

# Tsunami Modeling for Apra Harbor, Guam

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# Outline of Presentation

National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP):  
Tsunami Model Benchmarking 2015

Maritime Hazard Mapping in Hawaii and American Samoa in  
collaboration with US Coast Guard District 14

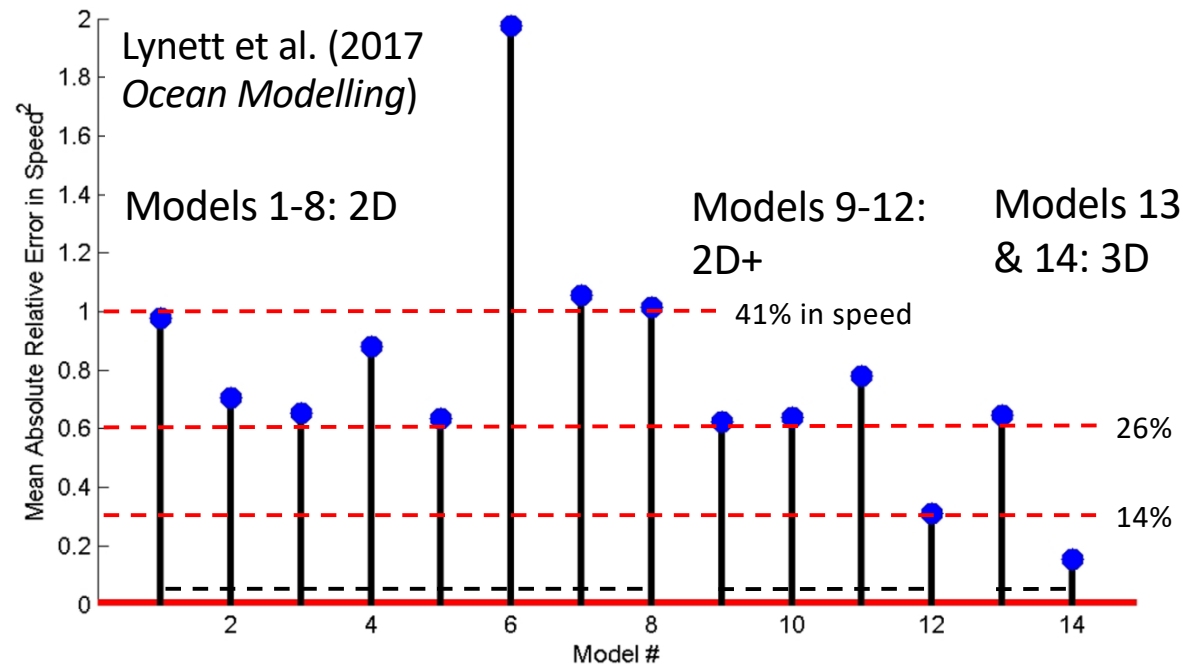
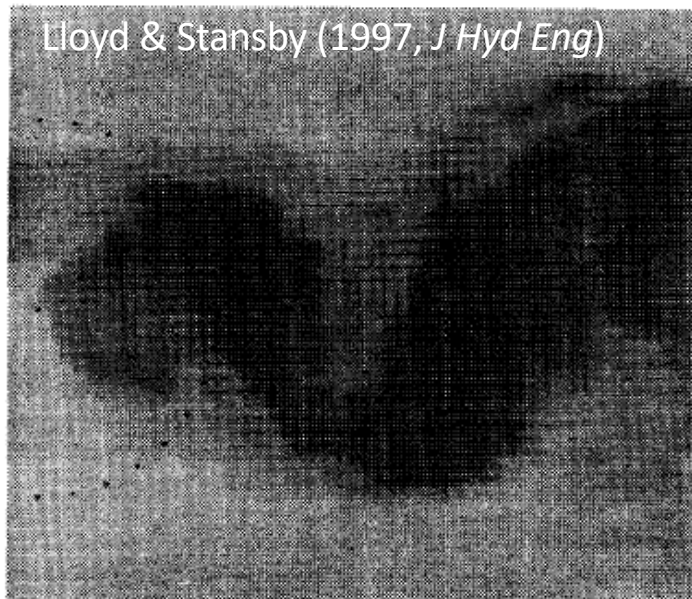
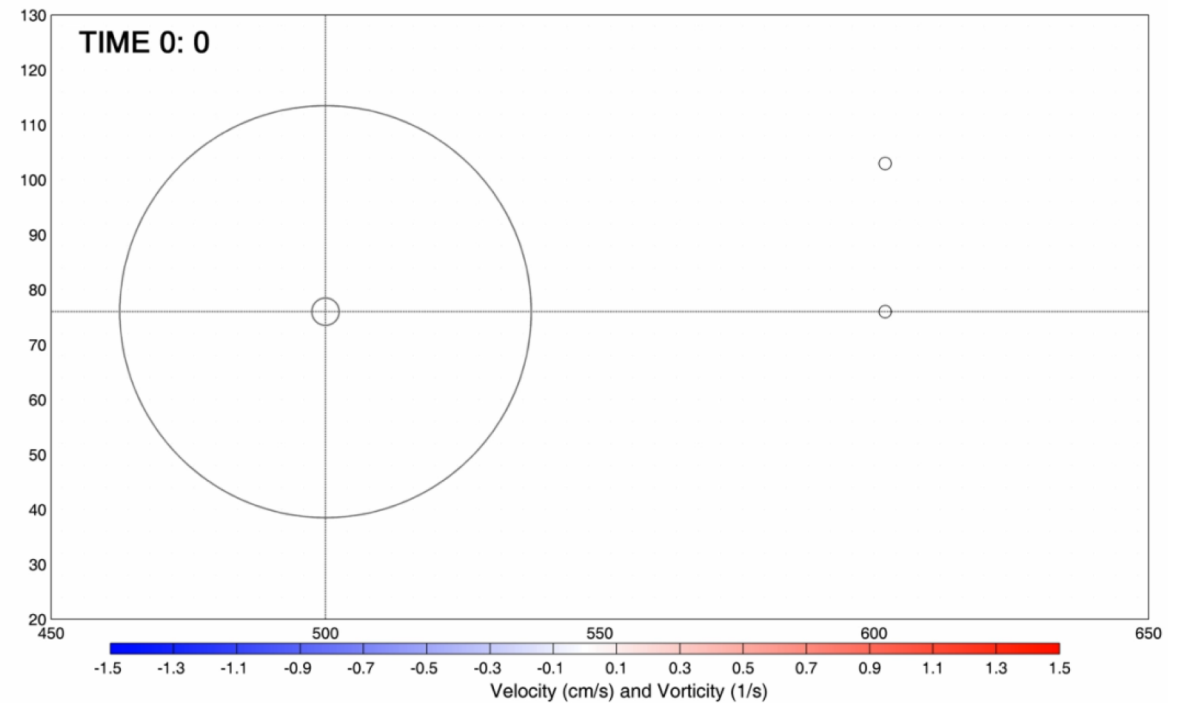
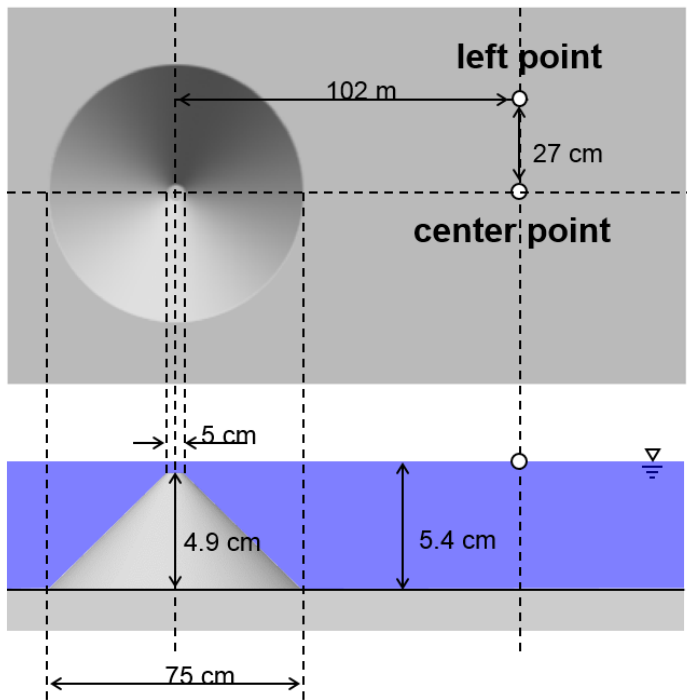
Modeling Strategy for Guam

Validation of Model Setup: The 2011 Tohoku Tsunami at Apra  
Harbor

Sample Data Products for Apra Harbor

Input from the Maritime Community

# 2015 NTHMP Benchmark Results



# Maritime Hazard Mapping Hawaii

## USCG District-14 Responses to Tsunamis

- Integrated plan for Hawaii and American Samoa
- Warning (forecast water-level rise  $> 1$  m):  
Evacuation of ships and shore personnel
- Advisory (inundation not imminent, but expect strong currents): Severe Weather Plan

## Data Products (with community input)

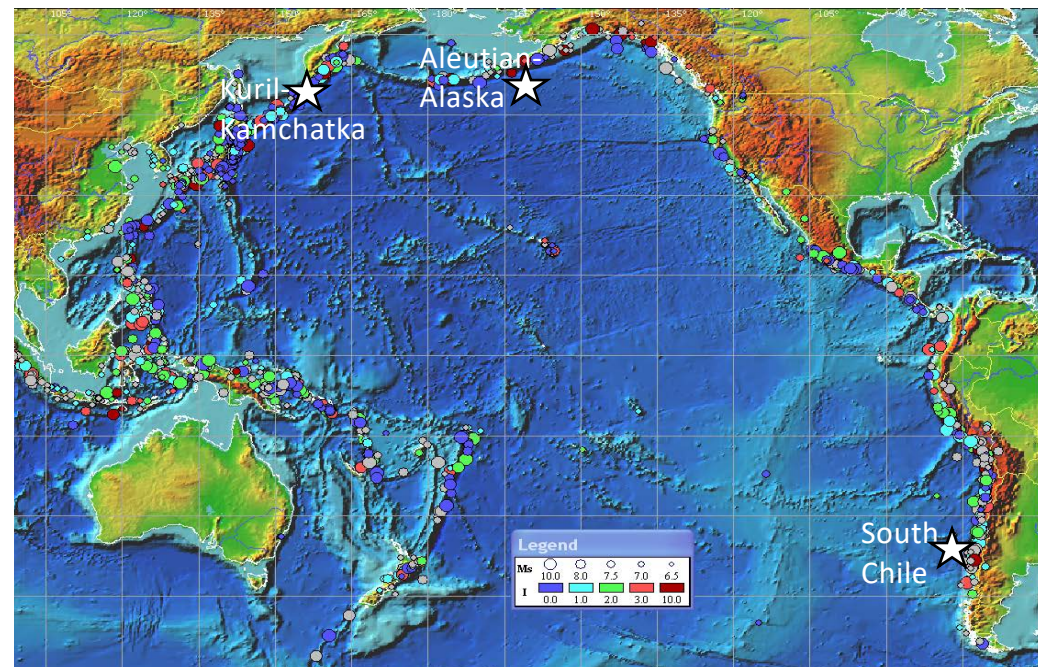
- Offshore currents from Mw 9.3 and 9.6 Aleutian tsunami scenarios for evaluation of safe zones, defined outside the 100-m depth contour
- In-harbor hazard maps of current, surge & drawdown for advisory-level tsunamis

