TOWARDS A NEW SYSTEM FOR ANALYSIS OF ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS AND RISK ASSESSMENT

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Motivation

In response to catastrophic occurrences frequently observed in densely populated regions in Brazil, researchers from The Institute of Geosciences (IGEO) at The Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, UFRJ) are working towards an integrated system for the analysis of environmental disasters, and vulnerability and risk assessments (The SAnDRA Project).
General Mission

The integrated modeling approach aims the development of a system for decision-making regarding environmental disasters caused by extreme events via coordinated projects, research and activities of the Departments of Geography, Geology and Meteorology from IGEO-UFRJ.
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Caraguatatuba, SP (1967)

Cubatão, SP (1985)

Timbé do Sul, SC (1995)

Nova Friburgo, RJ (2011)
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Deposition of mud above 2 meters

Rio Vieira (Teresópolis), RJ (2011)
Flux of Information

METEOROLOGIA

Regionalização da Previsão climática
Ex.: Precipitação abaixo, na média ou acima da média

GEOGRAFIA

Gestão Territorial
Identificação da possibilidade do desastre, alvos e vulnerabilidade socioambiental

GEOLOGIA

Mapeamento Geológico
Geração de informações geológicas e ambientais

Análise de Risco

Boletim para Imprensa

Informações de Risco
Cartas de Suscetibilidade e Sensibilidade

WEB

Banco de dados

Pilot Area
TEAM EXPERTISE

PhD: 31; MSc: 6

Weather and Climate Modeling, Geomorphology, Mesoscale Meteorology, Micrometeorology, Hydrometeorology, Geographic Information System (GIS), Cartography, Geography, Paleoecology, Palaeoclimatology, Geotechnical Engineering, Geology and Environmental Engineering, Geophysics, Hydrogeology, Computational Intelligence, Oceanography.
Multiscale Approach
Deterministic Models

AOGCM or Reanalysis

Regional Model

Mesoscale Model

Geomorphological Model
MODELING COMPONENT

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PREVER Project

✓ Mathematical Modeling Applied to Risk Assessment over Catastrophic Landslide Areas of the State of Rio de Janeiro
The Prever Project

Meteorological, geological and geographical datasets will be integrated into mathematical models in order to make predictions of natural disasters.
PREVER

Modelo Digital de Elevação MDE

Mapa de Uso e Cobertura do Solo

Caracterização das Propriedades do Solo

Simulações da Suscetibilidade a Deslizamentos

Dados Meteorológicos Reanálises

Simulações das Condições Atmosféricas Regionais

Mapeamento da Ocupação

Mapa de Risco
Modeling Systems

The landslide modeling will apply physically based numerical models that include advanced hydrology and slope stability, among other combinations.

Predictions of areas susceptible to mass movements will be made through the combination of prediction models of mass movements (e.g., SHALSTAB and TRIGRS models for shallow landslides) with a propagation model for debris flow (model FLO-2D).
Modeling Systems

Forecasts of occurrence of landslides, and extent and thickness of the deposits of debris flow.
Regional Spectral Model (RSM+PA) \( \sim 60 \) km.

Dynamical downscaling (upper panel), assimilating satellite-based data into a numerical modeling system (RSM+PA); the coarser resolution NCEP R2 global reanalysis provided initial end boundary conditions. (lower panel).

NCEP-R2 \( \sim 200 \) km
It might be associated with SALLJ.
Extreme Events
Precipitation (mm/day)
Catarina: March 2004

Regional Spectral Model (RSM) ~ 40 km

Increase of the capability of RCMs to simulate extreme precipitation events

Modified Scale-Selective Bias Correction (Yoshimura and Kanamitsu, MWR 2008) & Precipitation Assimilation (PA; Nunes and Roads, JHM 2007)
Adaptive modeling based on neural network methodology for the nowcasting of severe weather events.
PILOT AREA

The State of Rio de Janeiro’s mountain region (slopes) and surroundings.
HYBRID PROFESSIONALS???
Concluding Remarks

All proposed modeling experiments, as well as essential datasets, will be used in the refinement of the modeling systems, providing better predictions and projections to model areas susceptible to landslides.

This combined modeling effort will also contribute to the understanding of regional climate variability and change; and will support better mitigation and adaptation decisions at local scales.

An interdisciplinary approach will emerge together with new research initiatives and trained specialists.
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Projeto SANDRA - CCMN

Laboratórios – Sala de Situação - Auditórios
Projeto SANDRA - CCMN

Legenda:
- CCMN
- Área de intervenção

Planta aérea aproximada de Localização
Regional Spectral Model
North American Experiments
1993 Upper Mississippi River Basin Flood

JJ 1993 Zonal Wind (m s⁻¹) and ω (x10⁻² Pa s⁻¹)

Cross Section at 95°W

(a) CTL  (b) PA  (c) R-2  (d) NARR

Cross Section at 85°W

(e) CTL  (f) PA  (g) R-2  (h) NARR

Cross Section at 75°W

(i) CTL  (j) PA  (k) R-2  (l) NARR
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