



# Bottom friction formulations for free surface flow modeling



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## Free surface flow modeling



Shallow Water equations :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u_i h}{\partial x_i} = (r - i) \\ \frac{\partial (u_i h)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (u_i u_j h) = -gh \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial x_i} + t_i \end{array} \right.$$



Bottom friction representation :

$$t_i = -\rho g \omega J_i$$



2 “schools” :



Empirical school  
(Chézy, Manning)

$$U = \alpha J^{1/2} R_h^\chi$$

Modern school  
(Prandtl)

$$J = \frac{\lambda}{4R_h} \frac{U^2}{2g}$$



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<b>Author</b>	<b><math>\chi</math></b>
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Manning	0.667
Gauckler	0.4
Forchheimer	0.7
Christen	0.625
Hagen	0.714
Tillman	0.7



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Flow turbulence regime	Author	Law	Validity field
Laminar	Poiseuille	$\lambda = \frac{64}{Re}$	$Re < 5000$
Smooth turbulent	Prandtl	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{\lambda}} = -2 \log \frac{2.51}{Re \sqrt{\lambda}}$	$k/h = 0$
Transitional	Colebrook	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{\lambda}} = -2 \log \left( \frac{k}{14.8h} + \frac{2.51}{Re \sqrt{\lambda}} \right)$	$k/h < 2240/Re$
Rough turbulent	Nikuradse	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{\lambda}} = -2 \log \frac{k}{14.8h}$	$k/h > 2240/Re$
Macro-roughness	Bathurst	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{\lambda}} = -1.987 \log \frac{k}{5.15h}$	$k/h > 0.25$

Colebrook (implicit form) :

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{\lambda}} = -2 \log \left( \frac{k}{14.8h} + \frac{2.51}{Re \sqrt{\lambda}} \right)$$



Barr (explicit form) :

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{\lambda}} = -2 \log \left( \frac{k}{14.8h} + \frac{4.518 \log \left( \frac{Re}{7} \right)}{Re \left( 1 + \frac{Re^{0.52} \left( \frac{k}{R_h} \right)^{0.7}}{76.53} \right)} \right)$$

## Rough turbulent regime (Nikuradse) :

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{\lambda}} = -2 \log \frac{k}{14.8h} \quad J = \frac{\lambda}{4R_h} \frac{U^2}{2g}$$



$$U = (8g)^{1/2} (Ak)^{-1/2M} J^{1/2} R_h^{1/2+1/2M}$$

$$\text{with } \begin{cases} A = \frac{R_h}{k} \left[ -2 \log \left( \frac{k}{14.8R_h} \right) \right]^{-\ln(10) \log \left( \frac{14.8R_h}{k} \right)} \\ M = \frac{\ln(10)}{2} \log \left( \frac{14.8R_h}{k} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$U = \alpha J^{1/2} R_h^\chi$$



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Author	$\chi$	$k/R_h$	$\alpha$
Chézy	0.5	0	$\infty$
Christen	0.625	0.005	$31.71/k^{0.125}$
Manning	0.667	0.037	$26.61/k^{0.167}$
Tillman	0.7	0.1	$24.26/k^{0.2}$
Forchheimer	0.7	0.1	$24.26/k^{0.2}$
Hagen	0.714	0.138	$23.51/k^{0.214}$



Validity fields extension :

$$\frac{\Delta h}{h} = \frac{h_{\text{modern}} - h_{\text{empirical}}}{h_{\text{modern}}}$$

Author	Validity field (k/h)
Chézy	0
Christen	[0 ; 0.032]
Manning	[0.007 ; 0.1]
Tillman	[0.023 ; 0.29]
Hagen	[0.034 ; 0.38]
Gauckler	No validity
Poiseuille	Only laminar
Prandtl	0
Colebrook	[0 ; 0.1]
Barr	[0 ; 0.1]
Nikuradse	[0 ; 0.1]
Bathurst	[0.1 ; 5.15]



- Colebrook and Barr valid for  $k/h < 0.1$
- Bathurst valid for  $k/h > 0.1$
- Bathurst  $\neq$  Colebrook or Barr for  $k/h = 0.1$

**➔ Continuous link close to  $k/h = 0.1$**

For  $\frac{k}{h} \leq 0.05$  :

