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Assessment of Odour Exposure by  
using Dispersion Modelling



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- 50+ international experts from 17 countries.
- Meet once a month
- 7 Task Groups (TG)

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- TG4 Dispersion Algorithms (**Giuseppe Brusasca**, *Italy*; **Gianni Tinarelli**, *Italy*)
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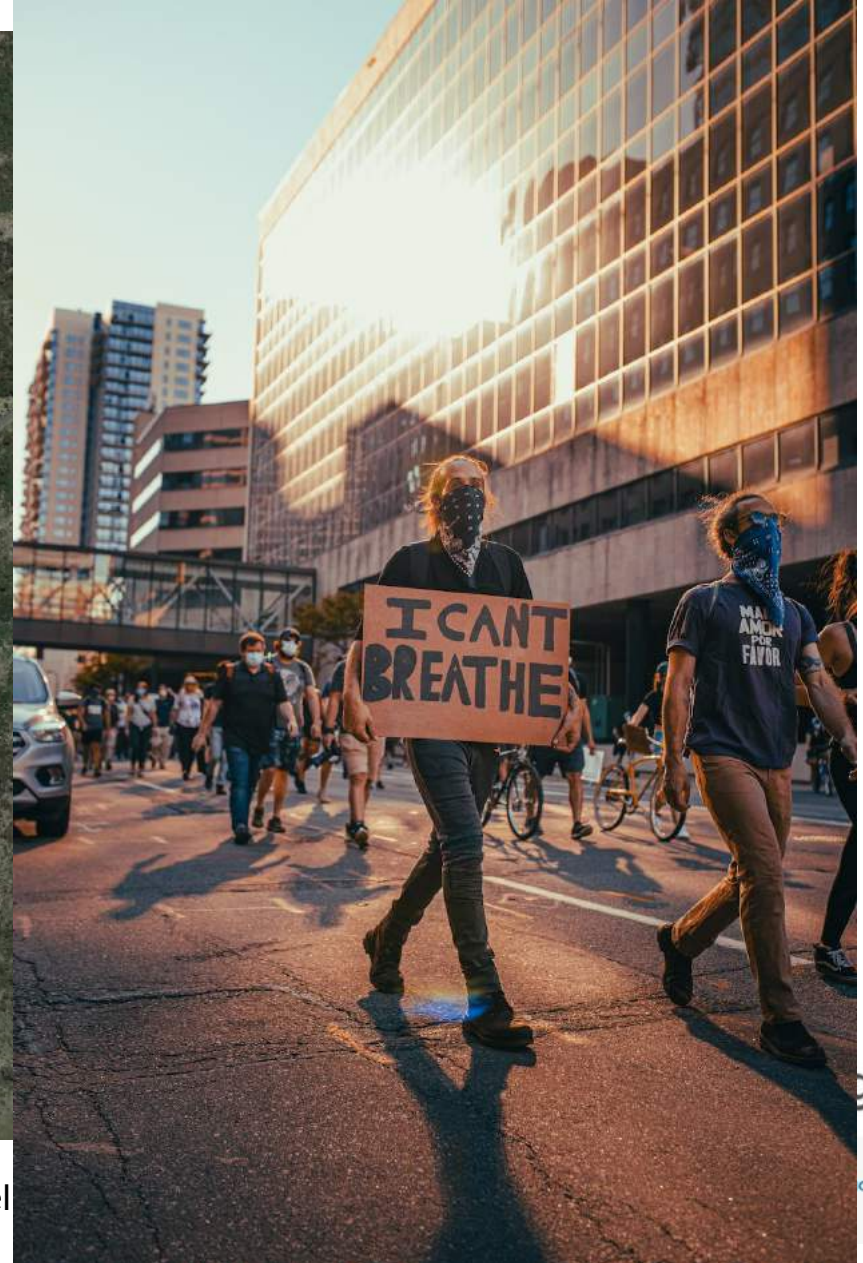
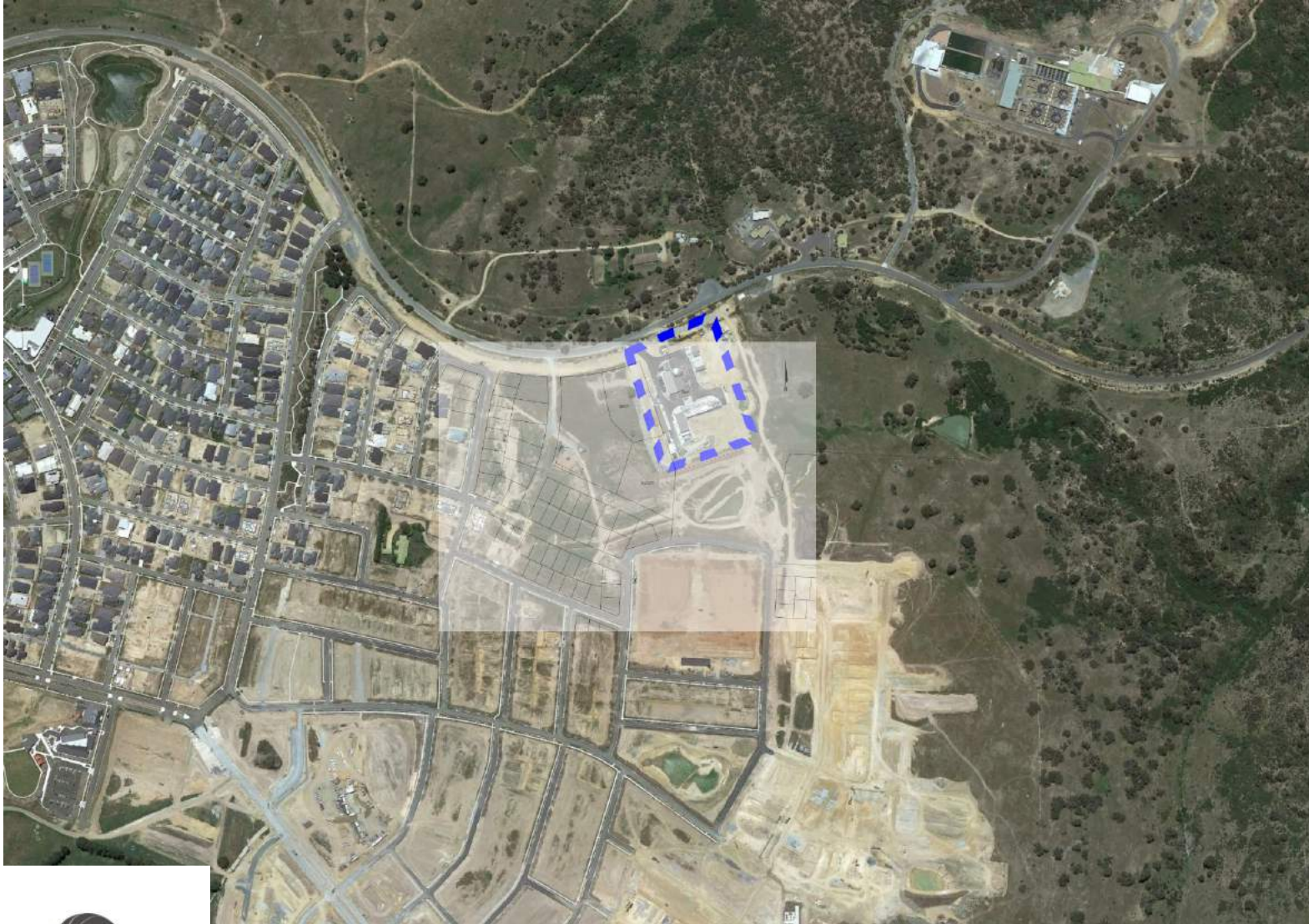


# Why?

- Modelling odours is **complex** and many of the guidelines on modelling published around the world fall short in treating this vector.
- Modelling odours often requires to forget about traditional dispersion modelling operating modes and to **focus on exposure**.
- Odours are perceived in **seconds or minutes, not hours** and this is key in calculating its impact on ambient air.
- Most odour incidents are generated during **calm or very low wind speeds**.
- There is a need to investigate the **role of *Instrumental Odour Monitoring Systems (IOMS)*** on the evaluation of model performance.



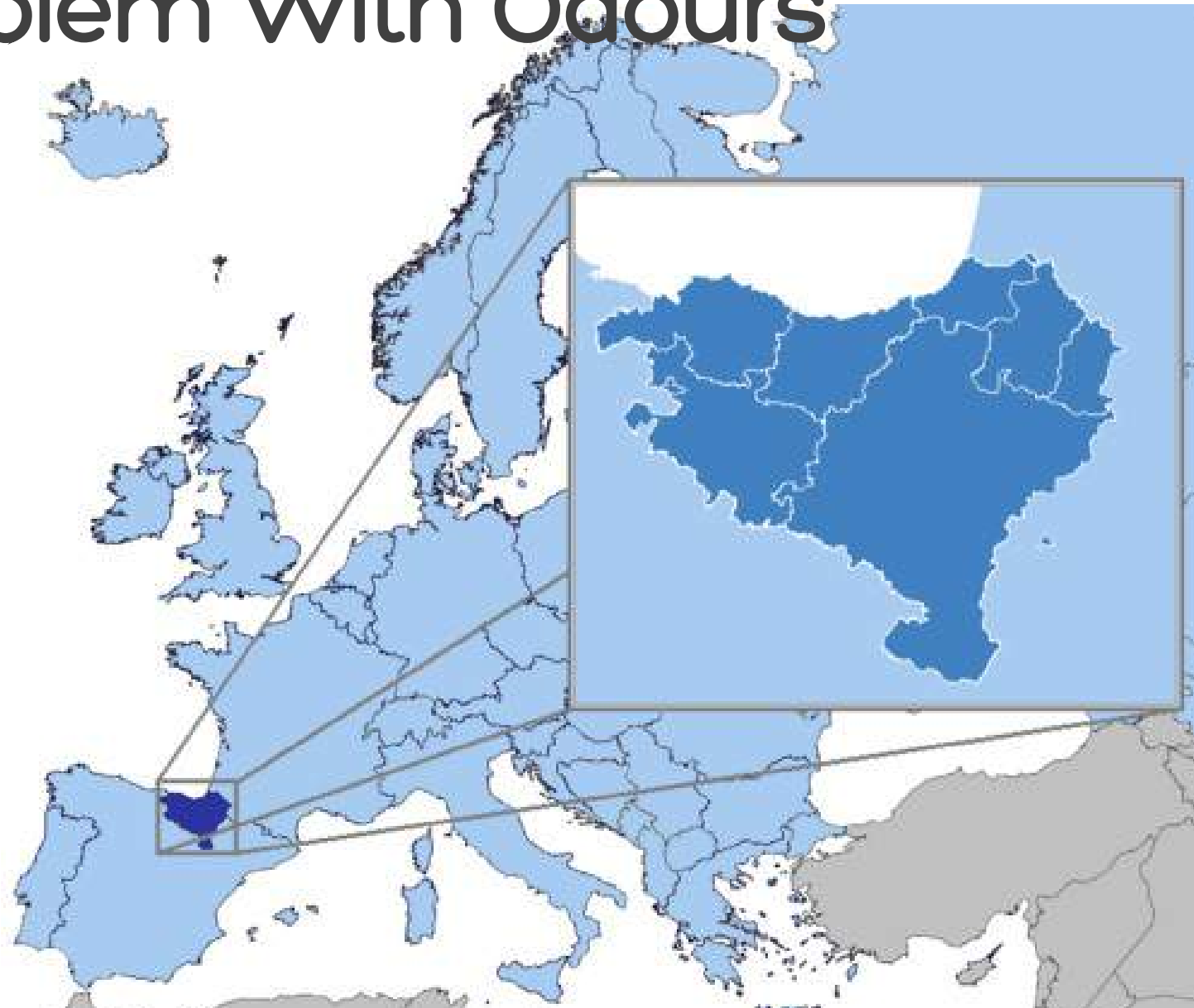
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Decrease on  
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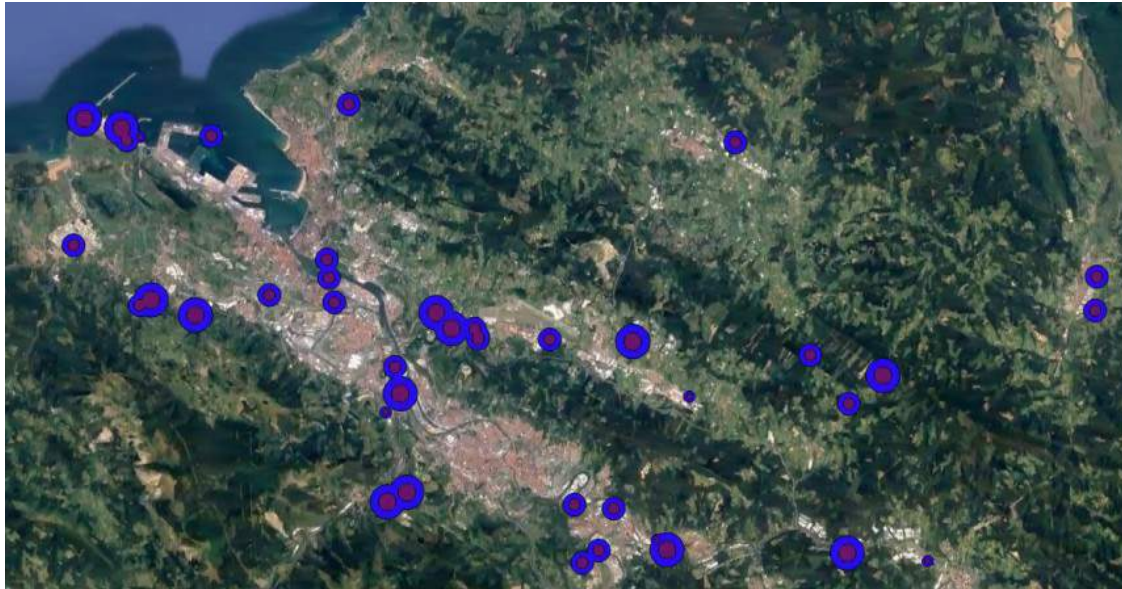


