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# Highwave Ocean Energy

Y REEF

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Invertebrates with algae assist make Coral Reefs that we now know can capture up to 97% of a wave's energy.





Guided by Nature to mimic  
Coral Reef for their shore protection, a new habitat,  
energy capture with a good surfing wave.



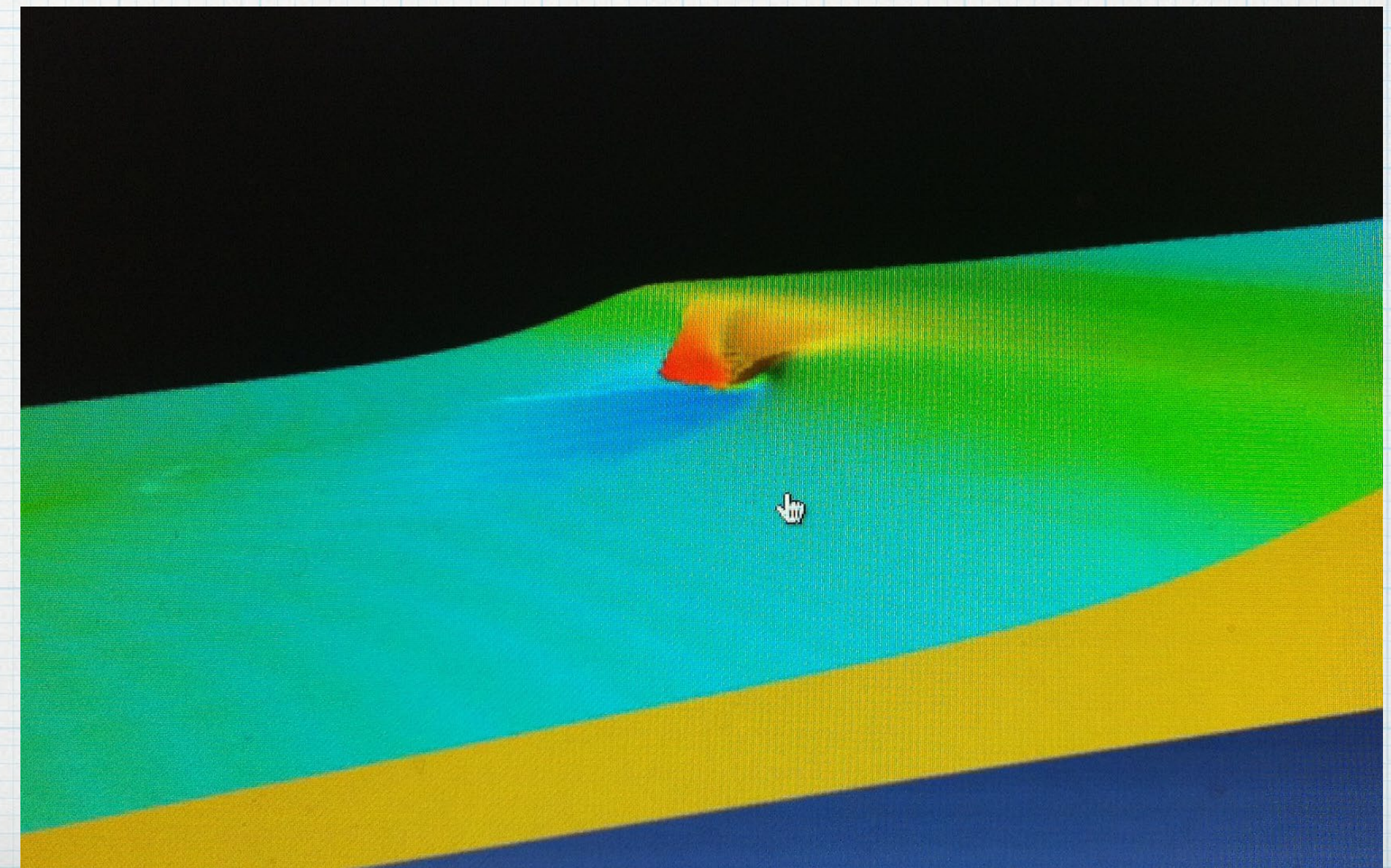
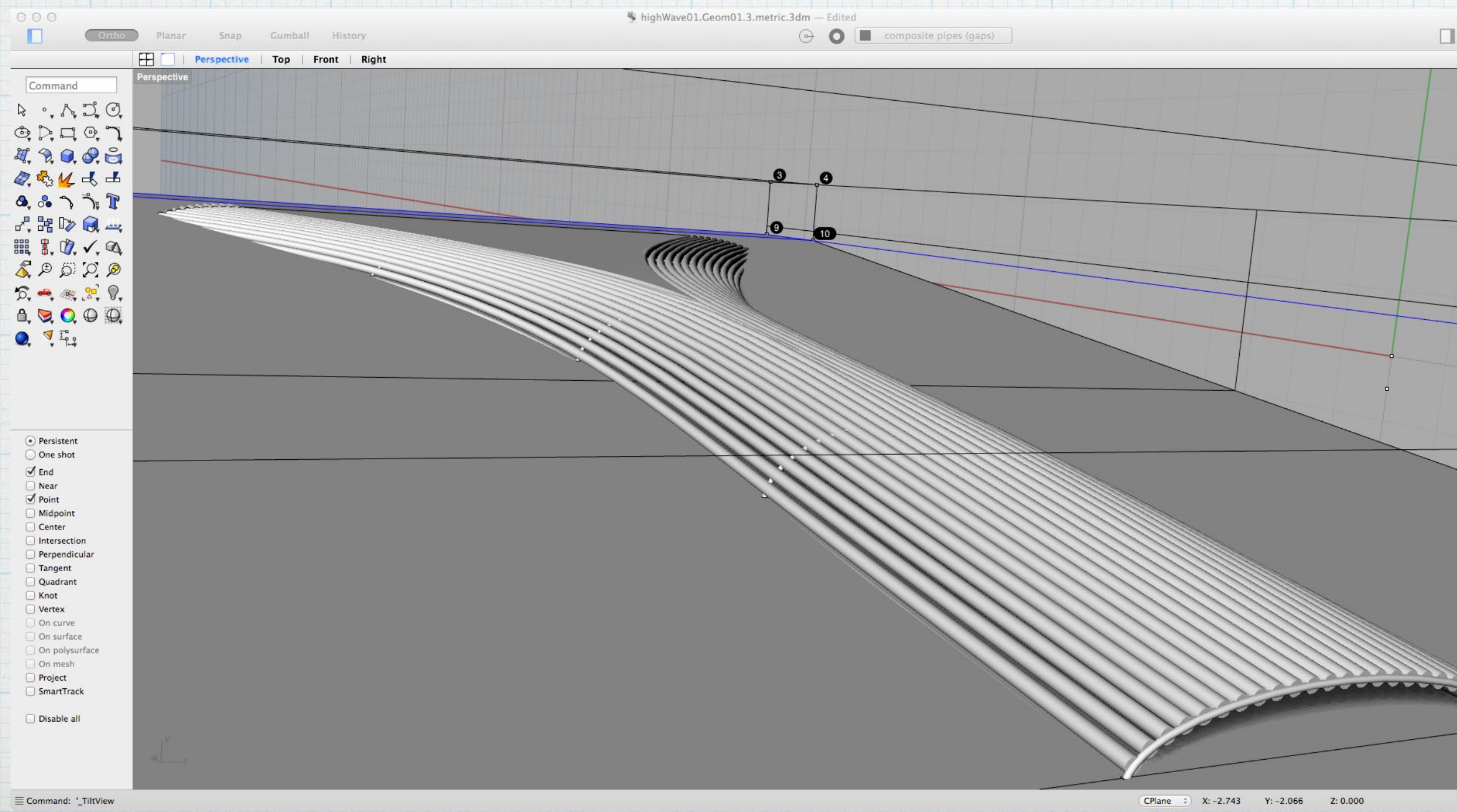
We are still in “The Stone Age” with our shore protection methods.

