



- Health studies @ IFISC
- Projects on health management
- Biomedical data analysis and modeling projects
- Projects on disease spread and human mobility
- Projects in collaboration with HUSE (Son Espases Hospital)

We are interested in health related problems ranging many scales.

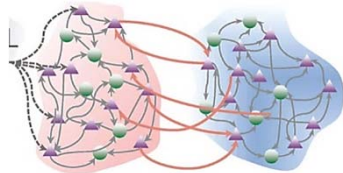
Molecular scale



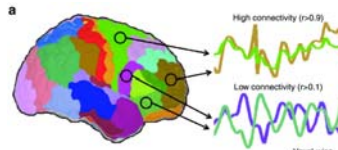
Cellular scale



Cell population scale



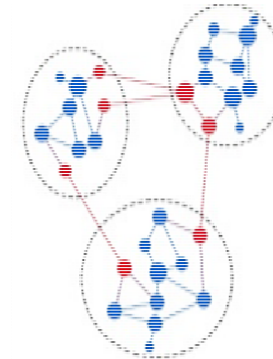
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Human scale



Community scale



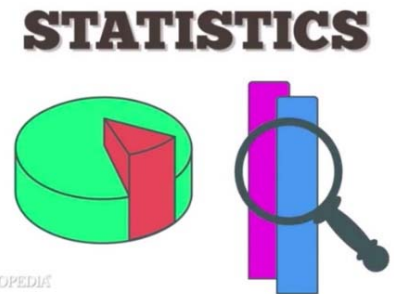
Global scale



Statistical vs. mechanistic models in medicine

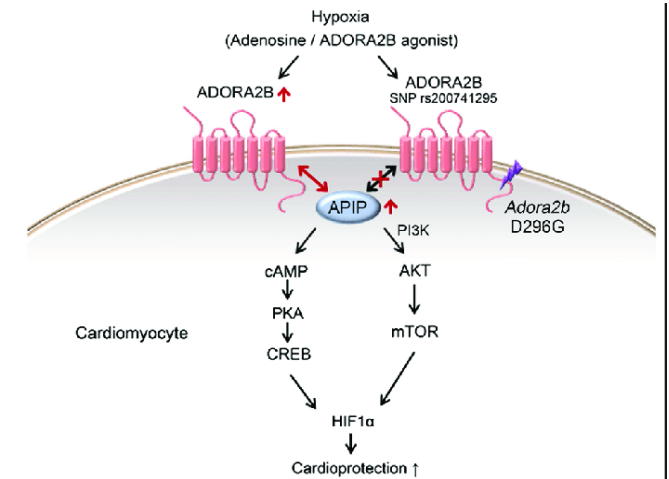
Statistical models: Bayesian, Machine Learning, etc.

- Use data (e.g. medical trials, images, patient data)
- Look for patterns, correlations.
- Make predictions about patients (e.g., survival analysis).
- Extrapolates from the past.
- Advantage: rooted in real-world data.
- Disadvantage: Cannot do `experiments'. Cannot answer 'what-if' questions.



Mechanistic models

- Models of the actual processes
- Necessarily simplified (to different degrees)
- **Advantages:** can do in-silico experiments, can ask “what-if” questions, sharpens thinking about the processes, guide experiments.....
- **Disadvantages:** sometimes too far from reality



Ideally, a combination of the two approaches should be used:

Data-driven Models

Health management





Analysis of Electronic Health Records



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Objective: Reconstruct the history of patients from EHR, by analysing the doctors' notes, and using NLP

Collaboration: UPM, ETS Ingenieros Informáticos; Hospital Universitario Puerta de Hierro Majadahonda, Medical Oncology.

Funding source: EU H2020 program, Project CLARIFY: 875160.

Results: Several algorithms were developed to process Spanish texts. There was a data analysis phase, to understand what the risk factors were for each patient. A Portuguese SME developed a web portal, where physicians could enter and consult all patient information.

Emergency departments: modeling and prediction of patient flow



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Type of data: Data provided by IBSalut / anonymized information of patients arriving at the emergency departments of the public hospitals (2014-2019).

