

# Tsunamis in French West Indies



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# Tsunamis Catalogue : 1690 - 2008

## 7 Volcanic Tsunamis

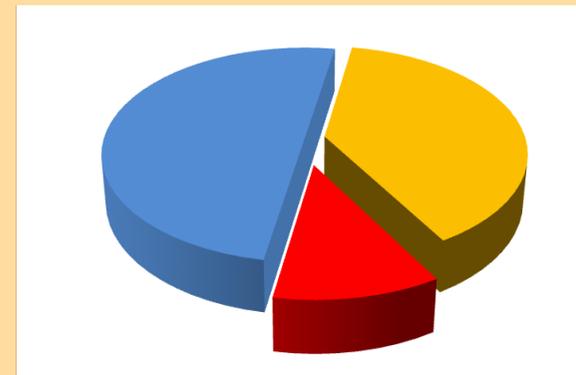
Date	Volcano	Runup Location	Runup height, m
1 1902, May 5	Mt. Pelée	St Pierre, the bay in the Blanche River, Martinique	3
2 1902, May 8	Mt. Pelée	St Pierre, Martinique	3
3 1902, May 18-20	Mt. Pelée	Le Préheur, Basse Pointe, Le Carbet, Saint-Pierre, Martinique	
4 1902, August 30	Mt. Pelée	Fort-de-France, Martinique	1
5 1997, December 26	Soufrière Hills	Northern Guadeloupe	2-3 (modeled)
6 2003, 12-13 July	Soufrière Hills	Plage de la Perle and Deshaies, Guadeloupe	0.5-1
7 2006 20 May	Soufrière Hills	Deshaies, Guadeloupe	1

## 10 Tectonic Tsunamis

Date	Epicenter characteristics		Runup characteristics			
	Location, Coordinates	M	Maximum height, m	Runup location	Coordinates	
1 1690 04 06	17.5°N 61.5°W	~8		Guadeloupe, Martinique	16.25°N 61.583°W	
2 1767 04 24	14.4°N 61°W	7	0.5	Martinique	14.5°N 61°W	
3 1823 11 30	14.4°N 61.1°W		1	Martinique	14.73°N 61.18°W	
4 1827 11 30	14.5°N 61°W	~6.5		Martinique		
5 1839 01 11	14.4°N 61°W	7.8		Guadeloupe		
6 1842 05 07	19.75°N 72.2°W	8.1	18.3 (20?)	Guadeloupe	16.33°N 61.7°W 16.3°N 61.58°W 16°N 61.73°W	
7 1843 02 08	16.5°N 62.2°W	8.3	0.5	1.2	Guadeloupe	16.25°N 61.58°W
8 1867 11 18	18.4°N 64.3°W	7.5			St. Martin	18.08°N 63.08°W
			1		St. Barthelemy	17.9°N 62.83°W
			1		Les Saintes	15.8°N 61.5°W
				2	Guadeloupe	16°N 61.72°W 17.9°N 62.83°W 16.33°N 61.7°W 16.3°N 61.78°W
			10			14.67°N 61°W
			18.3 (10?)			16°N 61.72°W
9 1985 03 16	17.013°N 62.448°W	6.3		0.10 - 0.12	Martinique	16°N 61.72°W
10 2004 11 21	15.677°N 61.65°W	6.3	0.5		Guadeloupe	15.58084°N 61.38695°W
			0.8		Les Saintes, Island of Terre-de-Bas	15.51260°N 61.36968°W
			0.7			15.51547°N 61.37476°W
			0.5		Les Saintes, Island of Terre-de-Haut	

## 2 Tele tsunamis :

- 1755 Lisbon Tsunami
- 1929 Grand Banks, Canada



# Analysis and Statistics

## Geographic distribution of events in French West Indies

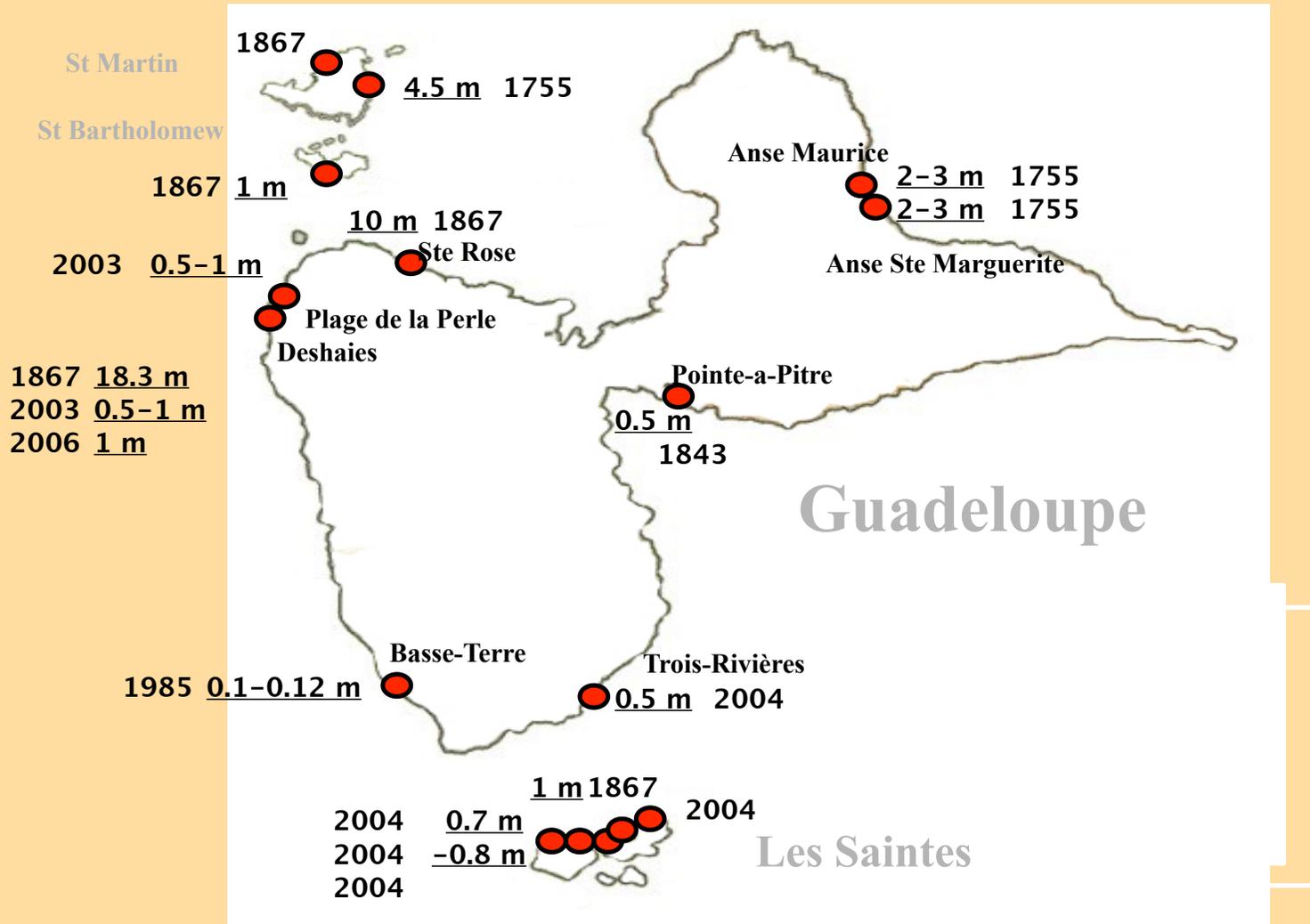
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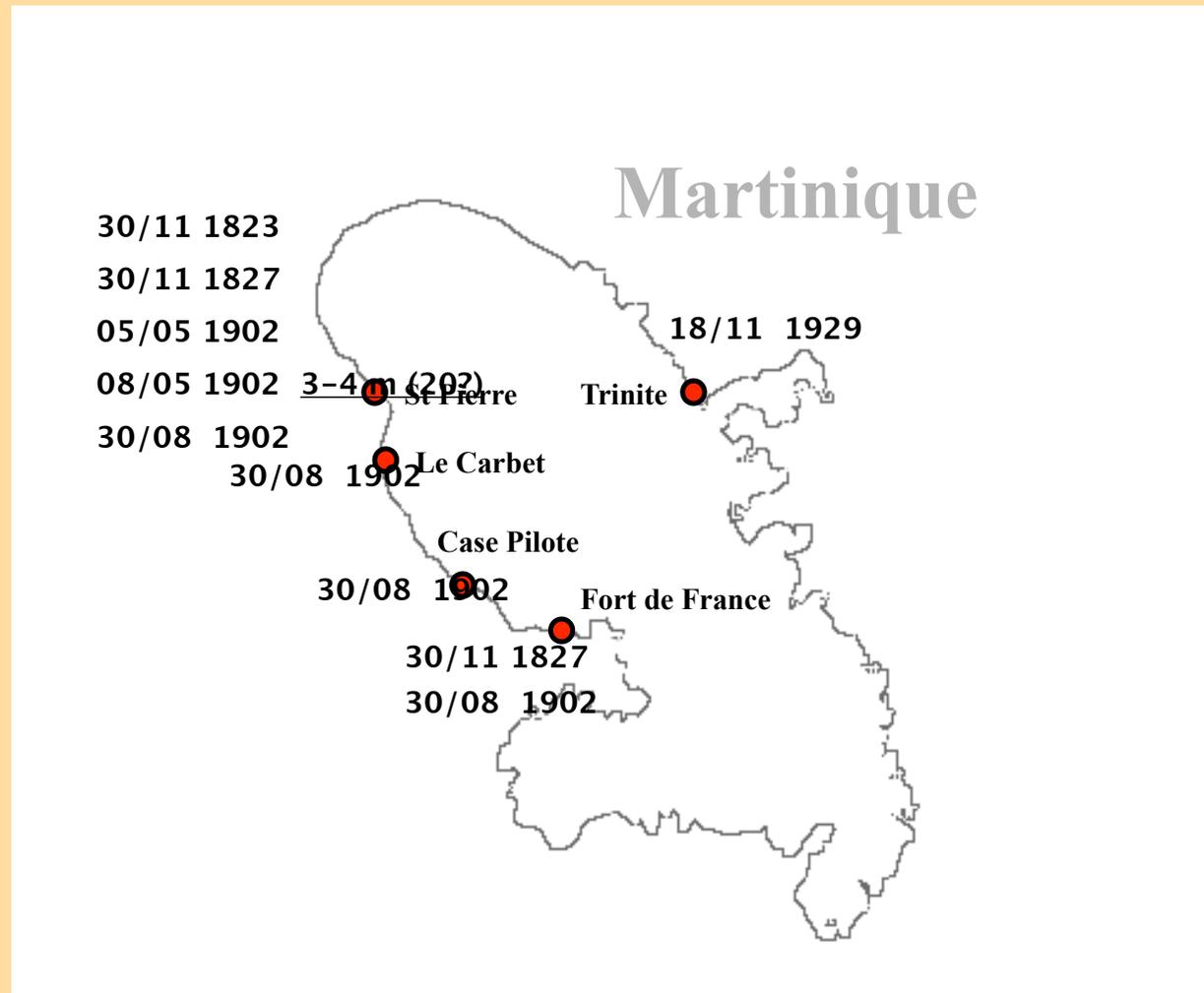
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## Run up location in Guadeloupe



