WESTERN IBERIA SEA SURFACE SALINITY PATTERNS DUE TO LAND INPUTS.

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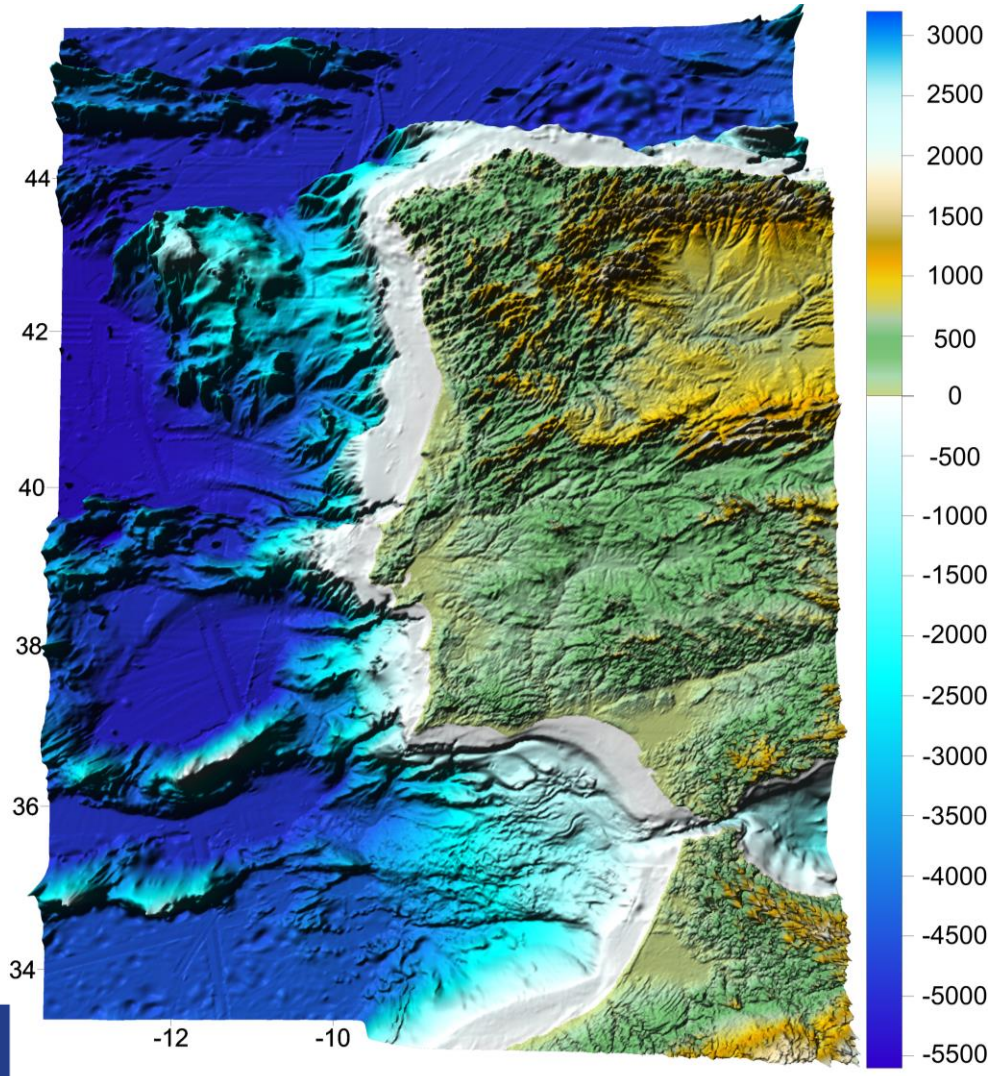
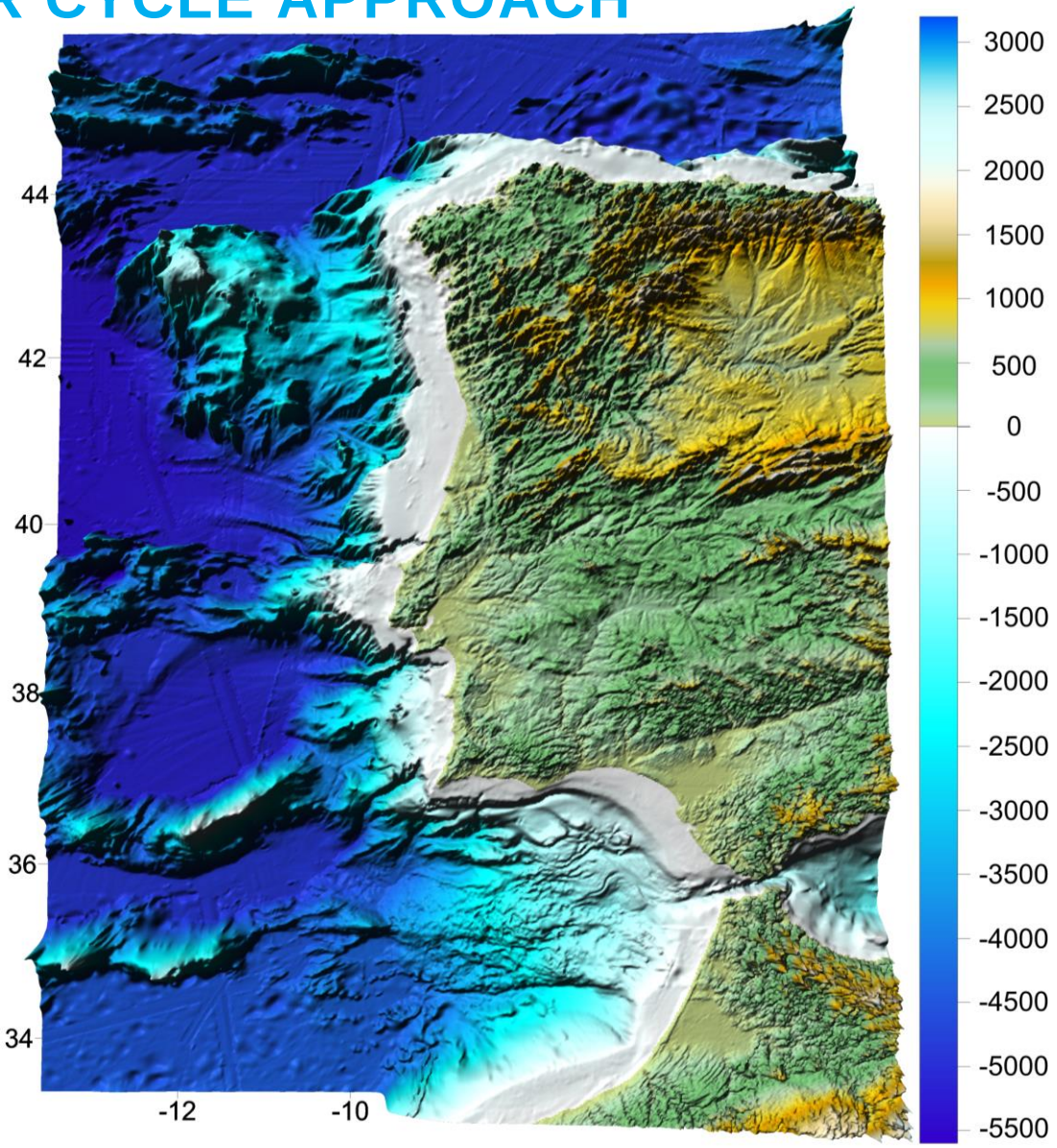


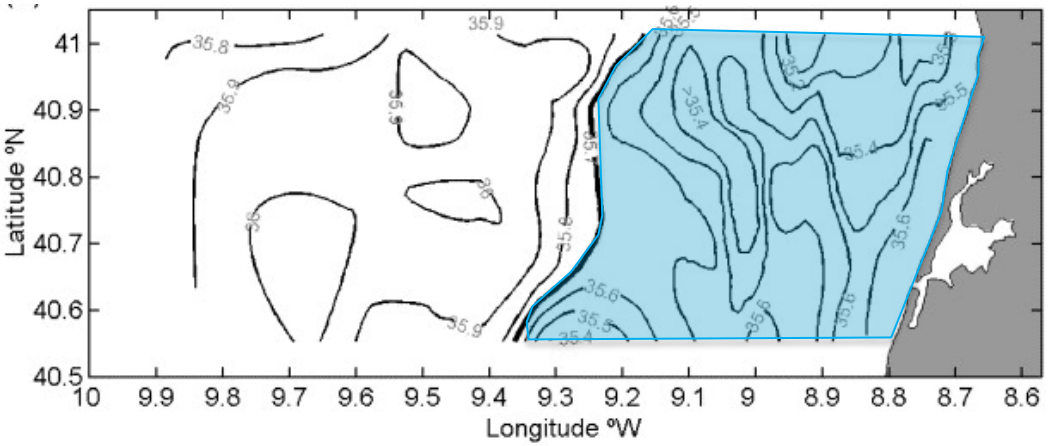
A PARADIGM SHIFT: INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE APPROACH

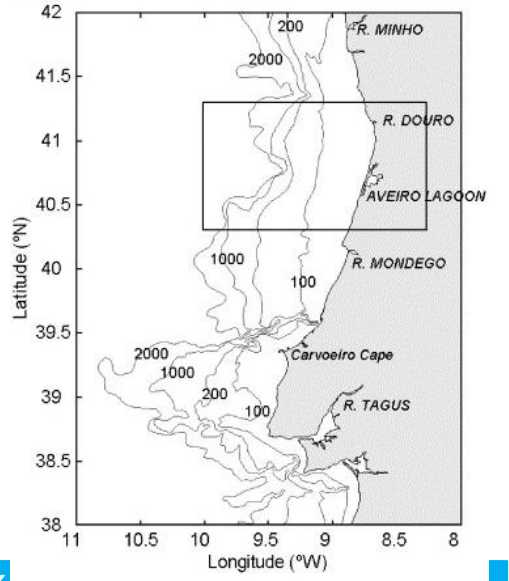
- The main objective of the present research was to develop a methodology and to explore the capacity to improve the thermohaline circulation in regional ocean model applications by a better characterisation of the land-ocean boundary conditions able to represent the salinity features described for the Western Iberia region



WHAT IS THE WESTERN IBERIA BUOYANT PLUME (WIBP)?

