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Oregon State University

Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure  
Coastal Wave/Surge and Tsunami Experimental Facility

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O.H. Hinsdale Wave Research Laboratory

Large Wave Flume and Directional Wave Basin



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## O.H. Hinsdale Wave Research Laboratory

Example Applications of Natural Hazards Research

Tsunami Generation by Landslides

Key features:

Directional Wave Basin

Special machine to generate tsunamis by landslides

Optical measurement of the surface elevation

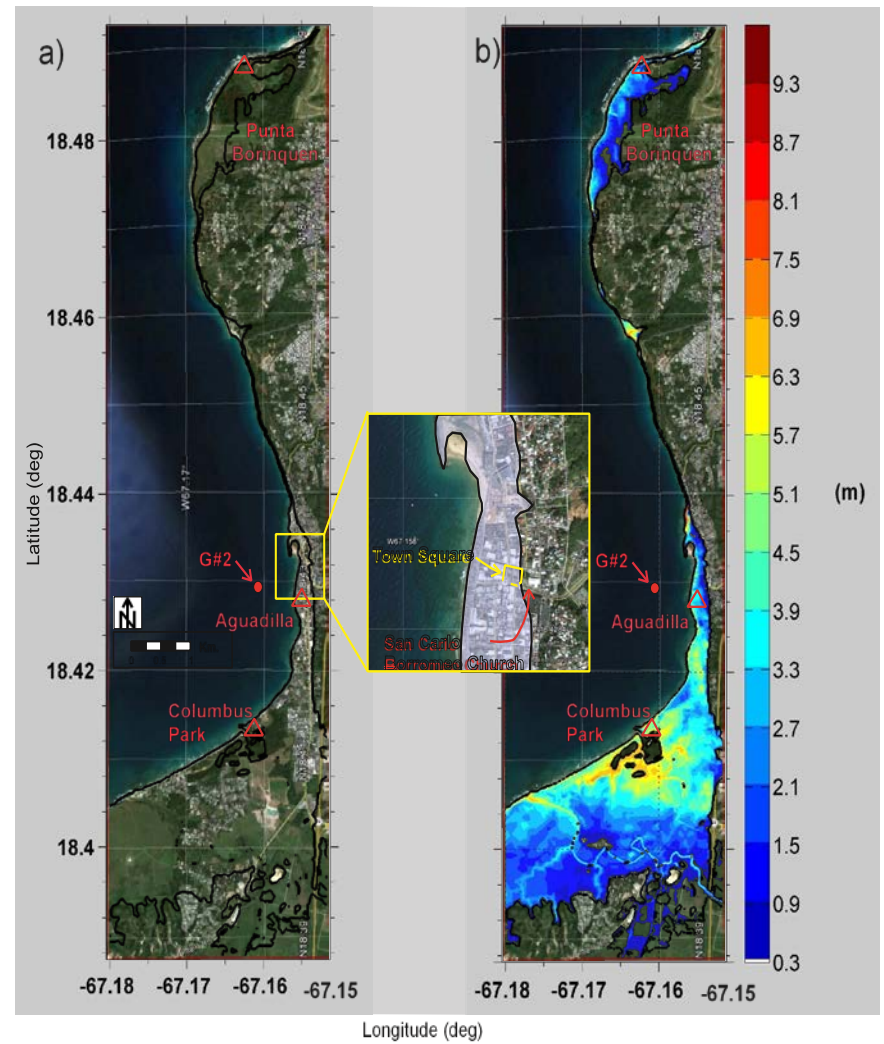
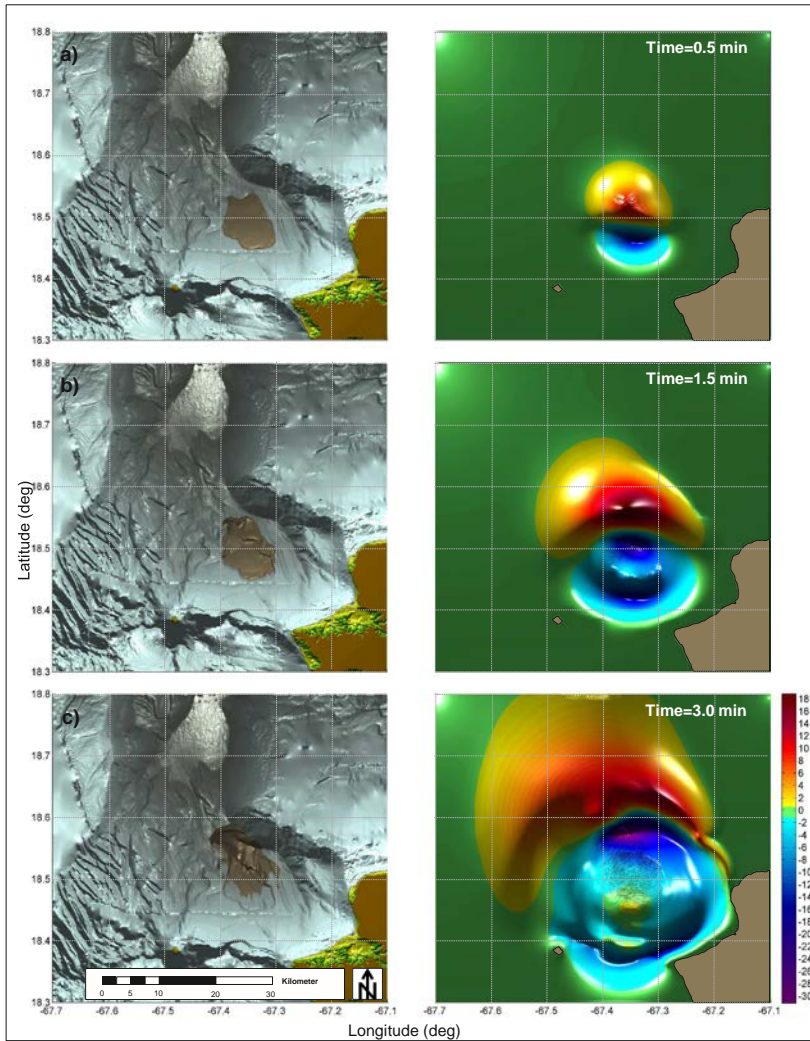
Interaction with coastal structures

