

# 1 Tsunami hazard in Lombok & Bali, Indonesia, due to the 2 Flores back-arc thrust

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12 **Abstract.** The tsunami hazard posed by the Flores back-arc thrust, which runs along the northern coast of the  
13 islands of Bali and Lombok, Indonesia, is poorly studied compared to the Sunda megathrust, situated ~250 km to  
14 the south of the islands. However, the 2018 Lombok earthquake sequence demonstrated the seismic potential of  
15 the western Flores Thrust when a fault ramp beneath the island of Lombok ruptured in two Mw 6.9 earthquakes.  
16 Although the uplift in these events mostly occurred below land, the sequence still generated local tsunamis along  
17 the northern coast of Lombok. Historical records show that the Flores fault system in the Lombok and Bali region  
18 has generated at least six  $\geq$ M<sub>s</sub> 6.5 tsunamigenic earthquakes since 1800 CE. Hence, it is important to assess the  
19 possible tsunami hazard represented by this fault system. Here, we focus on the submarine fault segment located  
20 between the islands of Lombok and Bali (below the Lombok Strait). We assess modeled tsunami patterns  
21 generated by fault slip in six earthquake scenarios (slip of 1-5 m, representing Mw 7.2-7.9+) using deterministic  
22 modelling, with a focus on impacts on the capital cities of Mataram, Lombok and Denpasar, Bali, which lie on  
23 the coasts facing the strait. We use a geologically constrained earthquake model informed by the Lombok  
24 earthquake sequence, together with a high-resolution bathymetry dataset developed by combining direct  
25 measurements from GEBCO with sounding measurements from the official nautical charts for Indonesia. Our  
26 results show that fault rupture in this region could trigger a tsunami reaching Mataram in <9 minutes and Denpasar  
27 in ~23-27 minutes, with multiple waves. For an earthquake with 3-5 m of coseismic slip, Mataram and Denpasar  
28 experience maximum wave heights of ~1.6-2.7 m and ~0.6 to 1.4 m, respectively. Furthermore, our earthquake  
29 models indicate that both cities would experience coseismic subsidence of 20-40 cm, exacerbating their exposure  
30 to both the tsunami and other coastal hazards. Overall, Mataram city is more exposed than Denpasar to high  
31 tsunami waves arriving quickly from the fault source. To understand how a tsunami would affect Mataram, we  
32 model the associated inundation using the 5m slip model and show that Mataram is inundated ~55-140 m inland  
33 along the northern coast and ~230 m along the southern coast, with maximum flow depths of ~2-3 m. Our study  
34 highlights that the early tsunami arrival in Mataram, Lombok gives little time for residents to evacuate. Raising  
35 their awareness about the potential for locally generated tsunamis and the need for evacuation plans is important  
36 to help them respond immediately after experiencing strong ground shaking.

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## 38 **1 Introduction**

39 Tsunamis sourced from back-arc thrust faulting, although not as common as megathrust tsunamis, could also  
40 result in fatalities and severe damage and destruction to structures. Such are the cases for the Mw 7.7 1991 Limon,  
41 Costa Rica (Suárez et al., 1995), Mw 7.9 1992 Flores Island, Indonesia, and Mw 7.5 1999 Ambrym Island of  
42 Vanuatu (Regnier et al., 2003) earthquakes. Understanding the tsunami hazard associated with back-arc thrusting  
43 is therefore important. Several studies have recognized the contribution of crustal earthquakes, which includes the  
44 back-arc thrusting, in the development of tsunami hazard assessments (Selva et al., 2016; Grezio et al., 2017;  
45 Behrens et al., 2021).

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47 Here, we assess the deterministic tsunami hazard associated with the westernmost segment of the Flores Thrust,  
48 a back-arc thrust that extends for >1,500 km, accommodating a portion of the convergence between the Indo-  
49 Australian and Sunda Plates (Fig. 1a). Unlike its eastern segment, where the 1992 Mw 7.9 Flores Island earthquake  
50 occurred, the western part of the fault has not hosted devastating tsunamis in recent years, although historical  
51 records and previous studies show that it has generated at least eight tsunamigenic earthquakes (Fig.1b, NOAA  
52 database, Hamzah et al., 2000; Rastogi and Jaiswal, 2006; Musson, 2012; Nguyen et al., 2015, Tsimopoulou et  
53 al., 2020. The recent 2018 Lombok earthquake-triggered tsunamis were relatively minor because the earthquakes  
54 mostly occurred beneath the island itself and not offshore; nevertheless, the occurrence of the 2018 Lombok  
55 earthquakes gives new insights into the activity and geometry of this fault segment, and highlights the risk of  
56 earthquakes and associated tsunamis along strike.

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58 Our study focuses on the tsunami hazard caused by slip on the Flores Thrust in the Lombok Strait, a 20-60 km-  
59 wide body of water between the islands of Lombok and Bali that connects the Java Sea to the Indian Ocean.  
60 Because of its geometry, slip on the thrust in the Lombok Strait could generate tsunamis that would efficiently  
61 propagate southwards and hit the west coast of Lombok and the east coast of Bali, where their capital cities  
62 (Mataram and Denpasar) are located.

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### 64 **1.1 Regional setting**

65 Bali and Lombok islands, east of Java, are part of the Lesser Sunda Islands (Fig. 1a). They are located along the  
66 volcanic arc of the Java subduction zone, where the NNE-moving Indo-Australian Plate subducts beneath the  
67 Sunda Plate (Dewey and Bird, 1970; Hamilton, 1979; Bowin et al., 1980; Silver et al., 1983, 1986; Hall and  
68 Spakman, 2015; Koulali et al., 2016). The Java trench lies ~250 km to the south. The Flores back-arc thrust belt,  
69 on the other hand, follows the northern edge of the islands. Here, the kinematics of fault slip and folding are  
70 consistent with the sense of movement of the Indo-Australian Plate and associated shortening, indicating that the  
71 Flores back-arc thrust also formed to accommodate stress associated with the plate collision (Silver et al., 1983,  
72 1986).

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74 The Flores back-arc thrust is an east-west-trending, south-dipping fault zone that extends for >1,500 km along  
75 strike. It is composed of two main segments: the Wetar thrust zone to the east and the Flores Thrust to the west  
76 (Silver et al., 1983, 1986); Fig. 1a). From east to west, the Flores Thrust traverses just north of central Flores,  
77 Sumbawa, Lombok and Bali (Fig. 1a). From central Flores to east of Lombok, the thrust zone reaches to the

78 seafloor (Silver et al., 1983, 1986; Yang et al., 2020). As the deformation becomes blind from central Lombok to  
79 the west, the thrust zone has been mapped based on folds visible in seismic reflection data, and also manifests as  
80 a band of steeper north-facing slope on the seafloor (Silver et al., 1983; McCaffrey and Nabelek, 1987; Yang et  
81 al., 2020). West of Bali, folds are fewer and have no to little seafloor expression (Silver et al., 1983; Fig. 1d),  
82 suggesting that the Flores Thrust terminates at Bali (Yang et al., 2020). However, GPS measurements show that  
83 the north-south convergence rate in Bali ( $5 \pm 0.4$  mm/yr) is similar to that onshore Java ( $6 \pm 1$  mm/yr), therefore  
84 back-arc shortening may continue across a segment boundary along the Kendeng thrust in Java (Koulali et al.,  
85 2016).

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## 87 **1.2 Seismicity of the Flores Thrust**

88 Focal mechanisms show that from February 1976 to February 2021, the Flores Thrust generated 29 Mw 5.5 to 7.8  
89 earthquakes within the upper 40 km of the crust (GCMT; Fig. 1a). Earthquakes in this region can be caused by  
90 either tectonically driven fault slip or volcanic activity. In this back-arc region, most of the focal mechanisms are  
91 characterized by east-west striking nodal planes with a fault plane dipping  $26 \pm 8^\circ$ S; we infer that these are  
92 associated with the Flores Thrust.

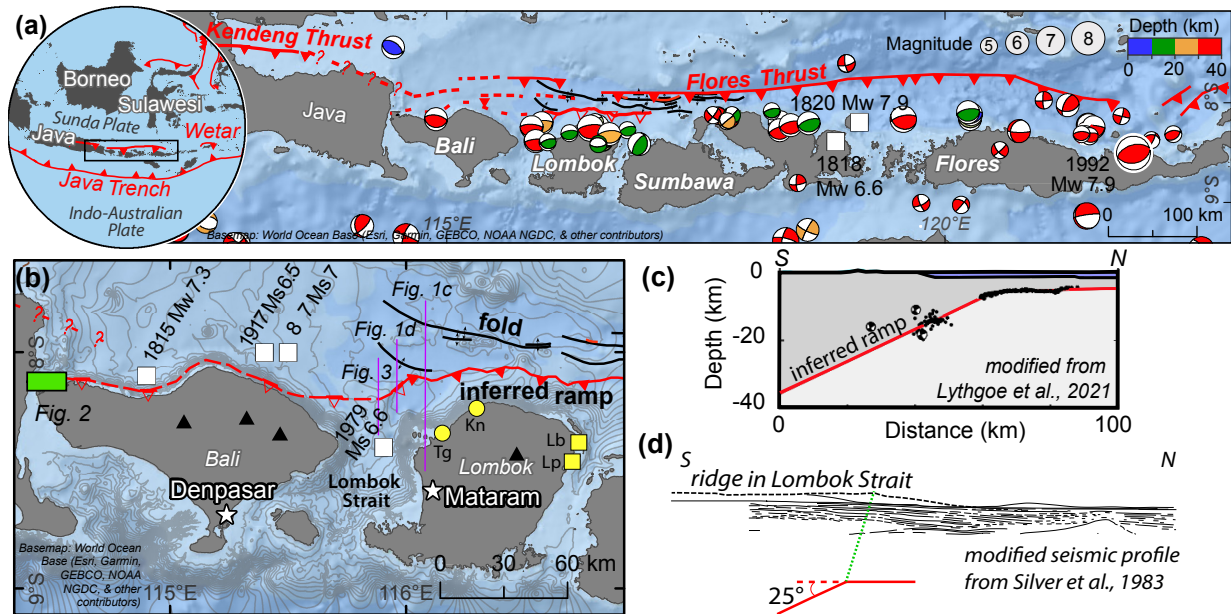
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94 The activity of this fault system is also testified by uplift recorded on its hanging wall. From eastern Sumbawa  
95 to central Flores, uplift is recorded by elevated terraces on the northern sides of the islands (Van Bemmelen,  
96 1949). We suggest that the Quaternary reef terraces in northwest Bali (Boekschoten et al., 2000) are also related  
97 to tectonic uplift above the Flores thrust system, suggesting that the fault extends all the way to the western  
98 coast of the island (Fig. 2).

