

# Modelling Bed Formation in Shallow Overland Flow

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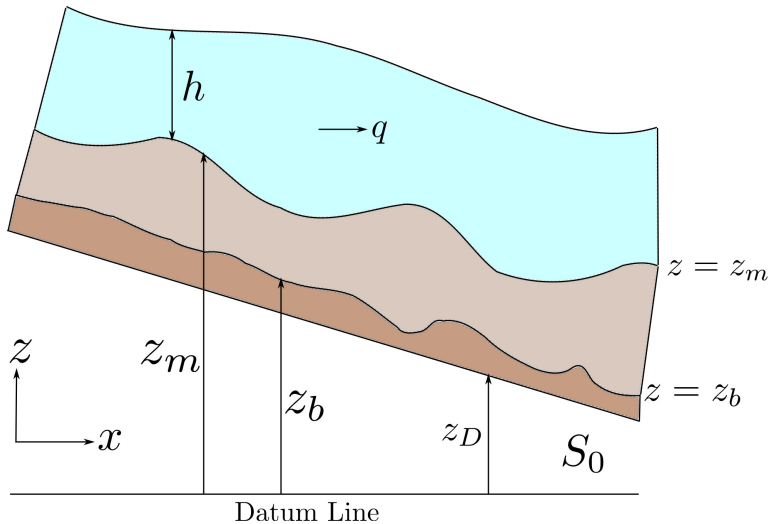


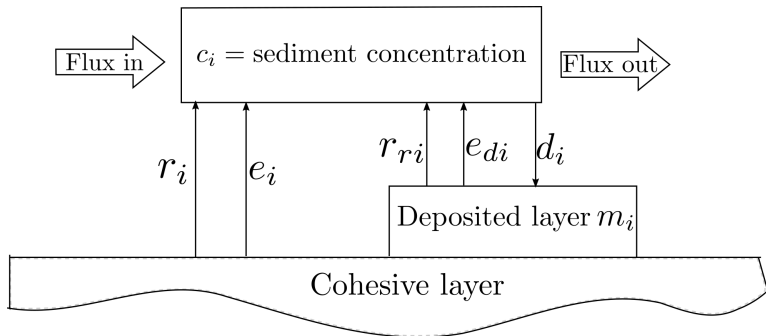
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# Setup







## Water equations

$$\text{Mass: } \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(uh) = 0,$$

$$\text{Momentum: } \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(uh) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(u^2h + \frac{g}{2}h^2) = gh\left(-\frac{\partial z_m}{\partial x} - S_f\right).$$

## Sediment equations

$$\text{Suspended: } \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(hc_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(qc_i) = E_{ci} = r_i + r_{ri} - d_i,$$

$$\text{Bedform: } \frac{\partial m_i}{\partial t} = E_{mi} = d_i - r_{ri}.$$

## Interface equations

$$\text{Deposited: } \rho_s(1 - \phi_m) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (z_m - z_b) = \sum_{i=1}^{i_{\max}} d_i - r_{ri},$$

$$\text{Cohesive: } \rho_s(1 - \phi_b) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (z_b - z_D) = - \sum_{i=1}^{i_{\max}} r_i.$$

## Summary of dimensional HR model equations

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} = 0 \text{ Water mass cons.}$$

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{q^2}{h} + \frac{g}{2} h^2 \right) = gh \left( -\frac{\partial z_m}{\partial x} - S_f \right) \text{ Water mom. cons.}$$

$$\rho_s(1 - \phi_m) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (z_m - z_b) = \sum_i v_i c_i - \frac{F}{g} \frac{H}{h} \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_s - \rho} (\Omega - \Omega_{cr}) \frac{m_i}{m_t} \text{ Interface: deposited}$$

$$\rho_s(1 - \phi_b) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (z_b - z_D) = - \sum_i \frac{F}{J} p_i (1 - H) (\Omega - \Omega_{cr}) \text{ Interface: cohesive}$$

$$\frac{\partial(hc_i)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(qc_i)}{\partial x} = \frac{F}{J} p_i (1 - H) (\Omega - \Omega_{cr}) + \frac{F}{g} \frac{H}{h} \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_s - \rho} (\Omega - \Omega_{cr}) \frac{m_i}{m_t} - v_i c_i \text{ Susp. sed.}$$

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# Non-dimensionalisation

Define scales:  $\bar{x} = \frac{x}{x_0}$ ,  $\bar{t} = \frac{t}{t_0}$ ,  $\bar{c} = \frac{c}{c_0}$ , etc.