Numerical simulation and validation



# Example Applications for ENH Research

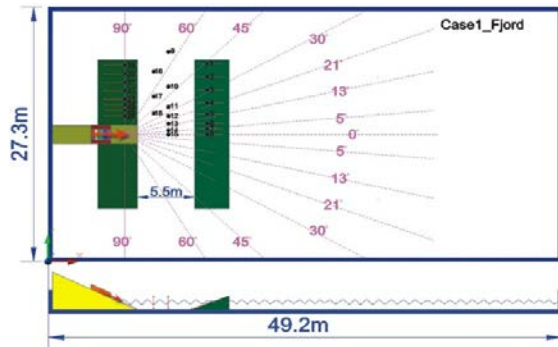
Tsunami Generation by Landslides. Georgia Institute of Technology, Texas A&M



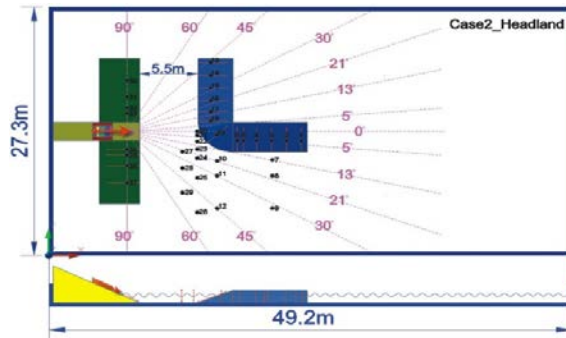
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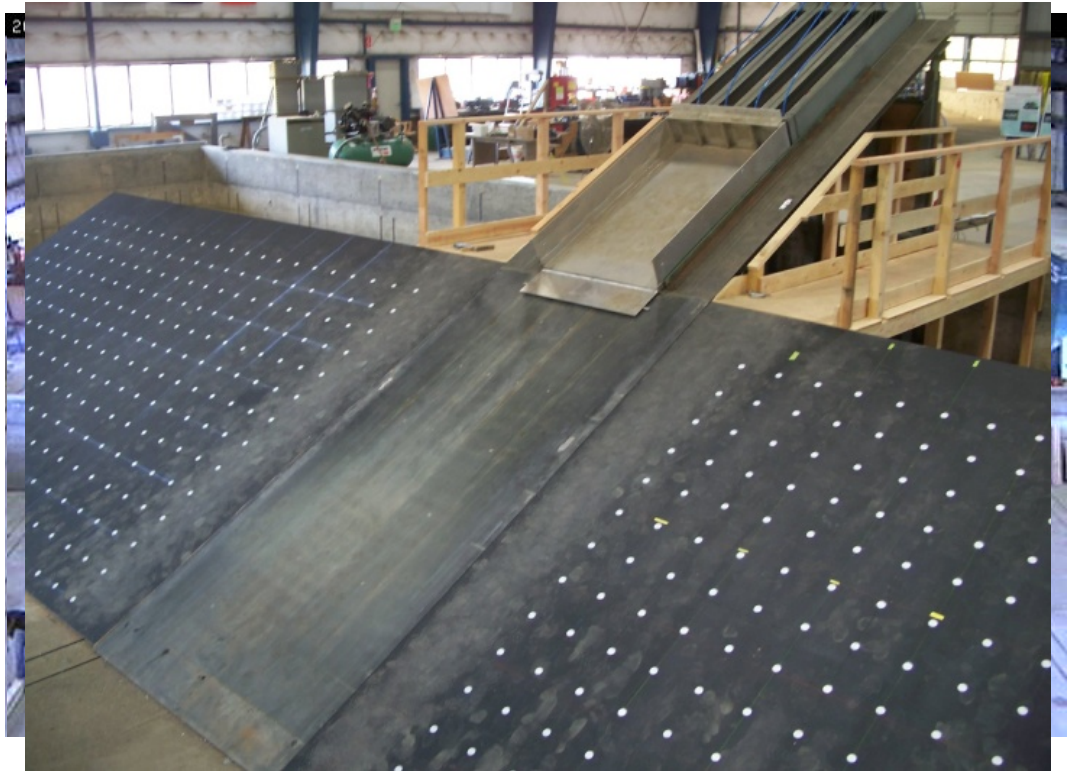
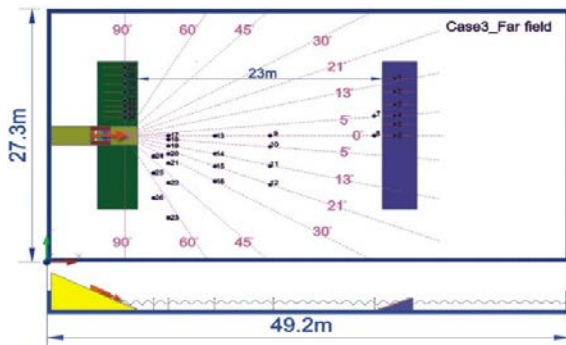
Fjord Experiment