Peliz *et al.* (2002) defined the WIBP as: “the influence of the many terrestrial fresh water sources in the area (Douro, Minho and Mondego, other smaller rivers and the Galician Rias). They originate a low salinity water lens that extends along the coast. Despite the seasonal variation of runoff with significant decrease in summer, this buoyant plume is present all year round”





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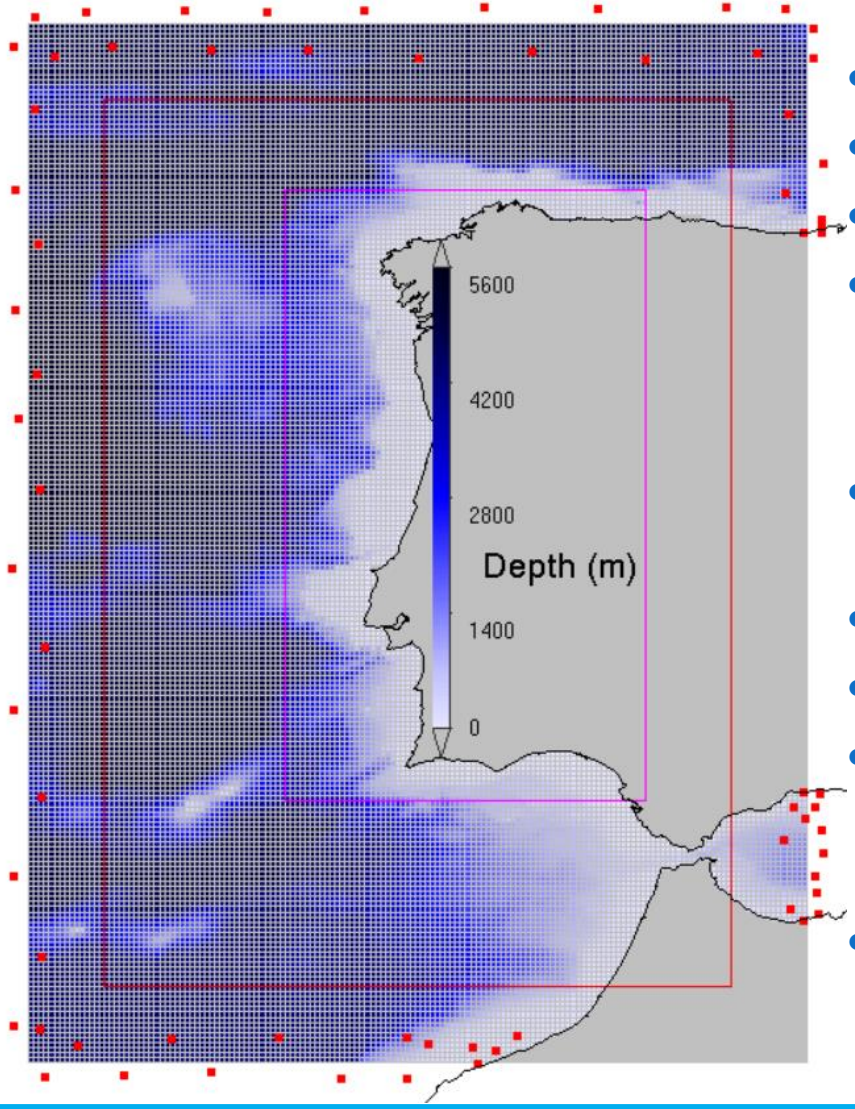
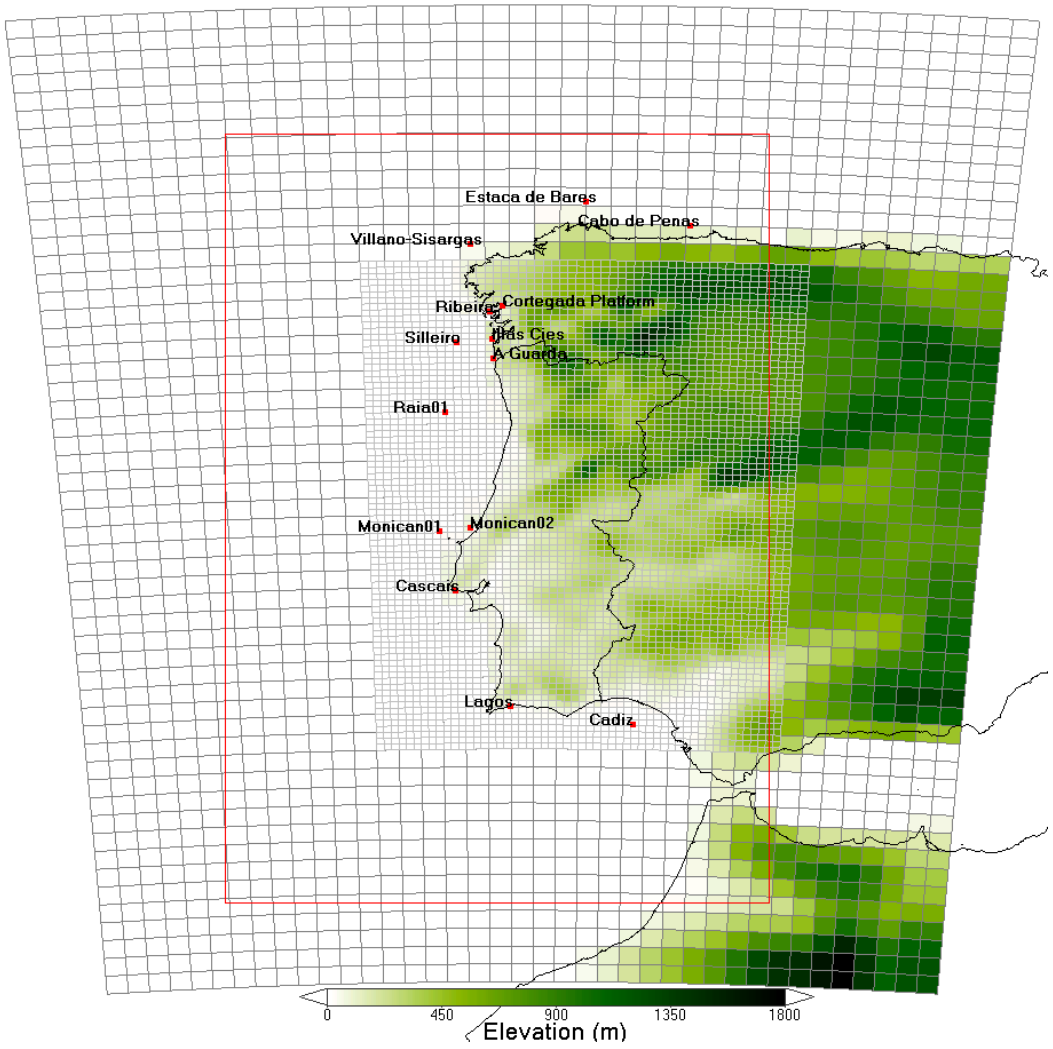
PORTUGUESE COAST OPERATIONAL MODELLING SYSTEM (PCOMS)



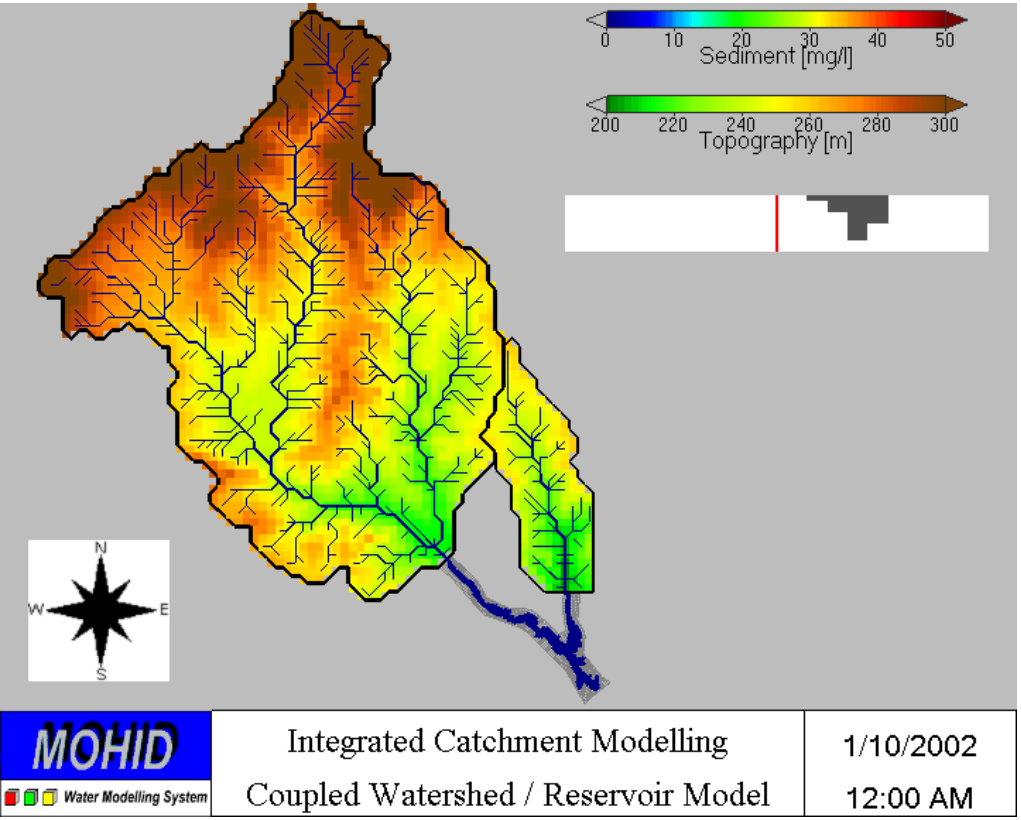
- Based on the MOHID Water model
- Downscalled from Mercator-Océan PSY2V4
- Tides from FES2012
- Two nested domains (0.06° ≈ 6 km):
  - 2D WestIberia domain: 208x155 cells
  - 3D Portugal domain: 177x125 cells
- Hybrid vertical configuration corresponding to 7 Sigma layers on top of 43 Cartesian layers
- Daily run: yesterday, today plus 4-day forecasts
- Weekly run: previous fortnight period
- NPZD biogeochemical model forced by nitrate, phosphate and oxygen 3D climatology fields from World Ocean Atlas 2009 (WOA09).
- Meteorological forcing from MM5 Model application

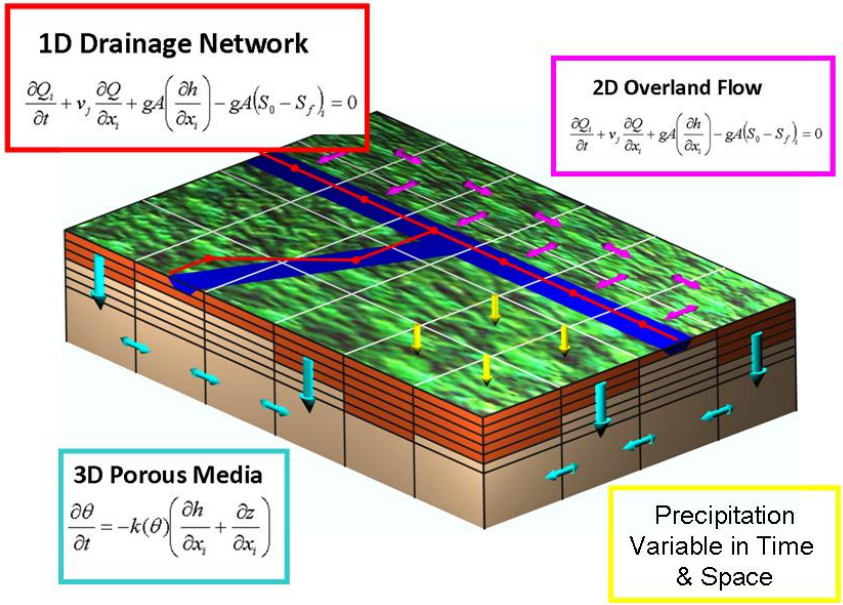
METEOROLOGICAL FORCING



- Based on the MM5 model
- Two nested domains with different horizontal resolution:
  - 27 km domain:
  - 9 km domain:
- MOHID atmosphere and interface water air modules use the following MM5 fields:
  - air temperature,
  - atmospheric pressure,
  - relative humidity,
  - solar radiation,
  - wind velocity X and Y components
  - downward long wave radiation.

