



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).

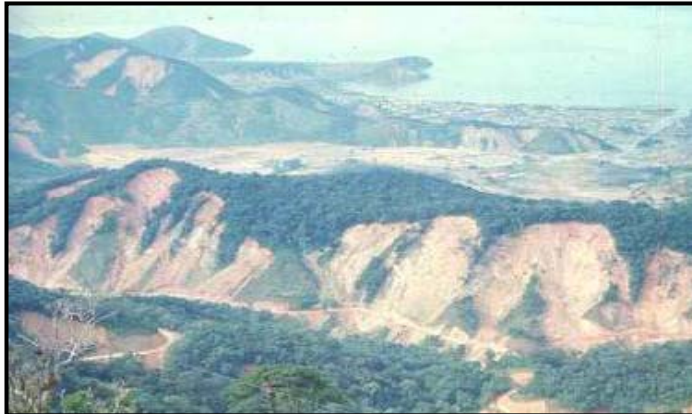


General Mission

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.



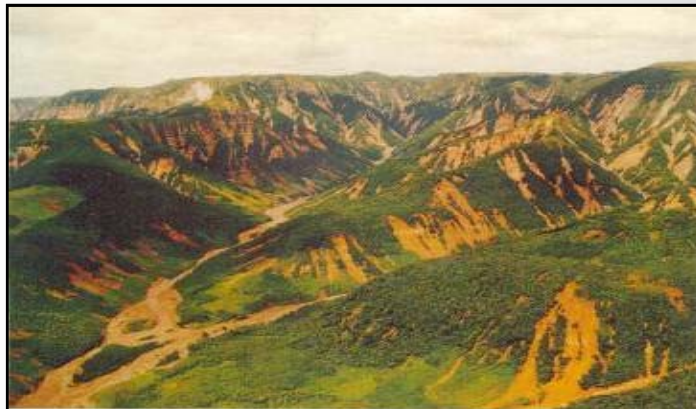
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Caraguatatuba, SP (1967)



Cubatão, SP (1985)



Timbé do Sul, SC (1995)



Nova Friburgo, RJ (2011)



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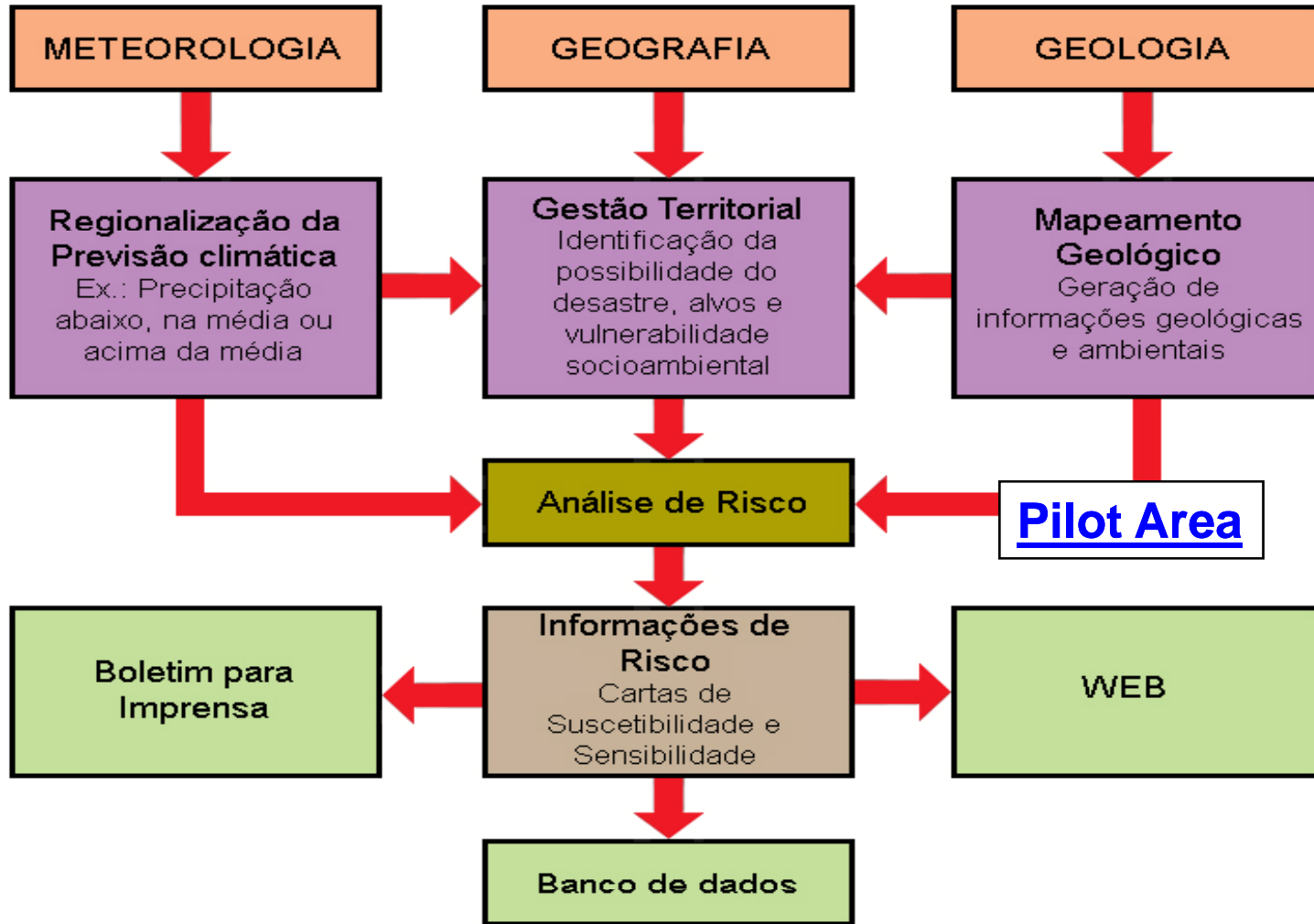


