

Incorporating Progressive Rupture into Tsunami Models for Tsunami Warning

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Chile, 1960

M_W 9.5

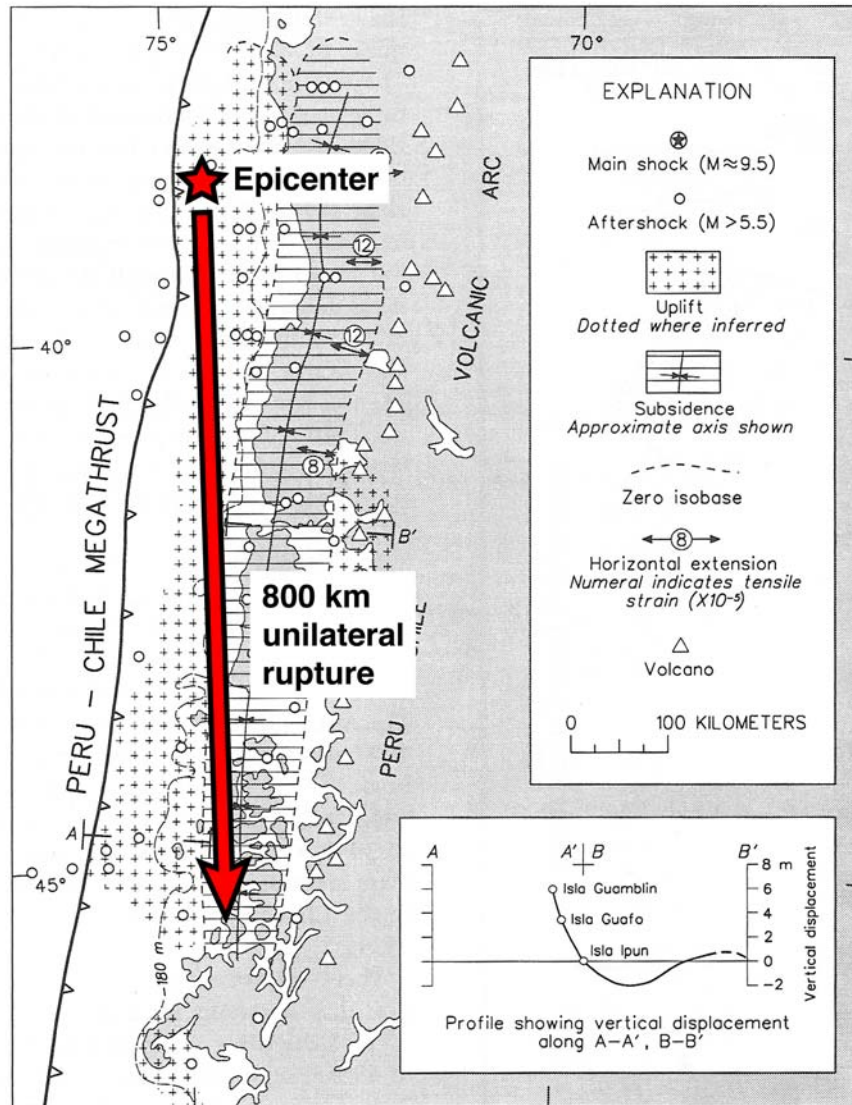


Figure 11-44. Tectonic displacements and seismicity associated with the 1960 Chilean earthquake. Compare with Figure 11-30. After Plafker (1972).

