

# INTERACTION AND MERGENCE OF CUSPATE FORELANDS FORMED AT END OF MULTIPLE SANDY ISLANDS UNDER WAVES



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# INTRODUCTION

● When waves are incident from two opposite directions in a shallow sea, a land-tied island or a cusped foreland may develop.

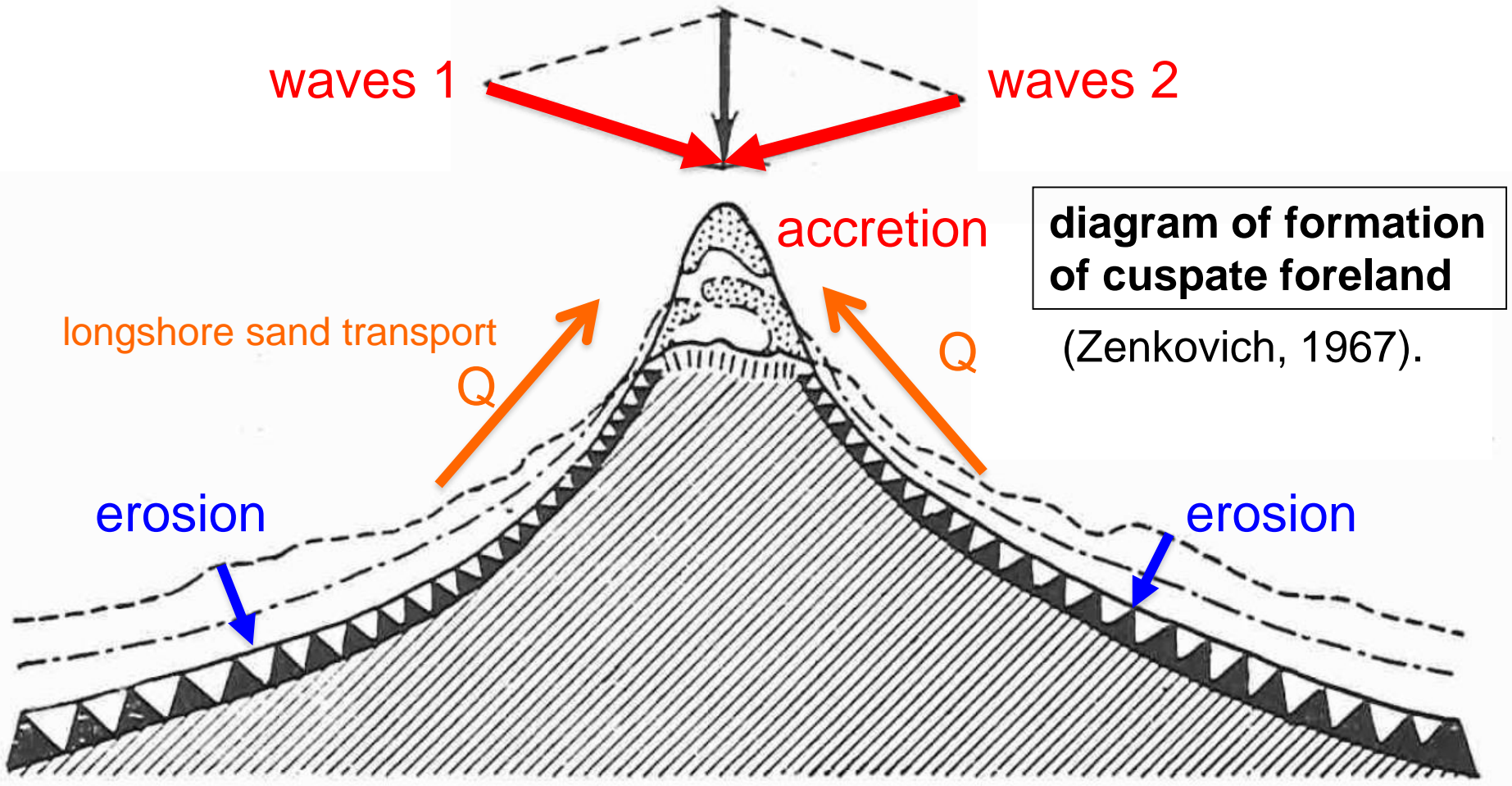
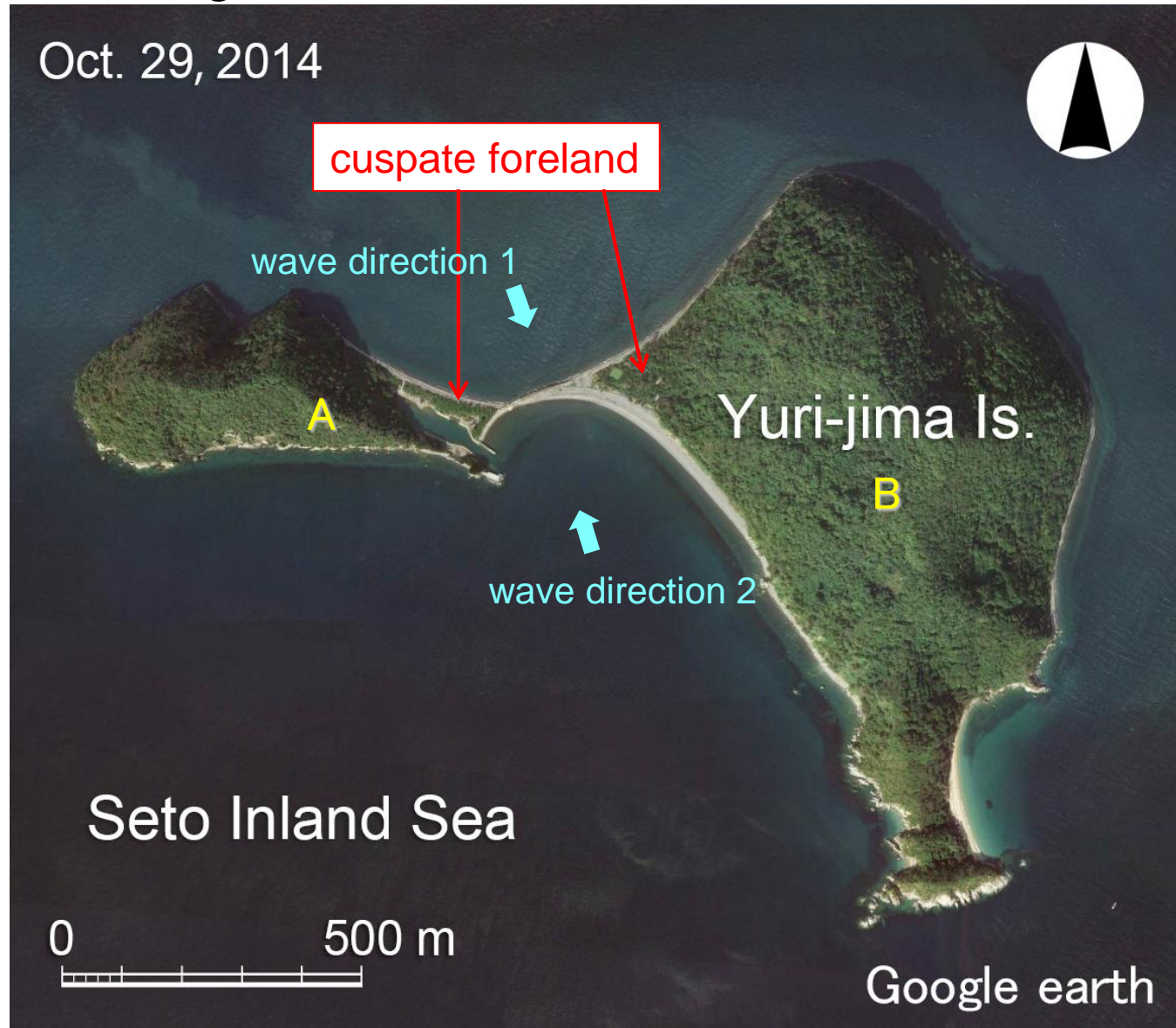


FIG. 205. Diagram of the formation of **symmetrical** accumulations.  
Zenkovich(1967)<sub>2</sub>



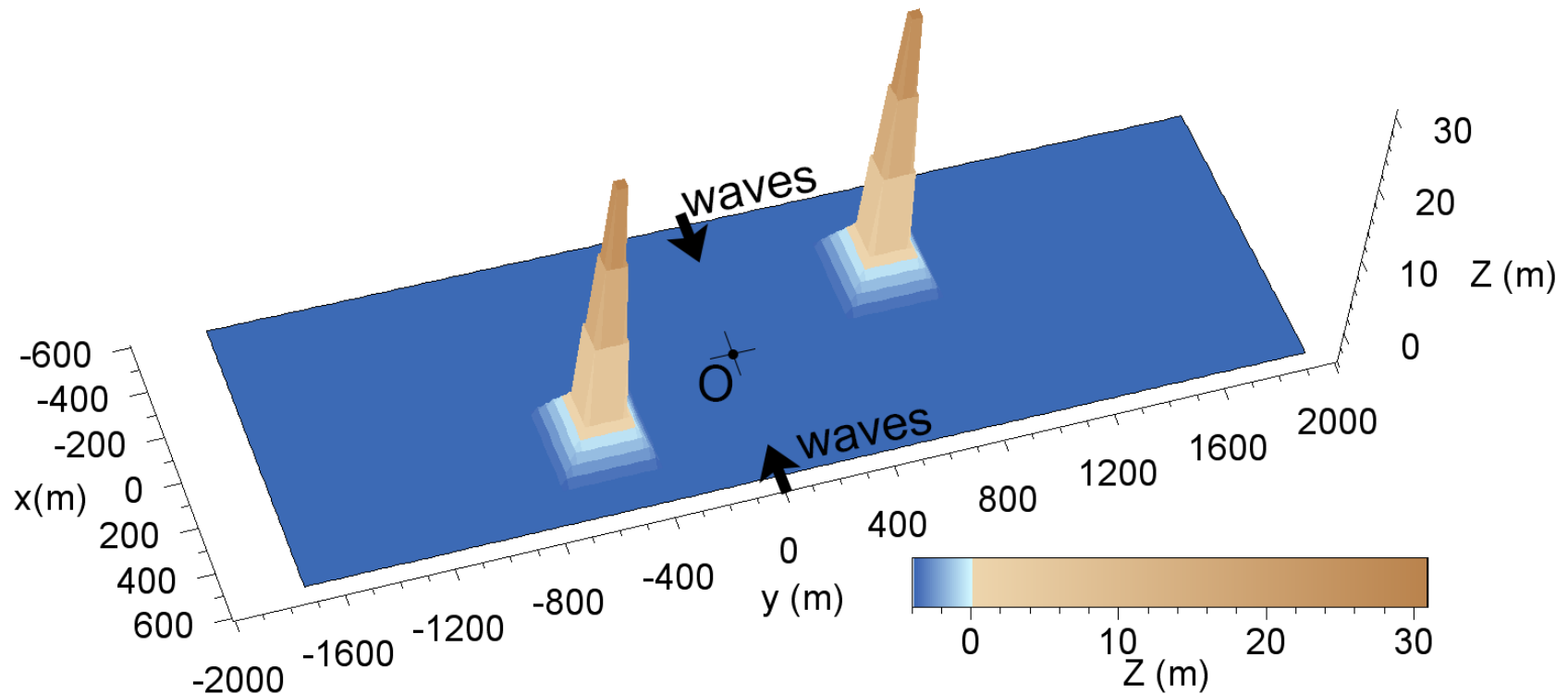
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- There are many cases of multiple islands deforming while interacting with each other.



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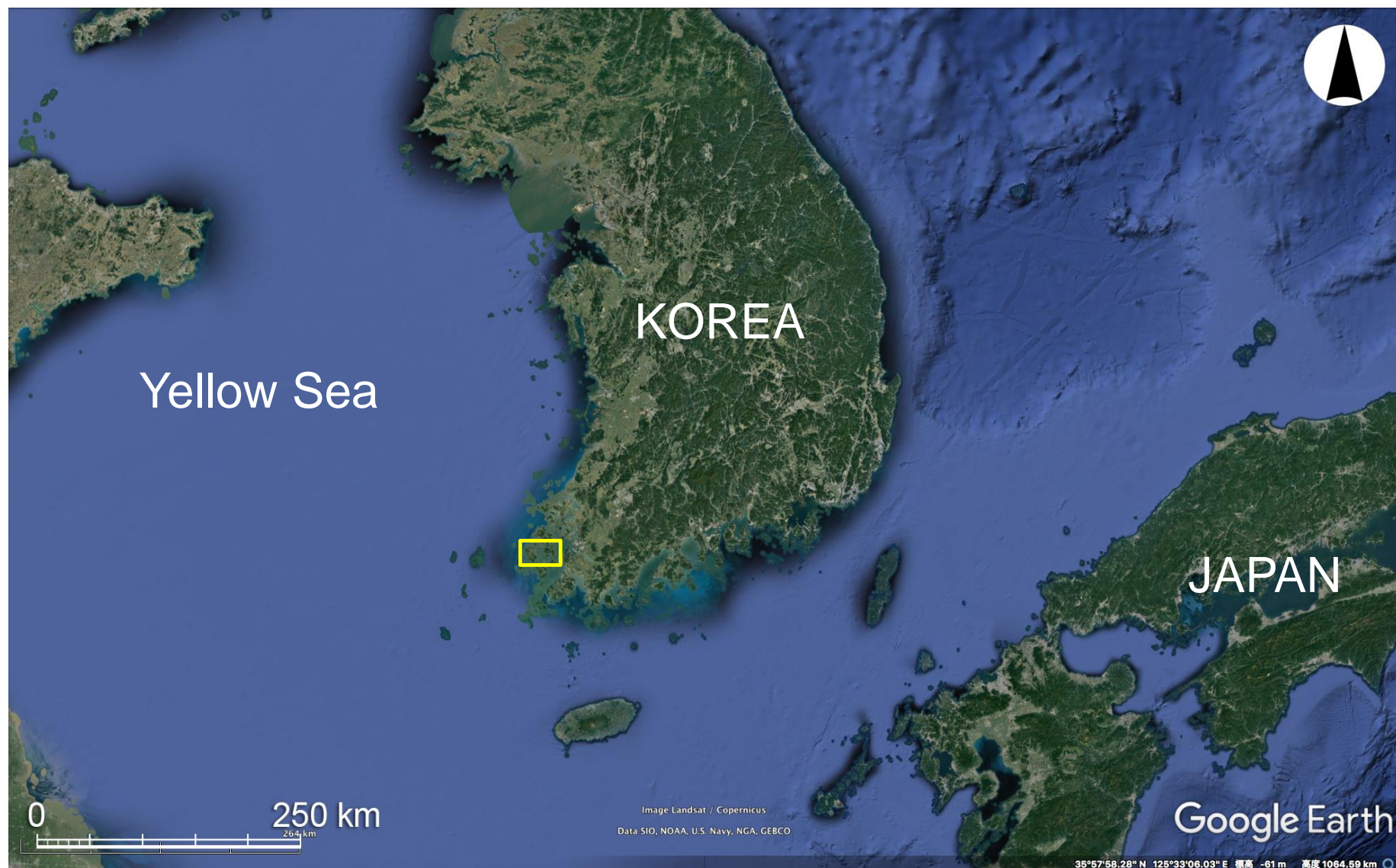
- In this study, we investigated beach changes associated with the interaction and mergence of the cusped forelands formed at the end of two sandy islands using the **BG model** (a model for predicting three-dimensional beach changes based on Bagnold's concept).





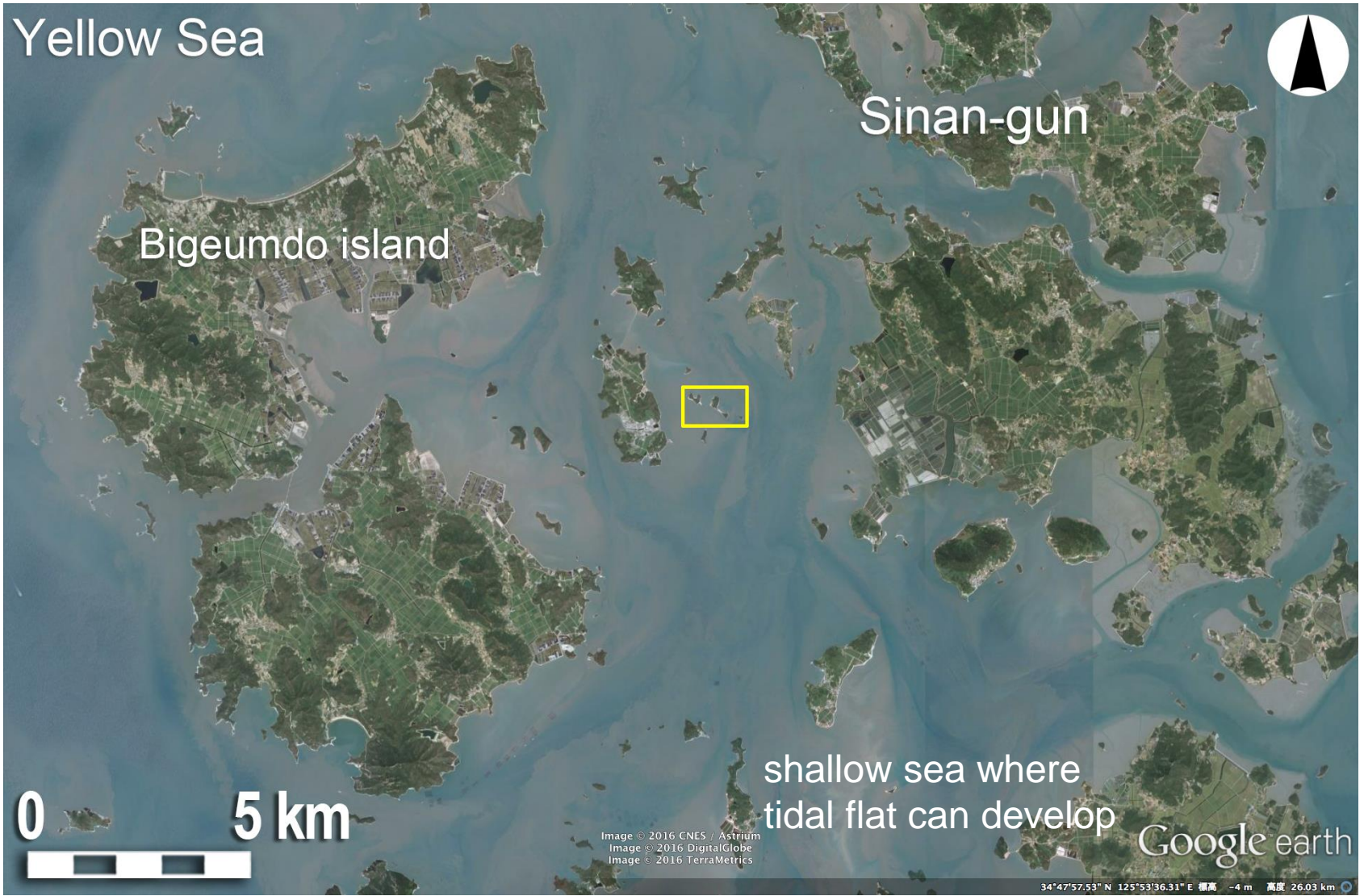
**Examples of  
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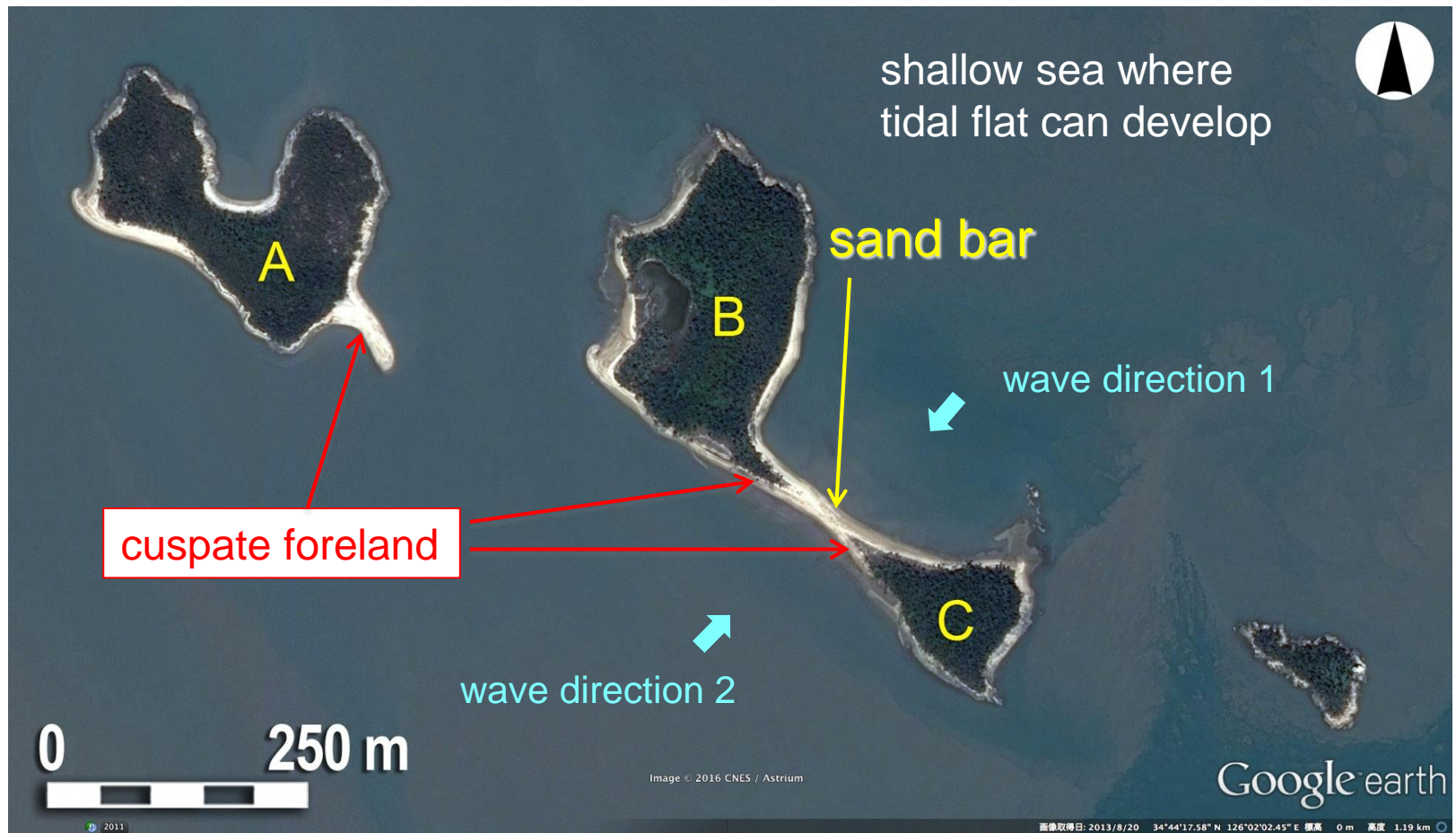