MOHID WATERSHED MODELLING





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WATERSHEDS MODELLING SETUP

Integrating operational watershed and coastal models for the Iberian Coast: Watershed model implementation – A first approach

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2 km resolution

Forced by MM5 results from

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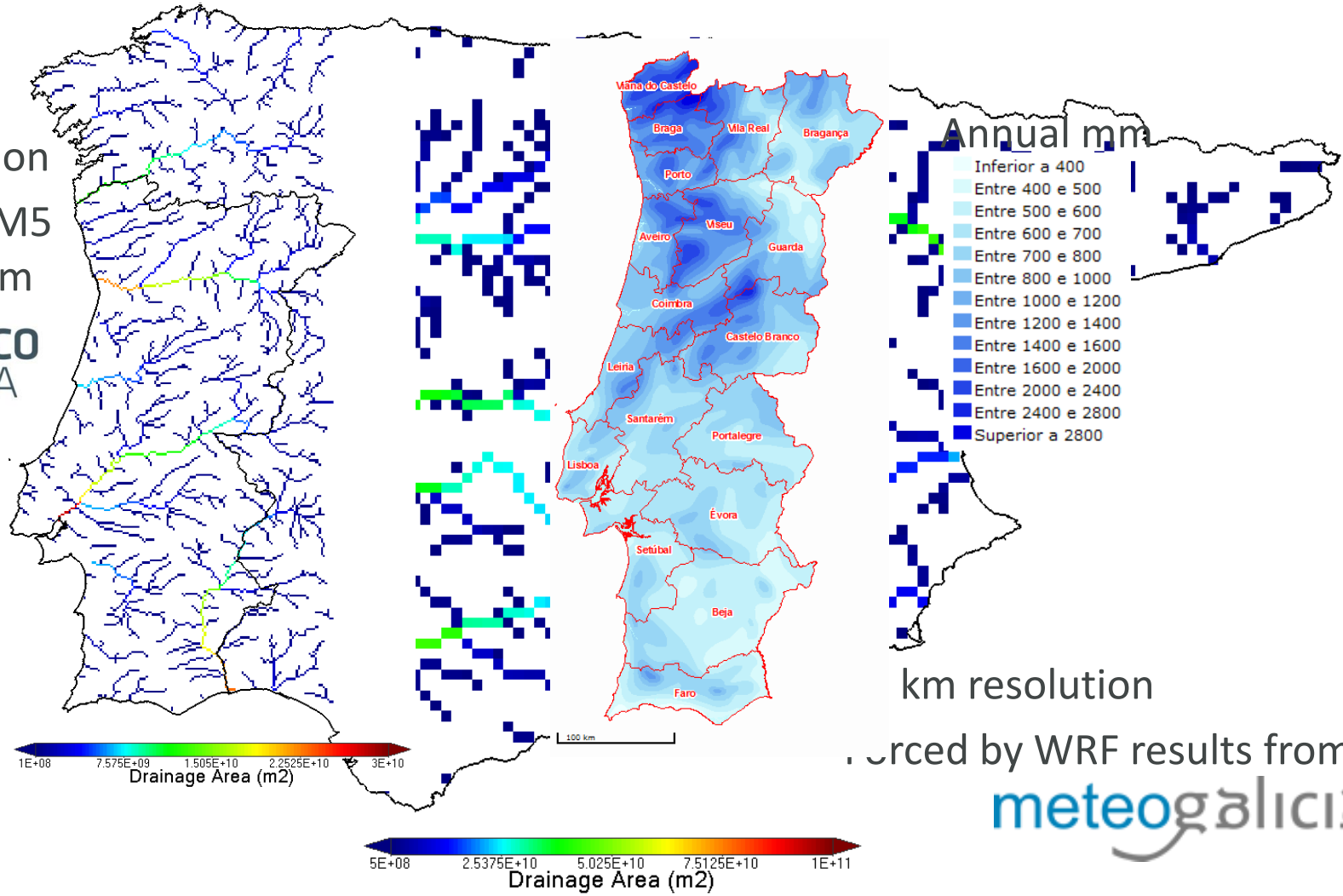

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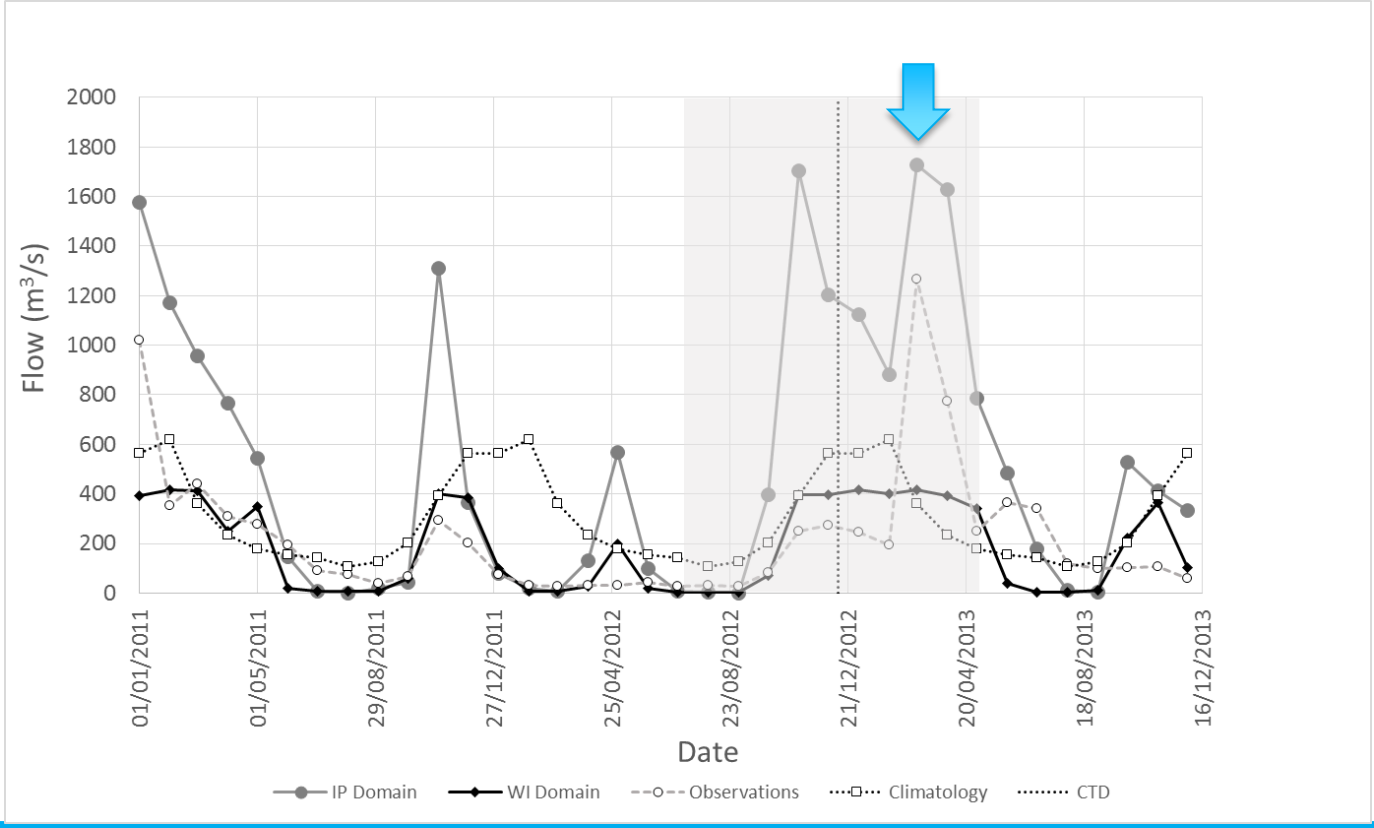
TAGUS ESTUARY MODELLING SCENARIOS

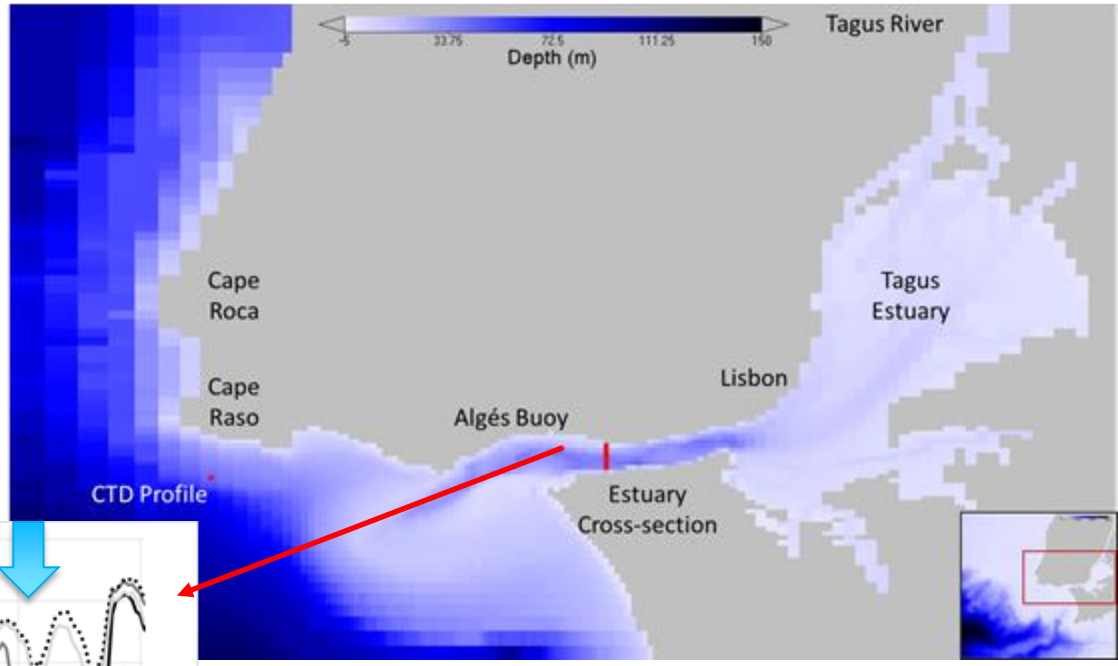
- River Hydrometric Observations (Almourol) (Source: SNIRH-APA)
- River Climatology
- MOHID Land IP (10 km)
- MOHID Land WI (2 km)