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100 Although the earthquakes in this region are largely consistent with tectonic shortening, the active volcanoes not  
101 only generate their own seismicity, but also play a role in the horizontal and vertical distribution of fault-generated  
102 earthquakes (Lythgoe et al., 2021). A relationship between faulting and volcanic activity was observed for the  
103 2018 Lombok earthquake sequence, which generated four  $>Mw$  6 events between 28<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> August. These  
104 earthquakes did not occur offshore on the northern frontal thrust of the Flores Thrust, but instead involved slip  
105 along the deeper part of the fault and associated imbricate thrusts beneath Lombok, to the north of the active  
106 Rinjani volcano (Salman et al., 2020; Yang et al., 2020; Lythgoe et al., 2021). While these earthquakes were not  
107 directly caused by volcanic activity, the presence of the volcano constrained the earthquake distribution by  
108 elevating the downdip limit of the seismogenic zone in the crust (Lythgoe et al., 2021). Based on relocated  
109 earthquakes and seismic reflection data analysis, the earthquakes occurred on the Flores fault ramp, a blind thrust  
110 dipping  $25^\circ$ S that flattens updip onto the Flores Thrust décollement at  $\sim 6$  km depth (Lythgoe et al., 2021; Fig. 1c).

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**Figure 1: Regional setting of the Flores Thrust and its subsurface ramp-flat geometry.** (a) Circle - The Flores back-arc thrust system, which is located along the northern edge of the Lesser Sunda Islands. The thrust is composed of two segments: the Wetar thrust to the east and the Flores Thrust to the west (black rectangle). Seismicity (USGS earthquake catalogue, 1976-2021) and focal mechanism solutions (GCMT, 1976-2021) show that the Flores Thrust is seismically active. The Mw 7.9 Flores Island tsunamigenic earthquake is the largest earthquake on record for this system and occurred at the eastern end of the thrust. (b) The western part of the Flores Thrust has generated historical tsunamigenic earthquakes (white rectangles; [www.ngdc.noaa.gov](http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov); Hamzah et al., 2000; Rastogi and Jaiswal, 2006; Musson, 2012; Nguyen et al., 2015; Griffin et al., 2019). Yellow squares and circles: towns where a tsunami was reported following the Mw6.4 28<sup>th</sup> July and Mw6.9 5<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018 events, respectively. Tg – Tanjung, Kn – Kayangan, Lb – Labuhan Pandan and Lp – Leper. We interpret that the blind ramp mapped at Lombok (Lythgoe et al., 2021) extends westwards based on the seafloor morphology and uplifted terraces in the northwestern part of Bali (green rectangle; Fig. 2). Basemaps – World Ocean Base. The map extent of (b) reflects the coverage of grid layer 1 (L1) used in the tsunami modelling. The basemap of (b) with only contour lines overlain is shown on Fig. S1. (c) The geometry of the blind fault ramp is constrained by the seismicity of the 2018 Lombok earthquake sequence (Lythgoe et al., 2021). (d) Gentle folds interpreted by Silver et al., (1983) based on a seismic profile across the Lombok Strait. Below the profile we show our inferred location for the fault ramp.

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### 114 1.3 Tsunamigenic earthquakes of the Flores Thrust

115 Historical records (NOAA database, [www.ngdc.noaa.gov](http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov)) and tsunami studies (Hamzah et al., 2000; Rastogi and  
 116 Jaiswal, 2006; Musson, 2012; Nguyen et al., 2015; Griffin et al., 2019) document at least four tsunamigenic  
 117 earthquakes on the Flores Thrust, in addition to the two earthquakes in 2018, which produced local inundation  
 118 (Fig. 1b). Three of these events occurred in the western part of the thrust zone, north of Bali. The oldest event on  
 119 record is the 1815 Ms 7 earthquake, which triggered a landslide and tsunami; together, these events killed >1,200  
 120 people. NOAA categorizes this as a probable tsunamigenic event, as it is unclear whether the tsunami was caused  
 121 only by the coastal landslide, or by the earthquake and landslide together. The 1857 Ms 7 and 1917 Ms 6.5 events  
 122 are described by NOAA as definite and probable tsunamigenic earthquakes, respectively. The 1857 event  
 123 generated four consecutive tsunami waves, at least 3 m high, northwest of Flores Island (NOAA, 2021). In

124 addition, in the Lombok Strait, a 1979 Ms 6.6 tsunamigenic earthquake left 200 injured and killed 27 people,  
125 although the tsunami is poorly documented and may have played a minor role in the destruction (Hamzah et al.,  
126 2000).

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128 The best-documented tsunamigenic earthquake on the Flores Thrust occurred in its far eastern part  
129 (Yeh et al., 1993; Imamura and Kikuchi, 1994; Tsuji et al., 1995; Pranantyo et al., 2021). The 1992 Mw 7.9 Flores  
130 Island earthquake injured 2,144 people and killed 2,080 (Yeh et al., 1993; Tsuji et al., 1995; Fig. 1a). This  
131 earthquake occurred at ~16 km depth (Beckers and Lay, 1995), and generated a tsunami that propagated to the  
132 northern coast of Flores Island within five minutes (Yeh et al., 1993). Field mapping shows that the tsunami  
133 inundated the land as far as 600 m, with an average run-up height of ~2 to 5 m (elevation reached above sea level).  
134 Anomalously high run-up heights of 20-26 m to the northeast may be associated with submarine landslides (Yeh  
135 et al., 1993).

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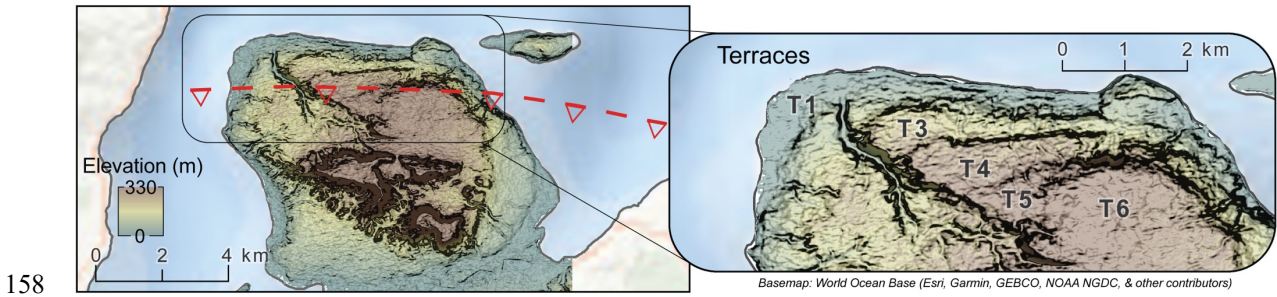
137 The recent 2018 Lombok earthquake sequence occurred primarily below land, but nevertheless small-scale  
138 tsunamis were reported by the residents of northern Lombok (Tsimopoulou et al., 2020). When the Mw 6.4 July  
139 event occurred, the northern coast of Lombok subsided by  $\leq 0.1$  m (Wibowo et al., 2021), and the northeastern  
140 coast was hit by a tsunami at the towns of Labuhan Pandan and Tanjung, which were inundated 10-70 m with  
141 run-up heights of ~1-2.5 m. For the Mw 6.9 August 5 event, although the northern coast was uplifted by  $\leq 0.5$  m  
142 (Wibowo et al., 2021), the residents of the northwest towns, Tanjung and Kayangan, reported a tsunami that  
143 inundated 7-40 m inland with a run-up height of ~1.7-2 m (Fig. 1b).

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145 Together, these records show that the Flores Thrust is capable of generating significant thrust earthquakes with  
146 associated land uplift/subsidence as well as local tsunamis. The full tsunamigenic potential of this fault system is  
147 not known, as the observational window is short compared to typical earthquake recurrence intervals. Here, the  
148 observational window refers to the historical and seismic records. To our knowledge, there are no paleo-tsunami  
149 studies in this area that are associated with the Flores Thrust. There is a paleo-deposit study in Bali, but it is  
150 interpreted to be deposited by a tsunami generated by the megathrust rupture (Sulaeman, 2018). Hence, we rely  
151 only on historical and seismic records when we refer to a short observational window. The tsunami studies related  
152 to Flores Thrust are limited and they are about the numerical modelling of the historical tsunamis. Here, we  
153 explore what could happen when coseismic slip occurs on the Flores thrust ramp within the Lombok Strait, and  
154 how the generated tsunami and coseismic land deformation would together affect the coastal cities of Mataram,  
155 Lombok and Denpasar, Bali.

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**Figure 2: Six coastal terraces (T1-T6) identified using a digital elevation model (DEMNAS) in northwest Bali, likely uplifted due to slip on the Flores Thrust ramp. The location is shown as a green rectangle on the map in Figure 1b. Basemap – World Ocean Base.**

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#### 160 1.4 Previous tsunami modelling studies

161 Tsunami modelling studies in this region commonly focus on the segment of the Sunda Megathrust along the  
 162 Java trench (Okal and Borrero, 2011; Kurniawan and Laili, 2019; Suardana et al., 2019; Kardoso and Dewi, 2021)  
 163 (Fig. 1a), with a few studies evaluating the western segment of the Flores Thrust (Løvholt et al., 2012; Rusli et  
 164 al., 2012; Afif and Cipta, 2015), and four considering an earthquake sourced within the Lombok Strait (Rakowsky  
 165 et al., 2013; Horspool et al., 2014; Pradjoko et al., 2018; Wibowo et al., 2021; Fig. 1b). All four studies show  
 166 tsunami results in Mataram, Lombok; however, each study focuses on different aspects of tsunami modelling, and  
 167 three predate the 2018 Lombok earthquake sequence, which illuminated important aspects of the fault geometry.  
 168 The only study after the 2018 earthquakes (Wibowo et al., 2021) did not update their fault model to reflect new  
 169 information about the geometry of the Flores Thrust derived from studies of the 2018 Lombok earthquake  
 170 sequence. Overall, these prior results do not address the potential earthquake scenarios that we consider plausible:  
 171 Rakowsky et al. (2013) study the sensitivity of inundation to land friction, Horspool et al. (2014) describe the  
 172 probabilistic tsunami hazard, Pradjoko et al.(2018) considers a fault that is much too steep and uses bathymetry  
 173 that is too coarse to produce reliable results, and Wibowo et al. (2021) did not consider the post-2018 earthquake  
 174 studies of the fault geometry of the Flores Thrust.

