



# Stream filtration induced by pumping in a confined, unconfined or leaky aquifer bounded by two parallel streams or by a stream and an impervious stratum



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## SUMMARY

A mathematical model is developed for describing three-dimensional groundwater flow induced by a fully-penetrating vertical well in aquifers between two parallel streams. A general equation is adopted to represent the top boundary condition which is applicable to either a confined, unconfined or leaky aquifer. The Robin (third-type) boundary condition is employed to represent the low-permeability streambeds. The Laplace-domain head solution of the model is derived by the double-integral and Laplace transforms. The Laplace-domain solution for a stream depletion rate (SDR) describing filtration from the streams is developed based on Darcy's law and the head solution and inverted to the time-domain result by the Crump method. In addition, the time-domain solution of SDR for the confined aquifer is developed analytically after taking the inverse Laplace transform and the time-domain solutions of SDR for the leaky and unconfined aquifers are developed using the Padé approximation. Both approximate solutions of SDR are expressed in terms of simple series and give fairly good match with the Laplace-domain SDR solution and measured data from a field experiment in New Zealand. The uncertainties in SDR predictions for the aquifers are assessed by performing the sensitivity analysis and Monte Carlo simulation. With the aid of the time-domain solutions, we have found that the effect of the vertical groundwater flow on the temporal SDR for a leaky aquifer is dominated by two lumped parameters:  $\kappa = K_v x_0^2 / (K_h D^2)$  and  $\kappa' = K' D / (B' K_v)$  where  $D$  is the aquifer thickness,  $x_0$  is a distance between the well and nearer stream,  $K_h$  and  $K_v$  are the aquifer horizontal and vertical hydraulic conductivities, respectively, and  $K'$  and  $B'$  are the aquitard hydraulic conductivity and thickness, respectively. When  $\kappa < 10$ , neglecting the vertical flow underestimates the SDR. When  $\kappa \geq 10$ , the effect of vertical flow is negligible. When  $\kappa' \leq 10^{-4}$ , the aquitard can be regarded as impermeable, and the leaky aquifer behaves as a confined one.

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## 1. Introduction

Well pumping near a stream causes water filtration from the stream. The well could be vertical, horizontal, or vertical with laterals at the well bottom. The ratio of the filtration rate to the pumping rate is defined as a stream depletion rate (SDR). During the pumping period, SDR increases from zero to a constant value which could be equal to or less than unity. When SDR is zero, the filtration has not happened and the pumping has not affected the stream. SDR starts to increase with time when the drawdown cone reaches the stream. When SDR is unity, the stream filtration is at a

rate which equals the pumping rate. The steady-state SDR is less than unity in the presence of additional recharge sources from such as an aquifer, stream, or/and long-term rainfall.

An analytical approach is commonly used to estimate SDR for problems involving stream water management and water rights. A variety of analytical and semi-analytical models associated with the prediction of temporal SDR have been proposed and categorized according to different aquifer types, well types and stream treatments. Most existing models consider a vertical well to fully penetrate an aquifer, implying that groundwater flow within the aquifer is two-dimensional (2-D). In addition, the stream is commonly treated as a boundary in the models or its effect is modeled as a source term in the governing equations of the models.

If a stream is assumed to fully penetrate an aquifer, it forms a boundary with the aquifer. This solution (1941) expressed in terms of the well function might be the first solution describing

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a temporal distribution of *SDR*. In the solution development, the stream is considered as the Dirichlet (first-type) boundary condition, and image well theory is used to develop the solution. Therefore, [Theis solution \(1941\)](#) did not account for the effect of the low-permeability streambed on temporal *SDR*. [Glover and Balmer \(1954\)](#) reduced [Theis solution \(1941\)](#) to a complementary error function for conciseness. [Swamee et al. \(2000\)](#) further developed a closed-form approximate expression for [Theis solution \(1941\)](#). [Hantush \(1965\)](#) treated a stream as the Robin (third-type) boundary and derived an analytical solution accounting for the low-permeability streambed effect. The solutions mentioned above neglect the effect of streambed storage on temporal *SDR*. Recently, [Sun and Zhan \(2007\)](#) derived an analytical solution considering two parallel constant-head streams and the effects of the streambed's storage and permeability. [Intaraprasong and Zhan \(2009\)](#) further derived an analytical solution with considering the effect of a variable stage stream.

A stream may be regarded as a source term in the governing equation of groundwater flow. The term is in terms of the Dirac delta function, implying that the stream has a zero width. Those solutions considering the source term are applicable to the groundwater problem in the presence of a low-permeability streambed. On the other hand, the source term represents a fully-penetrating stream effect with neglecting the vertical flow component ([Sun and Zhan, 2007](#)). [Hunt solution \(1999\)](#) might be the first analytical solution derived by treating the stream as a line source and was shown to be exactly the same as [Hantush solution \(1965\)](#) according to [Sun and Zhan \(2007\)](#). [Chen and Yin \(2004\)](#) extended [Hunt solution \(1999\)](#) by considering water exchange between a stream and an aquifer prior to pumping. Recently, [Zlotnik and Tartakovsky \(2008\)](#) treated a stream as a line source and presented an analytical solution for a leaky aquifer with leakage at the bottom of the aquifer.

In order to account for the effect of a stream width, some researchers divided an aquifer into three zones with different governing flow equations. The middle zone has a width equaling the stream width, and a source term is in its governing flow equation and distributed over the whole spatial domain. A fully-penetrating well is in one of the side zones and treated as a sink term in its governing equation. The other side zone considers no source or sink term in the governing flow equation. Those three governing equations are coupled via the continuities of head and flux at the interfaces between the middle zone and side zones ([Zlotnik and Huang, 1999](#)). [Butler et al. \(2001\)](#) used this approach to derive a semi-analytical solution for a confined aquifer and addressed the effect of the stream width on *SDR*. [Fox et al. \(2002\)](#) considered the same model as [Butler et al. \(2001\)](#) but derived an analytical solution in the time domain.

A multiple-layer aquifer system is commonly represented by a quasi three-dimensional (3-D) flow model in which the flow in the aquifer is horizontal and in the aquitard is vertical. The aquifer system may be classified into a leaky aquifer or two-layer aquifer system. The leaky aquifer consists of a main aquifer and an aquitard either on the top or at the bottom. The groundwater flow in the aquitard is assumed to be vertical due to the low hydraulic conductivity. [Hunt \(2003\)](#) developed an analytical solution for head and stream filtration in the leaky aquifer overlain by a thin aquitard with a free surface. The stream with a zero width is treated as a source term in the governing equation for the underlying aquifer. [Hunt \(2008\)](#) also considered the same aquifer but a finite width stream. The aquifer extends infinitely along the stream and is bounded by the no-flow boundaries in the direction perpendicular to the stream. He developed a semi-analytical solution for hydraulic head and stream filtration. [Butler et al. \(2007\)](#) derived a semi-analytical solution describing hydraulic head and stream filtration for the leaky aquifer with an underlying aquitard. The two-layer

aquifer system has two main aquifers with an aquitard embedded in the middle. [Hunt \(2009\)](#) developed a semi-analytical solution for such an aquifer system. The stream is treated as a source term of a zero width, and a vertical well fully penetrates the upper aquifer. Recently, [Ward and Lough \(2011\)](#) considered the same situation but the well was installed at the lower aquifer. They derived a semi-analytical solution in the Fourier and Laplace domain for hydraulic head and in the Laplace domain for stream filtration.

Some researchers developed an analytical solution in predicting *SDR* induced by a slanted well, horizontal well or radial collector well. The solution takes account of the vertical component of groundwater flow even in a confined aquifer. Based on a 3-D groundwater flow equation, [Tsou et al. \(2010\)](#) derived an analytical solution for the temporal *SDR* induced by a slanted well in a confined aquifer. The slanted well can behave as a horizontal or vertical one by adjusting the orientation and inclination of the well. They found that the water flow filtration from a fully-penetrating stream toward a horizontal well parallel to the stream will reach steady state quickly. [Huang et al. \(2011\)](#) used a 3-D groundwater flow equation along with a simplified free surface equation representing the upper boundary of an unconfined aquifer and developed an analytical solution for the temporal *SDR* induced by a horizontal well. Their solution can investigate the effect of specific yield on *SDR*. These two solutions consider the stream as the Dirichlet boundary in the absence of a low-permeability streambed. Recently, [Huang et al. \(2012a\)](#) considered the streambed as the Robin boundary and presented an analytical solution to describe hydraulic head and temporal *SDR* induced by a radial collector well in an unconfined aquifer. They reported that the largest drawdown at the water table occurs right at the well center at the beginning of the pumping and moves landward when the filtration occurs.

Some semi-analytical solutions to a problem involving a horizontal well in a leaky aquifer underlying a water reservoir were also presented. The reservoir is of infinite extent in the horizontal direction and treated as a constant-head boundary at the top of the aquifer. [Zhan and Park \(2003\)](#) presented a semi-analytical solution for such a situation. The aquifer directly connects the overlying reservoir without a low-permeability aquitard in between. [Sun and Zhan \(2006\)](#) developed a semi-analytical solution for the same situation but considered the effects of aquitard storage and permeability.

Some researchers considered a wedge-shaped confined or unconfined aquifer and treated the adjacent stream as the Dirichlet boundary condition. [Yeh et al. \(2008\)](#) developed an analytical solution for the hydraulic head and *SDR* induced by a fully-penetrating vertical well in the wedge-shaped confined aquifer with an arbitrary angle. [Singh \(2009\)](#) also developed an analytical solution for *SDR* but for a right-angled confined aquifer. [Sedghi et al. \(2009\)](#) presented a semi-analytical solution for 3-D groundwater flow in the wedge-shaped confined or unconfined aquifer with a partially-penetrating vertical well. Other studies considered a triangle-shaped aquifer for simulating a delta aquifer surrounded by a stream. [Asadi-Aghbolaghi and Seyyedian \(2010\)](#) derived a closed-form solution describing a 2-D steady-state head distribution induced by a fully-penetrating vertical well in the triangle-shaped confined aquifer.

The solutions mentioned above are summarized in [Tables 1 and 2](#). In [Table 1](#), all of the solutions dealing with the 2-D flow problem induced by a fully-penetrating vertical well are categorized based on aquifer types and stream treatments. In [Table 2](#), the solutions involving the quasi 3-D flow or 3-D flow are categorized based on aquifer categories, well types, and stream treatments. In these two tables, the superscripts *a* and *b* stand for the presentation of the time-domain solution and Laplace-domain solution, respectively.

**Table 1**  
Classification of the solutions involving 2-D flow induced by a fully-penetrating vertical well.

References	Aquifer type	Stream treatment
Theis (1941) <sup>a</sup>	Confined aquifer	Dirichlet boundary condition
Glover and Balmer (1954) <sup>a</sup>	Confined aquifer	Dirichlet boundary condition
Hantush (1965) <sup>a</sup>	Confined aquifer	Robin boundary condition
Hunt (1999) <sup>a</sup>	Confined aquifer	Source term of a zero-width stream
Swamee et al. (2000) <sup>a</sup>	Confined aquifer	Dirichlet boundary condition
Butler et al. (2001) <sup>b</sup>	Confined aquifer	Source term of a finite-width stream
Fox et al. (2002) <sup>a</sup>	Confined aquifer	Source term of a finite-width stream
Chen and Yin (2004) <sup>a</sup>	Confined aquifer	Source term of a zero-width stream considering water exchange between the stream and aquifer
Sun and Zhan (2007) <sup>a</sup>	Confined aquifer divided into three zones, two side zones of which are regarded as low-permeability streambeds	Two parallel streams treated as Dirichlet boundary conditions
Zlotnik and Tartakovsky (2008) <sup>a</sup>	Leaky aquifer	Source term of a zero-width stream
Yeh et al. (2008) <sup>a</sup>	Wedge-shaped confined aquifer	Dirichlet boundary condition
Singh (2009) <sup>a</sup>	Right-angled confined aquifer	Dirichlet boundary condition
Intaraprasong and Zhan (2009) <sup>a</sup>	Confined aquifer divided into two zones, one of which is regarded as a low-permeability streambed	Dirichlet boundary condition with a variable stream stage
Asadi-Aghbolaghi and Seyyedian (2010) <sup>a</sup>	Triangle-shaped confined aquifer	Dirichlet boundary condition

<sup>a</sup> Time-domain solution.

<sup>b</sup> Laplace-domain solution.

