0;
for I=1:M-1;
    D50=PD1(I)*SP4(I)/100;
    D50=D501+D50;
    D501=D50;
end
for I=2:N;
    if SP2(I)<50;
        J=I-1;
        break
    end
end
DPC=PD(J)-((SP2(J)-50)*(PD(J)-PD(I))/(SP2(J)-SP2(I)));
DMD=DPC/1000000.0;

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%% PRESSURE DROP %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
CT=CV;
AK=0.00002;
P=0.026*((AK/D).^0.225)+0.133*AK/D;  %% unitless
Q=22.0*((AK/D).^0.44);  %% unitless
R=1.62*((AK/D).^0.136);  %% unitless
REE=(ROL*V*D)/AMUL;  %% unitless
AFA=P+Q*(1./(REE.^R));  %% unitless
WPL=2.0*AFA*(V.^2.0)/(9.81*D);  %% unitless
CF=CFC*CT;
AMUF=AMUL*(1.0+2.5*CF+10.5*(CF.^2.0));
ROF=(ROL*(1.0-CT)+ROS*CF)/(1.0-CT+CF);
CRC=1+6.88*CV;  %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%% 945
VINF=(9.81*(D50.^2.0)*(ROS-ROF))/(18.0*AMUF)/CRC;
R8=(VINF*D50*ROF)/AMUF;  %% Settling Reynolds Number
for K=1:100000;
    if R8<1
        break
    end
    XP=4.0*9.81*(D50.^1.625)*(ROS-ROF)/90.0;
    X11=(ROF.^0.375)*(AMUF.^0.625);
    X22=XP/X11;
    VINF=(X22.^0.727)/CRC;
    R8=VINF*D50*ROF/AMUF;
    if R8>1000;
        VINF=sqrt((4.0*9.81*D50*(ROS-ROF))/(3.0*0.10*ROF))/CRC;
    end
end
\[ R8 = \text{VINF} \cdot D50 \cdot \text{ROF} / \text{AMUF}; \]
\[ \text{end} \]

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AMUFM = AMUL * (1.0 + (2.5 * CT) + 10.5 * (CT.^2.0));
ROM = ROS * CT + (1 - CT) * ROL;
REM = ROM * V * D / AMUFM;
if REM < 2000.0;
F1 = 16.0 / (PRI);
end

P = 0.026 * ((AK/D).^0.225) + 0.133 * AK/D;
Q = 22.0 * ((AK/D).^0.44);
R = 1.62 * ((AK/D).^0.136);
F1M = P + Q * (1.0 - REM.^R);
PRE = (2.0 * F1M * (V.^2.0) * (ROM / ROL) / (9.81 * D));
USTAR = sqrt(PRE * G * D / 4.);
for i = 1:N;
if (YC(i)/D) <= 0.337 && (YC(i)/D) >= 0.0;
GCOF = 0.369 * USTAR * (YC(i)/R);  % Liquid diffusivity
else if (YC(i)/D) >= 0.337 && (YC(i)/D) <= 0.663
GCOF = 0.0775 * R * USTAR;
else
GCOF = 0.369 * (R * USTAR * (YC(i)/R - 1) * (2 - (YC(i)/R));
end
% GITA(i) = GCOF * (1.0 + 0.12504 * exp(4.22054 * (CTT(i)/CMAX))); % if GITA(i) == 0;
% GITA(i) = 0.01;
% end
end

