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MOBILITY OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE

USING SPHERICAL SURROGATES IN THE SWASH ZONE

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MOTIVATION

- Formerly Used Defense Sites
 - Unexploded Ordinance (UXO)
 - Littered coasts from military training and testing
- BLU-61 cluster bomb
 - Steel, spin-armed submution
 - Spherical (with fins)
 - D = 80 mm, S.G. = 5.1





GOALS/INTENT

- Create and test spherical surrogates
- Produce repeatable wave forcing
- Relate wave forcing to object response
 - Determine threshold to initiate motion
- Probabilistic prediction of migration
 - since each response varies





TESTING PROCEDURE / MATRIX



EXPERIMENTAL SETUP



EQUIPMENT

- Ultrasonic Distance Meters (6)
- Resistance Wave Gauges (5)
- Electromagnetic Current Meter (1)
- Vectrino (1)
- Velodyne VLP-16 laser (1)
- Wide-angle lens Camera (1)



EXPERIMENTAL SETUP



EXPERIMENT VERIFICATION

- Laser scan of beach profile
 - Compare to 'reference' beach
 - $RMSE = sqrt(\Sigma(z_{ideal} z_{test})^2) < 3mm$





TESTING

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WAVE FORCING

- Experiment validation:
 - Wave is launched when UDM above reservoir reads +/- 2mm of experimental setup
 - Wave launch 'start time' initiates from change in UDM reading above reservoir
 - Repeatable forcing determined from averaged free surface elevations
- Critical forcing parameters:

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- Water velocity → obtained from direct velocity measurements at locations of interest
- Sphere velocity \rightarrow obtained from tracked trajectory over time



SPHERE MOTION / TRACKING

- Target contrasting pixels by applying mask
 - Green most pixels (Aluminum & Concrete)
 - Darkest pixels (Lead & Stainless Steel)

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• Identify and follow track of these 'blobs' over time





OBJECT TRACKING

Computer Vision System Toolbox– MATLAB

Detection \rightarrow Mask

Prediction \rightarrow Kalman filter

Data association \rightarrow Cost assignment algorithm



[°]SUCCESSFUL TRACKING







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Sphere trajectory and Wave Run-up



Sphere Trajectories, Position 2







ONGOING ANALYSIS

- Prediction matrix/equation given initial conditions and wave forcing
- Compare to KEULEGAN-CARPENTER **NUMBER** (*Friedrichs*, 2016)

$$KC = \frac{UT}{D}$$
• *T*: duration of the swash of *D*: munition diameter
• *U*: flow velocity

U: flow velocity

- Testing non-spherical objects in a flume
- Long-term migration (multiple waves)

OTHER EFFORTS

 Xiaofeng Liu, Pennsylvania State University,
 "Modeling of Munition Dynamics due to Turbulent Flow and Scour"

- Demetra Cristaudo, University of Delaware,
- "Mobility and Burial of Munitions in the Swash Zone"







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