**Table 2**  
Classification of the solutions involving quasi 3-D and 3-D groundwater flow.

References	Aquifer type	Well type	Stream treatment
<i>Quasi 3-D flow</i>			
Hunt (2003) <sup>a</sup>	Leaky aquifer with an overlying aquitard having a free surface	Fully-penetrating vertical well	Source term of a zero-width stream
Butler et al. (2007) <sup>b</sup>	Leaky aquifer with an underlying aquitard	Fully-penetrating vertical well	Source term of a finite-width stream
Hunt (2008) <sup>b</sup>	The same aquifer as Hunt (2003)	Fully-penetrating vertical well	Source term of a finite-width stream
Hunt (2009) <sup>b</sup>	Two-layer aquifer system	Fully-penetrating vertical well in the upper aquifer	Source term of a zero-width stream in a governing equation for the top aquifer
Ward and Lough (2011) <sup>b</sup>	Two-layer aquifer system	Fully-penetrating vertical well in the lower aquifer	Source term of a zero-width stream in a governing equation for the top aquifer
<i>3-D flow</i>			
Zhan and Park (2003) <sup>b</sup>	Leaky aquifer underlying a water reservoir	Horizontal well	Constant-head reservoir connecting the lower aquifer without an aquitard in between
Sun and Zhan (2006) <sup>b</sup>	Leaky aquifer underlying a water reservoir	Horizontal well	Constant-head reservoir connecting the lower aquifer with an aquitard in between
Sedghi et al. (2009) <sup>b</sup>	Wedge-Shaped unconfined aquifer	Partially-penetrating vertical well	Dirichlet boundary condition
Tsou et al. (2010) <sup>a</sup>	Confined aquifer	Slanted well	Dirichlet boundary condition
Huang et al. (2011) <sup>a</sup>	Unconfined aquifer	Horizontal well	Dirichlet boundary condition
Huang et al. (2012a) <sup>a</sup>	Unconfined aquifer	Radial collector well	Robin boundary condition

<sup>a</sup> Time-domain solution.

<sup>b</sup> Laplace-domain solution.

The calculation efficiency of existing *SDR* solutions for an unconfined aquifer has required improvement (e.g., Huang et al., 2011, 2012a). The solutions are expressed in terms of a multiple integral, which may cause problems of time-consuming calculation and inaccurate numerical integration. For example, the recent solution developed by Huang et al. (2012a) involves an infinite series expanded by sequences and a quadruple integral consisting of three improper integrals and one finite integral. Moreover, two of the integration variables depend on the sequences which are the roots of two nonlinear equations. The application of their solution may be limited to those who are good at numerical methods for the solution calculation.

The *SDR* problem associated with 3-D groundwater flow in a leaky aquifer has not been dealt with so far. Existing *SDR* solutions

consider 2-D groundwater flow and treat the leakage through an aquitard as a source term in the governing flow equation, which excludes the effect of an aquifer vertical hydraulic conductivity on *SDR*. For considering the effect, the leakage can be included in a boundary condition on the top of the aquifer (Huang et al., 2012b).

This paper develops a mathematical model for describing 3-D groundwater flow induced by pumping in a fully-penetrating vertical well in three types of aquifers bounded by two parallel streams or by a stream and an impervious stratum. A general equation is adopted to represent the top boundary condition which is applicable to either a confined, unconfined or leaky aquifer (Huang et al., 2012b). The streams with low-permeability streambeds form the Robin boundary. The head solution of the model is derived by

the double-integral transform and Laplace transform. Based on Darcy's law and the head solution, the Laplace-domain SDR solution is developed and inverted to closed-form time-domain results by applying the Padé approximation and inverse Laplace transform. The time-domain SDR solutions for the aquifers are expressed in terms of a simple series, and the accuracy is examined by means of the Laplace-domain SDR solution inverted numerically by Crump method (1976). The steady-state distribution of the filtration from the two streams is discussed. The effect of the vertical component of groundwater flow on temporal SDR for the leaky aquifer is investigated. Additionally, the temporal SDR predicted by the time-domain solution for the confined aquifer matches with the field SDR experiment given in Hunt et al. (2001). Moreover, the uncertainty in the SDR predictions from the time-domain solutions is assessed by performing the sensitivity analysis and Monte Carlo simulation.

**2. Methodology**

In this section, we first introduce the mathematical model for flow induced by a fully-penetrating vertical well in an aquifer bounded by two parallel streams and present the Laplace-domain head and SDR solutions of the model. The Crump method (1976) is then used to invert both Laplace-domain solutions to time-domain results. After that, a procedure based on Newton's method with appropriate initial guesses is proposed to determine the eigenvalues of the solutions. In addition, Padé approximation is applied to the Laplace-domain SDR solution, and the closed-form time-domain results are obtained after taking the inverse Laplace transform. Finally, the time-domain SDR solutions in terms of a simple series expanded by the eigenvalues for confined, leaky and unconfined aquifers are presented. The notations used in the text are summarized in Table 3.

**2.1. Mathematical model**

Even if the numerical simulation of SDR considers different types of wells, such as a vertical well with different penetration and a radial collector well with symmetrical laterals, it leads to almost the same result (e.g., Sophocleous et al., 1995; Huang et al.,

2012a). We therefore consider a fully-penetrating vertical well for simplicity. In solving a problem associated with water right distributions, we consider two parallel streams (Sun and Zhan, 2007). Fig. 1(a) shows the schematic diagram of an aquifer with the well located between the parallel streams. The aquifer has a finite width  $W_x$  bounded by the two streams in  $x$ -direction and  $W_y$  bounded by two no-flow boundaries in  $y$ -direction. Streambeds 1 and 2 have a width  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ , respectively. The well is located at  $(x_0, y_0)$ . The aquifer has a thickness  $D$  in Fig. 1(b) for a confined condition, Fig. 1(c) for an unconfined condition and Fig. 1(d) for a leaky condition. The overlying aquitard has a thickness  $B'$  in Fig. 1(d).

The governing equation describing 3-D transient hydraulic head  $h(x, y, z, t)$  induced by pumping in a fully-penetrating vertical well can be expressed as

$$K_h \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + K_h \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} + K_v \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = S_s \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{Q}{D} \delta(x - x_0) \delta(y - y_0) \tag{1}$$

where  $\delta(\cdot)$  is the Dirac delta function,  $K_h$  and  $K_v$  are hydraulic conductivities in the horizontal and vertical directions, respectively,  $S_s$  is specific storage,  $Q$  is a constant discharge rate, and  $t$  is the time since pumping.

The value of hydraulic head depends on the location of the reference datum, a surface of zero elevation. The datum is located at the initial potentiometric surface for confined aquifers and initial water table elevations for leaky aquifers and unconfined aquifers. The initial condition is therefore written as

$$h = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad t = 0 \tag{2}$$

A partially penetrating stream can be considered as full penetration if the distance from the stream to the well is larger than 1.5 times the aquifer thickness (e.g., Jacob, 1950; Todd and Mays, 2005). The parallel streams with low-permeability streambeds can be represented by the Robin boundary conditions as

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} - \frac{K_1}{K_h B_1} h = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad x = 0 \tag{3}$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + \frac{K_2}{K_h B_2} h = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad x = W_x \tag{4}$$

where  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are the hydraulic conductivity of streambeds 1 and 2, respectively.

**Table 3**

Notations used in the text, their default values used in calculation, and field data of the aquifer near Doyleston in New Zealand.

Notations	Default value (unit)	Field data (unit)	Description
$h$	None	None	Hydraulic head
$(x, y, z)$	None	None	Variables of Cartesian coordinate
$t$	None	None	Time
$(K_h, K_v)$	(1, 0.1) m/day	(3.78, <sup>a</sup> none) m/h	Aquifer horizontal and vertical hydraulic conductivities, respectively
$(S_y, S_s)$	(0.1, $10^{-5}$ m <sup>-1</sup> )	(none, $10^{-4a}$ m <sup>-1</sup> )	Aquifer specific yield and specific storage, respectively
$(D, W_x, W_y)$	(20 m, 10 km, 10 km)	(20 m, <sup>a</sup> 1 km, 1 km)	Aquifer thickness and widths in $x$ and $y$ directions, respectively
$(T, S)$	(20 m <sup>2</sup> /day, $2 \times 10^{-4}$ )	(75.6 m <sup>2</sup> /h, $2 \times 10^{-3}$ ) <sup>a</sup>	Aquifer transmissivity ( $K_h D$ ) and storage coefficient ( $S_s D$ ), respectively
$(K', B')$	(0.01 m/day, 1 m)	None	Aquitard conductivity and its thickness, respectively
$(K_1, B_1)$	(0.1 m/day, 1 m)	(0.0089 m/h, 1 m) <sup>a</sup>	Hydraulic conductivity and thickness of streambed 1, respectively
$(K_2, B_2)$	(0, 1 m)	(0, 1 m)	Hydraulic conductivity and thickness of streambed 2, respectively
$Q$	None	63 <sup>a</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /h	Pumping rate of a vertical well
$(x_0, y_0)$	(50 m, 250 m)	(55, <sup>a</sup> 500) m	Location of a vertical well
$\alpha_i$	None	None	Roots of Eq. (11)
$h_D$	None	None	$K_h D h / Q$
$(x_D, y_D, z_D, t_D)$	None	None	$(x/x_0, y/y_0, z/D, K_h t / (S_s x_0^2))$
$(x_{0D}, y_{0D})$	(1, 5)	None	$(x_0/x_0, y_0/y_0)$
$(\kappa, \kappa', \sigma)$	(0.625, 2, 500)	None	$(K_v x_0^2 / (K_h D^2), K D / (K_h B'), S_y / S)$
$(\kappa_1, \kappa_2)$	(50, 0)	None	$(K_1 x_0 / (K_h B_1), K_2 / (K_h B_2))$
$(\omega_x, \omega_y)$	(10, 10)	None	$(W_x / x_0, W_y / x_0)$
$(\lambda_a, \lambda_p)$	None	None	$(\alpha_i / \sqrt{\kappa}, \sqrt{b_1^2 - 4b_2})$
$(a_0, b_1, b_2)$	None	None	Coefficients of Padé approximation defined in Eq. (23)
$\tilde{S}(x_D, \alpha_i)$	None	None	Function of $x_{iD}$ and $\alpha_i$ defined in Eq. (15d)

<sup>a</sup> Reported by Hunt et al. (2001).

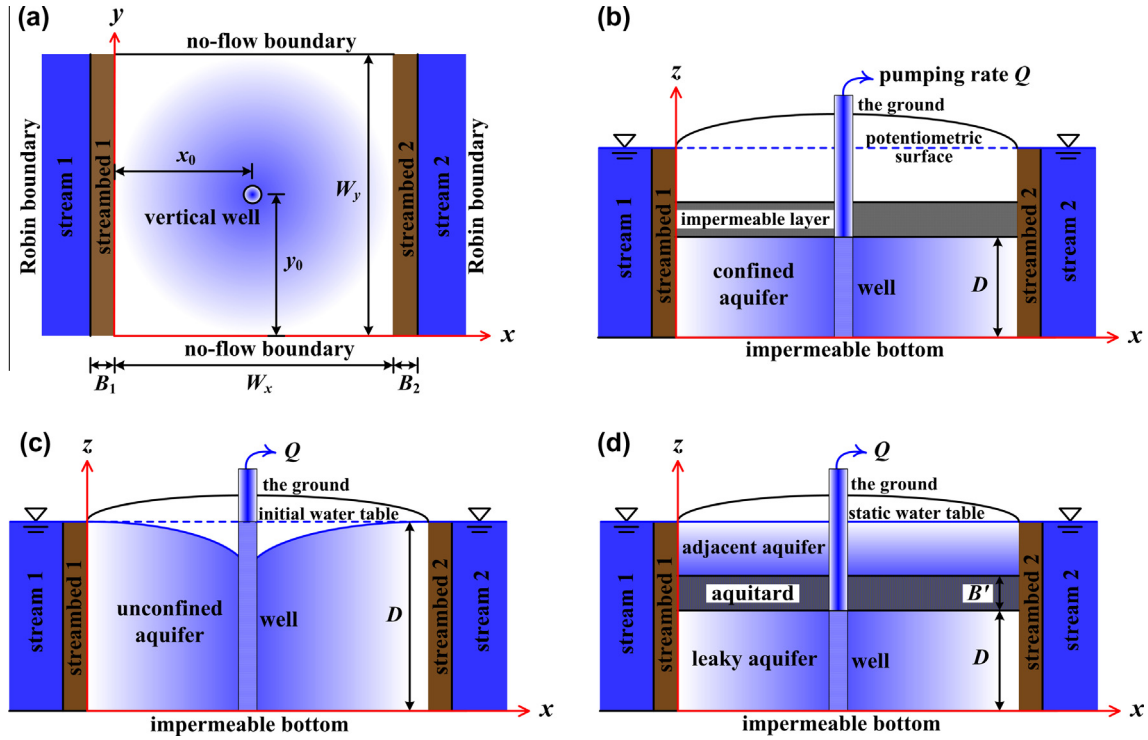


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of a finite aquifer with a fully-penetrating vertical well bounded by two parallel streams: (a) a top view of the aquifer and a cross-section view of (b) confined, (c) unconfined and (d) leaky conditions.

Consideration of an aquifer extending infinitely or semi-infinitely leads to the *SDR* solution in terms of a multiple integral which is not integrable (e.g., Butler et al., 2007; Tsou et al., 2010; Huang et al., 2012a). In order to obtain an analytical expression for the multiple integral in the *SDR* solution of the model (Eqs. (14a) and (14b)), we consider the no-flow boundary condition at *y*-direction of the finite aquifer as

$$\partial h / \partial y = 0 \quad \text{at } y = 0 \text{ and } y = W_y \quad (5)$$

Note that the numerical result calculated from the head solution developed based on Eq. (5) should be equal to that obtained from the solution with a remote boundary condition of  $\lim_{y \rightarrow \pm\infty} \partial h / \partial y = 0$ , if the width  $W_y$  is larger than the radius of influence of a pumping well.

