



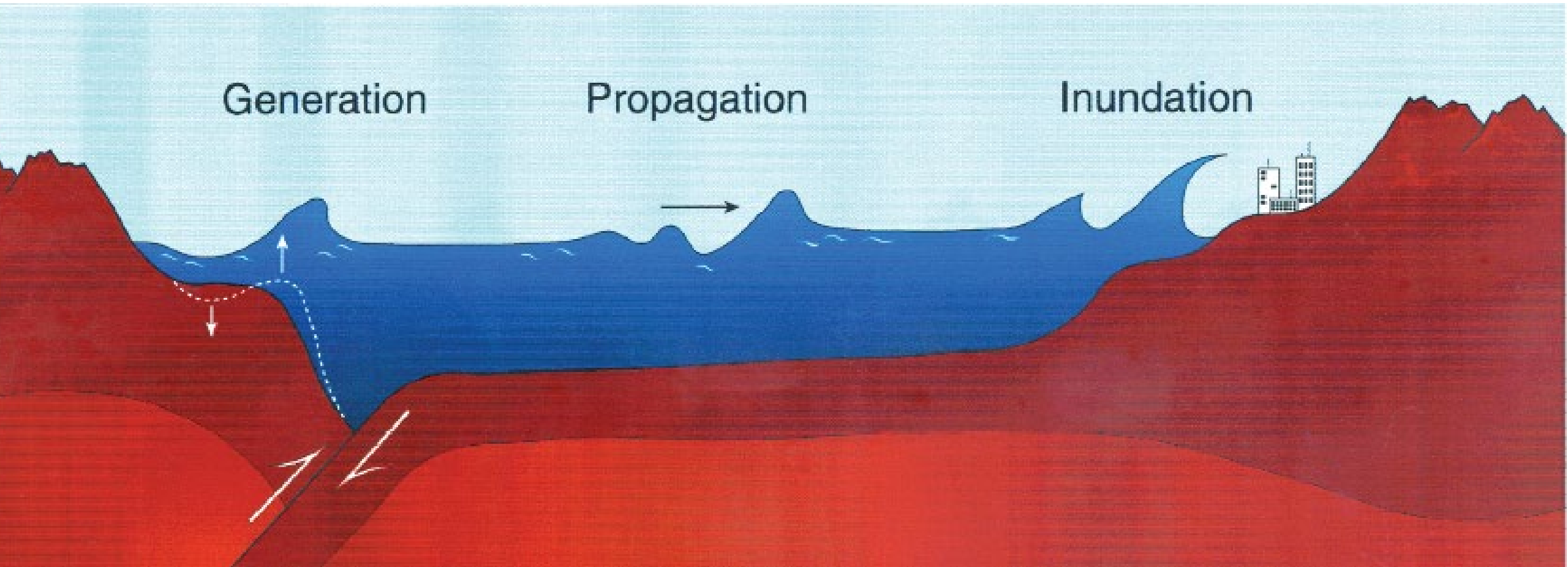
*Training/Workshop on
Tsunami Evacuation Maps, Plans, and Procedures and
the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme for the Indian Ocean Member States
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Tsunami Inundation Modelling and MAP

TIMM #: Inundation Mapping Modeling Requirements: Earthquake Tsunami Sources, Parameterization

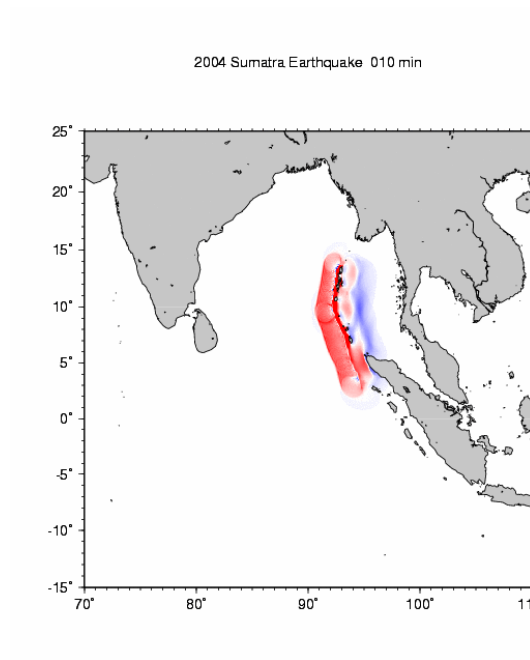


Tsunami Modelling and Forecasting



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What are the required inputs to modelling software and outputs from modelling software?



inputs:

source

deepwater bathymetry

nearshore bathymetry

(50m resolution)

onshore topography

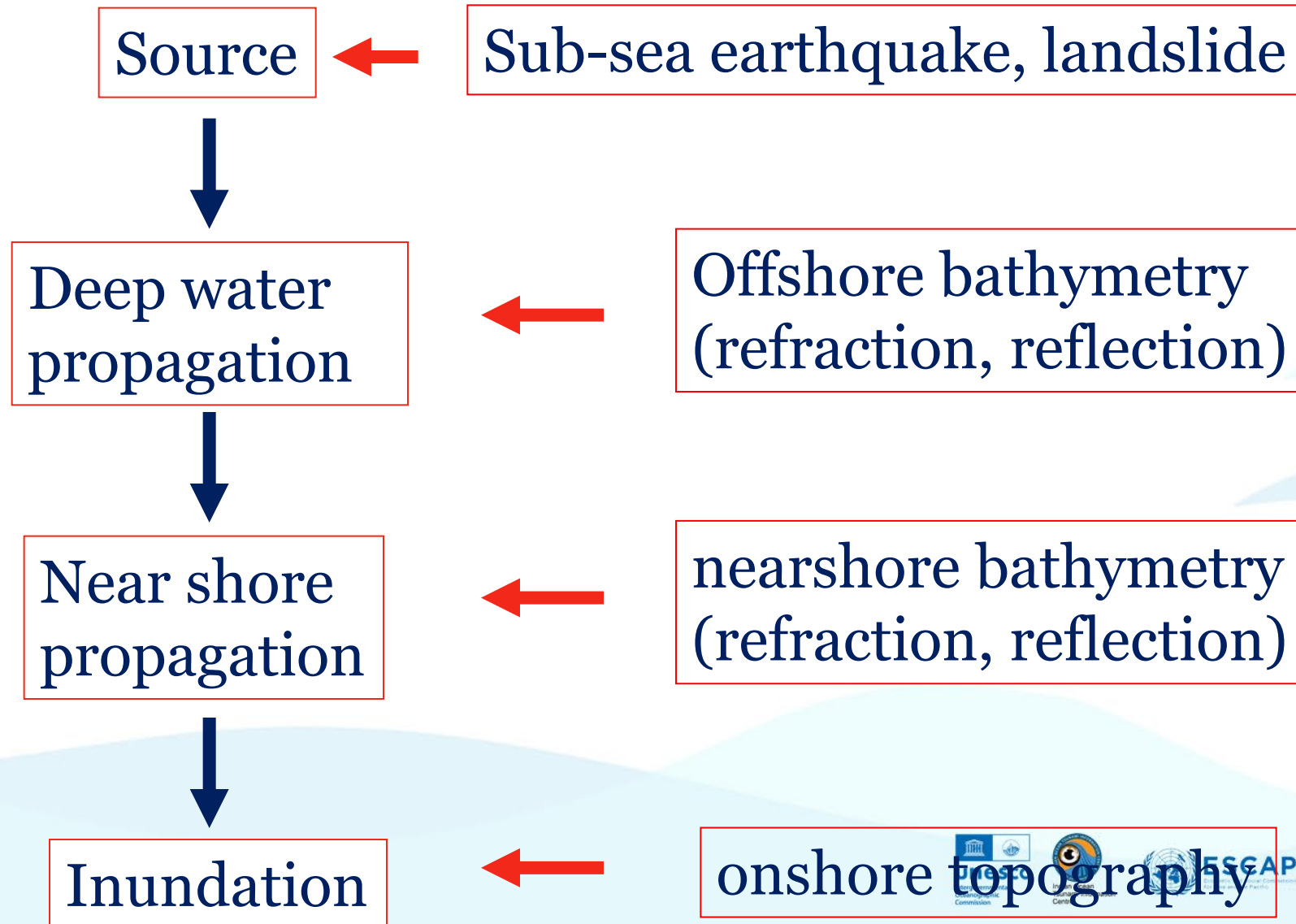
outputs:

distribution of wave heights

run-up heights

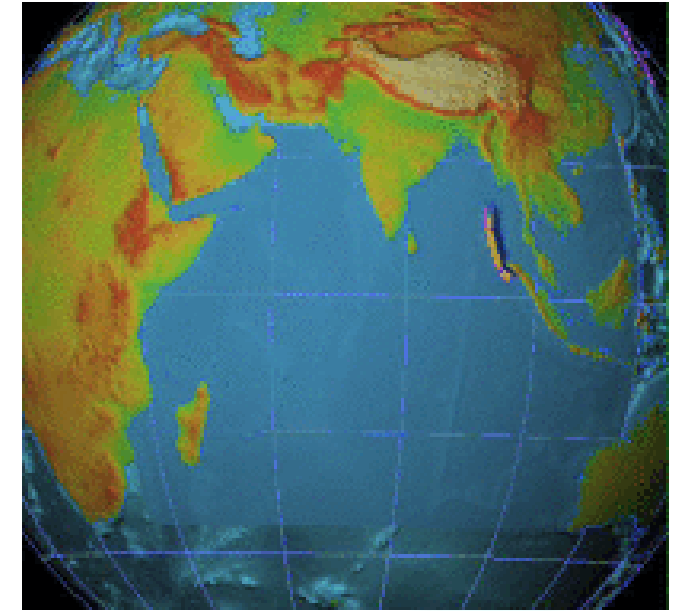
given locations

Tsunami modelling framework



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Modelling, Forecasting and Scenario Development



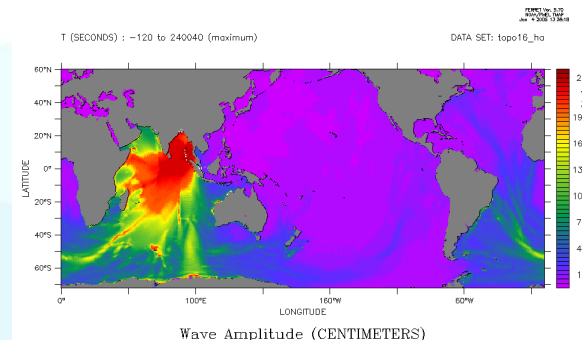
- Provide benchmarked and validated numerical modelling methods and software applicable for use in the Indian Ocean
- Develop and sustain national and regional capacity to apply numerical modelling for tsunami source generation, wave propagation, and coastal inundation in the Indian Ocean

