The background of the slide is a photograph of a research vessel, the R/V Albatross (H40), at sea. In the foreground, a moored array is visible, consisting of a red buoy with a white top section and a metal frame structure. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

# Prediction and Research Moored Array in the Tropical Atlantic

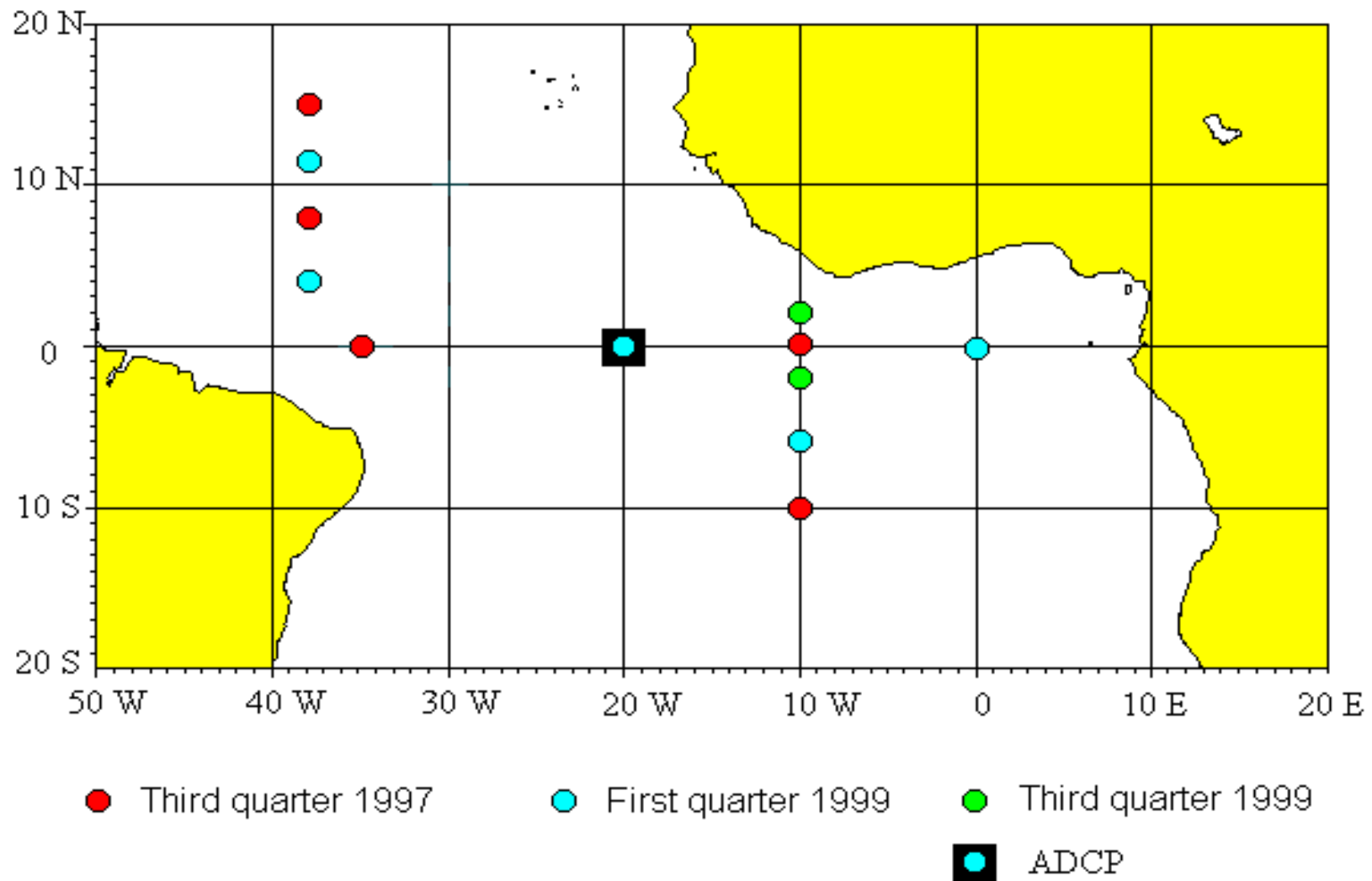
## The PIRATA PROJECT 1997-2017

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
BRAZIL – FRANCE - USA**

Paulo Nobre  
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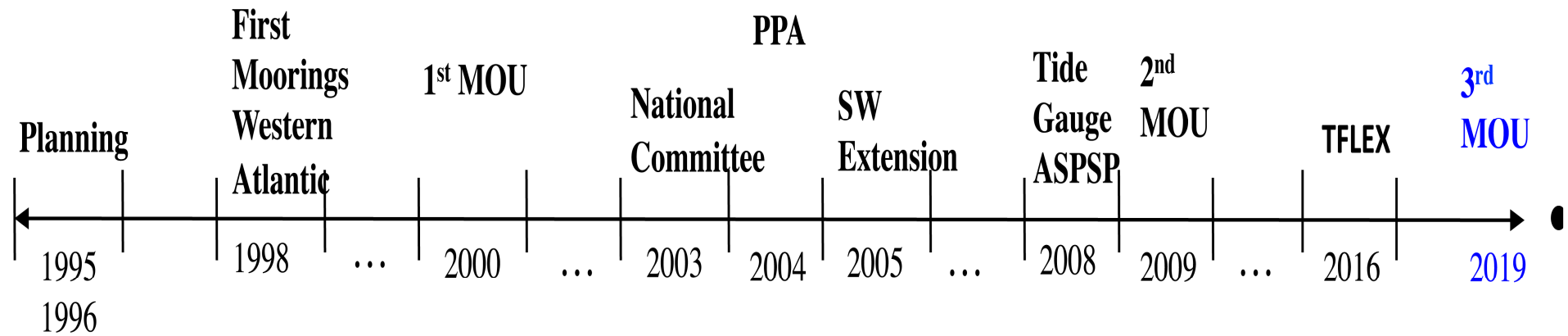


# PIRATA Backbone, in 1999

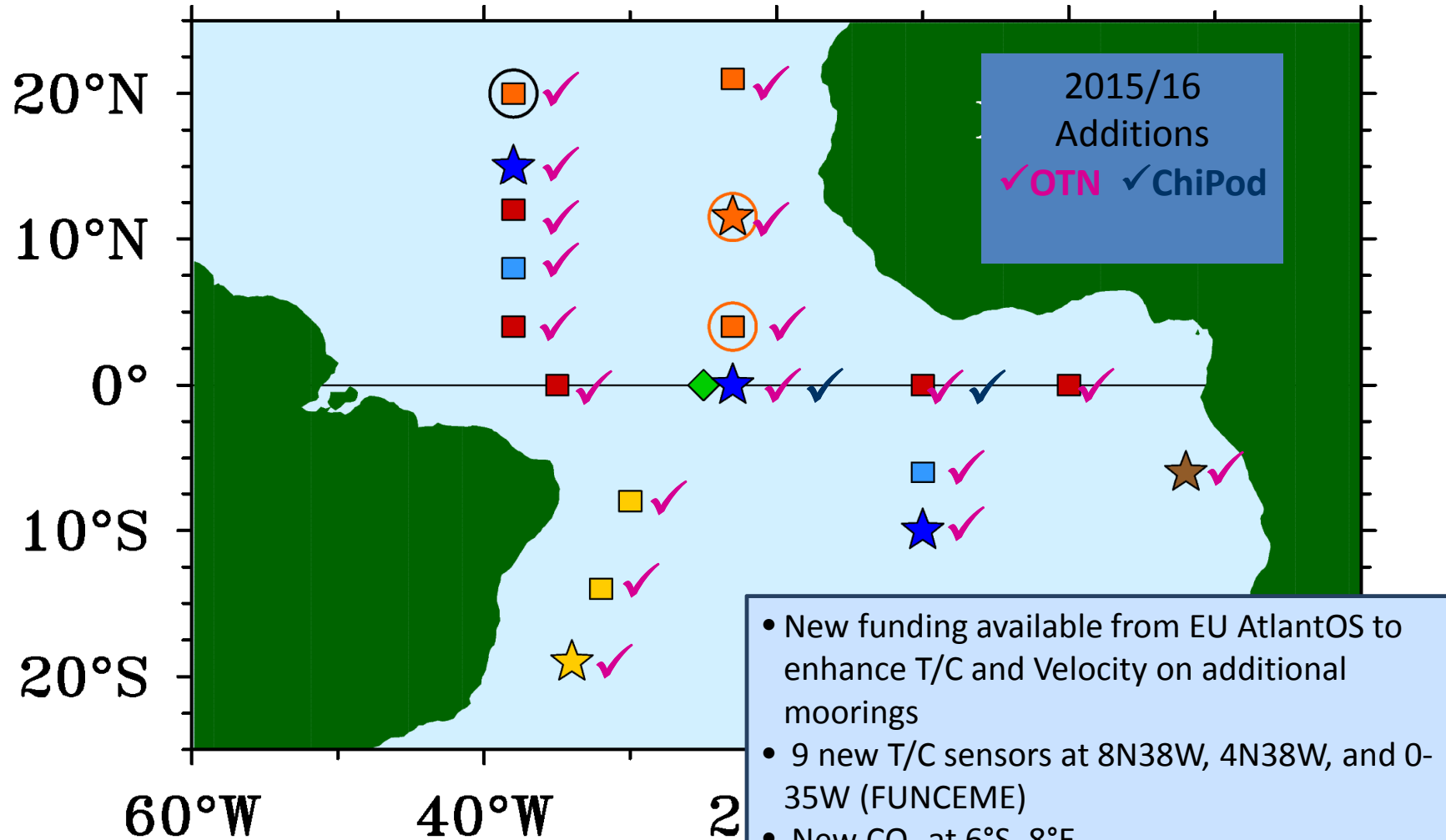




# PIRATA Timeline



# PIRATA



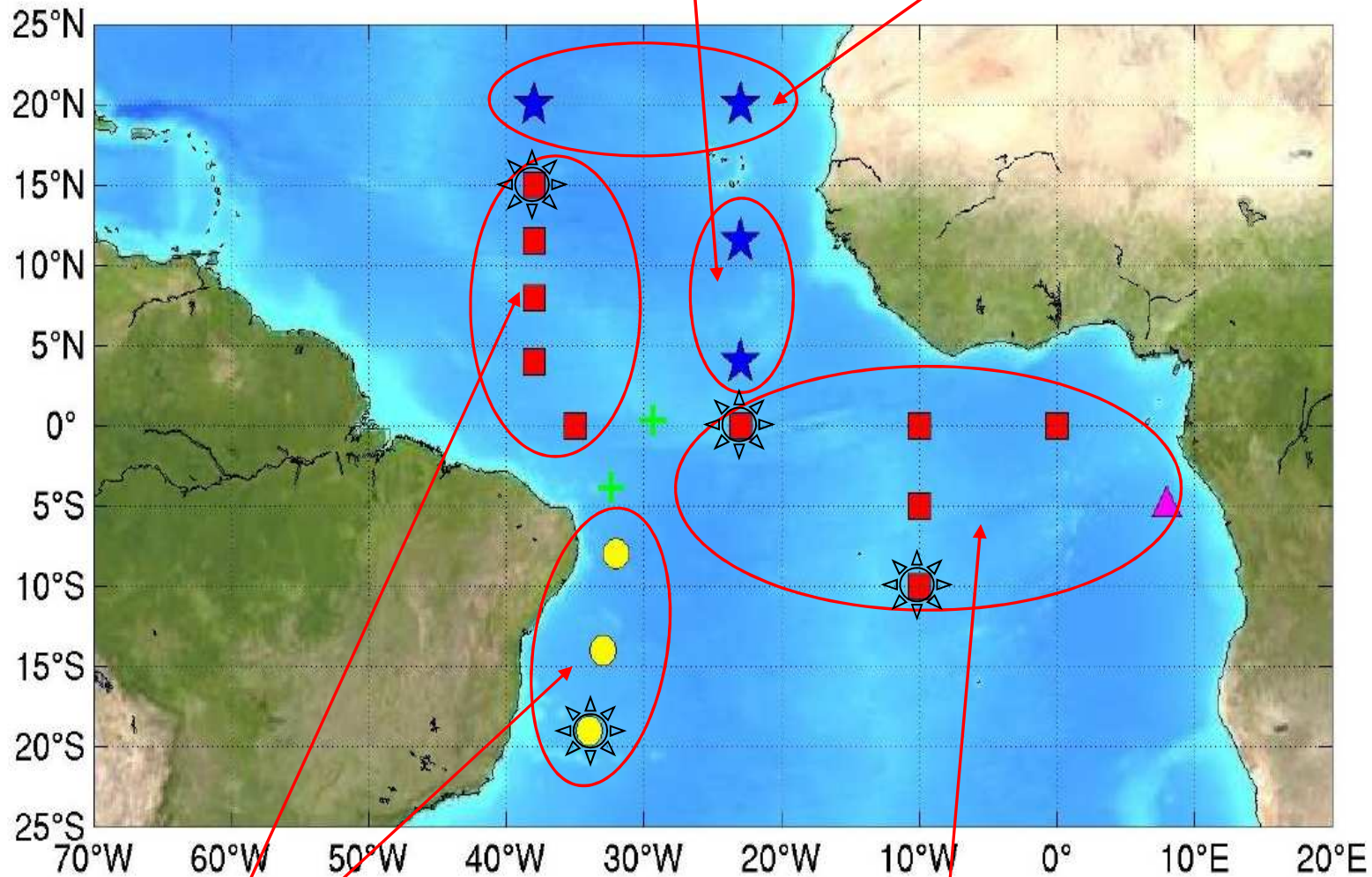
- Standard ATLAS
- Northeast Extension
- Meteo France BP
- ◆ ADCP
- Southwest Extension
- CO<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> Enhanced ATLAS
- ★ Southeast Extension
- O<sub>2</sub> Enhanced ATLAS

- New funding available from EU AtlantOS to enhance T/C and Velocity on additional moorings
- 9 new T/C sensors at 8N38W, 4N38W, and 0-35W (FUNCEME)
- New CO<sub>2</sub> at 6°S, 8°E
- New real-time O<sub>2</sub> on 3 sites

Courtesy: McPhaden, PMEL (2016)

**PIRATA network status:**

*Maintained by USA : 4 Atlas buoys : 2 deployed in 2006, at 4N & 11N/23W, 2 at 20N/23W & 38W deployed in 2007*



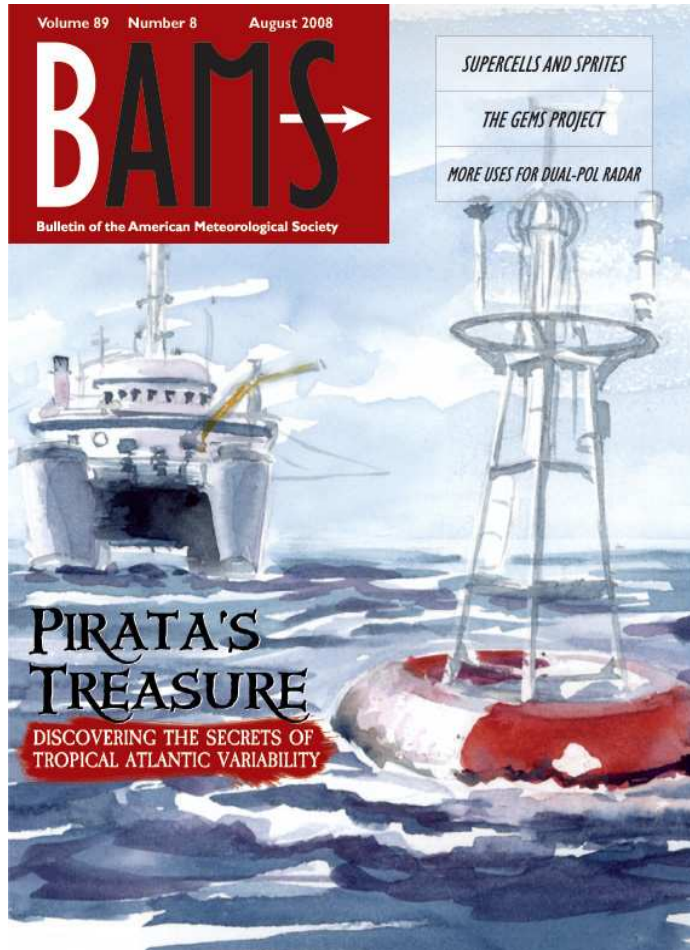
*Maintained by Brazil: 8 Atlas buoys*

*Maintained by France : 6 Atlas buoys  
+ At 23° W-Equator : surface ADCP mooring since 2001*



Ocean Sites reference flux (swr, lwr, rh, air T, SLP).