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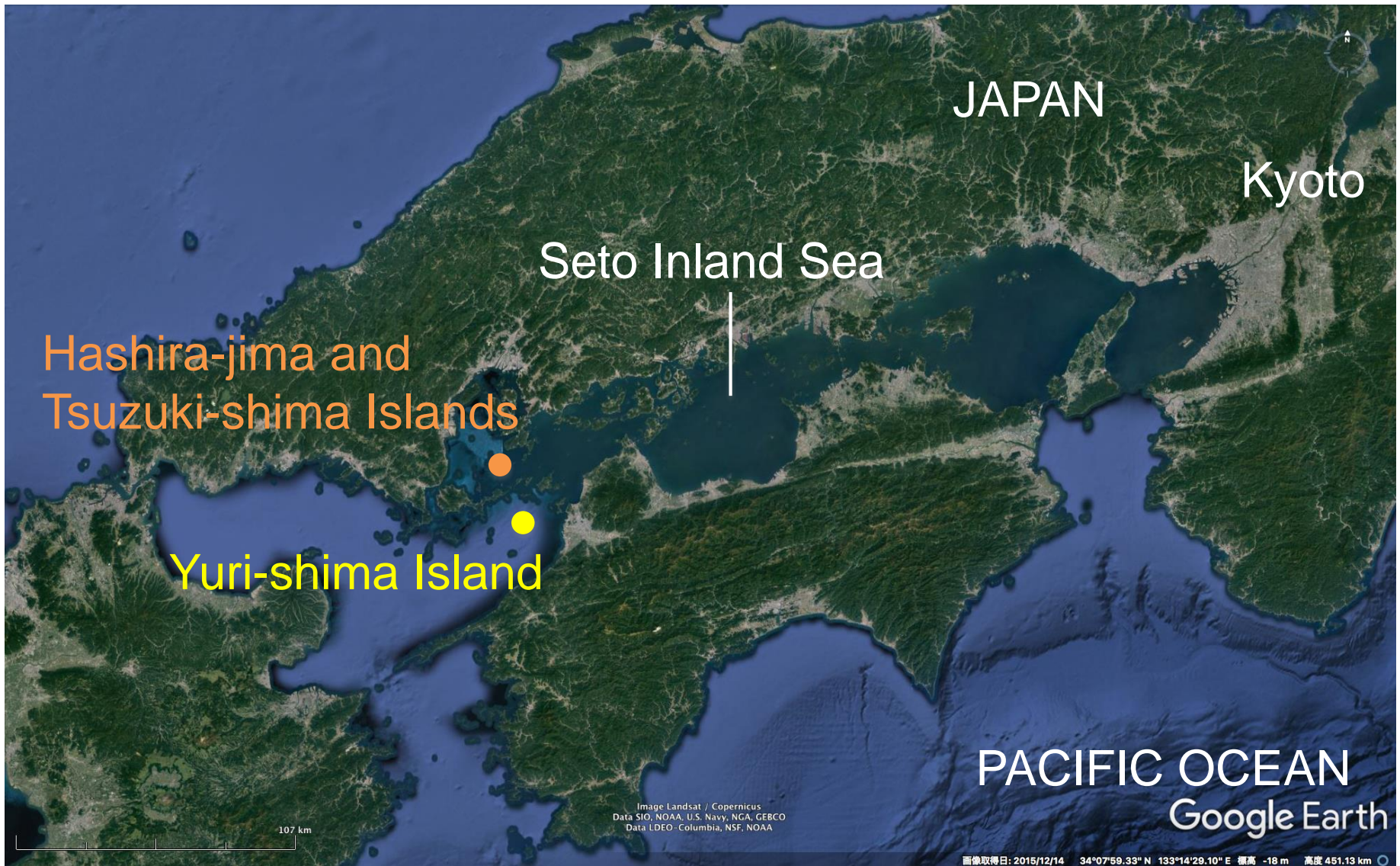


# Cusplate forelands extending from islands and connected with each other



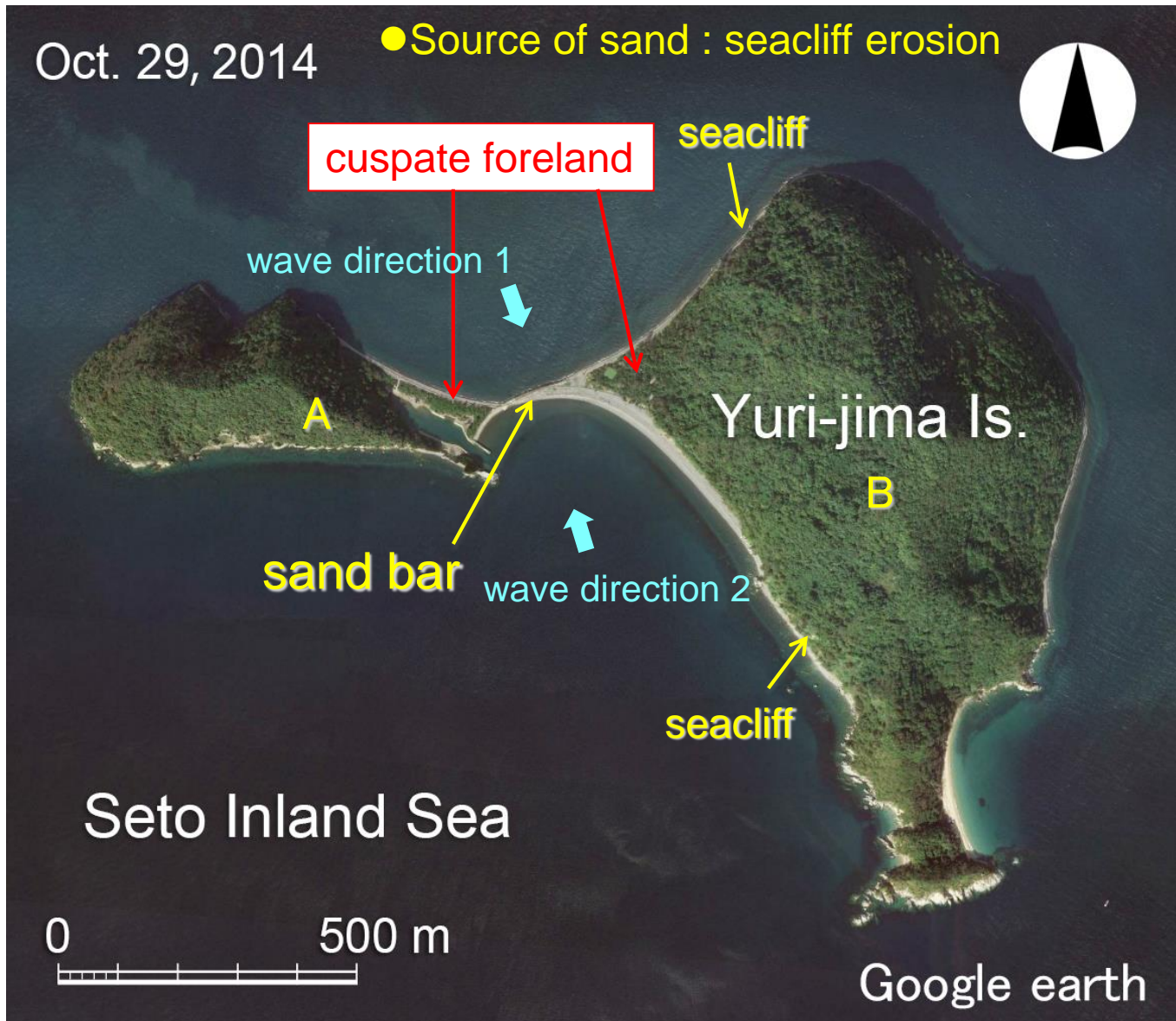


# Seto Inland Sea, Japan





# Cuspate foreland on Yuri-shima Island in the Seto Inland Sea, Japan





# Bip Island, Van Phong Bay, Vietnam



Nha Trang

Ho Chi Minh City

South China Sea

0 100 km  
110 km

Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO  
Image Landsat / Copernicus

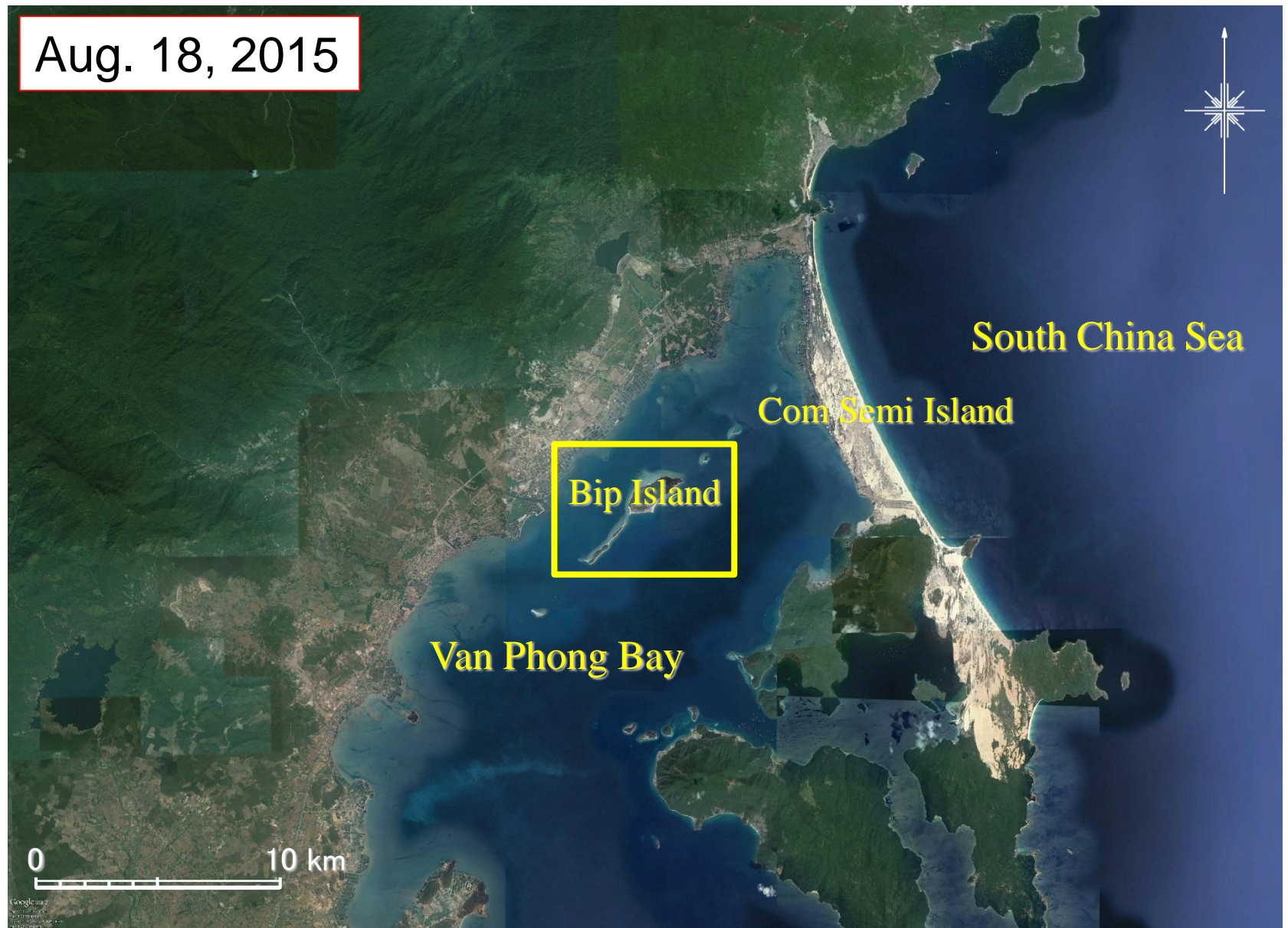
Google Earth

12°25'06.15" N 106°27'09.04" E 標高 88 m 高度 464.60 km



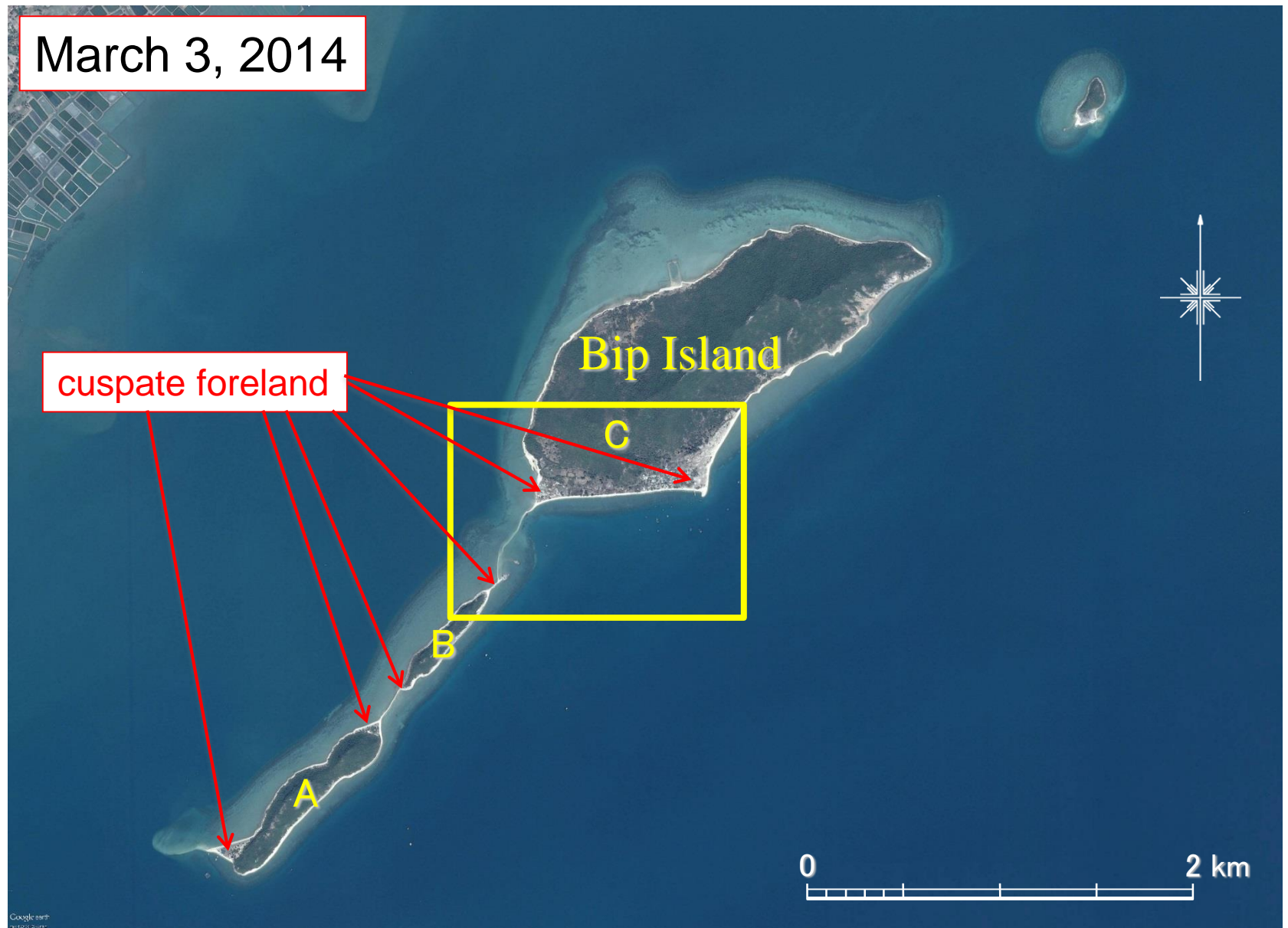
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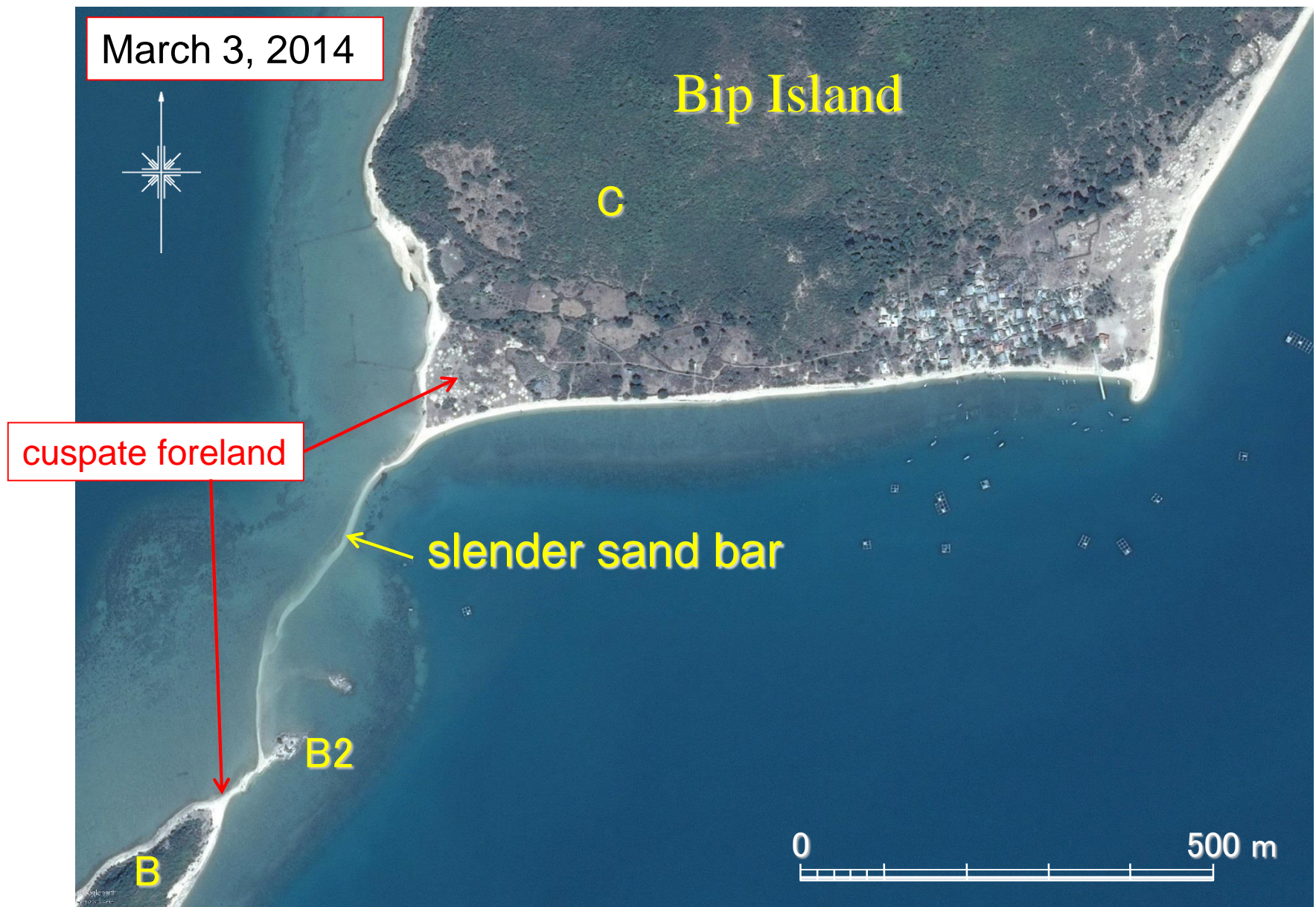
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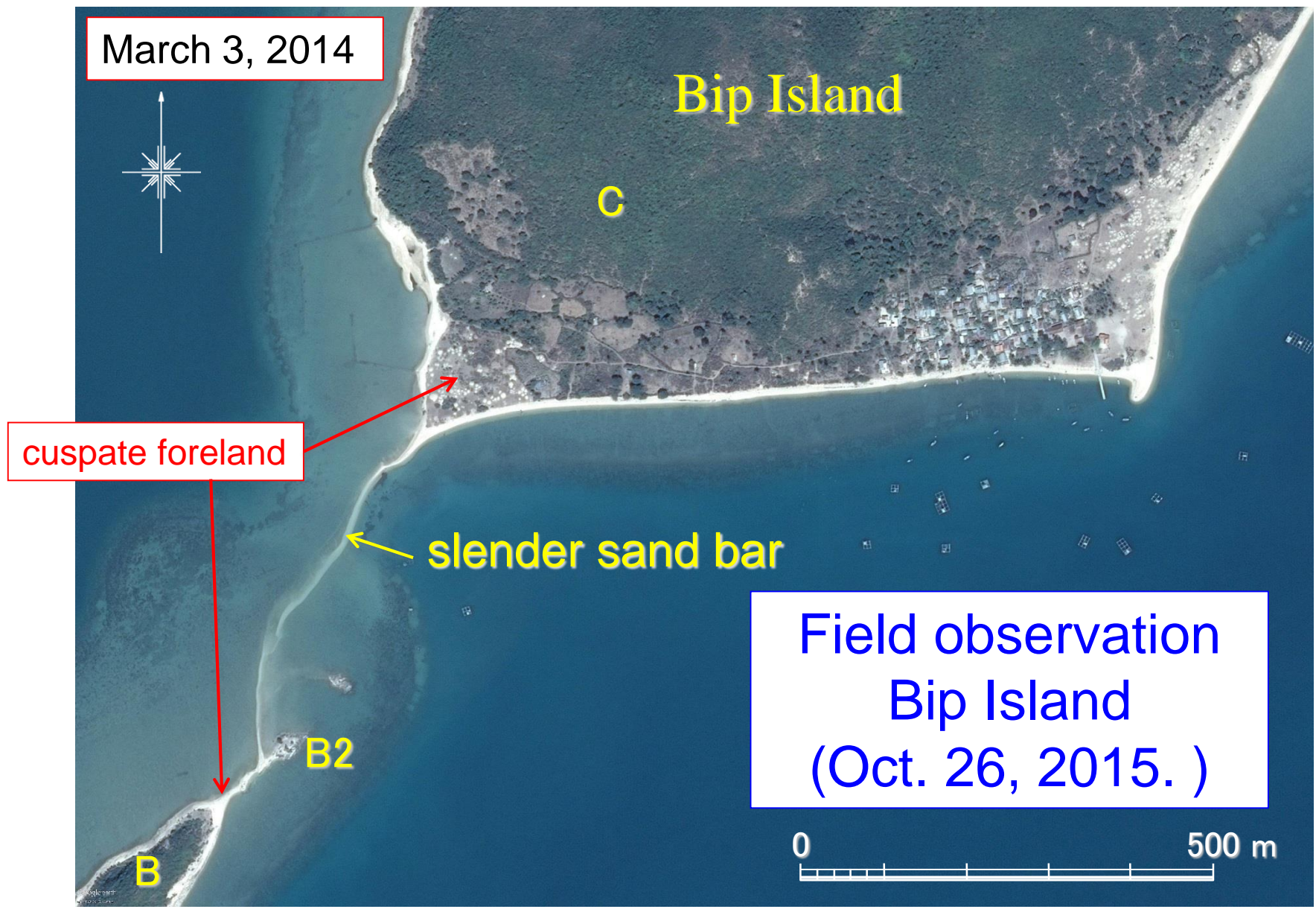