Alaska, 1964 M_W 9.2

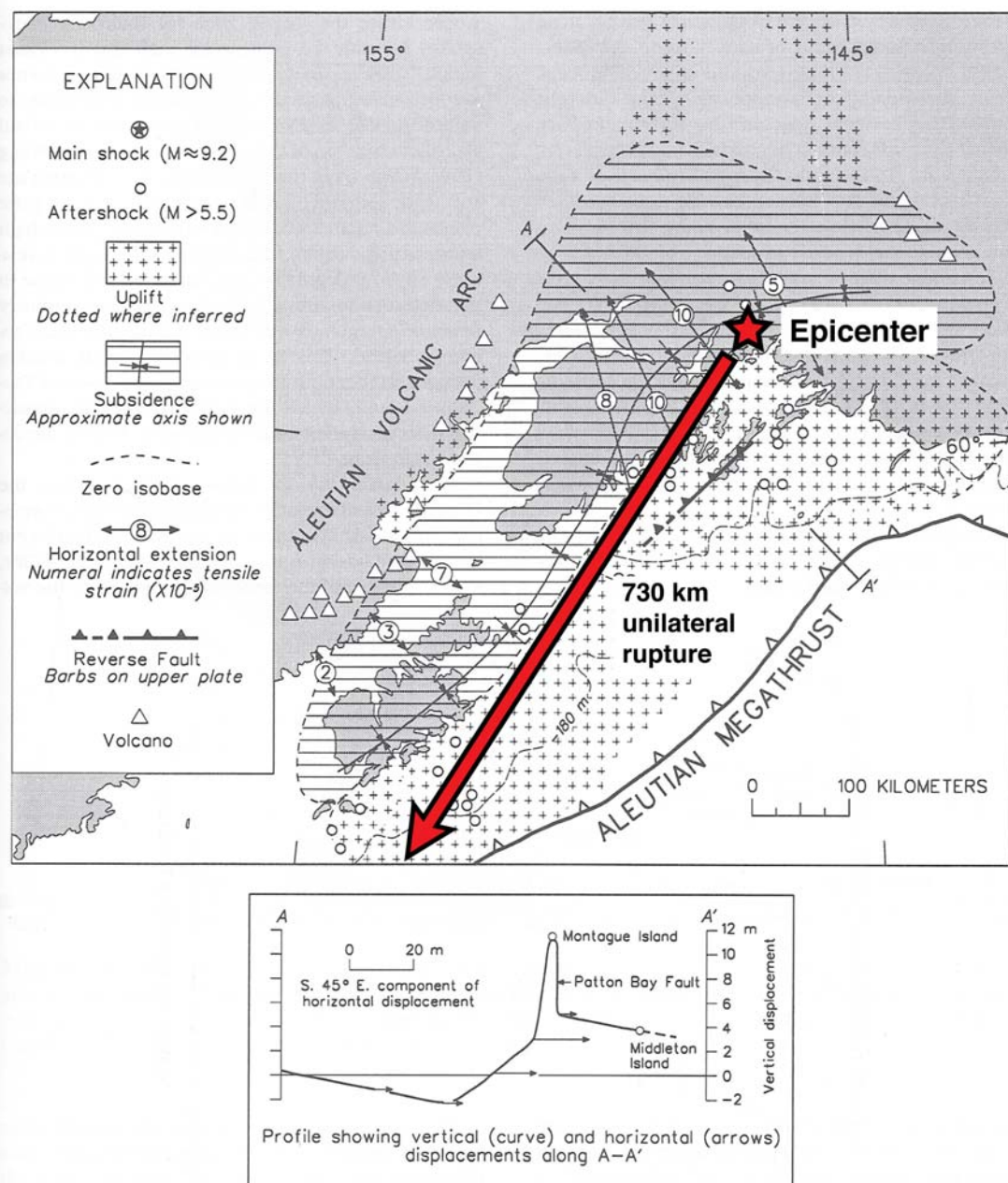
