

Supporting Information

Seismic loading of fault-controlled fluid seepage systems by great subduction earthquakes

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I provide further information on the coseismic static stress changes and volumetric static strain produced by different source fault models available for the $M_w \sim 7.9-8.2$ 1944 Tonankai earthquake, the $M_w 7.7$ 1992 Nicaragua earthquake, the $M_w \sim 8.5-8.7$ 2005 Nias earthquake, and the $M_w 7.6$ 2012 Costa Rica earthquake. Normal ($\Delta\sigma_n$) and shear ($\Delta\tau$) stress changes compose the Coulomb Failure Function^{1,2,3,4,5,6}, ΔCFF , which is used to determine whether slip on a source fault promotes failure on surrounding receiver faults, and this happens when ΔCFF is positive (see section Methods in main text). Normal stress change patterns ($\Delta\sigma_n$) obtained for the Tonankai and Costa Rica earthquakes are shown in two figures (Figs. S1-S2) as supplement to the main article. Normal stress change ($\Delta\sigma_n$), shear stress change ($\Delta\tau$) and Coulomb stress changes (ΔCFF) have been calculated using different finite-fault rupture models (some of which available on the online SRCMOD database⁷). The values of static stress changes have been resolved on specific fault-controlled fluid pathways (thrust or normal faults), and are reported in three tables (Tables S1-S3) (see also main text).

