Threshold of liquefaction due to weakly nonlinear acoustic waves in a poroelastic medium

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Liquefaction and other ground instabilities



Ground rupture (Taiwan)



Landslide in El Salvador (Colonia Las Colinas) by the earthquake 13.01.2001





Liquefaction after Niigata earthquake Japan 1964



Tilt due to liquefaction (Adapazari)



Experiments on a saturated sand





PhD-Thesis: Theo Wilhelm, University of Innsbruck, 2000

Theo Wilhelm, K. Wilmanski; *On the Onset of Flow Instabilities in Granular Media due to Porosity Inhomogeneities, Int. J. Multiphase Flows,* **28**, 1929-1944, 2002.



Experimental setup





Flow regimes in sand-water mixtures under seepage conditions

1. Homogeneously distributed microchannels (small dark spots) on the top surface of a sand speciment subject to seepage. Diameters of channels up to 1 mm.

2. Channels with diameters up to several mm have formed. Very fine particles flushed out through them are visible in the water layer above the sand surface.

3. Instabilities (washed out air bubbles, erupting channels) shortly before the eruption of a main channel.







Experimental data from a seepage experiment.



A main channel (indicated by the dark shadow in the right figure) is fed by two smaller channels (indicated by the light grey areas in the right figure). Both smaller channels changed their direction due to the attraction of the main channel

Two-component weakly nonlinear model of poroelastic saturated media

K. Wilr

17, 2, 171-181, 2005.

Fields:
$$(\mathbf{x},t) \rightarrow \{\rho^{s}, \rho^{F}, n, \mathbf{v}^{s}, \mathbf{v}^{F}, \mathbf{e}^{s}\}$$

- partial mass density of the skeleton,
- partial density of the fluid,

 ρ^{s}

 \mathbf{v}^{S}

 \mathbf{v}^F

 \mathbf{e}^{S}

- porosity (volume fraction of the fluid in n
 - velocity of the skeleton,
 - velocity of the fluid,
 - Almansi-Hamel deformation tensor of the skeleton.

Second order approximation:

$$\max\left\{\sum_{i,j} \left| \lambda_e^{(i)} \lambda_e^{(j)} \right| \right\} <<1, \quad \det\left(\mathbf{e}^{S} - \lambda_e^{(i)} \mathbf{1}\right) = 0,$$
$$\varepsilon <<1.$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{\rho_0^F - \rho^F}{\rho_0^F} \text{ -volume changes of the fluid,}$$

Fluid in REV),
K. Wilmanski; *Critical time for acoustic waves in weakly nonlinear poroelastic materials, Continuum Mech. Thermodyn.*,

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Equilibrium porosity:

Mass density of the skeleton: Remaining Field Equations:

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial t} + div(\varepsilon - 1)\mathbf{v}^{F} = 0,$$

$$\rho^{s} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^{s}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{L}^{s}\mathbf{v}^{s}\right) = div\mathbf{T}^{s} + \pi(\mathbf{v}^{F} - \mathbf{v}^{s}),$$

$$\rho^{F} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^{F}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{L}^{F}\mathbf{v}^{F}\right) = -grad \ p^{F} - \pi(\mathbf{v}^{F} - \mathbf{v}^{s})$$

 $\mathbf{L}^{S} = grad \mathbf{v}^{S}, \quad \mathbf{L}^{F} = grad \mathbf{v}^{F}.$

$$n \approx n_E = n_0 \left(1 + \delta tr \, \mathbf{e}^S \right) \equiv n_0 \left(1 + \delta I \right).$$

$$\rho^S = \rho_0^S \left(1 - I - \frac{1}{2} \left(I^2 + 4II \right) \right), \quad I = tr \mathbf{e}^S, \quad II = \frac{1}{2} \left(I^2 - tr \mathbf{e}^{S^2} \right).$$

Integrability condition:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{e}^{s}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}^{s} \cdot grad \, \mathbf{e}^{s} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{L}^{s} + \mathbf{L}^{sT} \right) - \left(\mathbf{L}^{sT} \mathbf{e}^{s} + \mathbf{e}^{s} \mathbf{L}^{s} \right).$$