Collaboration: work done @ IFISC in collaboration with HSLL

Scientific questions:

- Statistical analysis of data; Modelling of patient flux using stochastic queue theory, agent based models, etc.
- Predictions using general autoregressive models and ML tools.

Results: prediction in the number of arrival patients per hour with an accuracy of 62 % (1 SD) and 92 (2 SD) (1/2 days in advance).

Outcome: 2 TFM. 1 about time series analysis & prediction and a second one on modeling patient flux, including ED and UCE

Future Opportunities: 1 PhD student (La Caixa Foundation program) working with a complete dataset (pandemic and post-pandemic data)

Aim: Develop tools to advice hospital management in order to reduce the overflow of the service

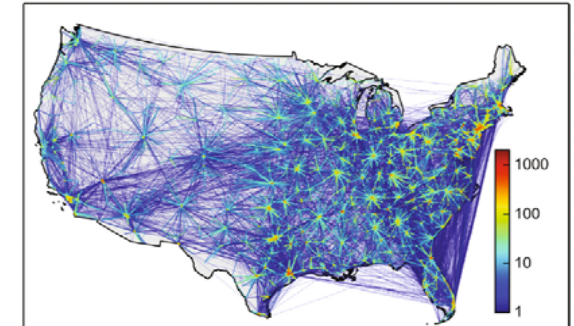


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Partners: Harvard School of Public Health, IFISC

Funding: NIH (National Institute of Health), HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration), Spain y EU-FEDER; Finished.

Objectives: To evaluate the effect of the hospital transfer network on the prevalence of hospital-acquired infections.

IFISC contribution: Data analysis, modeling, visualization and interpretation of the results.

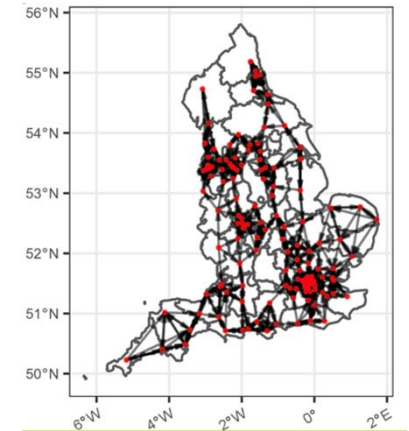
Results: The knowledge of the network structure allowed us to detect 80% of infections by monitoring only 2% of the hospitals.

Optimization and transfer of ICU patients in hospital networks

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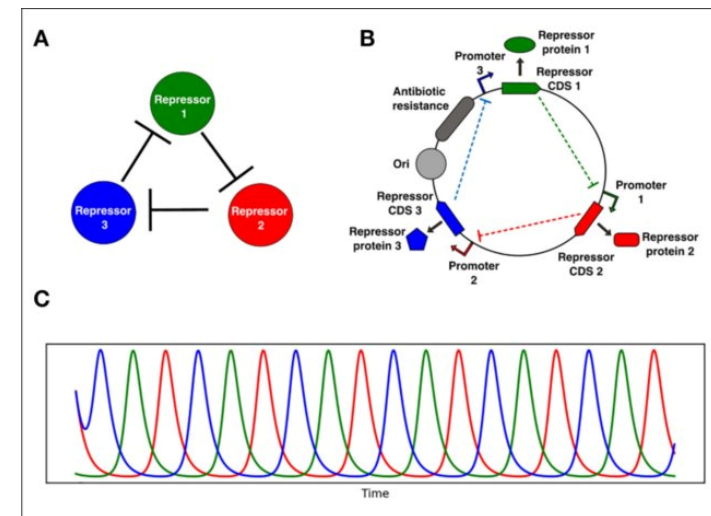
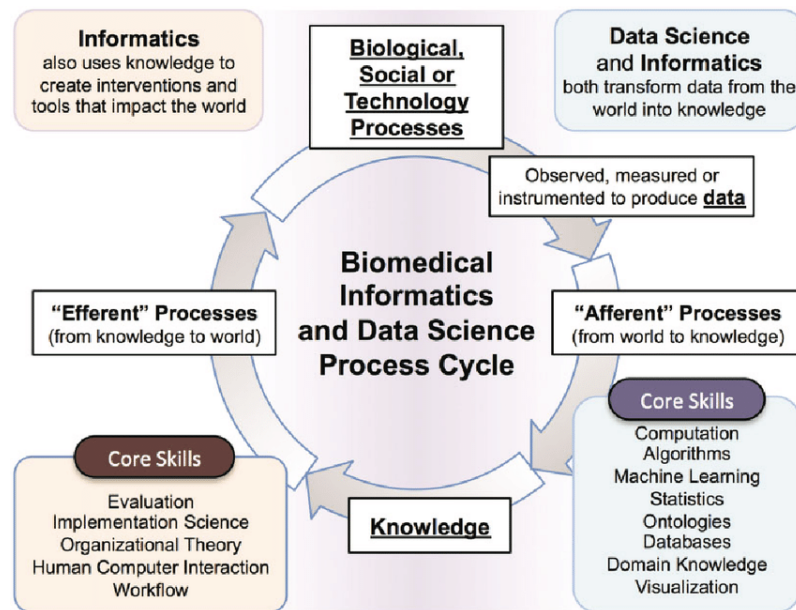
Type and source of data: ICU capacity (geopositioned), hospitals in UK