Headland Experiment



Far Field Experiment



Bathymetry: idealized, fixed

Hydrodynamic conditions: landslide tsunami

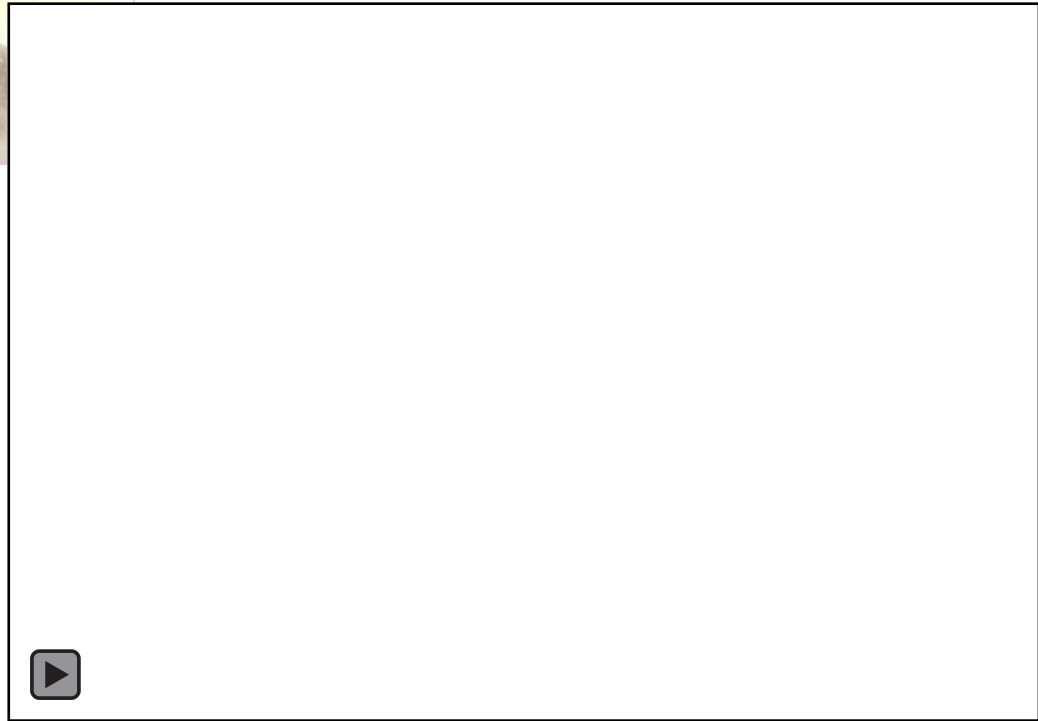
Instrumentation: wave gauges (surface elevation), still and video cameras

Model: pneumatic piston tsunami generator, rigid slopes as boundaries



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Example Applications of Natural Hazards Research

Wave and current interactions with coastal structures

### Key features

Directional Wave Basin

Construction of a real bathymetry

In-situ wave conditions

Tidal (ebb) current conditions

Nearshore sediment transport (mobile bed)