## Database of scenarios

- Three major subduction zones
- Earthquake at 0.1 Mw increments up to  $\sim 1$  m nearshore wave amplitude
- Modeling at the present MSL

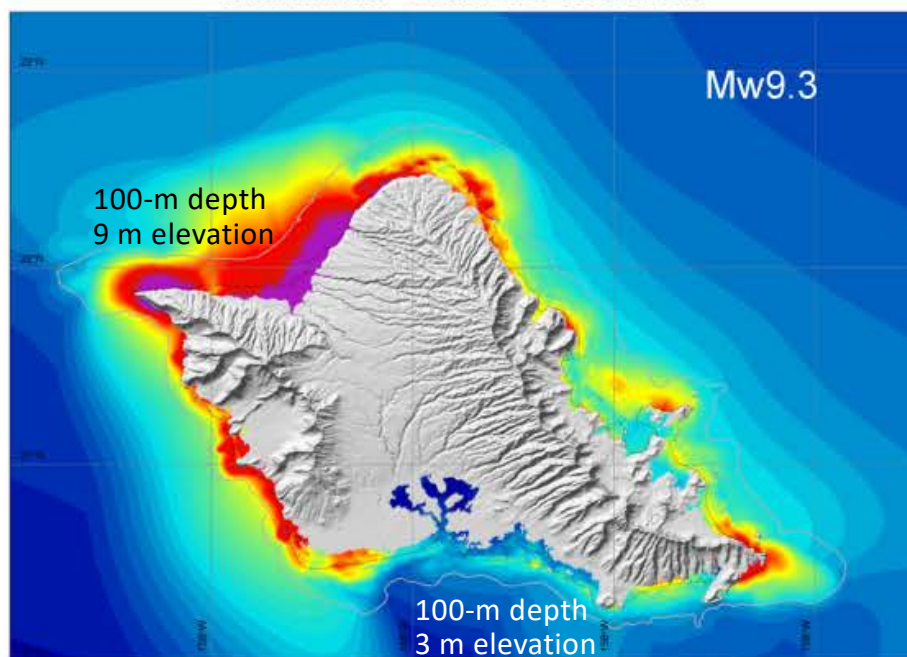
## Operation modes:

- Earthquake location and magnitude
- Earthquake location and forecast near-shore wave amplitude

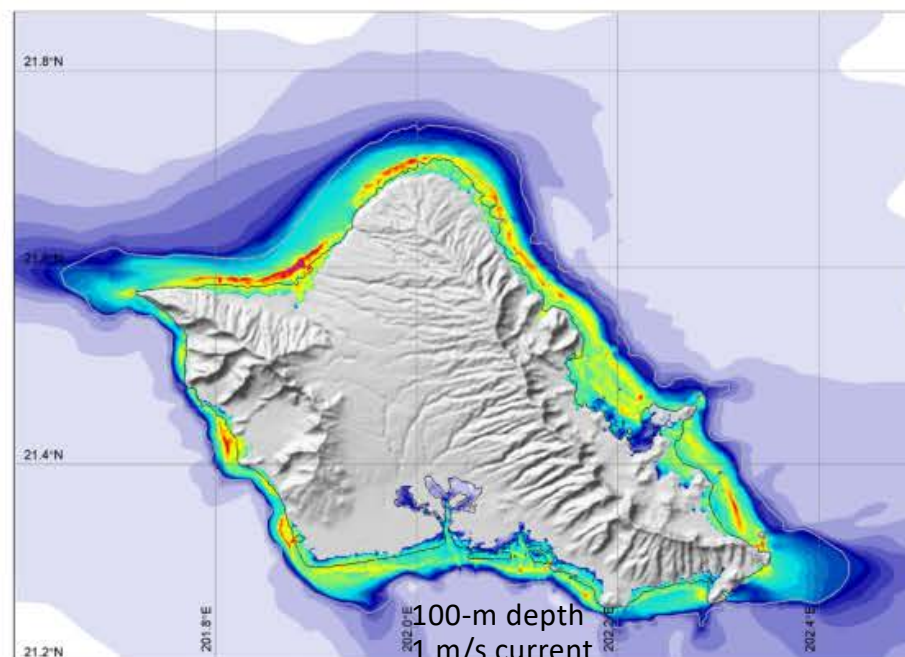
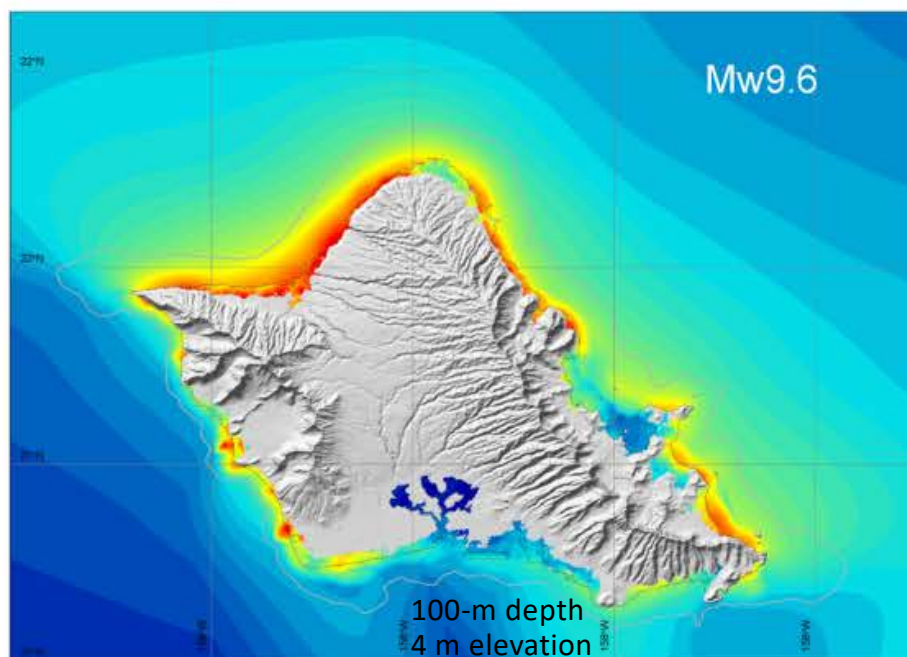
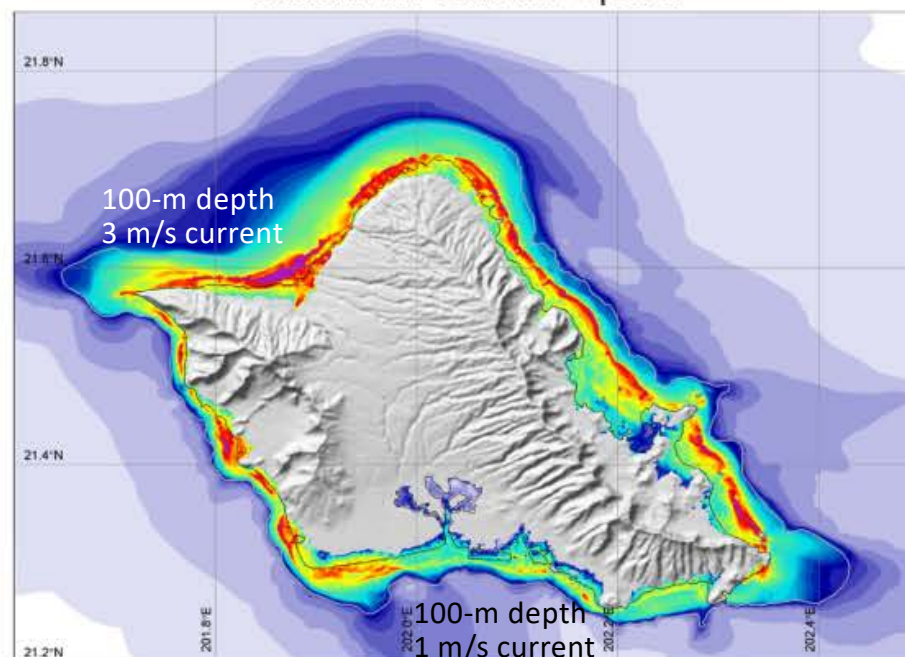