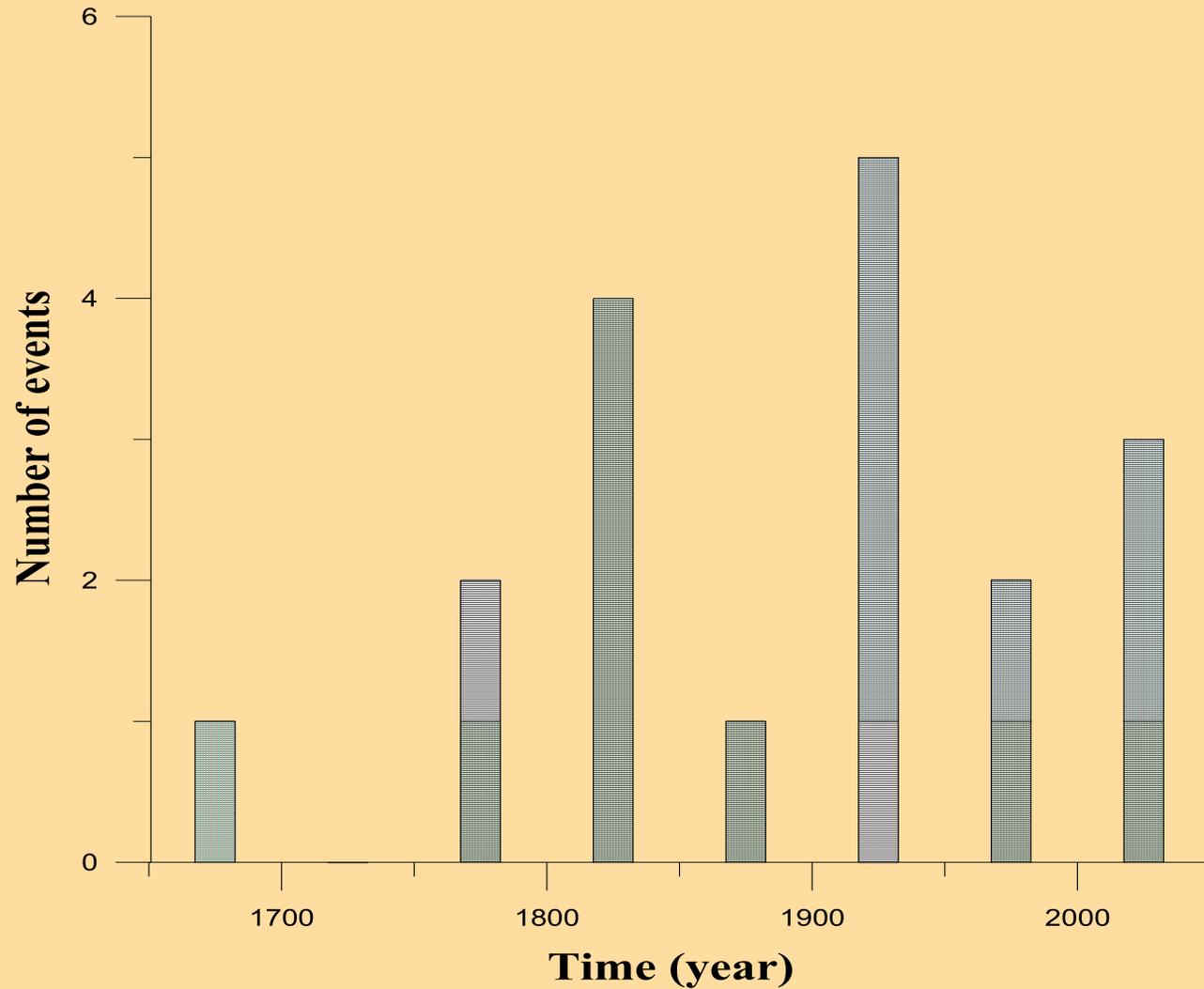
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## Run up location in Martinique



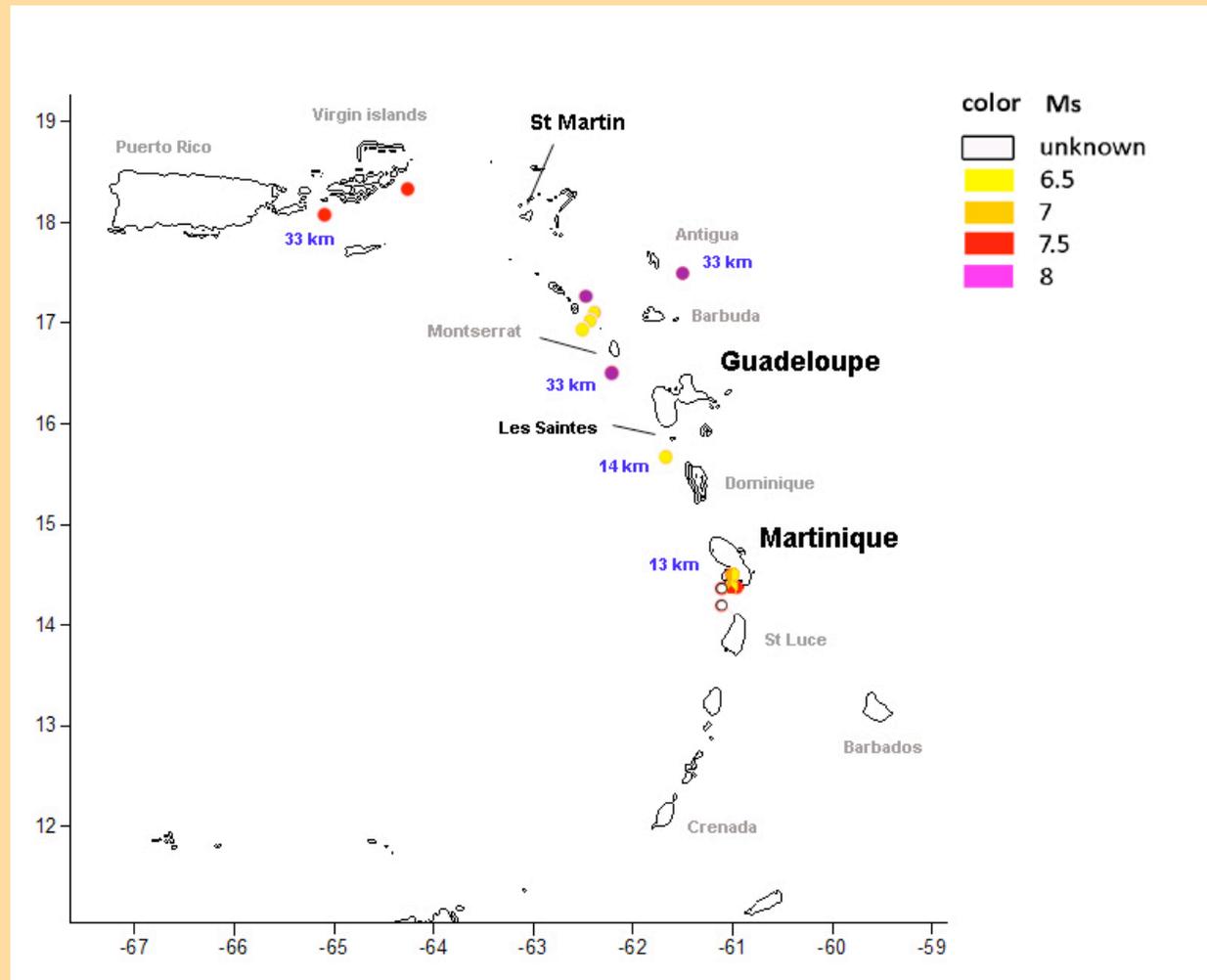
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## The Variability of the number of tsunamis



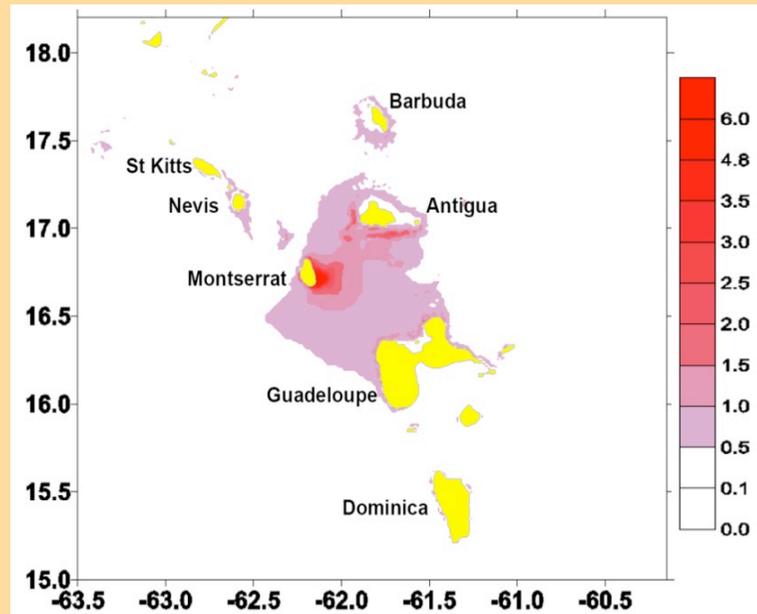
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## Tectonic Sources Location