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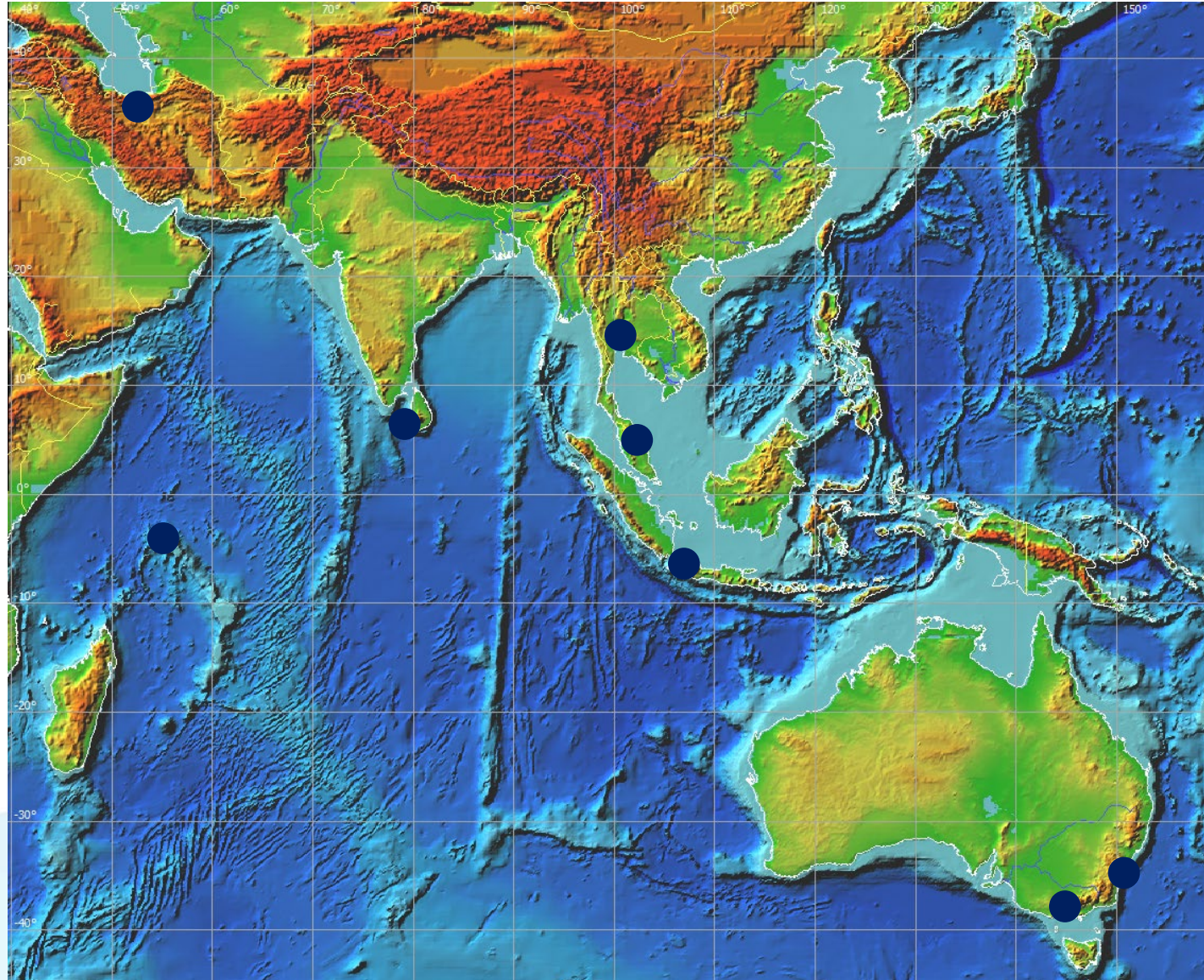
Facilitate the development of a web-based Community Model Interface for Tsunami (ComMIT)

(developed by NOAA/PMEL through USAID funding)

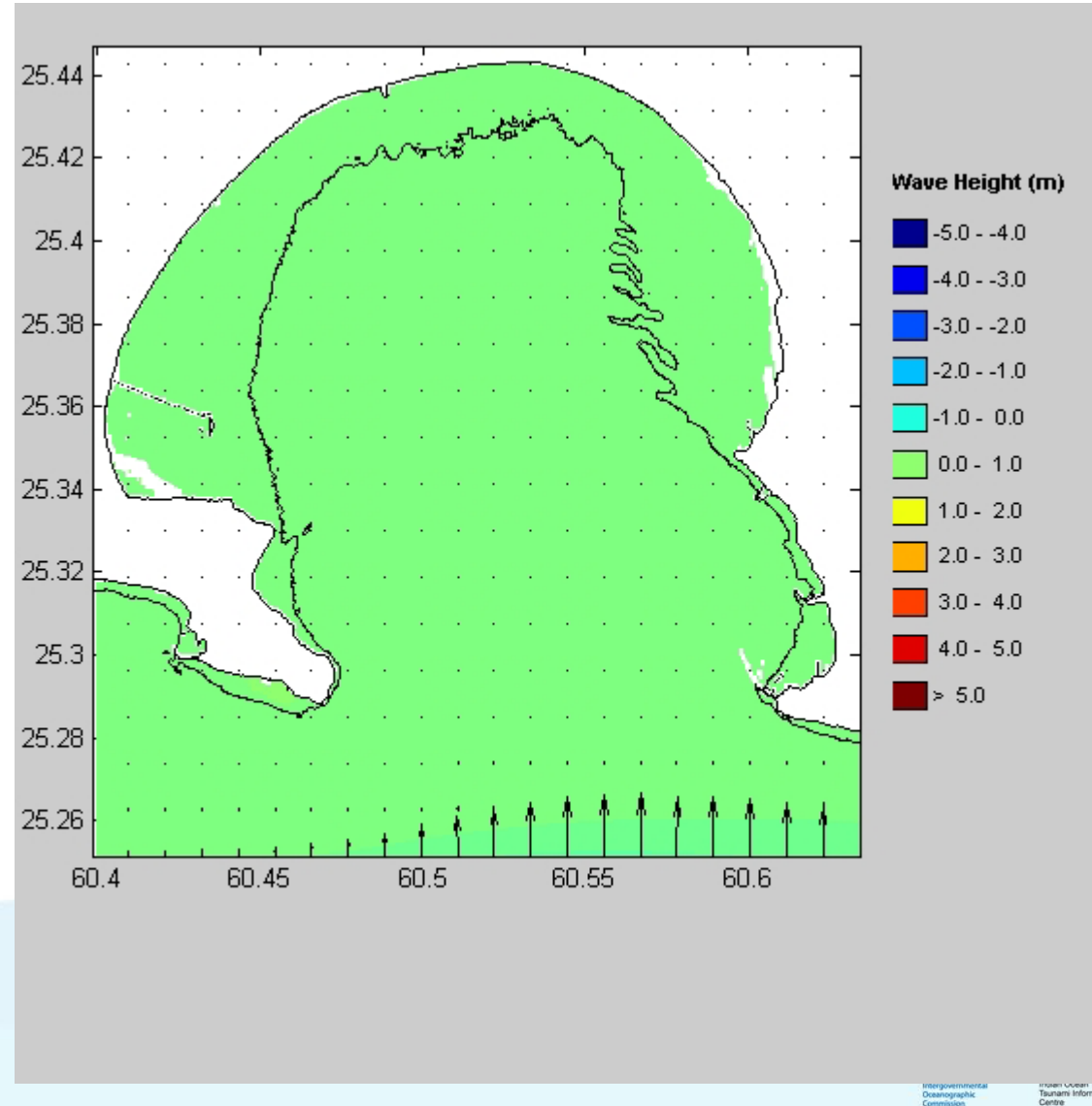
- ComMIT provides propagation and inundation mapping capability to countries of the Indian Ocean region.
- The model system includes access to pre-computed deep water propagation scenarios.



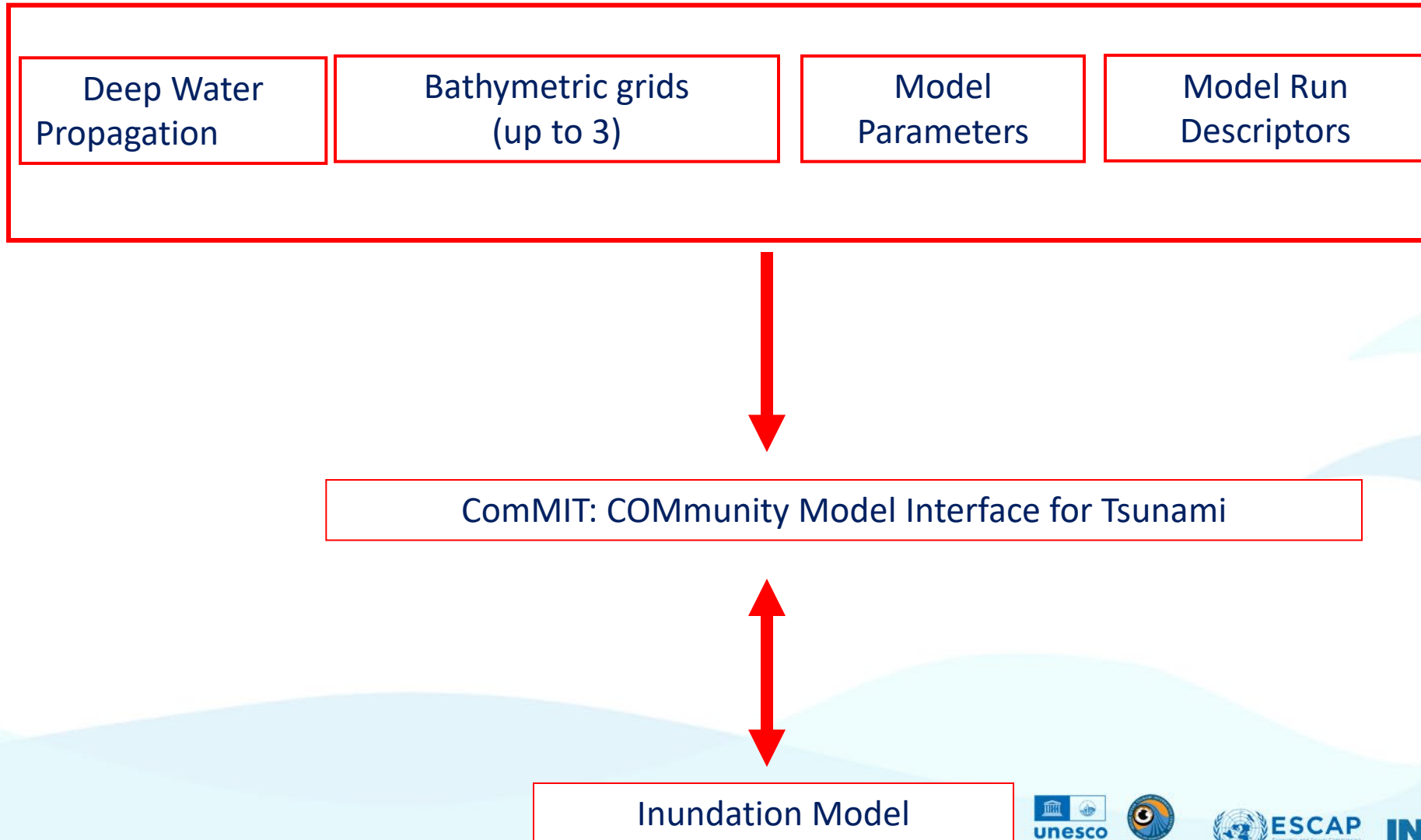
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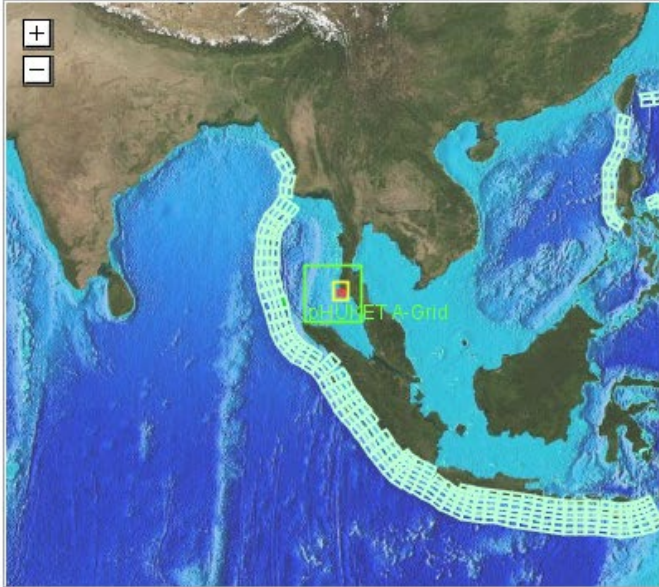


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Community Model Interface for Tsunami

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PHUKET A-Grid

Total Magnitude: 8.2 Mw

Name	% Mag	Slip
ioszy15	100.0	11.19

Add/Del Jump: Current Site

0.0010 Minimum amp. of input offshore wave (m)

5.0 Minimum depth of offshore (m)

0.1 Dry land depth of inundation (m)

0.0009 Friction coefficient (n^{**2})

☒ Let A-Grid and B-Grid run up

30.0 Max eta before blow-up (m)

7.10 Time step (sec)

6000 Total number of time steps in run

1 Time steps between A-Grid computations

1 Time steps between B-Grid computations

30 Time steps between output steps

0 Time steps before saving first output step

1 Save output every n-th grid point

Select Model Run: pHUKET Launch Select Sources & Site, click Launch Publish

Output time step 200 - 42000.000

Max/Min elevation values in grid C are: 2.05959403/-0.718555665

Max/Min elevation values in grid B are: 0.143322574/-0.226264175

Max/Min elevation values in grid A are: 0.265017269/-0.372688927

Run finished

MOST v2.300 7-08-2008 15:56:42.416

elapsed secs: 2327.84692, user: 2322.94849, sys: 4.8984313

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Model Sources

Seismic forcing:

Epicentre location

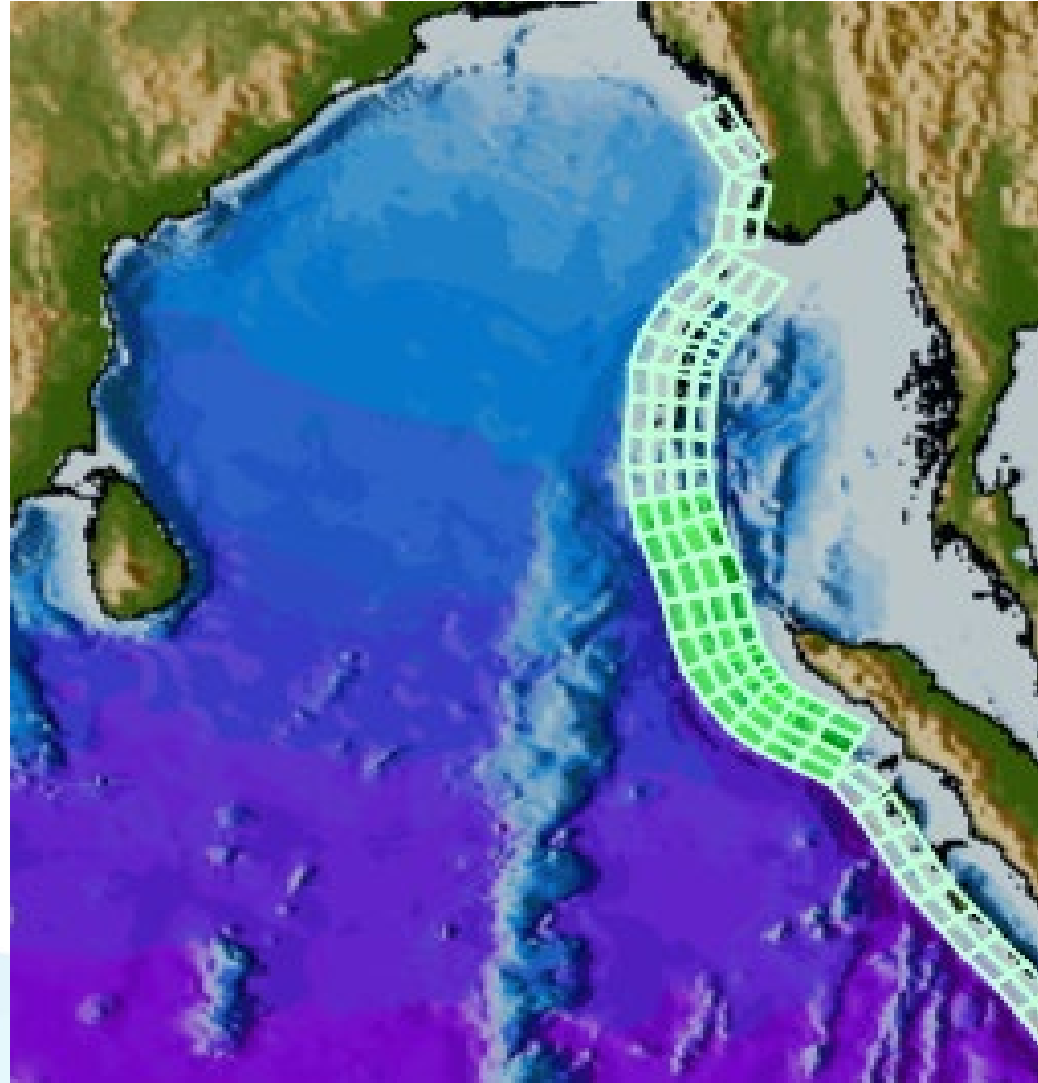
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Width (W)

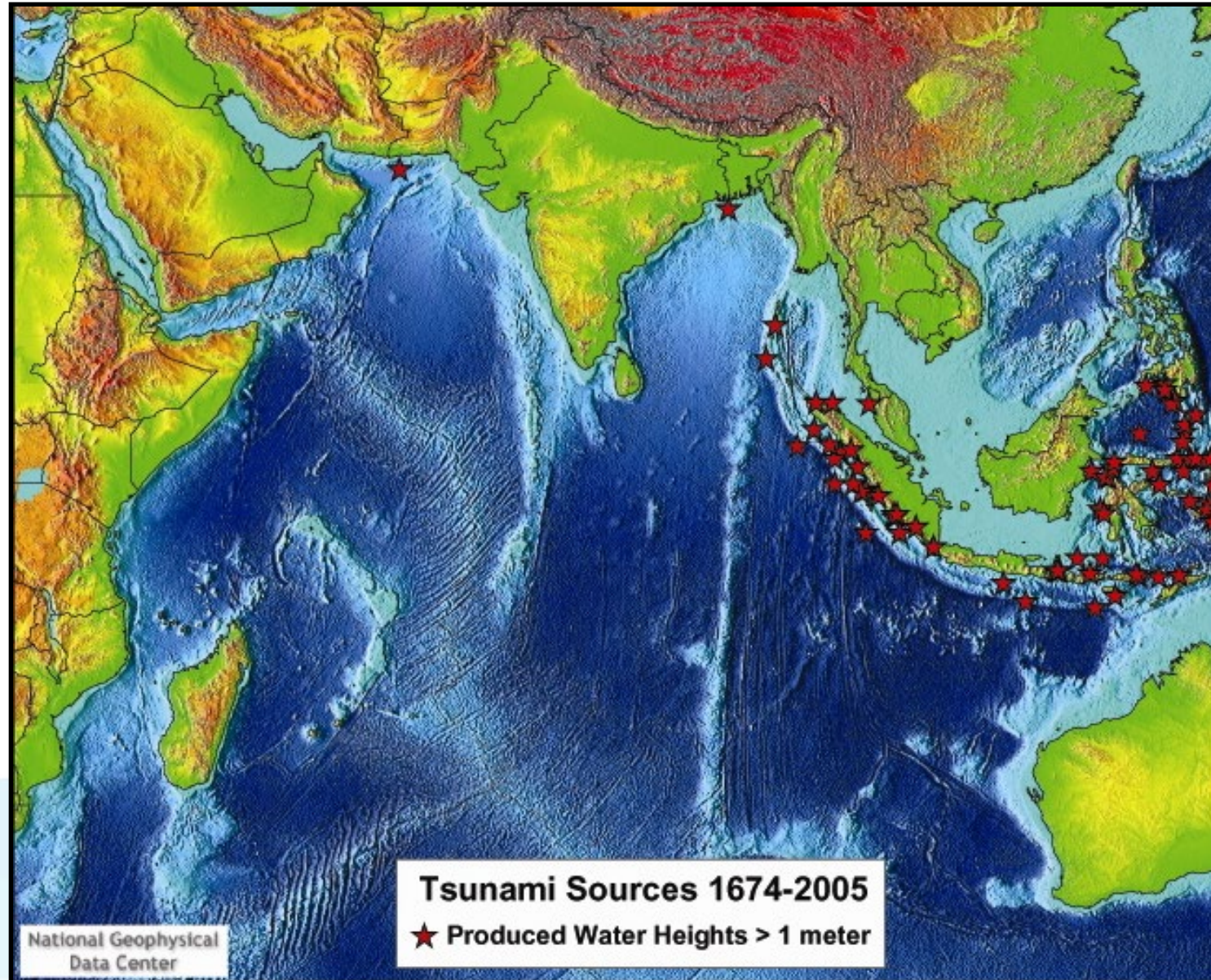
depth

Strike, dip, rake (deg)

Magnitude (M_w) or slip
(u_o):



Indian Ocean region: Tsunami sources



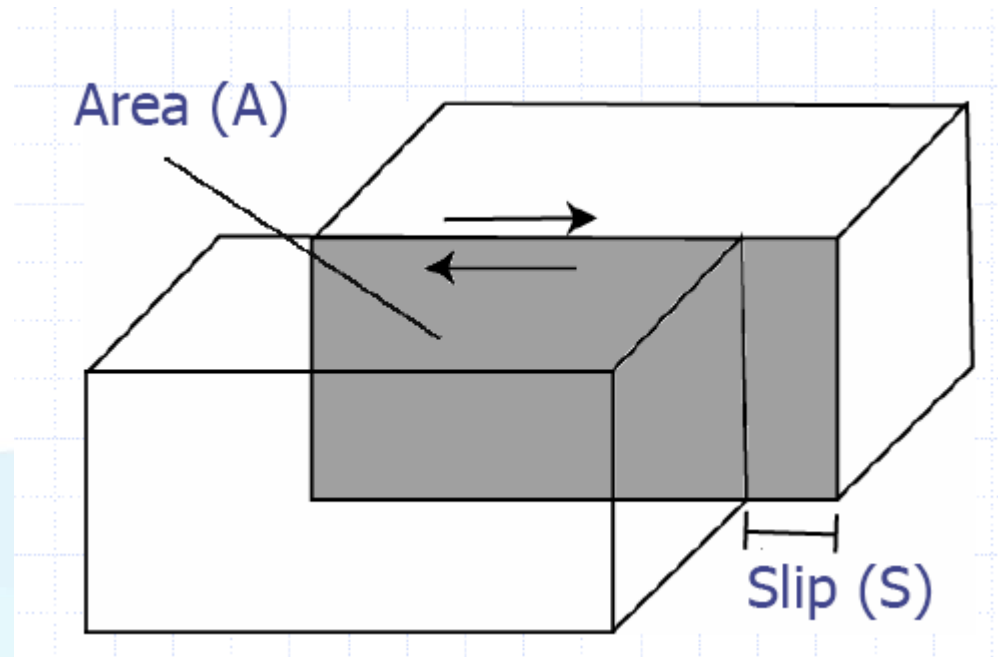
Indian Ocean region: Tsunami sources



Source Characterisation: Unit sources

Seismic moment = rigidity **x** fault area **x** slip

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Rigidity (shear modulus) = $\sim 2 \times 10^{10}$ Pa

$$\mu = \rho V_s^2$$

$$V_s = 3.6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

$$M_w = \frac{2}{3} (\log_{10}(M_0) - 9.1) \quad M_0 \text{ in dyne cm}$$

Source Characterisation: Unit sources

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ComMIT uses unit sources $L = 100 \text{ km}$ $W = 50 \text{ km}$

Moment magnitude is dependent only on slip



For a given unit source there is a max moment magnitude

Source Characterisation:

Unit sources

Guidelines for maximum moment magnitude (M_w)

Maximum slip ~30m (2004 was 20 m)

