# Using Integrated Earth **Observation-Informed Modeling to Support** Sustainable Development Decision-Making

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I. Introduction II. Background & Definitions III. Research Questions / Methodology a. Critical Analysis & Framework Development b. Decision Support Development & Evaluation for Case Studies c. Extension & Scaling of Concept

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This work centers on exploring the efficacy and difficulties of *collaboratively developing* a systems-architecture-informed, multidisciplinary GIS decision support system for *sustainable development* applications that makes significant use of *remote observation data*.



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### collaboratively developing

PPGIS: Public Participation Geospatial Information System (GIS) PGIS: Participatory GIS

Participatory design: An approach that actively involves the people who are being served through direct engagement with the stakeholders at every step.

Co-design: "approaches communities not as (solely) consumers, test subjects, 'test beds,' or objects of study, and instead imagines them as co-designers and coauthors of shared knowledge, technologies, narratives, and social practices." (Costanza-Chock & Henshaw-Plath, 2016)

System Architecture Framework: "A generic model that captures decision making and design for complex systems; particularly useful for describing human-designed, technology-enabled systems that provide public services such as access to infrastructure or education" (Ovienmhada et al., 2021)



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### systems-architecture-informed



**Crawley:** the mapping of function to form such that the essential features of the system are represented. The intent of architecture is to reduce ambiguity, employ creativity, and manage complexity

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### systems-architecture-informed



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# systems-architecture-informed



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## geospatial information system (GIS)



Fotheringham, A. Stewart, and John P. Wilson. "Geographic Information Science: An Introduction." The Handbook of Geographic Information Science, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd, 2007, pp. 1–7.



Cowen, David J. "The Availability of Geographic Data: The Current Technical and Institutional Environment." The Handbook of Geographic Information Science, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd, 2007, pp. 11–34.







## decision support system (DSS)

# Functions can include visualization of data, analysis of past data, simulations of future outcomes, and comparisons of options.



Michael J. Parsley, U.S. Geological Survey

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A technical system aimed at facilitating and improving decision-making.

Yan Zhang 'Ryan', City Science, MIT Media Lab

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Rockström, Johan, et al. "A Safe Operating Space for Humanity." Nature, vol. 461, no. 7263, Sept. 2009, pp. 472–75

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#### Global Distribution of Vulnerability to Climate Change

**Combined National Indices of Exposure and Sensitivity** 



Scenario A2-550 in Year 2100 with Climate Sensitivity Equal to 5.5 Degrees C Annual Mean Temperature with Aggregate Impacts Calibration

http://ciesin.columbia.edu/data/climate/

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Reid, W. V., et al. *Ecosystems and Human Well-Being - Synthesis: A Report of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment*. Island Press, 2005.

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de Weck, Olivier L., et al. Investigating Relationships and Semantic Sets amongst System Lifecycle Properties (Ilities). Working Paper, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Engineering Systems Division, Mar. 2012. dspace.mit.edu, https://dspace.mit.edu/handle/1721.1/102927.





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## socio-environmental-technical systems (SETS)

### Socio-Environmental Systems (SES):

modeling involves developing and/or applying models to investigate complex problems arising from interactions among human (i.e. social, economic) and natural (i.e. biophysical, ecological, environmental) systems. (Elsawah et al. 2020)

**Sociotechnical Systems (STS):** Technical works involving significant social participation, interests, and concerns. (Maier, *The Art of Systems Architecting*)

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Any form of data collection that takes place at some remote distance from the subject matter. While there is no specific distance determining whether a collector is 'remote,' in practice this tends to mean some distance of more than a quarter of a kilometer.

Earth Observation (EO): Remote observation directed at the Earth

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Fig. 2. The number of near-polar orbiting, land imaging civilian satellites operational as of 1st August 1972 to 2013.

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Countries with operational spacecraft: 1

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Belward, Alan S., and Jon O. Skøien. "Who Launched What, When and Why; Trends in Global Land-Cover Observation Capacity from Civilian Earth Observation Satellites." ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, vol. 103, Elsevier, May 2015, pp. 115–28, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.isprsjprs.2014.03.009.

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Jensen, John. *Remote Sensing of the Environment: An Earth Resource Perspective.* 2nd edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson, 2006.

