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## Outfall modelling for Mixing Zone definition

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# CONTENT



- Problem and context: Coastal Water Quality
- Outfall Systems
- Design criteria
- Case study: São Paulo Coast
- Conclusions

# Problem?

<b>Important nutrients</b>	<b>Urine 500 l/yr</b>	<b>Faeces 50 l/yr</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Nutrient need for 250 kg cereals</b>
Nitrogen (N)	4.0 kg, 88%	0.5 kg, 12%	4.5 kg, 100%	5.6 kg
Phosphorus (P)	0.4 kg, 67%	0.2 kg, 33%	0.6 kg, 100%	0.7 kg
Potassium (K)	0.9 kg, 71%	0.3 kg, 29%	1.2 kg, 100%	1.2 kg
<b>Total amount of N+P+K</b>	<b>5.3 kg</b>	<b>1.0 kg</b>	<b>6.3 kg</b>	<b>7.5 kg</b>

Sources: SEPA, 1995 and Wolgast, 1993



- Everything ok?







# Natural and anthropogenic nutrients vs. contaminants

## Mixing Processes:

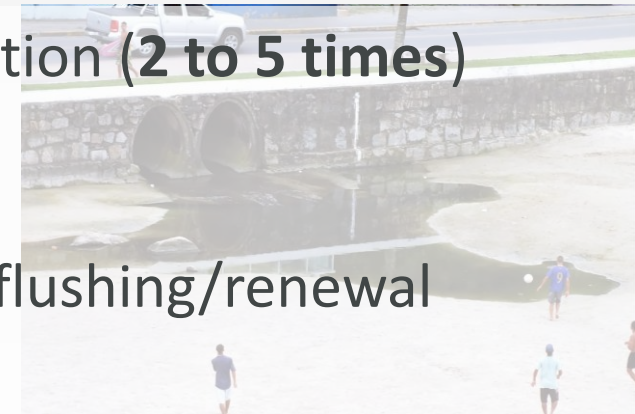
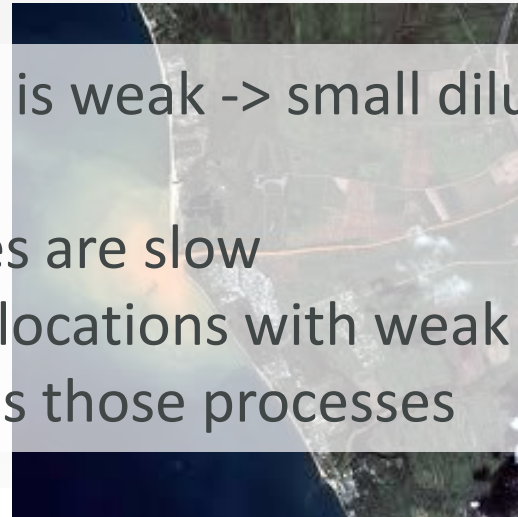
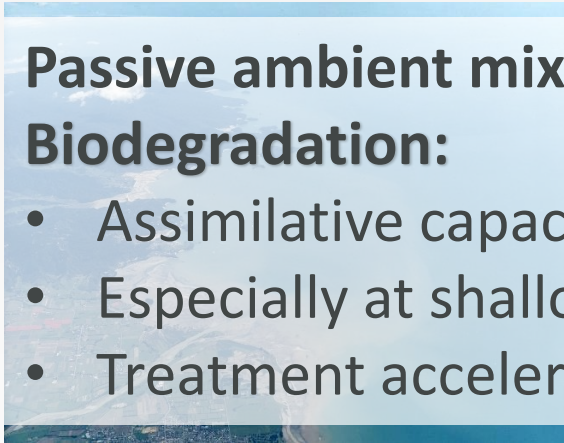
$$\text{Dilution} = \frac{\text{effluente concentration}}{\text{ambient concentration (limit)}}$$

**Passive ambient mixing** is weak -> small dilution (**2 to 5 times**)

### Biodegradation:

- Assimilative capacities are slow
- Especially at shallow locations with weak flushing/renewal
- Treatment accelerates those processes

Outfalls (**active mixing**) is more efficient (**100 or more times**)

