



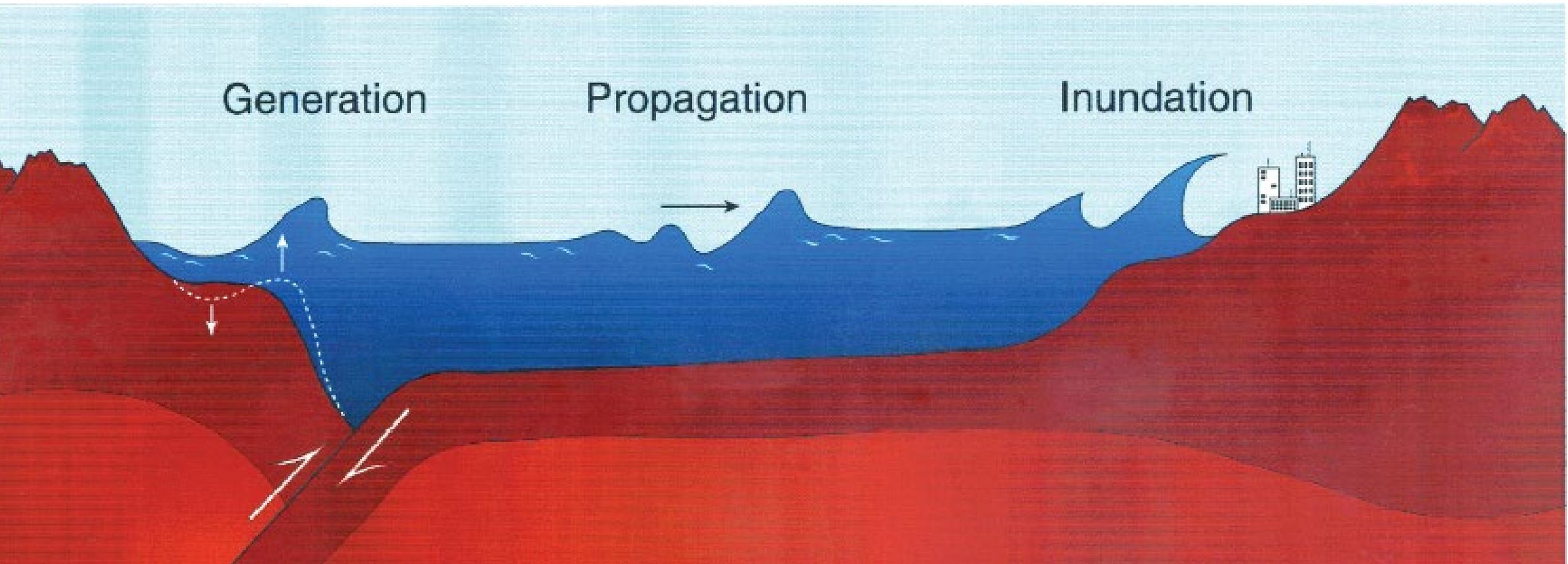
*Training/Workshop on  
Tsunami Evacuation Maps, Plans, and Procedures and  
the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme for the Indian Ocean Member States  
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# **Tsunami Inundation Modelling and MAP**

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

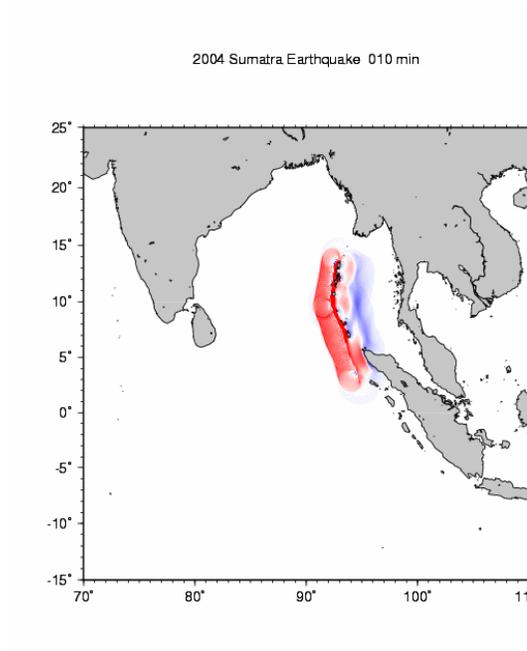


# Tsunami Modelling and Forecasting



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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

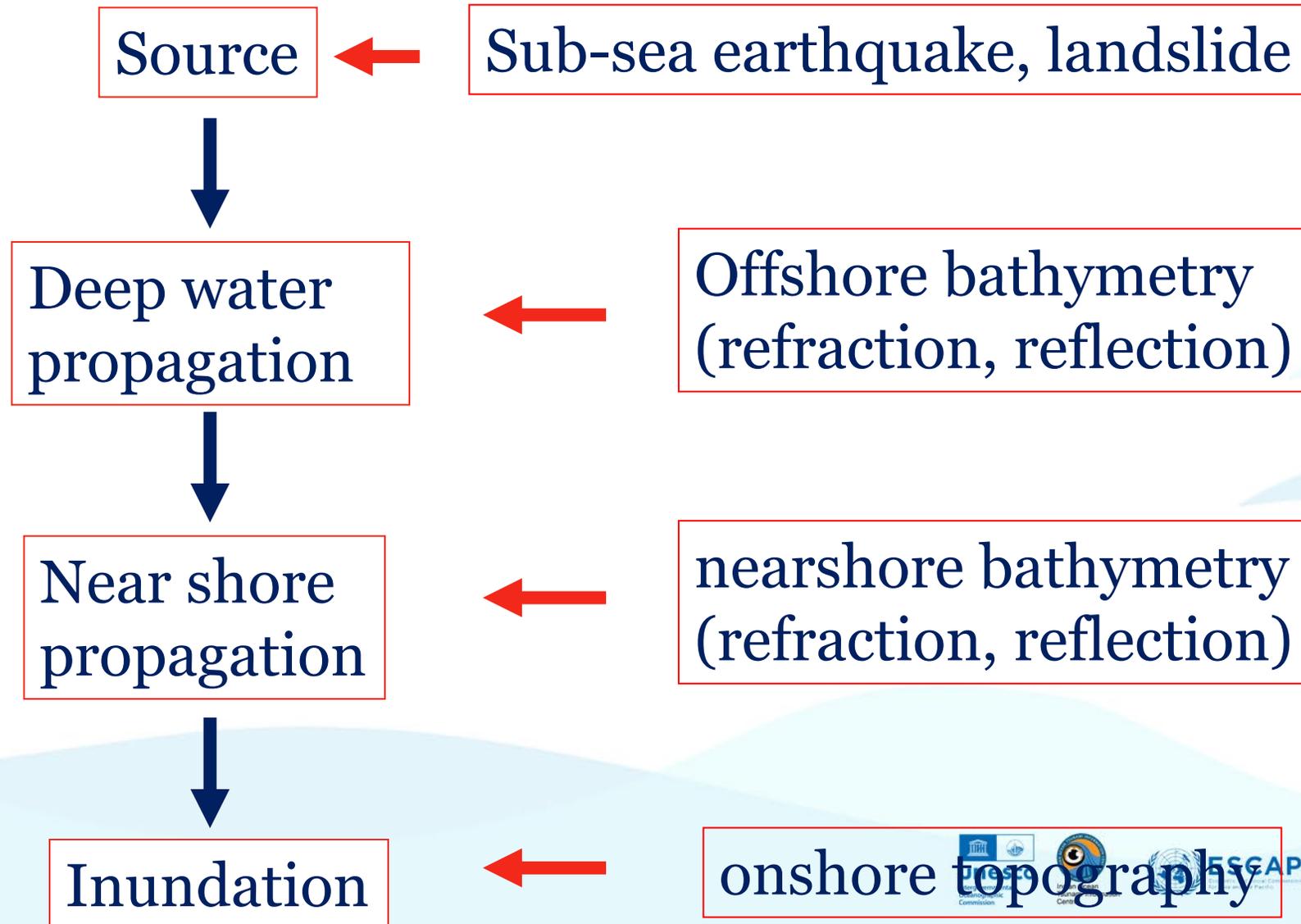
outputs:

distribution of wave heights

run-up heights

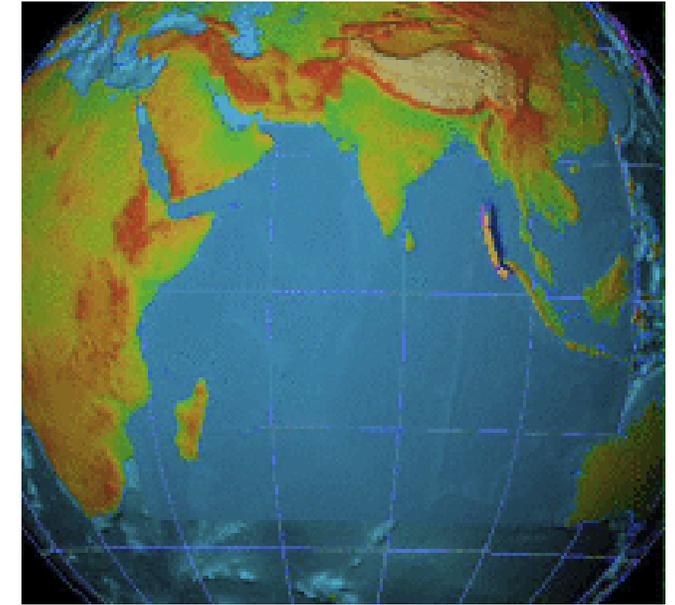
given locations

# Tsunami modelling framework



# ICG/IOTWS Working Group 2

## Modelling, Forecasting and Scenario Development



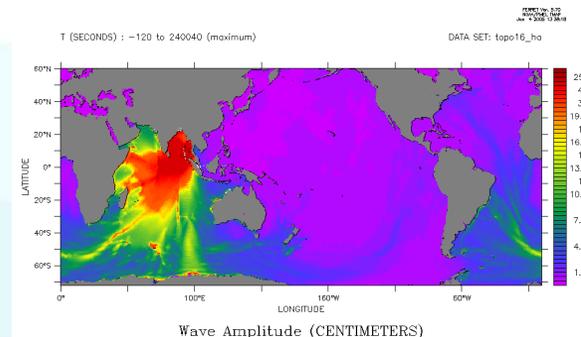
- Provide benchmarked and validated numerical modelling methods and software applicable for use in the Indian Ocean
- Develop and sustain national and regional capacity to apply numerical modelling for tsunami source generation, wave propagation, and coastal inundation in the Indian Ocean