Health effects



# The Problem With Odours

Region of Basque country



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1,942 million euros.

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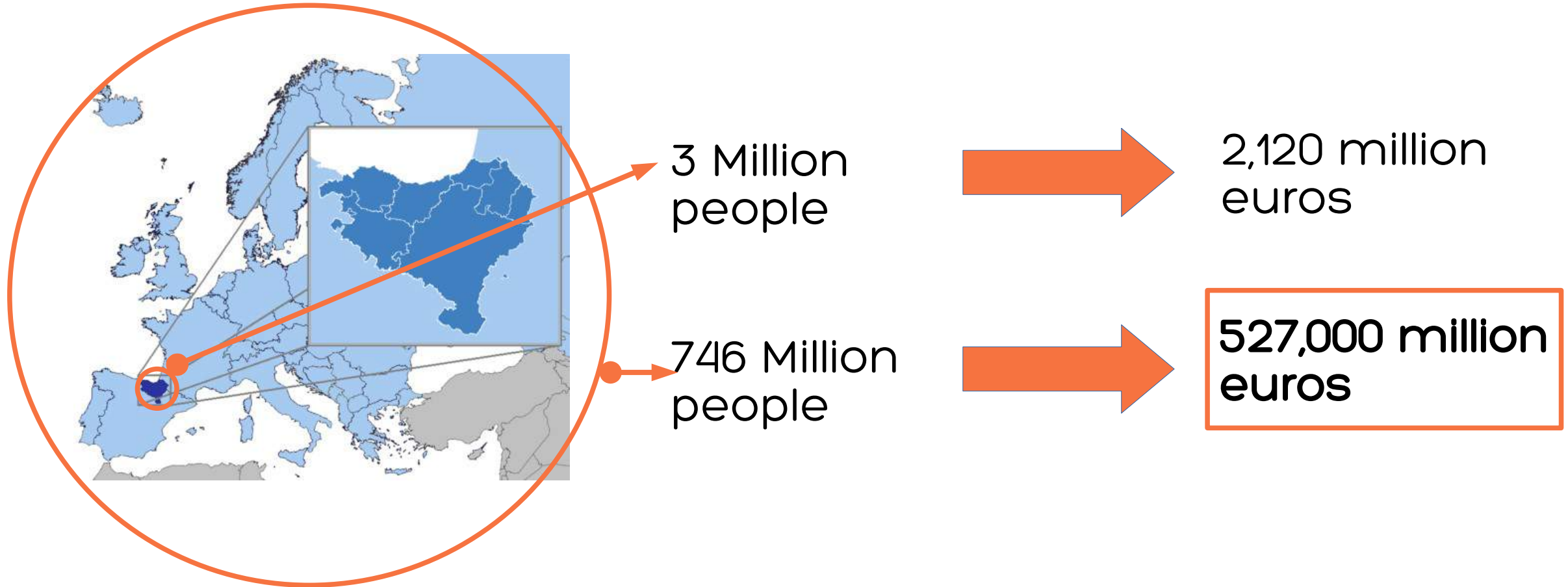
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TOTAL:

2,120 million euros



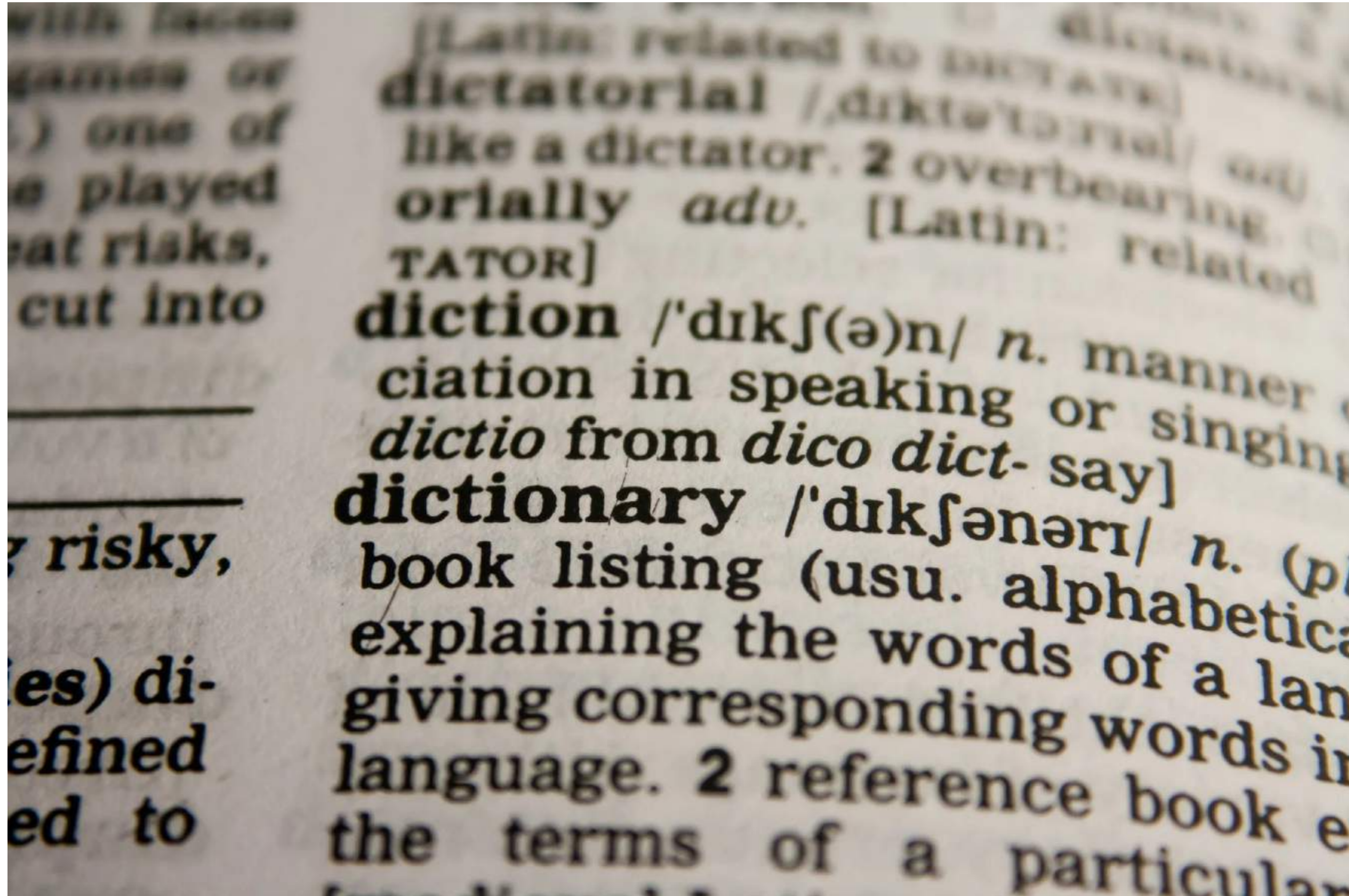
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# 7 Task Groups

1. Definitions, Terms, Units
2. Meteorology
3. Emissions and Source Characterization
4. Dispersion Algorithms
5. Dose Response
6. Reporting
7. Other approaches