 π – constant within the second order model

Constitutive relations (Signorini-like): $\mathbf{T}^{s} = \mathbf{T}_{0}^{s} + \left(\lambda^{s}I + \frac{1}{2}(\lambda^{s} + \mu^{s})I^{2}\right)\mathbf{1} + 2(\mu^{s} - (\lambda^{s} + \mu^{s})I)\mathbf{e}^{s}$ $\mathbf{T}^{s} = \mathbf{T}_{0}^{s} + \lambda_{0}^{s}I\mathbf{1} + 2\mu_{0}^{s}\mathbf{e}^{s} + \left(\delta\frac{\partial\lambda^{s}}{\partial n}\Big|_{0}n_{0}I^{2} + \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_{0}^{s} + \mu_{0}^{s})I^{2}\right)\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{F}^{s}$ Fluid: $\mathbf{F}^{s} = \mathbf{F}_{0}^{F} - \rho_{0}^{F}\kappa_{0}\varepsilon - \rho_{0}^{F}\delta\frac{\partial\kappa}{\partial n}\Big|_{0}n_{0}I\varepsilon.$ $p^{F} = p_{0}^{F} - \rho_{0}^{F}\kappa_{0}\varepsilon - \rho_{0}^{F}\delta\frac{\partial\kappa}{\partial n}\Big|_{0}n_{0}I\varepsilon.$ 7

1D Model

$$\mathbf{v}^{S} = v^{S} \mathbf{e}_{x}, \quad \mathbf{v}^{F} = v^{F} \mathbf{e}_{x}, \quad \mathbf{e}^{S} = e^{S} \mathbf{e}_{x} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{x}, \quad |\mathbf{e}_{x}| = 1.$$

Hence

$$I = e^{s}, \quad H = 0, \quad \mathbf{L}^{s} = \frac{\partial v^{s}}{\partial x} \mathbf{e}_{x} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{x}, \quad \mathbf{L}^{F} = \frac{\partial v^{F}}{\partial x} \mathbf{e}_{x} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{x}.$$
$$\rho^{s} = \rho_{0}^{s} \left(1 - e^{s} - \frac{1}{2}e^{s^{2}}\right), \quad \rho^{F} = \rho_{0}^{F} (1 - \varepsilon), \quad n = n_{0} \left(1 + \delta e^{s}\right).$$

Partial stresses:

$$\sigma^{s} = \sigma_{0}^{s} + (\lambda^{s} + 2\mu^{s})e^{s} - \frac{3}{2}(\lambda_{0}^{s} + \mu_{0}^{s})e^{s^{2}}, \quad p^{F} = p_{0}^{F} - \rho_{0}^{F}\kappa\mathcal{E},$$
$$\lambda^{s} + 2\mu^{s} = \lambda_{0}^{s} + 2\mu_{0}^{s} + \delta n_{0}\frac{\partial}{\partial n}(\lambda^{s} + 2\mu^{s})\Big|_{0}e^{s}.$$

$$\kappa = \kappa_0 + \delta n_0 \frac{\partial \kappa}{\partial n} \bigg|_0 e^s.$$

Governing set of equations:

$$\frac{\partial u'_{A}}{\partial t'} + A'_{AB} \frac{\partial u'_{B}}{\partial x'} = B'_{A}, \quad t' = \frac{t\pi}{2\rho_{0}^{S}}, \quad x' = \frac{x\pi}{2\rho_{0}^{S}c_{P1}},$$

$$c_{P1}^{2} = \frac{\lambda_{0}^{S} + 2\mu_{0}^{S}}{\rho_{0}^{S}}, \quad c_{s}^{2} = \frac{\mu_{0}^{S}}{\rho_{0}^{S}}, \quad c_{P2}^{2} = \kappa_{0}, \quad c_{s} = \frac{c_{s}}{c_{P1}}, \quad c_{f} = \frac{c_{P2}}{c_{P1}},$$

Auxiliary quantities:



Evolution of the amplitude of weak discontinuity

Wave front $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{S}}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u'_{A} \end{bmatrix} = (u'_{A})^{+} - (u'_{A})^{-}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u'_{A}}{\partial t'} \end{bmatrix} = -c \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u'_{A}}{\partial x'} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^{2} u'_{A}}{\partial t' \partial x'} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt'} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u'_{A}}{\partial x'} \end{bmatrix} - c \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^{2} u'_{A}}{\partial x'^{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad etc.,$$

$$(A'_{AB} - c \delta_{AB}) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u'_{A}}{\partial x'} \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u'_{A}}{\partial x'} \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{A}r'_{A}, \quad r'_{A}r'_{A} = 1$$