Type of collaboration: Univ. Exeter, Bristol, QMUL, NHS; Funding: QMUL

Question: Can we apply routing methods to optimally transfer patients in hospital networks?

Results: Optimization of patient distribution to maximize care. Additional ~ 300-500 patients could be cared without increasing the hospital capacity.

Biomedical data analysis and modeling projects



Mechanistic models of biological populations

- Evolution of cancer
- Emergence of antibiotic resistance
- Optimal screening strategies for multiple myeloma
- Modelling progression of atrial fibrillation
- Network meta analysis (medical trials)
- Brain circuits; Synchronization, neuronal modulation



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Detection of cardiac arrhythmias using a single lead and ML techniques; Collaboration agreement with the company Nuubo to develop software for the early detection of cardiac arrhythmias.

Data analyzed: MIT-BIH Arrhythmia Database and American Heart Association (AHA) ECG Database.

International patent: "System and methods for the classification of cardiac beats related to arrhythmia" (US10383539B2; active until 30/11/2037)



Yolanda Sanz

Collaborative project: Predicting obesity in children

IATA (Instituto de Agroquímica y Tecnología de Alimentos)

Funding: EC, Program EIT food, 2021-2022. (Budget: ~ 715 k€)

Develop machine learning tools to:

- predict infancy obesity
- identify biomarkers for personalized treatment and prevention



Claudio Mirasso



Silvia Ortín

- **Objectives:** To study the impact of microbiota/diet on the development of childhood obesity (1000 children aged 3 to 7 years).
- **Preliminary results:** data from 70 children, the inclusion of microbiota improves the prediction of the development obesity; accuracy ~ 72%.

- **Partners:** Instituto de Neurociencias (Alicante) and Fundación para el Fomento de la Investigación Sanitaria y Biomédica de la C. Valenciana



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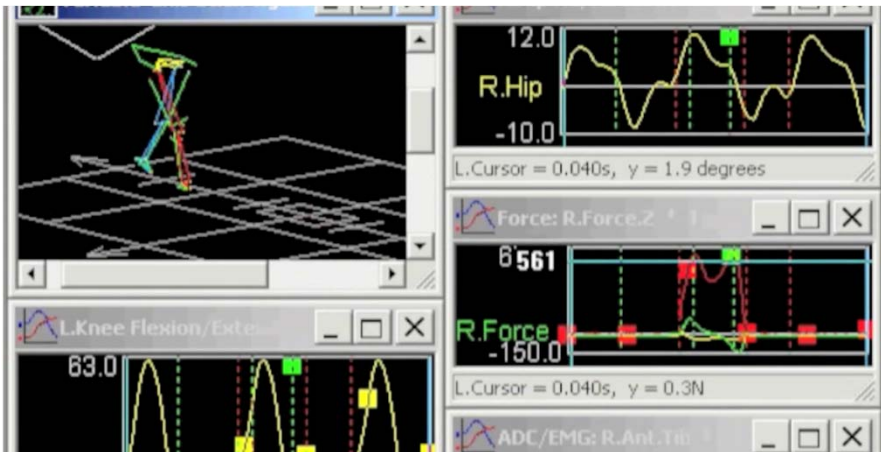