# TG1. Definitions, Terms, Units





# TG1. Definitions, Terms, Units

Odour unit

Receptor

Sensitive receptor

Frequency

Intensity

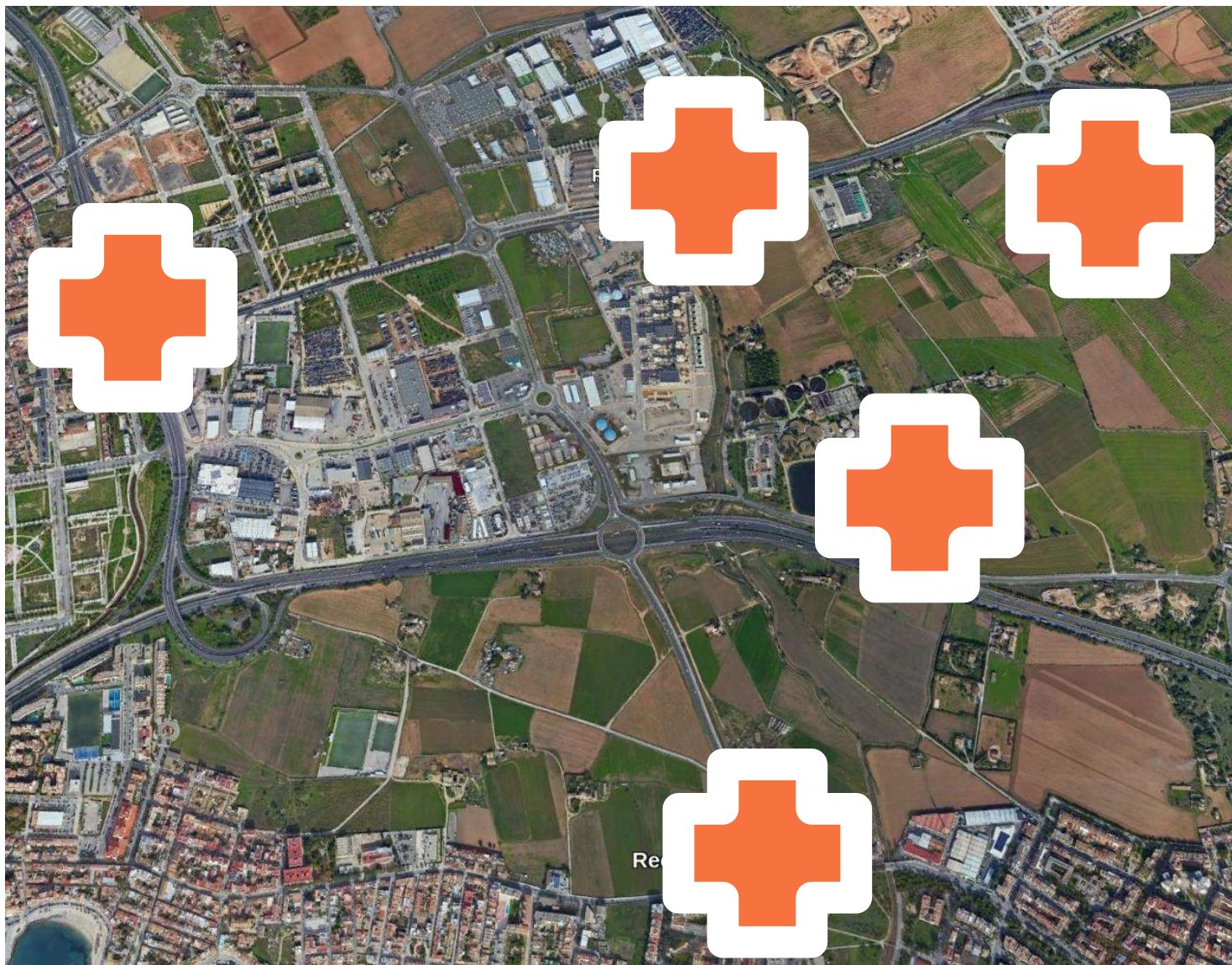
Duration

Offensiveness

Sensitivity



# Example of definition: Receptor



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# Example of definition: Sensitive Receptor

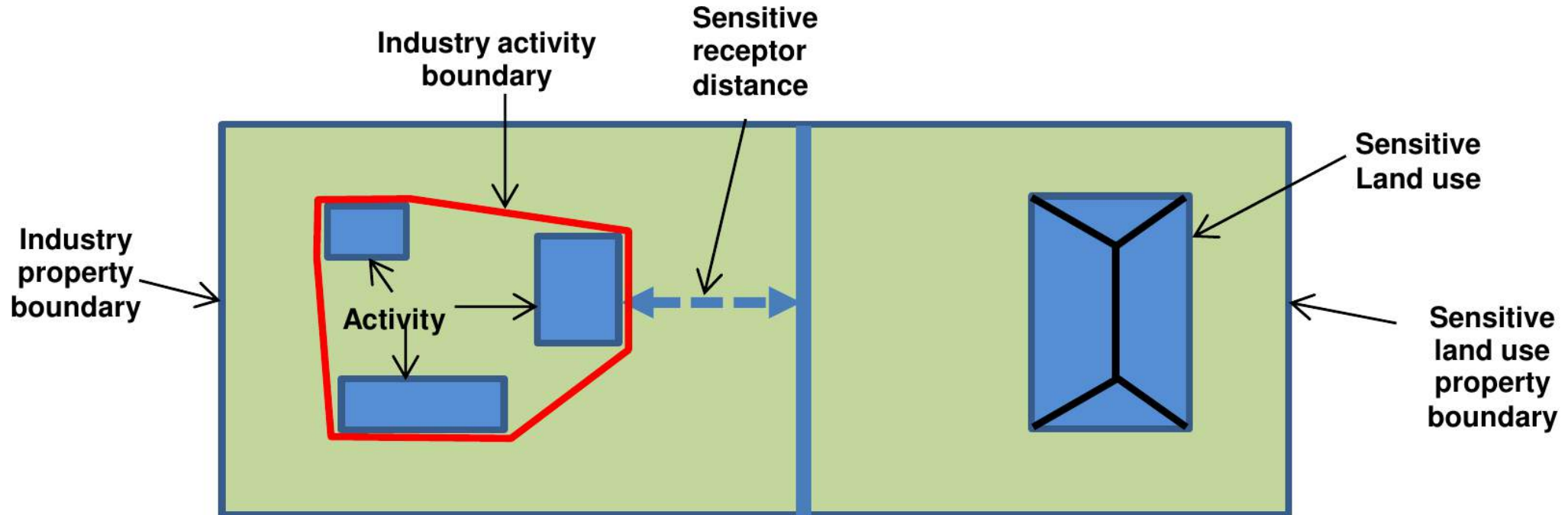


Figure 4: Method 1 - 'urban' method



# Example of definition: Sensitive Receptor

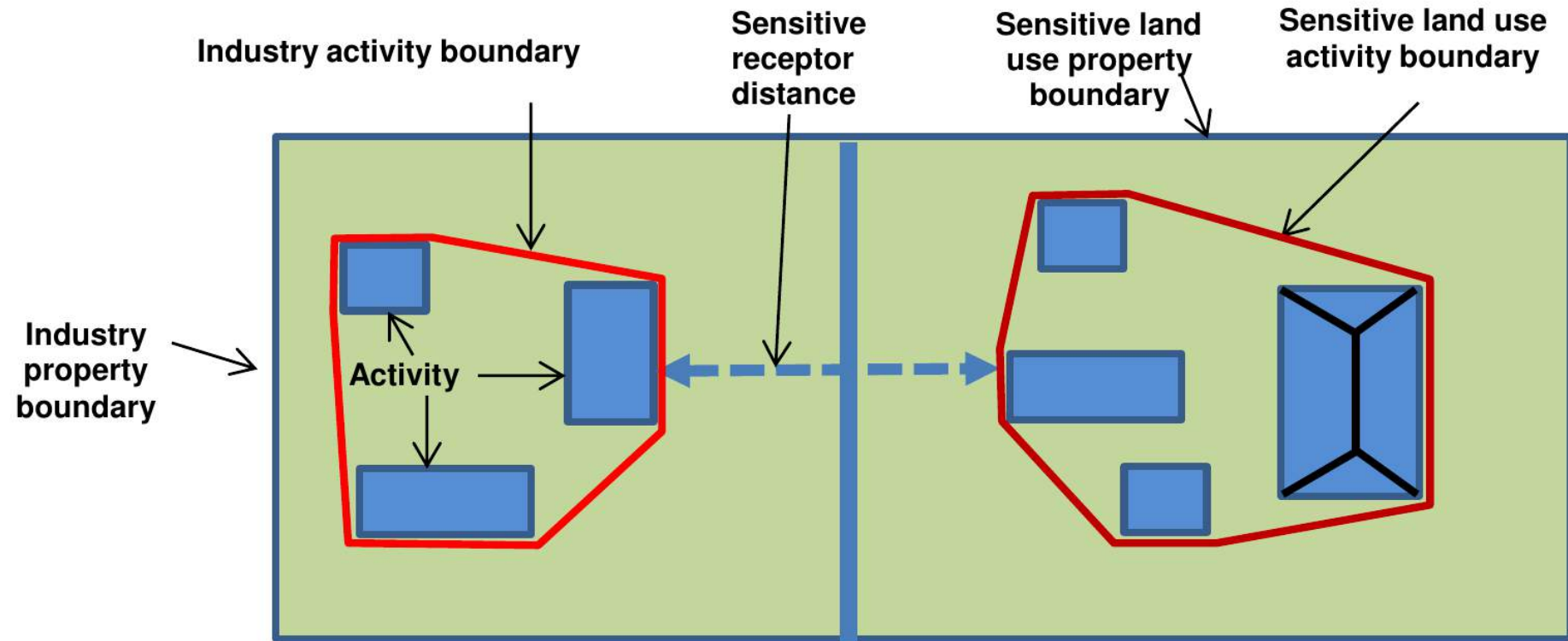


Figure 5: Method 2 - 'rural' method

# TG2 Meteorology

These are some essential aspects to be covered.

- 1D meteorology to 3D meteorology
- Single/multiple station meteorology vs numerical weather prediction models
- Complex meteorological conditions
- Relevance of model year against the long term historic records.
- Model evaluation
- Reporting meteorology

# TG3 Sources and emission characterisation.

These are some essential aspects to be covered.

- Point Sources
- Area Sources
- Fugitive Sources
- Specific Cases



# Point sources



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# Sampling



# Area sources (passive)

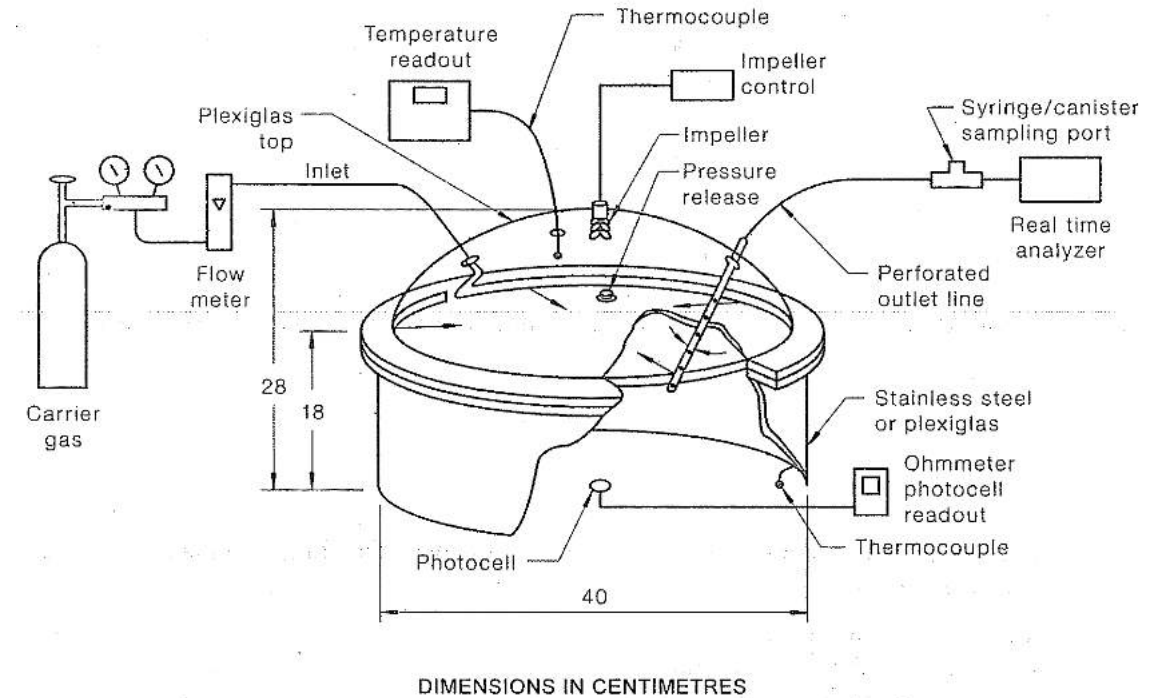
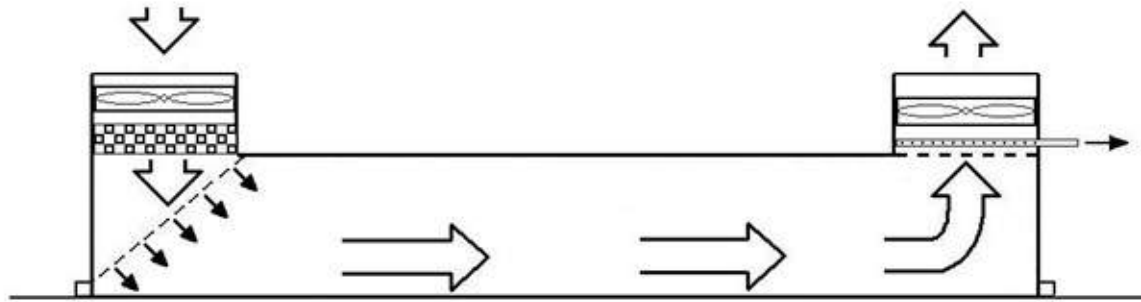