Maximum Surface Elevation



Maximum Current Speed

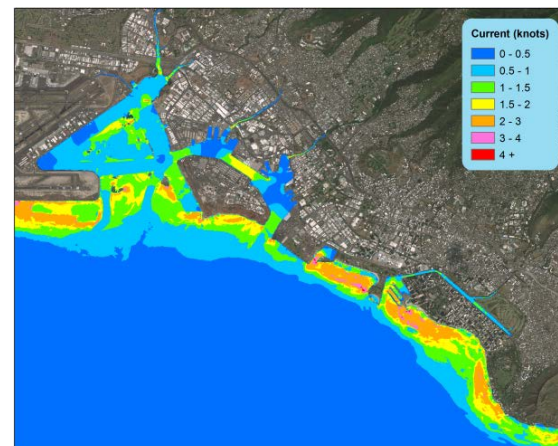
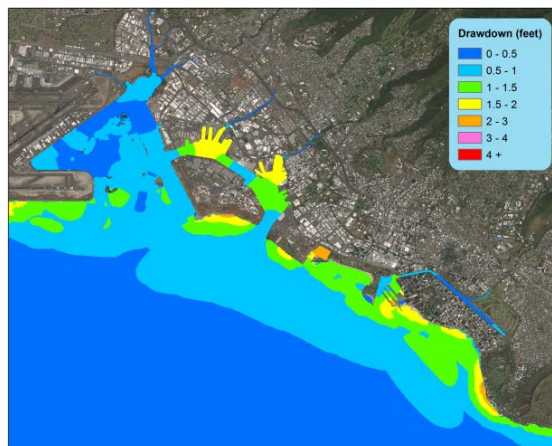
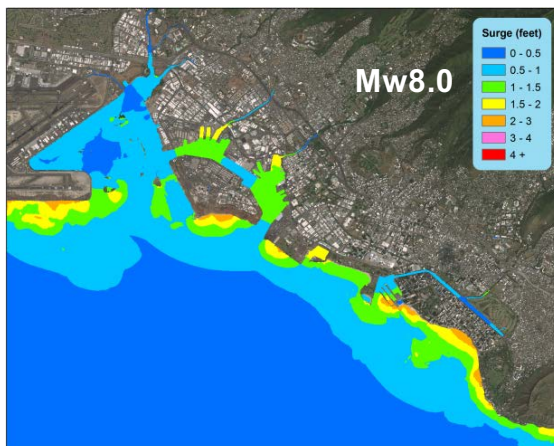
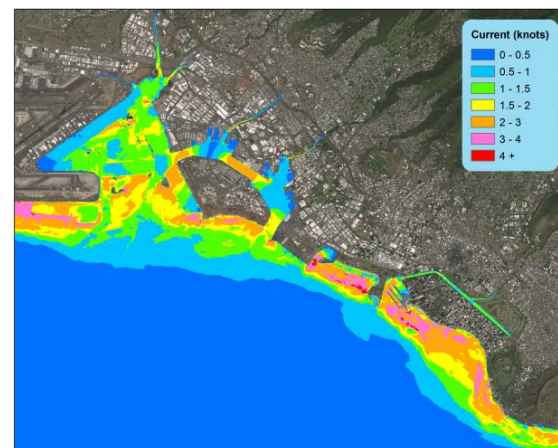
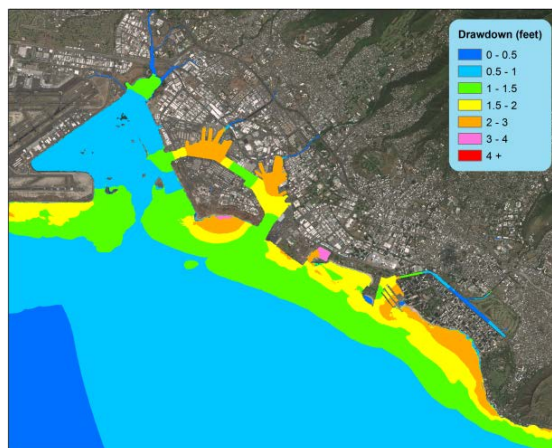
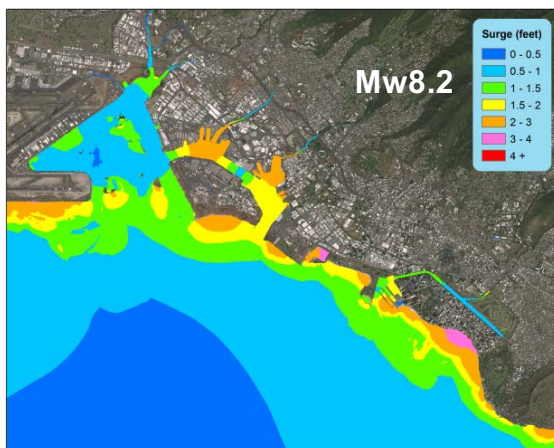
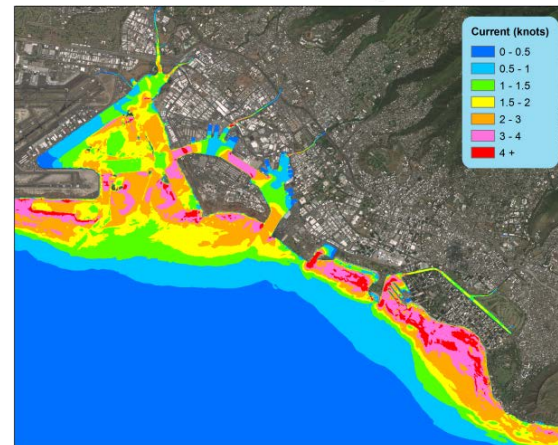
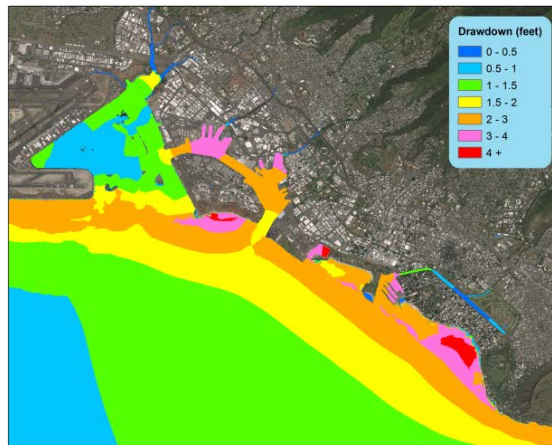
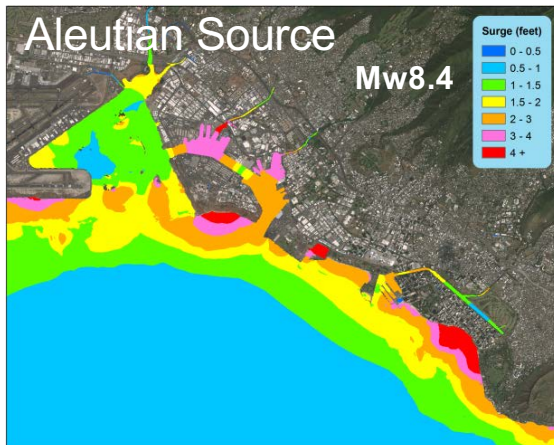




Maximum Surface Elevation

Maximum Drawdown

Maximum Current Speed



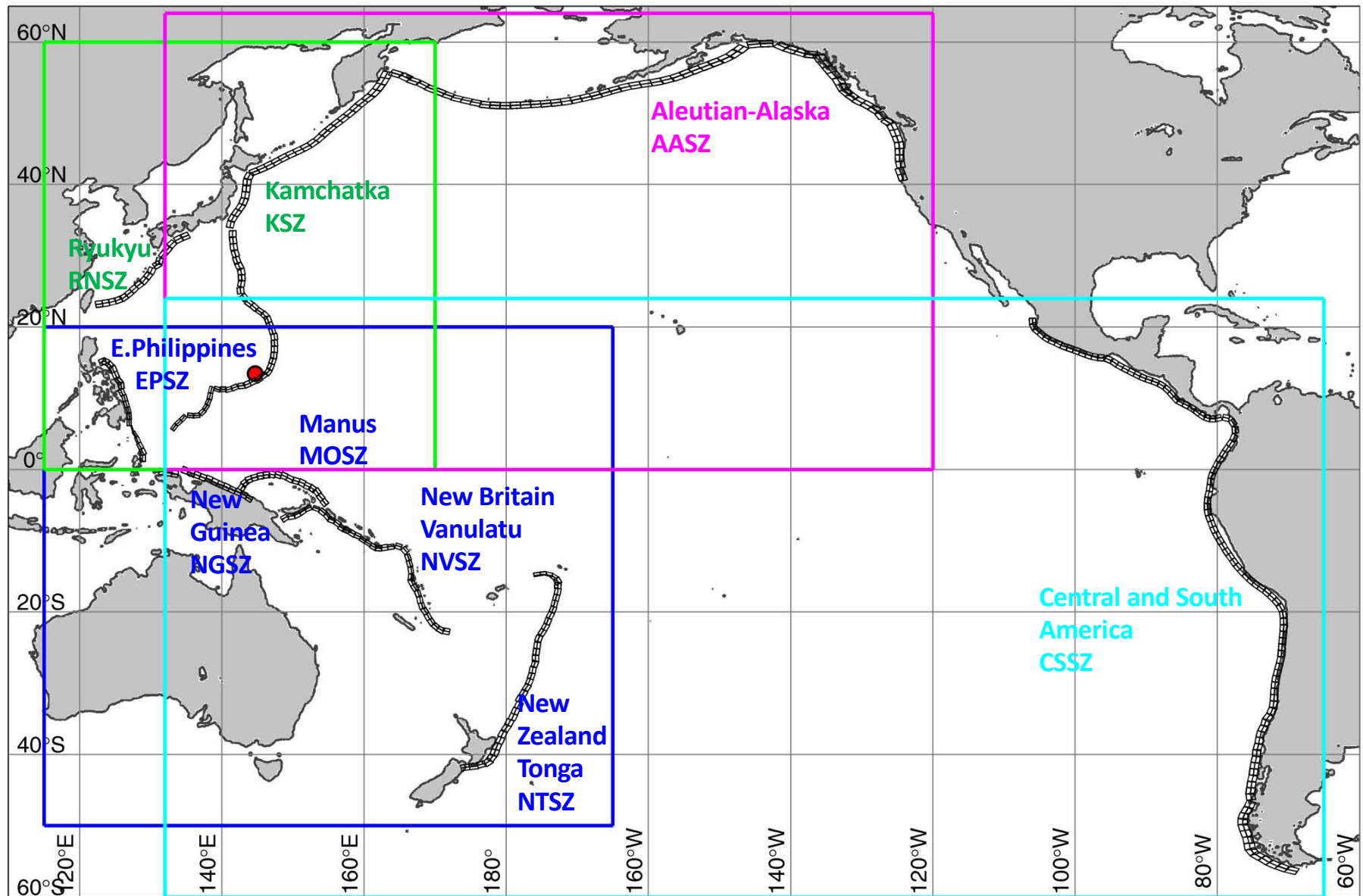
# USCG Summary Tables

Aleutian Earthquake Magnitude	Honolulu Harbor: Water Surface Rise/Fall			Water Current	
	Surge (feet)	Drawdown (feet)	Cycle Time Range (minutes)	Speed (knots)	Cycle Time Range (minutes)
7.6	0.6	0.7	9 – 20	0.6	9 – 20
7.7	0.8	0.9	9 – 20	0.7	9 – 20
7.8	1.0	1.2	10 – 20	0.9	9 – 20
7.9	1.3	1.5	10 – 20	1.2	9 – 20
8.0	1.8	2.0	10 – 20	1.6	9 – 20
8.1	2.2	2.4	10 – 20	2.1	10 – 20
8.2	3.0	3.3	10 – 20	2.7	10 – 20
8.3	3.6	4.3	10 – 21	3.5	10 – 21
8.4	4.7	4.7	11 – 21	4.8	11 – 21

