

# City Data Science and Technology



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INCT Future Internet for Smart Cities  
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# We live in cities

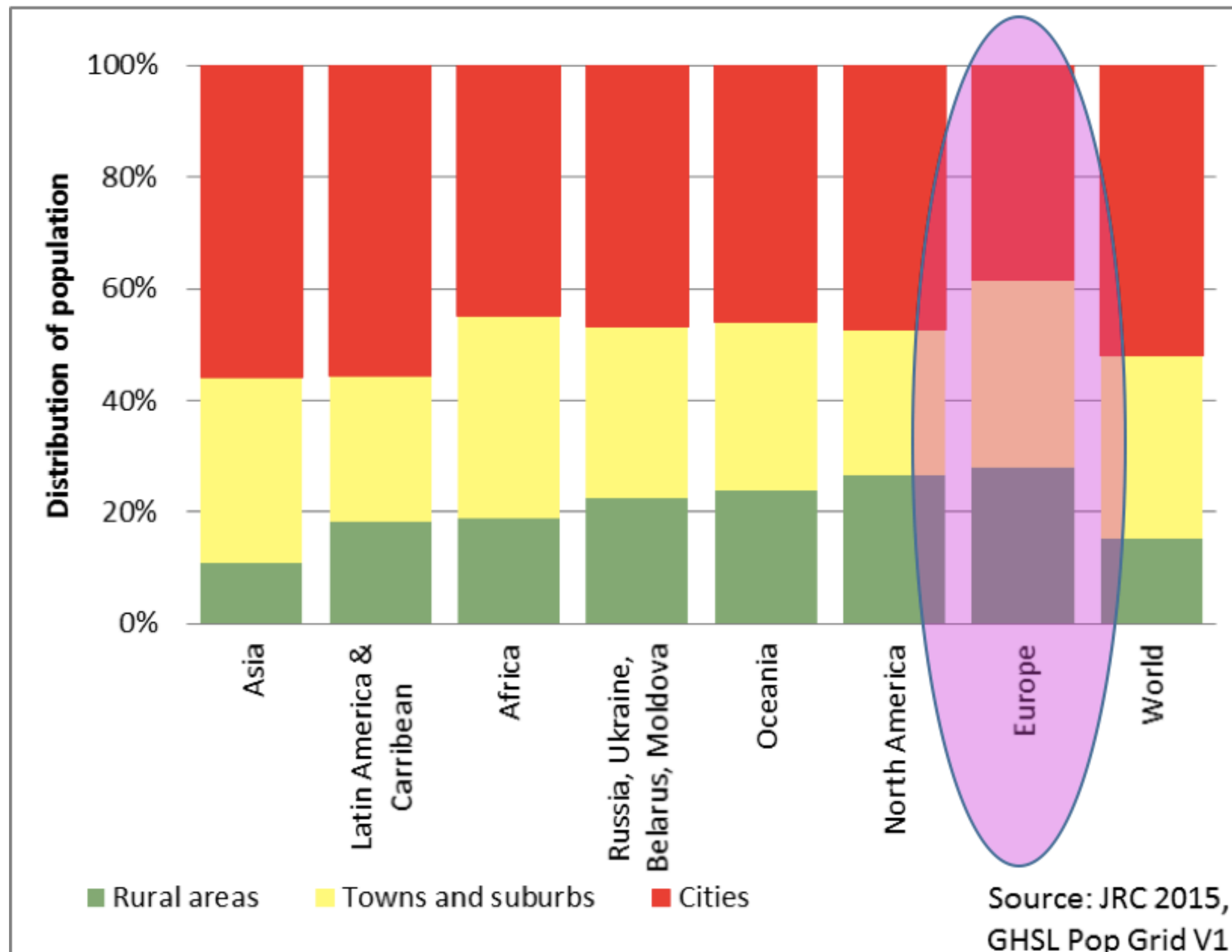
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- old methodology: ~55% of the people (UN)
- **newer methodologies: >80% (European Commission)**
  - Satellite images
  - Image Processing / Machine Learning
  - Population databases





# Unveiling new perspectives of urbanization



if the **density of population** it is used as objective criteria for distinction of urban vs. rural areas, Europe is the region showing the *highest share of rural population in 2015* (and the World it is > 80% urban)

[The State of European Cities 2016](#),  
European Commission, DG REGIO,  
2016



- Source: European Commission Joint Research Center

# Urban public policies

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- Most of the times:
  - Designed with no scientific basis at all
- A few times:
  - Based on methods and technologies from the XX century

# Evidence-based public policies

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1. Create and collect rigorous scientific evidence of what works, including costs and benefits
2. Monitor the execution of programs and measure the impact
3. Use scientific evidences to improve the programs, increase their scale and cancel the programs that don't work.
4. Promote innovation and test new approaches.



# INCT InterSCity Collaborations

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- 35 CS professors +
  - Architects, Urban Planners, Economists, Health Professionals, Transportation Engineers
- City governments (unfortunately, very weak collaboration)
- FAPESP PhD and Post-doc fellowships available

# InterSCity lab in Brazil

~60 people working:

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- USP, PUC-Rio, Scipopulis, UFABC, UFG, UFMA, UFMS, UFRJ, Unicamp, FGV, Unifesp
- FAPESP / CNPq / CAPES (2017 to 2023)
- **InterSCity.org**
- Open Source software
- Open Datasets

Our view

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***Smart City*** =

"a city in which its social, business, and technological aspects are supported by ICT to improve the quality of life of its citizens in an integrated, affordable, and sustainable way."

we're interested in developing a

***Software platform for Smart Cities***



# Our view on Smart Cities

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Although we don't ignore high-tech solutions for the elite, we prefer to focus on:

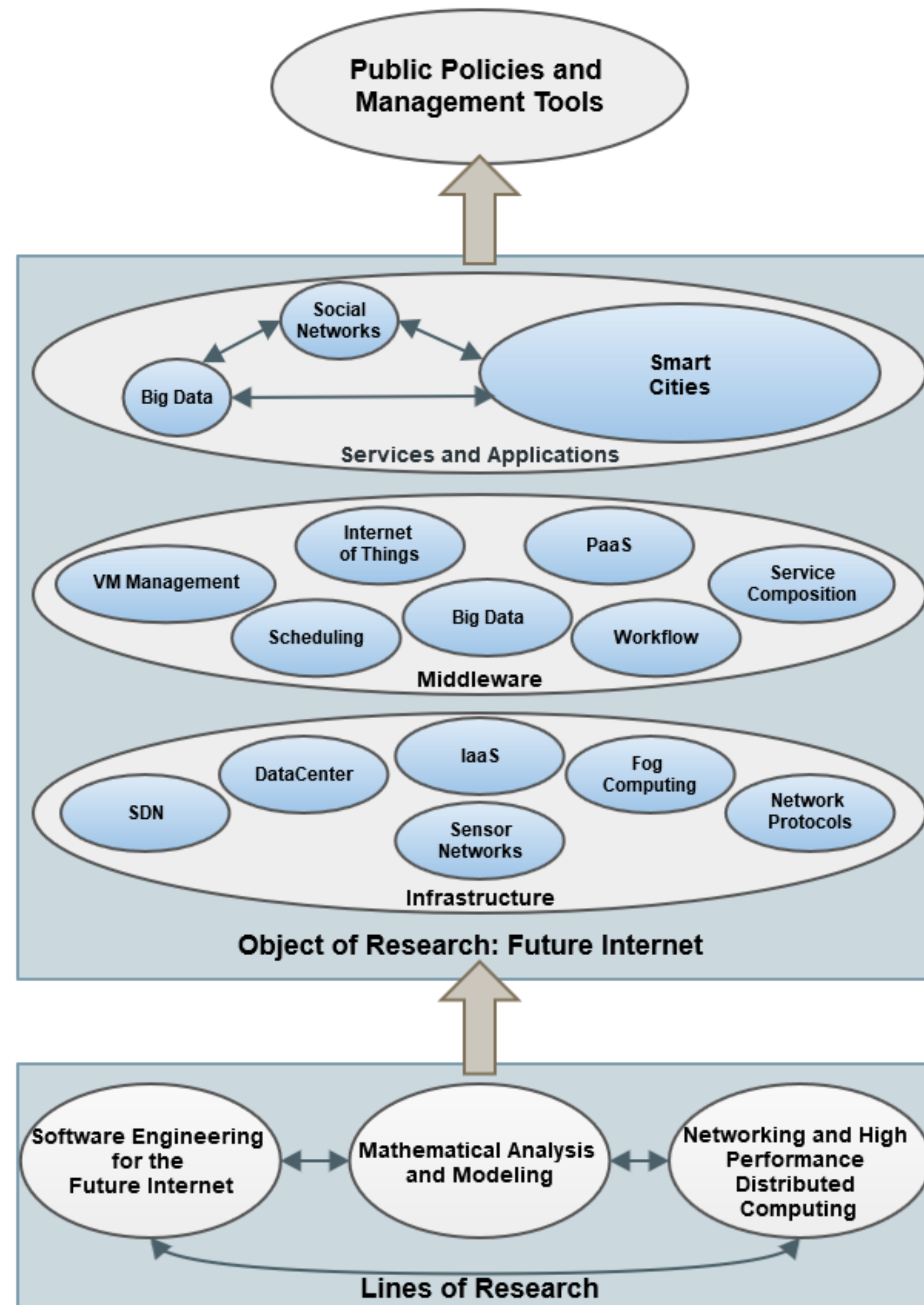
- people (technology is a means not an end)
- low-income populations
- developing countries
- underprivileged neighborhoods





# The InterSCity Project

- 3 lines of research
- 3 levels



# Projects

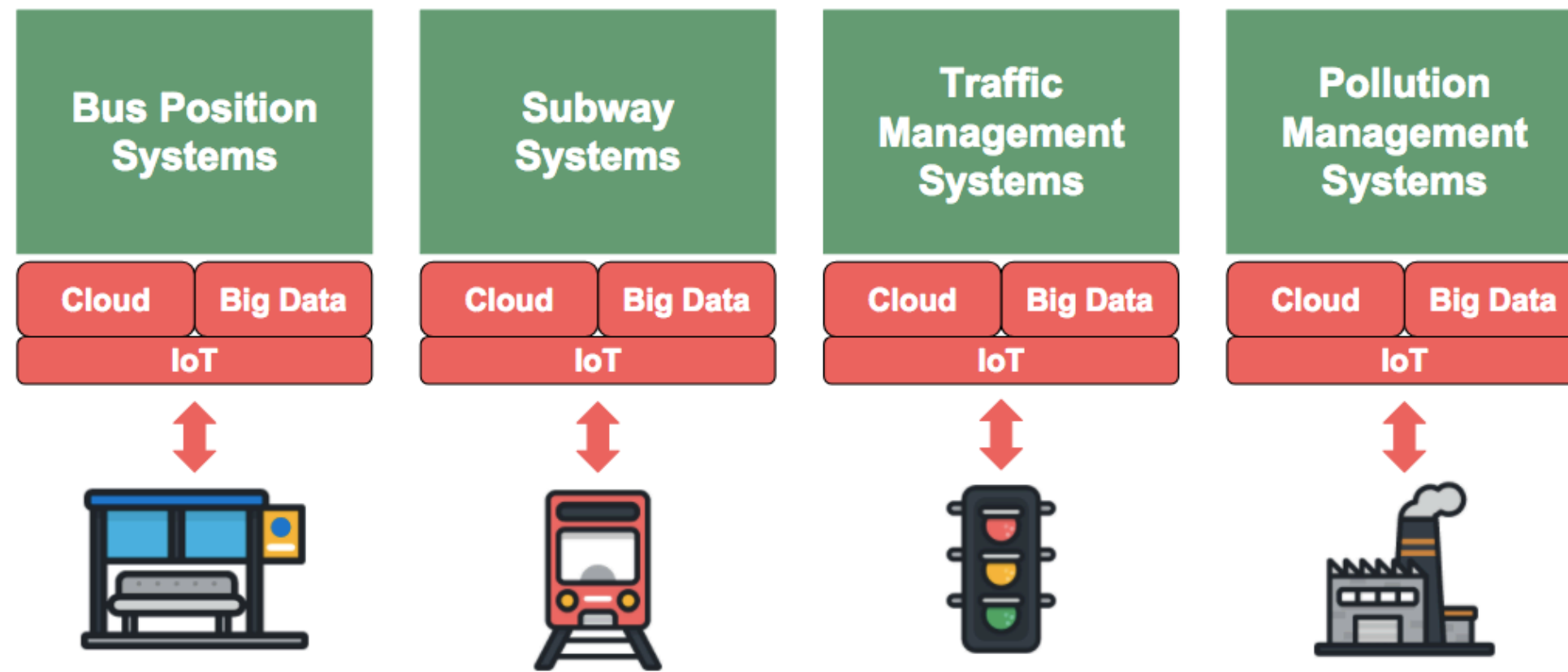
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1. Smart City Software Platform
2. City Simulator
3. Health Dashboard
4. Accessibility Ranking
5. Scipopulis Startup
6. BikeSCience @ MIT Senseable City Lab

