



# Regional Economic Impacts of Natural Disasters in Brazil: The Case of Floods in Sao Paulo

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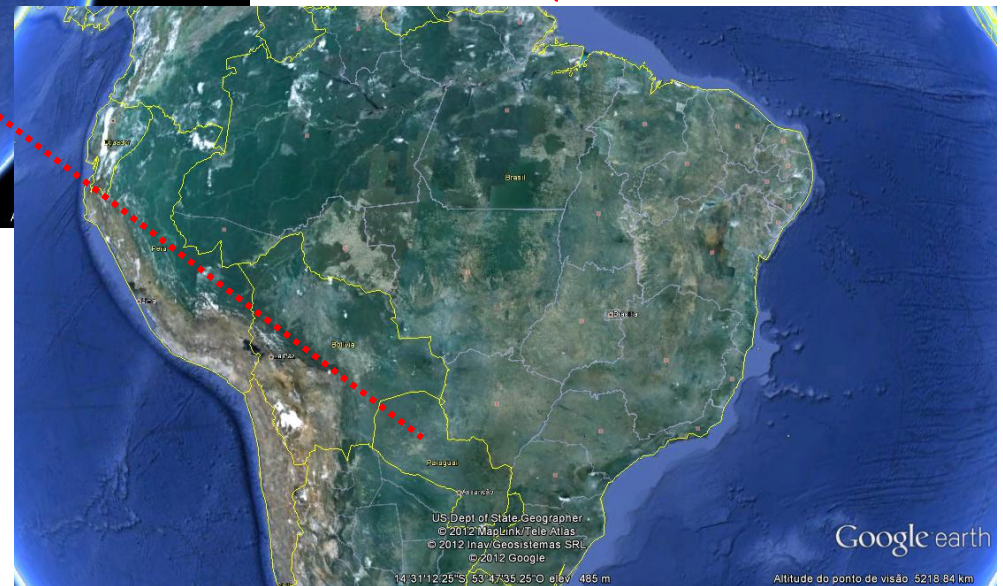
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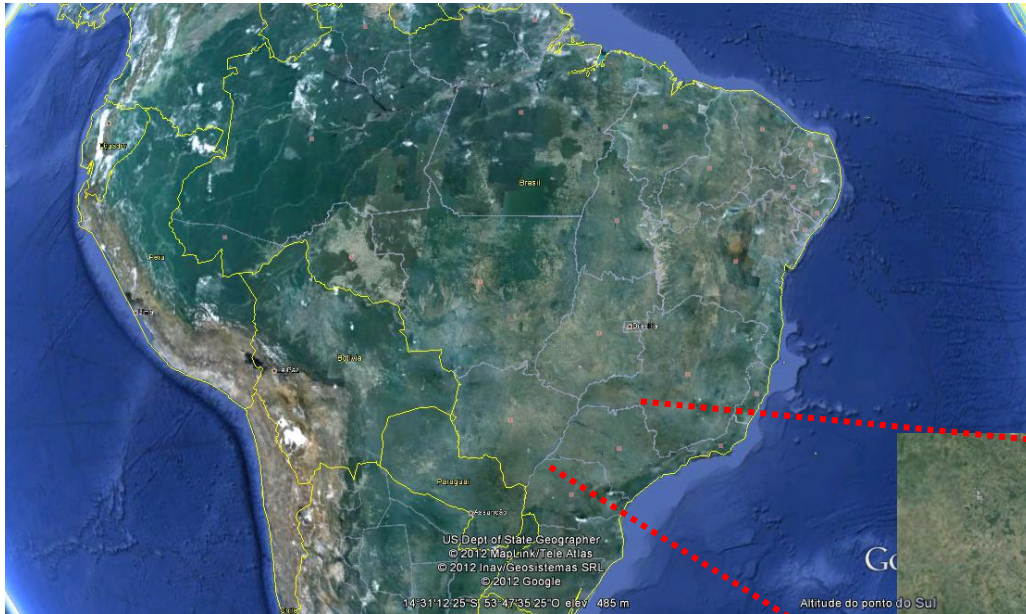


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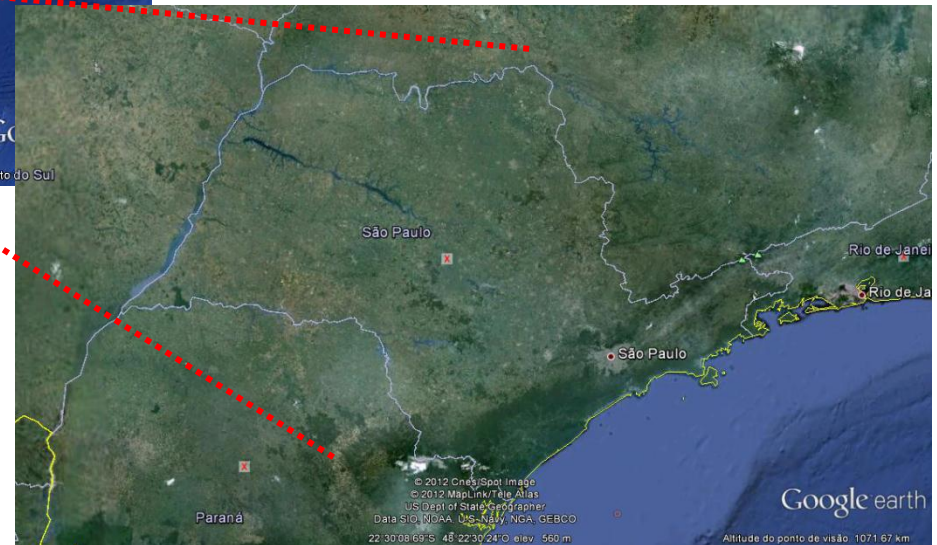