PIRATA BAMS paper (Aug. 2008) & new acronym:  
**Prediction and Research Moored Array in the  
Tropical Atlantic**



**The PIRATA Program: History,  
Accomplishments, and Future  
Directions**

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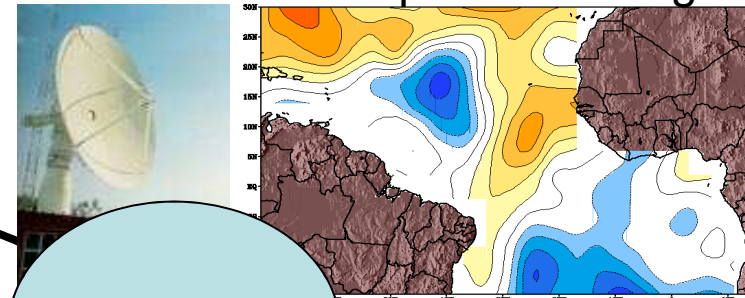


# PIRATA BRAZIL INSTITUTIONS

Marine Operations



Satellite and Coupled Modeling



DHN

INPE

Weather Forecasting

INMET

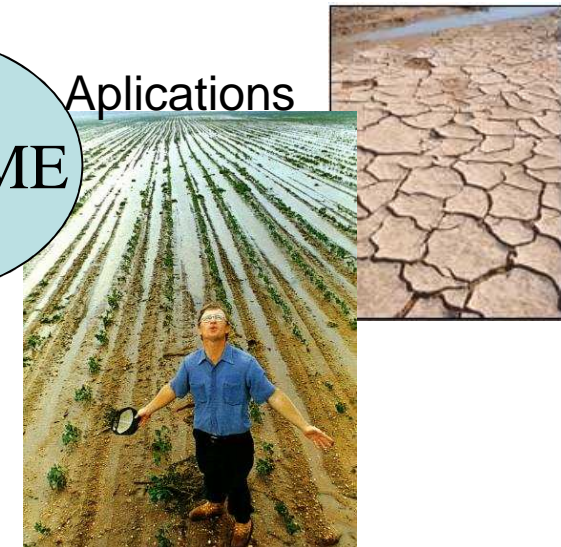
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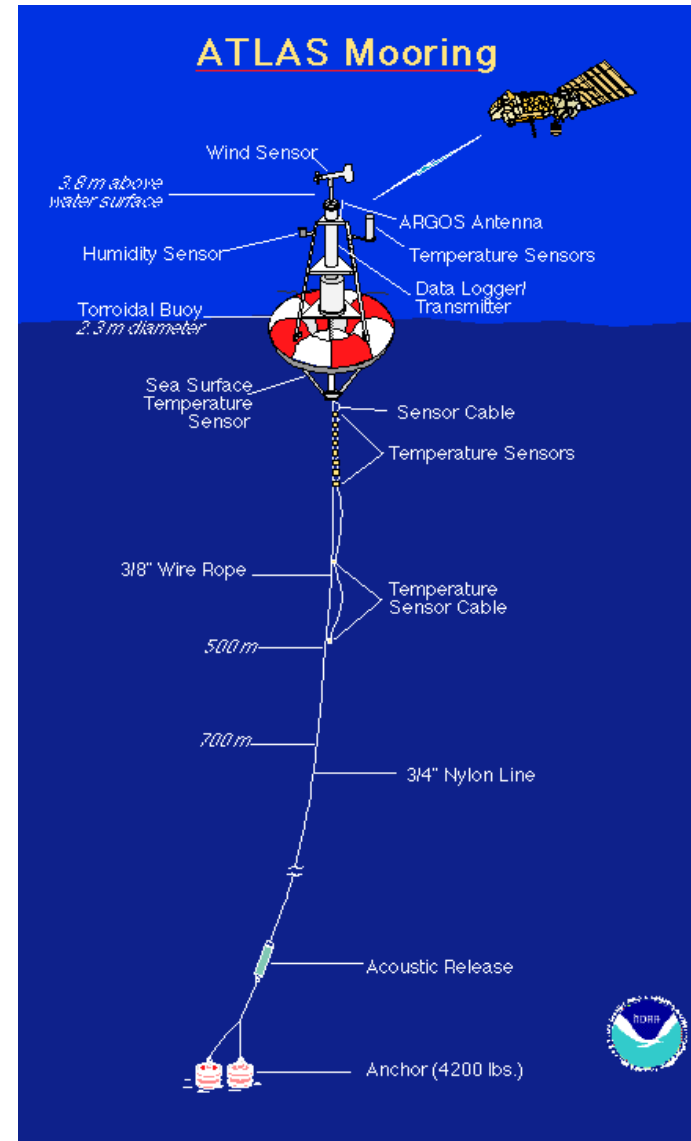
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Education & Training



# NOAA/PMEL's ATLAS Mooring





# DHN's PIRATA Ocean Fleet



## NOc. ANTARES



1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003,  
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2012, 2014, 2016,