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (z_m - z_b) = \sum_i \left[ v_i c_i - \frac{H}{h} (\Omega - \Omega_{cr}) \frac{m_i}{m_t} \right] \text{ Interface: deposited}$$

$$\beta \frac{\partial z_b - z_D}{\partial t} = - \sum_i A p_i (1 - H) (\Omega - \Omega_{cr}) \text{ Interface: cohesive}$$

$$\varepsilon \frac{\partial (h c_i)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (q c_i)}{\partial x} = A p_i (1 - H) (\Omega - \Omega_{cr}) + \frac{H}{h} (\Omega - \Omega_{cr}) \frac{m_i}{m_t} - v_i c_i \text{ Susp. sed.}$$

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# Non-dimensionalisation

The scales chosen are:

$$t_0 = \frac{z_0 \rho_s (1 - \phi_m)}{v_0 c_0}, \quad h_0 = \frac{F}{g} \frac{\Omega_0}{v_0 c_0} \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_s - \rho}, \quad x_0 = \frac{q_0}{v_0}, \quad c_0 = \frac{F}{g} \frac{\Omega_0}{h_0 v_0} \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_s - \rho},$$
$$m_0 = h_0 \rho_s (1 - \phi_m)$$

With parameters:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{h_0}{t_0 v_0}, \quad A = \frac{F \Omega_0}{J v_0 c_0}, \quad Fr^2 = \frac{u_0^2}{g h_0} = \frac{q_0^2}{g h_0^3}, \quad \beta = \frac{1 - \phi_D}{1 - \phi_m}, \quad \delta = \frac{C_r u_0^3}{h_0^k v_0}$$

where the  $k$  is chosen depending on what friction law you use!

Typical values:

$$\varepsilon = 0.043, \quad A = 0.12, \quad \beta = 1.5, \quad Fr = 1.37$$

# Rankine-Hugoniot Conditions

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{[q]_{-}^{+}}{[\varepsilon h]_{-}^{+}} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\left[Fr^2 \frac{q^2}{h} + \frac{h^2}{2}\right]_{-}^{+}}{[\varepsilon Fr^2 q]_{-}^{+}} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{[qc_i]_{-}^{+}}{[\varepsilon hc_i]_{-}^{+}} \quad (3)$$



# Derivation of travelling wave solution

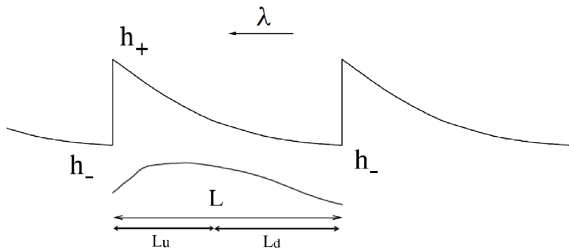
Consider the change of variables

$$\xi = x + \lambda t \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \lambda \frac{d}{d\xi}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{d}{d\xi}$$

and transform the dimensionless equations to be functions of  $\xi$  only



# Derivation of travelling wave solution

And let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  and  $A \rightarrow 0$  to obtain the leading order system.

## Leading order system

$$q = uh = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{d\xi} \left( \frac{Fr^2}{h} + \frac{h^2}{2} \right) = -h \left( \delta + \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{dc}{d\xi} - \frac{\delta}{h^{10/3}} \right)$$

$$\frac{dc_i}{d\xi} = \Omega \frac{H}{h} \frac{m_i}{m_t} - v_i c_i$$

$$\lambda \frac{dm_i}{d\xi} = -\frac{dc_i}{d\xi}$$

$$\frac{dz_m}{d\xi} = \sum_{i=1}^{i_{\max}} \frac{dm_i}{d\xi}$$

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Rearranging the leading order St.Venant momentum equation we get

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$$\left( \delta + \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{dc}{d\xi} - \frac{\delta}{h^{10/3}} \right) \Big|_{h=h_c=Fr^{2/3}} = 0$$

- Non-dimensionalise
- Transform to travelling wave coordinates
- Find leading order system
- Remove the singularity from the St.Venant momentum equation

