Modeling and Simulating the Hazardous Flows over Non-Trivial Topography

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Earthquake induced landslide in middle Taiwan, 2nd June 2013

(Magnitude 6.3, Depth 10 km) (from Youtube)



Heavy rainfall induced landslide in southern Taiwan, 1st September 2013

(after the Typhoon Kong-Rey 康芮) (from Youtube)



Hsiaolin catastrophe (2009)

- Typhoon Morakot
- Aug. 7th-10th 2009
- > 2,000 mm accumulated precipitation in southern Taiwan
- Total 724 deaths (474 in Hsiaolin catastrophe)







八八水災圖片情報網





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Volume: ca. $24 \pm 2 \text{ Mm}^3$, Run-out distance: c.a. 2,700 m Descending elevation: c.a. 800 m

Three main challenges in simulating the behavior:

- Gravity-driven flows over complex topography
 - an appropriate coordinate system (local curvature)
 - an appropriate mesh system for the complex topography (depth-integration or not)
- Characteristics of the flow
 - constitutive relation (rheology)
 - single-phase or mixture theory
- Deformable basal surface
 - entrainment and deposition
 - non-material surface
 - evolution of the basal surface







Coordinates for general topography (BW 2004)



• Position vector in the flow

$$\vec{r} \equiv r_x \,\mathbf{e}_x + r_y \,\mathbf{e}_y + r_z \,\mathbf{e}_z = \vec{\rho} + \zeta \,\vec{n}$$
$$= \left(x + \zeta \,n_x\right) \mathbf{e}_x + \left(y + \zeta \,n_y\right) \mathbf{e}_y + \left(b + \zeta \,n_z\right) \mathbf{e}_z$$

Coordinate Transforms

• Coordinate Transformation (e.g. Hui 2004, Hui 2007)

$$d\vec{r} = \partial_{\lambda}\vec{r}\,d\lambda + \partial_{\xi}\vec{r}\,d\xi + \partial_{\eta}\vec{r}\,d\eta + \partial_{\zeta}\vec{r}\,d\zeta = \vec{Q}\,d\lambda + \tilde{\Omega}\,d\vec{\xi} \qquad dt = d\lambda$$

where

 \vec{Q} is the local velocity of the coordinate $\widetilde{\mathbf{\Omega}} = \nabla_{\vec{z}} \vec{r}$ is the Jacobian matrix

• The choice of the coordinate velocity

- \vec{Q} is zero \Rightarrow Eulerian description
- \vec{Q} is chosen to the velocity of the fluid particle \Rightarrow Lagrangian description
- \vec{Q} is set to the basal entrainment/deposition rate
 - \Rightarrow Terrain-following coordinate

Equations of Conservative Laws

• Equations of mass and momentum conservation

$$\partial_{i}u^{i} = 0$$

$$\partial_{t}u^{i} + \partial_{j}(u^{i}u^{j} - t^{ij}) = g^{i}$$
 for $i, j \in \{x, y, z\}$

$$\vec{v} = u^{x} \mathbf{e}_{x} + u^{y} \mathbf{e}_{y} + u^{z} \mathbf{e}_{z}$$
$$= u^{\xi} \mathbf{g}_{\xi} + u^{\eta} \mathbf{g}_{\eta} + u^{\zeta} \mathbf{g}_{\zeta}$$

• Transformed equations in the topography-fitted coordinates

$$\partial_{\lambda} J + \partial_{m} u^{m} = 0 \qquad \qquad J = \det \tilde{\Omega}$$
$$\partial_{\lambda} \left(J u^{i} \right) + \partial_{m} \left(J u^{i} \left(u^{m} - Q^{m} \right) - J \Sigma^{im} \right) = J g^{i} \qquad \qquad dt = d\lambda$$

• The stress term

$$\Sigma^{in} = \Omega^i_m t^{mn}$$

for
$$i, j \in \{x, y, z\}, m, n \in \{\xi, \eta, \zeta\}$$

Remark: A similar treatment for Euler equations can be found in *Vinolur* (1974) *J. Comput. Phys.*

