# Two-Phase Continuum Models for Geophysical Particle-Fluid Flows

# Time-dependent measurements for incipient bed load discharge on shallow open channel flows

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# General framework



Shields number Sh =  $u_*^2/(\Delta \rho_* gD)$ ;  $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Transport} \\ \rightarrow q_* = {\cal A} ({\rm Sh} - {\rm Sh}_c)^B. \end{array}$ 

(Shields, 1936; Paphitis, 2001; Beheshti and Ataie-Ashtiani, 2008) (Meyer-Peter and Müller, 1948; Wong and Parker, 2006) unesp\* INSA

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# Dimensionless analysis

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Froude :	$\mathrm{Fr} = \frac{u_0}{\sqrt{gh_0\cos\theta}}$	flow hydraulic regimen ;		
Shields :	${ m Sh}=rac{u_*^2}{\Delta ho_*gD}$	particles initiation of motion;		
Particle Reynolds :	$\operatorname{Re}_{p} = \frac{u_{0}D}{\nu}$	particle-flow interaction;		
Stokes :	$\mathrm{St} = rac{T_{p}}{T_{f}}$	particles-flow interaction;		
Particle Froude :	$\mathrm{Fr}_{p} = rac{u_{0}}{\sqrt{gD}}$	flow capacity of transport;		
Rouse :	$\frac{W_s}{\dots}; \frac{W_s}{\dots}; \frac{U_*}{\dots}$	dominant mode of sediment transport ;		
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### Non-stationary transport - Turbulence

 $u_* \propto u_0$ 



Figure 1 – Fluctuations of the instantaneous velocity around the mean value. Particle entrainment occurs sporadically. (Ancey et al., 2008).

#### Non-stationary transport - Grain-size distribution



Fig. 17. Solid discharges of fine, medium, coarse materials and total (run 4)

Fig. 18. Time series of solid discharge for the uniform material (run 13)

# Figure 2 – Solid discharges of materials with different granulometry (Frey et al., 2003).

#### Non-stationary transport - Flow instabilities

#### Free surface instabilities

& Bedforms





Figure 3 – Evolution of roll waves and sediment transport (Davies, 1990).



Figure 4 – Comparison of stability lines for roll waves and bedforms (Colombini and Stocchino, 2005)

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Main objective

#### Non-stationary sediment transport

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Shields number  ${
m Sh} < 2.5 {
m Sh}_c$ ;

(Recking et al., 2009)

Turbulence effects :



Image: Image:

#### Experimental project



Figure 5 – Sketch of experimental setup.

- shallow water flow  $h_0/l \ll 1$ ;
- PIV method for local flow dynamics measurements;
- contact needle for global measurements;
- combined shadowgraph and PTV methods for local sediment transport measurements;

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### Test sand



Figure 6 – Histogram for particles used in experiments and MEV images.

- non-cohesive;
- regular shape;
- ▶ 0.15 < D < 0.25 mm;

▶ 
$$Sh_c = 0.062$$
;

► favorable to bedload (given the exp. limitations,  $w_s \approx 2 \text{ cm/s}$ ); unesp\* NSA

## Dimensionless parameters

Dimensionless	Range	Interpretation			
Re	$3000 < \mathrm{Re} < 4000$	Turbulent	(close to transition	);	
$\operatorname{Fr}$	$1.1 < \mathrm{Fr} < 1.5$	Torrential flows			
$\operatorname{Sh}$	$0.068 < \mathrm{Sh} < 0.165$	5 particles initiation of motion;			
Rouse :	$2.4 < \frac{w_s}{u_*} < 3.6$	bed-load transport ;			
$\mathrm{Sh}_{c}=0.062$ (Paphitis, 2001)					
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# Methodology debrief

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- determination of friction velocity u<sub>\*</sub> based on theoretical turbulent profile; assumption u<sub>\*</sub>(t) = F{< u > (y<sub>0</sub>, t)}; correction of results based on global values (contact needle);
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Statistically...  

$$q(t) \stackrel{?}{=} f\{u_*(t)\}$$

## Friction velocity obtaining



In wall coordinates :  $u^+ = u(y)/u_*$ and  $y^+ = u_*y/\nu$ For viscous sublayer :  $u^+ = y^+$ ; For log region :  $u^+ = \kappa^{-1} \log y^+ + 5$ ;

Figure 7 – Turbulent characteristics of average profile of mean flow velocity. Lines indicate theoretical values : solid line is  $u^+ = \kappa^{-1} \log y^+ + 5$  for log region ; dashed line is  $u^+ = y^+$  for viscous layer.

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# Turbulent intensities - $u_{\rm RMS}^+$



$$\begin{array}{l} (\text{Antonia and Krogstad, 2001}) \\ u_{\mathrm{RMS}}^{+} = \\ A \exp\left(-\frac{y^{+}}{Re_{*}}\right) \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{y^{+}}{B}\right)\right] + \\ Cy^{+} \exp\left(-\frac{y^{+}}{B}\right) \end{array}$$

A=2, B=8, and C=0.34;  $Re_*=u_{*{\rm PIV}}h_0/\nu$  is the Reynolds number using friction velocity as reference.

Figure 8 – Turbulent intensities for runs gb1 to gb8. Lines indicate computed values following empirical results from Antonia and Krogstad (2001). Longitudinal turbulent intensities  $u_{\text{RMS}}^+$ ; dark line represent run computed value for gb1, and gray line, for gb8.