Laser scanner (LIDAR) survey

Numerical model validation



# Example Applications for ENH Research

## Wave and current interactions with coastal structures

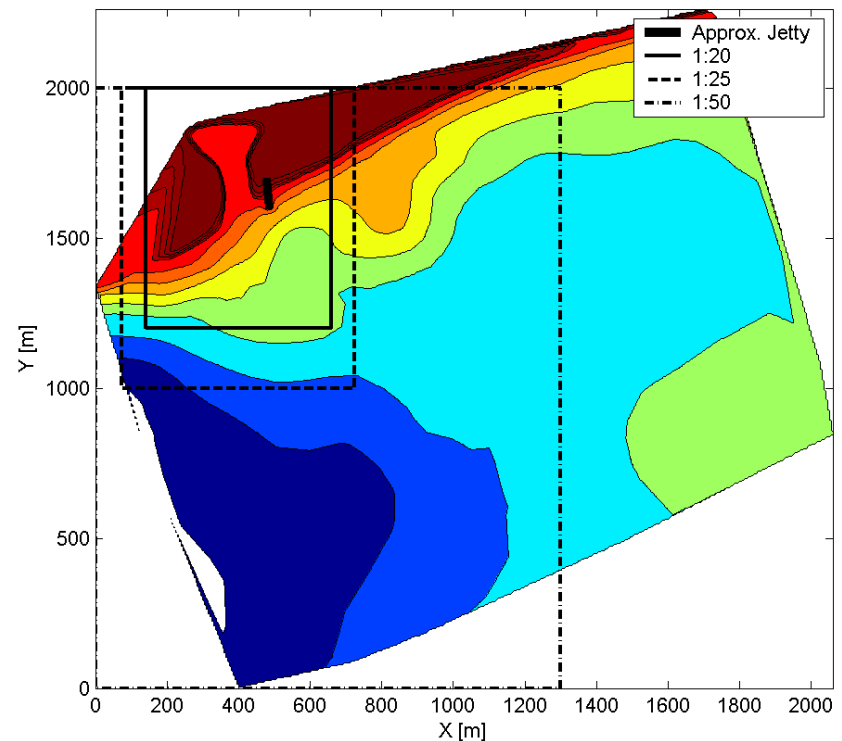
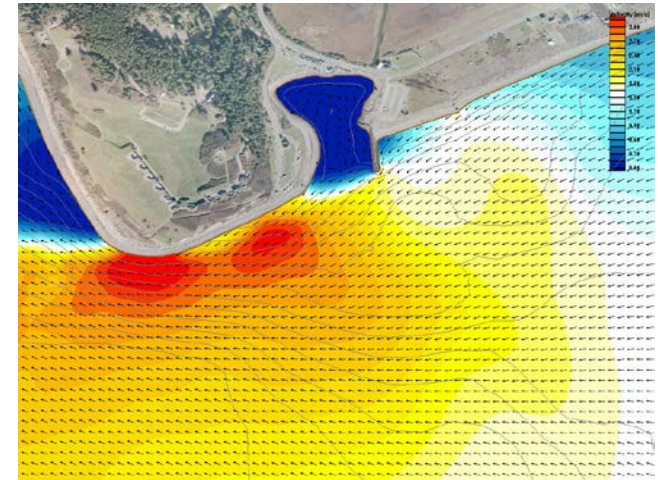
### Physical model study



Facility: Directional Wave Basin

#### Model design:

- Scaling selection
- Wave conditions
- Current conditions
- Bathymetry construction (fixed bed)
- Sediment transport (mobile bed)



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## Wave and current interactions with coastal structures