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# Area sources Sampling (passive)





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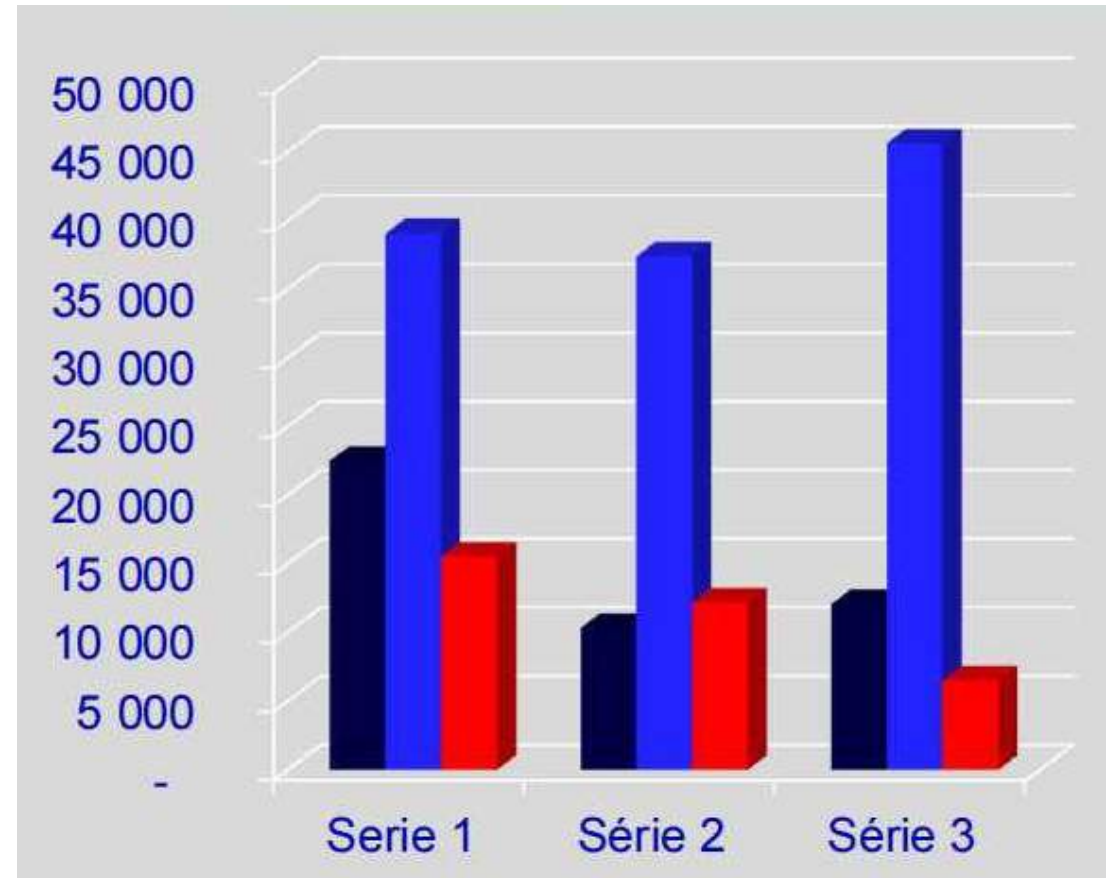
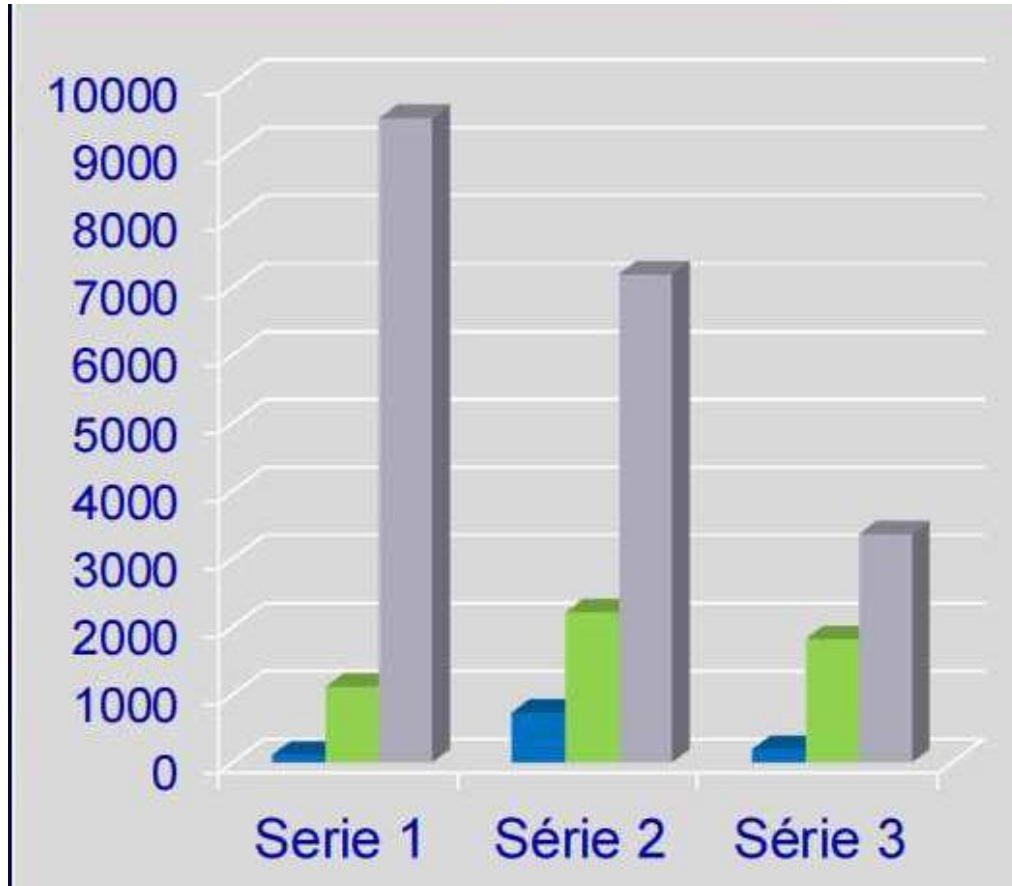




# Area sources Sampling (passive)



# Area sources Sampling (passive)





# Area sources (active)

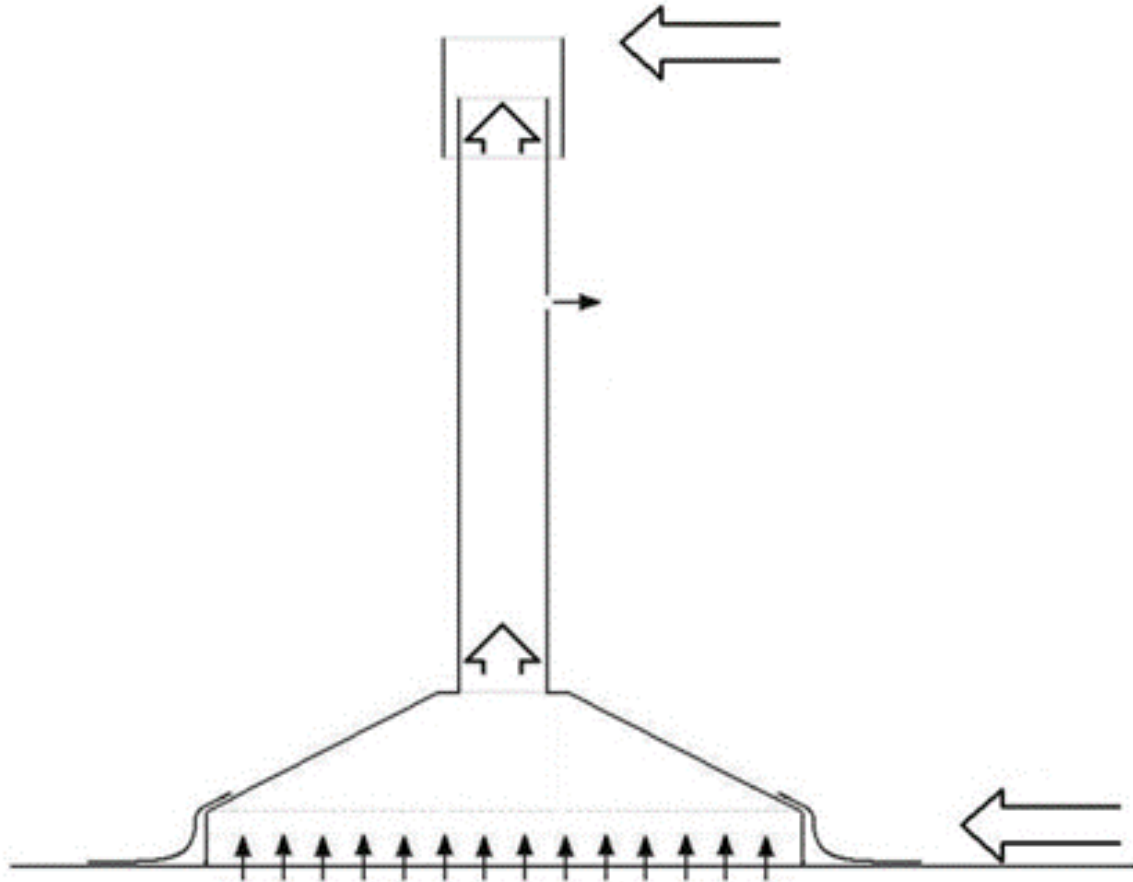


# Area sources (active)





# Area sources Sampling (Active)





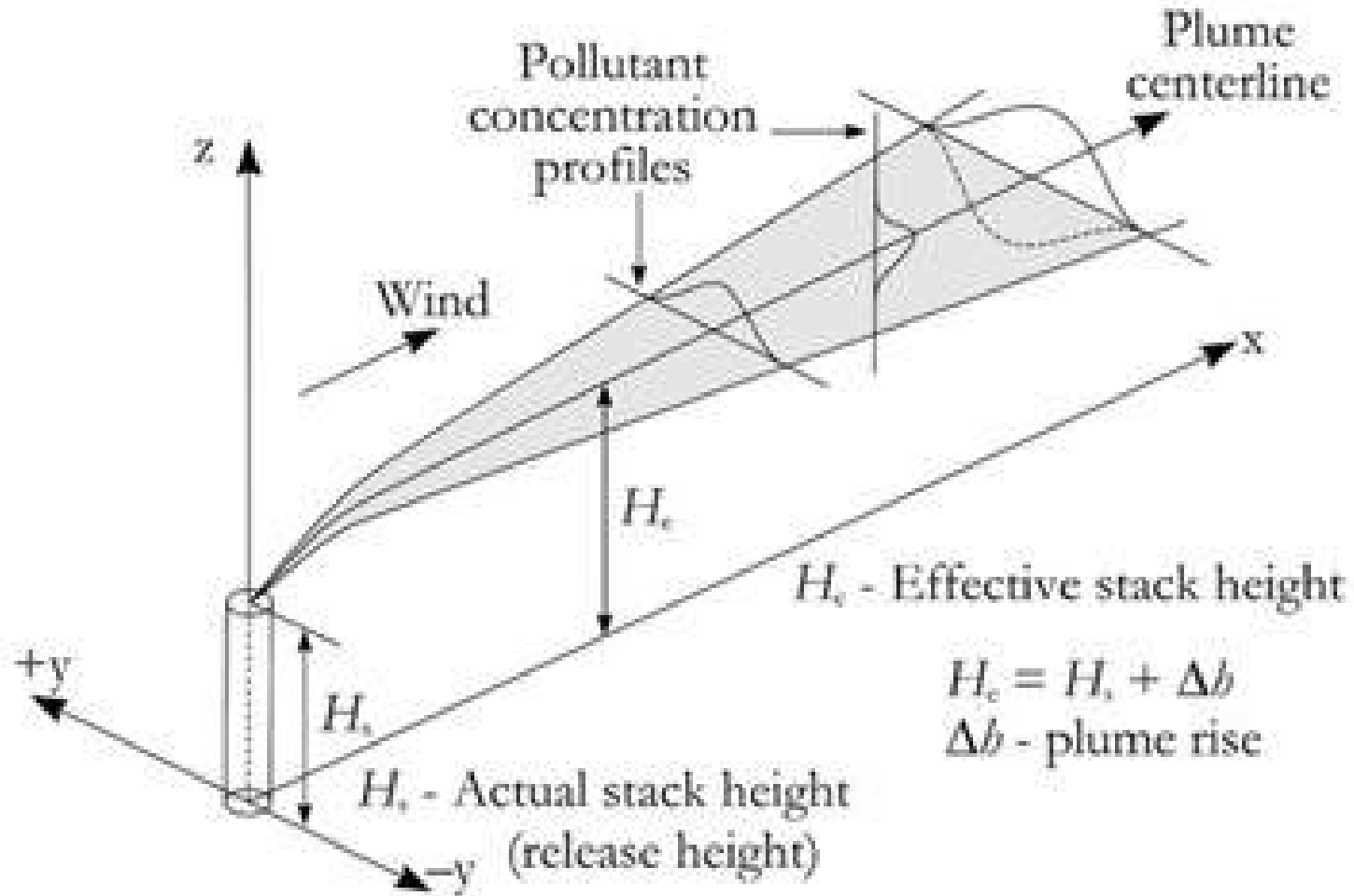
# Diffuse emissions.