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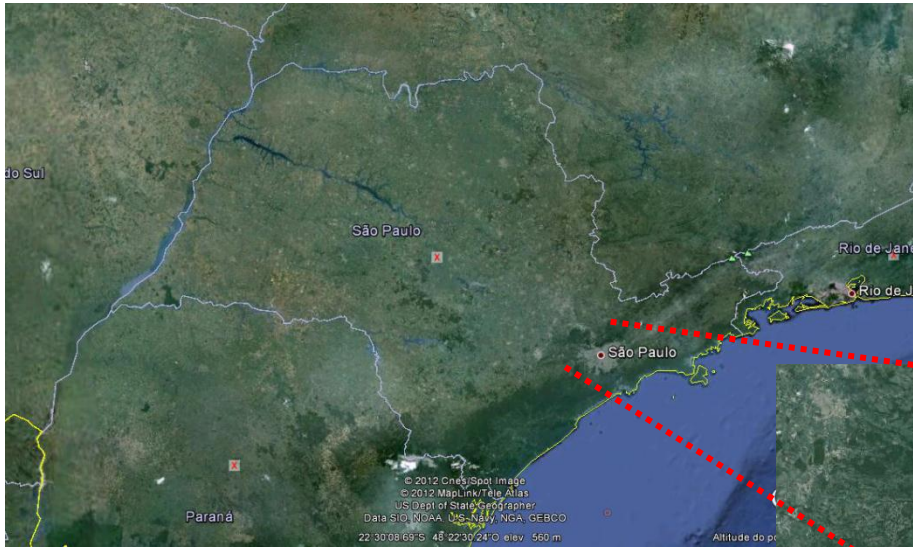


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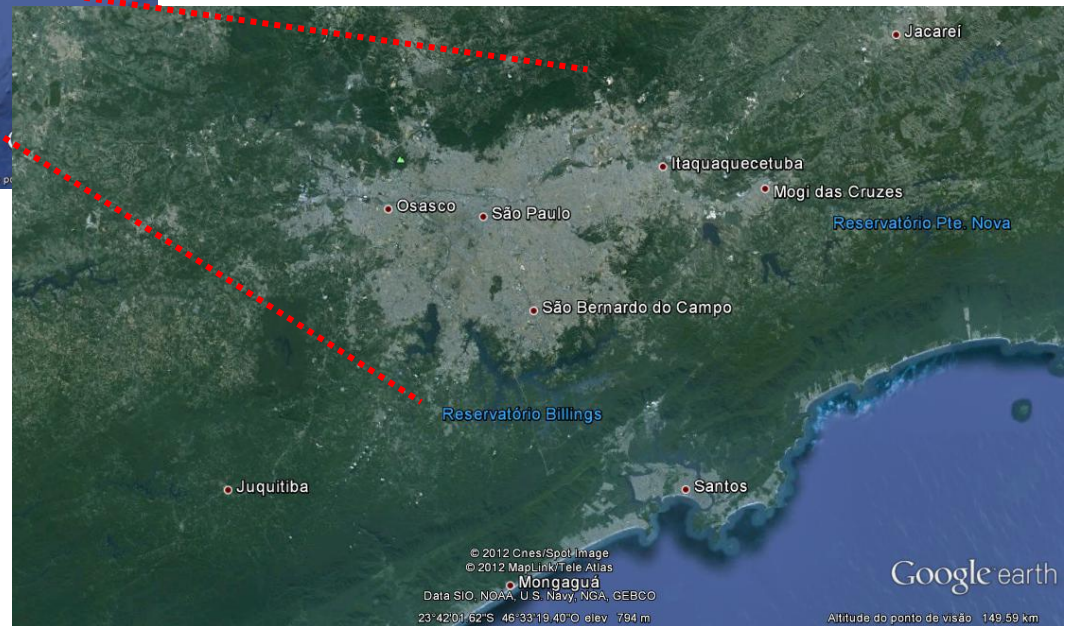


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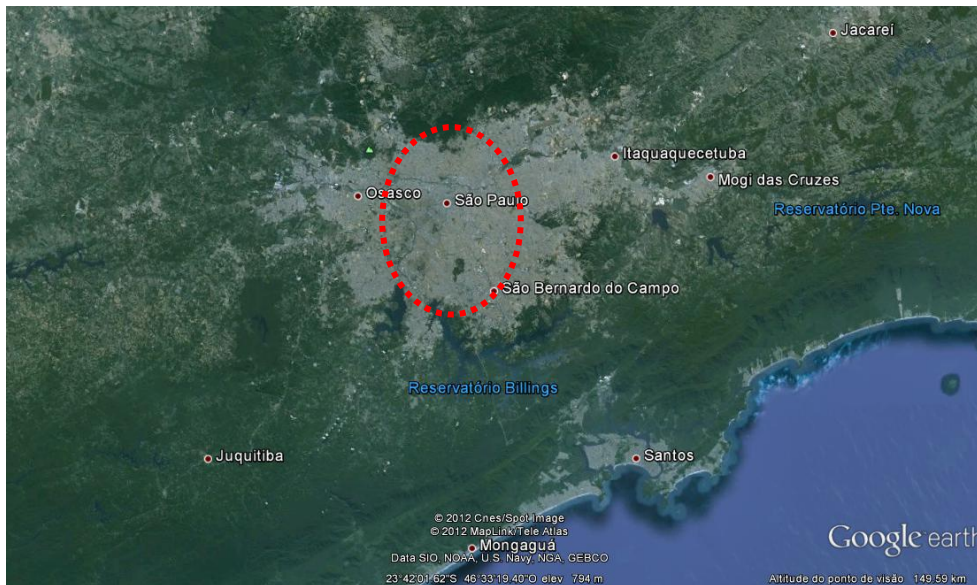


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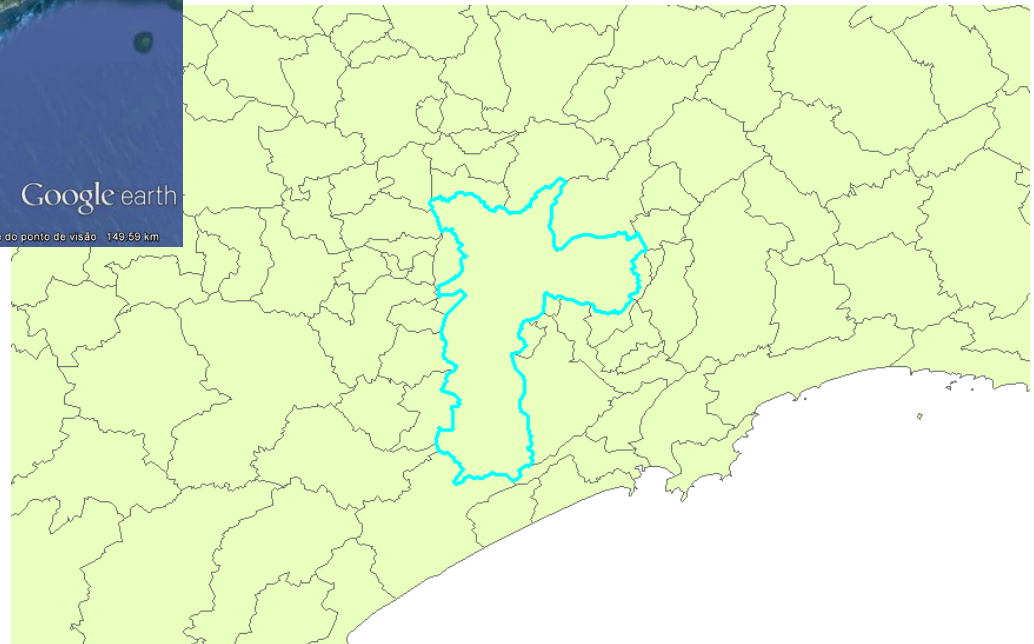


