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Dependency of tsunami simulations on advection scheme, grid resolution, bottom friction and topography

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  - Numerical concepts and inundation scheme
- The Okushiri tsunami 1993
  - Influence of advection scheme, grid resolution, bottom friction on simulation results
- A worst case scenario for Padang
  - Influence of topography data on inundation
- Conclusion

Shallow water equations

Continuity equation:

$$\partial_t \eta + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v} H) = 0$$

Momentum equation:

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{f} \times \mathbf{v} + g \nabla \eta + \frac{g n^2 \mathbf{v} |\mathbf{v}|}{H^{4/3}} - \nabla \cdot (A_h \nabla \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

advection — Coriolis — pressure gradient — bottom friction — viscosity

where

$\mathbf{v} = (u(t,x,y), v(t,x,y))$: horizontal velocity

$H = h(x,y) + \eta(t,x,y)$: total water depth

Boundary Conditions:

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{H}}\eta, \quad (x,y) \in \partial\Omega_1$$

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad (x,y) \in \partial\Omega_2$$

Initial Conditions:

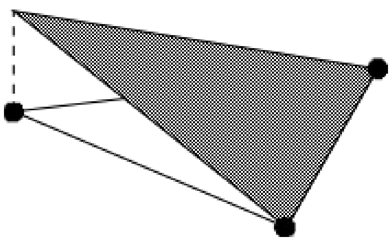
$$\mathbf{v}|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$\eta|_{t=0} = \eta_0$$

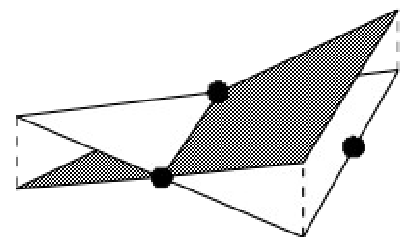
Discretization

Finite element spatial discretization:

non-conforming mixed P_1-P_1^{nc} (Hanert et al., 2005)



Linear conforming shape functions for η



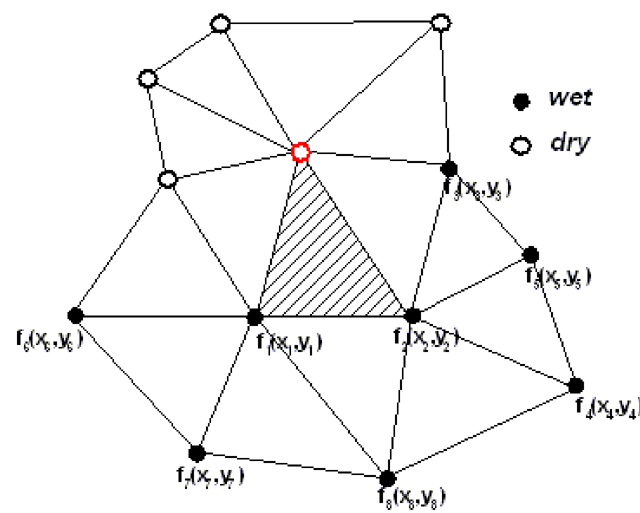
Linear non-conforming shape functions for v

Explicit time stepping scheme:

Leap frog with Robert-Asselin filter

Inundation: Extrapolation scheme

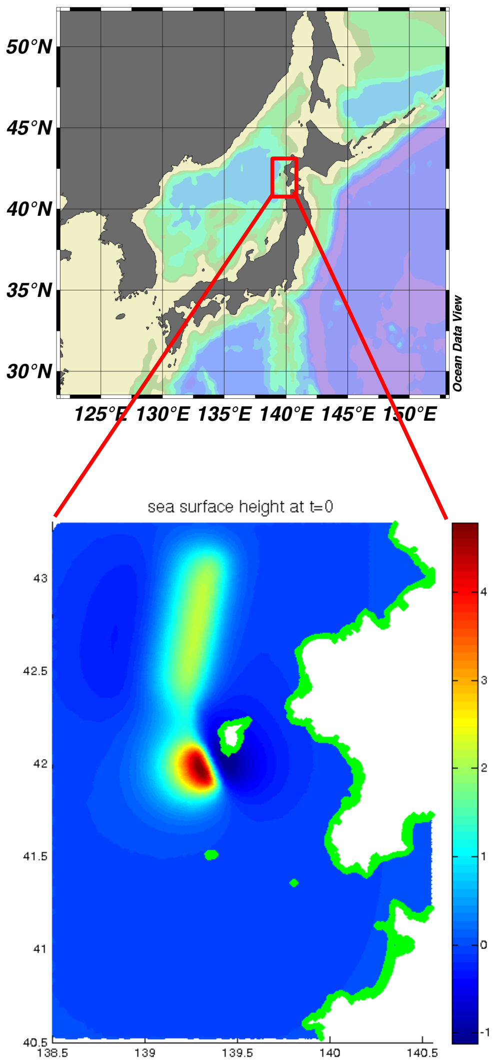
„Dry node concept“ by Lynett et al., 2002



The Okushiri Tsunami 1993 (M_w 7.8)

Field benchmark for the validation of tsunami models (Synolakis, NOAA, 2007)

- Initial condition, tide gauge data and bathymetry provided by NOAA
- Very high runup up to 30m at Monai (west coast of Okushiri island)