- Improved resolutions (spatial, spectral, radiometric, temporal)
- More refined indices
- New Data Types
  - SAR
  - LIDAR
  - Gravitational Field Anomalies
- Supervised & Unsupervised Classification
  Cloud-based access and computation

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## **C:** Remote Sensing Application Trends - Disaster Response

### **Puerto Rico**

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Hurricane Maria makes landfall on Sep 20, 2017. NASA supplies damage maps on Sep 22, 2017

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### **Mexico City**

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### Earthquake occurs on Sep 19, 2017 NASA supplies damage maps on Sep 20, 2017

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## **C: Remote Sensing Application Trends - COVID-19**

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### Emissions

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### Nightlights

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(a) Airport before and after the COVID-19

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(b) Car rental parking lot before and after the COVID-19

Fig. 1. COVID-19 impacts on human and economic activities. Photo credit: SATELLITE IMAGE 2020 MAXAR TECHNOLOGIES.

### Traffic

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## **Research Questions**

- 1. What aspects of systems architecture (and systems engineering in general) are relevant and useful for approaching issues of sustainability in complex SETS? In particular, how can they be adapted using techniques from collaborative planning theory and other critical approaches to enable avoid the technocratic excesses of the past?
- 2. How can collaborative development of DSSs using the EVDT Modeling Framework in particular be relevant and useful to sustainability in such complex SETS?
- 3. How can EVDT be established as a continually development framework, a community of practice, and a growing code repository?

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Prototype Demonstrate **Evaluate** 

**Extend & Scale** 

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## **Research Question 1**

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  - b. A proposed framework for applying systems engineering for sustainable development in an anticolonialist manner

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### 1a, critical analysis: Development Schools of Thought

### **Conservative/Technical**

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Friedmann, Johnn. "Two Centuries of Planning: An Overview." *Explorations in Planning Theory*, edited by Seymour Mandelbaum et al., Routledge, 2017, pp. 10–29.

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### **Social Reformist**

### **Utopian/Anarchistic**

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## 1a, critical analysis: The Technocratic Problem

- Inevitably expand top-down control & surveillance (Scott)
- Fundamentally did not work (Jacobs, Light, Easterly, Lee Jr., etc)
  - Insufficient data for models
  - Lack of detailed causal understanding
  - Blank state / universality assumptions
  - Implementation tends to alienate
  - Overprioritization of easy to quantify metrics

Wiechmann, Dr Thorsten. "Errors Expected — Aligning Urban Strategy with Demographic Uncertainty in Shrinking Cities." International Planning Studies, vol. 13, no. 4, Nov. 2008, pp. 431–46.

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• Uphold existing systems of power and oppression (Friedmann, Eubanks, Robinson)

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## 1a, critical analysis: Reform?

- Increased humility and a widened definition of value (in some circles)
  - Less emphasis on singular, monolithic solutions, more interest in complexity In engineering (de Neufville) and in economics (Sachs)
- New models of planning, mapping, & systems engineering
  - Participatory Frameworks (PPGIS, Arnstein's Ladder, Stakeholder Analysis)
  - Critical Perspectives (Critical Cartography, Multistakeholder Decision-Making)
- Increased need

- More data, better models -GIS
  - Remote Sensing
  - Machine Learning
  - Telecommunications

![](_page_27_Figure_12.jpeg)

Tulloch, David L. "Theoretical Model of Multipurpose Land Information Systems Development." Transactions in GIS, vol. 3, no. 3, 1999, pp. 259–83.

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### 1b, proposed framework: EVDT

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- What is happening in the natural environment?
- How will humans be impacted by what is happening in the natural environment?
- What decisions are humans making in response to environmental factors and why?
- human decision making?

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What technology system can be designed to provide high quality information that supports

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# 1b, proposed framework: EVDT Arrangements <u>A. Policy Design</u>

**Environment Model** 

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# **B. Technology Design**

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## 1b, proposed framework: Stakeholder Involvement

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## 1b, proposed framework: Potential Development Pipeline

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### **Research Question 2**

- 2. How can collaborative development of DSSs using the EVDT Modeling Framework in particular be relevant and useful to sustainability in such complex SETS?
  - a. System architecture analyses of each of the case studies
  - b. Development of an EVDT-based DSS for each of the case studies
  - c. An interview-based assessment of the development process and usefulness of each DSS

### Case Study 1 (CS1): Rio de Janeiro Mangroves and Fishing Communities Case Study 2 (CS2): The Vida COVID-19 Response Project

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# Case Study 1 (CS1): Rio de Janeiro Mangroves and Fishing Communities

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## CS1 - Study Area (State of Rio de Janeiro)

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## CS1 - Study Area (Guaratiba & Sepetiba)