It is now urgent to use or to mimic nature’s proven solutions.

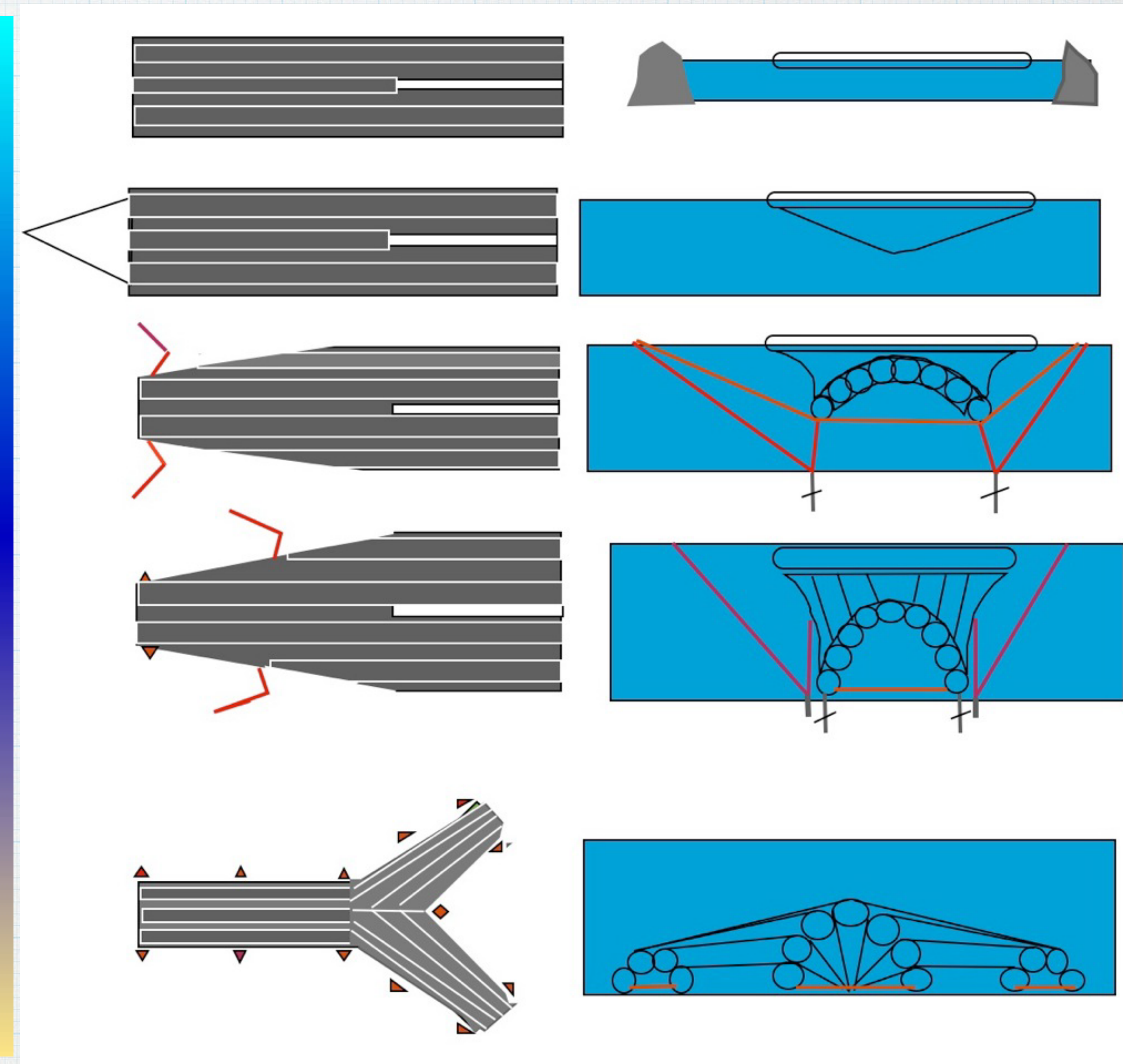
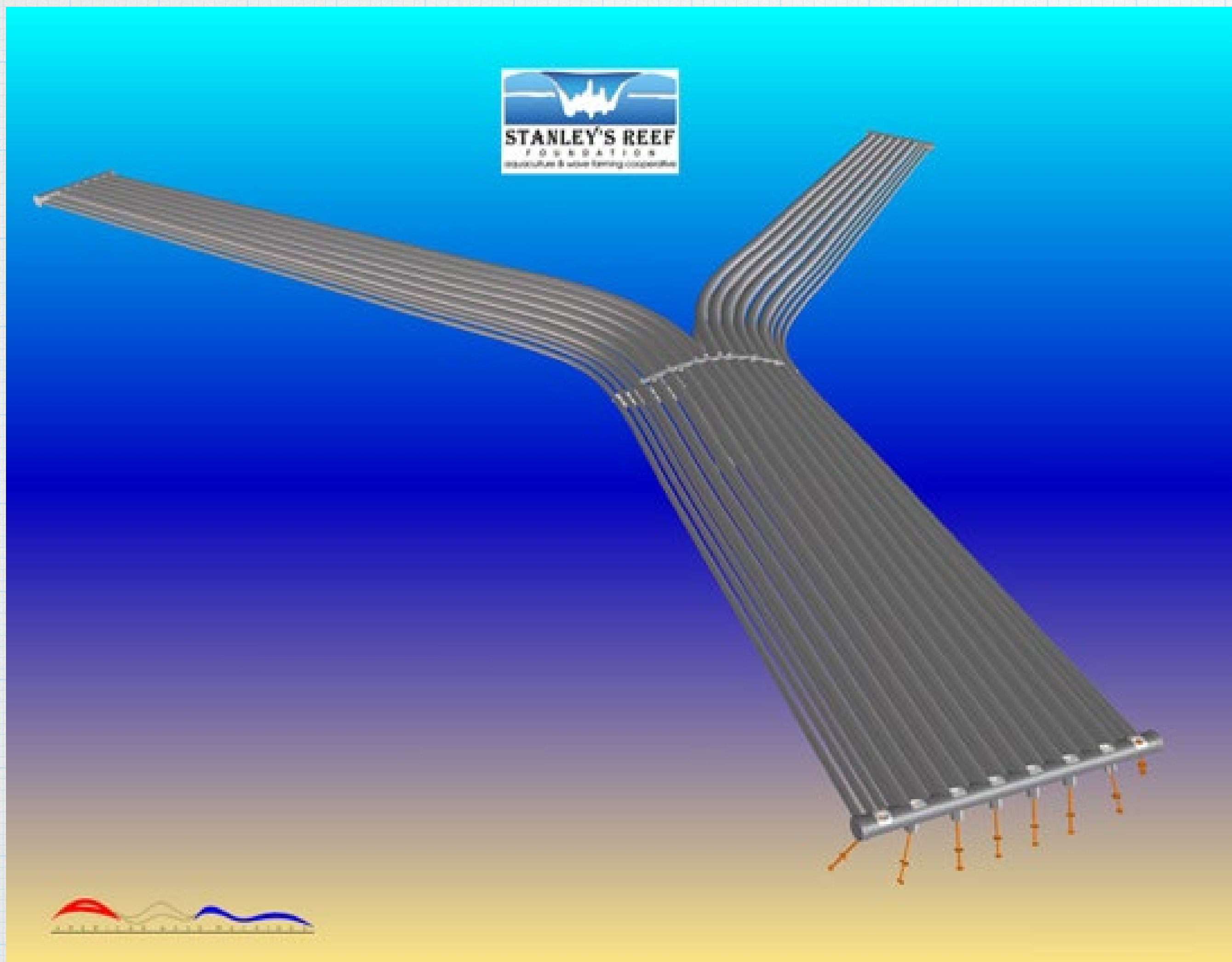
**It’s not easy to mimic nature !!!**

