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A non-hydrostatic multi-phase mass flow model

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ABSTRACT

Modeling mass flows is classically based on the hydrostatic, depth-averaged balance equations. However, if the momentum transfers scale similarly in the slope parallel and the flow depth directions, then the gravity and the acceleration can have the same order of magnitude effects. This urges for a non-hydrostatic model formulation. Here, I extend existing single-phase Boussinesq-type gravity wave models by developing a new non-hydrostatic model for multi-phase mass flows consisting of the solid and fine-solid particles, and viscous fluid (Pudasaini and Mergili, 2019 [1]). The new model includes enhanced gravity and dispersion effects taking into account the interfacial momentum transfers due to the multi-phase nature of the mass flow. I outline the fundamentally new contributions in the non-hydrostatic Boussinesq-type multi-phase gravity waves emerging from the phase-interactions including buoyancy, drag, virtual mass and Newtonian as well as non-Newtonian viscous effects. So, this contribution presents a more general, well-structured framework of the multi-phase flows with enhanced gravity and dispersion effects, setting a foundation for a comprehensive simulation of such flows. I discuss some particular situations where the non-hydrostatic and dispersive effects are more pronounced for multi-phase mass flows. Even the reduced models demonstrate the importance of non-hydrostatic contributions for both the solid and fine-solid particles, and the viscous fluid. Analytical solutions are presented for some simple situations demonstrating how the new dispersive model can be reduced to non-dispersive motions, yet largely generalizing the existing non-dispersive models. I postulate a novel, spatially varying dissipative force, called the prime-force, which physically controls the dynamics, run-out and the deposition of the mass flow in a precise way. The practitioners and engineers may find this force very useful in relevant technical applications. This illuminates the need of formally including the prime-force in the momentum balance equation. A simple dispersion equation is derived. I highlight the essence of dispersion on the mass flow dynamics. Dispersion consistently produces a wavy velocity field about the reference state without dispersion. Emergence of such a dispersive wave is the first of this kind for the avalanching debris mass. It is revealed that the dispersion intensity increases energetically as the solid volume fraction or the friction decreases.

1. Introduction

Natural hazards associated with geophysical mass movements consist of a mixture of granular materials of different sizes of particles and the fluid with their respective physical properties. There have been rapid advancements in modeling shallow granular material [2–6] and particle fluid mixture [1,7–9] mass flow modeling. These models are primarily based on the hydrostatic pressure assumptions. However, due to the centrifugal acceleration, the mass flows in curved channels also include some non-hydrostatic contributions to hydraulic pressure gradients and the Coulomb friction forces because of the enhanced normal load [10–12]. Furthermore, Pailha and Pouliquen [13], Pudasaini [9] showed that the pressure in mixture mass flows can be non-hydrostatic due to the Newtonian and non-Newtonian viscous contributions, the particle concentration distributions, and the relative velocity between particle and fluid. Classically, modeling geophysical flows is usually based on the hydrostatic, depth-averaged mass and momentum balance equations. Hydrostatic flow models are based on the assumption that the slope parallel length scale is much larger than the length scale in the flow depth direction. However, if the similar length scalings are required in the slope parallel and the flow depth directions, then the gravity and the vertical acceleration can have the same order of magnitude effects [14,15]. This may call for the use of the full (without reducing to the hydrostatic condition) momentum equation also in the slope normal direction as in the slope parallel directions. Denlinger and Iverson [14] mentioned that the vertical accelerations in granular mass flows can be of the same order of magnitude as the gravity acceleration. In this situation, the vertical acceleration can be as significant as the acceleration in the slope parallel direction. This is particularly so for steep, irregular and curved slopes where there is a substantial acceleration of

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Received 28 April 2022; Received in revised form 7 July 2022; Accepted 21 August 2022 Available online 3 September 2022 0020-7462/© 2022 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved. the material in the flow depth direction. So, they suggested for the nonhydrostatic modeling of granular flows. This requires enhancements of the normal stress (in the slope normal or vertical direction) that results in the enhancements of the acceleration, friction and fluxes in the momentum balance equations [15,16]. Since the Coriolis acceleration is usually neglected in geophysical mass flows (such as landslide and avalanches), two-types of accelerations can be induced affecting the normal stress distributions of the free surface flows [15]: First, the acceleration due to the real forces acting at the bed-normal direction. Second, the centripetal acceleration that arises due to the curved flow path [10,12]. The first is the main contributor of the Boussinesqtype models, while both combined result in the more comprehensive non-hydrostatic flows.

Following the work of Boussinesq [17,18], the free surface water flow simulations are generally based on non-hydrostatic depthaveraged models. Fundamental further contributions in including Boussinesq-type non-hydrostatic and dispersive effects in water waves are also due to Serre [19], Peregrine [20] and Green and Naghdi [21]. The recent advancements and applications of the dispersive wave characteristics of the Boussinesq system with sophisticated numerical schemes for real flow simulations include the works by Nwogu [22], Wei and Kirby [23], Madsen and Schäffer [24], Kennedy et al. [25], Stansby [26], Chen et al. [27], Erduran et al. [28], and Kim and Lynett [29]. For detailed review on it, I refer to Castro-Orgaz et al. [15]. However, the effect of nonzero vertical acceleration on depth-averaged momentum fluxes and stress states were first included by Denlinger and Iverson [14] while modeling shallow granular flows across irregular terrains. This was later extended by Castro-Orgaz et al. [15] resulting in the novel Boussinesq-type theory for granular flows. Castro-Orgaz et al. [15] rigorously developed a non-hydrostatic depth-averaged granular flow model. Considering the vertical motion of particles, they explicitly determined the vertical velocity, vertical acceleration, and vertical normal stresses from the mass and momentum conservation equations. They have shown that granular mass flow can be described by fully non-linear, Boussinesq-type gravity waves, generalizing the basic Boussinesq-type water wave theory used in civil and coastal engineering to granular mass flows. Subsequently, Yuan et al. [16] advanced further by presenting a more complete non-hydrostatic shallow granular flow model. They also cast their model in to a usual Boussinesq-type water wave equations.

In developing the non-hydrostatic Boussinesq-type gravity wave models for granular flows, both Castro-Orgaz et al. [15] and Yuan et al. [16] considered the vertical momentum equation, assuming the shallowness of the flow depth and the constant velocity profiles of the horizontal velocity components. Along with these assumptions, there are three key aspects in their model development: Obtaining the vertical normal stress component from the vertical momentum equation, an expression for the vertical velocity component in terms of the horizontal mass flux (divergence), and the definition of the depth integration of the vertical velocity component from a generic elevation to the free surface. Finally, the depth averaged mass and momentum equations, together with these three considerations lead to a nonhydrostatic Boussinesq-type gravity wave models for granular flows. However, all these formulations are primarily based on the global horizontal-vertical Cartesian coordinate for a single-phase granular flows.

One- and two-phase models cannot appropriately represent many important aspects of very complex mass flows in terms of material composition and interactions among the involved phases. The rheological properties and flow dynamics are governed by coarse and fine solids, and viscous fluid, i.e., typically three phases [7,30–33]. Consequently, the most complex model family for geophysical mass flows should aim at describing the flow as (typically) a three-phase mixture, as often observed in the field and experiments [32,34–37]. In general terms, the mechanically distinct components in the mixture mass flow can be divided into three constituents: The fluid phase is a mixture of

water and very fine particles (clay, silt, colloids), the fine-solid phase consists of sand and particles larger than clay and silt, and the solid phase represents the coarse material. These materials can be described as viscoplastic, Coulomb-viscoplastic, and Mohr–Coulomb continuum. With this, Pudasaini and Mergili [1] proposed a novel multi-phase, multi-mechanical mass flow model, by extending the two-phase viscous fluid and Coulomb solid model [9] to additionally combine it with the fine-solid material. The Pudasaini and Mergili [1] model can accurately simulate complex cascading multi-phase natural events [38–40].

Here, I extend and utilize the above mentioned ideas to the multiphase mass flow model [1] to generate a new non-hydrostatic Boussinesq-type gravity wave model for multi-phase mass flows in a locally inclined Cartesian coordinate system [8,9]. The new nonhydrostatic multi-phase mass flow model includes enhanced gravity and dispersion effects as in the single-phase models by Denlinger and Iverson [14], Castro-Orgaz et al. [15] and Yuan et al. [16]. But, our new model further includes interfacial momentum transfers in the non-hydrostatic Boussinesq-type model formulation representing the complex multi-phase nature of the mass flow. I delineate the fundamentally new contributions in the Boussinesq-type gravity waves in mass flows emerging from the phase-interactions. This includes buoyancy, drag, virtual mass and Newtonian plus non-Newtonian viscous effects. I outline the first-ever application potential of the dispersive multi-phase mass flows. As in the effective gravity, the dispersive terms are strongly coupled, e.g., due to the interfacial drag and virtual mass contributions. There are direct and strong couplings between the solid, fine-solid and the fluid components among these dispersion relations. Interfacial drags bring completely new mechanisms in the non-hydrostatic, dispersion relations. I discuss some particular situations where the non-hydrostatic dispersive effects are more pronounced in multi-phase particle-fluid mixture mass flows than in single-phase flows. So, this contribution sets a foundation for a more comprehensive and general frame for the simulation of dispersive, multi-phase mass flows. Simplified models are presented that might be helpful in solving the equations with reduced complexity. The reduced models already appeared to be the important generalizations and extensions of some mass flow models available in the literature. I formally postulate a new, spatially varying dissipative force, called the prime-force, which can physically precisely control the mass flow dynamics, run-out and deposition. I present a simple dispersion model and its solution. Dispersion produces a wavy velocity field about the reference state without dispersion. The dispersion increases greatly as the solid volume fraction or the basal friction decreases. These are new understandings for the motion of a dispersive landslide.

2. Construction of the model

2.1. Non-hydrostatic contributions

Following Pudasaini and Mergili [1] and Pudasaini and Fischer [41], first, let us define the variables and parameters. Let the solid, finesolid and fluid phases be denoted by the suffices s, fs, f, respectively. The fluid phase is governed by its true density ρ_f , viscosity η_f , and isotropic stress distribution; the fine-solid and solid phases are characterized by their true densities ρ_{fs} , ρ_s ; internal friction angles ϕ_{fs} , ϕ_s ; basal friction angles δ_{fs} , δ_s ; and anisotropic stress distribution, K_s (lateral earth pressure coefficient); and the viscosity of the fine-solid η_{fs} . Furthermore, $\gamma_s^f = \rho_f / \rho_s$, $\gamma_s^{fs} = \rho_{fs} / \rho_s$, $\gamma_{fs}^f = \rho_f / \rho_{fs}$ are the fluid to solid, fine-solid to solid and fluid to fine-solid density ratios, v_f^e and v_{fs}^e are the effective kinematic viscosities for the fluid and finesolid, $\mu_s = \tan \delta_s$ and $\mu_{fs} = \tan \delta_{fs}$ are the friction coefficients for the solid and fine-solid. Let $\mathbf{u}_s = (u_s, v_s, w_s)$, $\mathbf{u}_{fs} = (u_{fs}, v_{fs}, w_{fs})$, $\mathbf{u}_f = (u_f, v_f, w_f)$, and $\alpha_s, \alpha_{fs}, \alpha_f$ denote the velocities with their components along the flow directions (x, y, z), and the volume fractions for the solid, fine-solid, and fluid constituents. Similarly, p_{fs} and p_f are the pressures, C_{DG} and C_{vm} constitute the interfacial force densities,

namely, the drags and the virtual mass forces, and C_{DV} are the viscous drag coefficients. The superscript-pair represents the considered phases, e.g., $C_{DG}^{s,f}$ means the drag force exerted by fluid on solid, *C* are the virtual mass coefficients, T_{**} are the components of the Cauchy stress tensor, j = 1 or 2 correspond to linear or quadratic drag coefficients, g^x, g^y, g^z are the components of gravitational acceleration, basal- and the free-surface of the flow are denoted by b = b(t, x, y) and s = s(t, x, y), and h = s - b is the flow depth.

2.1.1. Derivation of normal stress components

The non-hydrostatic modeling framework includes two important and essential components: (*i*) enhanced gravity, and (*ii*) dispersive contributions (see, e.g., [15,16]). Both emerge from the consideration of the momentum equation in the flow depth direction such that the normal component of the velocity is retained, that was neglected in simple hydrostatic model developments as discussed at Section 1. These contributions, however, are modeled in terms of the slope parallel velocity gradients or fluxes. For this, following Pudasaini [9], and Pudasaini and Mergili [1], first consider the solid momentum balance in the flow depth direction:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(w_s - \gamma_s^f C^{s,f} \left(w_f - w_s \right) - \gamma_s^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(w_{fs} - w_s \right) \right) \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(u_s w_s - \gamma_s^f C^{s,f} \left(u_f w_f - u_s w_s \right) - \gamma_s^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(u_{fs} w_{fs} - u_s w_s \right) \right) \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(v_s w_s - \gamma_s^f C^{s,f} \left(v_f w_f - v_s w_s \right) - \gamma_s^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(v_{fs} w_{fs} - v_s w_s \right) \right) \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(w_s^2 - \gamma_s^f C^{s,f} \left(w_f^2 - w_s^2 \right) - \gamma_s^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(w_{fs}^2 - w_s^2 \right) \right) \\ = - \left(1 - \gamma_s^f \right) g^z - \left(\mu_s \frac{\partial T_{zx_s}}{\partial x} + \mu_s \frac{\partial T_{zy_s}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial T_{zz_s}}{\partial z} \right) \\ + \frac{1}{\alpha_s} \left[C_{DG}^{s,f} \left(w_f - w_s \right) | \mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{u}_s |^{j-1} \\ + C_{DG}^{s,fs} \left(w_{fs} - w_s \right) | \mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_s |^{j-1} - C_{DV}^s w_s | \mathbf{u}_s | \alpha_s \right], \end{aligned}$$

where, for simplicity, α_s has been taken out. Note that since both C_{DG}^{s,f_s} and C_{DG}^{s,f_s} contain α_s in their numerators (see, Appendix), appearance of $1/\alpha_s$ in (1) makes no problem. It is important to note that (1) contains the normal stress T_{zz_s} from which we can construct the full description of the normal stress in the flow depth direction that includes all the essential components emerging from the flow dynamics and interfacial momentum transfers in excess to the usual hydrostatic normal load that is simply associated with the gravity load in the flow depth direction.