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### Mangrove Forest

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### CS1 - Guaratiba Context





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## **CS1 - Rio de Janeiro City Context**



L. Faulhaber, "Rio Maravilha, projetos políticos e intervenção no território no início do século XXI," Ph.D. dissertation, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2012. [Online]. Available: https://issuu.com/lucas.faulhaber/docs/tfg{ }lucasfaulhaber



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E. Kassens-Noor, C. Gaffney, J. Messina, and E. Phillips, "Olympic Transport Legacies: Rio de Janeiro's Bus Rapid Transit System," Journal of Planning Education and Research, vol. 38, no. 1, pp. 13–24, mar 2018. [Online]. Available: http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0739456X16683228





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### **CS1 - Government Stakeholders**







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## CS1 - Stakeholder Analysis

- Stakeholder Interviews
  - Local Fishing/Community Associations
  - **Government Officials**
  - Academic Researchers



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## **CS1 - (Incomplete) List of Important Factors**

- Complicated regulatory framework
- Differing Priorities

  - Local Community: Sustainable use of trees, voice in siting of mangrove restoration Municipal Environmental Agency: Valuation of mangrove trees Municipal Urban Planning Agency: Zoning-relevant data
- Data Gaps
  - Household level economic and ecosystem services usage data
  - Local ecosystem service valuation
  - Detailed land use / land cover maps (LULC) outside of municipality



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## **CS1 - Developing the Decision Support System**





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# Case Study 2 (CS2) - The Vida COVID-19 Response Project



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## **CS2 - The Vida Decision Support System**





### **CS2 - Study Areas**

NORTI

PACIFIC

OCEAN

UNITED

SOUTH

OCEAN

Boston, USA

#### Querétaro, México

Región Metropolitana de Santiago, Chile



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#### Java & Sulawesi, Indonesia



Map adapted from the Nations Online Project.

#### Luanda, Angola Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

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#### **CS2 - Partner Organizations** México

#### Brasil







Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología, Conocimiento e Innovación

Gobierno de Chile

#### Chile

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#### Indonesia





#### Angola





### **CS2 - System Architecture**





## **CS2 - Design Process**

- Weekly/Biweekly 1-on-1 meetings
- Monthly full network meetings
- Online collaboration
  - Data Repositories
  - Github  $\bigcirc$
  - Browser-based DSS







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### **CS2 - Developing the Decision Support System**



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#### Vida Decision Support System

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## **CS2 - Developing the Decision Support System**





**Daily Hospital Visits** 





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### **Research Question 3**

- of practice, and a growing code repository?
  - a. An assessment of lessons learned from these DSS development processes
  - b. An outline of potential future EVDT refinement and extension, such as using EVDT to inform the development of future earth observation systems that are better designed for particular application contexts



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# 3. How can EVDT be established as a continually development framework, a community





### 3a/b, lessons & future development

- Standardize framework and foundational code
- Develop a community of practice
- Extend to various potential applications:
  - To inform sustainable development policies.
  - To educate on the connections between the different EVDT domains.
  - To facilitate the exploration and evaluation of sensing technology architectures for particular applications.
  - To facilitate scientific research on ecosystem services and/or the impacts of human behavior on the environment.
  - To provide a basis for studies of the effectiveness of different DSS attributes (visualization techniques, workshop formats, etc.).



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### 3b, future development: Potential Development Pipeline



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### **Other Contributions**

- demonstrating utility of EO data to policymaking.
- Reduce burden of facilitation by space agencies.



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 Encourage the joint consideration of both human and environmental systems in a dynamic, continual fashion, thereby avoiding some of the negative consequences of siloed, static conservation mapping practices. Expand the population of EO data users by increasing accessibility and





# Thank you! Any Questions?





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### **Data & Methods: Environment**

- Existing Mangrove Maps
  - Giri et al. & Global Mangrove Watch
- EO Data
- Processing Techniques
  - Extent Tracking: Random Forest Classifier Algorithm
  - Health Tracking: NDVI Mean Anomaly

For more detail on a similar methodology than inspired and informed this one, see:

Lagomasino, David, Temilola Fatoyinbo, SeungKuk Lee, Emanuelle Feliciano, Carl Trettin, Aurélie Shapiro, and Mwita M. Mangora. "Measuring Mangrove Carbon Loss and Gain in Deltas." Environmental Research Letters 14, no. 2 (January 2019): 025002. https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/aaf0de.