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Develop ML tools to predict survival time using data from:

- EHR and questionnaires filled out by clinical staff every 8h.
 - Temperature, electrodermal activity, acceleration and cardiac activity, during 24/7 using a wrist-wearable.
- **Funding:** AVI (2018-2022); Budget: 50 k€.
 - **Objectives:** Improve palliative care and the dying process in terminally ill cancer patients admitted to hospital units.
 - **Results:** A ML program (~300 patients) predicted with 80% accuracy the probability that the patient dies in the next 3 days.

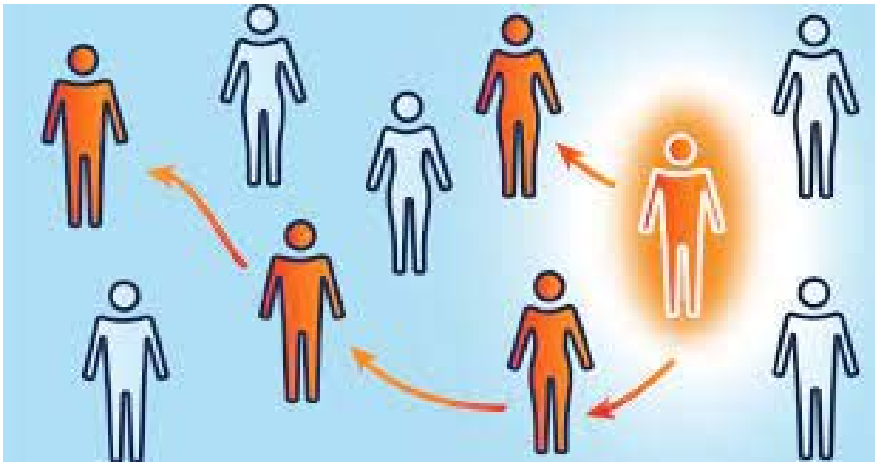
- **Data:** Gait (kinetics and cinematics) data: children with Cerebral Palsy and Idiopathic Toe Walking; Elders with MCI and AD.
- **Collaboration:** UAM, Dep. Anatomía, Histología y Neurociencia; Escuela de Fisioterapia de la ONCE; Vall d'Hebron University Hospital, Paediatric Neurology
- **Objective:** Use statistical physics' concepts to identify what is wrong in the gait of patients, and, create models to diagnose and treat them.



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Disease spread and human mobility