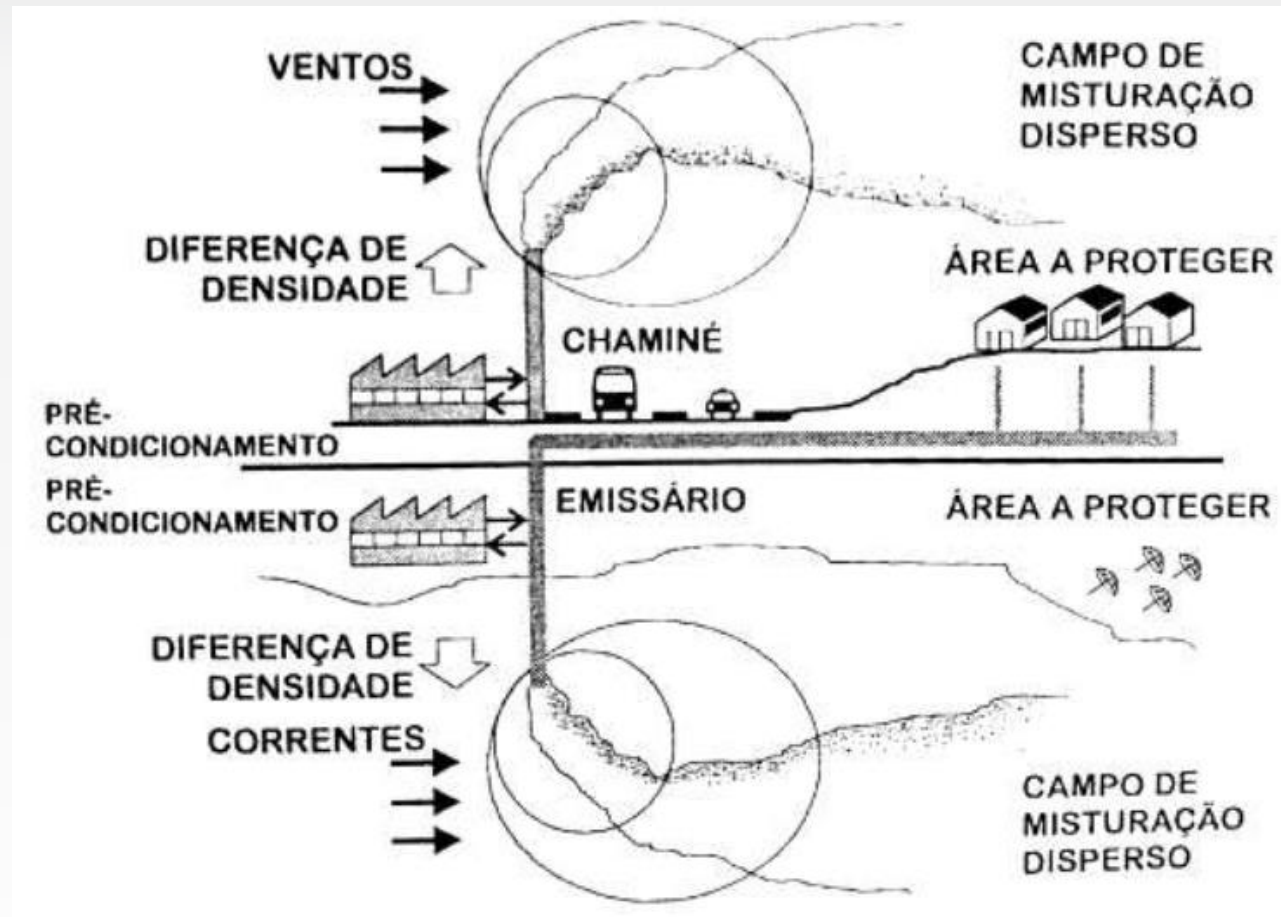


# Megaprojects - megainvestments

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# Different perceptions



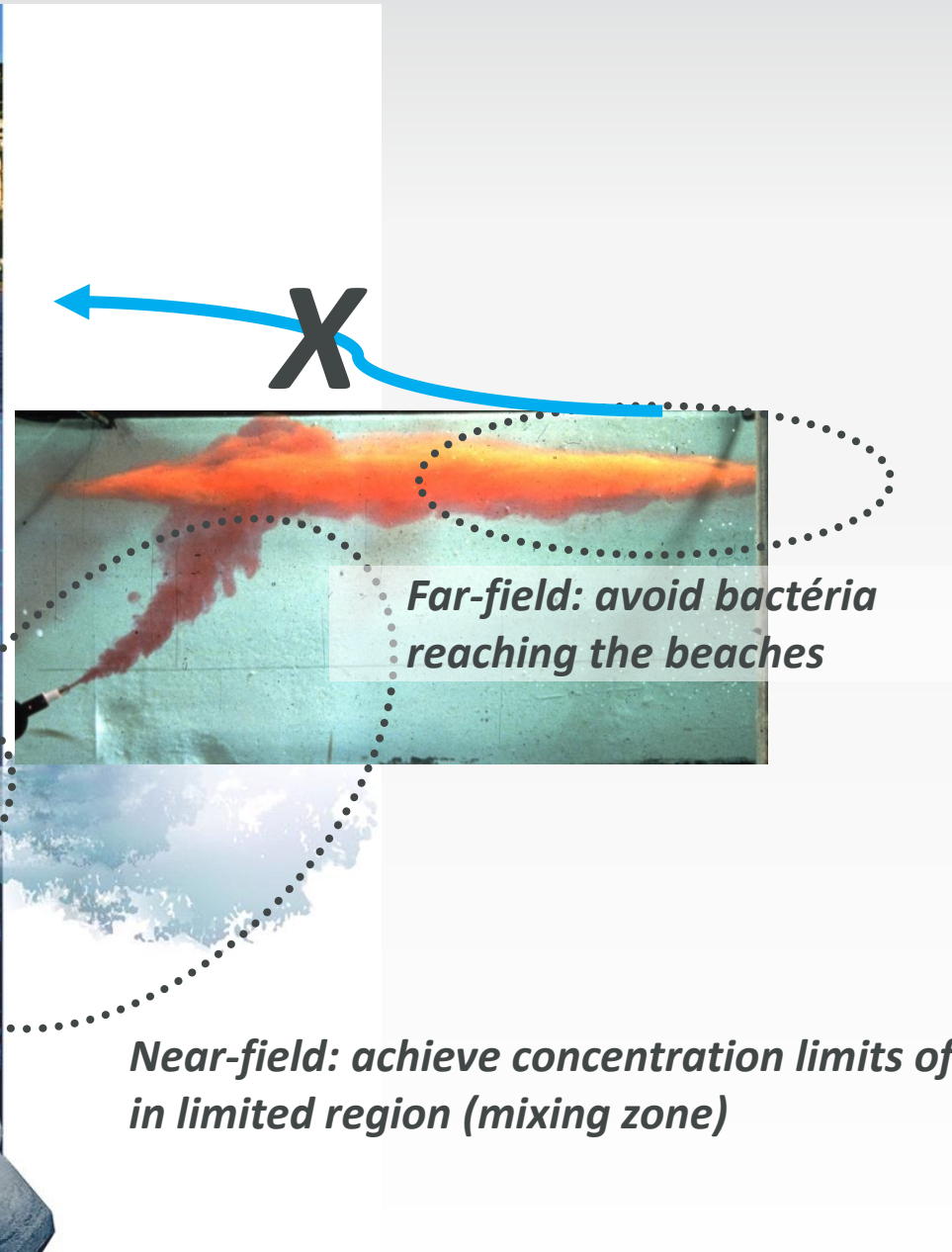
Consequences:

- **Expensive WWTP**, not solving water quality problems;
- **Missing integrated analysis** (treatment and disposal)
- **Not considering all sources** (drainage, diffuses pollution, etc.)

- **Society does not seem to accept/understand ocean discharge systems though accepts atmospheric discharges**



# Mixing processes

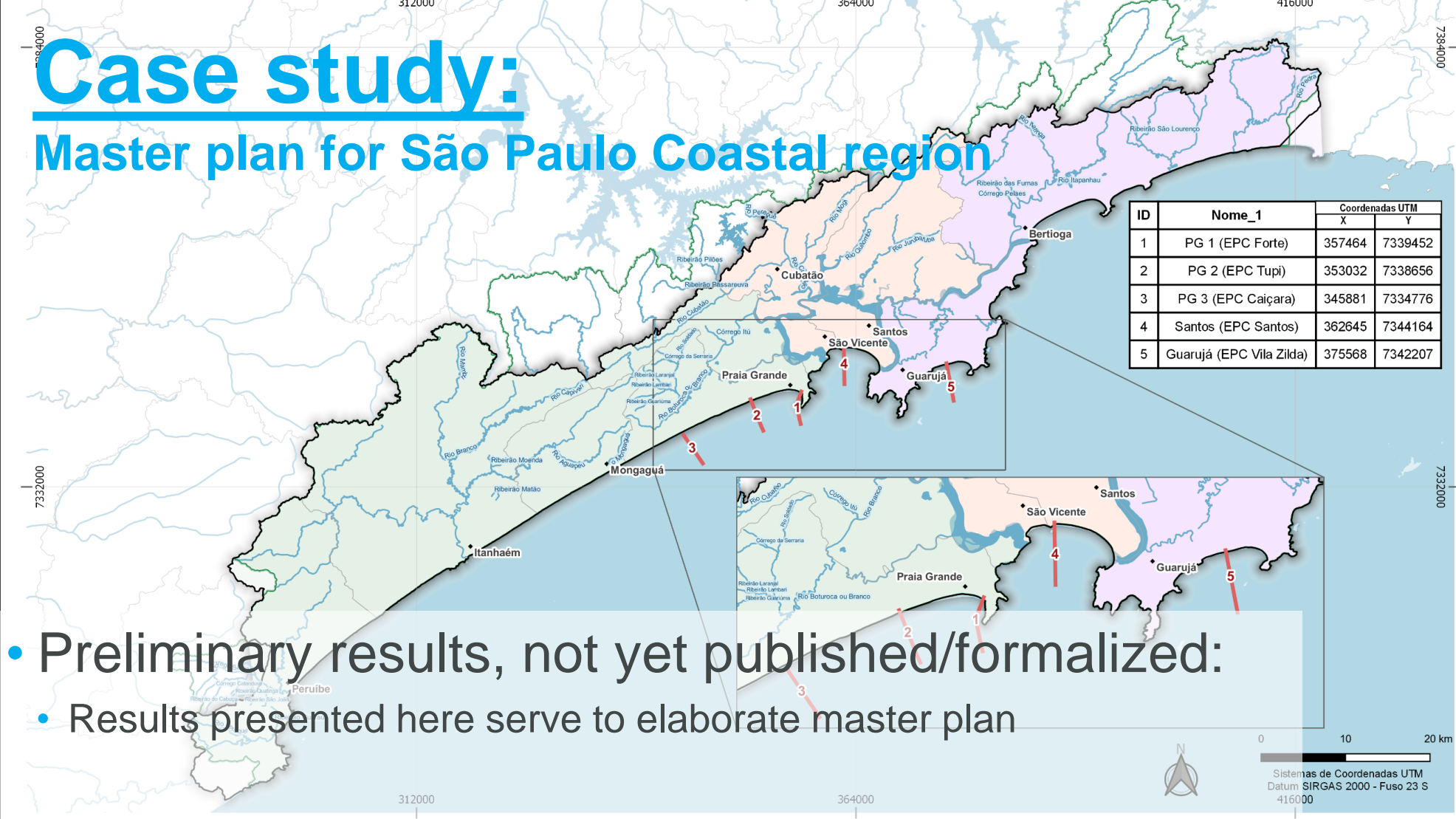


(courtesy of Paolo Domenichini, Italy)



# Case study:

## Master plan for São Paulo Coastal region



- Preliminary results, not yet published/formalized:
- Results presented here serve to elaborate master plan



**Legenda**

- Sedes Municipais
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# Metropolitan region of BAIXADA SANTISTA





# Existing Outfalls



Pretreatment and  
desinfection

Unidade	Guarujá	PG1	PG2	PG3	Santos
Capacity (L/s)	1.450	1.200	1.200	1.400	5.300
Extension (m)	4.200	3.350	3.350	3.675	4.000
Diffuser(m)	300	650	650	420	425
Depth (m)	14	14	14	13	11,5
Risers	75	80	80	84	79

## Substances:

enterococos, coliforms,  
total organic carbon,  
nitrogen, total  
phosphorous, total  
suspended solids