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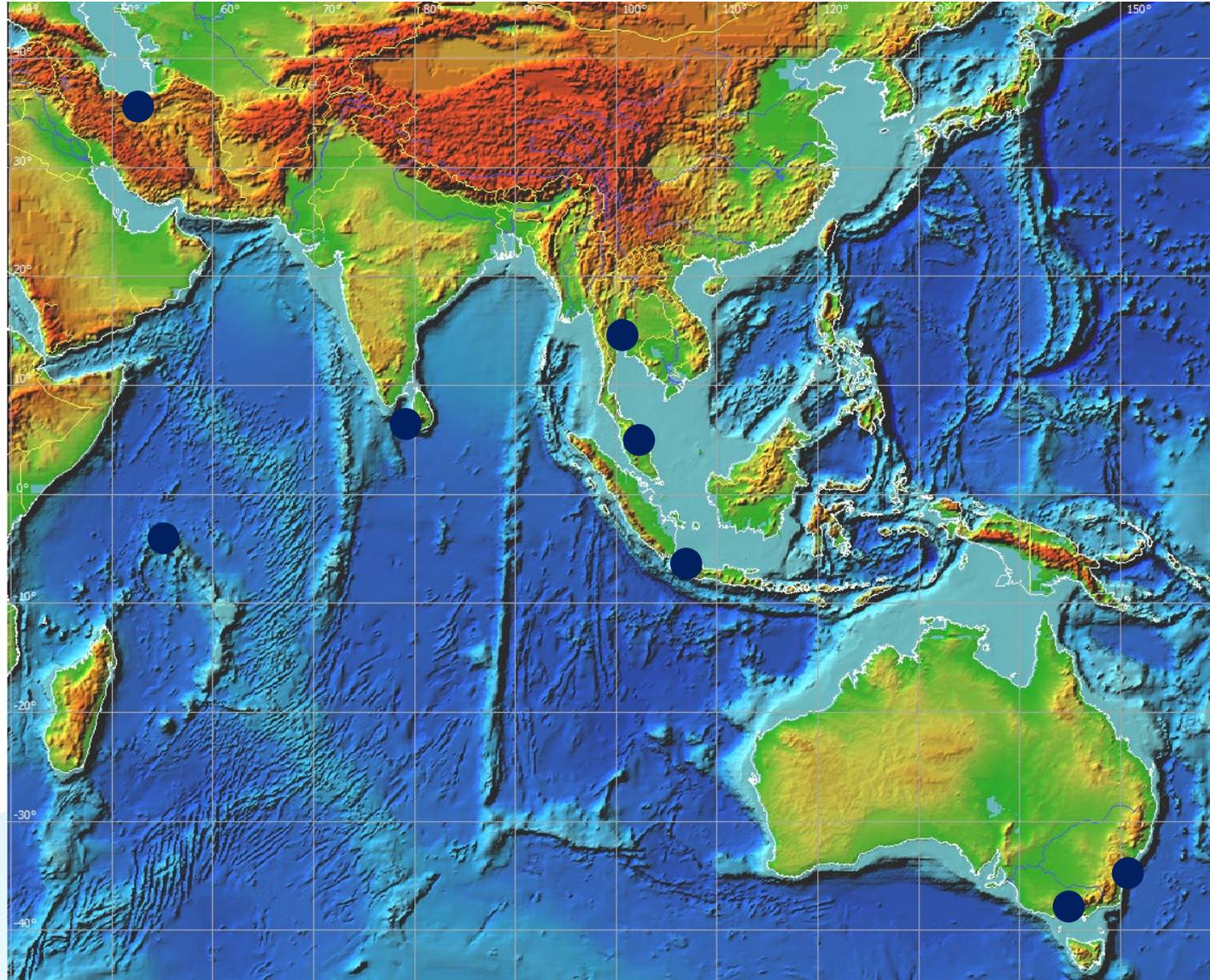
## Facilitate the development of a web-based Community Model Interface for Tsunami (ComMIT)

(developed by NOAA/PMEL through USAID funding)

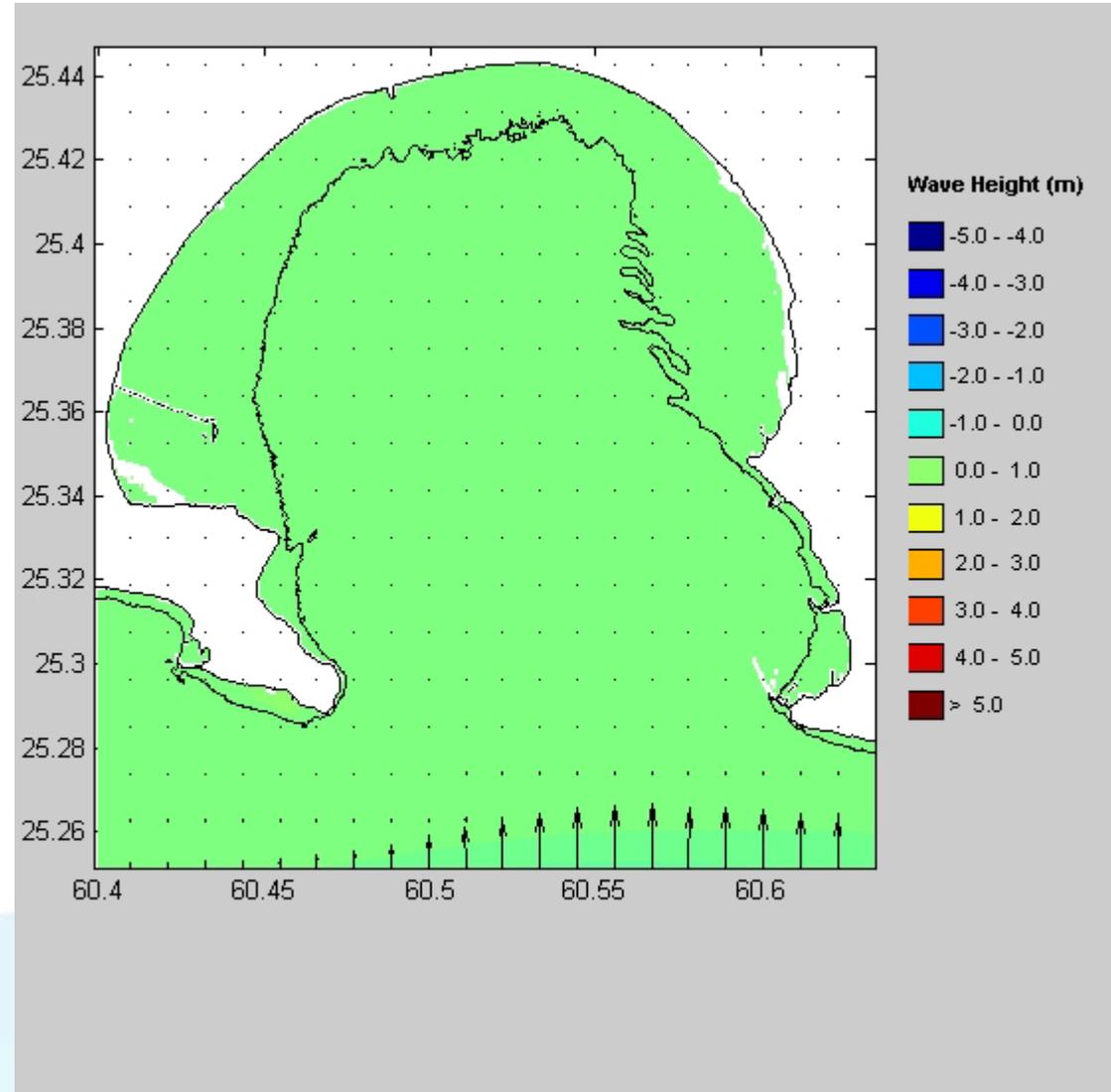
- ComMIT provides propagation and inundation mapping capability to countries of the Indian Ocean region.
- The model system includes access to pre-computed deep water propagation scenarios.



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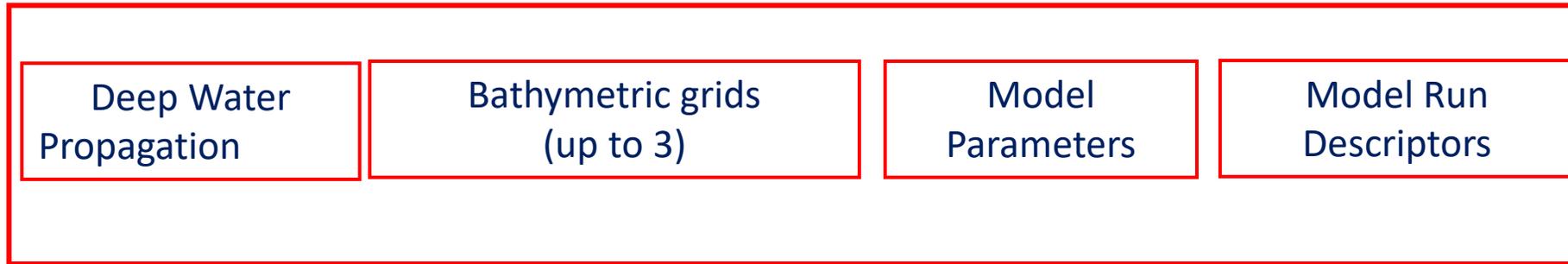


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Inundation Model

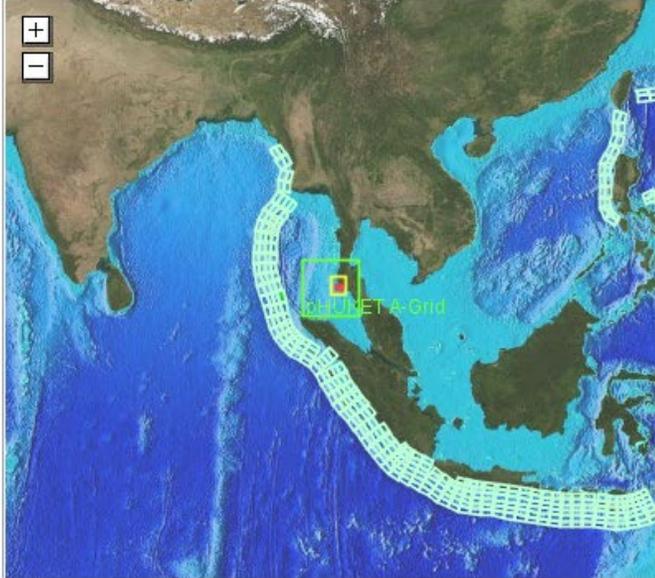


# ComMIT

## Community Model Interface for Tsunami

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File Edit View Help



Total Magnitude:  Mw

Name	% Mag	Slip
ioszy15	100.0	11.19

Add/Del Jump:

Minimum amp. of input offshore wave (m)

Minimum depth of offshore (m)

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

Select Model Run:

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Computations Step 200 - 42000: 355
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
clock sec: 2438, minutes: 40.6333351
    
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# Model Sources

Seismic forcing:

Epicentre location

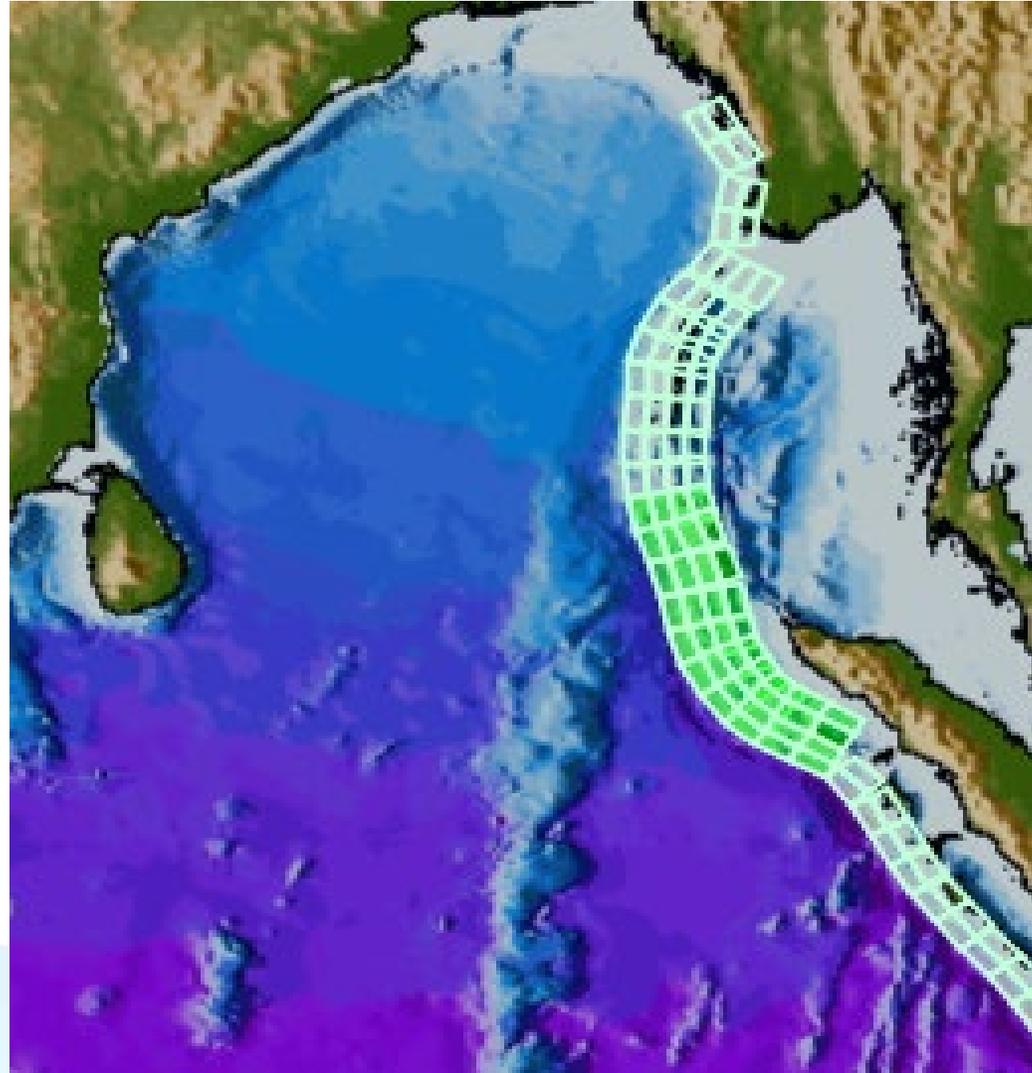
Length ( $L$ )

Width ( $W$ )

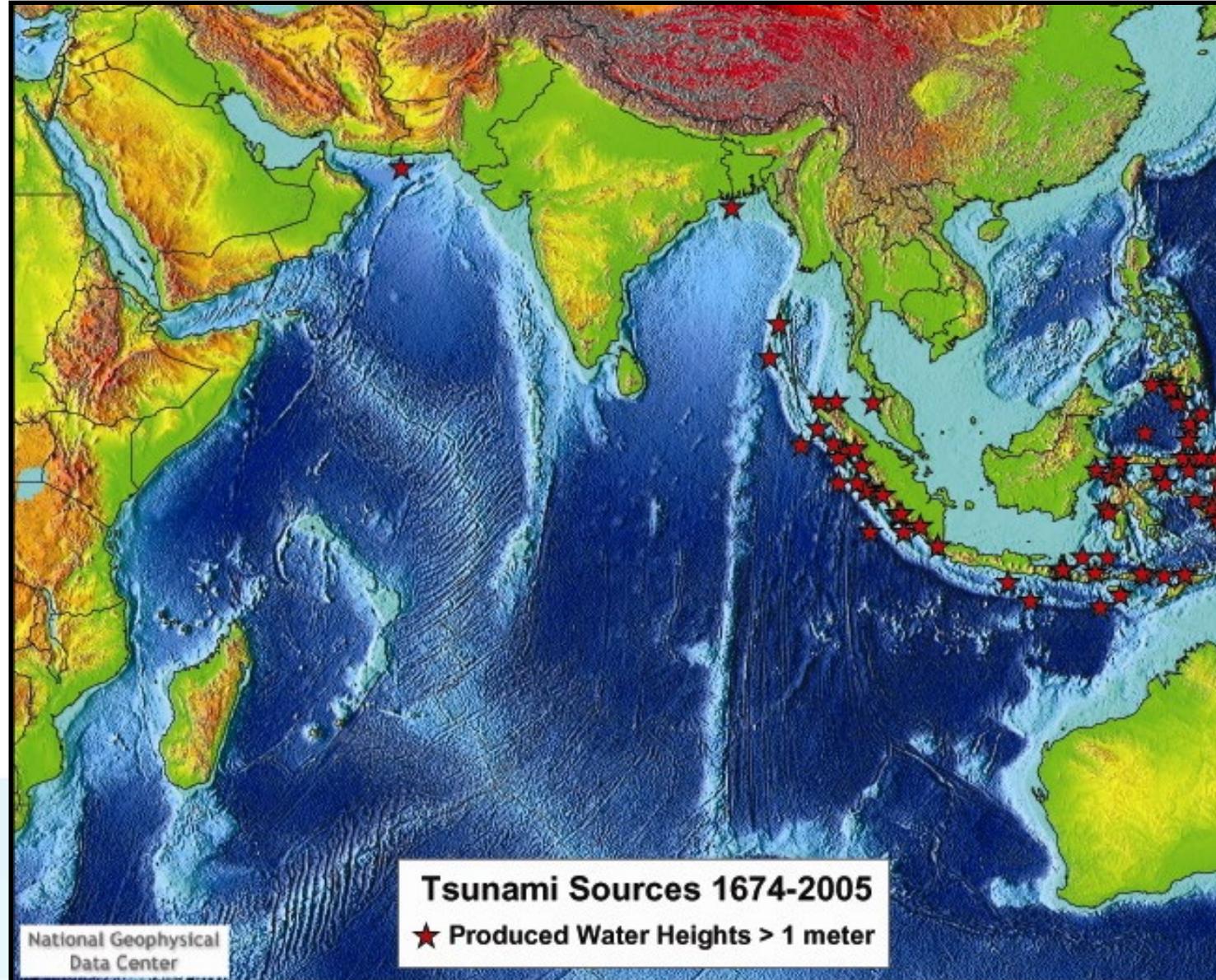
depth

Strike, dip, rake (deg)

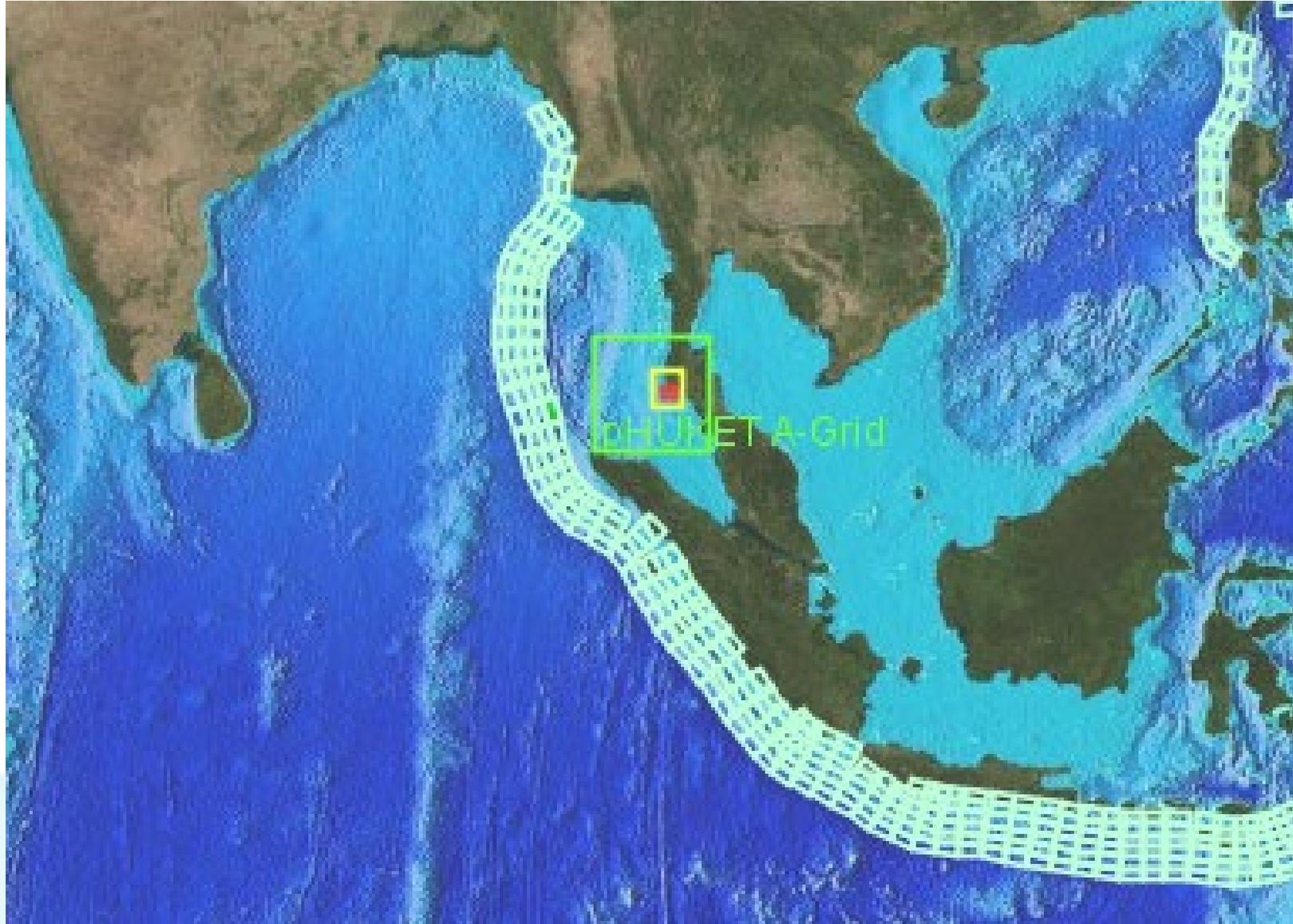
Magnitude ( $M_w$ ) or slip  
( $u_o$ ):