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = -2 \log \left( \frac{4.518 \log \left( \frac{Re}{7} \right)}{Re \left( 1 + \frac{Re^{0.52} (k/h)^{0.7}}{76.531} \right)} + \frac{k}{14.8 h} \right)$$

For  $0.05 \leq \frac{k}{h} \leq 0.15$  :

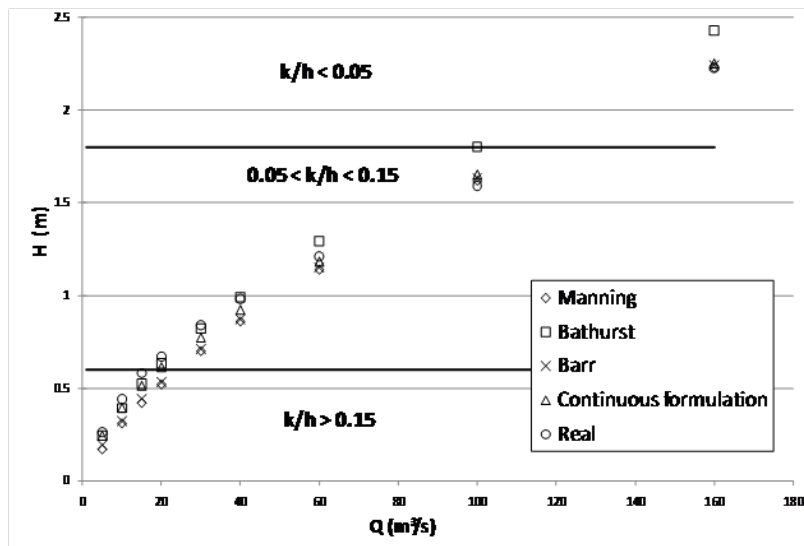
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = 1469.76 \left( \frac{k}{h} \right)^3 - 382.83 \left( \frac{k}{h} \right)^2 + 9.89 \left( \frac{k}{h} \right) + 5.22$$

For  $\frac{k}{h} \geq 0.15$  :

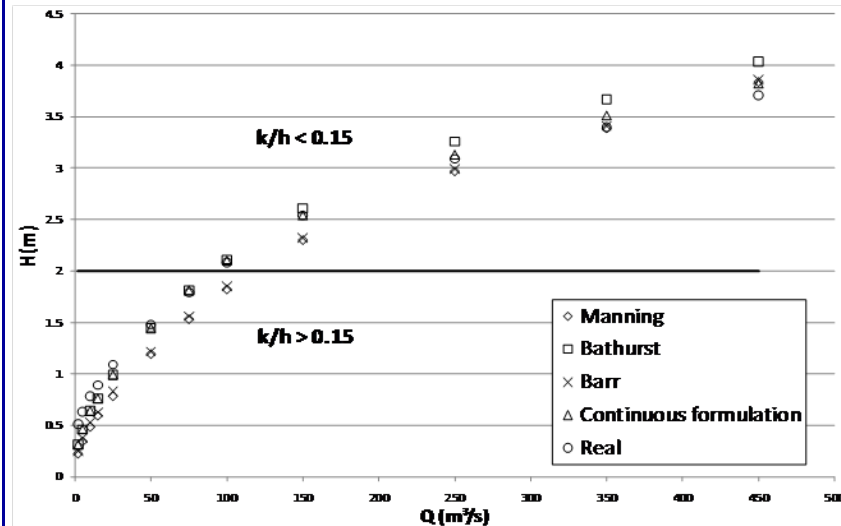
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = -1.987 \log \left( \frac{k}{5.15 h} \right)$$



## Ourthe River near Hamoir



## Semois River near Membre



Situation	Modeling law	$k/h < 0.05$	$0.05 < k/h < 0.15$	$k/h > 0.15$
Hamoir – Ourthe	Manning	0.9	14.3	30.6
	Barr	1.5	13.1	26.1
	Bathurst	11.1	4.0	9.8
	Continuous formulation	2.3	6.4	10.3
Membre - Semois	Manning	-	5.9	33.9
	Barr	-	5.5	29.5
	Bathurst	-	5.3	15.9
	Continuous formulation	-	1.7	16.0