1 unit = 100x50 km

1 unit	8.5
2 units	8.7
4 units	8.9
6 units	9.0
10 units	9.2



Unit sources: Examples

1 **Total Magnitude:** **Mw**

Name	% Mag	Slip
ioszb13	100.0	353.97

2 **Total Magnitude:** **Mw**

Name	% Mag	Slip
ioszb12	50.0	176.99
ioszb13	50.0	176.99

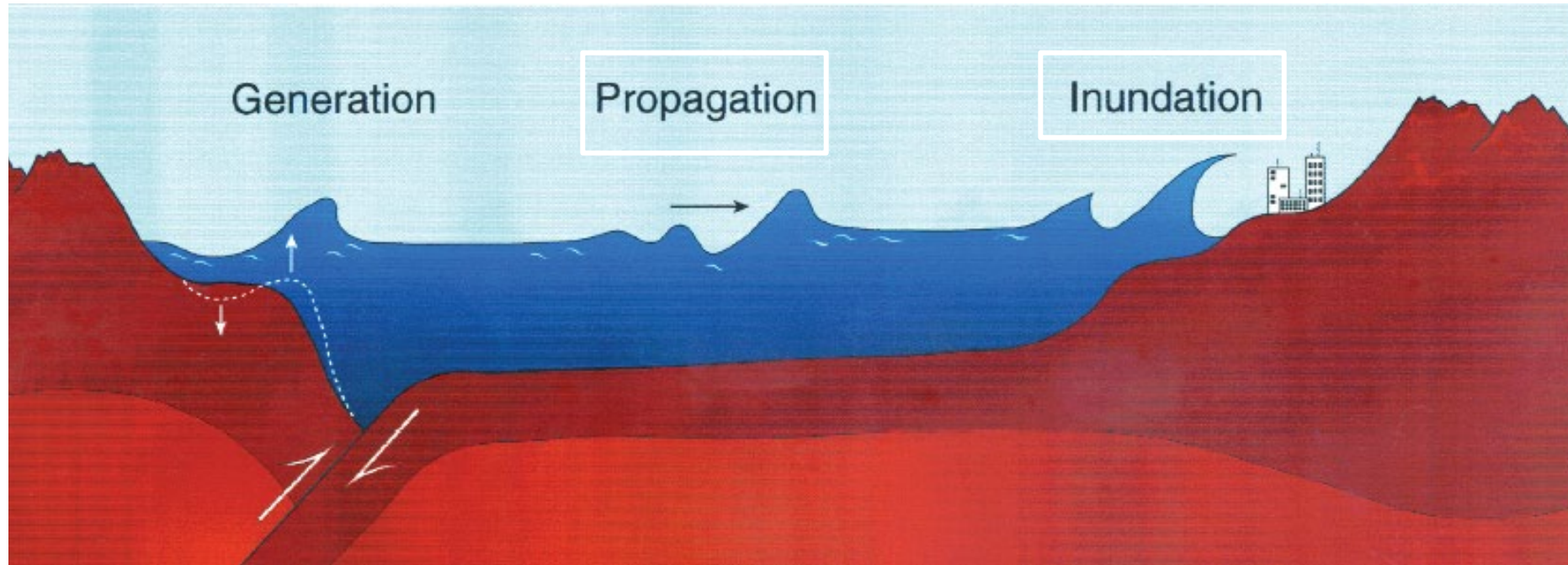
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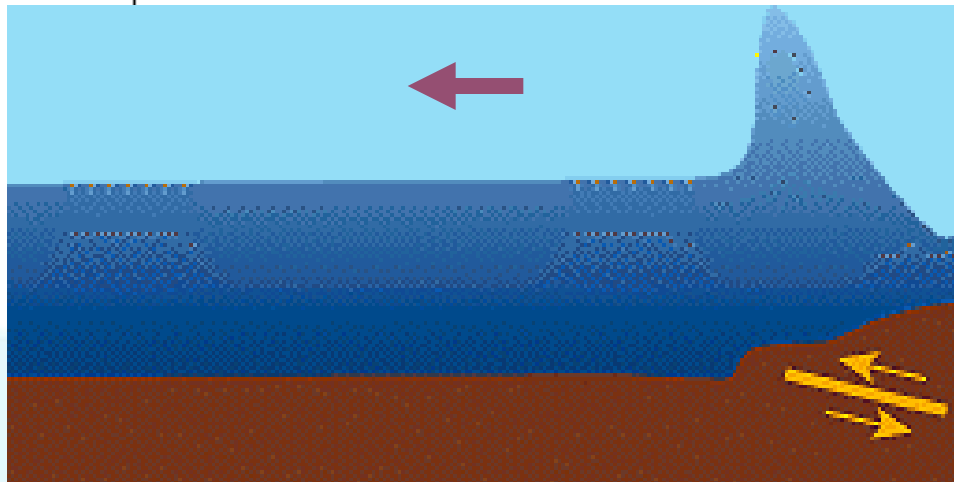
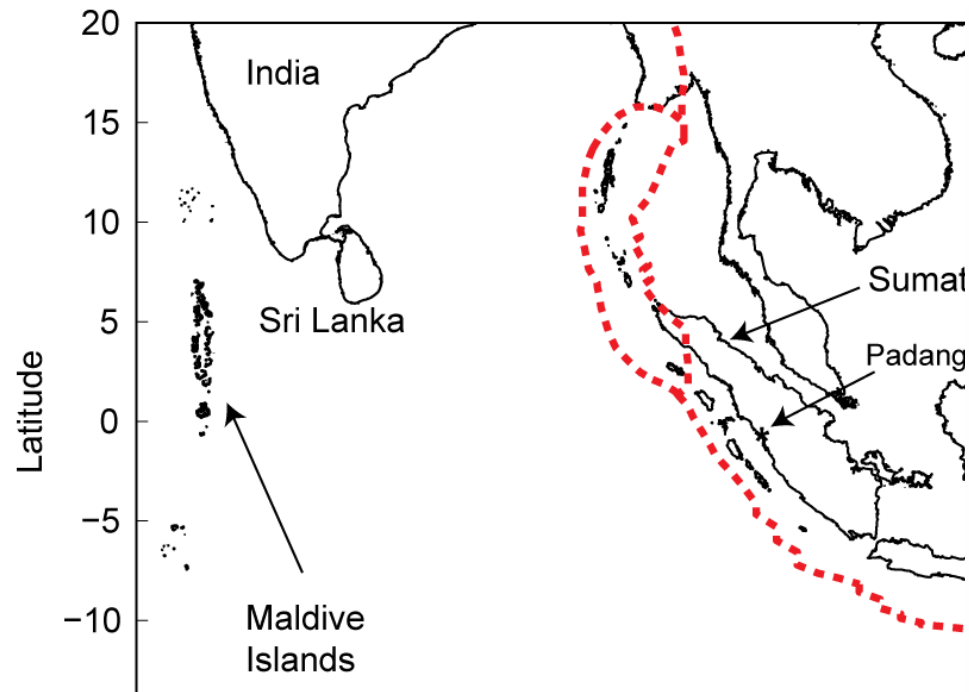
10 **Total Magnitude:** **Mw**

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iosza10	10.0	35.40
ioszb10	10.0	35.40
iosza11	10.0	35.40
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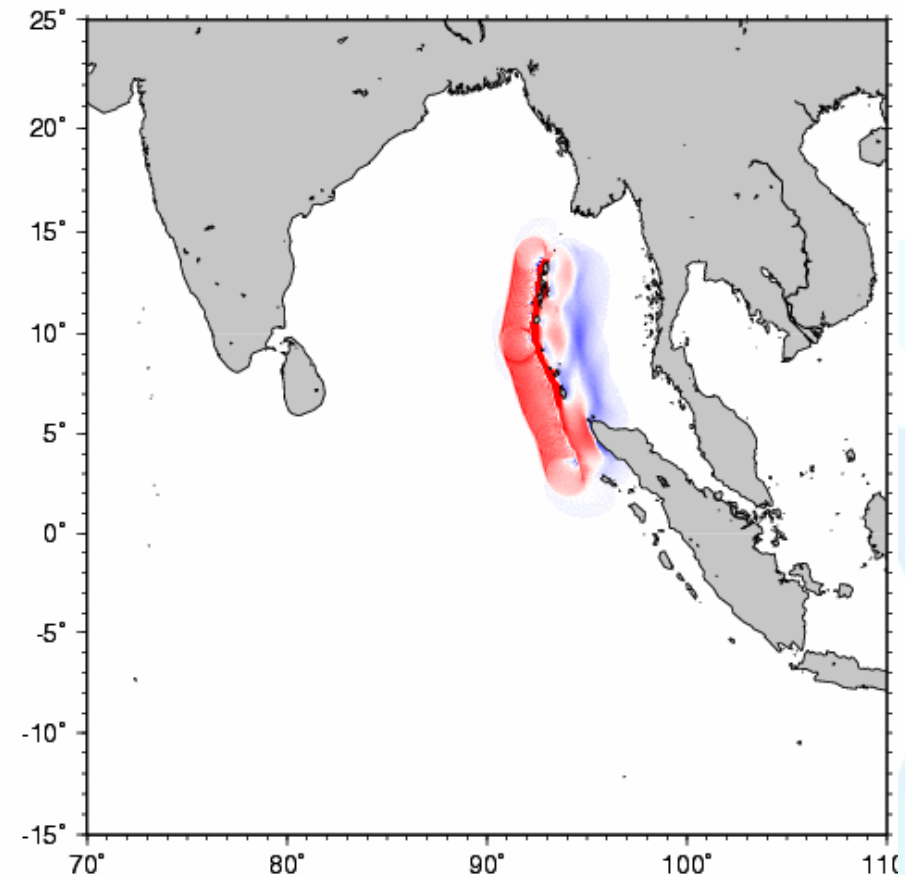
Tsunami Models