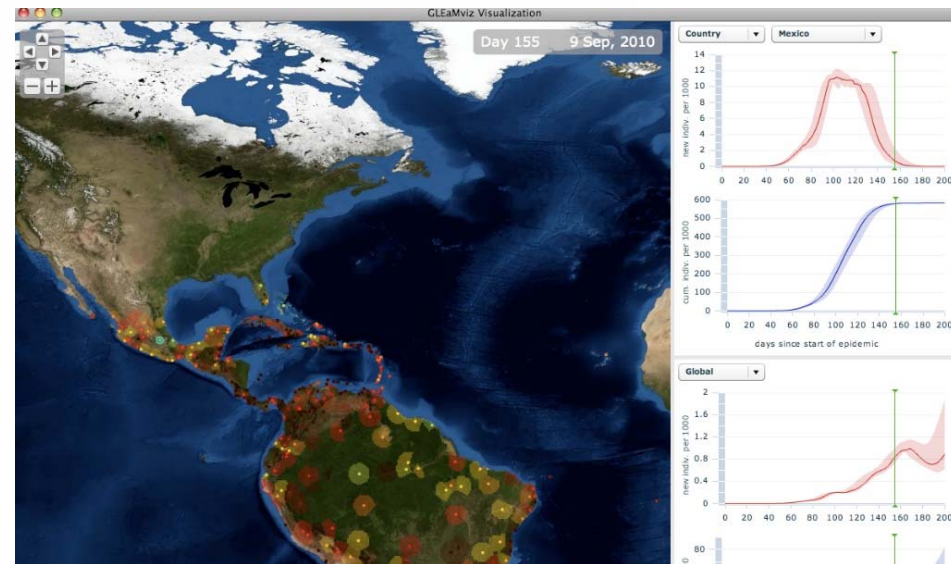
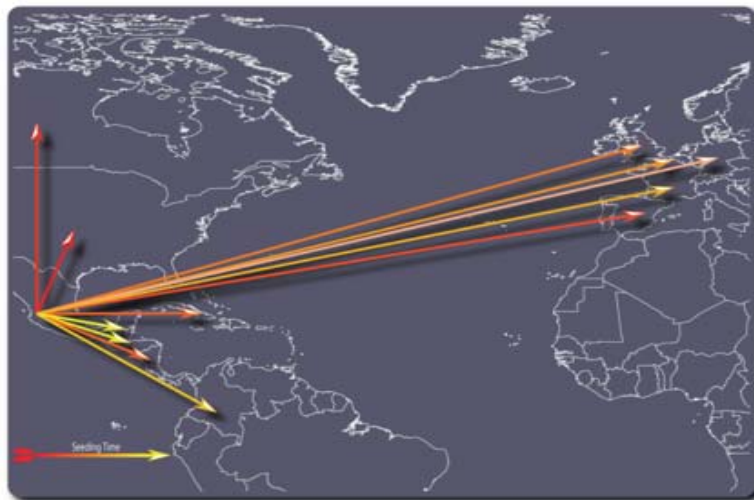
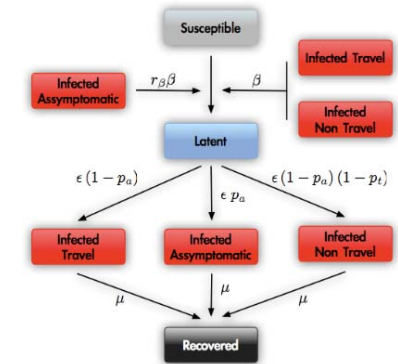
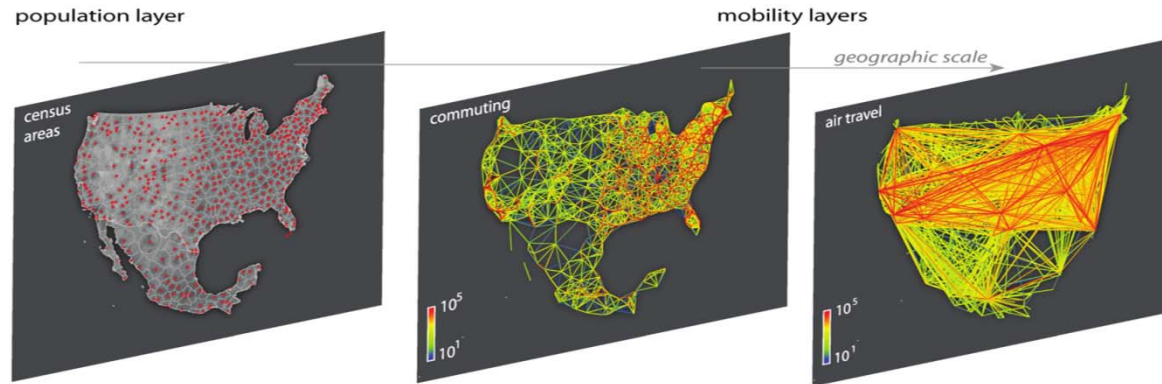