First, define a new variable $\eta = z - b$, the relative flow depth. Then, following the procedure in Castro-Orgaz et al. [15] and Yuan et al. [16], integrating (1) from the generic elevation *z* to the free surface *s*, neglecting the shear stresses, and using the tractionless condition at the free surface [1,9], we obtain an expression for the normal stress in terms of η :

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{zz_{s}}(\eta) &= \left(1 - \gamma_{s}^{J}\right)g^{z}(h - \eta) \\ &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\left[I_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f}C^{s,f}\left(I_{f} - I_{s}\right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs}C^{s,fs}\left(I_{fs} - I_{s}\right)\right] \\ &+ \nabla \cdot \left[I_{s}\mathbf{u}_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f}C^{s,f}\left(I_{f}\mathbf{u}_{f} - I_{s}\mathbf{u}_{s}\right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs}C^{s,fs}\left(I_{fs}\mathbf{u}_{fs} - I_{s}\mathbf{u}_{s}\right)\right] \\ &- \left[w_{s}^{2} - \gamma_{s}^{f}C^{s,f}\left(w_{f}^{2} - w_{s}^{2}\right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs}C^{s,fs}\left(w_{fs}^{2} - w_{s}^{2}\right)\right] \\ &- \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}}\left[C_{DG}^{s,f}|\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1}\left[I_{f} - I_{s}\right] \\ &+ C_{DG}^{s,fs}|\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1}\left[I_{fs} - I_{s}\right] - C_{DV}^{s}w_{s}|\mathbf{u}_{s}|\alpha_{s}I_{s}\right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$I_{s} = \int_{z}^{s} w_{s} dz', \quad I_{fs} = \int_{z}^{s} w_{fs} dz', \quad I_{f} = \int_{z}^{s} w_{f} dz';$$

$$w_{s} = w_{b_{s}} - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s}) \eta, \quad w_{fs} = w_{b_{fs}} - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{fs}) \eta,$$

$$w_{f} = w_{b_{f}} - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{f}) \eta;$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} = \partial u_{s} / \partial x + \partial v_{s} / \partial y, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{fs} = \partial u_{fs} / \partial x + \partial v_{fs} / \partial y,$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} = \partial u_{s} / \partial x + \partial v_{s} / \partial y.$$
(3)

Now, depth-integrate w_s , and define \hat{I}_s (similar structures hold for fine-solid and fluid):

$$\bar{w}_{s} := \frac{1}{h} \int_{b}^{s} w_{s} dz' = w_{b_{s}} - \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s}\right) \frac{h}{2}, \quad w_{b_{s}} = u_{s} \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} + v_{s} \frac{\partial b}{\partial y};$$

$$\hat{I}_{s} := \int_{b}^{z} w_{s} dz' = \int_{b}^{s} w_{s} dz' - \int_{z}^{s} w_{s} dz' = h\bar{w}_{s} - I_{s},$$
(4)

where *b* is the basal topography. Eqs. (2)–(4) constitute the fundamental basis for the non-hydrostatic dispersive model development. With (4), (2) takes the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{zz_s}(\eta) &= \left(1 - \gamma_s^f\right) g^2(h - \eta) \\ &+ h \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\bar{w}_s - \gamma_s^f C^{s,f} \left(\bar{w}_f - \bar{w}_s \right) - \gamma_s^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_s \right) \right] \\ &+ h \left[\mathbf{u}_s \cdot \nabla \bar{w}_s - \gamma_s^f C^{s,f} \left(\mathbf{u}_f \cdot \nabla \bar{w}_f - \mathbf{u}_s \cdot \nabla \bar{w}_s \right) \right] \\ &- \gamma_s^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(\mathbf{u}_{fs} \cdot \nabla \bar{w}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_s \cdot \nabla \bar{w}_s \right) \right] \\ &- \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\hat{I}_s - \gamma_s^f C^{s,f} \left(\hat{I}_f - \hat{I}_s \right) - \gamma_s^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(\hat{I}_{fs} - \hat{I}_s \right) \right] \\ &- \nabla \cdot \left[\hat{I}_s \mathbf{u}_s - \gamma_s^f C^{s,f} \left(\hat{I}_f \mathbf{u}_f - \hat{I}_s \mathbf{u}_s \right) - \gamma_s^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(\hat{I}_{fs} \mathbf{u}_{fs} - \hat{I}_s \mathbf{u}_s \right) \right] \\ &- \left[w_s^2 - \gamma_s^f C^{s,f} \left(w_f^2 - w_s^2 \right) - \gamma_s^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(w_{fs}^2 - w_s^2 \right) \right] \\ &- \left[\frac{1}{\alpha_s} C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{u}_s|^{j-1} \left[(h\bar{w}_f - \hat{I}_f) - (h\bar{w}_s - \hat{I}_s) \right] \right] \\ &- \frac{1}{\alpha_s} C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_s|^{j-1} \left[(h\bar{w}_{fs} - \hat{I}_{fs}) - (h\bar{w}_s - \hat{I}_s) \right] \\ &+ C_{DV}^s \left[(h\bar{w}_s - \hat{I}_s) \right] |\mathbf{u}_s|. \end{aligned}$$

In this representation, the first term on the right hand side contains the complementary relative flow depth, $(h - \eta)$, and indicates that at the bottom $(\eta = 0)$ it is $(1 - \gamma_s^f)g^z h$, and at the free surface $(\eta = h)$ it is zero. So, that term is the usual hydrostatic normal load often used in shallow flow models together with the buoyancy effect $(1 - \gamma_s^f)$. Thus, the appearance of $(h - \eta)$ in $(1 - \gamma_s^f)g^z(h - \eta)$ implies its linear distribution from the bottom to the free surface, it is advantageous. Therefore, we should also try to transfer the other terms in (5) to some structures such that they contain some functions of $(h - \eta)$ and/or η . This will be achieved next.

With its definition in (4), \hat{I}_s (similar for fine-solid and fluid) can be obtained from (3) as:

$$\hat{I}_s = w_{b_s} \eta - \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_s\right) \frac{\eta^2}{2}.$$
(6)

As we will see below, this helps in producing desired terms with factors $h - \eta$ and/or η .

2.1.2. Effective normal loads

A. The solid normal load: Now, define $D/Dt = \partial/\partial t + \mathbf{u}_s \cdot \nabla$ (similar for fine-solid and fluid). Then, with (6), following the procedures as in

Yuan et al. [16], after a lengthy calculations, (5) takes the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{zz_{s}} &= \left(1 - \gamma_{s}^{f}\right) g^{z}(h - \eta) \\ &+ \frac{D}{Dt} \left[\bar{w}_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{s} \right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_{s} \right) \right] (h - \eta) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{D}{Dt} \left[h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{f} - h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \right. \\ &- \gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{fs} - h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \right] \eta \\ &- \frac{D}{Dt} \left[\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{f} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{fs} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \right] \eta^{2} \\ &+ \left[\left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right)^{2} - \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(\left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{f} \right)^{2} - \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right)^{2} \right) \right] \eta^{2} \right\} \\ &- \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}} C_{DG}^{s,f} \left(\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s} \right)^{2} - \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right)^{2} \right) \right] \eta^{2} \\ &- \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}} C_{DG}^{s,fs} \left(\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s} \right)^{i-1} \left[\left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{s} \right) (h - \eta) - \left(\nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \right) \frac{1}{2} \eta (h - \eta) \right] \\ &- \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}} C_{DG}^{s,fs} \left| \mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s} \right|^{i-1} \\ &\times \left[\left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_{s} \right) (h - \eta) - \left(\nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \right) \frac{1}{2} \eta (h - \eta) \right] \\ &+ C_{DV}^{s} \left| \mathbf{u}_{s} \right| \left[\bar{w}_{s} (h - \eta) - \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \frac{1}{2} \eta (h - \eta) \right], \end{aligned}$$

which is the effective normal load for the solid component. Note that (4) and (6) are utilized to obtain the structures associated with the drags. τ_{zz_s} in (7) is written entirely in terms of the flow variables, flow dynamics and the phase-interaction terms. There are two types of terms in (7). First, the slope normal acceleration terms associated with $(h-\eta)$, which are linear in η . Second, the slope parallel (divergence, or flux) terms that are either linear or quadratic in η . However, it is interesting to note that the interfacial drag contributions have two types of terms. (i) In $C_{DG}^{s,f}$, the associated term $(\bar{w}_f - \bar{w}_s)(h - \eta)$ has a factor $(h - \eta)$ as in the usual gravity and the acceleration terms (g^z and D/Dt). This term vanishes at the free surface. (ii) $\left(\nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}\right)\right) \frac{1}{2}\eta (h - \eta)$ is quadratic in η , but has a special form. Such term with factor $\eta (h - \eta)$ does not appear in other contributions in τ_{zz_s} . This vanishes both at the bottom and at the free surface of the flow and thus has maximum in between the flow depth. Similar analysis holds for the terms associated with $C_{DG}^{s,fs}$. So, the interfacial drags bring completely new mechanisms in the non-hydrostatic (dispersion) relations. The important point now is that, due to their structures, the first terms in the drag contributions must be (or better to) put together with the gravity and the acceleration terms, g^z and D/Dt (associated with \bar{w}). I consider these terms together in obtaining the enhanced gravity. Furthermore, the D/Dt are due to the normal acceleration of the solid particles, and the relative acceleration of the solid particles with respect to the fine-solid and fluid. So, all g^{z} , D/Dt and C_{DG} terms (associated with $(h - \eta)$) basically represent the normal acceleration, or force. All the other remaining terms in (7) represent the dynamics and forcings in the slope parallel direction. For this reason, I re-write (7) as the first group of terms with the factor (h - h) η), containing the usual gravity (including buoyancy, $\left(1 - \gamma_s^f\right)g^z$), and the normal acceleration (D/Dt terms including virtual mass) and drag terms (C_{DG}), and the second group of terms with η and η^2 representing the slope parallel motion as:

$$\begin{split} \tau_{zz_s} &= \left(1 - \gamma_s^f\right) g^z(h - \eta) \\ &+ \frac{D}{Dt} \left[\bar{w}_s - \gamma_s^f C^{s,f} \left(\bar{w}_f - \bar{w}_s \right) - \gamma_s^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_s \right) \right] (h - \eta) \\ &- \frac{1}{\alpha_s} \left[C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{u}_s|^{j-1} \left(\bar{w}_f - \bar{w}_s \right) \right. \\ &+ C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_s|^{j-1} \left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_s \right) - C_{DV}^s \bar{w}_s |\mathbf{u}_s| \alpha_s \right] (h - \eta), \end{split}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{D}{Dt} \left[h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{f} - h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \right] -\gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{fs} - h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \right] \eta -\frac{D}{Dt} \left[\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{f} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \right] -\gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{fs} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \right] \eta^{2} + \left[\left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right)^{2} - \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(\left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{f} \right)^{2} - \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right)^{2} \right) \right] -\gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(\left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{fs} \right)^{2} - \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right)^{2} \right) \right] \eta^{2} \right\} + \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}} \left[C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(\nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \right) \\+ C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(\nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \right) - C_{DV}^{s} |\mathbf{u}_{s}| \left(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{s} \right) \alpha_{s} \right] \frac{1}{2} \eta (h-\eta).$$
(8)

So, it is legitimate to call the first group of terms (with factor $h - \eta$) the enhanced gravity, and the second group of terms (with factors η, η^2 and $\eta(h - \eta)$) the dispersion. Together, they constitute the (effective) non-hydrostatic normal load. This has been discussed in more detail later in Sections 2.1.3 and 2.1.4. In (8), the components in the drag terms have been split in to normal and slope parallel-type components contributing to the enhanced gravity and dispersion relations.

To apply the normal loads in a depth-averaged formulation, we need to depth-average τ_{zz_s} in (8). For this, first define the phase-divergence in slope parallel directions as: $U_s = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_s$, $U_{fs} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{fs}$, $U_f = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_f$, then, following Yuan et al. [16], integrate (8) through the flow depth to obtain its mean:

$$\begin{split} \bar{\tau}_{zz_{s}} &= \left(1 - \gamma_{s}^{f}\right)g^{z}\frac{1}{2}h^{2} \\ &+ \frac{D}{Dt}\left[\bar{w}_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f}C^{s,f}\left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{s}\right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs}C^{s,fs}\left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_{s}\right)\right]\frac{1}{2}h^{2} \\ &- \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}}\frac{h^{2}}{2}\left[C_{DG}^{s,f}|\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1}\left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{s}\right) \\ &+ C_{DG}^{s,fs}|\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1}\left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_{s}\right) - C_{DV}^{s}\bar{w}_{s}|\mathbf{u}_{s}|\alpha_{s}\right] \\ &+ \frac{h^{3}}{12}\left[\left(U_{s}^{2} - \gamma_{s}^{f}C^{s,f}\left(U_{f}^{2} - U_{s}^{2}\right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs}C^{s,fs}\left(U_{fs}^{2} - U_{s}^{2}\right)\right) \\ &- \frac{D}{Dt}\left(U_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f}C^{s,f}\left(U_{f} - U_{s}\right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs}C^{s,fs}\left(U_{fs} - U_{s}\right)\right)\right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}}\frac{h^{3}}{6}\left[C_{DG}^{s,f}|\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1}\left(U_{f} - U_{s}\right) \\ &+ C_{DG}^{s,fs}|\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1}\left(U_{fs} - U_{s}\right) - C_{DV}^{s}|\mathbf{u}_{s}|U_{s}\alpha_{s}\right], \end{split}$$

which is the depth averaged effective solid normal load.