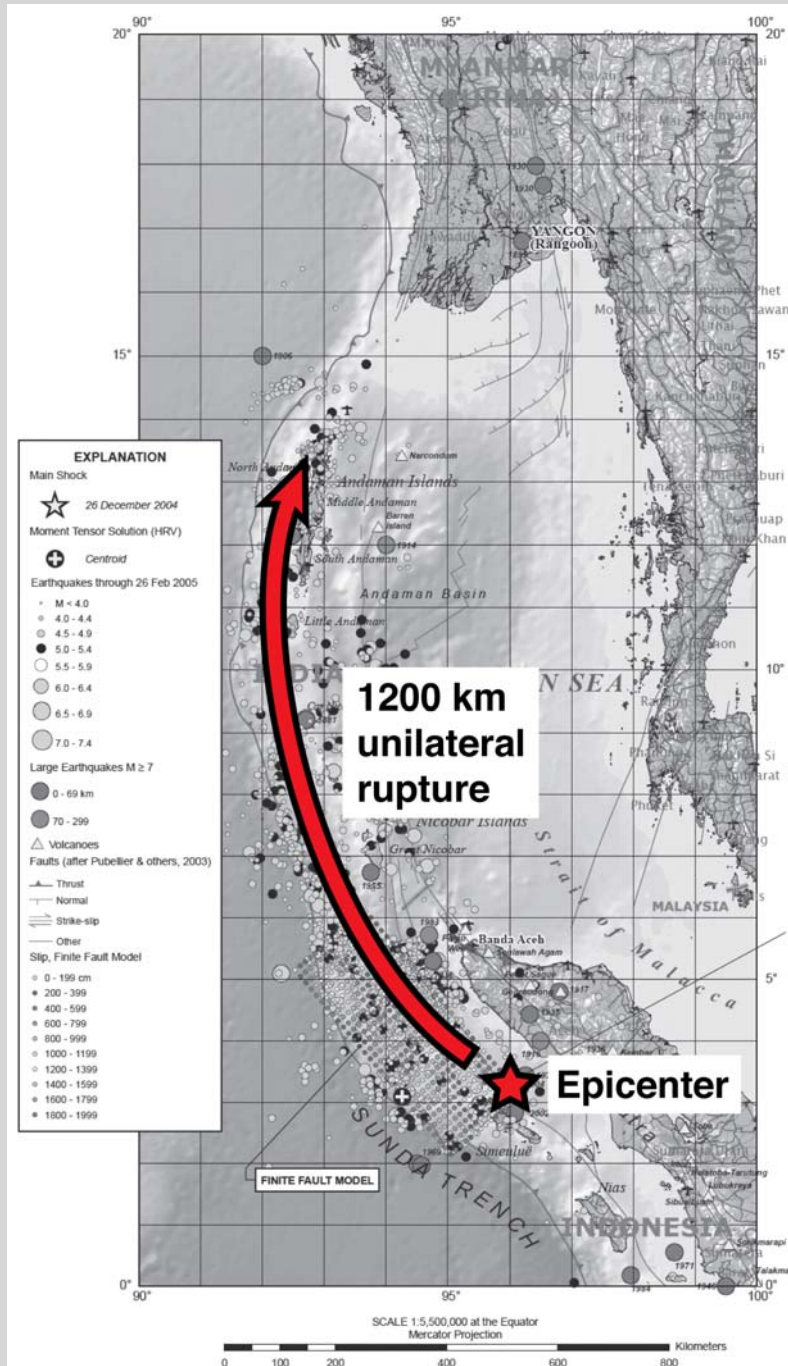
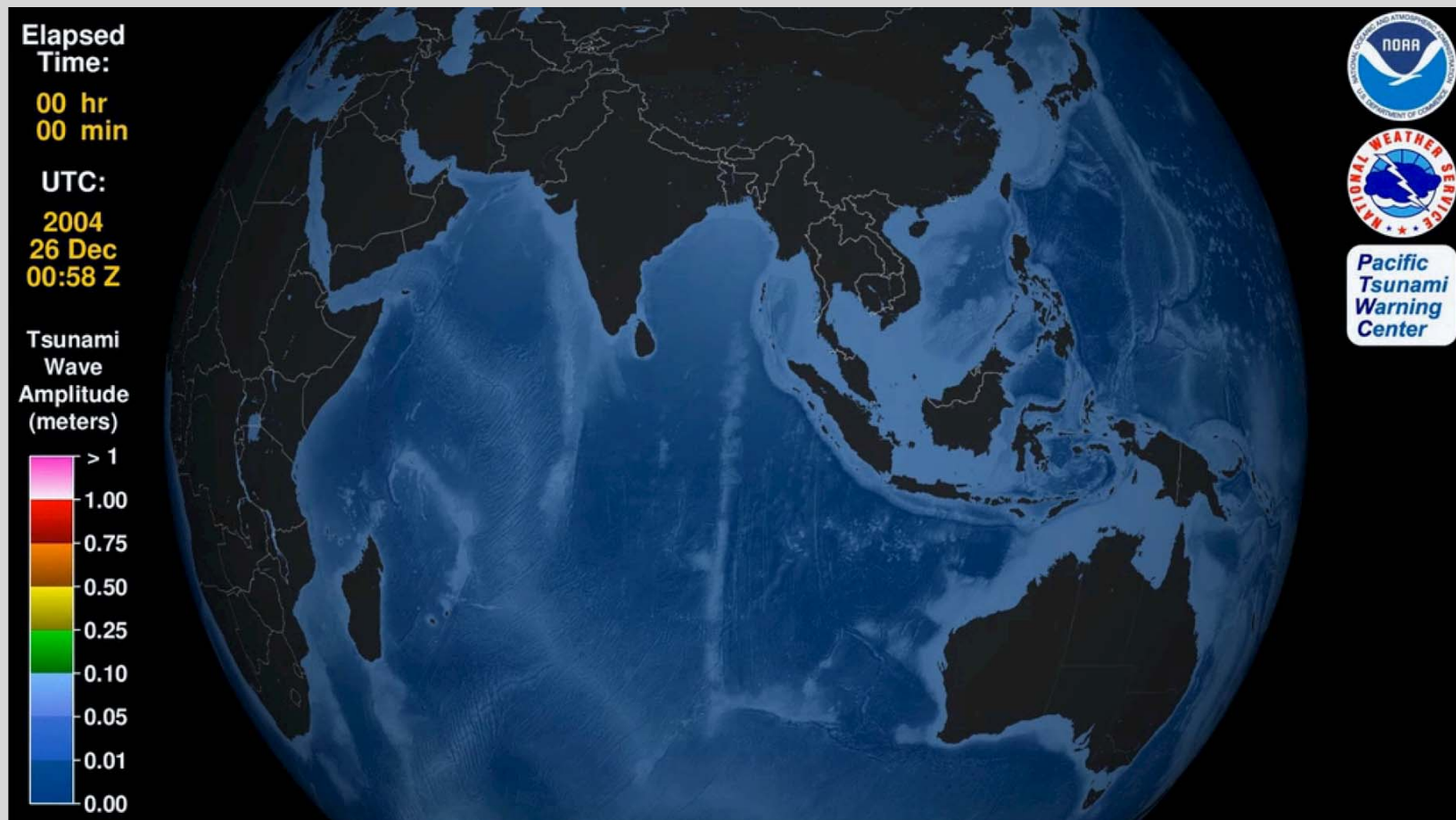