Fig. S1

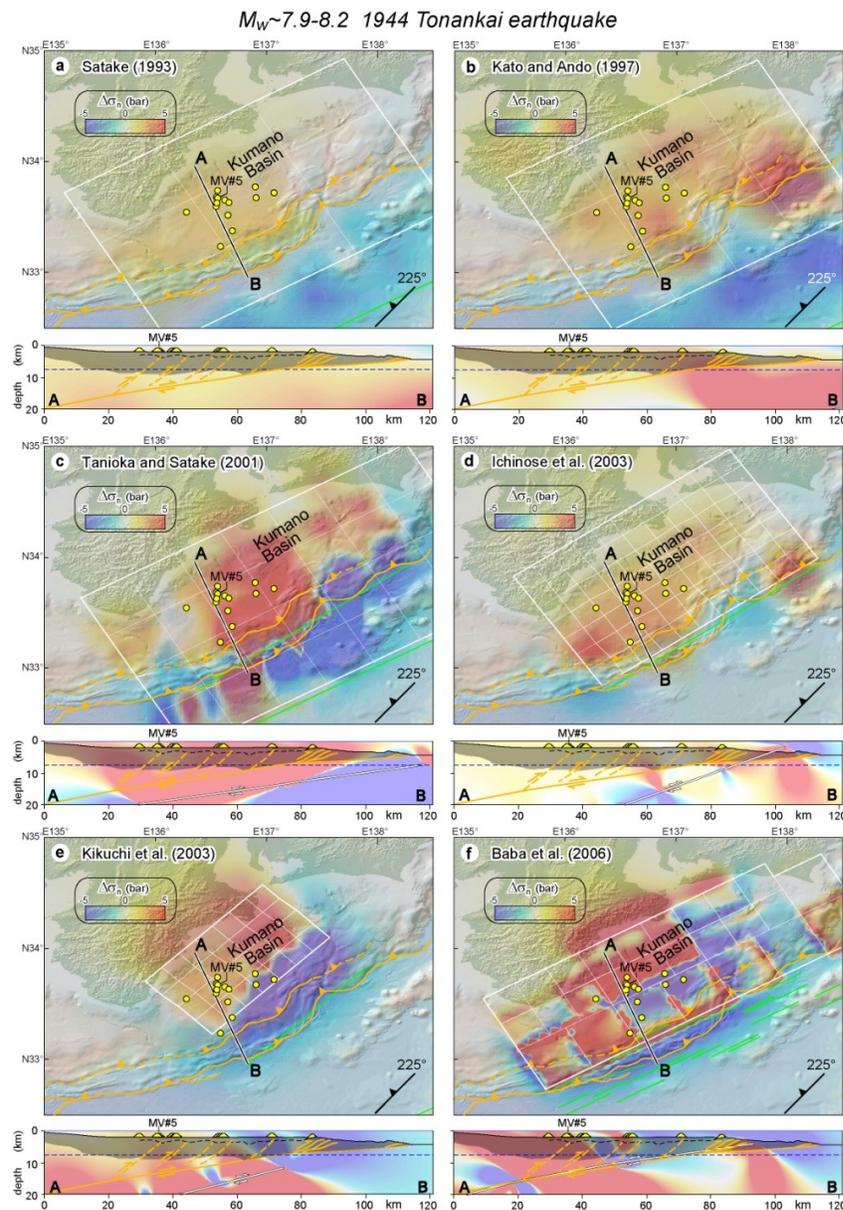


Figure S1. Normal stress changes ($\Delta\sigma_n$; bar, unclamping positive) produced by the $M_w \sim 7.9-8.2$ 1944 Tonankai earthquake considering different source fault models: (a) Satake⁸, (b) Kato & Ando⁹, (c) Tanioka & Satake¹⁰, (d) Ichinose *et al.*¹¹, (e) Kikuchi *et al.*¹² and (f) Baba *et al.*¹³. Normal stress changes in vertical cross sections are superposed onto the Nankai sedimentary wedge¹⁴, which is indicated by gray shading. A convenient range of stress change values ($-5, 5$ bar) has been arbitrarily chosen; note that in some models the calculated stresses may exceed this range. The thick white lines in sections indicate the seismogenic fault considered in the respective finite fault model. Note that the rupture fault is not captured in the cross section of panel (a), while in panel (b) it is intercepted only in the far lower right-hand side corner of the section. In horizontal sections stress is sampled at 7.5 km depth (dashed blue line in vertical cross sections). Symbols are as those in Fig. 2 of main text. This figure was generated using the Coulomb 3.4 software (<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/research/software/coulomb>) and Adobe Illustrator CS3 (<https://www.adobe.com>).