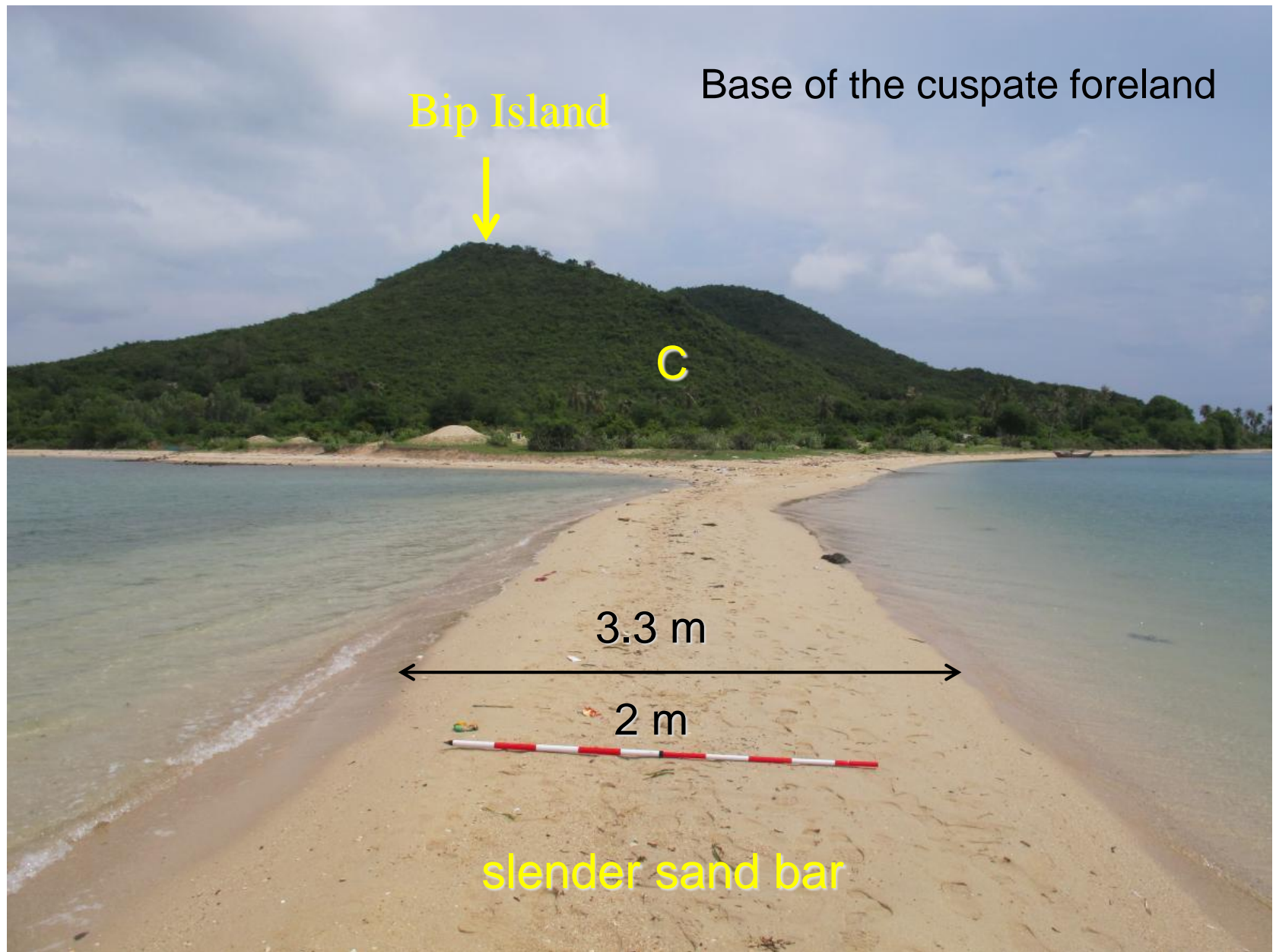
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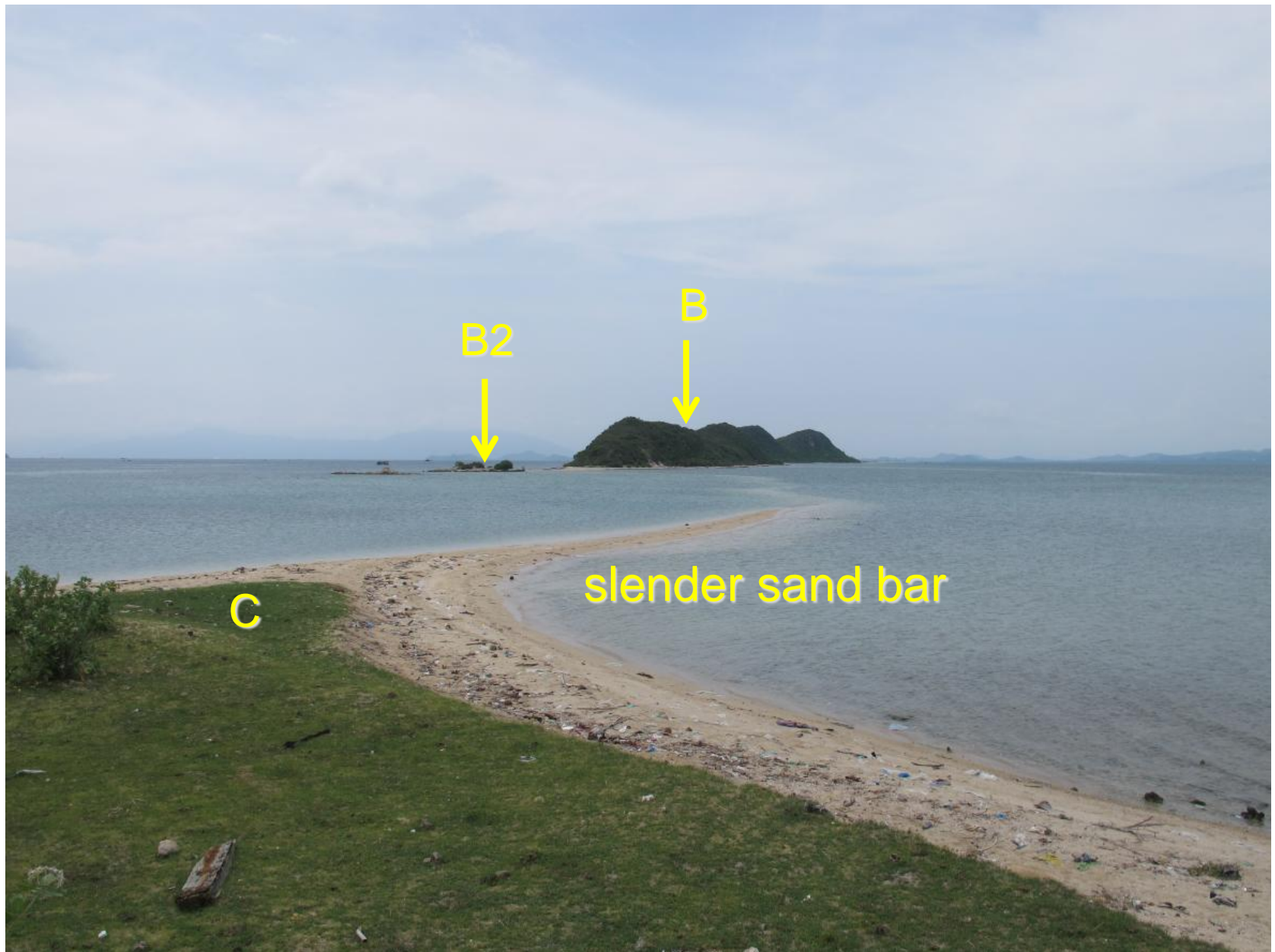
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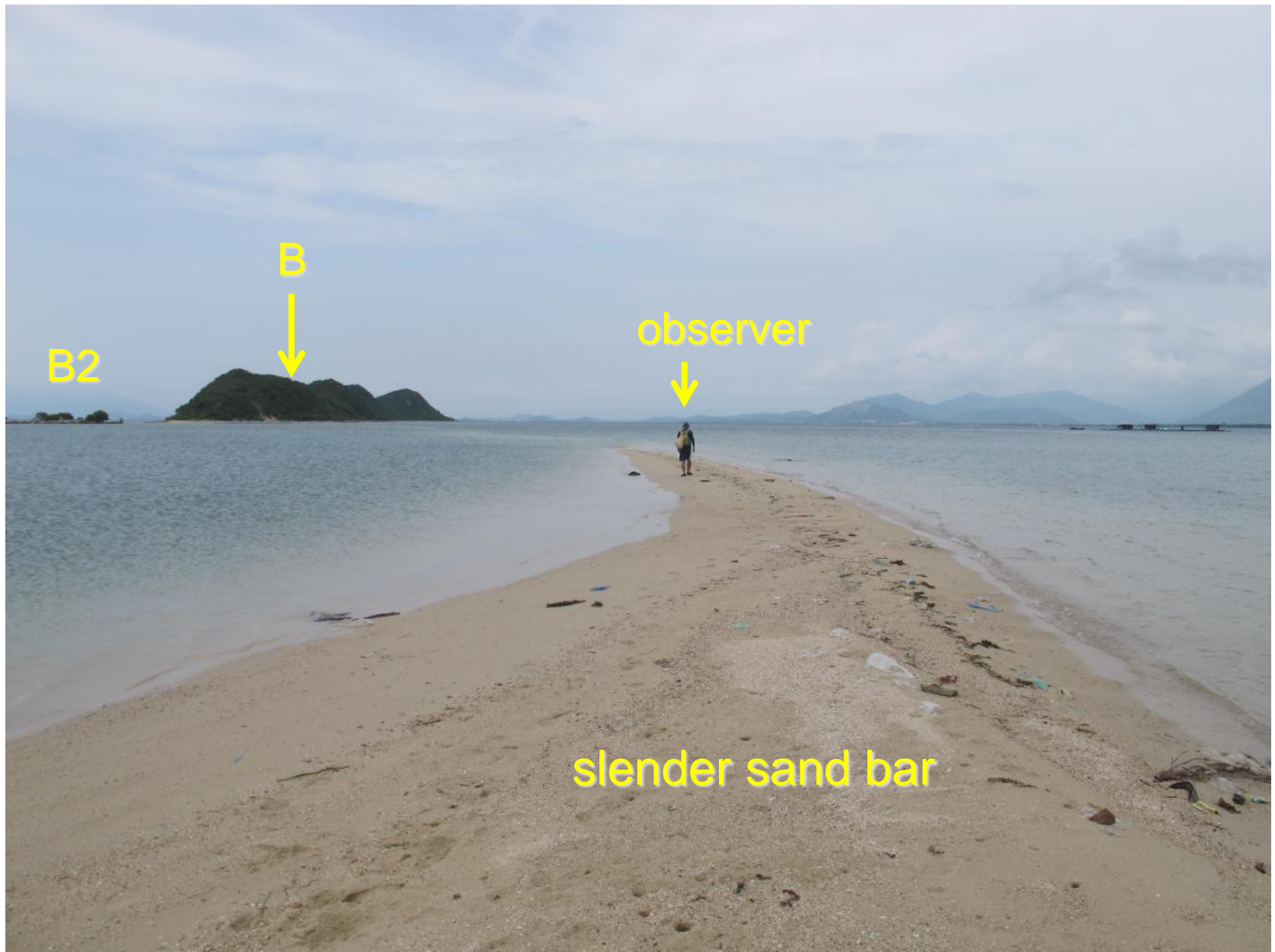




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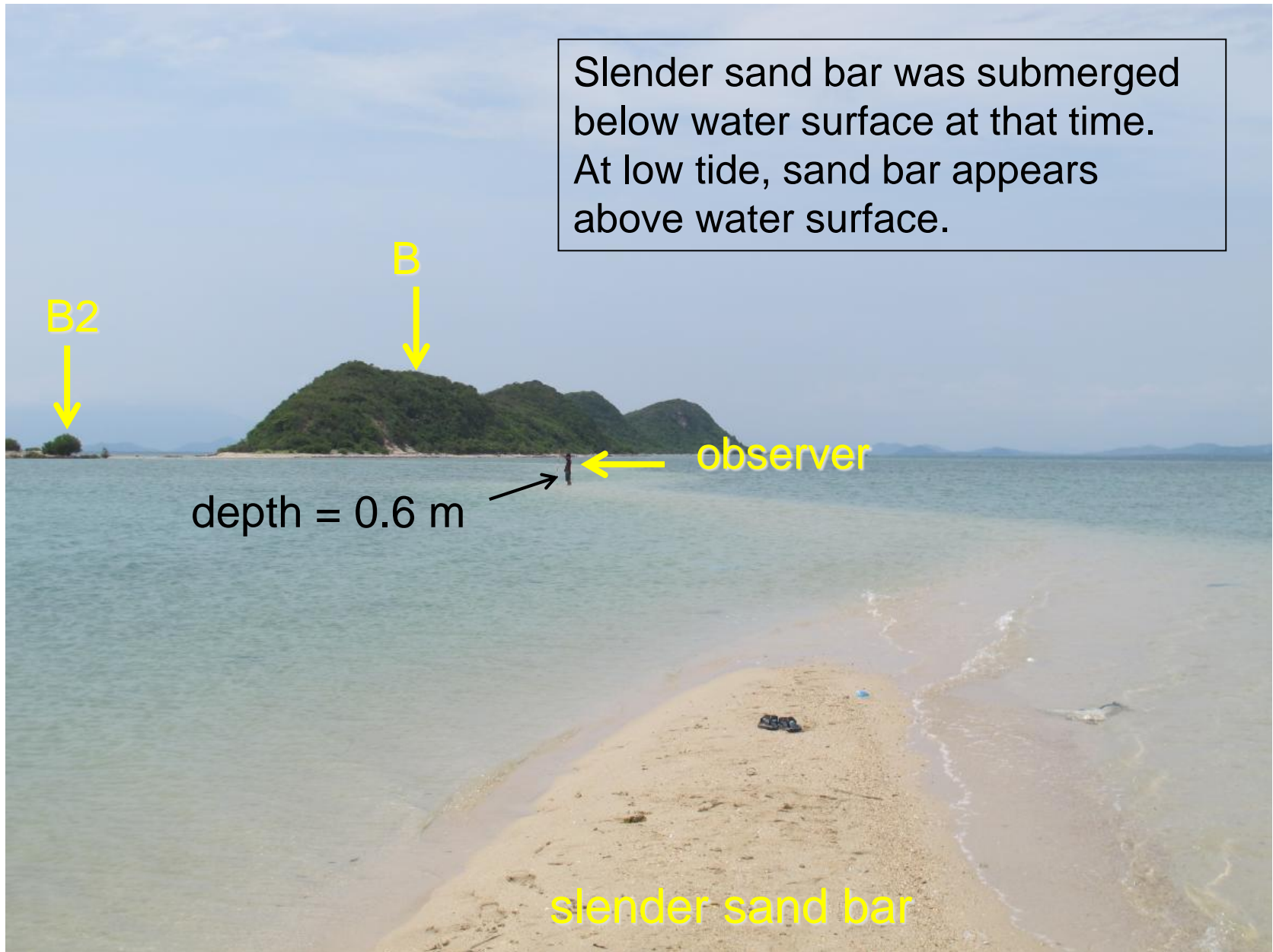
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Slender sand bar was submerged below water surface at that time.  
At low tide, sand bar appears above water surface.



# Calculation of connection of two islands.

**BG Model** (Model for predicting beach changes based on **BaGnold's concept**)

Serizawa et al. (2015)



# BG Model (Model for predicting beach changes based on Bagnold's concept)

## The sand transport equation

- equilibrium slope : Inman and Bagnold(1963)
- energetic approach : Bagnold(1963)

$$\vec{q} = C_0 \frac{P}{\tan\beta_c} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} K_n (\tan\beta_c \vec{e}_w - |\cos\alpha| \nabla Z) \\ + \left\{ (K_s - K_n) \sin\alpha \frac{K_2}{\tan\beta} \frac{\partial H}{\partial s} \right\} \tan\beta \vec{e}_s \end{array} \right\} \quad \dots(1)$$

$(-h_c \text{ \scriptsize } \uparrow \text{ \scriptsize } h_R)$

Ozasa and Brampton (1980)

$P$  = wave energy dissipation by breaking

$$= K \sqrt{g/h} \left[ 1 - (G/g)^2 \right] E \quad \dots(2)$$

$P$  is calculated by using the results of wave field.

## Calculation model of plane wave field:

energy balance equation (Mase, 2001) with dissipation term due to wave breaking (Dally *et al.*, 1984).

$\vec{q} = (q_x, q_y)$  : the net sand transport flux

$Z = (x, y, t)$  : the seabed elevation

$n, s$  : the coordinates of cross-shore and longshore directions,  
 $\vec{e}_n$  : the unit vector normal to the contour lines (shoreward).  
 $\vec{e}_s$  : parallel to a contour line

$\nabla Z = \tan\beta \vec{e}_n = (\partial Z / \partial x, \partial Z / \partial y)$  : the gradient vector of  $Z$ .

$\vec{e}_w$  : the unit vector of wave direction

$\theta_w$  : the angle between the  $x$ -axis and the wave direction

$\tan\beta \vec{e}_s = (-\partial Z / \partial y, \partial Z / \partial x)$

$\alpha = \theta_w - \theta_n$  : the angle between the wave direction and the normal to the contour line

$\tan\beta = |\nabla Z|$  : the seabed slope

$\tan\beta_c$  : equilibrium slope

$K_s$  : coefficients of longshore sand transport

$K_n$  : cross-shore sand transport

$h_c$  : the depth of closure

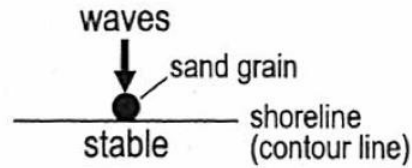
$h_R$  : the berm height

$H$  : the wave height at a local point

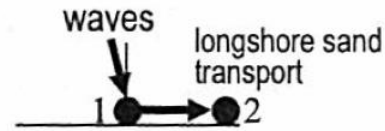
$C_0 = 1 / \{ (\rho_s - \rho) g (1 - p) \}$

# Physical meaning of BG model

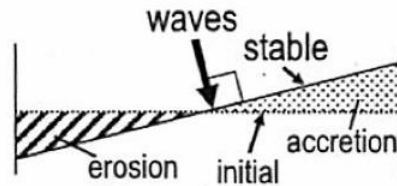
(a) incident waves orthogonal on a contour line



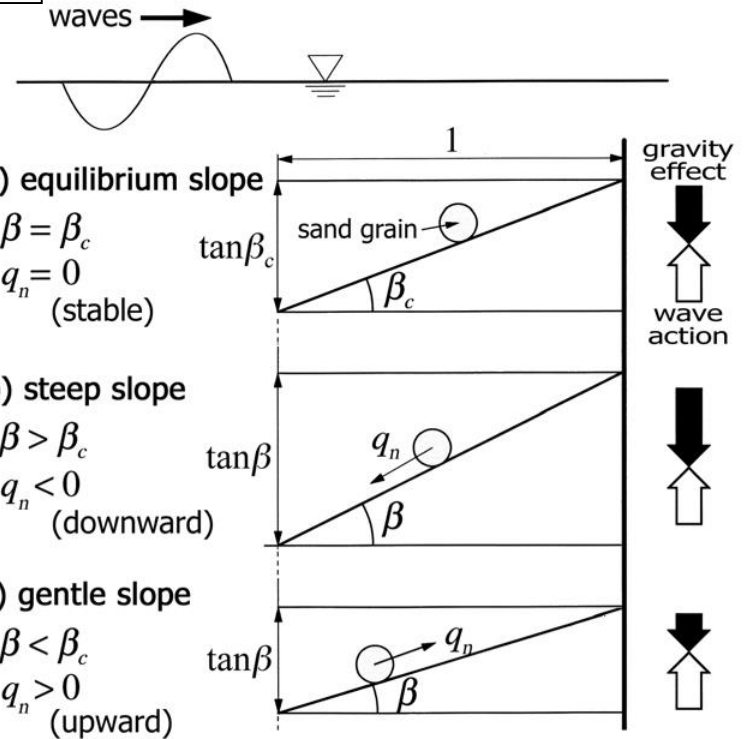
(b) obliquely incident waves



(c) stable contour line



**Fig. Stabilization mechanism of contour lines based on wave directions and longshore sand transport.**



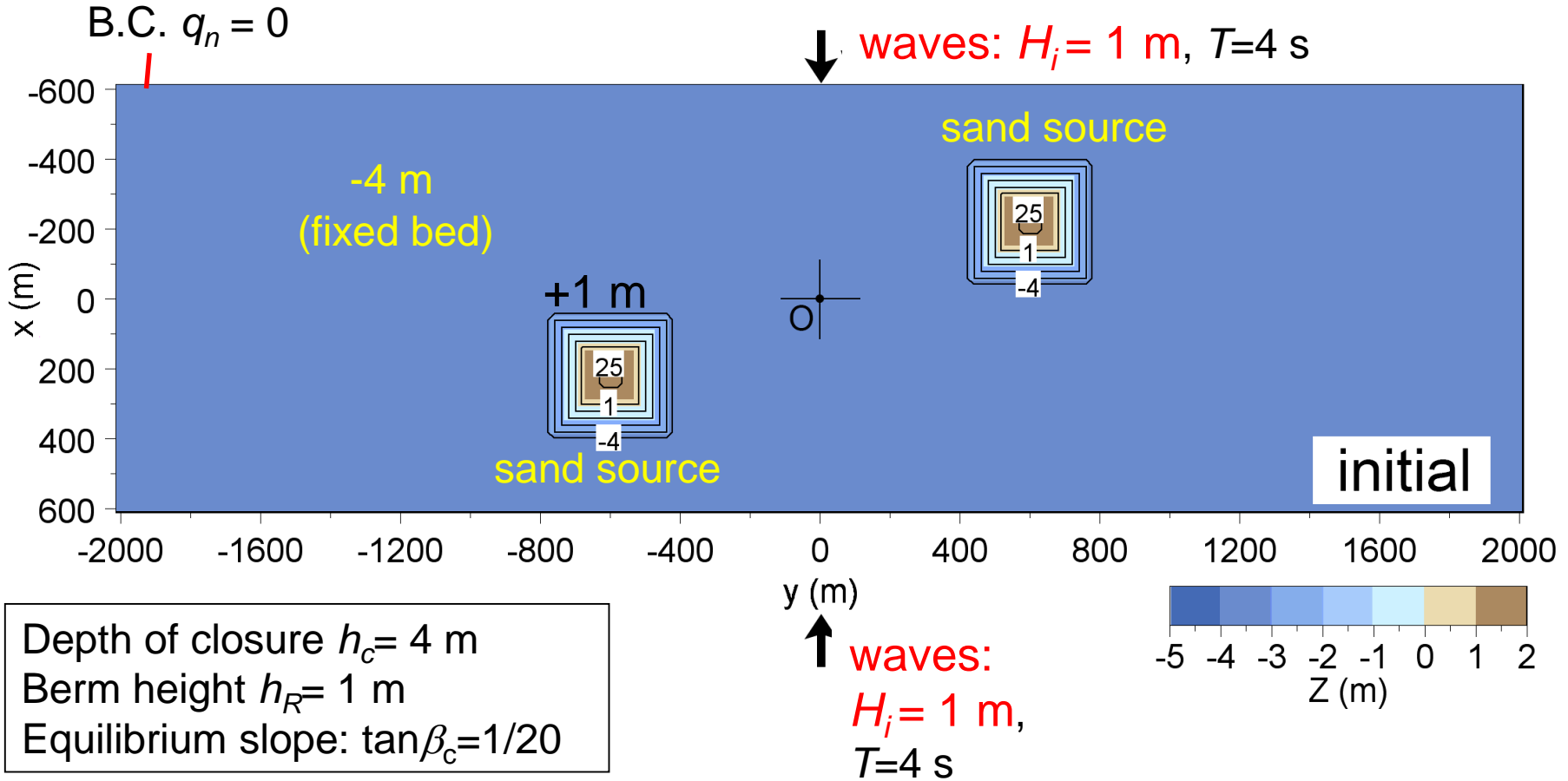
**Fig. Stabilization mechanism of beach profile based on equilibrium between gravity effect and wave action.**