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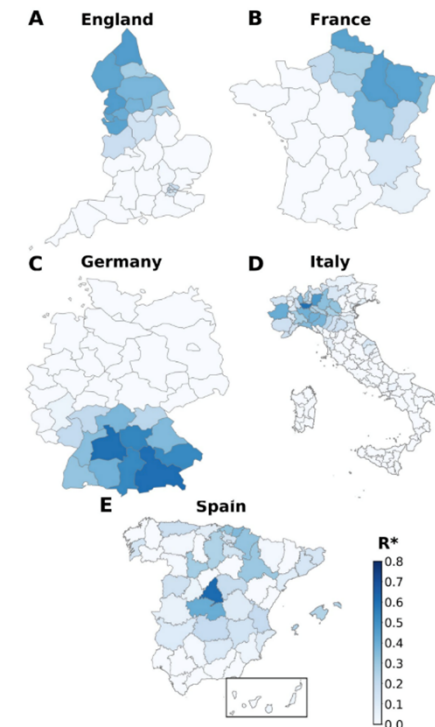
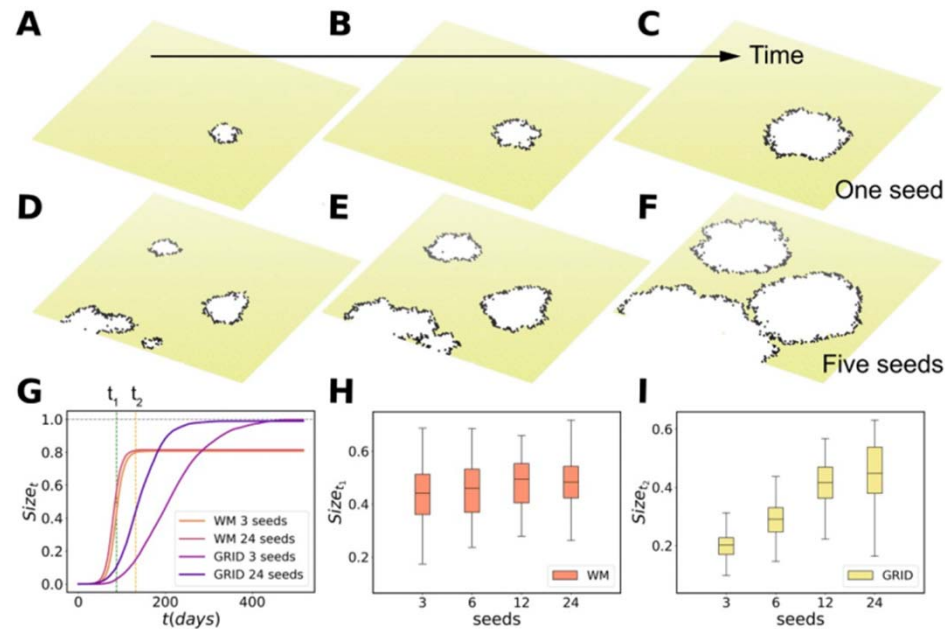




Models: importance of multiple seeds

Interplay between mobility, multi-seeding and lockdowns shapes COVID-19 local impact

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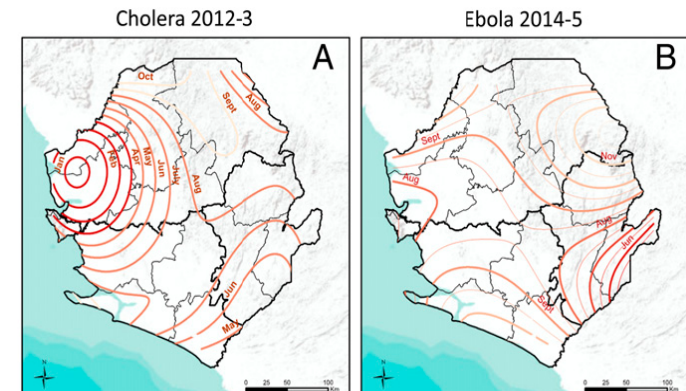
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Funding: National Institute of Health & World Health Organization; finished.

Objectives: Study the propagation of Cholera and Ebola in Sierra Leone.

IFISC: Mathematical modeling, computational implementation, visualization and interpretation of the results.

Results: Unified spatio-temporal patterns were found using the same model by changing only 1 parameter.