# TG4. Dispersion Models and Algorithms

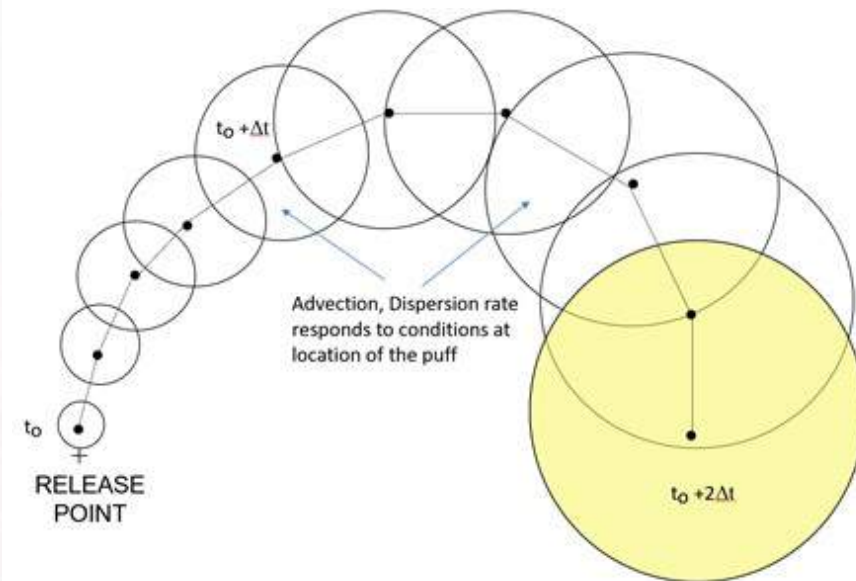
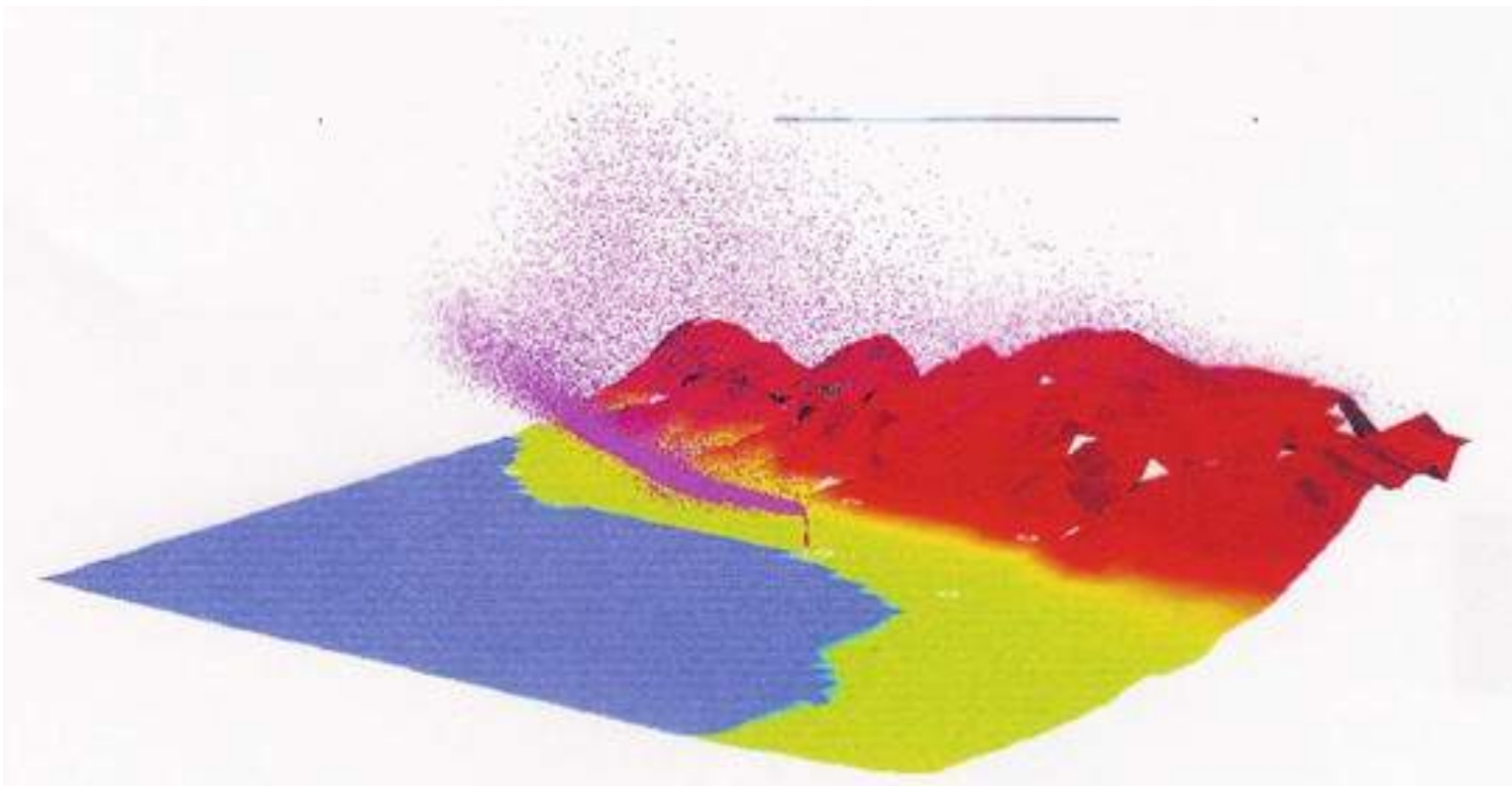
- The role of dispersion models in the frame of odour applications
- General synthetic description of the dispersion algorithms
- Operational existing models
- General well-known problems/limitations/solutions
- Which model or type of model is suitable for odours?
- Model validation in the frame of odor applications
- A window open on the research
- A bridge towards the stakeholders

# Gaussian

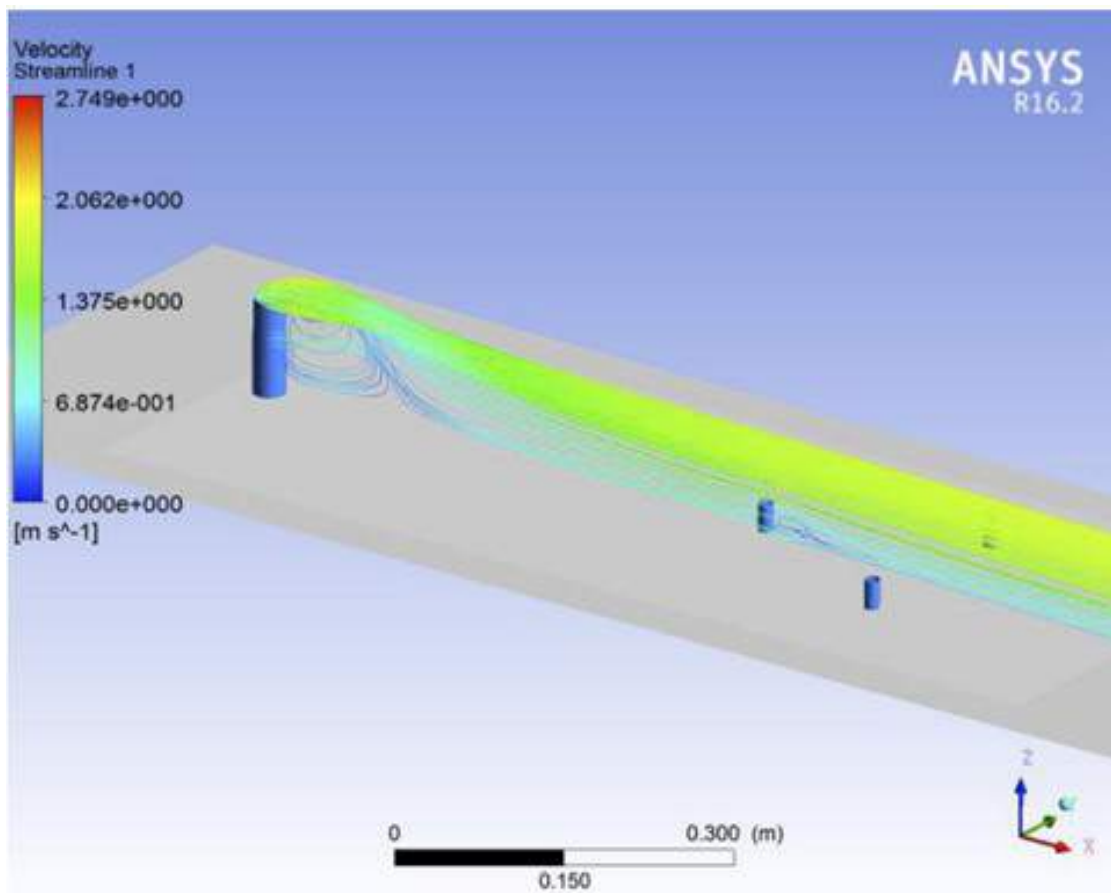




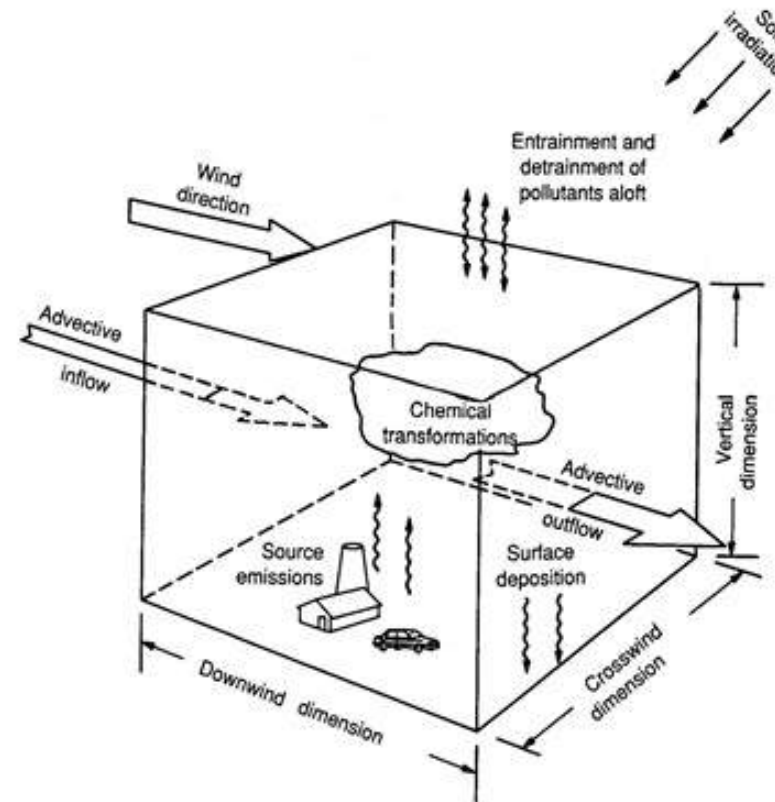
# Lagrangian



# Eulerian



CFD model (source: Brusca, 2008).