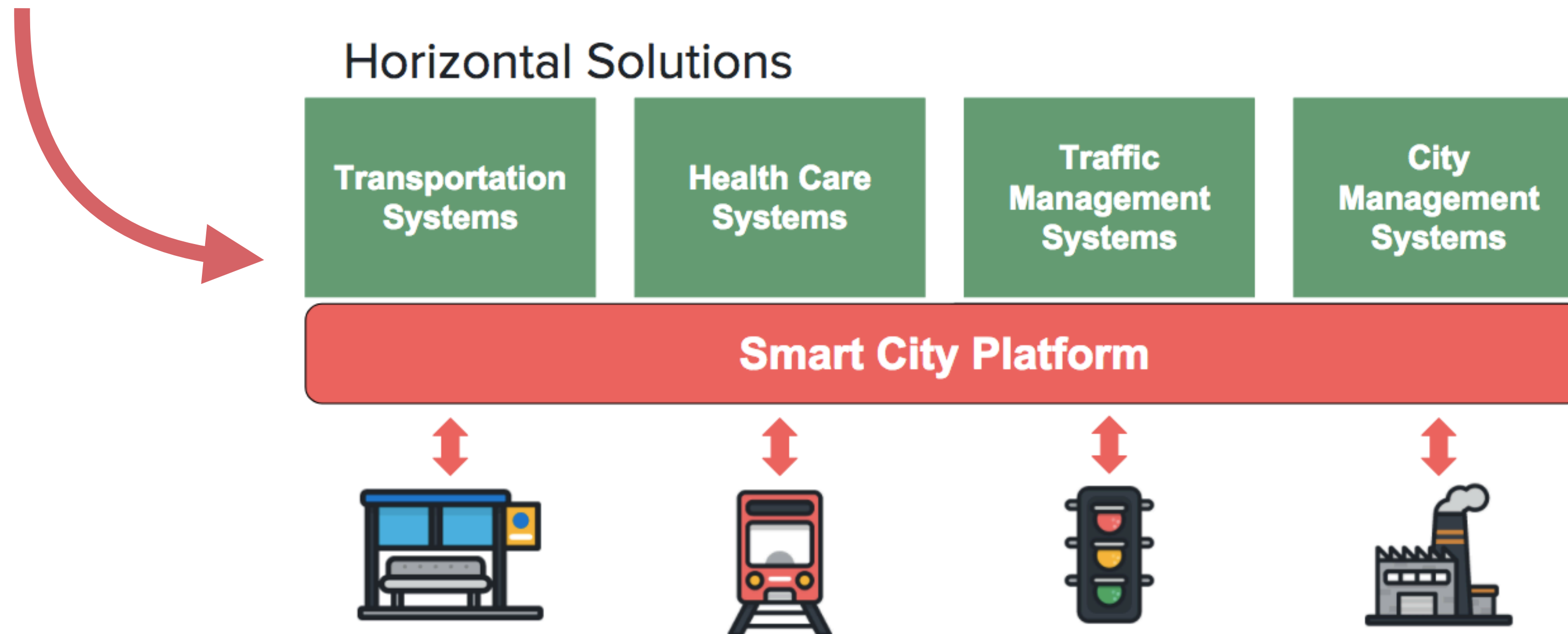


# 1 - A generic Software Platform for Smart Cities

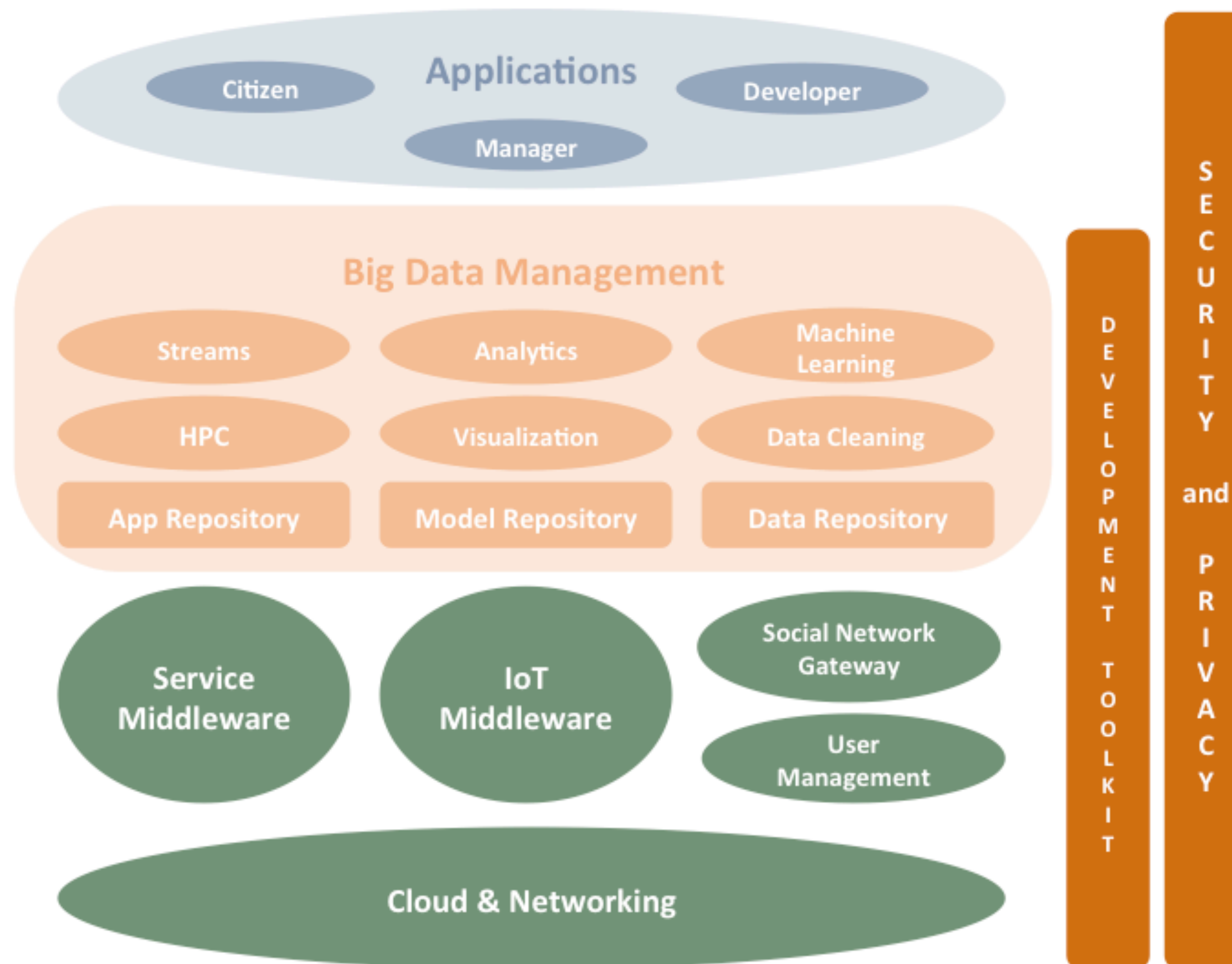
## Traditional Solutions and Vertical Silos



## Horizontal Solutions



# Survey and proposed reference architecture for Smart City Software Platforms



## ACM Computing Surveys

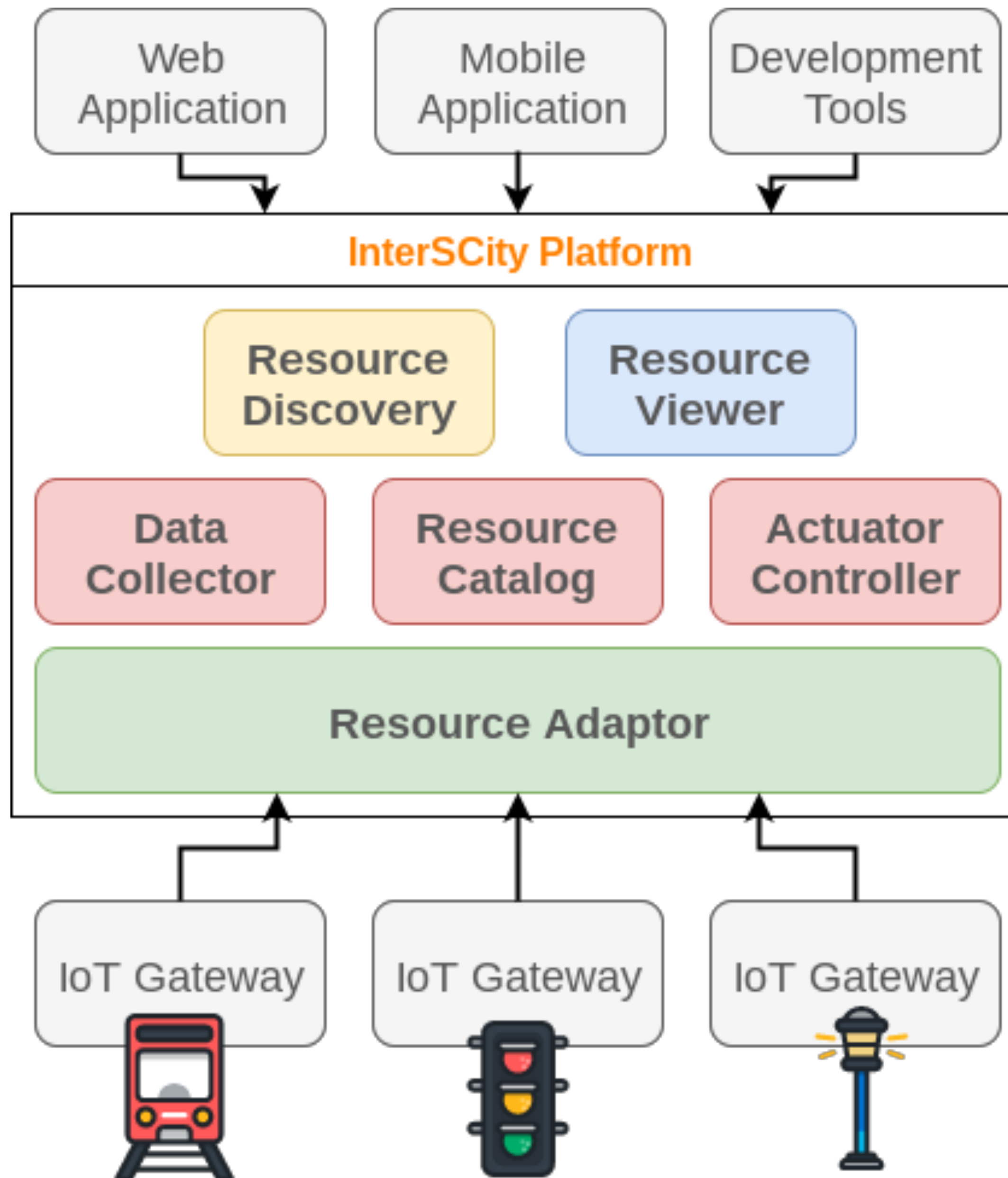
### Software Platforms for Smart Cities: Concepts, Requirements, Challenges, and a Unified Reference Architecture

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Making cities smarter help improve city services and increase citizens' quality of life. Information and communication technologies (ICT) are fundamental for progressing towards smarter city environments. Smart City software platforms potentially support the development and integration of Smart City applications. However, the ICT community must overcome current significant technological and scientific challenges before these platforms can be widely used. This paper surveys the state-of-the-art in software platforms for Smart Cities. We analyzed 23 projects with respect to the most used enabling technologies, as well as functional and non-functional requirements, classifying them into four categories: Cyber-Physical Systems, Internet of Things, Big Data, and Cloud Computing. Based on these results, we derived a reference archite-







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## InterSCity Platform

Smart City Platform by the Software Systems Research Group - IMI

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Smart City Software Platform documentation

dev-env

kong-api-gateway

### InterSCity: A Scalable Microservice-based Open Source Platform for Smart Cities

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**Keywords:** Smart Cities, Software Platform, Microservices, Scalability, Open Source Software

**Abstract:** Smart City technologies emerge as a potential solution to tackle common problems in large urban centers by using city resources efficiently and providing quality services for citizens. Despite the various advances in middleware technologies to support future smart cities, there are no universally accepted platforms yet. Most of the existing solutions do not provide the required flexibility to be shared across cities. Moreover, the extensive use and development of non-open-source software leads to interoperability issues and limits the collaboration among R&D groups. In this paper, we explore the use of a microservices architecture to address key practical challenges in smart city platforms. We present InterSCity, a microservice-based open source smart city platform that aims at supporting collaborative, novel smart city research, development, and deployment initiatives. We discuss how the microservice approach enables a flexible, extensible, and loosely coupled architecture and present experimental results demonstrating the scalability of the proposed platform.

#### INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth of cities around the world has created large, densely populated urban centers characterized by complex interconnected structural, social and economic organizations. This urbanization phenomenon has led to a growing demand for smart city solutions that can improve the quality of life of citizens and the efficiency of city management. The Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data, and Cloud Computing are key enabling technologies of smart cities that offer a wide range of opportunities and challenges, both in the academy and industry. To fully exploit the potential of these enablers, future smart cities will demand a unified ICT infrastructure to properly share their resources rather than relying

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# Underlying technologies (open source tools)

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- Relational Database



- NoSQL Database



- Asynchronous messaging



- Dynamic Programming Language



- Web Framework



# Underlying technologies (open source tools)

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- Container



- Microservice API Gateway

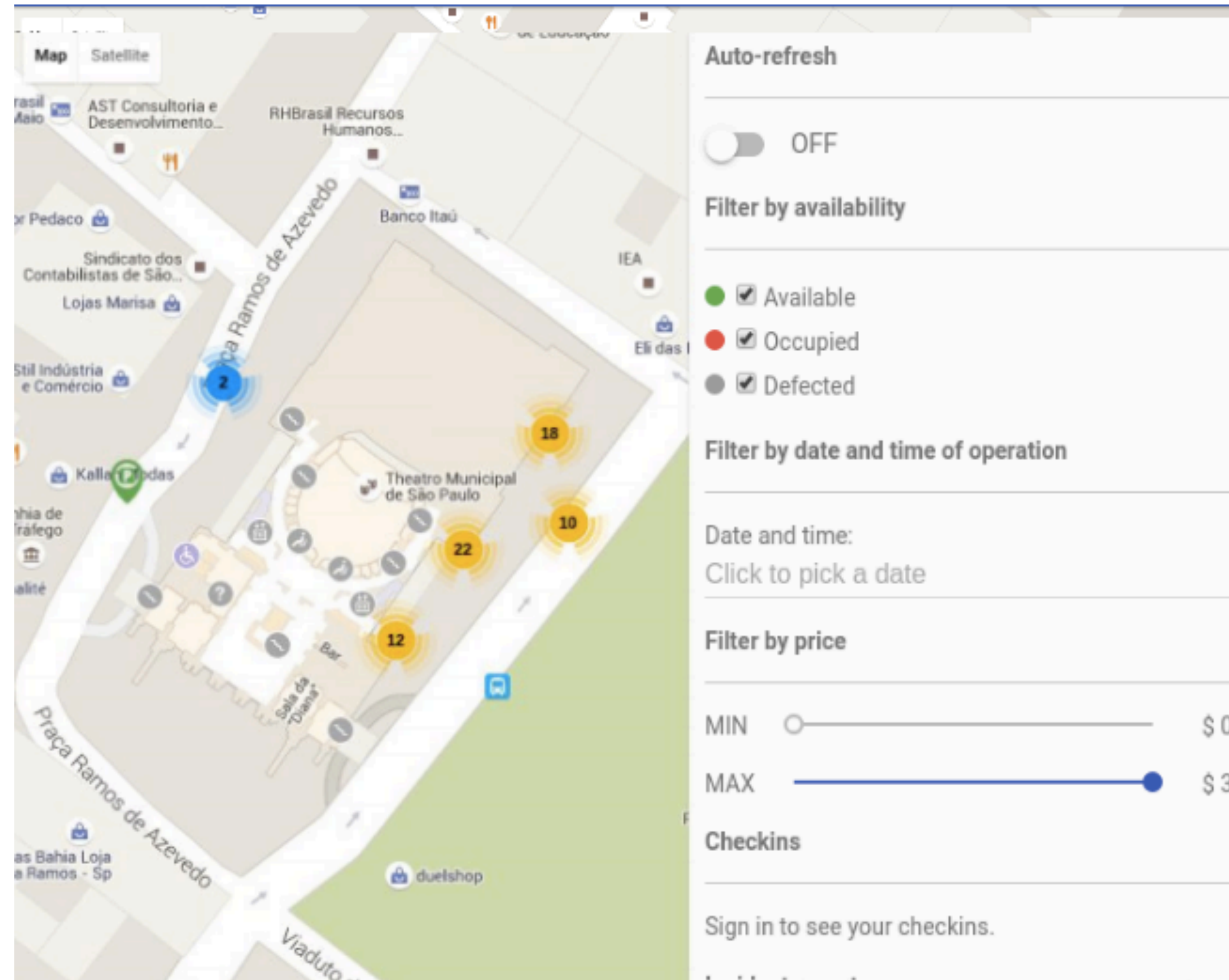


# Exemplos de uso da plataforma

## Smart Parking APP

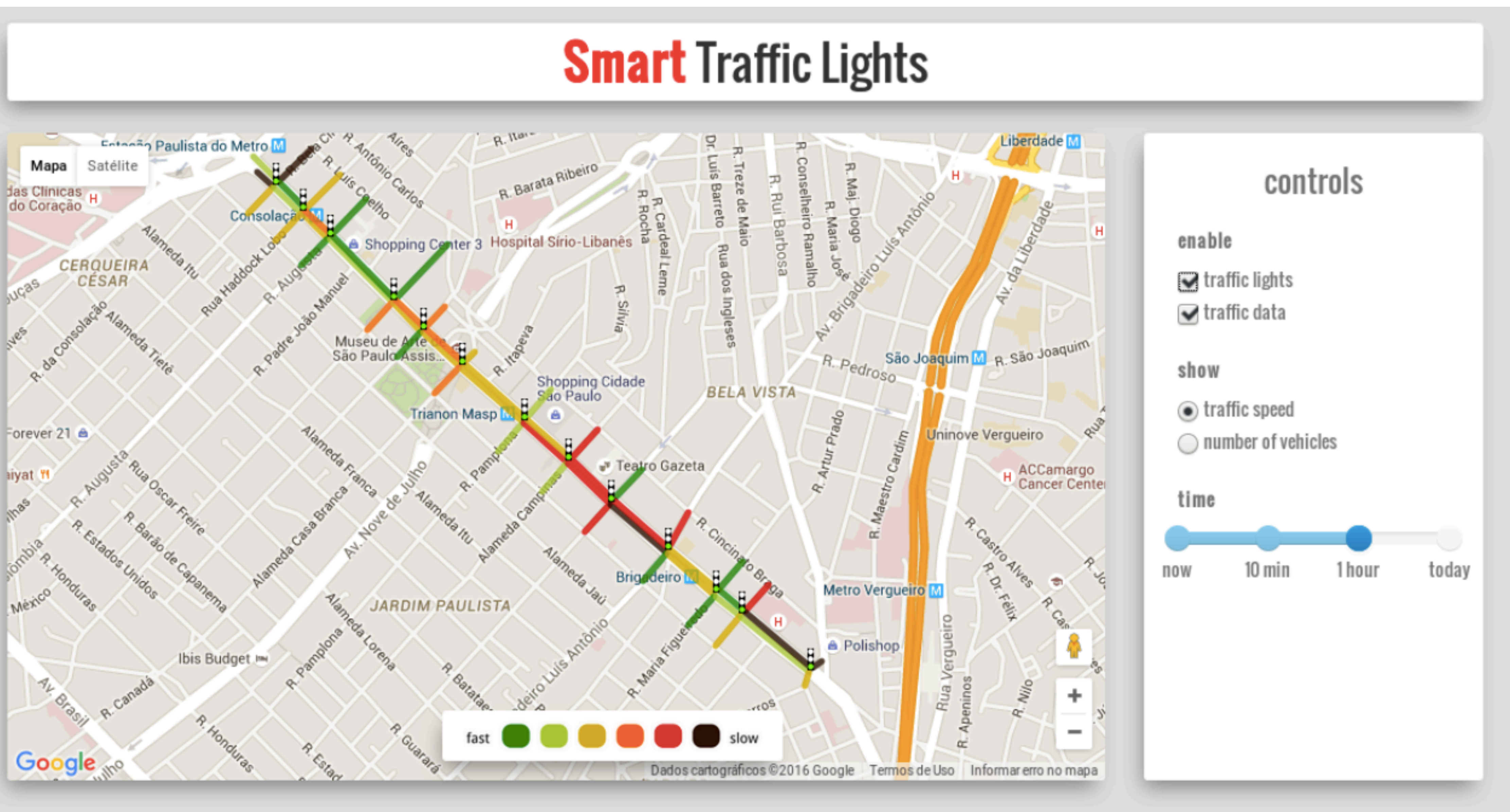
single-page app that helps users in the hard task of finding available parking spots around the city.

It used the platform services to access simulated data.