## NPqHo Vital de Oliveira

2015, 2017-2018



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2002, 2005

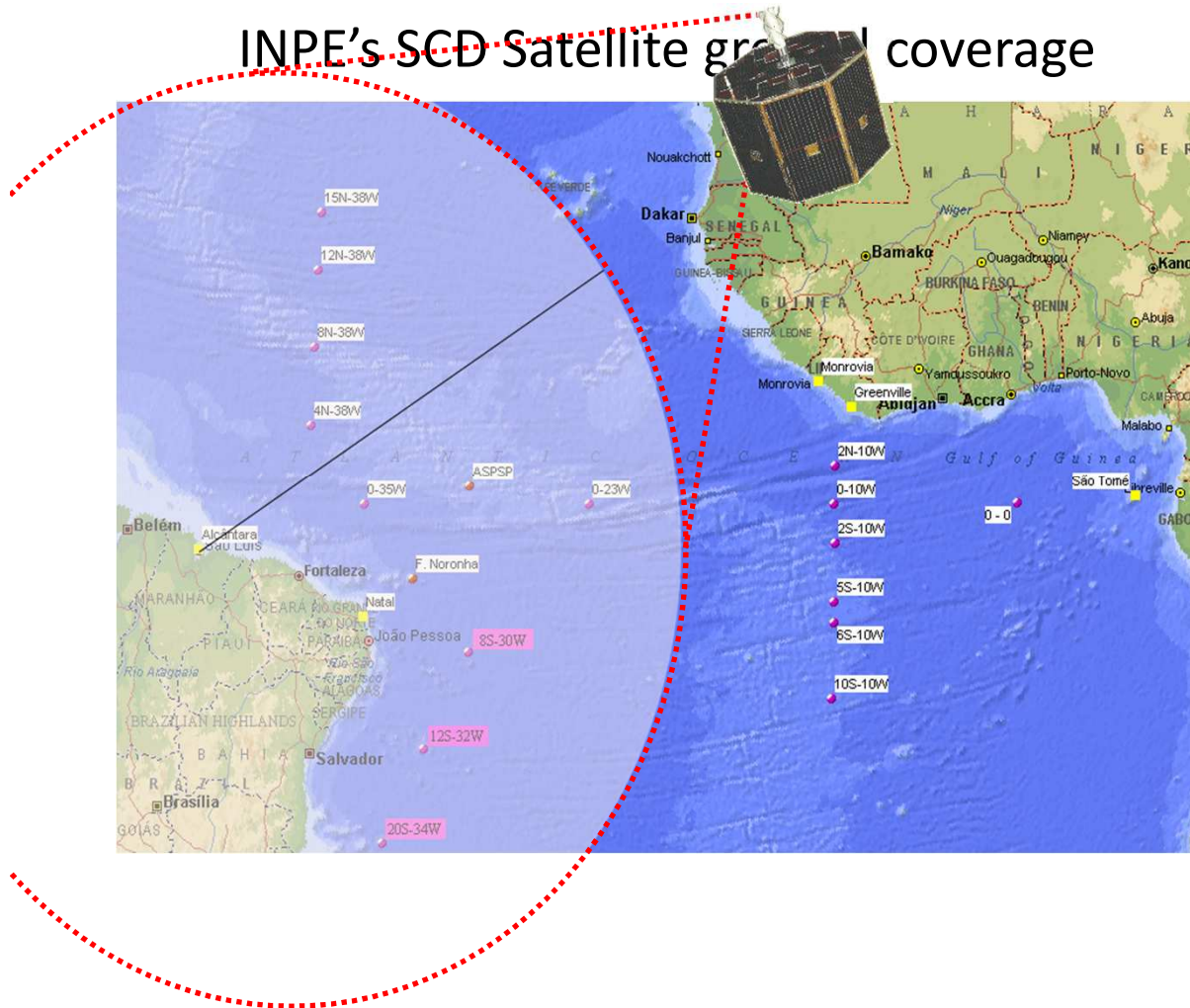


# PIRATA Moored Buoys Array

## INPE's SCD data collection



INPE's SCD Satellite ground coverage



Cuiaba Antenna



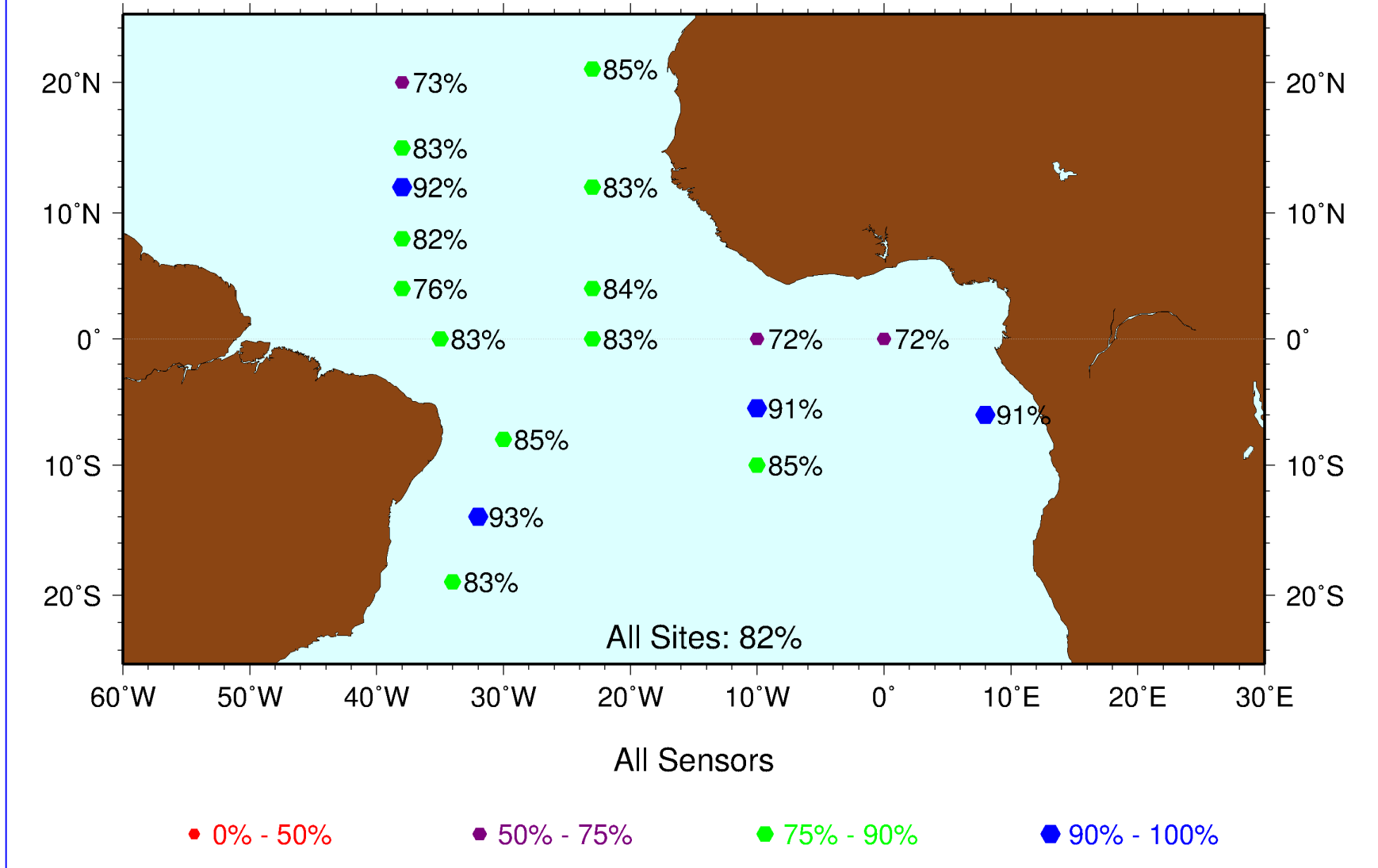
Ground Control Room, SJC





# PIRATA Mooring Data Return

1997 - 2016

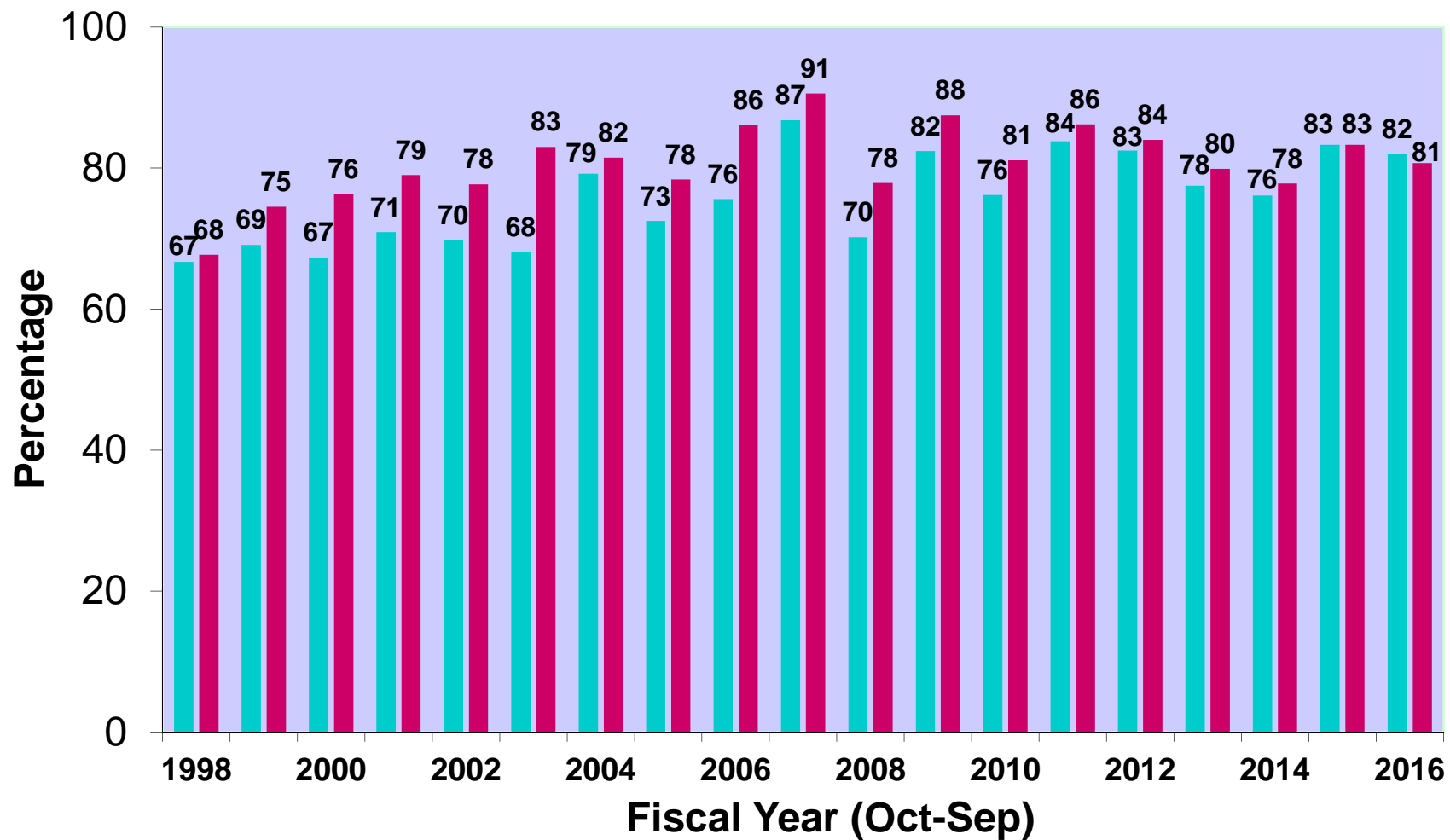


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# PIRATA Data Return

■ Real Time   ■ Delayed Mode

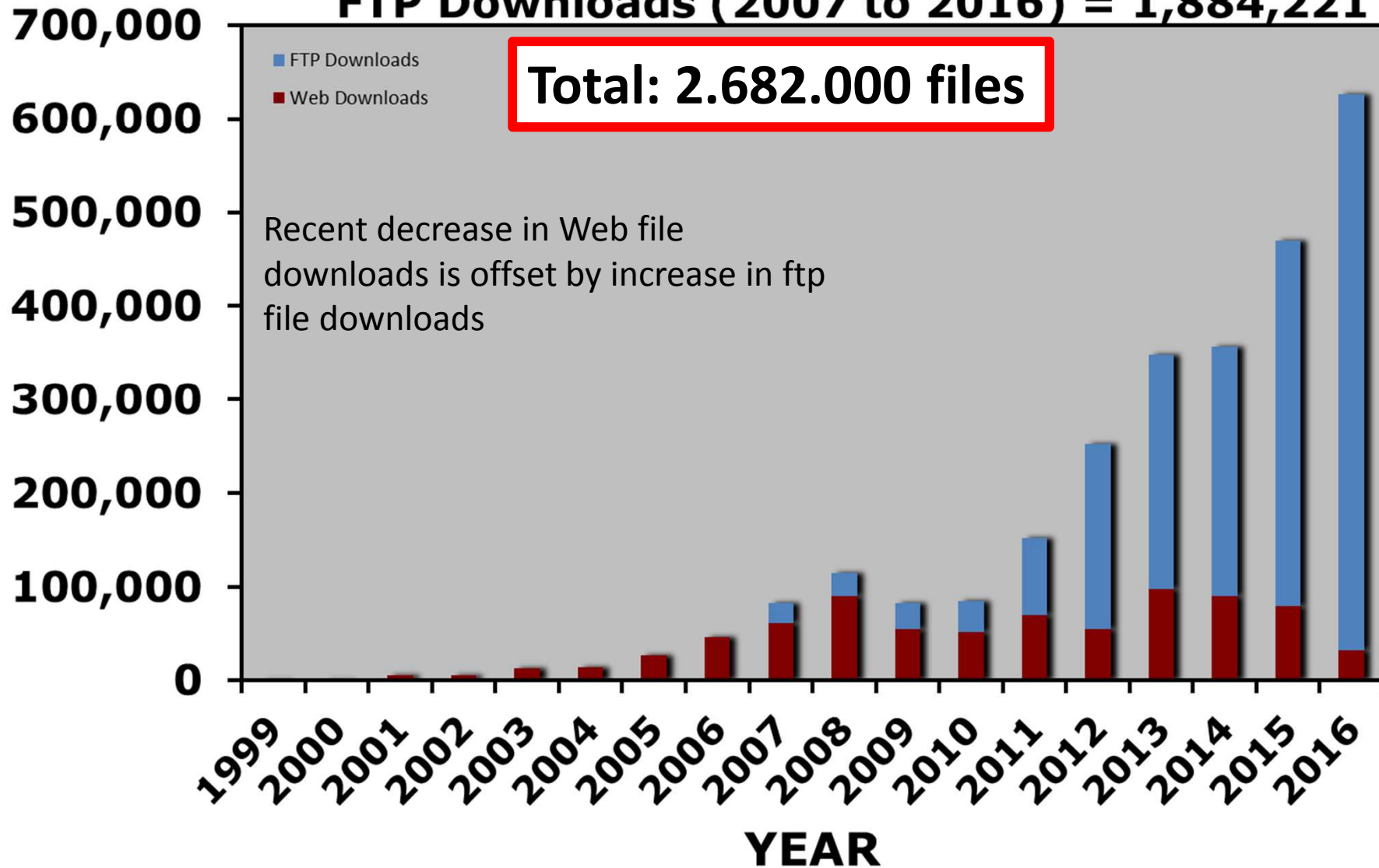




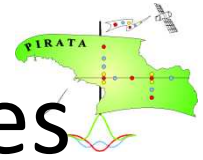
## PIRATA Data Files Delivered

Web Downloads (1999 to 2016) = 797,688

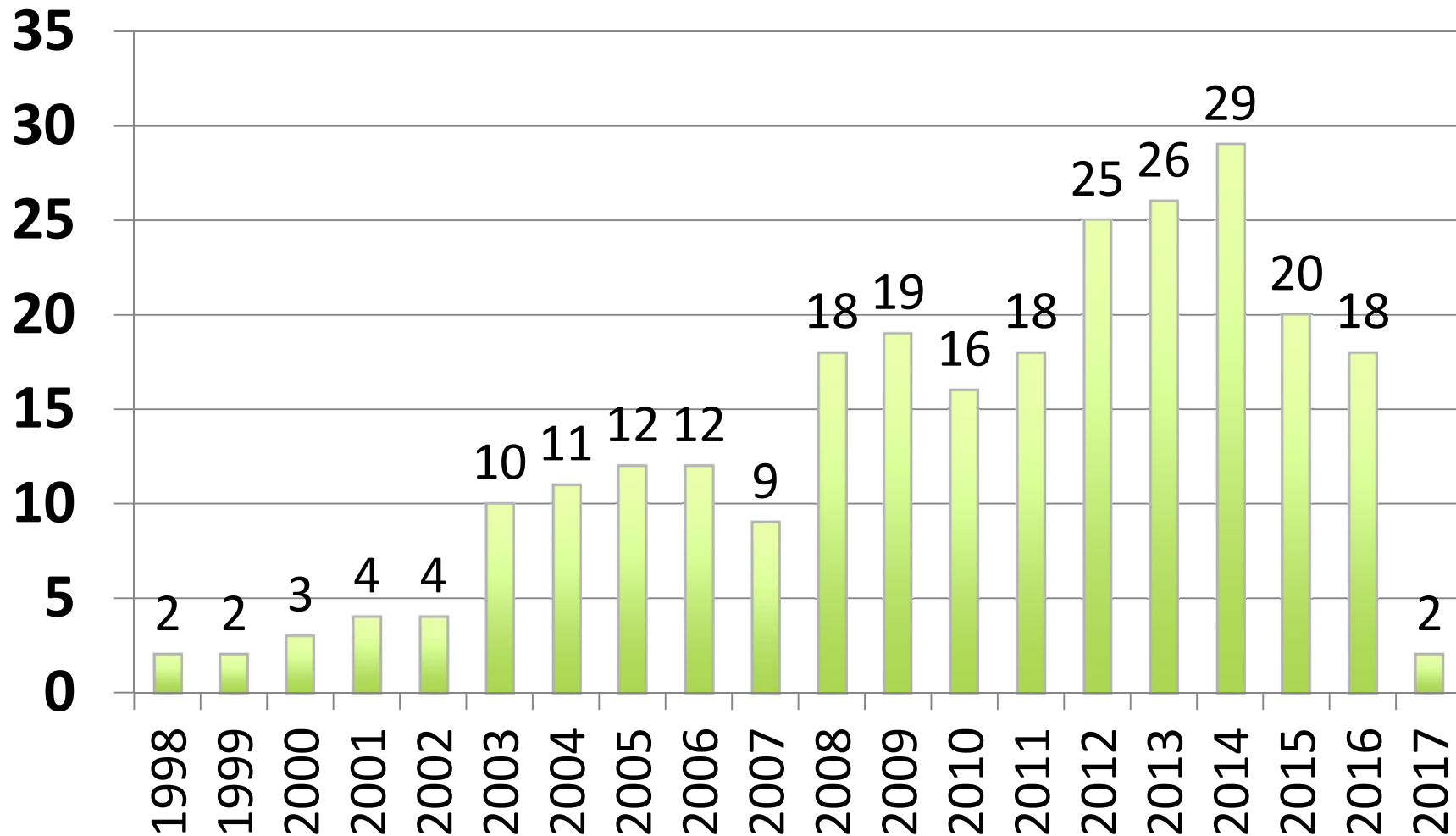
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# PIRATA Peer Reviewed Journal Articles



Total: 260



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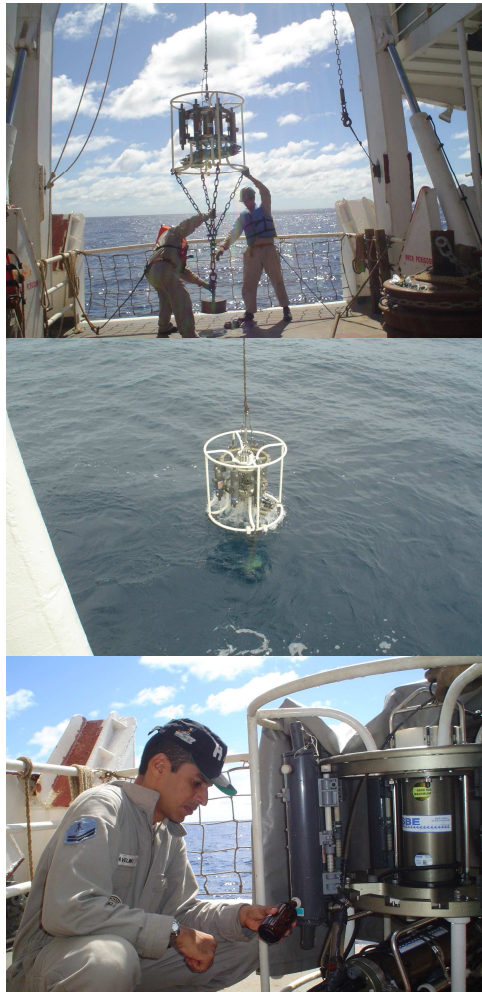
**pCO<sub>2</sub> sensor  
@ PIRATA  
8N 38W**





# PIRATA Brazil Hidrography

## CTD



## XBT

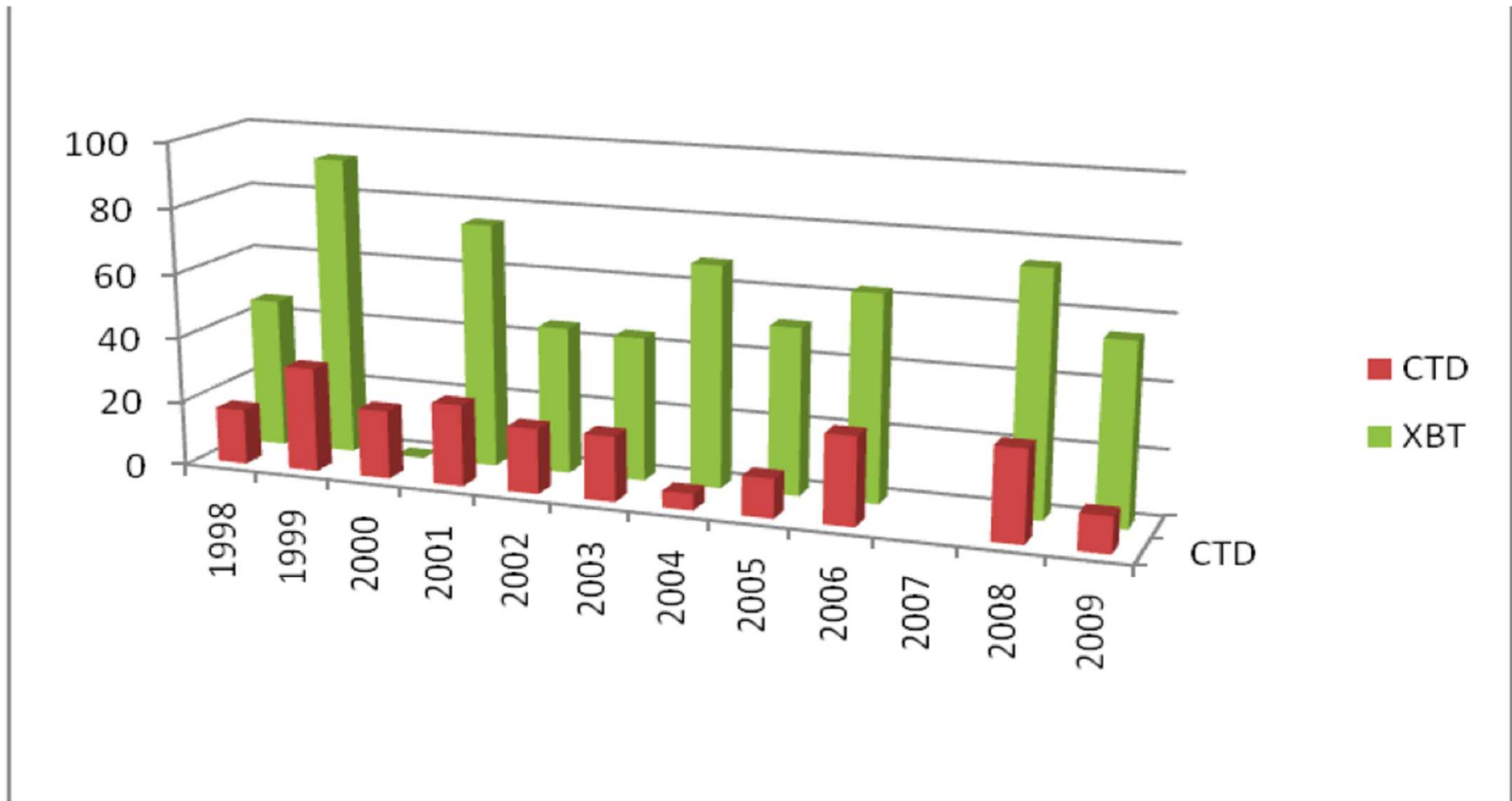


## Radiosonde





# CTD & XBT auxiliary data collected during PIRATA BR cruises

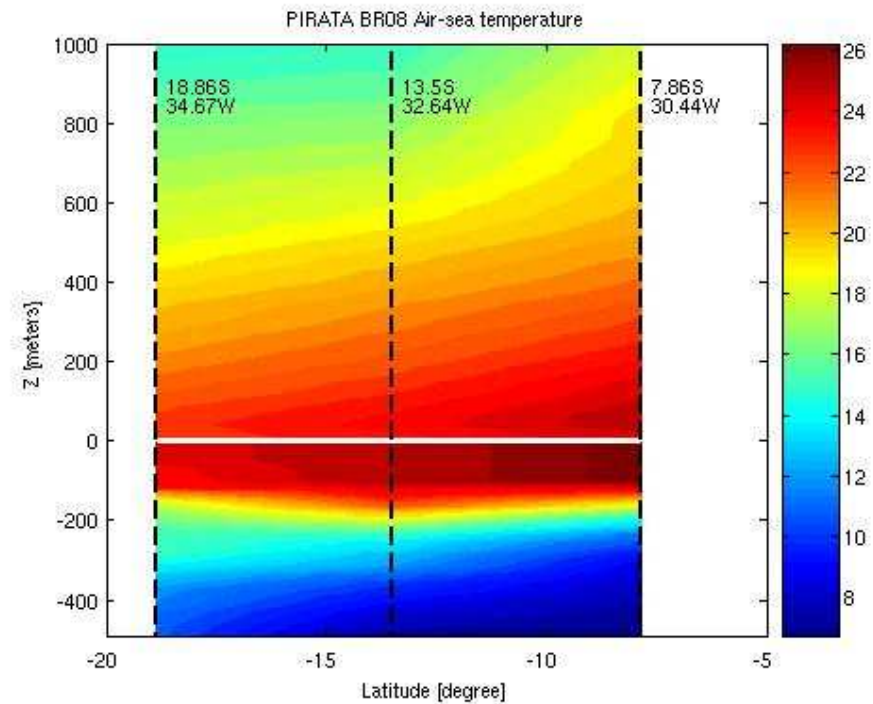
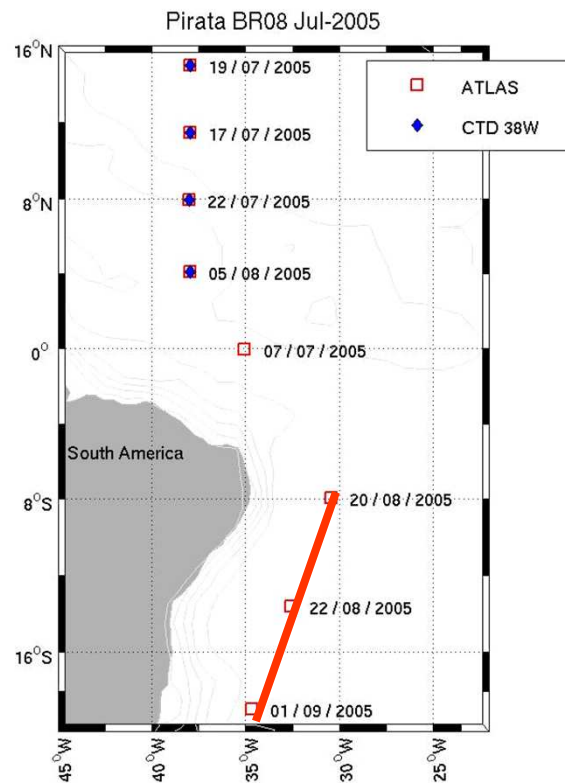