# Calculation results

# Calculation results of connection of two islands under wave incidence from two directions

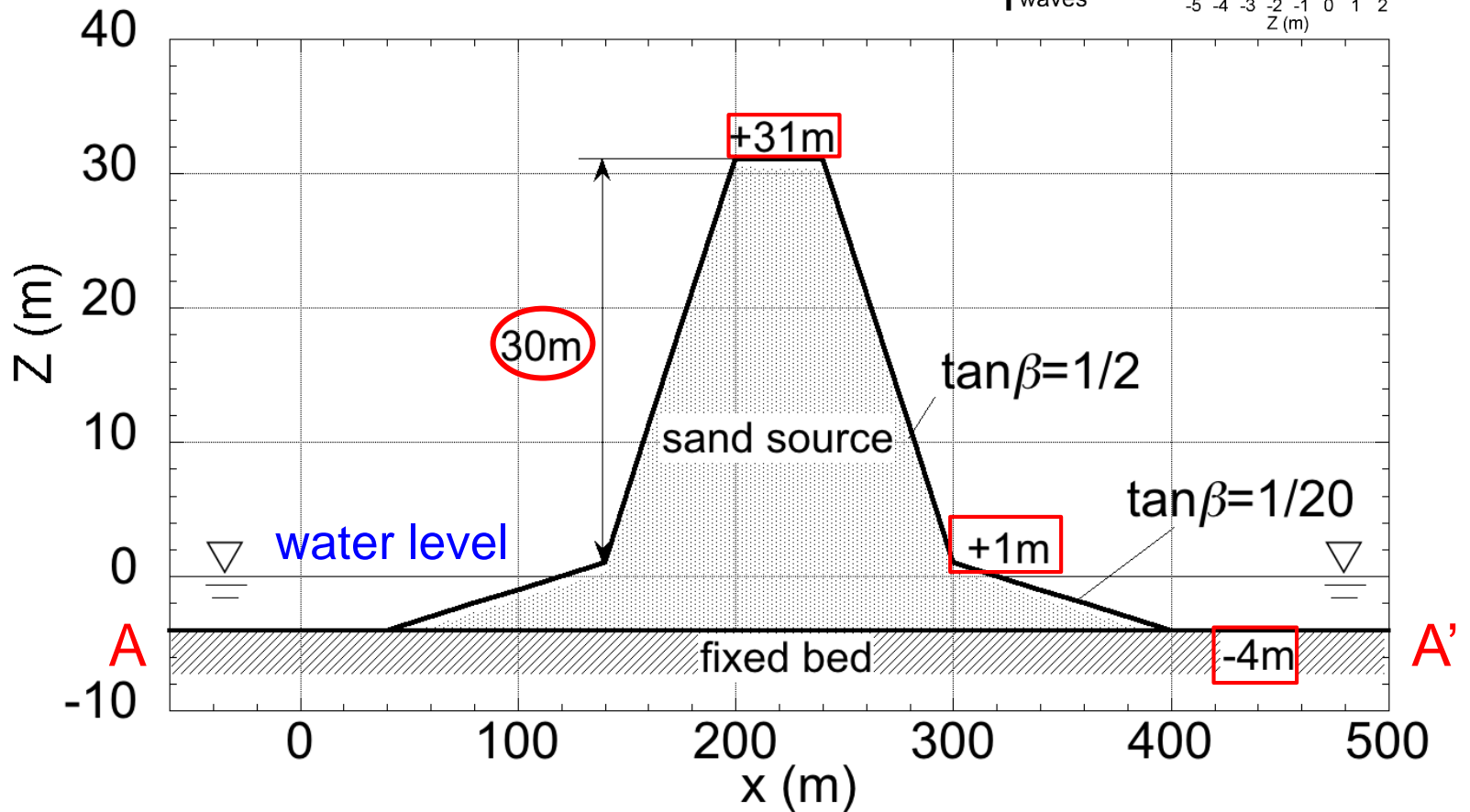
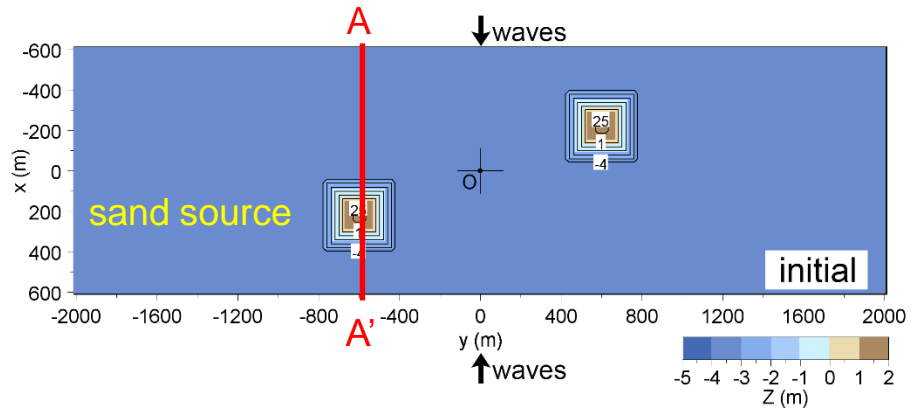
## Initial bathymetry





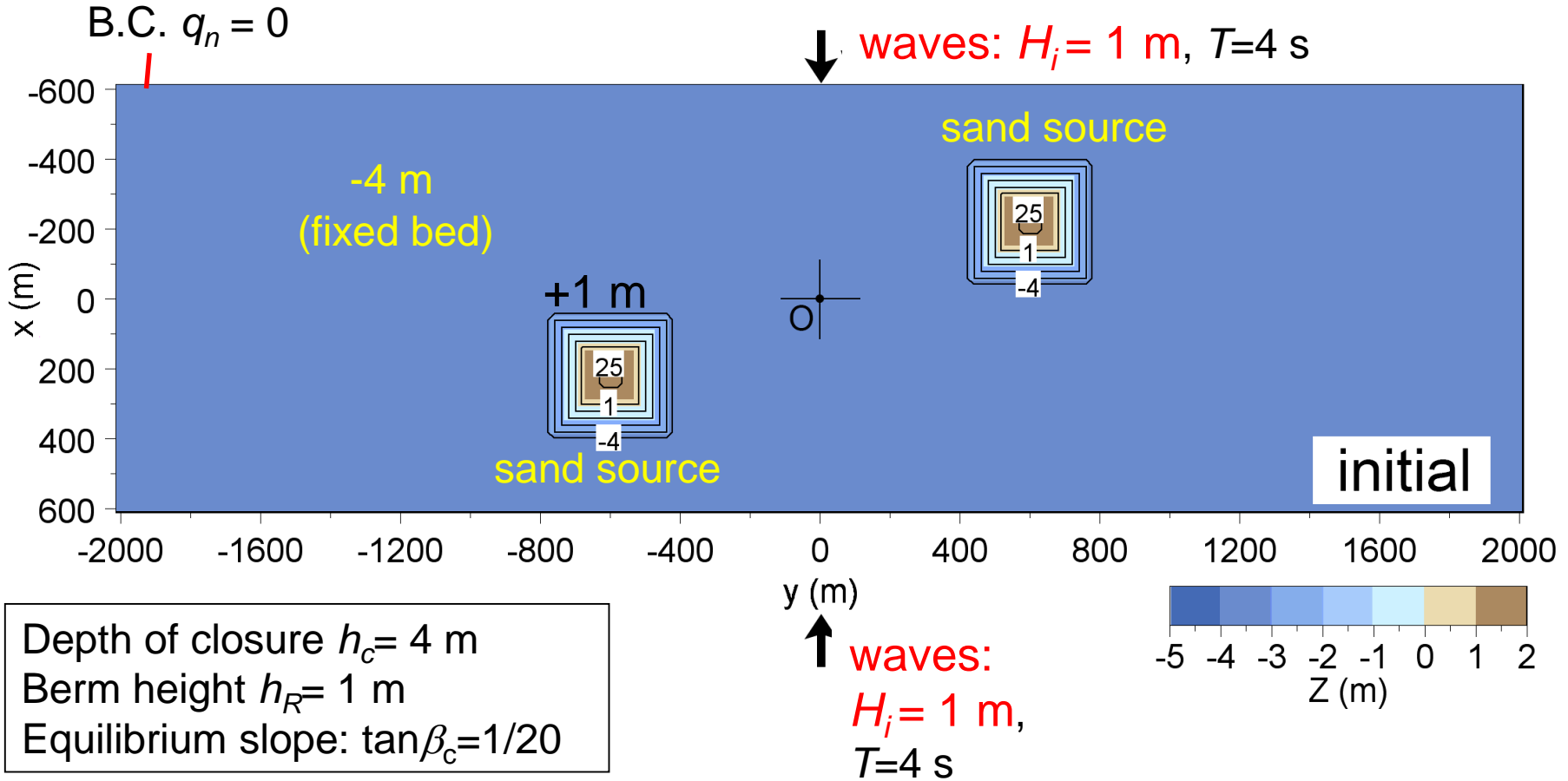
# Cross section of sandy islands

The reason for setting the high tower as the sand source was that a sufficient amount of sand for the elongation of the sand bar could be supplied.



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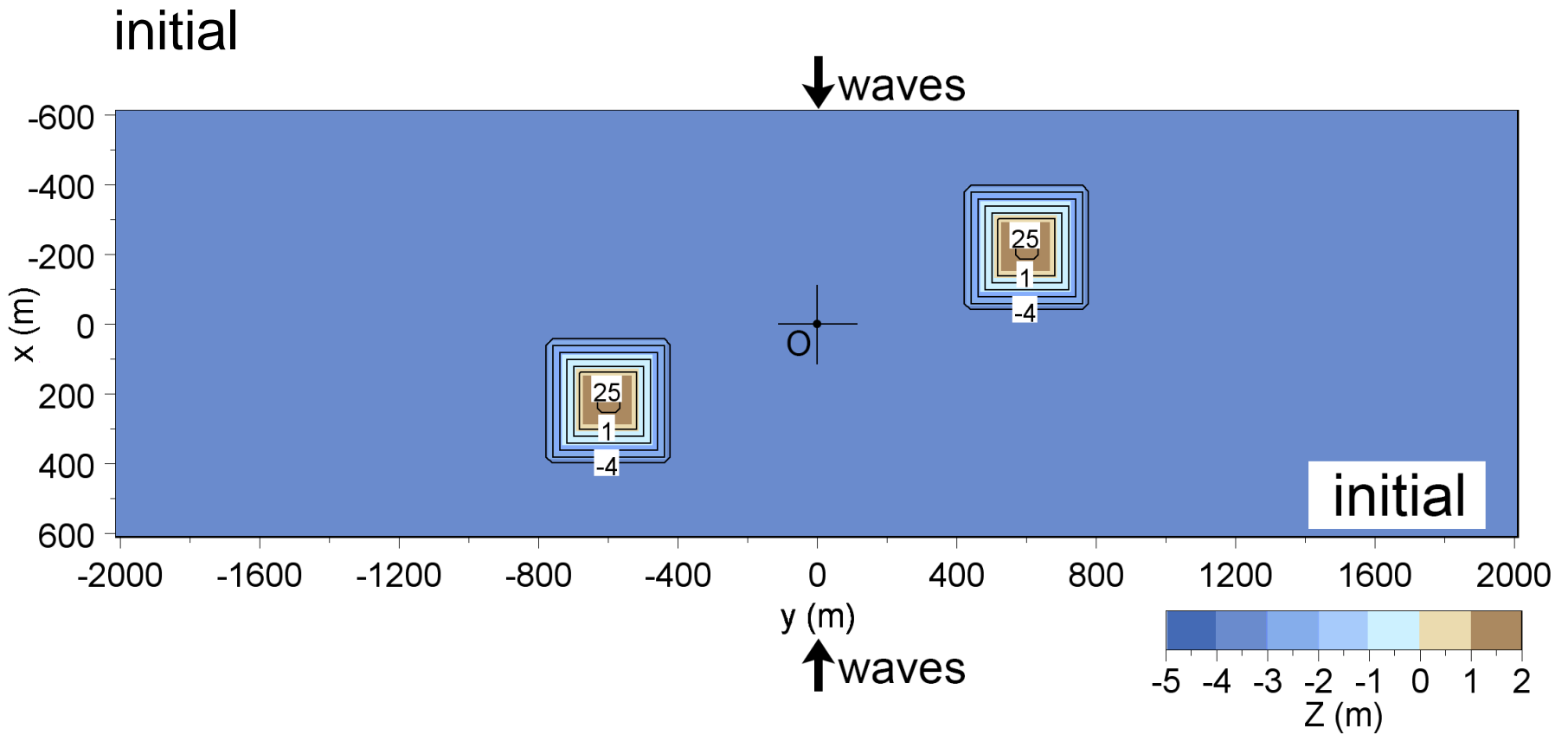
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Regarding the wave incidence from two directions, the wave direction was selected every 10 steps of the calculation of beach changes using random numbers.

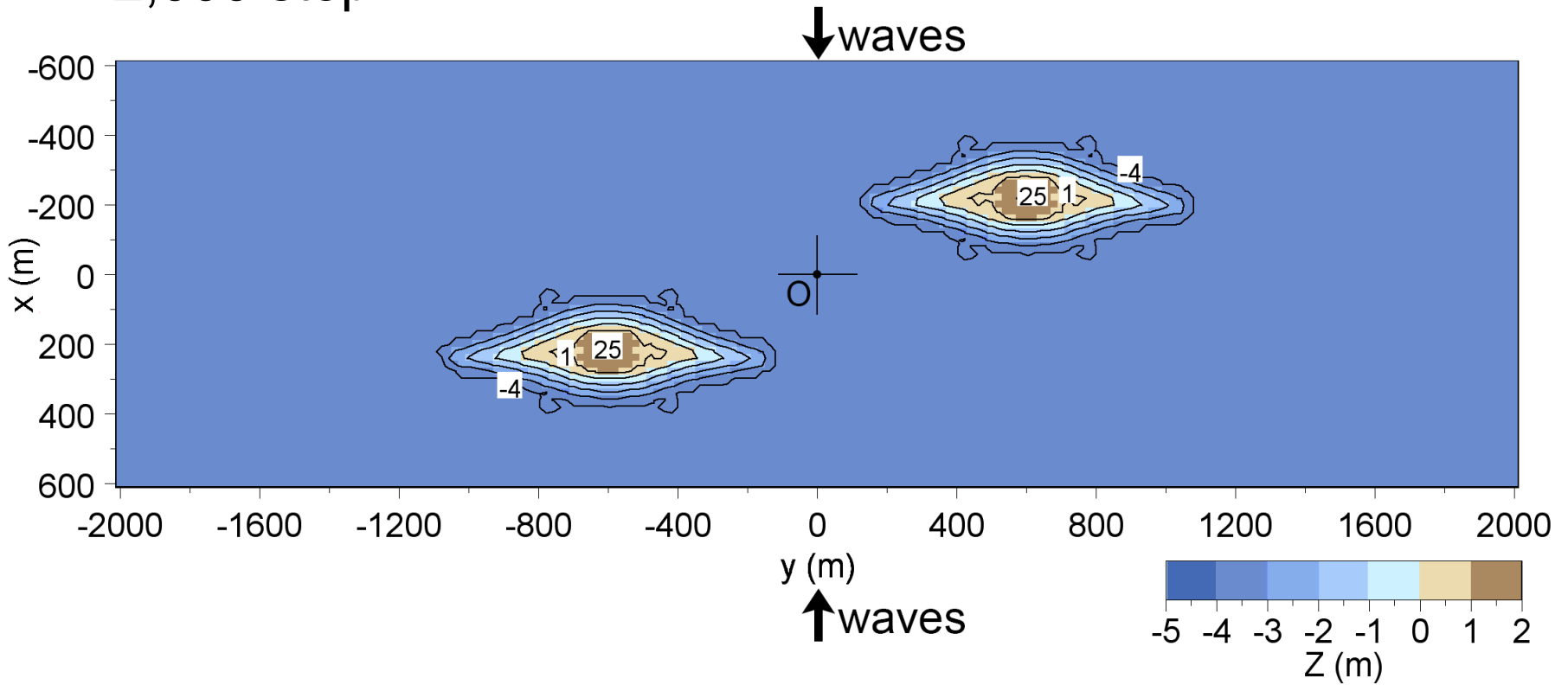


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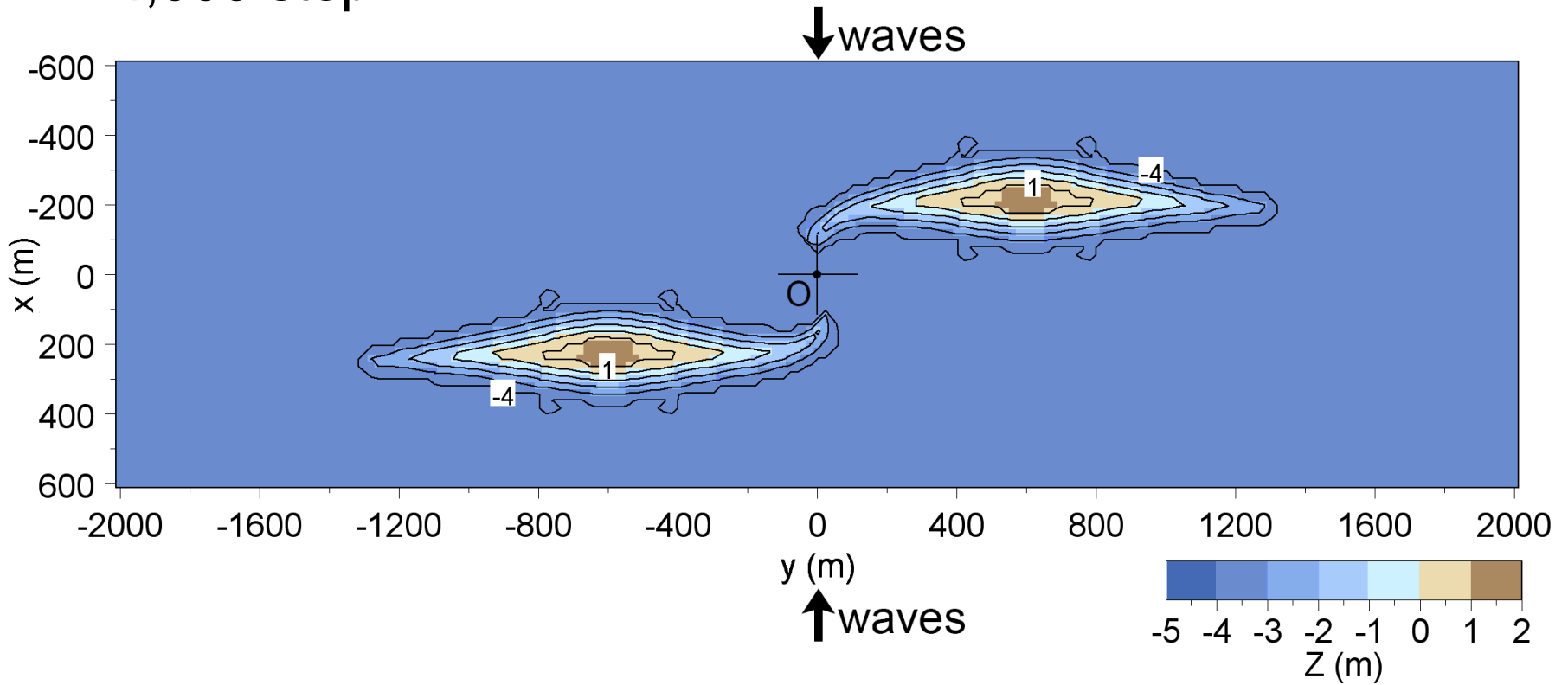
2,000 step





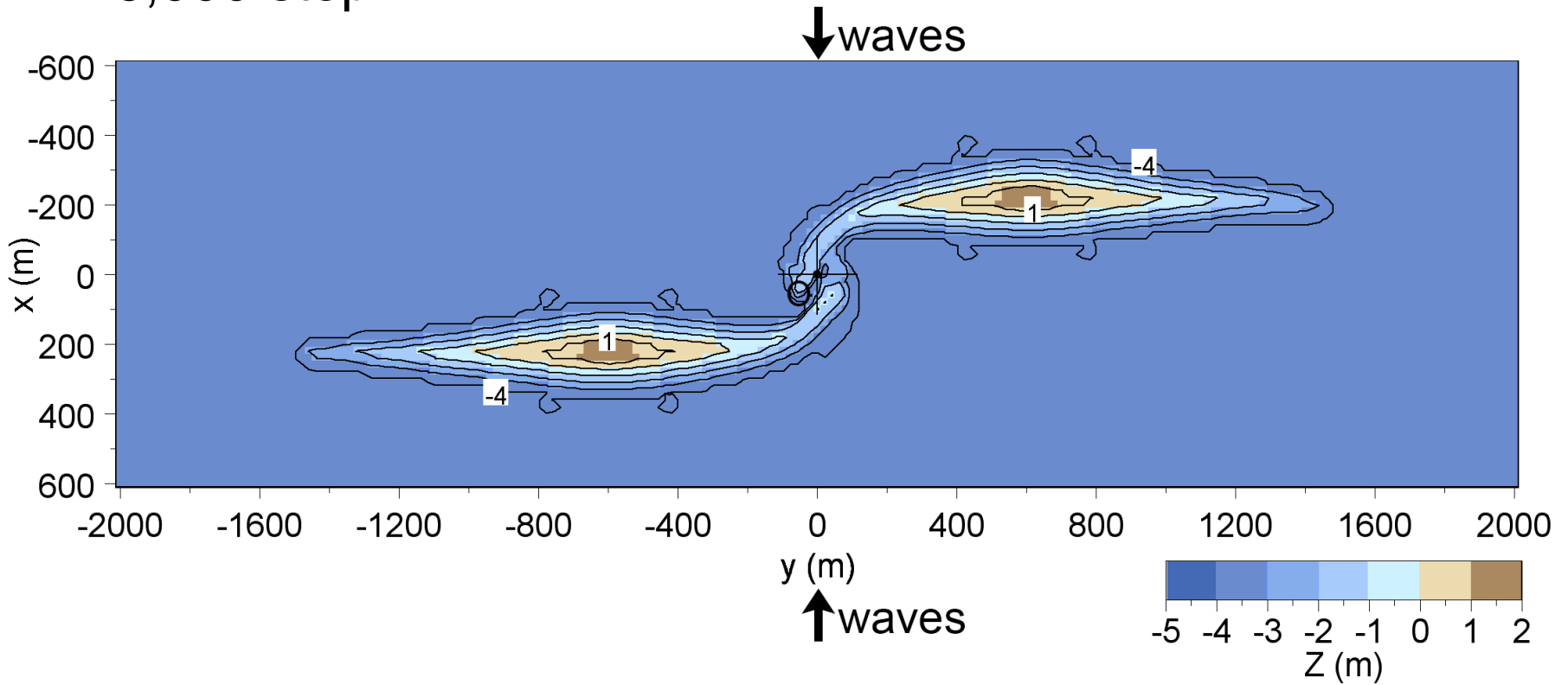
# Calculation results of connection of two islands