Aleutian Earthquake Magnitude	Hilo Harbor: Water Surface Rise/Fall			Water Current	
	Surge (feet)	Drawdown (feet)	Cycle Time Range (minutes)	Speed (knots)	Cycle Time Range (minutes)
7.5	2.3	2.0	8 - 13	2.7	13
7.6	2.6	2.6	8 - 13	3.5	13
7.7	3.6	3.9	8 - 13	4.5	13
7.8	4.6	4.3	8 - 13	5.2	13 - 20
7.9	6.2	5.2	8 - 13	6.0	13 - 20
8.0	8.2	6.6	8 - 13	7.4	13 - 20
8.1	9.2	8.2	8 - 13	9.3	13 - 20

# Computational Domains for Sensitivity Test

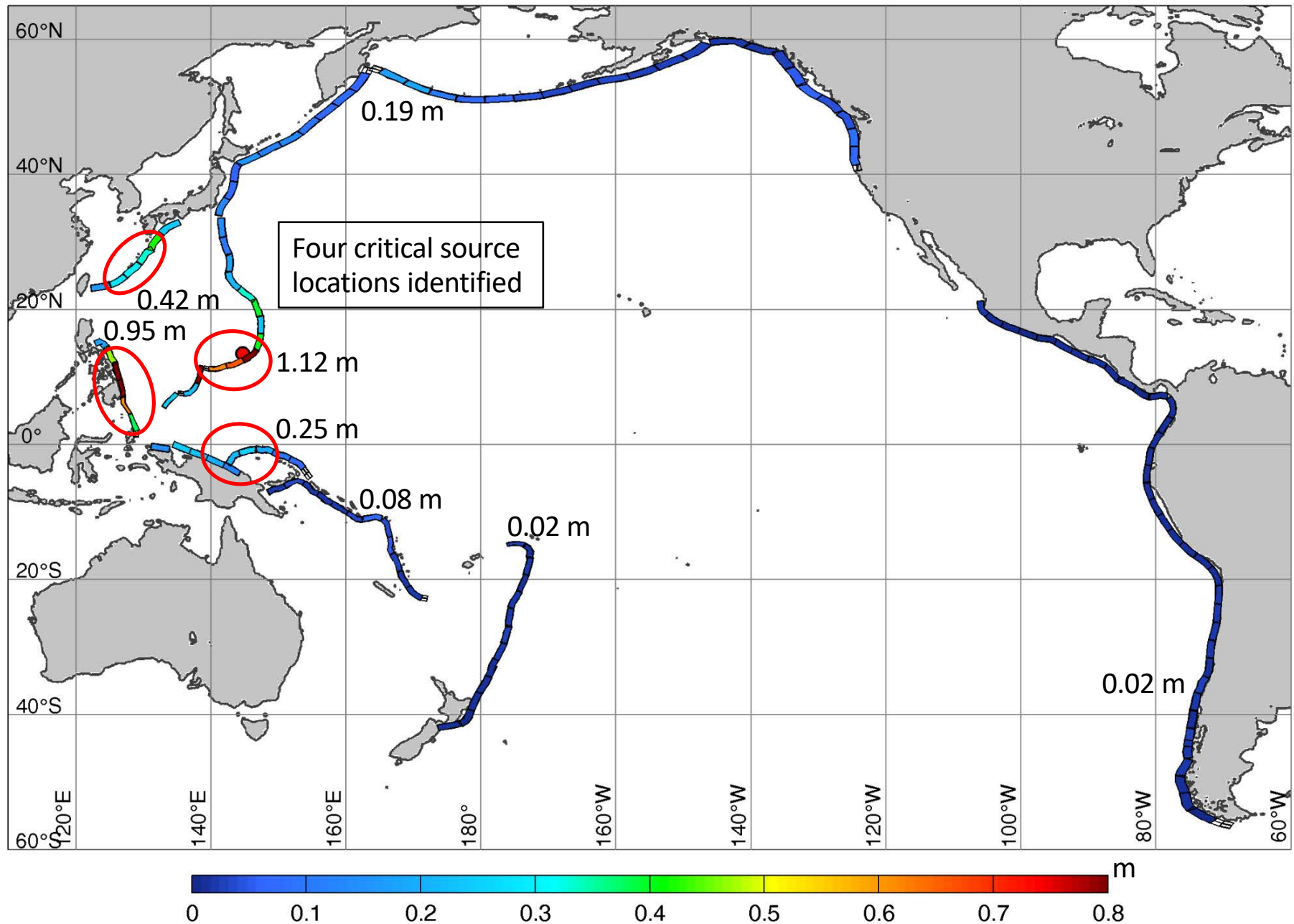
## Identify Critical Source Regions for Guam





# Maximum Sea-surface Elevation offshore of Apra Harbor, Guam

## From Mw 8.5 earthquakes at Pacific Subduction Zones



# Critical Tsunami Sources for Guam

Source characteristics from Global Earthquake Model  
(Berryman et al., 2015)

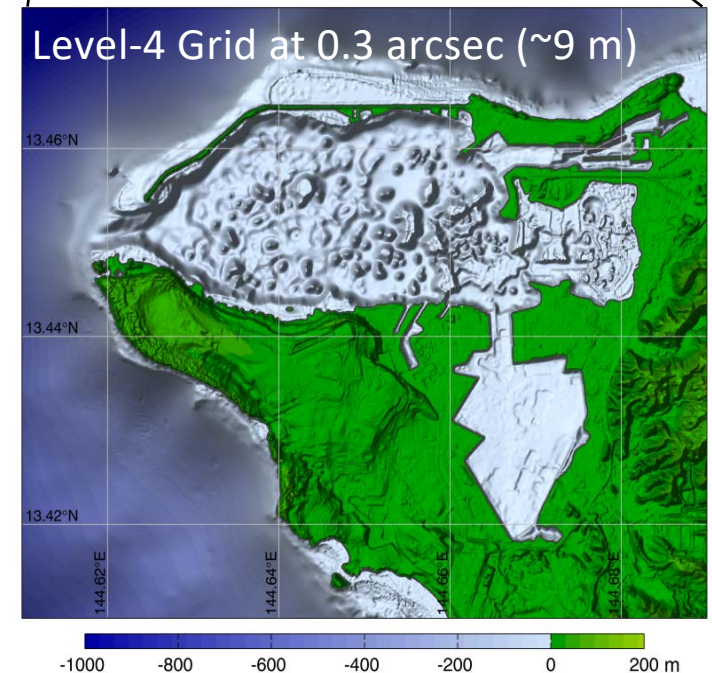
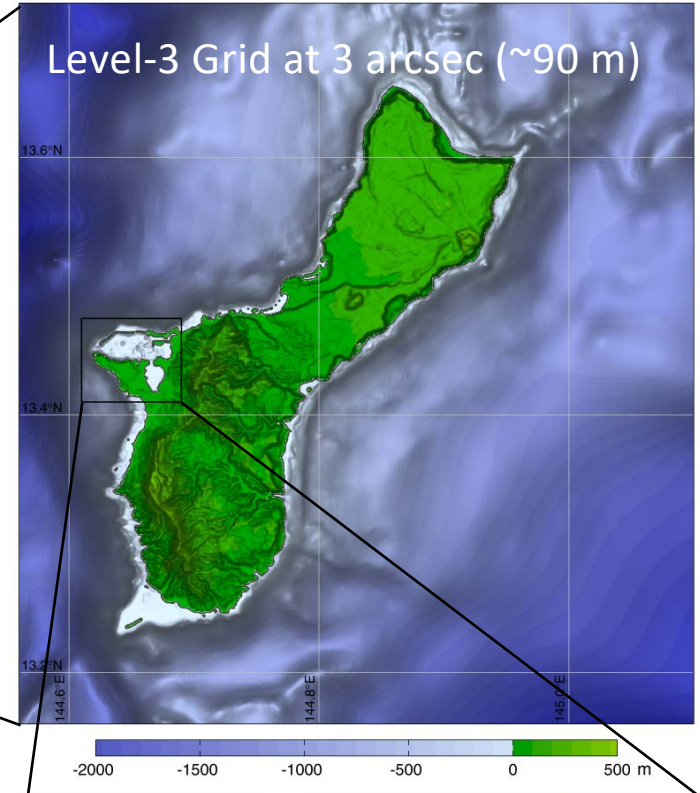
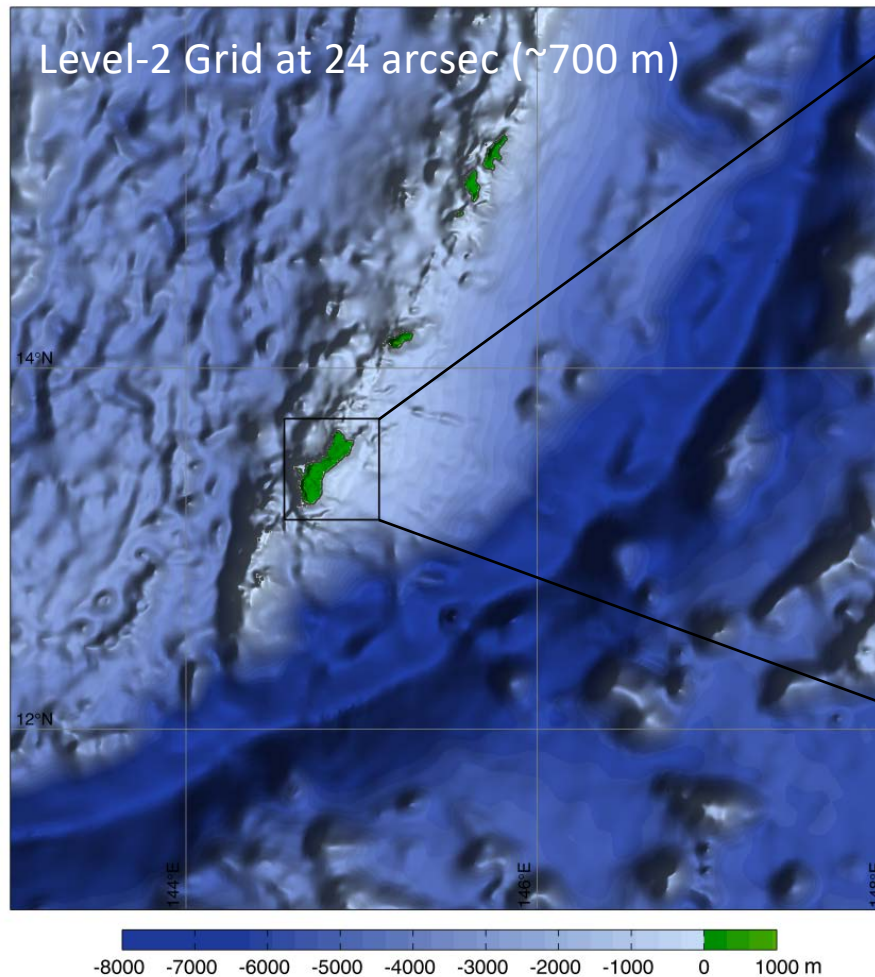
Tsunami Source	Convergence Rate (mm/yr)	Preferred Coupling Coef	Preferred Max Magnitude
Marianas*	49	0.2	8.3
Nankai*	44	0.9	8.7
Ryukyu	58	0.2	8.5
New Guinea*	22	0.7	8.8
Manus	9	0.5	8.5
Philippine*	29	0.3	8.5

\*Selected for modeling



# Nested Grids

Level-1 grids at 2-arcmin (~3600 m) from tsunami sources to Guam.