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176 Rakowsky et al. (2013) studied the sensitivity of inundation models in the region to the topography and friction  
 177 parameters of the land surface. Their tsunami modeling was done using the ~900-m-resolution GEBCO dataset  
 178 interpolated with measurements from ships and nautical charts; the interpolation method is not described in detail.  
 179 They considered a Mw 8.5 earthquake and produced a maximum flow depth (vertical distance between the land  
 180 and inundating water surface) of 10 m, with an inundation extent ranging from ~1-1.6 km in Mataram. This  
 181 earthquake magnitude is larger than any observed event as the most recent estimates of the historical tsunamigenic  
 182 earthquakes in the Flores Thrust ranges from Mw 6.6 to Mw 8.3, (Griffin et al., 2019), and that seismic records  
 183 show that the 1992 Flores Island earthquake is Mw 7.9. They found that inundation distance depended on the  
 184 topographic parameters: lower bottom friction or a bare earth digital terrain model produced higher inundation  
 185 compared to higher friction or a digital surface model (with structures, e.g., houses). Their results highlight the  
 186 importance of using an accurate surface model when assessing potential inundation.

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188 Horspool et al. (2014) focused on probabilistic tsunami hazard for all of Indonesia. They used a bathymetry dataset  
189 that combined GEBCO data with measurements from Navy charts and multibeam surveys. The maximum  
190 magnitude calculated for the Flores thrust is Mw 8.1, Mw 8.3 and Mw 8.5 for fault dips of 25-27°. Their results  
191 do not describe the regional hazard (e.g. wave heights, timing, inundation), but rather assess how much of the  
192 local hazard is contributed by this fault system rather than the megathrust. They showed that for a 500-year return  
193 period, the tsunami hazard in Mataram is 10-30% most likely due to the shallow part of the Flores Thrust.

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195 Pradjoko et al. (2018) used a model of a Mw 6.4 earthquake to simulate a scenario similar to the 1979 event,  
196 which was the largest recorded earthquake in this region prior to the 2018 Lombok earthquake sequence. They set  
197 2.5 m of fault slip on a 72°-dipping fault (significantly steeper than the 25° dip we interpret for the fault) centered  
198 at 25 km depth. Using GEBCO bathymetry to model tsunami propagation (with a coarse horizontal resolution of  
199 ~900 m), their results indicate that a Mw6.4 earthquake could generate a 0.13-0.2 m-high tsunami wave that  
200 arrives at the coast of Mataram ~18-20 minutes after the earthquake.

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202 The study by Wibowo et al. (2021) focused on the tsunami hazard posed by a Mw 7.4 earthquake on the Flores  
203 thrust to the northern coasts of Lombok and Bali. They set 2.7 of slip on a 27°-dipping fault plane with dimensions  
204 of 75 km x 27 km centered at 27 km depth. The fault parameters they used are based on the mean values of the  
205 earthquake sources in the USGS 1900-2020 earthquake database. The orientation and depth of the fault are similar  
206 to those we use in our modeling, but the updip tip of the fault in their model is located about 25 km north of the  
207 islands rather than along the northern coast of the islands, as we interpret from the 2018 Lombok earthquake  
208 sequence and bathymetry in the Strait. They used the 180-m resolution National Bathymetry of Indonesia  
209 (BATNAS) dataset as input bathymetry in the numerical simulations. Their focus was on the impact along the  
210 northern coasts, but they note that the tsunami arrives in Mataram and Denpasar in 9 and 25 minutes, respectively.  
211 They also find that the maximum wave height is 1.5 m in Mataram and 1 m in Denpasar.

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213 Following the 2018 Lombok earthquake sequence, we now have a more accurate understanding of the location  
214 and subsurface geometry of the Flores Thrust in this region. Hence, the earthquake models we use in our study  
215 are geologically well-constrained. In addition, since tsunami propagation in shallow water depends strongly on  
216 the bathymetry, we develop and incorporate a new bathymetric model by combining the GEBCO dataset with  
217 sounding measurements from the official nautical chart for Indonesia. This is particularly important along the  
218 shallow coast, where seafloor roughness has a strong control on wave propagation. In our study, we show the  
219 tsunami results from six different earthquake scenarios within the Lombok Strait, highlighting impacts on the  
220 populated capital cities of Mataram, Lombok and Denpasar, Bali, as both cities face the Strait. We also calculate  
221 the coseismic uplift and subsidence for varying slip amounts, and report this together with the tsunami time history  
222 and pattern and the maximum wave height. An inundation scenario is also included for the city of Mataram.

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## 224 **2 Methodology**

### 225 **2.1 Fault model setup**

226 The 2018 Lombok earthquake sequence illuminated the geometry of the Flores Thrust beneath Lombok (Fig. 1c).  
227 Together, relocated aftershocks, earthquake slip distributions, and seismic reflection imaging indicate a blind fault

228 ramp dipping 25°S that flattens updip to a décollement at ~6 km depth and continues north below the Bali Sea.  
 229 The part of the thrust ramp that ruptured in the 2018 sequence extends 45 km downdip and 116 km lengthwise  
 230 (Lythgoe et al., 2021; Fig. 1c & 3).

231 We use these fault parameters to set up our fault model, choosing a fault with an east-west strike, similar to the  
 232 general trend of the Flores Thrust, positioned across the Lombok Strait. The complete parameters are listed in  
 233 Table 1. We are not trying to replicate the 2018 earthquakes, but rather consider an earthquake on the neighboring  
 234 part of the fault that did not rupture in that sequence. The eastern boundary of the fault model slightly overlaps  
 235 with the western limit of the 2018 earthquake sequence. Such overlapping ruptures have been observed in Kuril  
 236 Trench (Ammon et al., 2008) and Peru-Chile Trench (Bilek, 2010). We extend the western edge of the model to  
 237 below the eastern edge of Bali, in order to span the width of the Strait; the fault likely continues further west (as  
 238 evidenced by uplifted terraces and seismicity), but rupture to the west would occur below land and would not  
 239 contribute to a tsunami. As there are limited available information on the structural geology and the seismicity of  
 240 the Flores Thrust in this region, While there is limited data within the strait to assess the continuity of the fault,  
 241 there is no reason to believe that there are significant structural variations along strike. The focal mechanisms for  
 242 the events near Bali have very similar strike and dip to that at Lombok (Fig. 1a). When varying the fault dips to  
 243 18° and 34°, representing the minimum and the maximum limits of the fault dip uncertainty, they have minimal  
 244 impact on the tsunami model. The tsunami energies inherent in these two models are only 5-8% different from  
 245 the energy of our model with a 25° fault dip (Felix et al., 2021). Hence, minor structural variations would result  
 246 in minor changes in arrival times and wave heights but would not be likely to have a strong effect on our results.

247 **Table 1: Parameters of fault models A and B used in the numerical modelling.**

Parameters	Fault model A	Fault model B
Epicenter longitude	115.77° E	115.77° E
Epicenter latitude	8.3821° S	8.2905° S
Focal depth	15.5 km	10.8 km
Width	45 km	22.5 km
Length	116 km	
Strike	90° E	
Dip	25° S	
Rake	90°	

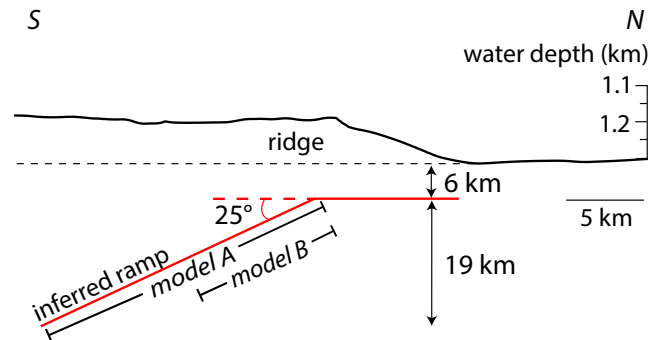
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249 We trace the upper blind tip of the fault ramp following the southern edge of a north-facing seafloor slope. This  
 250 surface morphology coincides with folding interpreted from seismic reflection surveys (Silver et al., 1983; Yang  
 251 et al., 2020), and we interpret that the folding formed due to slip across a bend at the upper tip of the blind fault  
 252 ramp (Fig. 1b). We extend the fault ramp to a depth of 25 km below the seafloor, which represents the maximum  
 253 seismogenic depth in this region based on historical seismic records and the maximum depth of seismicity  
 254 observed in the 2018 sequence (Lythgoe et al., 2021).

255 We model two fault ruptures on this fault (Models A and B, Fig. 3). Model A consists of a whole-fault rupture,  
 256 while Model B allows only the upper half of the ramp to slip. This second model represents a scenario similar to



257 the 2018 Lombok earthquakes, where most of the slip occurred on the shallow part of the fault ramp. However,  
 258 the maximum rupture depth at Lombok was interpreted to be limited by the elevated geothermal gradient  
 259 associated with the volcano. In the Lombok Strait, there is no such volcano; thus, it is likely that slip within the  
 260 Lombok Strait could reach deeper due to the colder geothermal gradient.