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# São Paulo Metropolitan Region is the financial and economic center of Brazil

Largest urban agglomeration in the country

- ✓ 10.3 % of national population (2010)
- ✓ 18.9 % of Brazilian GDP (2009)

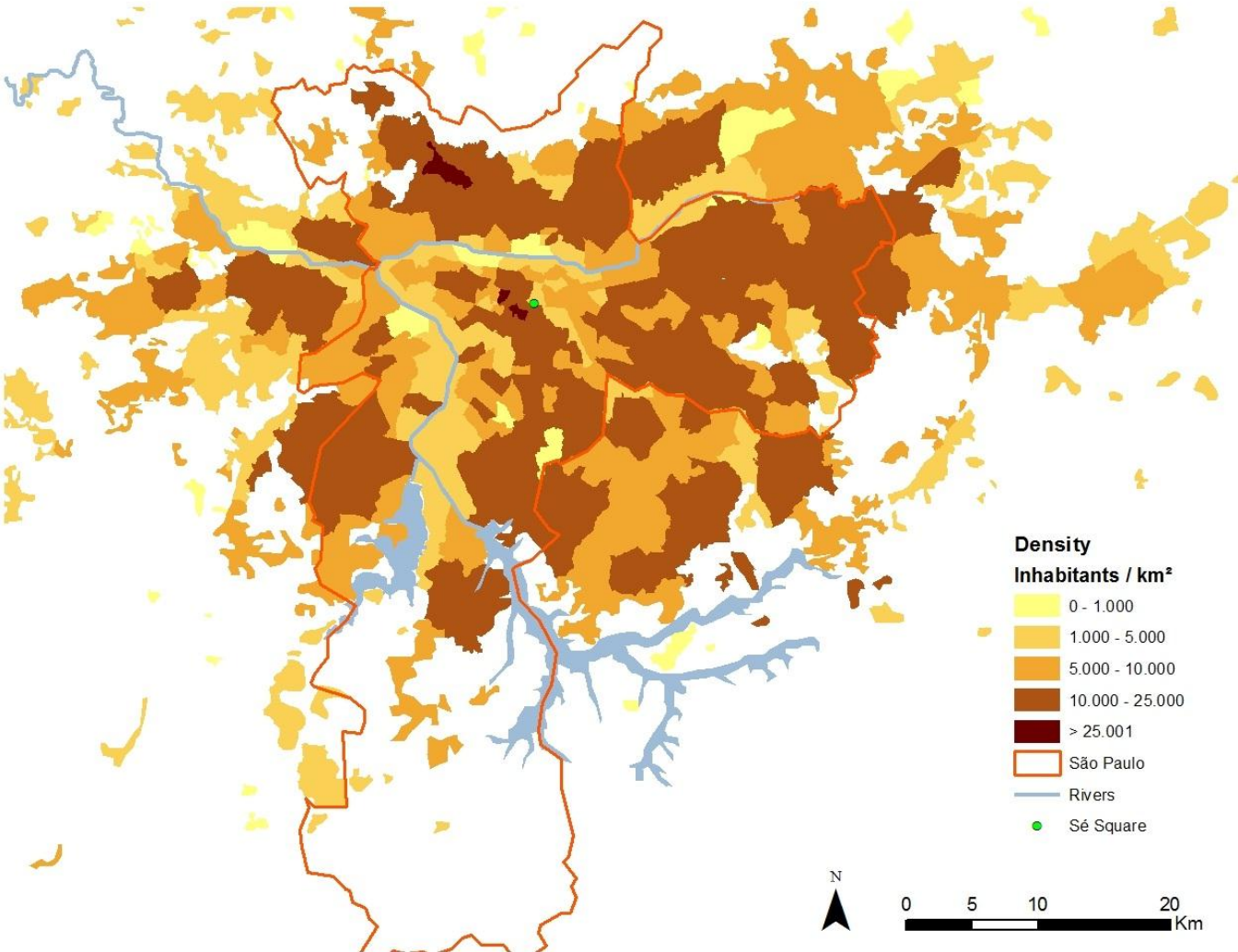
The city of São Paulo is the core of the metropolitan area

- ✓ 5.9 % of national population (2010)
- ✓ 12.0 % of Brazilian GDP (2009)

