

Stability of an Erodible Bed in a Shear Flow

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- Decelerated flow
- Oscillating flow



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- Equations near the wall
- Linearised equations
- Analytical law between the topography and the skin friction



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Oscillating basic flow

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with the scaling:

$$(x^*, y^*) = \delta\left(\overline{x}, \overline{y}\right)$$

$$(u^*, v^*) = U_0(\overline{u}, \overline{v}) \qquad p^* = \rho(U_0^2 \,\overline{p} - g \,\overline{y} \,\delta)$$

Navier Stokes equations:

$$\frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial \overline{x}} + \frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial \overline{y}} = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial (\overline{u}, \overline{v})}{\partial t} + Re_{\delta} \left([(\overline{u}, \overline{v}) \cdot \nabla] (\overline{u}, \overline{v}) + \nabla \overline{p} \right) = \nabla^2 (\overline{u}, \overline{v})$$



Rescaling

$$\overline{x} = \lambda x \quad and \quad \overline{y} = \varepsilon_b y$$

Restricting the field of study to dimensions of a bump of the disturbance of the bottom, one has:

$$\overline{u} = U'_s(0)\,\overline{y} + \mathcal{O}(\overline{y}^2) = \varepsilon_b U'_s(0)\,y + \mathcal{O}(y^2)$$

where

 $U'_{s}(0) = 1$ for the steady case: $U'_{s}(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\overline{t}}}$ for the decelerated flow and $U'_{s}(0) = \cos(\overline{t})$ for the oscillating case is a function of the alone variable \overline{t} , hydrodynamic time.





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$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\lambda}{\varepsilon_b^3 Re_\delta} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$



Finally

$$x^* = \delta \varepsilon_b^3 \operatorname{Re}_\delta x, \qquad y^* = \delta \varepsilon_b y \qquad and \quad \varepsilon_b \ll 1$$

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The fact of having

$$\lambda \sim \varepsilon_b^3 Re_\delta = \frac{2 A \varepsilon_b^3}{\delta} \qquad gives \qquad r = \frac{2 A}{\lambda} \simeq \frac{\delta}{\varepsilon_b^3}$$

 $r_{\rm }$ is the aspect ratio between the characteristic scales uses in former studies. However

$$rac{\delta}{arepsilon_b} \gg 1 \qquad and \qquad rac{1}{arepsilon_b^2} \gg 1$$

one thus has well

$$r = \frac{2A}{\lambda} \simeq \frac{\delta}{\varepsilon_b} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_b^2}\right) \gg 1$$





Rousseaux et al. (2003)



Linearised equations

 $f = af_1$ $u = U'_s(0) y + \mathcal{O}(y^2)$

that gives us the variables of the problem in the form

 $u = U'_{s}(0) [y + au_{1}(x, y, t) + \cdots]$

 $v = U'_s(0) av_1(x, y, t) + \cdots$

 $p = U'_s(0) a p_1(x, y, t) + \cdots$



Linearised equations

we keep the equations with the 1^{st} order in a

 $U_s'(0) y$

$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y} = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} + U'_s(0) v_1 = -\frac{\partial p_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial y^2}$$

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Linearised equations

Decomposing in modes of Fourier, taking into account the continuity equation

$$f_1 = f_k e^{-i k x + \sigma t^L}$$

$$u_1 = \phi'(y) e^{-i k x + \sigma t^L}$$

$$v_1 = (i\,k)\phi(y)\,e^{-i\,k\,x+\sigma\,t^L}$$

$$p_1 = \psi(y) e^{-i k x + \sigma t^L}, \quad \psi_{,y} = 0$$



Perturbated solutions in Fourier space



$$p_1 = 3 a Ai'(0) (U'_s(0))^{5/3} (-i k)^{-1/3} f_1$$



$$\tau_1 = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial y} = 3 \, a \, Ai(0) \, U'_s(0) \, (-i \, k \, U'_s(0))^{1/3} \, f_1$$

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Decelerated basic flow

$$U_s'(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}},$$

the bottom friction is

$$\tau_{Total} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} + TF^{-1} \{ 3Ai(0) (-ik)^{1/3} [t]^{-2/3} e^{-ikx + \sigma t^L} \} (x, t)$$

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For one period of oscillation





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during one cycle the topography does not change we take the mean value of all the quantities Multiscale analysis...

 $U_s'(0) = \cos(t),$

$$\tau_{Total}^{(+)} = \cos(t) + TF^{-1} \{ 3Ai(0) (-ik)^{1/3} [\cos(t)]^{4/3} e^{-ikx + \sigma t^{L}} \} (x,t)$$

$$\tau_{Total}^{(-)} = -\cos(t) - TF^{-1} \{ 3Ai(0) (-ik)^{1/3} [\cos(t)]^{4/3} e^{-ikx + \sigma t^{L}} \} (x,t)$$



$$<\tau>_{Total} = \frac{1}{T} \left[\int_{0}^{t_{p}} \tau_{Total}^{(+)} dt + \int_{t_{p}}^{T} \tau_{Total}^{(-)} dt \right]$$

$$<\tau>_{Total} = \frac{9\,Ai[0]\,[(-i\,k)^{1/3} - (i\,k)^{1/3}]\,\Gamma(\frac{7}{6})}{4\,\sqrt{\pi}\,\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})}$$