Evolution of the amplitude

$$\frac{d\mathcal{A}}{dt'} + \alpha'_{1}\mathcal{A} + \alpha'_{2}\mathcal{A}^{2} = 0 \implies$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\mathcal{A}} = \left[\frac{1}{\mathcal{A}_{0}} + \int_{0}^{t'} \alpha'_{2} \exp\left(-\int_{0}^{\eta} \alpha'_{1} ds\right) d\eta\right] \exp\left(\int_{0}^{t'} \alpha'_{1} ds\right).$$

Critical time

$$\left[\frac{1}{\mathcal{A}_0} + \int_0^{t'_s} \alpha'_2 \exp\left(-\int_0^{\eta} \alpha'_1 ds\right) d\eta\right] = 0.$$



Matrix A_{AB}^{\prime} on the positive side of the P1-front – solution of the eigenvalue problem

Eigen- value	Right eigenvector r' _A	Left eigenvector l' _A
+1	[0,0,-1/ √2,1/√2]	[0,0,-1/√2,1/√2]
-1	[0,0,1/ √2,1/√2]	[0,0,1/ √2,1/√2]
C _f	$[1/\sqrt{(1+c_f^2)}, -c_f/\sqrt{(1+c_f^2)}, 0, 0]$	$[C_{f}/\sqrt{(1+C_{f}^{2}),-1/\sqrt{(1+C_{f}^{2}),0,0]}}$
-C _f	$[1/\sqrt{(1+c_f^2)}, c_f/\sqrt{(1+c_f^2)}, 0, 0]$	$[c_{f}/\sqrt{(1+c_{f}^{2}),1/\sqrt{(1+c_{f}^{2}),0,0]}}$

Coefficients in the equation for the amplitude – P1-characteristic:

$$\alpha'_{1}^{(1)} = -l'_{A} \frac{\partial B'_{A}}{\partial u'_{C}} r'_{C} \frac{1}{r'_{D} l'_{D}} \Big|^{(1)} = 1,$$

$$\alpha'_{2}^{(1)} = -l'_{A} \frac{\partial A'_{AB}}{\partial u'_{C}} r'_{B} r'_{C} \frac{1}{r'_{D} l'_{D}} \Big|^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(2 - \frac{1}{2} l^{S'}\right).$$

Solution:

$$\mathcal{A} = e^{-t'} \left[\frac{1}{\mathcal{A}_0} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(2 - \frac{1}{2} l^{S'} \right) \left(1 - e^{-t'} \right) \right]^{-1}.$$

Critical time:

$$t'_{c} = -\ln\left[1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\mathcal{A}_{0}\left(2 - \frac{1}{2}l^{S'}\right)}\right].$$

Existence of critical time: $\mathcal{A}_0(2-\frac{1}{2}l^{s'})>0.$

Threshold amplitude



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Physical amplitudes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial e^{s}}{\partial x'} \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{\partial e^{s}}{\partial x'} = \mathcal{A}r'_{4}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\mathcal{A} \implies \frac{\partial e^{s}}{\partial x} = -\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}\rho_{0}^{s}c_{P1}}\mathcal{A}.$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial v'^{s}}{\partial x'} \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{\partial v'^{s}}{\partial x'} = \mathcal{A}r'_{3}^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\mathcal{A} \implies \frac{\partial e^{s}}{\partial t} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}\rho_{0}^{s}}\mathcal{A}.$$

$$\pi = 10^7 \frac{kg}{m^3 s}$$
 (app. 0.1 Darcy), $\rho_0^s = 2500 \frac{kg}{m^3}$, $c_{P1} = 2500 \frac{m}{s}$,

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Numerical example:

$$\mathcal{A} = 0.4 \implies \left. \frac{\partial e^{S}}{\partial x} \right|^{-} \approx 0.25 \frac{1}{m}.$$

P2-characteristic is much slower than P1 and enters a disturbed region. It is not essential for the critical behavior.