Fig. S2

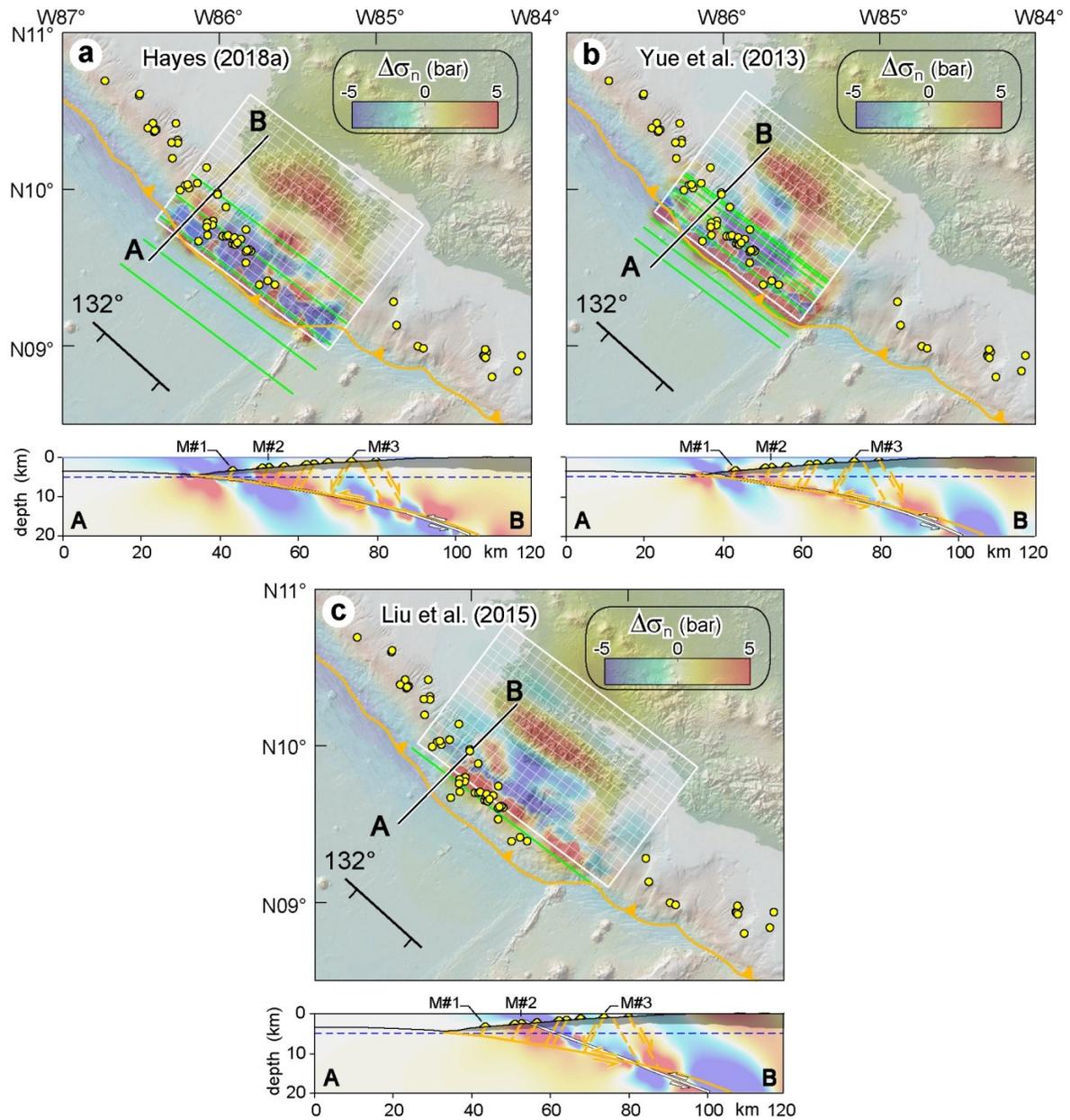
M_w~7.6 2012 Costa Rica earthquake

Figure S2. Normal stress changes ($\Delta\sigma_n$; bar, unclamping positive) produced by the M_w 7.6 2012 Costa Rica earthquake considering different source fault models: (a) Hayes¹⁶, (b) Yue *et al.*¹⁷, and (c) Liu *et al.*¹⁸ (symbols are as those in Fig. 2 of main text). Small yellow circles indicate different types of seafloor methane seeps. Normal stress changes in vertical cross sections are superposed onto the Costa Rica sedimentary wedge^{19,20}, which is indicated by gray shading. A convenient range of stress change values ($-5, 5$ bar) has been arbitrarily chosen; note that in some models the calculated stresses may exceed this range. The thick white lines in sections indicate the seismogenic source considered in the respective finite fault model. In horizontal sections stress is sampled at 5 km depth (dashed blue line in vertical cross sections). This figure was generated using the Coulomb 3.4 software (<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/research/software/coulomb>) and Adobe Illustrator CS3 (<https://www.adobe.com>).

Table S1. Static stress changes and static strain calculated from available source models of the 1944 Tonankai earthquake, as well as the M_w 7.2 and M_w 7.4 earthquakes of 05 September 2004. Normal stress change $\Delta\sigma_n$ (plain text), shear stress change $\Delta\tau$ (in parenthesis) and Coulomb Failure Function ΔCFF (bold) are sampled at various depths on a thrust fault (strike 225° , dip 40° , rake 90°) connecting MV#5 to the basal thrust décollement. For static strain, + indicates volumetric expansion, and – volumetric contraction. Source faults of 2004 earthquakes are based on focal mechanism solutions available from USGS (<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/usp000d3ka/executive>; <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/usp000d3mb/executive>), with fault dimensions following the relationships of Wells and Coppersmith²¹.