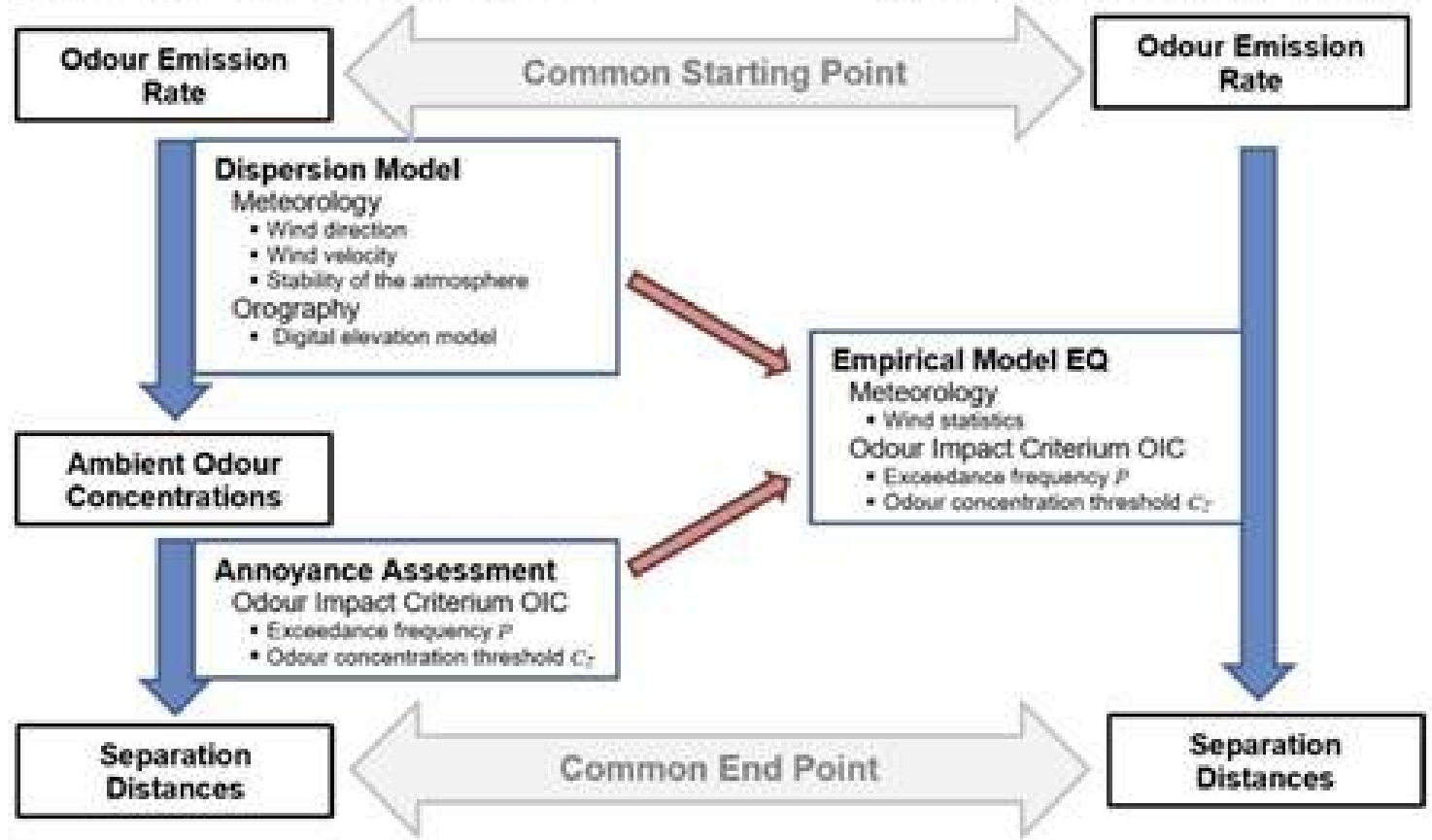
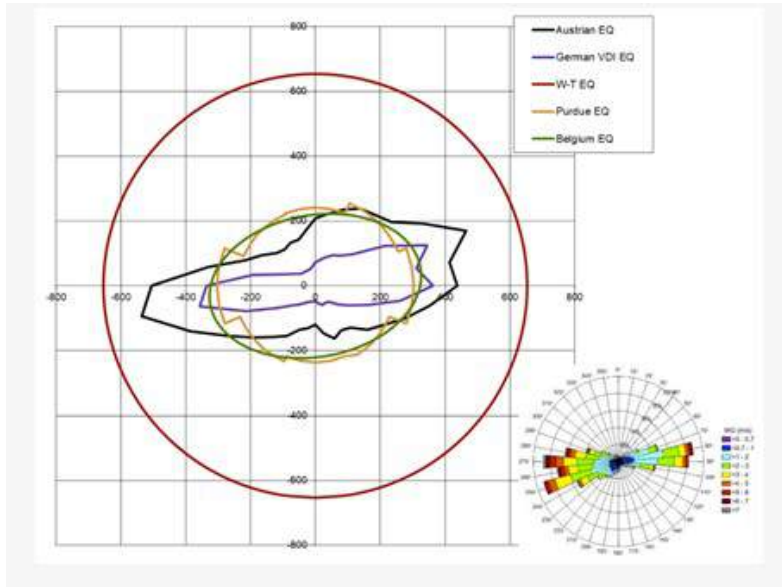


Eulerian dispersion model (source: (NOAA, 2008)

# Separation distances

## State-of-the-Art Approach by Dispersion Models

## Simplified Approach by Empirical Equations



source: Brancher, 2020



# TG5. Dose Response

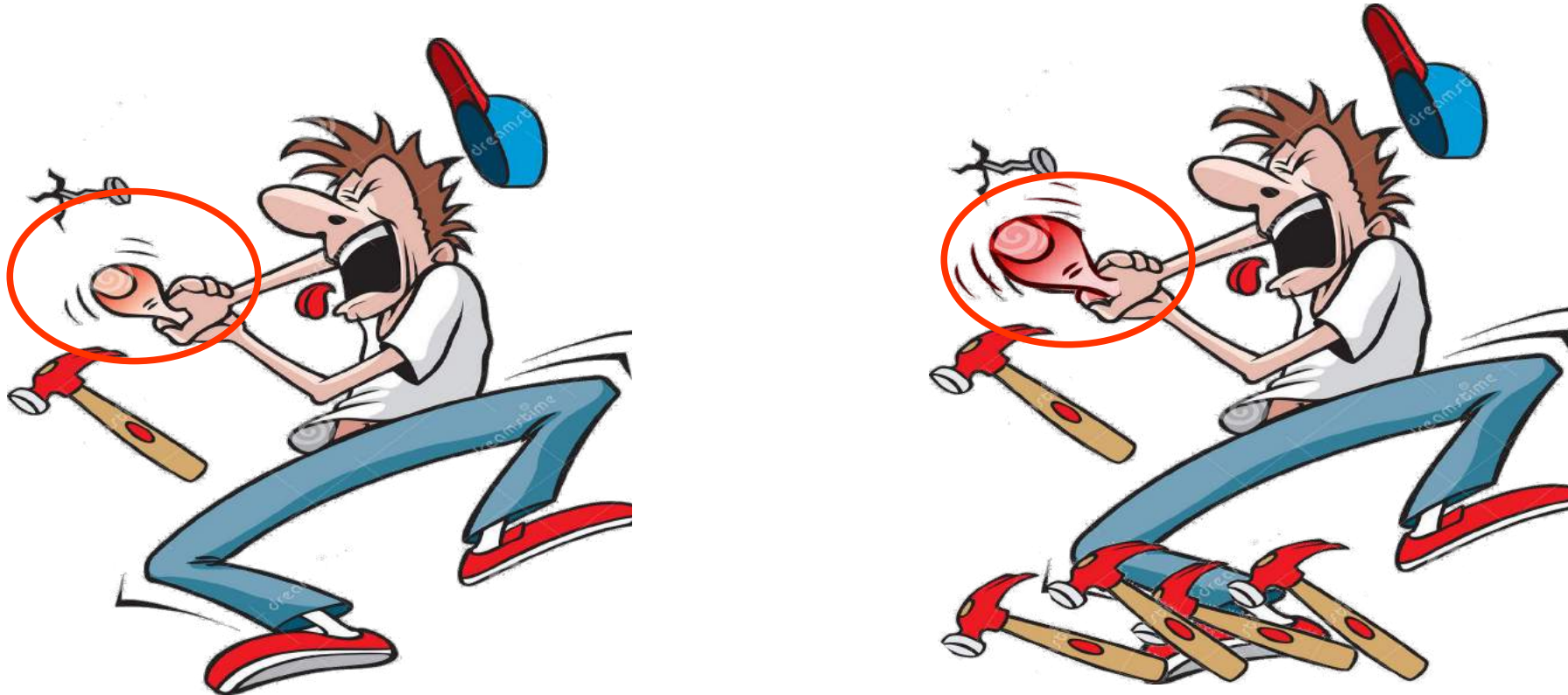
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Frequency  
Intensity  
Duration  
Offensiveness  
Sensitivity