Any inshore artificial reef solution should include the following:

- \* economical
- \* long life
- \* inert
- \* scalable
- \* removable
- \* become a marine habitat
- \* holds sand
- \* quickly installed
- \* allows local sand transport
- \* considers all stakeholders
- \* dissipates energy offshore
- \* nothing on the horizon







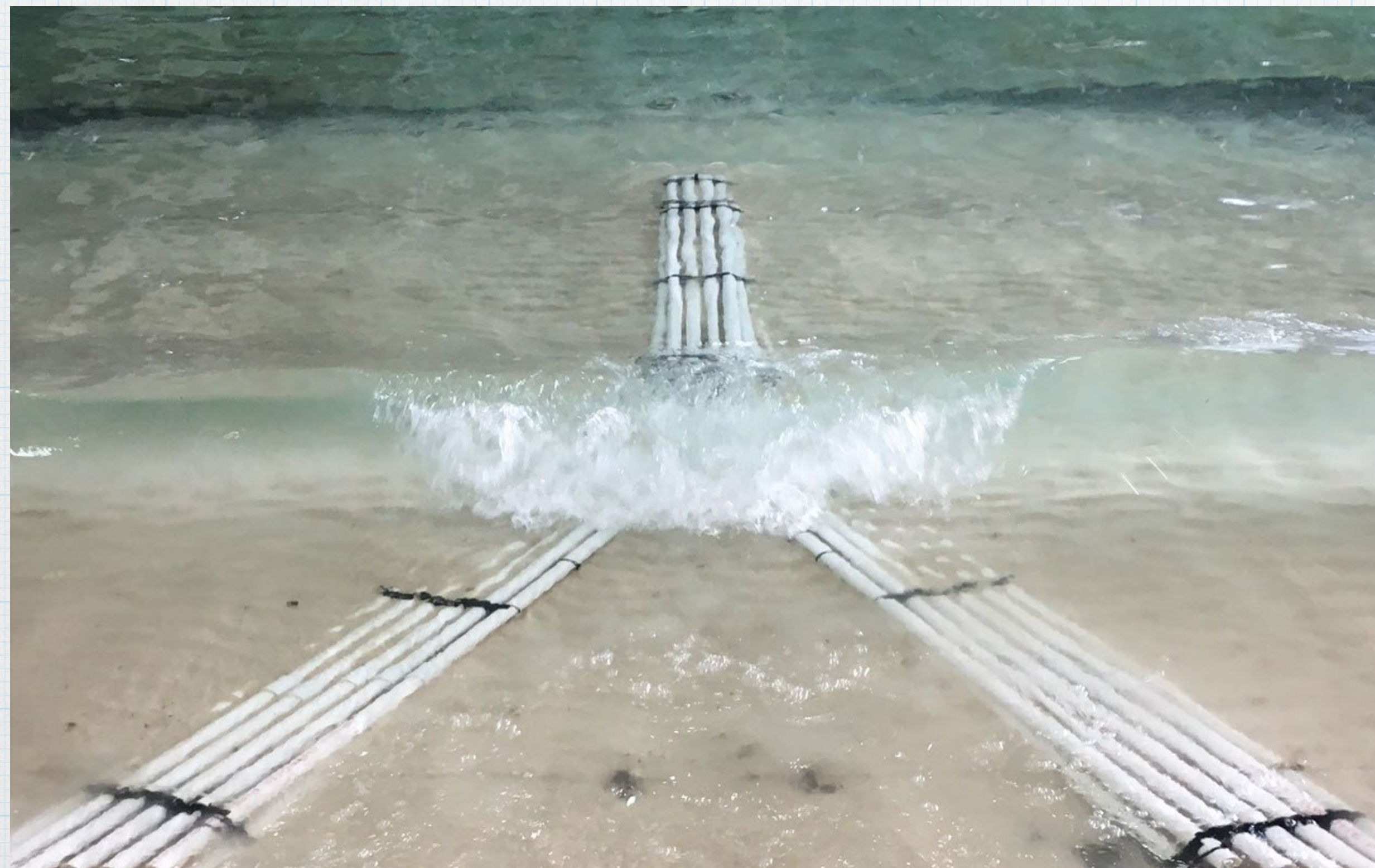
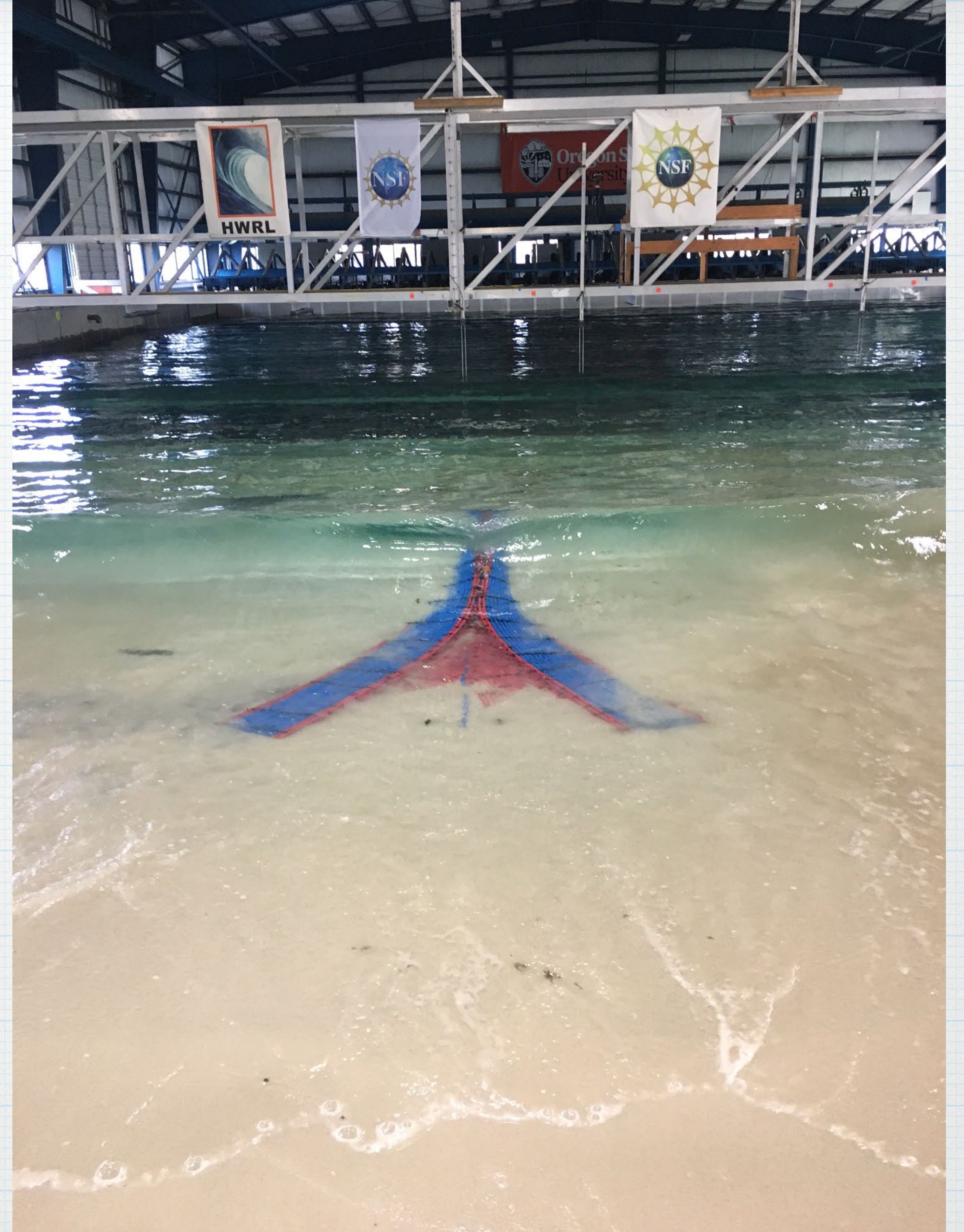
The first formal reef design on the left. Assembled in a harbor, towed offshore to the site, formalized and installed with anchors in a fortnight.