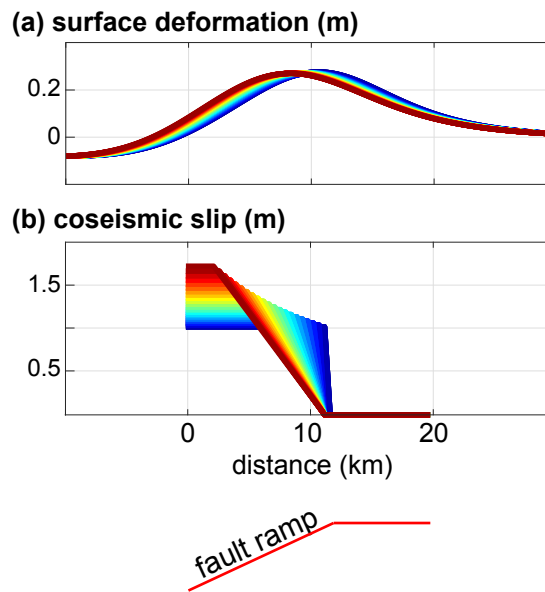
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**Figure 3: Profile of the fault geometry used in the tsunami modelling relative to the seafloor ridge. We study two fault slip models: model A (whole-ramp rupture) and model B (slip only on the upper half of the ramp). The location of the profile is shown in Fig. 1b.**

## 262 2.2 Slip model

263 For both Models A and B, we consider three deterministic scenarios with uniform slip of 1, 3, and 5 m (six  
 264 scenarios total). The modeled historical tsunamigenic earthquakes in the Flores Thrust are estimated to have  
 265 magnitudes ranging from Mw 6.7 to Mw 8.5 (NOAA, Musson et al., 2019; Griffin et al., 2019). Using the  
 266 scaling relationship for magnitude and slip of shallow crustal reverse faulting by Thingbaijam et al. (2017),  
 267 these earthquake magnitudes have average slip ranging from 1 to 5 m. In order to represent this range, we use  
 268 the minimum (1 m), the mid-range (3 m) and the maximum (5 m) slip values in our modelling. In the  
 269 subsequent texts, we refer to these slip models as A-1, A-3 and A-5 for fault model A and B-1, B-3 and B-5 for  
 270 fault model B. We note that although modelling with more complex rupture scenarios would perhaps be a more  
 271 detailed option (e.g. Serra et al., 2021), the current information that we have about the Flores Thrust in Bali and  
 272 Lombok region, however, is limited. Hence, we think that it is better to use a planar fault model and uniform  
 273 slip to lessen the use of random parameters that could increase the uncertainty in the results. We also note that  
 274 although probabilistic approaches are becoming more common, the deterministic method is still included in  
 275 recent tsunami hazard studies (e.g. Wronna et al., 2015; Roshan et al., 2016; Gonzales, et al., 2019; Escobar et  
 276 al., 2020; Rashidi et al., 2020; Hussain et al. 2021; Rashidi et al., 2022).

277 In order to focus on the impact of tsunami generation, we include only slip on the fault ramp (no slip transferred  
 278 onto the northern décollement). This updip termination of slip was observed in the Lombok sequence (Lythgoe et  
 279 al., 2021) and is therefore realistic in our region to the west as well. Although we consider uniform slip, earthquake  
 280 slip is known to be spatially variable, and in particular to taper around the edges of the slip patch. We evaluate the  
 281 impact of this taper on the initial seafloor deformation using the Green's function for rectangular dislocations  
 282 (Okada, 1992) in the code Unicycle (Moore et al., 2019); we find that tapering the slip slightly modifies the uplift  
 283 profile by broadening it and shifting it to the south (downdip direction) but does not significantly change the  
 284 model (Fig. 4).



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287 **Figure 4: Influence of tapering the updip slip on seafloor deformation. The maximum slip varies across the models in**  
 288 **order to preserve the mean slip. (a) The seafloor deformation profiles have similar amplitudes and shapes with slightly**  
 289 **offset peaks, even for very significant tapers. (b) Different slip tapers considered. A more gradual taper (red shades)**  
 290 **shifts the peak uplift in the downdip direction of the fault ramp. A more abrupt slip taper (blue shades) shifts the peak**  
 291 **uplift towards the upper fault bend.**

292 To better translate the models into equivalent earthquakes, we calculate the equivalent Moment Magnitude ( $M_w$ )  
 293 for each modeled event, using a rigidity of 35 GPa and 30 GPa for models A and B, respectively. These are the  
 294 mean rigidities calculated from the values, presented in Sallarès and Ranero (2019) and Sallarès et al. (2021),  
 295 every 1 km interval from 6 to 25 km depths for Model A, and from 6 km to 15.5 km depth for model B. Since  
 296 Model A has a wider fault surface, for the same amount of slip, it produces larger magnitudes compared to Model  
 297 B (Table 2). In each model, we consider only the part of the fault that lies below the Lombok Strait, since this is  
 298 the part of the fault that is submarine and therefore capable of generating tsunamis. We note that an earthquake  
 299 rupturing this fault segment could involve slip further along strike, either to the west (below Bali) or to the east  
 300 (below Lombok, although this part of the fault recently ruptured in multiple earthquakes and is relatively less  
 301 likely to slip again). Indeed, reaching 5 m of slip within the Lombok Strait alone would likely require a longer  
 302 rupture, and therefore a larger magnitude than the values reported in Table 2, given known scaling relationships  
 303 between fault area and coseismic slip (Thingbaijam et al., 2017).

304 **Table 2: Equivalent Moment Magnitudes ( $M_w$ ) for Models A and B for a given slip amount. Model A**  
 305 **ruptures the full ramp while Model B ruptures only the upper half of the ramp. Both models have a fault**  
 306 **length of 116 km. The magnitudes here are minima, as each of these events could also include slip on the**  
 307 **along-strike part of the fault.**

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	Model A	Model B
	Fault width: 45 km	Fault width: 22.5 km

Slip (m)	Mw	
1	7.5	7.2
3	7.8	7.5
5	7.9	7.7

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### 310 2.3 Bathymetry

311 Accurate modeling of tsunami wave propagation requires a high-resolution bathymetric map, especially in shallow  
312 water. By using detailed bathymetry together with a fine grid size, modelled simulations of tsunami wave heights  
313 have been shown to effectively match real near-coast waveforms (Satake, 1995). However, in many parts of the  
314 world, high resolution bathymetric data are unavailable. In general, regional tsunami studies use only one  
315 bathymetric dataset (e.g., Satake, 1988), commonly either ETOPO (<https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/global/>) or  
316 GEBCO (<https://www.gebco.net/>), because they are publicly available and have wide coverage. However, these  
317 datasets have an artificially smooth seafloor (Marks and Smith, 2006), especially at shallow depths, because of  
318 the low density of interpolated points (e.g., Fig. 5). In local tsunami studies, the detailed seafloor morphology in  
319 shallow water is critical, since seafloor roughness in these regions has nonlinear effects on wave propagation  
320 (Wang and Power, 2011). Kulikov et al. (2016) demonstrated that tsunami propagation modeled using the GEBCO  
321 dataset results in substantial errors in the estimation of wave propagation.

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323 We generate a high-resolution bathymetric model of the region of interest by combining water depth  
324 measurements from GEBCO with sounding measurements from the official nautical charts of Indonesia  
325 (<http://hdc.pushidrosal.id/>). The publicly available GEBCO dataset is provided as an interpolated raster, but also  
326 includes the original data points used for interpolation. These data points (water depths) are derived from a variety  
327 of sources, both direct (echo soundings, seismic reflection, isolated soundings, electronic navigation chart  
328 soundings) and indirect (e.g. satellite altimetry, flight-derived gravity data). Using the Type-Identifier Grid file  
329 from GEBCO, which includes the source of the depth data, we identify and extract only the water depths acquired  
330 by direct measurement (Fig. 5).

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332 The GEBCO data in this region are concentrated along the heavily-travelled ship tracks between the islands of  
333 Bali and Lombok, and are too low resolution near the coasts to accurately model tsunami propagation and wave  
334 heights (Fig. 5a). We improve the resolution of our bathymetry by digitizing sounding data from the official  
335 nautical charts of Indonesia, which are densest in the coastal regions near the cities of Denpasar (Bali) and  
336 Mataram (Lombok) and therefore critical for modeling near-shore wave heights in these regions (Fig 5b). We also  
337 trace the coastline using the National Digital Elevation Model (DEMNAS, <http://tides.big.go.id/DEMNAS/>), and  
338 cross check it using satellite images from Esri World Imagery (<https://www.arcgis.com/>).

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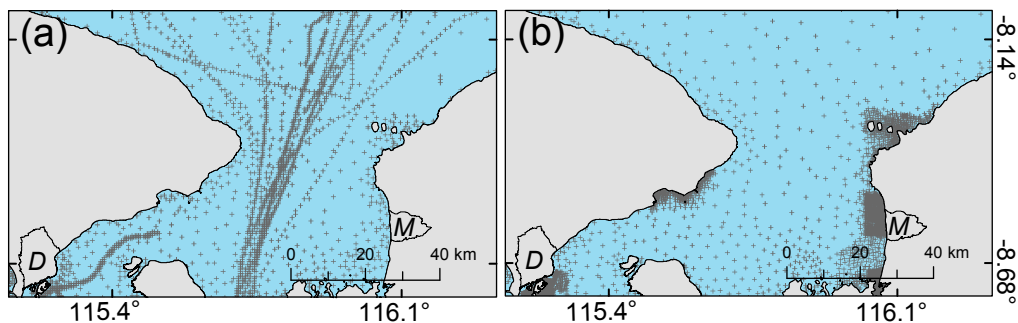
340 We combine the water depth measurements from both sources and the coastlines into a single dataset, and then  
341 interpolate the data using the ‘Topo to Raster’ tool in ArcGIS. This tool is based on the ANUDEM program  
342 developed by Hutchinson (1989), and generates a continuous digital elevation model based on point data that  
343 takes into account the hydrological correctness of the resulting raster. While this method was developed on the  
344 basis of subaerial water flow, it has also been used to effectively generate bathymetries for tsunami studies in

345 other regions (Fraser et al., 2014; Darmawan et al., 2020; Wilson and Power, 2020). We note that the shallow  
346 shelf regions of the Lombok Strait were likely incised subaerially during the late Holocene sea-level drop  
347 (Boekschoten et al., 2000), and their morphologies therefore likely reflect subaerial water flow processes.

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349 We set the resolution of our interpolated raster to 30 m, as this is similar to the mean distance between the data  
350 points along the coasts of Mataram (~27) and Denpasar (~36 m). Our final bathymetry represents a reasonable  
351 balance between achievable accuracy at shallow depths and computational efficiency. We validate the interpolated  
352 bathymetry by comparing its values with the source data; the mean difference in the shallow regions offshore  
353 Mataram and Denpasar is <0.4 m.

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356 **Figure 5: Comparison of the point density of water depth measurements from (a) GEBCO (direct measurements) and**  
357 **(b) nautical charts (soundings). GEBCO data are densest along the center of the Lombok Strait (following ship tracks),**  
358 **while the nautical chart soundings are concentrated near the coastal cities. Combining these data points enhances the**  
359 **accuracy of the resulting bathymetry (shown in Fig. 6). Crosses – locations of measurements. Polygons on land – cities**  
360 **of Denpasar, Bali and Mataram, Lombok. D = Denpasar, M = Mataram.**

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## 2.4 Topography in Mataram, Lombok

362 Based on our tsunami model runs, the highest wave heights are observed along the coast of Mataram, Lombok.  
363 In order to further explore the tsunami hazard in this populated area (Fig. 6), we model the inundation of the  
364 onshore region. The inundation distance and run-up height of a tsunami can vary significantly depending on  
365 factors such as the average slope of the coast and the land cover roughness (Kaiser et al., 2011; Griffin et al.,  
366 2015); an accurate forecast requires a high-resolution Digital Surface Model (DSM) that maps the buildings and  
367 trees.