for IIL = 1:M-1;
CJBAR(IIL) = SP3(IIL) * CT / 1.0;
VNF1(IIL) = G * (PD1(IIL).^2.0) * (ROS - ROF) / (18.0 * AMUF);
R18 = VNF1(IIL) * PD1(IIL) * ROF / AMUF;
Z = (4.35 + 17.5 * (PD1(IIL) / D)) * ((R18)^(-0.03));
CD = 24 * ((R18).^(-1));
for RR = 1:1000000;
if R18 < 1;
break
end
XX = ((G * (ROS - ROF) / ROF).^0.72) * (PD1(IIL).^1.18);
XX1 = ((AMUF / ROF).^0.45);
VNF1(IIL) = 0.2 * XX / XX1;
R18 = VNF1(IIL) * PD1(IIL) * ROF / AMUF;
Z = 4.45 * ((R18).^(-0.03));
CD = (24 / R18) * (1 + (0.15 * (R18).^0.687));
if R18 > 1 && R18 < 1000.0;
break
end
VNF1(IIL) = sqrt((4.0 * G * PD1(IIL) * (ROS - ROF) / (3.0 * 0.44 * ROF)));
Z = 2.39;
CD = 0.44;
if R18 > 1000 && R18 < 200000.0;
break
end
VNF1(IIL)=sqrt((4.0*G*PD1(IIL)*(ROS-ROF)/(3.0*0.1*ROF)))
Z=2.39;
end
end
for IIL=1:M-1;
for IN=1:N;
    VINF1(IIL,IN)=VNF1(IIL)*(1.0-CTT(IN).^Z);
end
end
for IJI=1:N;
    YR(IJI)=IJI*(2/(N-1))-(1+(2/(N-1)));
    YD(IJI)=(YR(IJI)+1.0)/2.0;
    if YD(IJI)<0.33 || YD(IJI)>0.66
        if YD(IJI)<0.33
            YYD=YD(IJI)*D;
        else
            YYD=D*(1.-YD(IJI));
        end
        GCOF=0.369*(1.-2*YYD/D)*YYD*(2/D);
        if GCOF<0.0775
            GCOF=0.0775;
        end
    else
        GCOF=0.0775;
    end
    GITA(IJI)=GCOF*(1.0+0.13*exp(4.6513*(CTT(IJI)/CMA ));
    if GITA(IJI)==0;
        GITA(IJI)=0.01;
    end
end
for III=1:M-1;
for IM=1:N;
    AKJ(III,IM)=VINF1(III,IM)/(USTAR*GITA(IM));
    for ITH=1:180;
        PI=22/7;
        TH=(ITH)*PI/180;
        FT(ITH)=exp(-AKJ(III,IM) * cos(TH)*sin(TH)*sin(TH));
    end
    DSUM=0.0;
    for IE=2:2:178;
        DSUM=DSUM+FT(IE);
    end
    DSUM1=0.0;
    for IO=3:2:179;
        DSUM1=DSUM1+FT(IO);
    end
    EKJ(III,IM)=(2/180)*(FT(1)+FT(180)+(2*DSUM1)+(4*DSUM))/3;
    VJB(III)=CJBAR(III)/(1-CT);
end
end
for IJK=1:M-1;
for IJI=1:N;
YR(IJI)=IJI*(2/(N-1))-(1+(2/(N-1)));
YD(IJI)=(YR(IJI)+1)/2;
COF(IJK,IJI)=(VJB(IJK)/EKF(IJK,IJI))*exp((-AKJ(IJK,IJI)*YR(IJI)));
end
end
for KII=1:N;
ECOFJ=0.0;
for KI=1:M-1;
ECOF(KII)=COF(KI,KII)+ECOFJ;
ECOFJ=ECOF(KII);
end
end
CLIM=CMAX-0.074*((V/VINF).^0.44)*((1-CR).^0.189)*(CMAX-CR);
for KFI=1:N-1;
for KFI=1:N;
C(KFI,KFII)=COF(KFI,KFII)/(1.0+ECOF(KFII));
CAB1(KFI,KFII)=C(KFI,KFII)*CJBAR(KFI);
end
end
CNET=zeros(1,N-6);
for i=1:N-6;
sum=0.0;
for j=1:M-1;
sum=sum+C(j,i+3);
end
CNET(i)=sum;
end
CLIMY=0.0;
for I=1:N;
L=C(:,I);
SUM=0.0;
for J=1:M-1;
SUM=SUM+L(J);
end
CL(I)=SUM;
if abs(CL(I)-CLIM)<=0.01;
CLIMY=I/N;
end
end
sum2=0.0;
for i=1:N;
sum2=sum2+CL(i);
end
CLA=sum2/N;