# Tsunami Modeling : Recent Results

## 2003 Montserrat Tsunami (TUNAMI N2, NLSW, ETOPO 1)



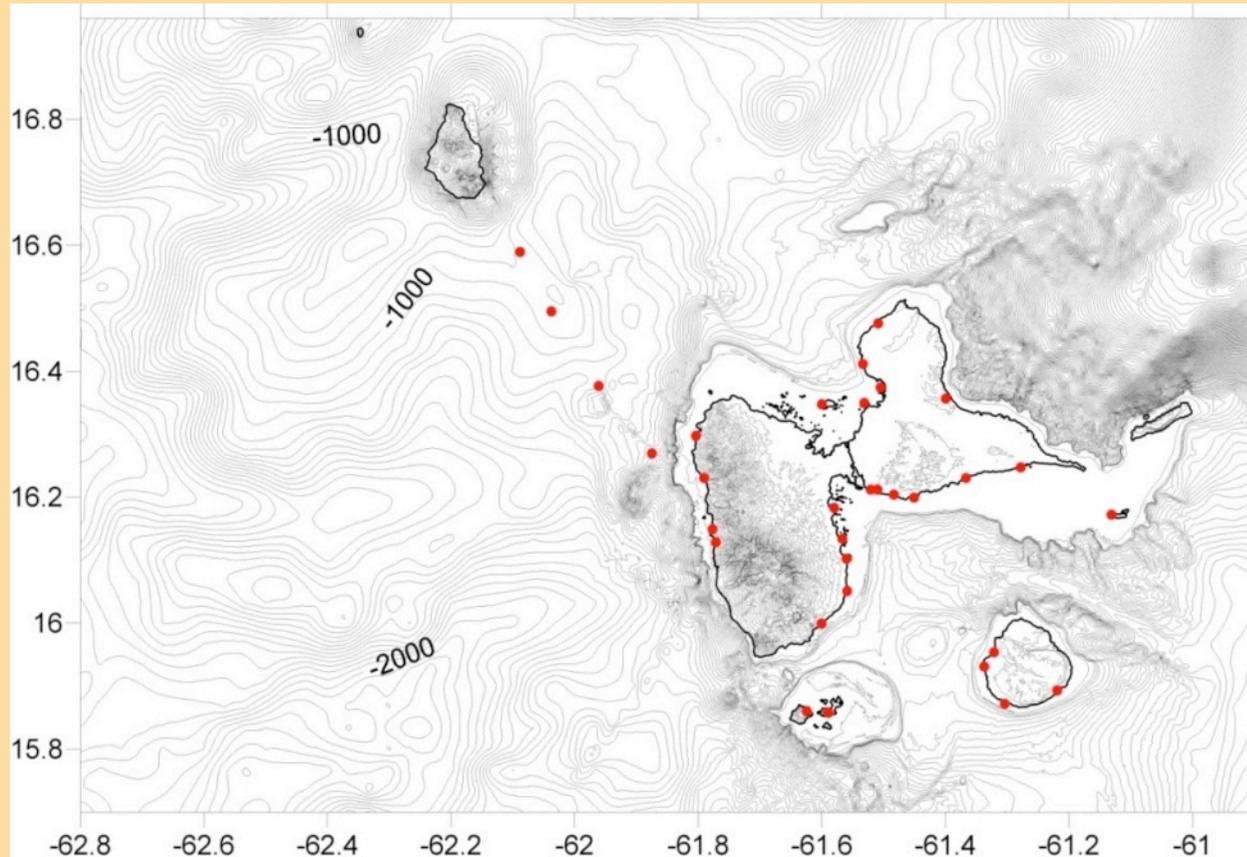
Directional Diagram



Distribution of relative waves height

## 2003 Montserrat Tsunami (FUNWAVE, Boussinesq)

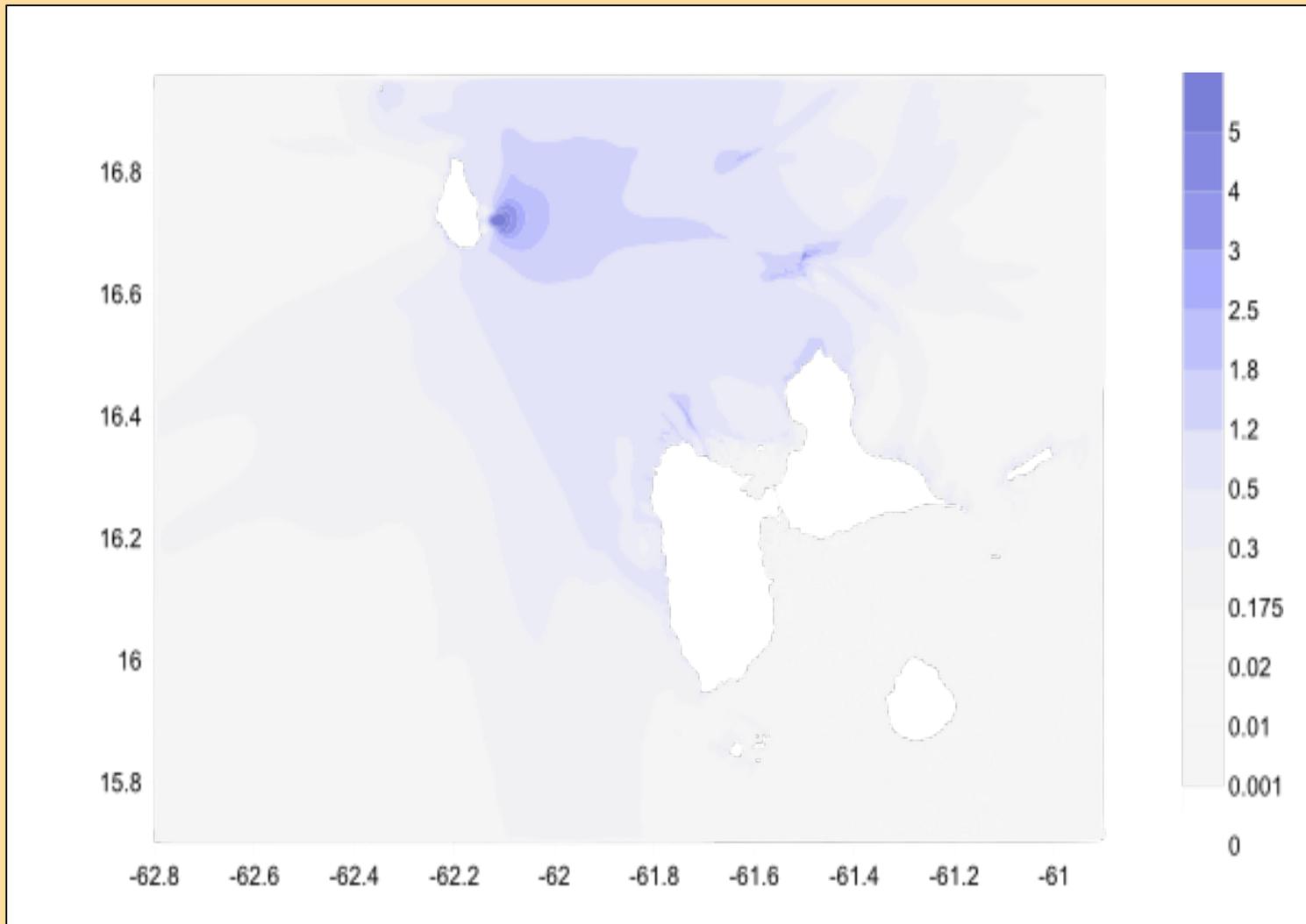
- Dispersive model with Boussinesq
- Non Dispersive model with NLSW



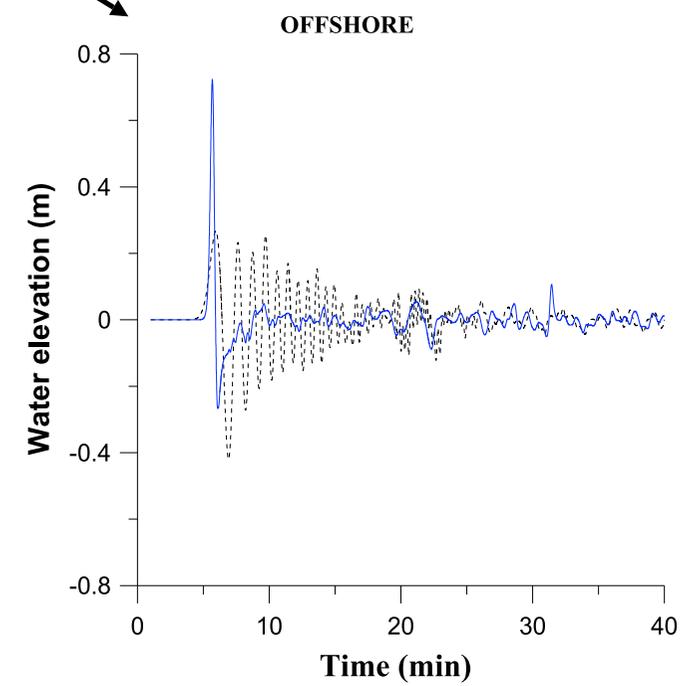
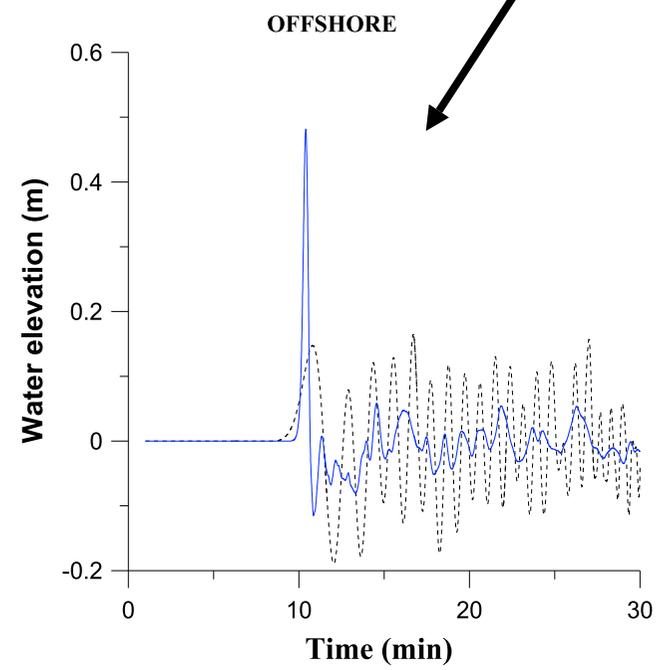
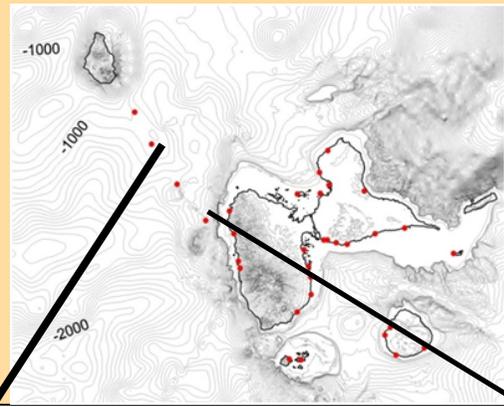
**100 m constructed bathymetry file with tide gauge distribution**