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369 We use a Digital Surface Model generated by Apollo Mapping based on Pleiades satellite imagery. The DSM has  
370 a horizontal resolution of 1.5 m and a vertical error of  $\pm 3$  m. This vertical error is the lowest possible for digital  
371 elevation models without ground control points, which we do not have access to. We use a DSM rather than a  
372 DTM (Digital Terrain Model) to better represent the man-made structures (e.g., houses, infrastructure) present in  
373 Mataram city. There are a few areas where the DSM is unavailable along the coast, due to difficulties in data  
374 processing associated with tides. We fill these areas with 1.5-m resampled elevation data from DEMNAS, the  
375 national elevation model for Indonesia, which has a coarser original horizontal resolution of 8 m. The vertical  
376 datum of the merged data is referenced to EGM2008.

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378 In order to run the inundation modelling, the topographic data must be merged with the bathymetry so that the  
379 incoming wave can be smoothly modeled across the sea-land interface. To match the resolution of the DEMNAS-  
380 DSM model, we generate another bathymetry model with 1.5 m resolution in the Mataram region using the same  
381 'Topo to Raster' interpolation method as used previously for the bathymetry. We match the coastlines of the two  
382 datasets to generate the final combined model.

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## 384 **2.5 Tsunami modelling using COMCOT**

385 We model the tsunami generation, propagation, run-up and inundation using the Cornell Multi-grid Coupled  
386 Tsunami (COMCOT) model developed by Liu et al. (1995). This modeling system solves linear and nonlinear  
387 shallow water equations using a modified leap-frog finite difference approach (Wang & Power, 2011). It uses a  
388 nested-grid layer algorithm to increase its computational efficiency. The Okada (1985) model is used to calculate  
389 surface deformation due to fault slip. We use this model in our study as it has been extensively adopted and  
390 validated for modelling tsunami events (e.g., 1960 Mw 9.5 Chilean tsunami – Liu et al. 1995; 2004 Mw 9 Indian  
391 Ocean Tsunami - Wang and Liu, 2007; 2006 Mw 7.7 South Java tsunami – Tri Laksono et al. 2020; 2010 Mw 7.8  
392 Mentawai earthquake – Hill et al. 2012; 2011 Tohoku tsunami – Chau and Lam, 2015).

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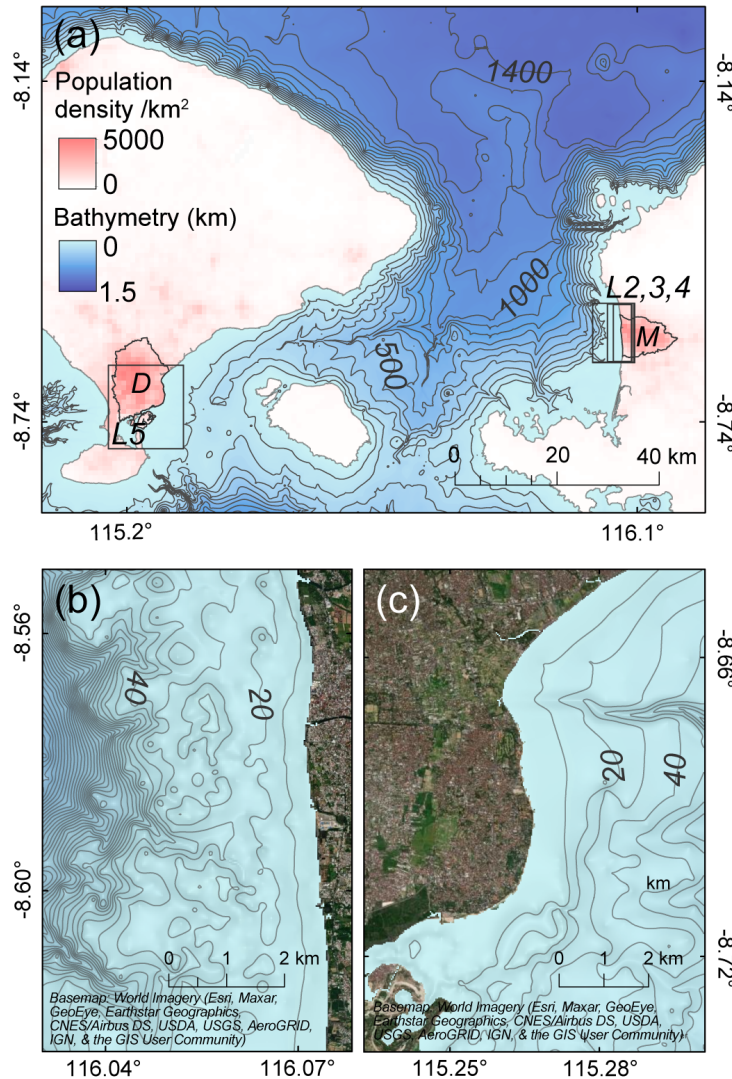
394 For our tsunami modelling, we set up a total of six grid layers in a spherical coordinate system, with finer  
395 resolution in the shallow regions along the coasts of Mataram and Denpasar (Fig. 6). For the parent grid layer  
396 (L1), the extent covers the entire islands of Bali and Lombok (shown as the extent of Fig. 1b) and its grid size is  
397 set to 150 m. We use 3 nested grid layers in Mataram with resolutions of 30 m (L2), 6 m (L3) and 1.5 m (L4, Fig.  
398 6), while we use 1 sublayer in Denpasar with a grid size of 30 m (L5, Fig. 6). We added a 1.5 m grid size resolution  
399 in Mataram to simulate the inundation of model A-5, representing the “worst case” of our various models. This  
400 does not necessarily mean that it gives the worst-case tsunami scenario, and that a lower magnitude earthquake  
401 can generate a comparable tsunami (Salaree et al., 2021). We only use one earthquake scenario because high  
402 resolution inundation modeling is computationally expensive. Linear and nonlinear shallow water equations are  
403 used on L1 and L2-L5, respectively. We set the Manning’s roughness coefficient in L3-L5 to 0.013 on the water  
404 region, and 0.03 on land (Wang and Power, 2011). The results of the simulations in grid layer L1 are shown on  
405 Figures 7 and 8, and the results in L2 and L5 are shown on Figures 9-11. The simulations in L4 are shown as  
406 inundation maps on Figures 12 and 13.

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408 We run the tsunami simulation from the time of the earthquake for one hour; this is sufficient to capture both the  
409 first wave and a series of smaller, later waves, since the coastal regions we are interested in are close to the source  
410 (<100 km). To observe the tsunami arrival pattern along the coasts of Mataram and Denpasar within the hour, we  
411 select virtual tide gauge locations along the 10-m bathymetric contour, facing the coastal areas where dense man-  
412 made structures are identified from satellite images. The results of the tsunami modeling are illustrated using maps  
413 of the initial sea surface deformation, maximum wave height, coseismic land subsidence in Bali and Lombok,  
414 time series of wave arrivals at the virtual tide gauges, and maps of inundation depth in Mataram.

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**Figure 6: The generated bathymetry in the Lombok Strait. (a) The bathymetry has a north-south trending ridge along a narrow path between Bali and Lombok with its base at 1.4 km water depth, which is the deepest water depth in this region. The extent of (a) matches the extent of grid layer L1 used in the tsunami modelling. The finer grid layers L2-L4 and L5 are focused on the populated cities of Mataram and Denpasar, respectively. M = Mataram, D = Denpasar. Grid resolutions: L1 = 150 m; L2 and L5 = 30 m; L3 = 6 m, and L4 = 1.5 m. The population density is from worldpop.org (Bondarenko et al., 2020). (b) The linear coast of Mataram faces a rugged but gently dipping seafloor that suddenly steepens ~3-4 km from the coast. (c) Denpasar city has a more complex coastline and a smoother seafloor. Basemaps – World Imagery.**

418 **3 Results**

419 **3.1 Coseismic deformation and maximum wave height**

420 When slip occurs on the Flores Thrust ramp during an earthquake, the elastic response of the crust will lead to  
 421 broad changes in the elevation of the ground surface. In the north, above the fault ramp, the seafloor will rise  
 422 (uplifting any ocean column above), whereas the southern region will subside (Fig. 7a-c). Associated with this  
 423 process, the islands of Bali and Lombok will tilt towards the south (Fig. 7a-c, 8a-c). As the initial sea surface

424 deformation will have the same magnitude as the land deformation, the initial wave will be unnoticeable relative  
425 to the coast, which experiences the same vertical motion (Fig. 7d-f, 8d-f). As the fault patches of our fault models  
426 A (45 km) and B (22.5 km) are much larger than the  $\sim 1.4$  km maximum water depth in Lombok Strait, we note  
427 that the dispersion effect due to the water column (Kajiura, 1963) is not included here. The energy transmitted to  
428 the sea surface from the seafloor by our models is only 2-3% different from the filtered versions (Felix, et. al.,  
429 2021). The initial waves in our models correspond to tsunami energies of 1, 13, and 36 TJ for Model A and 1, 7,  
430 and 20 TJ for Model B for 1, 3, and 5 m of slip, respectively (Felix et al., 2021)

431 The coseismic land change and tsunami heights are influenced by the distance from the fault and the shape of the  
432 coastline. Lombok and Bali have east-west trending headlands at  $8.38^{\circ}\text{S}$  latitude. In Lombok, the less protruding  
433 headland connects southwards to a north-south-trending linear coastline. In Bali, on the other hand, the headland  
434 protrudes further and connects to a southeast-facing coastline with a curved morphology. When the full fault slips  
435 (model A), the northern half of the islands, including the headlands at  $8.38^{\circ}\text{S}$ , are uplifted (Fig. 7). This uplift acts  
436 to counter any transient waves, including the initial wave, and results in a maximum relative wave height of  
437 generally  $<0.5$  m along the northern coasts. The exception is the headlands, where the waves can be much higher;  
438 here, the waves refract towards the concave coastlines, and the wave heights can reach  $\sim 1-1.9$  m high for models  
439 A-3 and A-5 (Fig. 7d-e).