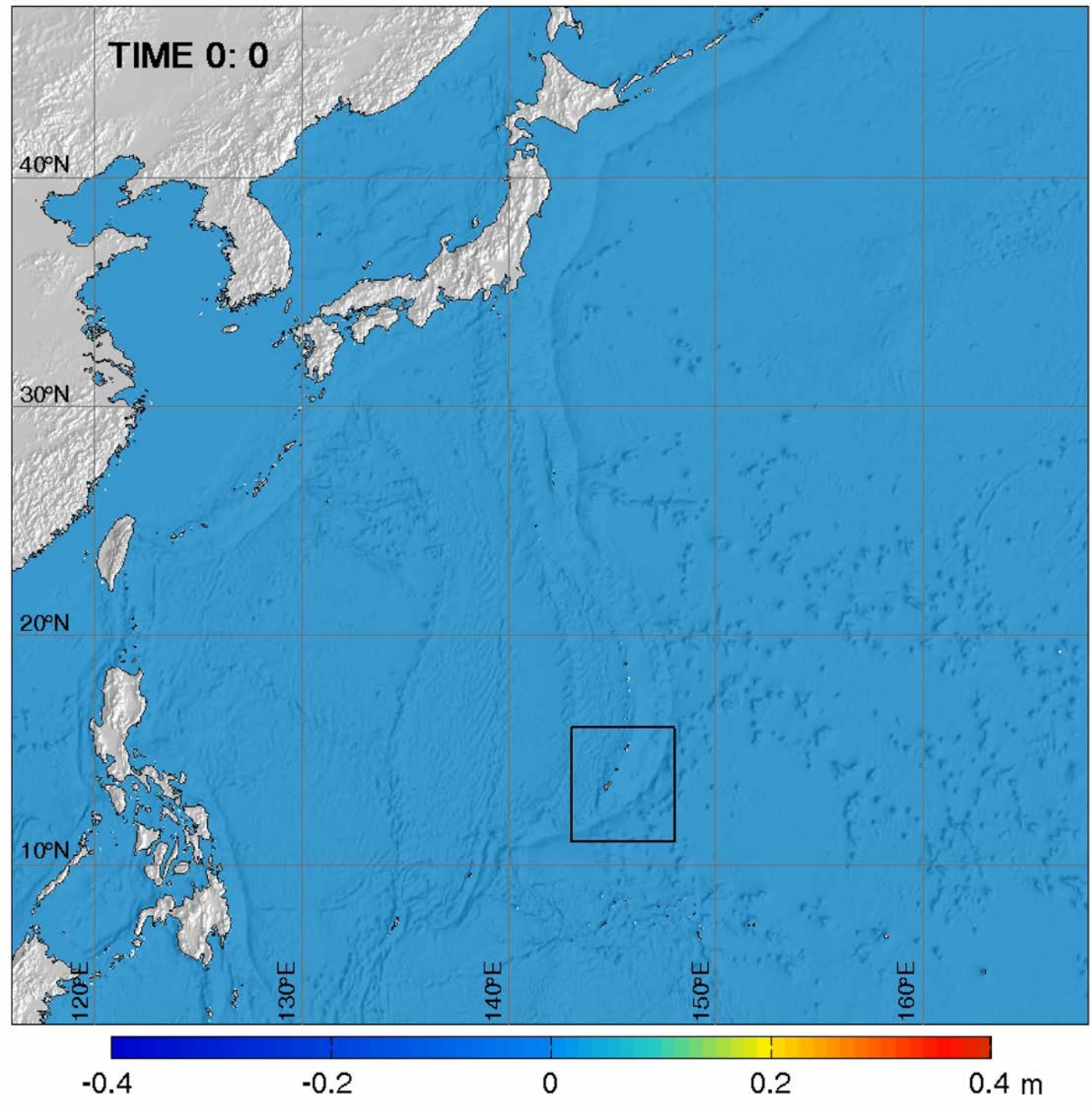
## DEM Sources:

- 30 arcsec (~900 m) GEBCO;
- 2001 USACE SHOALS LiDAR at 4 m resolution;
- 2003 UH SOEST multibeam at 5 m resolution;
- 2007 UH SOEST multibeam at 60 m resolution;
- 2007 USACE LiDAR topography at 0.5 m resolution;
- 2007 USACE LiDAR bathymetry at 4 m resolution