# TG5. Dose Response

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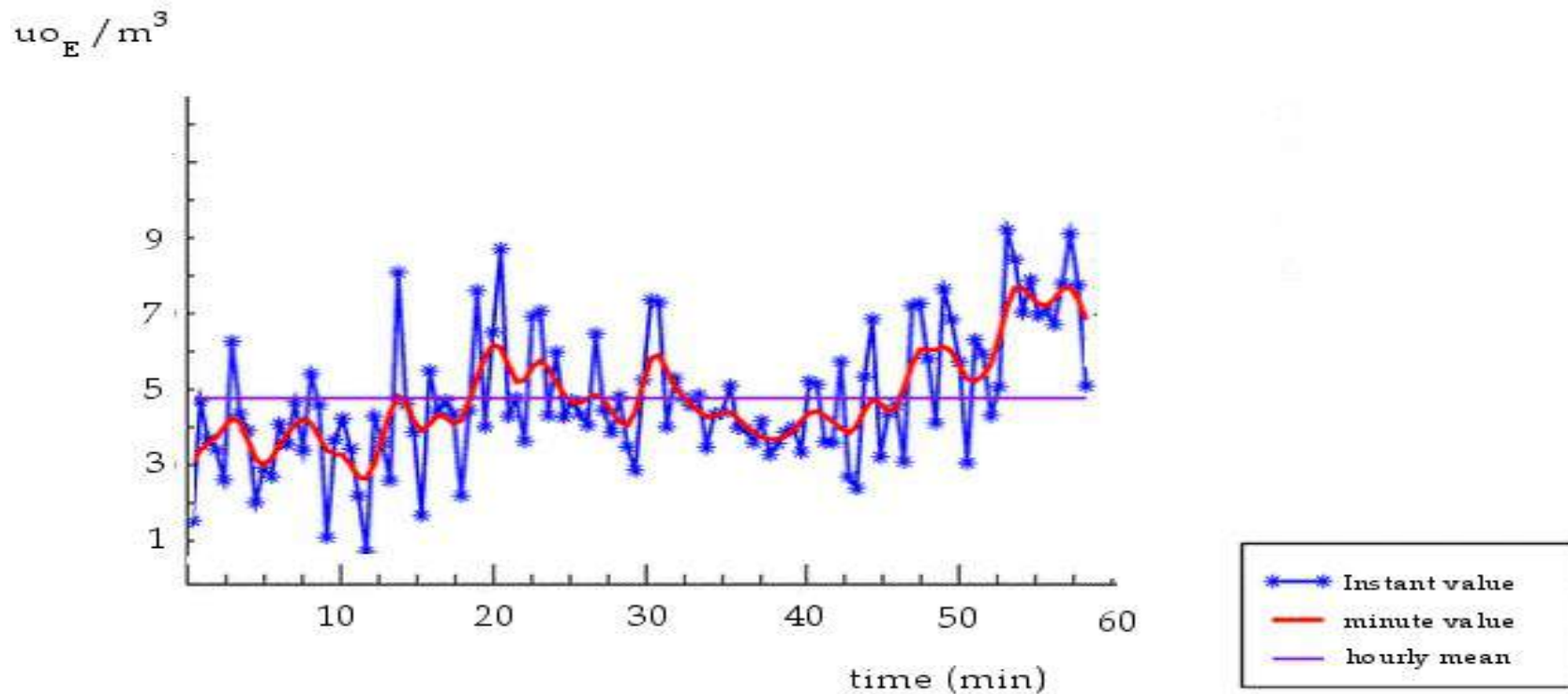
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# TG5. Dose Response

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# TG5. Dose Response

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# TG6. Reporting



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# TG6. Normative Requirements

**Table 2** - *Minimum elements to be considered in the discussion of the normative references*

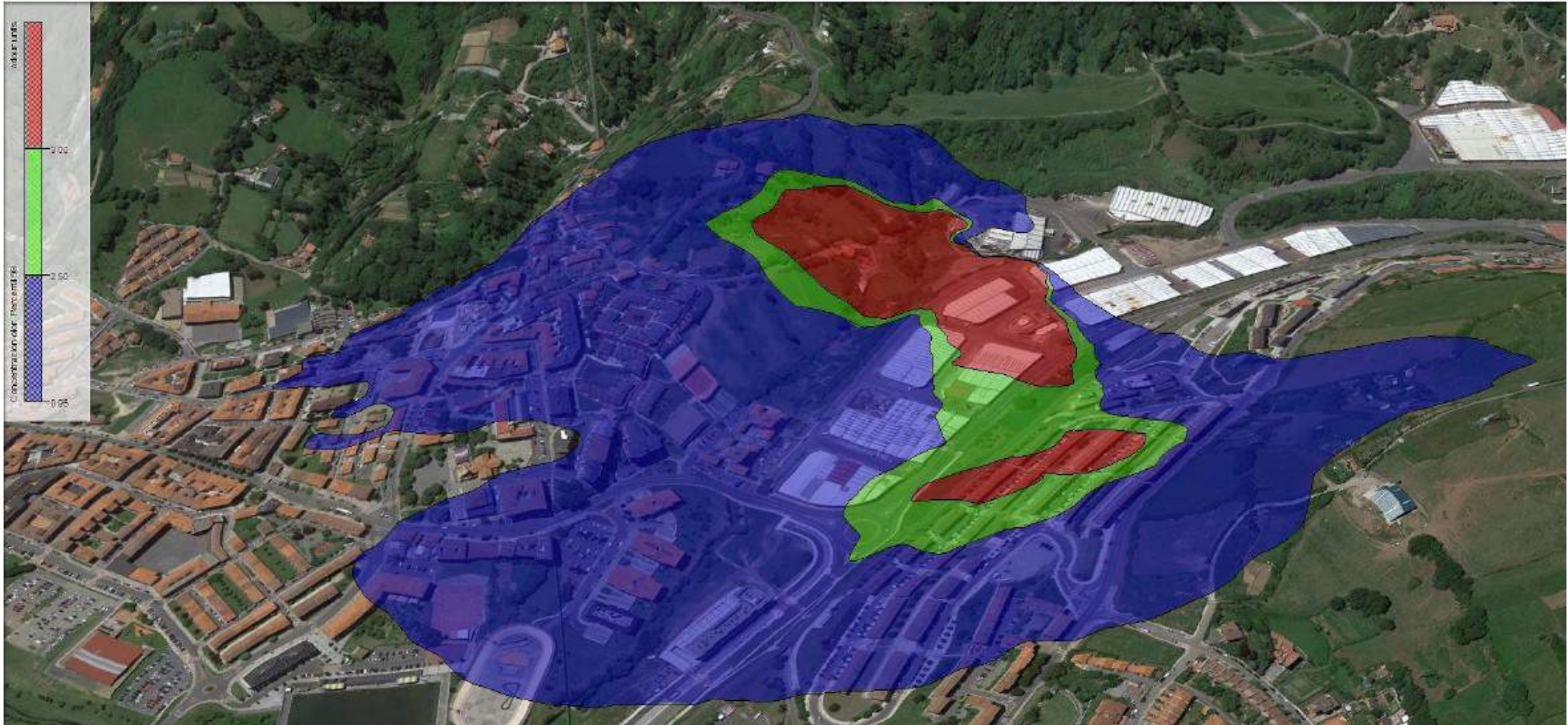
Minimum elements	Description
Definition of the law, guideline, ordinance, etc.	This element has to briefly report the scope, aims and general provisions. Moreover, implementing rules and regulations (IRR) must also be included.
Responsible authorities	The relevant government agencies must be introduced, which can be at the regional level, state, country and/or an internationally recognized organisation.
Parameters or variables regulated	The extent of applicability of the law must be emphasized, particularly to the parameter being regulated. If a specific law or guidance is not applicable to the facility, an indication of the most appropriate best practice guidance should be included.
Maximum threshold limits	The maximum threshold value authorized for each odour sources should be reported in terms of odour concentration.

# TG6. Model selection and development.





# TG6. Odour impact assessment criteria



# TG6. Report results

<b>General</b>	<b>Minimum elements to report</b>
	Supporting data for the input parameters and the factors affecting the variations
	Explanation of the accuracy and the shortcomings (if relevant)
	High-resolution isopleth, or maps of odour dispersion
	Concise data in tables
	Impacts of the odour emission, especially the most influential factors in determining the peak ground-level concentrations
<b>Presentation of Maps</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
	Overlay the odour concentration with base and terrain map with the finest resolution (e.g., 50 m)