# Indian Ocean region: Tsunami sources



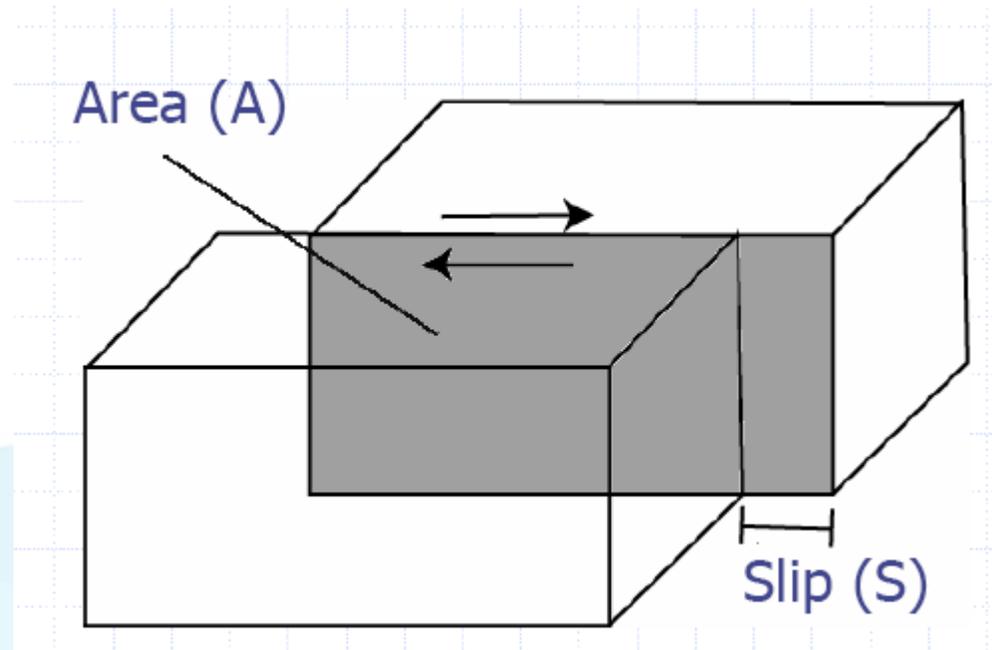
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# Source Characterisation: Unit sources

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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  $L=100$  km  $W=50$  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**

unit

Name	% Mag	Slip
ioszb13	100.0	353.97

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

units

Name	% Mag	Slip
ioszb12	50.0	176.99
ioszb13	50.0	176.99

4 units **Total Magnitude:**  **Mw**

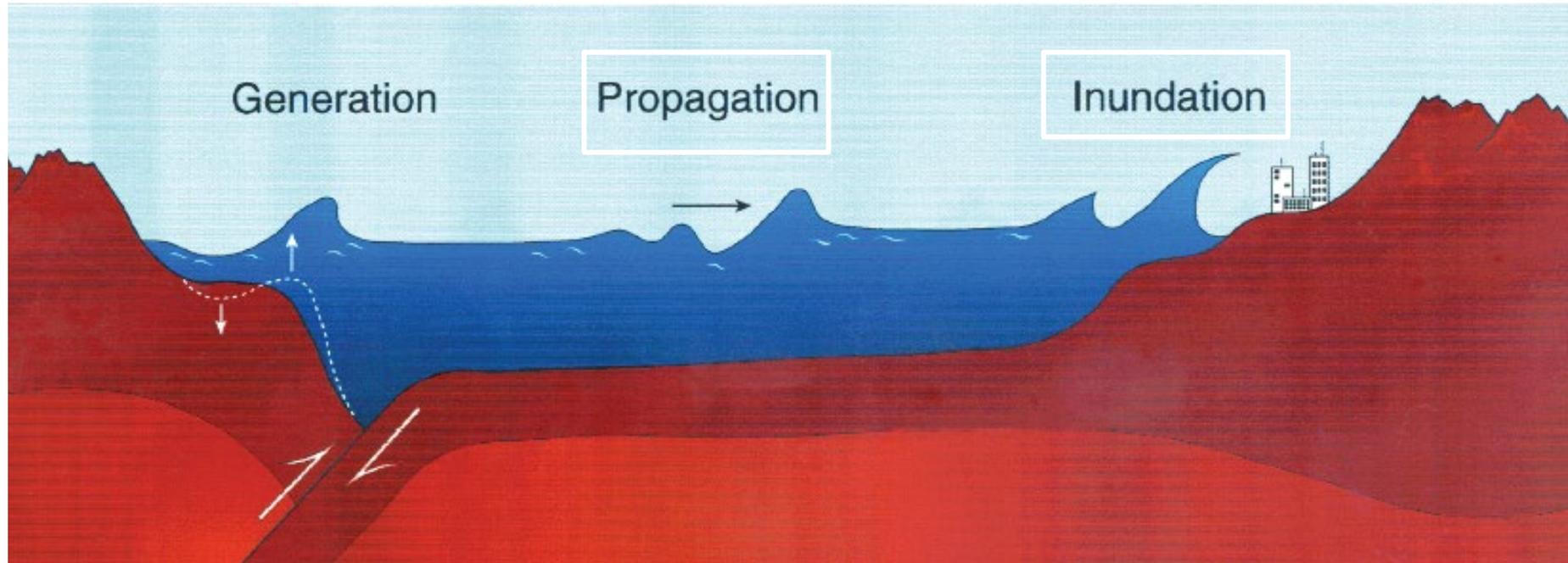
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ioszb10	25.0	88.49
ioszb11	25.0	88.49
ioszb12	25.0	88.49
ioszb13	25.0	88.49

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

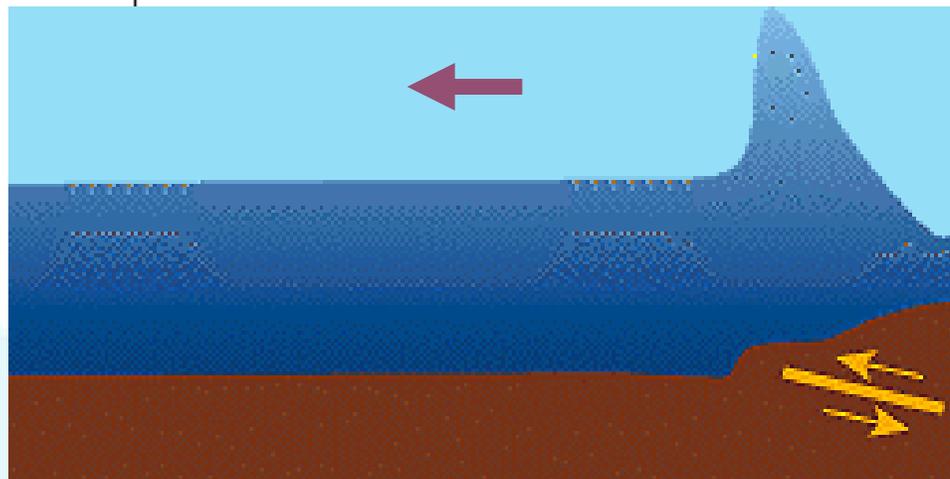
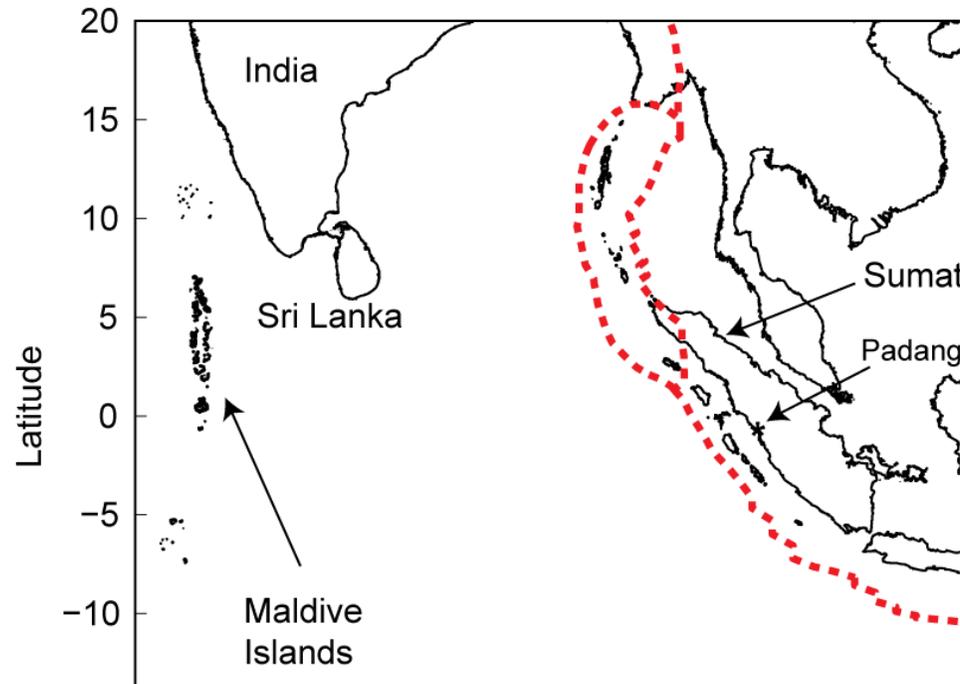
units

Name	% Mag	Slip
iosza9	10.0	35.40
ioszb9	10.0	35.40
iosza10	10.0	35.40
ioszb10	10.0	35.40
iosza11	10.0	35.40
ioszb11	10.0	35.40
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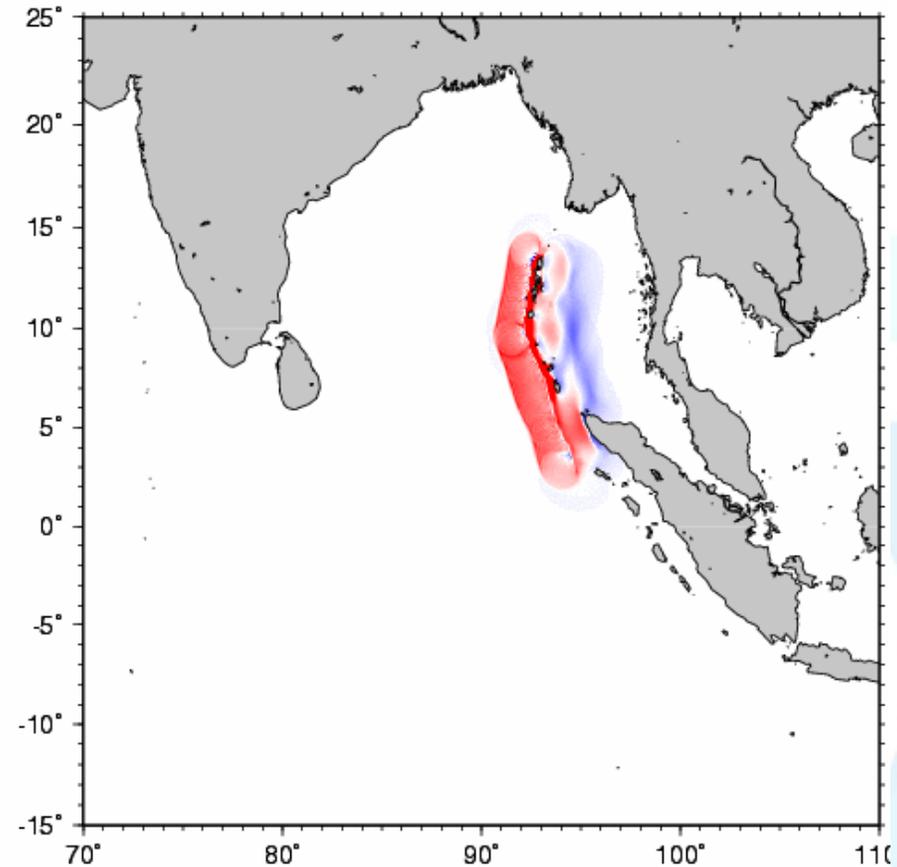
# Tsunami Models