| <i>M_w~7.9-8.2 1944 Tonankai earthquake</i> | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Along thrust depth depth; Lat; Long | Satake ⁸ | Kato & Ando ⁹ | Tanioka & Satake ¹⁰ | Ichinose <i>et al.</i> ¹¹ | Kikuchi <i>et al.</i> ¹² | Baba <i>et al.</i> ¹³ |
| 1.9 km; N33.676; E136.563 | 0.65 (-0.88) bar -0.62 bar | 1.51 (-1.92) bar -1.31 bar | 3.36 (-5.23) bar -3.88 bar | 1.53 (-1.92) bar -1.31 bar | 1.37 (-1.16) bar -0.61 bar | 2.97 (-0.48) bar 0.71 bar |
| 5 km; N33.702; E136.538 | 0.76 (-0.97) bar -0.67 bar | 1.40 (-1.70) bar -1.14 bar | 3.31 (-3.31) bar -1.98 bar | 1.27 (-1.77) bar -1.26 bar | 2.26 (-1.37) bar -0.47 bar | 10.98 (-4.02) bar 0.19 bar |
| 12 km; N33.755; E136.475 | 1.79 (-1.18) bar -0.46 bar | 1.65 (-0.99) bar -0.33 bar | 11.94 (-4.69) bar 0.08 bar | 0.82 (-1.12) bar -0.79 bar | 3.17 (-4.74) bar -3.48 bar | 26.26 (-18.1) bar -7.58 bar |
| 15 km; N33.781; E136.452 | 2.37 (-1.31) bar -0.36 bar | 1.69 (-0.73) bar -0.06 bar | 5.84 (-9.37) bar -7.03 bar | 0.92 (-0.78) bar -0.41 bar | 4.29 (-6.61) bar -4.90 bar | 38.52 (20.18) bar 35.59 bar |
| Static strain | +0.5 10 ⁻⁵ | +0.5 10 ⁻⁵ | +10 ⁻⁵ | +0.5 10 ⁻⁵ | -10 ⁻⁵ | +10 ⁻⁵ |
| <i>M_w7.2 and M_w7.4 2004 earthquakes</i> | | | | | | |
| Along thrust depth depth; Lat; Long | M _w 7.2 - USGS 2004.09.05 10:07:07 UTC | M _w 7.4 - USGS 2004.09.05 14:57:18 UTC | Cumulated sources | – | – | – |
| 1.9 km; N33.676; E136.563 | 0.02 (0.02) bar 0.02 bar | 0.15 (-0.09) bar -0.03 bar | 0.16 (-0.04) bar 0.02 bar | – | – | – |
| 5 km; N33.702; E136.538 | 0.08 (-0.04) bar 0.00 bar | 0.33 (-0.24) bar -0.11 bar | 0.42 (-0.26) bar -0.10 bar | – | – | – |
| 12 km; N33.755; E136.475 | 0.14 (-0.12) bar -0.07 bar | 0.39 (-0.39) bar -0.24 bar | 0.55 (-0.53) bar -0.31 bar | – | – | – |
| 15 km; N33.781; E136.452 | 0.13 (-0.14) bar -0.09 bar | 0.35 (-0.40) bar -0.26 bar | 0.50 (-0.56) bar -0.36 bar | – | – | – |

Table S2. Static stress changes and static strain imparted by the M_w 7.6 Costa Rica and M_w 7.7 1992 Nicaragua earthquakes. Normal stress change $\Delta\sigma_n$ (plain text), shear stress change $\Delta\tau$ (in parenthesis) and Coulomb Failure Function ΔCFF (bold) are sampled on normal faults controlling specific mound structures located along section AB (Fig. 3b of main text) and CD (Fig. 3c of main text), respectively. Stress changes are calculated from available source models, and sampled at the sea bottom, 5 km depth, and near the basal thrust décollement considering a fault with strike 132° , dip 60° , and rake -90° . Shear stress change and Coulomb Failure Function are indicated in parenthesis and in bold, respectively. For static strain, + indicates volumetric expansion, and – volumetric contraction.