Figure 11-30. Tectonic displacements and seismicity accompanying the 1964 Alaskan earthquake relative to the Aleutian trench and the volcanic arc. From Plafker (1972).

Sumatra- Andaman, 2004 M_W 9.1

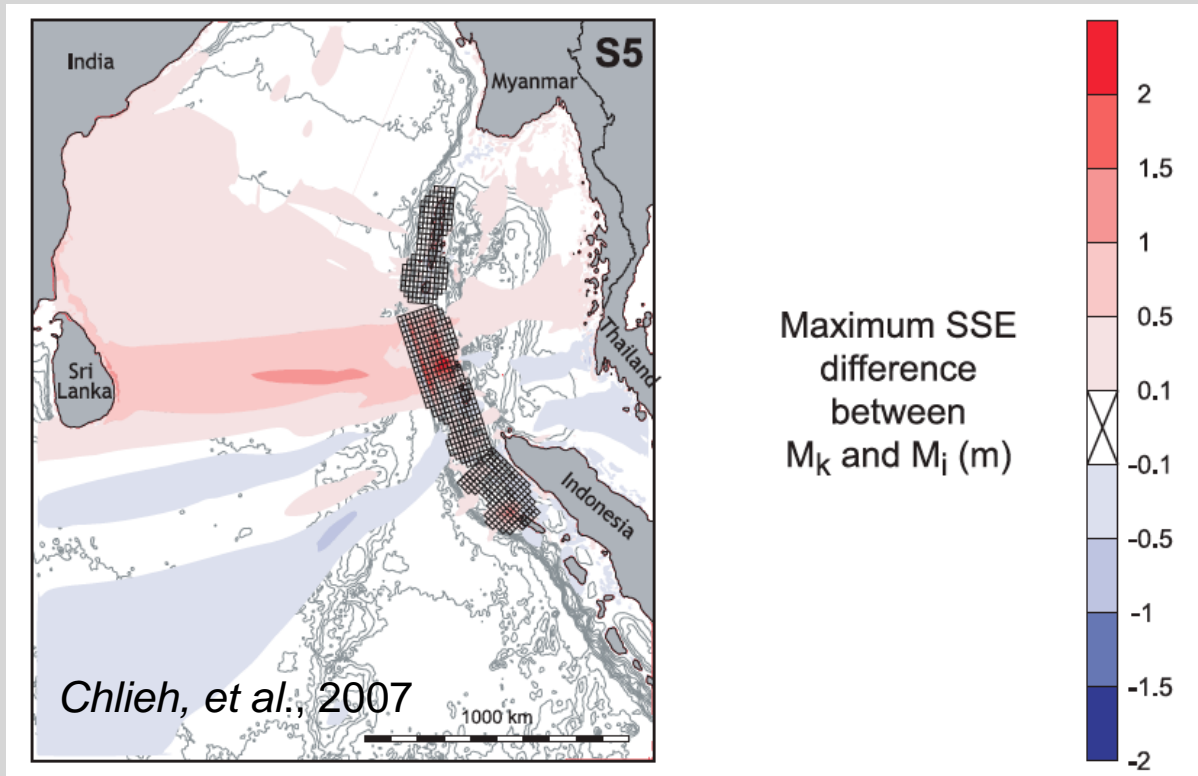


2004 Indian Ocean tsunami finite fault solution of *Chlieh, et al., 2007*



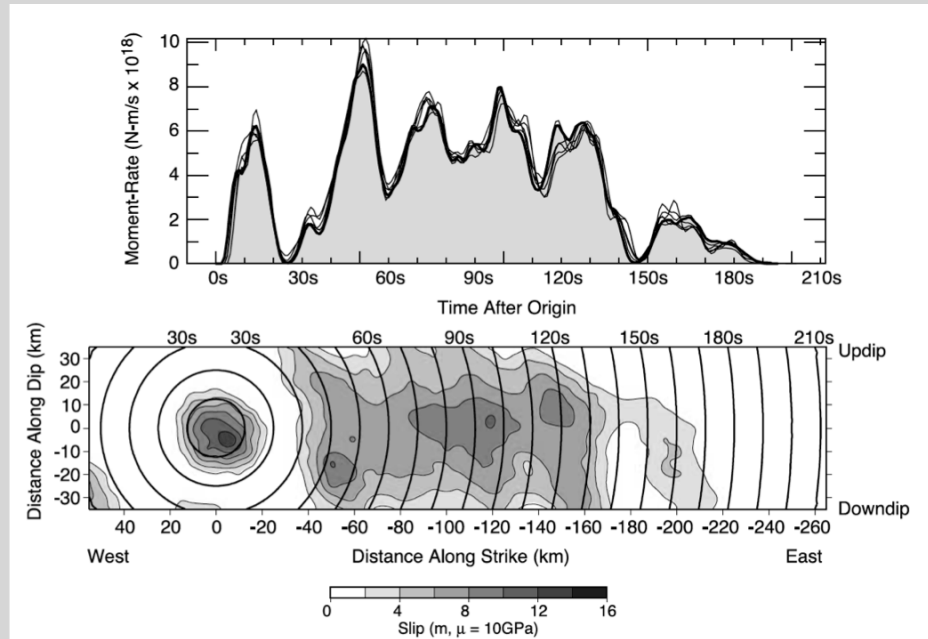
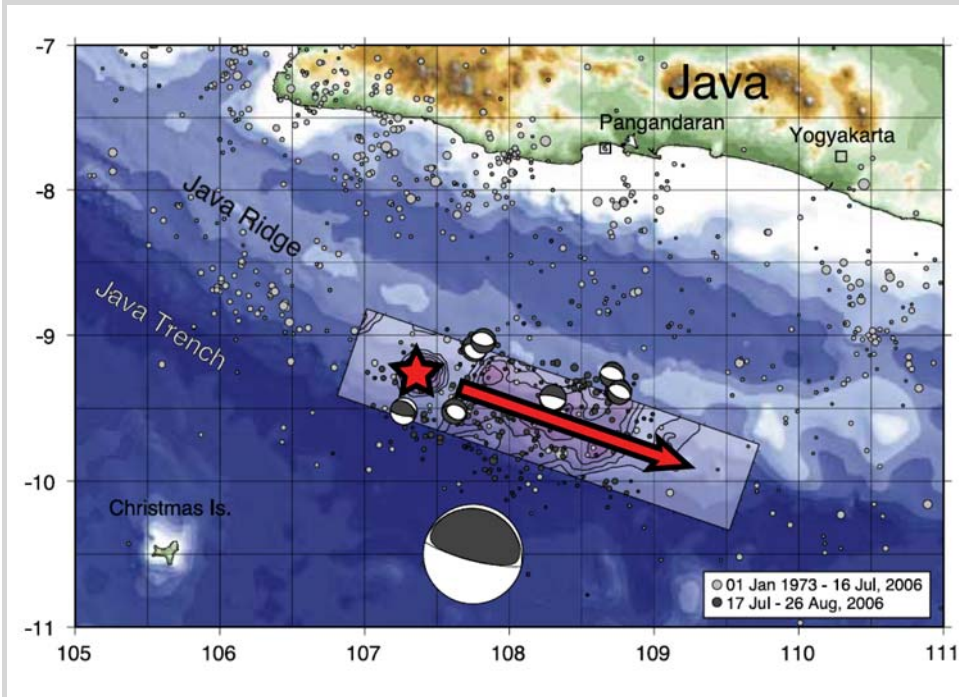
Instantaneous vs. kinematic rupture

Poisson, et al., 2011



- Kinematic rupture is necessary to explain runup on the coasts of Sri Lanka and India.
- If rupture direction is necessary in hindcasting, it is also necessary in forecasting.