# Distribution of maximum elevation (non-dispersive model)

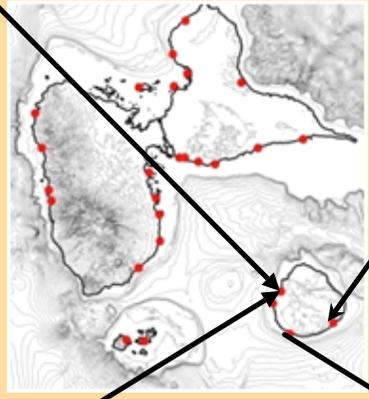
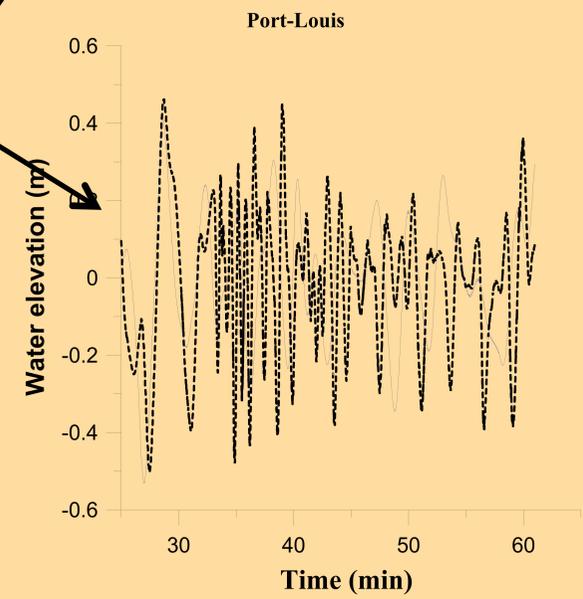
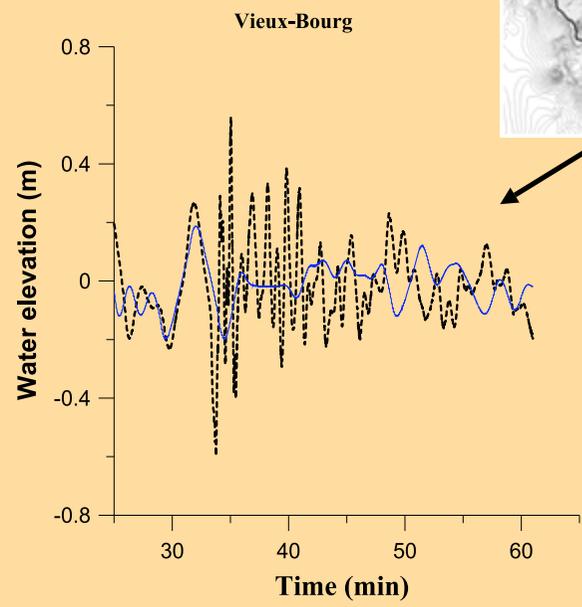
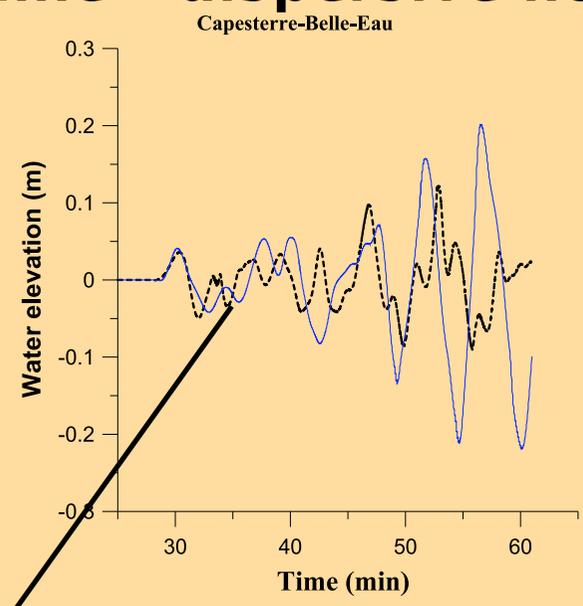
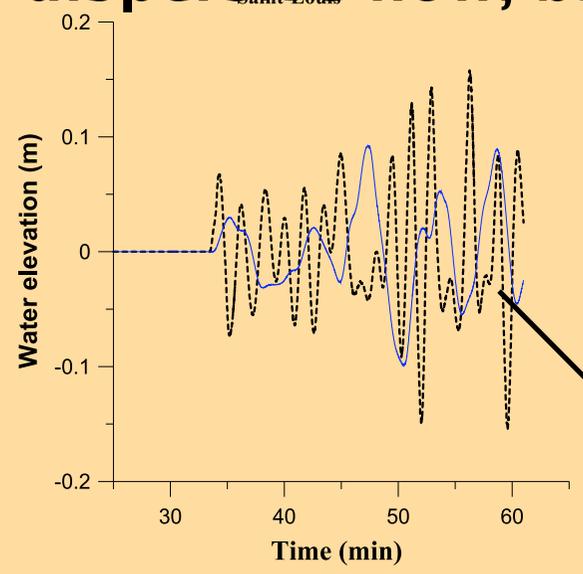
6 m near the source



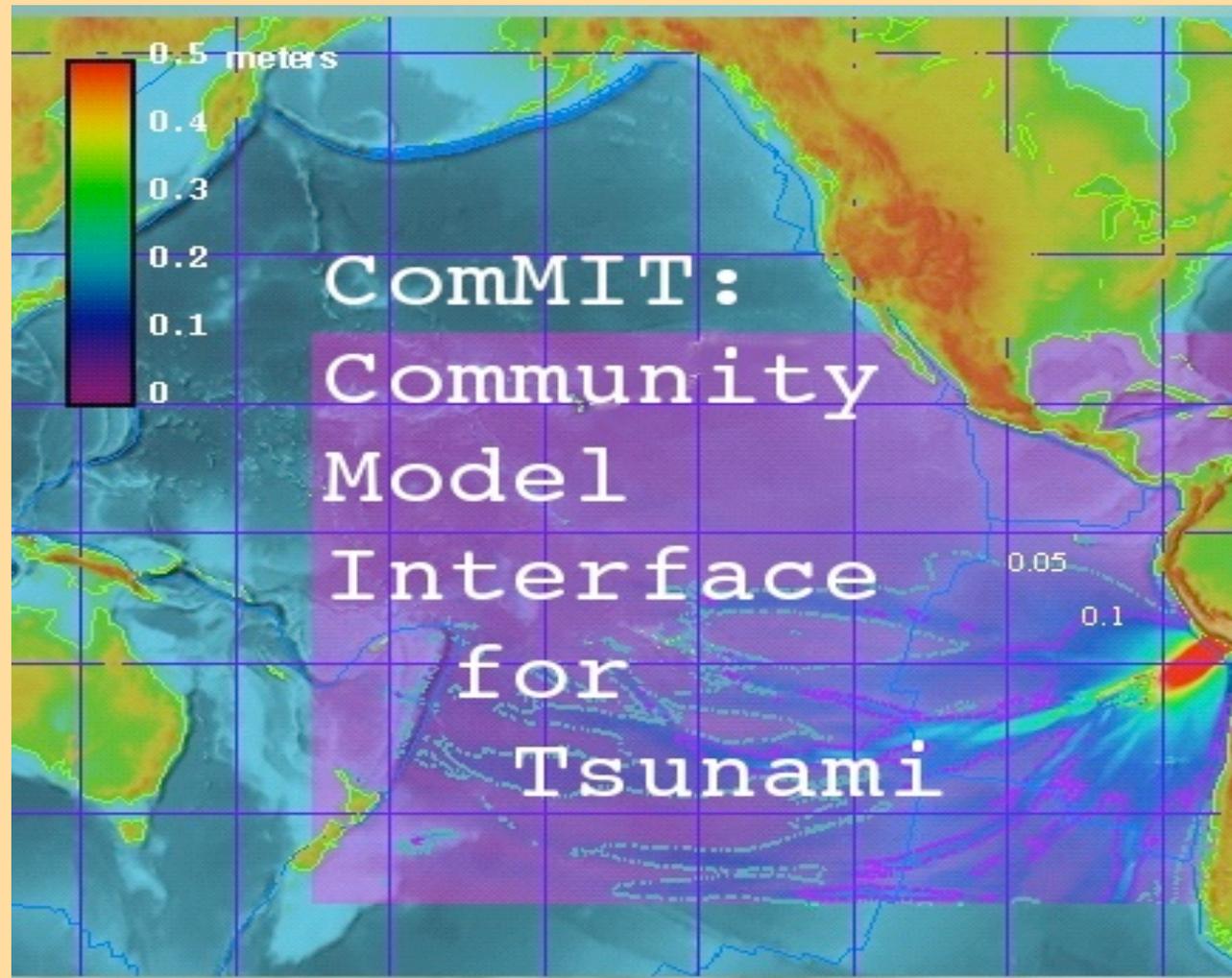
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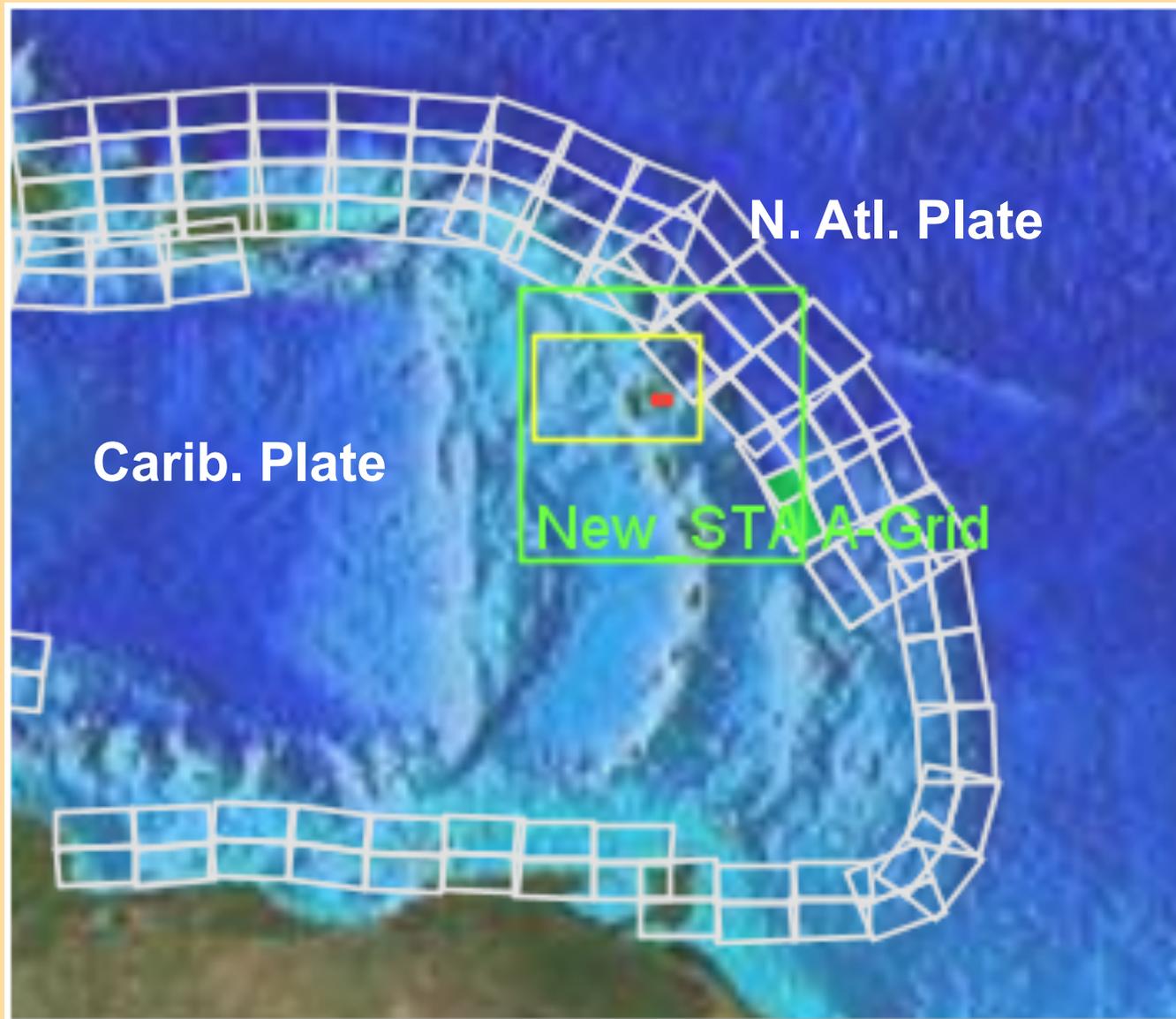
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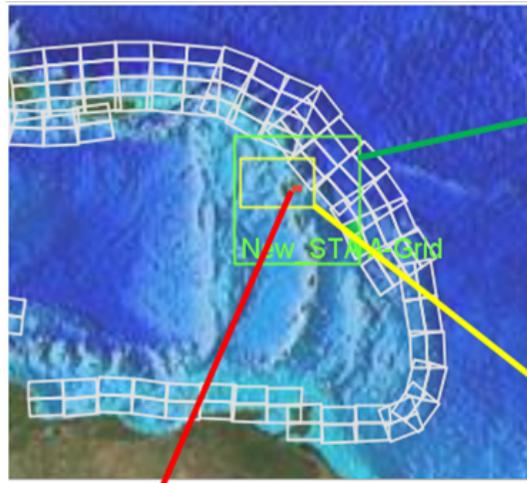
# Potential Tsunamis in Guadeloupe from the subduction zone



