

#### LANDSLIDE TSUNAMI GENERATION (3D) and PROPAGATION (2D)





# TSUNAMI HAZARD IN the GOM



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# National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program Construction of tsunami inundation maps in the Gulf of Mexico.

## **SCOPE**

The goal of this project is to establish a systematic production of tsunami inundation maps along the US coast of the GOM aimed to provide guidance to state emergency managers and optimize real-time tsunami warnings to communities on the GOM coastline.

So far the construction of tsunami maps is based on identified past events of local submarine landslides and other hypothetical local landslide sources. It is planned in the near future to implement a probabilistic approach (proposal about to be submitted to the NTHMP). For practical tsunami application (construction of inundation maps) in the GOM two numerical models are used:

# TSUNAMI3D & NEOWAVE

**TSUNAMI3D (3D T**sunami **S**olution **U**sing a **N**avier-Stokes **A**lgorithm with **M**ultiple Interfaces).

**NEOWAVE** (Non-hydrostatic Evolution of Ocean WAVE).

For practical tsunami application (construction of inundation maps) in the GOM two numerical models are used:

1. The landslide generation (tsunami source) is taken by the 3D Navier-Stokes model developed by the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) and Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) dubbed TSUNAMI3D for Tsunami Solution Using Navier-Stokes Algorithm with Multiple Interfaces.

2. The tsunami wave propagation and inundation is carried out by the 2D non-hydrostatic/hydrostatic model developed by the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) and the University of Hawaii (UH), NEOWAVE for Non-hydrostatic Evolution of Ocean WAVE.

Using Stelling, Casulli and Zijlema 2003 approach.

#### TSUNAMI3D:

Tsunami Solution Using Navier-Stokes Algorithm with Multiple Interfaces.

- Solves transient fluid flow with free surface boundaries
- Concept of the fractional VOF.
- Eulerian mesh of rectangular cells having variable sizes
- Bathymetry or objects are defined by blocking out fully or partially any desired combination of cells in the mesh.
- Finite difference approximation of the Navier-Stokes and the continuity equations.
- Used for calculations involving two incompressible fluids separated by a sharp or no-sharp interface.
- The hydrodynamic (nonhydrostatic) pressure field is solved using the incomplete Choleski conjugated gradient method.

# TSUNAMI3D FEATURES:

Tsunami Solution Using Navier-Stokes Algorithm with Multiple Interfaces.

- Algorithm for tracking to account for the horizontal distortion with respect of the vertical scale which is proper in the construction of efficient 3D grids for tsunami simulations.
- The pressure term is split in two components, hydrostatic and nonhydrostatic. faster convergence? & to discern non-hydrostatic effects of the hydrostatic
- Moving or deformable objects capability
- Subaerial/subsea landslide including simplified soil rheology
- Complex vertical or lateral bottom deformation.
- TSUNAMI3D : FORTRAN and MATLAB (post-processing)
- Usually a 3D simulation: requires a large amount of computer memory and CPU wall time to obtain the solution. Subroutines, uses OPENMP & PETSC-MPI library to solve the pressure field.

# MODEL VALIDATION 1.Lab Experiments 2.Analytical Sol. 3. Commercial Package Comparison

1. Tsunami generation and runup due to 3D landslide

2. Tsunami generation and runup due to 2D landslide

3. Practical 2D numerical simulation comparison with a commercial package













# MODEL VALIDATION 1.Tsunami Generation and Runup due to 3D Landslide





# Tsunami generation and runup due to 3D landslide Experiment 🐨=0.025m



# Tsunami generation and runup due to 3D landslide Experiment 🕅=0.10m









# Practical 2D numerical simulation comparison with COMERCIAL PACKAGE



# Tsunami generation and runup due to 2D landslide



# Tsunami generation and runup due to 2D landslide





# CURRENT VALIDATION WORKS and ADDITIONAL MODEL VALIDATION LITUYA BAY CASE





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#### SIMPLE MODEL RHEOLOGY TEST









## **GOM - CONSTRUCTION OF TSUNAMI INUNDATION MAPS-**





excavation limits and surrounding bathymetry (in meters).



(in meters).



West Florida submarine landslide location, excavation limits and surrounding bathymetry (in meters).





# EAST BREAKS LANDSLIDE CASE







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# EAST BREAKS LANDSLIDE









# **MISSISSIPPI CANYON LANDSLIDE CASE**



# MISSISSIPPI CANYON LANDSLIDE MAXIMUM WAVE AMPLITUDE



# MISSISSIPPI CANYON LANDSLIDE - ZOOM UP -MAXIMUM WAVE AMPLITUDE







# WEST FLORIDA LANDSLIDE CASE

# WEST FLORIDA LANDSLIDE MAXIMUM WAVE AMPLITUDE







# EAST BREAKS LANDSLIDE INUNDATION RESULTS



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#### EAST BREAKS INUNDATION DEPTH







# **MISSISSIPPI CANYON LANDSLIDE INUNDATION RESULTS**





#### **MISSISSIPPI CANYON INUNDATION ELEVATION**





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# CONCLUSIONS

These landslide scenarios have the potential to cause severe flooding and damage to the GOM coastal communities and oil infrastructure. Such landslide sources can flood Port Aransas with an:

Avg. water elevation of 7 - 13ft (2.1 - 3.9m) Avg. water depth of 3 - 8ft (0.9 - 2.4m)

In term of flooding the tsunamis generated by these landslide are comparable to storm surges originated by hurricanes of category 2 to 4.



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# **Table 1.** Maximum Water Elevation for hurricane of a<br/>given category in Port Aransas TX.

Hurricane	Maximum Water	Numerical Model
Category	Elevation Range (ft)	Result
1	4.3-4.9	
2	7.3-7.6	East-Breaks
3	9.6-10.3	
4	13-13.2	Mississippi Canyon
5	16.3-16.6	

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# CONCLUSIONS

Tsunami energy focusing is identified in several regions along the GOM coastline

Regions most impacted are:

- 1- southern tip of South Padre Island, TX.,
- 2- Grand Island, LA,
- 3- Fort Walton Beach-to-Cape San Blas, FL,
- 4- Tamaulipas, Mexico.



# PUERTO RICO -MONA 1918 EARTHQUAKE-SUBSEA LANDSLIDE ?





# Probabilistic Approach Late Tsunami Arrival and Tsunami Energy Focusing due to Distant Secondary Sources



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**Probabilistic Approach** 

# LOCAL AMPLIFICATION DUE TO the INMEDIATE CONTINENTAL SHELF





# Probabilistic Approach Landslide Tsunami Propagation Model Nonhydrostatic vs. Hydrostatic

