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# Earthquake Prediction Methodology for Indonesia and Caribbean Region

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#### Abstract

It is the most arduous and challenging task to observe and record the geological coordinates of earthquake precursor locations and the corresponding epicenter zones, in Indonesia - the largest archipelago in the world and Caribbean regions. For the convenience of observational earthquake prediction study, active seismological regions of Indonesia have been divided into 10 major epicenter zones- Northern Sumatra, Southern Sumatra, Sunda Strait, Jawa, Kalimantan, Northern Sulawesi, Southern Sulawesi, Maluku and Irian Jaya, Papua and Nusatenggara. Indonesia is in the Indian and Pacific Ocean, whereas the Caribbean regions are in the Atlantic Ocean side, though they are in three entirely different regions but all the seismically active regions are having the same generation process of all form of atmospheric weather and earthquakes, is the most significant findings in this observation study since 1985. This wonderful observation study over 35 years confirms strongly confirms the strong generational process scientific relation between atmospheric weather and seismic anomalies. Observational data for different Ocean regions simply identifies the impending earthquake locations based on rainfall locations.

**Keywords:** Orbital motion of the earth; Centrifugal force; Stable and unstable epicenter zones; Major and minor epicenter zones; Direction of epicenter zones; Tectonic plates; Onshore precursors; Earthquake and earthquake prediction

#### Introduction

From ancient times to modern times, earthquakes have been the leading cause of death from natural disasters and have imposed dramatic cultural, economic, and political impacts on society. Most quakes are small. As many as 500,000 detectable earthquakes occur each year. Nearly 100,000 of them are strong enough to be felt, and only about 100 of them cause damage. They usually occur in the upper 10 miles or so of the Earth's crust, and they're concentrated along the boundaries where tectonic plates meet.

Earthquakes killed over 923,000 people worldwide between 1900 and 2010 according to USGS. Greece has over 2500 years of earthquake investigation, Italy 1500 years and New Zealand over 600 years. Both deadly seasonal weather and earthquakes are billiondollar disasters. It is imminent to understand the generation process of earthquakes before to predict reliably and successfully. Global earthquakes have uniform generation process- orbital motion of the earth, generation of centrifugal force, drive the tectonic plates, generation of atmospheric weather anomalies and earthquakes. The earth crust comprises 7 major plates and 7 minor plates. Each seismic region comprises one or more major epicenter zones, and each major epicenter zone comprises one or more minor epicenter zones. Epicenter zones are earthquake zones, comprises one or more movable tectonic plates. Epicenter zones are in permanent position and they do not tend to shift from one place to other. So, the direction of epicenter zones would be the direction of earthquakes. All earthquakes are occurring in a repeatable manner at the pre-existing epicenter zones with respect to the position of the orbital motion of the earth.

This observational earthquake prediction study fourth in series of Austin Journal of Publications (AJES), focuses on understanding the generation process of atmospheric weather anomalies and generation process of earthquake phenomena. All forms of generation process of atmospheric weather anomalies are the part of the generation process of earthquakes. In this way all forms of atmospheric weather anomalies are the diagnosable earthquake precursors.

This observational study further enhanced the detection techniques of impending earthquakes by introducing new concept of major and minor epicenter zones. There are over 250 major and minor epicenter zones have been identified. Every seismic region contains one or more major epicenter zones and every major epicenter zones contains one or more minor epicenter zones. For instance, main islands of Indonesia are Sumatra, Jawa, Kalimantan, Sulawesi and Papua. Most of the main Islands are seismically contains several active major epicenter and minor epicenter zones. So, earthquakes are occurring at one or more minor epicenter zones. In this paper minor epicenter zones of Northern and Sumatra regions have been recorded for other seismic regions range of minor epicenter zones recorded. Epicenter zones are permanent in their position and have direction. In this way, this observational earthquake prediction study. So, the basic parameters for earthquakes prediction include direction of epicenter zones from precursor location in addition to location frame, time frame and magnitude frame.

It would be impossible to estimate precise time of earthquake occurrence of particular magnitude because several earthquakes of lower magnitude earthquakes could have been occur before the expected magnitude. Tectonic plates are behaves like metals, so, each

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regions of tectonic plates have different yield point, tensile point and break point. Experts should focus on understanding the mechanical properties of tectonic plates of different seismically active epicenter zones. For instance, earthquakes occur within 10 days after rainfall (earthquake precursor) but in other regions it takes usually within two weeks or sometimes takes over two weeks. Simultaneous break of more than one tectonic plate of more than one minor epicenter zones of a particular major epicenter zone of seismological regions may be the reason for strong earthquakes.