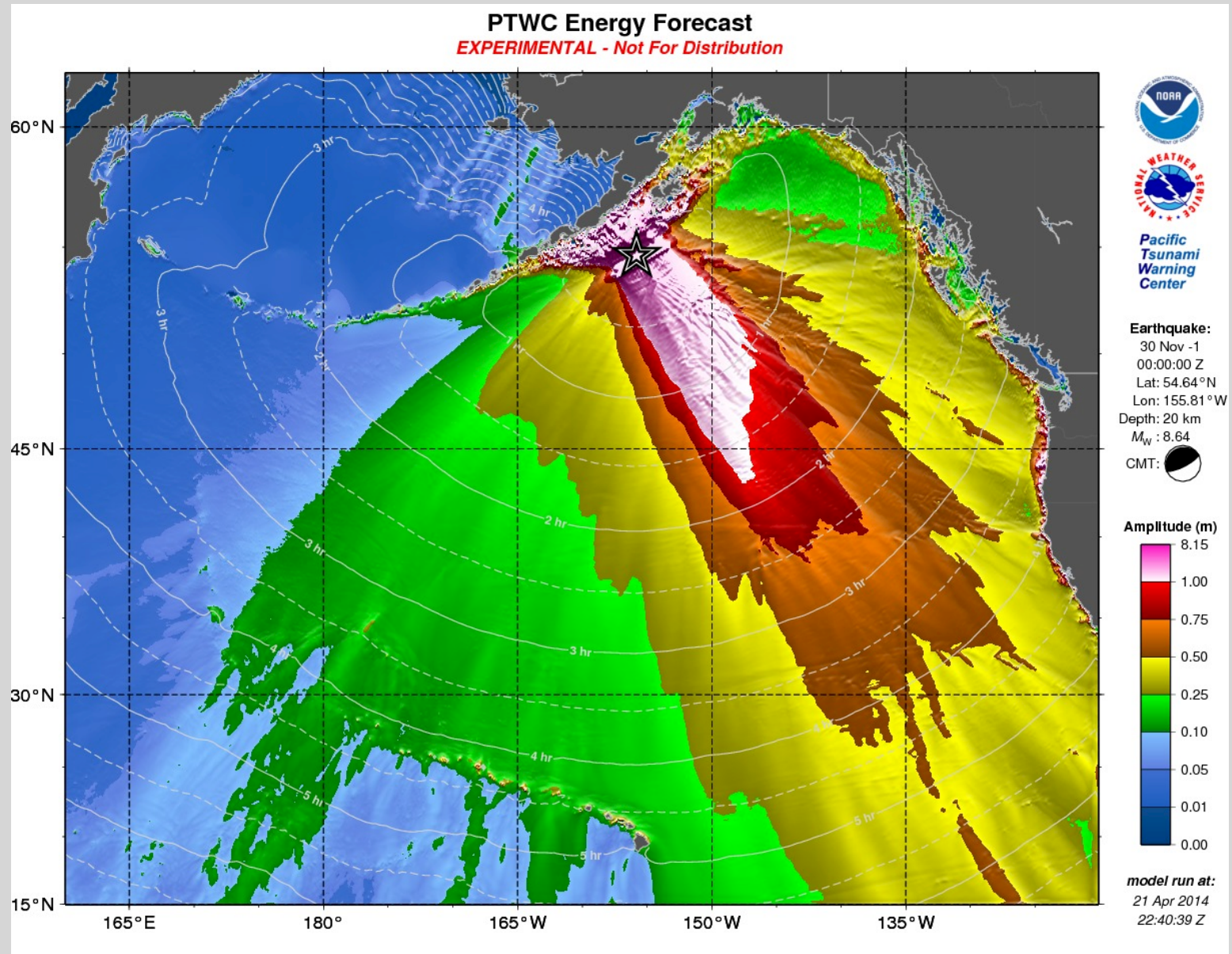
West Java, 2006; M_W 7.8



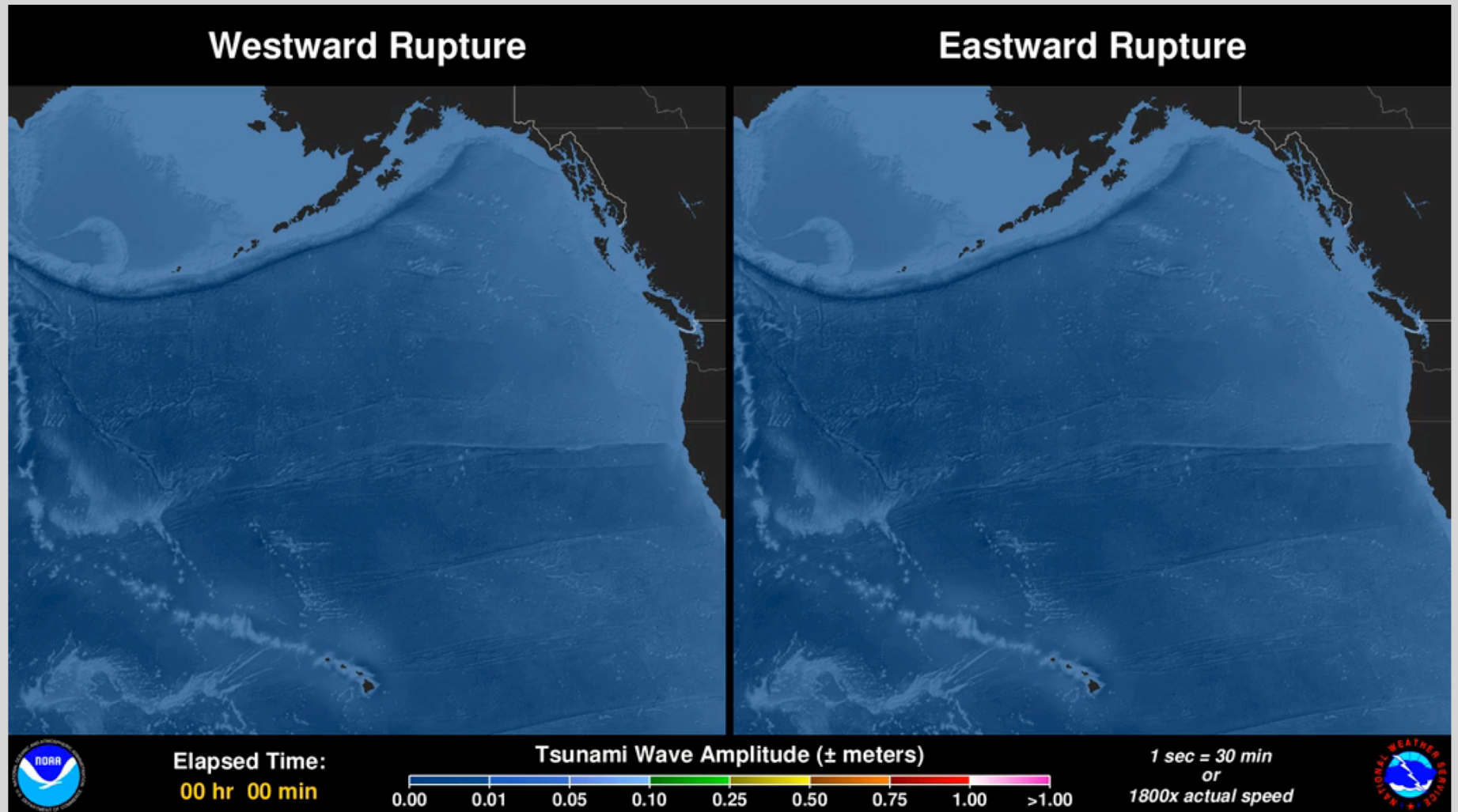
Ammon, et al., 2006

- Unilateral rupture
- Tsunami earthquake
- Rupture speed 1.0–1.25 km/s

Consider an M8.6 earthquake off the Alaska Peninsula

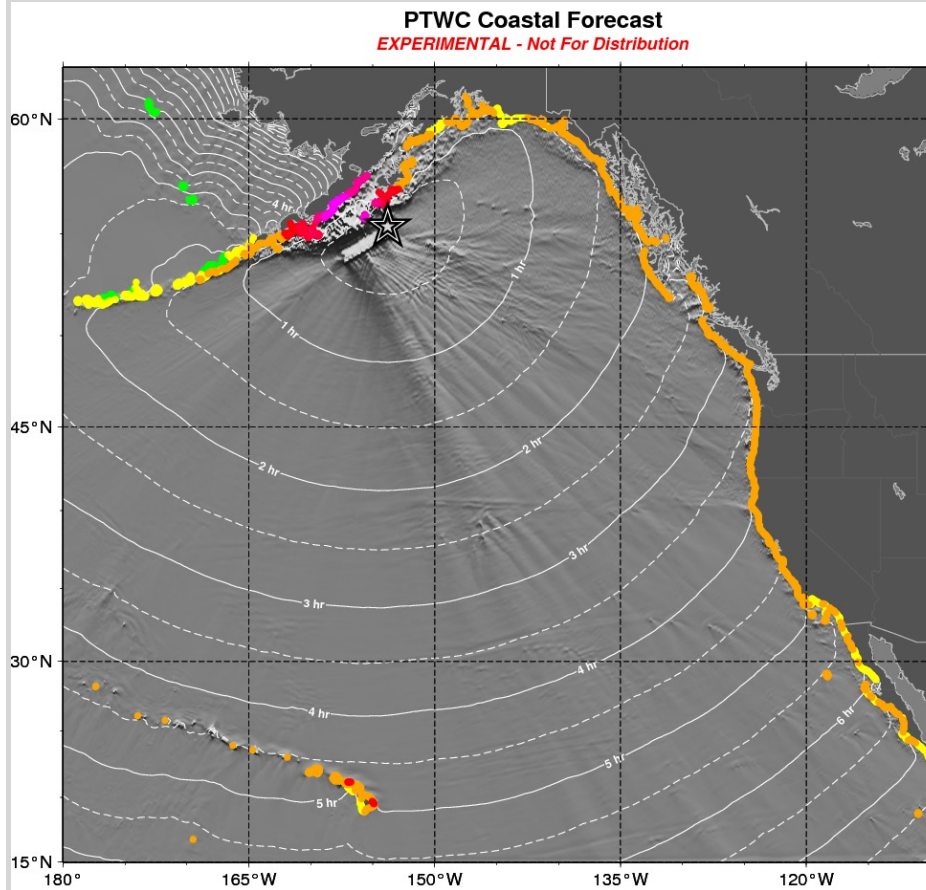


But what if the rupture were unilateral?