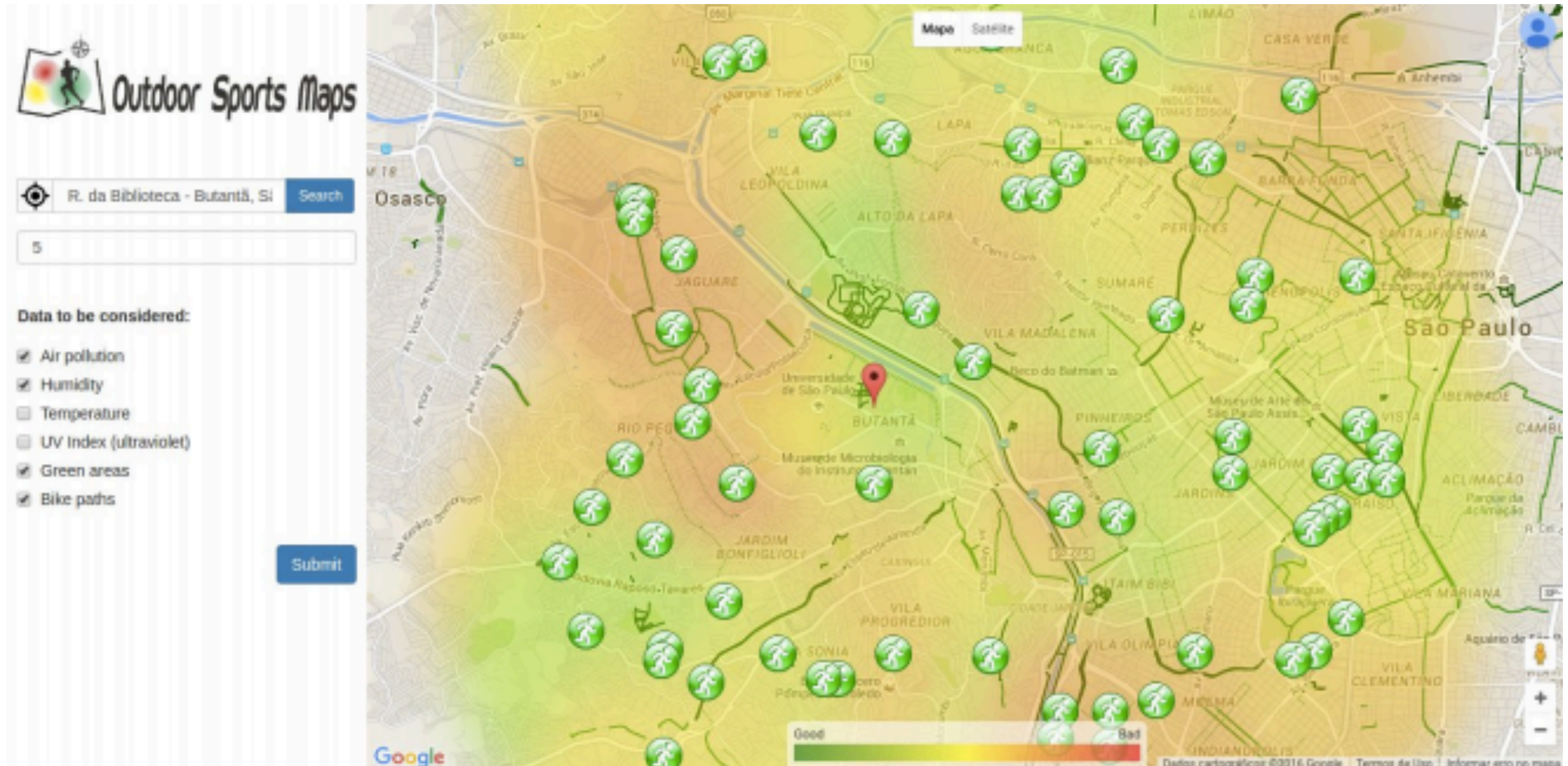


# Exemplos de uso da plataforma





# Outdoor Sports Map





## Other uses

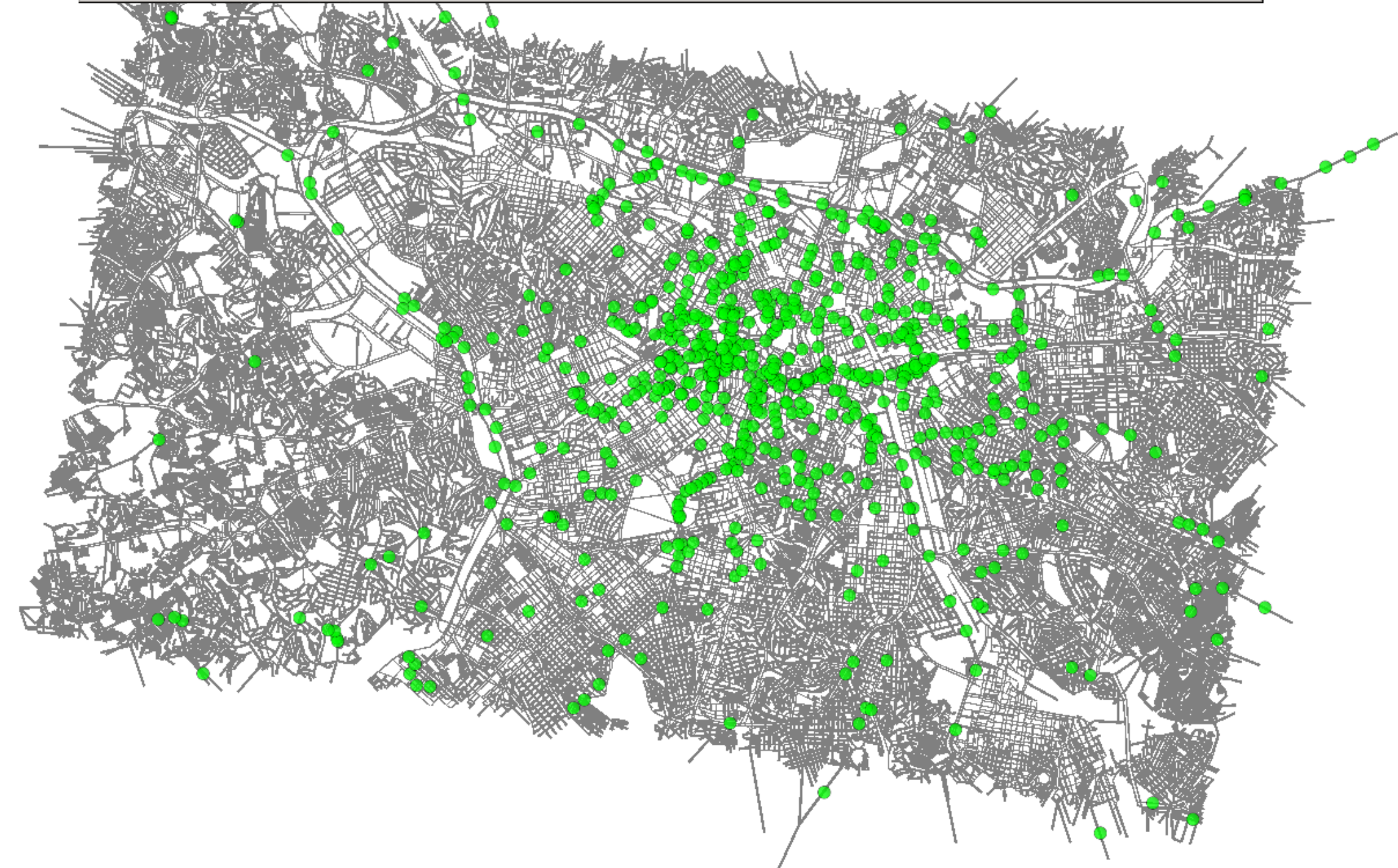
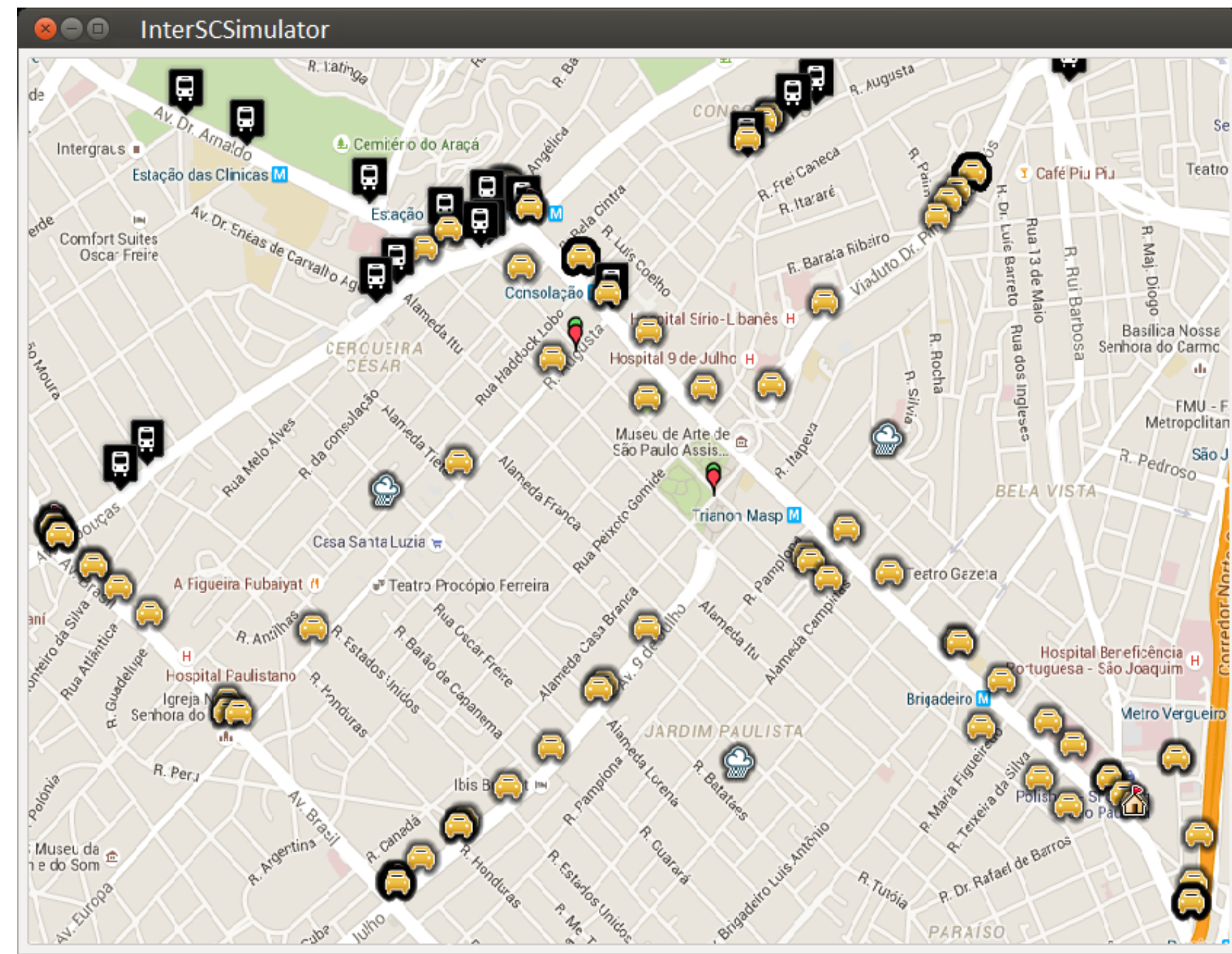
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- Smart City Hackathons
- Graduate Course at USP
- Undergraduate Course at UFMA
- Research (MSc, PhD, and post-doc @ USP/Puc-Rio/UFMA)
- In the future: real cities?



## 2 - InterSCSimulator

- Erlang-based large-scale simulator for Smart Cities
- Simulations with 17 million agents in super-real-time
- Multimodal transportation
  - cars, pedestrians, buses, subway, (bicycles).
  - Impact analysis of changes in the transportation infrastructure and associated costs.
  - Population from Paraisópolis favela (slum) in SP.