The amount of energy expended for the generation process of atmospheric weather anomalies and the energy released in the corresponding earthquakes would be different for different regions.

## Methodology

Both atmospheric weather anomalies and earthquakes are origin wise strongly inter-related; both events are repeating every year at same place to the corresponding epicenter zones with respect to the position of the orbital motion of the earth. Without tectonic plate motion of the epicenter zones there will be no generation of atmospheric weather anomalies and earthquakes. All form of atmospheric weather anomalies are the precursor to earthquakes. There is different form of weather anomalies at different location of epicenter zones. Every epicenter zone generated more than one atmospheric weather anomalies. Most common weather anomalies are heat, rainfall associated with strong winds. Among the all form of weather anomalies rainfall or snowfall location best to identify the future earthquake location.

The essential earthquake prediction parameters in this empirical observation study based on six main steps:

- Number of Islands
- Number of major and minor epicenter zones
- Types of seasonal variations

• Geological coordinates of both of onshore precursor area and epicenter zones.

• Samples of both events in recent times

• The magnitude of the resulting earthquakes usually M4-6 are established based on observation of entire epicenter zones different seismically active regions.

#### Earthquake prediction strategy

On the rainfall/snow fall map (Table 1 - 3), the star icons represent the rainfall amount equal or greater than 50mm and location. Identify the direction of epicenter location based on observation. In this observation data table left column for precursor location and right column for corresponding earthquakes location.

Time, magnitude, location and Direction of future earthquake location:

There are different directions of epicenter zone of different seismic regions for Indonesia.

• The direction from which onshore earthquake precursor (all form of atmospheric seasonal weather anomalies) originated would the direction of earthquake epicenter zone.

• Location: Equal or within 5° latitude and within 15° longitude or 15° longitude and within 15° latitude from onshore earthquake precursor location. It varies region to region.

- Distance from onshore earthquake precursors: usually within  $15^{\circ}$ 

• Time lag between onset of precursor and earthquake occurs: within 15 days

• **Magnitude:** usually 4-6. Precise time of earthquakes occurrence not possible because minor to strong earthquakes is having same generation process. In general, based on strength of cyclone, severity of rainfall and snow fall in this observation study it is estimated within 15 days after rainfall.

However, based on yield point, tensile point and break point of tectonic plates of epicenter zones of different seismically active regions to be studied for precise time of tectonic plates break.

# Daily rain fall/snow fall map used in this observational study of earthquake prediction

In this observational study of earthquake prediction several weather web sites have been referred. Among them https:// severeweather.wmo.int/rain/b6/index.html map is extensively used in this earthquake prediction observation study. The amount (severity of the atmospheric weather anomalies) and geological coordinates of rainfall/snowfall is very much helpful to identify the geological coordinates of corresponding earthquake location and to estimate the size of the impending earthquakes. So, this website is primarily used for the entire regions of the world only additional confirmation other weather web sites have been referred.

There are three series of frames of wmos as "A" series frames, "B" series frames and "C" series frames. Each series has 6 frames and there are totally 18 frames. The star icons are the representation of rainfall/snowfall location. The rainfall amounts equal or greater than 50mm and coordinates location.

# Results

# Indonesia

Every year, more than 1000 earthquakes with varying magnitudes occur in Indonesia, ranging from minor to great earthquakes.

#### Indonesia:

**Number of Islands:** Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world. It consists of five major islands, Sumatra,

Java, Kalimantan (Indonesian Borneo), Sulawesi, Papua and about 30 smaller groups. There are total numbers of 17,508 islands of which about 6000 are inhabited.

The largest islands are

**Seasons:** Weather in Indonesia can be split into two seasons - wet and dry - with warm tropical temperatures averaging 28°C during the day, throughout the year. In most regions, the dry season spans from May to September, with the rains falling between October and April. There are some regional exceptions.

**Number of Islands:** The region, situated largely on the Caribbean Plate, has more than 700 islands, islets, reefs and cays (see the list of



Figure 1: Indonesia Geological map: Geological coordinates of Indonesia is within 10N -10S 90-140E.



#### Caribbean islands).

#### Number of epicenter zones

**Season:** In terms of seasons, these are divided into two main types; the high season which runs roughly from mid-December through mid-April, and the low season which runs from June through November. In addition there are two shoulder seasons in the spring and autumn. The low season is also the hurricane season in the Caribbean.