Approximation and Depth Integration

• Jacobian matrix

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Omega}} = \begin{pmatrix} \left(\mathbf{I} - \zeta \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{s}\right) \partial_{\xi} \mathbf{x} & -\mathbf{s} \\ \left(\partial_{\xi} b\right)^{T} + \left(\zeta \partial_{\xi} c\right)^{T} & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{\xi} \mathbf{x} & -\mathbf{s} \\ \left(\partial_{\xi} b\right)^{T} & c \end{pmatrix} + O\left(\varepsilon^{1+\alpha}\right) = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_{b} + O\left(\varepsilon^{1+\alpha}\right)$$

$$J = \det \tilde{\mathbf{\Omega}} = J_b + O(\varepsilon^{1+\alpha})$$

where

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x \\ s_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c\partial_x b \\ c\partial_y b \end{pmatrix}, \quad \partial_{\xi} b = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{\xi} b \\ \partial_{\eta} b \end{pmatrix}, \quad \partial_{\xi} c = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{\xi} c \\ \partial_{\eta} c \end{pmatrix},$$
$$\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{s} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x s_x & \partial_y s_x \\ \partial_x s_y & \partial_y s_y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \partial_{\xi} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{\xi} x & \partial_{\eta} x \\ \partial_{\xi} y & \partial_{\eta} y \end{pmatrix}.$$

Depth-integrated equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda} (J_b h) + \frac{\partial}{\partial\xi} (J_b h \overline{u}^{\xi}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial\eta} (J_b h \overline{u}^{\eta}) = -J_b E$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \begin{pmatrix} J_b h \overline{u}^x \\ J_b h \overline{u}^y \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \begin{pmatrix} J_b \overline{\sigma}_{\parallel} h \overline{u}^x \overline{u}^{\xi} + J_b h \overline{p} M_{11} \\ J_b \overline{\sigma}_{\parallel} h \overline{u}^y \overline{u}^{\xi} + J_b h \overline{p} M_{21} \end{pmatrix} \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \begin{pmatrix} J_b \overline{\sigma}_{\parallel} h \overline{u}^x \overline{u}^{\eta} + J_b h \overline{p} M_{12} \\ J_b \overline{\sigma}_{\parallel} h \overline{u}^y \overline{u}^{\eta} + J_b h \overline{p} M_{22} \end{pmatrix} = -J_b \mathbf{E} \begin{pmatrix} u_b^x \\ u_b^y \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{s}^{\xi} \end{aligned}$$

• Material equation

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- Boundary conditions
 - Drag free at flow surface.
 - *Coulomb friction at basal surface (or Voellmy's law).*
 - Non-material surface condition at basal surface due to entrainment/deposition.

• basic concept



Erosion-deposition rate

• BCRE-Model (1994), Tai & Kuo (Acta Mech., 2008), Tai & Lin (Phys. Fluids, 2008)

Three states for basal surface:

 $\begin{cases} \theta < \theta_n \text{ and } \|\mathbf{q}_{\parallel}\| > v_{\text{th}} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_+ = 0 \text{: immobile basal surface,} \\ \theta < \theta_n \text{ and } \|\mathbf{q}_{\parallel}\| < v_{\text{th}} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_+ > 0 \text{: deposition,} \\ \theta > \theta_n \qquad \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_+ < 0 \text{: erosion.} \end{cases}$

where



Is the temporally variable coordinates necessary?

- Material : Ottawa sand (ϕ : 0.3~0.6 mm)
- Width of channel: 38 mm, Inclination angle: 34° to horizontal
- Gate opening at the top: 10, 15, 20 mm



Tai & Lin (Phys. Fluids, 2008)

Traveling shock wave: Pudasaini et al, Phys. Fluids (2007)





• Comparison with experimental data (*with deposition*)



• Comparison with experimental data (without deposition)





Without Deposition

With deposition

Tai & Lin (Phys. Fluids, 2008)



Experiments and comparison with theoretical prediction

by

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Experimental setup



Three inclination angles: 32, 35 and 38 degree



Experimental results



Experimental results

• Initial condition for theoretical prediction





Deposition position



Further applications

Coulomb-Mixture Theory (with deposition)

by

Y. C. Tai, and C. Y. Kuo, Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci. (2012)

Coulomb-mixture theory (Iverson & Denlinger, JGR 2001)

• Conservation of mass and momentum

$$\begin{split} & \frac{\partial \rho_s}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}\left(\rho_s \vec{q_s}\right) = 0 \,, \quad \frac{\partial \rho_s \vec{q_s}}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}\left(\rho_s \vec{q_s} \otimes \vec{q_s} - \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_s\right) = \rho_s \vec{g} + \vec{m} \,, \\ & \frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}\left(\rho_f \vec{q_f}\right) = 0 \,, \quad \frac{\partial \rho_f \vec{q_f}}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}\left(\rho_f \vec{q_f} \otimes \vec{q_f} - \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_f\right) = \rho_f \vec{g} - \vec{m} \,, \end{split}$$