440 Along the southern coasts, on the other hand, coseismic subsidence acts to increase the relative tsunami heights.  
441 The subsidence in southern Lombok and Bali can reach as high as  $\sim 0.3-0.4$  m for model A-5,  $\sim 0.1-0.25$  m for  
442 model A-3, and  $<0.1$  m for model A-1. We find that overall, the west coast of Lombok experiences higher tsunamis  
443 than the southeast coast of Bali, because it is closer to the tsunami source and the coastline is perpendicular to the  
444 source, making it more exposed to the propagating waves. The maximum tsunami height on the west coast of  
445 Lombok is  $\sim 1.8-3.7$  m for models A-3 and A-5. On the other hand, the more distant and better protected  
446 southeastern coast of Bali has a maximum wave height of  $\sim 1.3-2.2$  m given the same slip amount, with slightly  
447 higher waves within the semi-enclosed bays (Figs. 7d-e).

448 When only the upper half of the fault ramp slips (model B), the uplift patch is narrower and the subsidence region  
449 is broader, covering about three quarters of the coasts of Lombok and Bali. Unlike in model A, the headlands at  
450  $8.38^{\circ}\text{S}$  are now within the area of subsidence (Fig. 8). This results in an increase in the relative maximum wave  
451 height at the headlands, with  $\sim 2-4$  m high tsunamis for models B-3 and B-5 (Fig. 8d-e). Similarly, the west coast  
452 of Lombok is hit by  $\sim 1.7-3.4$  m high tsunamis, while southeastern Bali experiences  $\sim 0.8-2$  m high tsunamis for  
453 models B-3 and B-5.

454 The two fault models generate similar maximum wave heights along the west coast of Lombok (Fig. 9), while the  
455 tsunamis generated by model A are slightly higher than model B along the southeastern coast of Bali (Fig. 10). In  
456 both models, however, we consistently observe higher tsunami waves in Lombok compared to Bali. This  
457 difference is best observed using the virtual tide gauge records situated near the cities of Mataram and Denpasar.

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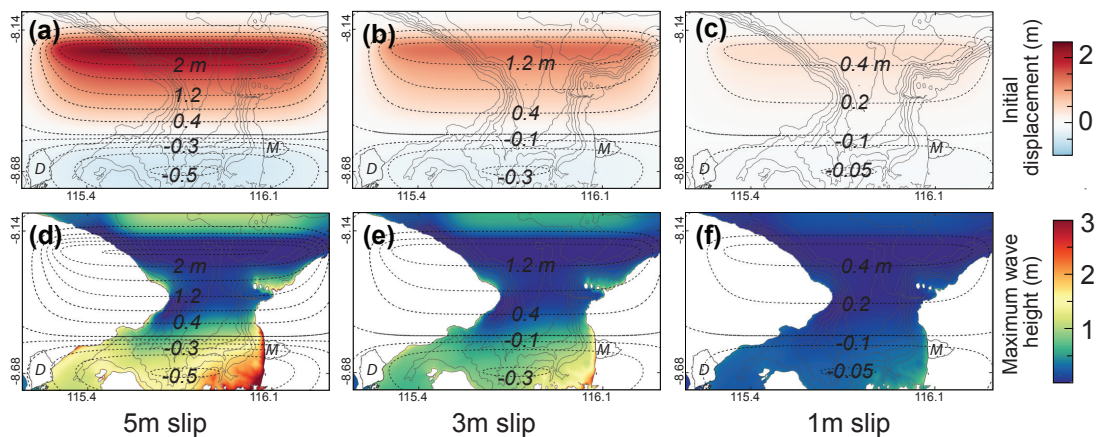
### 459 **3.2 Tsunami time series in Mataram, Lombok and Denpasar, Bali**

460 The tide gauge records show that the tsunami arrival times in Mataram and Denpasar are insensitive to the fault  
 461 model geometries that we consider. The first and highest wave in Mataram arrives  $\leq 9$  minutes after the earthquake  
 462 and it reaches its peak at  $\sim 11$  minutes, followed by a drawdown at  $\sim 15-17$  minutes. Three more waves reach the  
 463 coast at  $\sim 20$ ,  $\sim 35$  and 45 minutes (1<sup>st</sup> row, Fig. 11). The first wave in Mataram is  $\sim 2.5-2.7$  m high for 5 m slip (A-  
 464 5 & B-5),  $\sim 1.6-1.7$  m high for 3 m slip (A-3 & B-3), and  $\leq 0.6$  m high for 1 m slip (A-1 & B-1) (Figs. 9 & 11).  
 465 The height of the second wave is  $\sim 1.9-2.5$  m,  $\sim 1.2-1.5$  m,  $\sim 0.4-0.5$  m, respectively, for 5 m, 3 m, and 1 m slip.  
 466 The third wave is  $\sim 0.6-0.7$  m high for a 5 m slip,  $\sim 0.3-0.4$  m for a 3 m slip,  $\sim 0.2-0.3$  m for 1 m slip. The last wave  
 467 is  $\sim 0.1-1.3$ ,  $\sim 0.6-1$ , and  $\leq 0.2$  m, respectively, for 5, 3, and 1 m slips.

468 In Denpasar, the waves are smaller and take longer to arrive (2<sup>nd</sup> row, Fig. 11). For fault model A, the first wave  
 469 arrives at  $\sim 12-18$  minutes and reaches its peak at  $\sim 30$  minutes. It is followed by a drawdown at  $\sim 38$  minutes and  
 470 a second wave at  $\sim 48-53$  minutes. Fault model B has a similar wave pattern with model A, however, its wave  
 471 arrival times are slightly later. The first wave in model B arrives at  $\sim 23-27$  minutes, followed by a drawdown at  
 472  $\sim 40$  minutes and a second wave at  $\sim 52-55$  minutes (Fig. 11). As Denpasar is further from the tsunami source and  
 473 has a complex coastline, its wave records are not as uniform as those along the linear coast of Mataram. For both  
 474 fault models A and B, relatively higher tsunami waves are generated within the semi-enclosed bay in the northeast  
 475 of Denpasar, while lower waves reach southwestwards along the concave coastline (Fig. 10; Gauge 4 on Fig. 11).  
 476 Although they have a similar trend, the wave heights generated by model A are slightly higher than model B. For  
 477 model A, the maximum wave heights generated are  $\sim 1.4$  m (A-5),  $\sim 0.9$  m (A-3) and  $\sim 0.3$  m (A-1). For model B, the  
 478 maximum wave heights generated are  $\sim 0.8$  m (B-5),  $\sim 0.6$  m (B-3) and  $\leq 0.2$  m (B-1) (Fig. 11).

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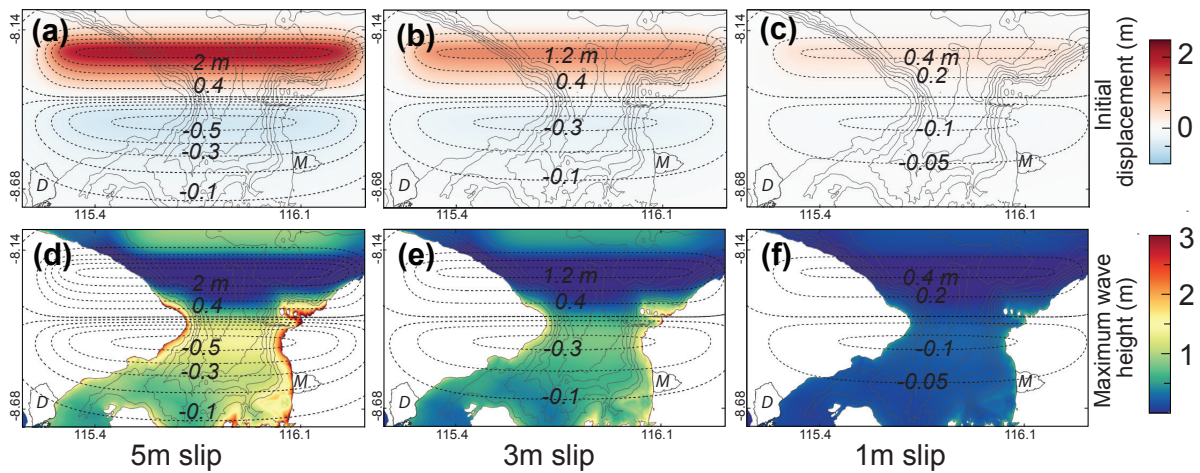
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**Figure 7: Initial surface deformation and maximum wave heights in 1 hr generated by different slip amounts on the full 45-km wide fault ramp (model A). Upper panels (a-c): The coseismic deformation generated by (a) 5 m, (b) 3 m, and (c) 1 m fault slip events result in uplift in the northern half of the islands and subsidence in the south. Lower panels (d-f): Maximum sea surface displacements for (d) 5 m, (e) 3 m, and (f) 1 m fault slip events. Maps are adjusted to show wave heights relative to the post-earthquake land surface rather than initial sea level by subtracting the coseismic displacement (dashed contour lines). The west coast of Lombok is hit by higher tsunami waves than the southeastern coast of Bali. Polygons on land – cities of Denpasar, Bali and Mataram, Lombok. D = Denpasar, M = Mataram.**

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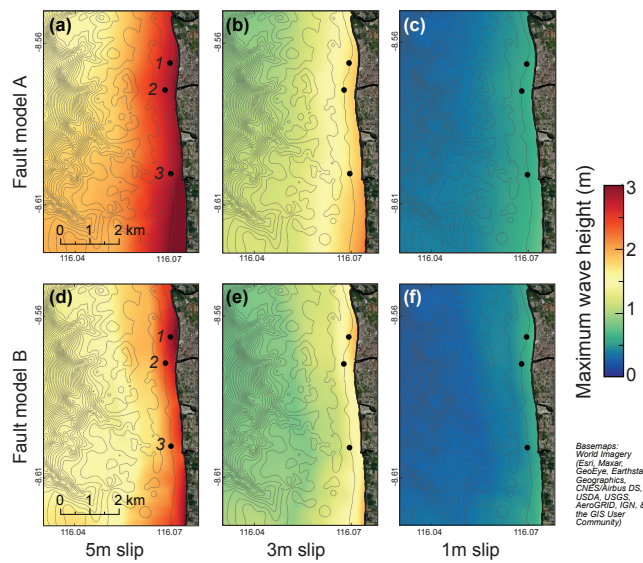
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Figure 8: Initial surface deformation and maximum wave heights in 1 hr generated by different slip amounts on the upper half of the fault ramp (model B). Upper panels (a-c): The coseismic deformation generated by (a) 5 m, (b) 3 m, and (c) 1 m fault slip events result in a narrow uplift patch in the north and broader subsidence in the south. Lower panels (d-f): Maximum sea surface displacements for (d) 5 m, (e) 3 m, and (f) 1 m fault slip events. Maps are adjusted to show wave heights relative to the post-earthquake land surface rather than initial sea level by subtracting the coseismic displacement (dashed contour lines). The highest waves are concentrated around the headlands of Lombok and Bali at 8.38°S and the mid-west coast of Lombok. Polygons on land – cities of Denpasar, Bali and Mataram, Lombok. D = Denpasar, M = Mataram.