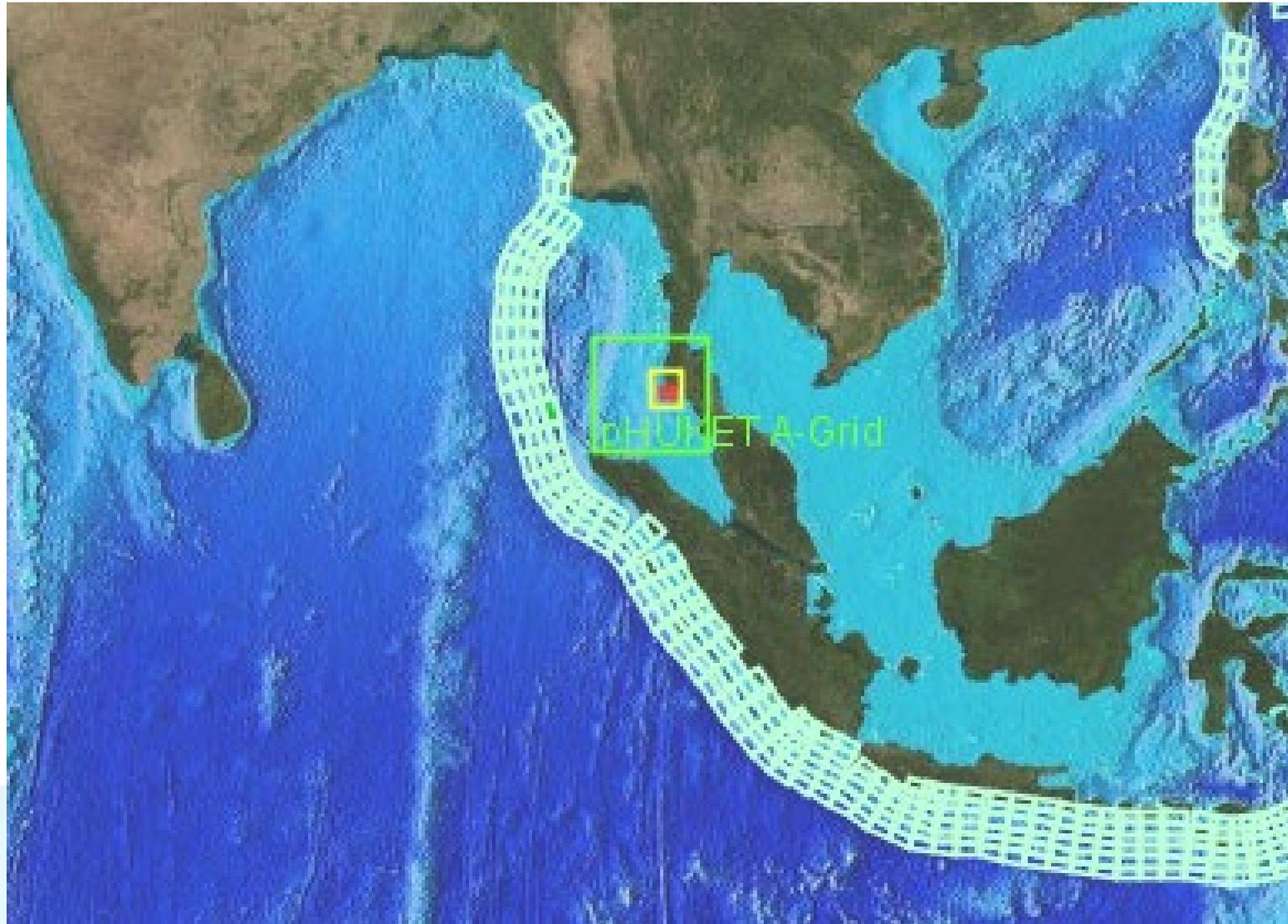
# Tsunami Propagation



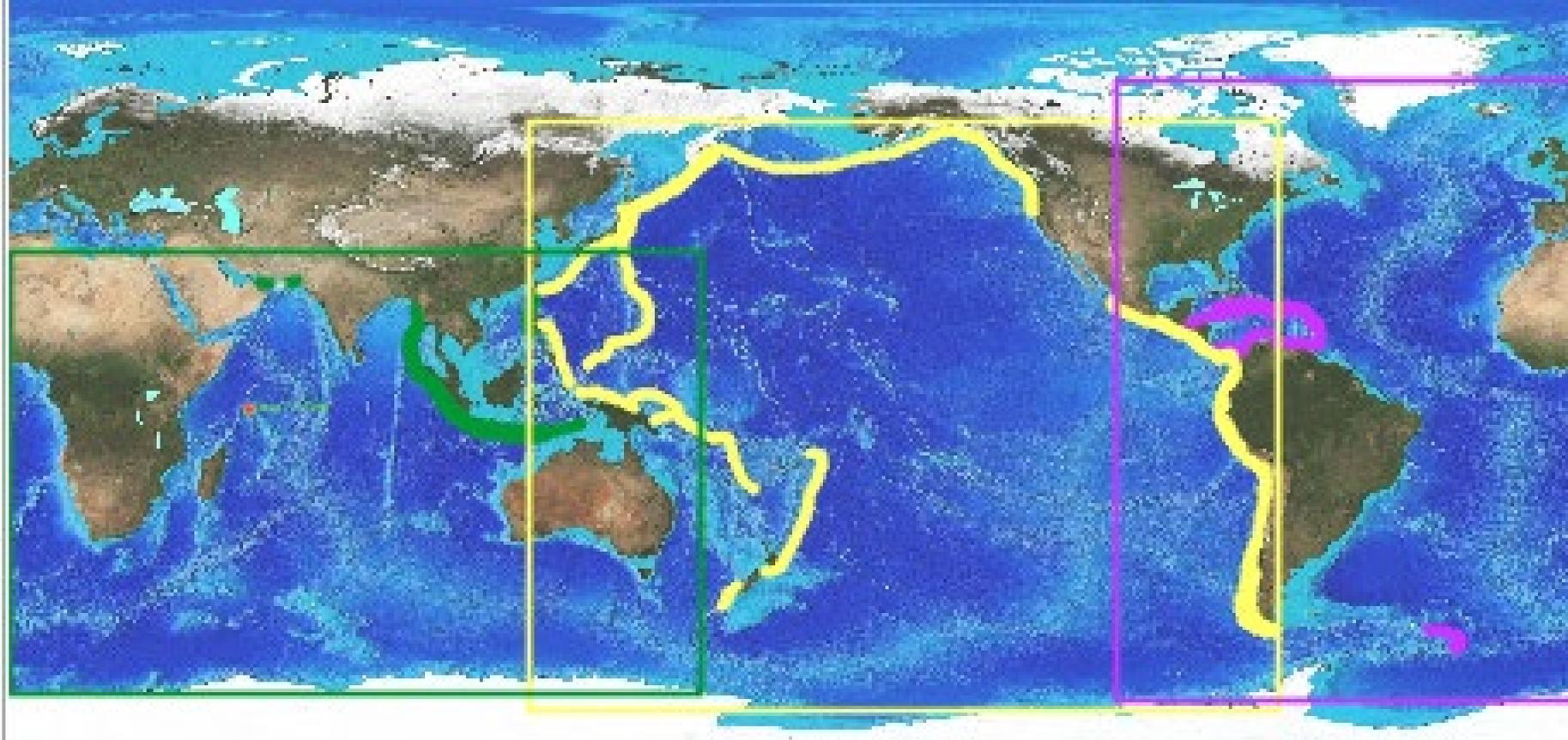
2004 Sumatra Earthquake 010 min



# Deep water propagation scenarios pre-run

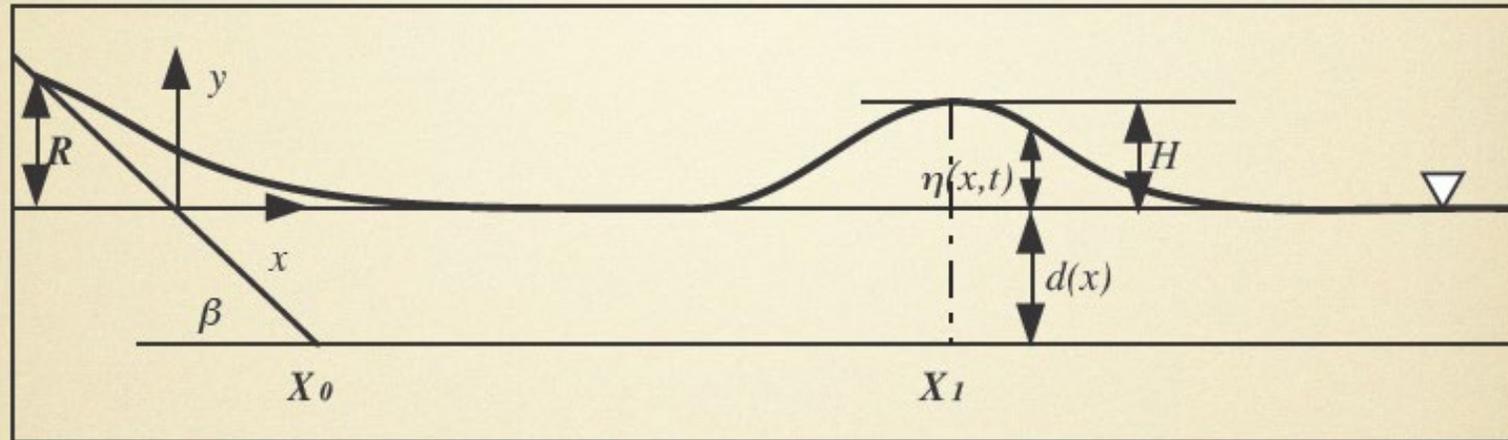


# Tsunami Propagation model data base





# MOST – Method of Splitting Tsunami

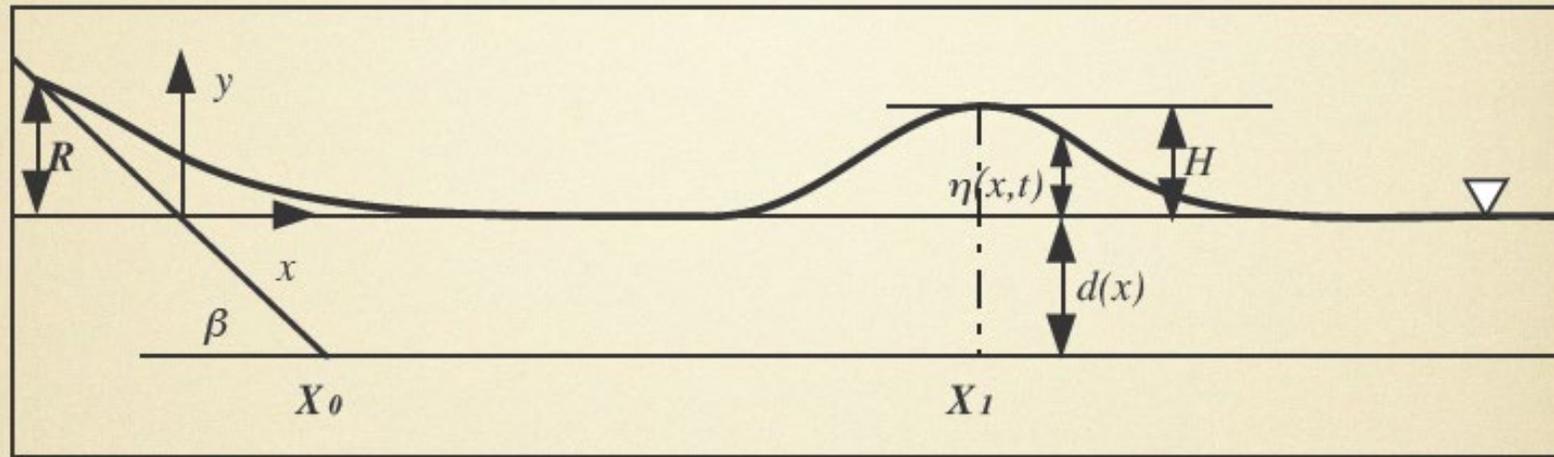


$$\begin{aligned}
 h_t + (uh)_x + (vh)_y &= 0 \\
 u_t + uu_x + vu_y + gh_x &= gd_x \\
 v_t + uv_x + vv_y + gh_y &= gd_y
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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.