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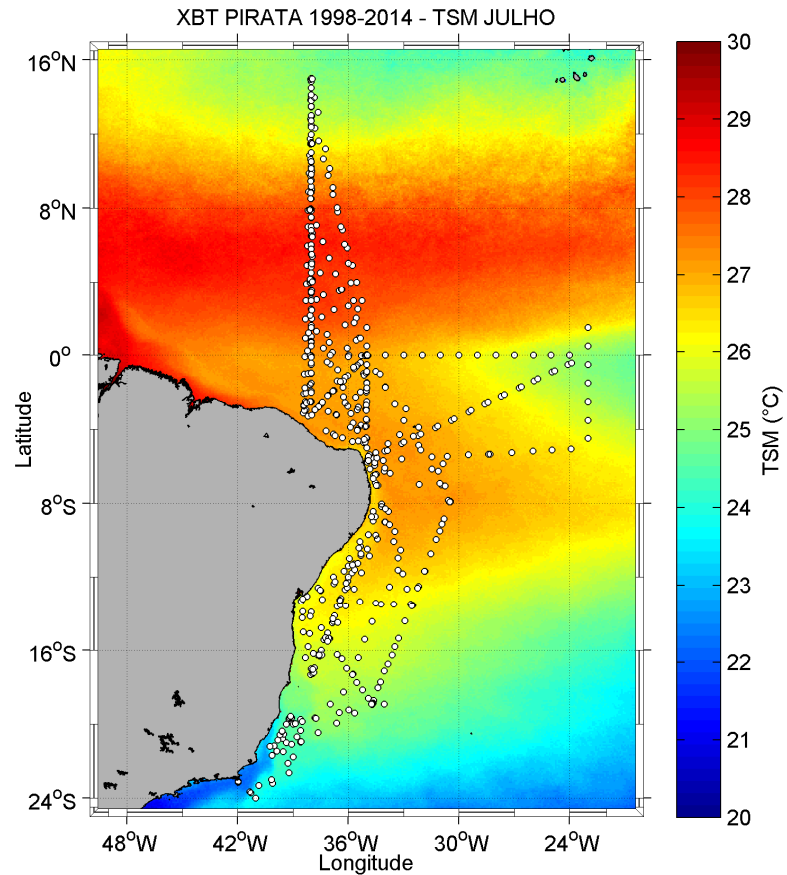
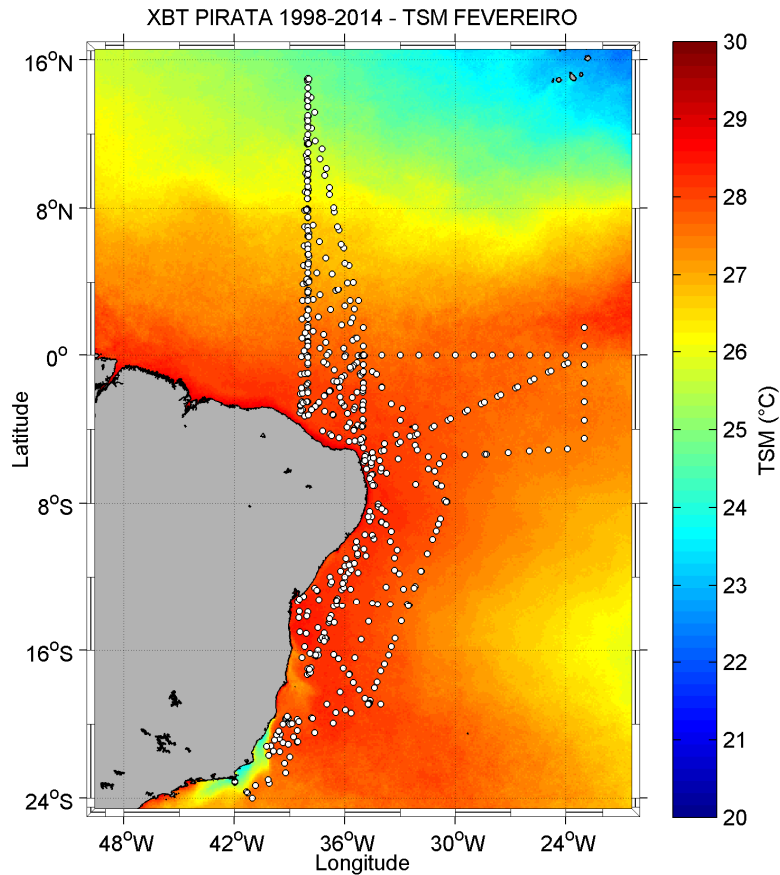
# Simultaneous ocean-atmos temperature profiling

## PIRATA SWE (2005-2016)



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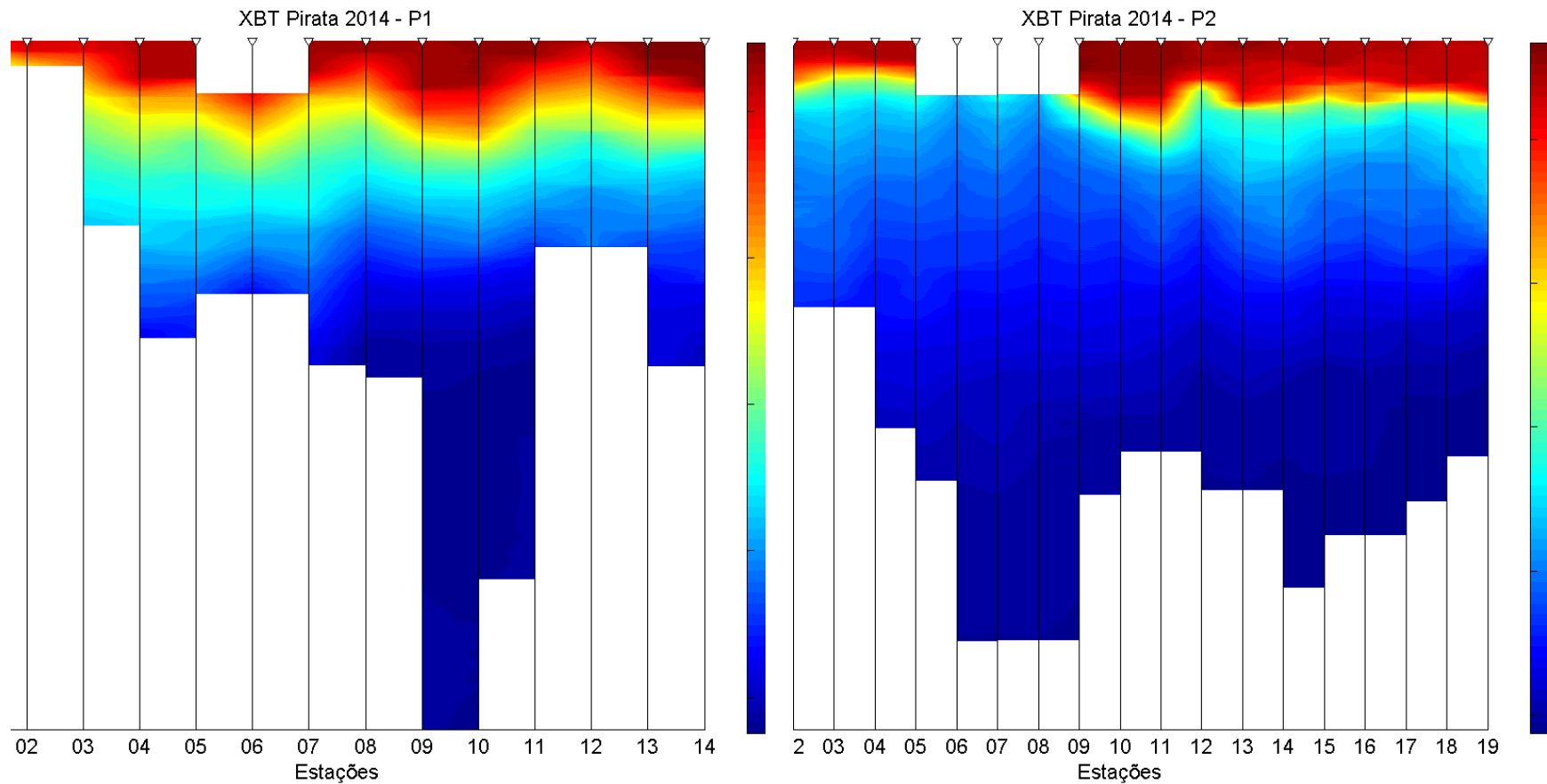
# PIRATA BR Cruises 1998-2014 & Climo SST



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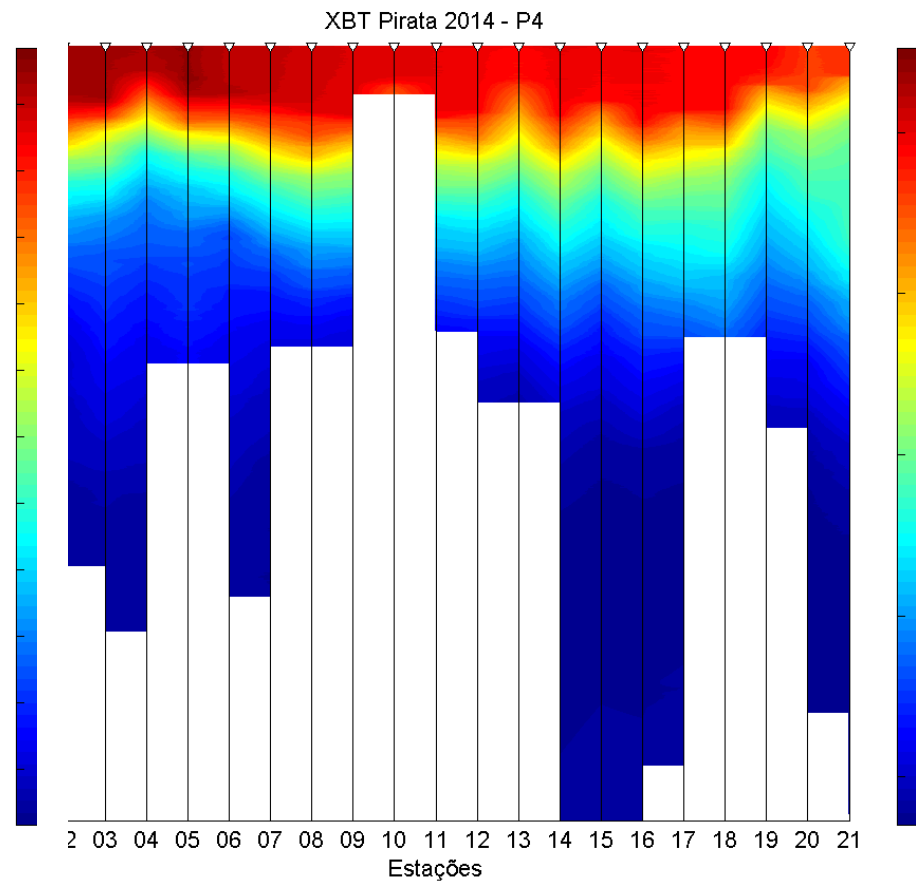
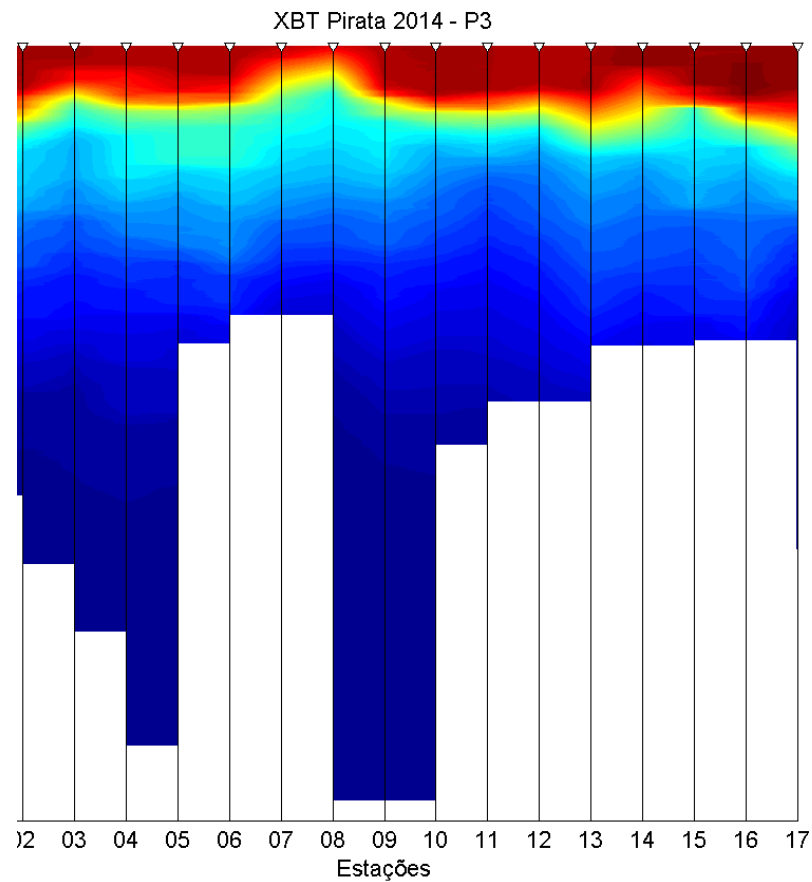
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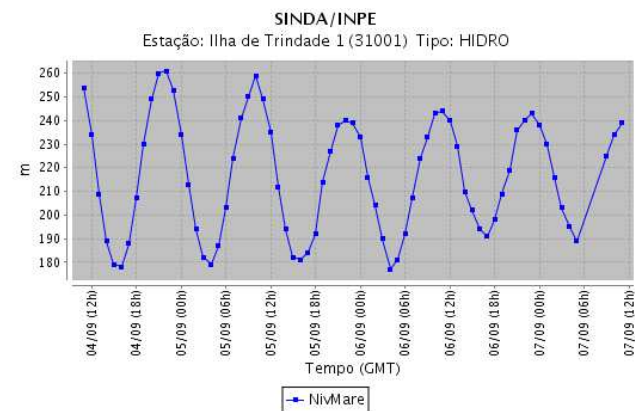
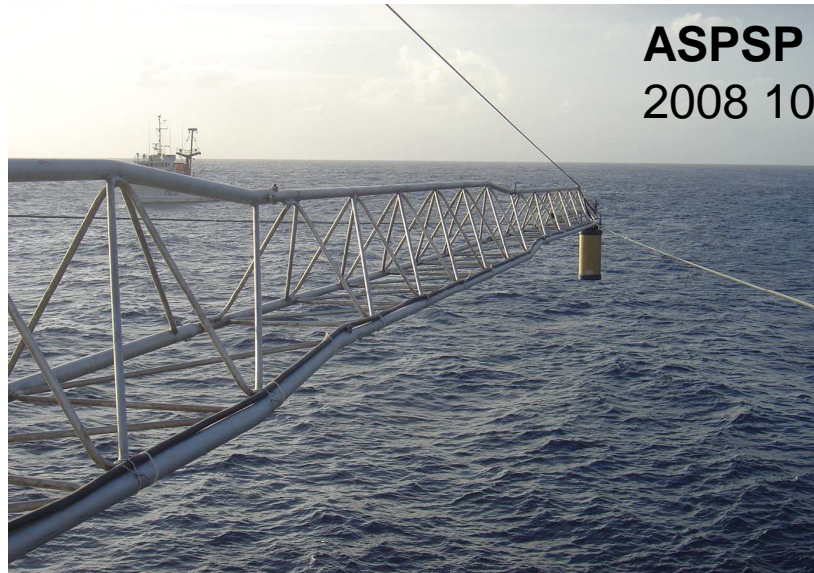


# PIRATA-BR XV 2014 XBTs



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# Tropical Atlantic Brazilian Islands (Tide Gauge Network)





## H40 NOc. ANTARES



**7 Scientists** capacity  
ADCP, A-Frame, (CTD)/UCTD/pCO<sub>2</sub>,  
radiosondes, SFC Meteorology,  
Year of construction: **1983**