- 2008 US Navy & NOAA multibeam at 1 m resolution at Apra Harbor
- Digitization of nautical charts for shallow reefs at Apra Harbor

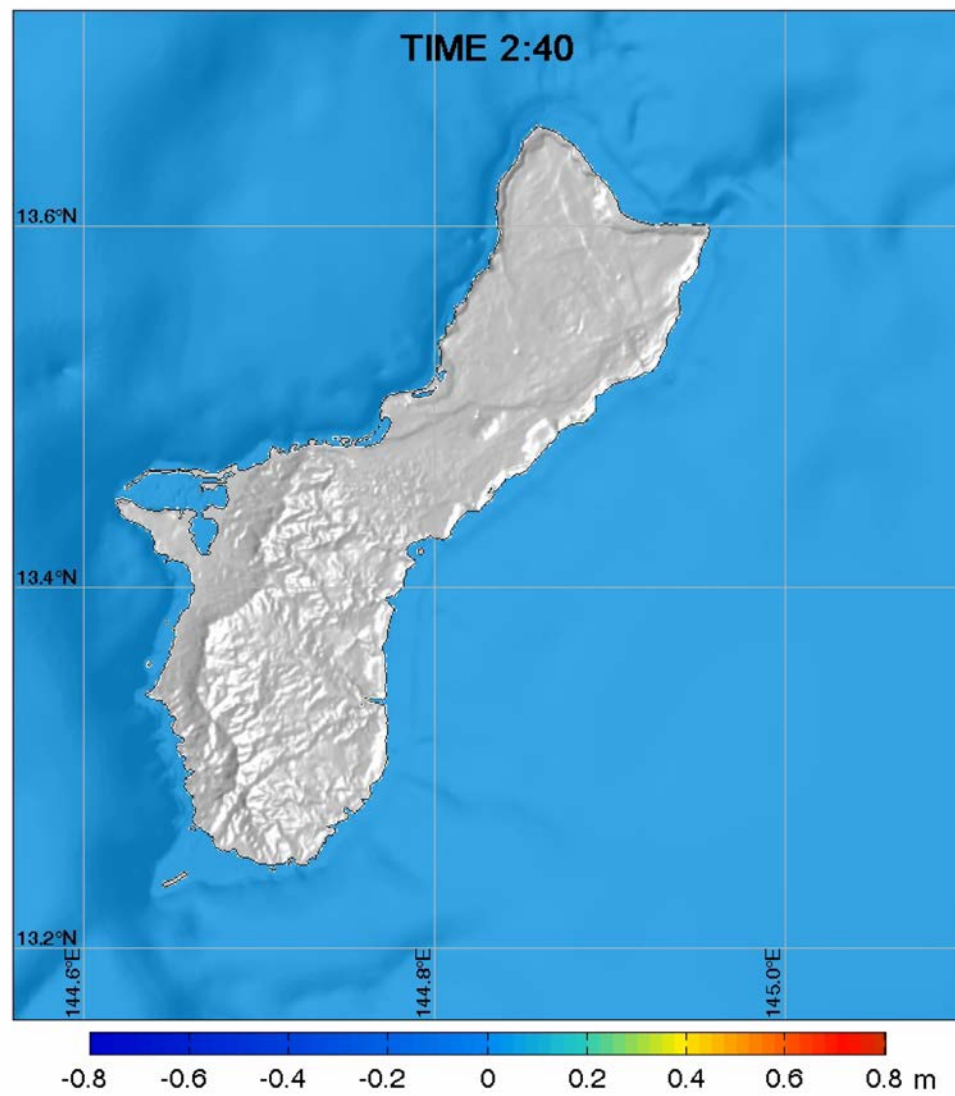
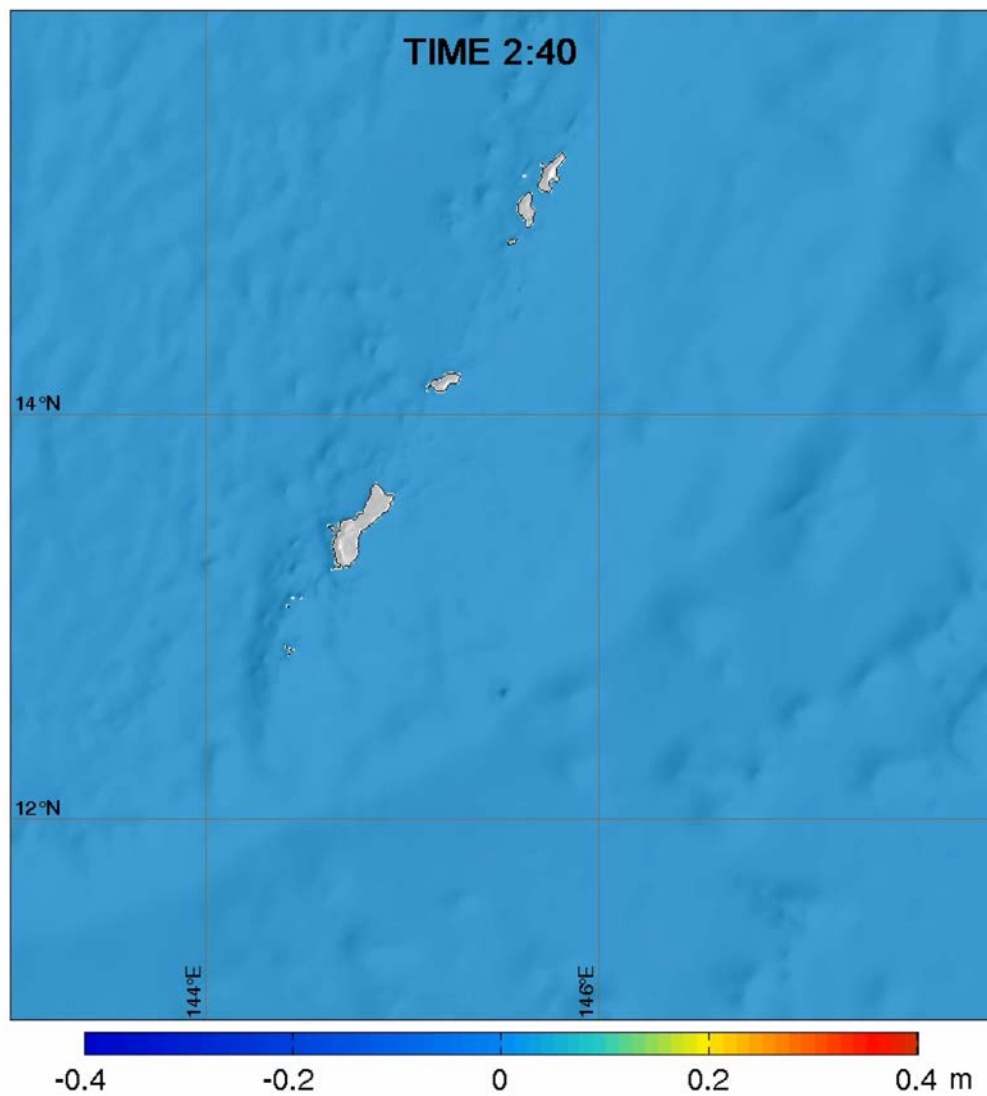
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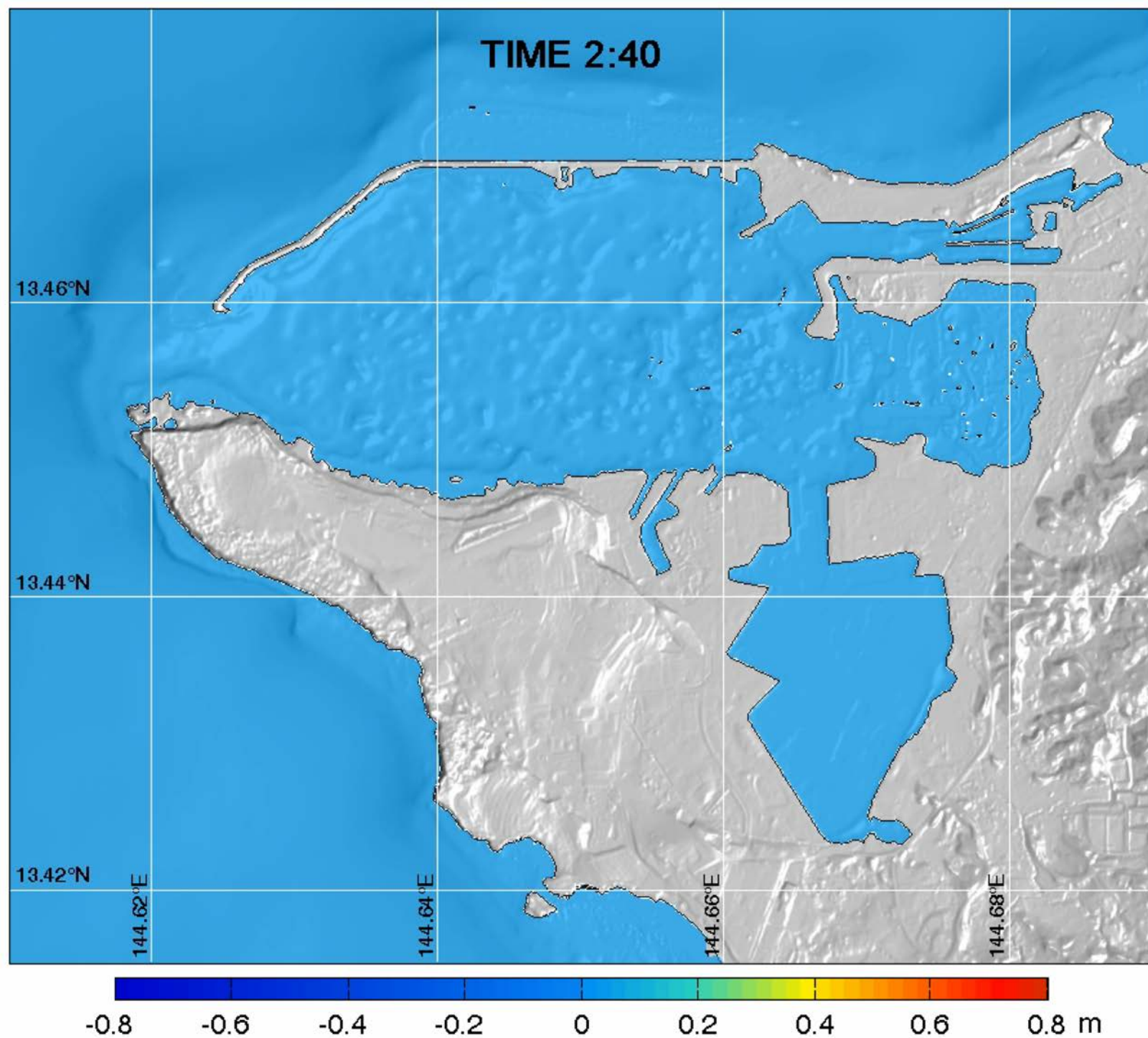
## 2011 Tohoku Tsunami