Deposition of mud
above 2 meters

Rio Vieira (Teresópolis), RJ (2011)



Flux of Information





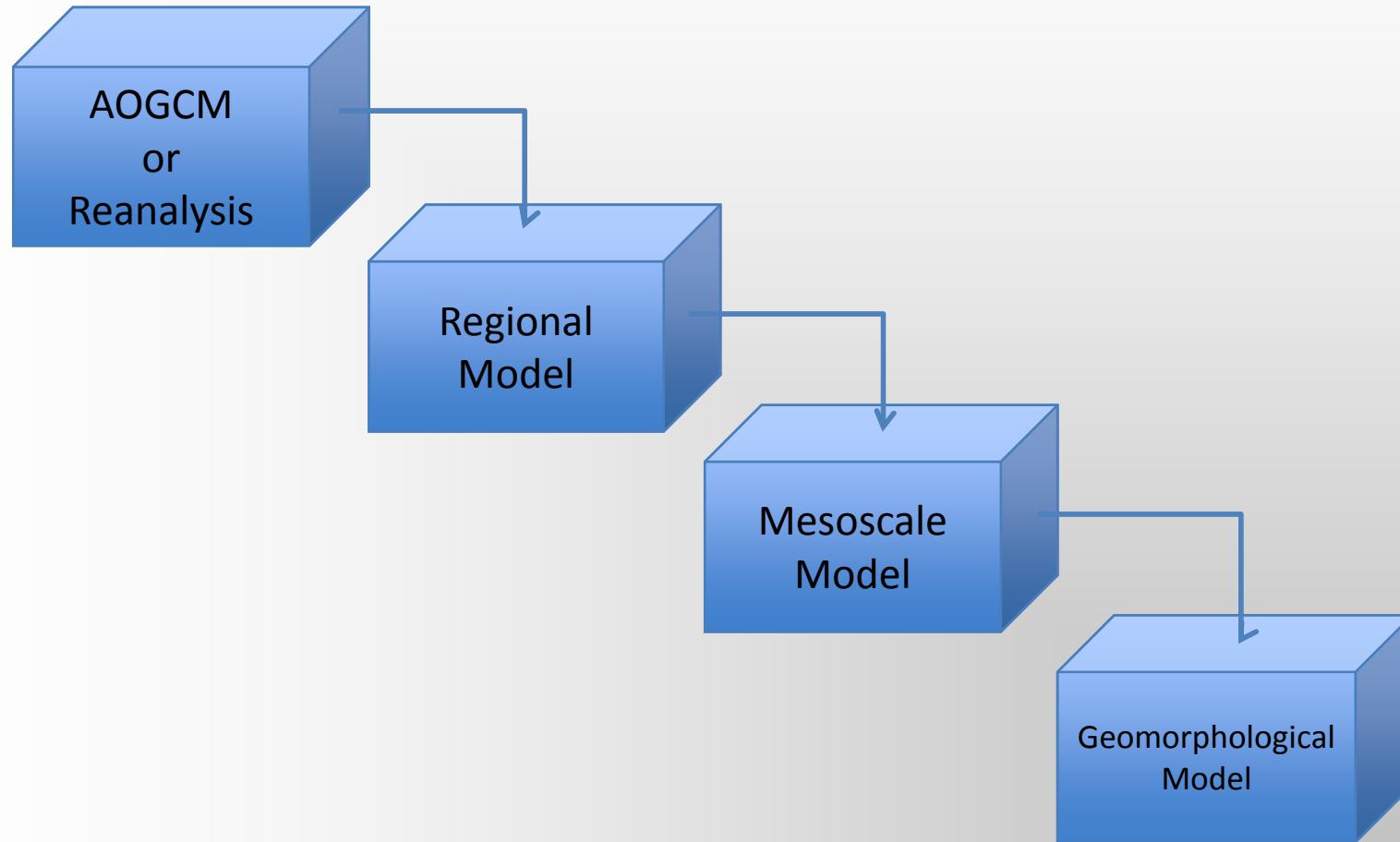
TEAM EXPERTISE

PhD: 31; MSc: 6

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



Multiscale Approach Deterministic Models