Micro-macro; numerical results

Gassmann-type relations - macroparameters in function of porosity:

$$\delta = \frac{K_V - K}{n(K_s - K_f)}, \quad K = \lambda_0^S + \frac{2}{3}\mu_0^S + \rho_0^F \kappa_0, \quad K_V = (1 - n)K_s + nK_f,$$

$$\lambda^{s} + 2\mu^{s} = \frac{3(1-\nu)}{1+\nu} \begin{cases} \frac{(K_{s} - K_{d})^{2}}{K_{s}^{2} - K_{d}} + K_{d} \\ \frac{K_{s}^{2}}{K_{w}} - K_{d} \end{cases}, \quad \frac{1}{K_{w}} = \frac{1-n}{K_{s}} + \frac{n}{K_{f}}, \quad Given:$$

$$\mu^{s} = \frac{3(1-2\nu)}{2(1+\nu)} \begin{cases} \frac{(K_{s} - K_{d})^{2}}{K_{s}^{2} - K_{d}} + K_{d} \\ \frac{K_{s}^{2}}{K_{w}} - K_{d} \end{cases}, \quad Geertsma empirical relation \\ relation \end{cases}$$

$$\kappa_{s}, K_{f}, \nu$$

$$\mu^{s} = n^{2} \frac{K_{s}^{2}}{K_{w}^{2} - K_{d}}, \quad K_{d} = \frac{K_{s}}{1+50n}.$$

$$\kappa_{s} = \frac{1-n}{K_{s}} + \frac{n}{K_{f}}, \quad K_{s} = \frac{1-n}{K_{s}} + \frac{n}{K_{f}}, \quad K_{s} = \frac{1-n}{K_{s}} + \frac{n}{K_{s}}, \quad K_{s} = \frac{1-n}{K_{s}} + \frac{n}{K_{s}} + \frac{1-n}{K_{s}} +$$





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Derivation of micro-macro relations for compressibilities

Geometrical compatibility

for partial mass densities in homogeneous microstructure

e.g.:
$$\rho^{F} = \frac{1}{V} \int_{REV(\mathbf{x})} \rho^{FR}(\mathbf{z},t) H(\mathbf{z},t) dV_{\mathbf{z}} \equiv n(\mathbf{x},t) \rho^{FR}(\mathbf{x},t),$$
$$n(\mathbf{x},t) \coloneqq \frac{1}{V} \int_{REV(\mathbf{x})} H(\mathbf{z},t) dV_{\mathbf{z}}, \quad V \coloneqq \text{volume } REV \quad \text{homogeneit}$$

where $H(\mathbf{z},t)$ is the characteristic function for the fluid component. Then

$$\begin{split} \rho^{F} &= n\rho^{FR}, \quad \rho^{F} = \rho_{0}^{F} \left(1+\varepsilon\right)^{-1}, \quad \rho^{FR} = \rho_{0}^{FR} \left(1+\varepsilon^{R}\right)^{-1} \implies \\ \Rightarrow \quad \frac{n}{n_{0}} = \frac{1+\varepsilon^{R}}{1+\varepsilon}, \quad n_{0} = \frac{\rho_{0}^{F}}{\rho_{0}^{FR}}, \\ \rho^{S} &= (1-n)\rho^{SR}, \quad \rho^{S} = \rho_{0}^{S} \left(1+\varepsilon\right)^{-1}, \quad \rho^{SR} = \rho_{0}^{SR} \left(1+\varepsilon^{R}\right)^{-1} \implies \\ \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1-n}{1-n_{0}} = \frac{1+\varepsilon^{R}}{1+\varepsilon}. \end{split}$$

Linearity (small deformations) yields **geometrical compatibility** conditions:

$$e = e^{R} + \frac{n - n_{0}}{1 - n_{0}}, \quad \varepsilon = \varepsilon^{R} - \frac{n - n_{0}}{n_{0}}.$$
 (18)