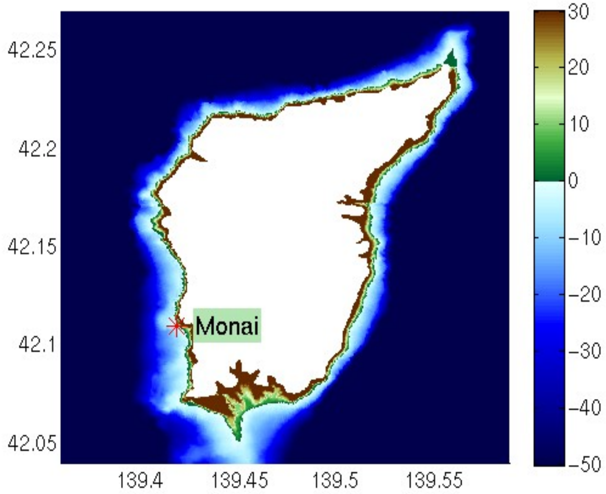


Initial uplift distribution

Takahashi et al, 1995

max. uplift: 4.87m
max. depression: -1.12m

Okushiri island



Mesh Generation

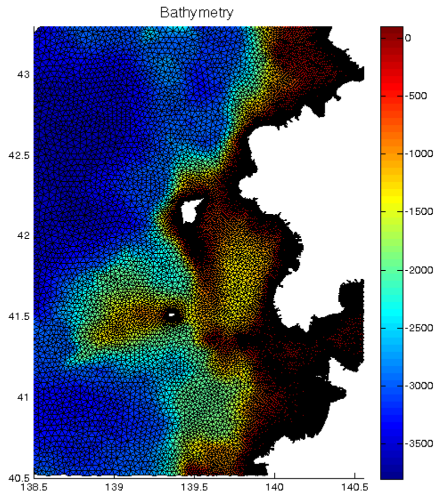
Mesh refinement is based on the CFL criterion and bathymetry:

$$\Delta x \leq \min\left(k_1\sqrt{gh},\ k_2\frac{h}{\nabla h}\right)$$

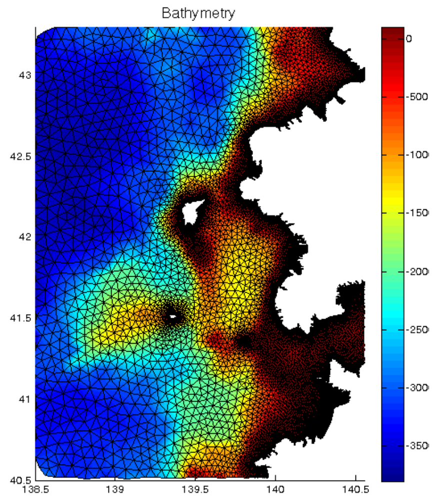
→ fine resolution at the shoreline and at regions of steep bathymetry, coarse mesh in the deep ocean

For the Okushiri testcase, four meshes with different resolution are used:

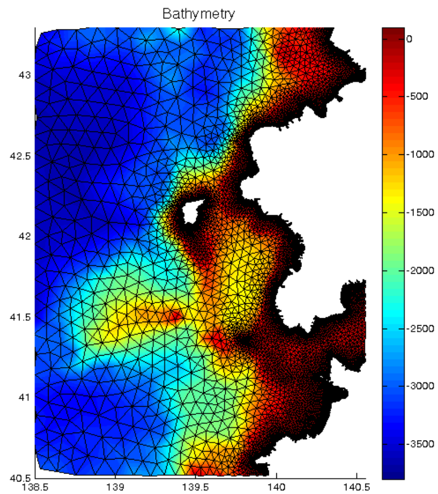
Mesh 1 (fine_mesh):
nodes: 309 410
min. res. 50m
max. res. 3km



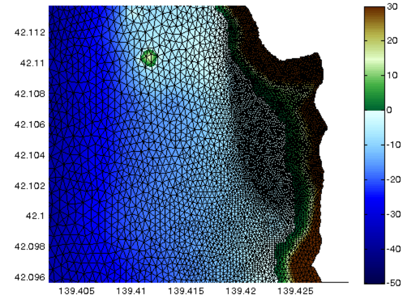
Mesh 2 (medium_mesh):
nodes: 103 361
min. res. 100m
max. res. 6km



Mesh 3 (coarse_mesh):
nodes: 45 028
min. res. 150m
max. res. 9km

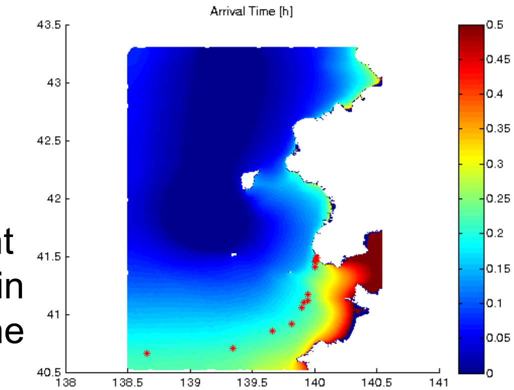


Mesh 4:
nodes: 214 124
local refinement in the Monai area:
min. res. 10m
max.res. 6km



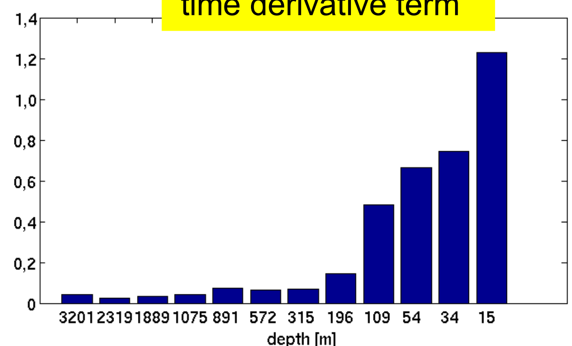
Fractions of terms in the momentum equation dependent on depth