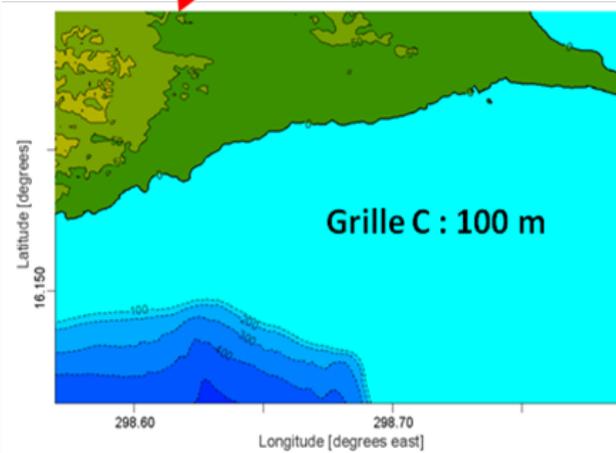
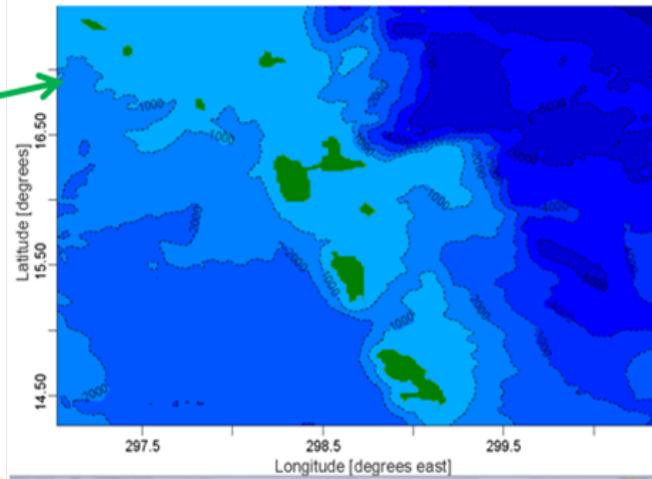
# Subduction zone characterized par set of blocks precomputed