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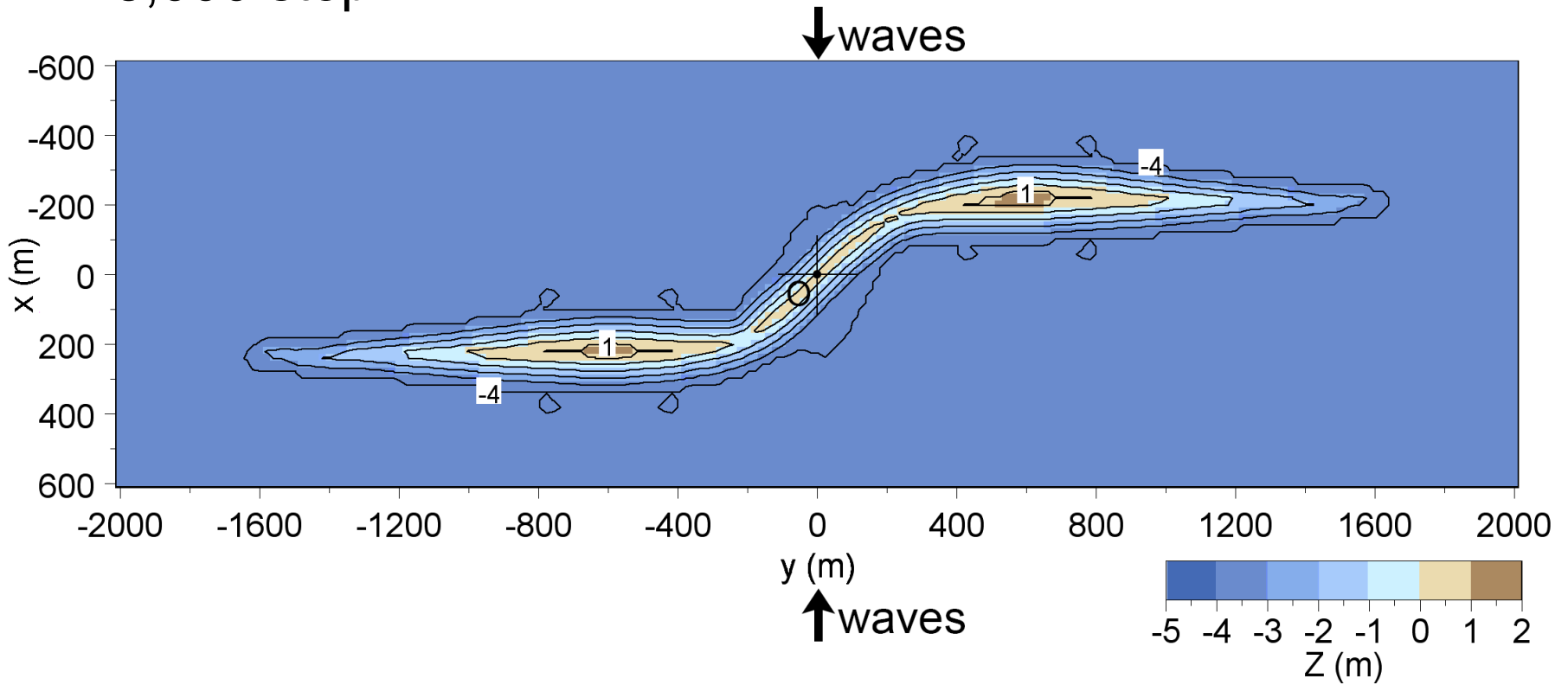
# Calculation results of connection of two islands

6,000 step



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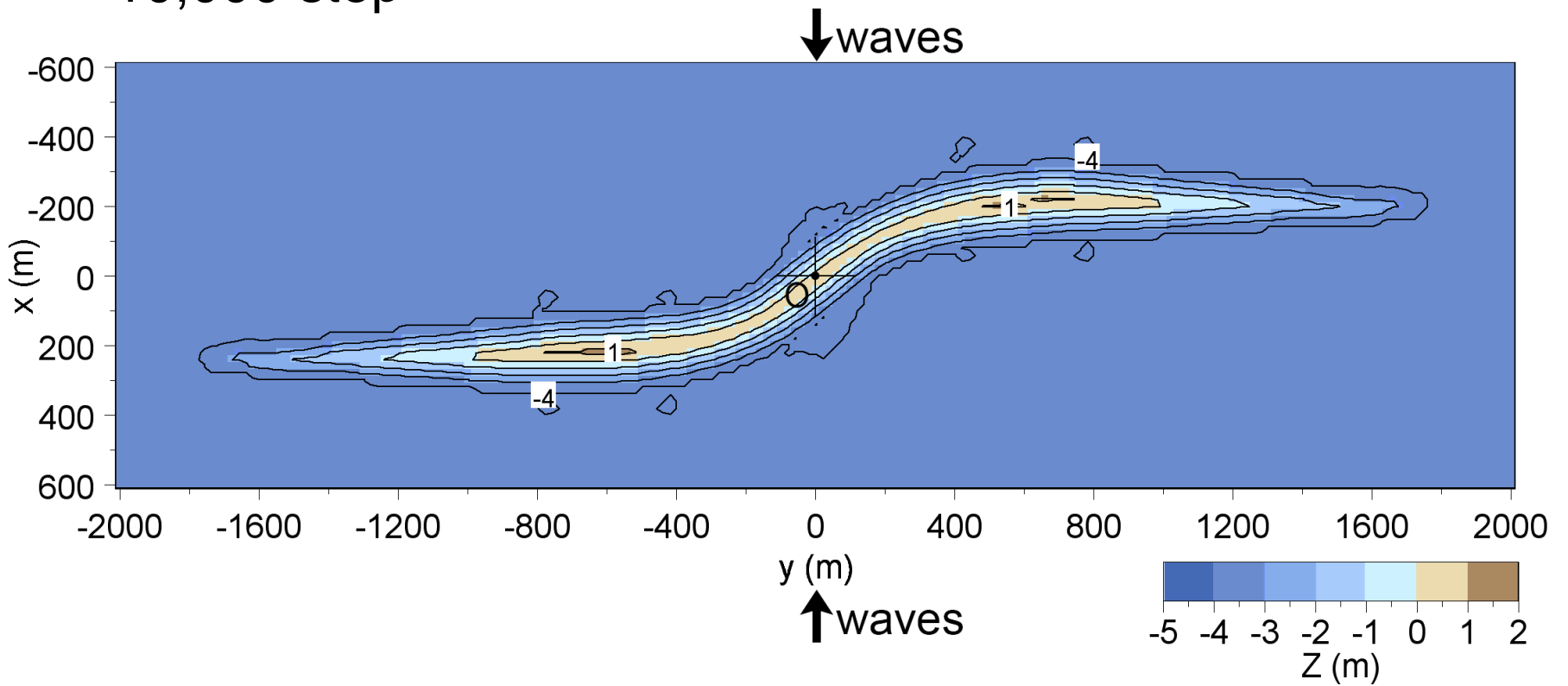
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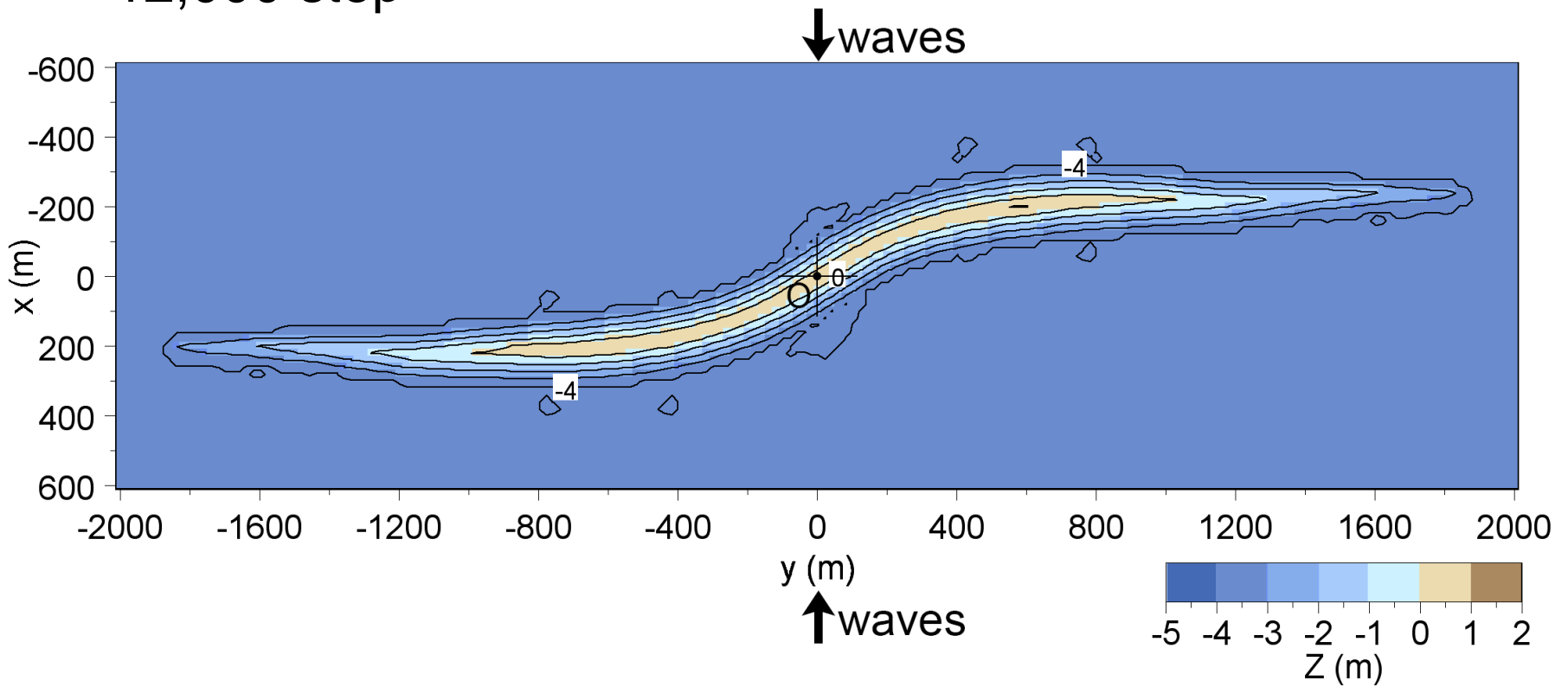
# Calculation results of connection of two islands

10,000 step



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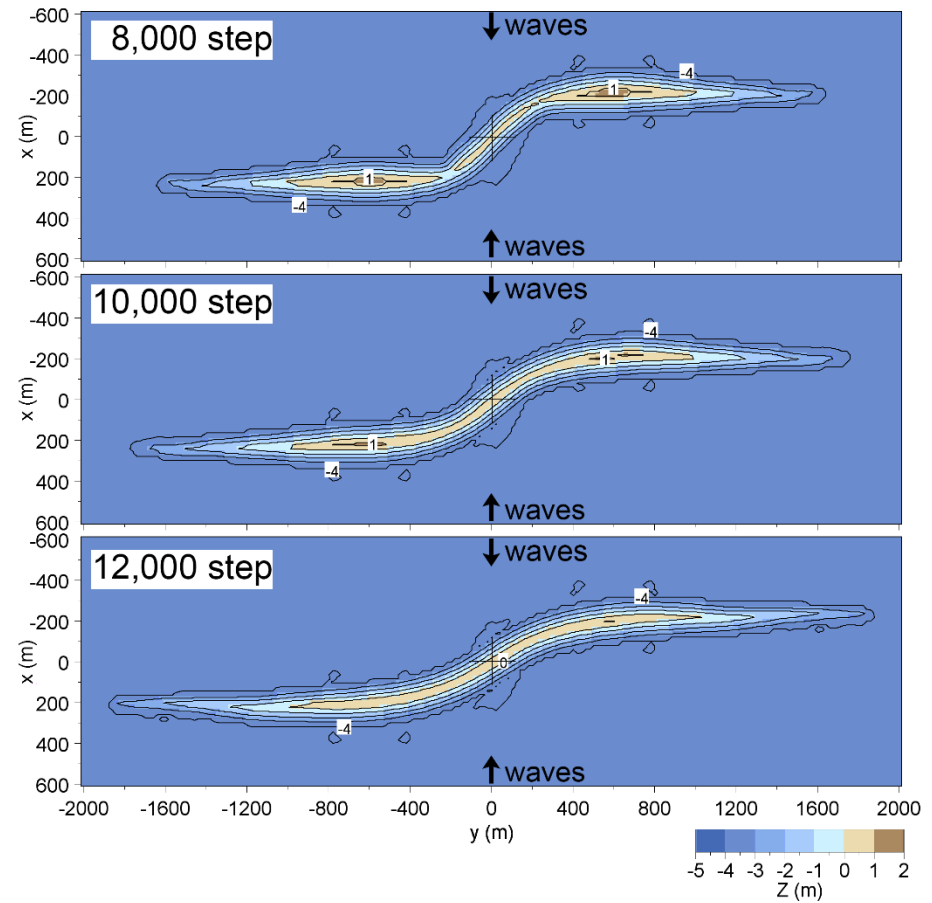
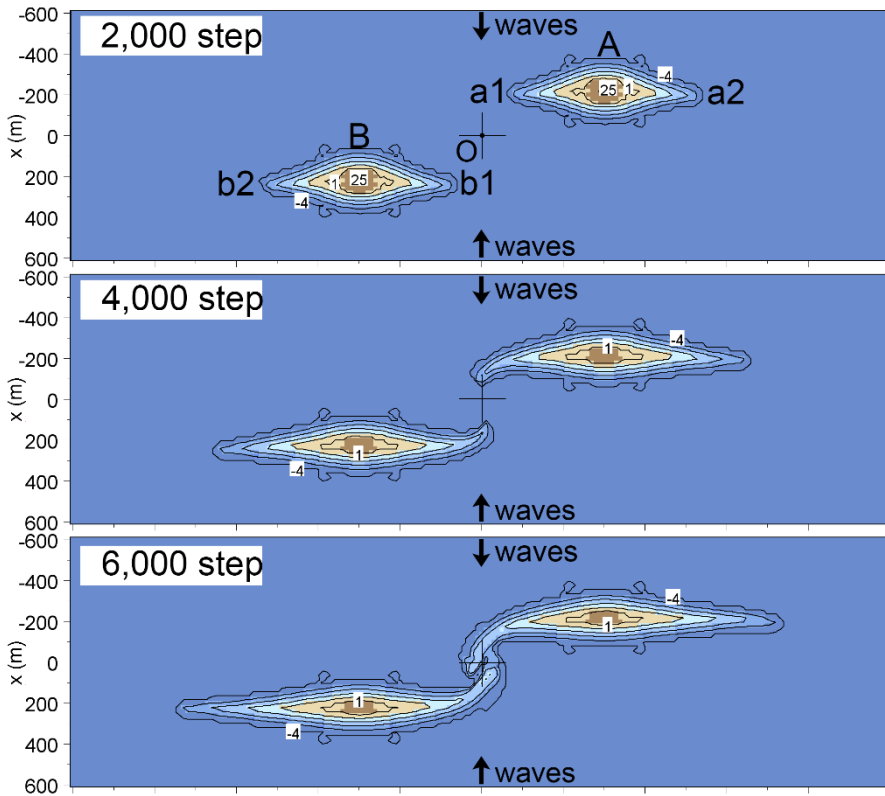
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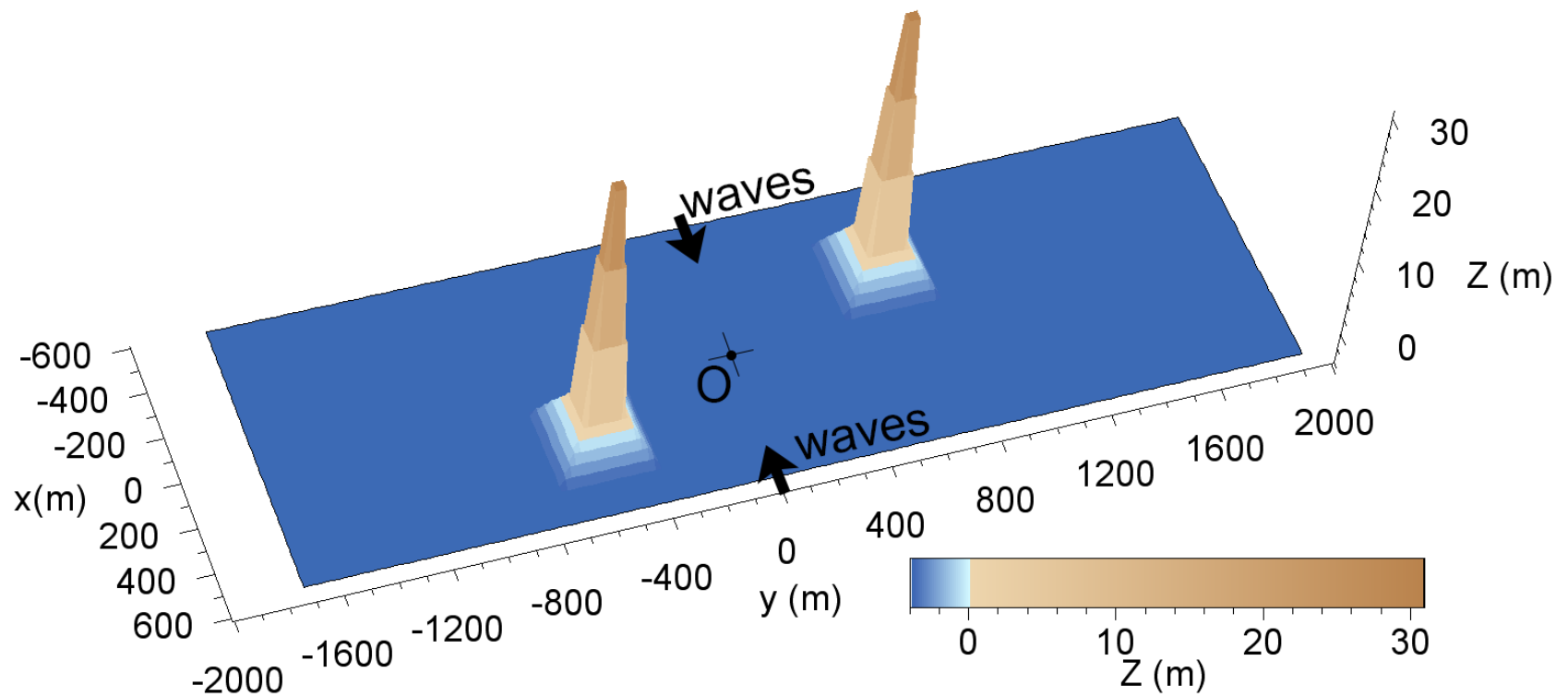
• slender sand bar





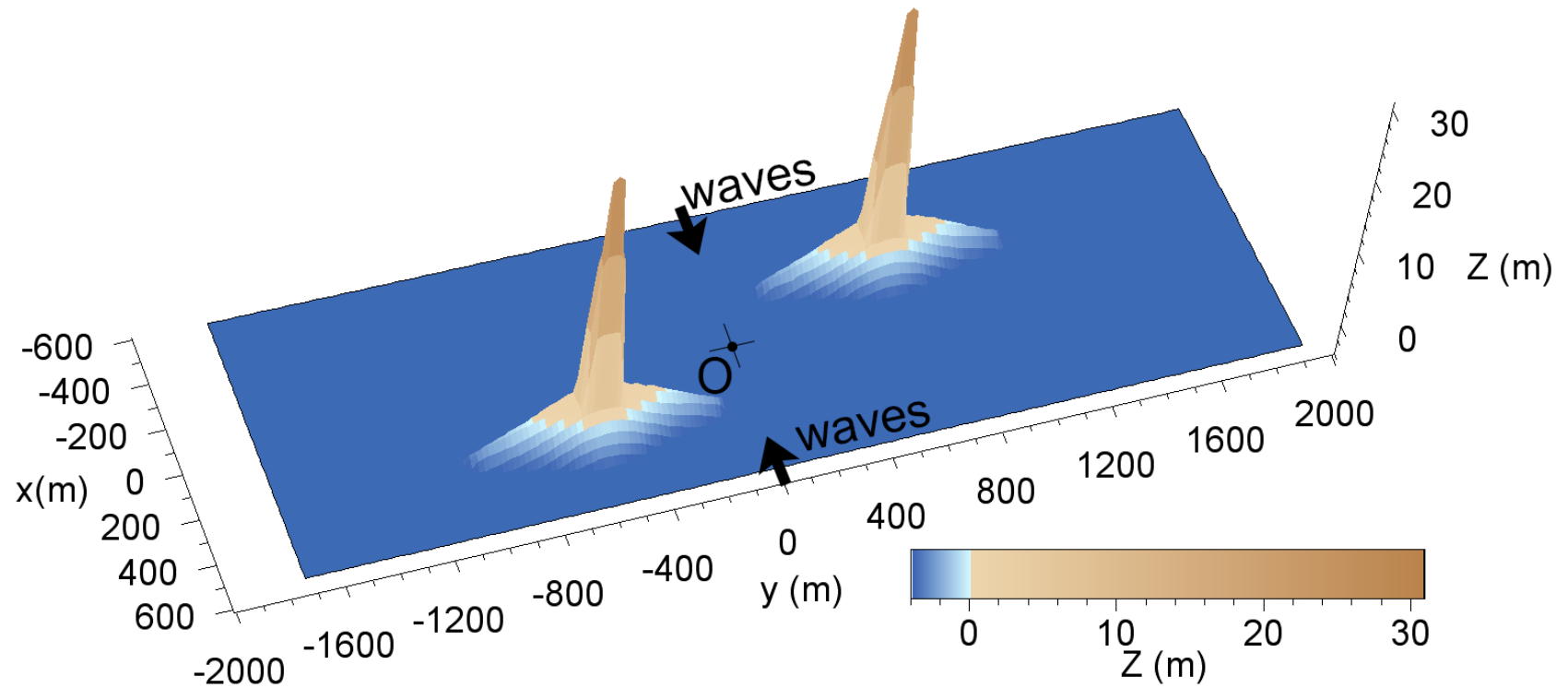
# Calculation results (bird's eye view)