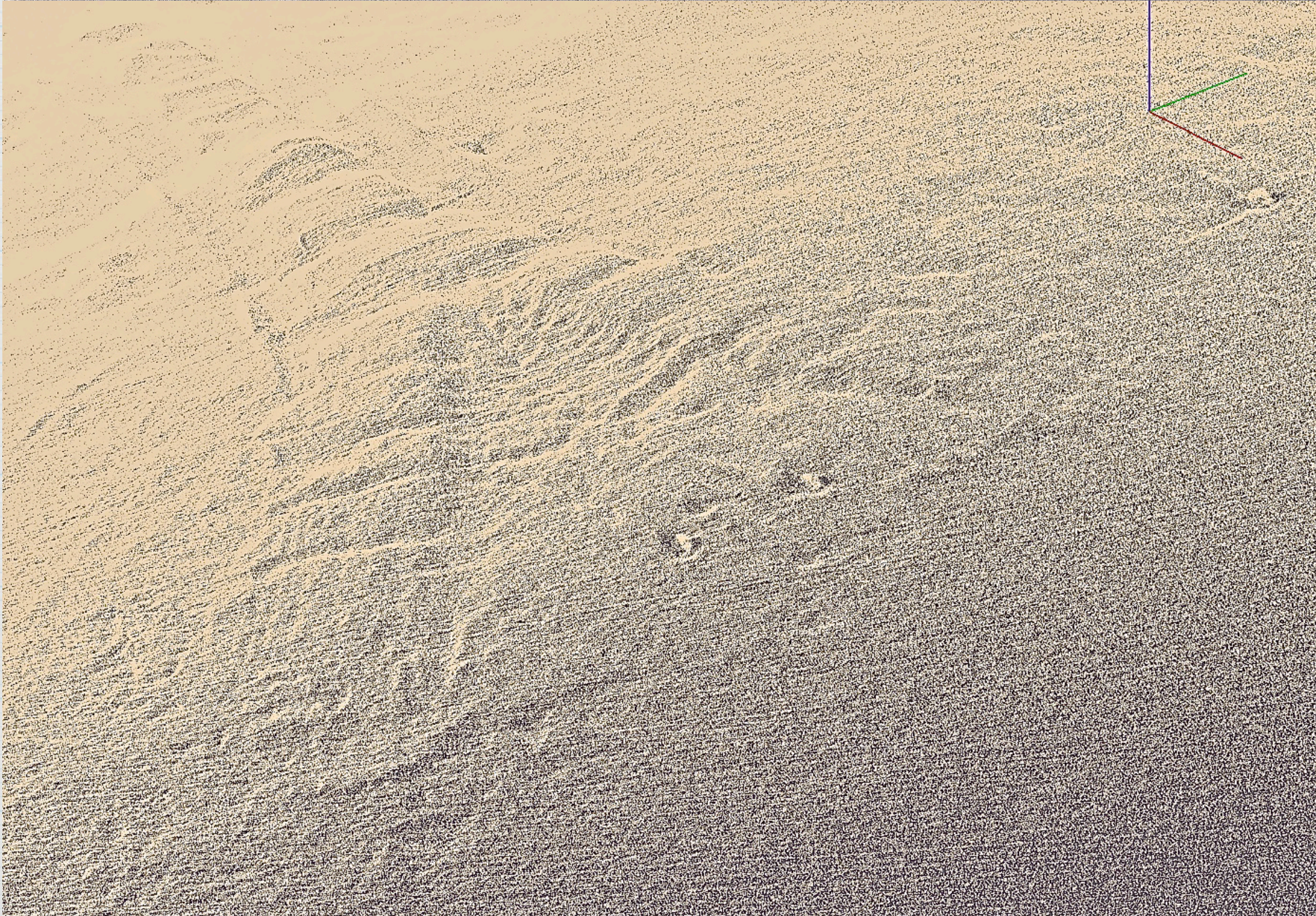
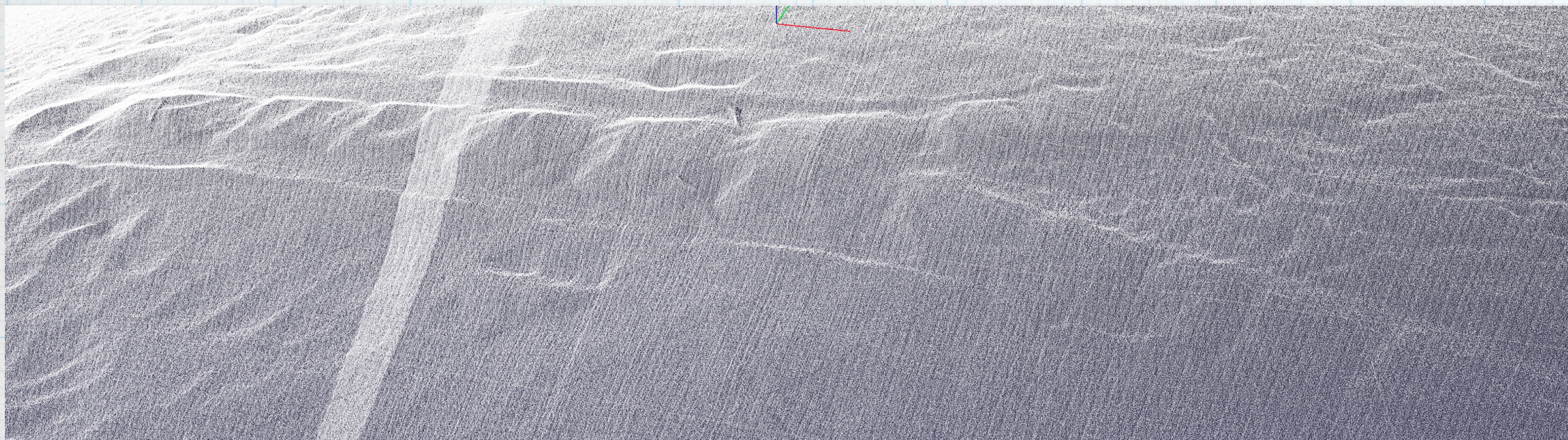


The Y reef design evolved from a full bathymetry study with Fugro of “Rights and Lefts” as a good surfing wave at Hollister Ranch in California.