Scale 1:40

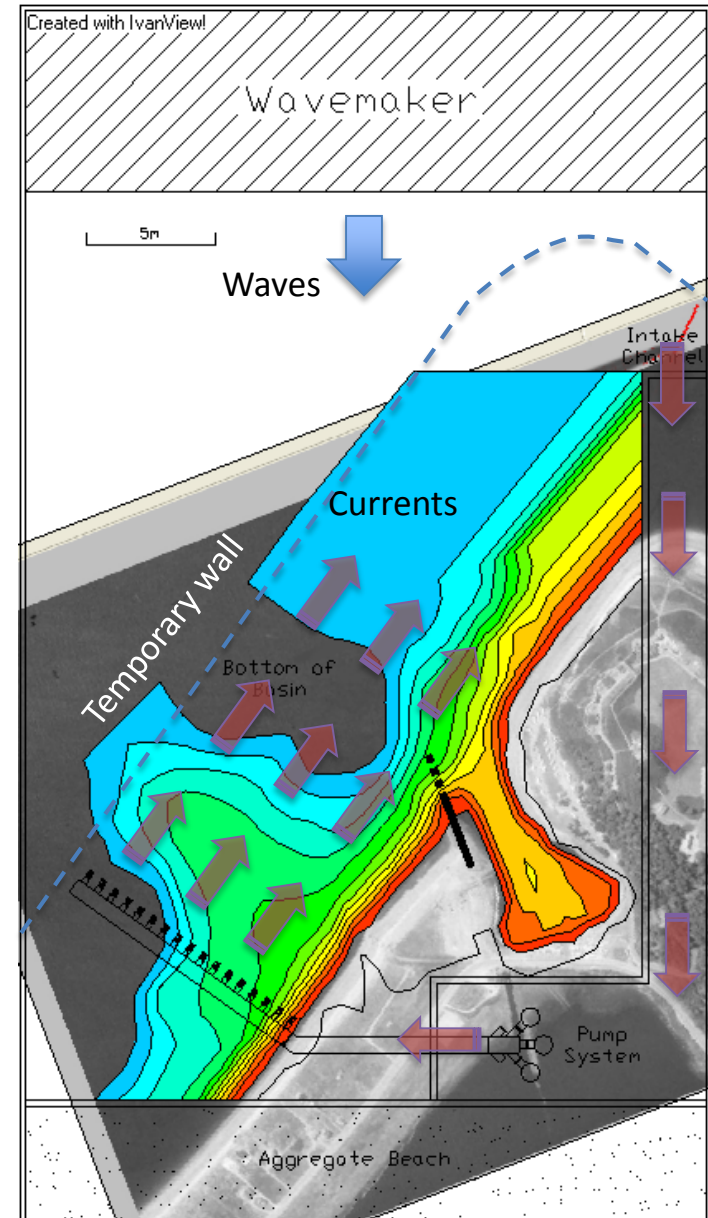
Max depth 25 m

Uniform alongshore (ebb)

Orientation for “worst case” wave conditions

Range of sediments from sand to cobble

Bathymetry construction

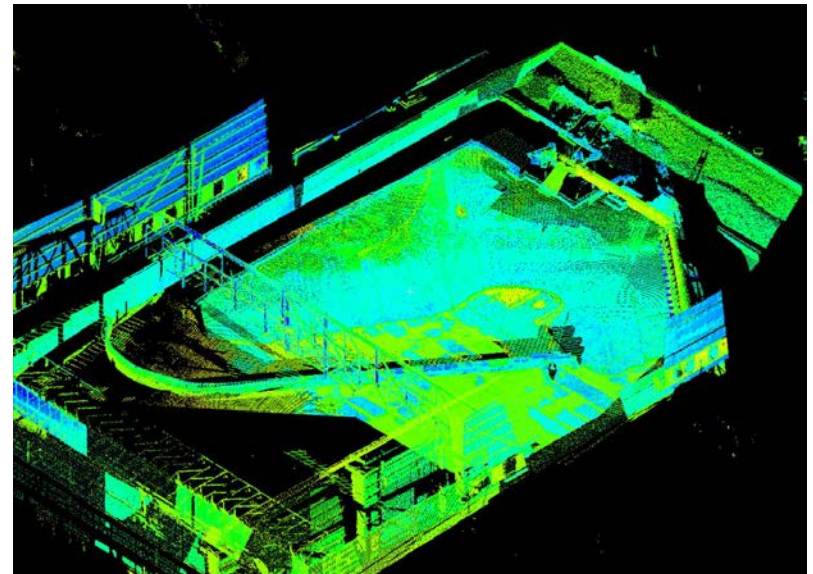
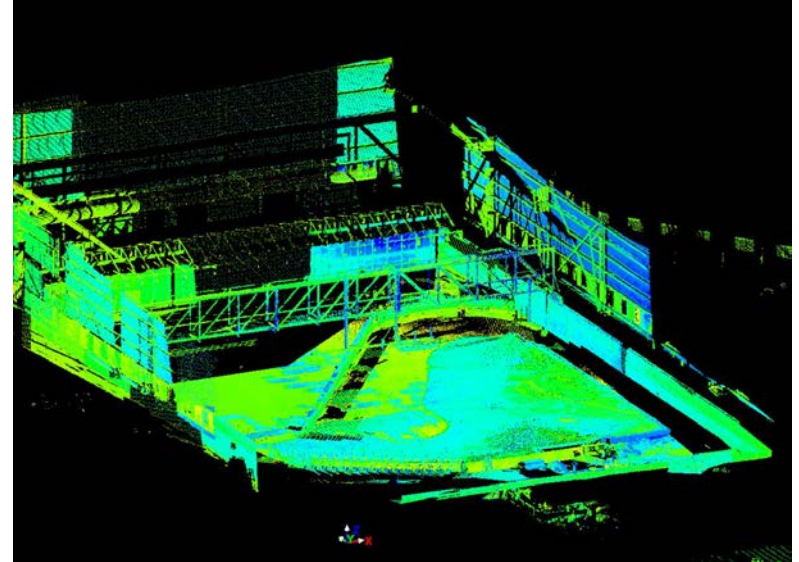
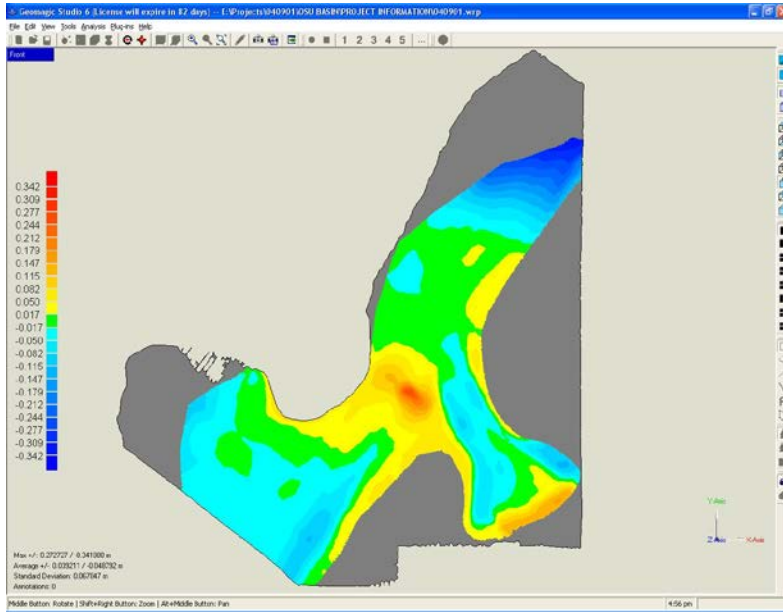