The no-flow boundary condition is applied at the lower boundary of the aquifer and stands for an impermeable medium as

$$\partial h / \partial z = 0 \quad \text{at } z = 0 \quad (6)$$

A general equation representing the top boundary condition for confined, unconfined and leaky aquifers is expressed as (Huang et al., 2012b)

$$K_v \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} + \frac{K'}{B'} h = -S_y \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \quad \text{at } z = D \quad (7)$$

where  $S_y$  is specific yield for the unconfined condition, and  $K'$  is aquitard's vertical hydraulic conductivity (aquitard's storage and horizontal hydraulic conductivity are assumed zero). Eq. (7) reduces to  $K_v \partial h / \partial z + (K'/B')h = 0$  for the leaky condition when  $S_y = 0$ ,  $K_v \partial h / \partial z = -S_y \partial h / \partial t$  for the unconfined condition when  $K' = 0$ , and  $\partial h / \partial z = 0$  for the confined condition when  $S_y = 0$  and  $K' = 0$ . Note that  $K_v \partial h / \partial z = -S_y \partial h / \partial t$  is a simplified equation for describing the change of the free surface in an unconfined aquifer (e.g., Neuman, 1972; Zhan and Zlotnik, 2002; Teo et al., 2003; Yeh et al., 2010).

Introduce dimensionless variables and parameters as

$$h_D = \frac{K_h D}{Q} h, \quad x_D = \frac{x}{x_0}, \quad y_D = \frac{y}{x_0}, \quad y_{0D} = \frac{y_0}{x_0}, \quad z_D = \frac{z}{D},$$

$$t_D = \frac{K_h t}{S_y x_0^2}, \quad \sigma = \frac{S_y}{S}, \quad \kappa = \frac{K_v x_0^2}{K_h D^2}, \quad \kappa' = \frac{K' D}{B' K_v},$$

$$\kappa_1 = \frac{K_1 x_0}{B_1 K_h}, \quad \kappa_2 = \frac{K_2 x_0}{B_2 K_h}, \quad \omega_x = \frac{W_x}{x_0}, \quad \omega_y = \frac{W_y}{x_0} \quad (8)$$

where  $S = S_y D$ , and the subscript  $D$  represents a dimensionless symbol for the variables. Based on Eq. (8), Eqs. (1)–(7) can be expressed, respectively, as

$$\frac{\partial^2 h_D}{\partial x_D^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h_D}{\partial y_D^2} + \kappa \frac{\partial^2 h_D}{\partial z_D^2} = \frac{\partial h_D}{\partial t_D} + \delta(x_D - 1) \delta(y_D - y_{0D}) \quad (9a)$$

$$h_D = 0 \quad \text{at } t_D = 0 \quad (9b)$$

$$\frac{\partial h_D}{\partial x_D} - \kappa_1 h_D = 0 \quad \text{at } x_D = 0 \quad (9c)$$

$$\frac{\partial h_D}{\partial x_D} + \kappa_2 h_D = 0 \quad \text{at } x = \omega_x \quad (9d)$$

$$\partial h_D / \partial y_D = 0 \quad \text{at } y_D = 0 \text{ and } y = \omega_y \quad (9e)$$

$$\partial h_D / \partial z_D = 0 \quad \text{at } z_D = 0 \quad (9f)$$

$$\frac{\partial h_D}{\partial z_D} + \kappa' h_D = -\frac{\sigma}{\kappa} \frac{\partial h_D}{\partial t_D} \quad \text{at } z_D = 1 \quad (9g)$$

## 2.2. Laplace-domain solution for hydraulic head

The model becomes a boundary value problem in terms of  $z_D$  after taking the double-integral transform and Laplace transform.

For the detailed definition of the double-integral transform, readers can refer to [Appendix A](#). The second-order differential operators  $\partial^2/\partial x_D^2$  and  $\partial^2/\partial y_D^2$  in Eq. (9a) can be converted to parameters when applying the double-integral transform ([Latinopoulos, 1985](#), Eq. (9)). Similarly, the first-order differential operator  $\partial/\partial t_D$  is converted to a parameter when applying the Laplace transform. As such, Eq. (9a) becomes an ordinary differential equation in terms of  $z_D$  as

$$\kappa \frac{d^2 \bar{h}_D}{dz_D^2} - (p + \alpha_i^2 + \beta_j^2) \bar{h}_D = \frac{1}{p} K_e(1, \alpha_i) \cos(y_{0D} \beta_j) \quad (10a)$$

with

$$K_e(x_D, \alpha_i) = \sqrt{2} \frac{\alpha_i \cos(\alpha_i x_D) + \kappa_1 \sin(\alpha_i x_D)}{\sqrt{(\alpha_i^2 + \kappa_1^2)[\omega_x + \kappa_2/(\alpha_i^2 + \kappa_2^2)] + \kappa_1}} \quad (10b)$$

where  $\beta_j = \pi j/\omega_y$ ,  $j \in 1, 2, \dots, \infty$ ,  $K_e(1, \alpha_i)$  is defined by  $K_e(x_D, \alpha_i)$  with  $x_D = 1$ ,  $p$  is the Laplace transform parameter, and  $\alpha_i$  are the positive eigenvalues/roots of ([Latinopoulos, 1985](#), Table 1, aquifer type 4)

$$\tan(\omega_x \alpha_i) = \frac{\alpha_i(\kappa_1 + \kappa_2)}{\alpha_i^2 - \kappa_1 \times \kappa_2} \quad (11)$$

The method to estimate  $\alpha_i$  is illustrated in Section 2.3. Based on those transforms, Eqs. (9f) and (9g) respectively become

$$d\bar{h}_D/dz_D = 0 \quad \text{at } z_D = 0 \quad (12a)$$

$$\frac{d\bar{h}_D}{dz_D} + \kappa' \bar{h}_D = -\frac{\sigma}{\kappa} p \bar{h}_D \quad \text{at } z_D = 1 \quad (12b)$$

Solving Eq. (10a) with Eqs. (12a) and (12b) and inverting the result by the formulas for the inverse double-integral transform (Eq. (A.3) in [Appendix A](#)) leads to the Laplace-domain head solution as

$$\bar{h}_D(x_D, y_D, z_D, p) = \frac{1}{\omega_y} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left[ \hat{h}(\alpha_i, 0, z_D, p) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \hat{h}(\alpha_i, \beta_j, z_D, p) \cos(\beta_j y_D) \right] S(x_D, \alpha_i) \right\} \quad (13a)$$

with

$$S(x_D, \alpha_i) = 2 \frac{\alpha_i \cos(\alpha_i x_D) + \kappa_1 \sin(\alpha_i x_D)}{\kappa_1 + (\alpha_i^2 + \kappa_1^2)[\omega_x + \kappa_2/(\alpha_i^2 + \kappa_2^2)]} \quad (13b)$$

$$\hat{h}(\alpha_i, \beta_j, z_D, p) = \frac{V(\alpha_i, \beta_j)}{\kappa p \lambda(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p)^2} \left( \frac{[(\sigma/\kappa)p + \kappa'] \cosh[\lambda(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p)z_D]}{\eta(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p)} - 1 \right) \quad (13c)$$

$$V(\alpha_i, \beta_j) = \cos(\beta_j y_{0D})(\alpha_i \cos \alpha_i + \kappa_1 \sin \alpha_i) \quad (13d)$$

$$\lambda(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p) = \sqrt{(p + \alpha_i^2 + \beta_j^2)/\kappa} \quad (13e)$$

$$\eta(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p) = (\sigma/\kappa)p \cosh[\lambda(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p)] + \kappa' \cosh[\lambda(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p)] + \lambda(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p) \sinh[\lambda(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p)] \quad (13f)$$

The solution contains one simple series expanded by  $\alpha_i$  and one double series expanded by  $\alpha_i$  and  $j$ .

### 2.3. Laplace-domain solution for SDR

Based on Darcy's law and Eq. (13) (i.e., including Eqs. (13a)–(13f)), the solution describing Laplace-domain SDR from streams 1 and 2 can be written, respectively, as

$$\overline{SDR}_1(p) = - \int_{z=0}^{z=1} \int_{y=0}^{y=\omega_y} \frac{\partial \bar{h}_D}{\partial x_D} dy_D dz_D \quad \text{at } x_D = 0 \quad (14a)$$

$$\overline{SDR}_2(p) = \int_{z=0}^{z=1} \int_{y=0}^{y=\omega_y} \frac{\partial \bar{h}_D}{\partial x_D} dy_D dz_D \quad \text{at } x = \omega_x \quad (14b)$$

Substituting Eq. (13a) into Eqs. (14a) and (14b) and integrating the results with respect to  $y_D$  and  $z_D$  yields, respectively,

$$\overline{SDR}_1(p) = - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \tilde{h}(\alpha_i, 0, p) \tilde{S}(0, \alpha_i) \quad (15a)$$

and

$$\overline{SDR}_2(p) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \tilde{h}(\alpha_i, 0, p) \tilde{S}(\omega_x, \alpha_i) \quad (15b)$$

with

$$\tilde{h}(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p) = \frac{[(\sigma/\kappa)p + \kappa'] \sinh[\lambda(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p)]}{\kappa p \lambda(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p)^3 \eta(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p)} - \frac{1}{\kappa p \lambda(\alpha_i, \beta_j, p)^2} \quad (15c)$$

$$\tilde{S}(x_D, \alpha_i) = 2 \frac{[\alpha_i \cos \alpha_i + \kappa_1 \sin \alpha_i] [-\alpha_i^2 \sin(\alpha_i x_D) + \kappa_1 \alpha_i \cos(\alpha_i x_D)]}{\kappa_1 + (\alpha_i^2 + \kappa_1^2)[\omega_x + \kappa_2/(\alpha_i^2 + \kappa_2^2)]} \quad (15d)$$

Notice that the double integral in Eq. (14a), (14b) is integrable because of the introduction of Eq. (5), and the double series in Eq. (13a) reduces to zero because of the integration to  $y_D$  in Eq. (14a) or (14b). The SDR solution is therefore in terms of the simple series expanded by  $\alpha_i$ , which improves the efficiency in calculation and works only for the case of the no-flow boundary conditions defined in Eq. (5).

Eq. (15) (i.e., including Eqs. (15a)–(15d)) is now a general solution in the Laplace domain for confined, leaky, and unconfined aquifers. When  $\sigma = 0$  and  $\kappa' = 0$  (i.e.,  $S_y = 0$  and  $K' = 0$ ), the first term on the right-hand side (RHS) of Eq. (15c) equals zero and then Eq. (15) is the Laplace-domain SDR solution for the confined aquifer. In addition, Eq. (15) becomes the Laplace-domain SDR solution for the leaky aquifer if  $\sigma = 0$  (i.e.,  $S_y = 0$ ) and for the unconfined aquifer if  $\kappa' = 0$  (i.e.,  $K' = 0$ ).

### 2.4. Numerical inversion

Both Laplace-domain solutions, Eqs. (13) and (15), can be inverted numerically by [Crump method \(1976\)](#) which involves calculation of an infinite series as

$$f(t_D) = \frac{\exp(at_D)}{T_p} \left\{ \frac{\bar{f}(a)}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \text{Re} \left[ \bar{f} \left( a + \frac{i\pi k}{T_p} \right) \cos \left( \frac{\pi k t_D}{T_p} \right) \right] - \text{Im} \left[ \bar{f} \left( a + \frac{i\pi k}{T_p} \right) \sin \left( \frac{\pi k t_D}{T_p} \right) \right] \right\} \quad (16)$$

where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ,  $f(t_D)$  is a time-domain result of  $\bar{f}(p)$ ,  $\bar{f}(p)$  represents the Laplace-domain solution defined by either Eq. (13) or (15),  $T_p$  is an interesting dimensionless time domain as  $0 \leq t_D \leq T_p$ ,  $\text{Re}$  and  $\text{Im}$  represent the real and imaginary parts of a complex number, respectively,  $a = \phi - (\ln E)/2T_p$  with  $E$ , an error tolerance, suggested as  $10^{-8}$  and  $\phi$ , representing the real part of a leading pole for  $f(p)$  or equaling zero for a function without any pole. The leading pole is zero for both Laplace-domain solutions.

### 2.5. Numerical evaluation for eigenvalues $\alpha_i$

The eigenvalues  $\alpha_i$  can be determined from Eq. (11) as consecutive positive roots obtained using Newton's method with appropriate initial guesses. Based on the left hand side (LHS) and RHS functions of the equation, the initial guesses for the roots

can be determined analytically. The eigenvalues  $\alpha_i$  are in fact located at the intersection points of the LHS and RHS functions of the equation and near the vertical asymptotes of the periodical function  $\tan(\omega_x \alpha_i)$ . The locations of the asymptotes depend on the conditions that  $\kappa_2 \neq 0$  and  $\kappa_2 = 0$ . When  $\kappa_2 = 0$ , the initial guesses for  $\alpha_i$  are considered as  $(2i - 1)\pi/(2\omega_x) - \delta$  where  $\delta$  is a small value, say  $10^{-8}$ , in preventing the initial guesses located right at the vertical asymptotes. When  $\kappa_2 \neq 0$ , there is one additional vertical asymptote located at  $\alpha_i = \sqrt{\kappa_1 \kappa_2}$  originated from letting the denominator of the RHS function of Eq. (11) be zero. The initial guesses for  $\alpha_i$  are chosen as  $(2i - 1)\pi/(2\omega_x) + \delta$  when  $(2i - 1)\pi/(2\omega_x) < \sqrt{\kappa_1 \kappa_2}$  and as  $(2i - 1)\pi/(2\omega_x) - \delta$  when  $(2i - 1)\pi/(2\omega_x) > \sqrt{\kappa_1 \kappa_2}$ .

