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Using teleseismic data to determin fault planes of intermediate-depth earthquakes

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We determined the fault plane for the March 28,2000 Volcano Islands earthquake(Mw7.6) in the Izu-Bonin subduction zone. The focal mechanism shows downdip extension on either a nearly vertical or a nearly horizontal fault plane. This event at 100km depth is important for understanding the stresses within the down-going slab.

We used the waveform inversion to determine the slip distribution of earthquake. We carried out this procedure for both fault plane and tested to see which plane provided a better fit to the observed data.

For the waveform inversion we used 18 teleseismic Pwaves and SHwaves recorded on broadband instruments and archived at the IRIS data center.