Arrival time

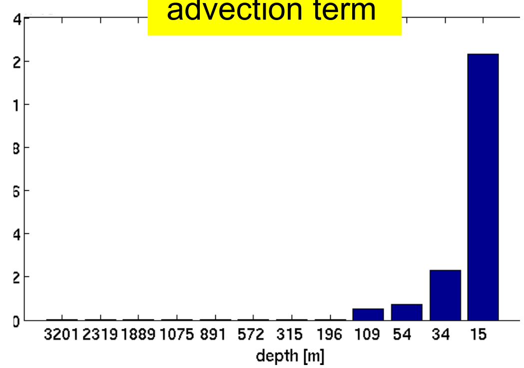


Locations of different depth on 12 min isochrone

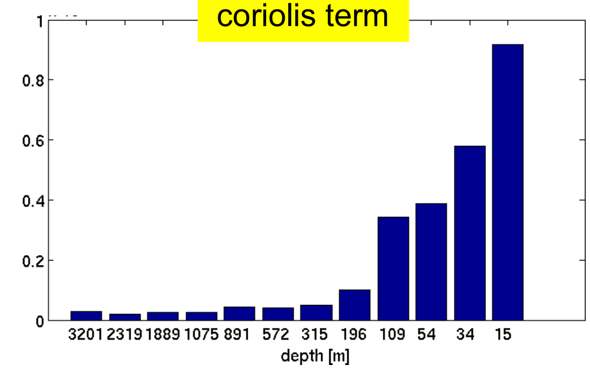
x 10^{-2} time derivative term



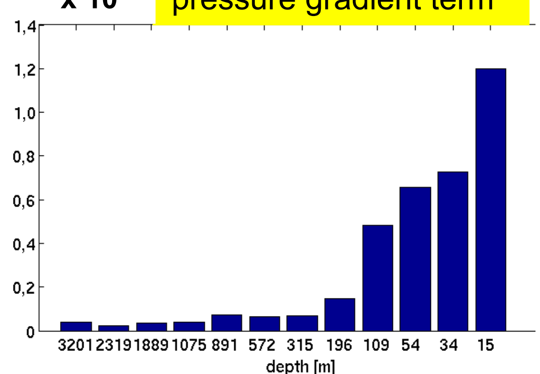
x 10^{-3} advection term



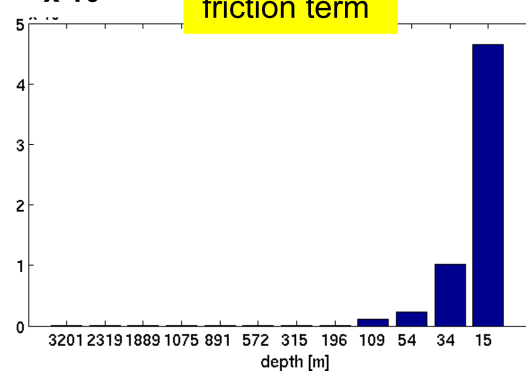
x 10^{-4} coriolis term



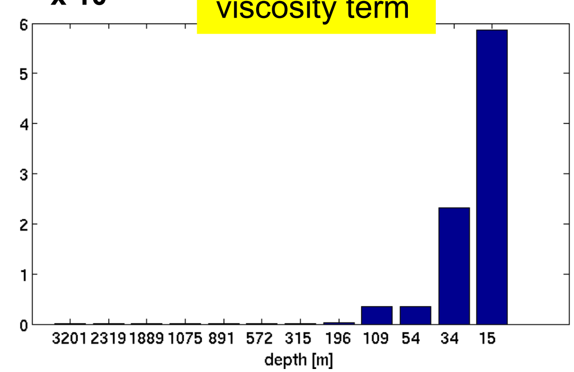
x 10^{-2} pressure gradient term



x 10^{-5} friction term



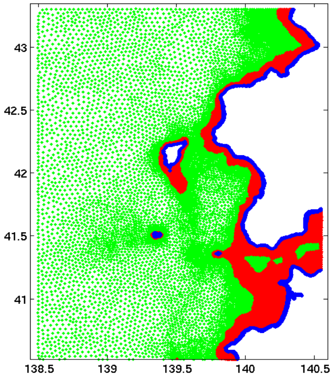
x 10^{-5} viscosity term



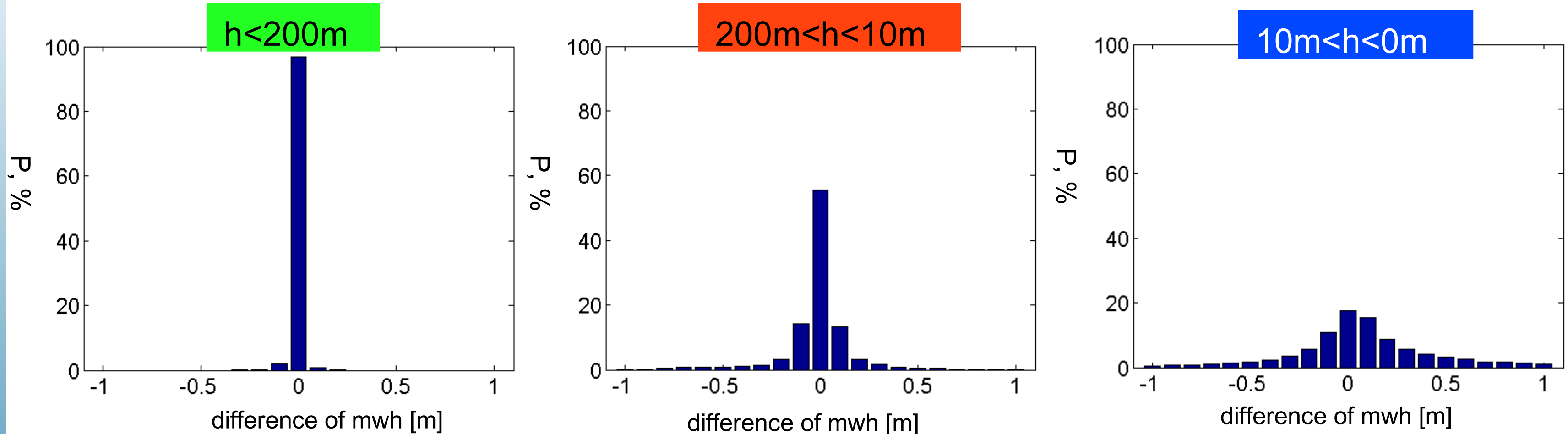
Momentum eq. with and without advection

Divison of nodes into 3 categories:

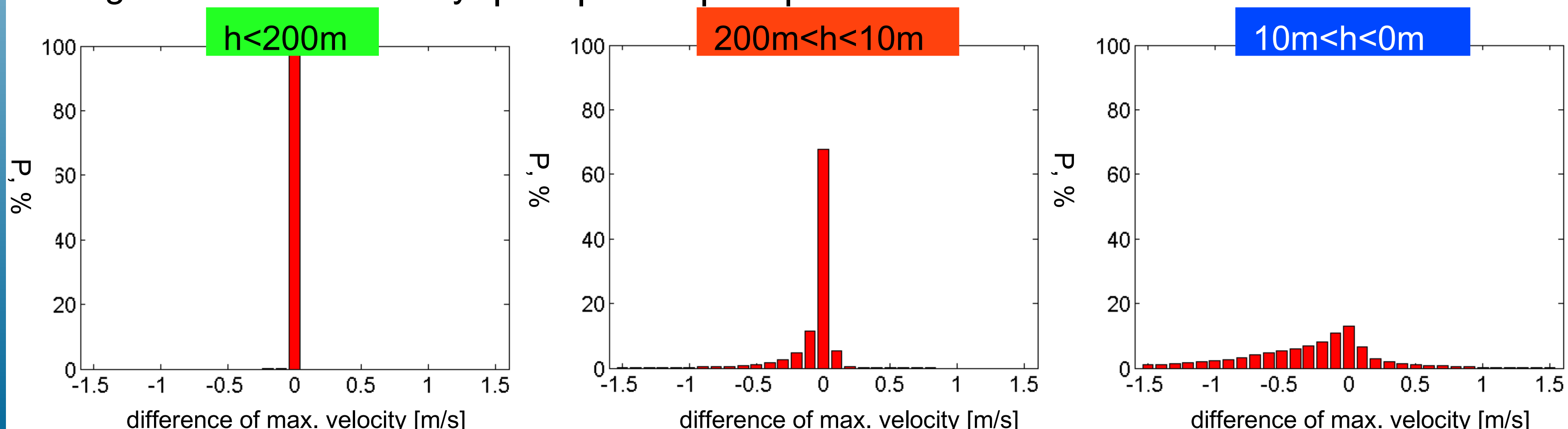
- depth<200m
- 200m<depth<10m
- 10m<depth<0m



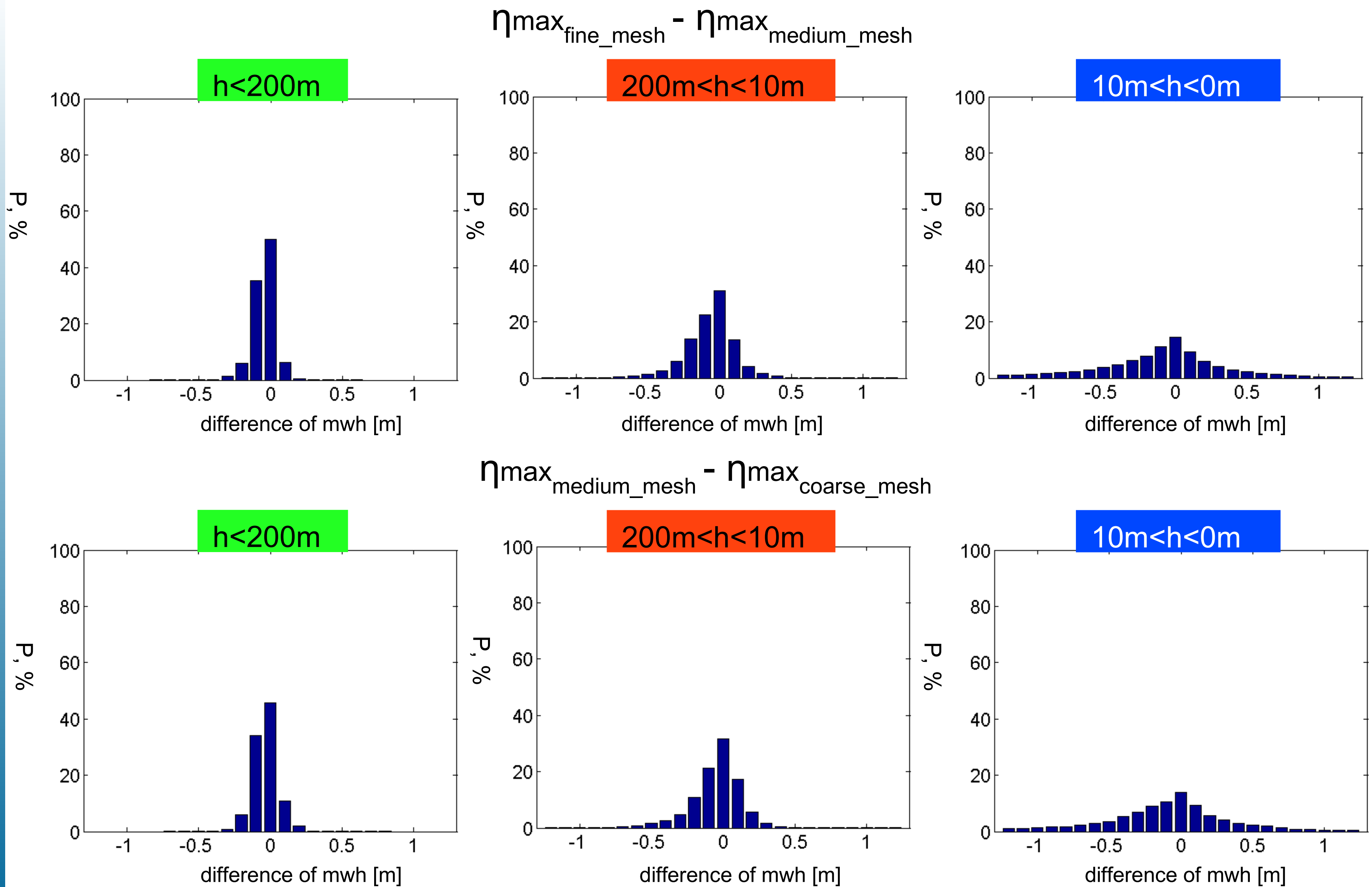
Histograms of mwh: $\eta_{max\ linear} - \eta_{max\ non\text{-}linear}$