## Rankine-Hugoniot conditions

- $c(\xi = 0) = c(\xi = L)$
- $\left(\frac{Fr^2}{h} + \frac{h^2}{2}\right)\Big|_{\xi=0} = \left(\frac{Fr^2}{h} + \frac{h^2}{2}\right)\Big|_{\xi=L}$

Main equations:

$$\frac{dh}{d\xi} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{h^3}{h^3 - h_c^3} \left( \lambda\delta - \lambda\delta h^{-10/3} + h^{-13/3} - c \right),$$
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# Overview: The Problem at Hand

After all simplifications, the model reads (Manning's Law):

$$\frac{dh}{d\xi} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{h^3}{h^3 - h_c^3} \left( \lambda\delta - \lambda\delta h^{-10/3} + h^{-13/3} - c \right), \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{dc}{d\xi} = h^{-13/3} - c. \quad (6)$$

Initial condition:  $h(0) = h_c, c(0) = c_c,$

$$c_c = \lambda\delta(1 - h_c^{-10/3}) + h_c^{-13/3}. \quad (7)$$

Around the singularity, we use an analytic expansion, otherwise we integrate using ODE45. We are interested in **one period only**.

# Form of the Solution

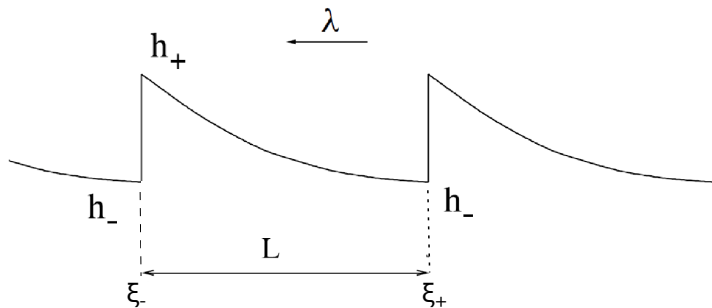


Figure 3 : Profile for  $h(\xi)$



We don't know  $\lambda$ ,  $\xi_-$  and  $\xi_+$ . We have two conditions from the shock:

$$\text{Hydraulic jump condition} \quad \left(\frac{Fr^2}{h} + \frac{h^2}{2}\right)\Big|_{\xi_-}^{\xi_+} = 0, \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Concentration condition} \quad c(\xi_-) = c(\xi_+). \quad (9)$$

However, we need one more condition to get a unique solution. Define

$$L = \xi_+ - \xi_-$$

$$\text{Sediment Flux Mass Conservation} \quad \frac{1}{L} \int_{\xi_-}^{\xi_+} c \, d\xi = 1 \quad (10)$$

Idea: iterative procedure:

- 1 fix  $\lambda$ ,
- 2 produce data:  $h(\xi)$  and  $c(\xi)$ , **analytic expansion + numerical integration**,
- 3 check all three conditions, **find best values of  $\xi_-$  and  $\xi_+$  for given  $\lambda$ , record error.**

Repeat steps 1 - 3 for a given range of  $\lambda$ , compare the final errors and chose the value of  $\lambda$  with the smallest error.

lambda	tRight	tLeft	cDiff	QDiff	L2Error
5	0.2975	-0.265	0.05703	0.24357	0.25015
5.3333	0.2975	-0.2625	0.060432	0.23882	0.24635
5.6667	12.692	-0.7925	0.0073752	0.0013565	0.0074989
6	10.697	-1.025	0.016182	0.052391	0.054833
6.3333	0.2975	-0.2625	0.072135	0.22749	0.23865
6.6667	0.2975	-0.2625	0.076016	0.2237	0.23626
7	0.2975	-0.2625	0.079891	0.2199	0.23397
7.3333	0.2975	-0.2625	0.08376	0.2161	0.23177
7.6667	0.2975	-0.2625	0.087625	0.2123	0.22967
8	0.2975	-0.2625	0.091485	0.20849	0.22768

Best value of lambda found: 5.667, with an L2 error of 0.00750 and a time span from -0.79 to 12.69.

Computation time needed: 4.9 s.

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Figure 4 : Sample output

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# The numerical experiment

Free parameters for the numerical model:

- ①  $S_0$ : the average bed-slope
- ②  $q_0$ : the flow rate

We fix one parameter and vary the other.