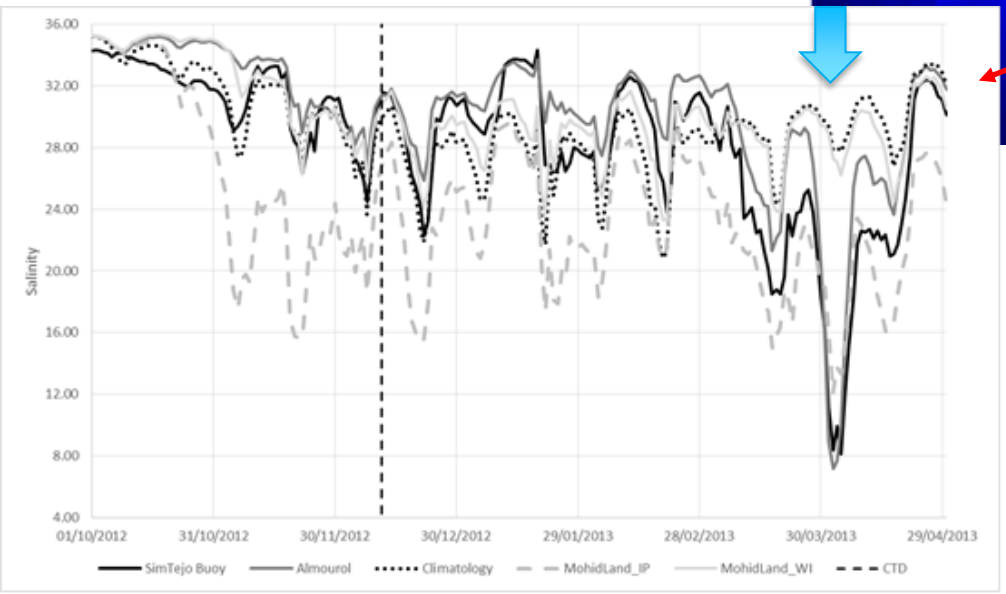


METHOD VALIDATION – ALGES BUOY

- October 2012-April 2013

	R^2	RMSE
Algés Buoy vs Almourol	0.89	2.55
Algés Buoy vs Climatology	0.20	4.71
Algés Buoy vs MohildLand_IP	0.58	5.67
Algés Buoy vs MohildLand_WI	0.40	4.31





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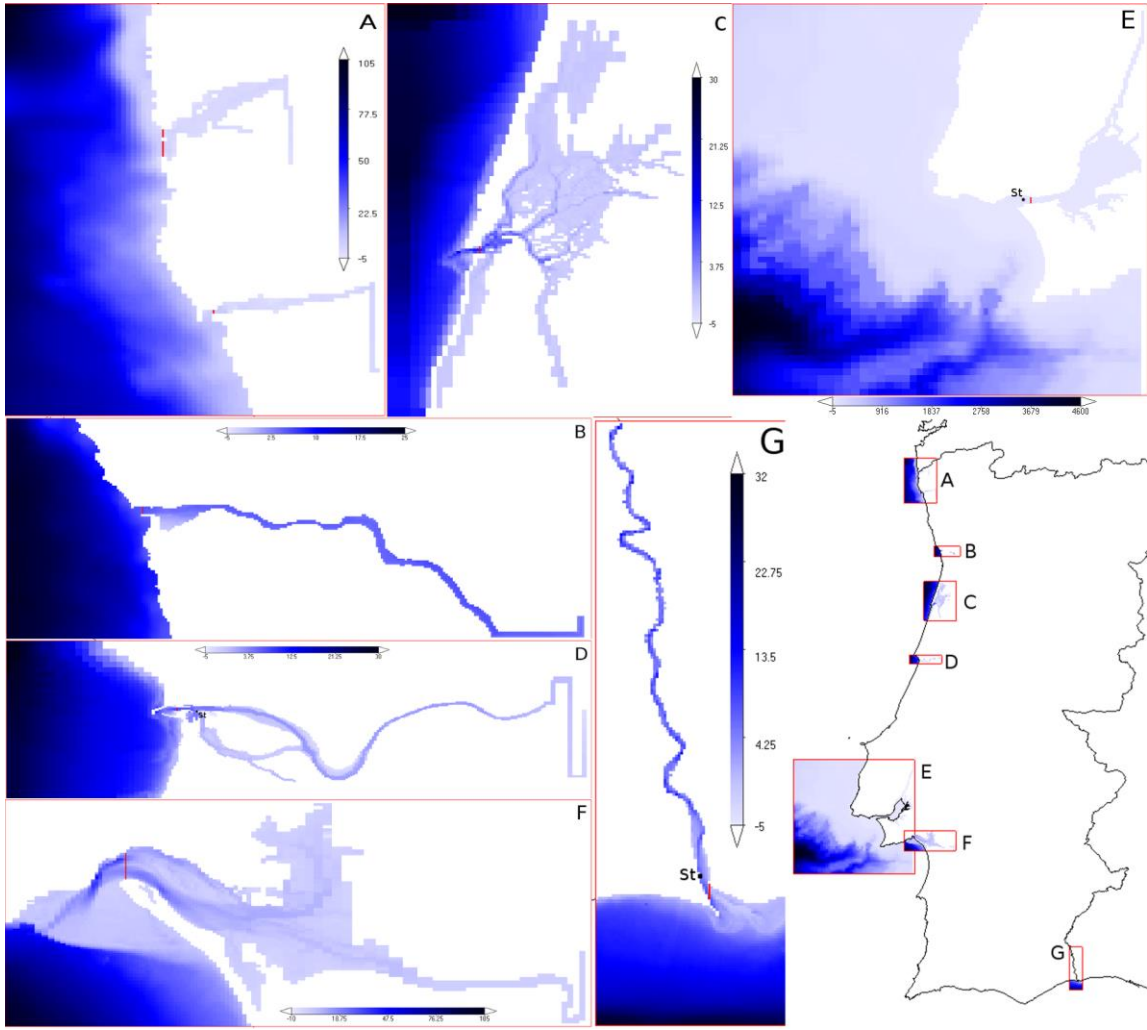
Algés Buoy Data provided by SIMTEJO Grupo Águas de Portugal

ESTUARY IMPLEMENTATION

- River flow forcing:
  - A (top): Minho (MOHID Land WI)
  - A (bottom): Lima (MOHID Land WI)
  - B: Douro (SNIRH/APA)
  - C: Aveiro (MOHID Land WI)
  - D: Mondego (SNIRH/APA)
  - E: Tagus (SNIRH/APA)
  - F: Sado (MOHID Land WI)
  - G: Guadiana (SNIRH/APA)
- River temperature provided in all cases by MOHID Land WI.



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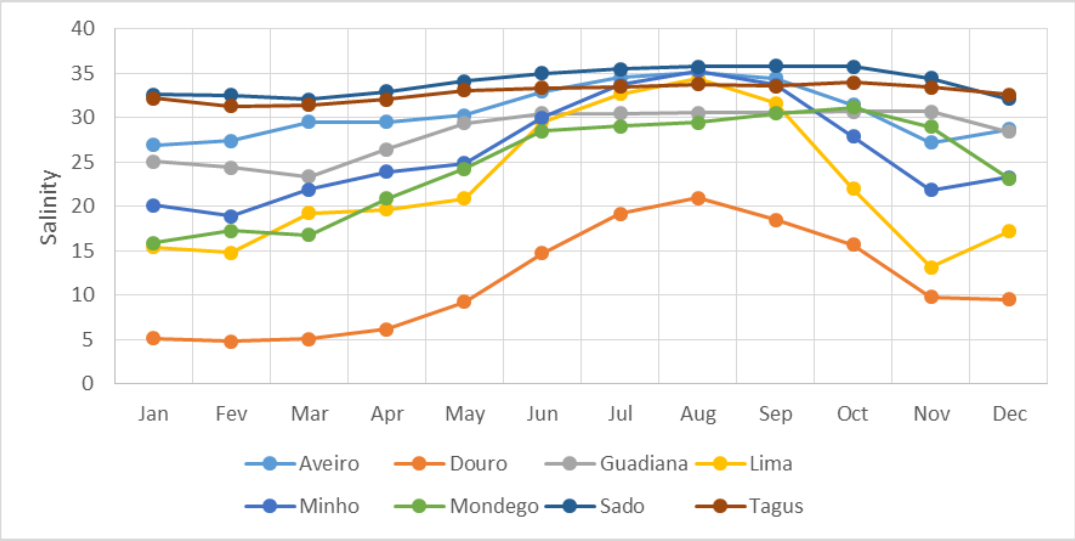
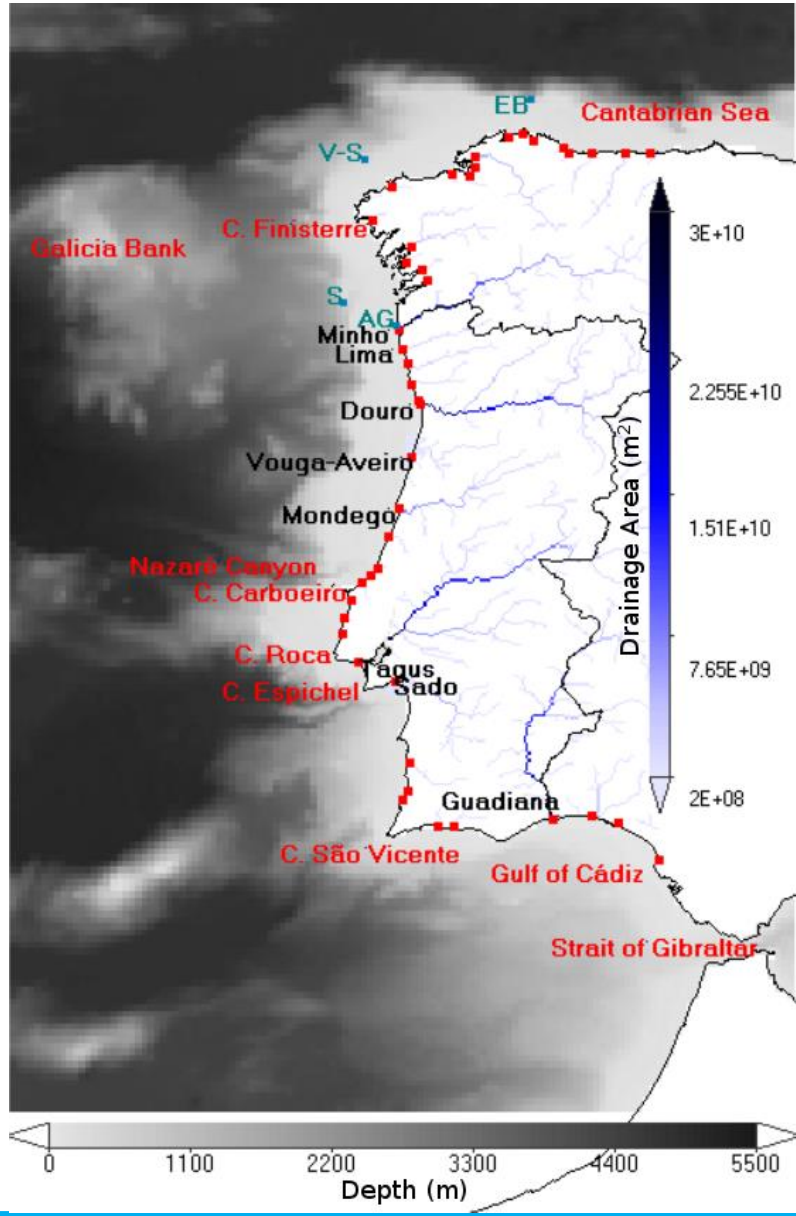
PCOMS VERSION WITH RIVERS