The roots of Eq. (11) depend on the specific permeabilities of the streambeds,  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$ . When  $\kappa_1 \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\kappa_2 \rightarrow \infty$  (i.e.,  $B_1 = 0$  and  $B_2 = 0$ ), both streambeds do not exist, indicating that the streams directly connect the aquifer and can be considered as a constant-head boundary. Under such a condition, Eq. (11) reduces to  $\tan(\omega_x \alpha_i) = 0$  and the roots  $\alpha_i$  can be derived analytically as  $\alpha_i = i\pi/\omega_x$ . On the other hand, streambed 1 does not exist and streambed 2 is totally impermeable when  $\kappa_1 \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\kappa_2 = 0$  (i.e.,  $B_1 = 0$  and  $K_2 = 0$ ). Stream 1 can be regarded as a constant head boundary while stream 2 becomes a no-flow one. Under this circumstance, Eq. (11) becomes  $\tan(\omega_x \alpha_i) \rightarrow \infty$  and the roots  $\alpha_i$  are equal to  $(2i - 1)\pi/(2\omega_x)$ .

2.6. Time-domain solution for SDR in confined aquifer

Substituting  $\sigma = 0$  and  $\kappa' = 0$  into Eq. (15) and taking the inverse Laplace transform to the result yields the time-domain SDR solution for the confined aquifer as

$$SDR_1(t_D) = -\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f(\alpha_i, t_D) \tilde{S}(0, \alpha_i) \tag{17a}$$

$$SDR_2(t_D) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f(\alpha_i, t_D) \tilde{S}(\omega_x, \alpha_i) \tag{17b}$$

with

$$f(\alpha_i, t_D) = -\frac{1}{\alpha_i^2} [1 - \exp(-\alpha_i^2 t_D)] \tag{17c}$$

Eq. (17a) or (17b) gives almost the same numerical result of SDR as Glover and Balmer solution (1954) if the well is close to the nearby stream to avoid the filtration from the other one.

2.7. Padé approximation

If  $\sigma \neq 0$  or  $\kappa' \neq 0$ , the inverse Laplace transform for Eq. (15) may not be tractable due to the complexity of the first RHS term (i.e., represented by  $\bar{F}(p)$ ) in Eq. (15c). We therefore adopt Padé approximation to develop a closed-form expression for the inverse Laplace transform. Based on Padé approximation,  $\bar{F}(p)$  can be approximated using a quotient of two polynomials denoted as (Gerald and Wheatley, 1994)

$$\bar{F}(p) \cong \frac{a_0 + a_1 p + a_2 p^2 + \dots + a_n p^n}{1 + b_1 p + b_2 p^2 + \dots + b_m p^m} \tag{18}$$

where  $a_n$  and  $b_m$  depend on the coefficients  $c_i$  of Maclaurin series of  $\bar{F}(p)$  as

$$\bar{F}(p) \cong c_0 + c_1 p + c_2 p^2 + \dots + c_N p^N \tag{19}$$

where  $c_i = \bar{F}^{(i)}(0)/(i!)$  and  $N = n + m$ . The determination of  $a_n$  and  $b_m$  is discussed in Section 2.8.

2.8. Time-domain solution of SDR for unconfined aquifer

When  $\sigma \neq 0$  and  $\kappa' = 0$ , a quotient of a zero-order polynomial over a second-order one is used to approximate  $\bar{F}(p)$  as

$$\bar{F}(p) \cong \frac{a_0}{1 + b_1 p + b_2 p^2} \tag{20}$$

The Maclaurin series of  $\bar{F}(p)$  with  $\kappa' = 0$  can be written as

$$\bar{F}(p) \cong c_0 + c_1 p + c_2 p^2 \tag{21}$$

where the  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$ , and  $c_2$  are defined by Eqs. (25d), (25e), and (25f), respectively. The coefficients  $a_0$ ,  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are determined by letting the RHS functions of Eqs. (20) and (21) be the same and then by rearranging the result as

$$(c_0 - a_0) + (c_1 + c_0 b_1) p + (c_2 + c_1 b_1 + c_0 b_2) p^2 + (c_2 b_1 + c_1 b_2) p^3 + c_2 b_2 p^4 = 0 \tag{22}$$

Setting the first, second and third terms on the LHS of Eq. (22) to be zero leads to three equations. Solving the equations simultaneously, one can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= c_0 \\ b_1 &= -c_1/c_0 \\ b_2 &= (c_1^2 - c_0 \times c_2)/c_0^2 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

The inverse Laplace transform for Eq. (20) is

$$F(t_D) = -\frac{a_0}{\lambda_p} \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{b_1 + \lambda_p}{2b_2} t_D\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{b_1 - \lambda_p}{2b_2} t_D\right) \right] \tag{24}$$

where  $\lambda_p = \sqrt{b_1^2 - 4b_2}$ . The RHS function of Eq. (24) increases with time from zero to a certain value and then decreases toward zero. This function is capable of describing the temporal SDR distribution for unconfined aquifers as discussed in Section 3.1.

The inverse Laplace transform for the second RHS term in Eq. (15c) is equivalent to Eq. (17c). Based on Eqs. (17) and (24), the time-domain SDR solution for the unconfined aquifer is written as

$$SDR_1(t_D) = -\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f(\alpha_i, t_D) \tilde{S}(0, \alpha_i) \tag{25a}$$

$$SDR_2(t_D) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f(\alpha_i, t_D) \tilde{S}(\omega_x, \alpha_i) \tag{25b}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha_i, t_D) &= -\frac{c_0}{\lambda_p} \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{b_1 + \lambda_p}{2b_2} t_D\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{b_1 - \lambda_p}{2b_2} t_D\right) \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\alpha_i^2} [1 - \exp(-\alpha_i^2 t_D)] \end{aligned} \tag{25c}$$

$$c_0 = \sigma/\alpha_i^4 \tag{25d}$$

$$c_1 = -\frac{\sigma}{\alpha_i^6} \left( 2 + \frac{\sigma \lambda_a}{\tanh \lambda_a} \right) \tag{25e}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{\sigma}{2\alpha_i^8} \left\{ 6 + \sigma \lambda_a \left[ \frac{5}{\tanh \lambda_a} + \frac{\lambda_a}{(\sinh \lambda_a)^2} + \frac{2\sigma \lambda_a}{(\tanh \lambda_a)^2} \right] \right\} \tag{25f}$$

where  $\lambda_a = \alpha_i/\sqrt{\kappa}$ .

2.9. Time-domain solution of SDR for leaky aquifer

When  $\sigma = 0$  and  $\kappa' \neq 0$ ,  $\bar{F}(p)$  can be expressed as  $\bar{F}(p) = \bar{G}(p)/p$  where  $\bar{G}(p)$  is a function of  $p$ . We adopt a quotient of a zero-order polynomial over a first-order one in approximating  $\bar{G}(p)$  as

$$\bar{G}(p) \cong \frac{a_0}{1 + b_1 p} \tag{26}$$

The Maclaurin series of  $\bar{G}(p)$  can be written as

$$\bar{G}(p) \cong c_0 + c_1 p \tag{27}$$

where the  $c_0$  and  $c_1$  are defined by Eqs. (29d) and (29e), respectively. Similar to the procedure taken for the unconfined aquifer as described above, the  $a_0$  and  $b_1$  in Eq. (26) are defined in Eq. (23). The inverse Laplace transform for Eq. (26) is

$$G(t_D) = \frac{a_0}{b_1} \exp\left(-\frac{t_D}{b_1}\right) \tag{28}$$

The inverse Laplace transform for  $\bar{F}(p)$  is obtained by integrating Eq. (28) with respect to  $t_D$  from 0 to  $t_D$  based on the convolution theory. With that, the time-domain SDR solution for the leaky aquifer is then obtained as

$$SDR_1(t_D) = -\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f(\alpha_i, t_D) \tilde{S}(0, \alpha_i) \tag{29a}$$

$$SDR_2(t_D) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f(\alpha_i, t_D) \tilde{S}(\omega_x, \alpha_i) \tag{29b}$$

with

$$f(\alpha_i, t_D) = c_0 \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{c_0}{c_1} t_D\right) \right] - \frac{1}{\alpha_i^2} [1 - \exp(-\alpha_i^2 t_D)] \tag{29c}$$

$$c_0 = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa \kappa'} \sinh \lambda_a}{\alpha_i^3 (\kappa' \cosh \lambda_a + \lambda_a \sinh \lambda_a)} \tag{29d}$$

$$c_1 = \kappa' \frac{3\kappa' \sinh(2\lambda_a) - 2\lambda_a [2 + \kappa' - 2 \cosh(2\lambda_a)]}{4\kappa^2 \lambda_a^5 (\kappa' \cosh \lambda_a + \lambda_a \sinh \lambda_a)^2} \tag{29e}$$

### 2.10. Evaluation of uncertainty in SDR prediction

The uncertainty in SDR predictions associated with hydraulic parameters can be assessed by means of the sensitivity analysis and Monte Carlo simulation. The former and latter methods are introduced in Sections 2.10.1 and 2.10.2, respectively.

#### 2.10.1. Sensitivity analysis

Sensitivity analysis is applied to evaluate the change of the SDR in response to the change of the parameter in the model. A dimensionless expression for the sensitivity to a specific parameter can be written as

$$S_{i,t} = P_i \frac{\partial SDR}{\partial P_i} \tag{30}$$

where the SDR herein is the time-domain solution defined by either Eqs. (17), (25) or (29),  $P_i$  represents the  $i$ th parameter in the solution, and  $S_{i,t}$  is a normalized sensitivity coefficient at time  $t$  for the  $i$ th parameter. Eq. (30) can be discretized as

$$S_{i,t} = P_i \frac{SDR(P_i + \Delta P_i) - SDR(P_i)}{\Delta P_i} \tag{31}$$

where  $\Delta P_i$ , a small increment, is set to  $10^{-3} P_i$  (Huang and Yeh, 2007).

#### 2.10.2. Monte Carlo simulation

The Monte Carlo simulation is performed to quantify uncertainty in the SDR predictions from the time-domain solutions. The parameters of  $S_s$ ,  $S_y$ ,  $K_h$ ,  $K'$ ,  $K_v$  and  $K_1$  are considered to be normally distributed with mean values given in the second column of Table 3. The standard deviations are  $10^{-6}$  for  $S_s$ , 0.03 for  $S_y$ , 0.2 for

$K_h$ , 0.02 for  $K'$  and 0.06 for  $K_v$  and  $K_1$ . The realizations (or samples) of each parameter are generated by a computer-based random number generator. The simulation run for each realization is made based on the time-domain solution for a confined, unconfined or leaky aquifer. A histogram (or frequency plot) is constructed by dividing the total SDR predictions into an interval of 0.05 and calculating the relative frequency in each interval. The relative frequency is defined by the ratio of the number of the SDR predictions within the interval to the total ones. The number of the realizations for each parameter is 100. The histogram exhibits an estimated probability distribution of the SDR due to the variability in those parameters.

### 3. Results and discussion

Sources of water contributing to pumping are analyzed in Section 3.1. The accuracy of the time-domain solutions is illustrated in Section 3.2. The temporal SDR distribution for a narrow aquifer bounded by a stream and a no-flow boundary is displayed in Section 3.3. The distributions of the filtration from two parallel streams for the three types of aquifers are discussed in Section 3.4. The effects of  $\kappa$  and  $\kappa'$  on a temporal SDR for the leaky aquifer are investigated in Section 3.5. The SDR predicted by the time-domain solution for the confined aquifer and compared with field observation data is discussed in Section 3.6. The uncertainty in the SDR predictions is assessed in Section 3.7. The default values of the variables and hydraulic parameters used for calculation are listed in Table 3.

#### 3.1. Sources contributing to pumping

Water contributing to pumping comes from various sources such as SDR, storage release rate (SRR), gravity drainage rate (GDR), and leakage rate (LR). The SRR in response to the compression of an aquifer matrix and the expansion of groundwater can be defined as

$$SRR(t_D) = -\int_0^1 \int_0^{\omega_y} \int_0^{\omega_x} \frac{\partial h_D}{\partial t_D} dx_D dy_D dz_D \tag{32}$$

where  $h$  is obtained by replacing  $\bar{f}(p)$  in Eq. (16) with  $\bar{h}_D(p)$  in Eq. (13). The GDR induced by the water table decline is defined as

$$GDR(t_D) = -\sigma \int_0^{\omega_y} \int_0^{\omega_x} \frac{\partial h_D}{\partial t_D} dx_D dy_D \quad \text{at } z_D = 1 \tag{33}$$

The LR through an aquitard is defined as

$$LR(t_D) = \kappa \int_0^{\omega_y} \int_0^{\omega_x} \frac{\partial h_D}{\partial z_D} dx_D dy_D \quad \text{at } z_D = 1 \tag{34}$$

The triple integral in Eq. (32) and the double integral in Eqs. (33) and (34) can be integrated analytically.