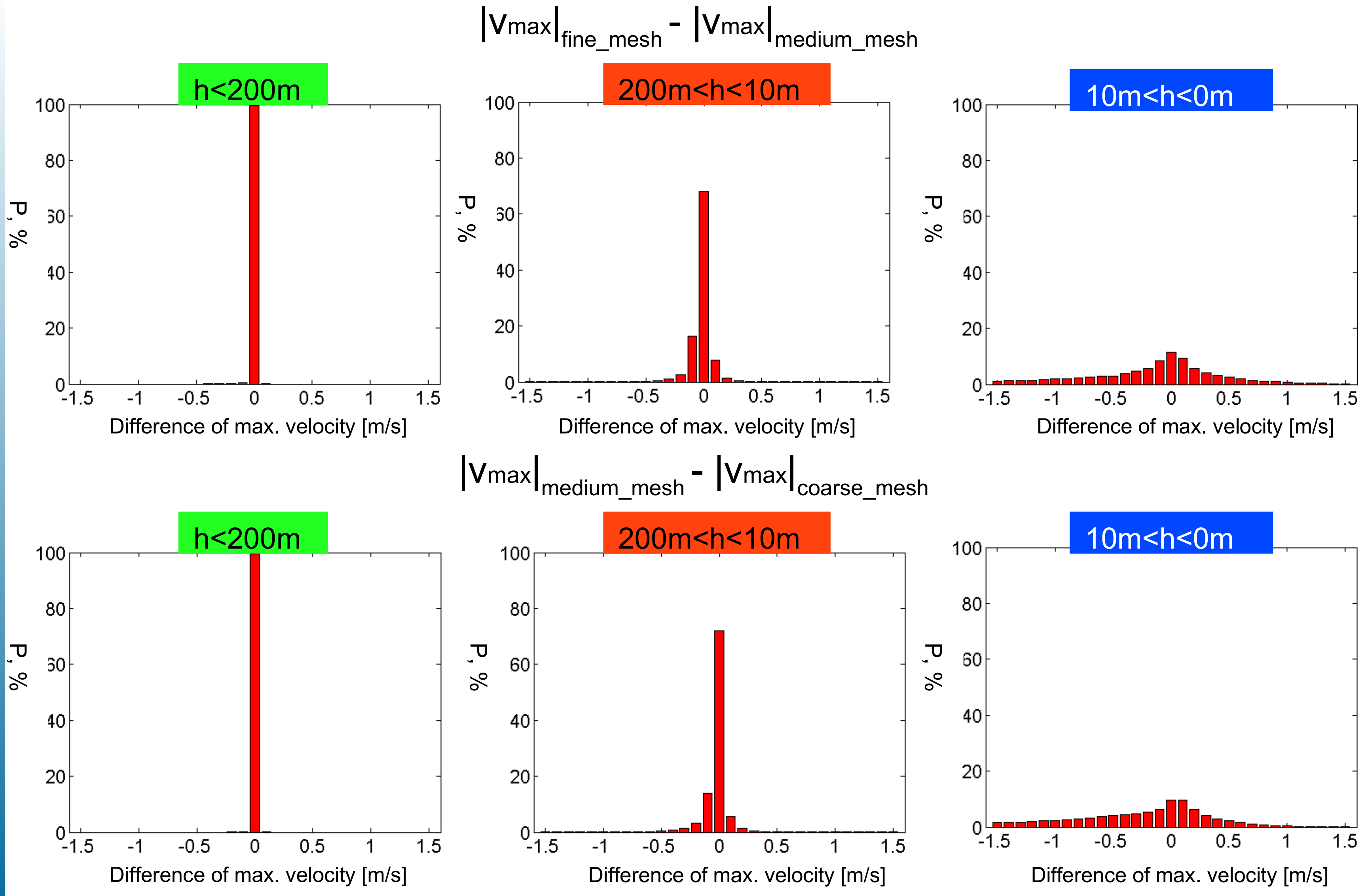
Histograms of max. velocity: $|v_{max}|_{linear} - |v_{max}|_{non\text{-}linear}$