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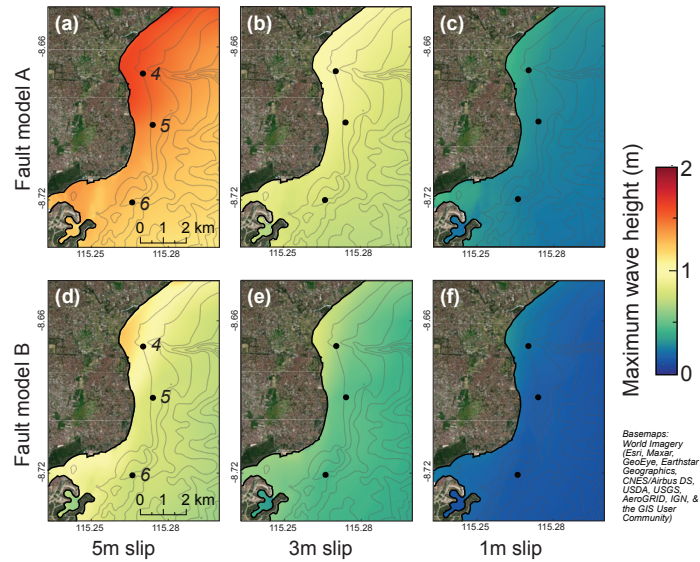


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Figure 9: Maximum wave heights in Mataram, based on simulations in grid layer 2 (L2, Fig. 6), generated by slip on fault models A (a-c) and B (d-f). Models A-5 (a) and B-5 (d) generate wave heights of ~2.5 to 2.7 m; Models A-3 (b) and

B-3 (e) generate ~1.6 to 1.7 m high waves; the models A-1 (c) and B-1 (f) generate  $\leq 0.6$  m high waves. Basemaps – World Imagery. Dots – tide gauges.

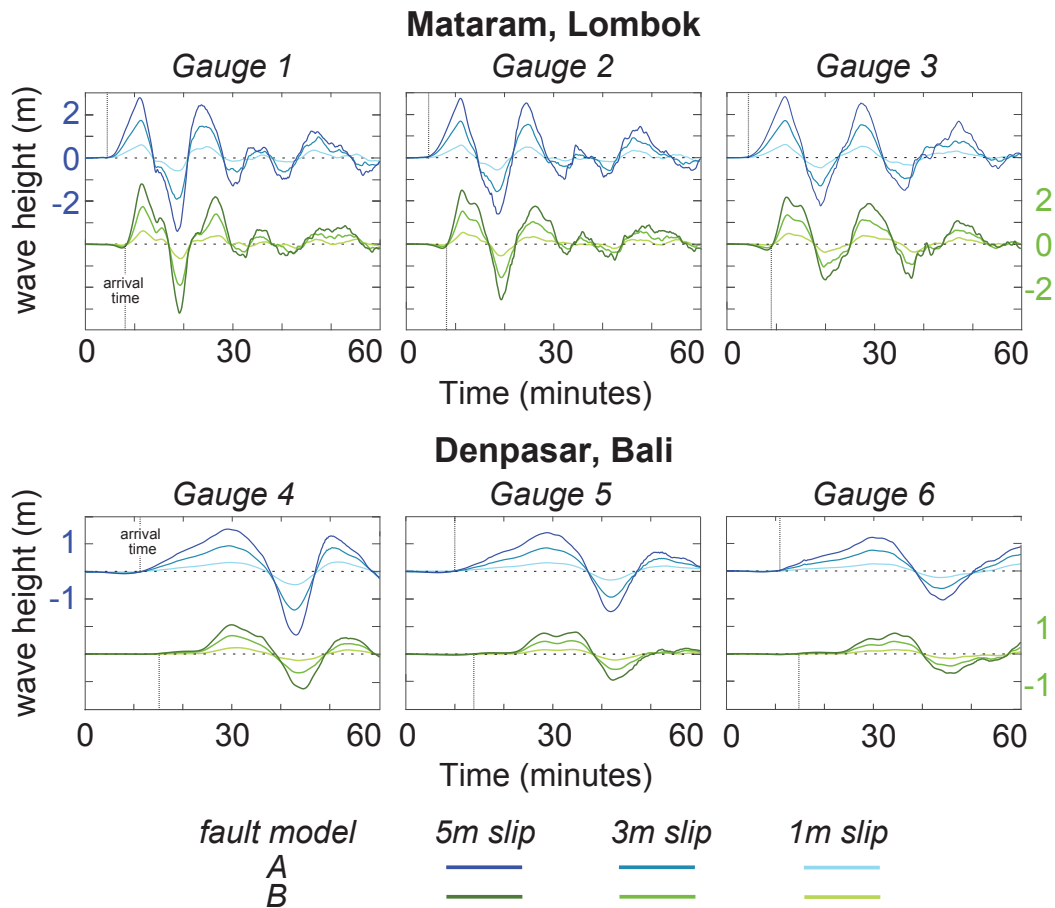
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Figure 10: Maximum wave heights in Denpasar generated by slip on fault models A (a-c) and B (d-f). The highest tsunami wave heights are located within the semi-enclosed bay on the northeast coast. The maximum wave height near Denpasar range is ~1.4 m for model A-5 (a), ~0.9 m for A-3 (b), and ~0.3 m for A-1 (c). The maximum wave heights are slightly lower in fault model B. It is ~0.8 m for model B-5 (d), ~0.6 m for B-3 (e), and  $\leq 0.2$  m for B-1 (f). Basemaps – World Imagery. Dots – tide gauges.

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495 **Figure 11:** Sea surface elevation generated by fault models A and B recorded at virtual tide gauges located along the  
 496 10 m water depth contours offshore Mataram (gauges 1 to 3) and Denpasar (gauges 4 to 6). The records for fault models  
 497 A and B in Mataram are similar in terms of wave heights and arrival times. In Denpasar, the models have similar wave  
 498 patterns but the arrival times for model A is slightly earlier than in model B. After the earthquake, the first tsunami in  
 499 Mataram arrives at <9 minutes, while in Denpasar it arrives at ~12-18 minutes for model A and ~23-27 minutes. The  
 500 peak of the first wave is at ~11 minutes and ~30 minutes in Mataram and Denpasar, respectively.

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### 502 3.3 Inundation in Mataram, Lombok

503 Tsunami waves of a given height at the coastline can have variable impact depending on the topography and  
 504 infrastructure on land. Because inundation modeling requires a detailed Digital Surface Model for accurate results  
 505 and significant computational time, we limit the inundation modeling to the city of Mataram, Lombok, because  
 506 this region is densely populated (Fig. 6) and is exposed to the highest waves in our tsunami models. We run the  
 507 modeling for fault model A-5 to represent the inundation of the worst-case earthquake scenario used in this study.  
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509 Based on our results, 5 m of fault slip generates two >2 m high waves followed by two lower waves that hit the  
 510 coast at Mataram city (Fig. 11). These waves inundate Mataram with flow depths of generally  $\leq 2$  m but can reach  
 511 as high as 3 m on the southern coast (Figs. 12 and 13). The extent of inundation is ~55-140 m along the northern  
 512 to the middle parts of the coast; in the south, it reaches ~230 m. This much wider extent in the south correlates  
 513 with a lower density of structures. We interpret that the presence of closely packed structures in the north limits  
 514 the inundation further inland. Our results are based on the model assumption that these structures can withstand

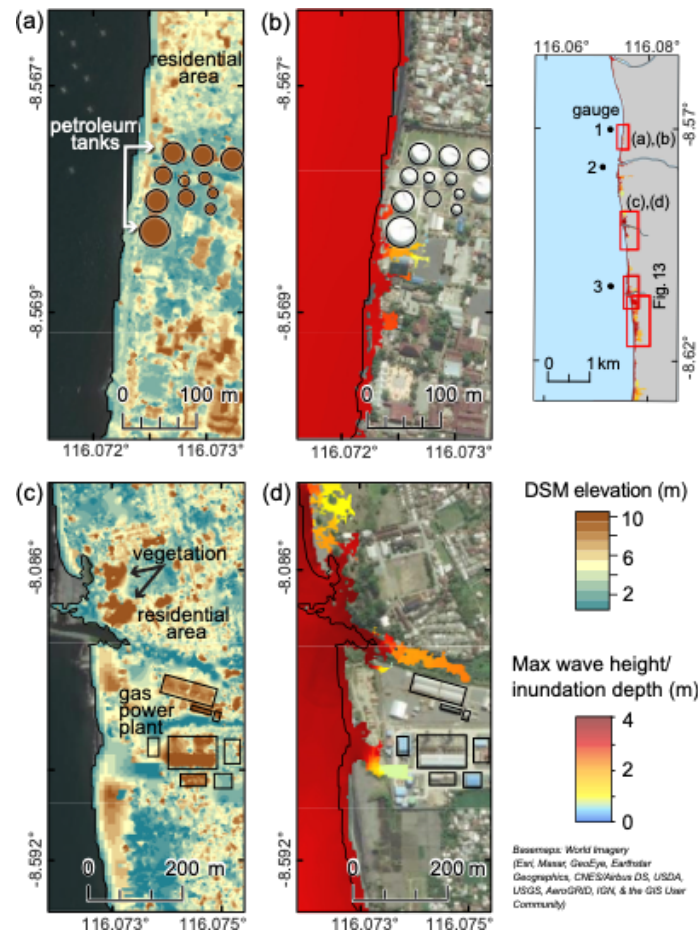
515 the flow; in a real tsunami event, some structures could be destroyed (e.g., 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami,  
 516 Mori et al., 2013), which could reduce flow resistance and increase the inundation distance.

