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Source modeling and inversion with near real-time GPS: a GITEWS perspective for Indonesia

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Abstract. We present the GITEWS approach to source modeling of tsunami early warning in Indonesia. Near-field tsunami implies special requirements to both warning time and details of source characterization. To meet these requirements, we employ geophysical and geological information to predefine a maximum number of rupture parameter patches (150×25) and employ the concept of Green's functions for forward and inverse rupture modeling. Rupture Generator, a forward modeling system additionally employs different scaling laws and slip shape functions to construct physically reasonable source models using basic seismic information only (magnitude and epicenter location). GITEWS runs semi- and fully-synthetic scenarios to be extensively employed for system testing as well as by warning center personnel teaching and training. Near real-time GPS observations are a very valuable component to the local tsunami warning system. Their inversion provides quick (a few minutes on an event) estimation of the earthquake magnitude, rupture position and, in case of sufficient station coverage, details of rupture distribution.

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