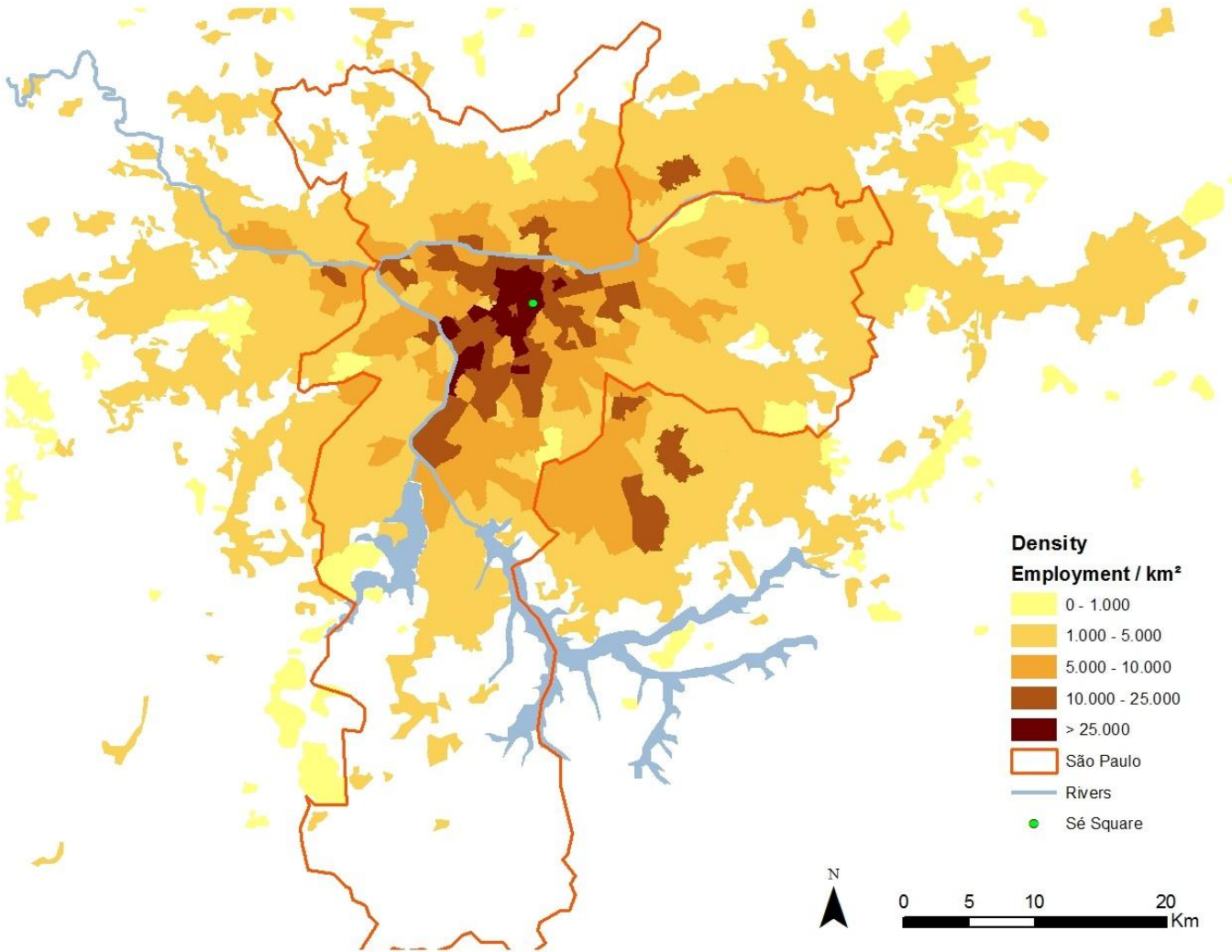
	<i>Area (000 km<sup>2</sup>)</i>	<i>Population (000 000)</i>	<i>GDP (USD billion)</i>	<i>Per capita GDP (USD)</i>	<i>HDI 2000</i>
<i>São Paulo</i>	1.5	11.3	194.6	17,221	0.841
<i>SPMR</i>	7.9	19.7	306.5	15,558	0.813
<i>Brazil</i>	8,514.9	190.8	1,619.2	8,486	0.665
<i>Morocco</i>	446.5	32.0	145.3	4,547	0.507



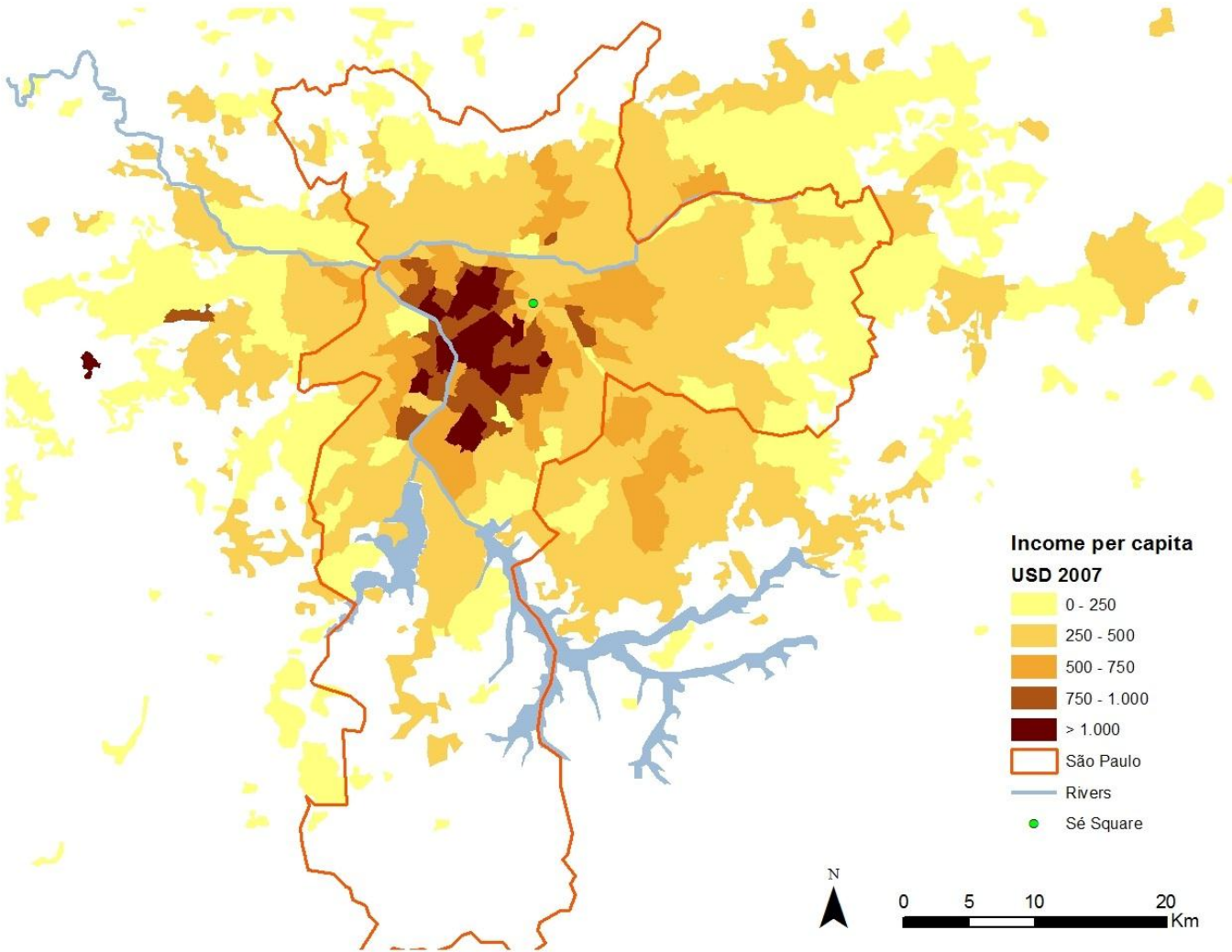
# Where people live



# Where people work



# Where the money is



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# Climate change is said to increase the frequency and intensity of extreme events

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Climate forecasts present changes in frequency and intensity of short-lasting extreme events \*