- 44 River discharges:
  - 8 estuarine fluxes
  - 36 direct river discharges with constant salinity value of 32





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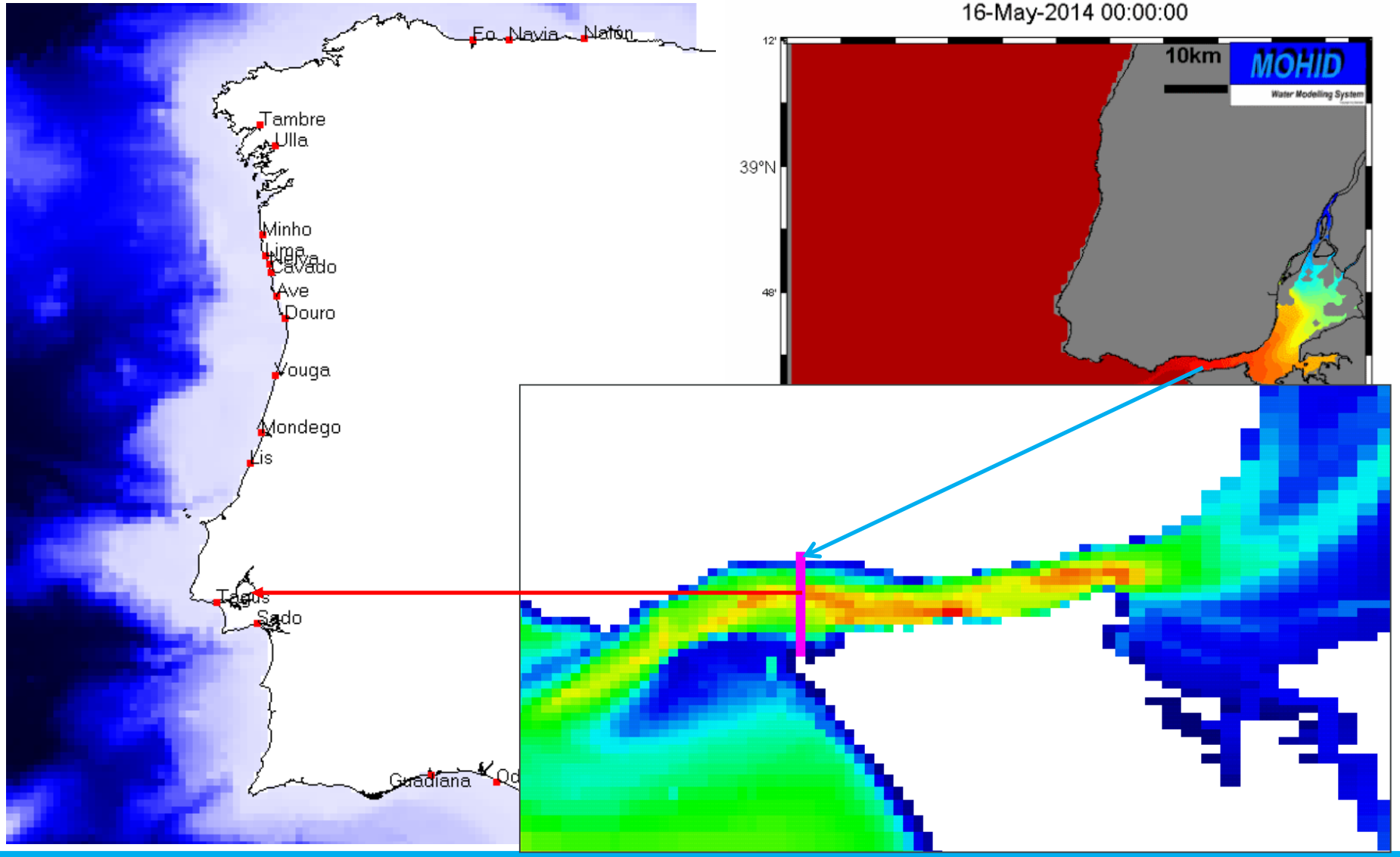
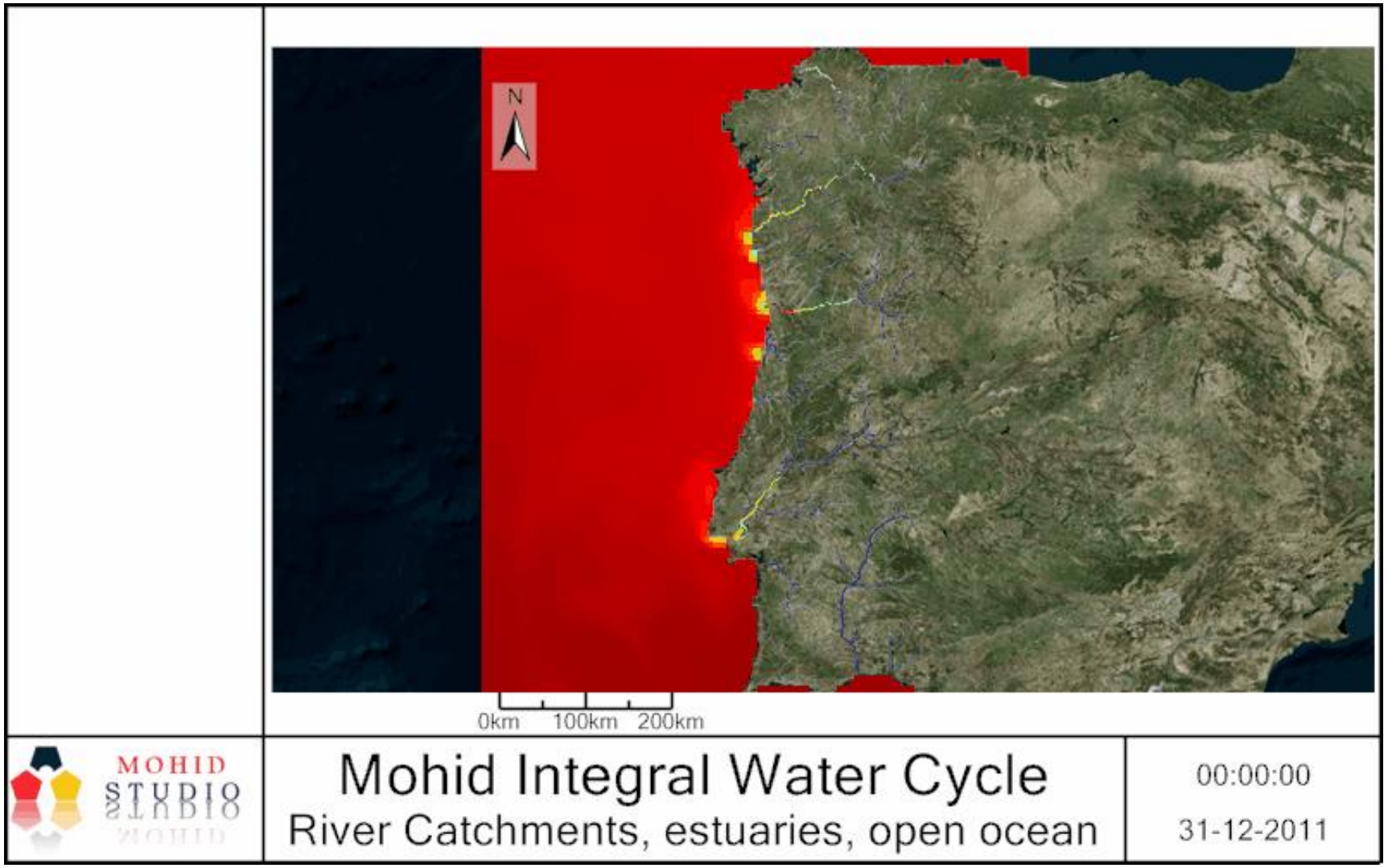
RIVER-ESTUARY-OCEAN COUPLING