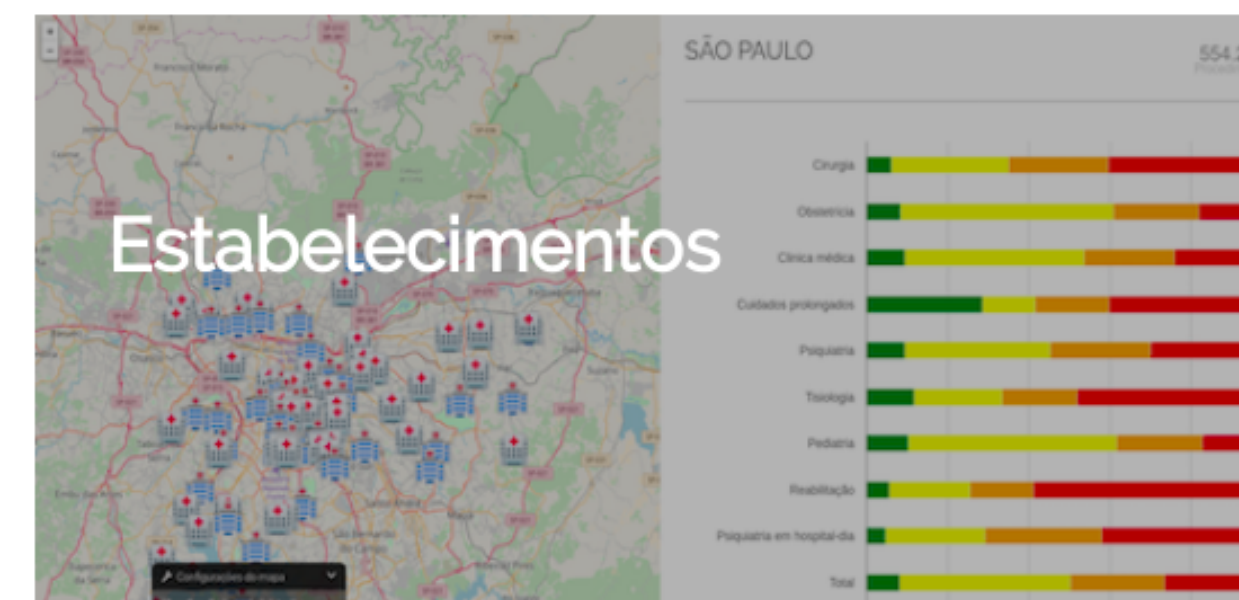
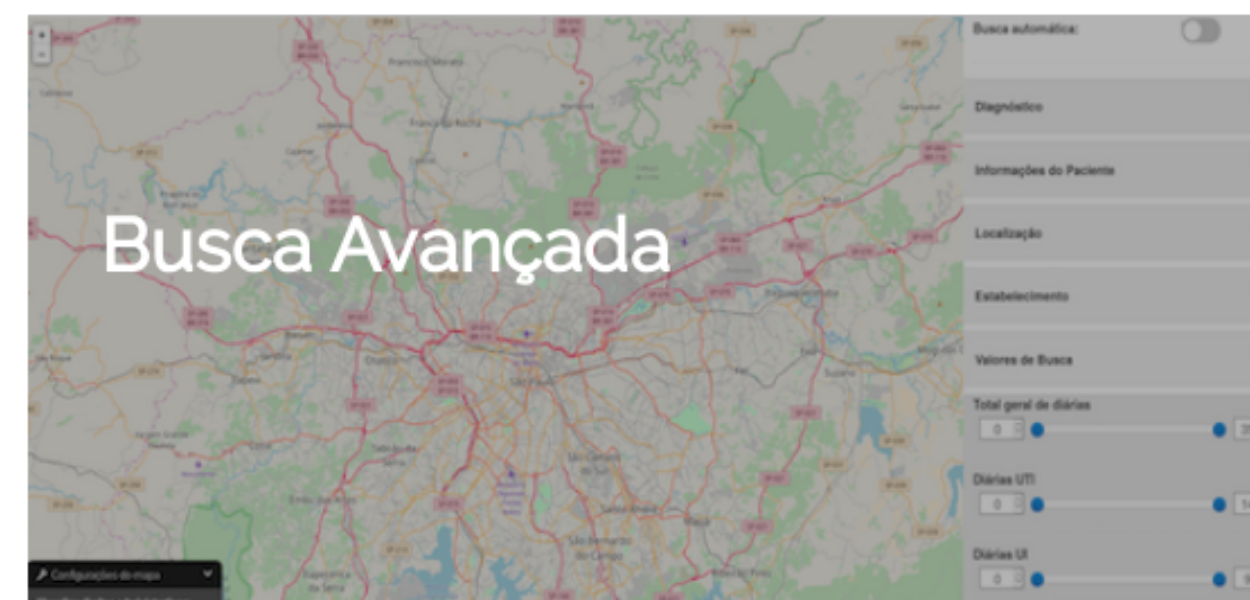
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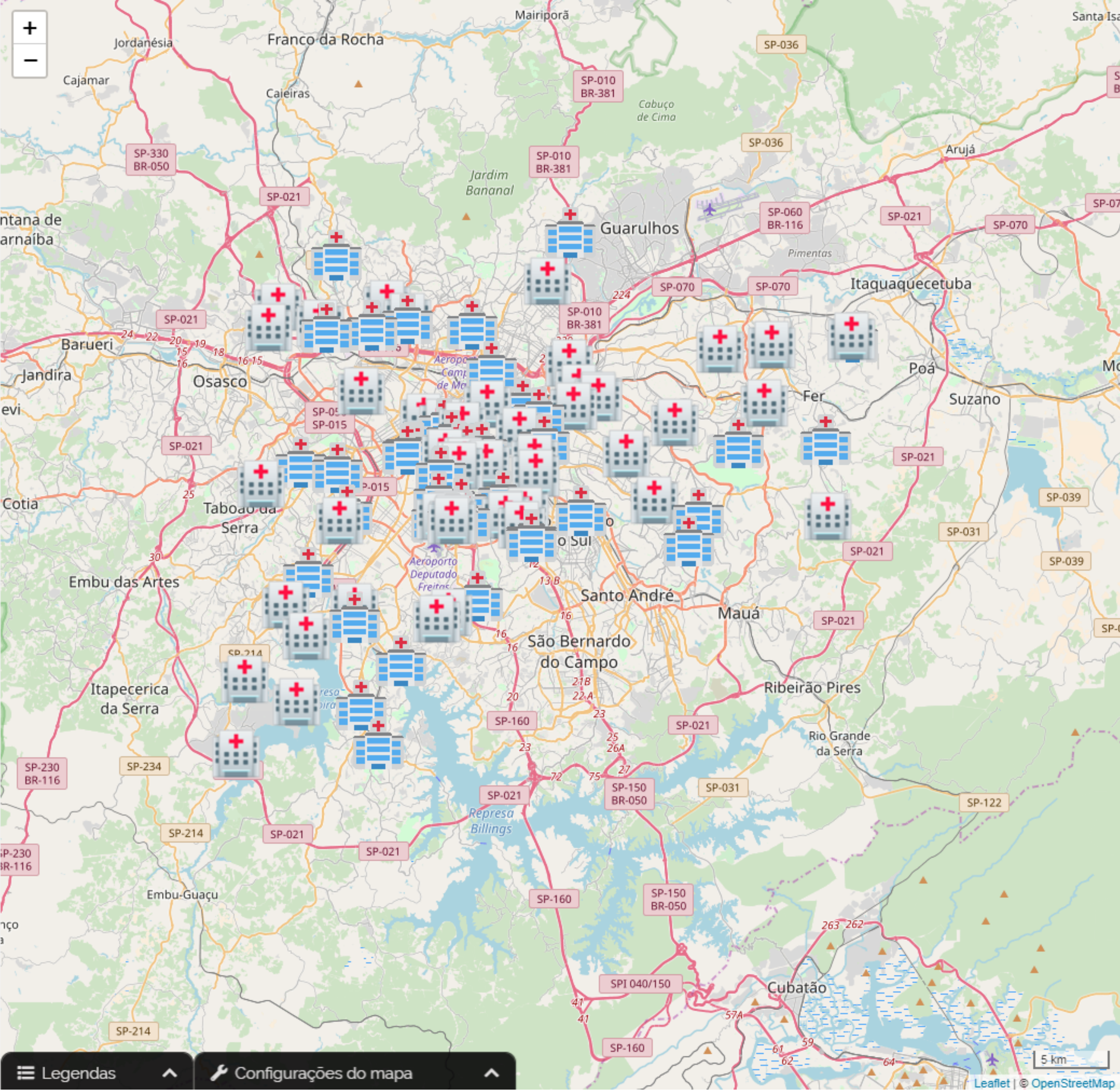
# Health Dashboard



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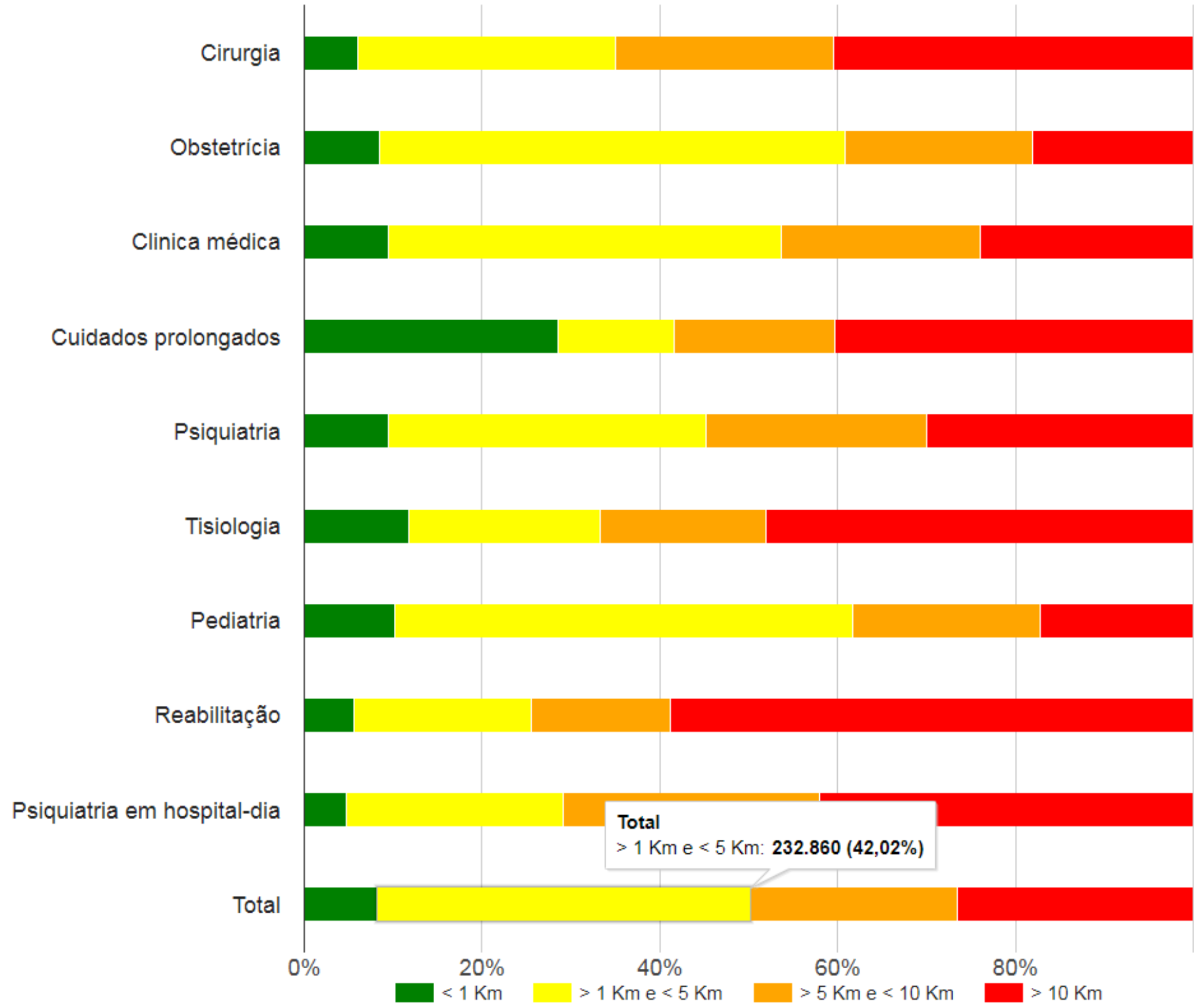