## Oceanographic data:

physical, biological,  
chemical

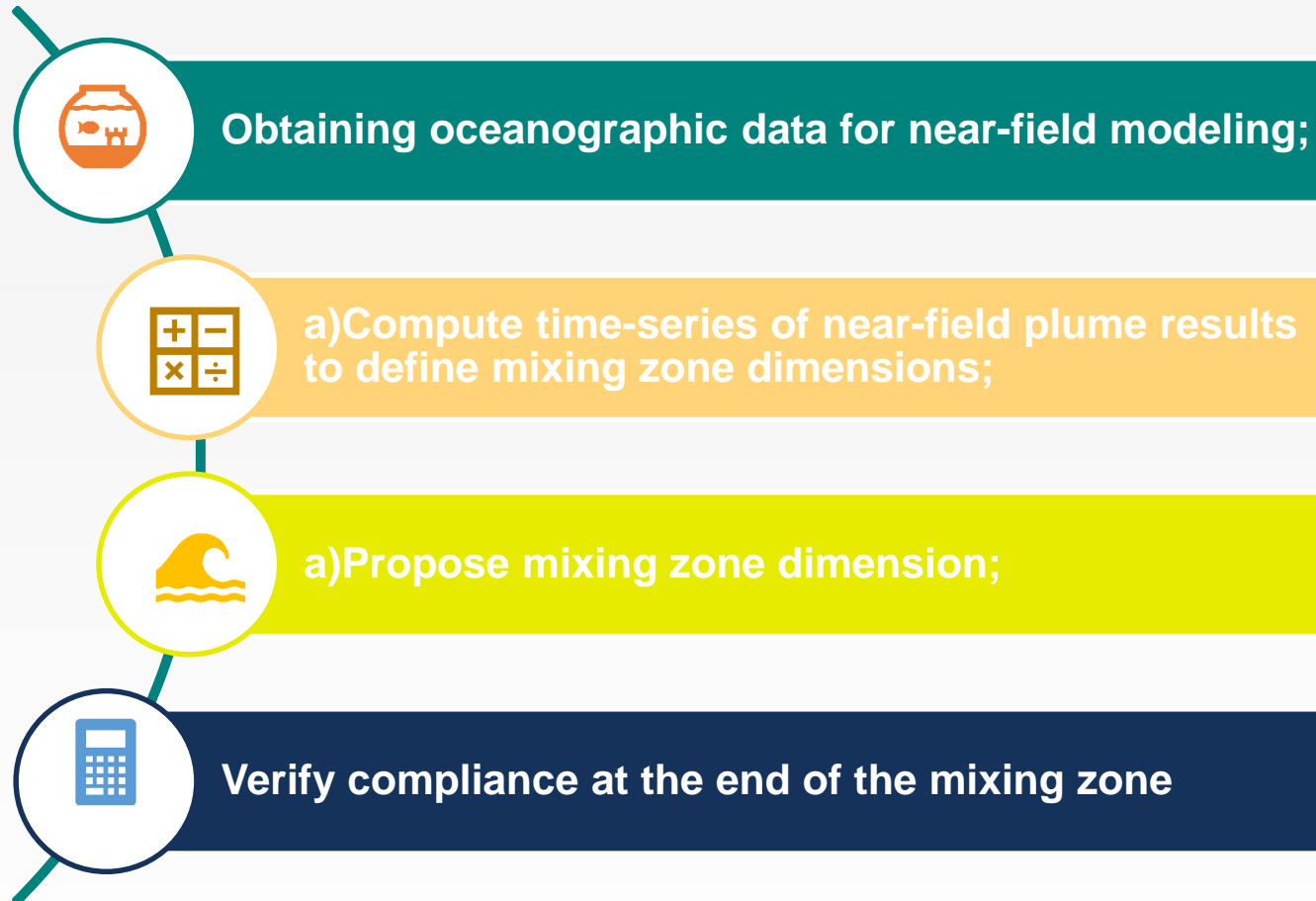
## River and channel

discharges:  
Salinity, loads

## Meteorological data:

winds, radiation,  
temperature

# First step: Near-field modeling





# Required dilutions

Outfall	Parameter	Maximum dilution requirement		Minimum dilution requirement	
		Classe 1	Classe 2	Classe 1	Classe 2
Guarujá (EPC Vila Zilda)	E-Coli (NMP/100mL)*	68.700**	6.870**	47.992**	4.799**
	Carbono Orgânico Total (mg/L)*	36	22	27	16
	Nitrogênio Amoniacal (mg/L)*	94	54	73	41
	Fósforo Total (mg/L)*	150	100	97	65
	Enterococos (UFC/100mL)	18.800**		5.612**	
Emissário Forte (Subsistema 1)	E-Coli (NMP/100mL))	73.350**	7.335**	38.992**	3.899**
	Carbono Orgânico Total (mg/L)	37	22	29	17
	Nitrogênio Amoniacal (mg/L)	83	47	52	30
	Fósforo Total (mg/L)	134	89	82	54
	Enterococos (UFC/100mL)	18.800**		4.510**	
Emissário Tupi (Subsistema 2)	E-Coli (NMP/100mL)	86.645**	8.665**	26.360**	2.636**
	Carbono Orgânico Total (mg/L)	31	19	25	15
	Nitrogênio Amoniacal (mg/L)	80	45	55	32
	Fósforo Total (mg/L)	154	103	75	50
	Enterococos (UFC/100mL)	18.800**		4.521**	
EPC Caiçara (Subsistema 3)	E-Coli (NMP/100mL)	95.900**	9.590**	39.451**	3.945**
	Carbono Orgânico Total (mg/L)	32	19	24	14
	Nitrogênio Amoniacal (mg/L)	90	52	62	35
	Fósforo Total (mg/L)	126	84	82	55
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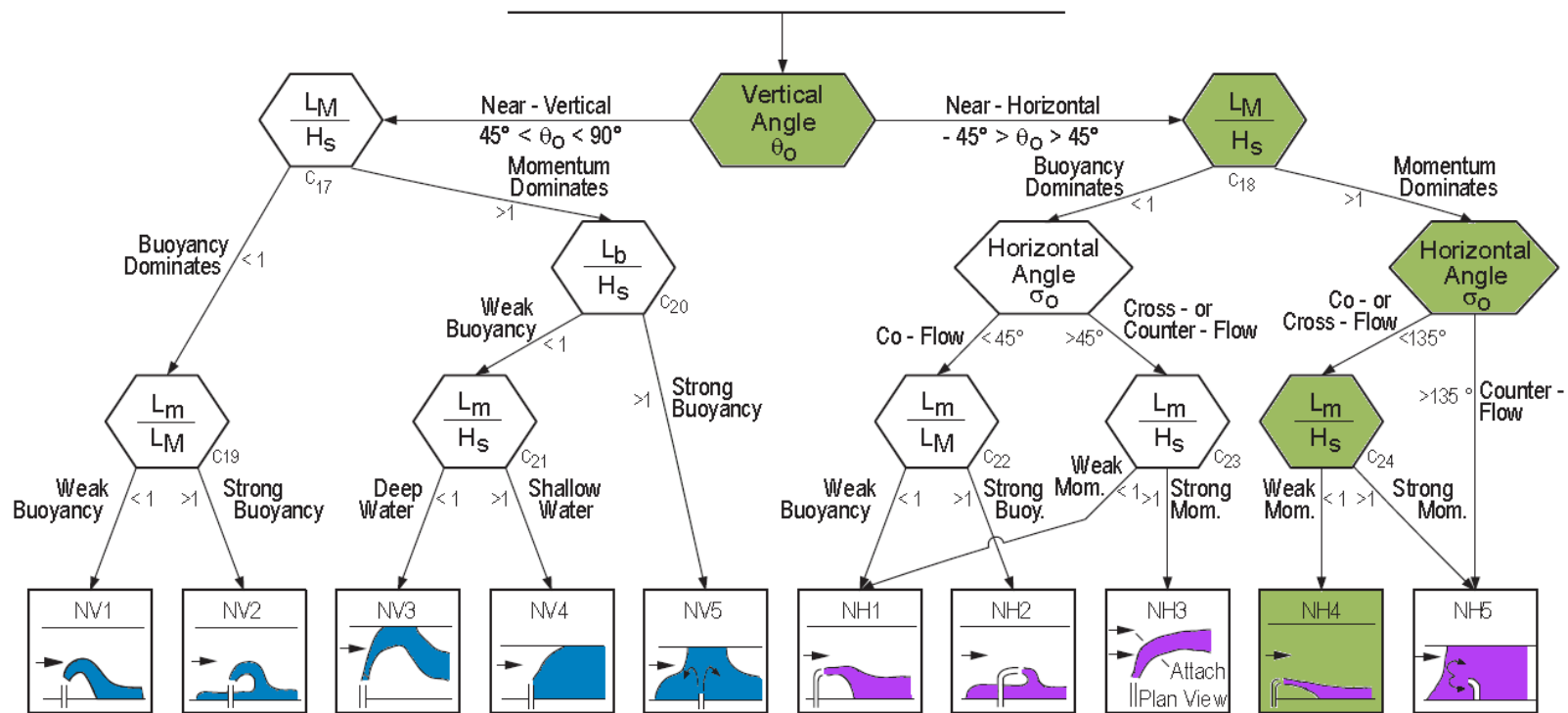
# Near-field model

- CORMIX V12.0.0.0 (Jirka et al., 1996; MixZon, 2017)