initial



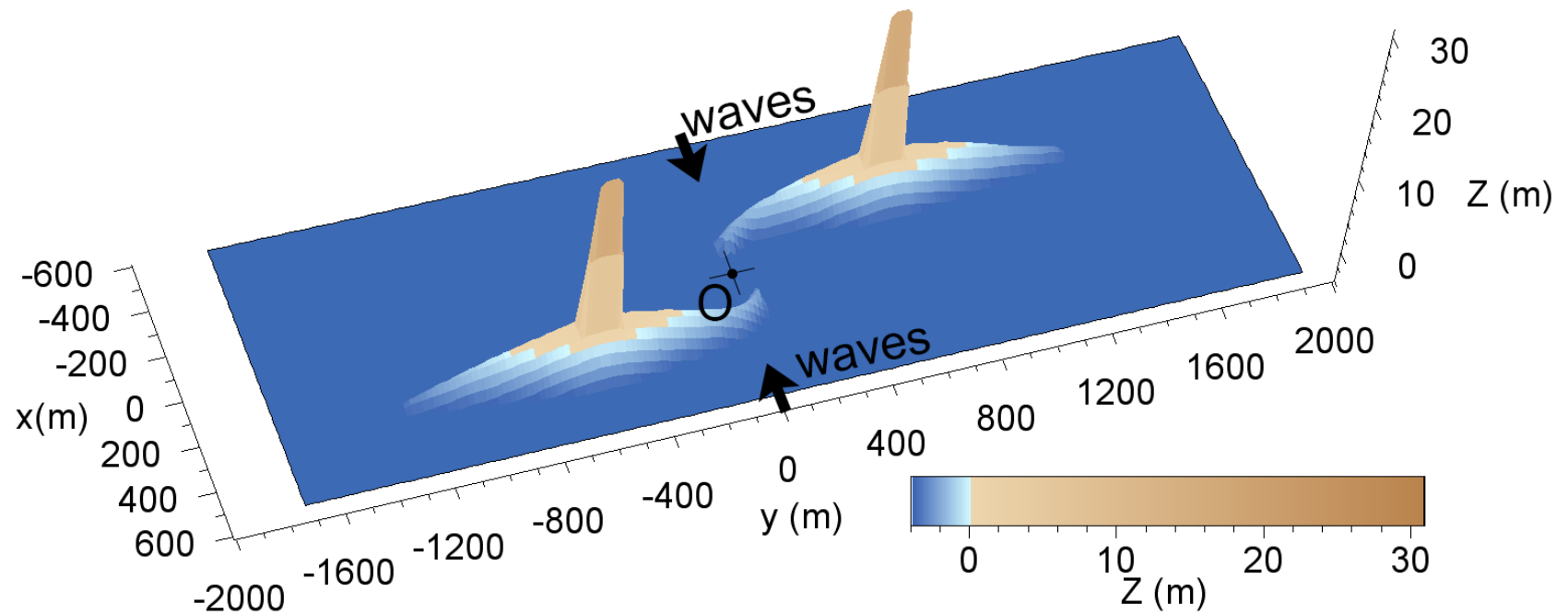
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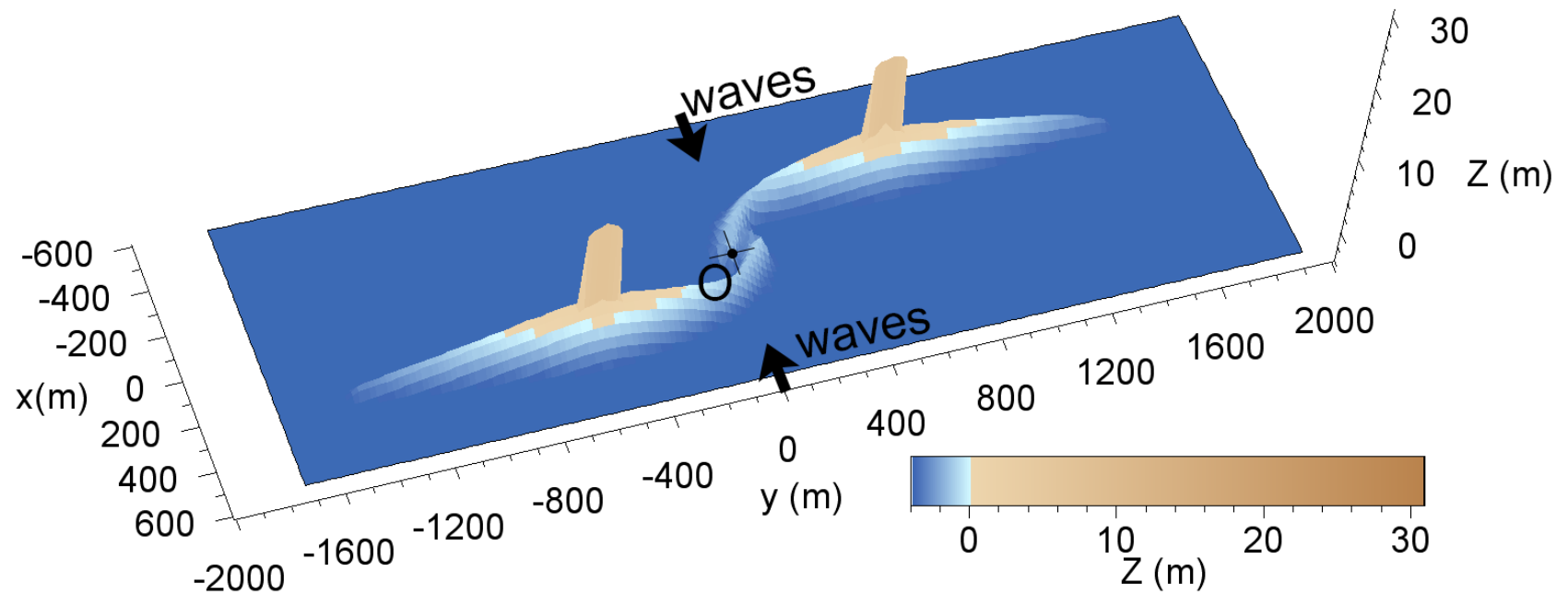
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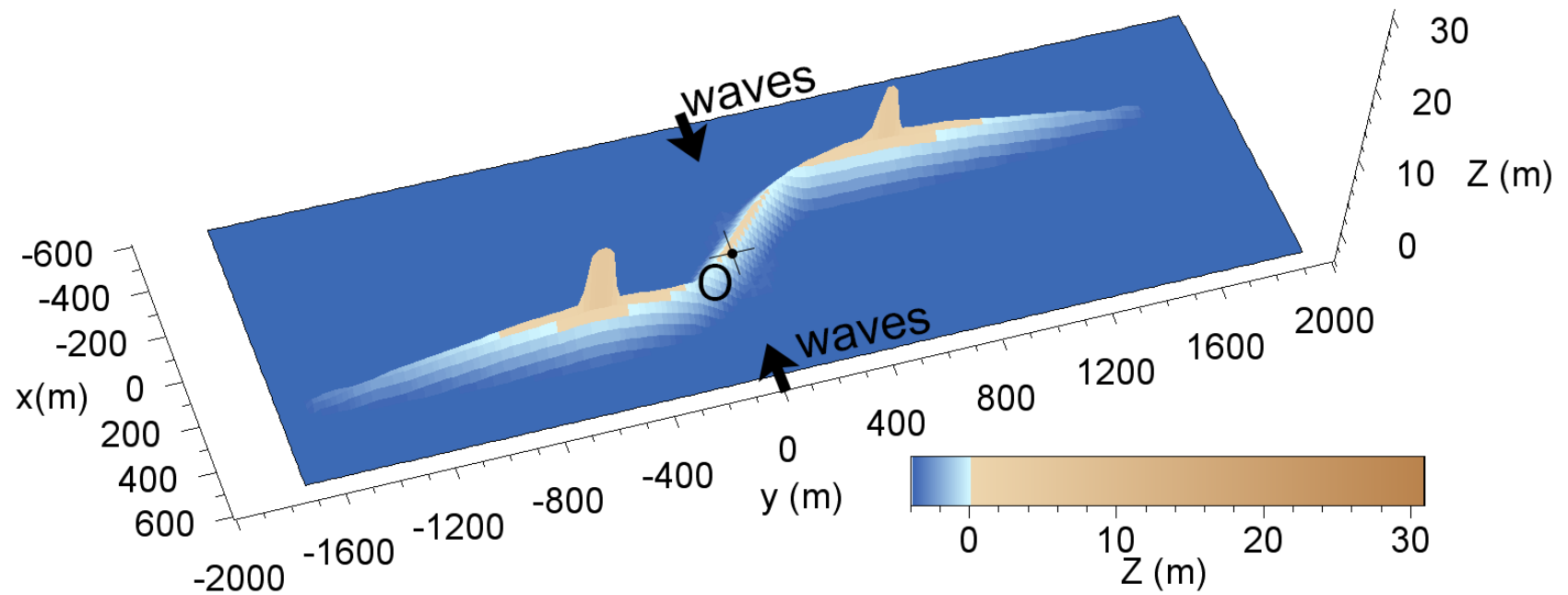
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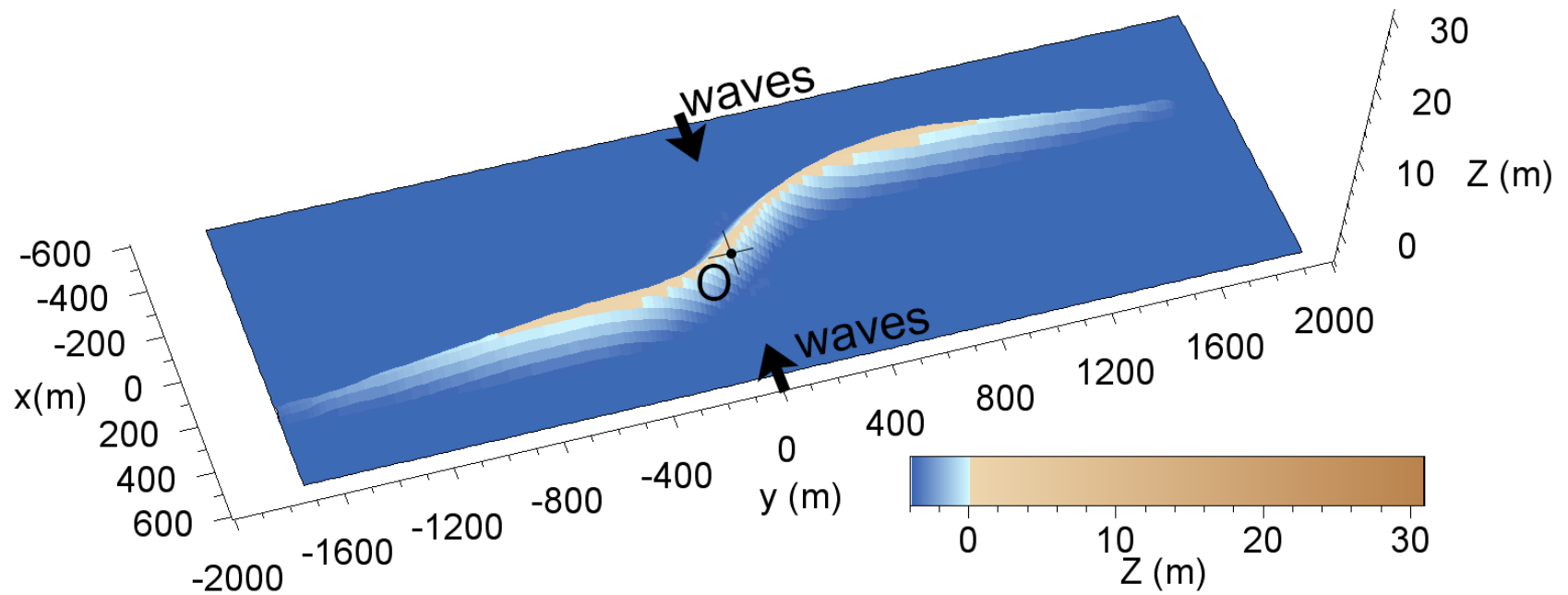
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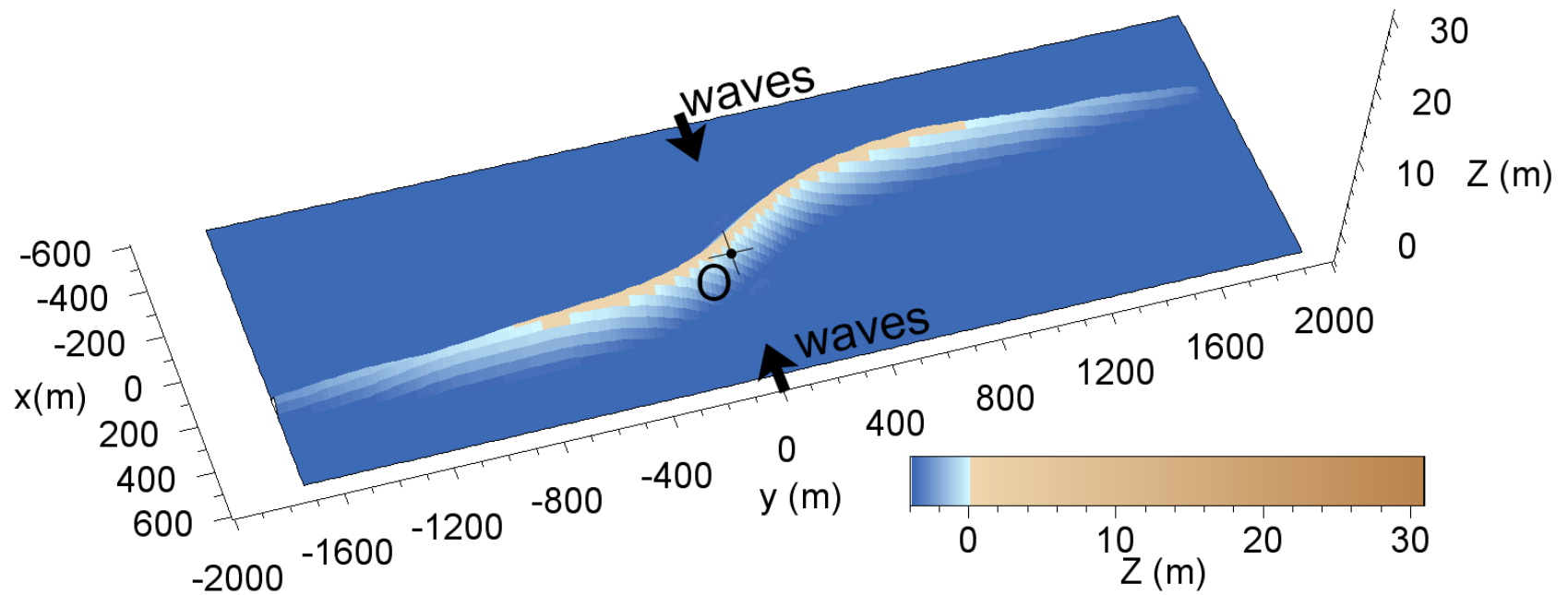
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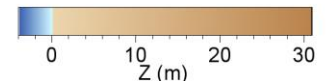
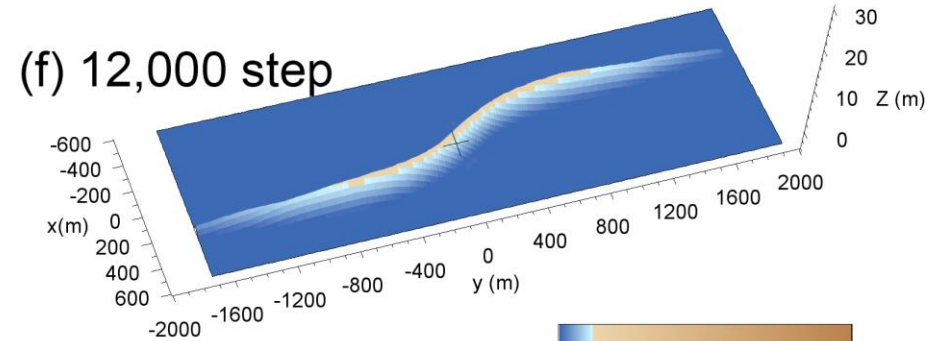
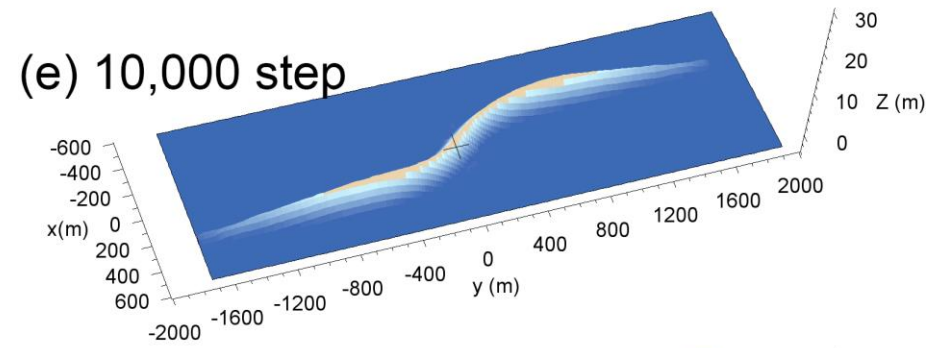
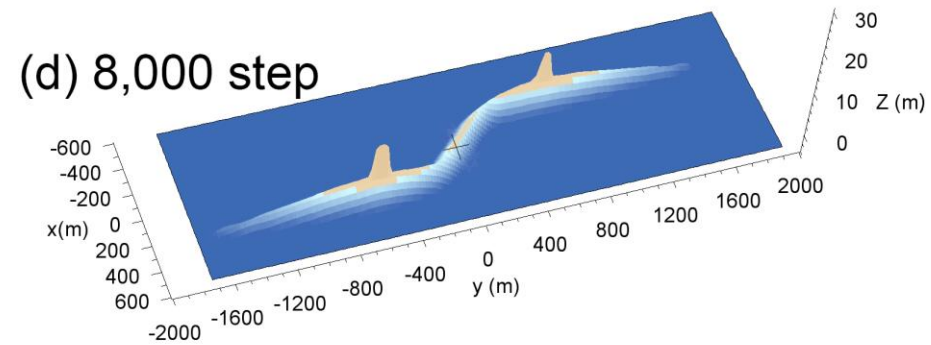
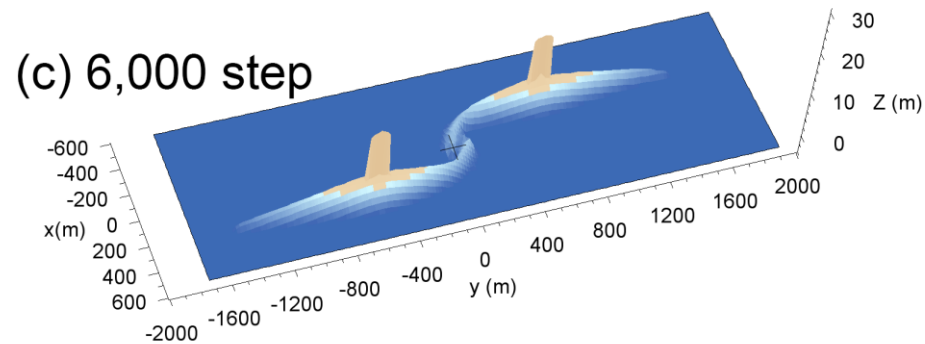
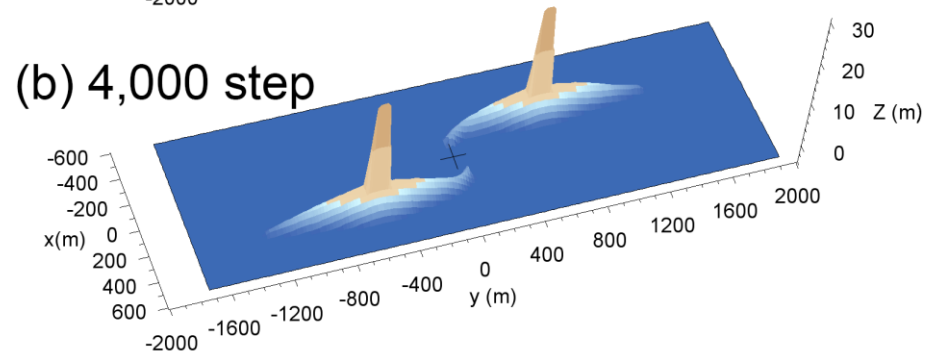
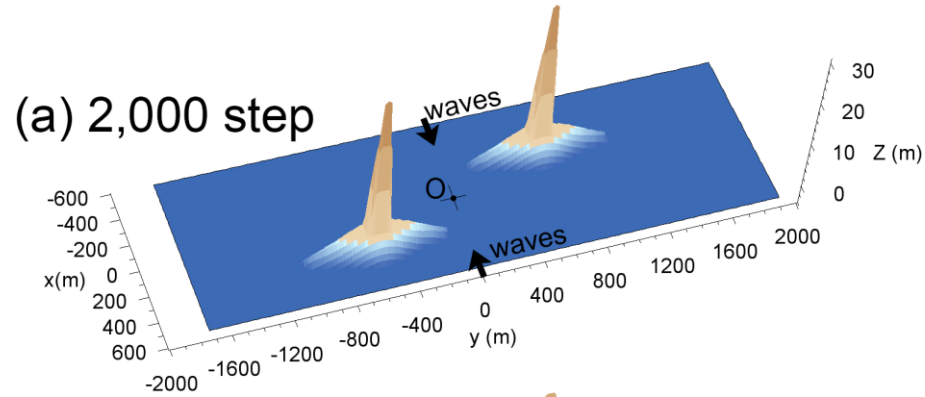


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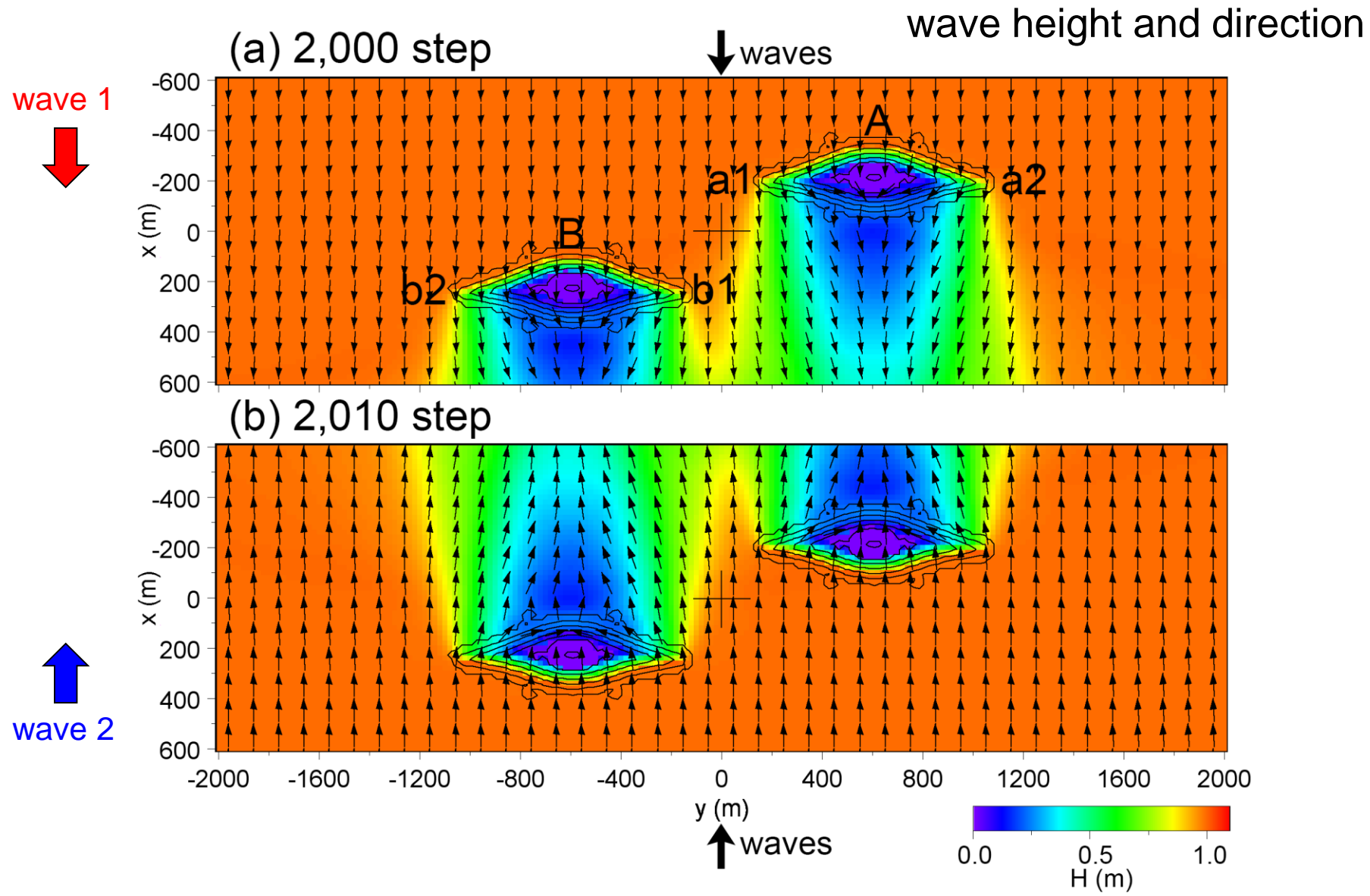