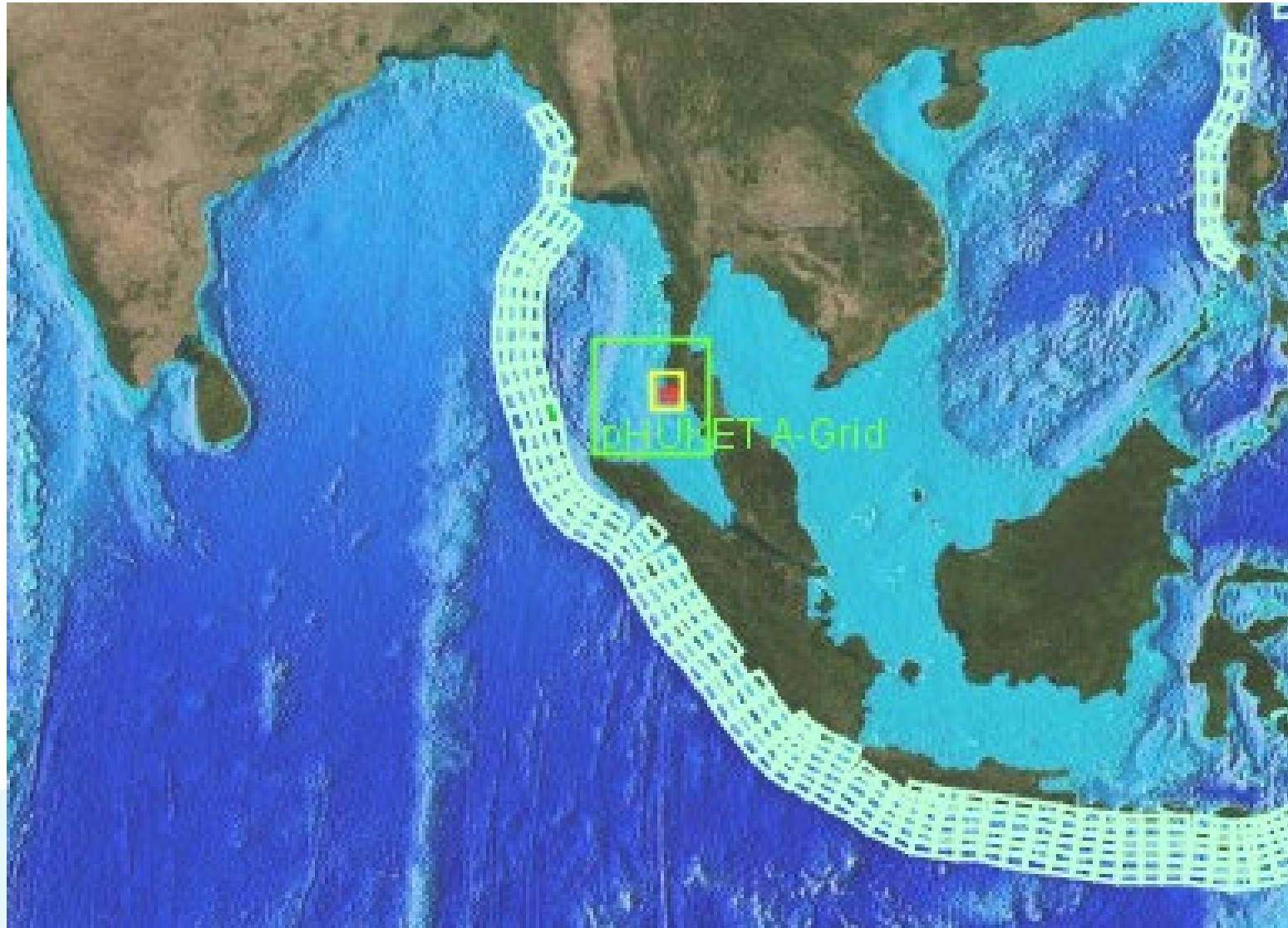
Tsunami Propagation



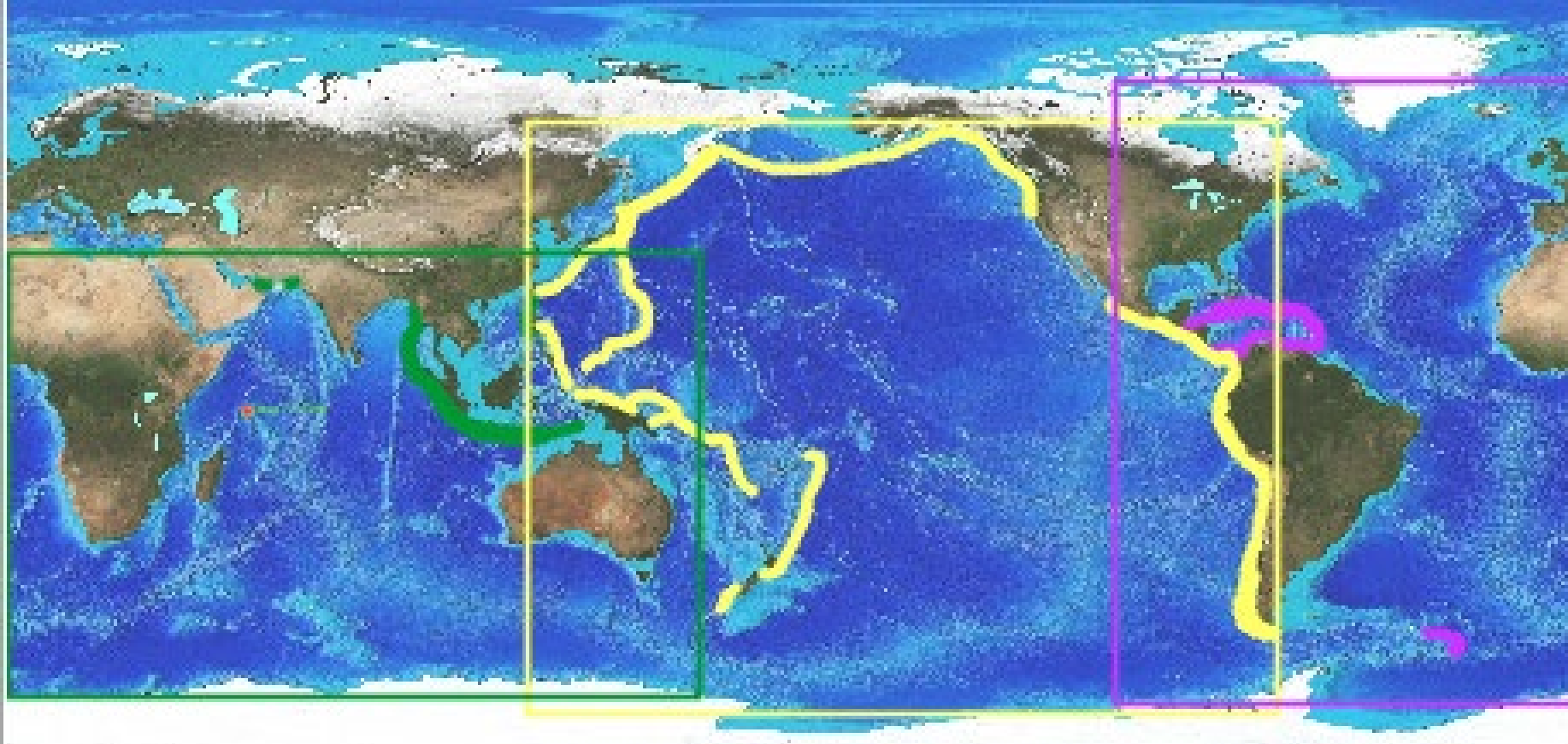
2004 Sumatra Earthquake 010 min



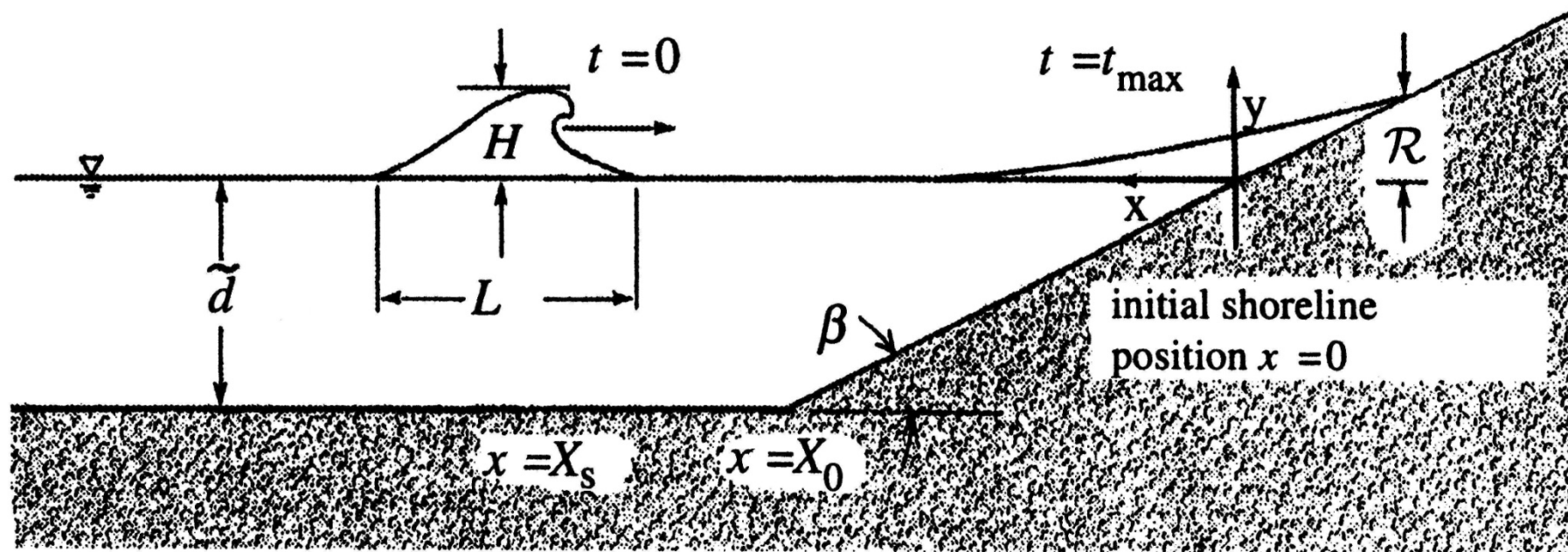
Deep water propagation scenarios pre-run



Tsunami Propagation model data base



Tsunami Propagation - Nomenclature



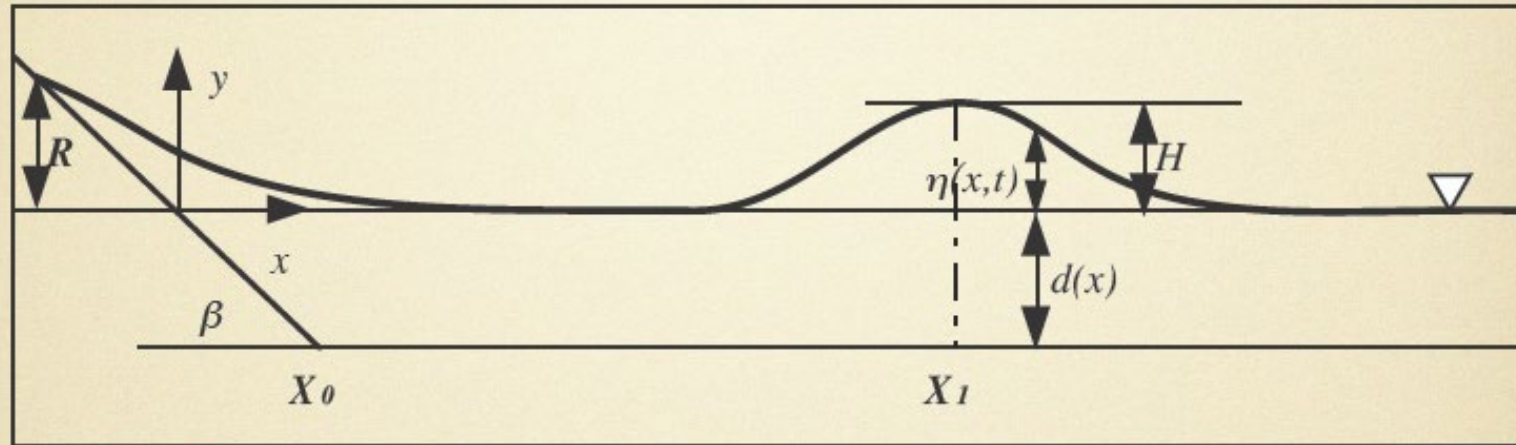
H is the wave height

L is the wave wavelength

R is the maximum runup

d is the characteristic length scale for normalization

MOST – Method of Splitting Tsunami

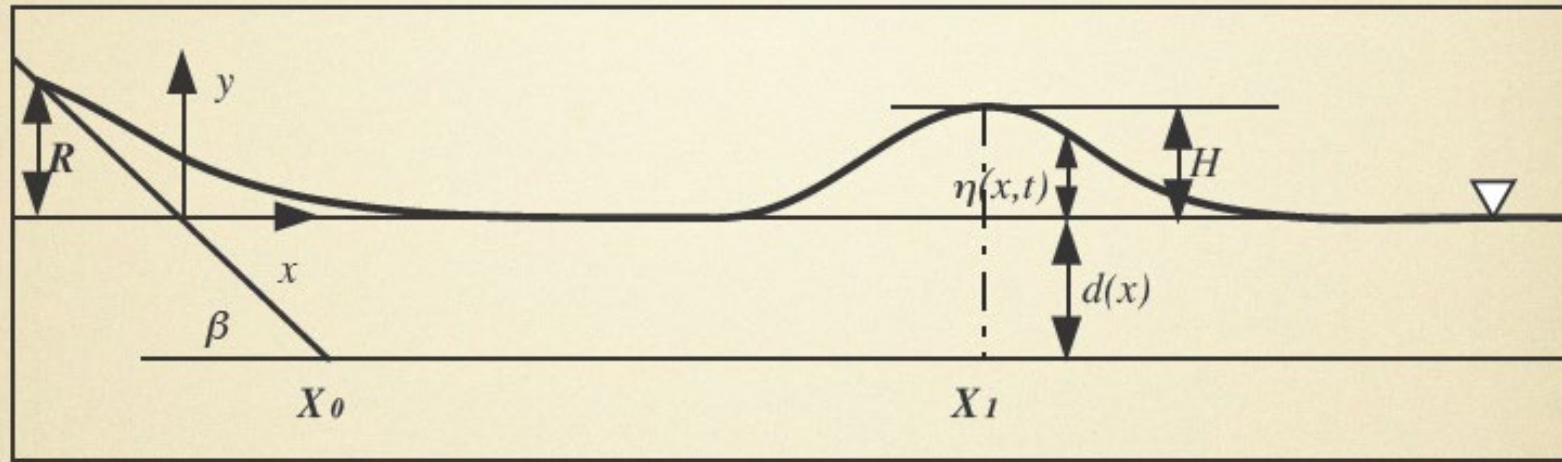


$$\begin{aligned} h_t + (uh)_x + (vh)_y &= 0 \\ u_t + uu_x + vu_y + gh_x &= gd_x \\ v_t + uv_x + vv_y + gh_y &= gd_y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, y, t) &= d_0(x, y, t), t \leq t_0 \\ d(x, y, t) &= d_0(x, y, t_0), t > t_0 \end{aligned}$$

where $h = \eta(x, y, t) + d(x, y, t)$, $\eta(x, y, t)$ is the amplitude, $d(x, y, t)$ is the undisturbed water depth, $u(x, y, t)$, $v(x, y, t)$ are the depth-averaged velocities in the x and y directions respectively, g is the acceleration of gravity.

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MOST – Method of Splitting Tsunami

Splitting Technique (Method of fractional steps)

The method (Yanenko, 1971) reduces the numerical solution of the two-dimensional problem into consecutive solution of two instantaneous one-dimensional problems. This is achieved by splitting the governing system of equations into a pair of systems, each containing only one space variable.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} h_t + (uh)_x = 0 \\ u_t + uu_x + gh_x = gd_x \\ v_t + uv_x = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ and } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} h_t + vh_y = 0 \\ v_t + vv_y + gh_y = gd_y \\ u_t + vu_y = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

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MOST – Method of Splitting Tsunami

Finite-difference scheme

$$\frac{\Delta_t p_i^n}{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2\Delta x} \left[\lambda_i^n (\Delta_{-x} + \Delta_x) p_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \lambda_i^n \Delta_x (\lambda_i^n \Delta_{-x} p_i^n) \right] = \frac{g}{2\Delta x} \left[(\Delta_{-x} + \Delta_x) d_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \lambda_i^n \Delta_x \Delta_{-x} d_i^n \right]$$

On boundary: $p_b^{n+1} = p_b^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} [\lambda_1^n (\Delta_{-x} p_b^n) - g (\Delta_{-x} d_b^n)]$