Most of the Caribbean experiences hot and humid weather with heavy rain all year round. During certain times of year, the lowpressure zones of the eastern Caribbean Sea help create hurricanes that often damage the coast and low-lying parts of the region's islands.

# Conclusion

The most significant findings in these observational studies are successfully identified the permanent major and minor epicenter zones and their directions. This only possible by observational study.

There are more than 250 permanently positioned major and

minor epicenter zones have been identified at different continents.

Researchers missed to link atmospheric anomalies with seismic anomalies. Actually, the generation process of atmospheric anomalies is part of the generation process of earthquakes and generated prior to earthquakes.

Monitoring onshore earthquake precursors connection with earthquakes at same place of observations of many individual and populations of earthquakes were analyzed for a complete understanding of these phenomena.

To verify the correctness of observed results, same epicenter zone concept has been applied for different epicenter zones of different continents produce similar satisfactory results.

Epicenter zones generated onshore earthquake precursors are identifiable, observable, verifiable and testable repeatedly for any seismic regions.

There are variety of epicenter zone generated precursors of various severity and earthquakes of size of earthquakes; variety of

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Figure 3: Northern Sulawesi.







Figure 6: Papua 130-140E.



Figure 7: Caribbean Regions.



individual or populations of earthquakes from permanent epicenter zones of different parts of the world.

This empirical research based on observed and measured

phenomena from actual experience.

Seismically highly hazardous and risky different regions have been studied that reveals uniform unstable epicenter zones generated onshore earthquake precursors and earthquakes, time lag between precursor and earthquakes; direction frame; distance frame; time frame and magnitude frame.

So, the disaster management authorities have enough time to plan to mitigate the loss of life and property.

It should be scientifically more appropriate that earthquake prediction study should be the combined with Astrophysics and Geophysics, rather than seismology a part of the Geology.

Except precise time of earthquake occurrence all others generation process of onshore earthquake precursors and earthquakes generating epicenter zones have been identified is the major significant of this empirical observation of earthquake prediction.

The answer to the large earthquakes and tsunami is relying on the position of the orbital motion of the earth. World of Earthquake prediction research centers can improve earthquake prediction methodology with the advanced technology.

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**Table 1:** "A" series frames (https://severeweather.wmo.int/rain/b6/index.html). Definition of Heavy Rain/Snow:Rainfall/Snowfall (Star icons represents) greater than or equal to 50mm in past 24 hours.

Table 2: "B" series frames (http://severeweather.wmo.int/rain/b1/index.html).











# Table 4: Epicenter zones of Java and Kalimantan, Sulawesi, Maluku and Irian Jaya.

Kalimantan 110-120E	Java E stretch 120-130E
c3/index.html	c3/index.html
Kalimantan, Indonesia 4N Makassar Strait, Indonesia 1.48 N ; 119.77 E Celebes Sea Banda sea	Java Sea Jawa South of Java South of Java, Indonesia Sunda Strait, Indonesia <b>Nusatenggara</b> South of Bali, Indonesia Lombok, Indonesia South of Lombok, Indonesia Sumbawa region, Indonesia 119E South of Sumba region, Indonesia Sumba region, Indonesia Savu Sea East Timor region 8.44 S ; 127.84 E Kepulauan Barat Daya, Indonesia 127E
Sulawesi 120-130E c3/index.html	Maluku and Irian Jaya 130-140E c3/index.html
Sulawesi NE North of Halmahera, Indonesia 3N Minhasa Sulawesi, Indonesia 0.30N Sulawesi Molucca Sea, 0.17 S ; 124.48 E Buru, Indonesia 3.60 S ; 126.73 E Kepulauan Talaud, Indonesia 3-4N 127E Halmahera, Indonesia 0.38 -1N Seram, Indonesia 3S Flores region, 8.22 S ; 119.45 E Biak region, Indonesia	Kepulauan Sangihe, Indonesia Kepulauan Aru region, Indonesia 5S 134E Kep. Tanimbar region, Indonesia 6S 132E Near N Coast of Papua, Indonesia, 2.67S; 139.17E Papua, Indonesia 139E