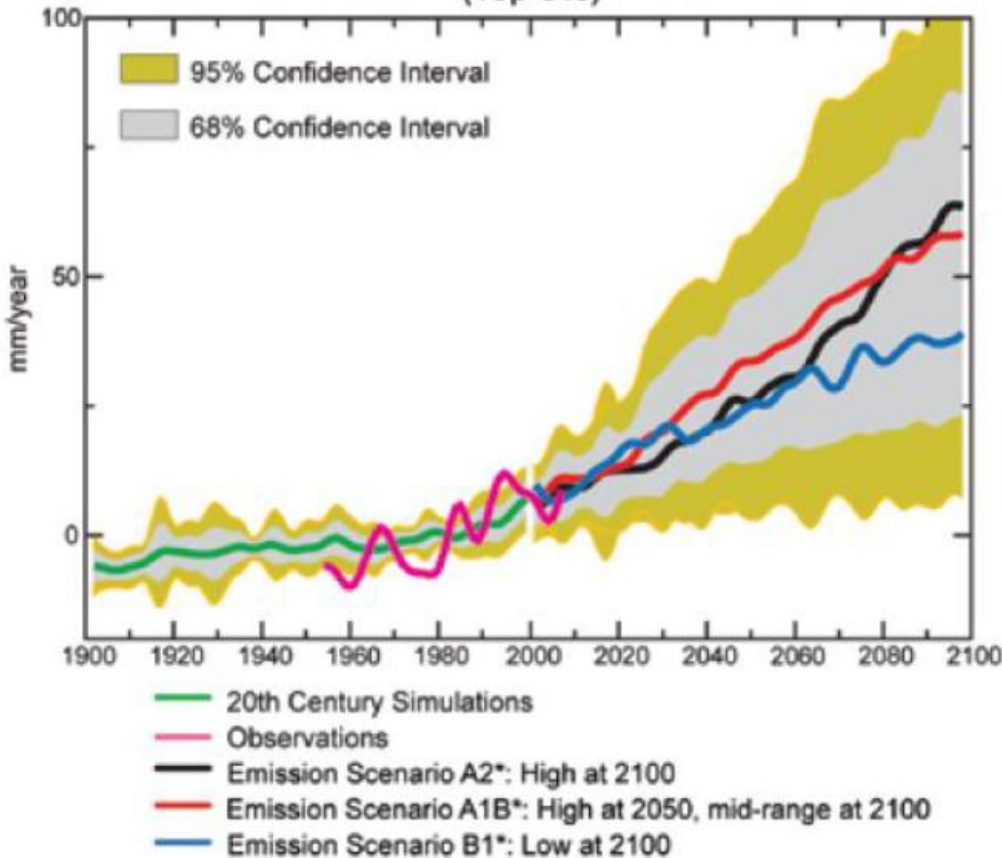
Preliminary climate change studies suggests that between 2070 and 2100 a rise between 2°C to 3°C in São Paulo can double the number of days with intense rain (above 10 mm).

\* Vulnerability of Brazilian megacities to climate changes: São Paulo Metropolitan Region (2010) - INPE, UNICAMP, USP, IPT, UNESP

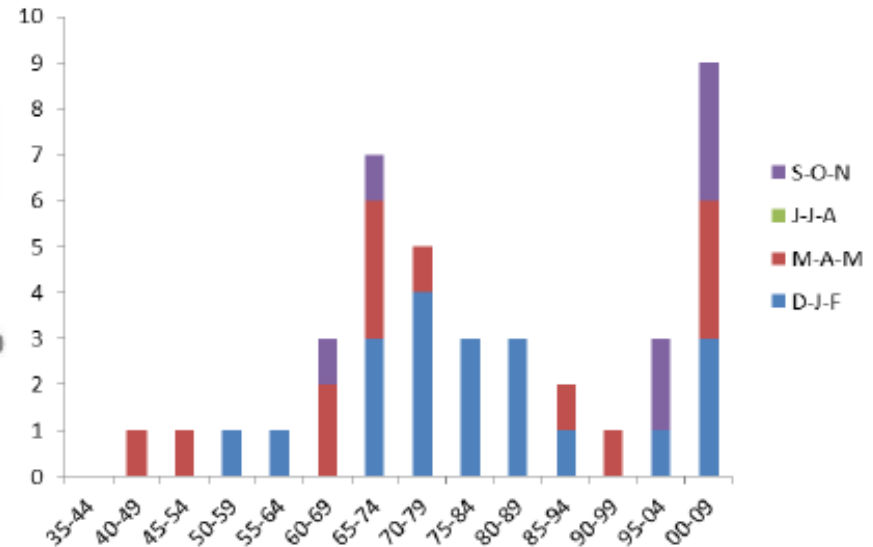
# The number of days with intense rain is expected to increase in São Paulo

IPCC 2007

Increase in Heavy Daily Precipitation  
(Top 5%)



Number of days with **rain above 80mm**  
in São Paulo Metropolitan Region



Source: Maria Assunção Faus da Silva, IAG/USP

# Floods are recurrent in São Paulo, especially in the summer



# Why do we need to quantify economic losses from floods?

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Gauge community vulnerability

Evaluate the worthiness of mitigation

Determine the appropriate level of disaster assistance

Improve recovery decisions

Inform insurers of their potential liability

Inform stakeholders

Reference: Rose (2004)