| <i>M_w 7.6 2012 Costa Rica earthquake</i> | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mound Lat; Long; depth | Hayes ¹⁶ | Yue <i>et al.</i> ¹⁷ | Liu <i>et al.</i> ¹⁸ |
| M#1 N9.708; W86.074; 3.2 km | -4.50 (-0.97) bar -2.77 bar | 6.77 (19.20) bar 21.91 bar | 0.55 (-1.01) bar -0.79 bar |
| N9.703; W86.073; 5 km | 0.41 (2.00) bar 2.16 bar | 33.58 (5.17) bar 18.60 bar | 1.43 (0.01) bar 0.58 bar |
| M#2 N9.785; W86.074; 2.7 km | 0.18 (0.43) bar -0.50 bar | 1.15 (1.13) bar 1.59 bar | 10.01 (2.66) bar 6.66 bar |
| N9.774; W86.081; 5 km | 1.47 (-4.41) bar -3.83 bar | 4.46 (-1.21) bar 0.58 bar | 4.15 (3.51) bar 5.17 bar |
| N9.765; W86.084; 7 km | 6.61 (1.55) bar 4.19 bar | -0.56 (-6.81) bar -7.04 bar | 2.79 (2.82) bar 3.93 bar |
| M#3 N9.967; W86.012; 1.2 km | 1.39 (1.09) bar 1.64 bar | -1.94 (-1.36) bar -2.13 bar | -1.21 (-0.87) bar -1.35 bar |
| N9.953; W86.023; 5 km | -0.67 (-0.15) bar -0.42 bar | -1.51 (-1.84) bar -2.45 bar | -1.62 (-0.32) bar -1.35 bar |
| N9.934; W86.039; 10 km | 3.68 (-2.07) bar -0.60 bar | 2.10 (-1.93) bar -1.09 bar | 2.62 (-0.41) bar 0.64 bar |
| Static strain | +10 ⁻⁵ | +10 ⁻⁶ | -0.5 10 ⁻⁵ |
| <i>M_w7.7 1992 Nicaragua earthquake</i> | | | |
| Mound Lat; Long; depth | Hayes ²² | – | – |
| M#4 N11.185; W87.200; 1.5 km | 15.87 (8.26) bar 14.60 bar | – | – |
| N11.172; W87.212; 5 km | 19.87 (7.73) bar 15.68 bar | – | – |
| N11.160; W87.223; 8 km | 32.03 (52.04) bar 64.86 bar | – | – |
| M#5 N11.203; W87.156; 1.2 km | 11.16 (5.42) bar 9.88 bar | – | – |
| N11.189; W87.168; 5 km | 19.46 (6.52) bar 14.30 bar | – | – |
| N11.176; W87.175; 9 km | 7.00 (9.50) bar 12.30 bar | – | – |
| M#6 N11.239; W87.133; 0.9 km | 7.93 (4.87) bar 8.04 bar | – | – |
| N11.223; W87.144; 5 km | 11.44 (3.63) bar 8.51 bar | – | – |
| N11.203; W87.163; 10 km | 42.84 (44.78) bar 61.92 bar | – | – |
| Static strain | +10 ⁻⁵ | – | – |

Table S3. Static stress changes and static strain imparted by the M_w 8.5-8.7 2005 Nias earthquake. Normal stress change $\Delta\sigma_n$ (plain text), shear stress change $\Delta\tau$ (in parenthesis) and Coulomb Failure Function ΔCFF (bold) are sampled on thrust faults controlling specific seepage structures. Seepage structures consist of mud volcanoes (MV) and mud diapirs (MD) exposed on Nias and Simeulue islands^{23,24}, as well as an offshore methane cold seep systems exhibiting extensive buildups of authigenic carbonate deposits²⁵ (MS). Stress changes are calculated from available source models, and sampled at surface (or at sea floor) and at depth near the basal subduction thrust considering a fault with strike 325° , dip 40° , and rake 90° . The basal subduction thrust has been speculatively assumed as that of Singh *et al.*²⁶. The latter shows, however, some difference with the geometry of source faults used in the different finite fault models (see Fig. 4 of main text). For this reason, stress changes have also been calculated near the intersection with the source fault of each finite fault model. Static strain (+ indicates volumetric expansion, and – volumetric contraction) is estimated beneath the seepage structures situated along section AB in Figure 4 of main text.