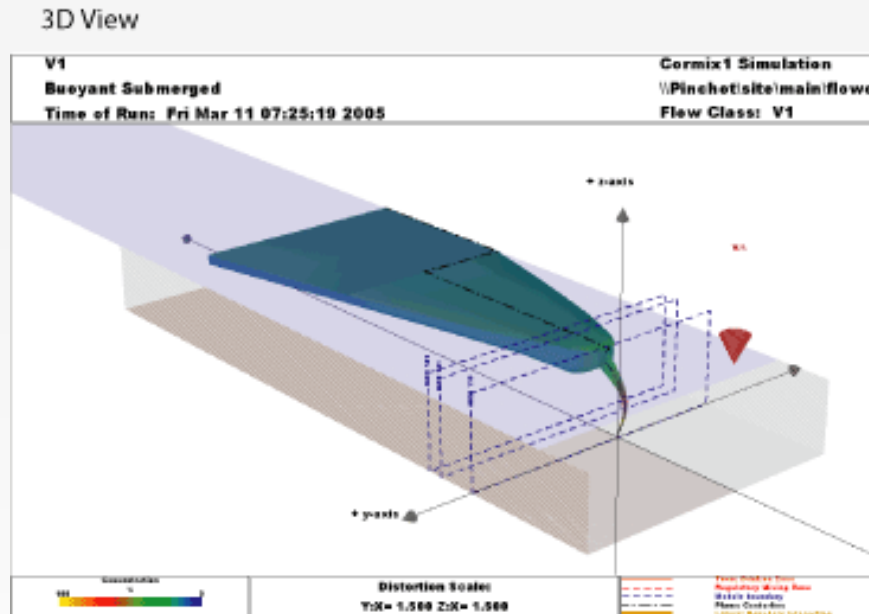
## CORMIX FLOW CLASSIFICATION

### Near Bottom NEGATIVELY Buoyant discharges in Uniform Density Layer

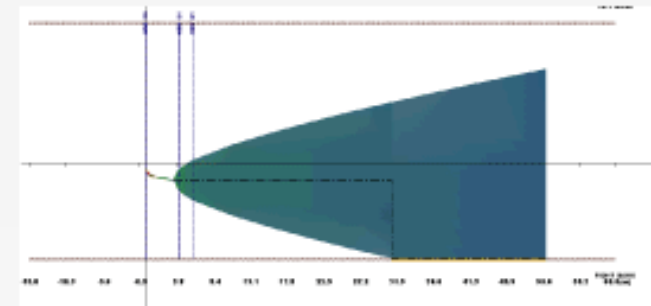




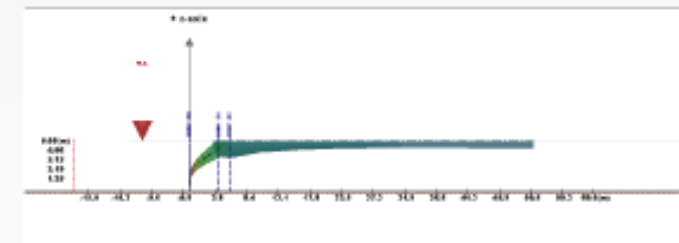
# CorTime: quasi unsteady approach



Plan View

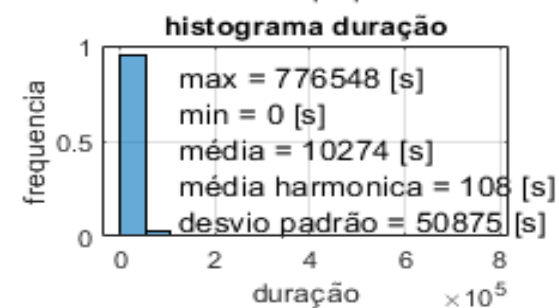
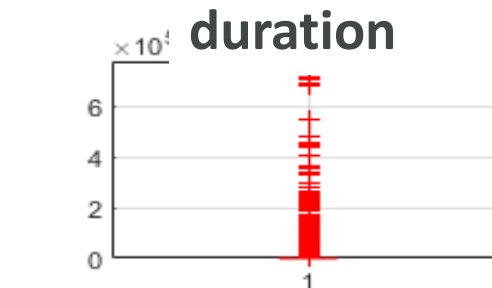
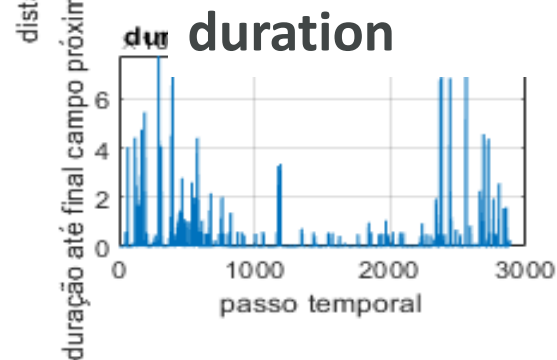
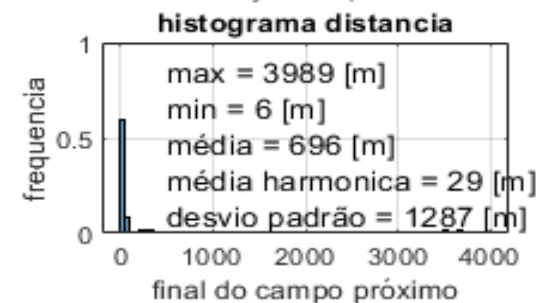
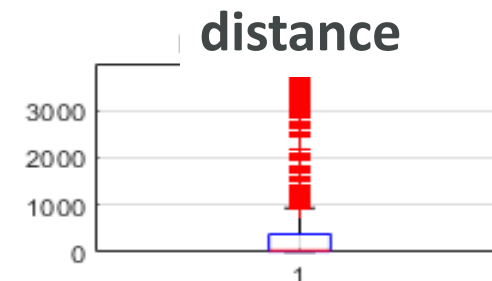
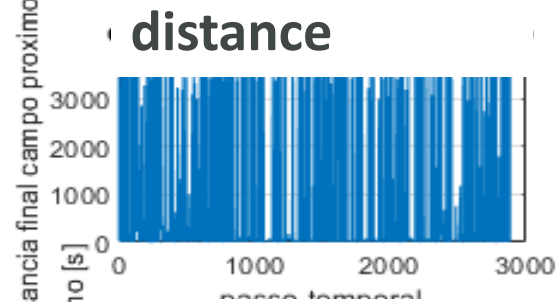
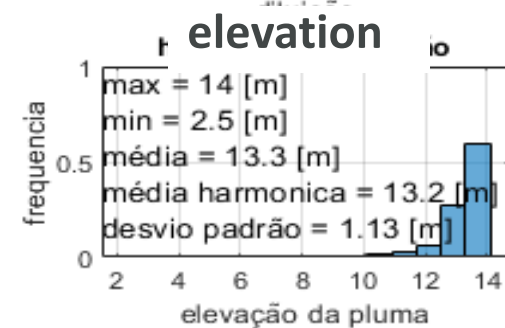
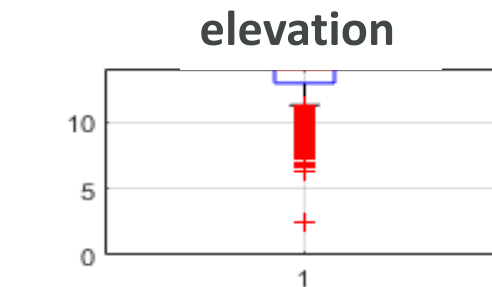
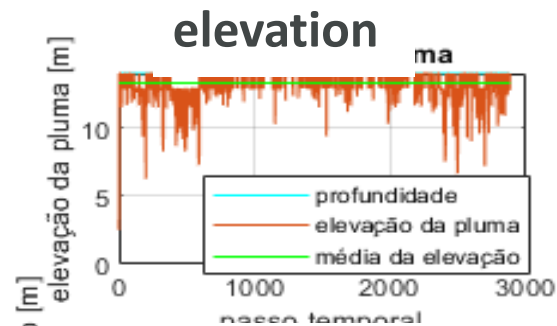
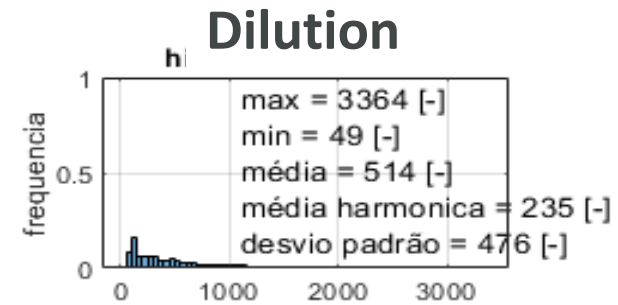
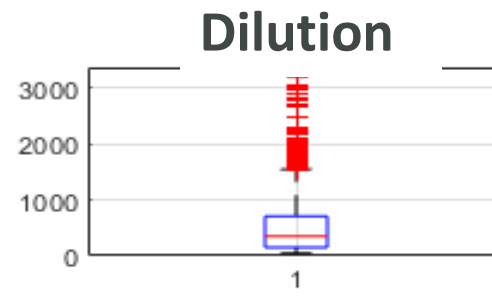
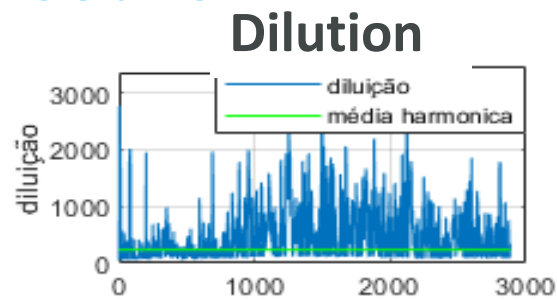


Side View



- 3.000 simulations to cover a 1 year period (3h time step)
- Considering changing discharge, currents, stratification, water level

# Results



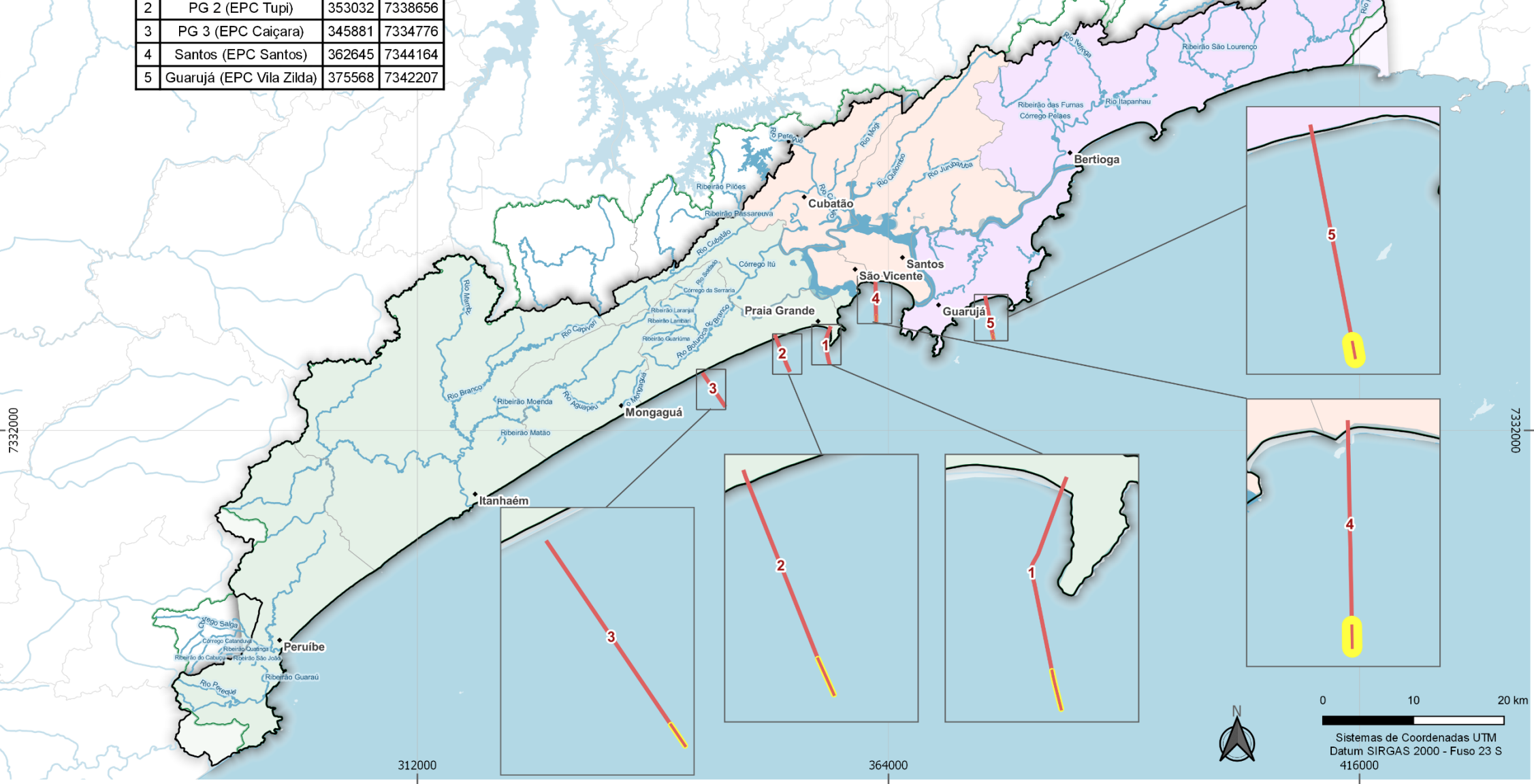
## Proposed regulatory mixing zone dimensions