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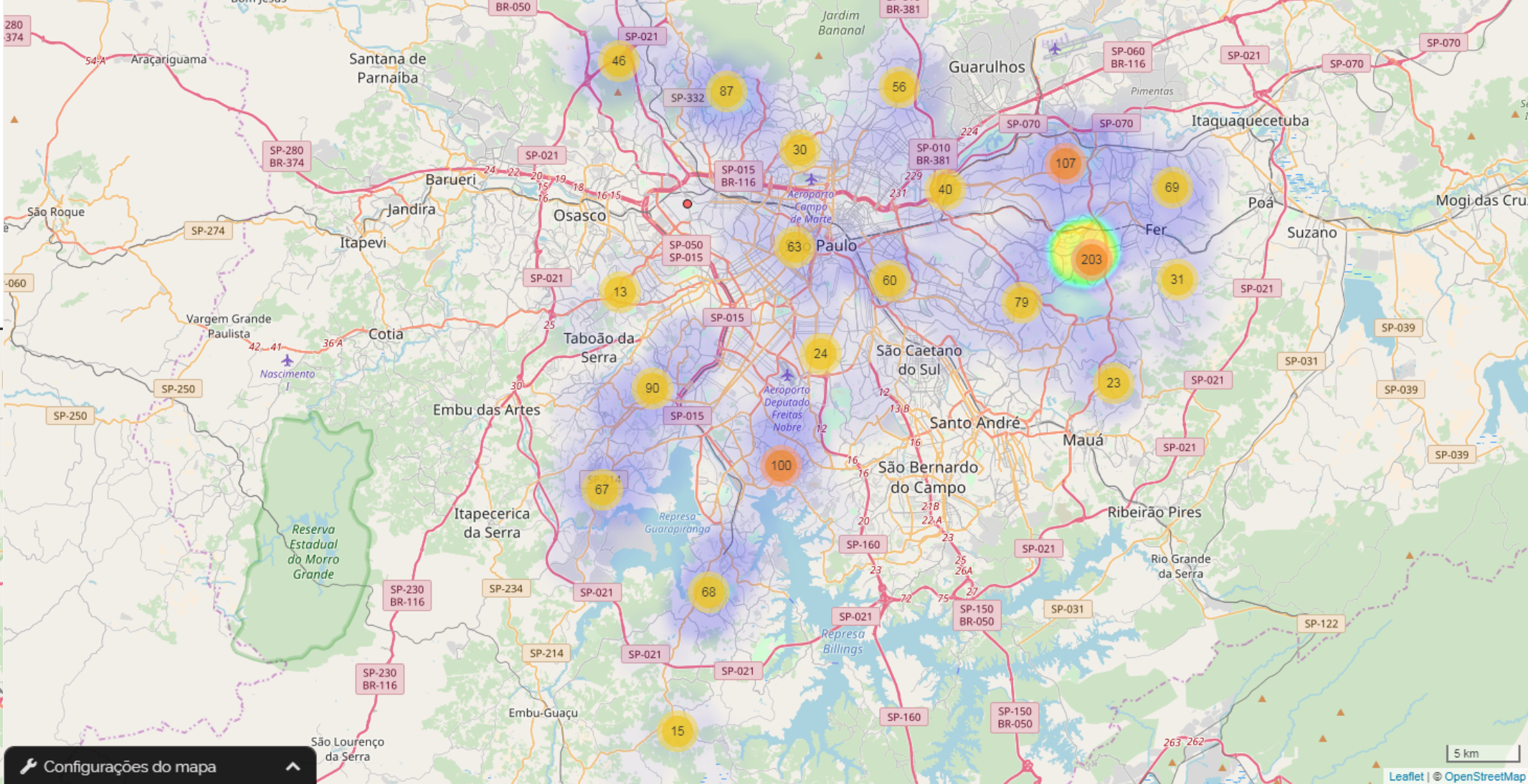
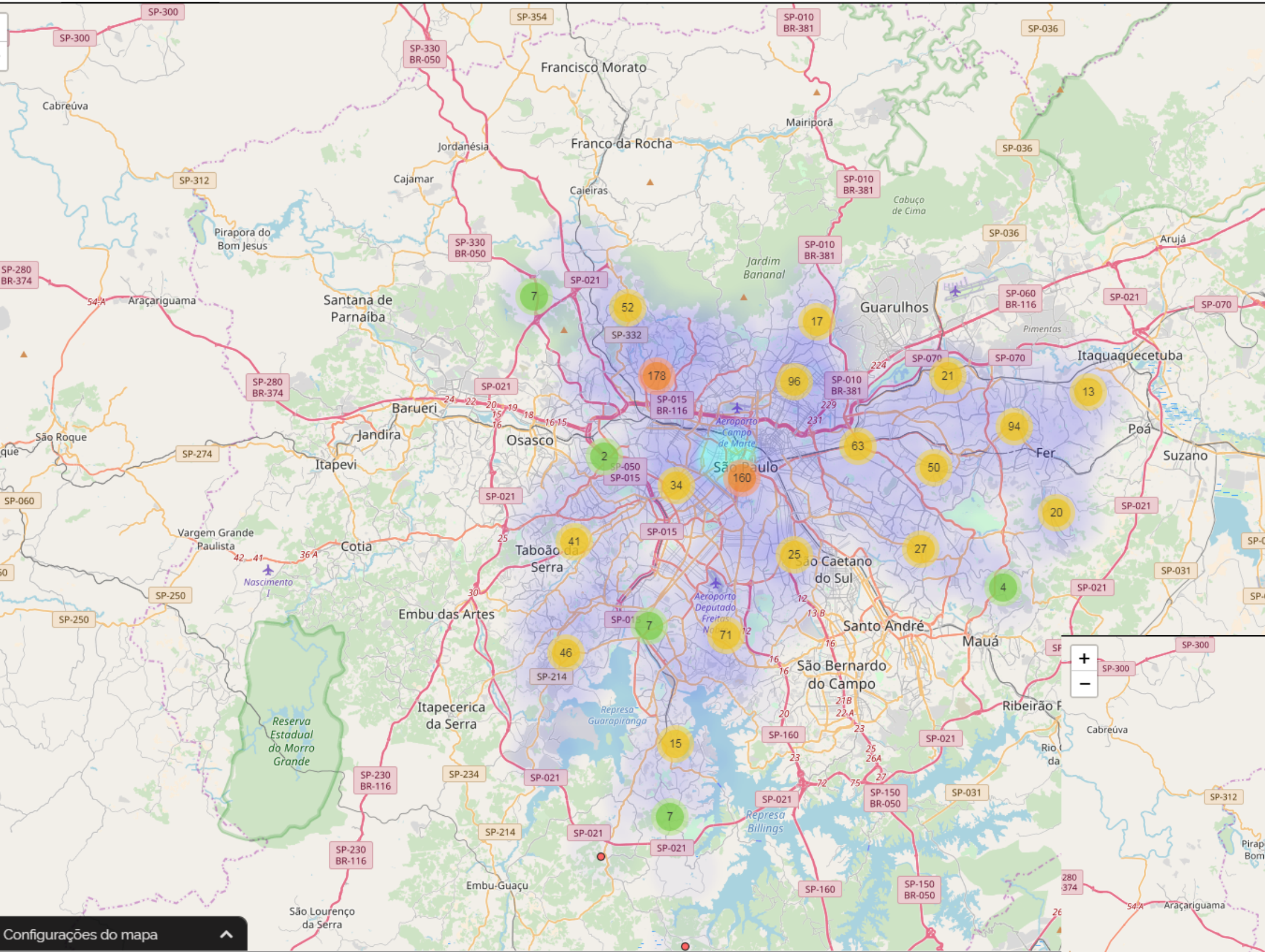








Leukemia



Competência (aaaamm)

Todos

Grupo do procedimento autorizado

Todos

Especialidade do leito

Todos

Caráter do atendimento

Todos

Diagnóstico principal (CID-10)

C91 - Leucemia Linfóide

Diagnóstico secundário (CID-10)

Todos

Diagnóstico secundário 2 (CID-10)

Configurações do mapa

Grupo do procedimento autorizado

Todos

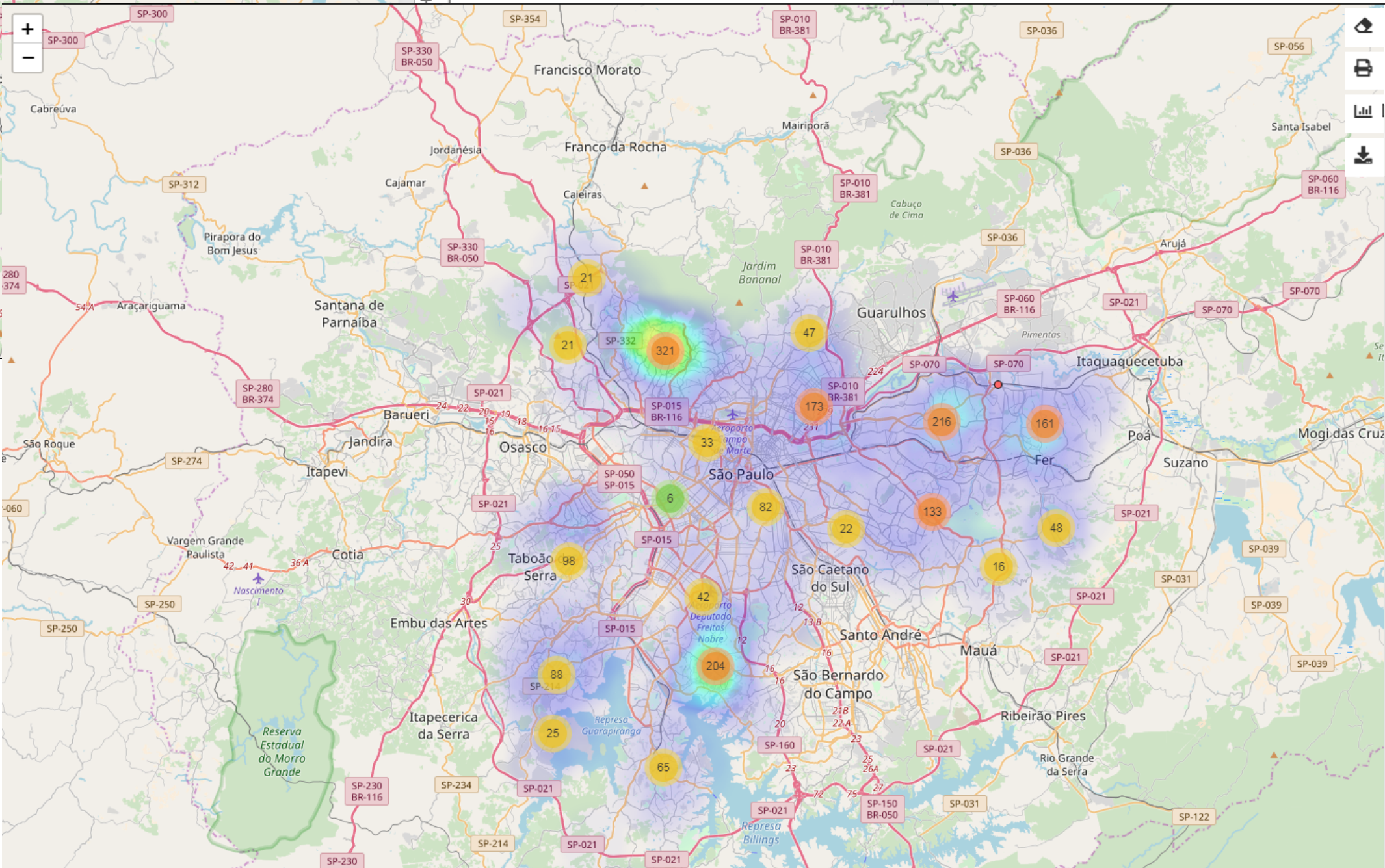
Especialidade do leito

Todos

Caráter do atendimento

HIV

Dengue  
Fever



Busca automática:

Diagnóstico

Estabelecimento de ocorrência

Todos

Competência (aaaamm)

Todos

Grupo do procedimento autorizado

Todos

Especialidade do leito

Todos

Caráter do atendimento

Todos

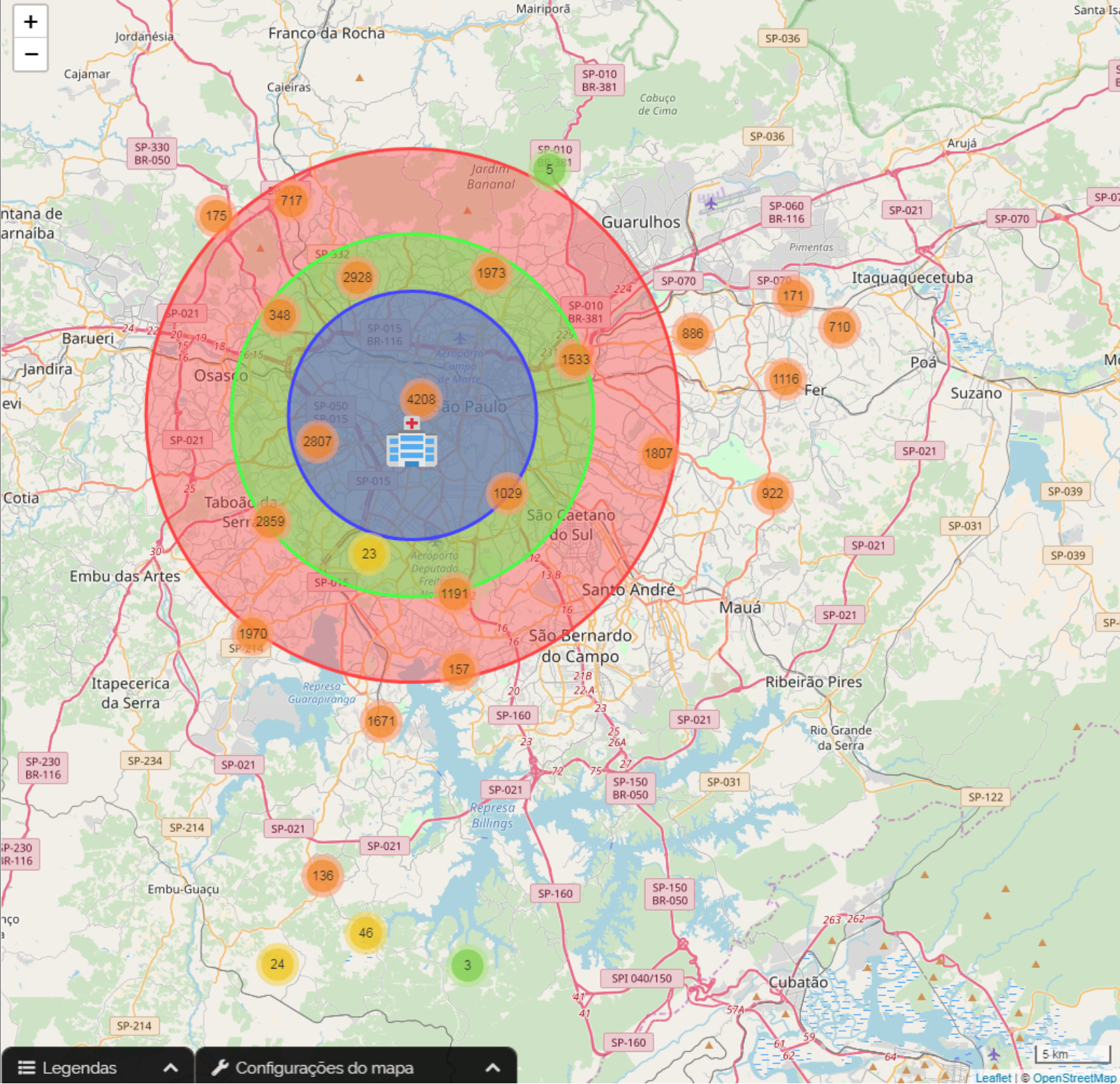
Diagnóstico principal (CID-10)

A90 - Dengue [dengue Clássico]

Diagnóstico secundário (CID-10)