Fig. 2(a) displays the temporal distributions of the SDR<sub>1</sub> and SRR predicted by Eqs. (15a) and (32), respectively, with  $\sigma = 0$  and  $\kappa' = 0$  for the confined aquifer. The sum of the SDR<sub>1</sub> and SRR at any pumping time is unity, indicating that both stream filtration and storage release contribute to the well discharge. When  $t_D \leq 0.05$ , the SDR<sub>1</sub> is zero, and the SRR is unity. All of the well discharge comes from the aquifer storage. When  $0.05 < t_D \leq 30$ , the SRR decreases with time while the SDR<sub>1</sub> increases. The filtration from stream 1 starts. When  $t_D > 30$ , the SDR<sub>1</sub> is unity, and the SRR is zero, indicating that only the filtration contributes to the well discharge. Fig. 2(b) shows the temporal SDR<sub>1</sub>, SRR and GDR predicted by Eqs. (15a), (32), and (33), respectively, with  $\kappa' = 0$  for the unconfined aquifer. The well discharge comes from the combinations of the stream filtration, aquifer storage release and gravity drainage since the sum of the SDR<sub>1</sub>, SRR and GDR at a fixed time is unity. The GDR increases



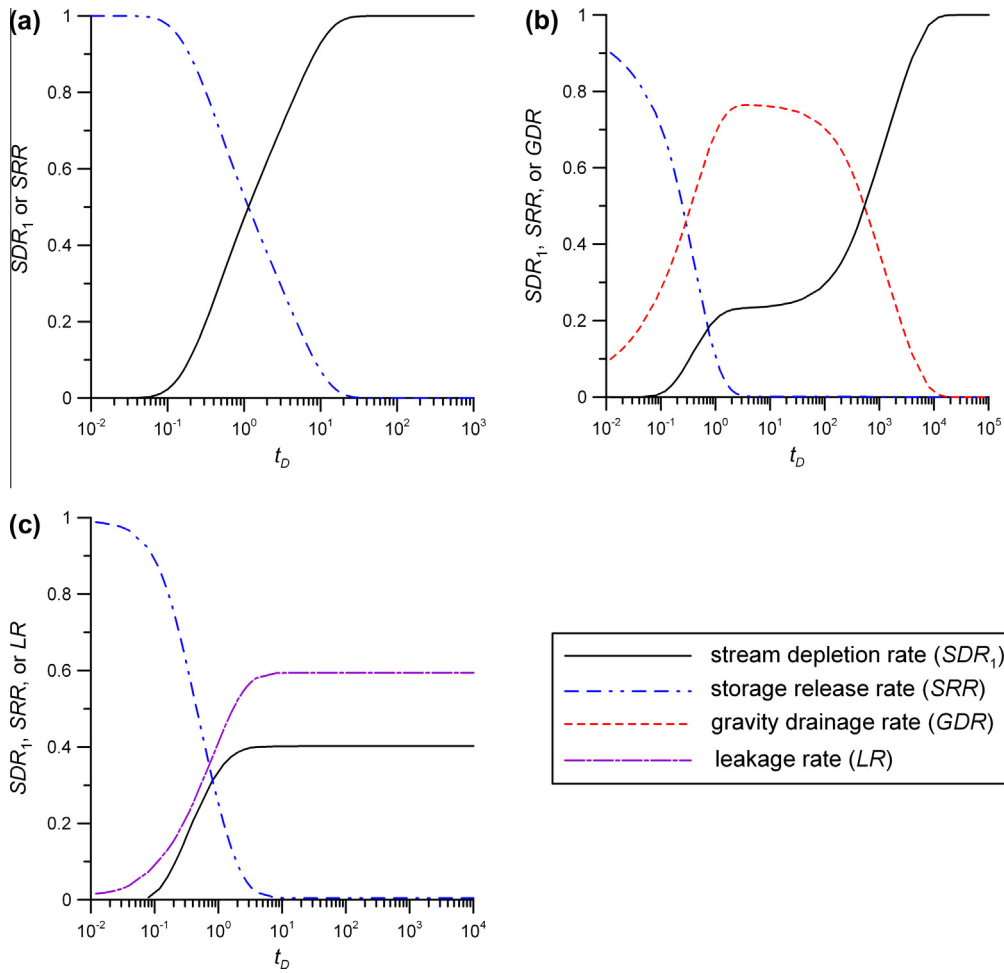


Fig. 2. Temporal distributions of the sources contributing to pumping for (a) confined, (b) unconfined and (c) leaky aquifers.

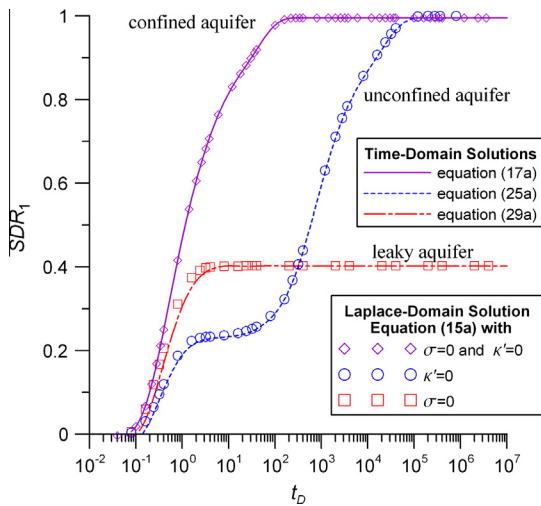


Fig. 3. Temporal SDR<sub>1</sub> distributions predicted by both Laplace-domain solution and time-domain solution for confined, leaky and unconfined aquifers.

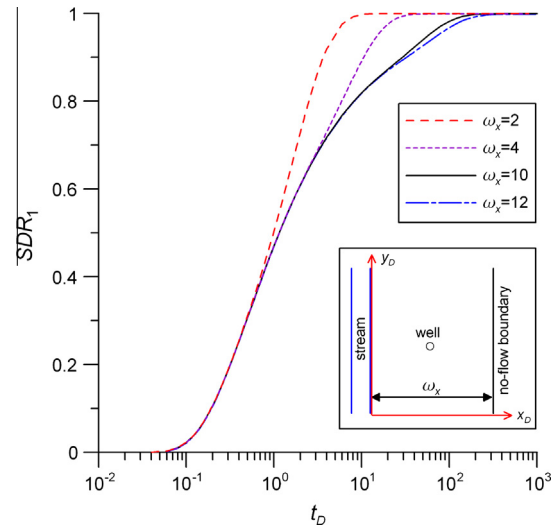


Fig. 4. Temporal SDR<sub>1</sub> distributions predicted by the time-domain solution, Eq. (17a), for a confined aquifer bounded by a stream and the no-flow boundary for  $\omega_x = 2, 4, 10,$  and  $12$ .

initially with time, then keeps a value between 0.7 and 0.8 during the period of  $2 < t_D < 100$ , and finally decreases toward zero. Note that the SRR maintains zero during the period. The SDR<sub>1</sub> therefore reaches its flat stage because of the GDR. Furthermore, Fig. 2(c) illustrates the temporal SDR<sub>1</sub>, SRR and LR predicted by Eqs. (15a),

(32), and (34), respectively, with  $\sigma = 0$  for the leaky aquifer. The sum of the SDR<sub>1</sub>, SRR and LR is unity at any time, implying that the stream filtration, aquifer storage release, and leakage contribute to the well discharge. The LR varies with time and reaches

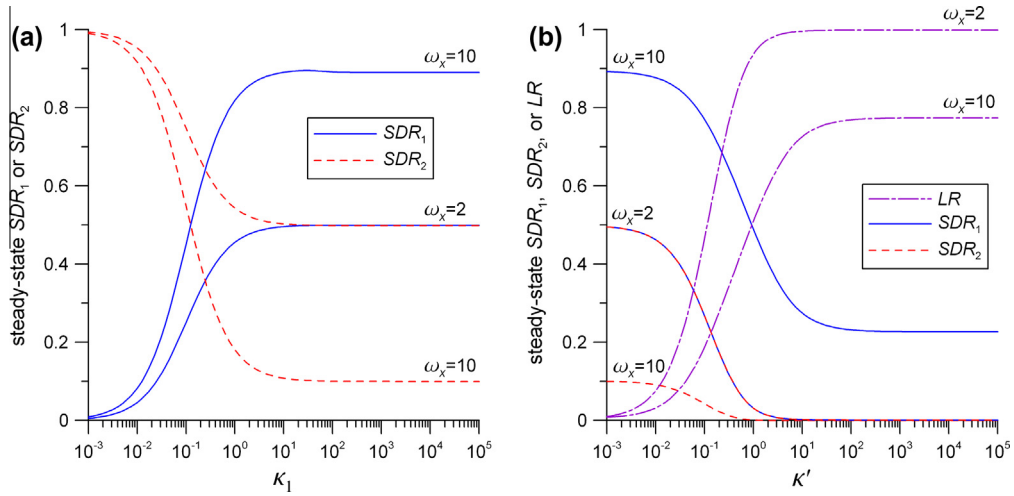


Fig. 5. Distributions of steady-state SDR from two parallel streams for  $\omega_x = 2$  and 10 versus (a)  $\kappa_1$  to a confined or unconfined aquifer and (b)  $\kappa'$  to a leaky aquifer.

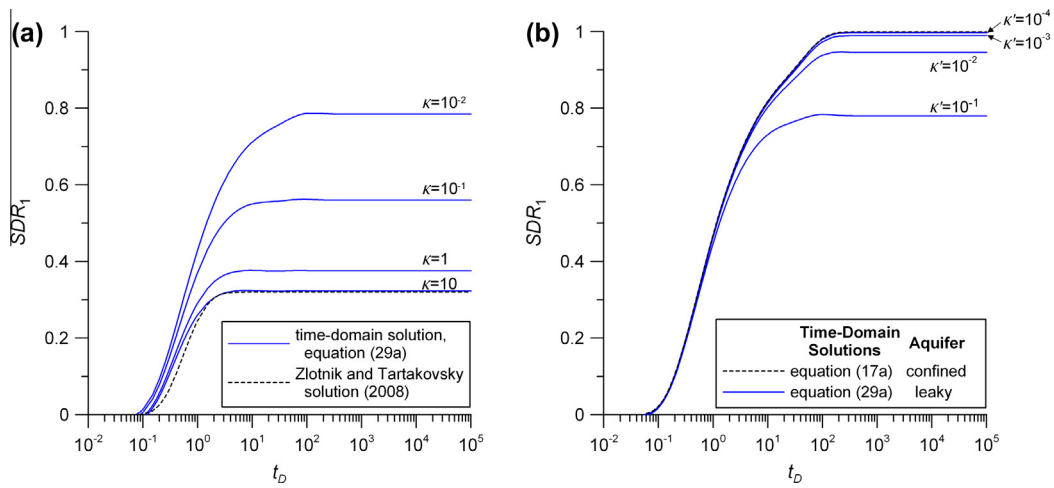


Fig. 6. Temporal SDR distributions predicted by the time-domain solution, Eq. (29a), for a leaky aquifer with (a)  $\kappa = 10^{-2}$ ,  $10^{-1}$ , 1 and 10 and (b)  $\kappa' = 10^{-1}$ ,  $10^{-2}$ ,  $10^{-3}$  and  $10^{-4}$ .

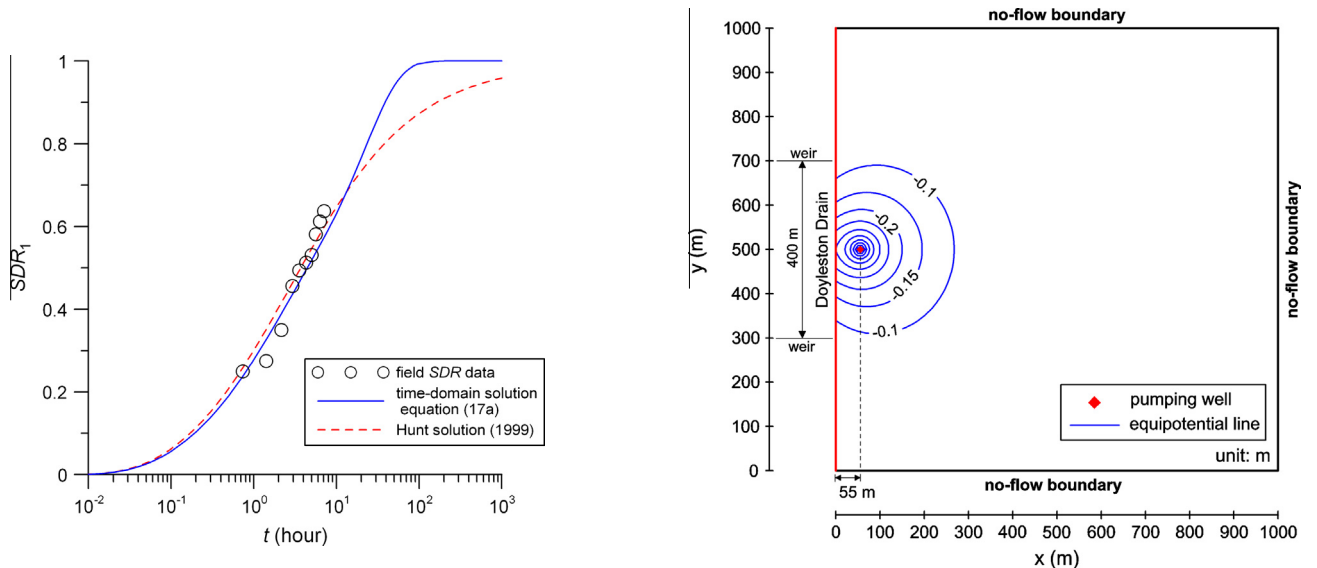


Fig. 7. Comparison of the temporal SDR predicted by the time-domain solution, Eq. (17a), and Hunt solution (1999) with field data taken from the field experiment conducted by Hunt et al. (2001).