Changes of porosity

Constitutive relations:

$$p^{S} - p_{0}^{S} = -(\lambda^{S} + \frac{2}{3}\mu^{S})e - Q\varepsilon + N(n - n_{0}),$$

$$p^{F} - p_{0}^{F} = -Qe - \rho_{0}^{F}\kappa\varepsilon - N(n - n_{0}),$$
equilibriu m: $\Delta p = (p^{S} - p_{0}^{S}) + (p^{F} - p_{0}^{F}) =$

$$= -(\lambda^{S} + \frac{2}{3}\mu^{S} + Q)e - (\rho_{0}^{F}\kappa + Q)\varepsilon.$$
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$$(3) \qquad p^{FR} - p_{0}^{FR} = -K_{f}\varepsilon^{R}, \quad p^{SR} - p_{0}^{SR} = -K_{s}e^{R},$$
equilibriu m: $\Delta p = n_{0}(p^{FR} - p_{0}^{FR}) + (1 - n_{0})(p^{SR} - p_{0}^{SR}).$

It follows

$$\frac{n-n_0}{n_0} = \delta e + \gamma(e-\varepsilon) \qquad \delta \coloneqq \frac{K_V - K}{n_0(K_s - K_f)}, \quad \gamma \coloneqq \frac{\rho_0^F \kappa + Q - n_0 K_f}{n_0(K_s - K_f)},$$
$$K_V \coloneqq (1-n_0)K_s + n_0 K_f, \quad K \coloneqq \lambda^S + \frac{2}{3}\mu^S + \rho_0^F \kappa + 2Q.$$

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Gedankenexperiments for homogeneous microstructures Unknown: $\{e, \zeta, n, e^R, \varepsilon^R, p - p_0, p_f - p_f^0\} = 7;$ Equations: 2 geom., 2 equilib., 4 constit. = 8.



General equilibrium conditions:

$$\Delta p = (p^{S} - p_{0}^{S}) + (p^{F} - p_{0}^{F}) =$$

= (1 - n₀)(p^{SR} - p₀^{SR}) + n₀(p^{FR} - p₀^{FR}).

Unjacketed test:

 $p_f - p_f^0 = \Delta p,$





Jacketed drained

$$p_f - p_f^0 = 0,$$

and undrained tests:

$$\zeta = 0$$
, i.e. $e = \varepsilon$.

Solutions of field equations and geometrical compatibility jacketed undrained

 $K_V := (1 - n_0)K_s + n_0K_f$.

$$e = -\frac{\Delta p}{K}, \quad \zeta = 0, \quad \frac{n - n_0}{n_0} = -\frac{C - K_f}{K(K_f - N)} \Delta p, \quad C > K_f \quad \Rightarrow \quad N < K_f.$$

$$p_f - p_f^0 = \left(\frac{C}{K} + N \frac{C - K_f}{K(K_f - N)}\right) \Delta p,$$

$$K = K_V - n_0 (K_s - K_f) \frac{C - K_f}{K_f - N}, \qquad (1)$$

jacketed drained



Full set of equations for *K*, *C*, *M*, *N***:**

$$\begin{split} K &= K_V - n_0 \left(K_s - K_f\right) \frac{C - K_f}{K_f - N}, \quad K_V \coloneqq (1 - n_0) K_s + n_0 K_f, \\ &\frac{K_s}{K_b} \left(n_0 - \frac{C}{M}\right) - \frac{K_s}{K_n} \left(n_0 - \frac{N(K + C)}{K_b M}\right) = 0, \quad K_b \coloneqq K - \frac{C^2}{M}, \\ &K = \frac{C - M + \frac{MK_b}{K_W}}{1 - \frac{C}{K}} - N \frac{1 - n_0}{n_0} \left(\frac{K}{K_s} - \frac{1 - \frac{C}{K_W}}{1 - \frac{C}{K}}\right), \quad \frac{1}{K_W} \coloneqq \frac{1 - n_0}{K_s} + \frac{n_0}{K_f}, \\ &K_d = K_b \left\{1 + \frac{NC}{K_b M} \frac{1}{K_n}\right\}^{-1}, \quad K_n \coloneqq K_s \frac{(1 - n_0) \frac{NC}{K_b M} - n_0}{1 - (1 - n_0) \frac{K_s}{K_b}}. \end{split}$$

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Material parameters *K*, *C*, *M* in the zeroth approximation (Gassmann)

Material parameters *K*, *C*, *M* in the first approximation (Gassmann)

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Comparison with the full solution (green)

Concluding remarks

Dependence of material parameters on porosity yields the existence of the threshold if the initial ampitude produces tension.

The size of the critical time and the intensity of tensile amplitude depends on the slope of the diagram of material parameters in function of porosity.