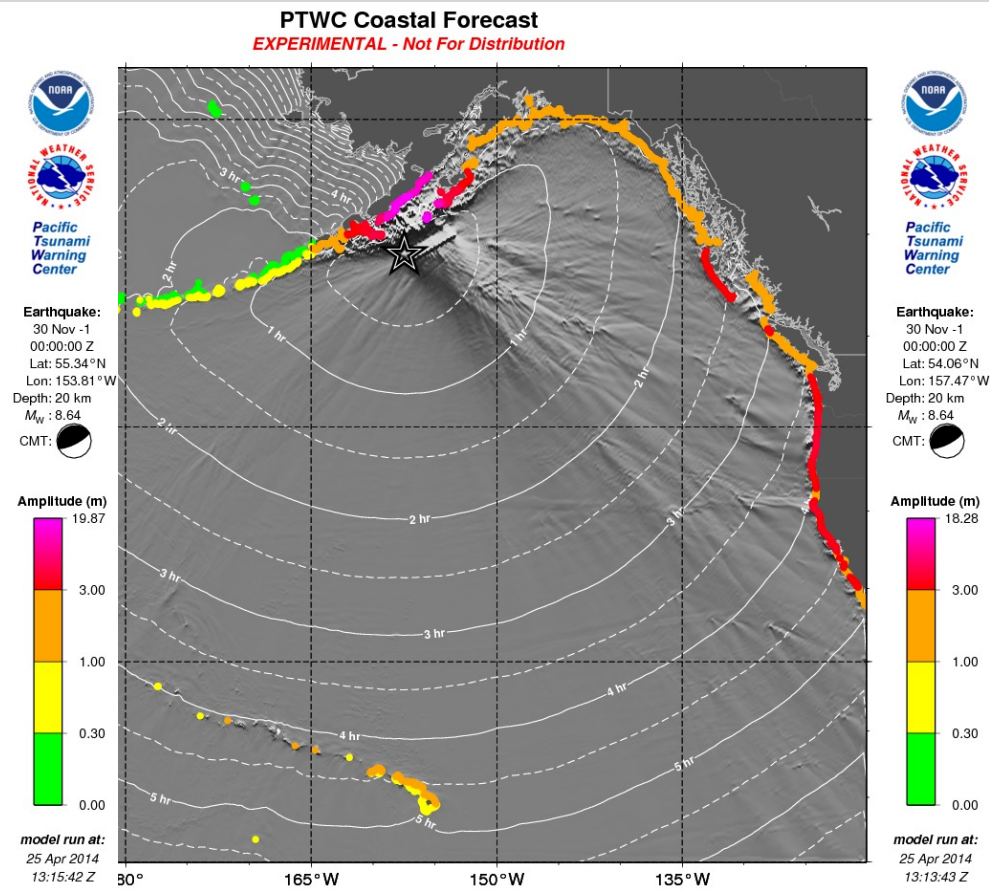


Rupture speed 1.12 km/s

Coastal Runup via Green's Law

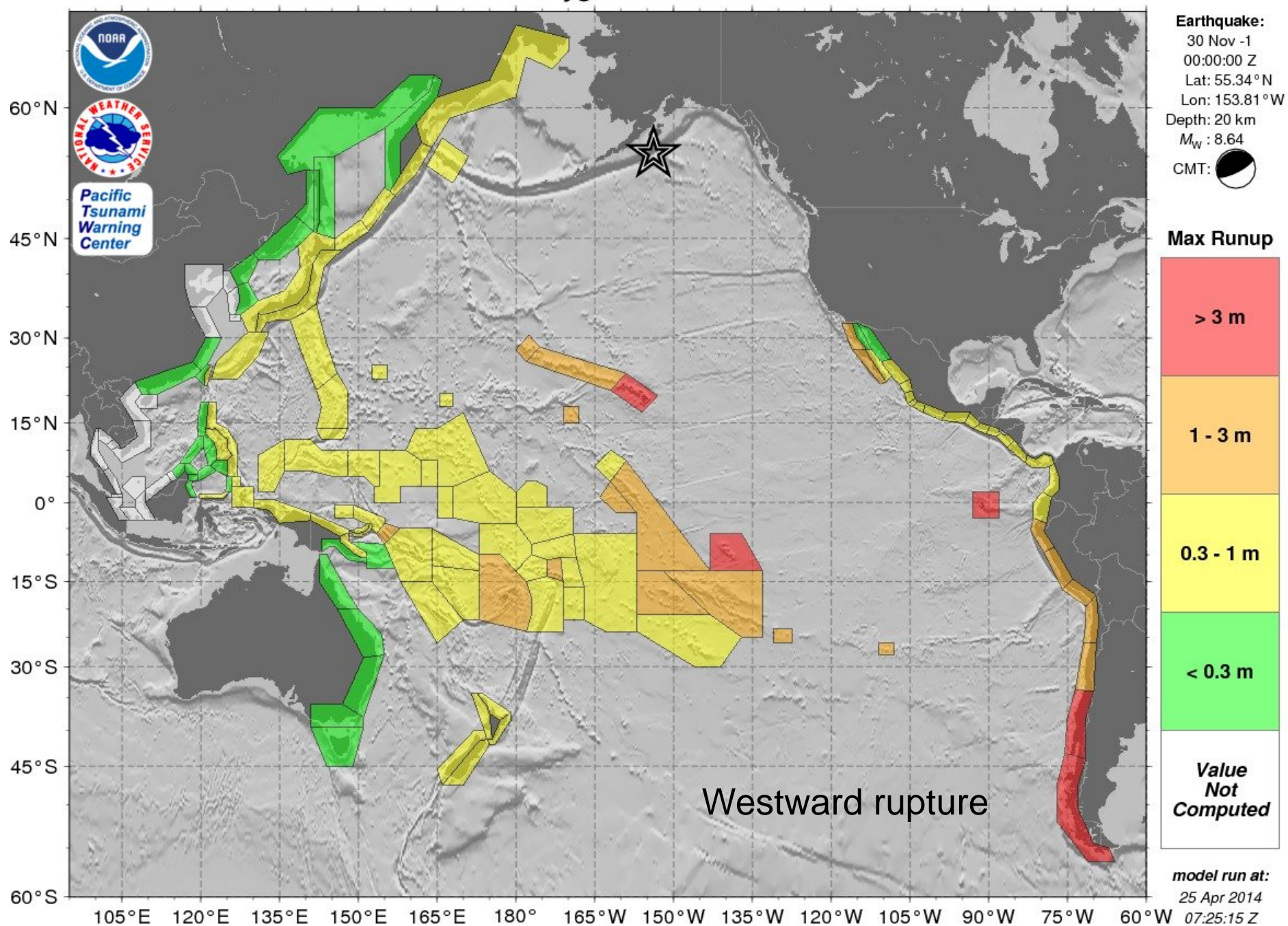


Westward rupture

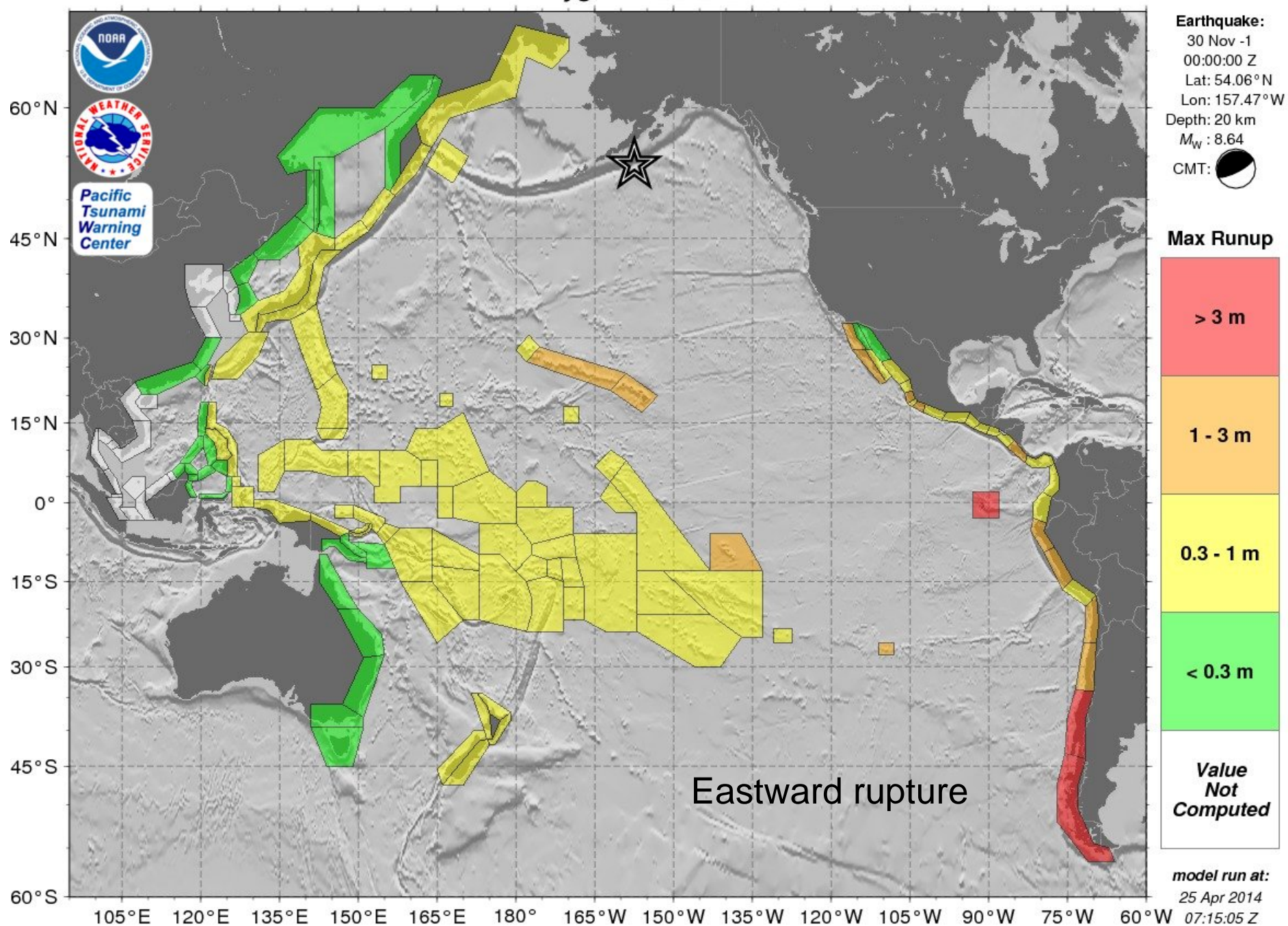


Eastward rupture

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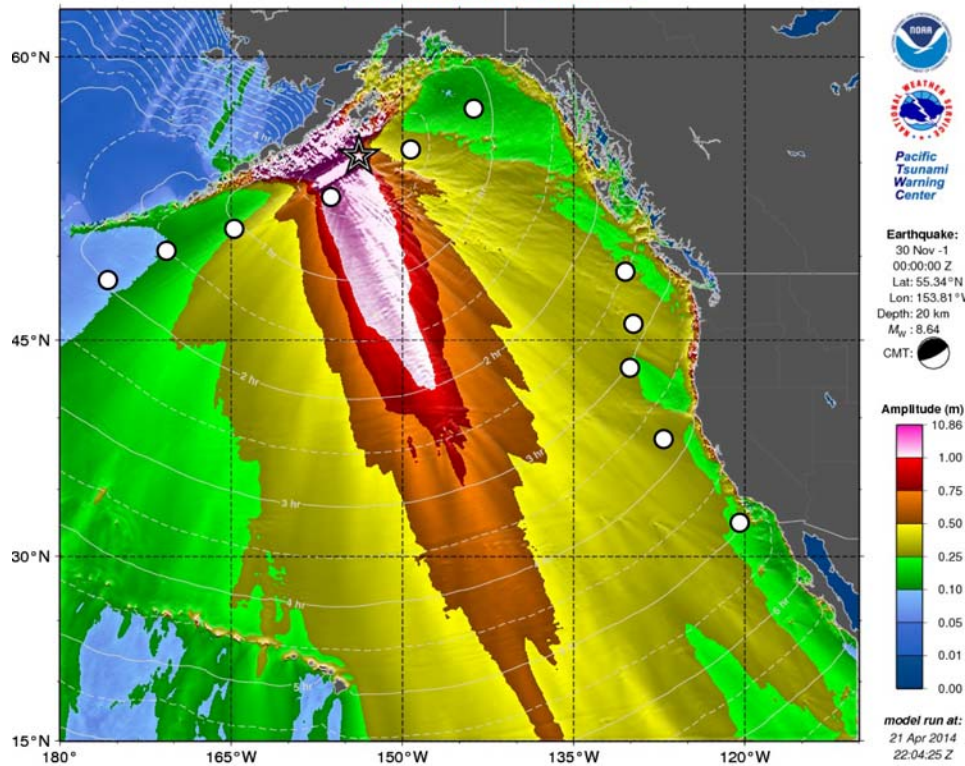


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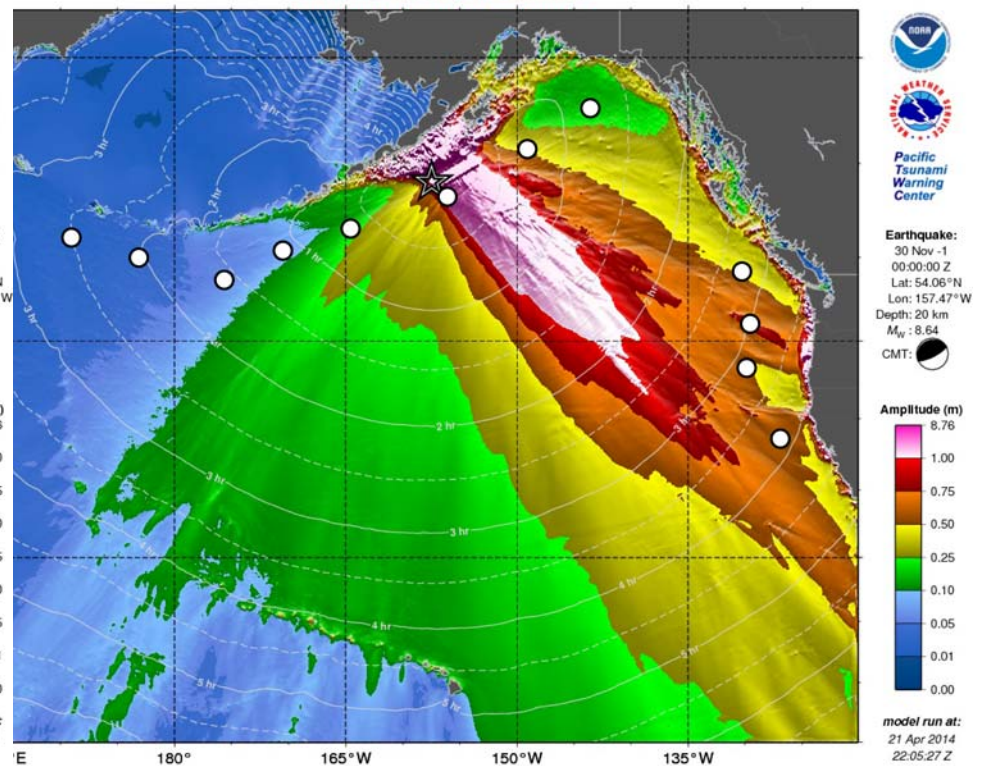


Do the DARTs help?