Fig. 8. The hydraulic head distribution predicted by the Laplace-domain solution, Eq. (13), for the aquifer adjacent to Doyleston Drain when  $t = 10$  h.

steady state of  $LR = 0.6$  when  $t_D = 10$ , which makes the steady-state  $SDR_1$  less than unity.

3.2. Temporal SDR predicted by the Laplace-domain and time-domain solutions

In order to assess the accuracy of the time-domain solutions developed based on Padé approximation, their predictions are compared with those of the Laplace-domain SDR solution inverted by the Crump method (1976). The hydraulic parameters are considered in the range of  $10^{-4} \sim 10^4$  m/day for  $K_h$ ,  $10^{-7} \sim 10^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}$  for  $S_s$ , 10–100 m for  $D$ , and 0.01–0.3 for  $S_y$ . The value of  $K_v$  ranges between  $0.1K_h$  and  $0.33K_h$  (Freeze and Cherry, 1979). The value of  $\kappa'$  ranges from  $10^{-4}$  to 100. The values of  $K_1/(K_h B_1)$  and  $K_2/(K_h B_2)$  are chosen in the range of  $10^{-5}$  to  $1 \text{ m}^{-1}$ . The time-domain solutions are valid when the parameter values fall in those ranges. Fig. 3 shows the predicted temporal SDR distributions for the three-types of aquifers. The time-domain solution, Eq. (29a), for the leaky aquifer is compared with the Laplace-domain solution, Eq. (15a) with  $\sigma = 0$ , while the time-domain solution, Eq. (25a), for the unconfined aquifer is also compared with Eq. (15a) with  $\kappa' = 0$ . Both time-domain solutions give accurate results of the temporal SDR for the leaky and unconfined aquifers. On the other hand, the time-domain solution, Eq. (17a), for the confined aquifer is compared with Eq. (15a) with  $\sigma = 0$  and  $\kappa' = 0$  and performs the same SDR distribution.

3.3. Effect of no-flow boundary on temporal SDR

Miller et al. (2007) indicates that a narrow aquifer bounded by a stream and the no-flow boundary leads to more SDR than that an extending semi-infinitely aquifer without the no-flow boundary. The present model is also applicable to the problem involving the narrow aquifer. Eq. (3) represents a stream boundary when  $K_1 \neq 0$  and the no-flow boundary when  $K_1 = 0$ . Similarly, Eq. (4) behaves as a stream boundary when  $K_2 \neq 0$  and the no-flow boundary when  $K_2 = 0$ . The narrow confined aquifer shown in Fig. 4 is taken for example. The temporal distributions of the SDR predicted by the time-domain solution for the confined aquifer when  $\omega_x = 2, 4, 10$  and  $12$  are illustrated in Fig. 4. The aquifer with a smaller  $\omega_x$  has a larger SDR at a fixed time, indicating that the temporal SDR is affected significantly by the no-flow boundary close to the well as concluded by Miller et al. (2007).

3.4. Distributions of steady-state SDR from two streams

The time-domain solutions can be used to determine the quantity of water from two parallel streams. Consider the steady-state SDR from the streams for confined, unconfined, and leaky aquifers. The solution describing the steady-state SDR for the confined aquifer can be obtained by neglecting the exponential term of time in Eq. (17c). Notice that the steady-state SDR solution for the unconfined aquifer is the same as that for the confined one. The steady-

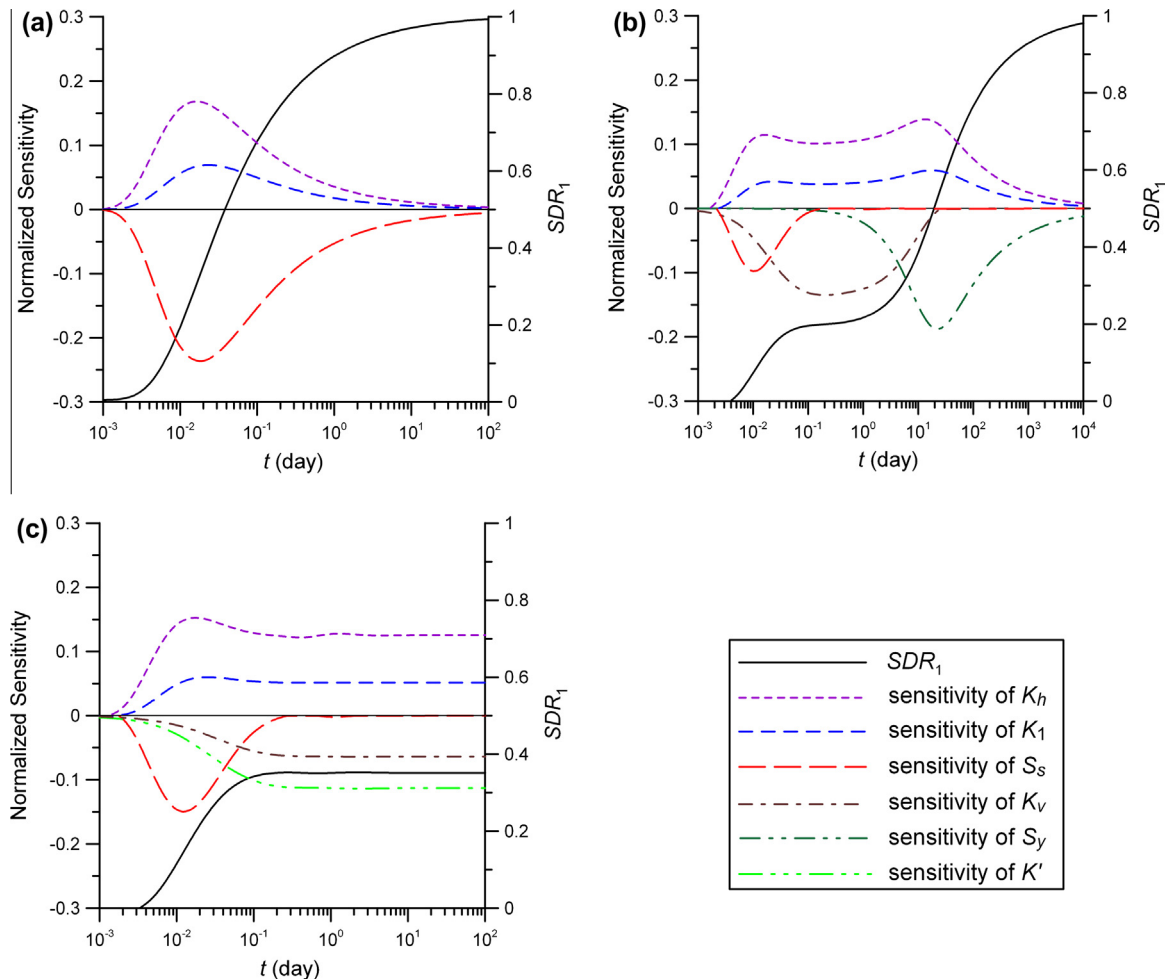


Fig. 9. Temporal distributions of the normalized sensitivity coefficients of the SDR to (a)  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$  and  $S_s$  for a confined aquifer (b)  $K_h$ ,  $K_v$ ,  $K_1$ ,  $S_s$  and  $S_y$  for an unconfined aquifer and (c)  $K_h$ ,  $K_v$ ,  $K_1$ ,  $K'$  and  $S_s$  for a leaky aquifer.

state solution for the leaky aquifer can also be derived by neglecting the exponential terms of time in Eq. (29c). Fig. 5(a) shows the steady-state  $SDR_1$  and  $SDR_2$  calculated by Eqs. (17a) and (17b), respectively, versus  $\kappa_1$  when  $\omega_x = 2$  and 10 (i.e.,  $x_0 = 250$  and 50 m based on  $W_x = 500$  m). Streambed 2 is considered as a part of the aquifer because of  $K_2 = K_h$ . The sum of the  $SDR_1$  and  $SDR_2$  for any value of  $\kappa_1$  is unity, indicating that the filtration from both streams contributes to well discharge. When  $\kappa_1 > 20$ , both  $SDR_1$  and  $SDR_2$  are 0.5 if the well is installed at the middle of the aquifer (i.e.,  $\omega_x = 2$ ). Under such a circumstance, there is no effect of the streambed permeability on  $SDR$ . When  $\kappa_1 < 20$ ,  $SDR_2$  is larger than  $SDR_1$ , reflecting that the filtration from stream 2 contributes to well discharge more than that from stream 1 due to the low permeability of streambed 1. It is worth noting that, when  $\kappa_1 < 10^{-1}$ ,  $SDR_2$  is greater than  $SDR_1$  even if the well is located at  $x_0 = 50$  m (i.e.,  $\omega_x = 10$ ) which is indeed very close to stream 1. Obviously, the filtration from stream 2 contributes most of the pumped water.

The steady-state  $SDR_1$  and  $SDR_2$  predicted by Eqs. (29a) and (29b), respectively, versus  $\kappa'$  with  $\omega_x = 2$  and 10 for the leaky aquifer is illustrated in Fig. 5(b). The steady-state  $LR$  defined by Eq. (34) is taken into account for exploring water sources. The hydraulic conductivities of both streambeds are considered to be the same as that of the aquifer. The sum of the  $SDR_1$ ,  $SDR_2$  and  $LR$  for any value of  $\kappa'$  is unity. The filtration from both streams and the leakage from the adjacent aquifer therefore contribute to well discharge. For the case of  $\omega_x = 2$ , the well lies at the center of the aquifer, which makes the aquifer system symmetrical. Both  $SDR_1$  and  $SDR_2$  thus have exactly the same result due to the symmetry. The  $LR$  equals unity, and both  $SDR_1$  and  $SDR_2$  are zero when  $\kappa' > 10$ ,

indicating that all of the well discharge comes from the leakage. For the case of  $\omega_x = 10$ , the sum of the  $SDR_1$  and  $LR$  contributes to 90–100% of the well discharge, and the  $SDR_2$  contributes to the rest. Most of the discharge comes from the leakage when  $\kappa' > 2$  and the filtration from stream 1 when  $\kappa' < 2$ .

3.5. Effects of  $\kappa$  and  $\kappa'$  on temporal  $SDR$  for leaky aquifer

Zlotnik and Tartakovsky (2008) developed an analytical  $SDR$  solution for 2-D horizontal flow in a leaky aquifer. The leakage is considered as a source term in the groundwater flow equation. If the vertical flow in the aquifer is significant, the leakage should be treated as the boundary condition, expressed as Eq. (7) with  $S_y = 0$ , rather than the source term contained in the governing equation. The effect of the vertical flow on a temporal  $SDR$  can be evaluated by the difference in  $SDR$  predicted by the Zlotnik and Tartakovsky solution and present time-domain solution, Eq. (29a), with  $\kappa = 0.01, 0.1, 1, \text{ and } 10$  shown in Fig. 6(a). Note that their solution does not have the parameter  $K_v$  due to neglecting the vertical flow and has a lumped parameter defined, in our notation, as

$$B_d^2 = \frac{B'K_h D}{K'x_0^2} \tag{35}$$

which equals the definition of  $1/(\kappa\kappa')$ . The value of  $1/(\kappa\kappa')$  is 0.8 according to Table 3 for each  $SDR$  curve predicted by the present time-domain in Fig. 6(a). The figure indicates that Zlotnik and Tartakovsky solution (2008) underestimates the  $SDR$  when  $\kappa < 10$  and