## H39 – NPqHo Vital de Oliveira



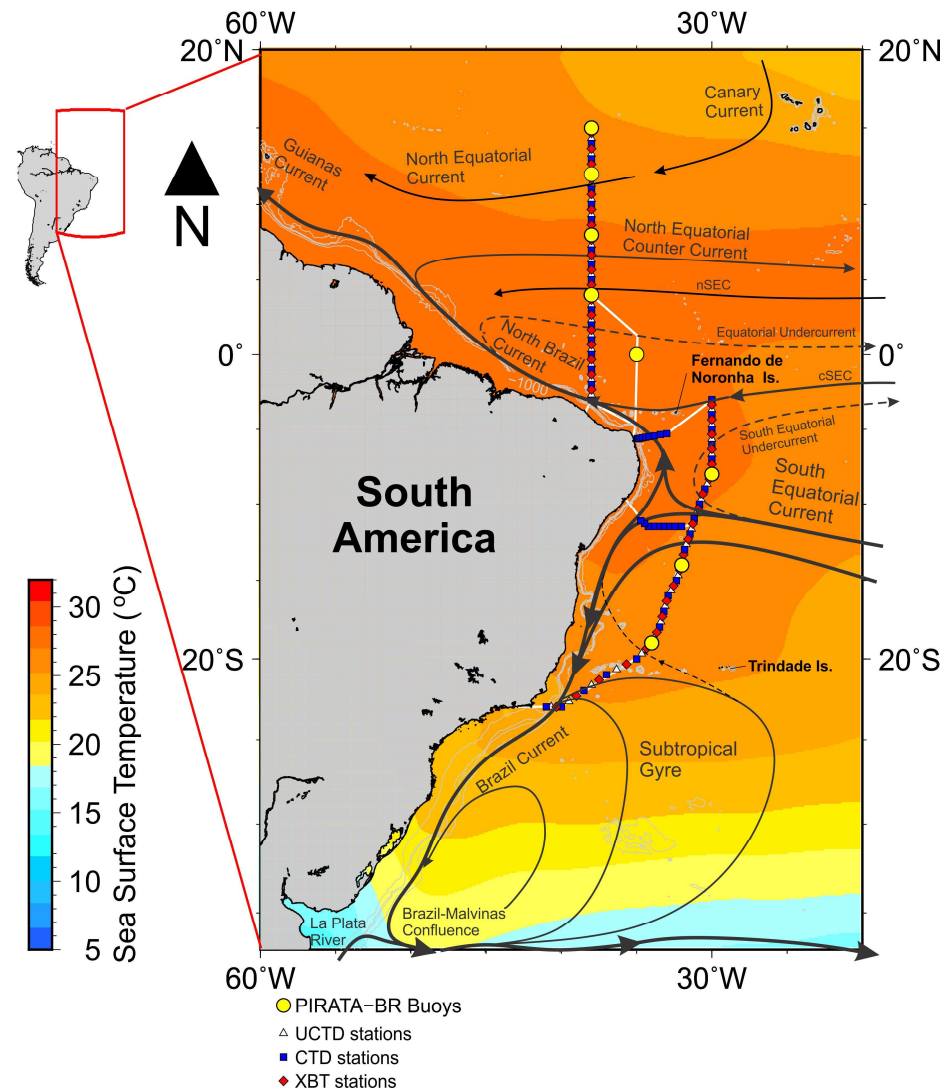
**30 Scientists** capacity  
2 ADCP, A-Frame, CTD/UCTD/pCO<sub>2</sub>,  
radiosondes/SFC Meteorology,  
ROV,  
2 Lateral Winches  
Year of construction: **2015**

# PIRATA-BR XVII – NPqHo Vital de Oliveira: “Western Tropical Atlantic Experiment”



## Principal Investigators

- 1) INPE – Paulo Nobre
- 2) INPE – Ronald Buss
- 3) UFPE – Moacyr Araujo
- 4) UFBA – Vanessa Hatje
- 5) UFBA – Gisele Rocha
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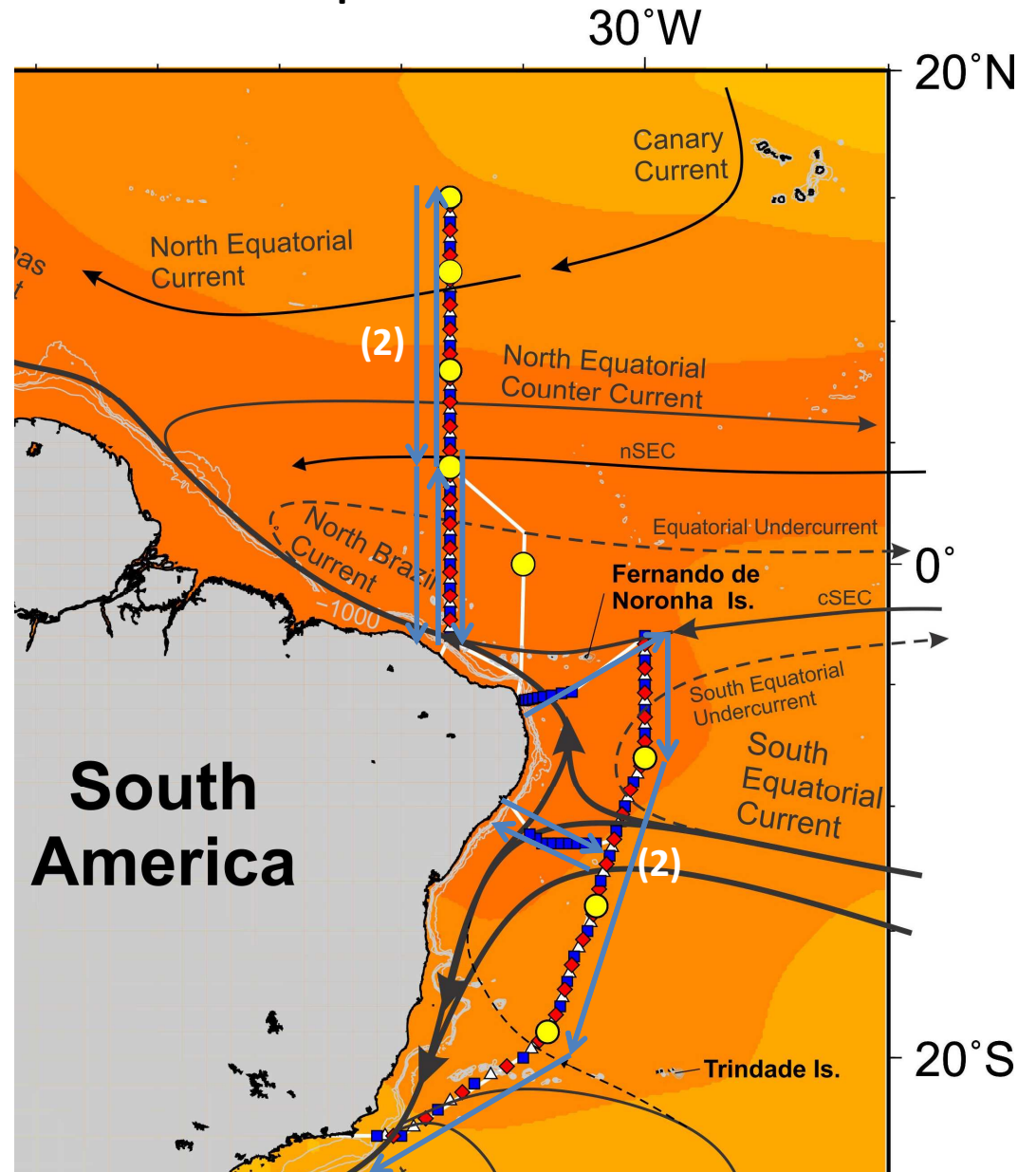
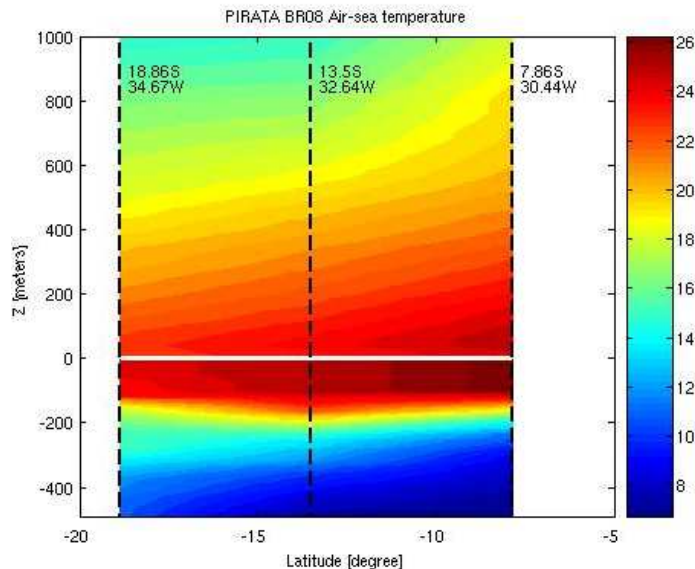


# PIRATA-BR XVII – NPqHo Vital de Oliveira: “Western Tropical Atlantic Experiment”



Upper Ocean-Atmosphere  
Repeated Sampling Strategy:

- 180 T-S profiles
- 9,000 Km underway: currents, pCO<sub>2</sub>,  
atmospheric particles deposition  
marine microbiology;
- Micrometeorology turbulent fluxes;
- 66 radiosondings



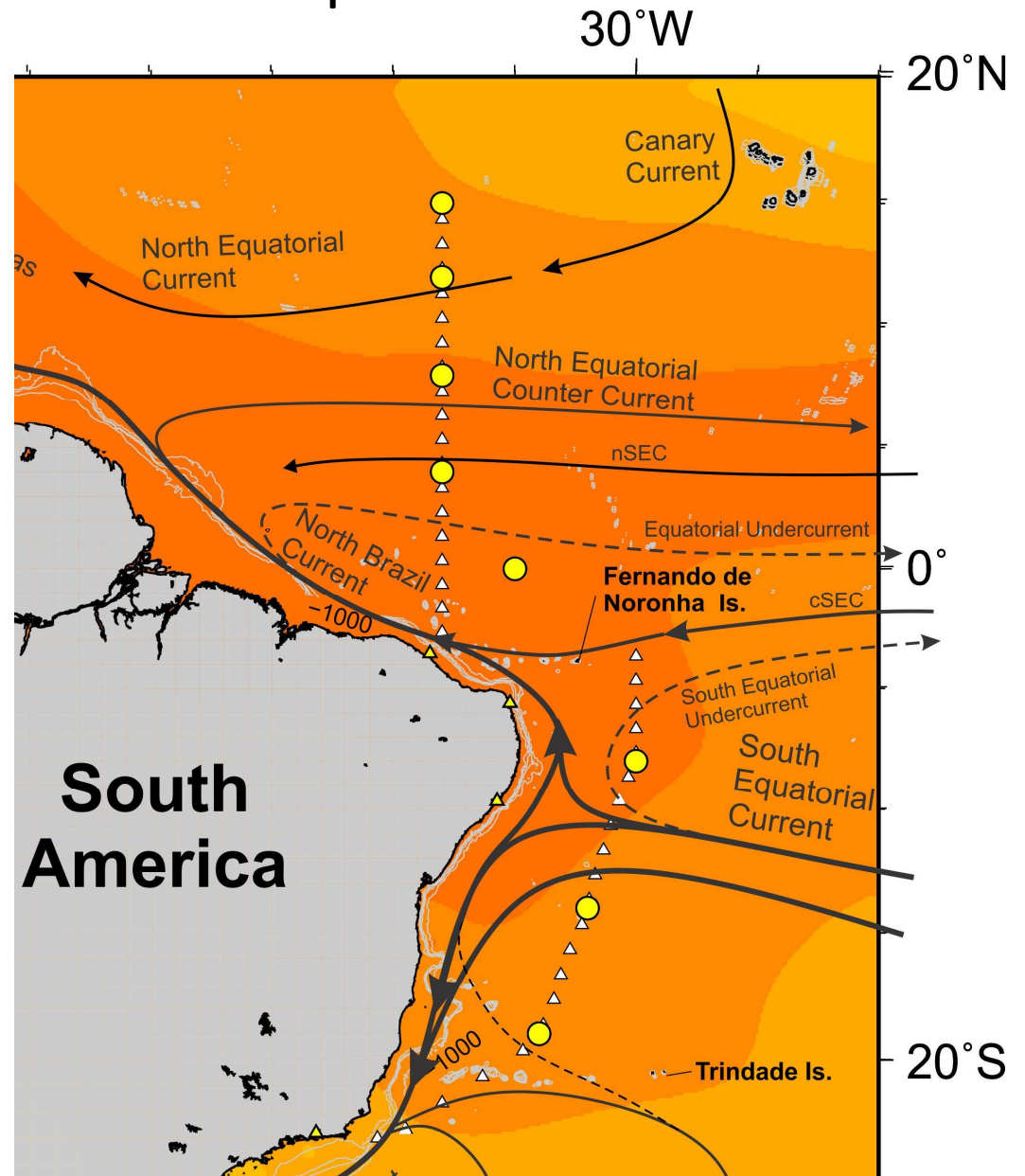
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## FULL DEPTH OCEAN SAMPLING

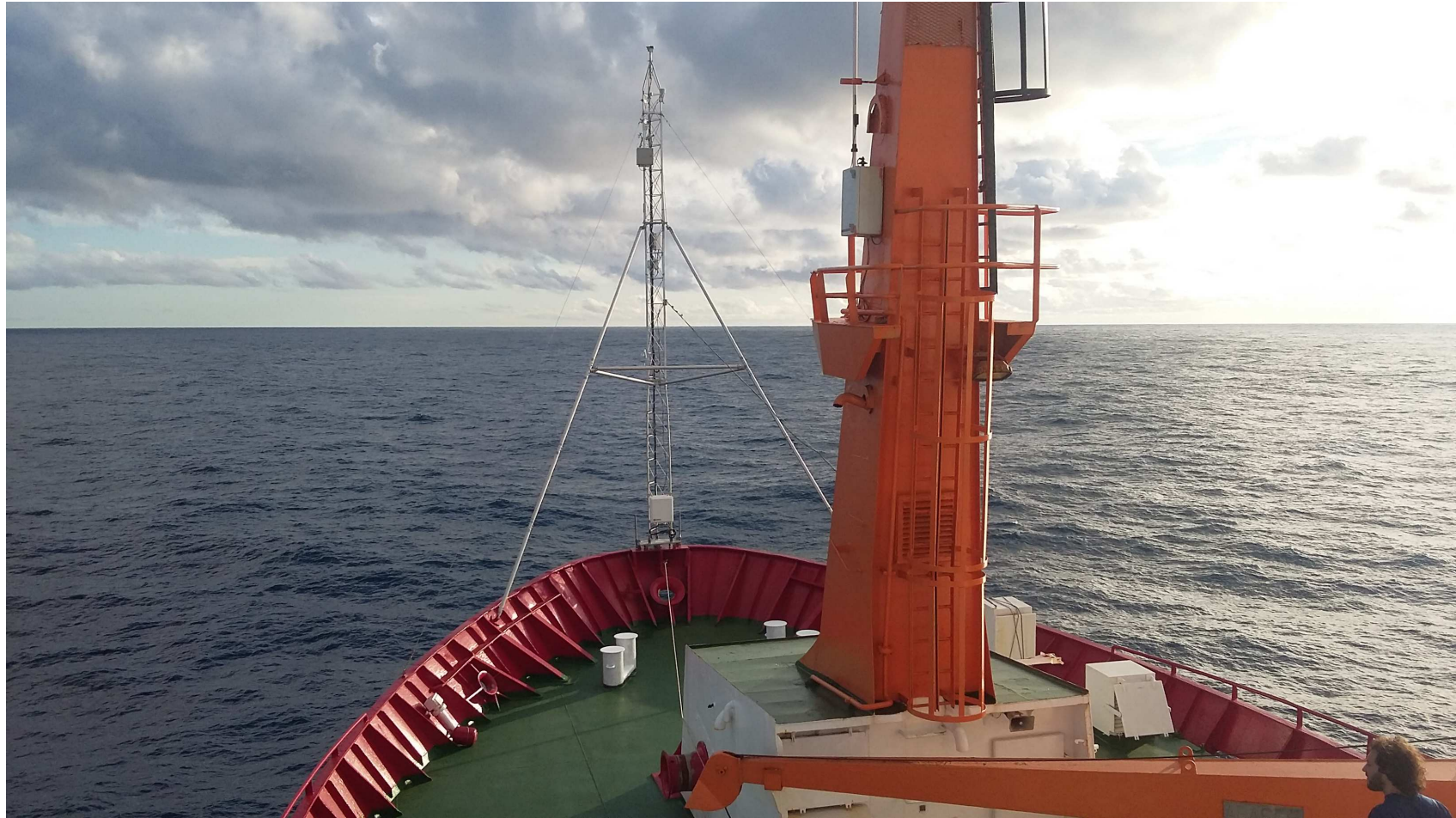
60 stations down to 10m  
of the ocean floor

- Currents
- Temperature
- Salinity
- Oxygen
- CO<sub>2</sub>
- Marine Biology
- Terras Raras
- Bottom mixing layer
- ...