Influence of mesh resolution on mwh

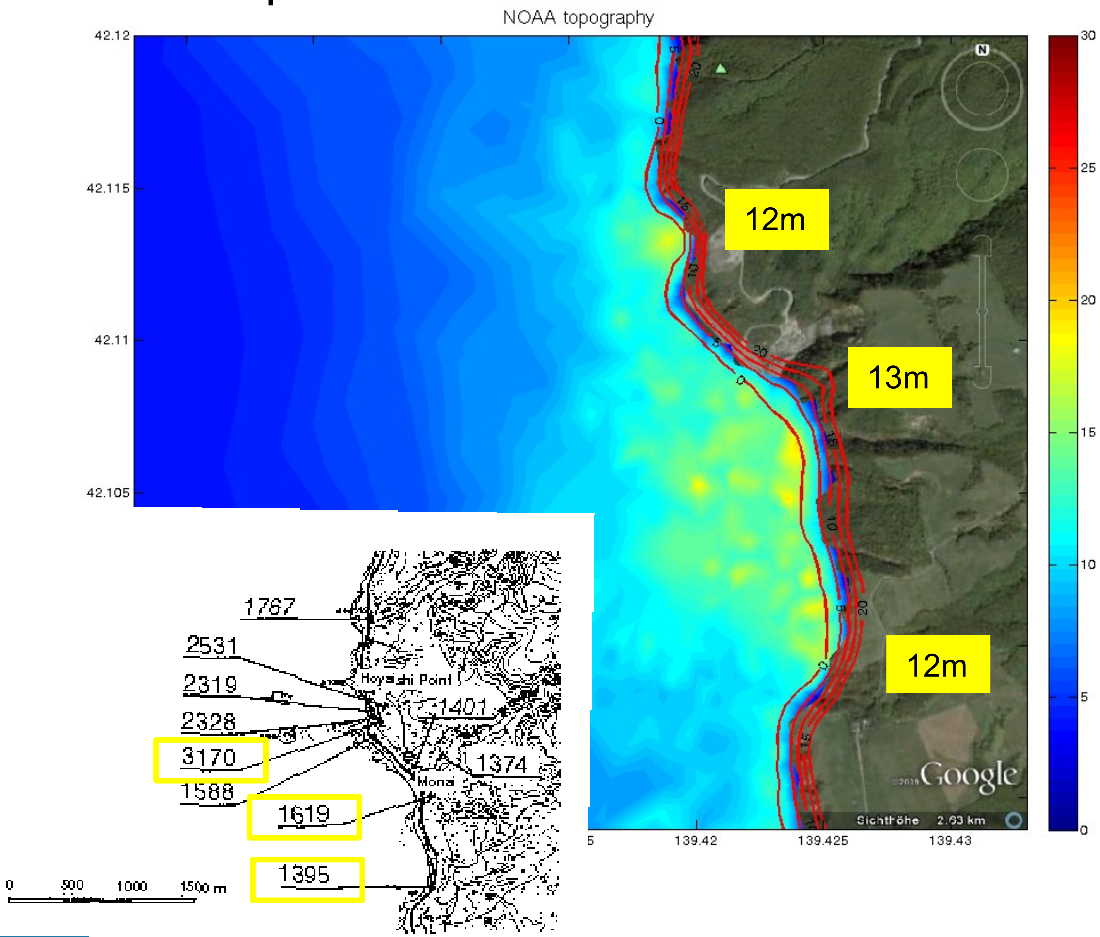


Influence of mesh resolution on max. velocity



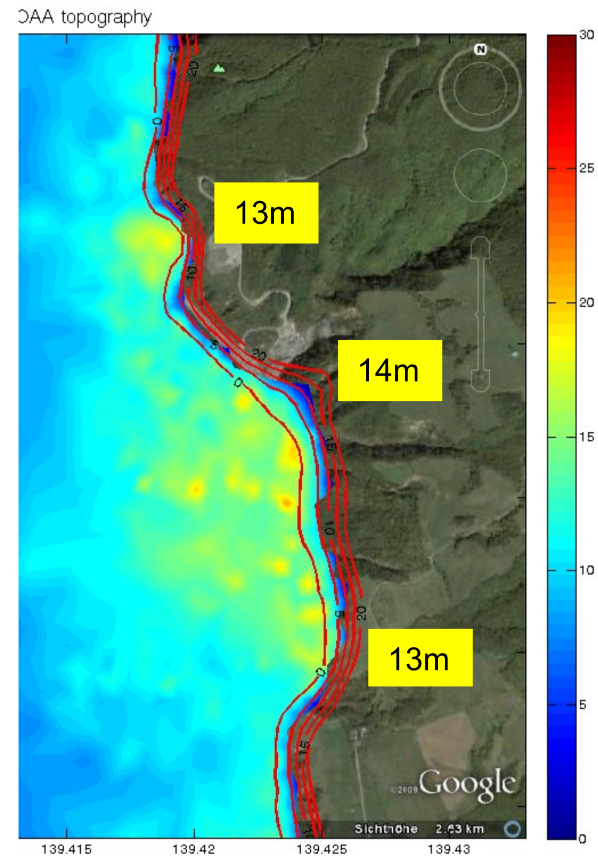
Inundation of the Monai area – with and without friction

friction parameter: n=0.02



Runup distribution in the Monai area (in cm)