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# Data: floods

## EMC – Emergency Management Center

LOCAL	REFERENCIA	SUB	00_01	01_02	02_03	03_04	freq04	04_05	freq05	05_06	freq06	06_07	freq07	07_08	freq08	08_09	freq09	09_10	freq10	10_11	freq11
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AMÉRICO DE MOURA, PÇ. PROF.	LINHA DE PAULA MACHADO, AV.	BT																			
ANHANGABAU, PÇ.	SÃO JOÃO, AV.	SE																			
ANHANGABAU, TN.	BANDERA, PÇ. DA	SE		X	X			X	3			X	3			X	3	X	3		
ANTONIO E. DE CARVALHO, AV.	DIVINOLÂNDIA PÇ.	PE														X	3	X	3		
ANTONIO MUIHOZ BONILHA, AV.	NOSSA SENHORA DO Q. AV.	FQ								X	4	X	4	X	4	X	4	X	4	X	4
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BOSQUE, R. DO	JOAQUIM MANUEL DE MACEDO, R.	LA																X	1	X	1
BRASIL, AV.	ALCIDES BARBOSA, R. ENG.	PI																X	2	X	2
BRAZ LEME, AV.	ZANZIBAR, R.	CV																			
CAMARGO, R.	VICENTE RODRIGUES, PÇ.	BT			X			X	1					X	1						
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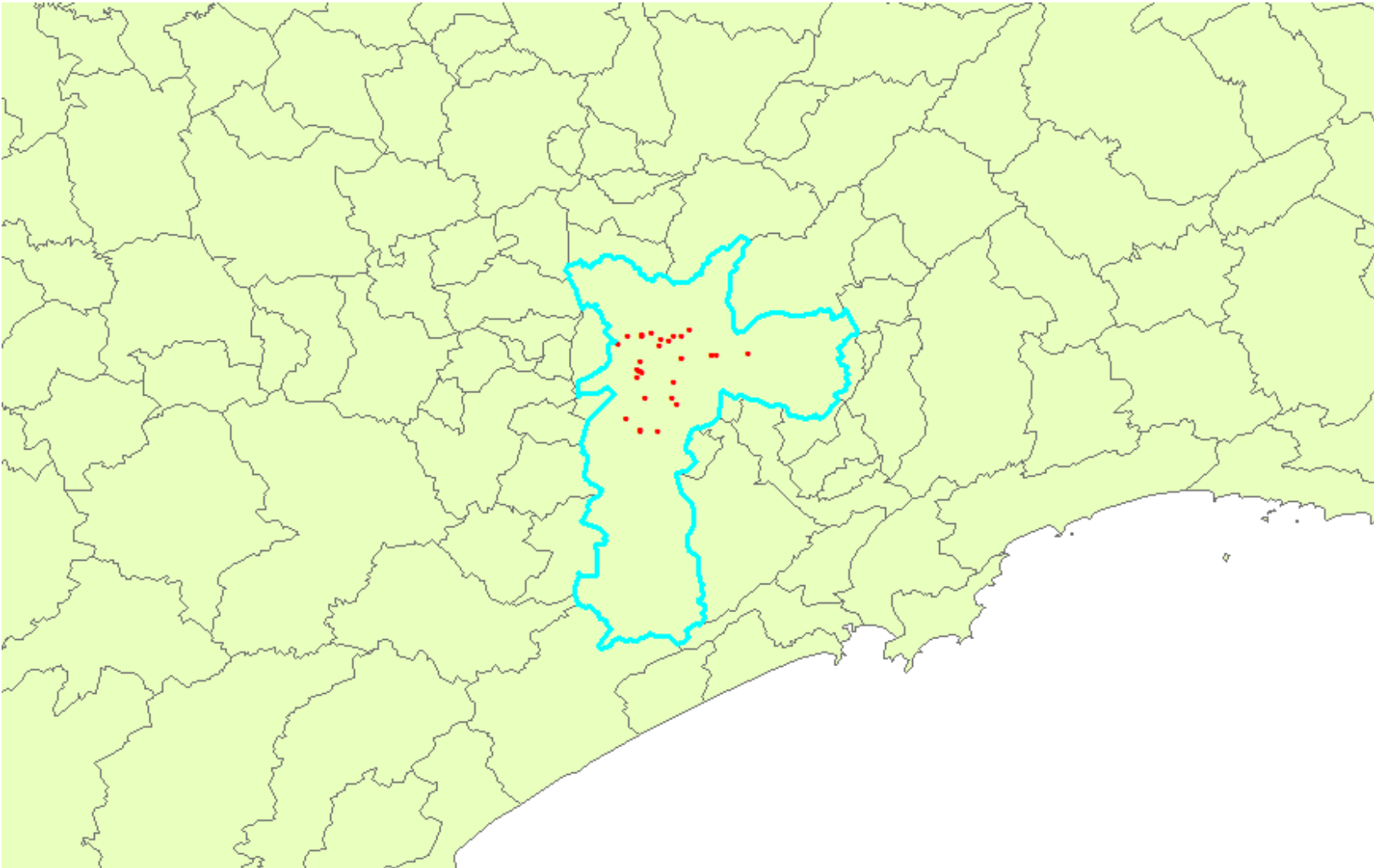
streets flooded

frequency of floods

# Data: georeferencing floods

The image shows a computer screen with a Google Maps browser window in the foreground and a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet in the background. The browser window displays a map of São Paulo, Brazil, with the coordinates  $-23.513803, -46.653807$  entered in the search bar. The map shows a residential area with streets like Av. Marginal Tietê and Av. Otaviano Alves de Lima. A red circle highlights the coordinates in the search bar. The Excel spreadsheet in the background shows a list of addresses with some rows highlighted in red and yellow.

# Data: georeferenced floods (2008)

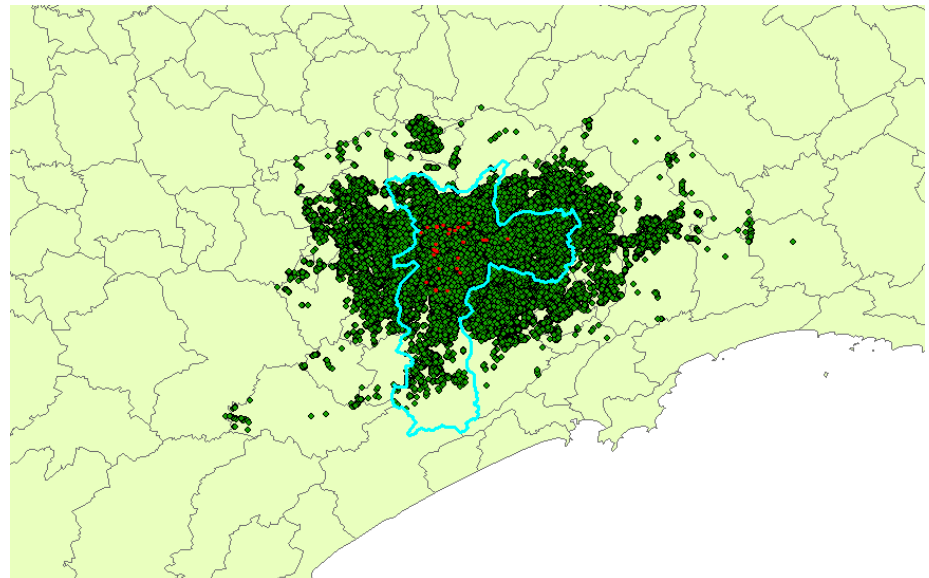


# Data: firm level database (RAIS)

RAIS - Annual Relation of Social Information

Coverage:   national territory  
              municipality level  
              97% of formal labor market