| <i>M_w8.5-8.7 2005 Nias earthquake</i> | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| Mud volcano/diapir/seep Lat; Long; depth | Shao & Ji ²⁷ | Konca <i>et al.</i> ²⁸ | Yatimantoro & Tanioka ²⁹ | Hayes ³⁰ |
| MV#1 Nias Island | | | | |
| N1.435; E97.456; 0 km | 6.59 (-7.85) bar -5.22 bar | 1.56 (-1.86) bar -1.24 bar | 4.65 (-5.54) bar -3.68 bar | 1.52 (-1.81) bar -1.20 bar |
| N1.478; E97.488; 5 km | 10.73 (-12.38) bar -8.08 bar | 6.21 (-5.86) bar -3.38 bar | 7.98 (-8.66) bar -5.47 bar | 0.65 (-1.21) bar -0.95 bar |
| N1.524; E97.518; 10 km | 9.03 (-15.80) bar -12.19 bar | 13.43 (-10.50) bar -5.13 bar | 17.12(-13.80) bar -6.95 bar | 1.99 (-2.48) bar -1.69 bar |
| N1.565; E97.548; 15 km | 4.40 (-10.85) bar -9.09 bar | 19.29 (-15.57) bar -7.85 bar | 36.71 (-13.13) bar 1.55 bar | 1.38 (-4.41) bar -3.86 bar |
| N1.610; E97.579; 20 km | 7.89 (-8.97) bar -5.81 bar | 22.04 (-17.21) bar -8.39 bar | 79.10 (-25.21) bar 6.42 bar | -0.92 (-3.56) bar -3.93 bar |
| Near model source fault | -29.20 (12.05) bar 0.36 bar | 13.54 (-15.84) bar -10.43 bar | -4.72 (0.44) bar -1.45 bar | -16.02 (5.06) bar -1.35 bar |
| MV#2 Nias Island | | | | |
| N1.357; E97.542; 0 km | 8.17 (-9.74) bar -6.47 bar | 0.41 (-0.49) bar -0.33 bar | 6.32 (-7.53) bar -5.00 bar | 0.35 (-0.42) bar -0.28 bar |
| N1.401; E97.574; 5 km | 11.51 (-14.46) bar -9.85 bar | 3.52 (-4.05) bar -2.65 bar | 7.38 (-8.43) bar -5.48 bar | -0.13 (-0.36) bar -0.41 bar |
| N1.445; E97.605; 10 km | 11.97 (-16.30) bar -11.51 bar | 6.97 (-8.04) bar -5.25 bar | 20.86 (-10.40) bar -2.05 bar | 4.09 (-2.00) bar -0.36 bar |
| N1.488; E97.635; 15 km | 16.18 (-12.09) bar -5.61 bar | 9.58 (-11.36) bar -7.53 bar | 49.76 (-11.84) bar 8.06 bar | 8.25 (-4.13) bar -0.83 bar |
| N1.531; E97.665; 20 km | 6.22 (-17.64) bar -15.15 bar | 13.37 (-12.91) bar -7.56 bar | 52.14 (-38.54) bar -17.68 bar | 11.30 (-4.92) bar -0.40 bar |
| Near model source fault | -40.97 (25.04) bar 8.65 bar | 6.76 (-12.74) bar -10.03 bar | 6.11 (-5.73) bar -3.29 bar | -18.10 (0.88) bar -6.37 bar |
| MD#1 Nias Island | | | | |
| N1.236; E97.389; 0 km | 10.91 (-13.00) bar -8.64 bar | 4.83 (-5.75) bar -3.82 bar | 5.30 (-6.31) bar -4.19 bar | 8.94 (-10.66) bar -7.08 bar |
| N1.262; E97.436; 5 km | 13.22 (-16.17) bar -10.88 bar | 0.89 (-2.80) bar -2.44 bar | 8.57 (-3.872) bar -0.44 bar | 0.59 (-4.42) bar -4.18 bar |
| N1.299; E97.472; 10 km | 14.95 (-20.22) bar -14.24 bar | 3.07 (-3.53) bar -2.31 bar | 20.46 (-8.16) bar 0.02 bar | -2.90 (-1.18) bar -2.34 bar |
| N1.338; E97.511; 15 km | 34.01 (-20.26) bar -6.65 bar | 6.92 (-8.51) bar -5.74 bar | 35.48 (-18.65) bar -4.46 bar | 2.22 (-0.77) bar 0.12 bar |
| N1.376; E97.549; 20 km | 30.72 (-47.30) bar -35.01 bar | 8.58 (-12.37) bar -8.94 bar | 52.55 (-34.24) bar -13.22 bar | 11.75 (-5.14) bar -0.44 bar |
| Near model source fault | -120.17 (67.78) bar 19.71 bar | 11.05 (-28.24) bar -23.82 bar | 111.04 (-41.03) bar 3.38 bar | 24.46 (-16.63) bar -6.85 bar |
| MD#2 Nias Island | | | | |
| N1.052; E97.572; 0 km | 9.26 (-11.03) bar -7.33 bar | -1.73 (2.07) bar 1.37 bar | 3.77 (-4.49) bar -2.98 bar | 9.25 (-11.03) bar -7.33 bar |