MOHID INTEGRAL WATER CYCLE IN THE PORTUGUESE CONTINENTAL COAST



INTEGRATED OCEAN-WATERSHEDS IN MADEIRA ISLAND

PELAGOS 2011 CRUISE

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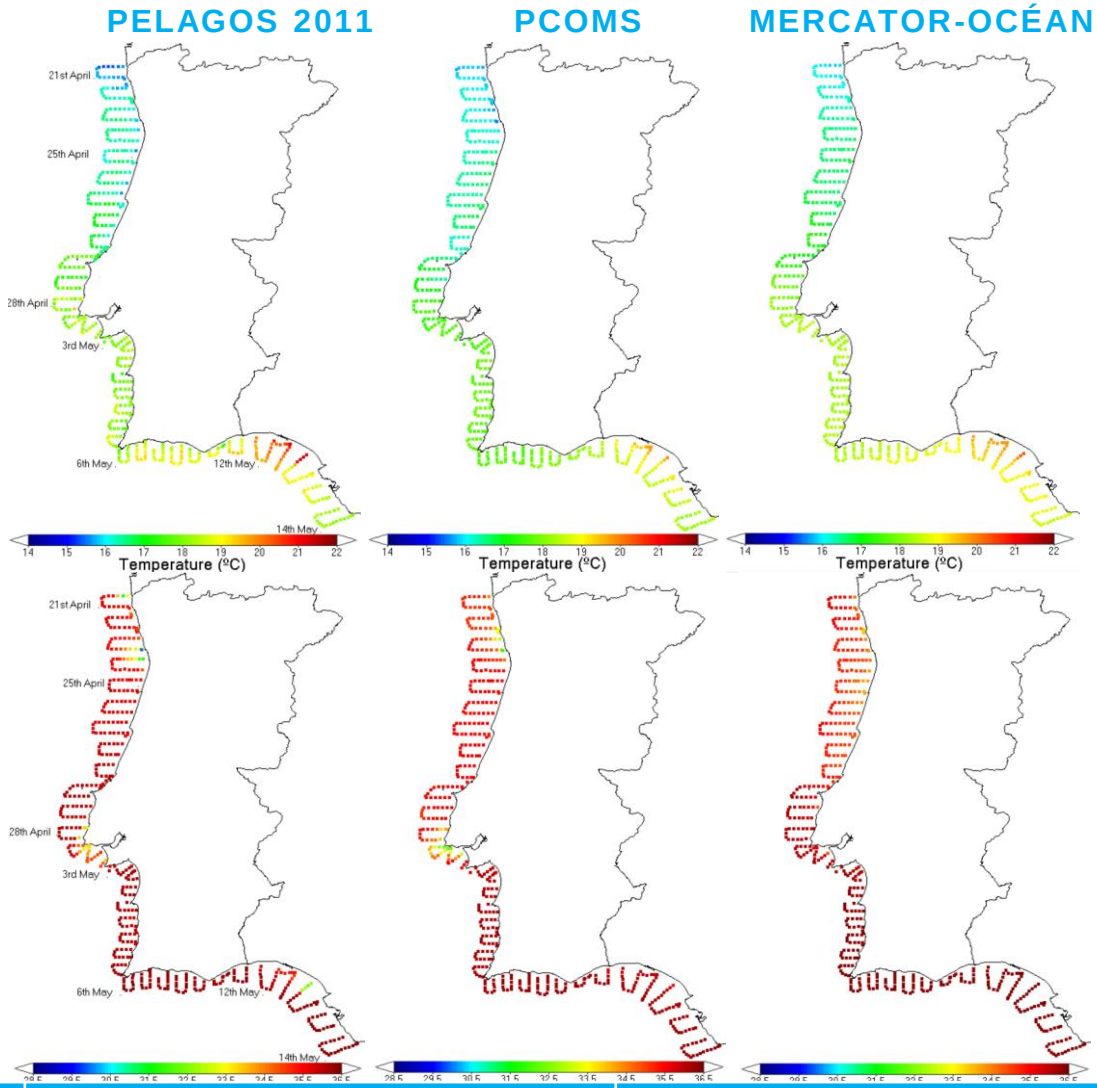


	Temperature (ºC) (N=466)				Salinity (N= 466)			
	Mean (Min.-Max.)	R^2	Bias	RMSE	Mean (Min.-Max.)	R^2	Bias	RMSE
PCOMS	17.34 (15.49-19.90)	0.87	-0.44	0.66	35.66 (31.86-36.36)	0.38	-0.14	0.67
MERCATOR	17.83 (15.87-20.38)	0.89	0.05	0.42	35.87 (33.88-36.43)	0.17	0.08	0.77
PELAGOS11	17.78 (15.25-21.40)	-	-	-	35.80 (29.90-36.43)	-	-	-