• Transformation into UC system

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\lambda} (J\nu_{s}) &+ \partial_{m} \Big[J\nu_{s} (q_{s}^{m} - Q^{m}) \Big] = 0 , \qquad \partial_{\lambda} (J\nu_{f}) + \partial_{m} \Big[J\nu_{f} (q_{f}^{m} - Q^{m}) \Big] = 0 , \\ \partial_{\lambda} (J\nu_{s} u_{s}^{i}) &+ \partial_{m} \Big[J\nu_{s} u_{s}^{i} (q_{s}^{m} - Q^{m}) - J\Sigma_{s}^{im} \Big] = J\nu_{s} g^{i} + \frac{1}{\hat{\rho}_{s}} m^{i} , \\ \partial_{\lambda} (J\nu_{f} u_{f}^{i}) &+ \partial_{m} \Big[J\nu_{f} u_{f}^{i} (q_{f}^{m} - Q^{m}) - J\Sigma_{f}^{im} \Big] = J\nu_{f} g^{i} - \frac{1}{\hat{\rho}_{f}} m^{i} , \end{aligned}$$

where

$$i \in \{x, y, z\} \text{ and } m \in \{\xi, \eta, \zeta\} \qquad \qquad \rho_f = \nu_f \hat{\rho_f} \qquad \rho_s = \nu_s \hat{\rho_s}$$
$$\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{s,f} = T_{s,f}^{ij} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i \otimes \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i = \Sigma_{s,f}^{im} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i \otimes \vec{g}_m \qquad \qquad \hat{\rho}_s = \text{const. and } \hat{\rho}_f = \text{const.}$$

Coulomb-mixture theory (Tai & Kuo, Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci., 2012)

• Assumptions in Coulomb mixture theory

- (a) Shallowness of the flowing layer and the curvature
- (b) Saturation: $\nu_s + \nu_f = 1$
- (c) Small relative velocity: $|\vec{q_f} \vec{q_s}| << |\vec{q_s}| \Rightarrow \vec{m} = 0$
- (d) Erosion/deposition rates of both solid and fluid constituents are equal
- (e) Total stress: $\tilde{\mathbf{T}} = \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_s + \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_f$ with $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_s = \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{eff}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_f = -\mathbf{I}p + \nu_f \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{vis}$
- (f) Solid constituent: Coulomb friction at the basal surface
- (g) Fluid constituent: Newtonian fluid
- (h) Earth pressure coefficient: $K_{act/pas} = 1$
- **Depth-integration** with boundary conditions (BCs)

Coulomb-mixture theory (Tai & Kuo, Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci., 2012)

• The leading-order governing equations of Coulomb mixture theory in UC system

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda}(J_bh) &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial\xi}(J_bhq_0^{\xi}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial\eta}(J_bhq_0^{\eta}) = -J_b\,\mathcal{E}_- + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{1+\gamma})\,.\\ \frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda}(J_bhu_0^i) &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial\xi}\left(J_bhu_0^iq_0^{\xi}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial\eta}(J_bhu_0^iq_0^{\eta}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial\xi}\left((1-\Lambda_f)\epsilon J_bh\overline{\Sigma^{i\xi}}\right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial\eta}\left((1-\Lambda_f)\epsilon J_bh\overline{\Sigma^{i\eta}}\right)\\ &= -J_b\,\mathcal{E}_-u_b^i - \epsilon^{\alpha}\,J_b\,h\,A_c\,n^i + J_b\,h\,c\,n^i - (1-\Lambda_f)\epsilon^{\beta}J_bN_b\mu\frac{u_b^i}{||\vec{q}_b||} + J_bs_f^i + J_bhg^i + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{1+\gamma}) \end{split}$$

with

$$\begin{split} s_f^i &= \tilde{\Omega}_m^i \left(-\epsilon h \frac{\partial (p_{bed})}{\partial m} + \epsilon \frac{\nu_f h}{N_R} \frac{\partial^2 (q_0^m)}{\partial n^2} - \frac{\nu_f}{\epsilon} \frac{3}{N_R} \frac{q_0^m}{h} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad p_{bed} = \Lambda_f h c \\ N_R &= \rho H \sqrt{gL}/\mu \text{ is analogous to the Reynolds number for Newtonian fluid} \\ i &\in \{x, y\}, \quad m \in \{\xi, \eta\} \end{split}$$

Comparison without/with deposition procedure



Levee formation



Levee formation



Levee formation (cross section view)