B. The fine-solid and fluid normal loads: As in (1), I consider the normal components of the fine-solid and fluid momentum equations [1,9]. Then, following the procedure from (2) to (9), I obtain depth-averaged normal stresses for fine-solid and fluid, respectively:

$$\begin{split} \bar{\tau}_{zz_{fs}} &= \gamma_{fs}^{f} g^{z} \frac{1}{2} h^{2} \\ &+ \frac{D}{Dt} \left[\bar{w}_{fs} - \gamma_{fs}^{f} C^{fs,f} \left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{fs} \right) + \alpha_{fs}^{s} C^{s,fs} \left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_{s} \right) \right] \frac{1}{2} h^{2} \\ &- \frac{1}{\alpha_{fs}} \frac{h^{2}}{2} \left[-\frac{1}{\gamma_{s}^{fs}} C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_{s} \right) \right. \\ &+ C_{DG}^{fs,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{fs}|^{j-1} \left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{fs} \right) - C_{DV}^{fs} \bar{w}_{fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs}| \alpha_{fs} \right] \\ &+ \frac{h^{3}}{12} \left[\left(U_{fs}^{2} - \gamma_{fs}^{f} C^{fs,f} \left(U_{f}^{2} - U_{fs}^{2} \right) + \alpha_{fs}^{s} C^{s,fs} \left(U_{fs}^{2} - U_{s}^{2} \right) \right) \end{split}$$

$$-\frac{D}{Dt} \left(U_{fs} - \gamma_{fs}^{f} C^{fs,f} \left(U_{f} - U_{fs} \right) + \alpha_{fs}^{s} C^{s,fs} \left(U_{fs} - U_{s} \right) \right) \right] + \frac{1}{\alpha_{fs}} \frac{h^{3}}{6} \left[-\frac{1}{\gamma_{s}^{fs}} C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{fs} - U_{s} \right) + C_{DG}^{fs,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{fs}|^{j-1} \left(U_{f} - U_{fs} \right) - C_{DV}^{fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs}| U_{fs} \alpha_{fs} \right],$$
(10)

$$\begin{split} \bar{\tau}_{zz_{f}} &= g^{z} \frac{1}{2} h^{2} + \frac{D}{Dt} \left[\bar{w}_{f} + \alpha_{f}^{s} C^{s,f} \left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{s} \right) + \alpha_{f}^{fs} C^{fs,f} \left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{fs} \right) \right] \frac{1}{2} h^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{\alpha_{f}} \frac{h^{2}}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\gamma_{s}^{f}} C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{s} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\gamma_{fs}^{fs}} C_{DG}^{fs,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{fs}|^{j-1} \left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{fs} \right) + C_{DV}^{f} \bar{w}_{f} |\mathbf{u}_{f}| \alpha_{f} \right] \\ &+ \frac{h^{3}}{12} \left[\left(U_{f}^{2} + \alpha_{f}^{s} C^{s,f} \left(U_{f}^{2} - U_{s}^{2} \right) + \alpha_{f}^{fs} C^{fs,f} \left(U_{f}^{2} - U_{fs}^{2} \right) \right) \\ &- \frac{D}{Dt} \left(U_{f} + \alpha_{f}^{s} C^{s,f} \left(U_{f} - U_{s} \right) + \alpha_{f}^{fs} C^{fs,f} \left(U_{f} - U_{fs} \right) \right) \right] \\ &- \frac{1}{\alpha_{f}} \frac{h^{3}}{6} \left[\frac{1}{\gamma_{s}^{f}} C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{f} - U_{s} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\gamma_{fs}^{f}} C_{DG}^{fs,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{fs}|^{j-1} \left(U_{f} - U_{fs} \right) + C_{DV}^{f} |\mathbf{u}_{f}| U_{f} \alpha_{f} \right] . \end{split}$$
(11)

The first terms on the right hand sides in (9)–(11) show the distinct scalings for the solid, fine-solid, and fluid-phases in the three-phase mixture flow. The solid and fine-solid pressures are reduced due to respective buoyancies by the factors $(1 - \gamma_s^f)$ and γ_{fs}^f . The buoyancy reduced normal load of the solid particles, $(1 - \gamma_s^f)$, is due to the fluid composed of water and very fine particles and the fine-solids, and thus γ_s^f is the corresponding mixture fluid density normalized by the solid density. Similar statement holds for fine-solid. For more detail on this, see Pudasaini and Mergili [1].

The mean values of the normal components of stresses are required to obtain the lateral (slope parallel) stress components, which for solid, fine-solid and fluid phases are given by: $\alpha_s \bar{r}_{xx_s} = \alpha_s K_s^x \bar{\tau}_{zz_s}, \alpha_{fs} \bar{\tau}_{xx_f} = \alpha_f \bar{\tau}_{zz_f}, \alpha_f \bar{\tau}_{xx_f} = \alpha_f \bar{\tau}_{zz_f}$, where only the solid-phase contains the earth pressure coefficient K_s^x due to its Coulomb frictional behavior [1,9]. These lateral stresses enter the momentum balance equations as the sum of the enhanced hydraulic pressure gradients and dispersion relations. This is discussed later.

2.1.3. Enhanced (effective) gravities

From (7), or (9), (and similarly from (10) and (11)), I extract the enhanced (effective) gravity for solid, fine-solid and fluid components, respectively

$$\begin{split} \dot{g}_{s}^{z} &= \left(1 - \gamma_{s}^{f}\right)g^{z} + \frac{D}{Dt}\left[\bar{w}_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f}C^{s,f}\left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{s}\right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs}C^{s,fs}\left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_{s}\right)\right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}}\left[C_{DG}^{s,f}|\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1}\left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{s}\right) + C_{DG}^{s,fs}|\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1}\left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_{s}\right) - C_{DV}^{s}\bar{w}_{s}|\mathbf{u}_{s}|\alpha_{s}\right], \\ \dot{g}_{fs}^{z} &= \gamma_{fs}^{f}g^{z} + \frac{D}{Dt}\left[\bar{w}_{fs} - \gamma_{fs}^{f}C^{fs,f}\left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{fs}\right) + \alpha_{fs}^{s}C^{s,fs}\left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_{s}\right)\right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\alpha_{fs}}\left[-\frac{1}{\gamma_{s}^{fs}}C_{DG}^{s,fs}|\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1}\left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_{s}\right) + C_{DG}^{fs,fs}|\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{fs}|^{j-1}\left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{fs}\right) - C_{DV}^{fs}\bar{w}_{fs}|\mathbf{u}_{fs}|\alpha_{fs}\right], \\ \dot{g}_{f}^{z} &= g^{z} + \frac{D}{Dt}\left[\bar{w}_{f} + \alpha_{f}^{s}C^{s,f}\left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{s}\right) + \alpha_{f}^{fs}C^{fs,f}\left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{fs}\right)\right] \end{split}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\alpha_f} \left[\frac{1}{\gamma_s^f} C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{u}_s|^{j-1} \left(\bar{w}_f - \bar{w}_s \right) + \frac{1}{\gamma_{fs}^f} C_{DG}^{fs,f} |\mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{u}_{fs}|^{j-1} \left(\bar{w}_f - \bar{w}_{fs} \right) + C_{DV}^f \bar{w}_f |\mathbf{u}_f| \alpha_f \right], \quad (12)$$

where the factors $h^2/2$ do not appear due to the definition of acceleration. These expressions can be obtained directly from (8) by setting $\eta \rightarrow 0$, i.e., the normal loads at the bed. This clearly indicates which terms in (8) contribute to the enhanced gravity or the effective normal load at the bed, and which other terms contribute to dispersive effects. For vanishing fine-solid and fluid components, these reduce to the simple enhanced gravity in Denlinger and Iverson [14], Castro-Orgaz et al. [15] and Yuan et al. [16] for single-phase granular flow equations. Our new multi-phase formulations include buoyancy reduced solid and fine-solid normal loads as indicated by the factors $\left(1 - \gamma_s^f\right)$ and $\gamma_{f_s}^f$. and the virtual mass forces associated with C. The virtual mass forces alter the solid, fine-solid and fluid accelerations in the flow normal direction (in D/Dt) that ultimately enhance the effective gravity of the solid, fine-solid, and fluid phases. Furthermore, the drags between the phases (C_{DG}) and the viscous drags (C_{DV}) appear only in our enhanced gravity. Depending on the values of γ , C, C_{DG} , C_{DV} and the relative phase-velocities in the flow depth direction, enhancements or reductions of the usual gravity loads can be substantial to dominant as compared to the usual gravity loads, g^z .

These enhanced gravity terms include the accelerations of the solid, fine-solid and fluid components in the slope normal direction indicated by D/Dt. Furthermore, (12) also includes the drag contributions in the slope normal direction. The only common quantity in (12) is the usual gravity load, g^z . However, the enhanced gravities differ with the surface normal accelerations of the solid, fine-solid and fluid phases. Depending on the flow dynamics, interfacial momentum exchanges, viscous drags, and the boundary conditions, one or two of them could be substantially larger than the others. One prominent example is a landslide impacting a reservoir or a water body [1,38,42]. In this situation, both the enhanced gravity and the dispersion (see below) of the water wave would be fundamentally different (can also be large) as compared to the enhanced gravity and the dispersion of the submarine landslide. As we will see later (12) are components of the full non-hydrostatic model formulation.

2.1.4. Dispersive contributions

The main dispersive contributions for the solid, fine-solid and fluid are denoted by D_s^r , D_f^r , D_s^r which are extracted from (9)–(11). I call them dispersive (for simplicity of terminology, also, see [15]) and take the form:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{D}_{s}^{x} &= K_{s}^{x} \frac{h^{2}}{12} \left[\left(U_{s}^{2} - \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(U_{f}^{2} - U_{s}^{2} \right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(U_{fs}^{2} - U_{s}^{2} \right) \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{D}{Dt} \left(U_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(U_{f} - U_{s} \right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(U_{fs} - U_{s} \right) \right) \right] \\ &\quad + K_{s}^{x} \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}} \frac{h^{2}}{6} \left[C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{f} - U_{s} \right) \\ &\quad + C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{fs} - U_{s} \right) - C_{DV}^{s} |\mathbf{u}_{s}| U_{s} \alpha_{s} \right], \\ \mathcal{D}_{fs}^{x} &= \frac{h^{2}}{12} \left[\left(U_{fs}^{2} - \gamma_{fs}^{f} C^{fs,f} \left(U_{f}^{2} - U_{fs}^{2} \right) + \alpha_{fs}^{s} C^{s,fs} \left(U_{fs}^{2} - U_{s}^{2} \right) \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{D}{Dt} \left(U_{fs} - \gamma_{fs}^{f} C^{fs,f} \left(U_{f} - U_{fs} \right) + \alpha_{fs}^{s} C^{s,fs} \left(U_{fs} - U_{s} \right) \right) \right], \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\alpha_{fs}} \frac{h^{2}}{6} \left[- \frac{1}{\gamma_{s}^{fs}} C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{fs} - U_{s} \right) \\ &\quad + C_{DG}^{fs,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{fs}|^{j-1} \left(U_{f} - U_{fs} \right) - C_{DV}^{fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs}| U_{fs} \alpha_{fs} \right], \end{split}$$

$$D_{f}^{x} = \frac{h^{2}}{12} \left[\left(U_{f}^{2} + \alpha_{f}^{s} C^{s,f} \left(U_{f}^{2} - U_{s}^{2} \right) + \alpha_{f}^{fs} C^{fs,f} \left(U_{f}^{2} - U_{fs}^{2} \right) \right) - \frac{D}{Dt} \left(U_{f} + \alpha_{f}^{s} C^{s,f} \left(U_{f} - U_{s} \right) + \alpha_{f}^{fs} C^{fs,f} \left(U_{f} - U_{fs} \right) \right) \right] - \frac{1}{\alpha_{f}} \frac{h^{2}}{6} \left[\frac{1}{\gamma_{s}^{f}} C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{f} - U_{s} \right) + \frac{1}{\gamma_{fs}^{f}} C_{DG}^{fs,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{fs}|^{j-1} \left(U_{f} - U_{fs} \right) + C_{DV}^{f} |\mathbf{u}_{f}| U_{f} \alpha_{f} \right].$$
(13)

In what follows, all the terms with $\hat{*}$ are the enhanced terms, while these and all the \mathcal{D} terms are entirely new contributions to the Pudasaini and Mergili [1] model. These reduce to the non-hydrostatic relations for single-phase granular flow in Denlinger and Iverson [14], Castro-Orgaz et al. [15], and Yuan et al. [16]. It is important to note that the enhanced gravities (12) and the dispersion relations (13) are derived from the w components of the momentum balances from the multi-phase phase mass flow model [1]. So, there are direct and strong couplings between the solid, fine-solid and the fluid components among these dispersion relations. As in the effective gravity, the dispersive terms are strongly coupled, e.g., due to the interfacial drag and virtual mass contributions.

2.2. The non-hydrostatic multi-phase mass-flow model

In what follows, I further develop the three-phase mass flow model [1] by incorporating the enhanced gravities (12) and the dispersion relations (13). The depth-averaged mass balance equations for the solid, fine-solid and fluid phases are:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha_{s}h) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\alpha_{s}hu_{s}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\alpha_{s}hv_{s}) = 0, \qquad (14a)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha_{fs}h) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\alpha_{fs}hu_{fs}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\alpha_{fs}hv_{fs}) = 0,$$
(14b)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha_f h) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\alpha_f h u_f) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\alpha_f h v_f) = 0.$$
(14c)

The *x*-directional depth-averaged momentum conservation equations for the solid, fine-solid and fluid phases are,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\alpha_{s} h \left(u_{s} - u_{s}^{vm} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\alpha_{s} h \left(u_{s}^{2} - u u_{s}^{vm} + \dot{\beta}_{s}^{x} \frac{h}{2} + D_{s}^{x} \right) \right] \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\alpha_{s} h \left(u_{s} v_{s} - u v_{s}^{vm} \right) \right] = h S_{s}^{x},$$
(15a)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\alpha_{fs} h \left(u_{fs} - u_{fs}^{vm} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\alpha_{fs} h \left(u_{fs}^2 - u u_{fs}^{vm} + \hat{\beta}_{fs}^x \frac{h}{2} + D_{fs}^x \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\alpha_{fs} h \left(u_{fs} v_{fs} - u v_{fs}^{vm} \right) \right] = h S_{fs}^x,$$
(15b)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\alpha_f h \left(u_f + u_f^{vm} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\alpha_f h \left(u_f^2 + u u_f^{vm} + \beta_f^x \frac{h}{2} + D_f^x \right) \right] \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\alpha_f h \left(u_f v_f + u v_f^{vm} \right) \right] = h S_f^x.$$
(15c)

It is evident that the enhancements of the momentum fluxes depend on $\hat{\beta}$ and D. Since the flow depth h is a common factor in the momentum fluxes, the terms associated with D are proportional to h^3 , and the term associated with $\hat{\beta}$ are proportional to h^2 . This, together with the structure of D and $\hat{\beta}$ in the fluxes in (15), signify the highly non-linear, non-hydrostatic (dispersion) contributions.

