

US Context and Rationale

• National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP) :

-> Congress tasked NOAA in 1995 to "form a working group to develop a plan for reducing tsunami risk to U.S. coastal communities".

-> Following the 2004 IO tsunami, congress passed TWEA (Tsunami Warning and Education Act) "to improve tsunami preparedness of at-risk areas in the United States and its territories."

-> Today's NTHMP includes NOAA, FEMA, USGS, and 28 US states/territories

• NTHMP Mapping and Modeling Subcommittee (MMS) :

-> Guidance for producing consistent and accurate *tsunami inundation and* evacuation zones

-> Detailed *tsunami hazard assessments* for all U.S. coastlines and *inundation* maps for evacuation planning for high-risk communities => *Model Benchmarking Activity*

-> Tsunami hazard guidance/products for maritime, land-use, and recovery planning



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 Current EC-NTHMP inundation maps :
 Inundation from Probable Maximum Tsunami (PMT) sources in Atlantic Ocean:

- => Volcanic collapse (La Palma CVV)
- => *Submarine Mass Failures* (SMFs; off the continental shelf)
- => *Coseismic* (LSB, PRT)
- -> Bare earth DEM, no erosion







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Current EC-PMT sources

-> LSB-M9 far-field *seismic source* : repeat of Lisbon 1755 [Barkan et al., 2008]

-> PRT-M9 far-field seismic source in PRT: 600 x 150 km (12 SIFT sources; 12 m slip; 600 yr of full convergence) [Knight, 2006; Grilli et al., 2010; NHESS]

-> CVV Far-field *flank collapse* of CVV (80 to 450 km³ volume; return period (?) perhaps 1,000– 100,000 yrs.

-> near-field SMFs on continental slope/margin: assumed to be rigid slumps with Currituck slide characteristics (*proxies*; 135 km³ volume)



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• Florida near-field **SMFs** (West Bahamas Banks)





[Schnyder et al., 2016] 6

• EC SMFs siting and parameterizing



-> Monte Carlo slope stability analyses : Along shore normal transects, for a simplified coastline (points numbered from N to S) [Grilli et al., 2009, MG]

=> areas of large landslide tsunami runup

-> Sediment availability/geology :

[Grilli et al. 2015, NH]

=> Areas 1-4 for siting Currituck SMF proxies



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Arthur Homes 09/25/2015

Maryland 1230 - 1279

Georgia 2470-2659

South Carolina

2150 - 2469

Florida

2690 - 3510

78°0'0"W



• Locations of boreholes and some available data for upper EC







-> SMF siting and parameters : Must be based on/informed by bathymetry and sub-bottom data => need for marine geology and geotechnics

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• Currituck SMF proxies :

-> idealized geometry and kinematics for rigid slump modeling



• Currituck SMF proxies :

-> Siting in Areas 1-4







h (m) 0 -500 -1000 -1500 -2000

• Currituck SMF proxies :

-> Tsunami generation modeling with NHWAVE in Areas 1-4



• Comparing coastal impact of SMF/PRT/CVV :



- -> SMFs dominate Coastal hazard (for upper US-EC)
- -> Similar patterns of nearshore waves are observed for all sources
- -> Coastal hazard controlled by nearshore bathymetry, particularly for a wide shelf [Details in Tehranirad et al., 2015, PAGEOH]



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• Comparing coastal impact of SMF/PRT/CVV :



-> Similar wave height distribution pattern for all PMTs

(5 m isobath)

-> SMFs dominate and thus their modeling matters

SMF importance for NTHMP inundation mapping

- Many NTHMP "states" (regions) face significant hazard from potential "landslide tsunamis" (this includes SMFs, subaerial slides, and volcanic collapse/eruption):
 - -> Alaska/Aleutian (historical Lituya Bay, Skagway, Kitimat, Unimak,

Valdez,...)

Lituya Bay

Skagway







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 - -> Oregon/Washington (Cascadia SSZ-induced SMFs)
 - -> California (Goleta, Big Sur, Palos Verdes...)
 - -> Hawai (Kalapana,...)
 - -> Gulf of Mexico (Mississippi Delta,...)
 - -> Puerto Rico (Mona Passage,...)
 - -> East Coast (Currituck and many others, Grand Bank,...)
- Many mechanisms => Many types of models are required in simulations
 => Need for model benchmarking





Landslide tsunami generation mechanism

- -> Many types of slide failures => various mechanisms of tsunami source
- -> Main parameters: volume, initial accel., depth/vertical motion, *rheology*
- -> Worst case: rotational rigid slides (slumps) are the most tsunamigenic



SMF tsunami generation mechanism

- -> Seismic triggering (as low as Mw = 7 ?) => ground acceleration (PHA) triggers landslide motion (Submarine Mass Failure; SMF)
 - => tsunami source
- -> SMF parameters and motion => tsunami generation and propagation (on- and off-shore)
- -> Tsunami coastal runup and inundation





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Currituck SMF proxy 1 : rheology effect