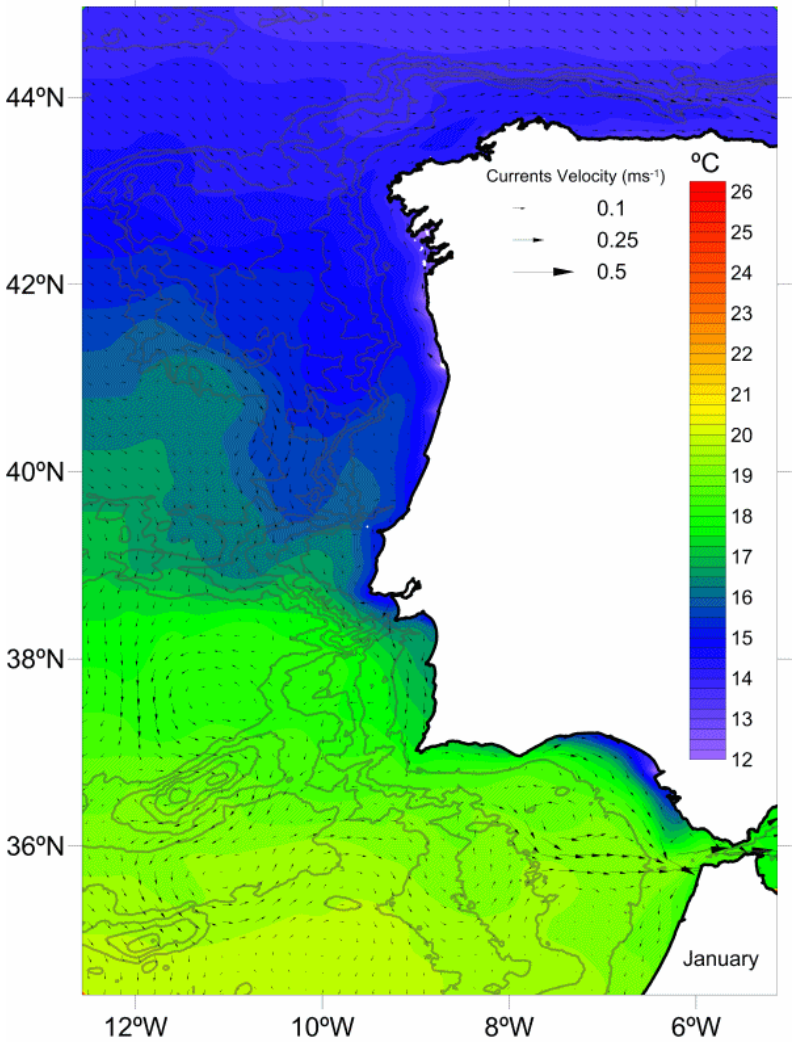
MONTHLY CLIMATOLOGY 2011-2015 PERIOD

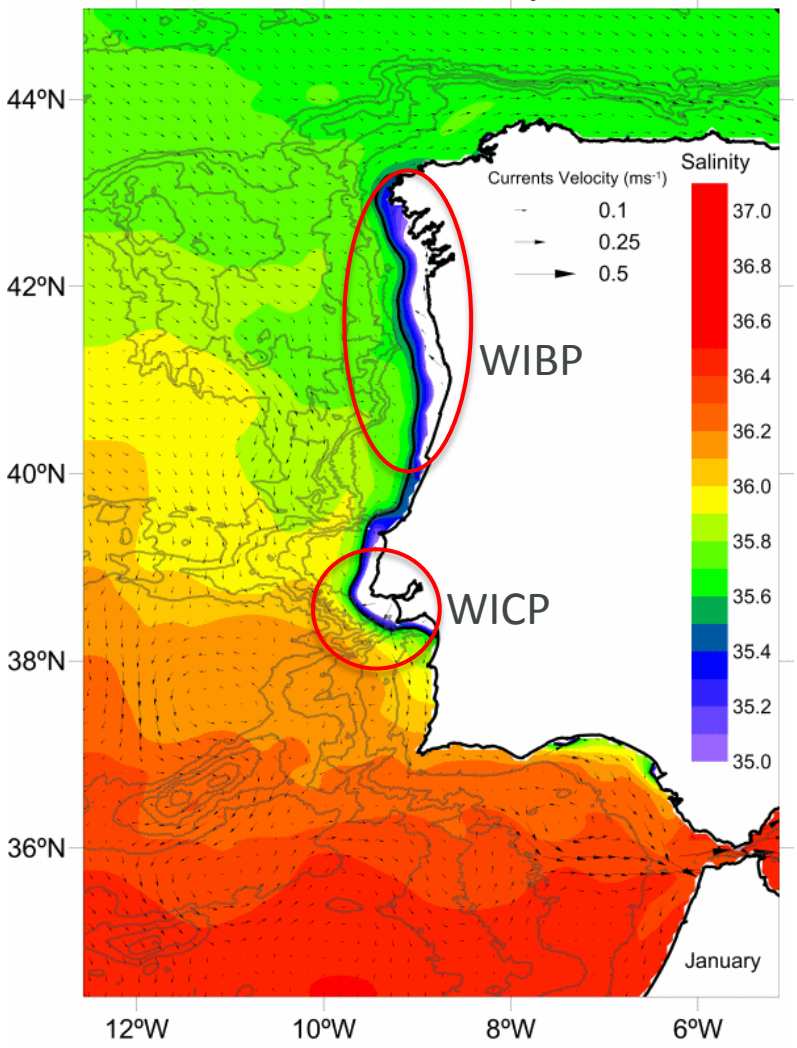
WIBP = Western Iberia Buoyant Plume

WICP = Western Iberia Central Plume

White values indicate salinity below 35

Dark line contours salinity 35.5





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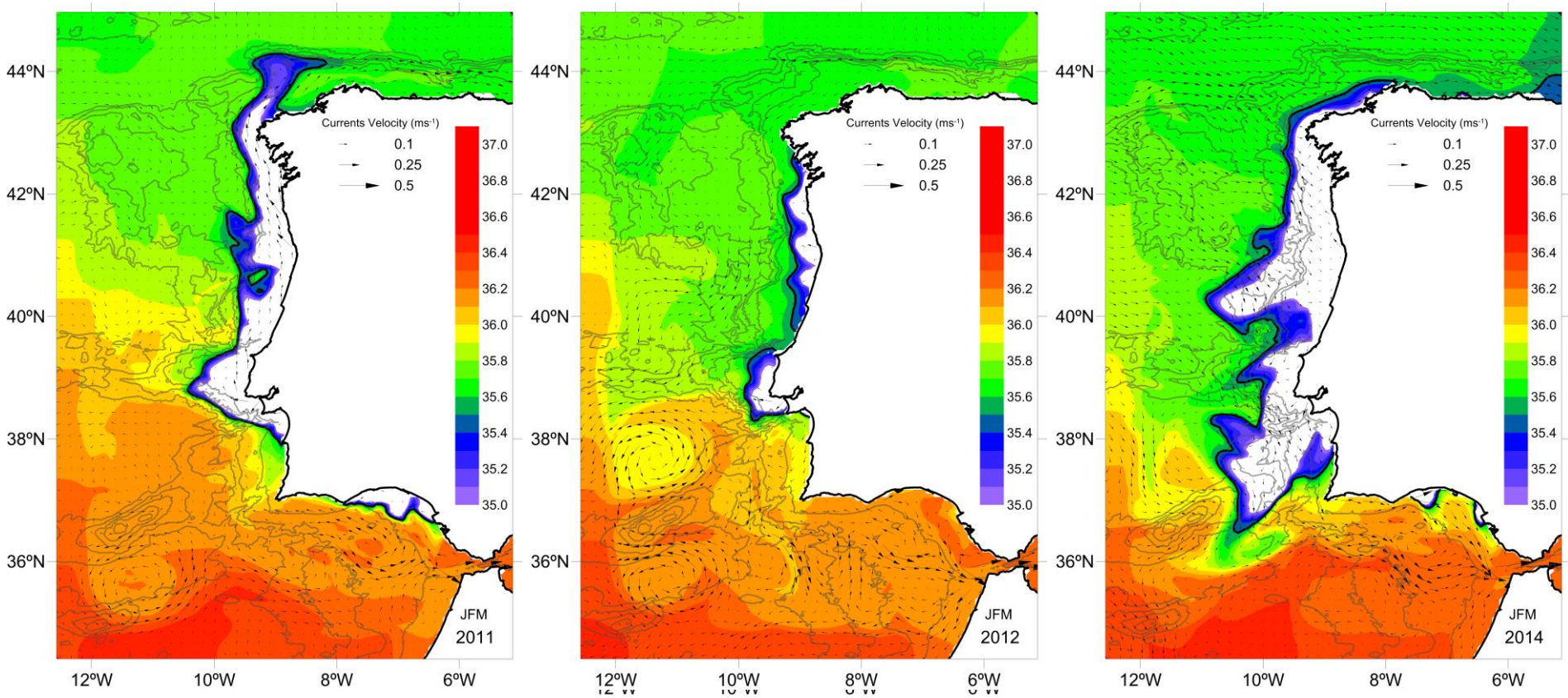

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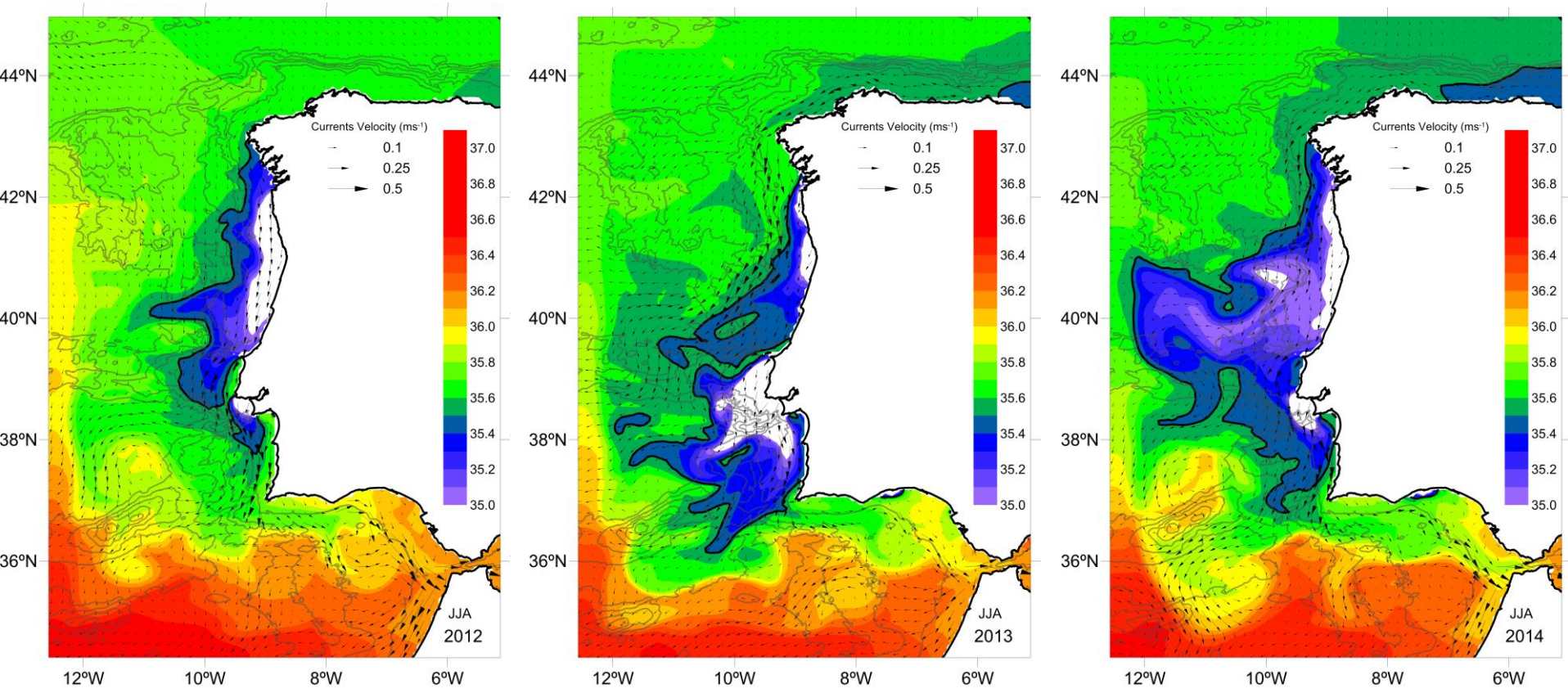
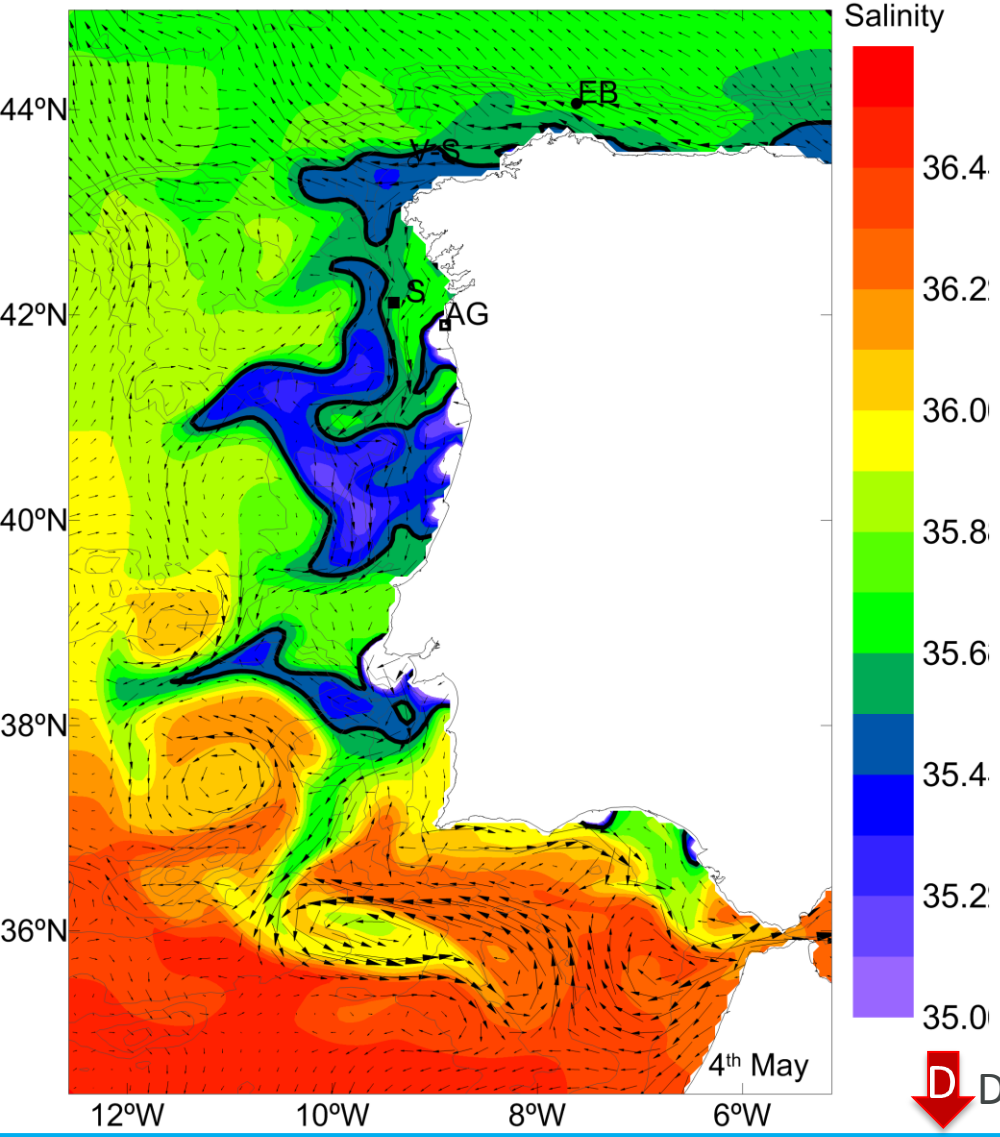
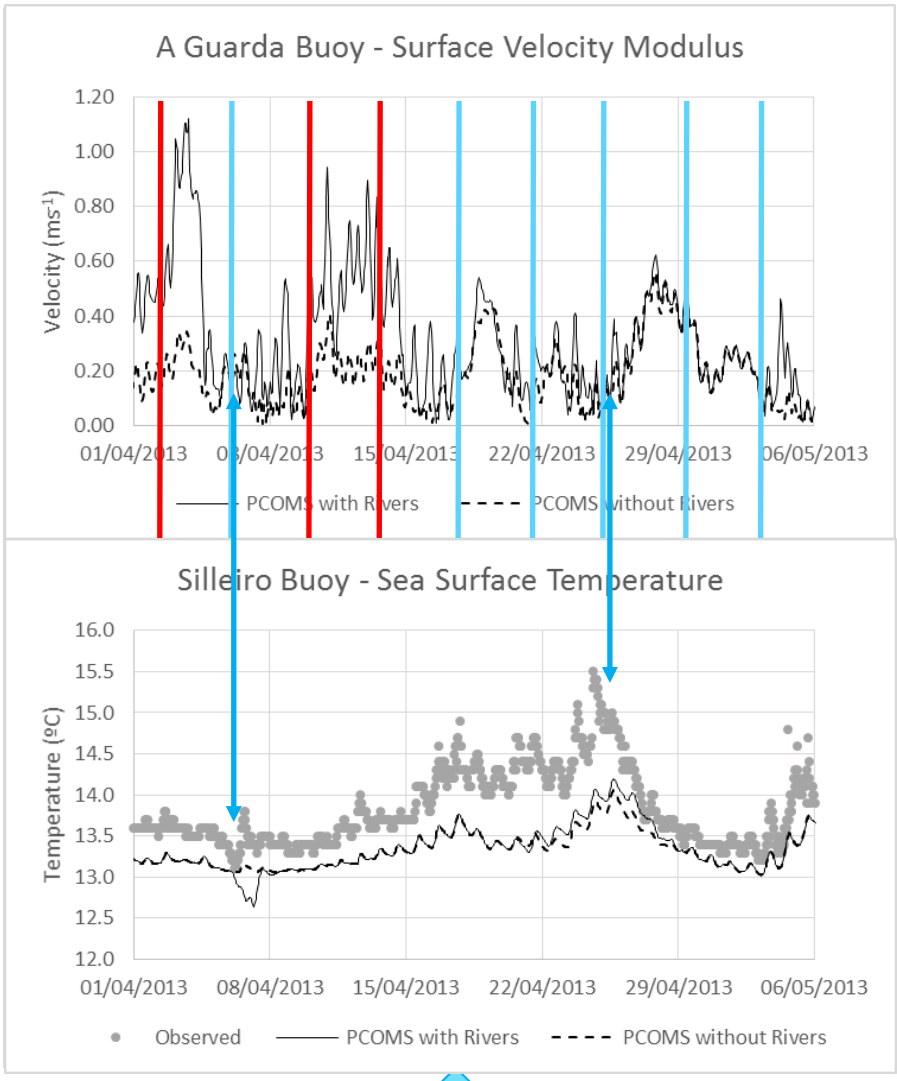