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

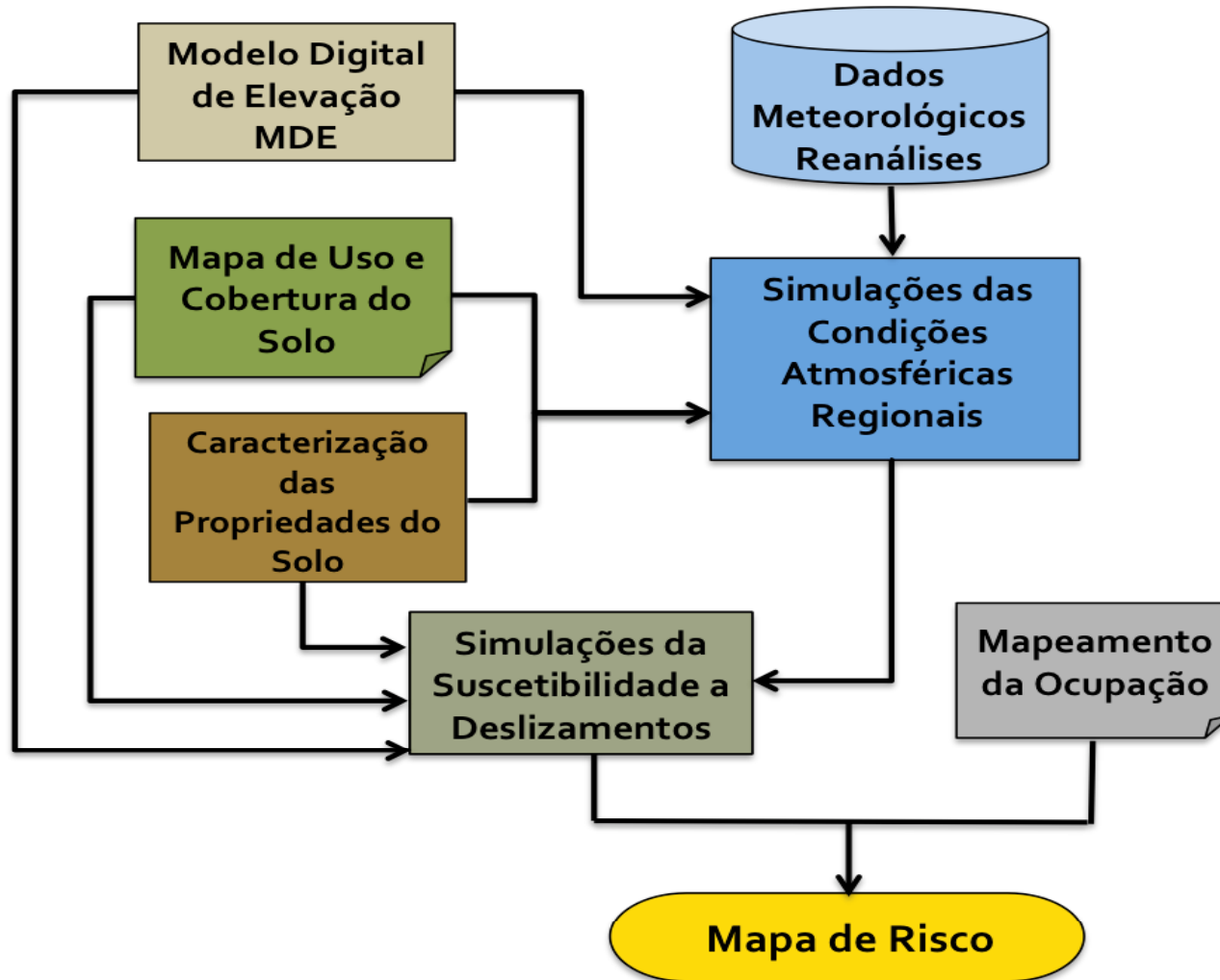


The Prever Project

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



PREVER





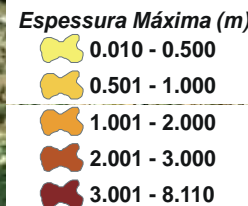
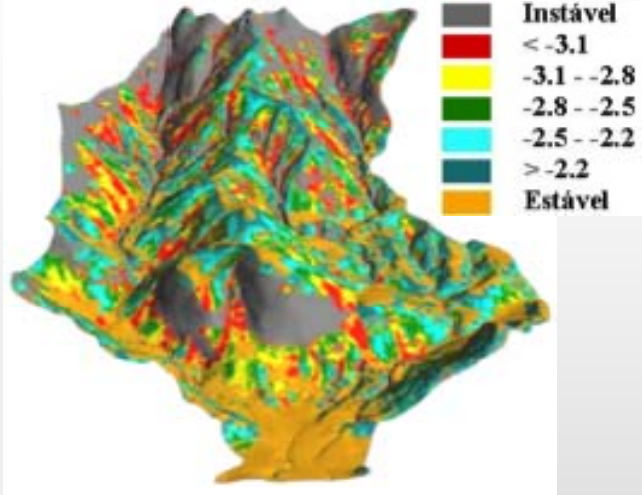
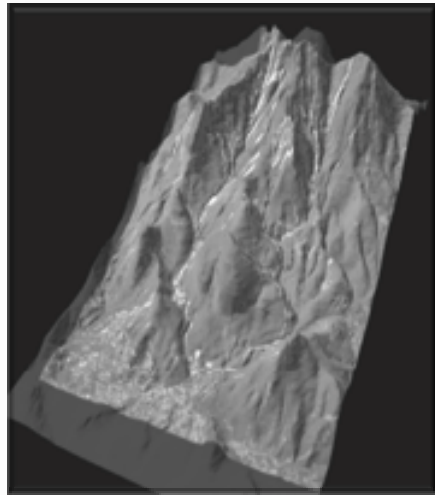
Modeling Systems