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# Friction velocity $u_*(t)$

Bottom shear stress :  $au_b \sim 
ho u_*^2 \sim 
ho gh_0 \sin heta$ 

For our experiments :

▶ 
$$u_* \sim 0.01 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$
;  
 $\rightarrow \tau_b \sim (10^3)(10^{-2})^2 \sim 0.1 \text{ Pa}$ ;

▶ 
$$h_0 \sim 0.01 \text{ m}$$
;  
 $\rightarrow \tau_b \sim (10^3)(10^1)(10^{-2})(10^{-2}) \sim 1 \text{ Pa}$ 

The precision required to measure fluctuations would be  $\sim 0.01$  Pa !!! (Detert et al., 2010; Amir

et al., 2014)

#### So, an indirect measure is pursued...

# Friction velocity correlation

 $\tau_b(t)$ ?

- $u_*^2 \propto \tau_b \propto u_0^2$
- ►  $u(y_0) \propto u_0 \rightarrow u_* \propto u(y_0)$

Dimensionally and statistically we can assume that  $\colon$ 

- $ar{u}_*^2(t) \propto ar{ au}_b(t) \propto ar{u}^2(y_0,t)$
- so there is a function F that :  $\bar{u}_*(t) = F\{\bar{u}(y_0, t)\}$

(Ould Ahmedou et al., 2007)

► the hypothesis : F is also valid for instantaneous variables, so that : u<sub>\*</sub>(t) = F{u(y<sub>0</sub>, t)}



Figure 9 – Correlation between  $\langle \bar{u} \rangle (y_0)$ and  $u_{*\rm PIV}$ . First-order polynomial approximation and 95% confidence boundaries.

# Friction velocity correlation





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## Friction velocity signal



Figure 10 – Signals of  $u_*(t)$  and Sh(t) for a close to threshold experiment run. The dotted dark line represent  $Sh_c$ .

#### Experimental project



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#### Experimental project



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# Particles identification method Original image



#### Linear histogram normalization



#### Binary Image



- Based on maximum and minimum images from series, each image gray level is adjusted;
- Canny filter is applied, using Otsu's threshold method, to identify particle edges;
- Morphological operations (closing, filling, opening, watershed) are performed.

(Frey et al., 2003)

# Particle Tracking Velocimetry



Particle mass :  
$$m_i^k = \frac{\pi \rho_s}{6} D_i^{k^3}$$

Particle displacement :  $\Delta \bar{r}_i^k$ 

Particle velocity :  $\vec{v}_i^k = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}_i^k}{\Delta t}$ 

Total mass at time  $t^k$ :

$$M(t^k) = \sum_i^{N_p} m_i^k$$
 ;

Time scale of particles permanence :

$$\Delta t^k_{
m esc} = rac{\Delta y_{
m ROI}}{ar v_{y_i}^k}$$

Time dependent discharge :

$$q(t^k) = rac{M(t^k)}{\Delta t^k_{
m esc}}$$
 ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean} : \bar{v}_{y_i}^k &= \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{i}^{N_p} v_{y_i}^k ; \\ \text{Veighted-mean} : \bar{v}_{y_i}^k &= \frac{1}{M(t^k)} \sum_{i}^{N_p} m_i^k v_{y_i}^k . \end{aligned}$$

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#### Instantaneous discharge measurement



Figure 11 – Correlation between sediment discharge computation based on images and weighted mass.

Measure	u*	Sh	Fr	$  \bar{q}_{lW}$	$ \bar{q}_{ m lPTV} $
gb1-2	0.014	0.068	1.16	0.065	0.064
gb1-3	0.014	0.075	1.20	0.179	0.386
gb1-4	0.015	0.079	1.10	0.204	0.336
gb2-1	0.021	0.158	1.55	1.187	2.967
gb2-2	0.021	0.159	1.54	0.896	2.107



Top view of the trap.

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#### Sh = 0.079, Fr = 1.10



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#### Sh = 0.159, Fr = 1.54



#### Sh = 0.159, Fr = 1.54



#### Comparison to classical formulas



#### Result

PSD



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#### Discussions

- ▶  $q_{sRMS}$  and  $u_{*RMS}$ ;
- characteristic time scales;
- additional effect : pulsating flows;

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# Thank you!

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#### Mean flow velocity and turbulent intensities



Figure 12 – Results for average profiles of mean flow velocity  $\langle \bar{u} \rangle(y)$  and standard deviation  $\langle u_{\rm RMS} \rangle(y)$  for runs gb1 to gb8.

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# Turbulent intensities - $v_{\rm RMS}^+$



Figure 13 – Turbulent intensities for runs gb1 to gb8. Lines indicate computed values following empirical results from Antonia and Krogstad (2001). Vertical turbulent intensities  $v_{\rm BMS}^+$ ; dark line represent computed values.

#### Friction velocity correction



Figure 14 – Correlation between friction velocity computed through both methods  $u_{*CN}$  and  $u_{*PIV}$ . Solid line represent linear relation between both methods for friction velocity calculation. Dashed line represents equality  $u_{*PIV} = u_{*CN}$ .

#### $U_*$

 $u_* = u_{*\rm CN} = 1.08 u_{*\rm PIV} - 0.006$ with a correlation coefficient  $R^2 = 0.96$ .

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#### Grain-size distribution

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Figure 15 – Probability distribution function from captured images in comparison to calibrated grain-size distribution.

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# $\Delta y_{ m ROI}$ influence



# $\Delta y_{\rm ROI}$ influence



#### Experimental run

- 1. arrange the experiment;
- 2. partially block the outlet;
- 3. set flow discharge and slope;
- start data acquisition (PIV and PTV);
- 5. release the outlet;
- 6. after 1'30", data acquisition stops;
- 7. block outlet;



#### Further analysis...

# PSD



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