without friction

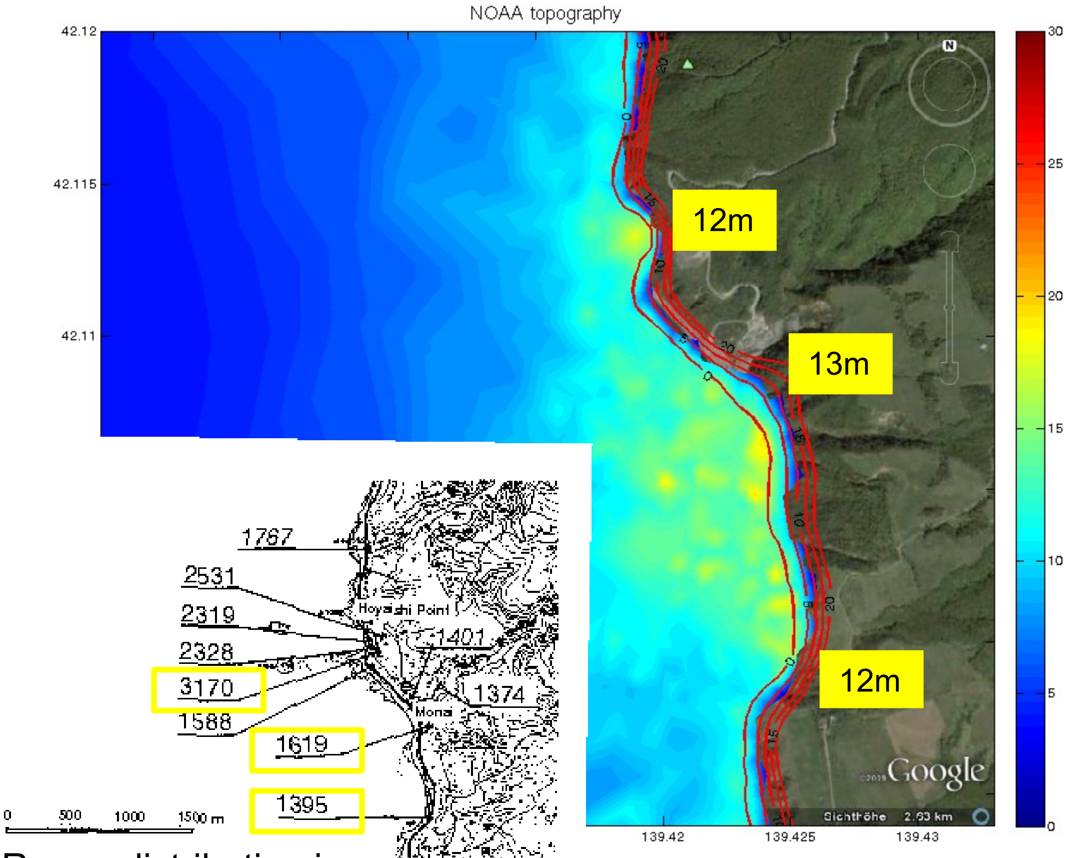


Max. wave height

— isolines of topography (0m,5m,10m,15m,20m)

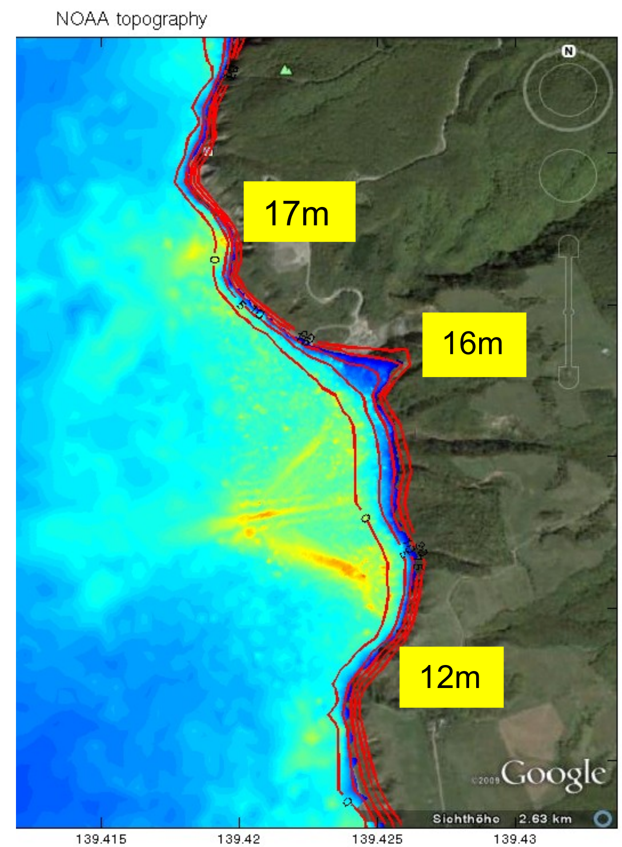
Inundation of the Monai area – depending on mesh resolution

50 m res. at the coast



Runup distribution in the Monai area (in cm)

