

PIV-PTV measurements of a tailings dam-break flow

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1. Introduction

What is a tailings dam?

- > Used to stock mining residuals
- > Built with *in-situ* materials
- Source of heavy metals/pollutants
- More prone to accidents... (Rico et al. 2008)



Tailings dam: http://www.groundtruthtrekking.org/static/uploads/ph otos/typical-mine-tailings-dam.jpg



1. Introduction

Tailings dam-break flow: Particular case of a dam-break flow



Source:http://northern-thailand-river.com/wpcontent/uploads/2012/06/dam_break1.jpg



Source:http://photo.accuweather.com/photogallery/size/30320/South+fork+dam+breaks+1889



Source:http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0 /06/BuffaloCreekArea.png/400px-BuffaloCreekArea.png



Source: http://salinapost.com/2012/11/20/breaking-news-grainelevator-collapse-in-oakley/

1.2 Tailings dam failure

Application Example

a) Buffalo Creek. USA. 1972

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Characteristics

- > Severe transient flow
- Sediment transport
- > Geomorphological changes
- > Near Field/Far Field Regimes
- > Wide ranges of time and length scales
- Multiphase flow

How to classify these flows?





- More general case
- Ratio h_{w0}/h_{s0} is important
- > Quite complex case



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Why:

Not necessarily the easiest one.

Not the hardest either.

Allows us to look directly at the physics of the problem.

1. Theoretical **2. Experimental**

3. Numerical

Physical Modelling Advantages

- a) Difficult to measure this kind of flow in Nature.
- b) Need to identify the ruling parameters.
- c) Identify different phenomena.
- d) Obtain a complete data base for numerical models validation.

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What to measure?

- a) Wave celerity propagation.
- b) Water height.
- c) Sediment dispersion.
- d) Velocity field for water and sediments.

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- d) Upstream channel: 0.50 m wide, 0.50 m high and 3.24 m long.



Experimental Conditions:

- a) $h_{w0} = 0.40 \text{ m}$
- b) $h_{s0} = 0.20 \text{ m}$
- c) $d_{50} = 2.87 \text{ mm}$
- d) $\rho_s = 1.42$
- e) Shape Factor = 0.83
- f) Angle of repose = 30°
- g) Packed bed





3. Instrumentation

- a) 4 high speed cameras: - 1.4Mpix
 - Up to 1000 kHz
- b) Wide angle camera.
- c) Acoustic Transducers.



Q: What to do with fast cameras? A : Photograph the flow and extract quantitative information.









Velocity Field Measurements

- 1. Particle Tracking Velocimetry
- 2. Particle Image Velocimetry

4. 1 Particle Tracking Velocimetry

- a) Detect particles in each image of a sequence.
- b) Particle tracking between consecutive images.
- c) Displacement vector determination.
- d) Lagrangian method.
- e) Resolution up to particles' diameter (even less)!





4. 1 Particle Tracking Velocimetry

a) Track the final destination of the sediments.

b) High computational costs



4. 1 Particle Tracking Velocimetry

PTV Challenges

Wide range of velocity scales.

Changing flow geometry.

Difficult to track successfully all the time series.



(Clockwise from top left: t = 0 s, 0.5 s, 1 s and 1.5 s

4.2 Particle Image Velocimetry

Follows the displacement of a pattern of particles.

Based on image cross-correlation.

Established and mature measurement technique. (e.g. Keane and Adrian (1992); Raffel et al. (2007)).







4.2 Particle Image Velocimetry

- ➢ More robust than PTV.
- Less computational demanding than PTV.
- Resolution of the interrogation window...
- No Lagrangian tracking.
- Well suited to handle the different velocity scales.

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4.2 Particle Image Velocimetry



Robert Doisneau's "Un regard oblique"

4.3 Particle Image Velocimetry + Particle Tracking Velocimetry

Proposed by Stitou and Riethmuller (2001) in order to extend PIV spatial resolution.



Particles





PIV superimposed to particles

Interpolated velocity field for each particle
4.3 Particle Image Velocimetry + Particle Tracking Velocimetry

- PIV Algorithm: MatPIV v1.6 (Sveen, 2004)
- PTV Algorithm: Voronoi Tracking (Capart et al. 2002)



(Aleixo et al. 2014a)

4.3 Particle Image Velocimetry + Particle Tracking Velocimetry

- More detected particles
- More realistic velocity field
- Different scales resolved.



4.3 Particle Image Velocimetry + Particle Tracking Velocimetry

Number of particles tracked







Different types of flow

- Sheet flow (uppermost sediment layer).
- Mass failure + plug flow.
- Plug collapse
- > Sheet flow
- Mass failure + plug flow



t < 1.08 s



t < 1.08 s



t < 1.08 s



Velocity profiles analysis with time

Fixed section x = -0.1991 m;









Mass failure + plug flow

t = 1.08 s



Mass failure analysis

t = 1.08 s



Mass failure analysis

t = 1.1025 s



Mass failure analysis

t = 1.125 s



Mass failure analysis

t = 1.1475 s



Mass failure analysis

t = 1.17 s



How to identify the mass failure?

a) Sediments moving under the fluid solicitation

b) Shear stress important: $\partial u/\partial z$

Extracted from the vorticity of the flow

$$\vec{\omega} = \nabla \times \vec{v}$$













Plug flow analysis at x = -0.1991 m







Considering (U_0, z_0)





1. The **combined PIV-PTV** approach was **able to detect and track** particles in the **different velocity scales** of this particular case of debris flow.

2. Using the proposed combined approach it was observed that it was possible to successfully track more particles than by using just PTV. It was also verified that a **linear interpolation** scheme allowed for more particles successfully tracked than the other tested scheme.

3. In the presented study of the tailings dam flow it was possible to identify and quantify different features of the flow. In the first instants, after the gate removal, the sediment flows is processed in two main ways:

a) **as sheet flow** (*upper* sediment layer);

b) as a low velocity plug flow (sediment bed).

4. As time evolves, the water flow-bed interaction will cause the **appearance of a mass failure**. In this condition three flow layers were identified:

a) immediately close to the bottom a **shear layer with constant thickness** was observed. The maximum velocity of this layer increased almost linearly with time;

b) above this layer a **plug flow region with a constant velocity** was observed. This constant flow velocity profile increases with time until the plug flow region collapses;

c) an **upper sheet flow layer** in **the interface** between the **water flow and the sediment layer**. The identification of the different layers was made possible through the determination of the flow vorticity. Pertinent scaling variables for the upper transport layer and the mass failure region were determined.










6. Conclusions & Future Work

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2. Automatic masking for PIV+PTV



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Questions?