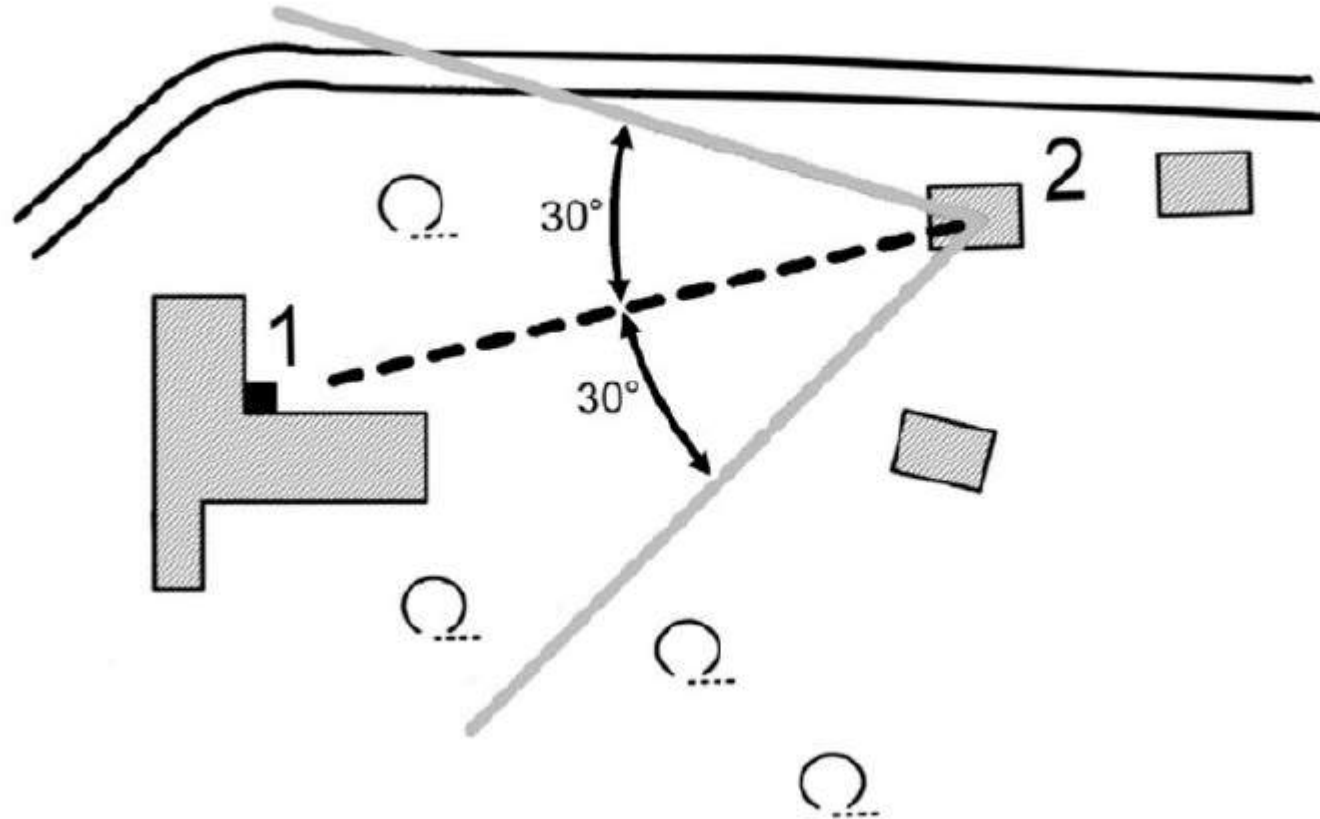
# TG7. Other approaches



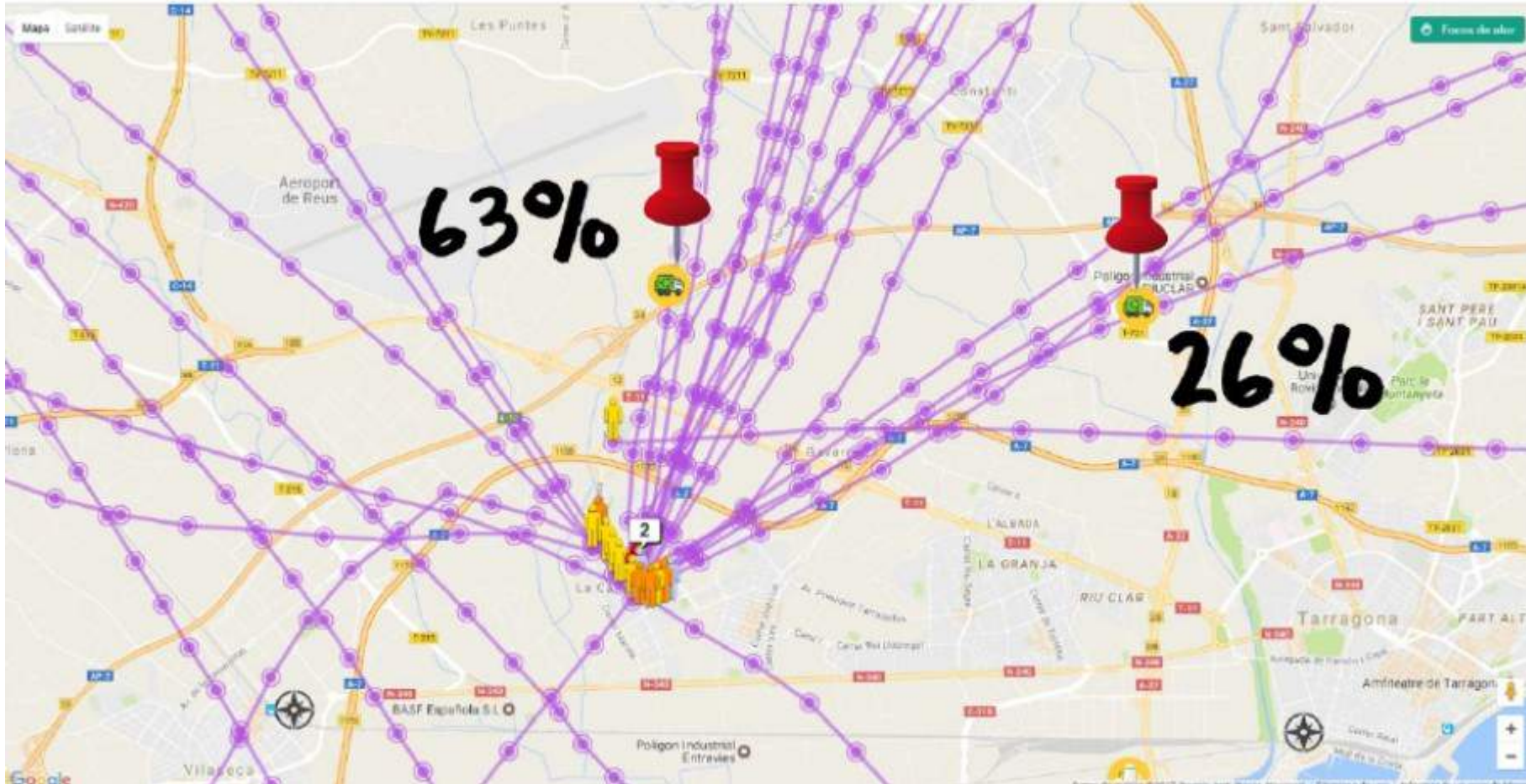
# TG7. Reverse modelling

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0,90-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	- 0,90
0,75-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	- 0,75
0,60-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	- 0,60
0,45-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	- 0,45
0,30-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	- 0,30
0,15-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	- 0,15
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-1,80-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	25	28	27	- -1,80
-1,95-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	15	22	22	- -1,95
-2,10-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	8	19	18	- -2,10
Y/X+	-0,50	0,20	0,10	0,40	0,70	1,00	1,30	1,60	1,90	2,2	2,50	+X/Y (km)

# TG7. Calculate origin/type of a source



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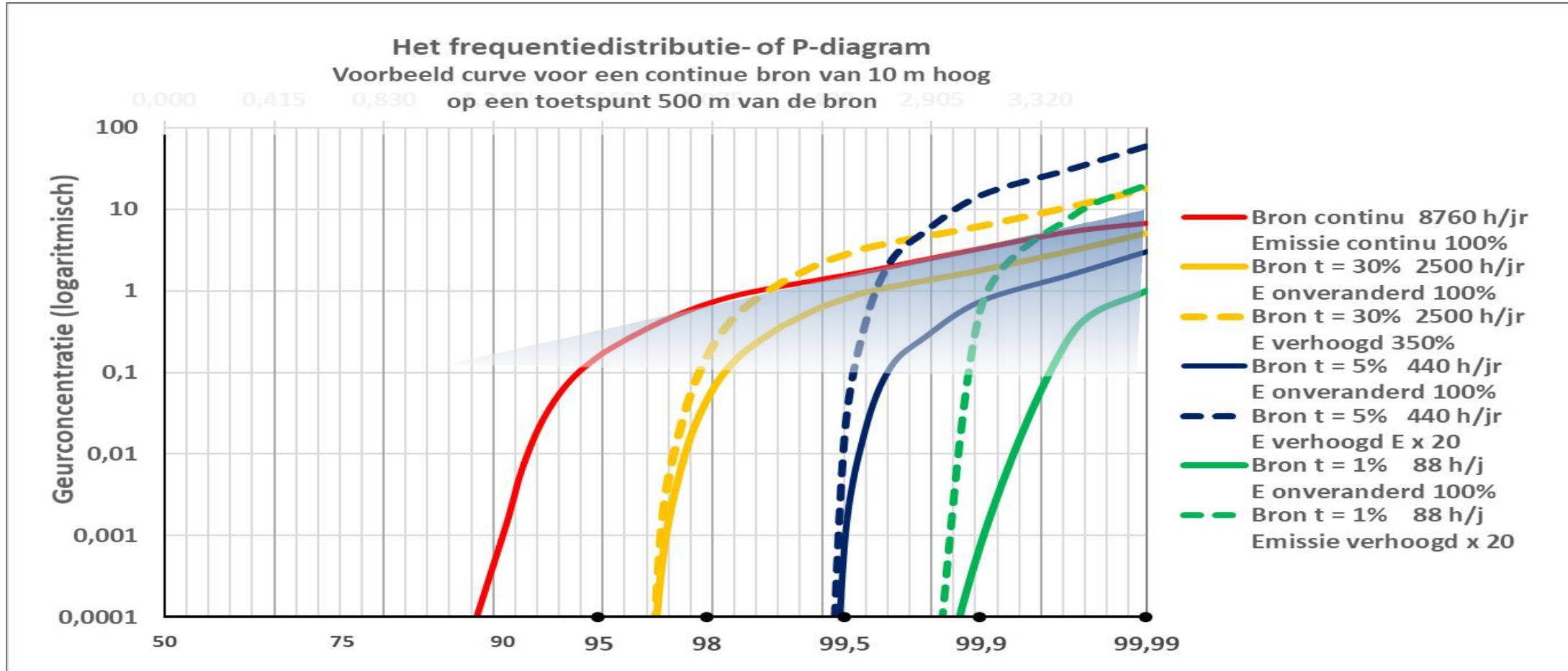




# TG7. Balance hedonic tone of multiple sources

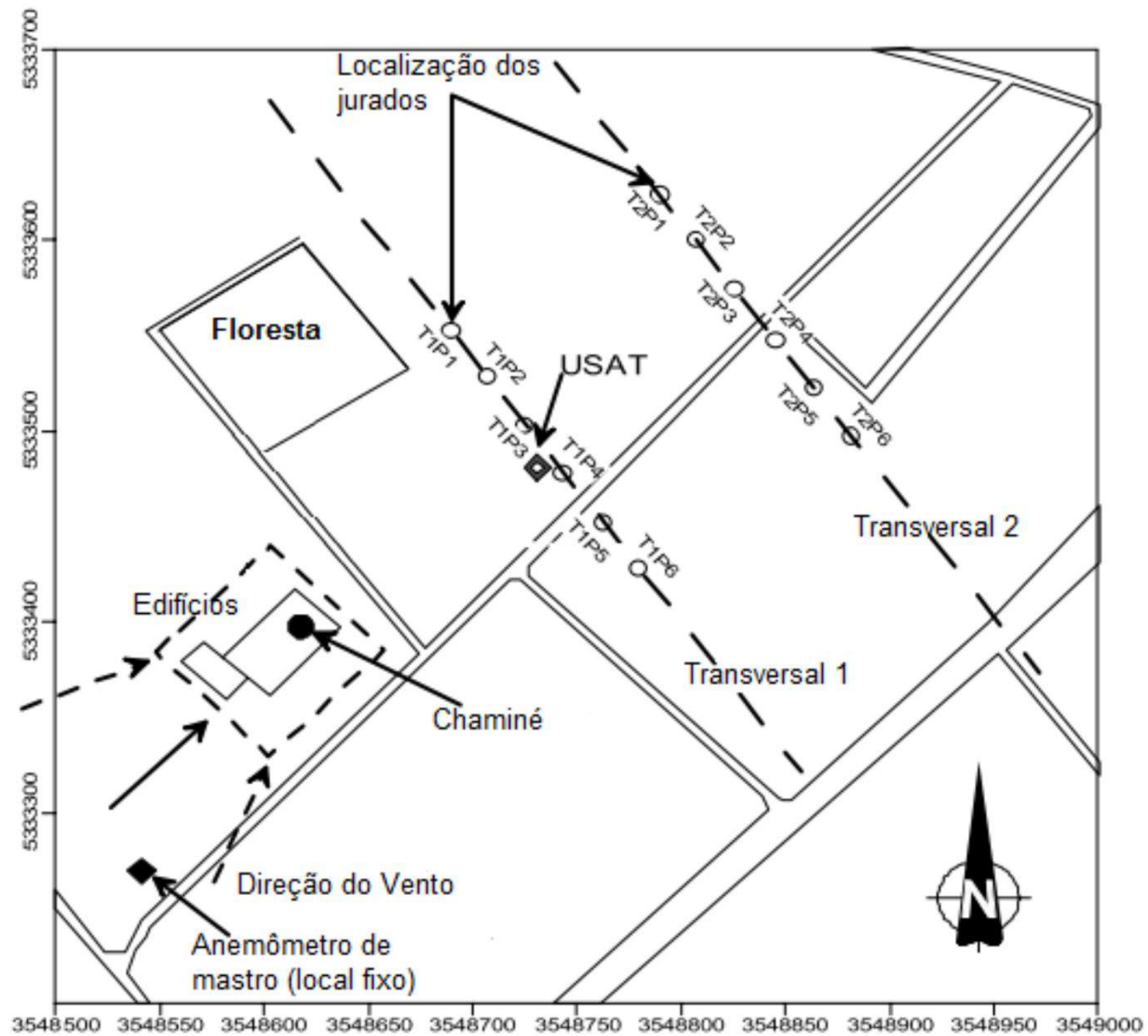


# TG7. intermittent sources and non static receptors





# TG7. Tracers.







# TG7. Role of Instrumental Odour Monitoring Systems



# VS

## Odorant vs odour



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# Conclusions

- **50+** international **experts** from **17 countries**.
- Monthly meetings. **22 meetings** so far
- **7 Task Groups (TG)**: TG1 Terms & Definitions TG2 Meteorology, TG3 Odor Emissions and Source Characterization, TG4 Dispersion Algorithms, TG5 Odor Dose Response, TG6 Reporting TG7 Other Approaches.
- **First draft was released in August**. Not public, only internal revision.
- **Second draft** will be **publicly** available for **comments**.
- **Expected publication in 2023**
- **Volunteers are more than welcomed**.





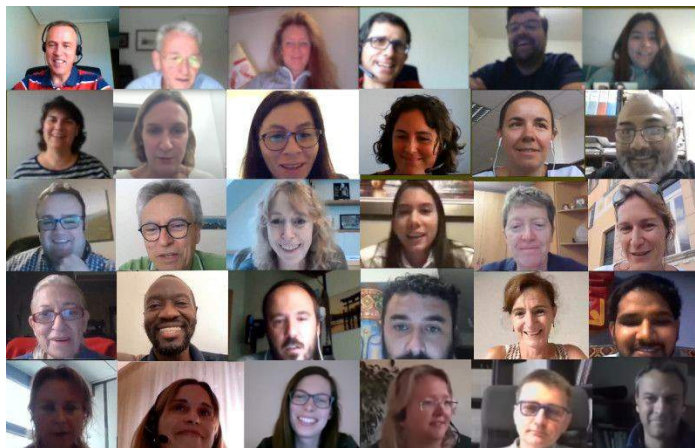
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