# Example Applications for ENH Research

## Wave and current interactions with coastal structures

### Model construction verification survey (LIDAR)





## Example Applications for ENH Research

Wave and current interactions with coastal structures

Wave study and its effect on sediment transport





# Example Applications for ENH Research

## Wave and current interactions with coastal structures

Current study and its effect on navigation  
for different alternatives





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## O.H. Hinsdale Wave Research Laboratory

### Example Applications of Natural Hazards Research

Tsunami runup and withdrawal dynamics on a sloping beach with discontinuous macro-roughness

#### Key features

Directional Wave Basin

Use of existing modular bathymetry

Full-stroke tsunami generation (user defined)

Modular patches

Resistive wave gauges, acoustic probes and ADV's

Pilot, payload and full project phases



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Tsunami runup and withdrawal dynamics on a sloping beach with discontinuous macro-roughness.  
Virginia Tech



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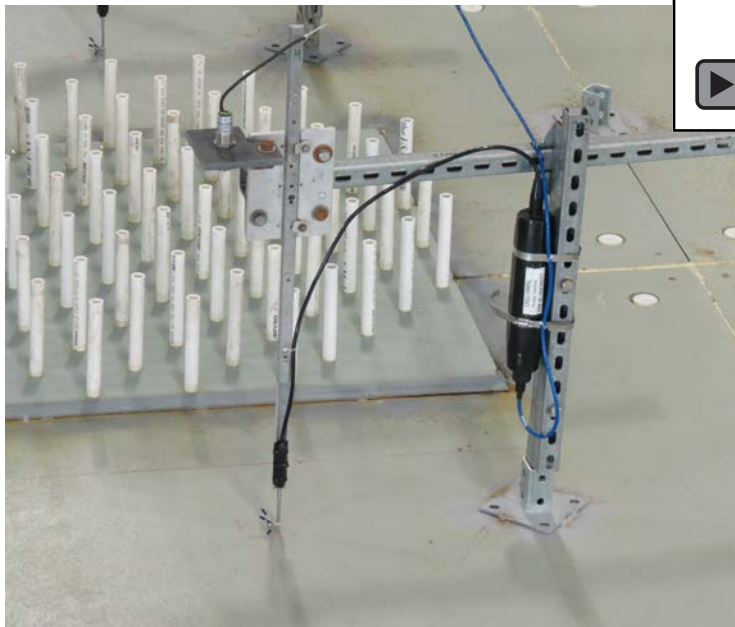
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Multi-phase project:

Pilot and payload project

Wave calibration

Full project



Bathymetry: idealized, fixed

Hydrodynamic conditions: Full-stroke tsunami

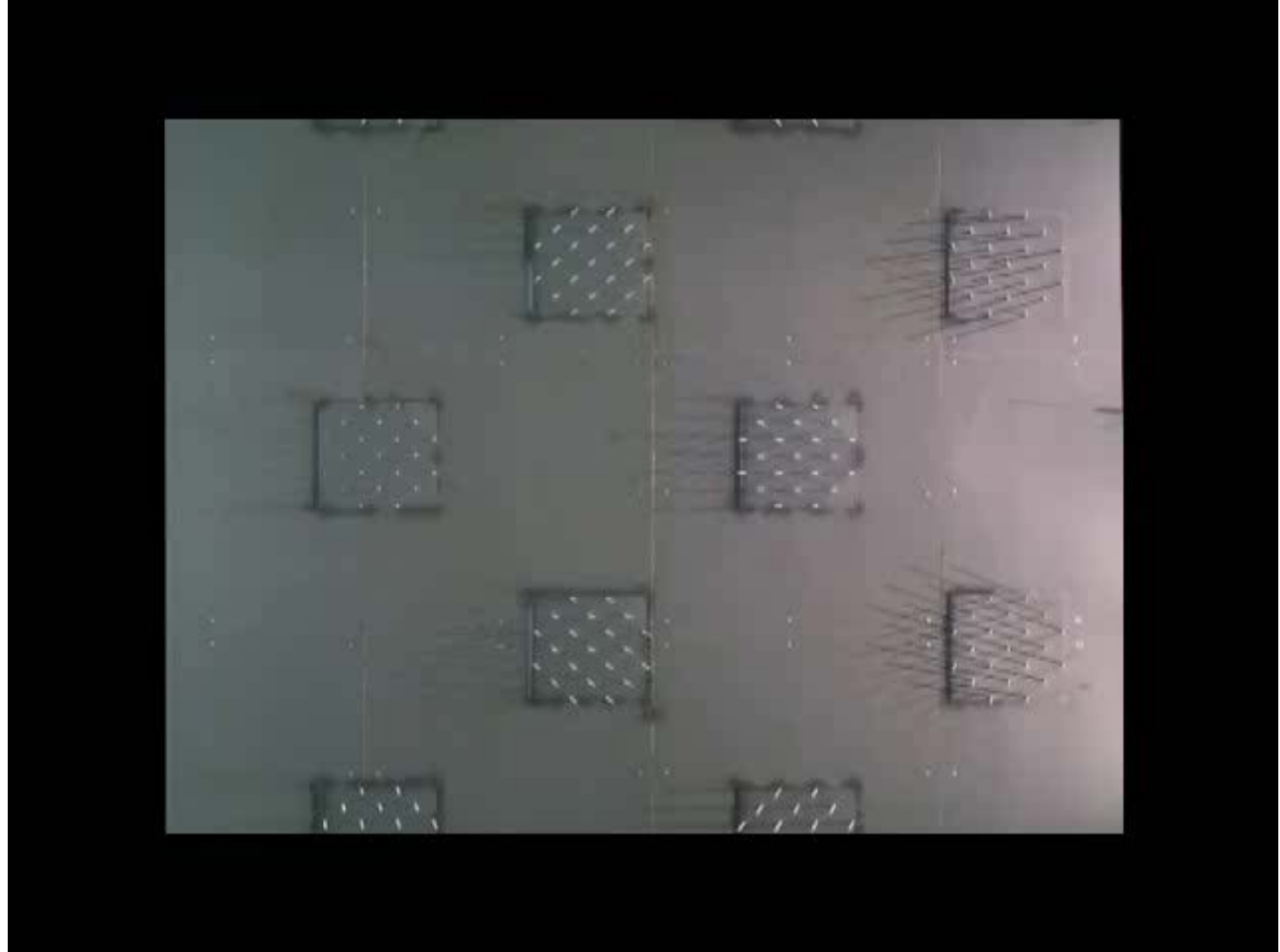
Instrumentation: wave gauges (surface elevation), acoustic probes (run-up), ADV (3D velocity), still and video cameras

Model: patches of vertical cylinders



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## O.H. Hinsdale Wave Research Laboratory

### Example Applications of Natural Hazards Research

#### Tsunami impact forces on bridges

##### Key features

Large Wave Flume

Modular, variable slope beach profile

Two 1:5 bridge specimens (steel girders and concrete slab)