Firms:       location  
              total wages  
              “SIC” code



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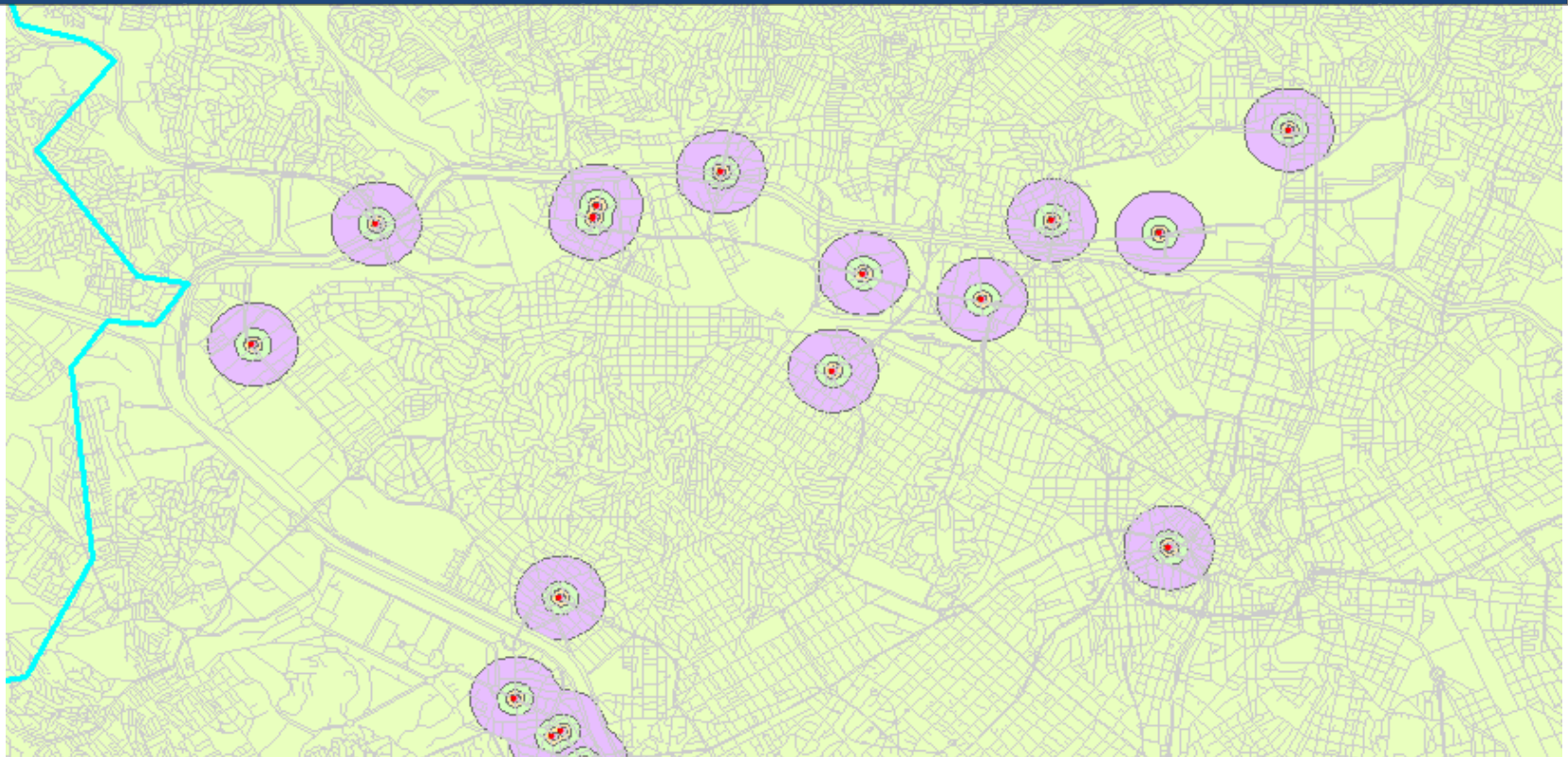
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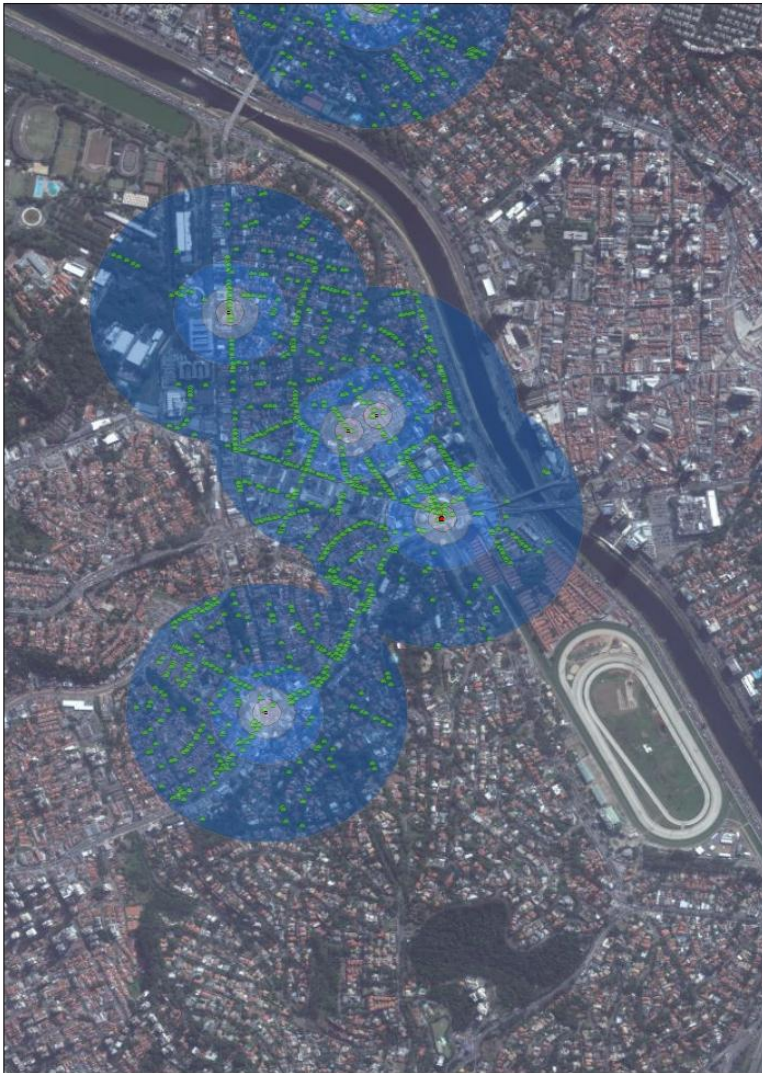
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# Scenarios (to be further calibrated with field research)