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

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

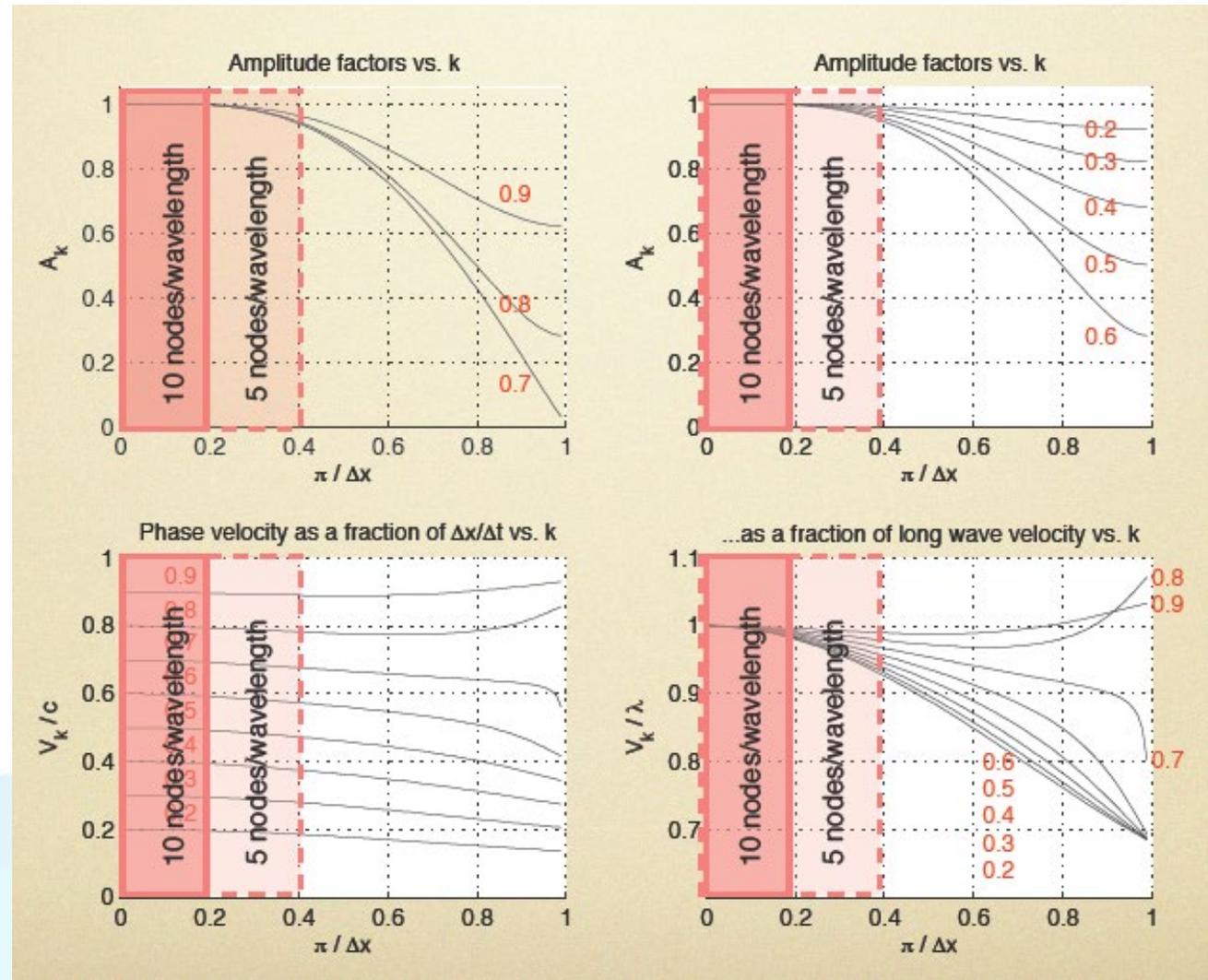
Stability criteria:

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

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## Numerical dispersion and diffusion



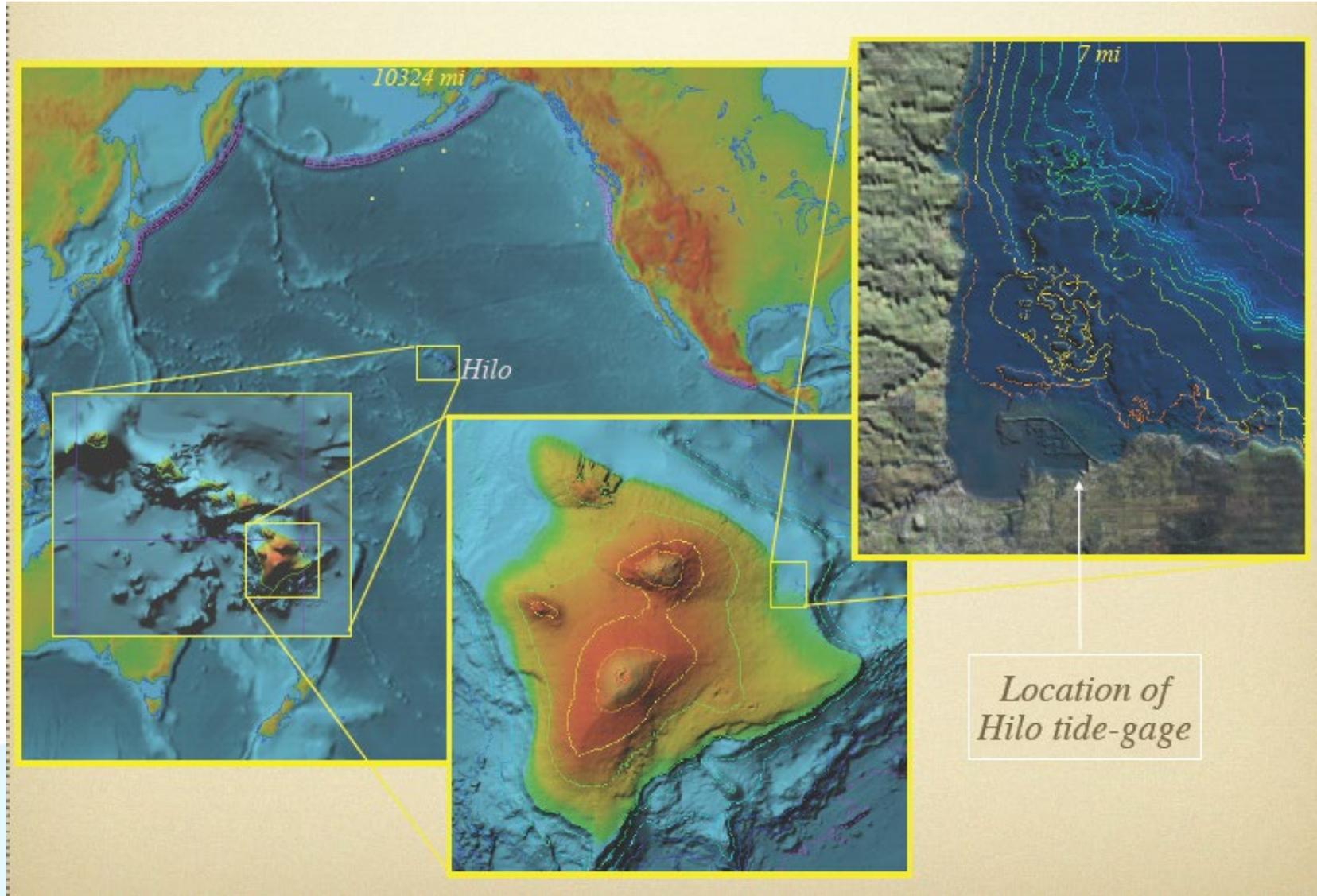
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## Tips:

- 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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<b>MOST Stage</b>	<b>Recommended Resolution</b>	<b>Lowest Required Resolution*</b>
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