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|-------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| N1.090; E97.609; 5 km | 13.60 (-13.97) bar -8.53 bar | -2.55 (2.25) bar 1.23 bar | 1.84 (-3.11) bar -2.38 bar | -0.86 (-3.61) bar -3.96 bar |
| N1.129; E97.645; 10 km | 25.93 (-19.99) bar -9.62 bar | 2.91 (-0.63) bar 0.54 bar | -1.62 (-2.13) bar -2.78 bar | -2.79 (-0.61) bar -1.72 bar |
| N1.167; E 97.685; 15 km | 38.52 (-38.57) bar -23.17 bar | 8.24 (-4.24) bar -0.95 bar | -4.86 (-2.83) bar -4.77 bar | 4.52 (-1.95) bar -0.15 bar |
| N1.207; E97.720; 20 km | 30.91 (-52.94) bar -40.58 bar | 14.52 (-7.35) bar -1.54 bar | -7.09 (-5.65) bar -8.49 bar | 17.03 (-8.52) bar -1.71 bar |
| Near model source fault | -160.41 (-7.74) bar -71.90 bar | 0.58 (-10.08) bar -9.85 bar | 39.24 (-51.88) bar -36.19 bar | 107.96 (-82.14) bar -38.96 bar |
| MS#1 offshore | | | | |
| N2.563; E96.757; 1.4 km | -1.23 (1.39) bar 0.90 bar | 3.12 (-2.56) bar -1.31 bar | 0.27 (0.78) bar 0.89 bar | -1.72 (1.28) bar 0.59 bar |
| N2.589; E96.788; 5 km | -0.10 (2.14) bar 2.10 bar | 6.38 (-5.06) bar -2.51 bar | 4.27 (-0.73) bar 0.98 bar | 0.02 (0.25) bar 0.26bar |
| N2.618; E96.833; 10 km | 2.65 (2.05) bar 3.11 bar | 6.08 (-6.46) bar -4.03 bar | 8.16 (-1.58) bar 1.68 bar | 6.56 (-2.83) bar -0.20 bar |
| N2.646; E96.879; 15 km | 2.07 (1.22) bar 2.05 bar | 2.37 (-5.94) bar -4.99 bar | 9.22 (-2.20) bar 1.49 bar | 12.91 (-6.99) bar -1.83 bar |
| N2.679; E96.922; 20 km | 11.72 (3.18) bar 7.87 bar | -1.49 (-3.70) bar -4.30 bar | 4.90 (-2.92) bar -0.96 bar | 15.09 (-11.13) bar -5.10 bar |
| Near model source fault | -24.91 (34.15) bar 24.19 bar | -4.33 (1.26) bar -0.47 bar | 13.11 (-5.93) bar -0.69 bar | -0.37 (-0.91) bar -1.06 bar |
| MV#3 Simeulue Island | | | | |