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

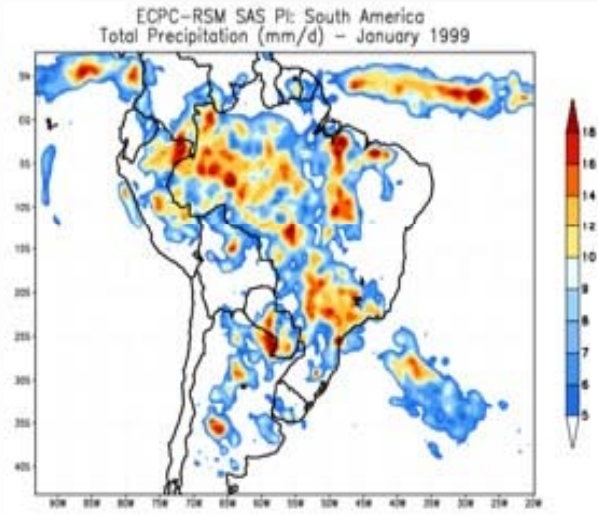
Predictions of areas susceptible to mass movements will be made through the combination of prediction models of mass movements (*e.g.*, SHALSTAB and TRIGRS models for shallow landslides) with a propagation model for debris flow (model FLO-2D).



Modeling Systems

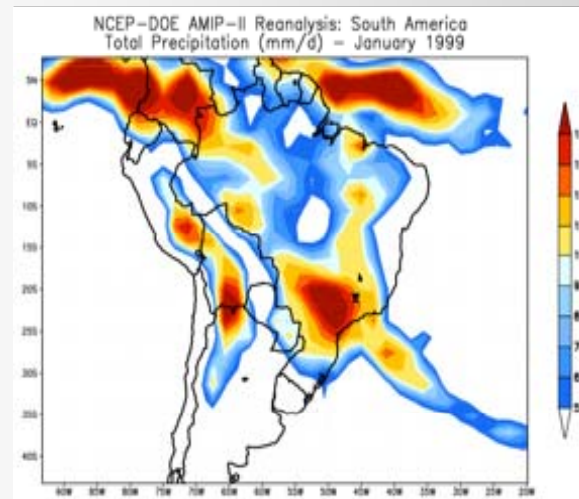


Forecasts of occurrence of landslides, and extent and thickness of the deposits of debris flow.



Regional
Spectral
Model
(RSM+PA)
~ 60 km.