Due to symmetry, the *y*-directional momentum equations for the solid, fine-solid and fluid phases can be written similarly here and in all the following considerations. This is achieved by formally utilizing the replacements: $x \leftrightarrow y$ and $u \leftrightarrow v$, whenever necessary, both for variables and associated parameters. Below, I present models for all the fluxes, and source terms and forces in momentum equations for multi-phase mass flows where I follow structures from Pudasaini and Mergili [1]. I write those terms that include the non-hydrostatic terms (enhanced gravity and dispersion). The other terms are as in Pudasaini and Mergili [1] and are put in an Appendix for completeness.

The x-directional source terms in (15) are

$$\begin{split} S_{s}^{x} &= \alpha_{s} \left[g^{x} - \frac{u_{s}}{|\mathbf{u}_{s}|} \tan \delta_{s} g_{s}^{z} - g_{s}^{z} \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} \right] - \alpha_{s} g''_{s}'' \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} \right] \\ &+ C_{DG}^{s} \left(u_{f} - u_{s} \right) |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} + C_{DG}^{s,fs} \left(u_{fs} - u_{s} \right) |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \\ &- C_{DV}^{s} u_{s} |\mathbf{u}_{s}| \alpha_{s}, \end{split}$$
(16a)
$$S_{fs}^{x} &= \alpha_{fs} \left[g^{x} - \left[-\frac{1}{2} g_{fs}'^{z} \frac{h}{\alpha_{fs}} \frac{\partial \alpha_{fs}}{\partial x} + g_{fs}'^{z} \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} \right] \\ &- \left\{ 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(v_{fs}^{e} \frac{\partial u_{fs}}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(v_{fs}^{e} \frac{\partial v_{fs}}{\partial x} \right) \right\} \\ &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(v_{fs}^{e} \frac{\partial u_{fs}}{\partial y} \right) - v_{fs}^{e} \left[\frac{\partial u_{fs}}{\partial z} \right]_{b} \frac{1}{h} \right\} + \tau_{nN}^{fsx} \right] \right] \\ &- \frac{1}{\gamma_{s}^{fs}} C_{DG}^{s,fs} \left(u_{fs} - u_{s} \right) |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \\ &+ C_{DG}^{fs,f} \left(u_{f} - u_{fs} \right) |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{fs}|^{j-1} - C_{DV}^{fs} u_{fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs}| \alpha_{fs}, \end{split}$$
(16b)
$$S_{f}^{x} &= \alpha_{f} \left[g^{x} - \left[-\frac{1}{2} g_{f}^{z} \frac{h}{\alpha_{f}} \frac{\partial \alpha_{f}}{\partial x} + g_{f}^{z} \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} \right] \end{split}$$

$$- \left\{ 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(v_{f}^{e} \frac{\partial u_{f}}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(v_{f}^{e} \frac{\partial v_{f}}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(v_{f}^{e} \frac{\partial u_{f}}{\partial y} \right) \right. \\ \left. - v_{f}^{e} \left[\frac{\partial u_{f}}{\partial z} \right]_{b} \frac{1}{h} \right\} + \tau_{nN}^{fx} \right] \right] \\ \left. - \frac{1}{\gamma_{s}^{f}} C_{DG}^{s,f} \left(u_{f} - u_{s} \right) |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{\gamma_{fs}^{f}} C_{DG}^{fs,f} \left(u_{f} - u_{fs} \right) |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{fs}|^{j-1} - C_{DV}^{f} u_{f} |\mathbf{u}_{f}| \alpha_{f},$$
 (16c)

where g''_s is obtained from g_s^z by replacing $\left(1 - \gamma_s^f\right)g^z$ by $\gamma_s^fg^z$ while the other terms remain unchanged. The expressions in (16) are more general than those in Pudasaini and Mergili [1] as they include the nonhydrostatic effects together with the interfacial momentum transfers. The structure of g indicates that the enhancements of the forces associated with g, including friction, buoyancy and basal and topographic pressure gradients, depend on the sign and magnitude of g. Due to the acceleration in the slope normal direction, in (16), the solid velocity is given by $\mathbf{u}_s = (u_s, v_s, w_s)$, where $w_s = u_s \partial b / \partial x + v_s \partial b / \partial y$ [16]. This indicates that for locally changing basal topography, the surface normal component of velocity is important. Similar expressions hold for the fine-solid and fluid components.

In (15) and (16), u^{vm} , uu^{vm} , uv^{vm} are the virtual mass force induced mass and momentum enhancements, $\hat{\beta}$ are the hydraulic pressure coefficients, v^e are the effective kinematic viscosities, $\partial u/\partial z|_b$ are the xz- basal shear stresses, τ_{nN} are the enhanced non-Newtonian viscous stresses, and C_{DG} are the drag coefficients. The momentum balances (15) and the sources (16) indicate that the effective gravity enhances the "hydraulic pressure gradients" (via the terms associated with $\hat{\beta}$) in the momentum flux, and the enhanced material loads at the base as indicated by the terms associated with \hat{g} and g'', indicating their extensive effects in the source terms. In total, the lateral flux for solid is enhanced by $\alpha_s \left[\hat{\beta}_s^x - \hat{\beta}_s^x\right] h^2/2 + \alpha_s h D_s^x$, where, $\beta_s^x = K_s^x \left(1 - \gamma_s^f\right) g^z$. Similar flux enhancements emerge for the fine-solid and fluid phases.

The x-directional hydraulic pressure coefficients for solid, finesolid and fluid in (15) are:

$$\hat{\beta}_{s}^{x} = K_{s}^{x} \dot{g}_{s}^{z}, \quad \hat{\beta}_{fs}^{x} = \dot{g}_{fs}^{z}, \quad \hat{\beta}_{f}^{x} = \dot{g}_{f}^{z}, \tag{17}$$

where K_s^x is the earth pressure coefficient and g are given by (12). Above, I only wrote those terms that are new in the non-hydrostatic formulations, that are $\hat{\beta}, g, g''$ and \mathcal{D} . Based on Pudasaini and Mergili [1], all other terms appearing in the above model equations are explained in the Appendix.

Reduction to existing models: By setting the fine-solid and fluid fractions to zero ($\alpha_{fs} \rightarrow 0, \alpha_f \rightarrow 0$), the new non-hydrostatic multiphase mass flow model reduces to the single-phase non-hydrostatic granular flow models by Castro-Orgaz et al. [15] and Yuan et al. [16]. The major parts of g', g'', β' terms, and entirely the *D* terms in (15)–(16) are new to Pudasaini and Mergili [1] which are due to non-hydrostatic contributions. Furthermore, the Pudasaini and Mergili [1] multi-phase mass flow model is obtained by neglecting all the non-hydrostatic contributions, i.e., by only considering $g_s^z := \left(1 - \gamma_s^f\right) g^z$, $g_{fs}^z := \gamma_{fs}^f g^z$, $g_f^z := g^z$; $D_s^x = 0, D_{fs}^x = 0$.

2.3. Model structure and simulation strategy

2.3.1. A closed system of equations

The model (14)–(15) constitutes a set of nine equations for mass and momentum balances (including the *y*-components) for three-phase mixture mass flows in nine unknowns, namely, the solid, fine-solid and fluid phase velocities in the down-slope (u_s, u_{fs}, u_f) , and cross slope (v_s, v_{fs}, v_f) directions, and the respective phase depths $(h_s = \alpha_s h, h_{fs} = \alpha_{fs} h, h_f = \alpha_f h)$. Note that $h_s + h_{fs} + h_f = h$, the total material depth, and $\alpha_s + \alpha_{fs} + \alpha_f = 1$ is the hold up identity. The model is written in a well structured form of partial differential equations and may be solved numerically once appropriate initial and boundary conditions are prescribed [1].

2.3.2. Numerical simulation approach and scenarios

It is important to note that, in structure, (14)–(15) are the same as in Pudasaini and Mergili [1]. It is advantageous, because the similar analysis and numerical methods and tools as in Pudasaini and Mergili [1] might be applied to solve the new system of non-hydrostatic multiphase mass flow model. In order to apprehend the rapidly changing behavior of the flow variables, the model equations such as those presented here are solved in conservative variables with high-resolution numerical schemes [1]. This allows to extend the numerical strategy from the usual multi-phase models to the non-hydrostatic multi-phase models. So, the new model can be implemented in the advanced GIS-based multi-phase software tool r.avaflow 2.0 [1,39]. However, complexity arises due to the new non-hydrostatic terms, particularly associated with the higher order time and spatial derivatives. To avoid instability, existing numerical solutions of the single-phase model only considers an approximation of the enhanced gravity [16]. The aim should be to include more general non-hydrostatic effects in the simulation tools, e.g., in the r.avaflow, to present a full application of the non-hydrostatic, dispersive multi-phase mass flows. Eminent examples to use the new multi-phase non-hydrostatic mass flow model to generate the best possible simulation results may include the 2018 Anak Krakatau volcanic collapse and also the potential catastrophic failure of the west flank of the La Palma as well as induced tsunami waves [39,43]. In these scenarios, the collapse of huge mountain flanks, and rapid impacts at ocean may transfer tremendous energy into the water body producing high amplitude complex dispersive surface water waves including the dispersive submarine mass transports and turbidity currents, pressing for the use of coupled, non-hydrostatic multi-phase mass flow models. However, application of the model to such natural events would demand substantial additional works, and corresponding parameter estimates, either derived from the field measurements or back calculations, requiring observation data, which is out of scope here.

As discussed above, relations (12) and (13) introduce higher order spatial and time derivatives in the momentum fluxes. The new enhanced gravity and dispersion may lead to a complexity in numerical integration of the model equations, and thus may require a fundamentally extended, or new and complicated numerical method to properly solve the model equations. That was the case even for the simple single-phase granular flow models [15,16]. So, below, I propose some reductions of the normal load ignoring the time derivatives in dispersion, and approximations of the time derivatives in dispersion and enhanced gravity. These reductions can be utilized in numerical simulations as they simplify the complexity.

3. Possible simplifications

3.1. Reduced normal load — ignoring the time derivatives in dispersion

One way to avoid computational difficulties, but still include the new effects, is to assume a negligible local time derivatives $(\partial/\partial t)$ in (9). This can be a reasonable assumption, e.g., after the initial impact of the landslide at the water body and during continues impact. Another possibility is to ignore all the D/Dt terms in (9). Yet, the reduced solid normal stress includes non-hydrostatic effects due to buoyancy, virtual mass, drags and slope parallel divergence and relative divergence,

$$\begin{split} \bar{\tau}_{zz_{sR}} &= \left(1 - \gamma_s^f\right) g^z \frac{1}{2} h^2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\alpha_s} h^2 \left[C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{u}_s|^{j-1} \left(\bar{w}_f - \bar{w}_s \right) \right. \\ &+ \left. C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_s|^{j-1} \left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_s \right) - C_{DV}^s \bar{w}_s |\mathbf{u}_s| \alpha_s \right] \\ &+ \frac{h^3}{12} \left[\left(U_s^2 - \gamma_s^f C^{s,f} \left(U_f^2 - U_s^2 \right) - \gamma_s^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(U_{fs}^2 - U_s^2 \right) \right) \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{\alpha_s} \frac{h^3}{6} \left[C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{u}_s|^{j-1} \left(U_f - U_s \right) \right. \\ &+ \left. C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_s|^{j-1} \left(U_{fs} - U_s \right) - C_{DV}^s |\mathbf{u}_s| U_s \alpha_s \right], \end{split}$$

where *R* in $\bar{\tau}_{zz_{3R}}$ stands for the reduced normal stress. And thus, the corresponding reduced enhanced gravity and reduced dispersion expressions are given, respectively, by

$$\begin{split} \dot{g}_{sR}^{z} &= \left(1 - \gamma_{s}^{f}\right)g^{z} - \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}}\left[C_{DG}^{s,f}|\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1}\left(\bar{w}_{f} - \bar{w}_{s}\right) \right. \\ &+ C_{DG}^{s,fs}|\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1}\left(\bar{w}_{fs} - \bar{w}_{s}\right) - C_{DV}^{s}\bar{w}_{s}|\mathbf{u}_{s}|\alpha_{s}\right], \\ D_{sR}^{s} &= K_{s}^{x}\frac{h^{2}}{12}\left[\left(U_{s}^{2} - \gamma_{s}^{f}C^{s,f}\left(U_{f}^{2} - U_{s}^{2}\right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs}C^{s,fs}\left(U_{fs}^{2} - U_{s}^{2}\right)\right)\right] \end{split}$$

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$$+ \frac{1}{\alpha_s} K_s^x \frac{h^2}{6} \left[C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{u}_s|^{j-1} \left(U_f - U_s \right) + C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_s|^{j-1} \left(U_{fs} - U_s \right) - C_{DV}^s |\mathbf{u}_s| U_s \alpha_s \right].$$
(19)

From (12) and (13), similar reduced expressions can be obtained for the fine-solid and fluid components. For single-phase granular flow without the fine-solid and fluid components, (19) would further drastically reduce to $\dot{g}_{sR}^z = g^z + C_{DV}^s \bar{w}_s |\mathbf{u}_s|$ and $D_{sR}^x = K_s^x h^2 U_s^2 / 12 - \frac{1}{6} K_s^x h^2 C_{DV}^s |\mathbf{u}_s| U_s$. However, in general, as in (12) and (13), the full descriptions of \dot{g}_s^z and D_s^x (similar for fine-solid and fluid components) should be considered in simulating non-hydrostatic mixture flows.