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Laws of matter flux

In the majority of their work, B. Sumer (1984), P. Blondeaux (1990), G. Parker (1995), K. Richards (1999), F. Charru (2002), K. Kroy, Hermann Sauermann (2002), established that

 $q \propto \tau^{\frac{3}{2}}.$

As $u = U'_s(0) [y + u_1(x, y, t) + \cdots],$ $\tau = U'_s(0) [1 + \tau_1(x, y, t) + \cdots] \quad with \quad |\tau_1| \ll 1$ SO

$$q \propto (1+\tau_1)^{\frac{3}{2}} \approx 1 + \frac{3}{2}\tau_1$$



Laws of matter flux



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Laws of matter flux

Linear form (Yang (1995), Fredsøe and Deigaard (1992))

$$q = \tau - \tau_{th} - \Lambda \,\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

An another form (Andreotti and al. (2002) simplified Kroy and al (2002) Sauermann and al (2001))

$$l_K \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + q = \tau - \tau_{th}$$

with l_K proportional to $\frac{1}{U'_s(0)}$.



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steady shear case

$$FT[\tau] = FT[f](3Ai(0))(-(ik))^{1/3} \qquad \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial q}{\partial x}$$

So, for a mode k, looking to $f=e^{\sigma t+i\omega t}e^{-ikx}$,

$$\sigma + i\omega = \frac{3^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})} (1/2 + i\sqrt{3}/2)(k)^{4/3} - \Lambda k^2$$

With $\Lambda = 0$ all waves are always instable

slope effect $\Lambda \neq 0$ give an amplification for long waves; short waves always instable.

Or length of saturation effect give an amplification for long waves which are always stable; short waves always instable.



steady shear case



Constant shear, $U'_s(0) = 1$, amplification factor σ as function of number k (here $q = \tau - \tau_{th} - \Lambda \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ with $\Lambda = 1$), decreasing Λ increases the cut off value of k.



steady shear case



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Examples of long time evolution : steady shear flow

coarsening





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Number of dunes and maximal height versus time,

$$l_K \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + q = \tau - \tau_{th}$$
 with $l_K = \frac{1}{U'_s(0)}$



Decelerated shear case

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t^L} = -\frac{\partial q}{\partial x}$$

while

 $t^L \simeq \mathcal{O}(t)$

$$f = f_k(t) e^{-i k x}, \qquad u_1 = u_k(t) e^{-i k x} \cdots$$

$$\frac{\partial f_k(t)}{\partial t} = -3\,Ai(0)\,(-i\,k)\,(-i\,k)^{1/3}\,t^{-2/3} - \Lambda\,k^2\,f_k(t).$$

The logarithm of each mode of Fourier of f

$$\log(f_k(t)) = -9 Ai(0) (-ik) (-ik)^{1/3} t^{-1/3} - \Lambda k^2 t$$



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decelerated shear case, law of q with saturation effect



No saturation effect ($q = \tau - \Lambda \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$) with $\Lambda = 0.4$



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Saturation effect $l_K \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + q = \tau - \tau_{th}$ with $l_K = \frac{1}{U'_s(0)}$



decelerated shear case, law of q with saturation effect



Saturation effect with $l_K \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + q = \tau - \tau_{th}$ with $l_K = 1$



Examples of long time evolution : decelerated shear case, with saturation effect



Saturation effect with $l_K \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + q = \tau - \tau_{th}$ with $l_K = 1$

animation



Multiscale analysis for the flux relation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -\theta \frac{\partial q}{\partial x}$$

with $\theta \ll 1$, $t_0 = t$, and $t_1 = \theta t$ the long time.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_0} + \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1}$$

Let $f = f_0(t_0, t_1) + \theta f_1(t_0, t_1)$ and $q = q_0(t_0, t_1) + \theta q_1(t_0, t_1)$ $\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial t_0} = 0$

ie the topology is quasisteady



Multiscale analysis for the flux relation

$$\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial t_1} + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial t_0} = -\frac{\partial q}{\partial x}$$

so $f_0(t_0, t_1) = F_0(t_1)$, decomposition: q is Q + q' where $Q = \langle q \rangle$ and $\langle q' \rangle = 0$ so

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial t_0} = \left(-\frac{\partial q'}{\partial x}\right) + \left(-\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial t_1}\right)$$

secular term: $\left(-\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial t_1}\right)$ must be 0, q' must be borned.





no saturation effect $q = \tau - \Lambda \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ with $\Lambda = 0.01$





with saturation effect and $l_K \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + q = \tau - \tau_{th}$ with $l_K = \frac{1}{U'_s(0)}$



Examples of long time evolution : Oscillating Flow



 $l_K \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + q = \tau - \tau_{th}$ with $l_K = 1/U'_s(0)$

animation



Examples of long time evolution : Oscillating Flow



 $l_K = 1/U'_s(0)$ number of ripples and maximum height



Examples of long time evolution : Oscillating Flow



 $l_K = 1/U'_s(0)$ and slope limitation (very simple avalanche) animation

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conclusion

- Analytical solution of skin friction in an asymptotical framework
- Stability analysis of different flows with various linear matter flux
- Long time numerical evolution leading to coarsening



perspectives

 An full avalanche model upstream and downstream from each bump



comparison with experiments (G. Rousseaux and H. Caps)