Long Time Series Measurements of Munitions Mobility in the Wave-Current Boundary Layer

MR-2320

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MR-2320: Mobility and Burial Measurements

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Technology Focus

Evaluating suite of instrumentation to make high fidelity, longterm observations of hydrodynamic forcing, sedimentology, and munitions mobility and burial including "Smart Munitions"

Research Objectives

Our objective is to provide in situ time series measurements of boundary layer hydrodynamics while simultaneously monitoring the resulting mobility and burial of munitions

Project Progress and Results

- Executed three field experiments for range of conditions
- Quantified the role of munitions bulk density on mobility and burial for range of munitions characteristics in situ
- Directly measured munitions bulk density for 70 items
- Developed sediment instability model for extreme burial
- Correlated statistics of mobility to water wave statistics in situ

Technology Transition

- Prepare and distribute documentation for all aspects of experimental methods, including design, fabrication, deployment, recovery, and signal processing
- Complete and distribute database of munitions characteristics including estimates of bulk density distributions
- Reduce dimensionality of the problem regarding munitions characteristics and environmental forcing conditions





Social Media Content



Underwater munitions bury in the sand... Joe Calantoni from the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory performs a tabletop demonstration to explain the physics of munitions burial in underwater environments. As water waves grow large during storms they generate momentary failure of the sand bed. The physics of granular sorting determines whether munitions will bury or rise to the surface.



Project Team

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Problem Statement

- Needs in the underwater environment include:
 - Assess predict location of munitions relative to the bed
 - Assess environment where munitions are found
- Need to couple munitions mobility with hydrodynamic & sedimentary processes
- Environmental forecasting critical for optimizing sensor performance



23 April 2014

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/articl e-2611037/Mappleton-beachcordoned-Second-World-War-bombblown-EIGHT-rockets-sands.html



Technical Objective

Our objective is to provide in situ time series measurements of boundary layer processes responsible for munitions mobility while simultaneously monitoring the mobility of surrogate munitions.



Technical Approach Overview

- Observations guided by hypothesis for the conditions that favor munitions mobility versus burial *in situ*
- Developed / fabricated / deployed
 - ♦ Range of munitions caliber (20 mm 155 mm)
 - Range of munitions density (plastic to steel)
 - Smart surrogates (embedded IMU)
- Executed three field experiments (7 m 20 m depths)
 - ♦ Apr-May 2013 at Panama City Beach, FL (sandy; max h_s= 2 m)
 - ♦ Jan-Mar 2015 at Duck, NC (sandy; max h_s= 5 m)
 - ♦ Feb-Apr 2017 at Wallops Island, VA (mixed; max h_s= 3 m)
- Performed measurements of bulk density of surrogate and inert munitions at Blossom Point Facility (Dec 2016)
 - Produce probability distributions for range of munitions density



Mobility versus Burial Hypothesis

Cartoon on the role of relative density for munitions mobility and burial in sandy sedimentary environments



(see "Why the Brazil Nuts are on Top...", Rosato et al., Physical Review Letters, 1987; "Reverse Brazil Nut Problem", Hong et al., Physical Review Letters, 2001) 8



Fabricated Surrogate Munitions



- 20 mm to 155 mm calibers
- Included shape effects
- Range of bulk densities
- Range of rolling moments
- Attached acoustics pingers



Surrogate Smart Munitions





Field Instrumentation







Results Overview

- Applied wave-induced sediment instability analysis to TREX data set
- Refined method for determining range of munitions bulk density using Army Technical Manuals
- Wallops Island munition mobility analysis



Wave-induced Sediment Instability Analysis





Predicted Bed Failure during Duck 2015



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Predicting Bed Failure during TREX





Measured Density of Munitions



- Interrogated 70 items in the inert/surrogate inventory at Blossom Point, MD
 - Items range from inert certified
 UXO to simple pipe surrogates
- Weighed items \rightarrow MASS estimates
- 3D laser scans and hand measurements used to build CAD models → VOLUME estimates







Estimating Weight Range of Munitions





JavaScript Tool for Data Management



Enter munition information

Identifying info







JavaScript



Estimating Volumes of Munitions



- TM 43-0001-28 has a schematic image of each munition
- The 2D outline is extracted using WebPlotDigitizer
 - Manually adjusted for poorquality images
 - Approximating nose/fuze shape
- Matlab scripts compute the munition volume using theorems of Pappus and Guldinus $V = \theta \bar{r} A$
- 3D scans of some munitions can be used to verify results



Munitions Density Distributions

- 155 mm caliber example
- Each estimated volume is combined with all combinations of estimated weights to produce a density distribution for every entry in the manual
- Distributions for all munitions of a single caliber are combined into an overall likelihood distribution
 - Likelihood is the prior probability of a munition having a certain density



Figure: Plot of likelihood distribution for all 155mm caliber munitions shows kernel density estimate of likelihoods (black), combination of munition "weight options" (blue) and the density of quartz sand, 2650 kg m⁻³ (red).