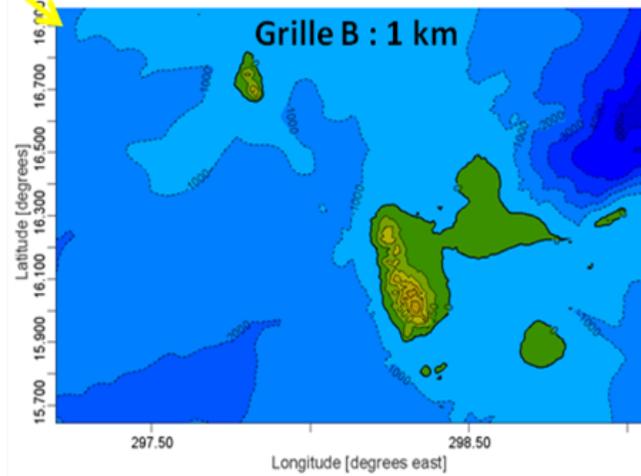
# Nested grids : A, B, C



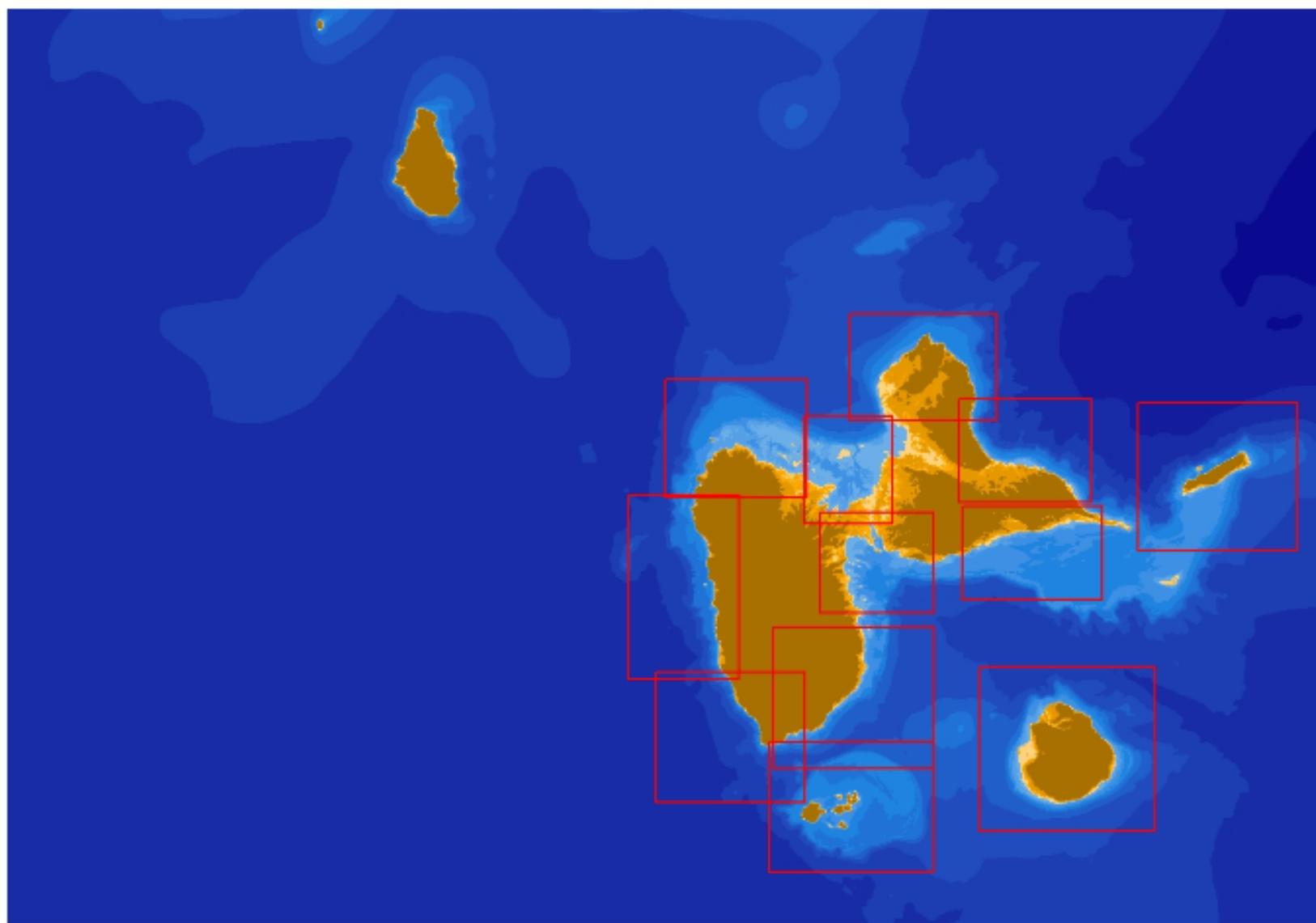
Grille A : 3 km



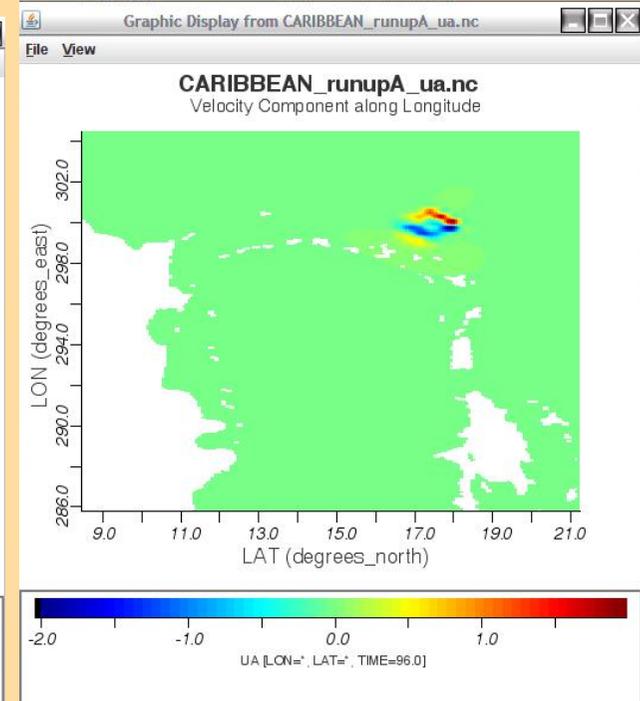
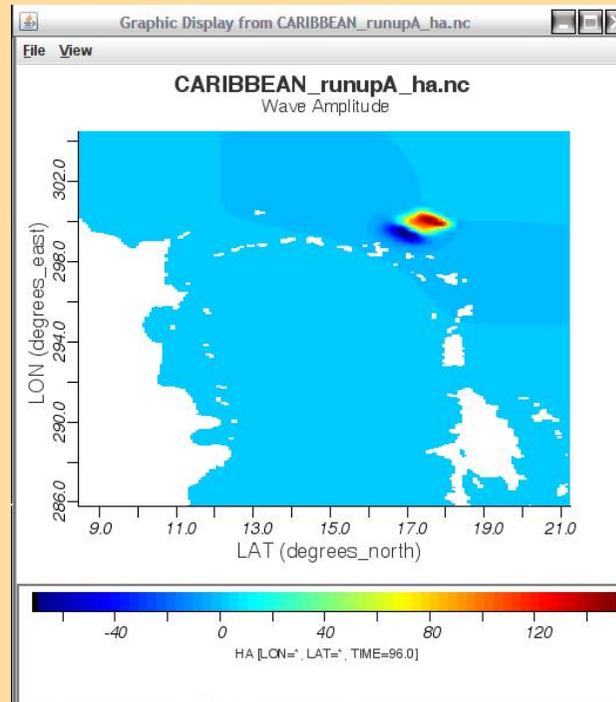
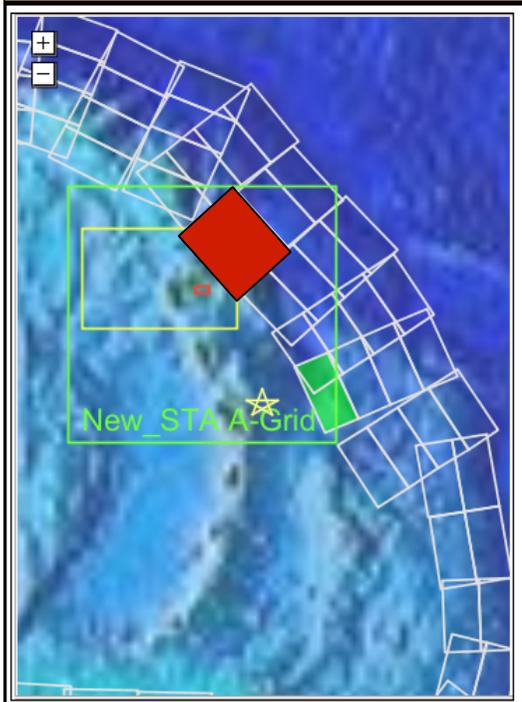
Grille B : 1 km



## 12 C grids around Guadeloupe



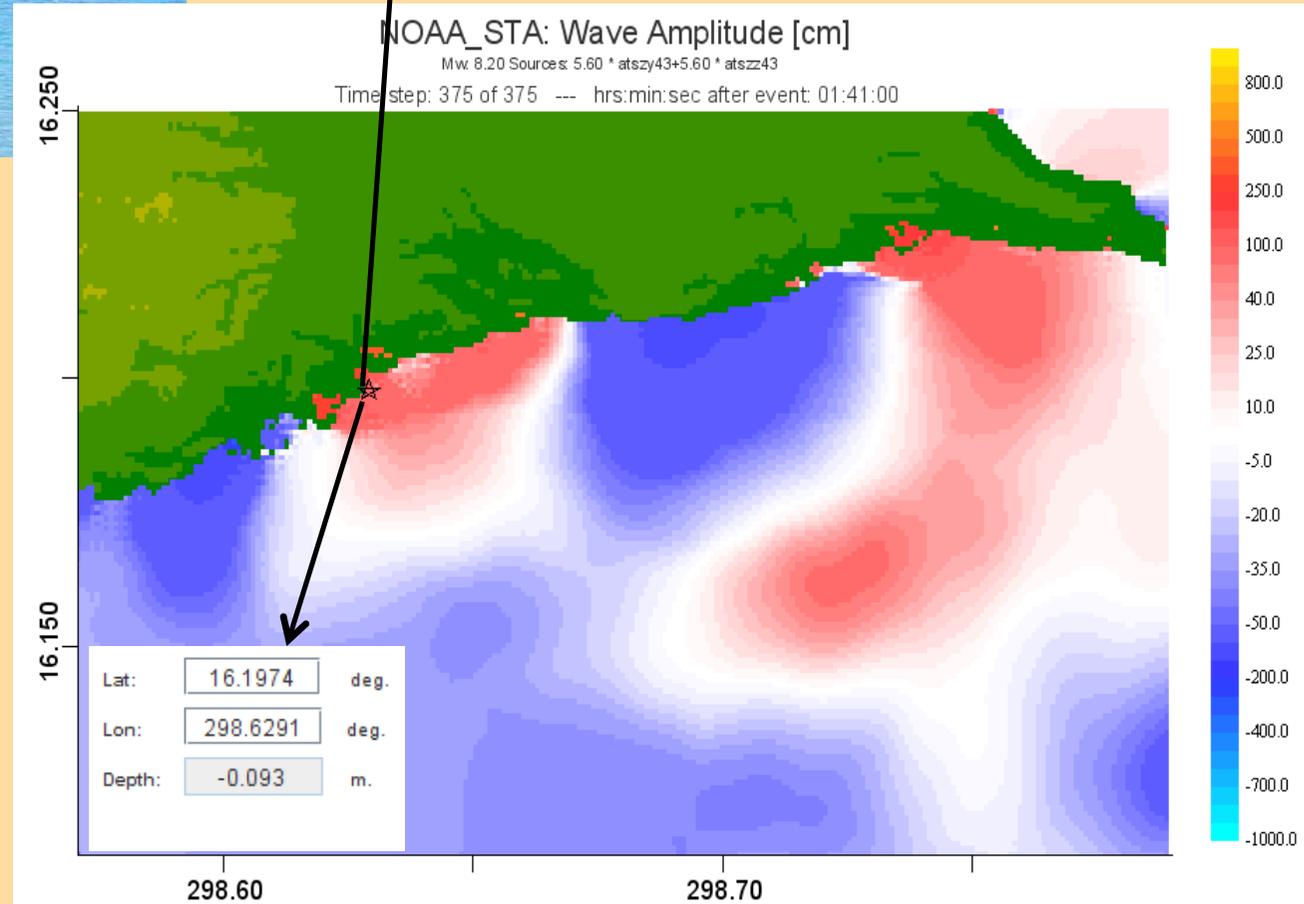
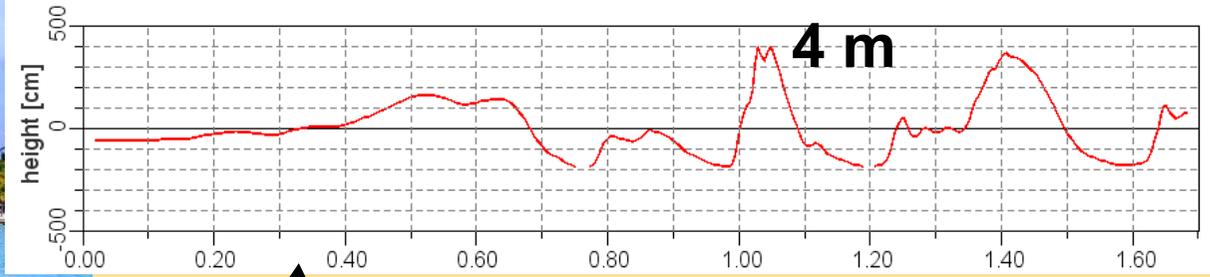
# Source characteristics