<b>Scenario 1</b>		<b>Scenario 2</b>		<b>Scenario 3</b>		<b>Scenario 4</b>	
Influence Zone	Affected Firms	Influence Zone	Affected Firms	Influence Zone	Affected Firms	Influence Zone	Affected Firms
<b>50 m</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>100 m</b>	<b>1.004</b>	<b>200 m</b>	<b>3.905</b>	<b>500 m</b>	<b>21.395</b>



# Example



The most severe flood point in 2008

Latitude -23.57267	
Longitude -46.70449	
Influence Zone	Affected Firms
<b>100 m</b>	<b>137</b>



# Integrating GIS and a spatial CGE model for assessing the impacts of floods in São Paulo

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Fully specified interregional input-output system (trade flows)

Focus on SPMR

- 39 municipalities + rest of the State of Sao Paulo + rest of Brazil

56 sectors, 110 commodities

Basic database at the municipality level (2008)

*Mapping labor payments from place of work to place of residence*

*Different patterns of household consumption by place of residence*

Reference: Haddad and Hewings (2005)

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# Direct damage is estimated based on the characteristics of the affected firms

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## Assumptions:

- Technology based on a continuous-time production function approach
- One day of flood affects one day of production of firms within the influence zone (working days)
- Information on the average sectoral labor productivity from input-output data used to assess direct damages

# Higher-order impacts estimated using the spatial CGE model

What if floods had not occurred in 2008?

What would have been the difference in terms of regional output?

## Potential output losses, 50m scenario, in BRL 000

	Direct damage	Total damage (CGE 1)	Damage ratio (CGE 2)	Total damage (CGE)	Damage ratio (CGE)
São Paulo	25,053	22,829	-	30,767	-
Rest of SPMR	-	3,967	-	2,923	-
Rest of the State	-	8,587	-	5,835	-
Rest of Brazil	-	13,415	-	9,667	-
BRAZIL	25,053	48,799	1.95	49,193	1.96

Obs.: CGE 1 – high resilience; CGE 2 – low resilience

## Loss in space 1...

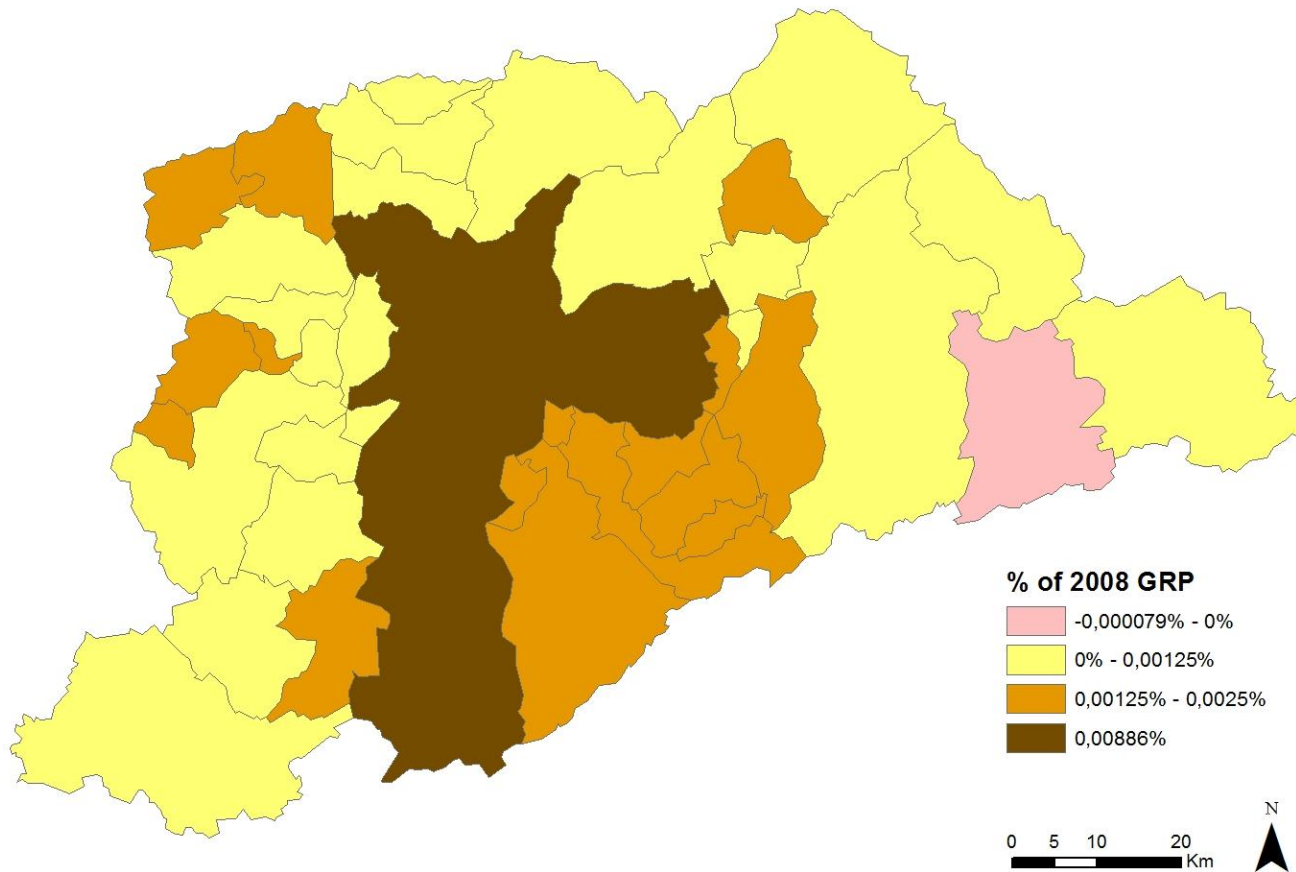
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### Potential GRP losses, 50m scenario, in % of 2008 GRP

Region	Loss
São Paulo	0.0089%
Rest of SPMR	0.0012%
Rest of the State	0.0009%
Rest of Brazil	0.0004%
BRAZIL	0.0016%

## Loss in space 2...

### Potential GRP losses, 50m scenario, in % of 2008 GRP



# Key messages

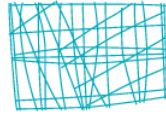
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Need to consider both internal and external interactions of the urban system

Actions by neighbors (e.g. waste) reinforce the consequences of a seemingly local phenomenon

Economic effects are not only local – economic impacts spread through production and income linkages

Coordination problem – policy decisions are made at either the municipality or state level (no metropolitan authority with decision power in Brazil)



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