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Mobile telephone data

Pioneering studies: March 2020

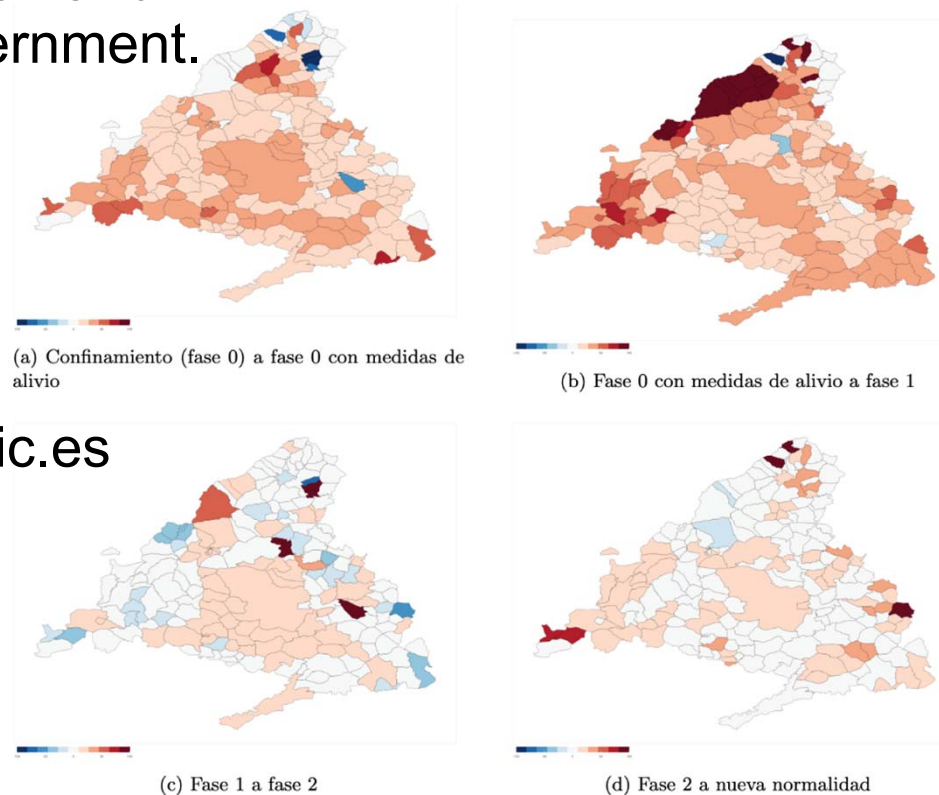
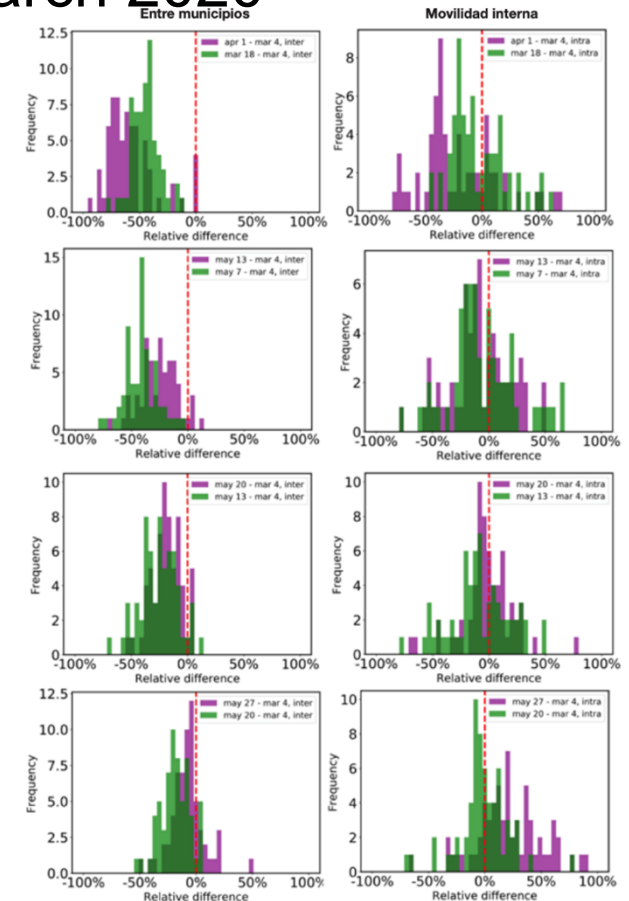