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Sainte Anne**

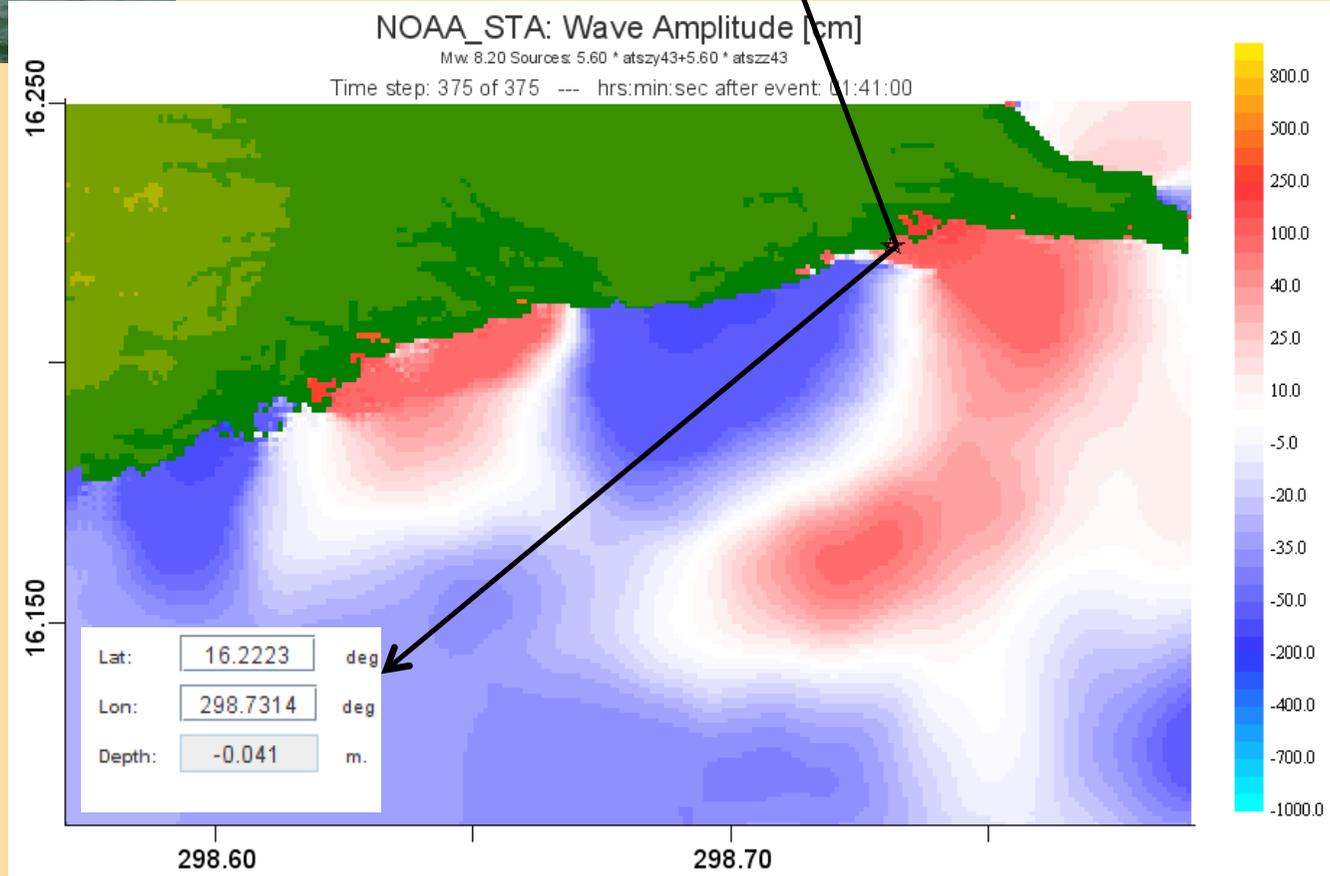
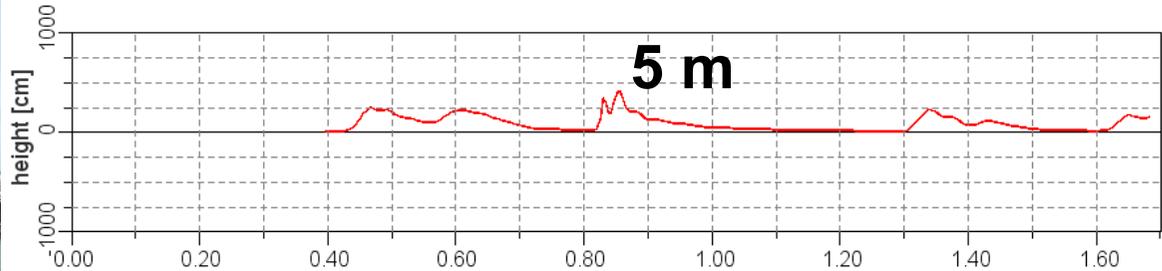
**Arrival time  
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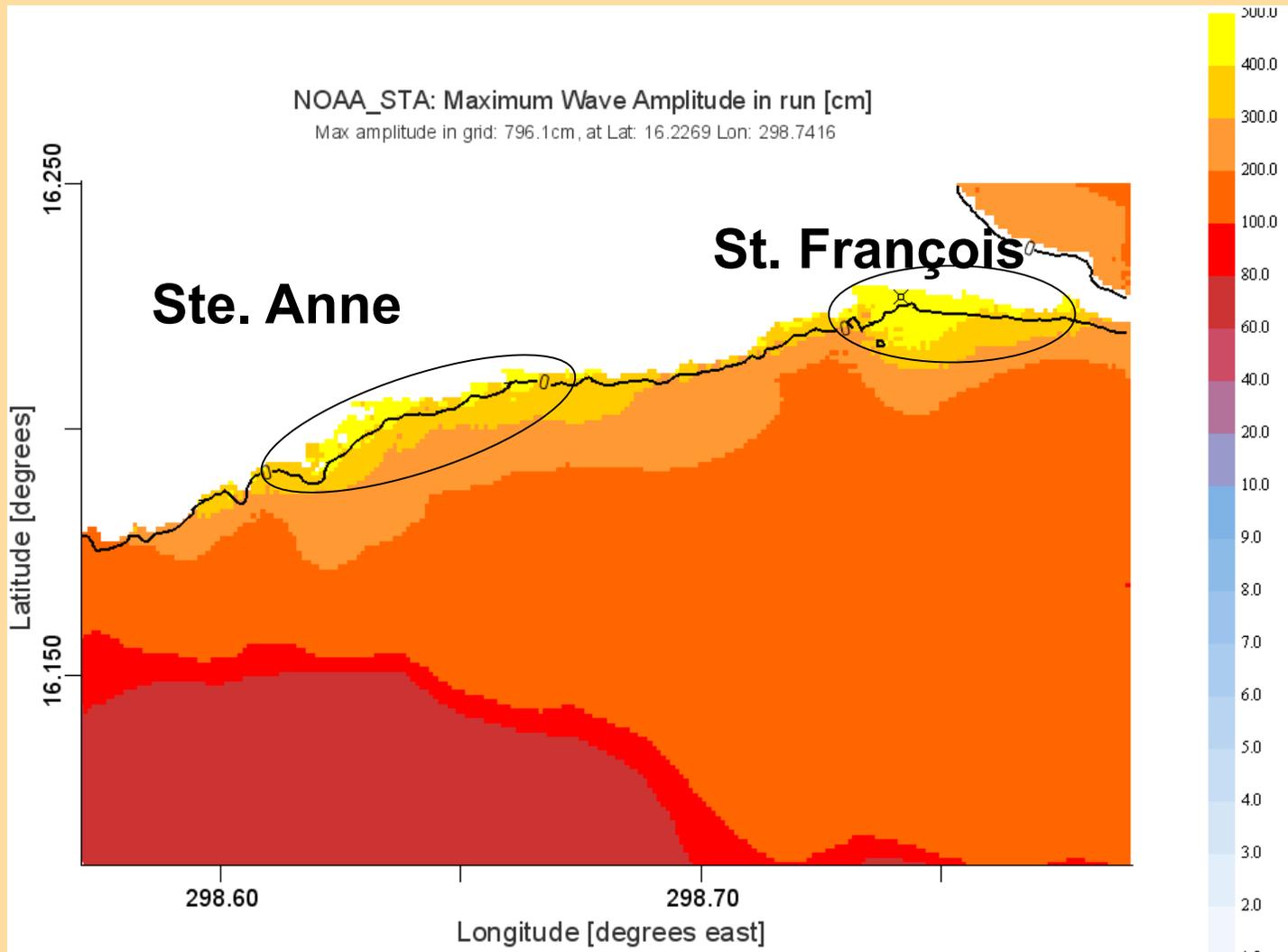


**Marina of St. François**

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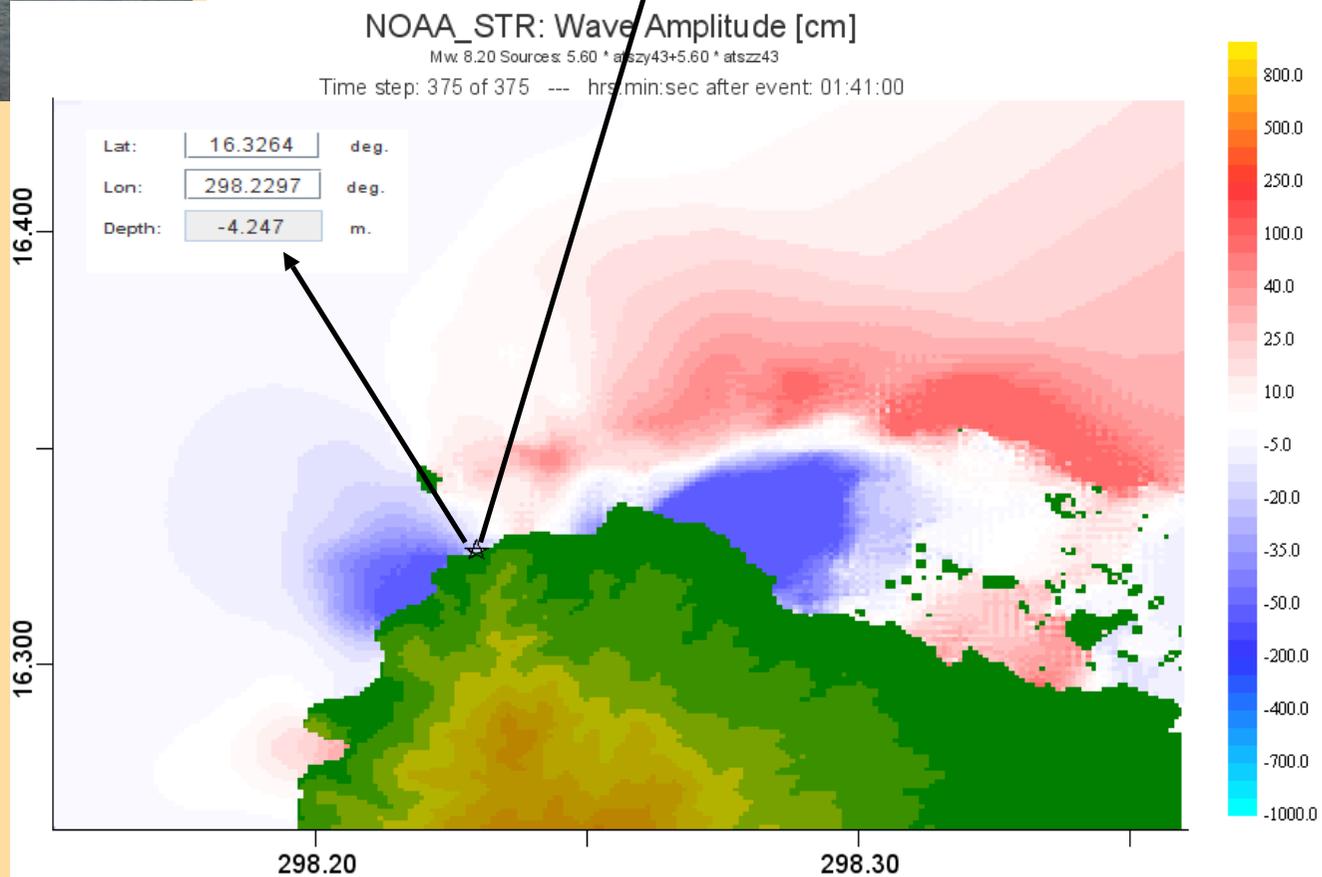
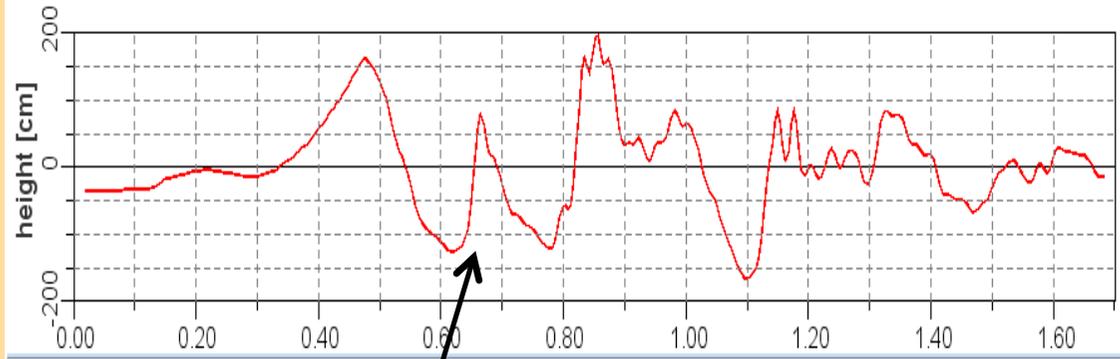