EXTREME EVENT: APRIL 2013 FLOODS

PCOMS - EXTREME EVENT SIMULATION





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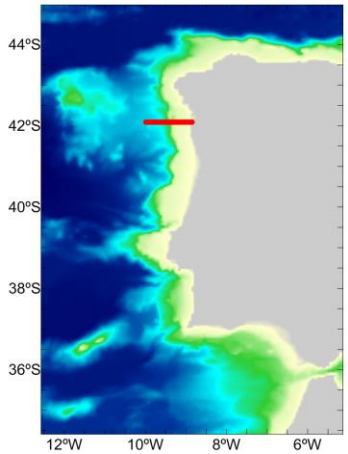
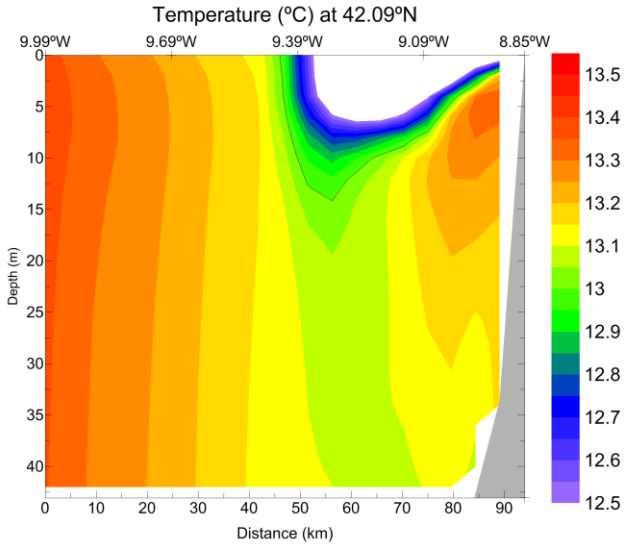
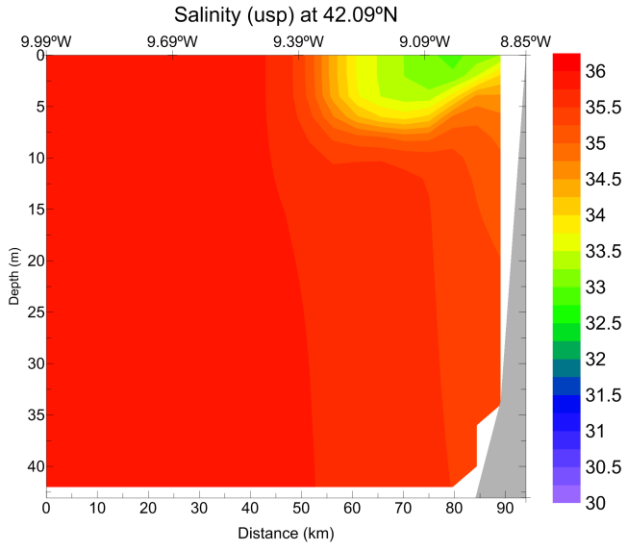
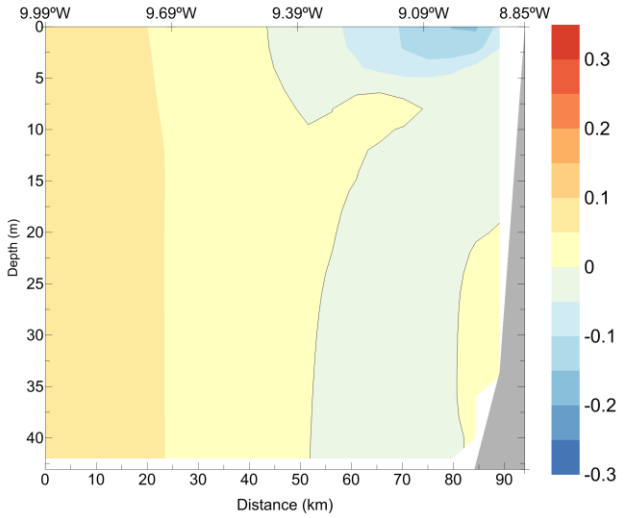
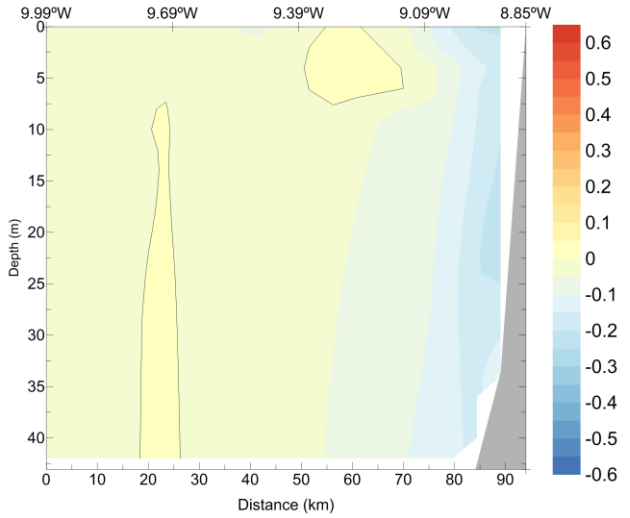
CROSS-SECTION EVOLUTION AT SILLEIRO BUOY











MAIN CONCLUSIONS:

- A novel methodology for calculating the overall inputs to the coastal area, simulate its evolution in the estuary continuum and inserting the volume and properties dynamics in a regional model was developed and tested successfully.
- Numerical modelling is currently the only tool able to represent and estimate the temporal and spatial scale of the WIBP and other estuarine plumes.
- This set of tools improve significantly salinity fields and aid to the delimitation of region of fresh water influence and salinity fronts which are relevant to fisheries management.
- The 5th percentile allow to evaluate the area influenced by the river discharges including the highly dynamic outer reaches.
- The developed methodology is generic and could be set for any region using open source data and models.

LAMBDA Study Areas

Local Experts

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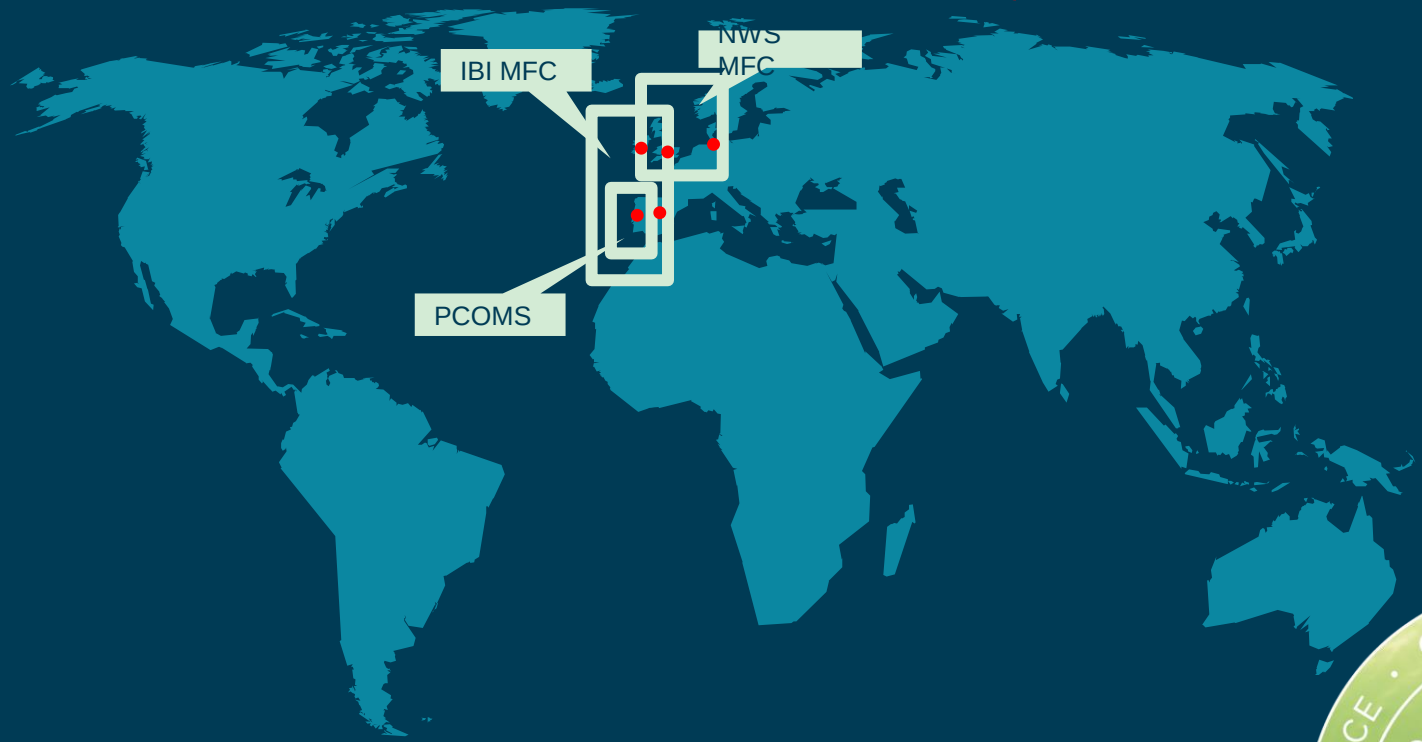
- Ireland: MI
- Portugal: MARETEC-IST
- Spain: Puertos del Estado
- UK: MetOffice



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