Outfall	Maximal discharge [m <sup>3</sup> /s]	Hydrodynamic mixing zone dimension [m]	Duration of plume reaching end [s]	Regulatory mixing zone [m]
Santos	5,300	218	83	200
PG1	1,200	30	59	50
PG2	1,200	27	57	50
PG3	1,400	33	73	100
Guarujá	1,450	166	395	200

- Preliminary proposal, yet to be discussed in master plan



2	PG 2 (EPC Tupi)	353032	7338656
3	PG 3 (EPC Caiçara)	345881	7334776
4	Santos (EPC Santos)	362645	7344164
5	Guarujá (EPC Vila Zilda)	375568	7342207



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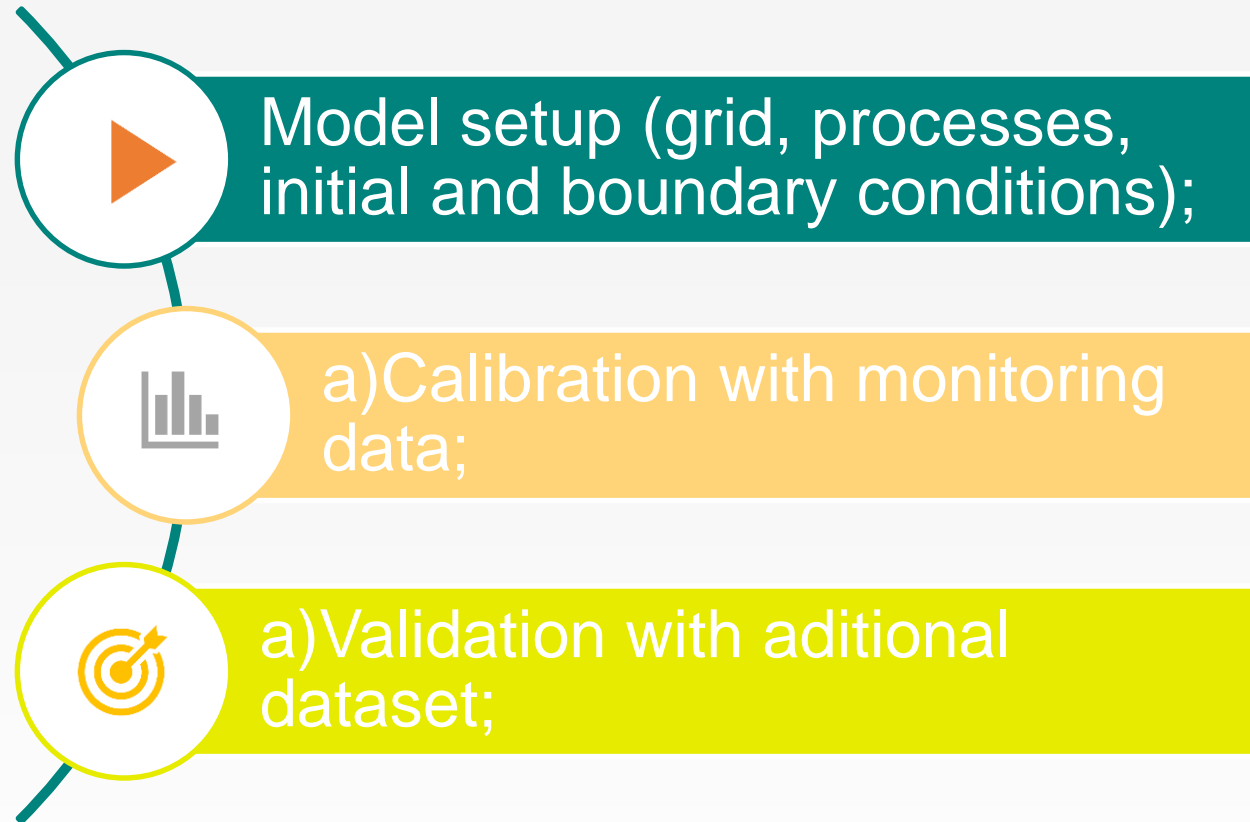
# Compliance?

Outfall	Santos		PG1		PG2		PG3		Guarujá	
Scenario	2012	2019	2012	2019	2012	2019	2012	2019	2012	2019
Dilution end of initial mixing	60	73	235	220	196	238	1036	690	258	327
Dilution end of legal zone	60	76	215	207	183	224	812	561	250	371
Percentil dos menores 5% da diluição (diluição mínima) na ZML	26	28	79	79	74	83	265	172	80	86
							900	1530	1890	
							0	0	0	
							0	13	11	
							,4/13	12,15/14	13/14	
							,4/13	12,15	13/14	
							172	155	143	
							214	217	186	

- Compliance at end of regulatory mixing zone for all substance, except bacteria
- If effluent chlorinated, also in compliance within mixing zoon
- Without chlorination:
  - Far-field analysis

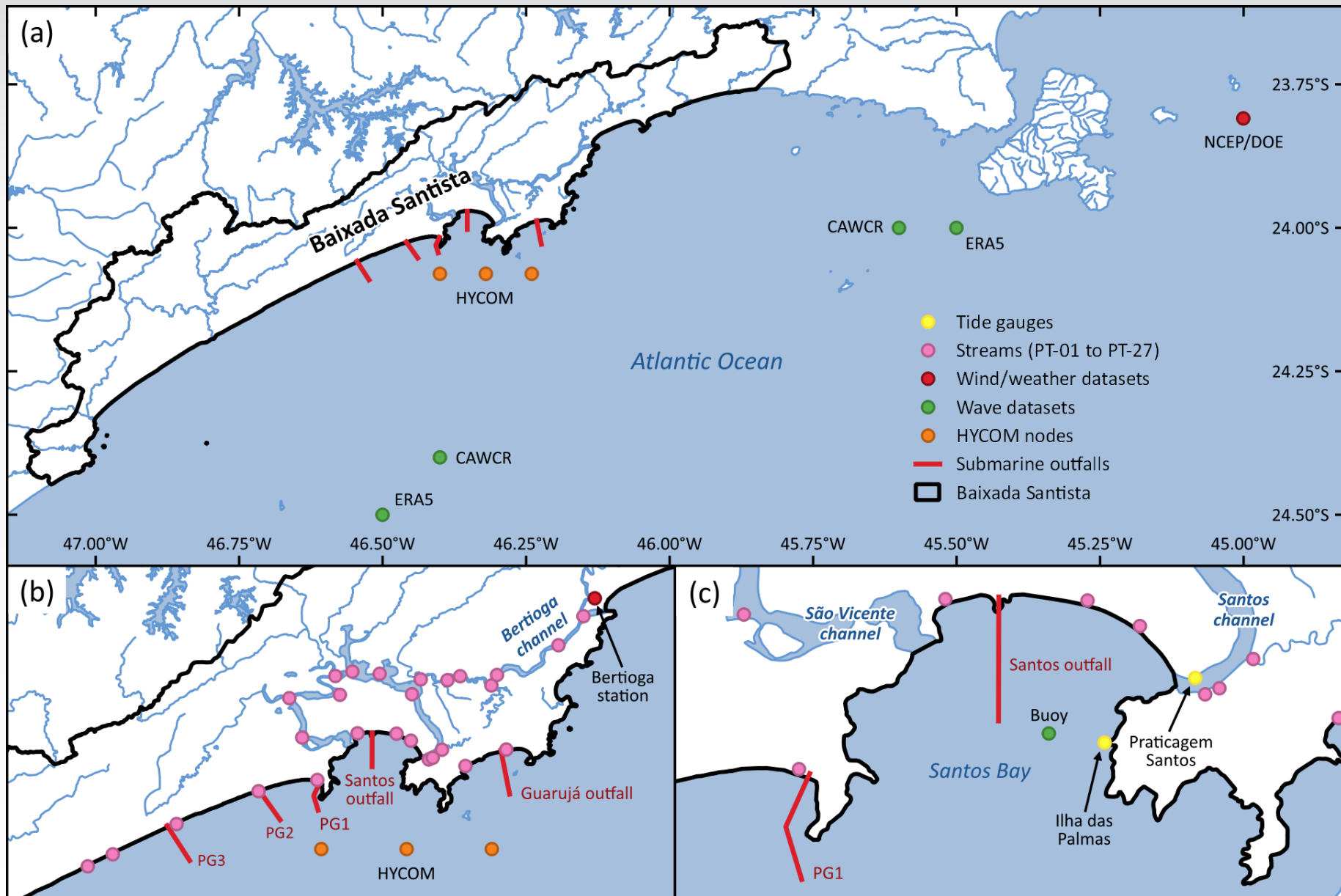
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### Far-field hydrodynamic and water quality modeling