Wallops Island Munitions Mobility Experiment WIMM-X

- Collaboration with MR-2503
- Sediment cores on 12 Jan 2017
- Deployment on 17 Feb 2017
- Maintenance on 9 Mar 2017
- Recovery on 19-20 Apr 2017
- Deployed quadpods at 9 m and 11 m water depths
- Smart munitions with IMUs logging at 16 Hz continuous
 - Three calibers at each location (81 mm, 4.2 inch, and 155 mm)





WIMM-X Smart Munitions Mobility



- Start of mobility during storm at 14 March 2017 at 0228
- Integration interval is 9.9 hours (16 Hz continuous)
 - ♦ 570,240 points
- Peak significant wave height near 2.8 m during interval
- Total integrated displacement was 206.4 feet with 344 degree heading
- Diver measured displacement was 202.0 feet with 340 degree heading



WIMM-X Mobility by Waves







Ongoing WIMM-X Analysis

- Publish IMU integration results and algorithm
- Compare near bed orbital excursion length scale
 with high spatial frequency oscillations
- Cast observed mobility in context of bathymetry and sedimentology analysis



Summary

- Currently in 6th year of execution for MR-2320
- Peer-reviewed publications (1 in print, 2 in review, 3 in preparation)
 - Conference proceedings (2 in print)
- Reports (1 completed and 1 outstanding)
 - Publish interim report online documenting TREX13 experiment
 - Final Report comprehensive report
- Next steps
 - Unify laboratory and field observations
 - New SERDP proposal under review titled, "Towards Developing Demonstrations for Munitions Mobility and Burial in the Underwater Environment"



Transition Plan

- Prepare and distribute documentation for all aspects of experimental methods, including design, fabrication, deployment, recovery, and signal processing
- Complete and distribute database of munitions characteristics including estimates of bulk density distributions
- Proposed new SERDP effort, "Towards developing demonstrations for munitions mobility and burial in the underwater environment



Proposal to Develop Demonstrations Objectives:

1) to reduce the dimensionality of the problem





2) to complete our observations of the role of water wave characteristics



Proposed CONOP for Site Managers

- Establish data collection for necessary environmental parameters for both sensor performance and mobility and burial modeling
- Perform site surveys to detect and classify munitions (i.e., map contamination)
- Run forecast/hindcast models of coupled hydrodynamics and probabilistic predictions for munitions over individual storm events
- Decide remediation versus manage in place

Demonstration of mobility and burial modeling begins with prediction and observation over single storm events



BACKUP MATERIAL

These charts are required, but will only be briefed if questions arise.



Publications

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Presentations and Events

During the last 12 months:

- 1) 3rd Informal Workshop on Munitions Mobility and Burial Modeling (co-organized)
- Keynote presentation for Munitions Response session at 2017 Symposium (speaker)
- 3) Special session at the AGU Fall Meeting, "Munitions in the Underwater Environment" (convener)
- 4) Oral presentation at the Ocean Sciences Meeting on munitions burial (speaker)
- 5) NAVFAC 2018 Environmental Restoration Training (speaker)
- 6) Plenary at Mine Warfare Improvement Program (speaker)



Role of Munitions Bulk Density - Lab

- Scaled sediment density with nylon beads (0.5 mm)
- Cylindrical munitions of varying density (10 X 2 cm)
- Generated sheet flow conditions for nylon beads
 - ♦ 1 2 cm thick mobile layer
- Plotted non-dimensional burial depth (by diameter) versus relative density
- Need extreme storm conditions to test in the field with full scale munitions



Sediment Dynamics Laboratory, Naval Research Laboratory, Stennis Space Center, MS



Smart Munitions – Laboratory Testing





- Collaboration with MR-2410
- COTS IMU
 embedded in nose



- Large Oscillatory Water-Sediment Tunnel (UIUC)
- Laser and camera system for optical tracking



Signal Processing Algorithm Summary

- Attitude Heading Reference System (AHRS) data fusion algorithm (proprietary x-IO code) to remove drift from gyroscope and heading
- Butterworth low pass filter to reduce noise
- Measured angular velocities are transformed from the sensor coordinate system to earth coordinates
- Binary condition for motion is set by choosing threshold values for acceleration and angular velocities
- Linear velocities are estimated from transformed and binary threshold angular velocities for rolling dominated motion
- Estimated linear velocities are low-pass filtered
- Linear velocities are numerically integrated for displacement



Bed Failure Criteria

A – Critical shear stress Local shear failure (Mohr-Coulomb criterion) **B** – Zero effective stress Cohesionless sand cannot resist tensile stresses **C** – Zero vertical effective stress Localized cancelling of buoyancy plus upward seepage forces against gravity (liquefaction) **D** – Vertical uplift of sediment column Similar to C, but for vertical sediment columns E – Horizontal shear of sediment column Generalized Sleath criterion for plug flow



WIMM-X Sedimentology

- Initial analysis performed with grab sampler
- Diver push cores at instrument locations during deployment, maintenance, and recovery
- Cores at Q1 location have been analyzed