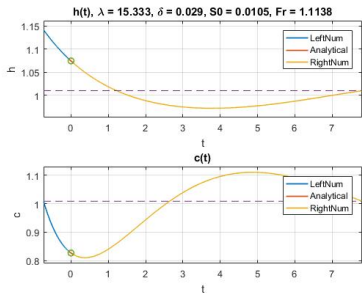
# Two Parameter Family

Two parameter family of solution. Two of the most important parameters (using Manning's law) are:

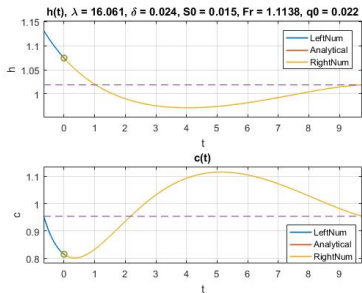
- 1 The Froude number ( $Fr$ ):  $Fr^2 = \frac{S_0^{9/10} q_0^{1/5}}{gn^{9/5}}$
- 2 Delta (related to roughness):  $\delta = \frac{S_0^{13/10} q_0^{2/5}}{v_0 gn^{3/5}}$



Results: 1 Left:  $S_0 = 0.0105$  Right:  $q_0 = 0.022 m^3/s$



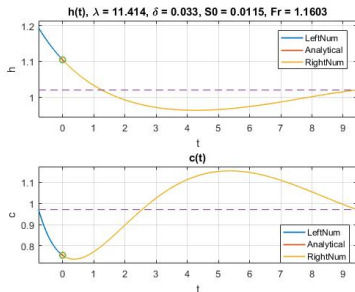
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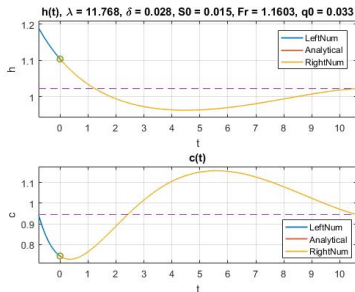
(b) Above: wave-height against  $\xi$ ;  
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Results: 2 Left:  $S_0 = 0.0115$  Right:  $q_0 = 0.033 m^3/s$

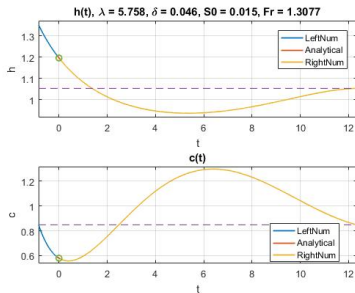


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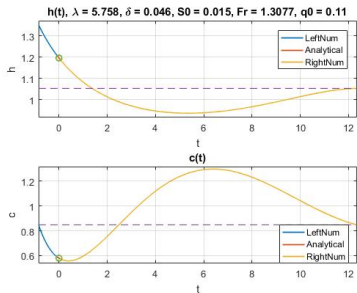


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Results: 3 Left:  $S_0 = 0.015$  Right:  $q_0 = 0.1097 m^3/s$

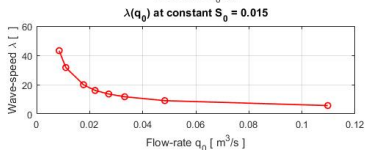
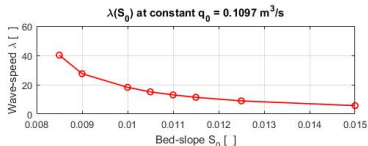


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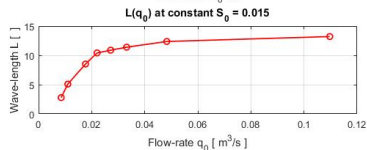
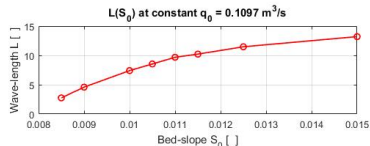


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# Variation of Wave-Speed and Wave-Length with $S_0$ and $q_0$



(a) Figure above:  $\lambda(S_0)$ ; Figure below:  $\lambda(q_0)$ ;



(b) Figure above:  $L(S_0)$ ; Figure below:  $L(q_0)$ ;

# Conclusions and Further Work

Project summary:

- ① Modelled the bedform evolution process

Further Work:

- ① Multiple particle size classes

# Thank you for your attention

Thank you! Any questions are welcome.