NCEP-R2
~ 200 km

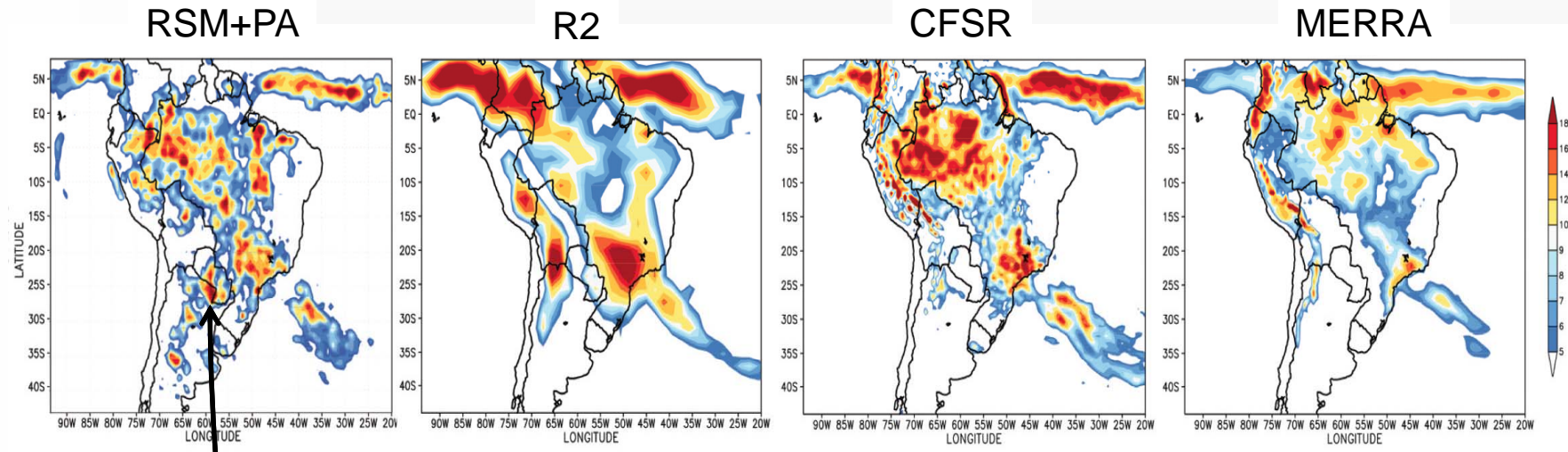


Dynamical downscaling (upper panel), assimilating satellite-based data into a numerical modeling system (RSM+PA); the coarser resolution NCEP R2 global reanalysis provided initial end boundary conditions. (lower panel).

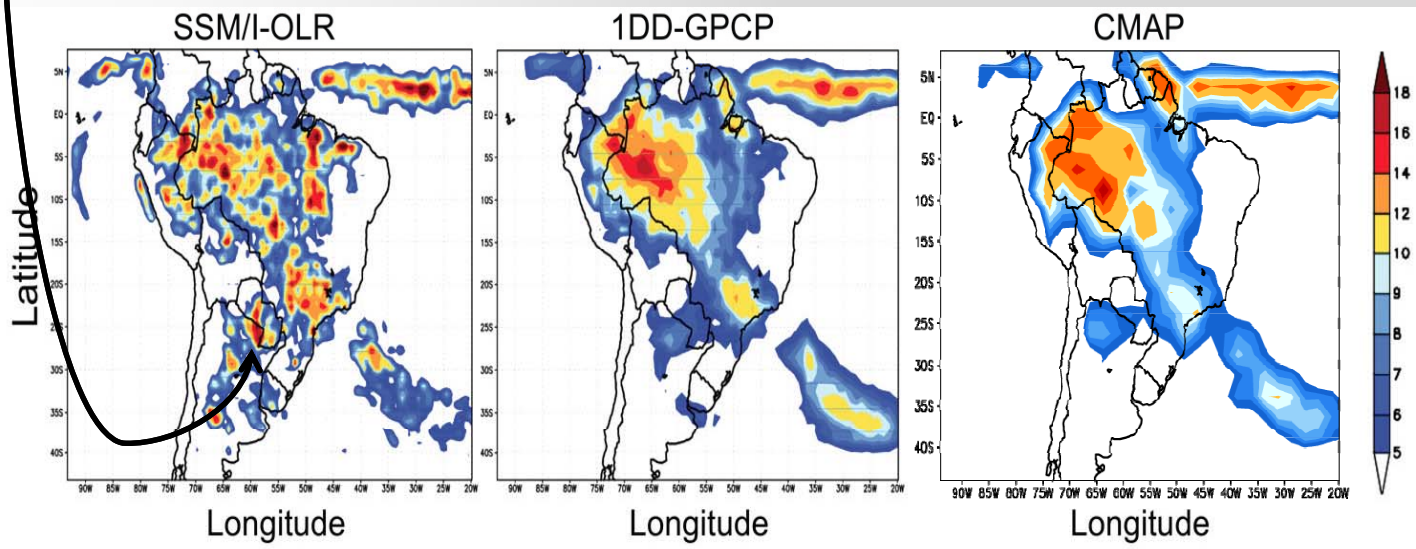


Precipitation (mm/day)

LBA Wet Season Campaign: January 1999



It might be associated with SALLJ.