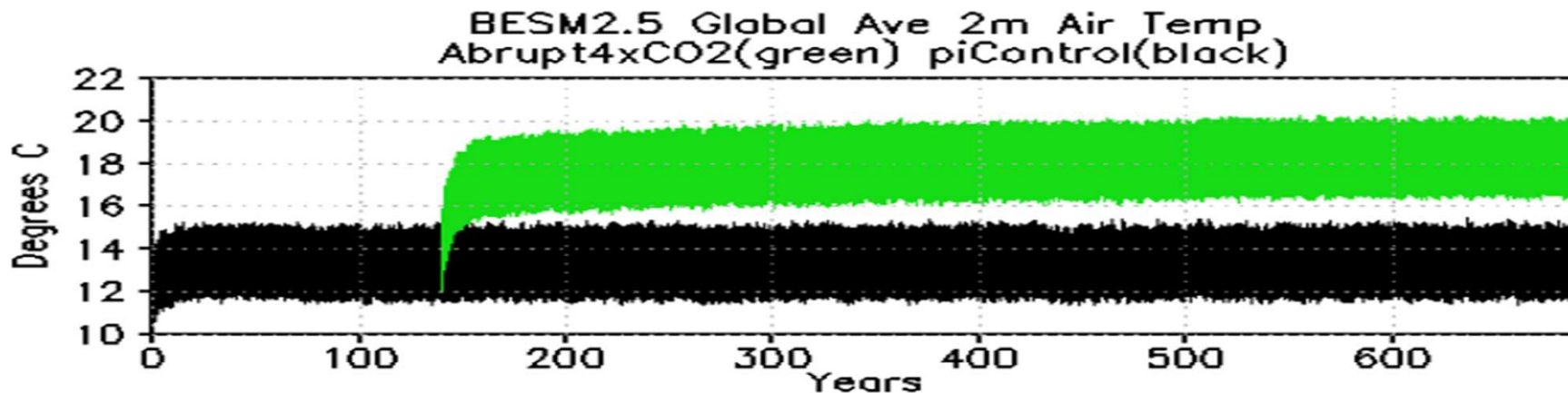
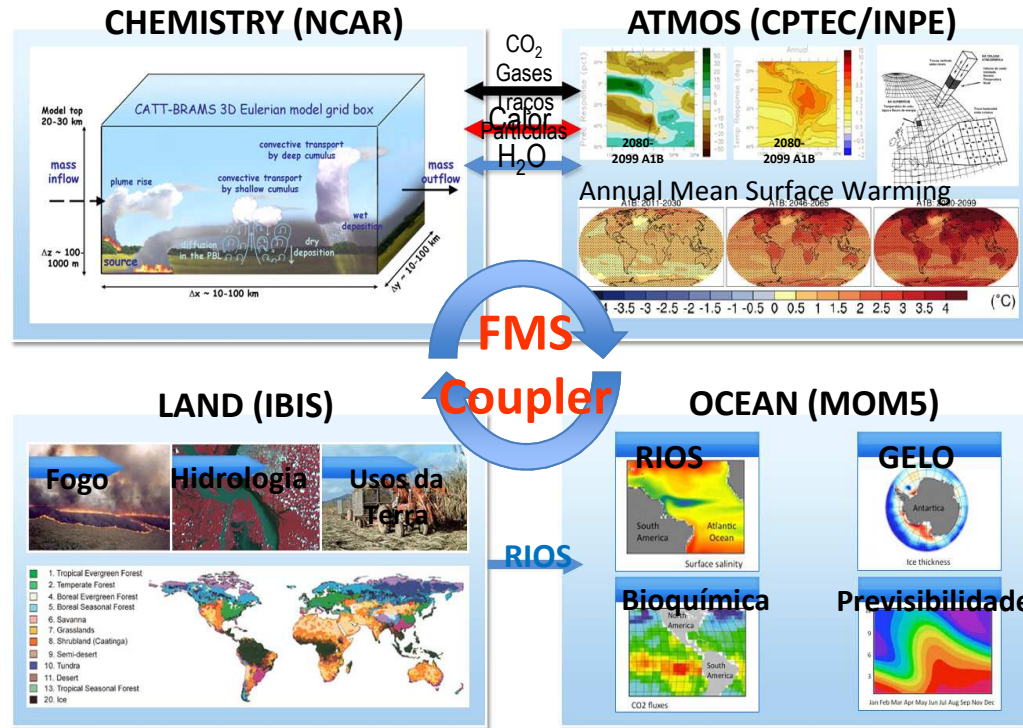




# Micrometeorology Tower to measure turbulent fluxes at the air-sea interface



# BRAZILIAN EARTH SYSTEM MODEL – BESM

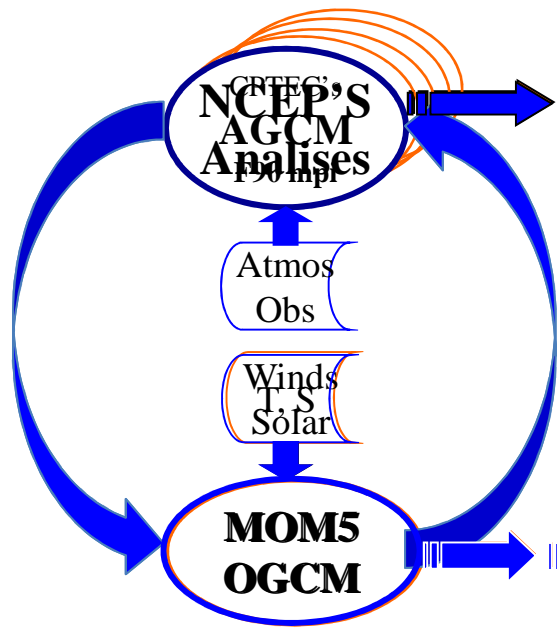


# BESM

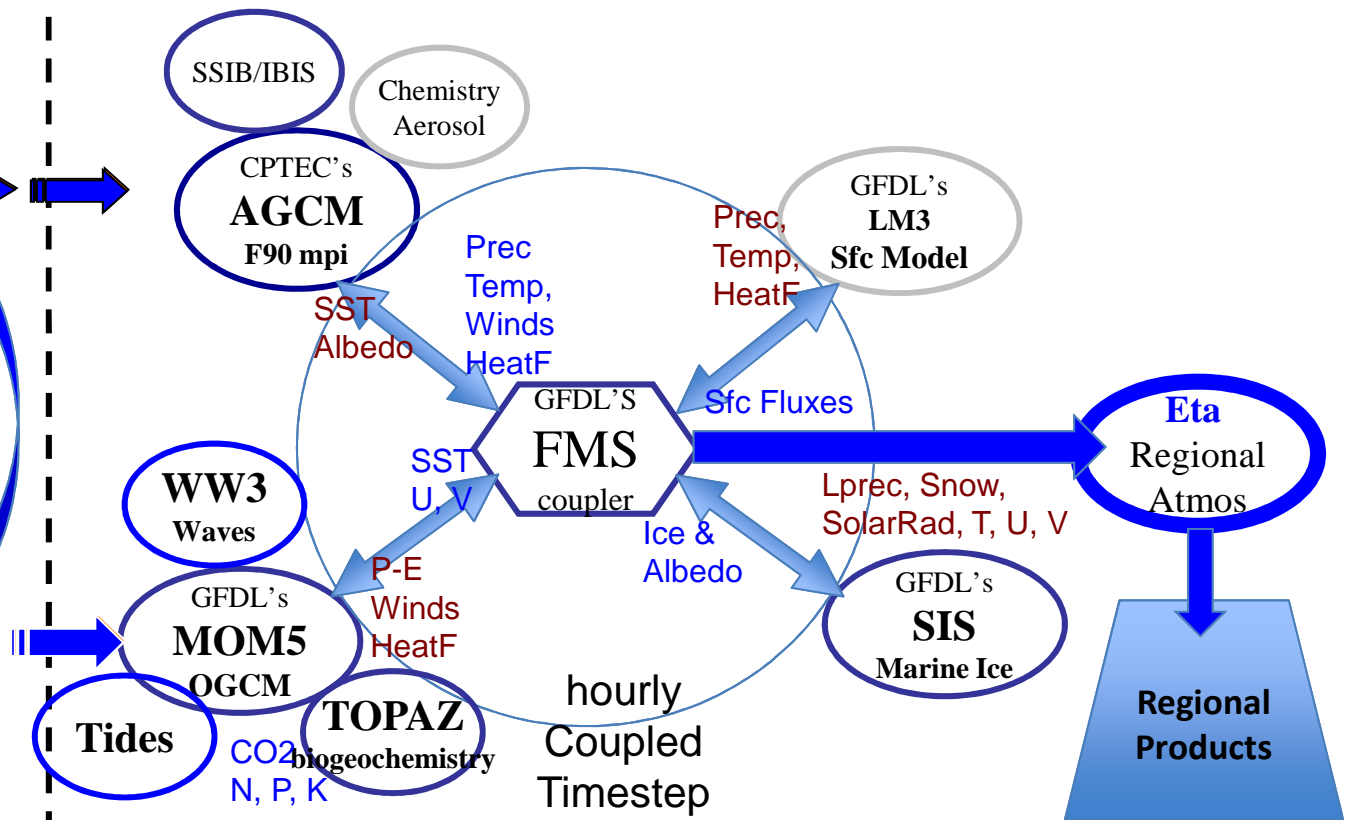
## Climate Forecast System



### Coupled Initialization



### Coupled Forecast



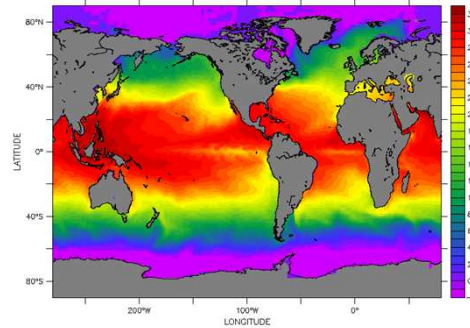


BESM

Brazilian Earth System Model



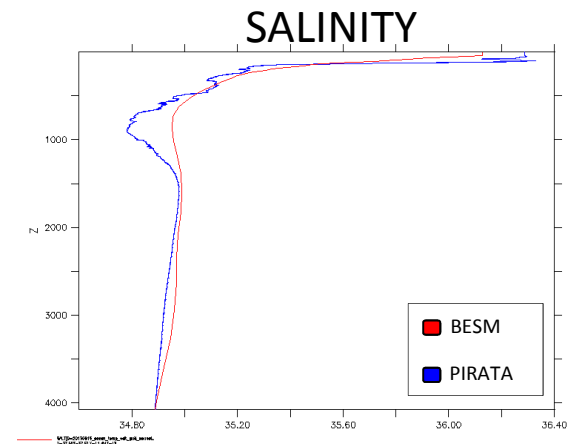
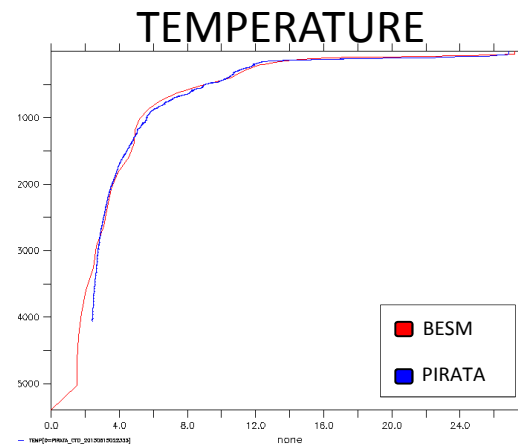
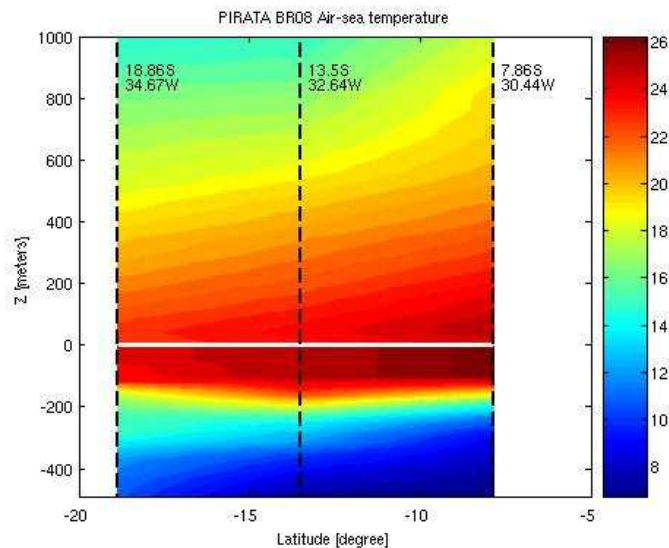
**FRE:** Tool set developed by NOAA/GFDL for the automation of Earth System Model compilation-execution-plotting-validation of model results; implemented for the Brazilian Earth System Model (BESM) at INPE/CPTEC supercomputer CRAY EX6.



The whole process in three commands:

- **FREmake**
- **FRErun**
- **FREvalidity**

Allow scientists and students to do numerical simulations with BESM at INPE’s supercomputer, both locally and remotely with extreme easiness and flexibility of use.



Temperature BESM vs PIRATA

Salinity BESM vs PIRATA

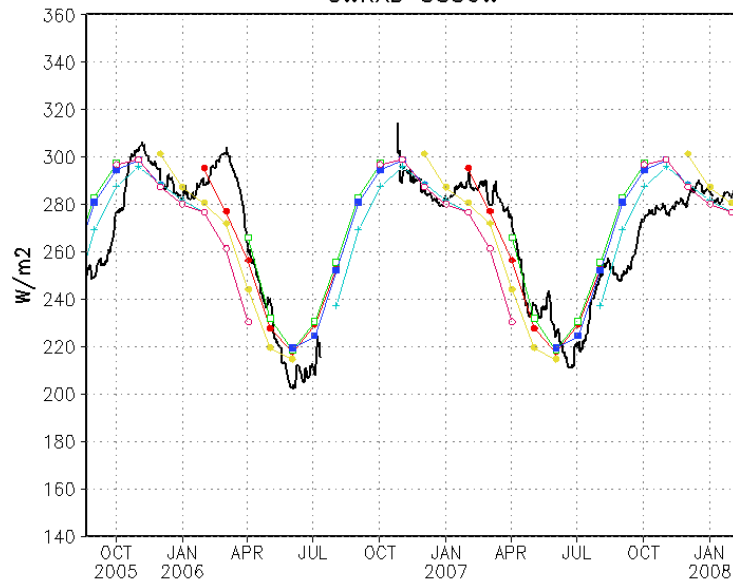
Condições para o dia 15 de junho de 2013, na posição lat:11.487, lon -37.996