Figura 17: Cambio de movilidad entre municipios entre fases de desconfinamiento



Balearic Islands

<https://distancia-covid.csic.es>

Partners: Harvard School of Public Health, IFISC, Hospital Vall d'Hebron, EAWAG

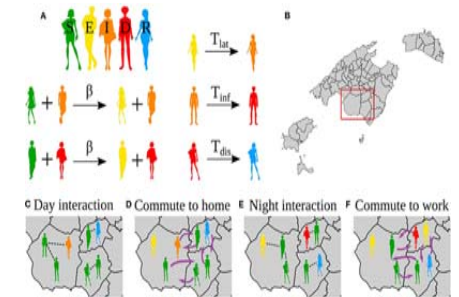


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Funding: Ministry of Science and Innovation of Spain; finished

Objectives: Analyze the first wave of covid in the Balearic Islands and its implication for the risk of subsequent waves.

IFISC contribution: Data gathering and analysis, mathematical modeling, computational implementation, visualization and interpretation of the results.

Results: High risk of second waves were found due to low immunization rates

Validation of the radar-COVID contact tracing APP



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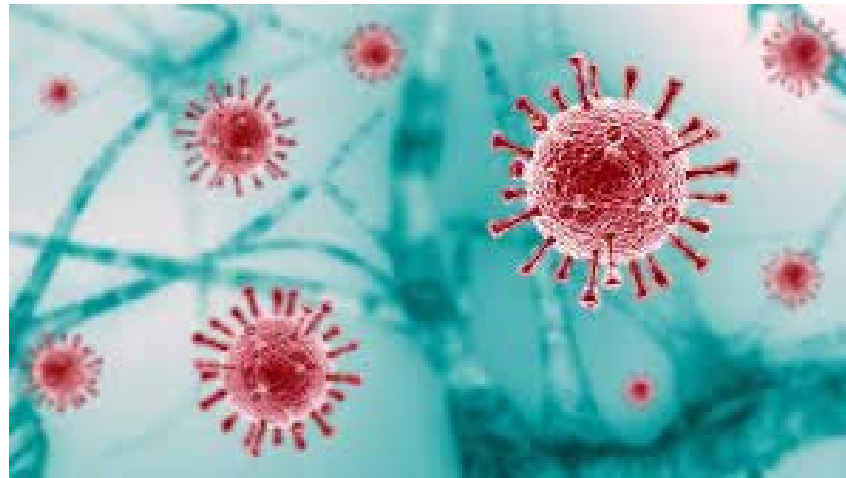


Type and origin of data: Experiment on the Canary Islands (La Gomera) pilot test contact tracing app Radar Covid /App developed by Indra.

Type of collaboration: SEDIA (Ministerio de Economía) + universities (QMUL, Harvard, URV, etc.) + Indra. 2020-2021; **Funding:** SEDIA

Results: Positive validation with bottleneck in the need for critical adoption (P2P).

Projects developed jointly with HUSE



COVID-19: Predicting ICU hospitalization/death events using medical care records and machine learning tools

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Data: Provided by HUSE. Anonymized information of COVID-19 patients

Funding: No funding

We trained three algorithms to predict clinical severity of patients 2, 3, and 5 survival days, ICU admission or discharge events.

	5 días antes del evento	3 días antes del evento	2 días antes del evento
# de pacientes	247	285	309
Pacientes con "Evolución severa"	37	53	61
Precisión	0.86261	0.88771	0.92688
Sensibilidad	0.21621	0.62264	0.70491

Precision: proportion of correct global predictions

Sensitivity: proportion of correctly predicted cases of severe evolution

Comparative study between 1st and 2nd wave of COVID-19 on Mallorca.

- We evaluated whether clinical markers of patients admitted to HUSE with COVID-19 have changed during the two waves.
- We developed a stratified analysis & machine learning
- Patients were classified into Wave 1 or Wave 2 with an accuracy ~ 83%

- **Partners:** IDISBA, IB SALUT, IFISC and UIB (IP: Ignacio Ricci Cabello)



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- **Funding:** Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación. Proyectos I+D+i Pruebas de Concepto
- **Objectives:** Boost the transferability of DiabeText, a digital tool that integrates medical records and sends messages to patients with diabetes to encourage improve self-care; Starts in 2023.
- **IFISC contribution:** To develop machine learning tools to improve the personalization and effectiveness of sent messages.