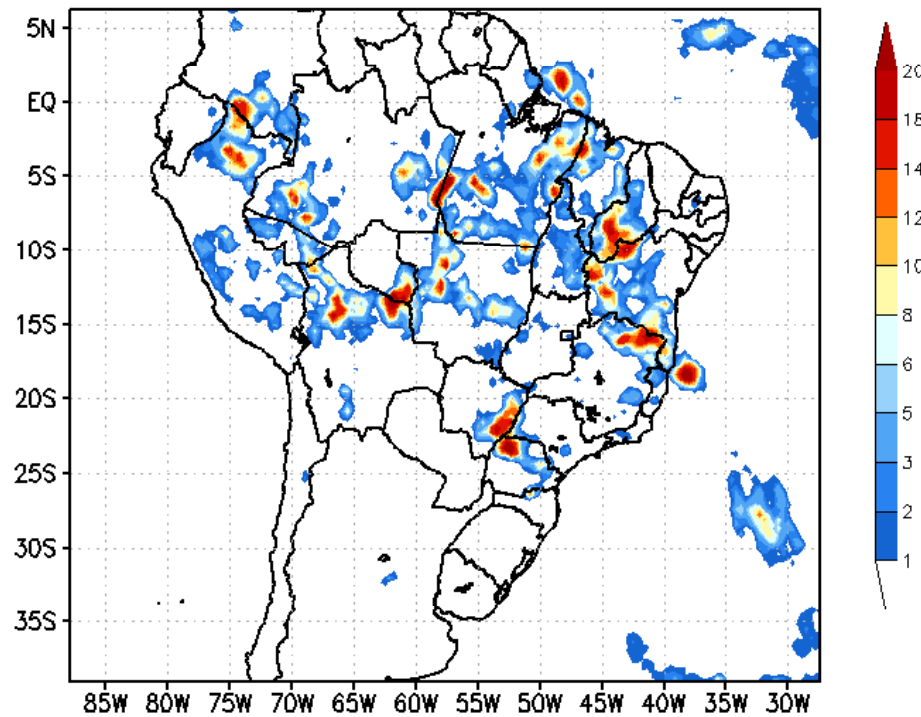


Extreme Events Precipitation (mm/day) Catarina: March 2004



Regional Spectral Model (RSM) ~ 40 km

Time is = 00Z19MAR2004

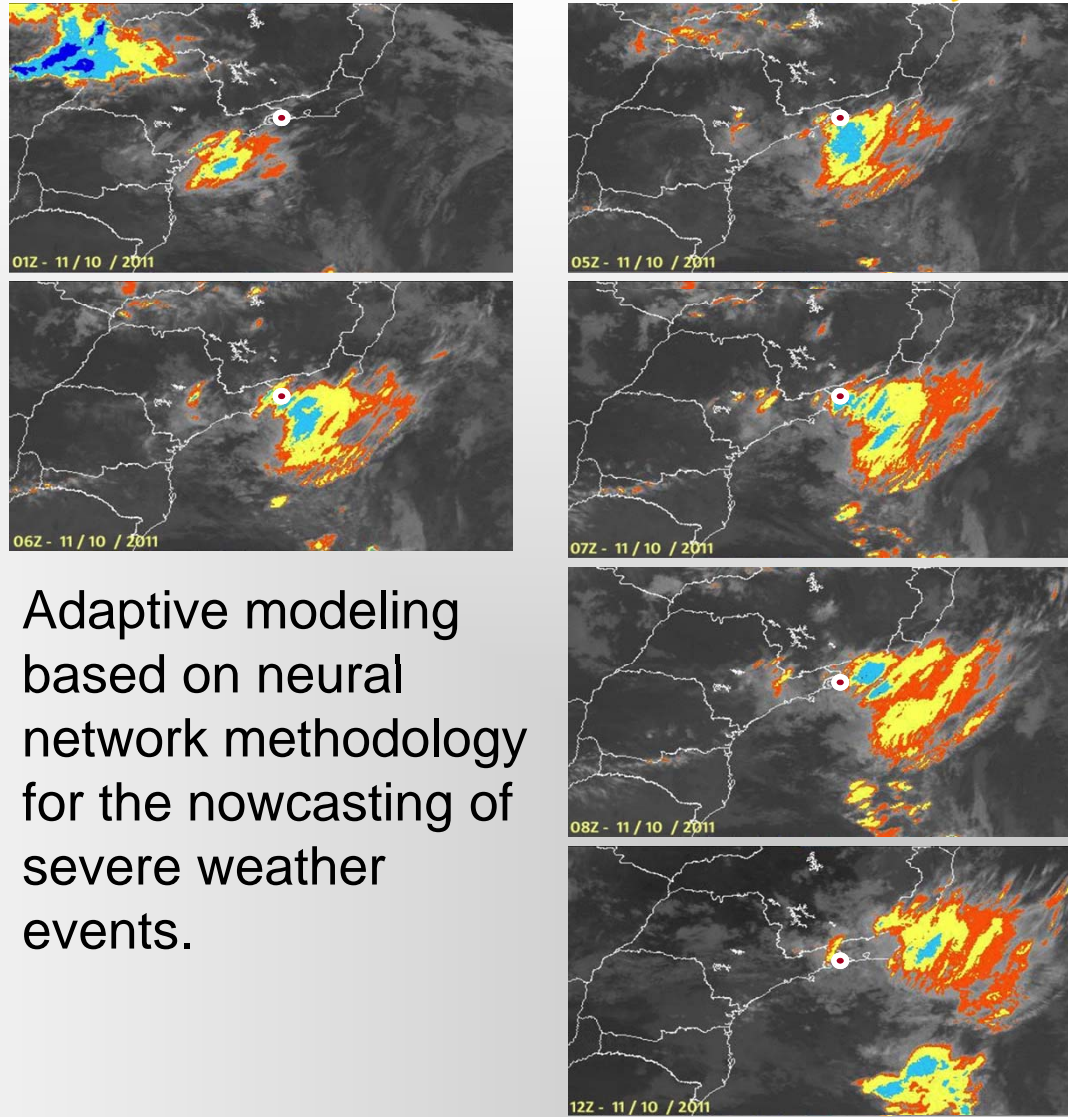
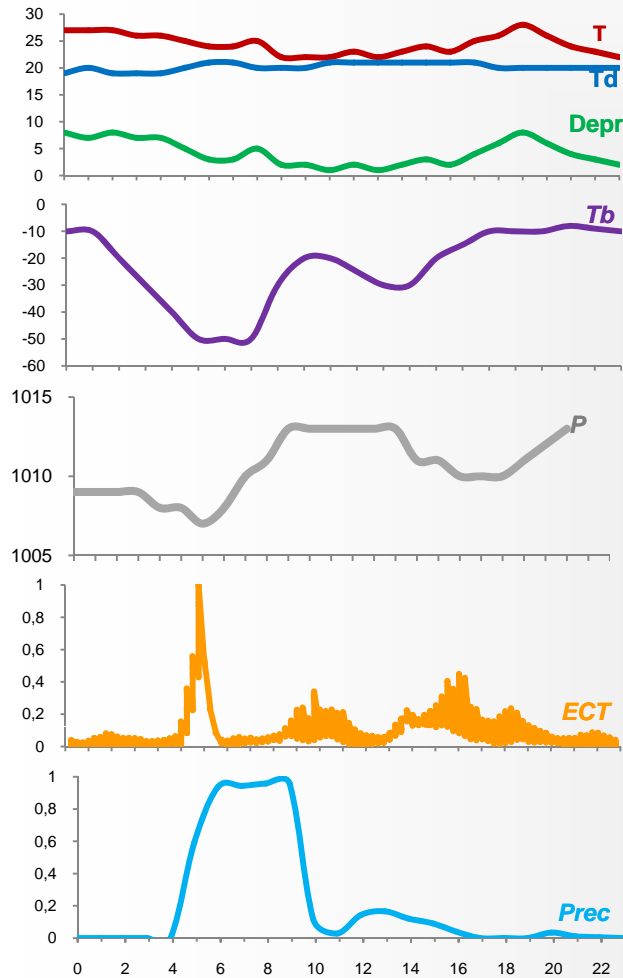