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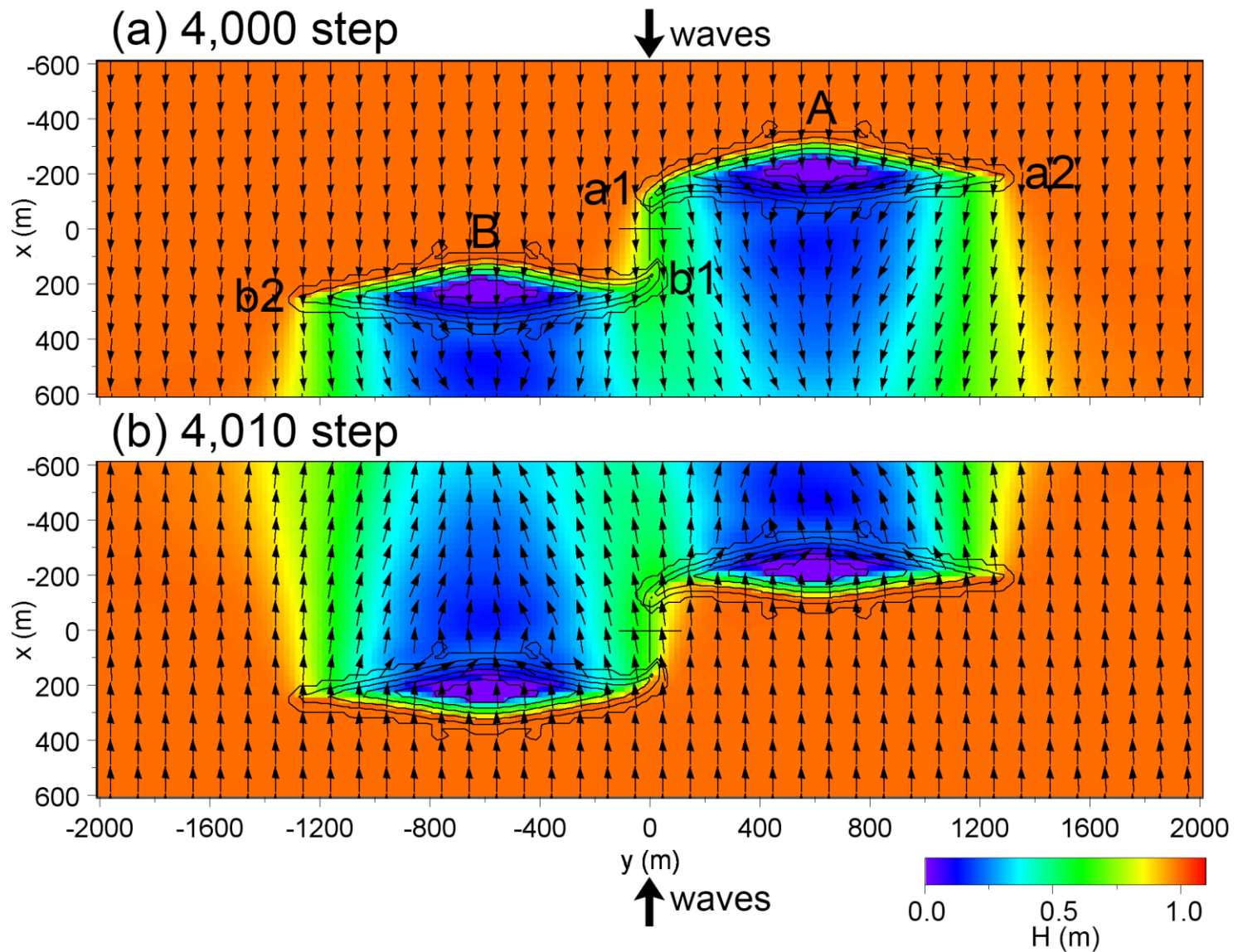


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# Wave field

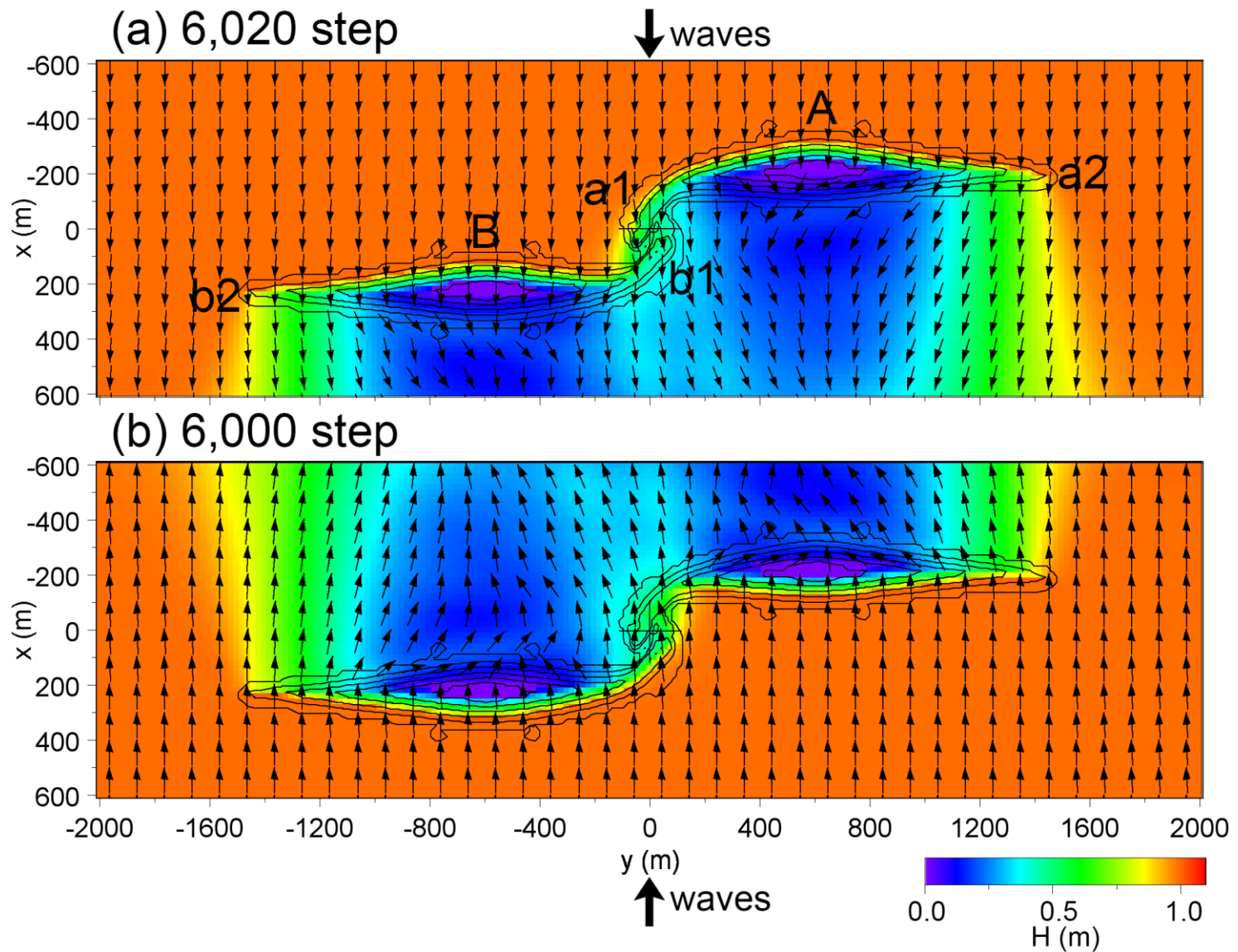


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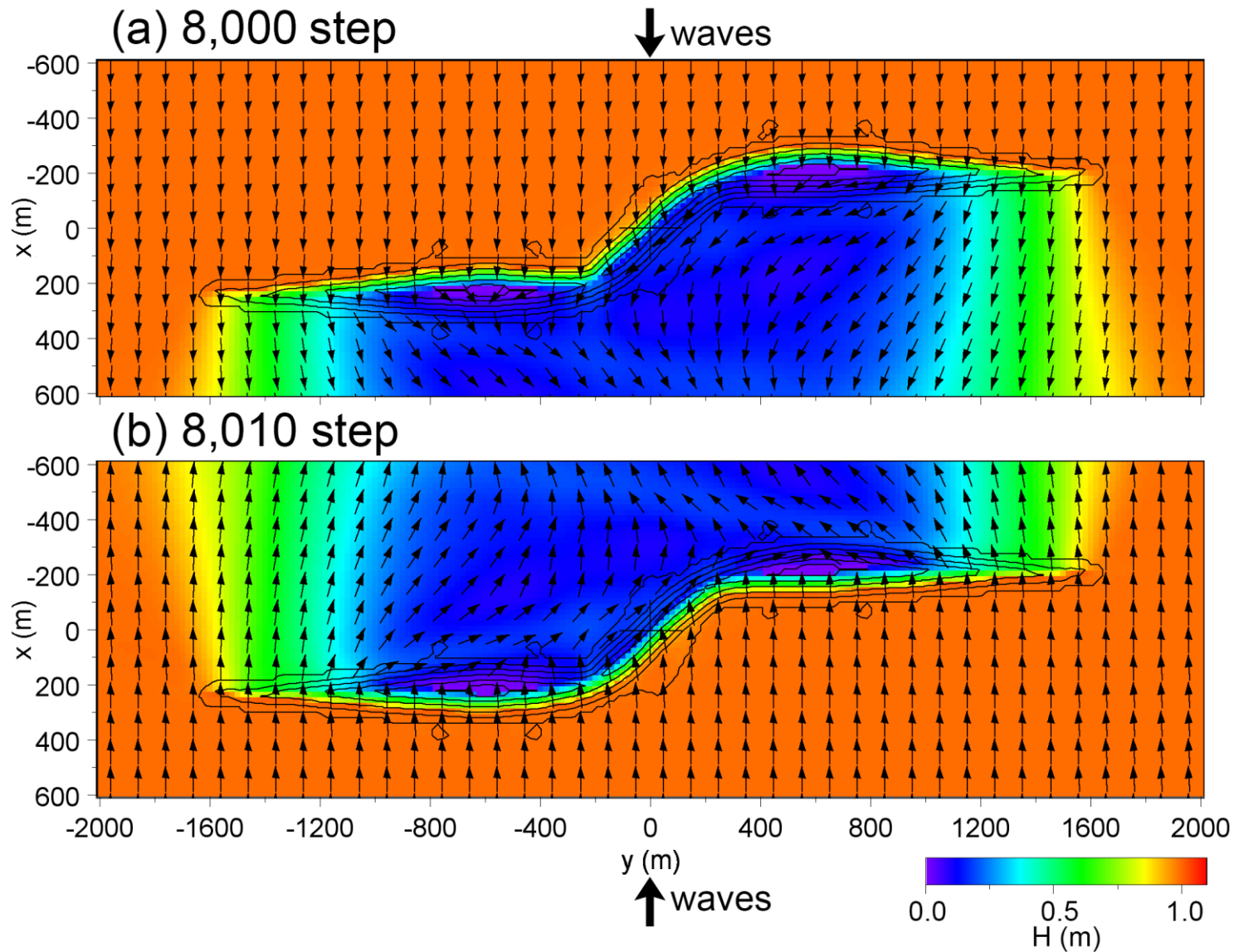




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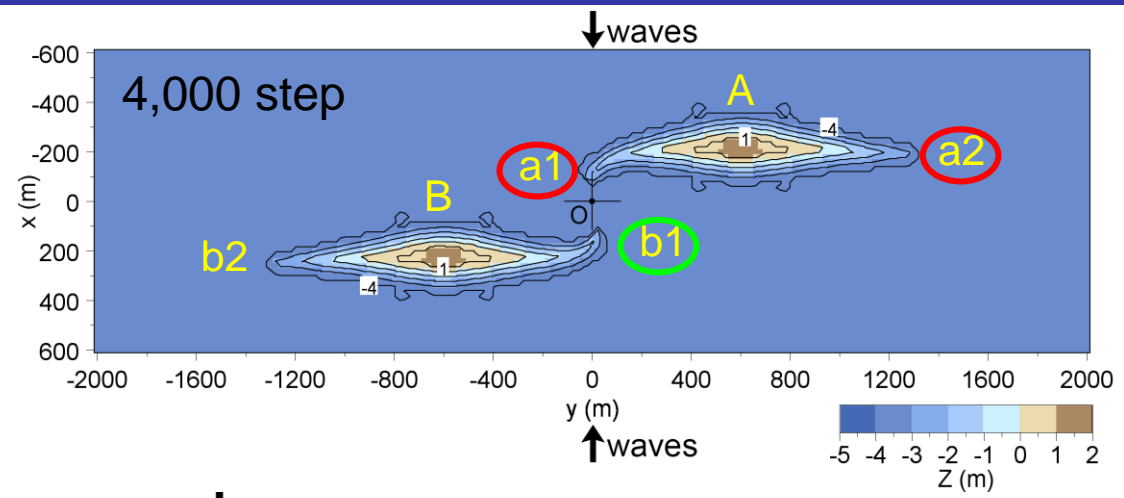


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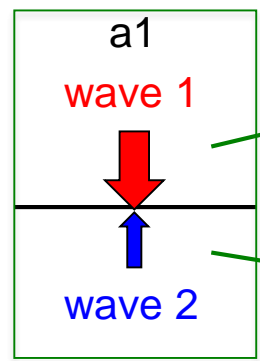


# Wave-sheltering effect of one island on the other island

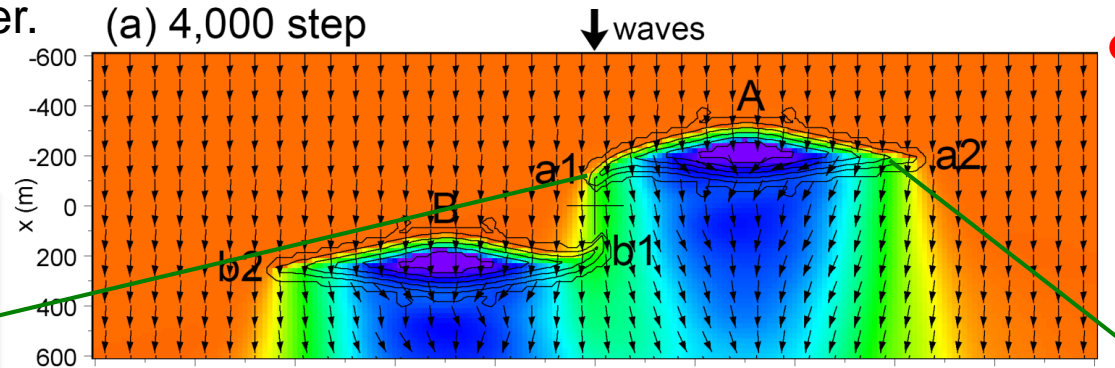
- At **a1**, action of **wave2** is small due to wave-sheltering effect of **b1**.
- So, **a1** moves **downward**.
- In the same way, **b1** moves **upward**.
- As a result, **a1** and **b1** connect with each other.



(a) 4,000 step

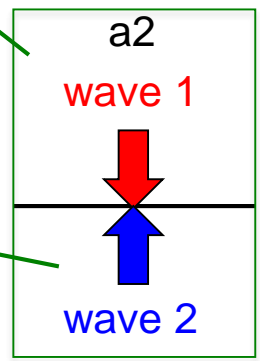


balance of action of 2 waves



(b) 4,010 step

- At **a2**, action of **wave2** is same as **wave1**. So, **a2** moves just right beside.



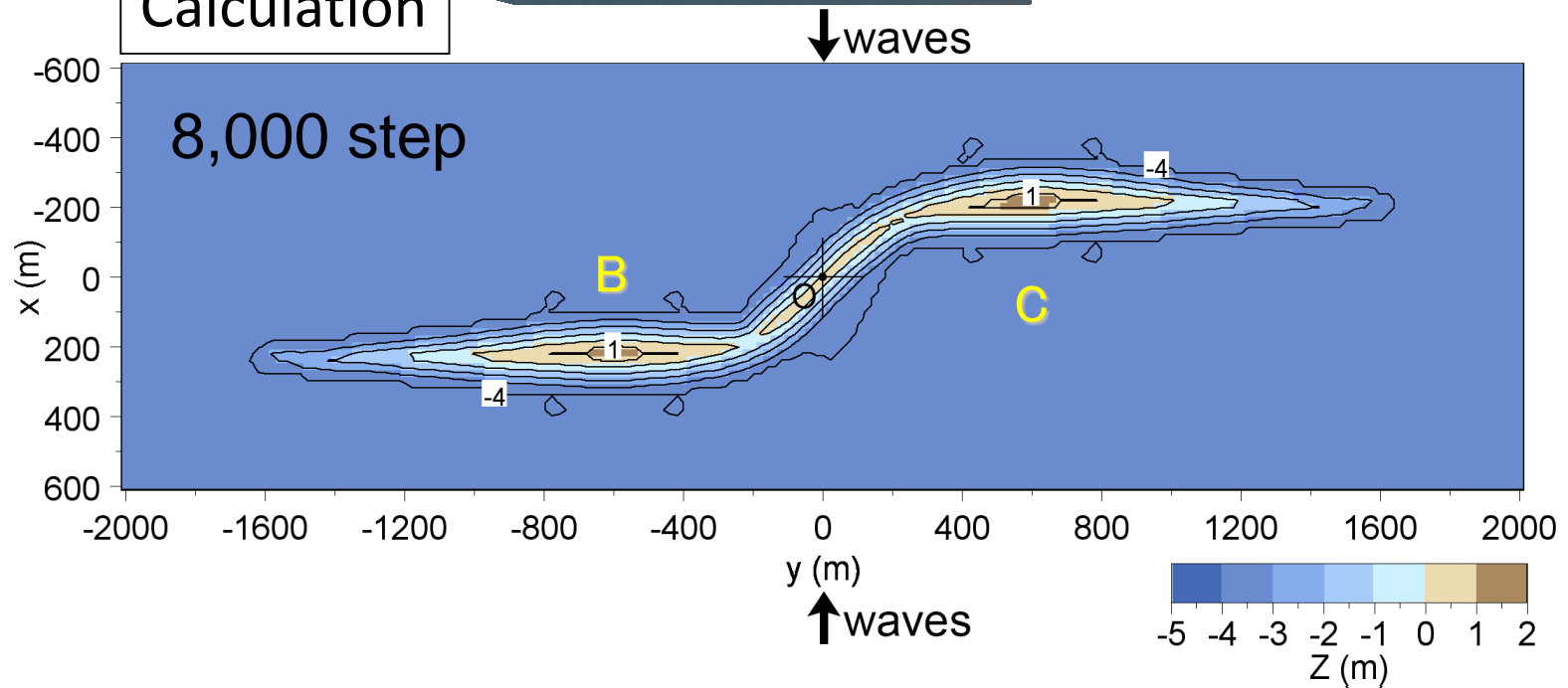
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# Comparison with site observation