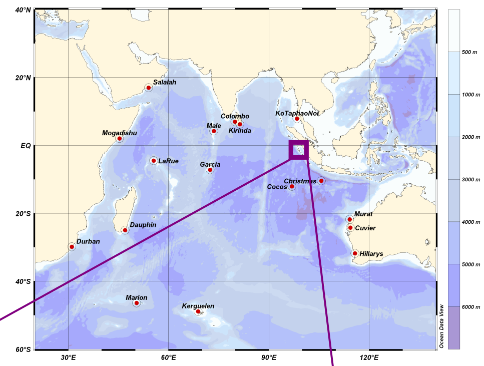
10 m res. at the coast



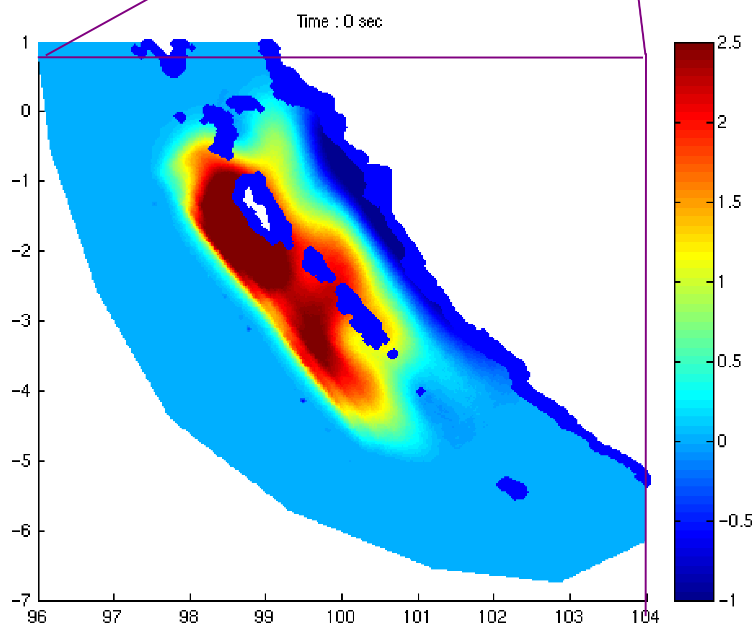
Max. wave height

— isolines of topography (0m,5m,10m,15m,20m)

Worst case tsunami scenario for Padang, Sumatra



Mw 8.98



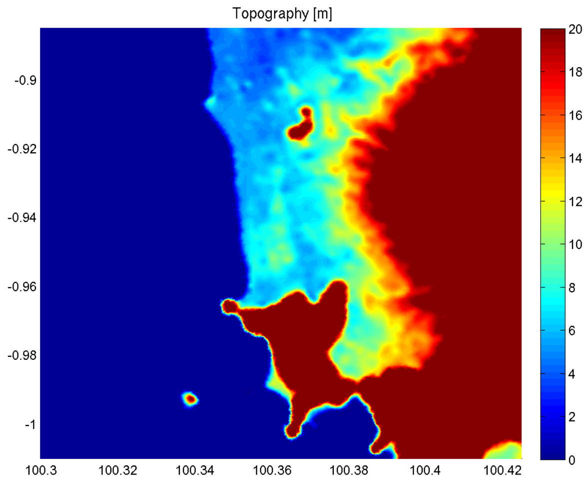
Max. Uplift = 3.73 m
Max. Depression = -1.60 m

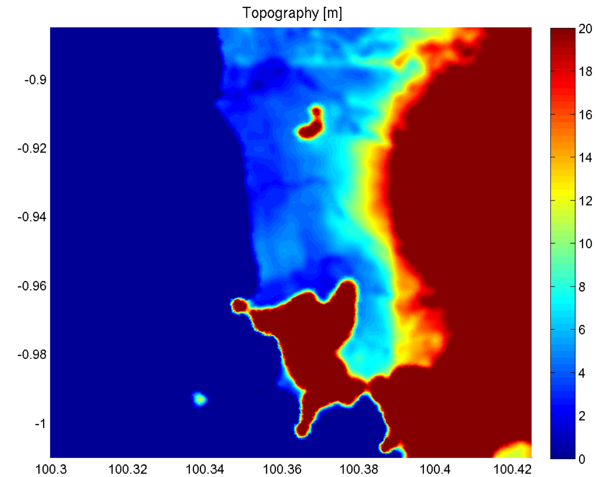
Variable resolution of the mesh:
~57 m in Padang region
~7 km in deep sea

Worst case tsunami scenario for Padang

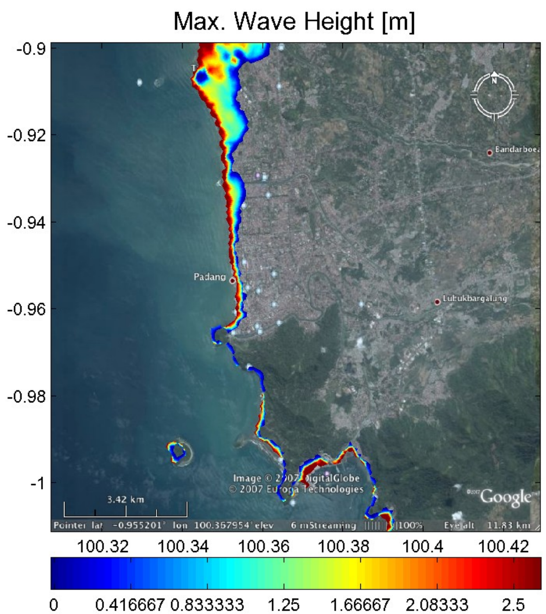
Topography and inundation results

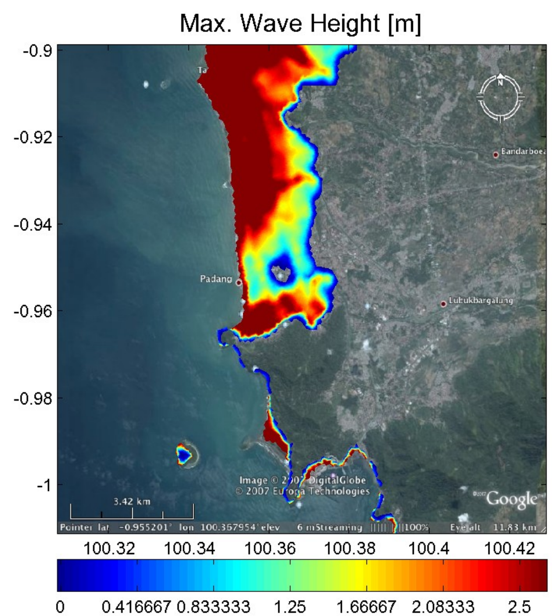
SRTM
(90 m res.)





HRSC
(50 m res.)





Conclusion

- Advection is important in shallow water
- Grid resolution has effect on mwh and velocity in coastal regions
- To simulate runup successfully, a fine mesh resolution is needed
- Good topography data is crutial for reliable inundation results