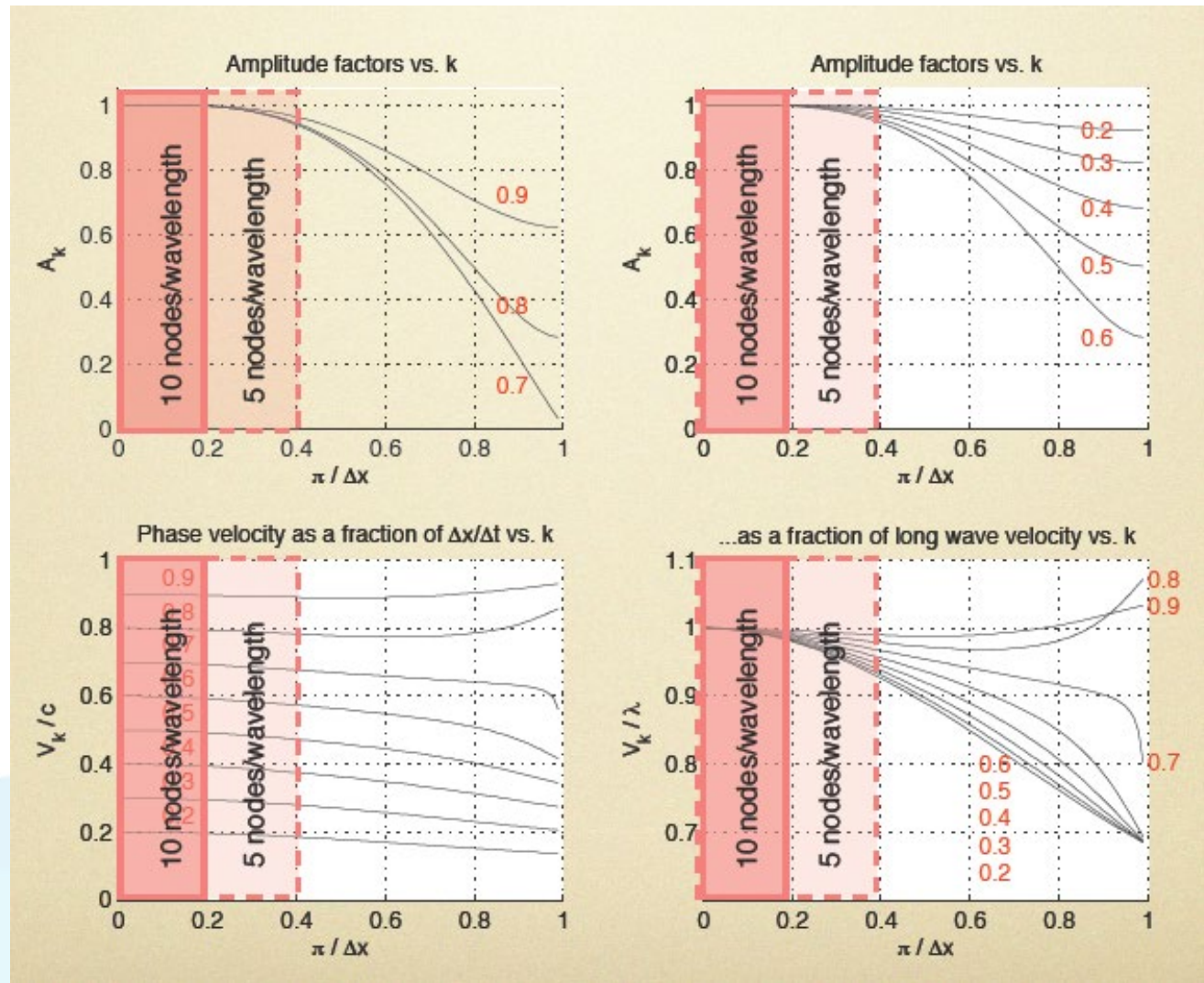
Stability criteria:

$$\Delta t \leq \min \frac{\Delta x_i}{|u_i| + \sqrt{gh_i}}$$

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Numerical dispersion and diffusion



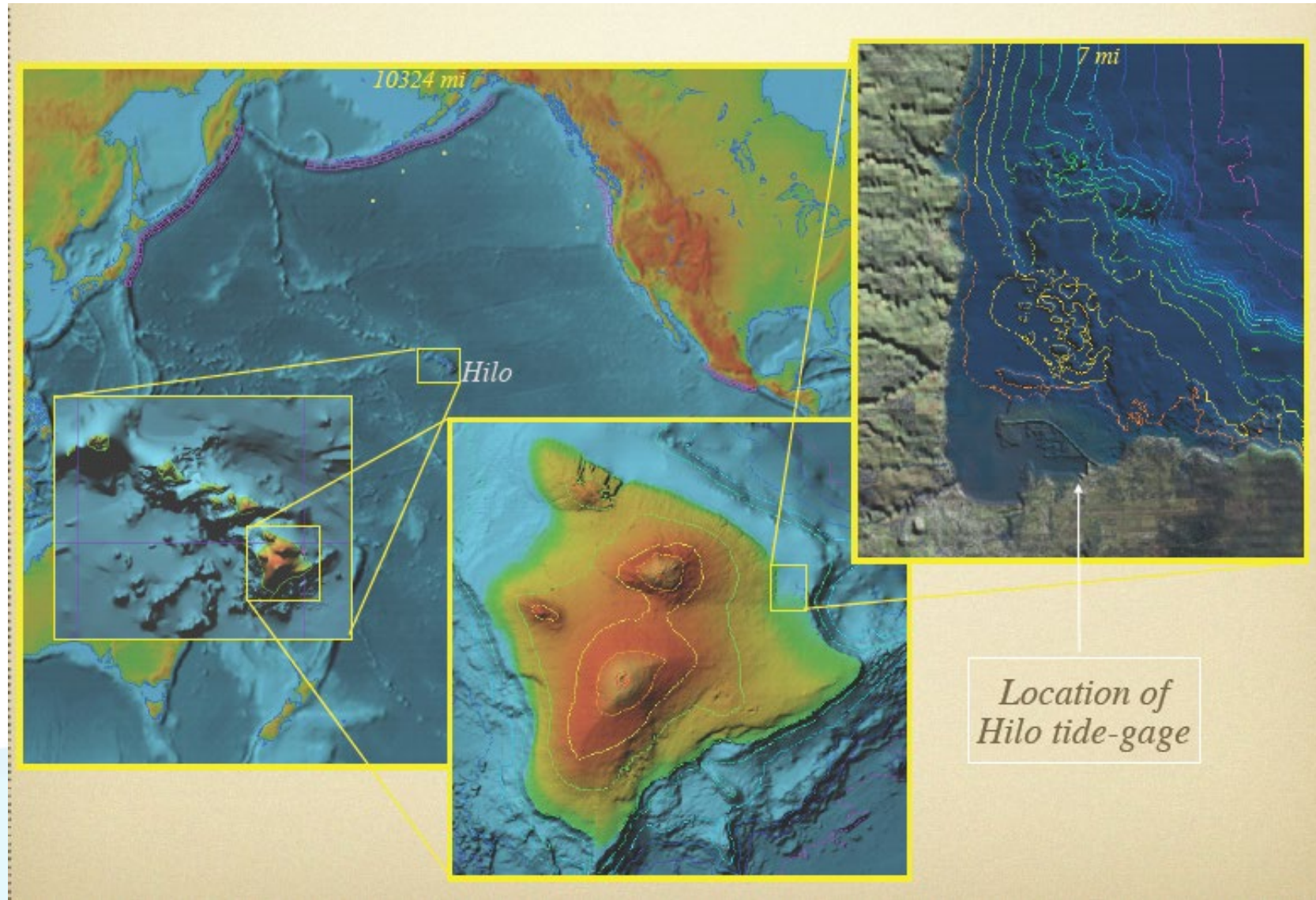
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Tips:

- 10 nodes (grid boxes) per wave length
- Use time step as close (or less) then CFL (Courant-Friedrich-Lewy) condition

$$\Delta t \leq \min \frac{\Delta x_i}{|u_i| + \sqrt{gh_i}}$$

ComMIT Grids: A, B, C at different scales



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MOST Stage	Recommended Resolution	Lowest Required Resolution*
Deformation/Propagation	1 arcminute (~1800 m)	4 arcminutes (~7300 m)
Inundation:		
Grid A (Outer)	36 arcseconds (~1080 m)	2 arcminutes (~3600 m)
Grid B (Intermediate)	6 arcseconds (~180 m)	18 arcseconds (~500 m)
Grid C (Inner)	≤ 1 arcsecond (≤ 30 m)	2 arcseconds (60 m)

*Note: Equivalent meter value on the Equator.

Notes:

- Ideally grids should have ratio 1:6 (1:10 maximum)
- Boundaries should not intersect

ComMIT Common Grid Format (text file)

Coordinate system: Latitude/Longitude

N_x N_y **Size of Array**
(max400x400)

N_x lines of longitude

N_y lines of latitude lines

Matrix of bathymetry/topography data (size: N_x
by N_y)

Note: depths are negative land is positive



ComMIT Common Grid Format (text file)