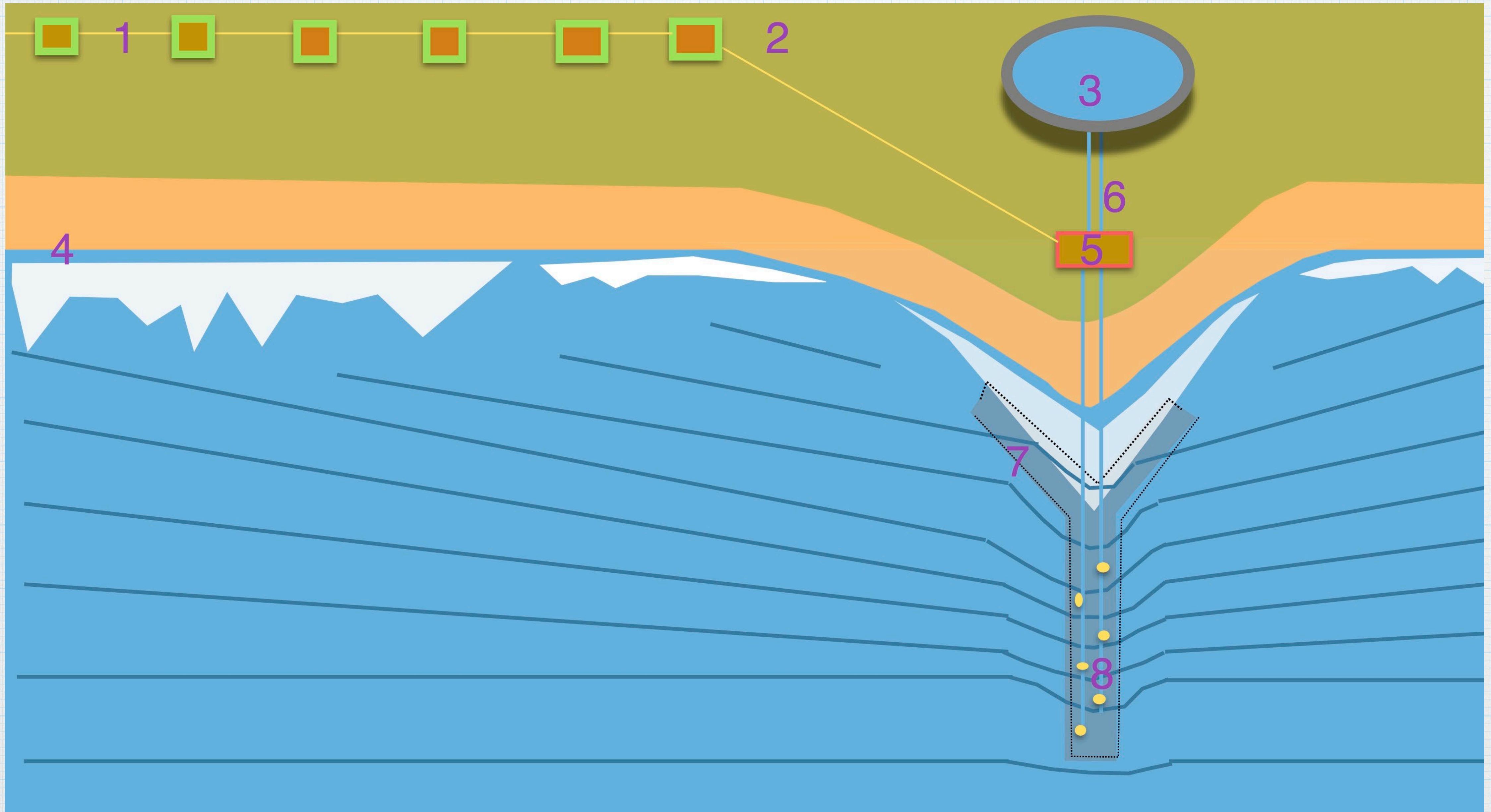






Scans show the sand holding ability with the “footprint” after removal of the Y reef.