3.2. Approximations to time derivatives in dispersion and enhanced gravity

One of the major difficulties associated with the non-hydrostatic model presented above is the presence of the time derivatives in enhanced gravity and dispersion. In simple situations without interfacial drag and virtual mass, the dispersion in (15a) is given by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{K_s^x}{12} \alpha_s h^3 \left\{ U_s^2 - \frac{DU_s}{Dt} - 2C_{DV}^s |\mathbf{u}_s| U_s \right\} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{K_s^x}{12} \alpha_s h^3 \left\{ U_s^2 - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u_s \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v_s \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) U_s - 2C_{DV}^s |\mathbf{u}_s| U_s \right\} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{K_s^x}{12} \alpha_s h^3 \left\{ U_s^2 - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u_s}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial t} \right) - \left(u_s \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v_s \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) U_s - 2C_{DV}^s |\mathbf{u}_s| U_s \right\} \right]$$

$$(20)$$

From a computational point of view $\partial u_s/\partial t$ and $\partial v_s/\partial t$ in (20) may pose great difficulties. So, it is desirable to find some expressions for $\partial u_s/\partial t$ and $\partial v_s/\partial t$ in terms of spatial derivatives, flow variables, and parameters, but no direct involvement of (the time and) time derivatives. This is a challenging task. However, we can develop simplified expressions for these for non-inertial flows. This can be achieved, e.g., by combining the simple mass and momentum balance equation for solid from (14a) and (15a), by ignoring all extra forces (which, however, could be considered to include more complex situations). Which is equivalent to assume that all the applied forces balance each other. This results in a simple expression as:

$$\frac{\partial u_s}{\partial t} = -u_s \frac{\partial u_s}{\partial x} - v_s \frac{\partial u_s}{\partial y}.$$
(21)

Inserting (21) in to (20), I technically remove $\partial u_s/\partial t$, which, however, is highly non-linear and very complex as it involves the fifth order terms (combining flow depth and velocities) and third order derivatives. Simplified expressions for the fine-solid and fluid components can be developed, and respectively take the form:

$$\frac{\partial u_{fs}}{\partial t} = -u_{fs} \frac{\partial u_{fs}}{\partial x} - v_{fs} \frac{\partial u_{fs}}{\partial y}, \tag{22}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_f}{\partial t} = -u_f \frac{\partial u_f}{\partial x} - v_f \frac{\partial u_f}{\partial y}.$$
(23)

Similar expressions hold for $\partial v_s/\partial t$, $\partial v_{fs}/\partial t$ and $\partial v_f/\partial t$. Then, the dispersion term containing the time derivatives, together with U^2 and the viscous drag in (20), reduces, for solid-phase, to:

$$U_s^2 - \frac{DU_s}{Dt} - 2C_{DV}^s |\mathbf{u}_s| U_s = 2U_s^2 - 2\frac{\partial u_s}{\partial x}\frac{\partial v_s}{\partial y} + 2\frac{\partial v_s}{\partial x}\frac{\partial u_s}{\partial y} - 2C_{DV}^s |\mathbf{u}_s| U_s.$$
(24)

Expressions for $U_{fs}^2 - DU_{fs}/Dt$ and $U_f^2 - DU_f/Dt$ take analogous forms.

Similarly, with somewhat lengthy calculations, we can write the time derivative term, $D\bar{w}_s/Dt$, in the enhanced gravity (see, Section 2.1.3) as

$$\frac{D\bar{w}_s}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{2} \left[-h \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial u_s}{\partial x} \right)^2 + 2 \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u_s}{\partial y} + \left(\frac{\partial v_s}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right\} \\
+ \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial u_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial y} \right) + \left(u_s \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + v_s \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right) \left(\frac{\partial u_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial y} \right) \right], \quad (25)$$

where the topographic slope changes $(\partial b/\partial x, \partial b/\partial y)$ has been ignored, which could easily be included. Similar expressions as (25) hold for fine-solid and fluid components, $D\bar{w}_{fs}/Dt$, $D\bar{w}_{f}/Dt$.

Due to the definition of \bar{w}_s , the time derivative of the flow depth, $\partial h/\partial t$, still remains in (25). However, this can be obtained by summingup the mass balance Eqs. (14) for the solid, fine-solid and fluid phases:

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[h \left(\alpha_s u_s + \alpha_{fs} u_{fs} + \alpha_f u_f \right) \right] - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[h \left(\alpha_s v_s + \alpha_{fs} v_{fs} + \alpha_f v_f \right) \right],$$
(26)

where $\alpha_s + \alpha_{fs} + \alpha_f = 1$ has been employed. This way we can avoid the time derivatives in the terms associated with dispersion and enhanced gravity.

4. Analysis of the simplified dispersion relation

Consider the dispersion for solid from (13):

$$D_{s}^{x} = K_{s}^{x} \frac{h^{2}}{12} \left[\left(U_{s}^{2} - \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(U_{f}^{2} - U_{s}^{2} \right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(U_{fs}^{2} - U_{s}^{2} \right) \right) - \frac{D}{Dt} \left(U_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(U_{f} - U_{s} \right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(U_{fs} - U_{s} \right) \right) \right] + K_{s}^{x} \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}} \frac{h^{2}}{6} \left[C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{f} - U_{s} \right) + C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{fs} - U_{s} \right) - C_{DV}^{s} |\mathbf{u}_{s}| U_{s} \alpha_{s} \right].$$
(27)

The flux in the momentum balance shows that in total the dispersion relation contains third order terms in flow depth, and third order derivatives of the flow velocities. These are the highest order terms therein. So, it is important to analyze the terms appearing in the dispersion relation, and additionally seek its simplifications and consequences.

4.1. The role of drag

For slowly varying slope parallel divergences, U_s^2, U_{fs}^2, U_f^2 can be neglected as compared to the other terms. Then, (27) reduces to

$$D_{s}^{x} = -K_{s}^{x} \frac{h^{2}}{12} \left[\frac{D}{Dt} \left(U_{s} - \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(U_{f} - U_{s} \right) - \gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(U_{fs} - U_{s} \right) \right) \right] + K_{s}^{x} \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}} \frac{h^{2}}{6} \left[C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{f} - U_{s} \right) + C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{fs} - U_{s} \right) - C_{DV}^{s} |\mathbf{u}_{s}| U_{s} \alpha_{s} \right].$$
(28)

For negligible virtual mass force, (28) simplifies to

$$D_{s}^{x} = -K_{s}^{x} \frac{h^{2}}{12} \frac{DU_{s}}{Dt} + K_{s}^{x} \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}} \frac{h^{2}}{6} \left[C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{f} - U_{s} \right) + C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{fs} - U_{s} \right) - C_{DV}^{s} |\mathbf{u}_{s}| U_{s} \alpha_{s} \right].$$
(29)

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Moreover, for non-accelerating flows, the terms with D/Dt vanish, and (29) further reduces to

$$D_{s}^{x} = K_{s}^{x} \frac{1}{\alpha_{s}} \frac{h^{2}}{6} \left[C_{DG}^{s,f} |\mathbf{u}_{f} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{f} - U_{s} \right) + C_{DG}^{s,fs} |\mathbf{u}_{fs} - \mathbf{u}_{s}|^{j-1} \left(U_{fs} - U_{s} \right) - C_{DV}^{s} |\mathbf{u}_{s}| U_{s} \alpha_{s} \right].$$
(30)

So, the interfacial and viscous drag may play an important role in generating dispersion relation in mixture mass flows which was not the case in the single-phase mass flows [15,16].

4.2. Negligible dispersion

In the most simple case, interfacial drags and virtual masses may be neglected. A situation can arise such that the dispersion effect could be ignored. Then, from (15a) and (27), by integrating $\partial \left[\alpha_s h D_s^x\right] / \partial x = 0$ with respect to *x*, I obtain:

$$\frac{K_s^x}{12}\alpha_s h^3 \left(U_s^2 - \frac{DU_s}{Dt} - 2C_{DV}^s |\mathbf{u}_s| U_s \right) = \mathcal{P}_{f_0},\tag{31}$$

where \mathcal{P}_{f_0} is a constant of integration. However, determination of \mathcal{P}_{f_0} may involve complex physical processes (explained in Section 4.3–Section 4.5). For simplicity, assume a channelized flow, so the variation of flow dynamic quantities with *y* is negligible. For notational convenience I write $u = u_s$ and $\beta = C_{DV}^s$. Then, for $u_s > 0$, (31) reduces to

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial t} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left(\frac{1}{2}u^2\right) - 2\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(u^2\right) = -\mathcal{P}_f,\tag{32}$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}_f = \frac{12\mathcal{P}_{f_0}}{K_s^{\chi}\alpha_s h^3}.$$
(33)

I call \mathcal{P}_f the (dissipative) prime-force coefficient (or, simply the \mathcal{P} -force coefficient). Eq. (32) can be solved analytically only with some further assumptions. And, the solutions are presented in Section 4.3. If the solid particle distribution is uniform and the flow height can be approximated (by a constant), e.g., for a smooth flow, then, \mathcal{P}_f is a constant. Eq. (32) can further be simplified as follows.

I. Negligible $(\partial u/\partial x)^2$: First, assume that $\partial u/\partial x$ is small and thus $(\partial u/\partial x)^2$ can be neglected. Then, integrating (32) with respect to x, I obtain:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} u^2 \right) = -\beta u^2 - \mathcal{P}_f x + \alpha, \tag{34}$$

where α is a constant of integration, and I call $-\mathcal{P}_f x$ the primeforce (or, simply the \mathcal{P} -force), per unit mass. With this, I draw an important conclusion, that for spatially slowly varying velocity field, non-dispersive flows degenerate into an advective-dissipative system with a complex source term. Here, dissipation refers to the viscous dissipation due to the drag contribution $-\beta u^2$, and also $-\mathcal{P}_f x$, that will be elaborated later. When $\mathcal{P}_{f_0} \rightarrow 0$, or *h* is large (enough) then $\mathcal{P}_f \rightarrow 0$. Alternatively, consider sufficiently small *x*. In both situations, $\mathcal{P}_f x$ is negligible, and (34) becomes an inviscid, dissipative Burgers' equation developed by Pudasaini and Krautblatter [44]:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} u^2 \right) = \alpha - \beta u^2.$$
(35)

From a simple physical consideration, following Pudasaini and Krautblatter [44], α can represent the net driving force for the landslide motion, defined later at Section 5.1. So, (34) can be viewed as the formal extension of the Pudasaini and Krautblatter [44] landslide velocity equation, who also constructed numerous exact analytical solutions for (35), including simple to very sophisticated ones.

The super inviscid dissipative Burgers' equation: There are two fascinating aspects of (35). First, by setting the dispersion structure (which is internal to the new model developed here) to zero, I obtained the reduced equation of landslide motion without dispersion in Pudasaini and Krautblatter [44]. Second, the emergence of (35) explicitly

proves the consistency of our new model with dispersion. However, when $\mathcal{P}_f x \neq 0$, (34) is the extension of the inviscid, dissipative Burgers' equation in Pudasaini and Krautblatter [44], for which, no exact analytical solutions have so far been developed. Yet, the model (32) is more complex and general than (34). For this reason, I call (34) the extension, and (32) the super generalization of the inviscid, dissipative Burgers' equation.

II. Time independent flows: Second, assume a time-independent (steady state) flow. Then, from (32) we have

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left(u^2 \right) - 4 \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + 2\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(u^2 \right) = -2\mathcal{P}_f.$$
(36)

Since α_s, K_s^x and *h* are positive, the nature of solution depends on the sign of \mathcal{P}_{f_0} and its magnitude in \mathcal{P}_f as given in (33).

4.3. Analytical solutions

Physically meaningful exact solutions explain the true and entire nature of the problem associated with the model equation [45]. The exact analytical solutions to simplified cases of non-linear debris avalanche model equations provide important insights into the full flow behavior of the complex system [44], and are often needed to calibrate and validate the numerical solutions as a prerequisite before running numerical simulations based on complex numerical schemes. So, such solutions should be developed, analyzed and properly understood prior to numerical simulations. This is very useful to interpret complicated simulations and/or avoid mistakes associated with numerical simulations. Here, I construct some exact analytical solutions to (36) for yet different simplified cases.

I. $P_f = 0$, Vanishing prime-force: With this, the exact solution for (36) takes the form:

$$u(x) = C_2 \exp\left[\frac{C_1}{\beta} \exp(2\beta x)\right].$$
(37)

There are two integration parameters C_1, C_2 to be determined, e.g., with the value and the slope of *u* at a given point.

II. $\beta = 0$, Vanishing drag: For this, the exact solution for (36) becomes more complex:

$$u(x) = \frac{\sqrt{-P_f} \exp(-C_1) \tanh\left[\exp(C_1)(C_2 + x)\right]}{\sqrt{\tanh^2\left[\exp(C_1)(C_2 + x)\right] - 1}},$$
(38)

where the two integration parameters C_1 , C_2 are to be determined. The solutions (37) and (38) with some parameter values are presented in Fig. 1 showing the exponential increase in the velocity field as a function of the travel distance. Where, for comparison, the solution (37) has been shifted down by about 2. However, more realistic solution is presented below when both \mathcal{P}_f and β cannot be ignored.

III. Small $\partial u/\partial x$: Then, $(\partial u/\partial x)^2$ can be neglected in (36) which, after integration, reduces to

$$u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \alpha - \beta u^2 - \mathcal{P}_f x,\tag{39}$$

where α is a constant (the net driving force, see, Section 5.1), and

$$T_f^s = \alpha - \beta u^2 - \mathcal{P}_f x, \tag{40}$$

constitutes the total system force. The model (39) includes both the parameters β and \mathcal{P}_f and extends the Pudasaini and Krautblatter [44] landslide velocity equation for the time-independent motion for which their model corresponds to $\mathcal{P}_f = 0$. With the initial condition u(0) = 0, the exact analytical solution for (39) yields:

$$u(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}} \sqrt{\left[1 - \exp\left(-2\beta x\right)\right] - \mathcal{P}_u\left[(2\beta x - 1) + \exp\left(-2\beta x\right)\right]},\tag{41}$$

where $\mathcal{P}_u = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\alpha \beta} \mathcal{P}_f$. I call \mathcal{P}_u the unified prime-force coefficient, which is a dimensionless number (quantity), and emerged here in the new



Fig. 1. Velocity fields represented by the solutions (37) with parameters $C_1 = 0.05$, $C_2 = 1.0$, $\beta = 0.075$; and (38) with parameters $C_1 = 0.01$, $C_2 = 0.005$, $\mathcal{P}_f = 2.5 \times 10^{-6}$.

solution (41). It is induced by the prime-force coefficient \mathcal{P}_f , and also includes other force components, the net driving force α , and the viscous resistance, represented by β .