# BESM simulated & PIRATA observed SW Radiation



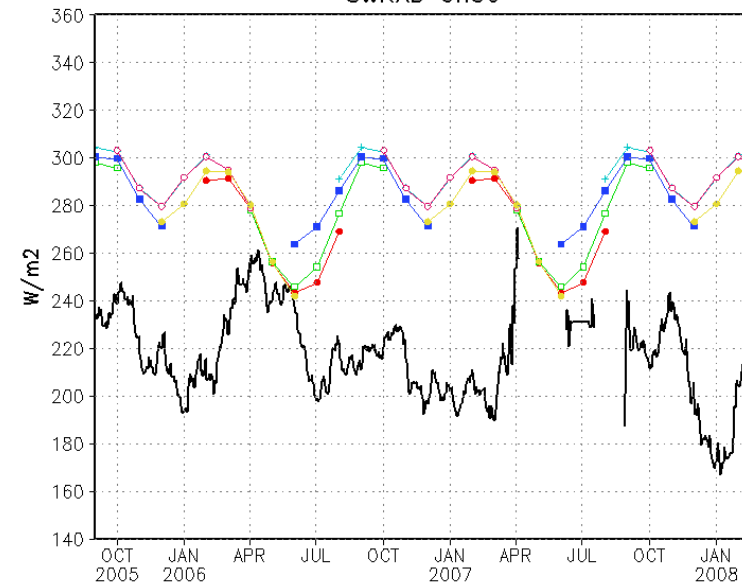
8S 30W

SWRAD 8S30W



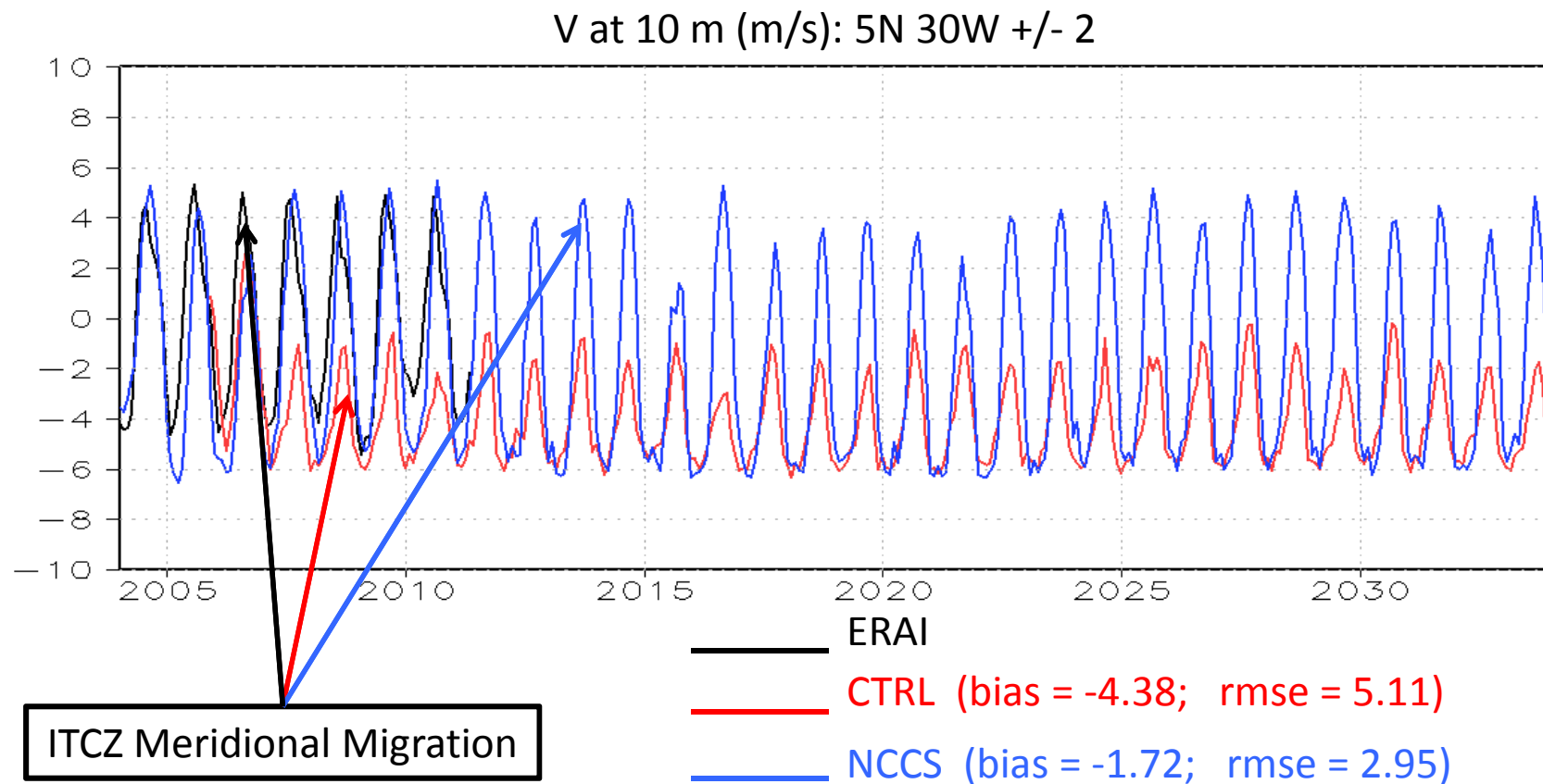
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# BESM Atlantic ITCZ simulations



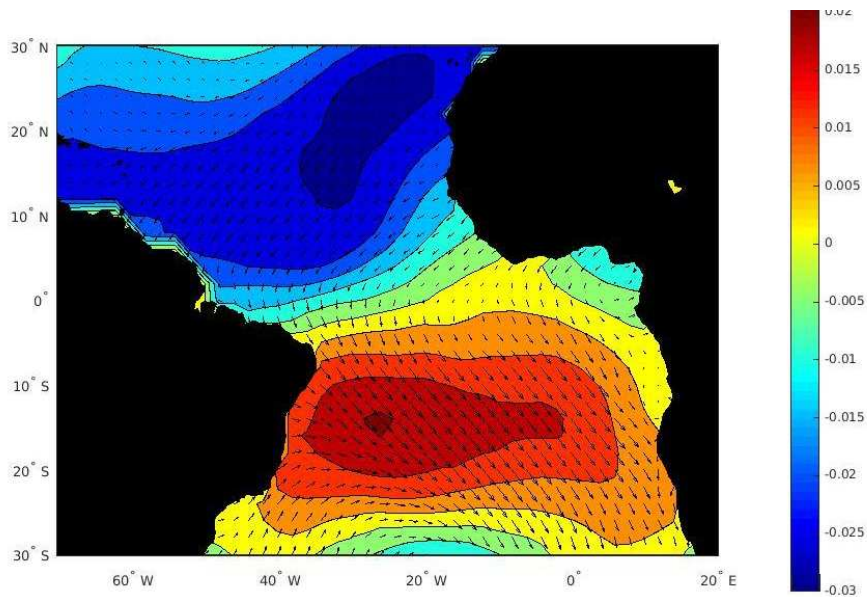




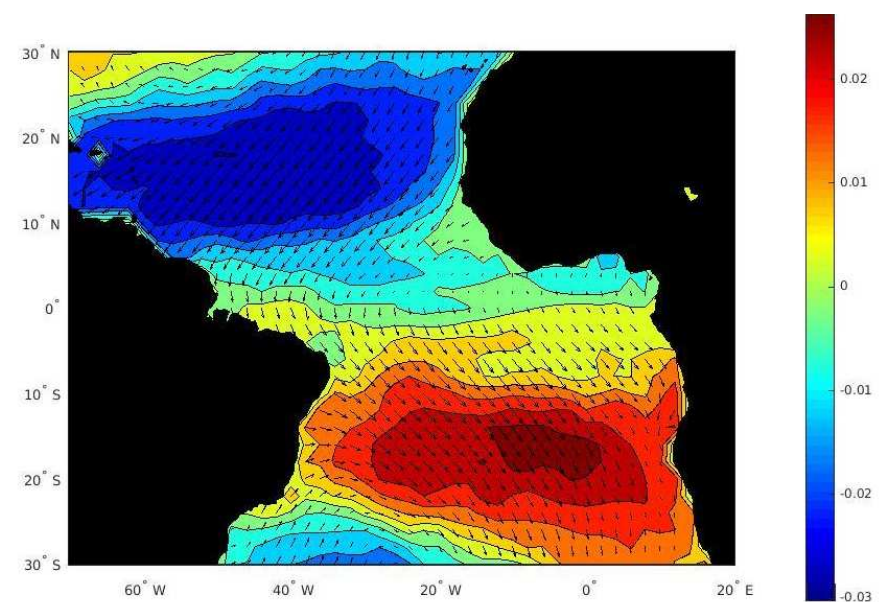
# Atlantic Meridional Mode

SST, Taux, Tauy Joint EOF1

**ERSSTv4 (9.3%)**



**BESM2.5 historical run (11.4%)**



S. Veiga et al (2017) in preparation

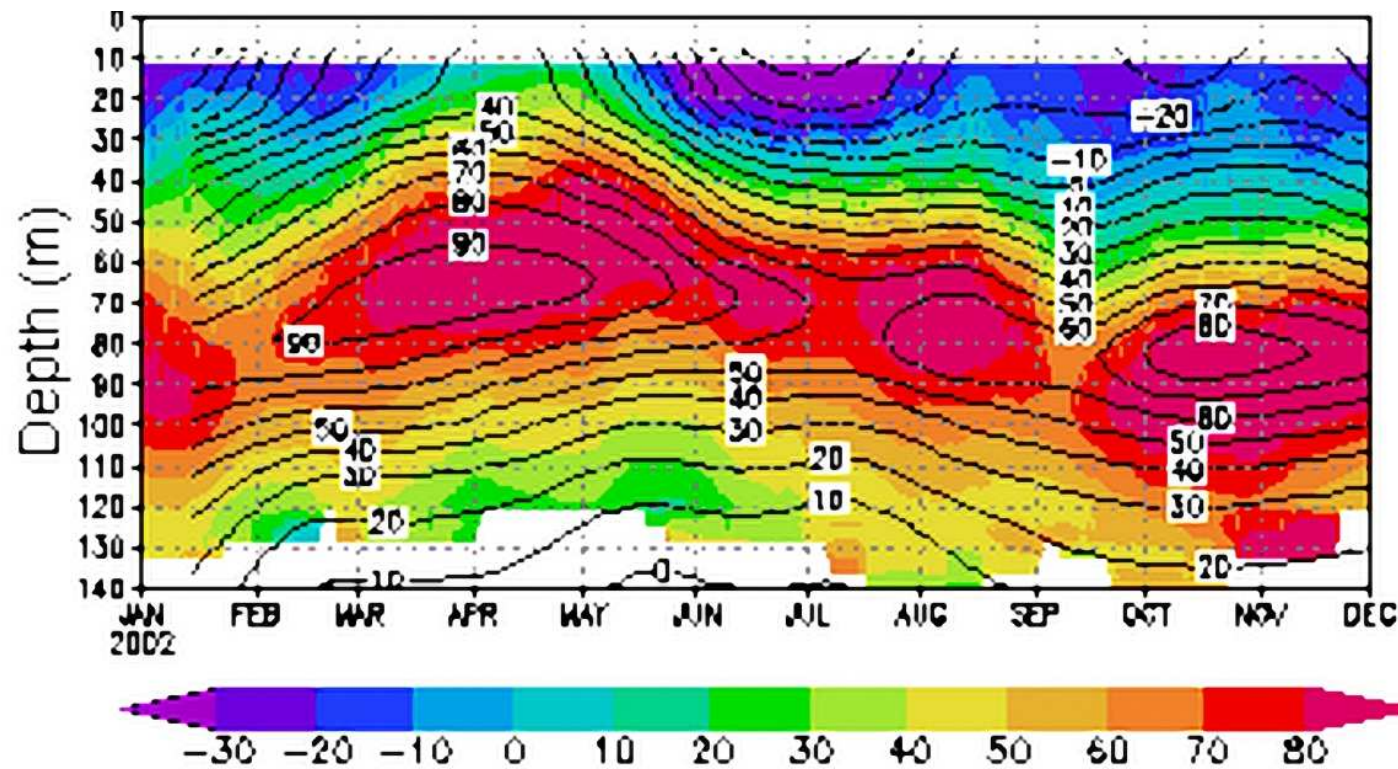


## The Atlantic Equatorial Undercurrent: PIRATA observations and simulations with GFDL Modular Ocean Model at CPTEC

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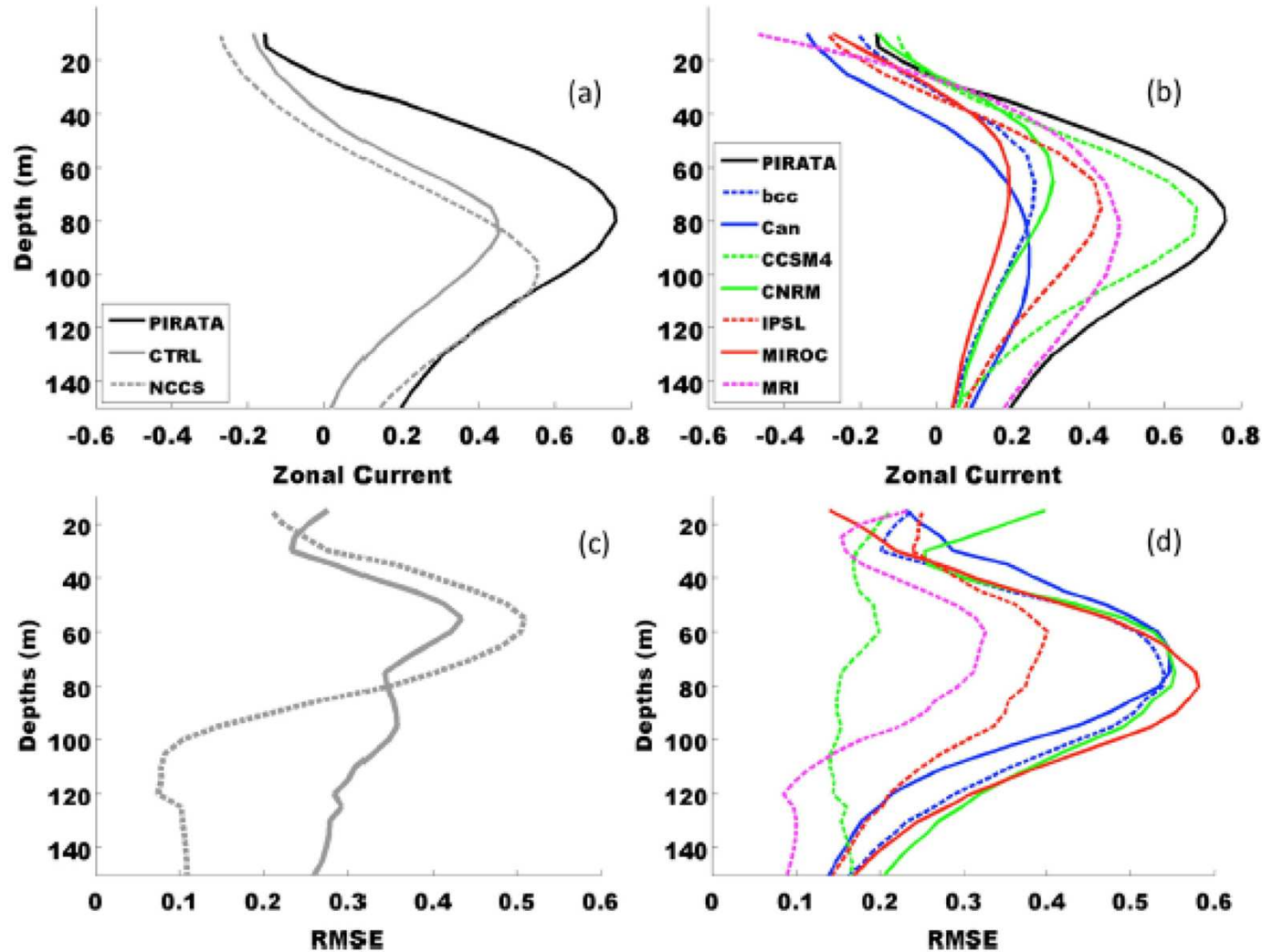




# Equatorial Atlantic Ocean dynamics in a coupled ocean–atmosphere model simulation

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**Fig. 9** (a) Mean zonal current at 0° N, 23° W. The solid black line represents PIRATA ADCP. The other lines represent the CTRL (solid grey) and NCCS experiments (dashed grey), and (b) the other CMIP5

models (as indicated by the legend) in  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ , and the root mean square errors along depths computed between PIRATA and (a) model results for CTRL, NCCS and (b) other CMIP5 models (same legends)



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# Equatorial Undercurrent and North Equatorial Countercurrent at 38°W: A new perspective from direct velocity data

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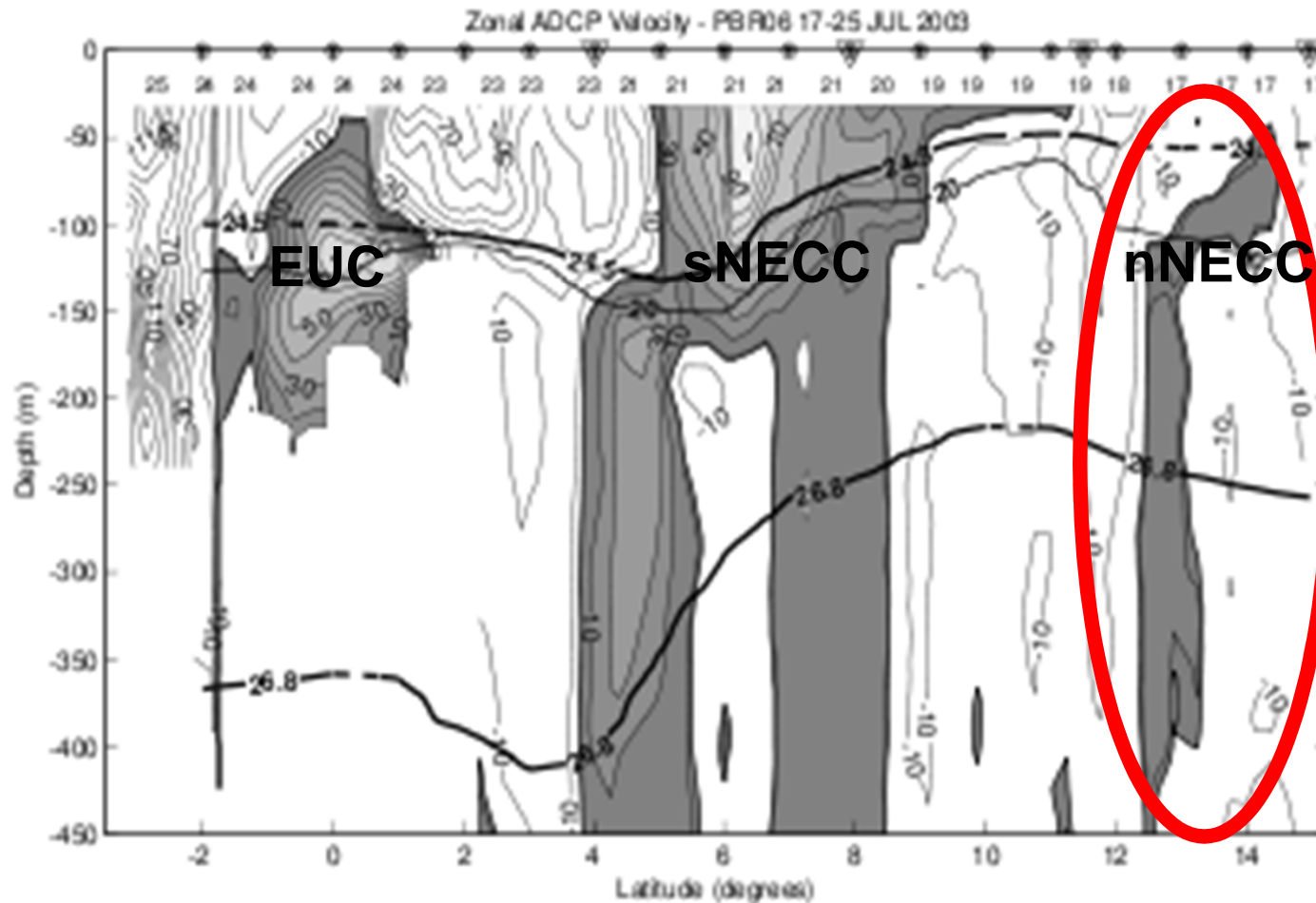
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Urbano et al. (2008, JGR)