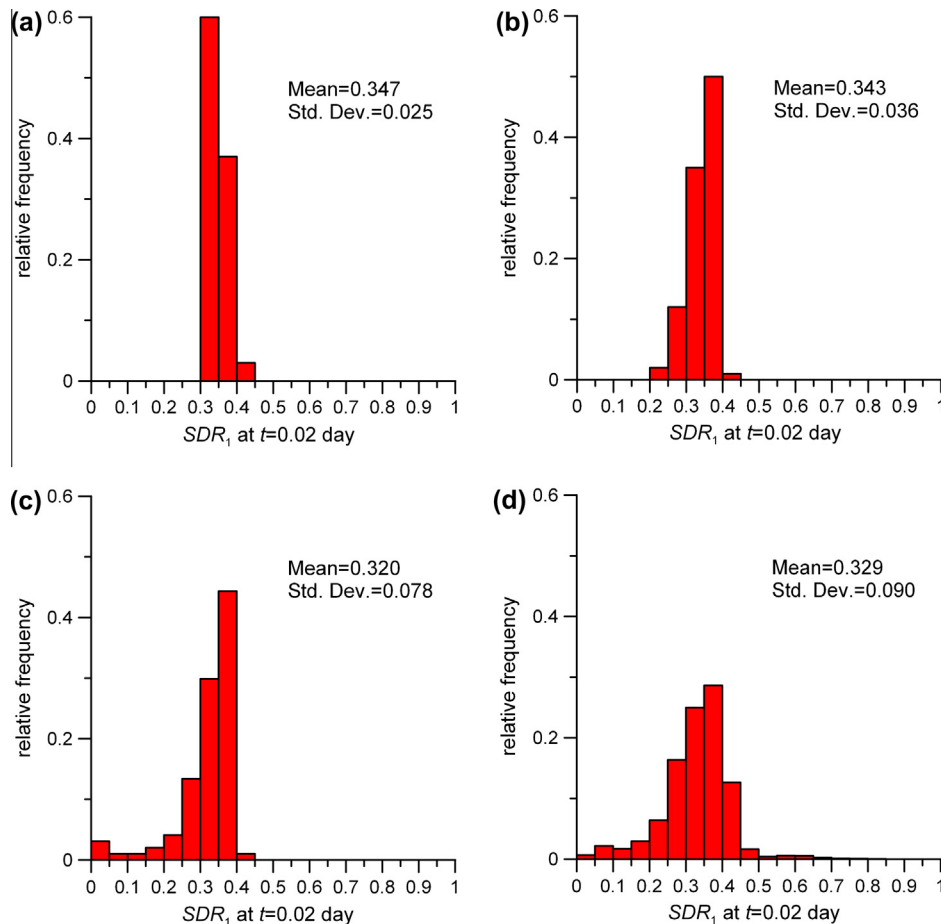


Fig. 10. Histograms of the  $SDR$  at  $t = 0.02$  day for a confined aquifer with random variables of (a)  $S_s$ , (b)  $K_h$ , (c)  $K_1$  and (d)  $S_s$ ,  $K_h$  and  $K_1$ .

the difference in the *SDR* predicted by both solutions increases as  $\kappa$  decreases. When  $\kappa = 10$ , the present solution agrees well with Zlotnik and Tartakovsky solution (2008), implying that the vertical flow is ignorable. The slight difference in the period of  $t_D < 2$  is due to the use of Padé approximation in developing the time-domain solution as discussed in Section 3.2.

Fig. 6(b) reveals that the smaller  $\kappa'$  leads to the larger *SDR* for the leaky aquifer. This is because, under the same well discharge, the lower permeability of the aquitard causes less leakage replenishment from the adjacent aquifer and thus more filtration from the stream. When  $\kappa' = 10^{-4}$ , the temporal *SDR* for the leaky aquifer is very close to that for the confined one, indicating that the aquitard can be regarded as an impermeable medium and the leaky aquifer behaves as the confined one when  $\kappa' \leq 10^{-4}$ .

### 3.6. Comparison with field data

Hunt et al. (2001) conducted a stream depletion field experiment by using a vertical well near Doyleston Drain, which is located about 40 km south of Christchurch in New Zealand. The drain has 2.5 m width and penetrates 1.0 m deep into the aquifer. The aquifer consists of unconsolidated sand and gravel with an average thickness of 20 m. The aquifer is confined by a less permeable material. The distance between the well and the drain is 55 m which is larger than 1.5 times the aquifer thickness. The effect of the vertical groundwater flow near the drain is therefore negligible. The well has a constant pumping rate of 63 m<sup>3</sup>/h for 10 h. Four observation wells were installed at 5 m, 29 m, 80 m, and 88 m, respectively, away from the drain. Field *SDR* values were measured by two V-notched weirs installed in the drain. One weir was located 200 m upstream from the well while the other was located

200 m downstream from the well. Thus, in 400 m reach between those two weirs, a large amount of filtration through the edge of the drain is provided. The difference in the stream flow rates measured from those two weirs is the filtration rate from the drain to the aquifer. Field *SDR* data were then estimated by dividing the flow rate difference by the pumping rate as shown in Fig. 7.

In the field experiment, Hunt solution (1999) was used to estimate the hydraulic parameters of the aquifer and streambed near Doyleston Drain. The aquifer transmissivity and storage coefficient are 75.6 m<sup>2</sup>/h and  $2 \times 10^{-3}$ , respectively, based on the temporal drawdown observed in the field which agrees well with that predicted by Hunt drawdown solution (1999). The hydraulic conductivity and specific storage are therefore 3.78 m/h and  $10^{-4}$  m<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, based on 20 m aquifer thickness. Moreover, the streambed leakage parameter is determined as 0.357 by matching the field *SDR* data with the prediction by Hunt *SDR* solution (1999) and defined as  $2DK_1/B_1$  according to Sun and Zhan (2007). The ratio of the streambed hydraulic conductivity to its thickness ( $K_1/B_1$ ) is thus  $0.0089 \text{ h}^{-1}$  for  $D = 20$  m. The hydraulic parameters and aquifer data mentioned above are summarized in Table 3.

Fig. 7 shows the estimated *SDR* reported by Hunt et al. (2001) and the temporal *SDR* predicted by the time-domain solution for the confined aquifer with the hydraulic parameters mentioned above. Hunt *SDR* solution (1999) is taken for comparison. The aquifer width for both  $W_x$  and  $W_y$  is set to 1000 m. Both solutions agree well with the field *SDR* data. As shown in Fig. 7, the difference in *SDR* after  $t = 10$  h can be attributed to the fact that the present model considers the aquifer with the no-flow condition at the finite boundary in  $x$  direction but Hunt model considers an infinite aquifer. Fig. 8 illustrates the spatial distribution of the corresponding hydraulic head predicted by Eq. (13) with  $S_y = 0$  and  $\kappa = 0$  when

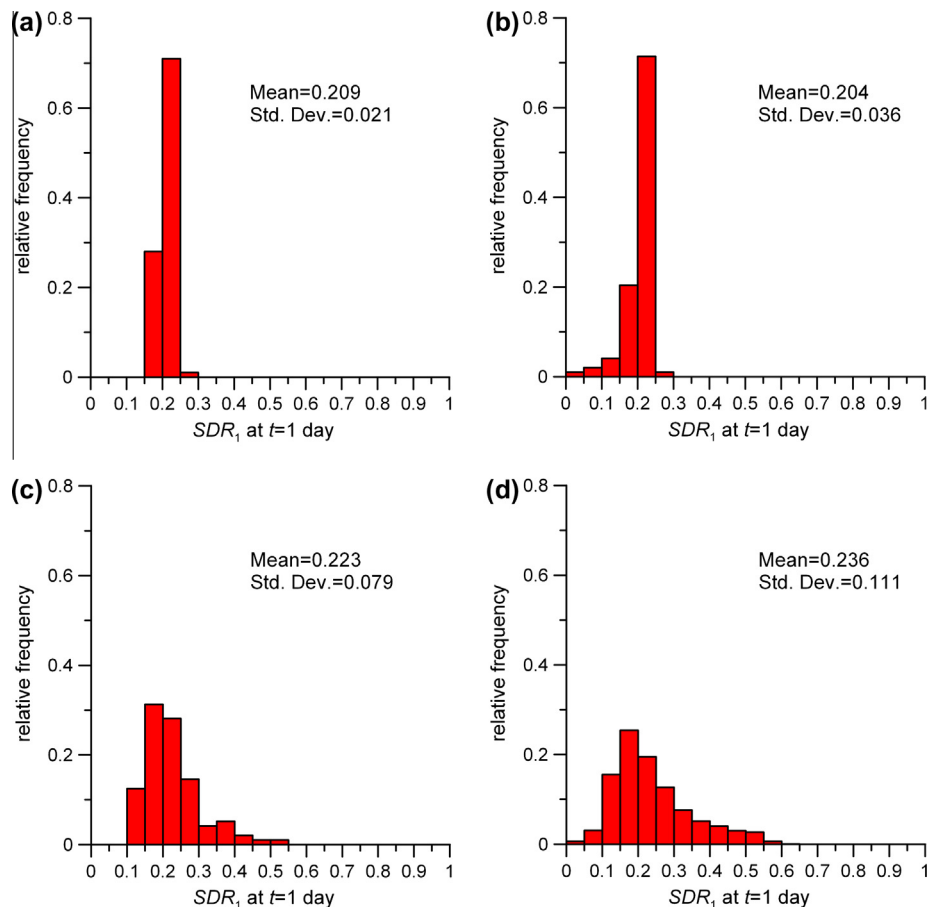


Fig. 11. Histograms of the *SDR* at  $t = 1$  day for an unconfined aquifer with random variables of (a)  $K_h$ , (b)  $K_1$ , (c)  $K_v$  and (d)  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$  and  $K_v$ .

$t = 10$  h. The absolute value of the hydraulic head is equal to the drawdown from the pumping. This figure shows that the drawdown cone extends over the range of  $300 \text{ m} \leq y \leq 700 \text{ m}$ , which is within the reach of the weirs in the Doyleston Drain.

3.7. Uncertainty in SDR prediction

The sensitivity analysis is performed to examine the response of SDR to the changes of hydraulic parameters. Fig. 9 shows the temporal normalized sensitivity coefficients of the SDR evaluated by Eq. (31) to the changes of  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$ , and  $S_s$  for a confined aquifer,  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$ ,  $S_s$ ,  $K_v$  and  $S_y$  for an unconfined aquifer and  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$ ,  $S_s$ ,  $K_v$  and  $K'$  for a leaky aquifer. The boundary effect of stream 2 is excluded by setting  $W_x = 10 \text{ km}$  (i.e.,  $\omega_x = 200$ ). For the case of the confined aquifer, the SDR at  $t = 0.02$  day is most sensitive to the changes of the three parameters and the normalized sensitivities of  $K_h$  and  $S_s$  are relatively high as compared to the normalized sensitivity of  $K_1$  shown in Fig. 9(a). In addition, the sensitivity curves of  $K_h$  and  $S_s$  are symmetrical in shape to the horizontal axis but have slightly different magnitudes, indicating that these two parameters are highly correlated (Yeh and Chen, 2007). For the case of the unconfined aquifer, the SDR is sensitive to the change of  $S_s$  before the very early time of  $t = 0.2$  day and insensitive after the time. The SDR is sensitive to the changes of  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$  and  $K_v$  at the flat period and  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$  and  $S_y$  after the flat period. For the case of the leaky aquifer, the steady-state SDR after  $t = 0.2$  day is sensitive to the changes of  $K_h$ ,  $K_v$ ,  $K_1$  and  $K'$ . The curve of the sensitivity of  $S_s$  has a similar pattern to that for the case of the unconfined aquifer.

The Monte Carlo simulation is then used to assess uncertainty in the SDR prediction which is relatively sensitive to the changes

of those parameters. For the case of the confined aquifer, the histograms of the SDR at  $t = 0.02$  day are constructed by regarding  $S_s$  in Fig. 10(a),  $K_h$  in Fig. 10(b),  $K_1$  in Fig. 10(c) and  $S_s$ ,  $K_h$  and  $K_1$  in Fig. 10(d) as random variables. The mean and standard deviation (Std. Dev.) of the SDR predictions for each histogram are shown in each panel. The variability in  $K_1$  (Std. Dev. = 0.078) leads to the larger level of the uncertainty in the SDR predictions than those in  $S_s$  and  $K_h$  (Std. Dev. = 0.025 and 0.036, respectively). The uncertainty in the SDR predictions increases when considering the variabilities in  $S_s$ ,  $K_h$  and  $K_1$  (Std. Dev. = 0.090). Moreover, the variability in  $K_1$  results in the left-skewed frequency distributions shown in Fig. 10c and d. This is because stream 1 becomes a constant head boundary when the realizations of  $K_1$  are close to or larger than  $K_h$  and the predicted SDR for these realizations are near 0.42.