Increase of the
capability of RCMs
to simulate extreme
precipitation events

Modified Scale-Selective Bias Correction (Yoshimura and Kanamitsu, MWR 2008) &
Precipitation Assimilation (PA; Nunes and Roads, JHM 2007)



Severe Weather Event : Oct. 11th, 2011

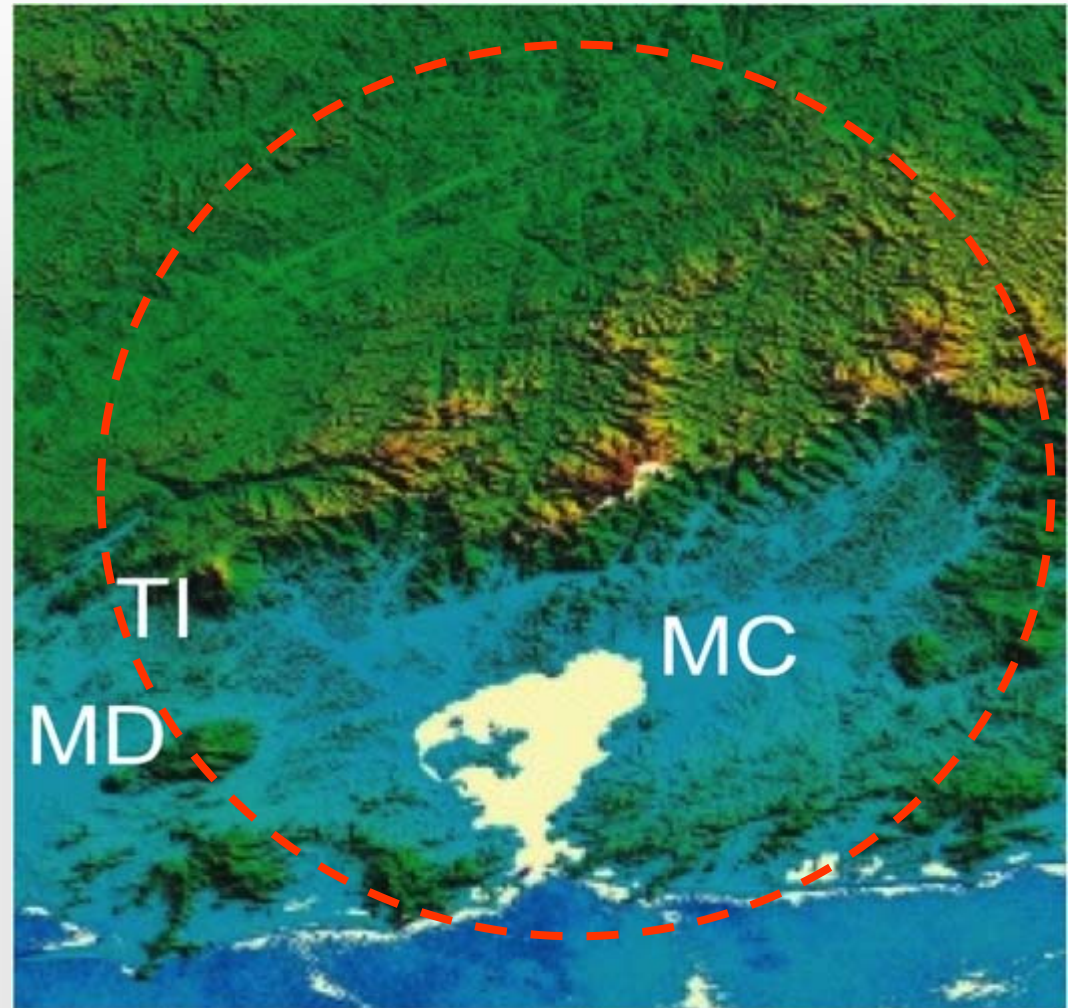


Adaptive modeling based on neural network methodology for the nowcasting of severe weather events.