4.4. Postulation of the prime-force: $-P_f x$

The prime-force coefficient $-\mathcal{P}_f$ in (32), and the prime-force $-\mathcal{P}_f x$ in (34) appear systematically. They emerged from our new modeling approach, with physical-mathematical foundation, from integrating the rate of acceleration, and the acceleration itself. This is exactly the reason why $-P_f x$ is a dissipative (or anti-dissipative) force, and $-P_f$ is the spatial rate of the prime-force along the slope. So, the new prime-force is physically meaningful. The values of \mathcal{P}_f should be estimated with the dissipative processes taking place along the channel. It requires some extra and proper understanding of the flow dynamics to exactly determine \mathcal{P}_f in (32) and, thus, the force $-\mathcal{P}_f x$ itself. However, I have formally postulated (or invented) a new force mechanism, the primeforce $-P_f x$, and have shown the physical ground for its existence. Due to the presence of the term $-\mathcal{P}_f x$, the landslide velocity model (39), and its solution (41) are novel. The term $-\mathcal{P}_f x$ in (39) adds some dissipative force that results in the deviation of the solution from the reference solution, $\mathcal{P}_f = 0$, produced by the driving force α and the viscous resistance associated with β . We can perceive $-\mathcal{P}_f x$ in different ways. It can be seen as the congregate of space dependent dissipative forces. Yet, $-P_f x$ can be realized as any additional force other than the driving force α and the viscous resistance $-\beta u^2$ in their classical forms, which, unlike $-P_f x$, do not contain any spatially varying dissipative contributions. As it is a completely new term and conception, its physical meaning and significance is worth exclusive elaboration in (32), (34), (36), (39), and (41). As demonstrated below in Figs. 2 and 3, the prime-force turned-out to be very useful in controlling the mass flow dynamics, or any other dynamical system, that can be described by the structure of the model equations presented here.

4.4.1. Constraining P_f

We need to physically constrain \mathcal{P}_f in (32). Here, I present two possible scenarios. Without loss of generality, I impose physically legitimate and mathematically consistent conditions on the velocity and its derivatives at some position x_0 somewhere along the channel, or at appropriately chosen near (landslide) source location.

Scenario A: First, consider a plausible, but typical velocity and velocity gradients with magnitudes as: $u(x_0) = 35, (\partial u/\partial x)(x_0) = 0.01, (\partial^2 u/\partial x^2)(x_0) = 0.00021$, and $\beta = 0.0019$. Then, from (32), by neglecting the time variation of $\partial u/\partial x$, \mathcal{P}_f assumes the value on the order of -0.0085 and $\mathcal{P}_u = -0.3$. However, similar values of \mathcal{P}_f and \mathcal{P}_u can be obtained with other physically admissible choices of $u(x_0), (\partial u/\partial x)(x_0), (\partial^2 u/\partial x^2)(x_0)$, and β .



Fig. 2. The landslide motion enhanced by the prime-force $-\mathcal{P}_f x$, for $\mathcal{P}_f < 0$ given by the solution (41), where $\mathcal{P}_u = \mathcal{P}_f / (2\alpha\beta)$. For any value of $\mathcal{P}_f < 0$, no matter how close is it to 0, the system continuously deviates away from the reference state $\mathcal{P}_f = 0$.



Fig. 3. The landslide motion controlled by the prime-force $-\mathcal{P}_f x$, for $\mathcal{P}_f > 0$ given by the solution (41), where $\mathcal{P}_u = \mathcal{P}_f / (2\alpha\beta)$. The constrained velocity dome-curves and the reduced travel distances are shown. For any value of $\mathcal{P}_f > 0$, no matter how close is it to 0, the system continuously bends below the reference state $\mathcal{P}_f = 0$.

Scenario B: Second, consider another plausible, but fundamentally different scenario, such that the velocity attains its local maximum somewhere at x_0 in the channel (e.g., a contracting flow). This is mathematically equivalent to $(\partial u/\partial x)(x_0) = 0$ and $(\partial^2 u/\partial x^2)(x_0)$ is negative, say -0.00032. With this, for the typical velocity of $u(x_0) = 35$, the estimated value of \mathcal{P}_f is on the order of 0.0112, and $\mathcal{P}_u = 0.4$. Again, similar values of \mathcal{P}_f and \mathcal{P}_u can be obtained with other physically admissible choices of $u(x_0), (\partial u/\partial x)(x_0)$ and $(\partial^2 u/\partial x^2)(x_0)$.

4.4.2. Dynamics of the prime-force $-P_f x$

Solutions presented in Fig. 2 for **Scenario A** with parameters $\alpha = 7.0$ and $\beta = 0.0019$ (as in [44]) show how the negative values of \mathcal{P}_f (thus, the positive additional prime-force $-\mathcal{P}_f x$) enhances the motion from that discarding the effect of \mathcal{P}_f , i.e., $\mathcal{P}_f = 0$. As the value of \mathcal{P}_u (or $\mathcal{P}_f = 2\alpha\beta \mathcal{P}_u$) decreases, the \mathcal{P} -force increases, and the velocity continuously deviates away from the reference ($\mathcal{P}_f = 0$) state (solution). Even a very small value of \mathcal{P}_f pushes the system away from the reference state, and it continues to do so as \mathcal{P}_f decreases. Thus, the term $-\mathcal{P}_f x$ with $\mathcal{P}_f < 0$ strongly weakens the drag force, adds to the pre-existing driving force, and thus the reference-state is never reached. It can be a possible scenario as the mass travels further downstream such that the drag force is always weaker than the net driving force and the additional force generated by the new term, $-\mathcal{P}_f x$, along the slope. This means that, as long as the condition $(\alpha - \mathcal{P}_f x) > \beta u^2$ is satisfied, the system accelerates, always.

Even more interesting, and perhaps physically more important, is the situation when $P_f > 0$. This induces a spatially varying additional dissipative force resulting in the reduction of the total system force T_t^s in (40) than before with the reference state, the solution with $\mathcal{P}_{f} = 0$, which effectively means that the mass decelerates as it slides downstream. This results in the reduced motion of the landslide. Then, depending on the magnitude of \mathcal{P}_{μ} (or $\mathcal{P}_{f} = 2\alpha\beta \mathcal{P}_{\mu}$), both the velocity and the travel distance will be reduced significantly to dramatically. The solutions are presented in Fig. 3 for Scenario B, with parameters $\alpha = 7.0$ and $\beta = 0.0019$, showing differently architectured beautiful dome-like constrained velocity fields and the firmly reduced mobility with increasing values of $P_f > 0$. Interestingly, no matter how small, the novel observation is that, any positive value of \mathcal{P}_{f} results in the significantly reduced mobility (velocity) and the run-out. This can happen, if there emerges any (other) energy dissipation mechanism along the slope. This effectively means that the total system force T_{ℓ}^{s} is continuously reduced as the mass slides downslope. So, after a certain position, the situation may prevail such that $\beta u^2 > (\alpha - \mathcal{P}_f x)$, and the system decelerates along the slope, always, as long as $\mathcal{P}_f > 0$. This results in the reduced motion and the travel distance.

Both Figs. 2 and 3 demonstrate that the term $-P_f x$ in (39) can quickly and strongly compel the system away from its reference state $(P_f = 0)$. From the physical point of view, the *P*-force $(-P_f x)$ is associated with any possible spatially varying dissipative (or anti-dissipative) force. This may include any elements of forces that are not contained in α and β . The Coulomb-type force in α and the drag force associated with β are almost exclusively used in mass flow simulations. However, the spatially dependent *P*-force, postulated here, is entirely new, that was made possible with our modeling process. Yet, as revealed by Figs. 2 and 3, it helps to fundamentally and precisely control the dynamics, deposition and run-out of the landslide. I formally summarize these results in a Theorem, which, for time-dependent processes, is a postulation.

The *P***-force Theorem 4.1:** *There exists a unique number* $P_f > 0$ *such that the landslide motion (run-out) described by the dynamical equation*

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} u^2 \right) = \alpha - \beta u^2 - \mathcal{P}_f x, \tag{42}$$

can be precisely controlled as expected. Here, t is time, x is the position along the slope, u is the landslide velocity, α is the net driving force, β is the viscous drag coefficient, and P_f is the prime-force coefficient.

4.5. The prime-force: Essence, implication and use in simulation

Here, I further explain the essence and application potential of the new prime-force. Practitioners and applied researchers are frequently in trouble in controlling the motion and run-out of mass flows. One of the biggest problems in dealing with the natural mass flow events is the proper simulation of their flow velocities and run-out distances. This also applies to industrial mass transports. We know that, more or less, until now, different forces are used in a way simulations best fit the data. The considered forces are sometimes very low (almost none) and sometimes substantially (much) higher than reality [38,40,46-48]. This clearly indicates that there are some physical processes operating in nature we were not aware of before. Here, I have formally proven that, in principle, such process exists, which can be quantified. The primeforce does exactly this by controlling the motion in a precise way. My simple model, and particularly the emergence of the new prime-force, $-\mathcal{P}_f x$, can tremendously help to address this long standing problem. In this respect, the model (39), and its exact analytical solution (41), can be very useful for practitioners and engineers in efficiently and quickly simulating the motion of the landslide down the entire slope, accelerating and decelerating motions, and deposition as it comes to an standstill in a fully controlled manner.

There are two important aspects. (*i*) I have physically and mathematically proven that a new force structure, the prime-force, exists which is extra to the known frictional or viscous forces. (*ii*) There are challenges related to the correct reproduction of field observations through simulations. Often, we have difficulties in adequately back-calculating the observed mass flow events. The prime-force is induced by the rate of spatially varying dissipative forces, but not merely the

spatially varying friction and viscosity parameters. So, the prime-force (*i*) will help to overcome the challenges in (*ii*) and accordingly support the practitioners. However, if it is only about the spatial distribution and evolution of friction and viscosity parameters, which we still do not at all understand, and also various numerical issues (e.g., cell size, topography and flow boundary), both do not involve the spatial rate of dissipative forces, the challenges in (*ii*) might still be addressed without the prime-force.

The Coulomb force cannot contain all the friction effects. The same applies to the viscous drag. As simulations often contrast the observations significantly, and none of the forces we know can reproduce the observation, there must be something extra to the Coulomb and viscous drag forces in the form we already know. The prime-force does exactly this. The prime force congregates all forces with spatially varying rate of dissipations that are not in α and β , and complement to what we know. The prime-force may even combine the Coulomb and viscous forces and generate a spatially varying rate of dissipation. One may yet think of producing similar results, as done above by the primeforce, by means of other forces which we know already. However, we cannot achieve this by changing basal friction and/or the viscous drag. First, it is not possible in a classical way with Coulomb friction. The exact solution (41) is constructed by assuming that α does not vary along the slope, while the *P*-force, $-P_f x$, by nature, does. The same is true for the drag force. Second, even by spatially varying the Coulomb friction (i.e., δ) and/or the viscous drag (β), the motion, as controlled by the prime-force in (39), cannot be achieved to precisely reproduce the observed run-out distance. Physically, δ is bounded from above, so often it is not able to control the motion in an appreciable way. Moreover, by definition, the viscous drag cannot bring the motion to a halt. But now, we can formally accommodate any additional energy dissipation mechanism in the P-force accomplishing the observed effect rather than changing the Coulomb friction, whose value (as mentioned above) is often used arbitrarily in simulation to fit the data, or it does not exhibit any admirable effect.

For granular, debris and particle-laden flows, several situations may arise where the dissipative (or anti-dissipative) force can increase (or decrease) as the mass moves downslope. There can be several factors aiding to the prime force. I mention some possible scenarios that may contribute to the spatial rate of the prime-force, i.e., P_f . (i) Often the debris flow heads and lateral flanks become more and more granular dominated, or frictionally stronger due to phase-separation and/or particle sorting. These are observed phenomena [32,33,37,49]. (ii) The collisional and viscous dissipations can increase as flow moves on, e.g., by added particles and fines (the situation prevails due to basal erosion and entrainment) and increased agitations [1,32,50,51]. The viscous resistance can also increase due to added fragmented fine particles, e.g., in rock-ice avalanche motion [52]. (iii) The energy dissipation may increase in the downstream as the flow transits, e.g., from the glacial surface to the gravel-rich, or the rough moraine surface. (iv) Detailed topographic effects [38], that could not be resolved otherwise, may also be included as an energy dissipation mechanism.

In reality, the prime-force coefficient, \mathcal{P}_f , can be a complex function of some or all of those physical phenomena described above, and any other permissible circumstances associated with the dissipative mass flows with the rate of dissipative forces along the slope. Its admissible forms are yet to be determined. Still, \mathcal{P}_f could also be constrained from laboratory experiments or from the field data with respect to the observed dynamics and the run-out. Alternatively, the practitioners may ascertain \mathcal{P}_f in empirically adequate ways, if they prefer to do so. This adds an additional uncertain parameter to the simulations, besides the existing ones. This may make parameter calibration and predictive simulations even more difficult, but helping to control the landslide as observed. However, I mention that, as the prime-force is a new concept, further intensive research would help to boost its clarity and expedite its practical applications.

Analytical solution presented in (41) formally proves that the new dissipative force appreciably controls the motion and runout. Depending on its sign, it can enhance or control the motion, equivalently, stretch (Fig. 2) or reduce (Fig. 3) the travel distance (or coverage area). With this, we can now formally include the new dissipative force $-P_f x$ (similarly in other directions) in the list of forces in the momentum balance Eqs. (15), and implement the prime-force in any simulation of mass flow. There are some technical aspects to consider while implementing the new force in computing. (i) Note that, \mathcal{P}_{f} are relatively small numbers. (ii) In general, we can have different P_f for different phases. (iii) Because of the possible directional inhomogeneity, \mathcal{P}_f can be different in x and y directions, say \mathcal{P}_{fx} and \mathcal{P}_{fy} . (iv) We can formally include $-\alpha_s \mathcal{P}_{fx} x$ in the list of forces in (16a), say at the end of it, similar for (16b) and (16c) with α_{fs} and α_{f} . (v) For the ydirection for solid, we should use $-\alpha_s \mathcal{P}_{fy} y$, but we should remember that the outward directions are the increasing directions. Similar for other phases in y-direction. So, in principle, the prime-force can be relatively easily included in any computational softwares, such as the r.avaflow [39,53] in a straightforward way.