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#### Landsat 5 TM, Landsat 7 ETM+, Landsat 8 OLI, Sentinel 2 MSI, and ALOS PALSAR



## Data & Methods: Environment (cont.)

Training Data from Giri and GMW



#### Sentinel, Landsat, and PALSAR Imagery





#### Classified Mangroves





## Data & Methods: Environment (cont.)



# Reference period: 31/Aug/1999 to 31/Aug/2001 Observation period: 1/Sep/2001 to 1/Sep/2018



## **Data & Methods: Vulnerability**

- Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics
  - Population Density, Employment (by industry), Household Size, Sewage Infrastructure, etc.
- Pereira Passos Municipal Institute of Urbanism
  - Detailed land use maps, Multidimensional Poverty Index, Informal Settlement Maps
  - Data.Rio Platform
- Literature & Planned Information To be Collected
  - Social value of carbon
  - Raw material value of mangrove ecosystem services







## **Data & Methods: Decision-making**

- Conservation and Preservation Areas
  - Explicitly protected areas
  - Categories of urban conservation policies
- Urban Zoning Policy

Types of construction and industry allowed

Protected Areas	Autho
Ambiental das Brisas	Munic
Orla da Baia de Sepetiba	Munic
Parque Natural Municipal da Serra da Capoeira Grande	Munic
Parque Nacional Municipal da Prainha	Munic
Parque Nacional Municipal de Grumari	Munic
Sepetiba II	Stat
Parque Estadual da Pedra Branca	Stat
Reserva Biológica Estadual de Guaratiba	Stat
Army Technological Center	Natio

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### Data & Methods: Technology

- History of EO Data Collection and Usage
  - Pereira Passos Municipal Institute of Urbanism
  - Environmental Secretariat
  - Urban Planning Secretariat
  - State Environmental Institute
  - Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation



#### **IPP & SMU Usage**

Year	Type of product	Platform
1975	Ortophoto	Aerial (???cm)
1999	Ortophoto	Analog camera (scanned to 85cm
2004	Ortophoto	Analog camera (scanned to 50cm
2006	Satellite imagery	Quickbird (60 cm)
2008	Satellite imagery	Quickbird (60 cm)
2009	Ortophoto	Digital camera (25 cm)
2010	Lidar survey	Aerial (10 pts/m2)
2010	Ortophoto	Digital camera (25 cm)
2011	Ortophoto	Digital camera (20 cm)
2012	Ortophoto	Digital camera (20 cm)
2013	Lidar survey	Aerial (2 pts/m2)
2013	Ortophoto	Digital camera (10 cm)
2015	Ortophoto	Digital camera (15 cm)
2016	Satellite imagery	Worldview 3 (30 cm)
2017	Satellite imagery	Worldview 2 (46 cm)
2018	Satellite imagery	Worldview 3 (32 cm)
2019	True Ortophoto	Digital camera (15 cm)
2019	Lidar survey	Aerial (8 pts/m2)

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### Data & Methods: Public Health

- COVID-19 health data collected by local authorities
  - Daily infections, hospitalizations, deaths, and recoveries
  - Daily PCR tests
  - Hospital bed capacity and availability
  - Ventilator use and availability
  - Vaccination rates

#### y local authorities , deaths, and recoveries





### **Data & Methods: Public Health**

- Epidemiological Model: SEIR
- Modeling Approach: System Dynamics
- Integrates aspects of other Vida components
- Current version is non-spatial

 Adjusting assumptions and policy decisions can generate alternative scenarios

Susceptible Population

Emissions Rate





### **Data & Methods: Environment**

- Air Quality (03, NO2, SO2, PM2.5, PM10)
  - Remote: Sentinel 5P
  - In-Situ: Monitoring Stations (Brazil & Chile)
- Nightlights - VIIRS: VNP46A2 & VNP46A3
- Water Quality (NDTI, NDWI, other indices) Landsat 7 ETM+, Landsat 8 OLI, and PlanetScope





## Methodology

#### VNP46A2 Raw Image

<u>Filter</u> Area of Interest Clouds Water

Theil-Sen Slope Visualization

Statistical Analysis













#### Weekly Averages

#### Percent Change Relative to 2019 Annual Average



2019 - Start of Pandemic

Start of Pandemic - 1/Aug/21

Split Data into Temporal Categories

#### Select specific geographic subunits









#### BRAZIL Ex) Rio de Janeiro Nightlight Changes (March - July, 2020)





#### Theil-Sen Slope









### Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

#### Santos Dumont Airport

Ipanema



### Bali, Indonesia



#### Ngurah Rai Airport

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## Ex) Rio de Janeiro PM10 Changes