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518 The inundation has limited extent where the beach is narrow and there are dense structures near the coast. For  
 519 instance, along the northern (Figs. 12a-b) and mid-southern coasts (Figs 13a-b), inundation is limited to within  
 520 the ~15-20 m wide beach, and the closely packed residential structures just behind the beach are not inundated.  
 521 At industrial sites where there are more open spaces (Figs. 12a-b and 13a-b), the inundation extent can reach to  
 522 ~95-140 m (Figs. 12a-d). When the beach is wider and the structures are further from the coast, the inundation  
 523 extends further inland (Figs. 12c-d and 13c-d). We note that in our model, clustered vegetation on the beach is  
 524 represented in the DSM as a solid barrier, and thus is able to entirely block the flow (upper part of Fig. 12c-d). In  
 525 reality, clustered vegetation can slow but not completely obstruct the flow; the inundation extent at this site is  
 526 therefore likely underestimated. Using a digital terrain model, on the other hand, would overestimate the  
 527 inundation extent (Muhari et al., 2011). Our results may be more realistic in regions where vegetation is absent,  
 528 as in the lower part of Fig. 13a-b, where we model ~175 m inundation. Along the southern coast, the beach is  
 529 generally 20-40 m wide and most of the area is farmland; with more open space, the inundation is able to reach  
 530 ~230 m inland (Figs. 13c-d).

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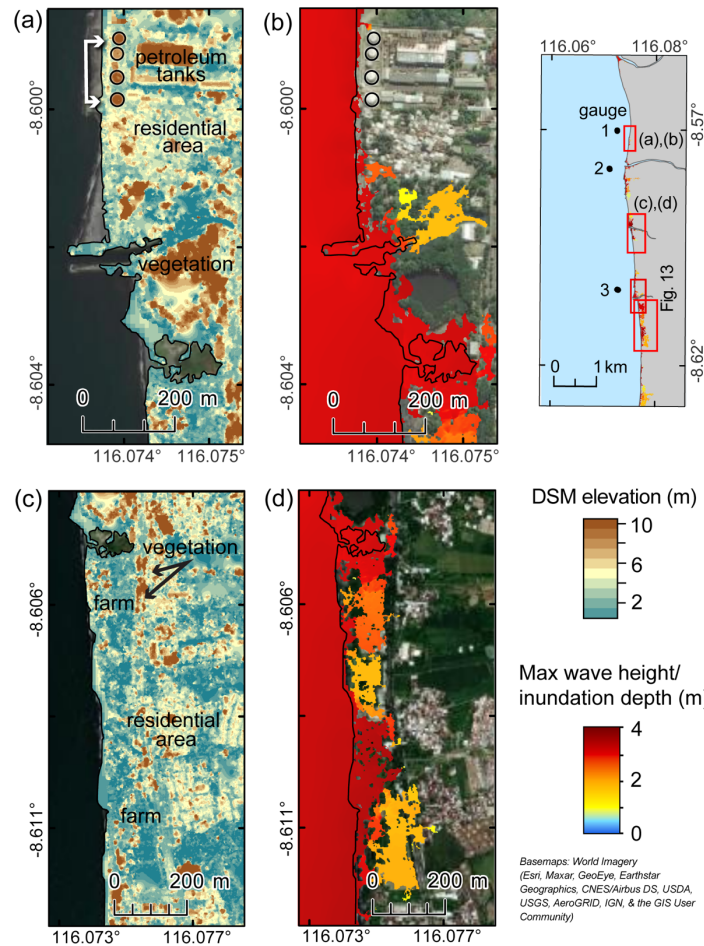


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**Figure 12: The DSM elevation and inundation on the northern coast of Mataram associated with 5 m of coseismic slip on the Flores thrust ramp (model A-5) overlain on World Imagery. Flow depth is generally  $\leq 1.5$  m. (a-b) The inundation**

extent is limited by the high density of structures in residential areas. The inundation reaches ~95 m at the industrial site (circular features are petroleum tanks), where there are more open spaces. (c-d) Inundation may be underestimated in regions where vegetation clusters act in the model as wide barriers to flow but may be more porous, as shown in the upper half of the map. In the area of the gas power plant, where there is less vegetation and the structures are more widely spaced, the inundation extent is ~140 m. Right image – location map of figures.

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536 **Figure 13: The DSM elevation and inundation on the southern coast of Mataram associated with 5 m of coseismic slip**  
 537 **on the Flores thrust ramp (model A-5) overlain on World Imagery. (a-b) To the south of the industrial site (with**  
 538 **petroleum tanks), the inundation depth is  $\leq 1.5$  m and the inundation extent is ~175 m. (c-d) In the south, inundation is**  
 539 **more extensive, likely because of the lower density of structures and wider open area (beach and farmland). The**  
 540 **inundation depth is generally 2-3m and the extent reaches to ~230 m. Right image – location map of figures.**

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#### 542 **4 Conclusions**

543 The Flores Thrust is an active south-dipping back-arc fault system traversing north of the Lesser Sunda Islands.  
 544 The 2018 Lombok earthquake sequence and prior historical events show that the western part of the fault zone is  
 545 capable of generating tsunamigenic earthquakes. In this work, we study the tsunami potential associated with  
 546 coseismic slip on the blind fault ramp below Lombok Strait, located between the islands of Lombok and Bali,  
 547 using deterministic tsunami modelling. We focus on the tsunami patterns near the capital cities of Mataram,  
 548 Lombok and Denpasar, Bali, which both lie on the coasts facing the strait. Our modeling is based on a geologically  
 549 constrained model of the fault, informed by the 2018 earthquake sequence. Tsunami propagation is modeled using

550 a high-resolution bathymetry dataset generated by combining data points from the global GEBCO dataset with  
551 sounding data digitized from the official nautical charts of Indonesia, interpolated using the Topo to Raster tool  
552 in ArcGIS.

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554 Our results show that fault rupture in this region with 1-5 m of coseismic slip could trigger a tsunami that would  
555 hit Mataram, Lombok in  $\leq 9$  minutes and Denpasar, Bali in  $\sim 12$ -18 minutes with multiple waves. Furthermore,  
556 both cities would experience coseismic subsidence of 20-40 cm, exacerbating their exposure to the tsunami hazard  
557 and leading to more long-lasting coastal vulnerability. The maximum wave heights in Mataram are 1.6 to 2.7 m  
558 for 3-5 m of coseismic slip, while Denpasar has maximum wave heights of 0.6 to 1.4 m. Overall, the coast along  
559 Mataram city is more prone than Denpasar to high tsunamis arriving quickly.

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561 Because Mataram experiences higher wave heights, we also modelled the inundation in this region for our worst-  
562 case scenario (5 m slip) using a high-resolution DSM. We found that the inundation extends for  $\sim 55$ -140 m inland  
563 with a maximum flow depth of  $\sim 2$ -3 m, and, except in the region just south of the city, where the inundation  
564 reaches 230 m. This difference in inundation extent appears to be primarily influenced by the structures present  
565 near the coast, which are denser in the north. However, if structures are destroyed by flow, inundation could reach  
566 further inland.

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568 Because of the proximity of the Flores thrust ramp to the coasts of Lombok and Bali, associated tsunamis would  
569 hit within  $< 15$  minutes after the earthquake. This early tsunami arrival would mean little time for evacuation. In  
570 the case of the 2018 Lombok earthquake, the residents of northern Lombok started evacuation only after a  
571 government announcement, and the evacuation took at least 20 minutes (Tsimopoulou et al., 2020). For a potential  
572 tsunami in Mataram caused by slip on the Flores thrust, there is insufficient time to wait for an announcement  
573 after the earthquake. Hence, raising community awareness about earthquake-generated tsunamis and evacuation  
574 plans is important, so that residents will know to respond immediately after experiencing strong ground shaking.  
575 Furthermore, the initial polarity of the waves would be positive, and thus there would be no warning signal from  
576 drawdown prior to inundation. In addition, a second high wave would hit Mataram coast at  $\sim 20$  minutes,  
577 emphasizing the need for continued heightened alert following the first inundation.

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579 We finally note that some of the structures built along the coast are industrial, with several petroleum tanks and a  
580 gas power plant. The impacts of natural disasters can be multiplied when natural events trigger industrial events  
581 ('Natural Hazards Triggering Technological Disasters,' or Natech) (Cruz and Suarez-Paba, 2019). Tsunamis in  
582 particular have a history of causing Natech events (e.g. (Suppasri et al., 2021); for instance, the 2011 Mw9.1  
583 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami led to not only meltdown at the Fukushima-Daichi nuclear power plant, but also  
584 fires, explosions, and hazardous materials release at industrial sites (Krausmann and Cruz, 2013). In Mataram,  
585 damage to the petroleum tanks, power plant, and other industrial equipment by groundshaking or inundation could  
586 trigger Natech events, including fires, explosions, and pollution of the coastal water and associated ecological  
587 damage. Evaluating these sites to understand and strengthen their resilience to these hazards should be a priority.

588

589 While most tsunami modeling studies in Indonesia have focused on the hazard associated with large tsunamis  
590 triggered by megathrust ruptures, such as the devastating 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami (e.g. Wang  
591 and Liu, 2007), we highlight here the hazard associated with smaller, local events caused by slip on a back-arc  
592 thrust system. One of the challenges with local studies is the need for detailed and accurate fault models and  
593 bathymetry datasets. We show that geological information such as regional and nearby seismicity can be combined  
594 with bathymetry, topography, and seismic reflection data to model fault geometry, and that a high-resolution  
595 bathymetry dataset can be generated by combining globally available bathymetric data with sounding  
596 measurements collected for navigation purposes. Specifically, for earthquake-triggered tsunamis in Indonesia, the  
597 official nautical charts for Indonesia provide dense measurements offshore shallow coastal cities. Integrating these  
598 datasets can provide more accurate forecasts and hazard estimations for both tsunami wave height and arrival  
599 time, for local and regional studies, and could be replicated for other fault systems and areas.

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#### 601 **DATA AVAILABILITY**

602 The animation of the tsunami propagation for the 5 m coseismic slip on the full fault ramp can be accessed at  
603 <https://researchdata.ntu.edu.sg/privateurl.xhtml?token=ed262ac9-0649-4d39-9c34-104c0e93f6f1>

604 The inundation model for Mataram, Lombok can be accessed at

605 <https://researchdata.ntu.edu.sg/privateurl.xhtml?token=0b2a3b5b-2731-4394-8442-fa5b24a04642>

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