Todos



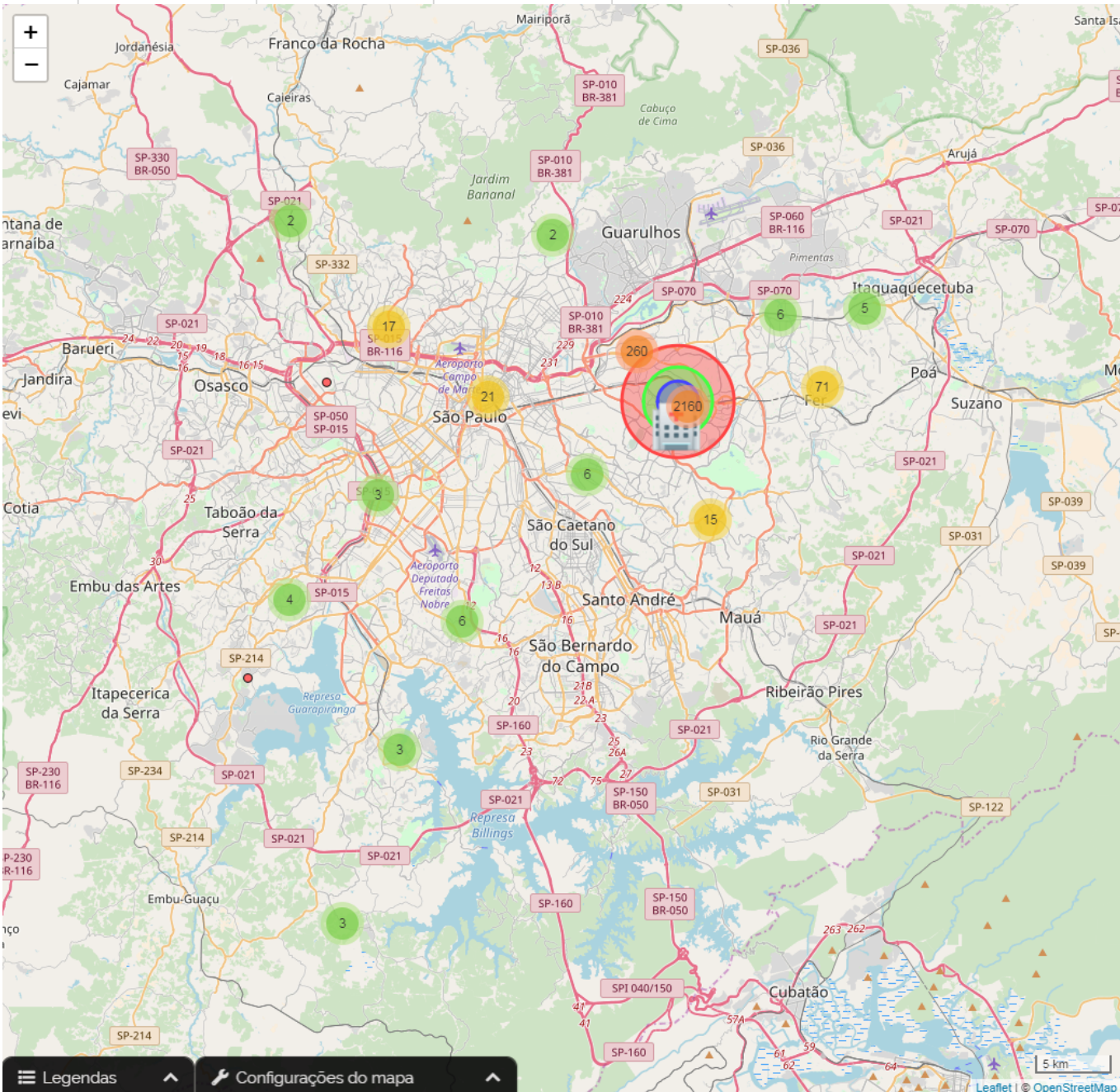
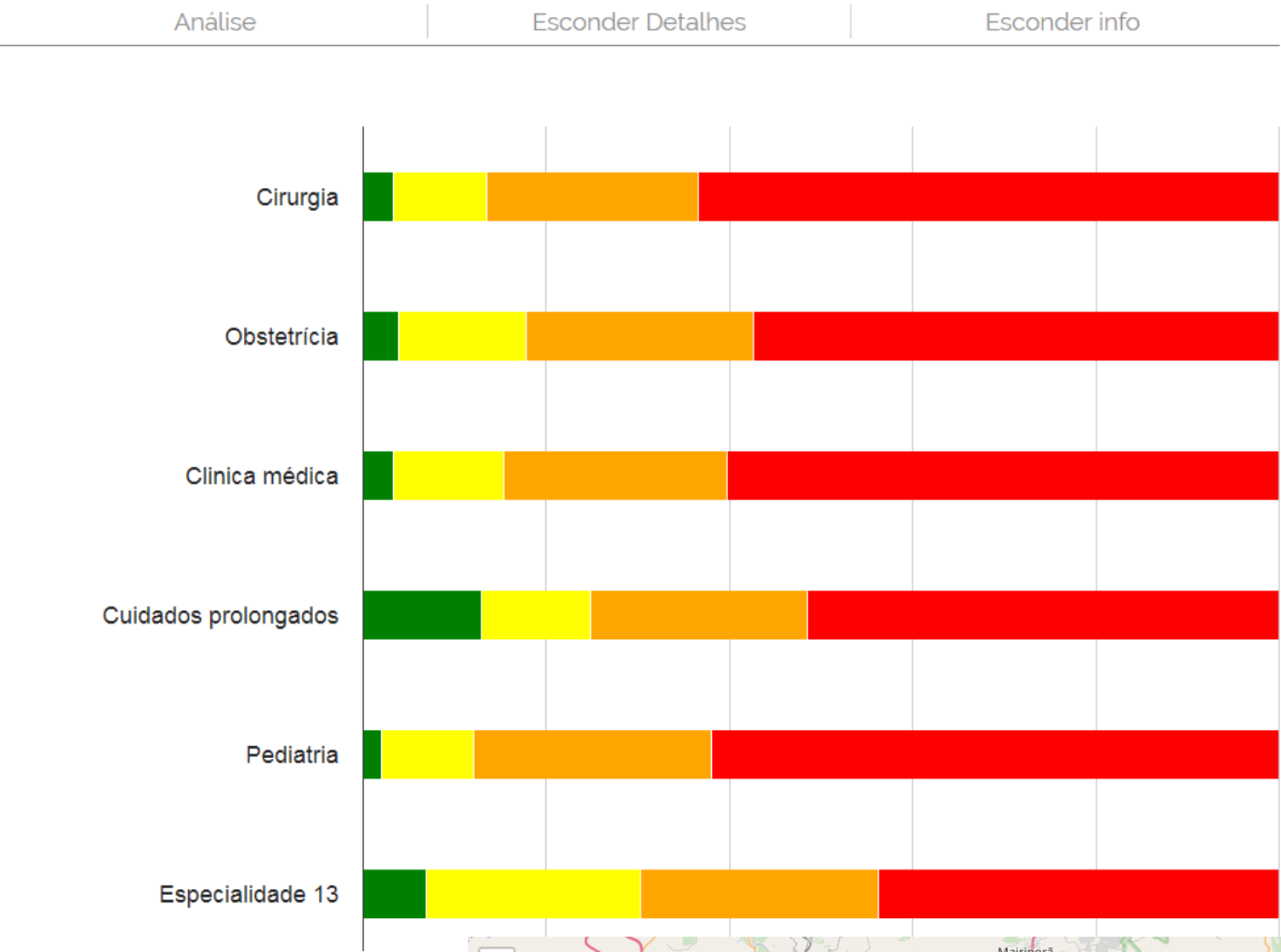


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Leitos: 1506  
Distrito Administrativo: JARDIM PAULISTA  
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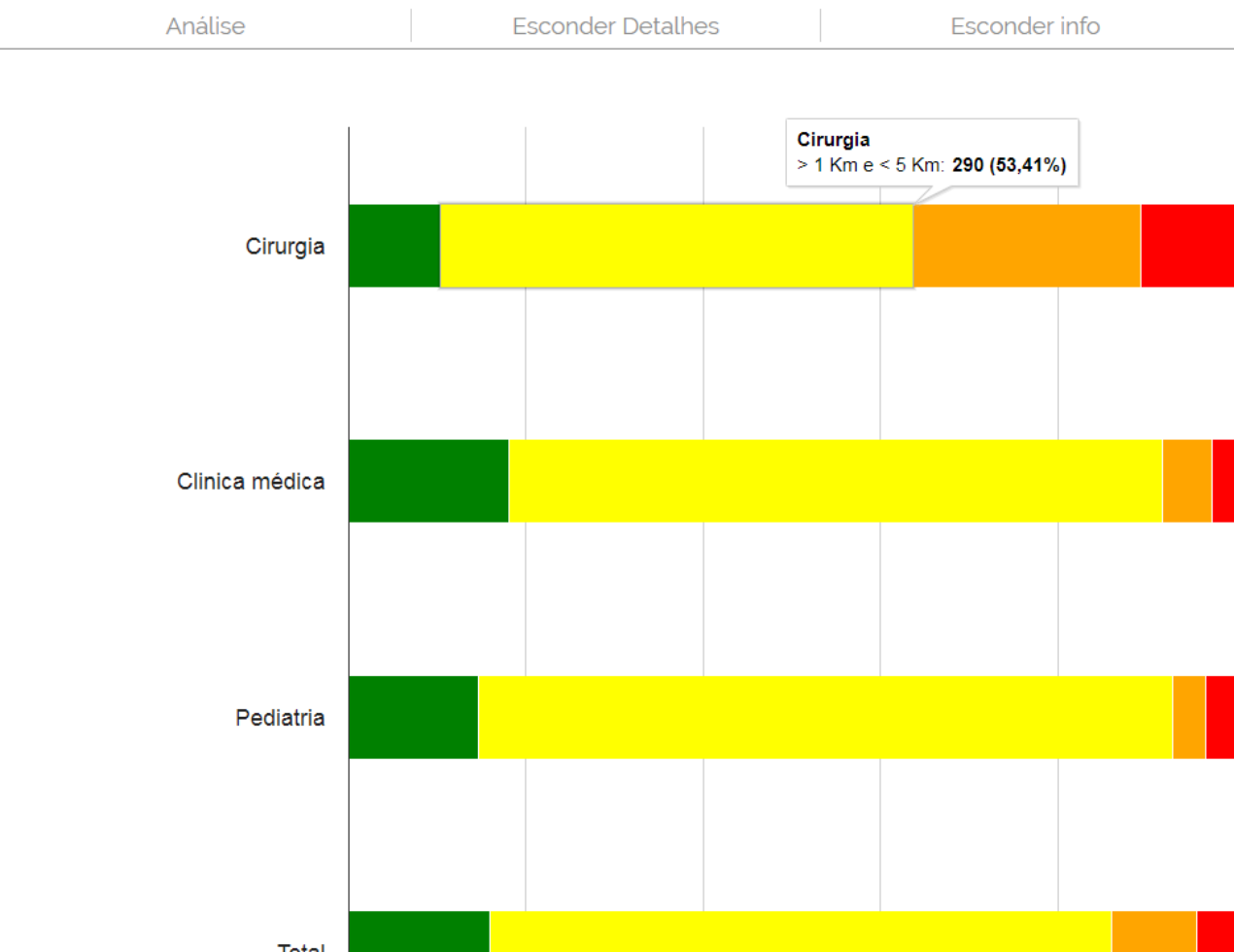
# Metropolitan Hospital