# Zonal Currents Vertical Profiles

revealed by Noc. ANTARES ADCP PIRATA Cruises Data



**First observational evidence of NECC's northern branch, with ADCP PIRATA Data**

Urbano et al. (2008, JGR)



## Coupled Ocean–Atmosphere Variations over the South Atlantic Ocean

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### ABSTRACT

The impact of ocean–atmosphere interactions on summer rainfall over the South Atlantic Ocean is explored through the use of coupled ocean–atmosphere models. The Brazilian Center for Weather Forecast and Climate Studies (CPTEC) coupled ocean–atmosphere general circulation model (CGCM) and its atmospheric general circulation model (AGCM) are used to gauge the role of coupled modes of variability of the climate system over the South Atlantic at seasonal time scales. Twenty-six years of summer [December–February (DJF)] simulations were done with the CGCM in ensemble mode and the AGCM forced with both observed sea surface temperature (SST) and SST generated by the CGCM forecasts to investigate the dynamics/thermodynamics of the two major convergence zones in the tropical Atlantic: the intertropical convergence zone (ITCZ) and the South Atlantic convergence zone (SACZ). The results present both numerical model and observational evidence supporting the hypothesis that the ITCZ is a thermally direct, SST-driven atmospheric circulation, while the SACZ is a thermally indirect atmospheric circulation controlling SST variability underneath—a consequence of ocean–atmosphere interactions not captured by the atmospheric model forced by prescribed ocean temperatures. Six CGCM model results of the Ensemble-based Predictions of Climate Changes and their Impacts (ENSEMBLES) project, NCEP–NCAR reanalysis data, and oceanic and atmospheric data from buoys of the Prediction and Research Moored Array in the Tropical Atlantic (PIRATA) Project over the tropical Atlantic are used to validate CPTEC’s coupled and uncoupled model simulations.



TABLE 1. ACCs between surface air temperature (SAT), sea surface temperature (SST), rainfall (PREC), and downward shortwave radiation (SWR) for the PIRATA buoys at 8°S, 30°W and 19°S, 34°W. Daily values smoothed with a 30-day-running-mean filter for the DJF periods of 2005–10, totaling 450 pairs of data for each time series. Cross-correlation values greater than 0.35 (*italic*) [0.6 (**boldface**)] are statistically significant at the 90% (99%) level according to a one-sided Student’s *t* test with 15 degrees of freedom.

Cross correlation	Buoy at 8°S, 30°W	Buoy at 19°S, 34°W
SAT–SST	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.94</b>
SWR–PREC	<b>–0.64</b>	<b>–0.74</b>
SAT–SWR	<i>–0.38</i>	<i>0.49</i>
SST–SWR	<i>–0.18</i>	<i>0.41</i>
SAT–PREC	<i>0.56</i>	<i>–0.32</i>
SST–PREC	<i>0.33</i>	<i>–0.19</i>

the AGCMs, the results are only marginally statistically significant over the area of the SACZ. Yet, one could expect that the more physically sound representation of the SACZ dynamics and thermodynamics by the CGCM can leave its imprint on rainfall predictability over the southwestern Atlantic. Figure 5 shows DJF rainfall hindcast skill as measured by ACC between observed and simulated rainfall. The AGCM runs forced by OISST (Fig. 5a) depict the same robust correlation pattern of positive correlations along the equatorial area and negative correlations over the SACZ area, reproducing previous results that used AGCMs forced by observed SSTs to simulate the SACZ (Nobre et al. 2006; Robertson et al. 2003). It is noteworthy, however, that the strong negative ACC shown for the AGCM runs forced by observed SST is drastically reduced on the



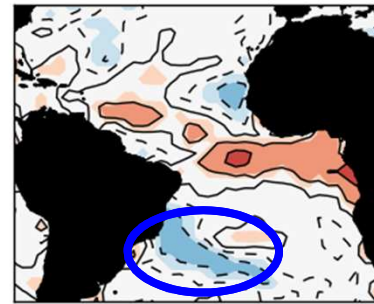
# BESM Predicts SACZ over colder Waters



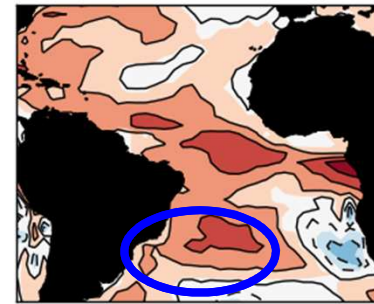
## SST-RAINFAL ANOMALY CORRELATIONS

ACC (SST, precipitation)

OBSERVATIONS

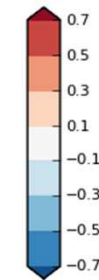


observations



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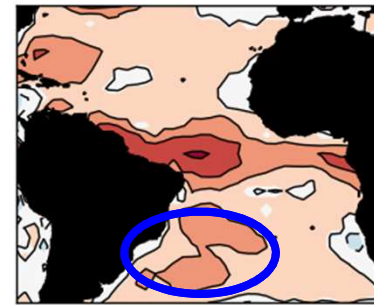
AGCM/SST<sub>observations</sub>



MBSCG



CGCM

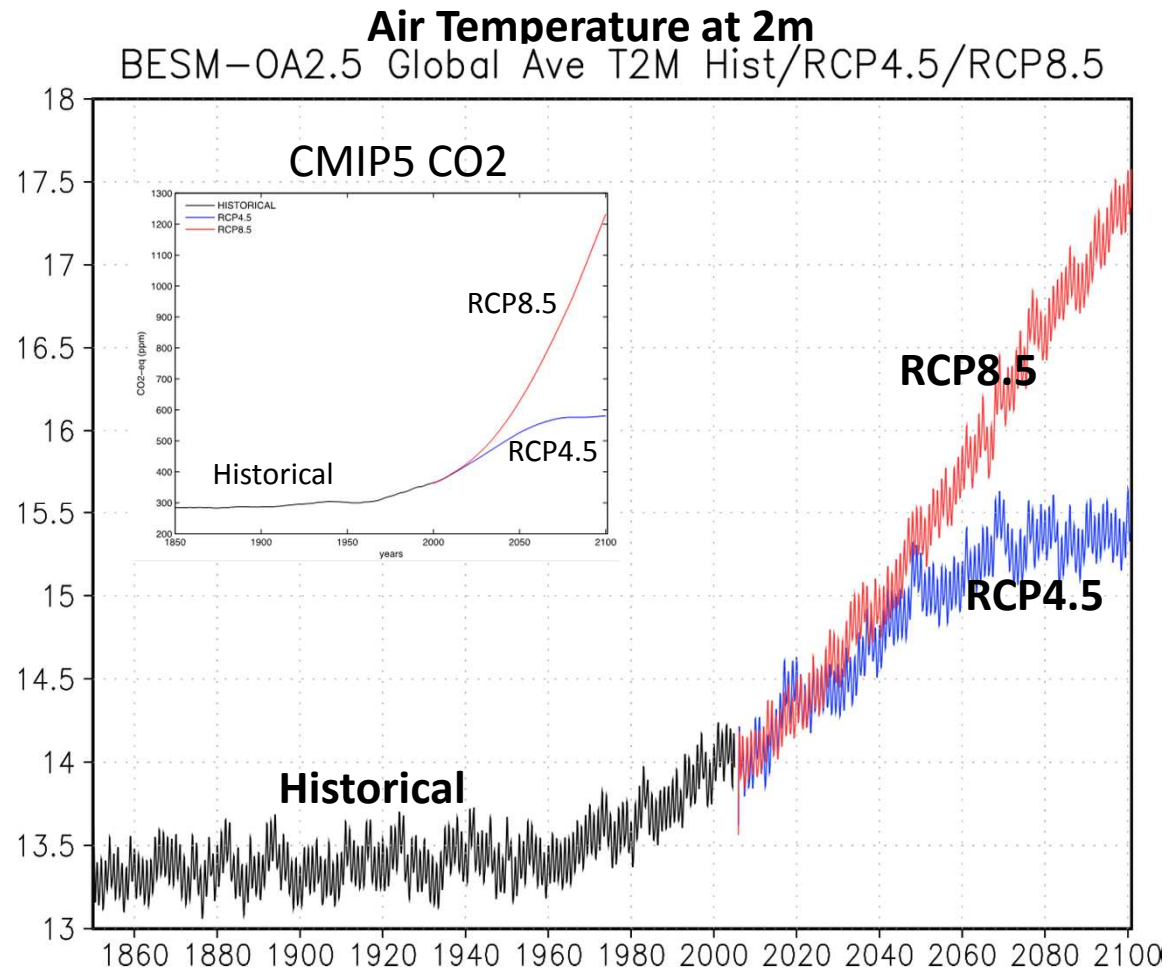


AGCM ← CGCM SST

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# BESM2.5 CMIP5 Runs 1850-2100

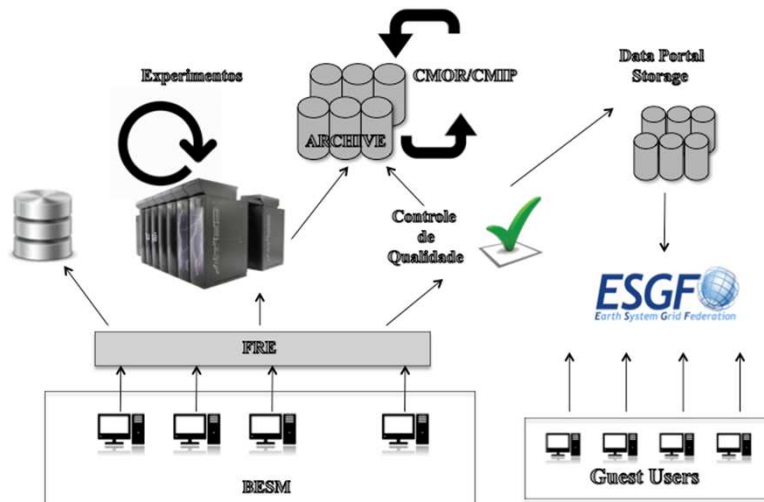




# BESM CMIP5 scenarios

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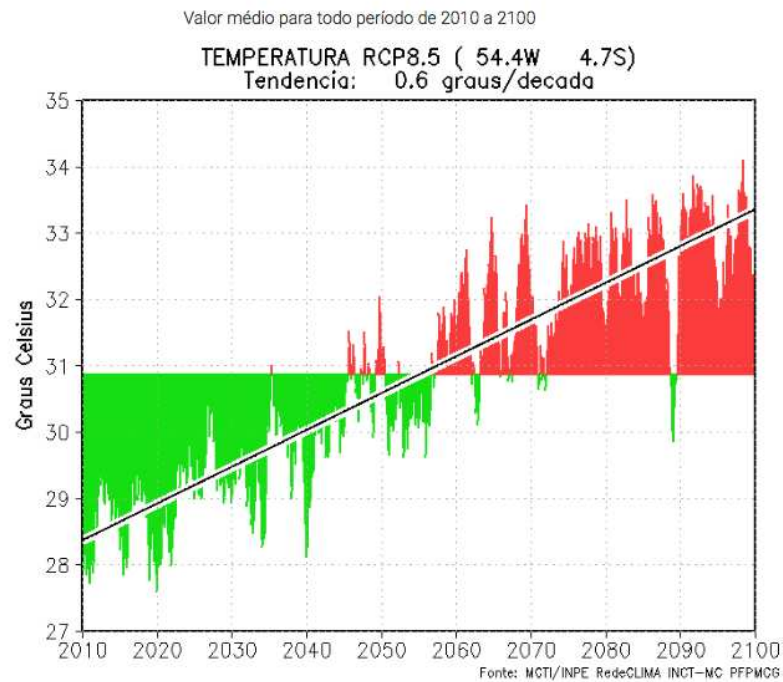


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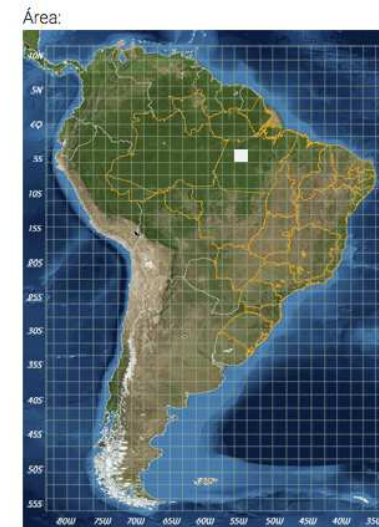
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## Produtos



Selecione as opções:



Cenário: RCP8.5 Variável: temperatura

# The PIRATA Project in Brazil:



- **Brazilian contribution:** understanding the Atlantic Ocean role:
  - On the interannual climate variability over South America
  - On the global climate change.
- **Utilizes national technical capabilities for:**
  - Ocean data collection with Brazilian Satellites
  - Data processing at INPE/CPTEC
  - Marine operations with Brazilian Navy
- **Institutional Base:**
  - In Brazil: MCTIC-INPE, DHN, IOUSP, UFPE, INMET, FUNCEME, GOOS/BRASIL, CIRM
  - Abroad: IRD, MeteoFrance & NOAA
- **Endorsements: CLIVAR e OOPC.**

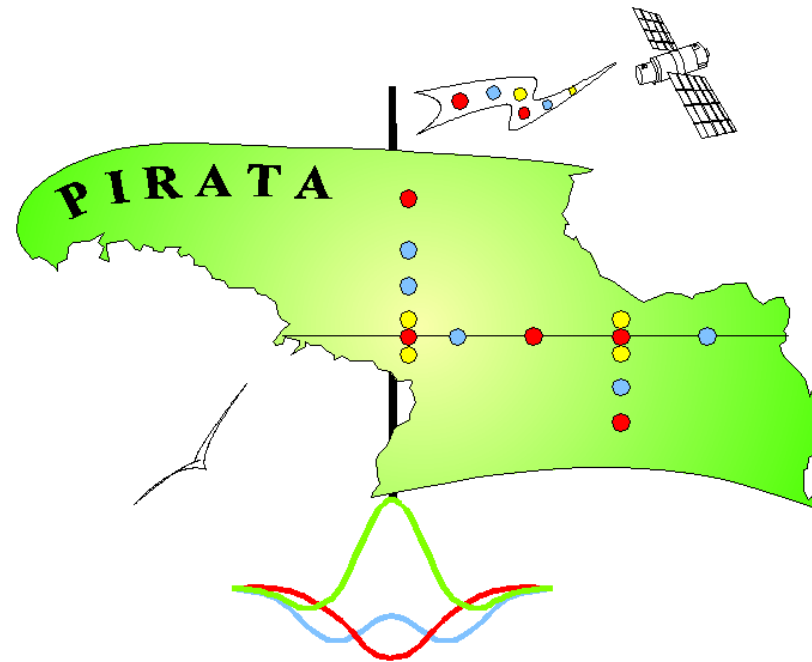


# The Vision

- **PIRATA-BR:**
  - NPqHo Vital de Oliveira
  - MultiScience
  - Multi institutional;
- **International projection:**
  - Public access to PIRATA data;
  - Endorsements from CLIVAR, OOPC, GEOTRACES
- **Brazilian capacity to monitor and predict the blue ocean**
  - Development of the Brazilian Earth System Model BESM
  - Supercomputing capacity at INPE
  - Maintenance of DHN vessels

# PIRATA 20 Years Celebration

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