The Indian Ocean tsunami – preliminary model results

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The tsunami hitting the coastlines of South-East Asia the 26. December is by far the
most destructive tsunami in several hundred years. Preliminary numerical simulations
of the 26. December event have been performed for investigating sensitivity of the
parameters of importance for the tsunami generation and propagation. The simulations
are compared with both models of the earthquake motion and observations of the
wave. Both linear non-dispersive equations and Boussinesq type equations are used to
study effects of the wave generation, and the near shore wave propagation.