For the case of the unconfined aquifer, the histograms of the SDR at  $t = 1$  day are constructed by regarding  $K_h$  in Fig. 11(a),  $K_1$  in Fig. 11(b),  $K_v$  in Fig. 11(c) and  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$  and  $K_v$  in Fig. 11(d) as random variables. The  $S_s$  is considered as a deterministic value because of insensitivity at  $t = 1$  day shown in Fig. 9(b). The variability in  $K_v$  (Std. Dev. = 0.079) leads to the larger level of the uncertainty in the SDR predictions than those in  $K_h$  and  $K_1$  (Std. Dev. = 0.021 and 0.036, respectively). The variability in  $K_v$  produces the right-skewed frequency distributions in Fig. 11c and d because the aquifer provides most of water to the well extraction when the ratio of  $K_v/K_h$  goes large (Huang et al., 2012a). Furthermore, the histograms of the SDR at  $t = 30$  day are constructed by regarding  $K_h$  in Fig. 12(a),  $K_1$  in Fig. 12(b),  $S_y$  in Fig. 12(c) and  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$  and  $S_y$  in Fig. 12(d) as random variables. The  $S_s$  is also considered as a deterministic value. It is interesting to note that the variability in  $S_y$  results in the smaller level of the uncertainty in the model's outputs

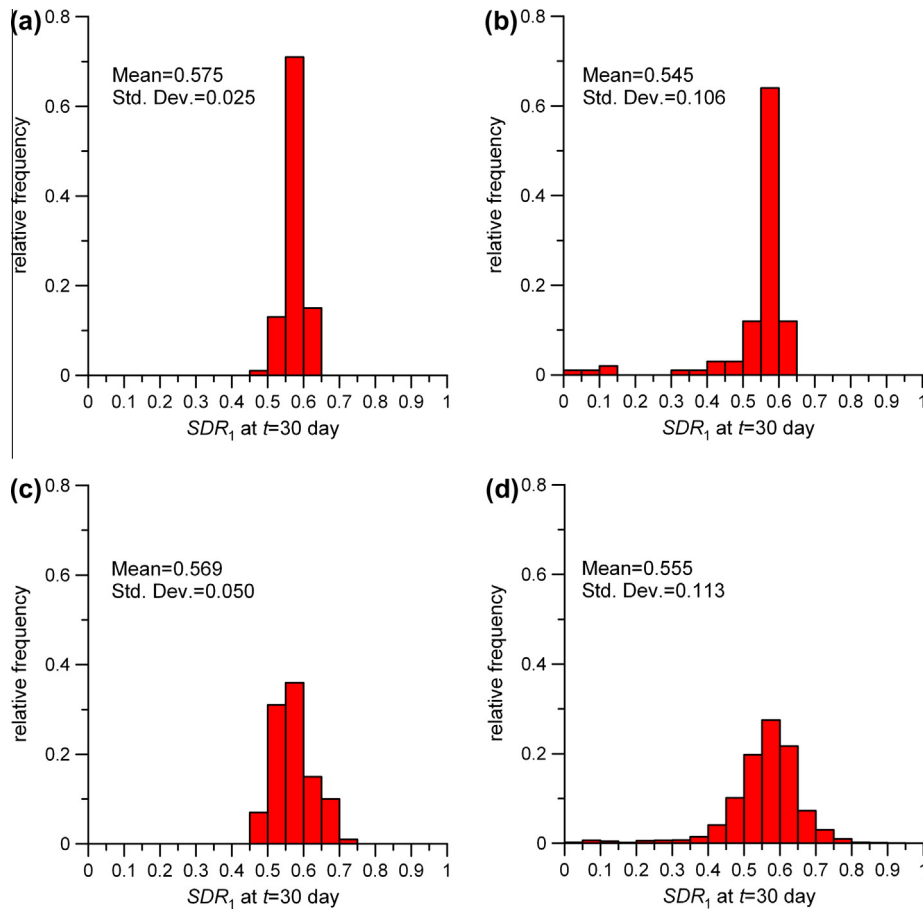


Fig. 12. Histograms of the SDR at  $t = 30$  day for an unconfined aquifer with random variables of (a)  $K_h$ , (b)  $K_1$ , (c)  $S_y$  and (d)  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$  and  $S_y$ .

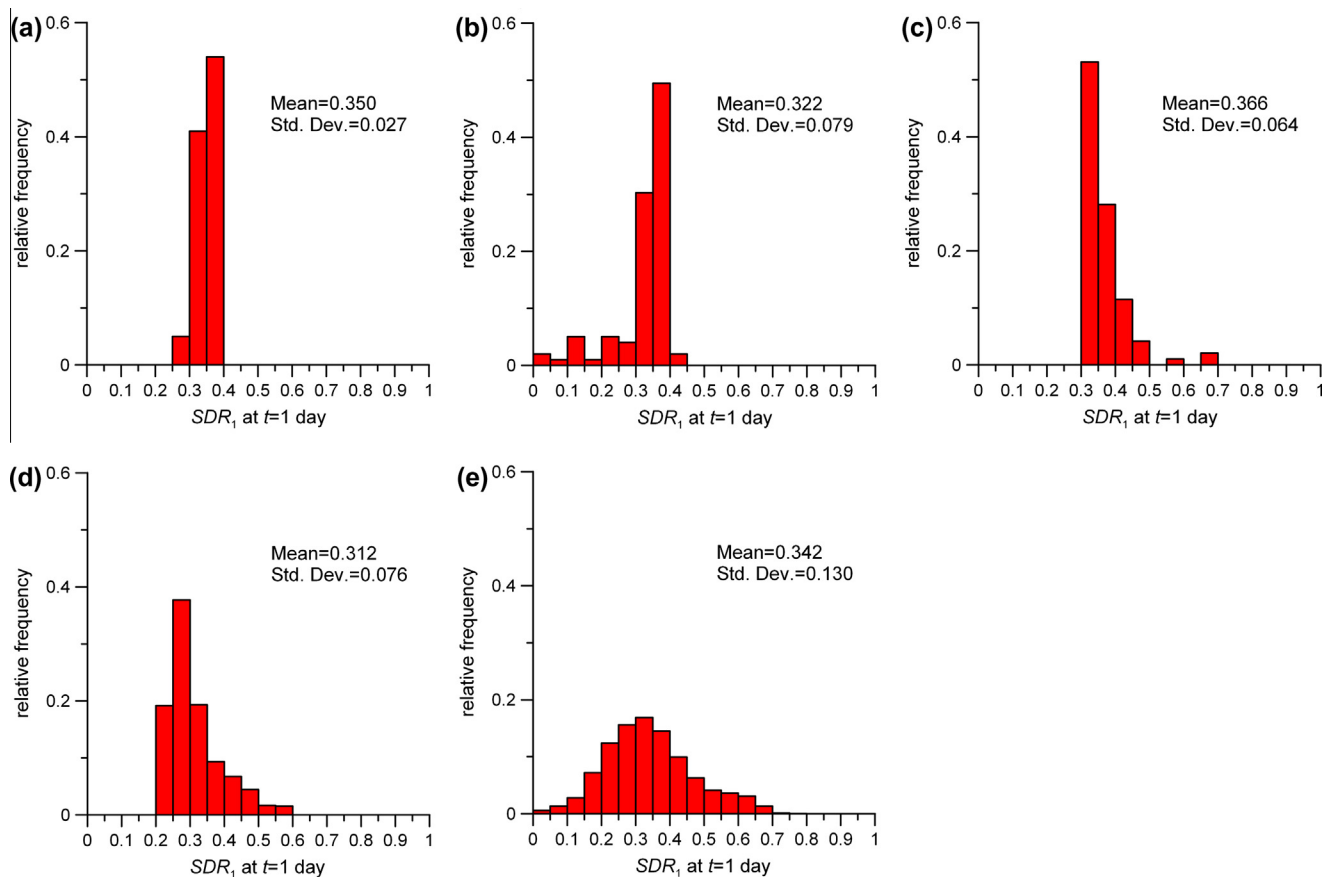


Fig. 13. Histograms of the  $SDR$  at  $t = 1$  day for a leaky aquifer with random variables of (a)  $K_h$ , (b)  $K_1$ , (c)  $K_v$ , (d)  $K'$  and (e)  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$ ,  $K_v$  and  $K'$ .

than that in  $K_1$  despite  $S_y$  is the most sensitive parameter at  $t = 30$  day in Fig. 9(b).

For the case of the leaky aquifer, the histograms of the steady-state  $SDR$  at  $t = 1$  day are constructed by regarding  $K_h$  in Fig. 13(a),  $K_1$  in Fig. 13(b),  $K_v$  in Fig. 13(c),  $K'$  in Fig. 13(d) and  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$ ,  $K_v$  and  $K'$  in Fig. 13(e) as random variables. The  $S_s$  is also considered deterministic due to insensitivity at  $t = 1$  day demonstrated in Fig. 9(c). The variability in  $K_1$  (Std. Dev. = 0.079) leads to the greater level of the uncertainty in the  $SDR$  predictions than those in  $K_h$ ,  $K_v$  and  $K'$  (Std. Dev. = 0.027, 0.064 and 0.076, respectively). The frequency distribution shown in Fig. 13(c) has a right skew because the vertical flow vanishes and the predicted  $SDR$  is 0.267 as discussed in Section 3.5. The variability in  $K'$  produces the right-skewed frequency distribution in Fig. 13(d) since the aquitard is very permeable when the realizations of  $K'$  are close to or larger than  $K_v$ , and the predicted  $SDR$  for these realizations are near 0.211. The pumped aquifer seems to contact directly with the upper aquifer in which the hydraulic head maintains constant. It is worth noting that the distribution in Fig. 13(e) tends to be normal because of the combination of the left-skewed frequency distribution due to the variability in  $K_1$  and right-skewed frequency distributions due to the variabilities in  $K_v$  and  $K'$ .

#### 4. Concluding remarks

A general analytical solution is developed for describing the temporal distribution of  $SDR$  induced by a fully-penetrating vertical well in an aquifers bounded by two parallel streams. A general top boundary condition is employed for the applications to confined, unconfined and leaky aquifers. Both streams with low-permeability streambeds are treated as the Robin boundary

condition. The Laplace-domain head solution is derived using the double-integral transform and Laplace transform. The Laplace-domain  $SDR$  solution are obtained based on Darcy's law and the head solution. The time-domain  $SDR$  solution for the confined aquifer is developed analytically after applying the inverse Laplace transform. The time-domain  $SDR$  solutions for the leaky and unconfined aquifers are developed by taking Padé approximation and the inverse Laplace transform. The time-domain  $SDR$  solutions are expressed in terms of a simple series expanded by eigenvalues, which can be determined by a root-searching algorithm such as Newton's method. An analytical expression of the initial guesses is developed for the determination of the eigenvalues. The time-domain solutions give accurate predictions of  $SDR$  for the confined, leaky, and unconfined aquifers. The solution is applicable to an aquifer bounded either by two parallel streams or by a stream and a no-flow boundary. The temporal distribution of the  $SDR$  predicted by the time-domain solution for the confined aquifer agrees well with that taken from a field  $SDR$  experiment conducted by Hunt et al. (2001). The uncertainty in the  $SDR$  predictions for the aquifers is assessed by performing the sensitivity analysis and Monte Carlo simulation. With the aid of the time-domain solutions, the major conclusions can be drawn below:

1. For an unconfined aquifer, the gravity drainage rate increases with time toward a certain value, then maintains that value over a certain period, and finally decreases toward zero. The temporal  $SDR$  therefore has a flat stage in the intermediate period.
2. For a leaky aquifer, the leakage rate increases with time and then reaches its steady-state value which could be equal to or less than unity.

- When  $\kappa < 10$ , neglecting the vertical flow component effect underestimates the SDR prediction for a leaky aquifer. The leakage should be imposed as the boundary condition at the top of the aquifer. When  $\kappa \geq 10$ , the vertical flow is negligible and the leakage can be treated as a source term in a 2-D flow governing equation.
- The temporal SDR for a leaky aquifer is close to that for a confined one when  $\kappa' \leq 10^{-4}$ . The aquitard can thus be treated as an impermeable material, and the leaky aquifer behaves as a confined one.
- For a confined aquifer, the SDR is sensitive to the changes of  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$  and  $S_s$ . For an unconfined aquifer, the SDR is sensitive to the changes of  $K_h$ ,  $K_v$  and  $K_1$  at a flat period and  $K_h$ ,  $K_1$  and  $S_y$  after the period. For a leaky aquifer, the steady-state SDR is sensitive to the changes of  $K_h$ ,  $K_v$ ,  $K_1$  and  $K'$ .
- The variability in  $K_1$  results in a left-skewed frequency distribution of the SDR because stream 1 becomes a constant-head boundary.
- The variability in  $K_v$  for unconfined and leaky aquifers leads to the right-skewed frequency distributions of the SDR because the vertical flow vanishes.
- The variability in  $K'$  for a leaky aquifer produces the right-skewed frequency distributions of the SDR because the aquitard is as permeable as the pumped aquifer.

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## Appendix A. Double-integral transform

Latinopoulos (1985) presented a double-integral transform with various kernel functions corresponding to arbitrary two of the Dirichlet, no-flow and Robin boundaries. The double-integral transform with the kernel function corresponding to two Robin boundaries in  $x$  direction and two no-flow boundaries in  $y$  direction, in our notation, (Latinopoulos, 1985, aquifer type 4 in Table I, p. 298) is expressed as

$$H(\alpha_i, \beta_j) = \mathfrak{I}\{h(x, y)\} \\ = \int_0^{\omega_y} \int_0^{\omega_x} h(x_D, y_D) K_e(\alpha_i, x_D) \cos(\beta_j y_D) dx_D dy_D \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where  $K_e(\alpha_i, x_D)$  has been defined by Eq. (10b), and  $\alpha_i$  and  $\beta_j$  are the roots of Eq. (11) and  $\sin(\omega_y \beta_j) = 0$ , respectively. Applying the transform to the second-order differential terms  $\partial^2 h_D / \partial x_D^2 + \partial^2 h_D / \partial y_D^2$  in Eq. (9a) and the integration by parts twice along with the boundary conditions, Eqs. (9c)–(9e), results in

$$\mathfrak{I}\left\{\frac{\partial^2 h_D}{\partial x_D^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h_D}{\partial y_D^2}\right\} = -(\alpha_i^2 + \beta_j^2)H(\alpha_i, \beta_j) \quad (\text{A.2})$$

The formula for the inverse double-integral transform is

$$h_D(x_D, y_D) = \mathfrak{I}^{-1}\{H(\alpha_i, \beta_j)\} \\ = \frac{1}{\omega_y} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} H(\alpha_i, 0) K_e(\alpha_i, x_D) \\ + \frac{2}{\omega_y} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} H(\alpha_i, \beta_j) K_e(\alpha_i, x_D) \cos(\beta_j y_D) \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where  $H(\alpha_i, \beta_j)$  herein represents the solution of Eq. (10a) with two boundary conditions, Eqs. (12a) and (12b).

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