| N2.370; E96.403; 0 km | -0.89 (1.06) bar 0.71 bar | 11.45 (-13.65) bar -9.01 bar | -7.88 (9.39) bar 6.24 bar | -2.50 (2.98) bar 1.98 bar |
| N2.413; E96.434; 5 km | 0.15 (-1.15) bar -1.09 bar | 0.25 (-6.34) bar -6.24 bar | 0.12 (5.98) bar 6.03 bar | 9.07 (-2.31) bar 1.32 bar |
| N2.458; E96.467; 10 km | -4.14 (-2.01) bar -3.67 bar | 6.26 (-5.94) bar -3.44 bar | 2.15 (4.40) bar 5.26 bar | 6.23 (-3.32) bar -0.83 bar |
| N2.500; E96.497; 15 km | -6.56 (2.49) bar -0.13 bar | 23.04 (-21.13) bar -11.91 bar | -10.84 (0.83) bar -3.50 bar | -4.82 (-1.70) bar -3.63 bar |
| N2.546; E96.529; 20 km | -12.62 (3.63) bar -1.42 bar | 16.97 (-33.75) bar -26.96 bar | 18.61 (2.21) bar 9.65 bar | -12.46 (5.66) bar 0.67 bar |
| Near model source fault | -7.56 (-0.45) bar -3.47 bar | -15.79 (-37.71) bar -44.03 bar | 13.07 (-7.10) bar -1.88 bar | 34.54 (-3.98) bar 9.84 bar |
| MV#4 Simeulue Island | | | | |
| N2.397; E96.371; 0 km | -0.96 (1.14) bar 0.76 bar | 13.27 (-15.68) bar -10.51 bar | -8.37 (9.98) bar 6.63 bar | -4.15 (4.95) bar 3.29 bar |
| N2.447; E96.389; 5 km | 3.01 (-1.78) bar -0.58 bar | -0.91 (-7.59) bar -7.96 bar | -0.97 (6.57) bar 6.19 bar | 8.92 (-0.68) bar 2.89 bar |
| N2.495; E96.406; 10 km | 0.95 (-4.63) bar -4.25 bar | 1.94 (-4.84) bar -4.07 bar | 2.29 (6.34) bar 7.26 bar | 9.61 (-1.57) bar 2.27 bar |
| N2.548; E96.425; 15 km | -5.51 (-1.86) bar -4.06 bar | 38.76 (-16.11) bar -0.61 bar | 0.14 (7.61) bar 7.67 bar | -0.04 (2.34) bar 2.32 bar |
| N 2.588; E96.438; 20 km | -6.08 (-0.02) bar -2.46 bar | 57.36 (-56.51) bar -33.56 bar | -92.54 (0.15) bar -36.87 bar | -12.92 (9.93) bar 4.76 bar |
| Near model source fault | -7.35 (-0.21) bar -3.15 bar | -9.54 (-53.49) bar -57.31 bar | 11.59 (-7.67) bar -3.03 bar | 35.03 (-17.50) bar -3.49 bar |
| Static strain | +10 ⁻⁵ | +0.5 10 ⁻⁵ | +0.5 10 ⁻⁵ | +0.5 10 ⁻⁵ |

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