- Self-consistent fault-slip model for the earthquake and tsunami (Yamazaki, Cheung, and Lay, JGR Solid Earth, 2018)
- Prior validation with coastal waveform and runup along Japan coast, current measurements in Hawaii, and DART records across the Pacific

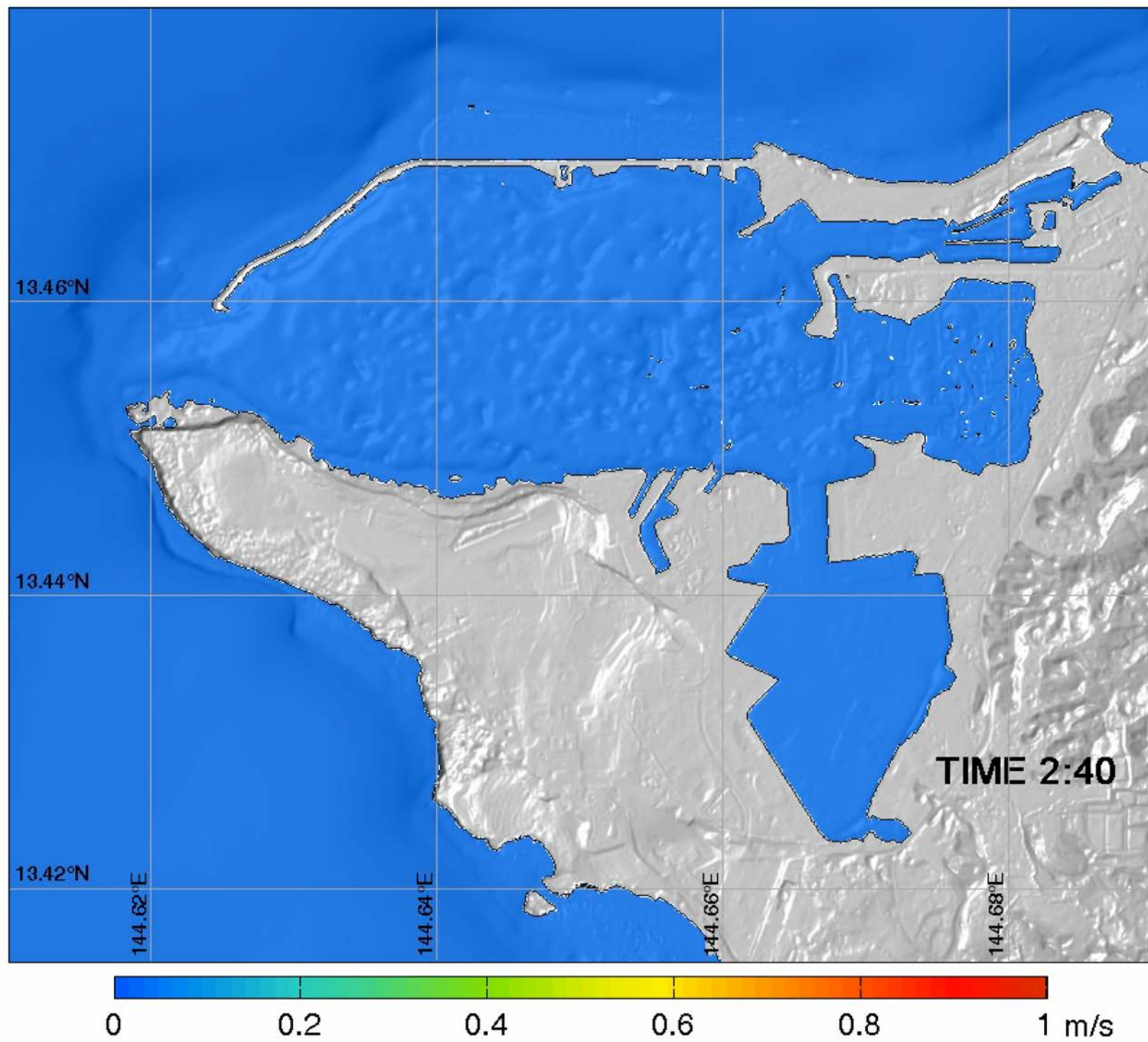


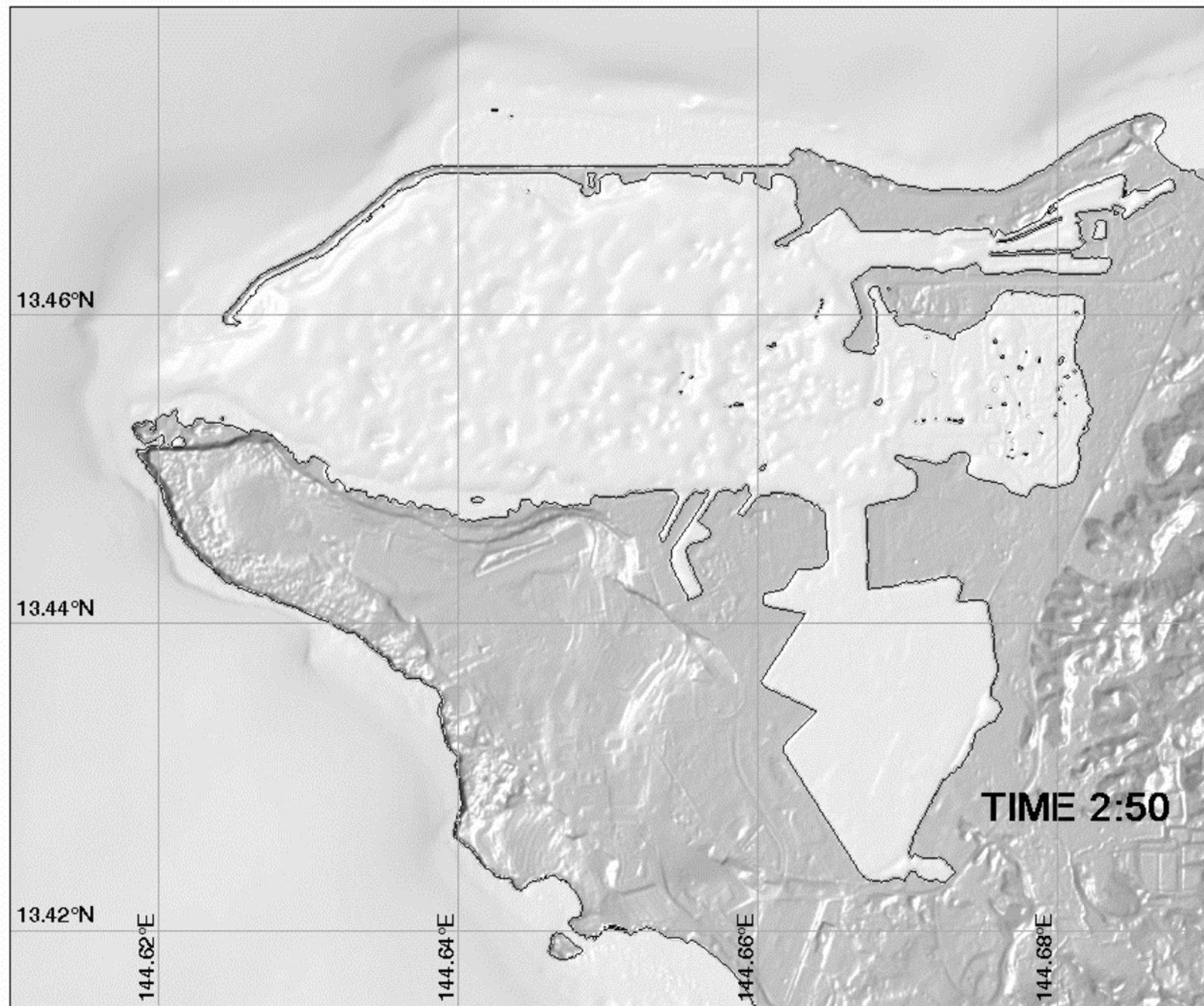








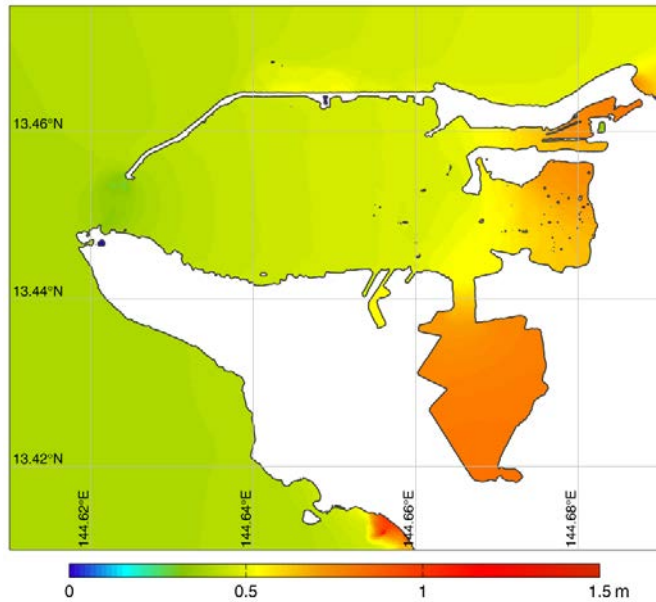




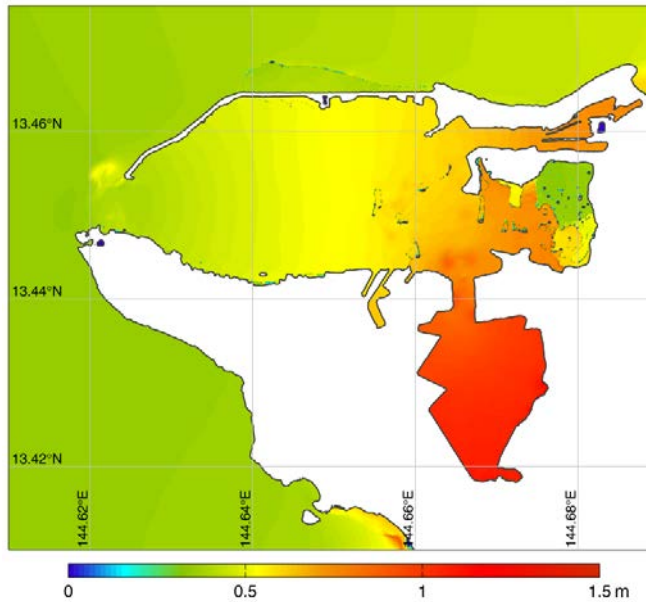


# Sample Results based on the 2011 Tohoku Tsunami

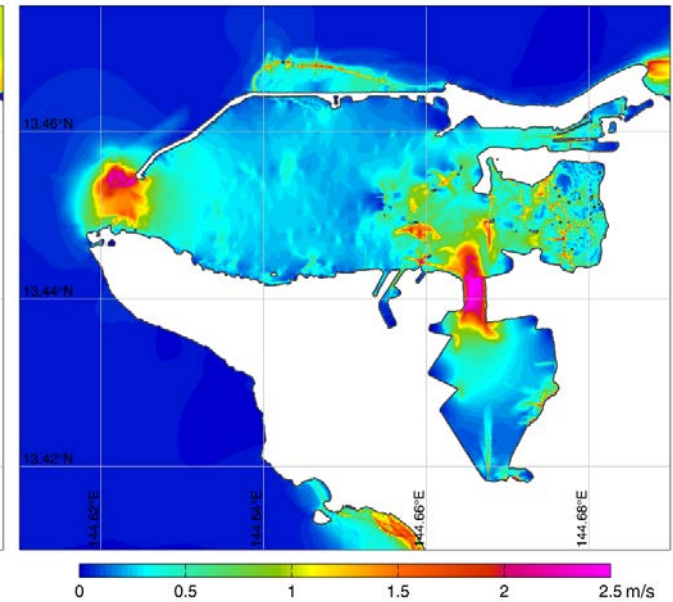
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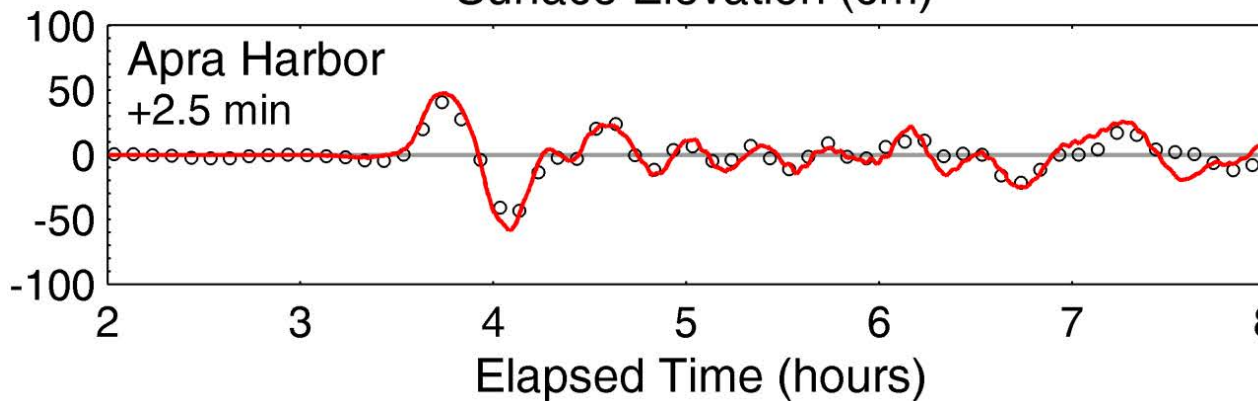
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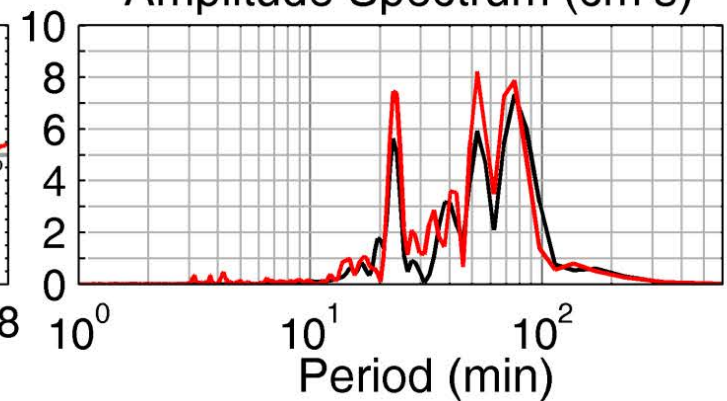
Current



Surface Elevation (cm)



Amplitude Spectrum (cm·s)