Further applications

Erosional Dam-Break Shear Flows

by Y. T. Huang and Y. C. Tai

Coordinate system for general topography



Flow structure postulation

• Previous postulated flow structure (Fraccarollo and Capart, 2002, JFM)



- thin layers
- almost uniform velocity profile
- constant sediment concentration (mixture layer and bed)

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- hydrostatic pressure
- Measurement of a sudden dam break (Spinewine and Capart, 2013, JFM)



Flow structure postulation

• Current postulated flow structure over the terrain-fitted coordinate system



- thin layers
- almost uniform velocity profile for water layer and linear velocity profile for mixture layer
- constant sediment concentration for mixture layer and bed but of different values
- hydrostatic distribution for the pressure

Depth-integrated equations

• Equations of mass balance

$$\partial_t (J_b h) + \partial_{\xi} (J_b u^{\xi} (h - \frac{1}{2} h_s)) = -J_b \mathsf{E}$$
$$\partial_t (J_b h_s) + \partial_{\xi} (\frac{1}{2} J_b h_s u^{\xi}) = -J_b \alpha_C^{-1} \mathsf{E}$$

• Equations of momentum balance

$$\alpha_{c} = \frac{\phi_{s}}{\phi_{b}}, \quad r = (\rho_{s}/\rho_{w}-1)\phi_{s}$$
$$\Sigma^{x\xi} = \Omega_{m}^{x}t^{m\xi}, \quad \Sigma^{x\zeta} = \Omega_{m}^{x}t_{b}^{m\zeta}$$
$$J_{b} = \det \tilde{\Omega}_{b}$$

$$\partial_t \left(J_b \left(h + \frac{r-1}{2} h_s \right) u^x \right) + \partial_{\xi} \left(J_b \left[\left(h + \frac{r-2}{3} h_s \right) u^x u^{\xi} + \Sigma^{x\xi} \right] \right)$$
$$= -J_b \mathsf{E} \left(h + r h_s \right) u_b^x - J_b s_x c \left(h + r h_s \right) g - J_b \Sigma_b^{x\zeta}$$

where jump conditions at bed $M_{\text{basal}} = \rho_{\text{G}} \left(\boldsymbol{u}_{\text{int}} - \boldsymbol{u}_{\text{G}} \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_{\text{b}} = \rho_{\text{L}} \left(\boldsymbol{u}_{\text{int}} - \boldsymbol{u}_{\text{L}} \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_{\text{b}}$ $M_{\text{basal}} \left(\boldsymbol{u}_{\text{G}} - \boldsymbol{u}_{\text{L}} \right) = \boldsymbol{t}_{\text{G}} \boldsymbol{n}_{\text{b}} - \boldsymbol{t}_{\text{L}} \boldsymbol{n}_{\text{b}}$



• Effect of erosion



• Result of simulation





Experiment by Fraccarollo & Capart (2002)







Numerical simulation by current method



Reconstruction of the Hsiaolin Landslide Catastrophe, Taiwan 2009

by

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Animation



Optimal friction angle: 11.47° (agree with the friction coefficient projection relation on the geometric constraint, and Staron & Lajeunesse ,2009)

Duration: 110 s Volume: 26.17 Mm³ Comput. domain: $3,710 \times 2,220 \text{ m}^2$ Mesh size: 10× 10 m²

Optimization process:

$$h_{std}^2(\mu) = \min_{\mu} \frac{1}{A} \int_A (h(\mathbf{x};\mu) - h_{meas}(\mathbf{x}))^2 \, dA$$



Transient volume fluxes

- The max. speed reaches about 50 m/s in the anonymous creek valley.
- The flux across section DD' peaks at about 42 sec.
- The two streams reach their maxima at about 62 and 64 sec.
- About **7%** of the slid volume flow through the village.





Flow snapshots in comparison with the near-surface magnetic surveys

- Yellow line indicates the village area
- Red dashed line indicates the boundary of the magnetic anomalies (destruction front)
- Coincidence with the flow boundary (1 m depth)



Concluding remarks

Modeling part:

- An alternative formulation for shallow hazardous flows over non-trivial and deforming topography is presented.
- The key features of this formulation are illustrated by the numerical examples.

Application part:

- Experimental validation: Upstream traveling wave; Chute experiment.
- Numerical example: Levee formation by Coulomb-mixture theory; Erosional dam-break shear flows.
- With the hydrodynamic model over general topography, the Hsiaolin landslide event can be favorably reconstructed.

However,