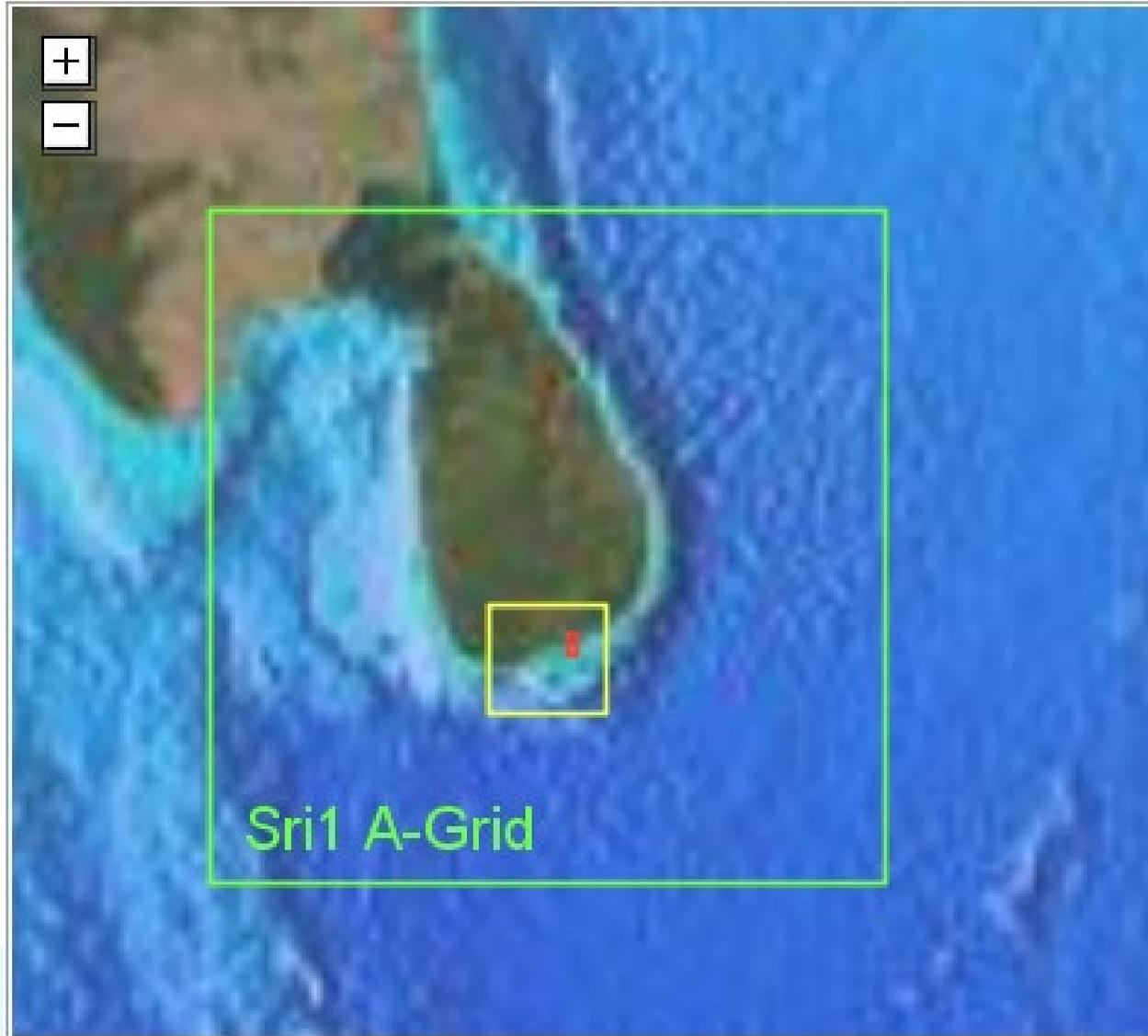
ARC ASCII Grid

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nrows          190
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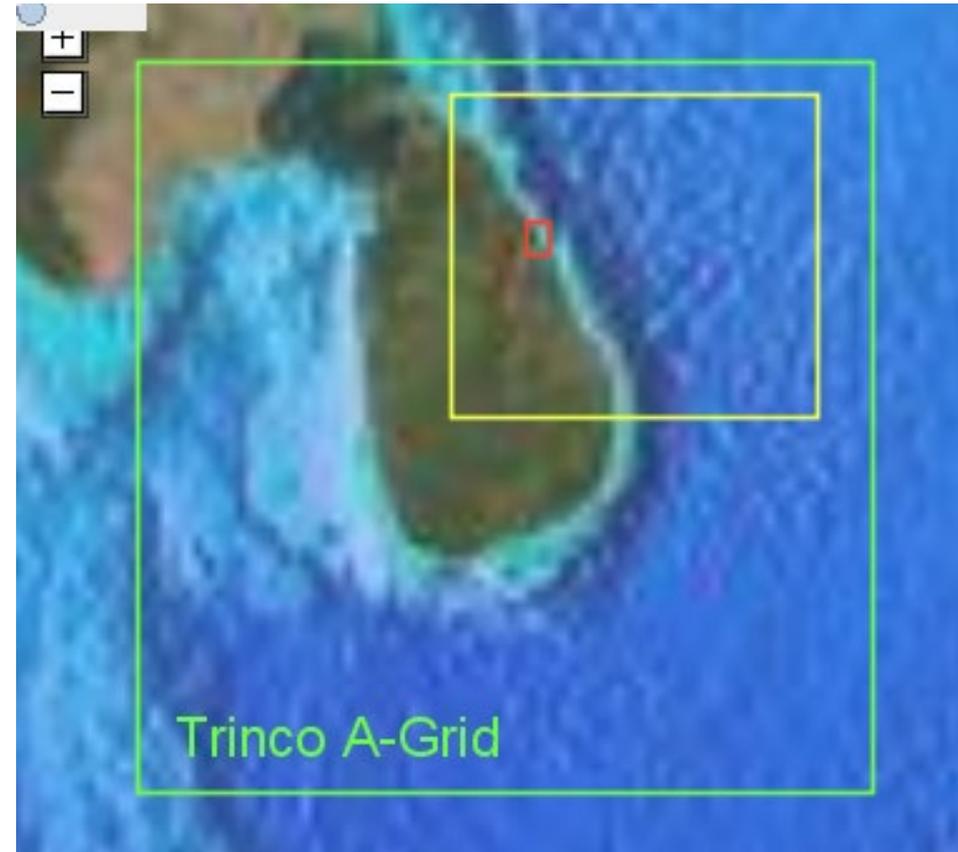
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# ComMIT – Model run

- Create/Select Model Run
- Select Sources
- Launch

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File Edit View Help

Trinco A-Grid

Total Magnitude: 8.2 Mw

Name	% Mag	Slip
iosza12	25.0	2.80
ioszb12	25.0	2.80
iosza13	25.0	2.80
ioszb13	25.0	2.80

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)

1.00 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: Trinco Launch Select Sources & Site, click Launch

# ComMIT – Model run

Model Run: C:\scratch\pakistan\_test

Event:

Unit Sources

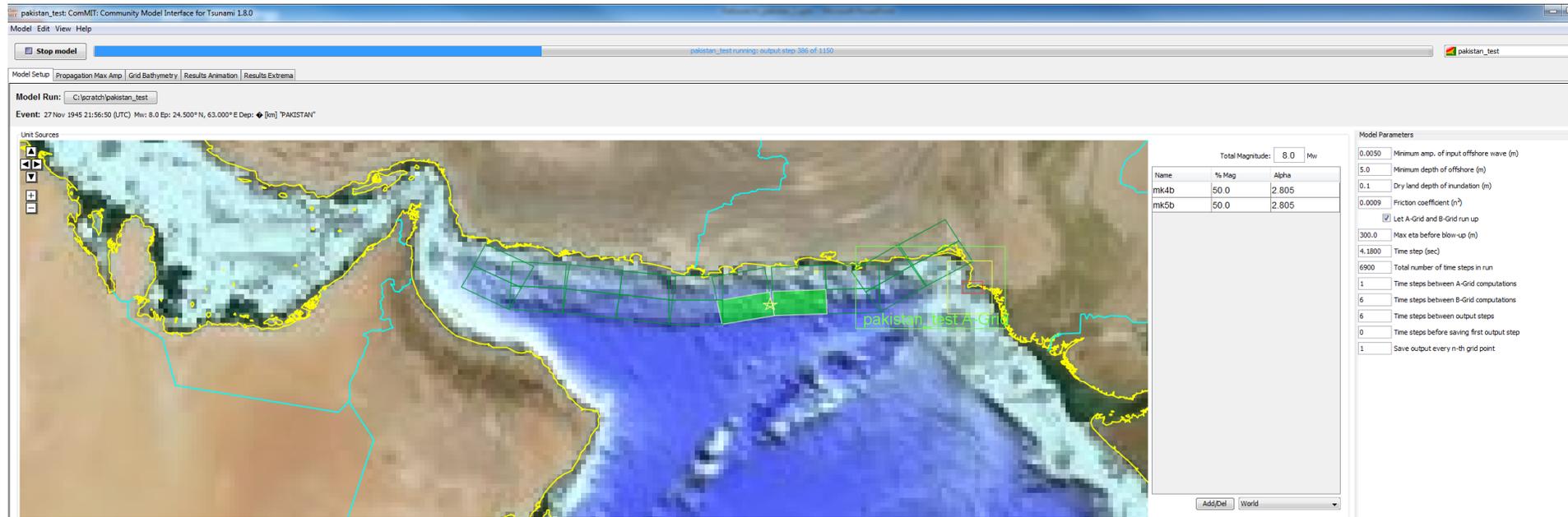
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mk5b	50.0	1.000