5. A simple dispersion equation

Reducing the sophistication, I consider a geometrically twodimensional motion down a slope. Furthermore, assume that the relative velocity between coarse and fine-solid particles (u_s, u_{fs}) and the fluid phase (u_f) in the landslide (debris) material is negligible, that is, $u_s \approx u_{fs} \approx u_f =: u$, and so is the viscous deformation of the fluid. This means, for simplicity, we are considering an effectively single-phase mixture (consisting of solid particles composed of coarse solid and finesolid, and viscous fluid) flow [44,51]. Then, by summing up the mass and momentum balance equations in Section 2.2, I obtain a single mass and momentum balance equation describing the motion of a landslide (or a mass flow) including non-hydrostatic contributions as:

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (hu) = 0, \tag{43}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(hu) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[h \left\{ u^2 + \left(\alpha_s \beta_s + \alpha_s \beta_f \right) \frac{h}{2} + \left(\alpha_s \mathcal{D}_s + \alpha_f \mathcal{D}_f \right) \right\} \right] = hS, \quad (44)$$
where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_f &= (1 - \alpha_s), \\ \alpha_s \beta_s + \alpha_f \beta_f &= \left[\left(1 - \gamma_s^f \right) K_s \alpha_s + \left(1 - \alpha_s \right) \right] g^z + \left[\alpha_s \left(K_s - 1 \right) + 1 \right] \\ &\times \left(\frac{D \bar{w}}{D t} + C_{DV}^s \bar{w} u \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} \alpha_s D_s + \alpha_f D_f &= \frac{h^2}{12} \left[\alpha_s \left(K_s - 1 \right) + 1 \right] \\ &\times \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 - \frac{D}{Dt} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) - 2C^s_{DV} u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right\}, \\ S &= g^x - \mu_s \alpha_s \left\{ \left(1 - \gamma^f_s \right) g^z + \frac{D\bar{w}}{Dt} + C^s_{DV} \bar{w} u \right\} \\ &- \alpha_s \left\{ \gamma^f_s g^z + \frac{D\bar{w}}{Dt} + C^s_{DV} \bar{w} u \right\} \frac{\partial h}{\partial h} - C^s_{DV} u^2, \end{split}$$

are the fluid fraction in the mixture, the coefficient emerging from the hydraulic pressure gradients for the solid and fluid including the enhanced effects due to non-hydrostatic contributions, the dispersion contributions emerging from the non-hydrostatic consideration, and the source containing different forces. Together with the mass balance (43), the momentum balance (44) can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \left[\left\{ \left(\left(1 - \gamma_s^f \right) K_s + \gamma_s^f \right) \alpha_s + \left(1 - \alpha_s \right) \right\} g^z \right. \\ &+ \alpha_s \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \bar{w} + C_{DV}^s \bar{w} u \right\} \right] \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \\ &+ \frac{1}{h} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\left\{ \alpha_s \left(K_s - 1 \right) + 1 \right\} \left[\frac{h^3}{12} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - u \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - 2C_{DV}^s u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right\} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{h^{2}}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \bar{w} + C_{DV}^{s} \bar{w} u \right\} \right]$$
$$= g^{x} - \mu_{s} \alpha_{s} \left[\left(1 - \gamma_{s}^{f} \right) g^{z} + \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \bar{w} + C_{DV}^{s} \bar{w} u \right\} \right] - C_{DV}^{s} u^{2}.$$
(45)

The second term on the left hand side of (45) describes the advection, while the third term (in the square bracket) describes the extent of the local deformation that stems from the hydraulic pressure gradient of the free-surface of the landslide in which $(1 - \alpha_s) g^z \partial h / \partial x$ emerges from the hydraulic pressure gradient associated with possible interstitial fluids in the landslide, and the terms associated with \bar{w} are the components from enhanced gravity. The fourth term on the left hand side are extra contributions in the flux due to the non-hydrostatic contributions. Moreover, the third term on the left hand side and the other terms on the right hand side in the momentum equation (45) represent all the involved forces. The first and second terms on the right hand side of (45) are the gravity acceleration, effective Coulomb friction that includes lubrication $(1 - \gamma_s^f)$, liquefaction (α_s) (because, if there is no, or substantially low amount of solid, the mass is fully liquefied, e.g., lahar flows), the third term with \bar{w} emerges from enhanced gravity, and the fourth term is the viscous drag, respectively. Note that the term with $1-\gamma_s^f$ or γ_s^f originates from the buoyancy effect. By setting $\gamma_s^f = 0$ and $\alpha_s = 1$, we obtain a dry landslide, grain flow, or an avalanche motion. However, I keep γ_s^f and α_s also to include possible fluid effects in the landslide (mixture).

Note that for $K_s = 1$ (which may prevail for extensional flows, [44]), the third term on the left hand side associated with $\partial h/\partial x$ simplifies drastically, because $\left\{ \left(\left(1 - \gamma_s^f \right) K_s + \gamma_s^f \right) \alpha_s + \left(1 - \alpha_s \right) \right\}$ becomes unity. So, the isotropic assumption (i.e., $K_s = 1$) loses some important information about the solid content and the buoyancy effect in the mixture.

5.1. A landslide dispersion equation

For simplicity, I introduce the notations as: $b = \{\alpha_s (K_s - 1) + 1\},\$ $\alpha = \left[g^{x} - \left(1 - \gamma_{s}^{f}\right)\alpha_{s}\mu_{s}g^{z}\right]$, and $\beta = C_{DV}^{s}$. Here, b, α and β are the pressure parameter, net driving force and the viscous drag coefficient, respectively. Assume that the time-dependent terms in (45) can be ignored in relation to other terms. Moreover, let $hu = \mathcal{F}$ be a typical flux, and $\partial u/\partial x$ is a small quantity such that $(\partial u/\partial x)^2$ is negligible. Consider the definition of \bar{w} from (4). Then, with a long wave approximation (suppose that h can be approximated by a constant, or simply parameterize it, $h = h_0$), the momentum balance (45) can be reduced to yield a third-order inhomogeneous non-linear ordinary differential equation in *u* with parameters $D_P, D_{S1}, D_{S2}, \alpha, \beta$:

$$D_P \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} + D_{S1} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \left(u + D_{S2}\right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \alpha - \beta u^2,$$
(46)

where, $D_P = \pm \frac{1}{3}bh_0 \mathcal{F}$, $D_{S1} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{5}{6} \beta bh_0 + \mu_s \alpha_s \right] \mathcal{F}$, $D_{S2} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \mu_s \beta \alpha_s \mathcal{F}$ are associated with dispersion. Here, the \pm sign correspond to the primarily expanding or contracting flows, which can be obtained by separately analyzing the dispersive contributions in (45). I call (46) the landslide dispersion equation in which D_P plays the primary role as it is associated with the highest order term therein, while \mathcal{D}_{S1} and D_{S2} play the secondary role. So, D_P is termed as the prime dispersion parameter. This is a simple, yet very interesting, dispersion equation that characterizes the dispersion effect in the mass flow.

5.2. Solution to the dispersion equation (46)

The effect of dispersion in (46) is analyzed in detail. Without the dispersive terms, (46) is the simple steady-state landslide velocity model developed in Pudasaini and Krautblatter [44]. I numerically solved (46) with the boundary conditions u(0) = 0.0, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0) = 0.5$, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(0) = 0.0$. The last two conditions are additionally required due to dispersion related



Fig. 4. The landslide velocity distribution with dispersion $(D_p = 327, D_{S1} = 17, D_{S2} = 0.03)$ and without dispersion $(D_p = 0.0, D_{S1} = 0.0, D_{S2} = 0.0)$ described by (46). With dispersion D, depending on its magnitude, the landslide behaves fundamentally differently by producing meanders of variable intensities around the reference state without dispersion.

dynamics. All conditions can be fixed based on the physics of the underlying problem. The results are shown in Fig. 4 both with dispersion, $D_P = 327, D_{S1} = 17, D_{S2} = 0.03$ (representing a realistic situation with $b = 1.0, h_0 = 7.0, \mathcal{F} = 140, \alpha_s = 0.65, \mu_s = 0.36 (\delta_s = 20^\circ), \alpha = 7.0, \beta = 0.000$ 0.0019), and without dispersion effects ($D_P = 0.0, D_{S1} = 0.0, D_{S2} = 0.0$). To demonstrate the influence of dispersion parameters D on the dynamics, I have amplified, downplayed, or ignored their values with different scales as $2.0 \times D$, $1.0 \times D$, $0.1 \times D$, $0.0 \times D$, where the last value corresponds to the neglection of all dispersion effects. Fig. 4 clearly reveals fundamental effects of dispersion on the landslide dynamics. Moreover, the velocity distribution with dispersion is more complex due to its association with the higher-order derivative terms in (46). Dispersion produces a wavy velocity field of changing intensity about the simple reference state without dispersion. Local surge developments and attenuations as well as enhanced or hindered motions are often observed dynamical spectacles in landslides and debris avalanches. Such explicit description of the dispersive wave is the first of this kind for the avalanching debris mass. Once the landslide is triggered, the dispersive solution deviates significantly away from the non-dispersive one. However, after a sufficiently long distance, the dispersive solution tends to approach the non-dispersive state given by (41) with $P_u = 0$. Yet, significantly different scenarios can be generated with other sets of dispersion parameters. Alternatively, as $D_P \rightarrow 0.0, D_{S1} \rightarrow 0.0, D_{S2} \rightarrow 0.0$, the dispersive wave coincides with the non-dispersive elementary solution. This proves the consistency of our model and also highlights the essence of dispersion in mass transport.

5.3. Influence of the solid volume fraction in dispersion

The solid volume fraction α_s is the key (physical) parameter in the mixture that governs the landslide motion and deformation. The strength of the landslide material is directly related to α_s . The solid volume fraction influences the parameters D_P , D_{S1} , D_{S2} and α in the dispersion equation (46). So, here I analyze how the solid volume fraction regulates the landslide dispersion. Landslide velocity distributions with dispersion for different solid volume fractions in the mixture are presented in Fig. 5. Dispersion is minimum for the fully dry material, and maximum for the vanishing solid fraction, akin to the fluid flow. The dispersion intensity increases energetically as the solid volume fraction decreases. This reveals that dispersion is related to the fluidness of the material. However, for higher values of α_s dispersion becomes weaker and weaker far downstream as compared to that near the source region.

5.4. Influence of the basal friction in dispersion

The basal friction angle δ is a dominant physical parameter controlling the landslide dynamics. As for the solid volume fraction, the



Fig. 5. Landslide velocity distributions with dispersion described by (46) for different solid volume fractions α_s in the landslide mixture. Dispersion increases firmly with decreasing solid volume fraction.



Fig. 6. Landslide velocity distributions with dispersion described by (46) for different basal friction angles δ . Dispersion increases strongly with decreasing basal friction angle.

weaker material is associated with the lower friction angle. However, unlike the solid volume fraction, basal friction influences only D_{S1} , D_{S2} and α in the dispersion equation (46), but not D_P . Landslide velocity distributions with dispersion for different frictions in the mixture are presented in Fig. 6. Dispersion increases strongly with decreasing values of δ , with highest dispersion taking place for the motion of a frictionless material ($\delta = 0^{\circ}$), akin to a fluid flow. However, for higher values of δ , dispersion becomes relatively weaker as the landslide continues to propagate downstream.

Both the solid volume fraction and the friction angle define the mechanical responses of the landslide material against the applied forces, and govern the landslide motion and deformation. However, they regulate the landslide dynamics fundamentally differently, so are the dispersions with changing solid fractions and the basal frictions. These facts are demonstrated in Figs. 5 and 6. Although at the first glance, they look similar, the dispersion intensity is higher with the change of the basal friction as compared to that with the solid volume fraction. This can be explained, because basal fiction is the main physical parameter determining the landslide dynamics. These results are in line with our intuition and experience, and indicate the consistency of my model. This also sheds light on the physical significance of the simple dispersion model derived here.

6. Summary

I considered the multi-phase mass flow model by Pudasaini and Mergili [1] and extended it by including the non-hydrostatic contributions. This produces a novel non-hydrostatic multi-phase mass flow model. Effective normal stresses are constructed for all the solid, fine-solid and fluid phases in the mixture from the normal stress components, which include the interfacial momentum transfers such as buoyancy, drag and virtual mass forces. Depending on the nature of the components in the effective normal stresses, the normal loads are separated into the enhanced gravity and dispersion, which, respectively, correspond to the acceleration in the flow depth direction and mass fluxes associated with the slope parallel directions. While drag and virtual mass forces appear in both, buoyancy is present only in the enhanced gravity for solid and fine-solid because it is associated with the reduced normal load of the solid particles in the mixture. As enhanced gravity and dispersion both emerge from the effective normal load, these enter into the lateral momentum fluxes via the hydraulic pressure gradients and additionally introducing the dispersion effects. This resulted in a complex and highly non-linear new contributions in the momentum fluxes. This may pose a challenge in solving the model equations. This is mainly due to the involvement of time derivatives in fluxes that appear in dispersion, and also in the enhanced gravity. To reduce the complexity, I have also presented some simplifications and approximations for the time derivatives appearing in the enhanced non-hydrostatic contributions. Similarly, I have presented analysis of the dispersion relations showing the role of the drag force. I discussed some special situations where the non-hydrostatic dispersive effects are more pronounced in multi-phase particle-fluid mixture mass flows than in single-phase flows. I proved that negligible dispersion leads to the generalization of the existing inviscid, dissipative Burgers' equation with source term. Simplified models are presented that can help in solving the equations with reduced complexity. Reduced models already appeared to be important generalizations and extensions of several mass flow models available in the literature. I formally postulated a novel, spatially varying dissipative (or anti-dissipative) force, called the prime-force. The practitioners and engineers may find the primeforce very useful in solving technical problems as it precisely controls the dynamics, run-out and deposition of mass flows. The need of formally including this new, physically-founded force in momentum balance equations are elucidated. I constructed a simple dispersion model and its solution that highlighted the essence of dispersion on the flow dynamics. I have consistently demonstrated that dispersion produces a wavy velocity field around the reference state without dispersion. The results show that dispersion increases strongly as the solid volume fraction and the basal friction decreases. The explicit description of dispersive waves and their control by the solid volume fraction and basal friction are seminal understanding in mass flows. So, this contribution sets a foundation for a more complete and general simulation of non-hydrostatic dispersive, multi-phase mass flows.