Alternative

ARC ASCII Grid

```
ncols      249
nrows      190
xllcorner  79.77292048
yllcorner  6.955485971
cellsize   0.000449943
nodata_value -9999
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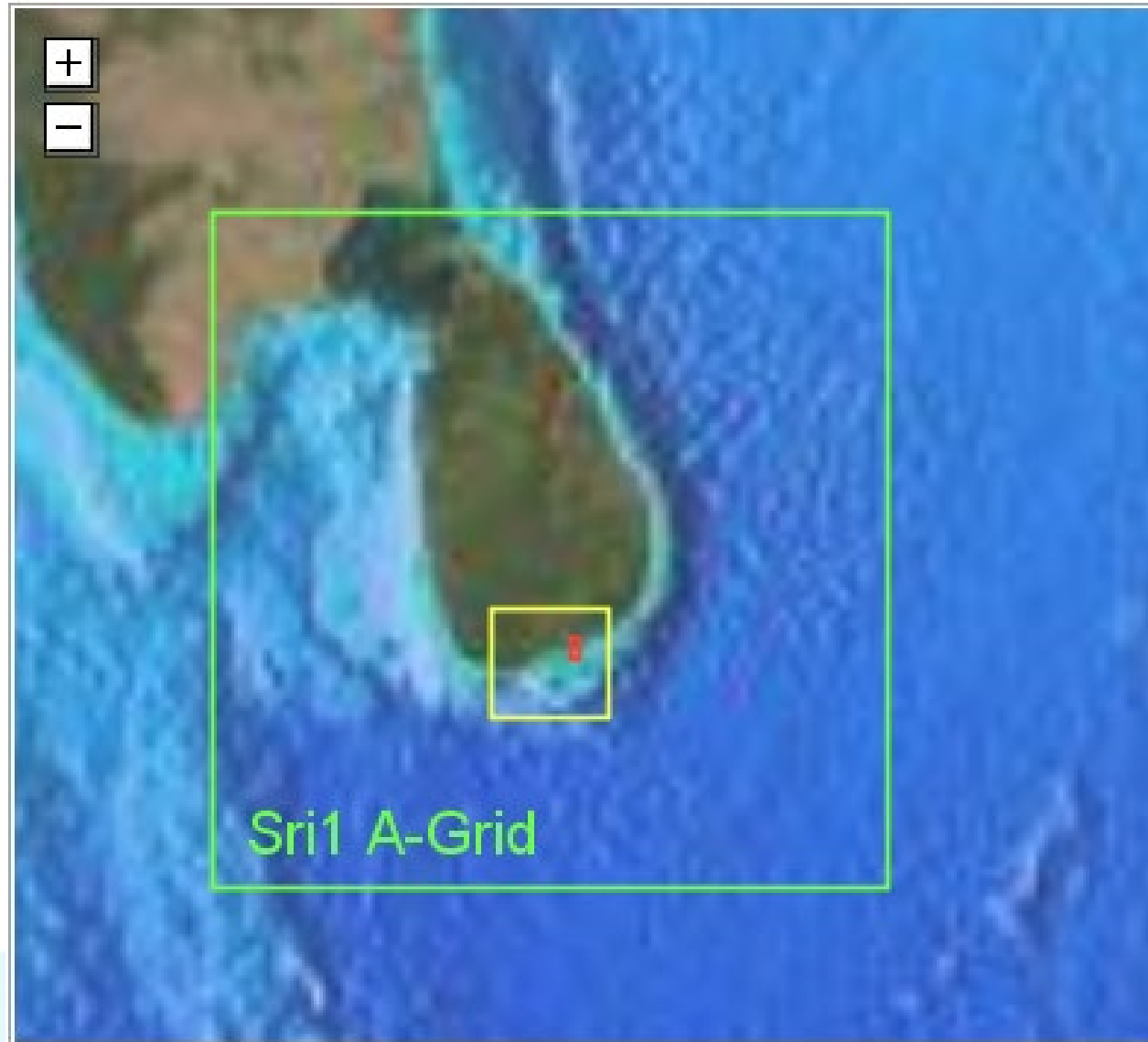


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Economic and Social Commission
for Asia and the Pacific

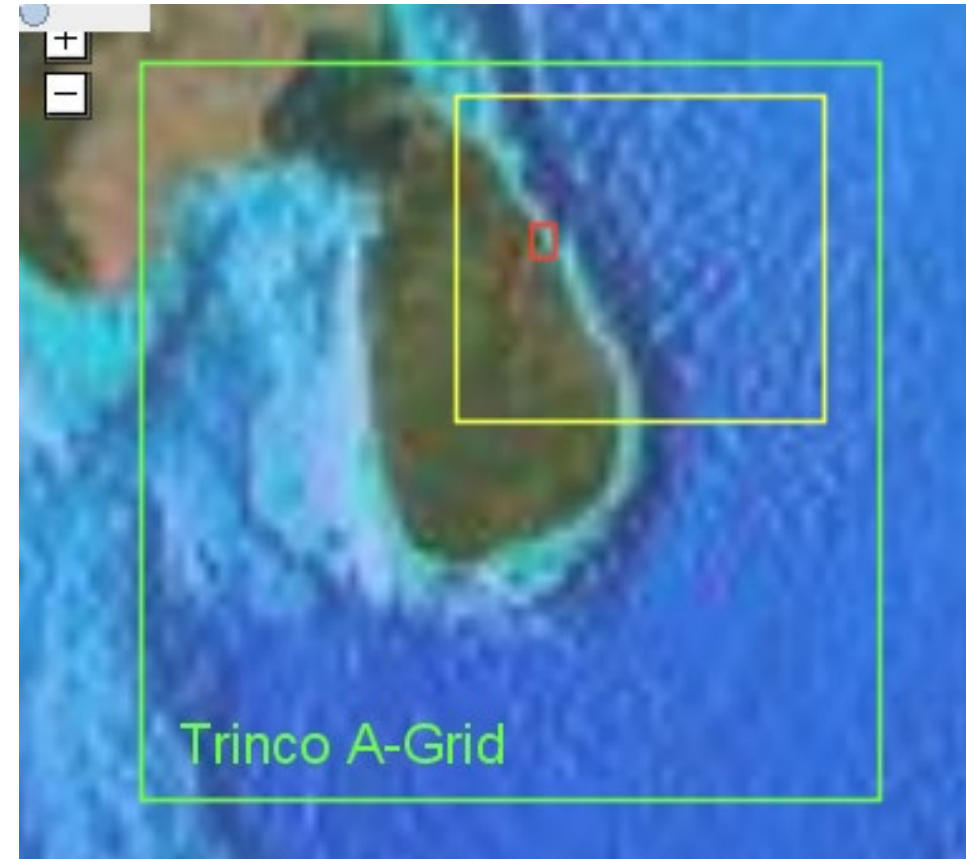
INCOIS
International Network for
Coastal and Ocean Information
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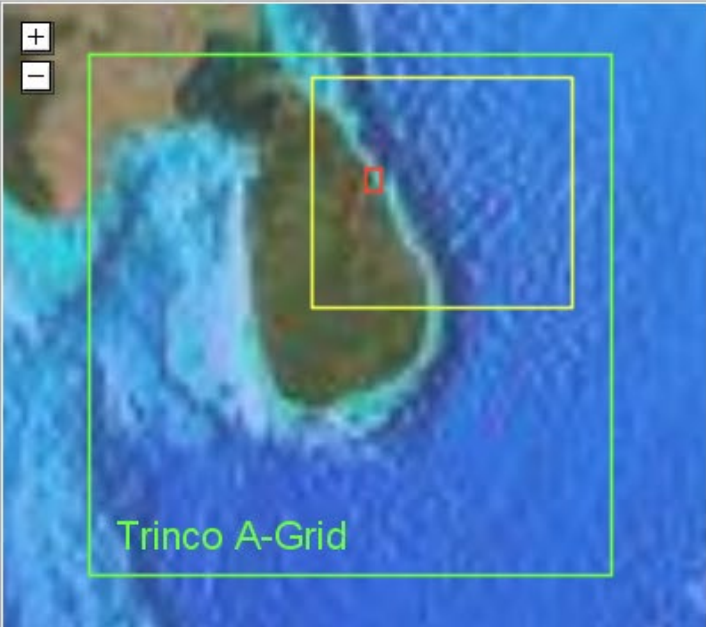


ComMIT – Model run

- Create/Select Model Run
- Select Sources
- Launch

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Jump:

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Dry land depth of inundation (m)