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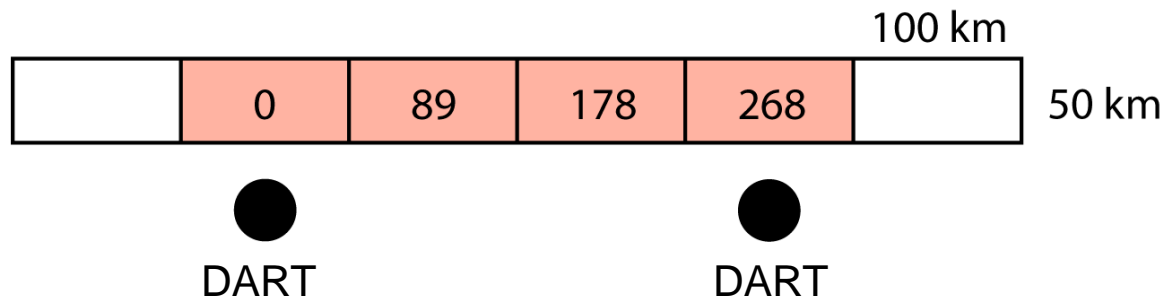
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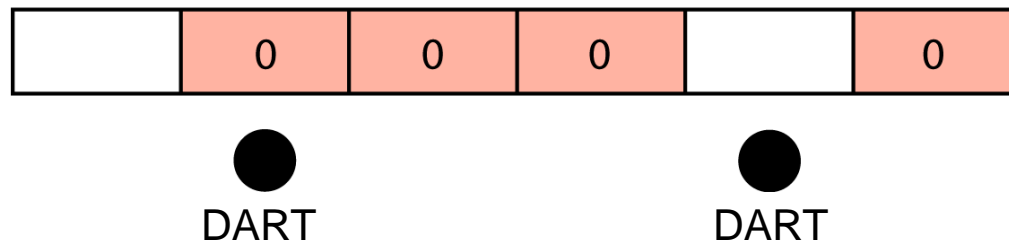
Gedanken: 2-DART inversion

- The source: sequential rupture at a speed of 1.12 km/s
- The model: Instantaneous rupture; tsunami travels at 0.2 km/s

Source



Inversion



Comments

- We must compute finite fault slip models (~25 minutes from seismic data, <10 minutes if high-rate GPS available).
- Measurements are too sparse to allow us to choose between models from water level alone.
- The tsunami warning centers are going to have to do a lot more seismology.
- Should we do away with the DARTs? No. They are essential for calibrating forecasts. If rupture is slow enough to suggest a tsunami earthquake, we drop our assumed shear modulus from 45 to 25 GPa. But what if it is only 10 GPa?