Photogrammetric model of the Kongur normal fault (Qimugan site), Pamir, northwestern China

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Collection Overview

This dataset (SfM point clouds and 0.2 m DEM) covers the terraces at the outlet of the Qimugan river (E 74.592°, N 39.089°), located in the Muji basin in Pamir, northwestern China. These terraces are offset by vertical motion along the frontal Kongur normal fault dipping west. We collected 4676 images (5472×3648 pixels) covering a ~1.9 km² of the research area using a consumer UAV DJI Phantom Professional V2.0. The Structure from Motion (SfM) point clouds was produced by using the commercial Photoscan Pro software (Photoscan). The SfM point cloud density was ~195 points/m² which could yield a ~7.16 cm resolution DEM. In this project, the Surfer software was utilized to build the 0.2 m resolution DEM from the dense point cloud. This project was funded by the China National Science Foundation (Grant Numbers: 41802229 and 41772221). The primary motivation for the acquisition of the data set was a study of young fluvial terrace riser degradation.

Before taking aerial photographs, 13 ground control points (GCPs) were distributed throughout the study area for georeferencing purposes. Then, 11 GCPs were implemented in the processing, removing the other two GCPs (marker 4 and 6) with big errors). We used self-spray paint to make GCPs which was composed a circle ~40 cm diameter with a spot about 10 cm diameter in the center on the surface. The survey of the markers was completed using a Trimble Geo 7X GNSS system that involves two units: fixed reference station and roving receiver. Each target center was recorded at least 15 times by the roving receiver with a 5 cm receiving accuracy. Then, precise positions of these markers were obtained by GPS post-processing software of Trimble Company. All points were acquired in WGS84/ UTM zone 43N.

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Survey Data



Fig. 1. Camera locations and image overlap.

Number of images:	4,676	Camera stations:	4,676
Flying altitude:	127 m	Tie points:	1,183,382
Ground resolution:	3.58 cm/pix	Projections:	32,731,523
Coverage area:	1.9 sq km	Reprojection error:	0.625 pix

Camera Model	Resolution	Focal Length	Pixel Size	Precalibrated
FC6310S (8.8 mm)	5472 x 3648	8.8 mm	2.41 x 2.41 um	No

Table 1. Cameras.

Camera Calibration



Fig. 2. Image residuals for FC6310S (8.8 mm).

FC6310S (8.8 mm)

4676 images

Resolution 5472 x 3648	Focal Length 8.8 mm	Pixel Size 2.41 x 2.41 um	Precalibrated No
Туре:	Frame	Skew:	0
Fx:	3122.83	Cx:	2734.82
Fy:	3122.83	Су:	1867.53
K1:	0.00148586	P1:	0.00192796
K2:	-0.00355925	P2:	-0.000975103
K3:	0.00258141	P3:	0
K4:	0	P4:	0

Camera Locations



Fig. 3. Camera locations and error estimates.

Z error is represented by ellipse color. X,Y errors are represented by ellipse shape. Estimated camera locations are marked with a black dot.

X error (m)	Y error (m)	XY error (m)	Z error (m)	Total error (m)
1.14136	1.21295	1.66551	106.461	106.474

Table 2. Average camera location error.

Ground Control Points



200 m

Fig. 4. GCP locations.

Label	XY error (m)	Z error (m)	Error (m)	Projections	Error (pix)
Marker 1	0.371331	0.541193	0.656336	36	0.256
Marker 2	0.270745	-0.947491	0.985415	45	0.317
Marker 3	0.484893	-0.52952	0.717992	46	0.349
Marker 5	0.301095	0.0166127	0.301553	38	0.340
Marker 7	0.246574	0.269699	0.365426	46	0.374
Marker 8	0.0595758	-0.00589329	0.0598666	66	0.291
Marker 9	0.325439	0.208837	0.386683	38	0.286
Marker 10	0.154564	-0.50235	0.525591	44	0.292
Marker 11	0.337773	-0.275937	0.436156	70	0.233

Label	XY error (m)	Z error (m)	Error (m)	Projections	Error (pix)
Marker 12	0.280604	-0.164021	0.325026	45	0.283
Marker 13	0.455561	-0.607137	0.759046	40	0.348
Total	0.320721	0.458426	0.559479		0.306

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Label	XY error (m)	Z error (m)	Error (m)	Projections	Error (pix)
Marker 4	0.448627	3.31457	3.34479	31	0.379
Marker 6	0.137873	-1.25655	1.26409	50	0.347
Total	0.33187	2.50652	2.52839		0.359

Table 4. Check points.

Digital Elevation Model



Fig. 5. Reconstructed digital elevation model.

Resolution: Point density: 7.16 cm/pix 195.015 points per sq m

Processing Parameters

General Cameras Aigned cameras Markers Coordinate system Point Cloud Points RMS reprojection error Max reprojection error Mean key point size Effective overlap **Alignment parameters** Accuracy Pair preselection Key point limit Tie point limit Constrain features by mask Matching time Aignment time **Optimization parameters** Parameters Optimization time **Depth Maps** Count **Reconstruction parameters** Quality Filtering mode Processing time **Dense Point Cloud** Points **Reconstruction parameters** Quality Depth filtering Processing time DEM Size Coordinate system **Reconstruction parameters** Source data Interpolation Orthomosaic Size Coordinate system Channels **Blending mode Reconstruction parameters** Surface Enable color correction

4676 4676 13 WGS 84 / UTM zone 43N (EPSG::32643) 1,183,382 of 1,599,266 0.258936 (0.624734 pix) 1.51595 (29.9393 pix) 2.44468 pix 31.9514 High Reference 40,000 10,000 No 1 days 4 hours 8 hours 26 minutes f, cx, cy, k1-k3, p1, p2 1 hours 34 minutes 4676 High Moderate 20 days 9 hours 448,095,092 High Moderate 9 days 7 hours 39,162 x 43,837 WGS 84 / UTM zone 43N (EPSG::32643) Dense cloud Enabled 40,714 x 50,965 WGS 84 (EPSG::4326) 3, uint8 Mosaic

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