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Appendix

The expressions and discussions below are mainly based on Pudasaini and Mergili [1]. A. The drag coefficients are given by:

$$C_{DG}^{s,f} = \frac{\alpha_s \alpha_f \left(1 - \gamma_s^f\right) g}{\left[\mathcal{U}_T^{s,f} \left\{\mathcal{P}^{s,f}\mathcal{F}^{s,f}\left(Re_p^{s,f}\right) + (1 - \mathcal{P}^{s,f})\mathcal{G}^{s,f}\left(Re_p^{s,f}\right)\right\} + \mathcal{S}_p^{s,f}\right]^j}, \quad (A.1a)$$

$$C_{DG}^{s,fs} = \frac{\alpha_s \alpha_{fs} \left(1 - \gamma_s^{fs}\right) g}{\left[\mathcal{U}_T^{s,fs} \left\{\mathcal{P}^{s,fs}\mathcal{F}^{s,fs}\left(Re_p^{s,fs}\right) + (1 - \mathcal{P}^{s,fs})\mathcal{G}^{s,fs}\left(Re_p^{s,fs}\right)\right\} + \mathcal{S}_p^{s,fs}\right]^j}, \quad (A.1b)$$

$$C_{DG}^{fs,f} = \frac{u_{fs}u_{f}\left(1 - \gamma_{fs}\right)g}{\left[\mathcal{U}_{T}^{fs,f}\left\{\mathcal{P}^{fs,f}\mathcal{F}^{fs,f}\left(Re_{p}^{fs,f}\right) + \left(1 - \mathcal{P}^{fs,f}\right)\mathcal{G}^{fs,f}\left(Re_{p}^{fs,f}\right)\right\} + \mathcal{S}_{p}^{fs,f}\right]^{j}}$$
(A.1c)

where, in (A.1a), $\mathcal{P}^{s,f} \in (0,1)$ is a function of the solid volume fraction $\mathcal{P}^{s,f} = \alpha_s^m$, where *m* is a positive number, close to 1, combines the fluid-like, $\mathcal{F}^{s,f} = \gamma_s^f (\alpha_s^f)^3 Re_p^{s,f}/180$, and solid-like, $\mathcal{G}^{s,f} = \alpha_f^{M^{s,f-1}}$, drag contributions between solid and fluid components in three-phase mass flows; $\mathcal{U}_T^{s,f}$ is the terminal velocity of a particle falling through the fluid, j = 1 or 2 is selected according to whether linear or quadratic drag coefficients are used, and $M^{s,f} = M^{s,f} (Re_p^{s,f})$ depends on the particle Reynolds number $Re_p^{s,f} = \rho_f d_s \mathcal{U}_T^{s,f}/\eta_f$ [8,54]. Furthermore, d_s is particle diameter, $\gamma_s^f = \rho_f / \rho_s$ is the fluid to solid density ratio, and $\alpha_s^f = \alpha_f / \alpha_s$ is the fluid to solid fraction ratio. $S_p^{s,f} = \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}^{s,f}}{\alpha_s} + \frac{1 - \mathcal{P}^{s,f}}{\alpha_f}\right) \mathcal{K}^{s,f}$ in (A.1a) is called the smoothing function, where $\mathcal{K}^{s,f} = |\alpha_s \mathbf{u}_s + \alpha_f \mathbf{u}_f|$ is determined by the mixture mass flux por unit mixture donsity trained $\mathcal{V}_s^{s,f} = 10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

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B. The virtual mass induced mass and momentum enhancements for the solid-phase due to fluid and the fine-solid are denoted by u_s^{vm} and uu_s^{vm} , uv_s^{vm} , and are written as:

$$u_s^{vm} = \gamma_s^f C^{s,f} \left(u_f - u_s \right) + \gamma_s^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(u_{fs} - u_s \right), \tag{A.2a}$$

$$uu_{s}^{vm} = \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(u_{f}^{2} - u_{s}^{2} \right) + \gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(u_{fs}^{2} - u_{s}^{2} \right),$$
(A.2b)

$$uv_{s}^{vm} = \gamma_{s}^{f} C^{s,f} \left(u_{f} v_{f} - u_{s} v_{s} \right) + \gamma_{s}^{fs} C^{s,fs} \left(u_{fs} v_{fs} - u_{s} v_{s} \right).$$
(A.2c)

The virtual mass force coefficient $C^{s,f}$ in (A.2) is given by (Pudasaini, 2019):

$$C^{s,f} = \frac{\mathcal{N}_{vm}^0(\ell + \alpha_s^n) - 1}{\alpha_s/\alpha_f + \gamma_s^f},\tag{A.3}$$

where \mathcal{N}_{vm} is the virtual mass number, and ℓ and *n* are some numerical parameters. This model covers any distribution of the dispersive phase (dilute to dense distribution of the solid particles) that evolves automatically as a function of solid volume fraction. The physically most relevant values for the parameters can be: $\mathcal{N}_{vm}^0 = 10$, $\ell = 0.12$ and n = 1. The other virtual mass force coefficients $C^{s,fs}$ and $C^{fs,f}$ can be constructed from (A.3). Similarly, the virtual mass force induced mass and momentum enhancements for the fine-solid and fluid phases are given by:

$$u_{fs}^{vm} = \gamma_{fs}^{f} C^{fs,f} \left(u_{f} - u_{fs} \right) - \alpha_{fs}^{s} C^{s,fs} \left(u_{fs} - u_{s} \right),$$
(A.4a)

$$uu_{fs}^{vm} = \gamma_{fs}^{f} C^{fs,f} \left(u_{f}^{2} - u_{fs}^{2} \right) - \alpha_{fs}^{s} C^{s,fs} \left(u_{fs}^{2} - u_{s}^{2} \right),$$
(A.4b)

$$uv_{fs}^{vm} = \gamma_{fs}^{f} C^{fs,f} \left(u_{f} v_{f} - u_{fs} v_{fs} \right) - \alpha_{fs}^{s} C^{s,fs} \left(u_{fs} v_{fs} - u_{s} v_{s} \right),$$
(A.4c)

and

$$u_{f}^{vm} = \alpha_{f}^{s} C^{s,f} \left(u_{f} - u_{s} \right) + \alpha_{f}^{fs} C^{fs,f} \left(u_{f} - u_{fs} \right),$$
(A.5a)

$$uu_{f}^{vm} = \alpha_{f}^{s} C^{s,f} \left(u_{f}^{2} - u_{s}^{2} \right) + \alpha_{f}^{fs} C^{fs,f} \left(u_{f}^{2} - u_{fs}^{2} \right),$$
(A.5b)

$$uv_{f}^{vm} = \alpha_{f}^{s} C^{s,f} \left(u_{f} v_{f} - u_{s} v_{s} \right) + \alpha_{f}^{fs} C^{fs,f} \left(u_{f} v_{f} - u_{fs} v_{fs} \right),$$
(A.5c)

respectively, where, $\alpha_{fs}^s = \alpha_s/\alpha_{fs}$, $\alpha_f^s = \alpha_s/\alpha_f$ and $\alpha_f^{fs} = \alpha_{fs}/\alpha_f$ are the fraction ratios. By consistently replacing *u* by *v* in (A.2)–(A.5), we obtain the virtual mass induced mass and momentum enhancements in the *y*-direction.

C. The *x*-directional fluid-type basal shear stresses in the *xz*plane are given, either by the no-slip condition (for both the fluid, and fine-solid):

$$\left[\frac{\partial u_f}{\partial z}\right]_b = \chi_{u_f} \frac{u_f}{h}, \quad \left[\frac{\partial u_{fs}}{\partial z}\right]_b = \chi_{u_{fs}} \frac{u_{fs}}{h}, \tag{A.6}$$

or by the no-slip condition for fluid, and the Coulomb-slip condition for fine-solid:

$$\left[\frac{\partial u_f}{\partial z}\right]_b = \chi_{u_f} \frac{u_f}{h}, \quad \left[\frac{\partial u_{fs}}{\partial z}\right]_b = \frac{C_{u_{fs}}^F}{v_{fs}^e} p_{fs} + 2C_{u_{fs}}^F \frac{\partial u_{fs}}{\partial x}, \tag{A.7}$$

with the Coulomb friction coefficient $C_{u_{fs}}^F = -u_{fs}/|\mathbf{u}_{fs}|\tan \delta_{fs}$, where δ_{fs} is the basal friction angle for the fine-solid. The parameters χ_{u_f} and $\chi_{u_{fs}}$ in (A.6) and (A.7) model the possible velocity distributions of the respective phases in the *xz*-plane normal to the sliding surface.

D. The viscous stresses associated with v_{fs}^e and v_f^e in (16b)–(16c) are related to the Newtonian-type viscous stresses. They include pressure, rate, yield strength and friction, see below.

E. The effective fluid and fine-solid kinematic viscosities are given by:

$$v_{f}^{e} = v_{f} + \frac{\tau_{y_{f}}}{\|\mathbf{D}_{f}\|} \left[1 - \exp\left(-r_{y}\|\mathbf{D}_{f}\|\right)\right],$$

$$v_{fs}^{e} = v_{fs} + \frac{\tau_{y_{fs}}}{\|\mathbf{D}_{fs}\|} \left[1 - \exp\left(-r_{y}\|\mathbf{D}_{fs}\|\right)\right],$$
(A.8)

where τ_{y_f} and $\tau_{y_{fs}}$ are the corresponding yield stresses, r_y are the parameters for regularization, and $\tau_{y_{fs}} = \sin \phi_{fs} p_{fs}$, and, \mathbf{D}_f is the deviatoric strain-rate tensor for fluid. In the viscosities (A.8), the depth-averaged norm of \mathbf{D}_f is obtained as:

$$\|\mathbf{D}_{f}\| = \left|4\frac{\partial u_{f}}{\partial x}\frac{\partial v_{f}}{\partial y} - \left(\frac{\partial u_{f}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_{f}}{\partial x}\right)^{2} - \left(\left[\frac{\partial u_{f}}{\partial z}\right]_{b}\right)^{2} - \left(\left[\frac{\partial v_{f}}{\partial z}\right]_{b}\right)^{2}\right|^{1/2},$$
(A.9)

 $\|\mathbf{D}_{f}\|$ is given by the second invariant $(H_{\mathbf{D}_{f}})$ of the deviatoric strainrate tensor for fluid: $\|\mathbf{D}_{f}\| = \sqrt{H_{\mathbf{D}_{f}}}$ with, $H_{\mathbf{D}_{f}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\operatorname{tr} (\mathbf{D}_{f})^{2} - \operatorname{tr} (\mathbf{D}_{f}^{2}) \right]$. The norm of the deviatoric strain-rate tensor for fine-solid, \mathbf{D}_{fs} , is obtained similarly.

Flow and No-flow regions: The yield criteria help to precisely distinguish the flow and no-flow regions and depend on the rate of deformation and the material strengths for both the fine-solid and fluid phases. Both the fine-solid and fluid phases yield plastically if the measures of the deviatoric stress tensors overcome the strengths of the materials. See, Pudasaini and Mergili [1] for more details.

F. The *x*-directional enhanced non-Newtonian viscous stress contribution (denoted by nN) for fine-solid due to the non-uniform distribution of the solid particles in the fine-solid is given by:

$$\tau_{nN}^{fs^{x}} = \frac{\mathcal{A}^{fs,s}}{\alpha_{fs}} \left\{ 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(v_{fs}^{e} \frac{\partial \alpha_{s}}{\partial x} \left(u_{fs} - u_{s} \right) \right) \right\}$$

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$$+ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(v_{f_s}^e \left(\frac{\partial \alpha_s}{\partial x} \left(v_{f_s} - v_s \right) + \frac{\partial \alpha_s}{\partial y} \left(u_{f_s} - u_s \right) \right) \right) \right\} \\ - \frac{\mathcal{A}^{f_{s,s}}}{\alpha_{f_s}} \frac{\xi_s \alpha_s v_{f_s}^e \left(u_{f_s} - u_s \right)}{h^2}.$$
(A.10)

Similarly, the enhanced non-Newtonian viscous stress contribution for fluid due to the non-uniform distribution of the fine-solid and solid particles in the fluid is given by:

$$\begin{split} f_{nN}^{fx} &= \frac{\mathcal{A}^{f,s}}{\alpha_{f}} \left\{ 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(v_{f}^{e} \frac{\partial \alpha_{s}}{\partial x} \left(u_{f} - u_{s} \right) \right) \right. \\ &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(v_{f}^{e} \left(\frac{\partial \alpha_{s}}{\partial x} \left(v_{f} - v_{s} \right) + \frac{\partial \alpha_{s}}{\partial y} \left(u_{f} - u_{s} \right) \right) \right) \right\} \\ &- \frac{\mathcal{A}^{f,s}}{\alpha_{f}} \frac{\xi_{s} \alpha_{s} v_{f}^{e} \left(u_{f} - u_{s} \right)}{h^{2}} \\ &+ \frac{\mathcal{A}^{f,fs}}{\alpha_{f}} \left\{ 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(v_{f}^{e} \frac{\partial \alpha_{fs}}{\partial x} \left(u_{f} - u_{fs} \right) \right) \\ &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(v_{f}^{e} \left(\frac{\partial \alpha_{fs}}{\partial x} \left(v_{f} - v_{fs} \right) + \frac{\partial \alpha_{fs}}{\partial y} \left(u_{f} - u_{fs} \right) \right) \right) \right\} \\ &- \frac{\mathcal{A}^{f,fs}}{\alpha_{f}} \frac{\xi_{fs} \alpha_{fs} v_{f}^{e} \left(u_{f} - u_{fs} \right) }{h^{2}}. \end{split}$$

$$(A.11)$$

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