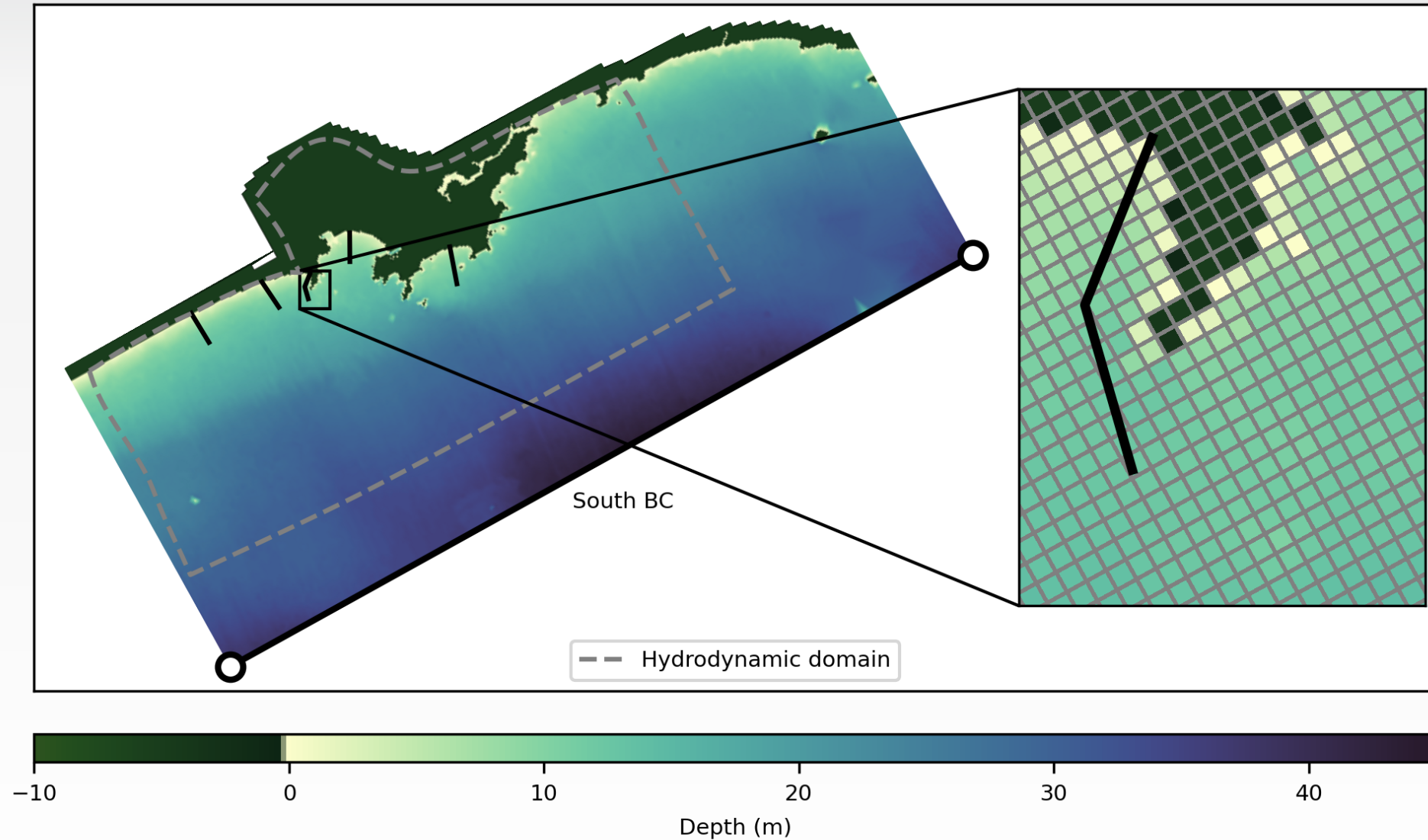


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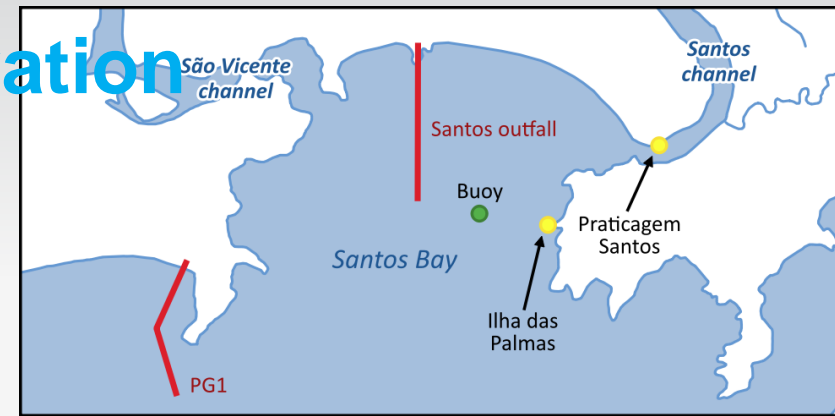
# Modelagem de campo afastado - hidrodinâmica e qualidade



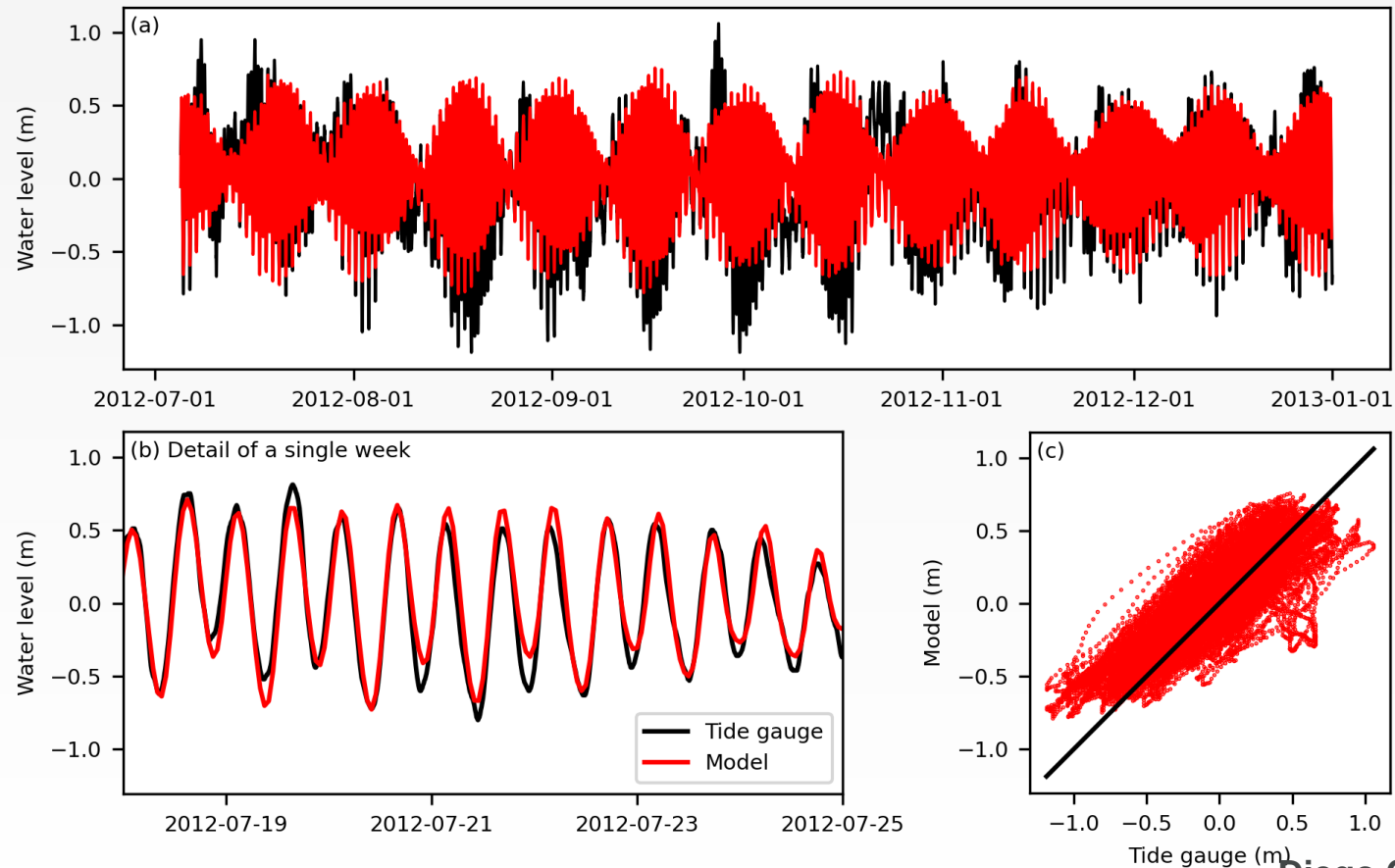
# Hydrodynamic model calibration

- July–December 2012
- Willmott's index\* = 71%

\* Index of model performance by Willmott et al. (2011)