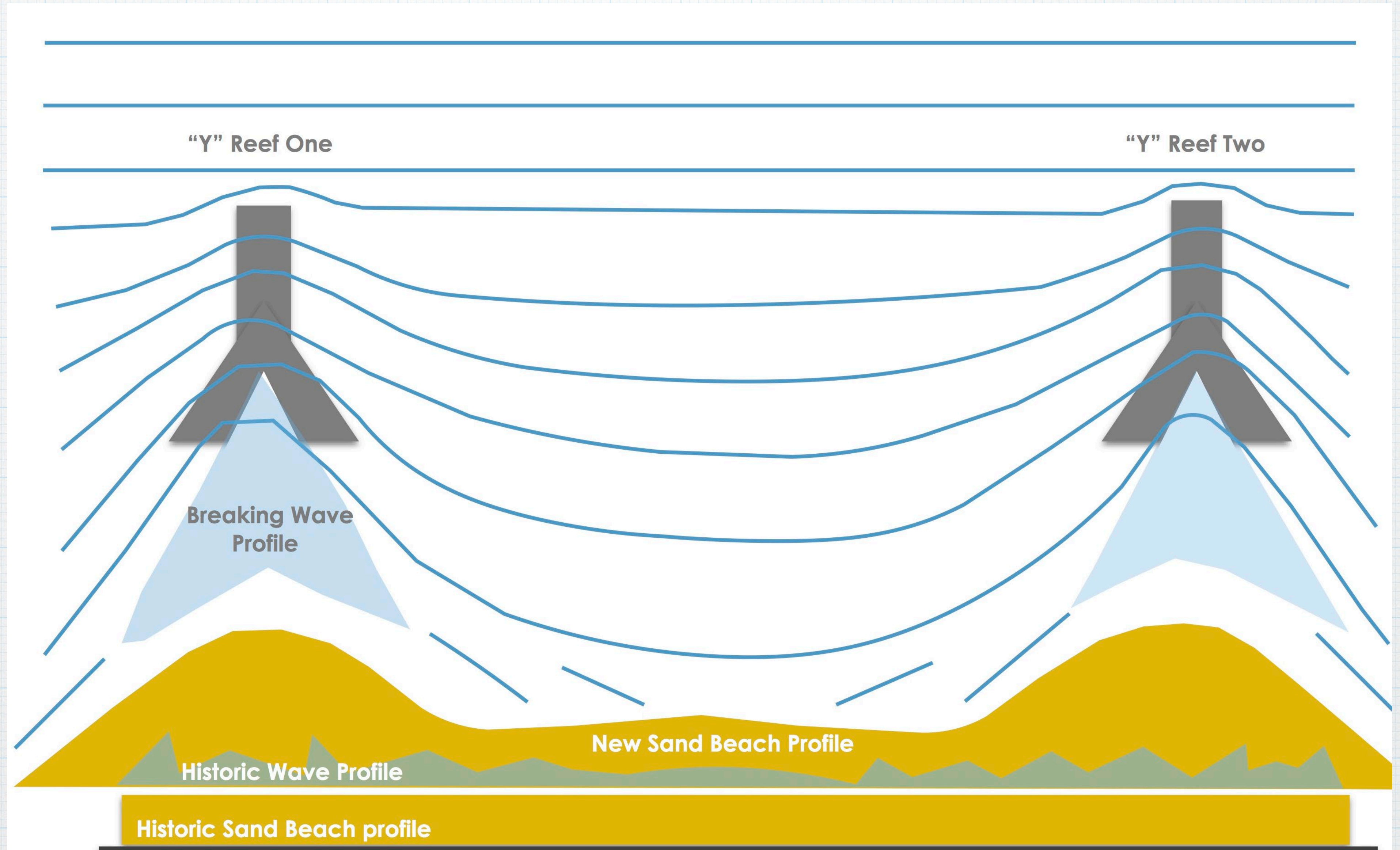




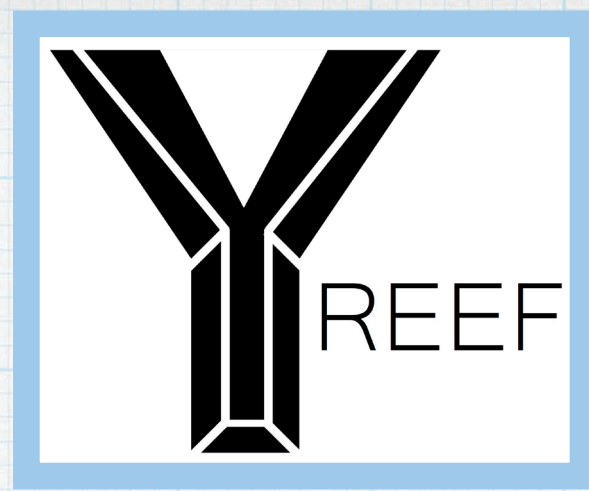
Y reef acts to transform and to manage the inshore energy.



Two reefs are better than one when the goal is to protect a stretch of beach.







Porosity is key for critical aspects and benefits including sand holding and as a future living marine habitat. Designed to host seagrass, high temperature corals, mussels and oysters. The Y reef will be made with any area's tide, wave history, slope and bathymetry. Made to manage the local spectrum of energy like natural coral reefs for small or large waves breaking more offshore. This to reduce energy on the inshore to protect or grow a beach like coral reef. The process is to mimic nature's coral reefs to emulate nature's perfect solution.









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**Y Reef... Y not ?**

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