Identifying generation mechanisms in U.S. east coast non-seismic tsunami events



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DART 44402 triggers



• 4 "false" triggers in 4 years

- deep-water amplitudes > 5cm
- no seismic signal
- not a spike







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- Start and end times shaded for major gauges
- All gauges overlap at head of Hudson Canyon

Preliminary model runs

- A short landslide study at the forcing region
- Parameters varied:
 - locations (Hudson Canyon)
 - orientations
 - wavelengths = 10-30 km
 - widths = 5-20 km
 - max amps = 20-300 cm

Preliminary model runs

- First wave at DART arrives directly
- Second wave at DART is reflection off Long Island
- Wave arrival times approximate gauge data
- Reflects from shelf edge
- Very sensitive to direction

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Initial runs chosen from landslide sources run for II April event

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Hydrographic Survey

- Okeanos Explorer survey
- Differences show very small debris field (green)
- No evidence of *large* slide
- Provided high-resolution bathymetry for model

(analysis courtesy of Jason Chayt)or, USGS

Invert against DART

- Find an initial condition that fits offshore data
- Compare result to onshore gauges
- Use sources drawn from landslide study:
- 10 km x 10 km by 1 m
- 80 sources covering shelf near Hudson Canyon head

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Results: gauge comparison

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- Probably a meteotsunami
- Free wave leaves forcing region at shelf edge
- Perhaps a triggered landslide
- Next step: comparison with time-dependent pressure field forcing