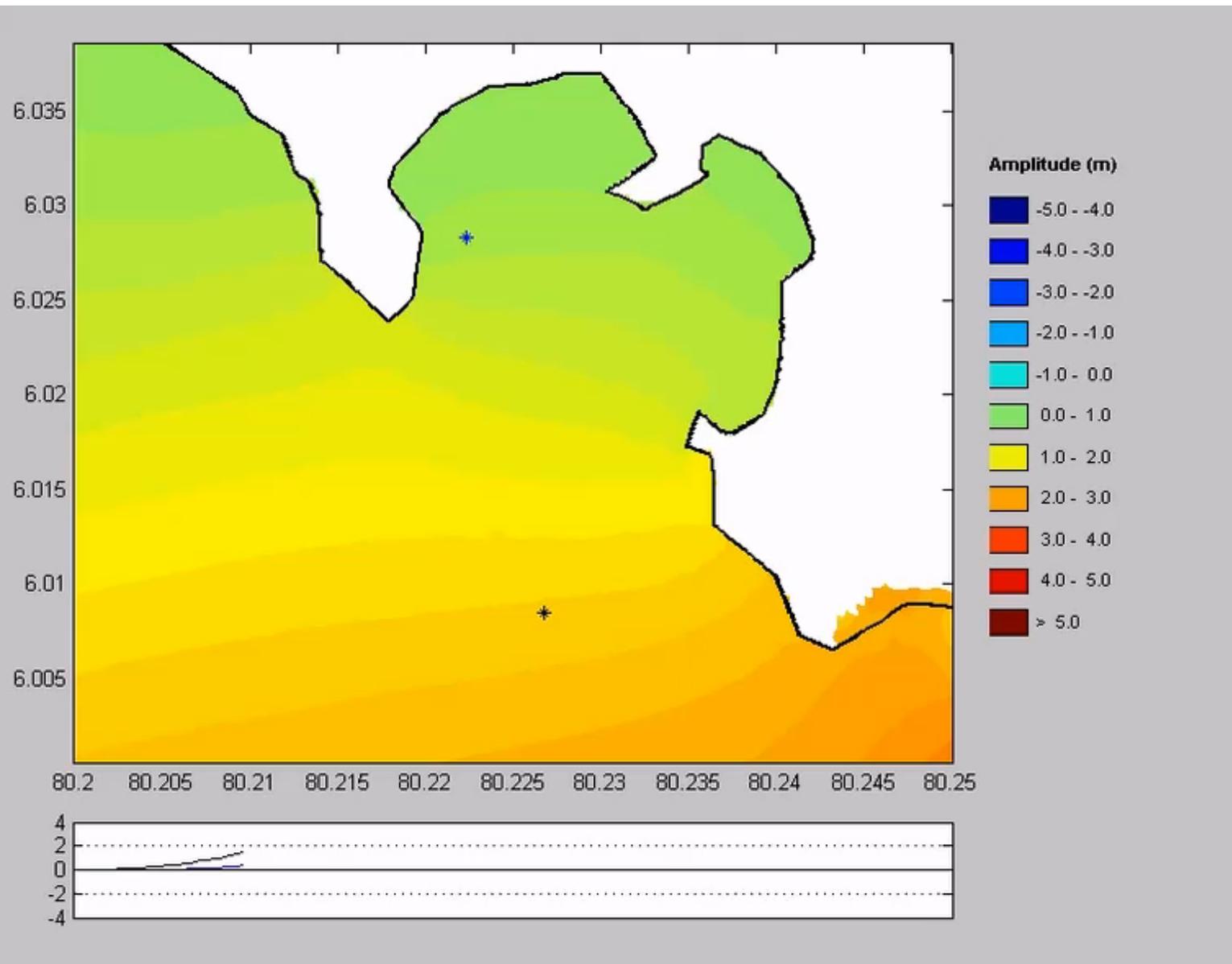
Total Magnitude: 8.7 Mw

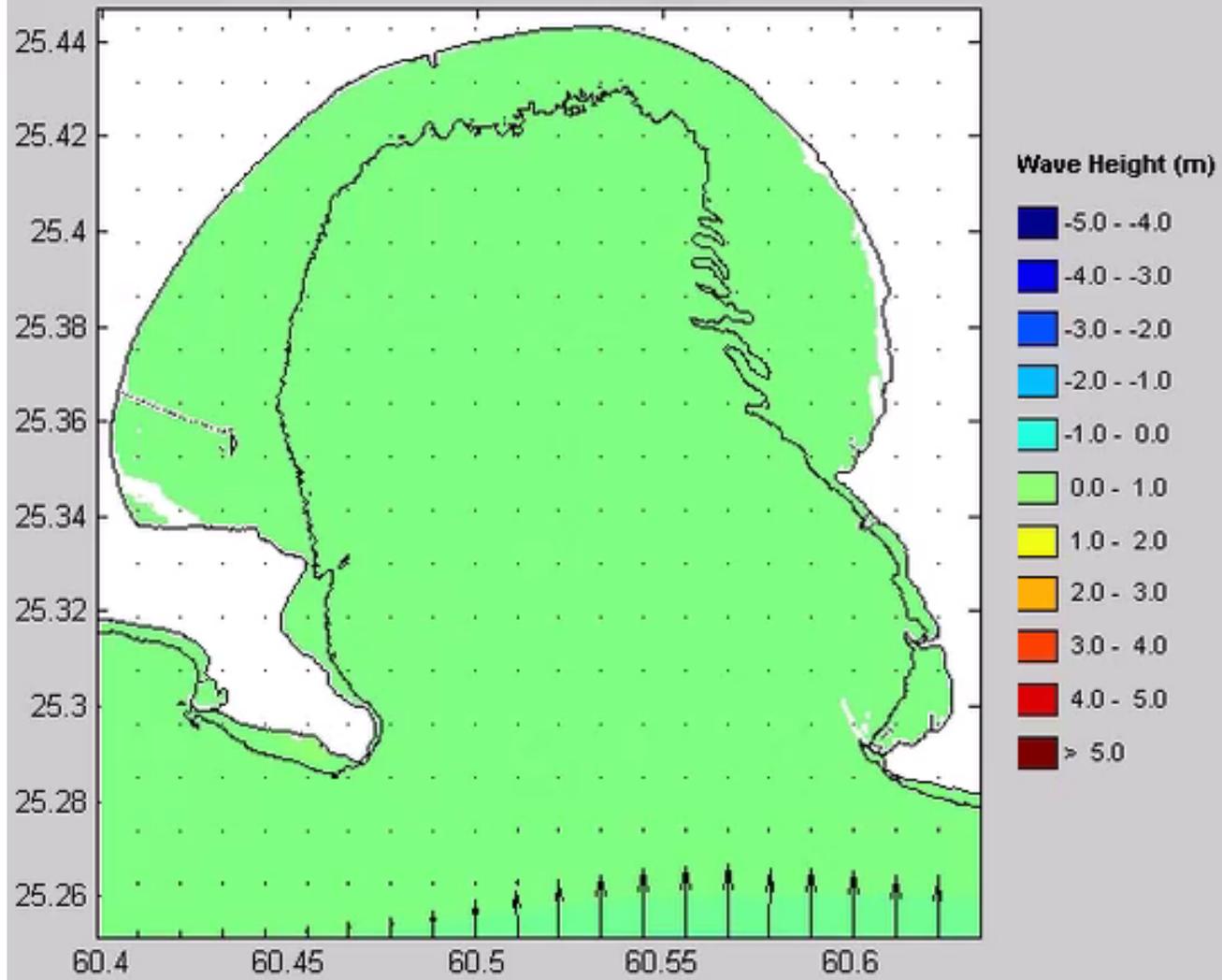
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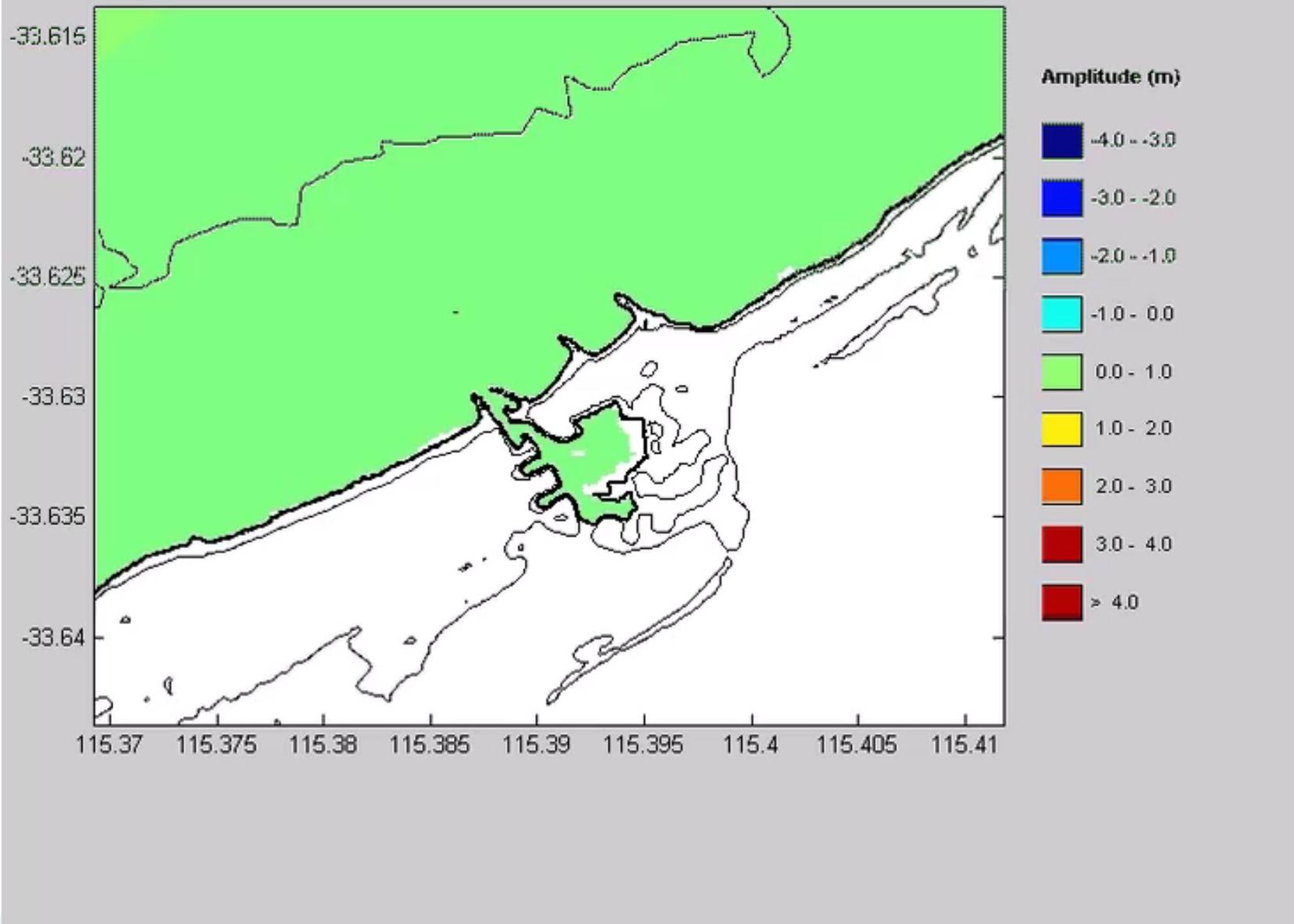
- 0.0050 Minimum amp. of input offshore wave (m)
- 5.0 Minimum depth of offshore (m)
- 0.1 Dry land depth of inundation (m)
- 0.0009 Friction coefficient ( $n^{-2}$ )
- Let A-Grid and B-Grid run up
- 300.0 Max eta before blow-up (m)
- 4,1800 Time step (sec)
- 6900 Total number of time steps in run
- 1 Time steps between A-Grid computations
- 6 Time steps between B-Grid computations
- 6 Time steps between output steps
- 0 Time steps before saving first output step
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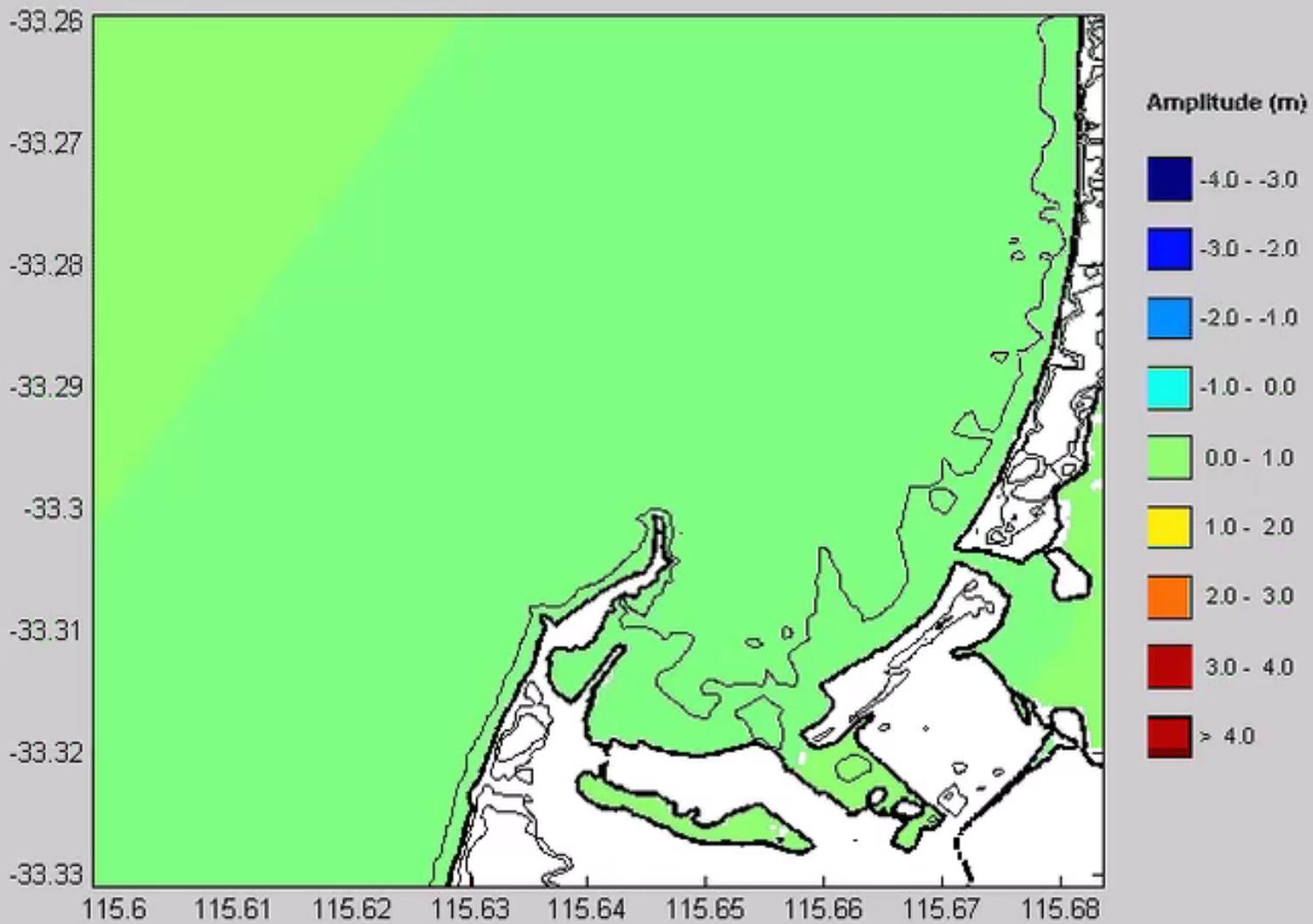
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# Thank you