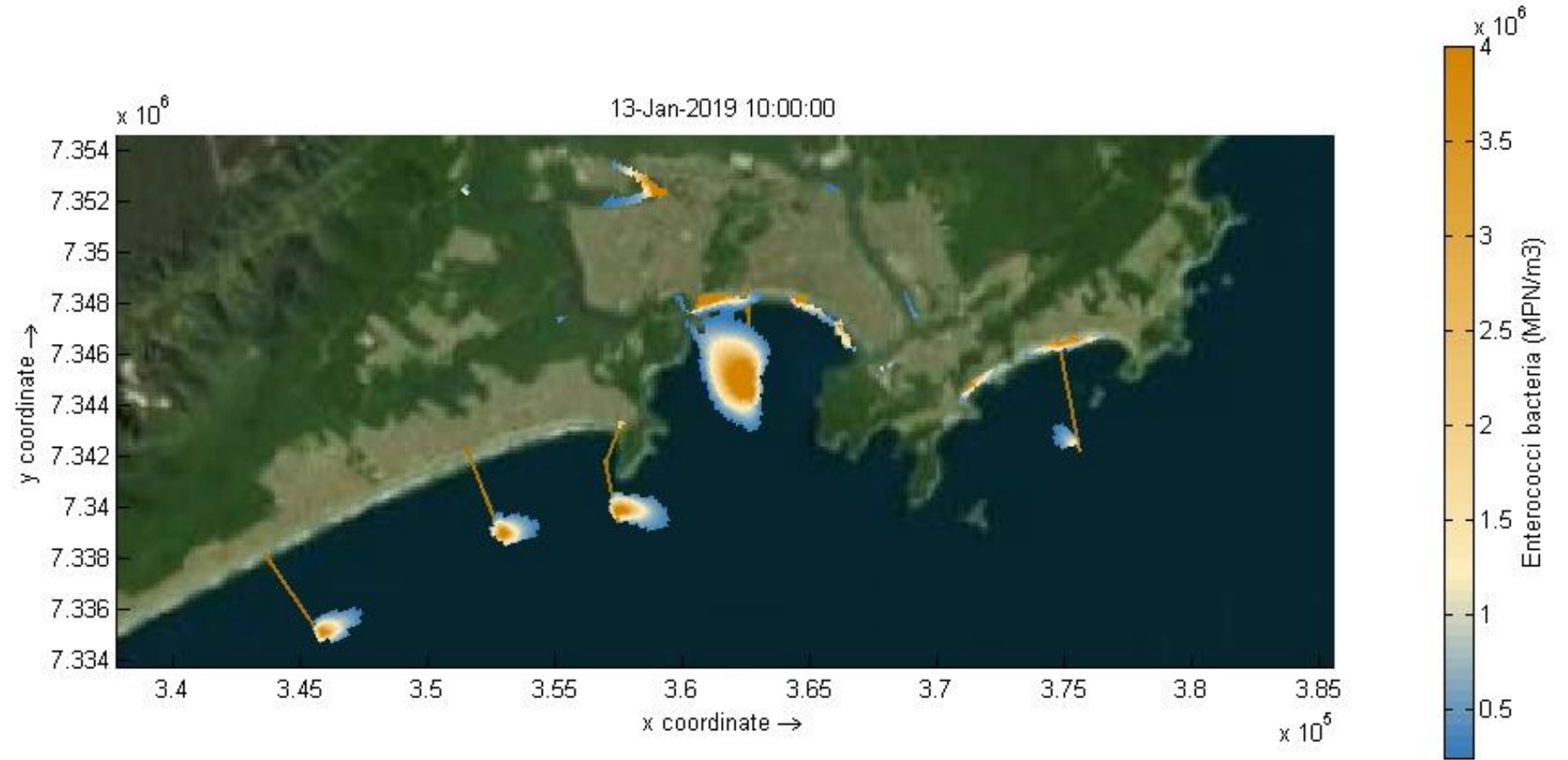
Praticagem Santos



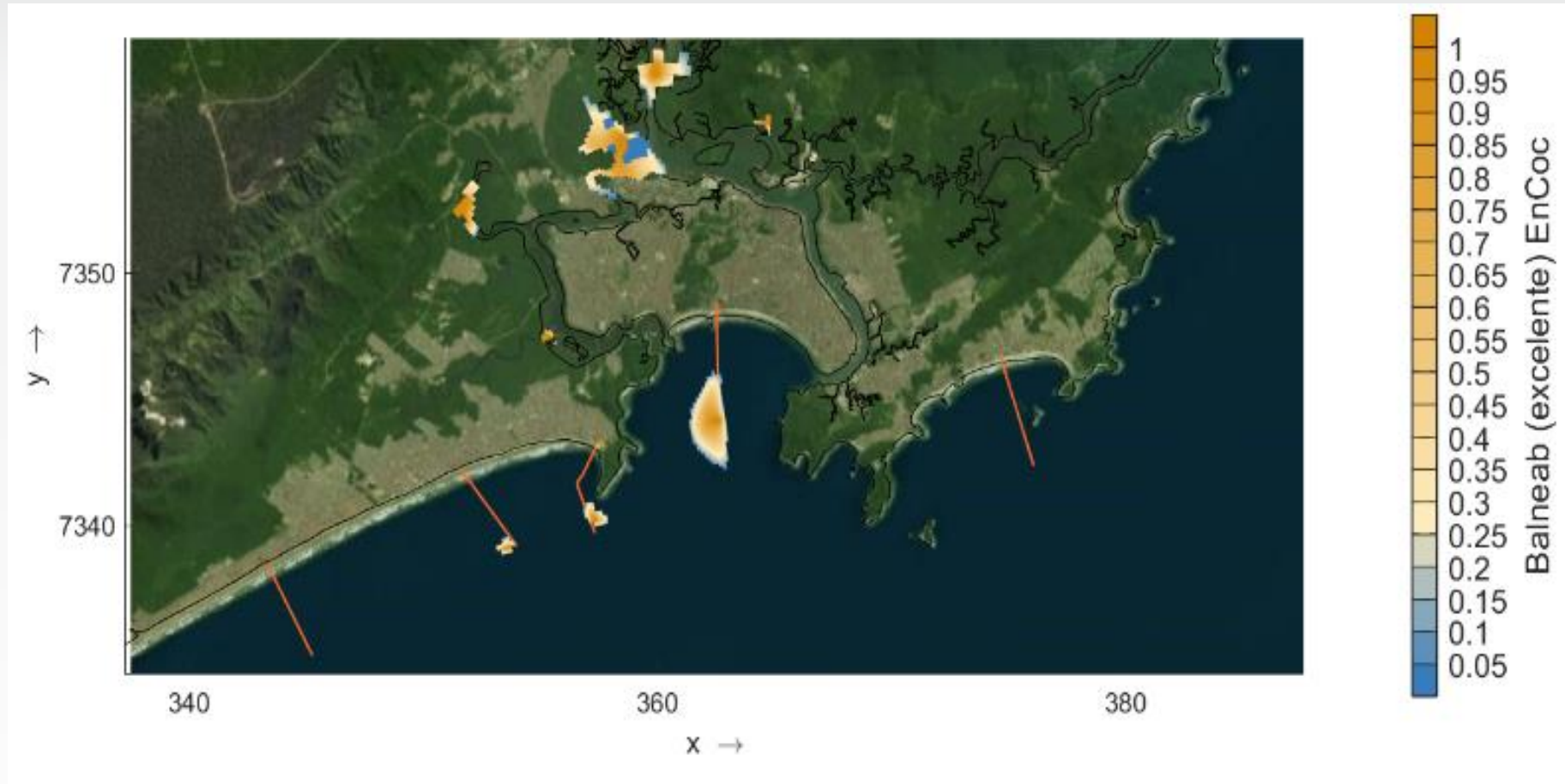


# Results

Enterococcos  
concentrations  
– maximum  
discharge



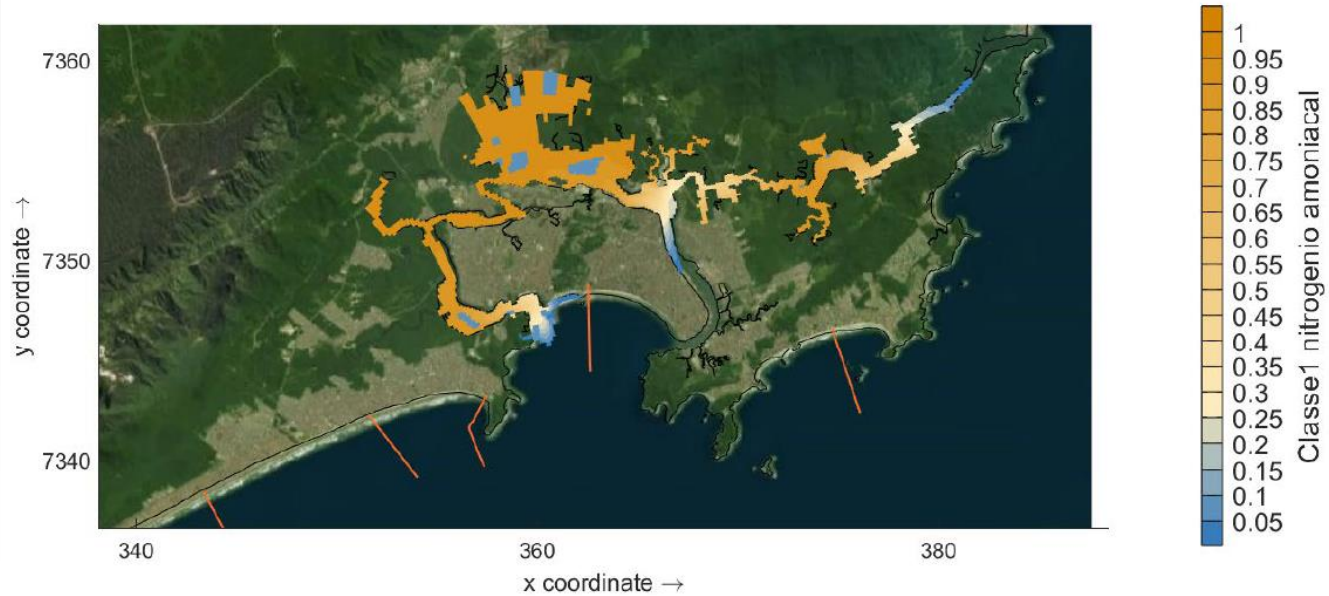
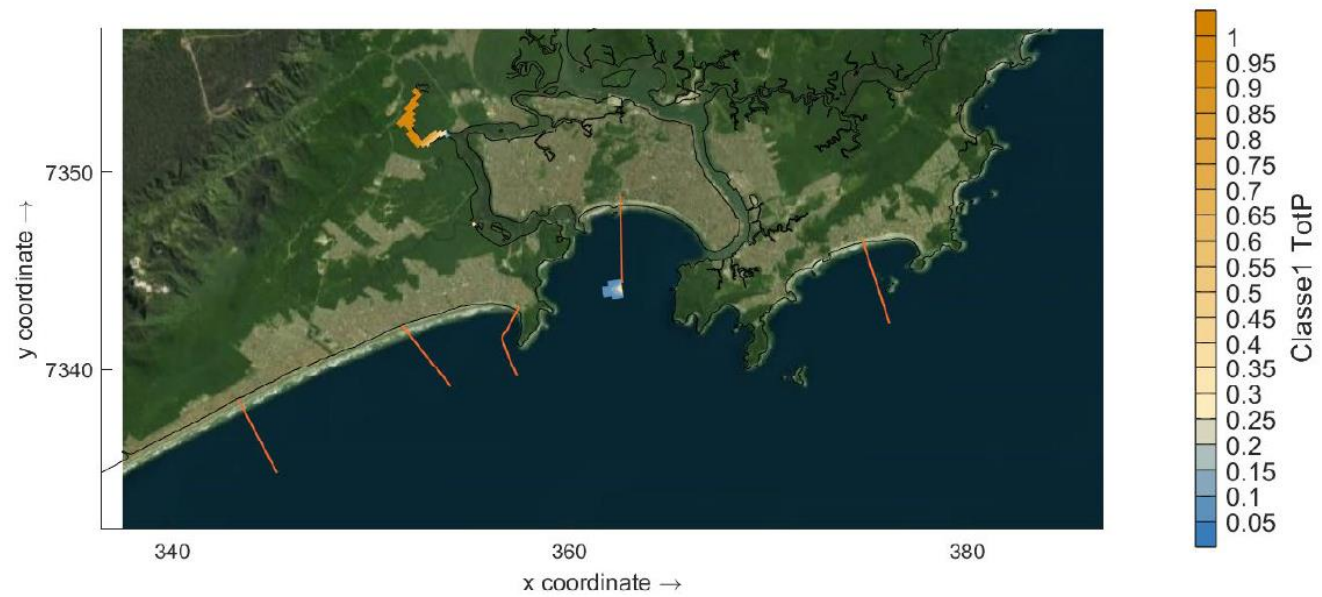
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Exceedance Frequency of excelente beach water quality above 5% probability  
(CONAMA 274/00)

# Results

**Ammonia:**  
Exceedance frequency of  
class 2 water body

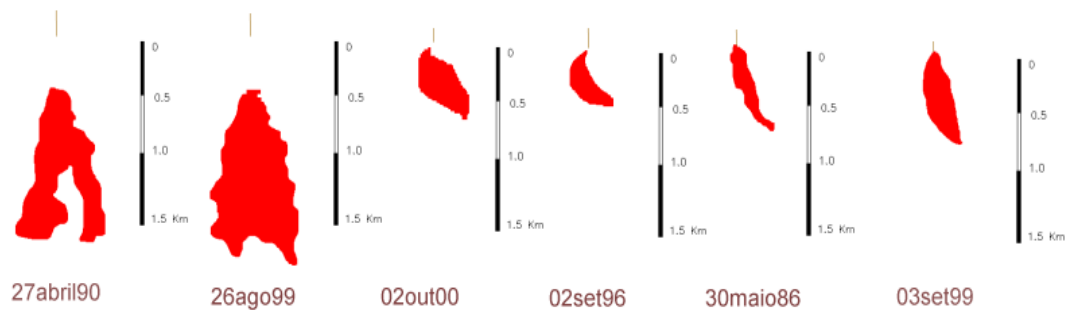
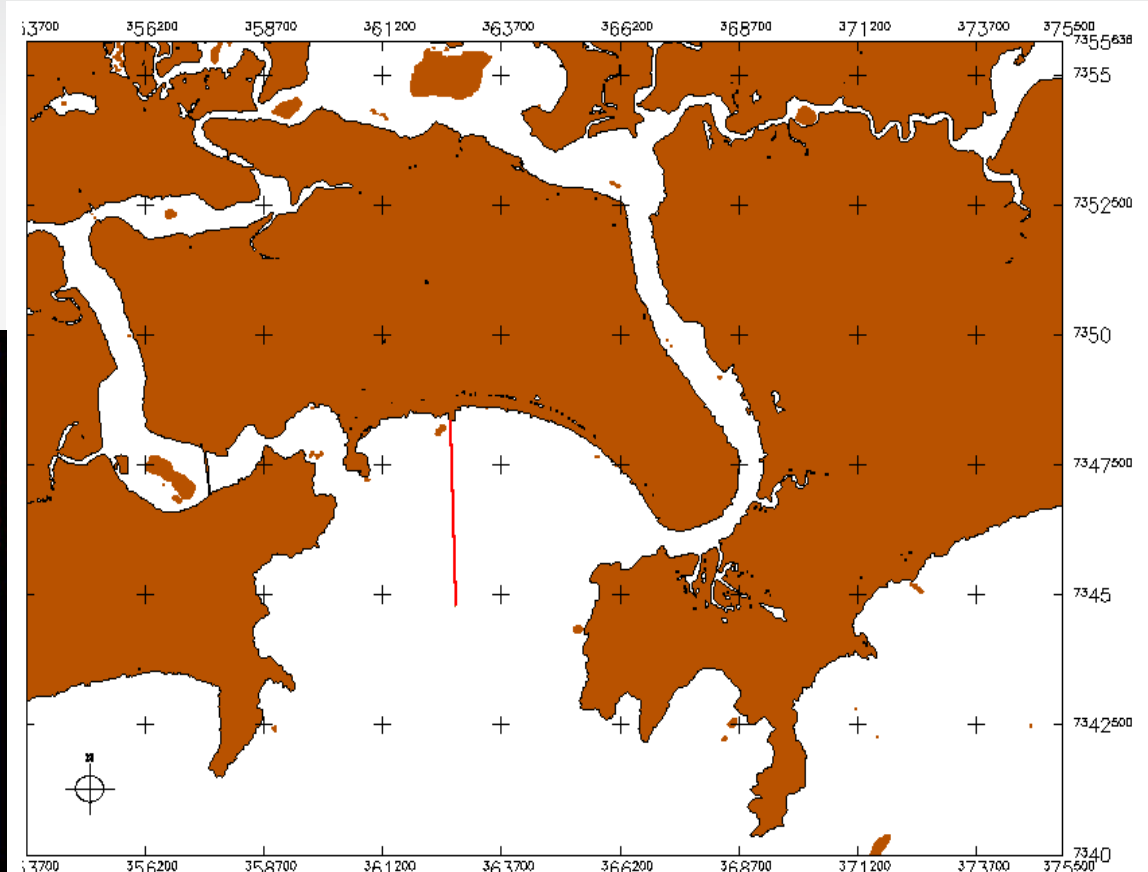
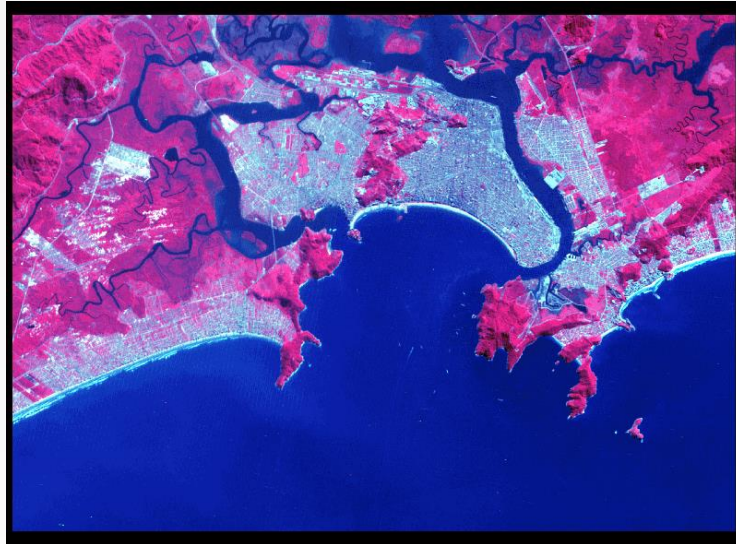


**Total Phosphorous:**  
Exceedance frequency of  
class 2 water body



# Innovative monitoring of outfall plume

- Remote sensing by satellite



# Conclusions

- **Near-field:** nutrient concentrations below limit
- **Far-field:**
  - no substance accumulation observed due to outfalls (no risk of eutrofication)
  - Outfalls do not cause bacterial pollution at beaches
  - Suspended sediment deposits Around Santos outfall -> monitoring!
- **Integrated approach and master plan:**
  - Considering all sources for improving investments
  - Significant pollution from rivers and channels
- **Paradigme change:**
  - Previous sanitation solutions considered only intake to discharge, but not receiving Waters as a whole
- **Knowledge exchange:**
  - **Community models** (<http://www.d3d-baydelta.org/>; <http://www.agmcommunity.org/>)
  - **Universal repositories** (Hycom, TPXO, GEBCO)

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Models:

- CORMIX, [www.cormix.info](http://www.cormix.info)
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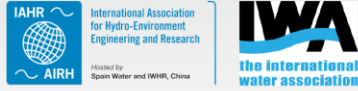
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