Friction coefficient (n^{**2})

☒ Let A-Grid and B-Grid run up

Max eta before blow-up (m)

Time step (sec)

Total number of time steps in run

Time steps between A-Grid computations

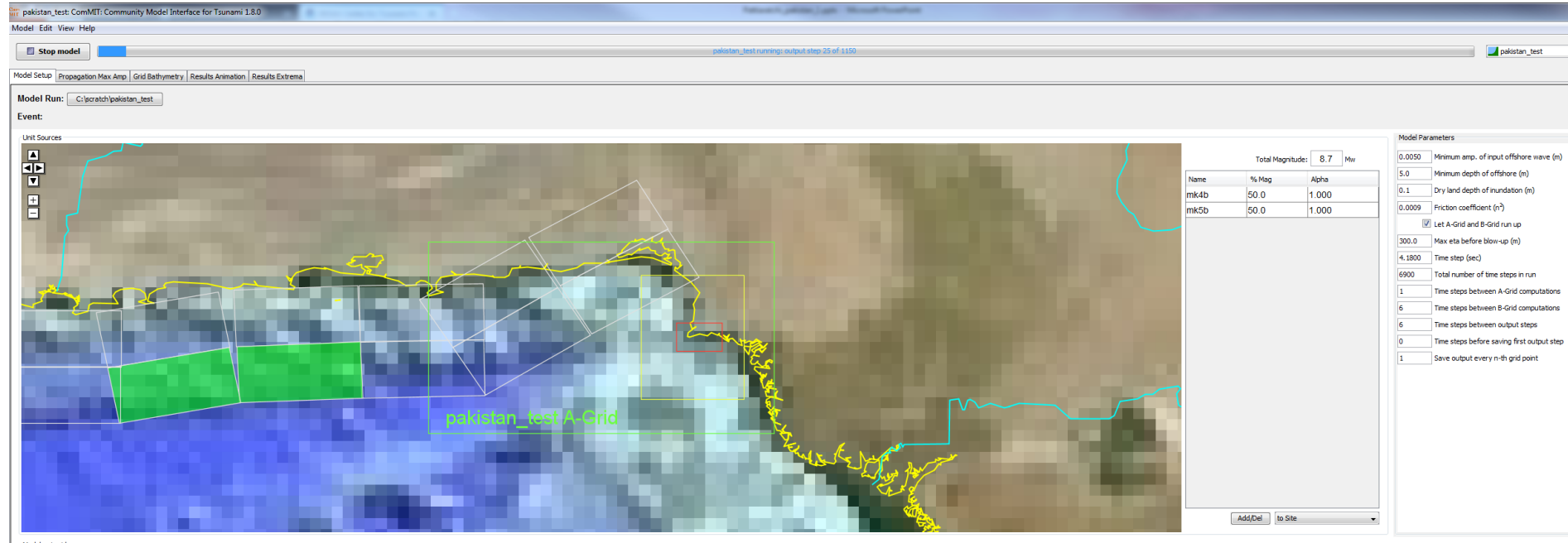
Time steps between B-Grid computations

Time steps between output steps

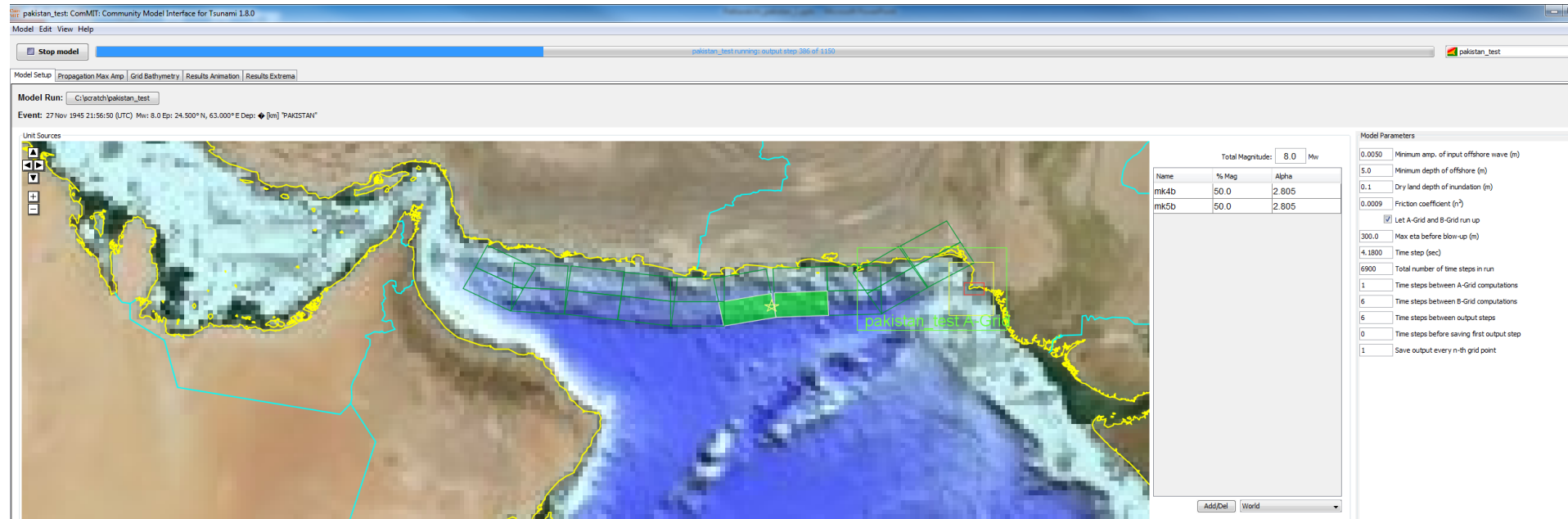
Time steps before saving first output step

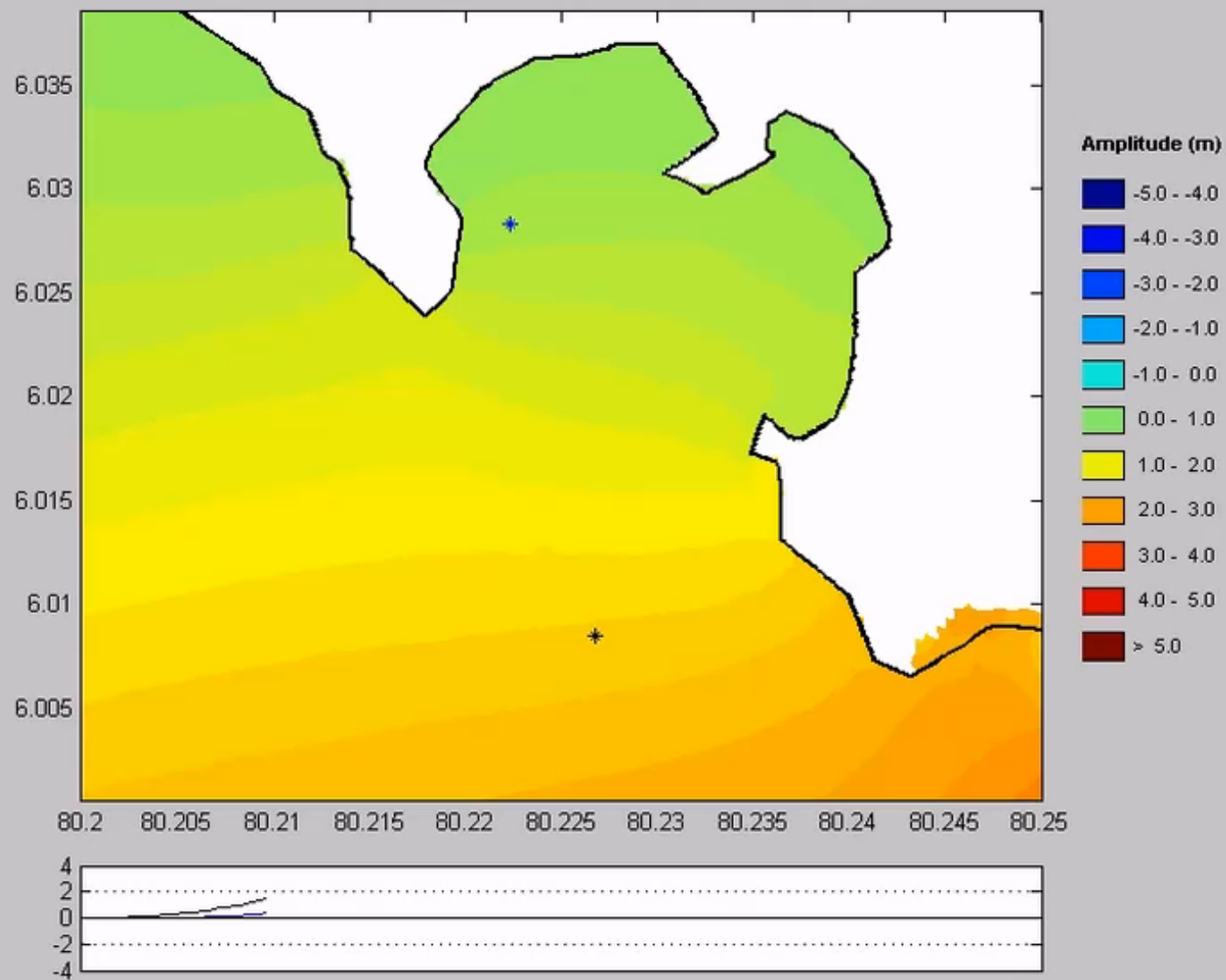
Save output every n-th grid point

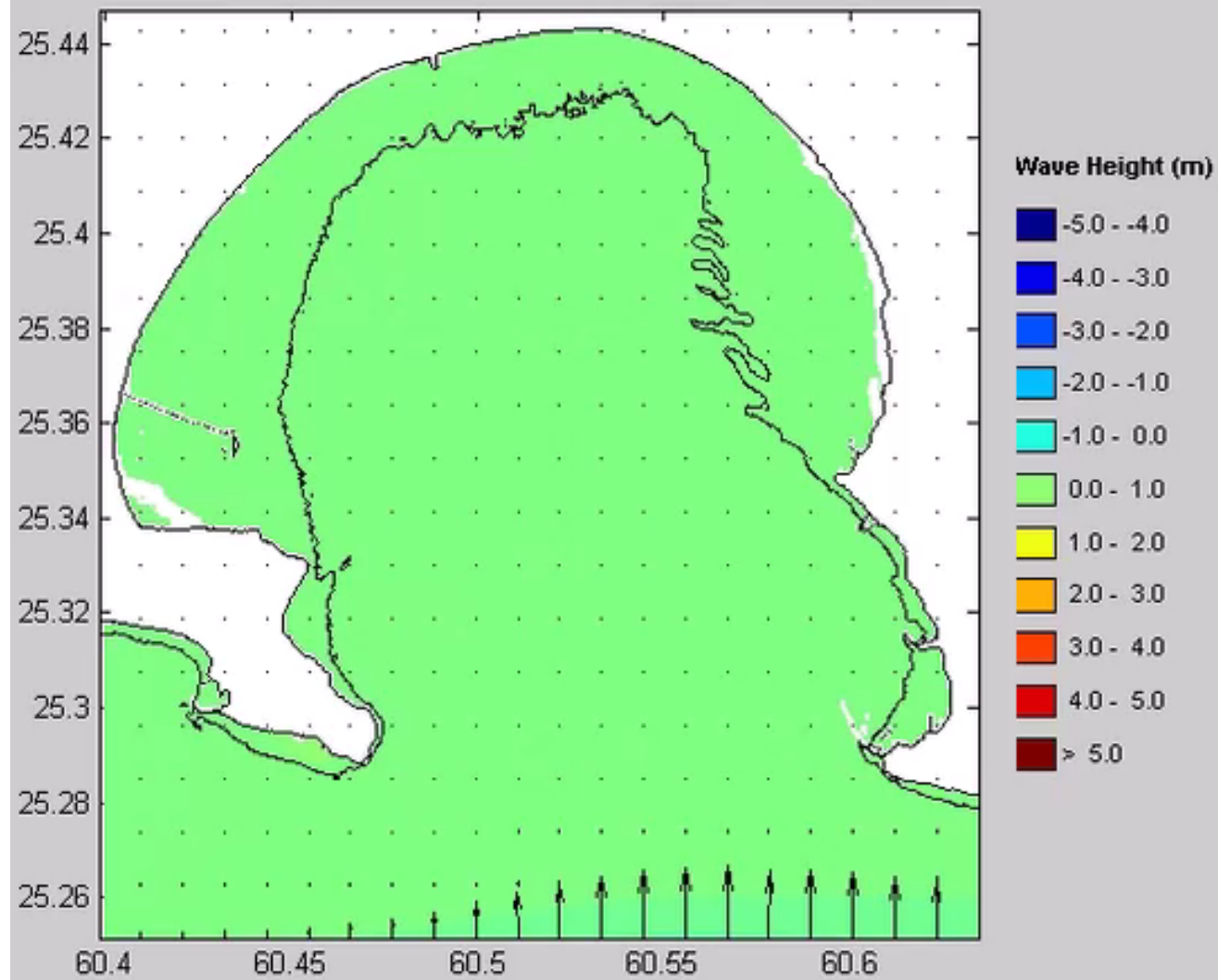
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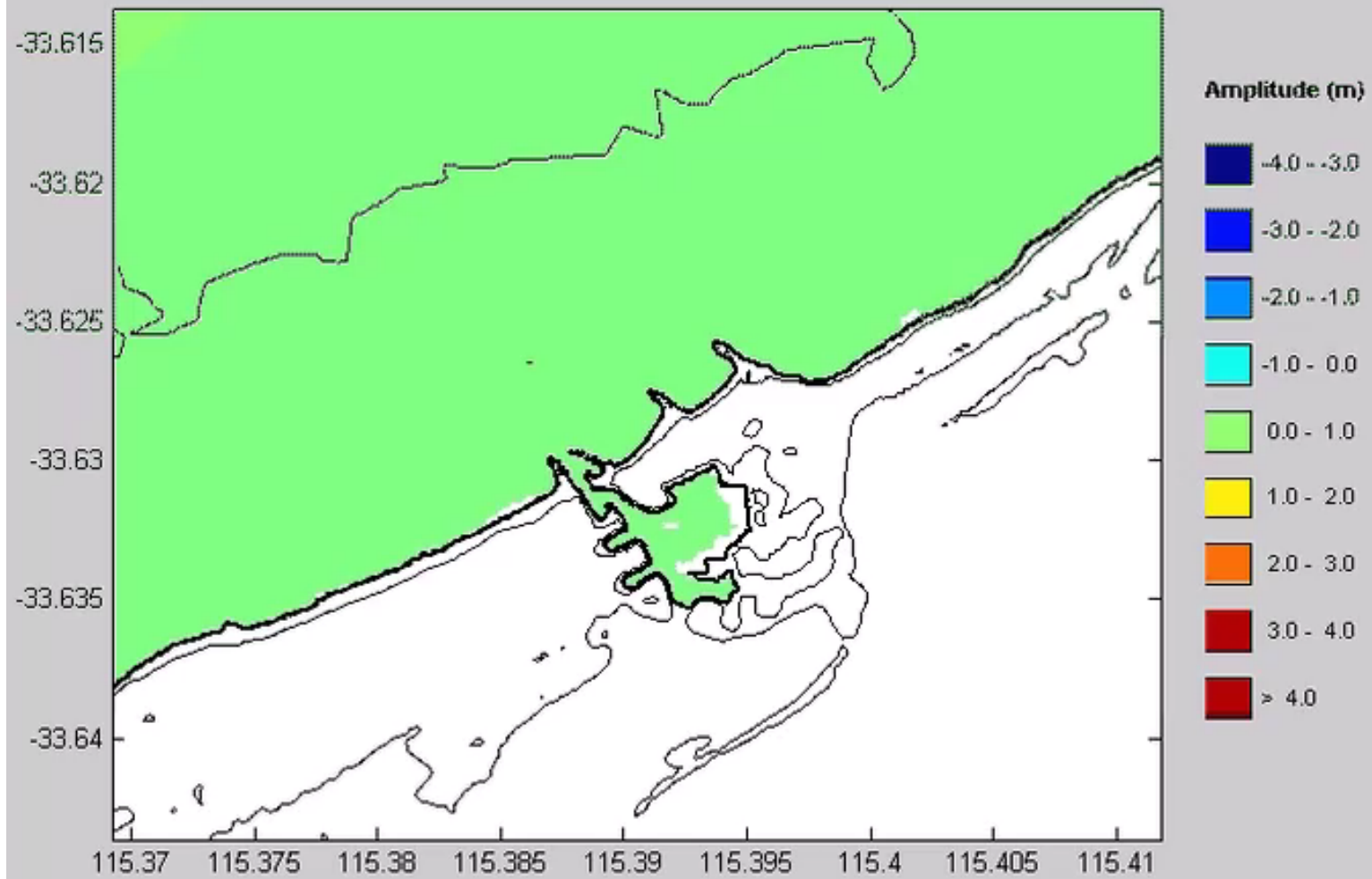


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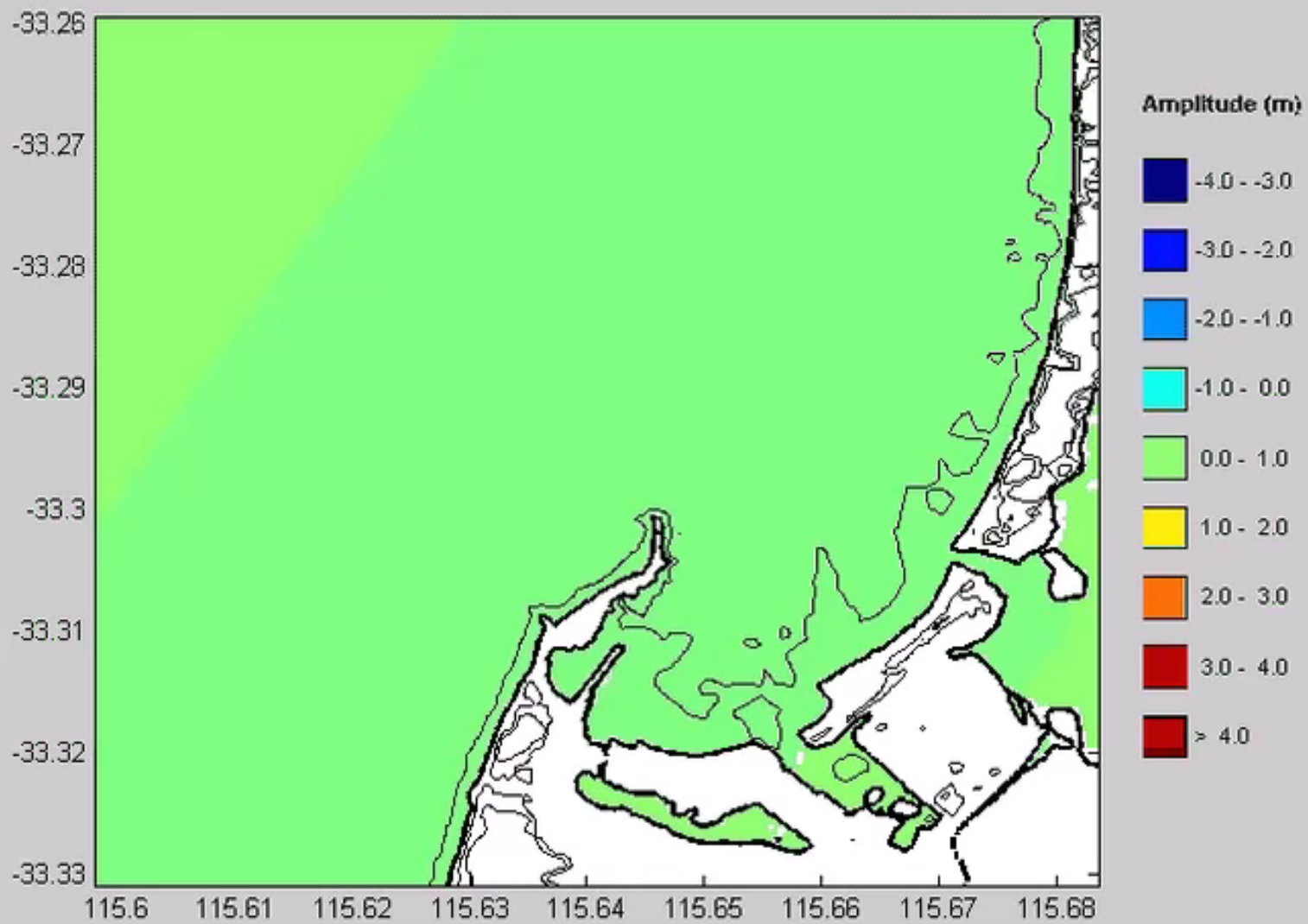






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