- Relatively small changes in air quality detected once seasonal and long-term trends are taken into account
- What changes do exist point to an increase in PM10

Barrio	Code	Туре	Pre vs Post T-Test P-Value	Anderson Darling P-Value	Chang Mean ( vs Pos COVID
Copacabana	AV	Tourist	0.956	0.1438	-(
Bangu	BG	Mixed Use/Residential	0.2645	0.001	C
Centro	CA	Downtown/Business District	0.0119	0.00002	(
Campo Grande	CG	Mixed Use/Residential	0.3806	0.0217	, C
Irajá	IR	Urban/Residential	0.6295	0.0023	C
Pedra de Guaratiba	PG	Rural	0.7844	0.0801	(
São Cristóvão	SC	Downtown/Recreational	0.3913	0.0015	. (
Tijuca	SP	Mixed Use/Residential	0.0839	0.00003	(

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### **Data & Methods: Vulnerability**

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- Socioeconomic Data
  - Ex) Poverty Rates, Employment Rates, GDP
  - Sources: Local government authorities, NASA SEDAC
- Mobility & Transit Data

  - Telecoms-based mobility data (as reported by Google and local authorities) Public transit usage (as reported by local authorities) Airline Flights (as reported by local authorities) Ship counts and wait periods (as detected in Sentinel radar imagery)

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![](_page_71_Picture_14.jpeg)
### Ex) Metropolitana, Chile Mobility Changes



- 1. Mobility falls, notably *after* the initial wave of policy restrictions went into effect
- 2. As New Cases decline and policy relaxes, mobility rises
- 3. Chile has a constitutional referendum
- 4. Christmas & New Years
- 5. A rise in new cases prompts a policy restriction, decreasing mobility temporarily



### Data & Methods: Decision-making COVID-19 Social Distancing Requirements & Closures Announcements, histories, definitions, and conditions created by local

- authorities
- comparisons based on the CoronaNet Research Project

Recovery	Plan	Indi	icators
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Reference Date < 07/29/2020 🗂 >		Comparison with previous days 07/16/2020 7/29/202					7/29/2020	WE ARE IN PHASE 6B (Since 01/10/2020)								
GROUP	ANALYSIS PARAMETERS	PRIMARY INDICATORS	F-1	D-5	D-4	D-3	D-2	D-1	Ref. Previous Phase	Result	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5	PHASE 6
HEALTH SYSTEM RESPONSE CAPACITY	Capacity of ICU beds	1 Percentage of occupancy of dedicated adult ICU beds COVID (ICU SRAG) METRO I SUS bed (7-day moving average)	8	0	0	0	0	0	69.4	71.2	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
		2 Occupancy rate of supplementary sector ICU beds (moving average 7 days) (a)	×	8	×	×	×	8	67.9	70.0	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
		3 Percentage of occupancy of life support beds REDE SUS Territory of the municipality (moving average 7 days)	×	0	0	0	0	0	76.0	77.0	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
		4 ICU COVID beds (REDE SUS) per 100k inhabitants (b)	×	×	×	×	×	0	6.59	6.41	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
Vari TRANSMISSION LEVEL hos Va	Variation of deaths	5 Death Variation Rate by COVID19 in each period (Information released at 6 pm on the day, referring to the previous day) (c)	×	θ	×	θ	0	Ø	0.92	0.95	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
	Growth of hospitalized cases	6 Rate of Variation of Inpatients (Clinical + ICU) in each period (Information released at 6 pm on the day, referring to the previous day) (c)	×	0	0	0	0	Ø	0.92	0.95	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable
	Variation of new cases	7 Number of cases reported by Influenza Syndrome (SG) in the last two epidemiological weeks of notification (d)	0	0	0	θ	θ	θ	16,554	13,931	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Not Favorable
OPINION FOR OPENING PHASE ACCORDING TO PRIMARY INDICATORS							Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Favorable	Not Favorable				

For more information, see https://riocontraocorona.rio/ and http://inteligencia.rio/planoretomada

# - Ongoing effort to compare policies using standardized, quantitative

updated 01/10/2020





### Data & Methods: Technology

- Earth observation systems are still relevant!
- Various public health sensing technologies and regimes
  - PCR and other tests to identify the actively infected
  - Antibody tests to identify those previously infected





- Additional relevant platforms like VIIRS, MODIS, Planet, Maxar, etc.



### **User Interface**

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