Site observation



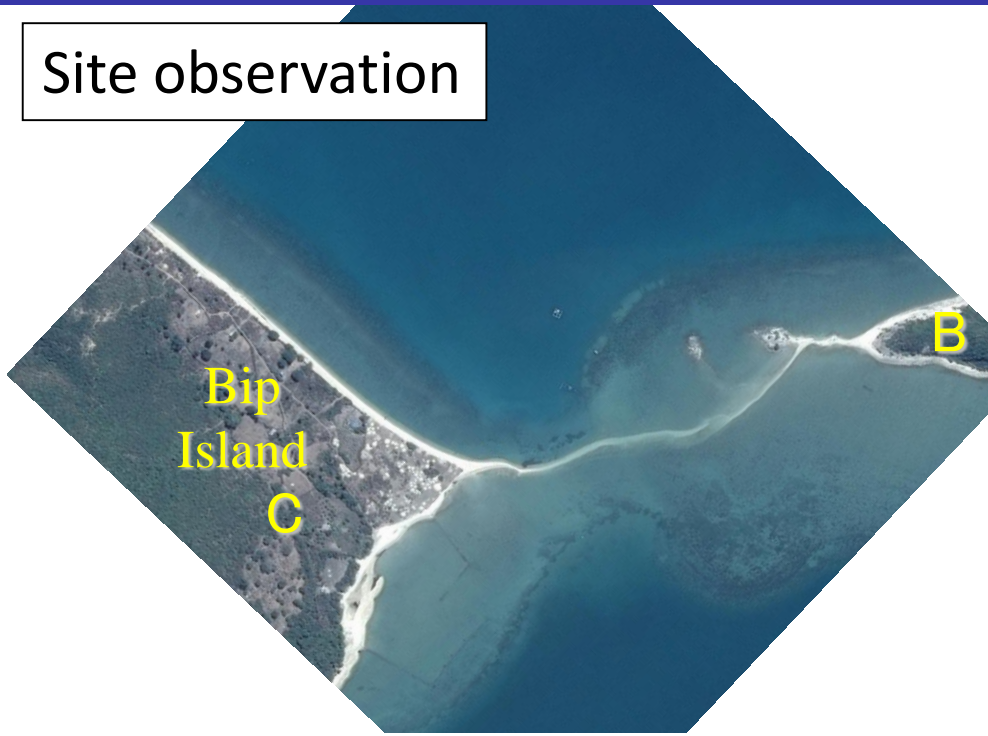
Calculation





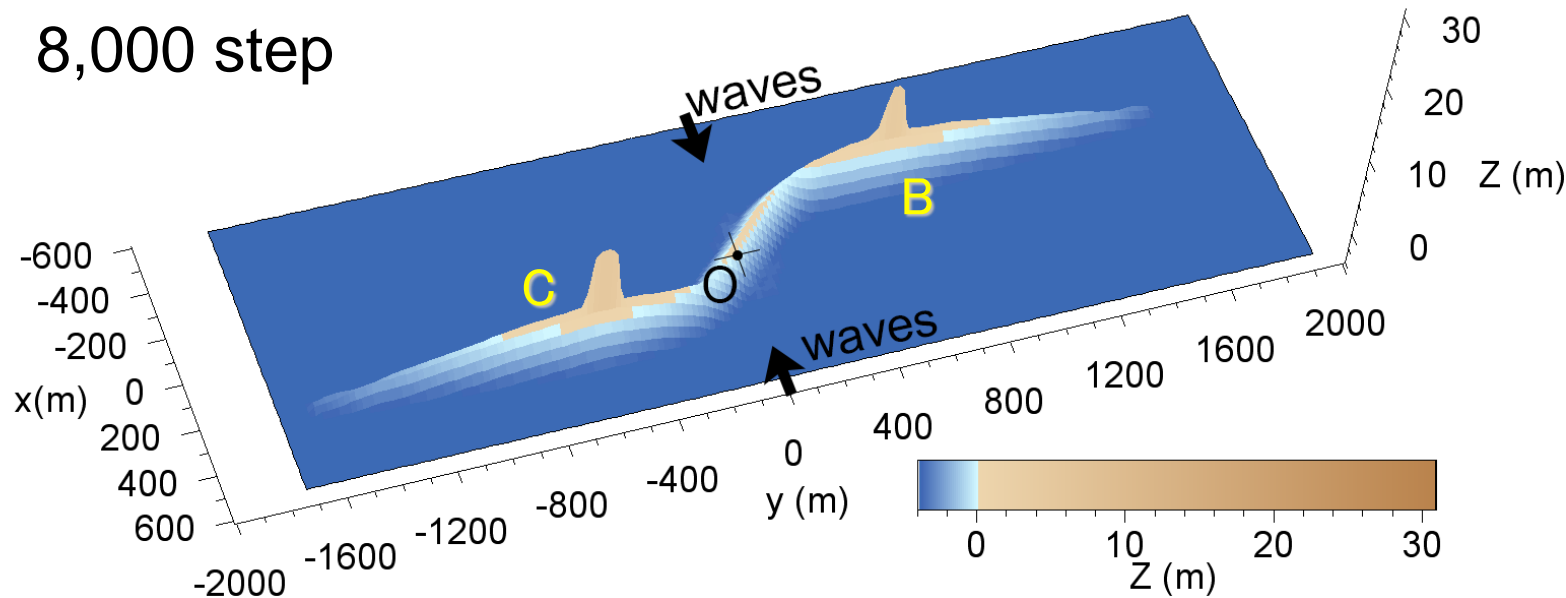
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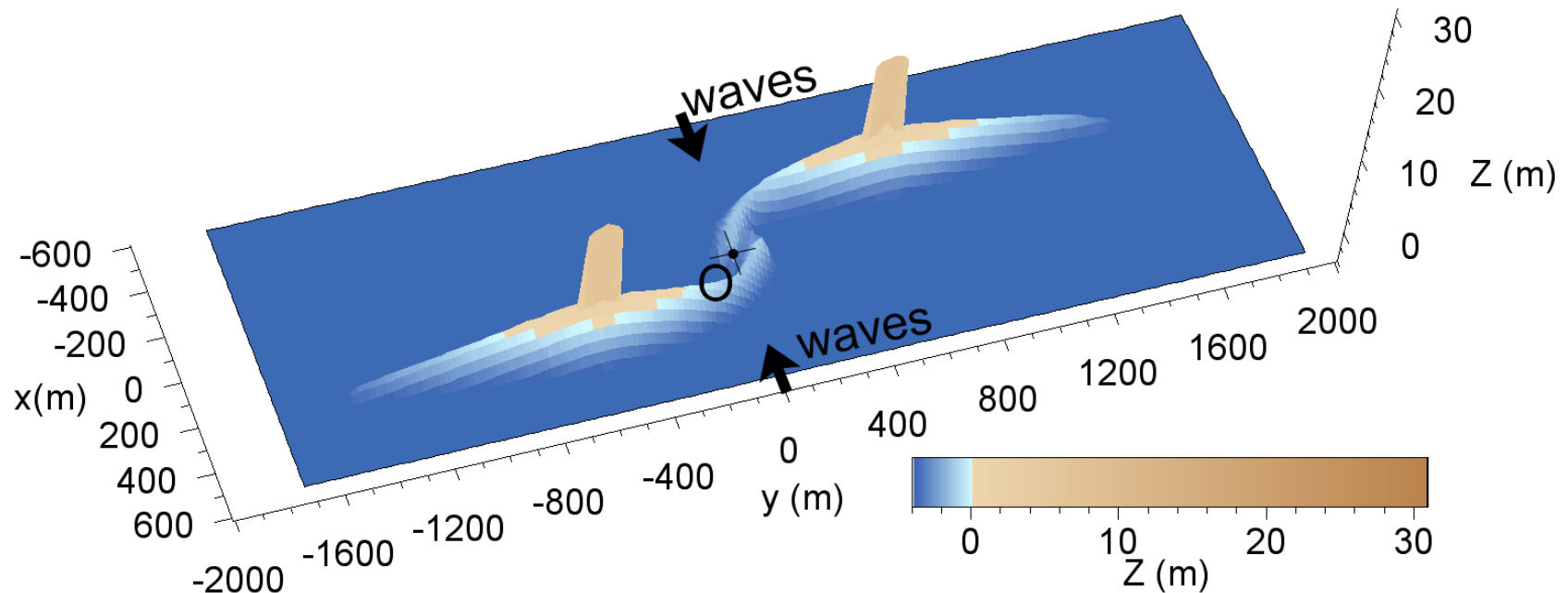
8,000 step



# CONCLUSION

- The mechanism of beach changes associated with interaction and mergence of multiple islands was successfully explained by the numerical simulation using the BG model .

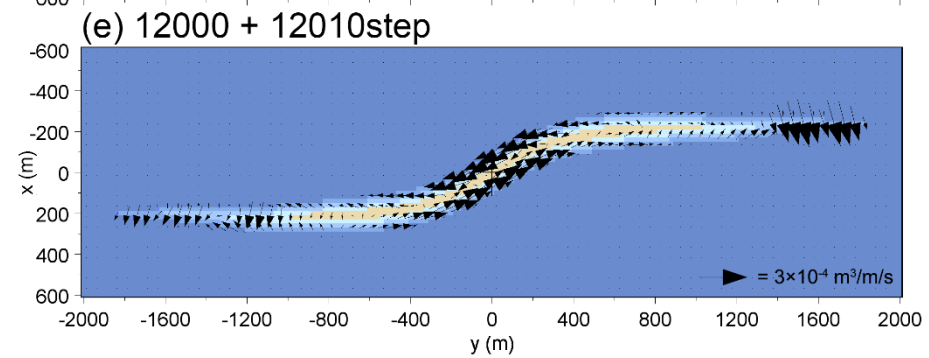
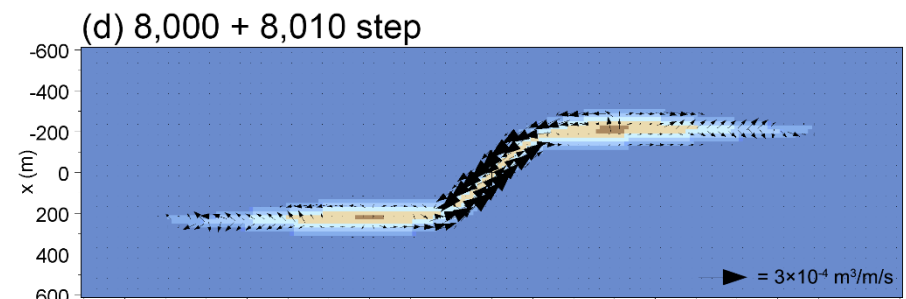
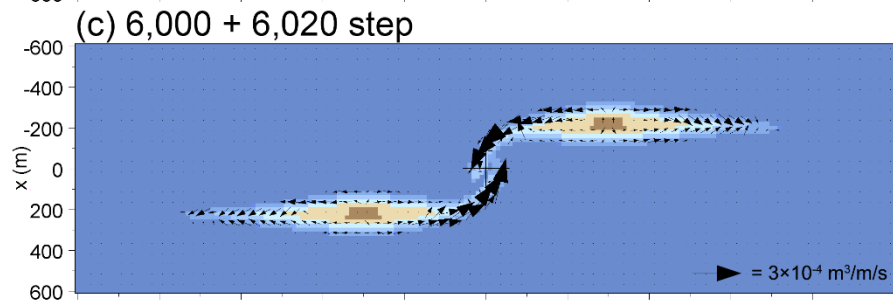
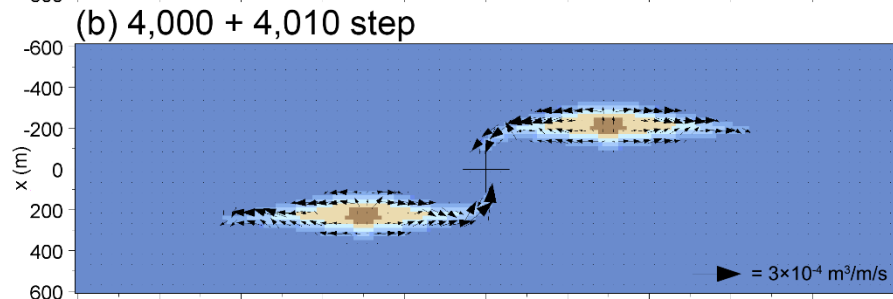
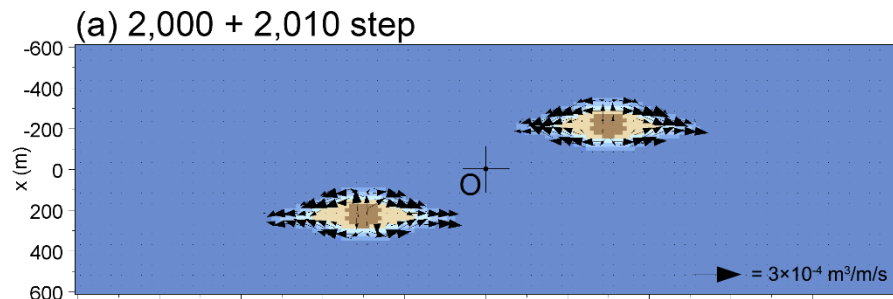
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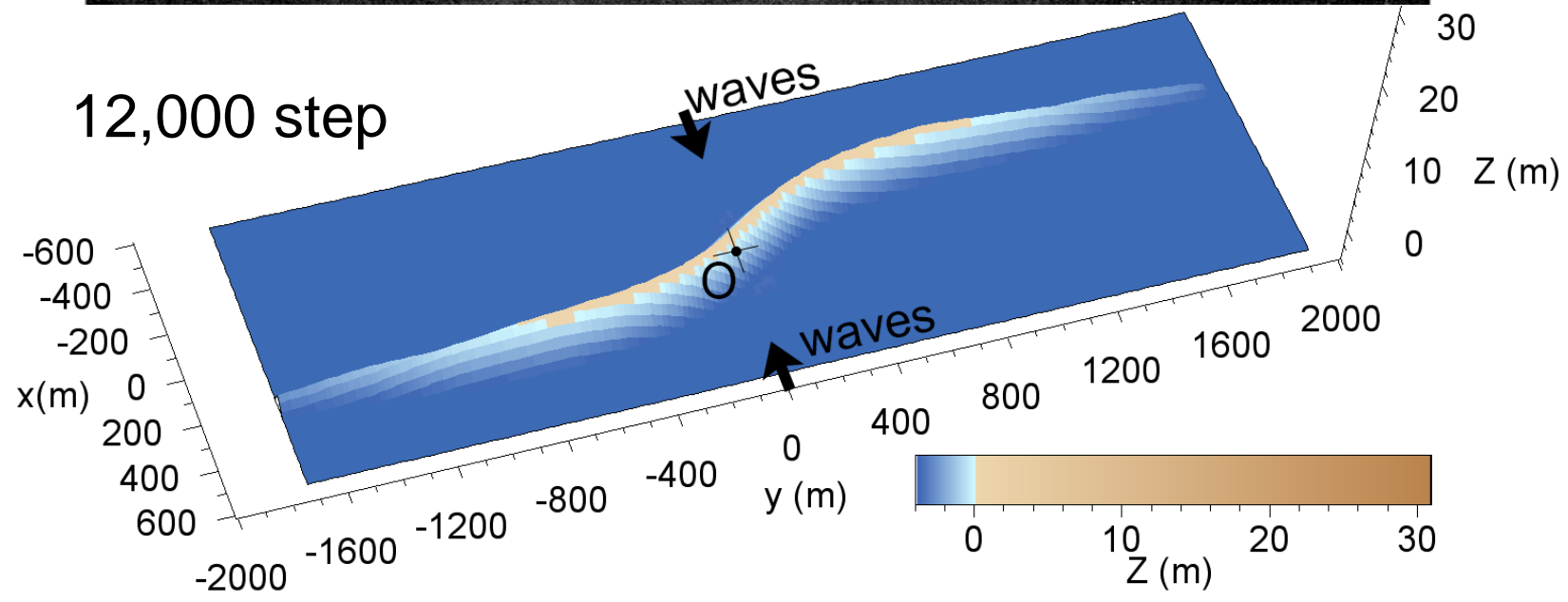
Wave conditions	Incident waves: $H_I = 1$ m, $T = 4$ s, wave direction $\theta_I = 0^\circ$ and $180^\circ$ relative to $-x$ axis
Berm height	$h_R = 1$ m
Depth of closure	$h_c = 4$ m
Equilibrium slope	$\tan\beta_c = 1/20$
Coefficients of sand transport	Coefficient of longshore sand transport $K_s = 0.2$ Coefficient of Ozasa and Brampton <sup>10)</sup> term $K_2 = 1.62K_s$ Coefficient of cross-shore sand transport $K_n = K_s$
Mesh size	$\Delta x = \Delta y = 20$ m
Time intervals	$\Delta t = 0.5$ hr
Duration of calculation	$0.7 \times 10^4$ hr ( $1.4 \times 10^4$ steps)
Boundary conditions	Shoreward and landward ends: $q_x = 0$ , right and left boundaries: $q_y = 0$
Calculation of wave field	<p>Energy balance equation<sup>5)</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term of wave dissipation due to wave breaking: Dally et al. <sup>11)</sup> model</li> <li>• Wave spectrum of incident waves: directional wave spectrum density obtained by Goda <sup>12)</sup></li> <li>• Total number of frequency components <math>N_F = 1</math> and number of directional subdivisions <math>N_\theta = 8</math></li> <li>• Directional spreading parameter <math>S_{max} = 25</math></li> <li>• Coefficient of wave breaking <math>K = 0.17</math> and <math>\Gamma = 0.3</math></li> <li>• Imaginary depth between minimum depth <math>h_0</math> (0.5 m) and berm height <math>h_R</math></li> <li>• Wave energy = 0 where <math>Z \geq h_R</math></li> <li>• Lower limit of <math>h</math> in terms of wave decay due to breaking: 0.5 m</li> </ul>

# sand flux

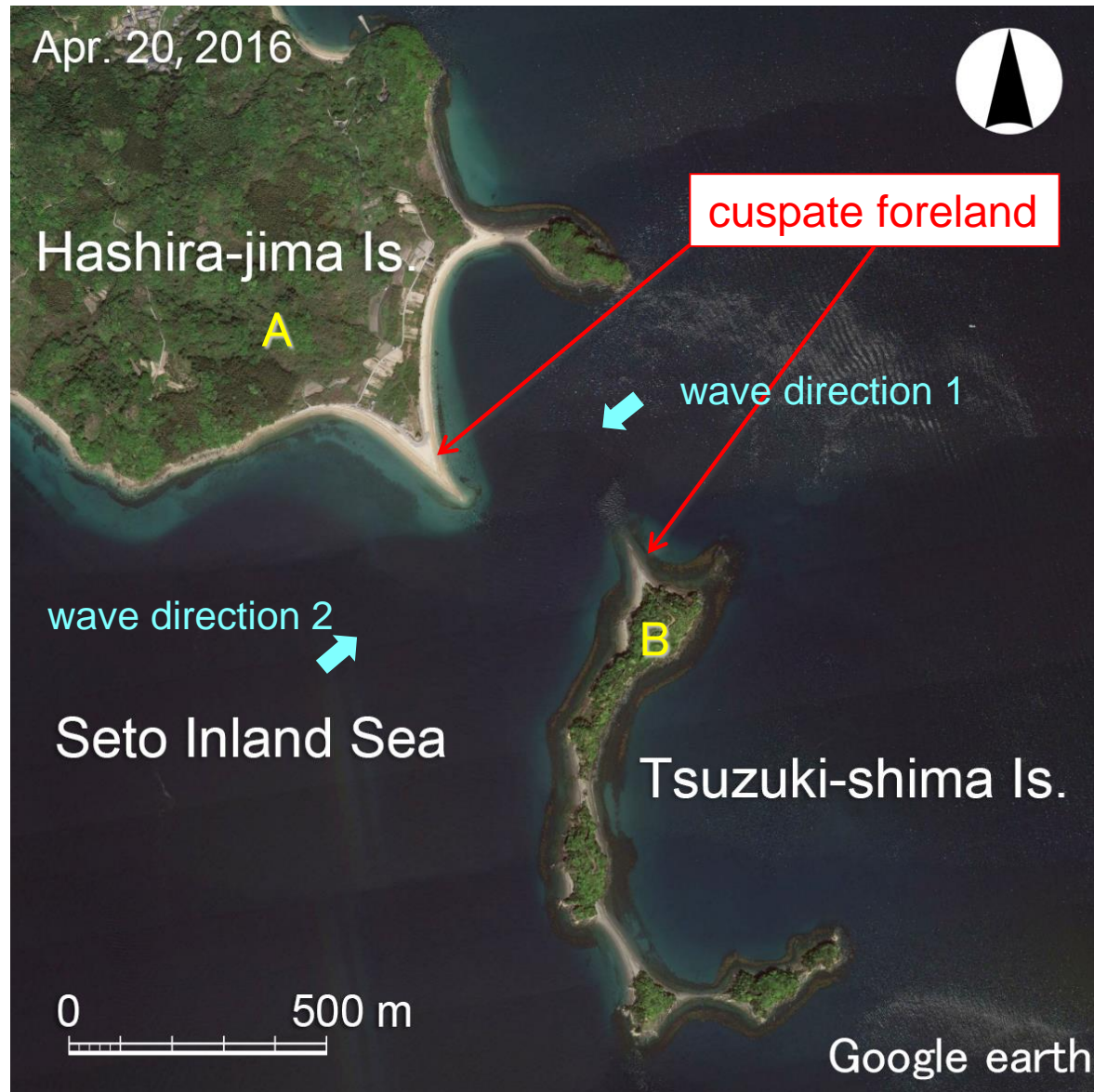




# 浅い海域にできた2つの孤立砂州の連結 (Zenkovich, 1967)

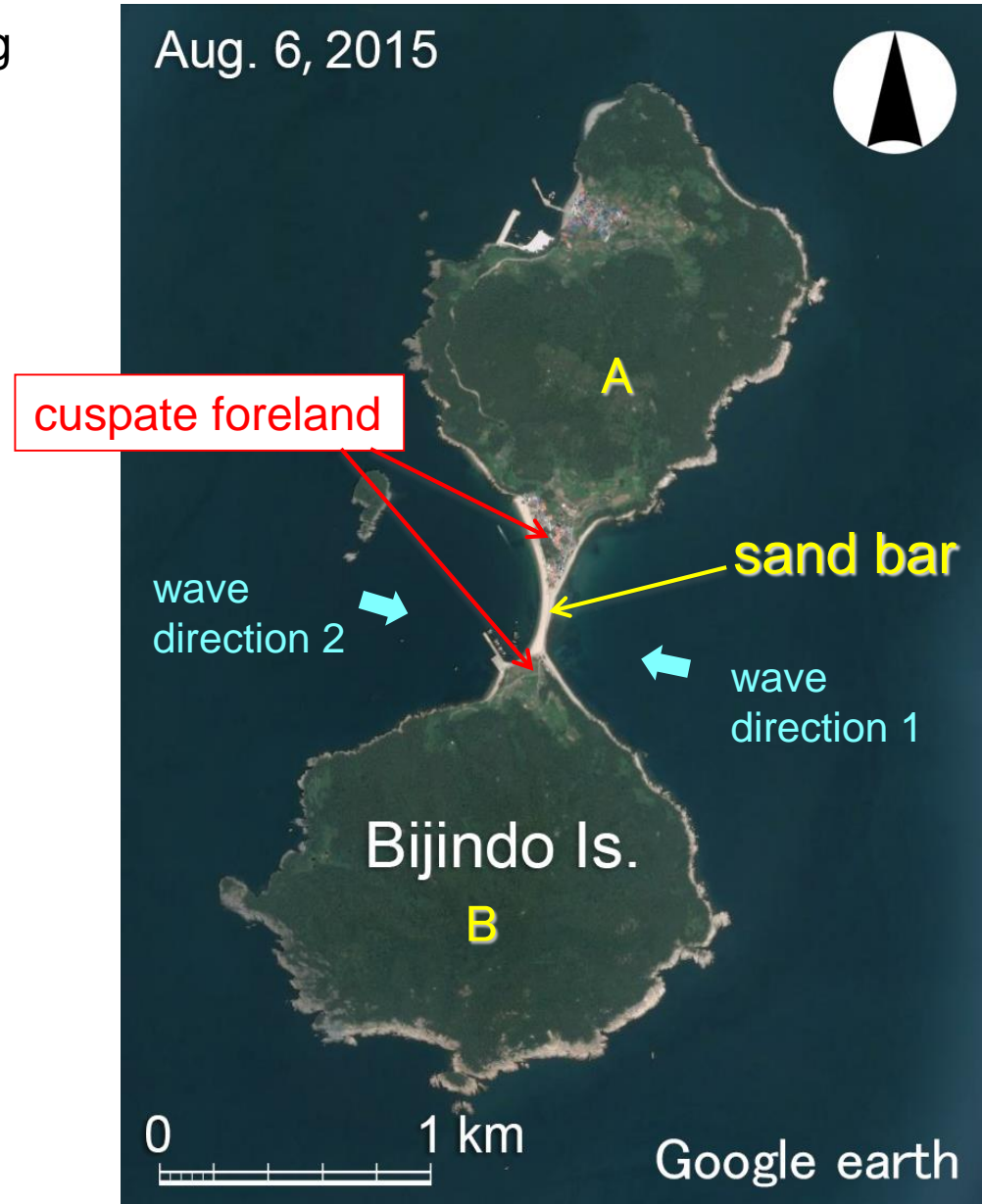


# Cusped forelands extending between Hashira-jima and Tsuzuki-shima Islands in the Seto Inland Sea, Japan.



# Cusplate foreland on Bijindo Island offshore of Busan in Korea.

Cusplate forelands extending from islands and connected with each other





# Cusped foreland formed at tips of multiple islands in Kara Sea