# Table 5: Northern Sumatra: Major and minor Epicenter Zones: Direction of epicenter zones: West.

Northern Sumatra c3/index.html	
Major Epicenter zones	Minor Epicenter zones
Northern Sumatra, Indonesia 1- 4N Off W coast of Northern Sumatra, Indonesia 4.67N Simeulue, Indonesia 2.67N Nias region, Indonesia 1.14 N Kep. Mentawai region, Indonesia 2S North Indian Ocean 2N	Northern Sumatra, Indonesia 5.43 N ; 94.66 E 4.54 N ; 95.56 E 1.65 N ; 99.63 E 0.52 N ; 99.67 E 0.85 N ; 99.12 E Off West coast of Northern Sumatra, Indonesia 3.87 N ; 93.00 E Simeulue, N Sumatra 2.22 N ; 96.04 E 2.40 N ; 95.68 E Nias, Indonesia 1.35 N ; 97.10 E 1.97 N ; 97.71 E 1.11 N ; 96.86 E 1.38 N ; 96.89 E 0.24 N ; 96.54 E 0.18 N ; 96.64 E 0.97 N ; 98.83 E 0.26 N ; 96.61 E 0.16 N ; 96.65 E

0.25 N ; 96.79 E 0.26 N ; 96.78 E 0.16 N ; 96.63 E 0.10 N ; 96.63 E
0.10 N ; 96.40 E 0.34 N ; 96.65 E 0.45 N ; 96.79 E 0.19 N ; 96.47 E

**Table 6:** Northern Sumatra, Indonesia. Present observed data 2021 (few samples): Epicenter Zone Direction:

 South.







Table 7: Southern Sumatra, Indonesia. Epicenter Zone Direction: South.

















Table 8: Kalimantan Makassar Strait, Indonesia. Epicenter Zone Direction: North.

Table 9: Sunda Strait, Indonesia. Epicenter Zone Direction: South.







Table 11: South of Java. Epicenter Zone Direction: South.





Table 12: Bali Sea and South of Bali Sea. Epicenter Zone Direction: South.

Nov.06,2021 Raging floodwaters in Indonesia Severe flooding overwhelmed parts of the Indonesian island of Java this week. The city of Batu, located in the province of East Java	Nov.07,2021 Bali Sea, Indonesia M4.7/ 7.20 S ; 116.63 E
Jawa (08.215.114.285.104.mm)	South of Bali, Indonesia;
	Oct / M 5 8 Bali Sea ·
Kalimantan	7.00 S : 117.56 E
(00.11N 111.53E 65 mm),(01.26S 116.90E 95 mm)	Oct. / M 4.3 Sumbawa region, Indonesia ; 8.41 S ; 118.78 E .

Table 13: Northern Sulawesi. Direction of ECZ: East.







Table 14: Southern Sulawesi.





 Table 15: Nusatenggara. Epicenter Zone Direction: South.















Table 17: Papua, Indonesia. Epicenter zone direction: North.







Table 18: Caribbean Regions.

Number of Epicenter Zones	
Caribbean (16)	
Cuba	
Virgin Islands	
Northern Colombia	
Dominican Republic region	
Haiti	
Dominican regions Leeward Isl.	
Isla de Margarita, Venezuela rg.	
Gulf of Paria, Venezuela	
Carabobo, Venezuela	
Anguilla, Lee ward Isl.	
Martinique region, Windward Isl.	
Northern Mid-Atlantic ridge	
East of Guadeloupe, Leeward Isl.	
Guadeloupe region, Leeward Isl.	
Barbados region, Windward Isl.	
Antigua and Barbuda region	
Trinidad, Trinidad and Tobago	

Table 19: Caribbean: Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic. Epicenter zone direction: North and South.

Netherlands Antilles and Aruba (18.03N 63.11W 61.0 mm) Anguilla (18.20N 63.05W 92.1mm)	M 5.8 Antigua and Barbuda ; 17.01 N ; 60.29 W.
Dominican Republic (17-19N 62,64-65,68,70W)(65-988mm at 5 stans).	Dominican Republic ; 18.51 N ; 68.98 W .
Puerto rico (18N 64-65W)	May / M 5.8 Mona Passage, Dominican republic; 18.13 N ; 68.39 W.
Netherlands Antilles and Aruba (17.48N 62.98W 988.9 mm) Saint Lucia (13-14N 60-61W)	Martinique region, Windward Isl.; 14.29 N; 60.18 W.
Guyana (06.25N 57-58W)( 56.4-127mm)	July/M 6.5 Barbados region, Windward Isl. ; 13.83 N ; 58.64 W



 Table 20: Caribbean Sea. Epicenter zone Direction: South.