# Tsunami Sources along the Philippine Trench (Advisory level)

## Tectonic Structures

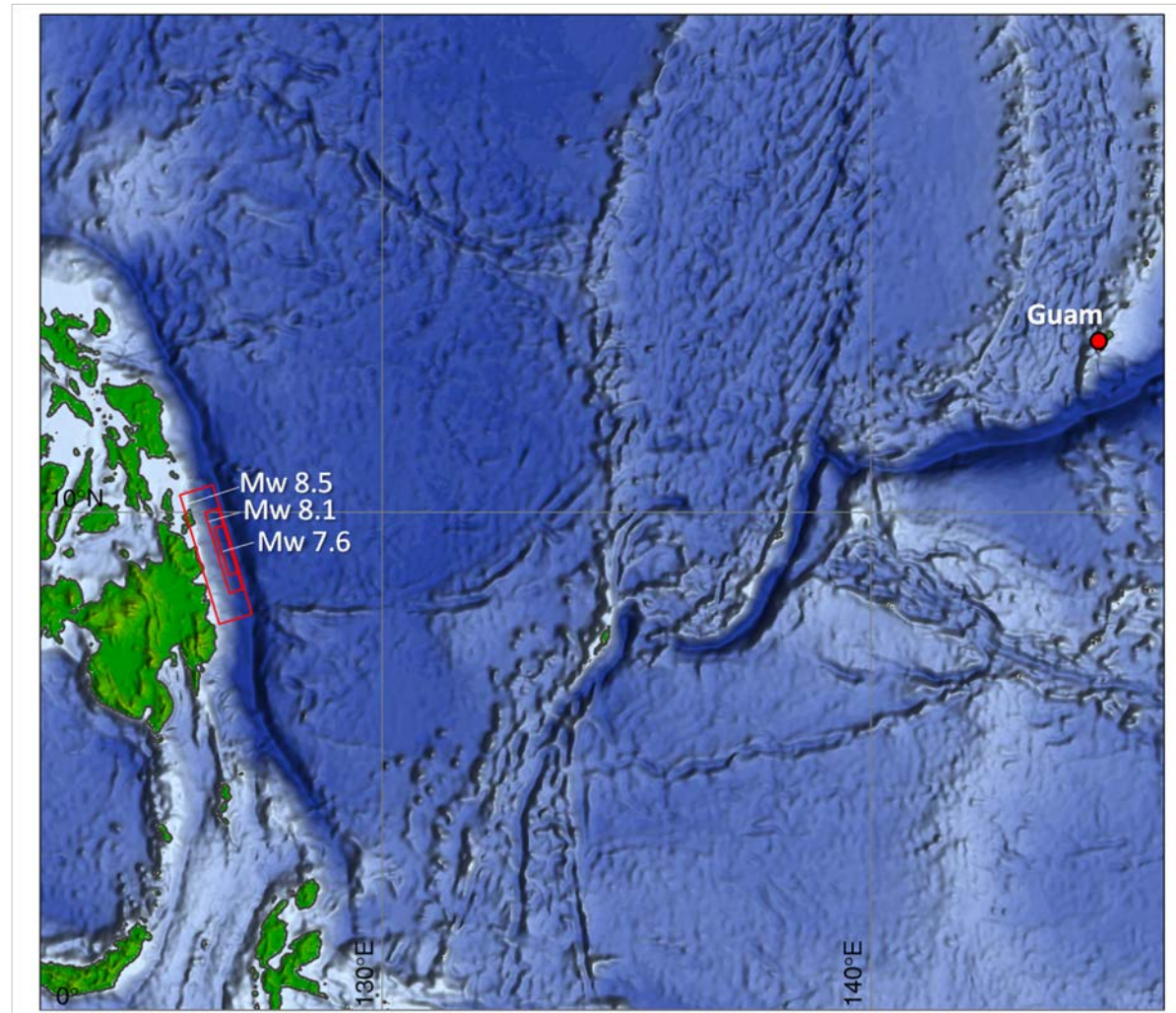
- USGS/PMEL seismic source parameters and geometry

## Rupture scenarios

- Ye, Lay, Kanamori & Rivera (2016a, b, JGR Solid Earth)
- Scaling relation from Mw 7.0+ megathrust earthquakes from 1990 to 2016
- Dimensions constrained by local subduction zone
- Slip determined from seismic moment with assumed rigidity of  $3 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2$

## Earthquake location

- Most direct path of the tsunami to Guam

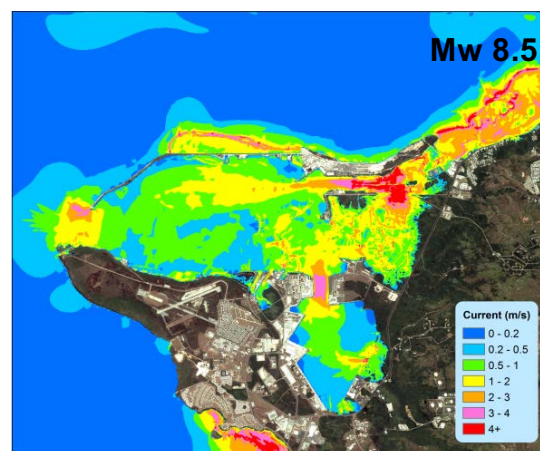
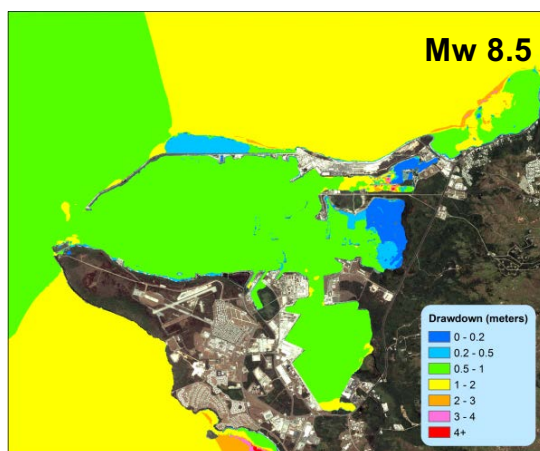
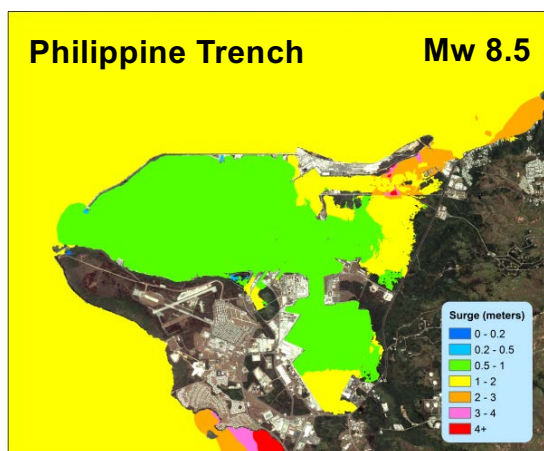
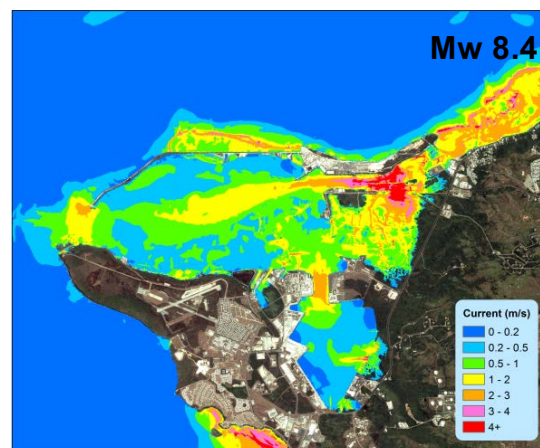
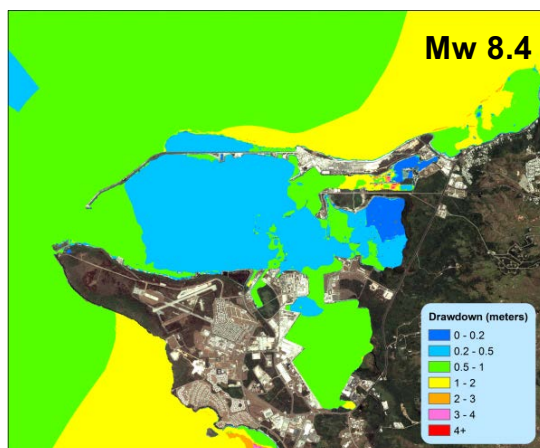
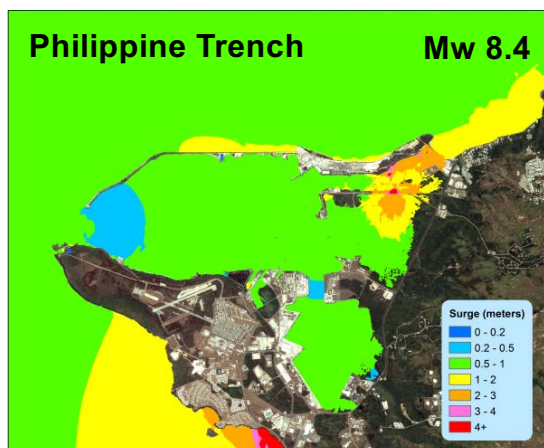
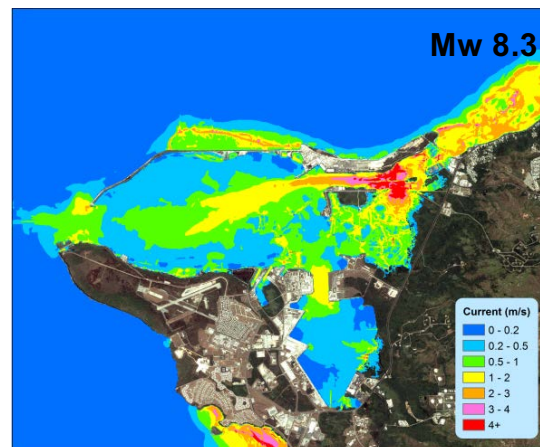
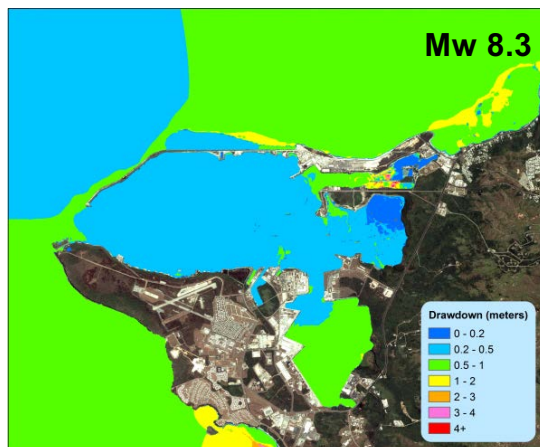
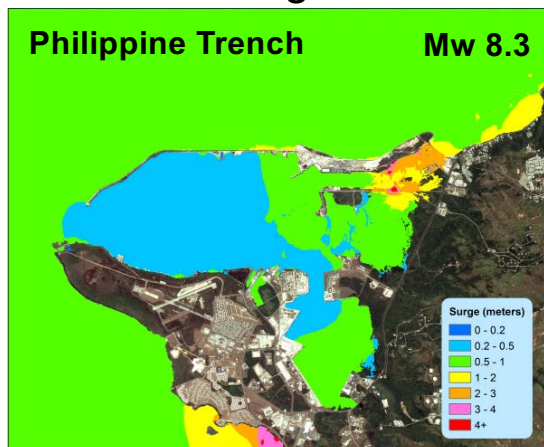




## Surge

## Drawdown

## Current



# Input from Maritime Community

Need to identify pile-supported docks and piers in Apra Harbor. LiDAR survey showed structures as terrain by water can freely pass through underneath.

New bathymetry survey data?

Potential data products include

- In-harbor hazard maps of surge, drawdown, and currents for advisory-level tsunami scenarios from four critical source locations.
- Maps of offshore surge and current for preferred maximum tsunamis from the critical source locations