Tsunami and (storm) wave impact forces

Hydrodynamics and structure response

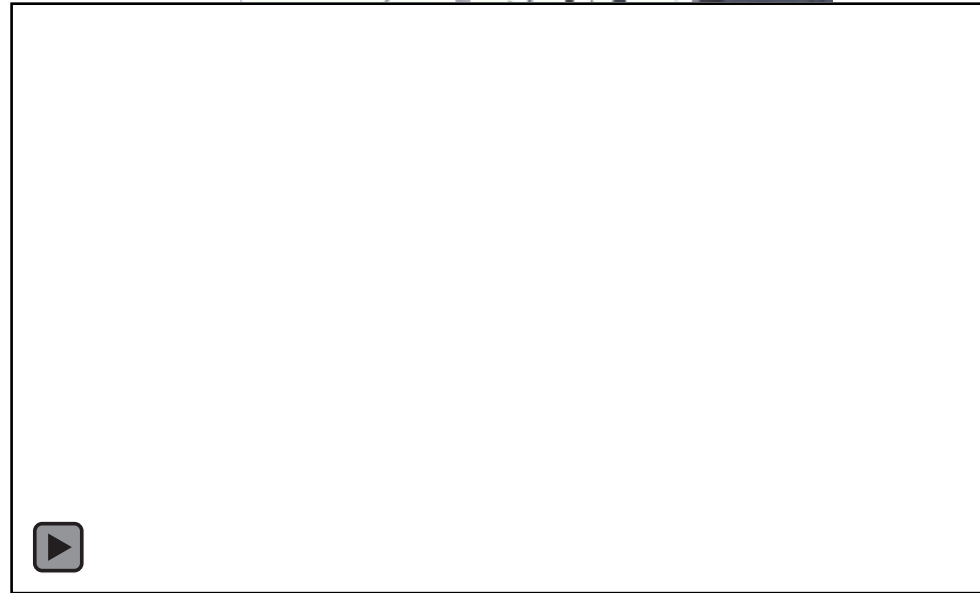
Numerical validation



# Example Applications for ENH Research

## Tsunami impact forces on bridges. University of Nevada - Reno

Preliminary tests: Tsunami generation and bore formation



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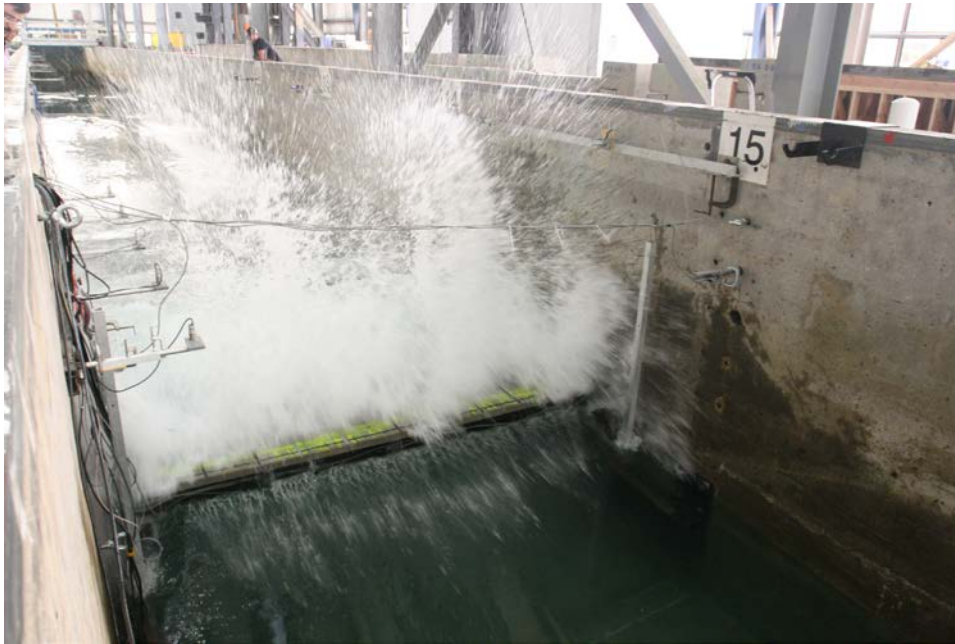
Model construction and installation





# Example Applications for ENH Research

## Tsunami impact forces on bridges. University of Nevada - Reno



Bathymetry: idealized, fixed, adapted configuration

Hydrodynamic conditions: Solitary-waves and storm waves, variable depth

Instrumentation: wave gauges (surface elevation), acoustic probes (overtopping), ADV (3D velocity), pressure gauges, load cells, strain gauges, accelerometers, position transducers, still and video (underwater) cameras

Models: 1:5 steel girder and concrete slab bridge

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### Example Applications of Natural Hazards Research

Levee overtopping

Key features

Large Wave Flume

Full-scale levee with natural grass

Overtopping measurement and recirculation system



# Example Applications for ENH Research

## Levee overtopping. Jackson State University

Bathymetry: idealized, semi-fixed, adapted configuration

Hydrodynamic conditions: Storm waves and overtopping discharge

Instrumentation: wave gauges (surface elevation), ADV (3D velocity), still and video (underwater) cameras

Model: prototype levee with natural turf and grass



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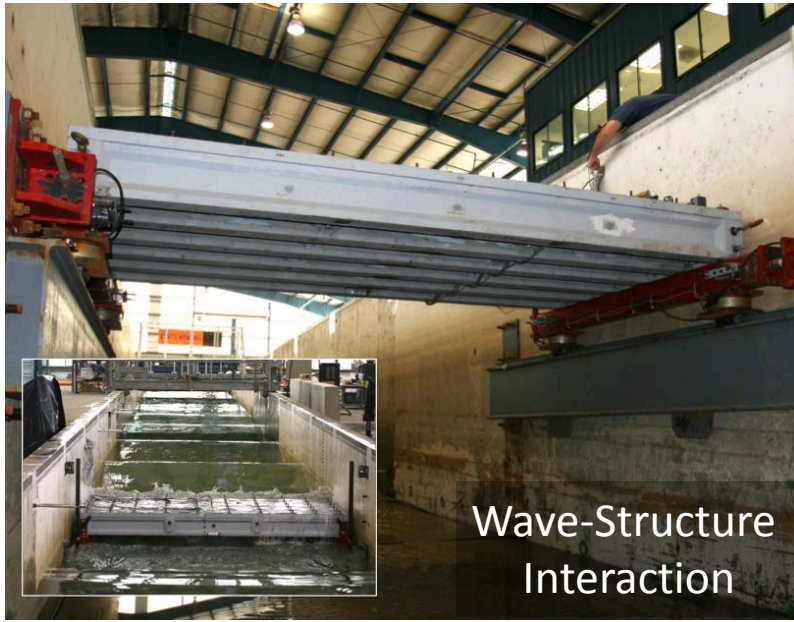
### Example Applications of Natural Hazards Research

Other examples:

- Hurricane waves and surge impact forces on bridges
- Sheltering and debris impact forces in Tsunami events
- Scour and erosion in coastal structures



## Additional Example Applications for ENH Research



LWF and DWB can accommodate both seismic (tsunami) and wind (wave/surge) hazards