-> Compare tsunami generation/coastal hazard for rigid slump vs. deforming slide

- -> Use 2-layer model NHWAVE (water) NSWE (dense fluid) (see Benchmark #4)
- -> Center of mass motion, velocity, acceleration :



- -> Kinematics of fluid-like slide, with density $\rho_s = 1$, 900 kg/m³, viscosity $\mu_s = 500$ kg/(m.s) and Manning coefficient n = 0.05 (-), 0.10 (-), and 0.15 (-), compared to rigid slump (-)
- -> Initial acceleration of deforming slide is larger, but slump has larger one afterwards



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Currituck SMF proxy 1: rheology effect





Deforming slide

15

10

-15

Rigid slump





-> Surface elevation after 13.3 min (slump stops at 12 min; same runout)

-> Much larger waves generated by rigid slump (particularly onshore moving)

Currituck SMF proxy 1: rheology effect

-> Max envelope of surface elevation for :

(a) Slump; (b) deforming slide

-> (c,d) max/min surface elevation fct. of distance s at the 5 m isobath (yellow line)

[Manning coefficient n = 0.05 (-), 0.10 (-), and 0.15 (-), compared to rigid slump (-)]

-> Coastal hazard from slump is much higher at most places than for deforming slides

-> Slide rheology is important to SMF tsunami coastal hazard

[Grilli et al. 2016, NH]

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Workshop Rationale

-> A variety of models have been developed for landslide tsunami generation, propagation and coastal impact

-> The "Tsunami Community" has long ago recognized the *need for systematic and rigorous benchmarking and validation* of tsunami models, against analytical, laboratory and field benchmark (see Philip Liu's talk):

- Catalina Island, CA, "Long Wave Runup workshop" (1990) (NSF)
- Friday Harbor, WA," Long Wave Runup workshop" (1995) (NSF)
- Honolulu, HI, "Landslide Tsunami workshop" (2003) (NSF)
- Catalina Island, CA, "Model Benchmarking workshop" (2004) (NTHMP, NSF)
- Galveston, TX, "Model Benchmarking workshop" (runup) and " Landslide Tsunami workshop" (2011) (NTHMP)
- Portland, OR, "Tsunami Model Validation workshop" (velocities) (2015) (NTHMP)

Workshop Rationale

-> Following the earlier NTHMP model benchmarking workshops for long wave model runup (Galveston, 2011) and long wave velocity (Portland, 2015) => similar approach and goals for this workshop

-> Expected outcomes:

- 1. A set of *community accepted benchmark tests* for validating models for landslide tsunami generation (different classes)
- 2. A set of comparison of results of state-of-the-art landslide tsunami generation models with the set of benchmarks
 - => Consensus on acceptable accuracy/error/msifit thresholds
- 3. Recommendations for future model/test developments
- 4. NTHMP set of criteria for acceptable landslide tsunami models

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- => Many presentations of models and results by modelers (16 models/variations)
- => Comparison of model results for benchmarks 2, 4 and 7
- -> Landslides must be understood in their *geological/geotechnical/field* context :
 - => Three presentations of those aspects by : D. Tappin, J. Chaytor and H. Lee
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Day 1: Monday January 9th (morning)

- 9-9:15 Welcoming, logistics Horrillo, Girimaji
- 9:15-9:45 Overview, Rationale, and Goals for present workshop Grilli
- 9:45-10:00 Reviewing previous benchmarking workshops Liu
- 10-10:30 Overview of field work and issues David Tappin
- 10:30-11:00 Break
- 11-11:45 Description of benchmark problems Kirby
- 11:45–12:15 "Physical Modeling of Tsunamis generated by 2D and 3D granular Landslides in various Scenarios from Fjords to conical Islands" – Hermann Fritz
- 12:15–1:45 Lunch

Day 1: Monday January 9th (afternoon)

- 1:45-2:15 Model descriptions and results: Landslide-HySEA Jorge Macias
- 2:15-2:30 Model descriptions and results: Alaska model Dmitry Nicolsky
- 2:30-2:50 Model descriptions and results: Geo-Claw/D-Claw David George
- 2:50-3:05 "New experiments on landslide tsunami on a conical island" Giorgio Bellotti
- 3:05-3:35 Break
- 3:35-3:55 Model descriptions and results: FBSlide Isaac Fine
- 3:55-4:20 Model descriptions and results: Globouss and BoussClaw Finn Lovholt
- 4:20-4:45 Model descriptions and results: LS3D and 2LCMFLOW Behzad Ataie-Ashtiani (Kirby presenting)
- 4:45-5:15 Model descriptions and results: Tsunami3D Juan Horrillo
- ? Group dinner

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- 10:45-11:15 Break
- 11:15–11:45 "Small scale experiments of subaerial and submarine landslides" Olivier Kimmoun
- 11:45–12:15 Model descriptions and results: Coulwave, mild-slope equation, OpenFOAM – Pat Lynett
- 12:15–1:45 Lunch

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Thank you