# Inundation Zone in Ste. Anne – St. François

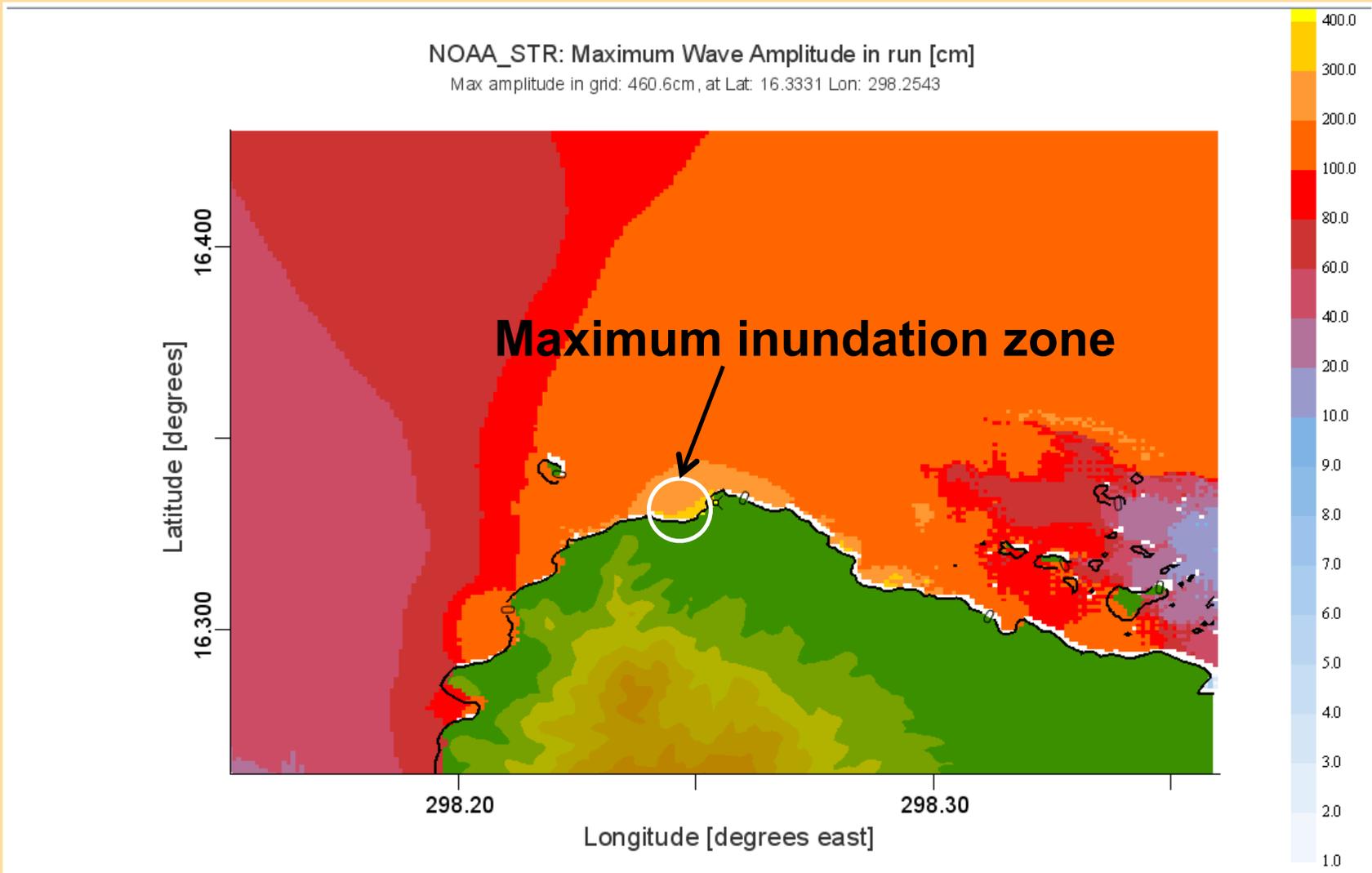




# Deshaies (West coast)

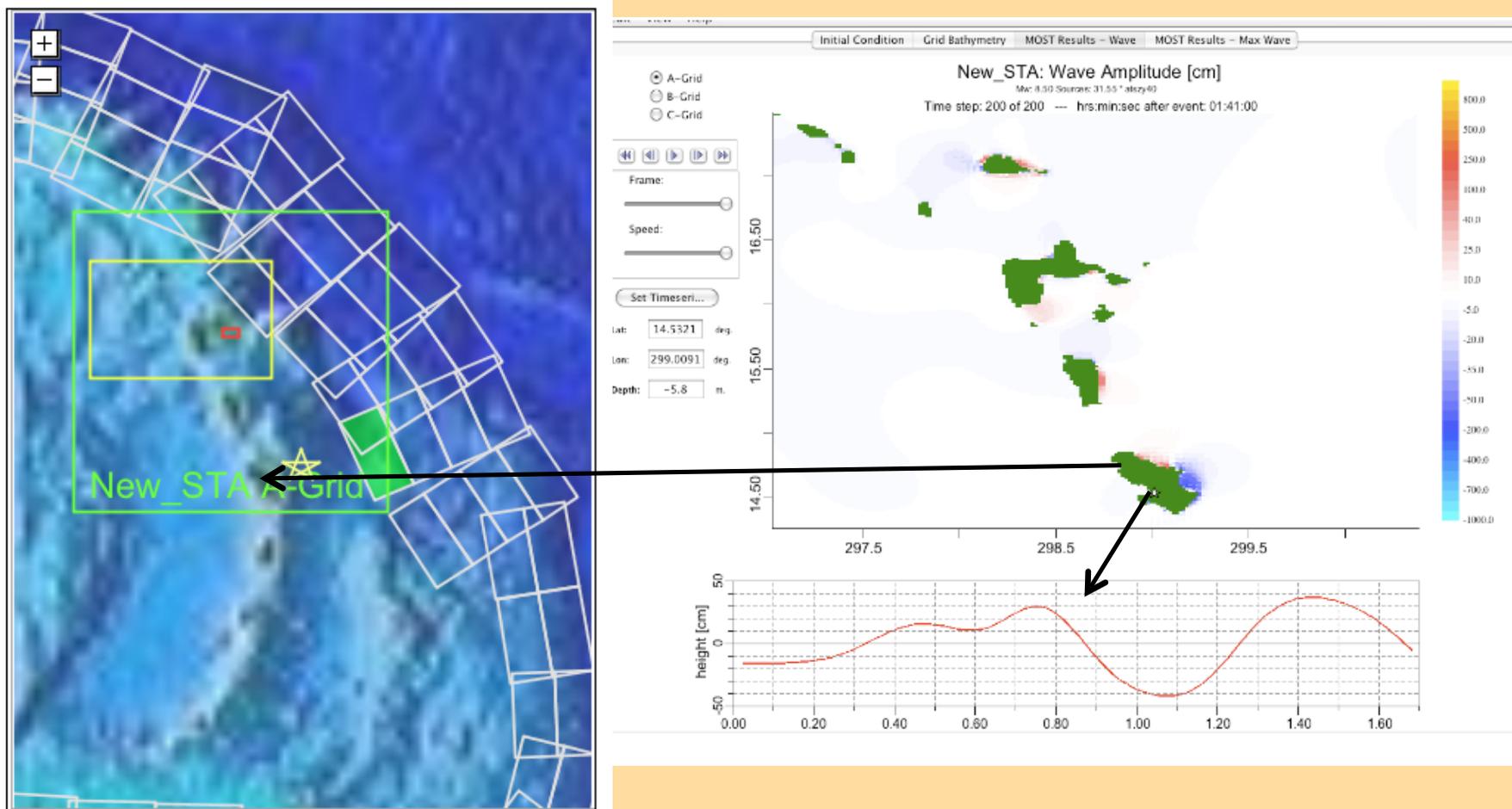


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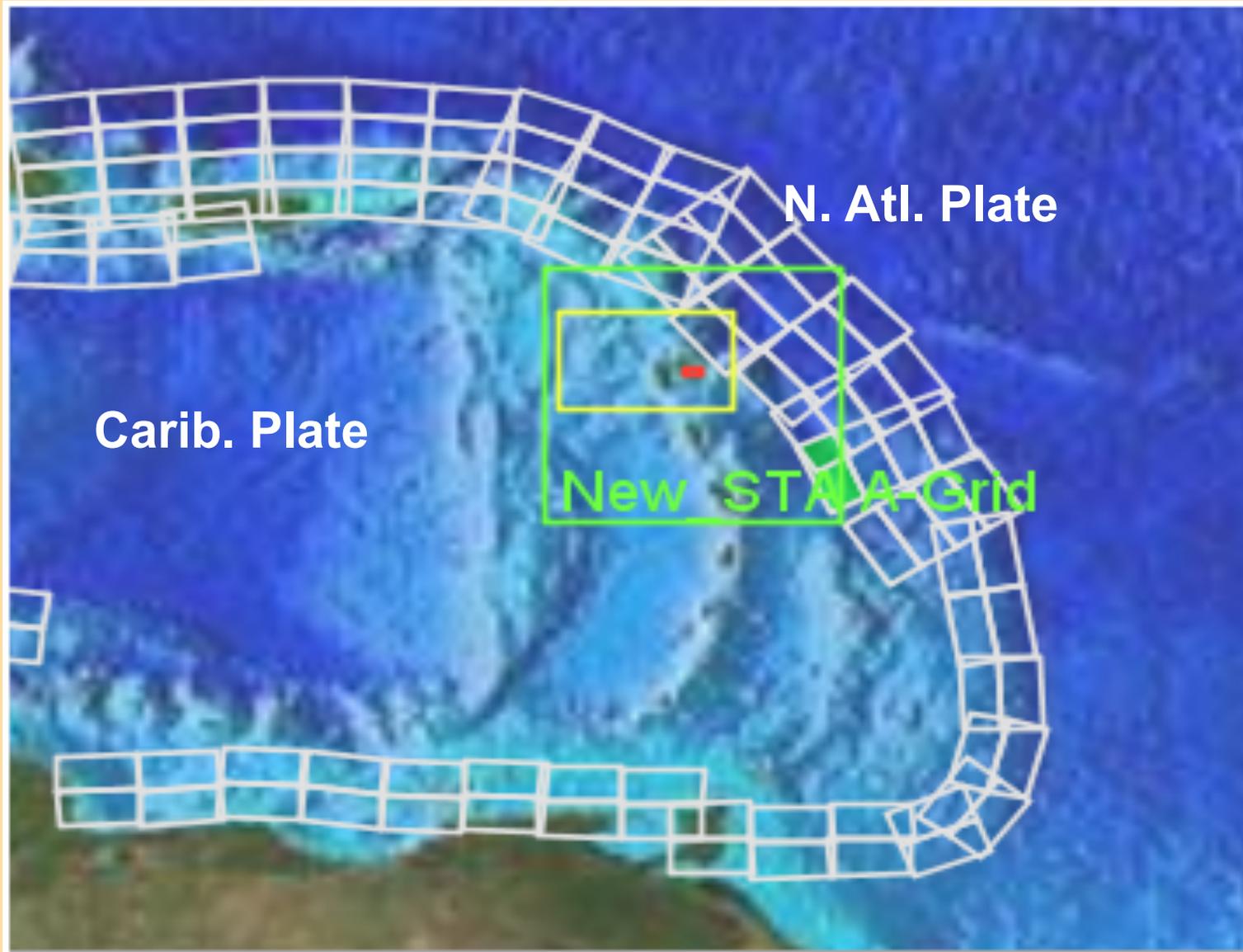


# Waves amplitude in Martinique, Ford-de-France

## Inside A grid



# Building a bank of scenarios for all the blocks : in progress



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