PILOT AREA

The State of Rio de Janeiro's mountain region (slopes) and surroundings.





HYBRID PROFESSIONALS???



Geologist?

Meteorologist?

Geographer?

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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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- NOAA/NCEP/National Weather Service provided the R2 and CFSR data sets;
- MERRA data sets were obtained from the Modeling and Assimilation Data and Information Services Center (MDISC), managed by the NASA Goddard Earth Sciences (GES) Data and Information Services Center (DISC).



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Laboratórios – Sala de Situação -Auditórios

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Legenda:

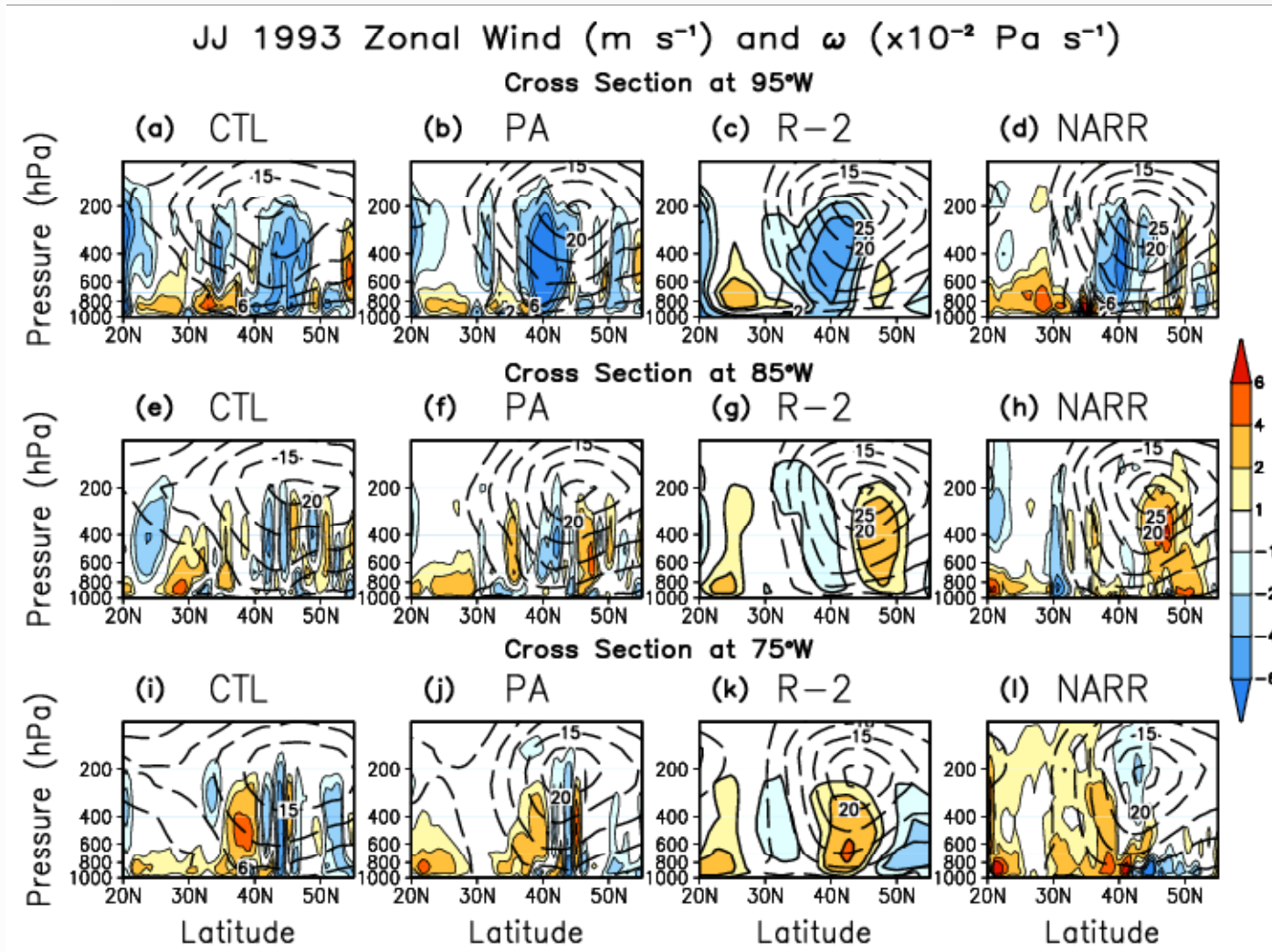
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Área de intervenção

Planta aérea aproximada de Localização



Regional Spectral Model North American Experiments 1993 Upper Mississippi River Basin Flood





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