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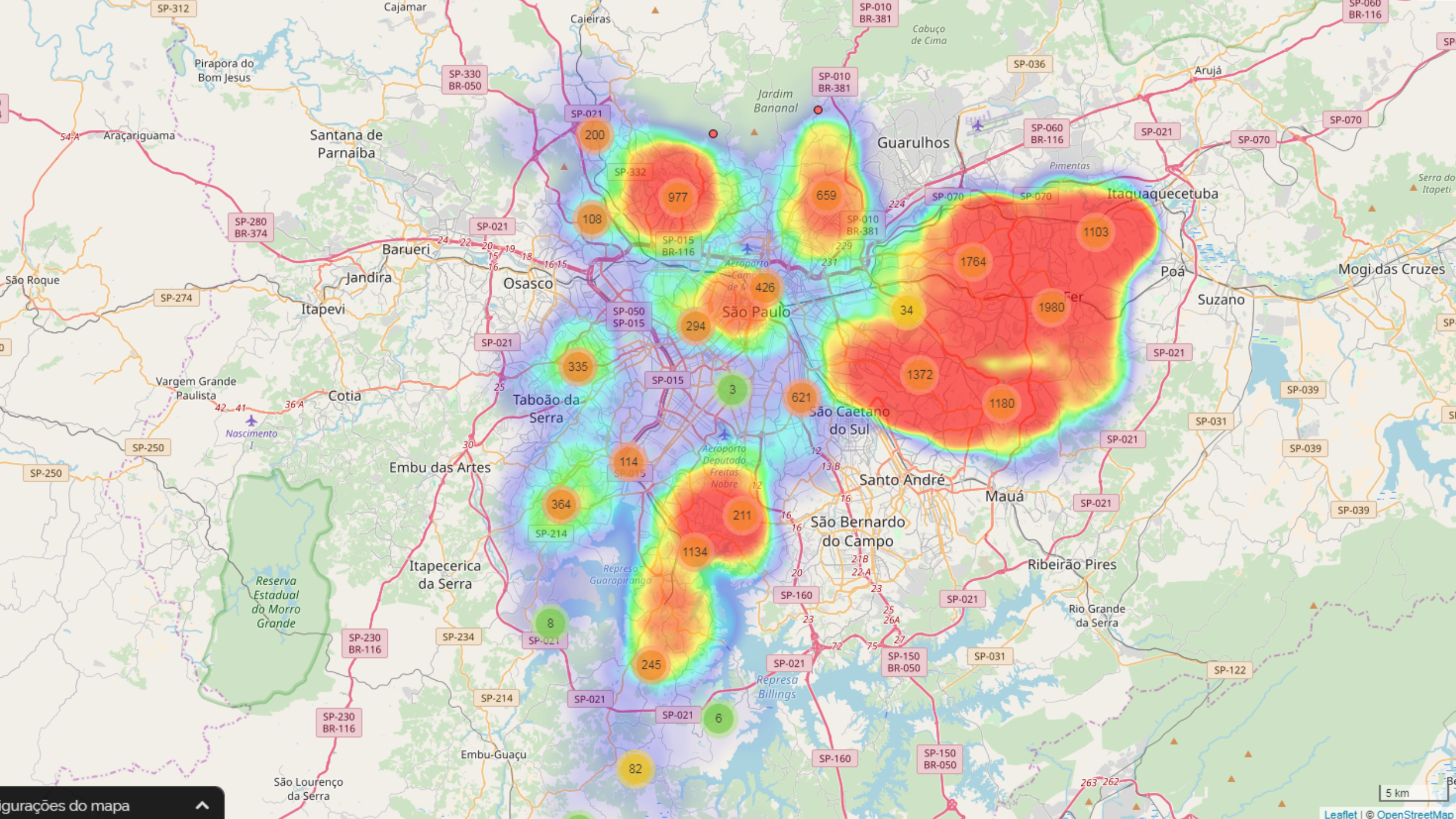
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Procedimentos



# Regional Hospital





Estabelecimento de ocorrência

Todos

Competência (aaaa-mm-aaaa)

Todos

Grupo do procedimento autorizado

Todos

Especialidade do leito

Todos

Caráter do atendimento

Todos

Diagnóstico principal (CID-10)

Todos

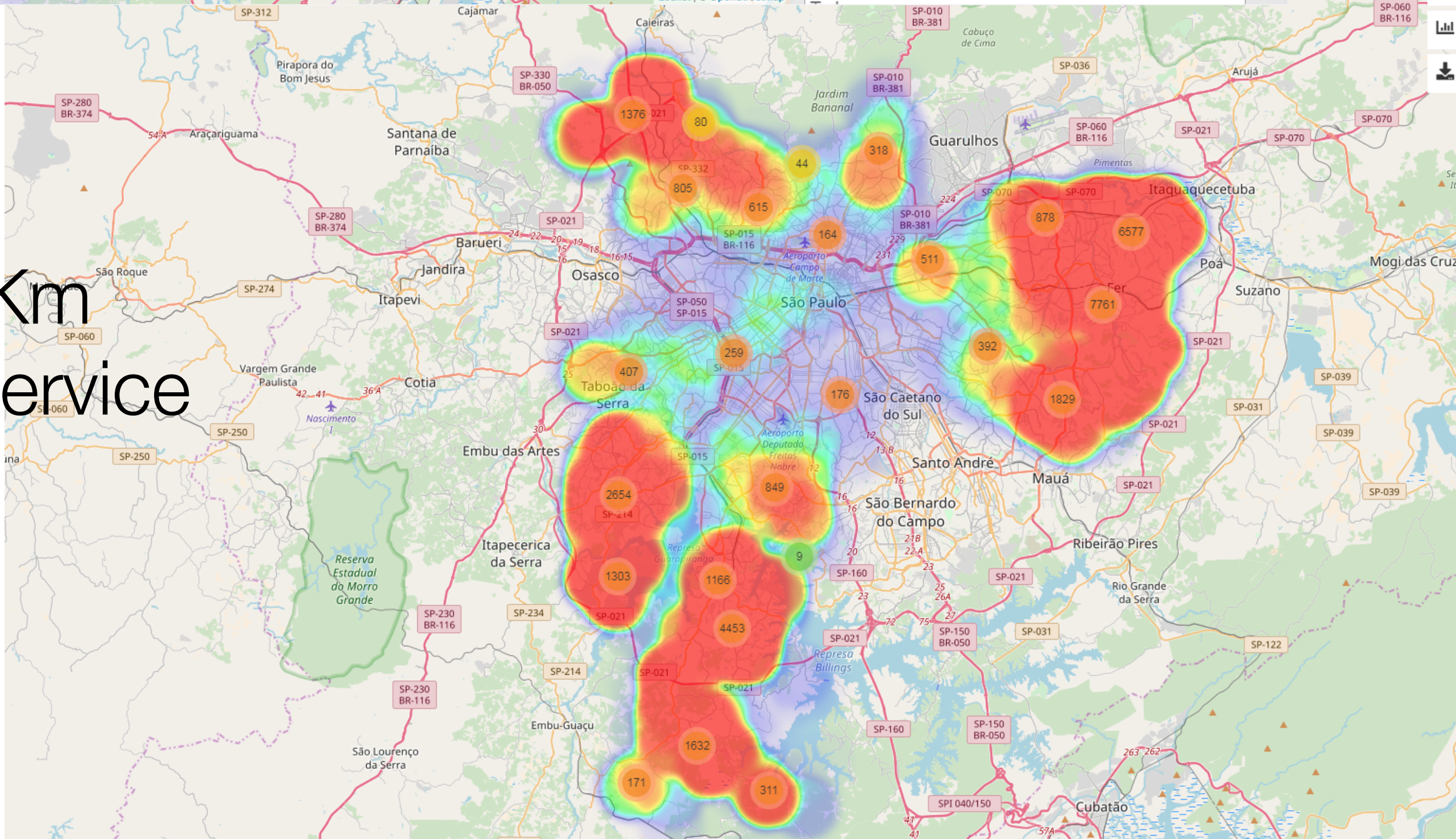
Diagnóstico secundário (CID-10)

× 110 - Hipertensão Essencial (primária) ×

Diagnóstico secundário 2 (CID-10)

Hypertension  
(most frequent)

>20Km  
to get service



Localização

Estabelecimento

Valores de Busca

Total geral de diárias

0 351

Diárias UTI

0 148

Diárias UI

0 99

Dias de permanência

0 351

Valor da parcela

0 110787

Distância de deslocamento(Km)

20 53

Período

até



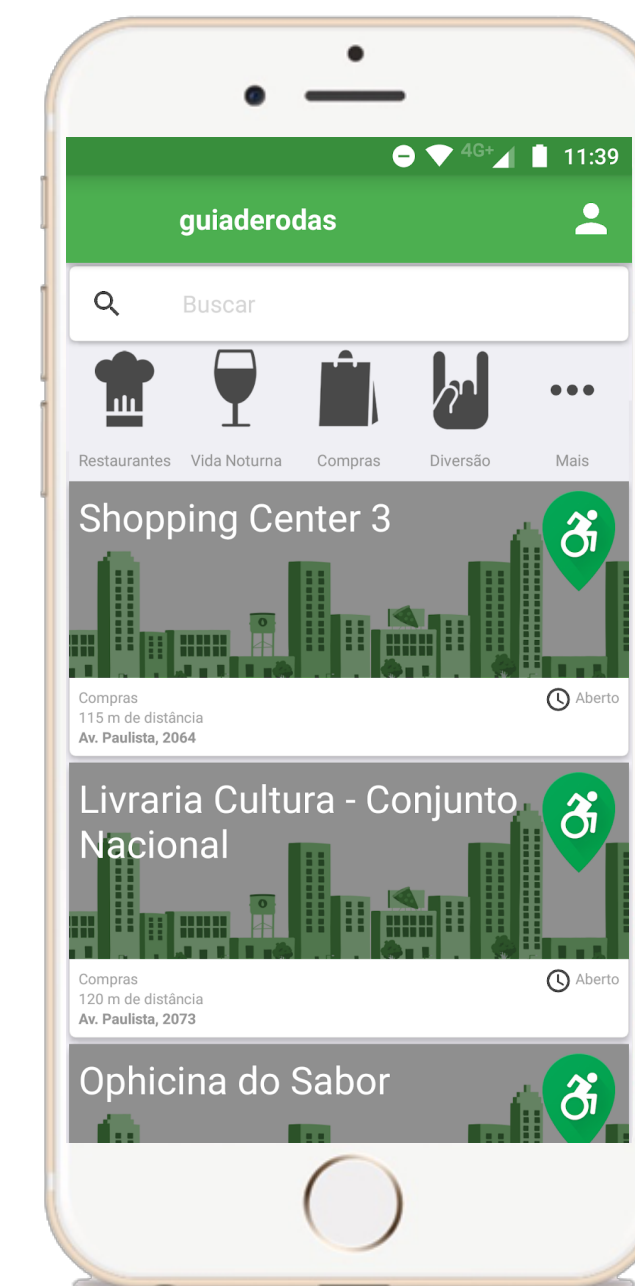
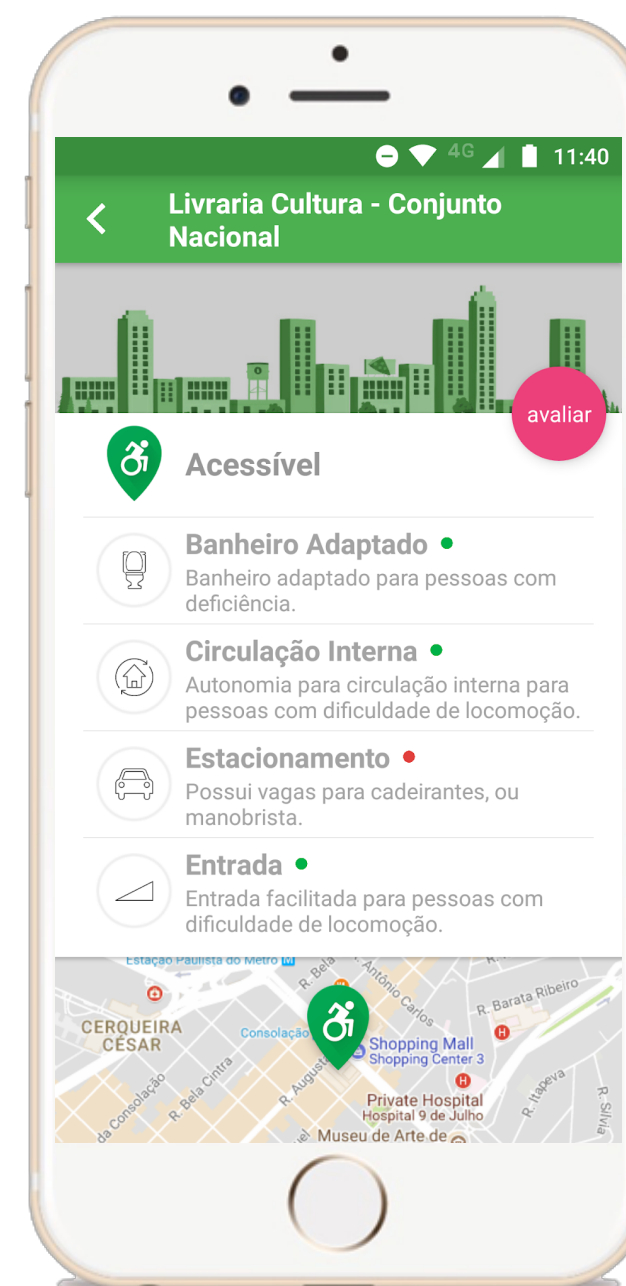
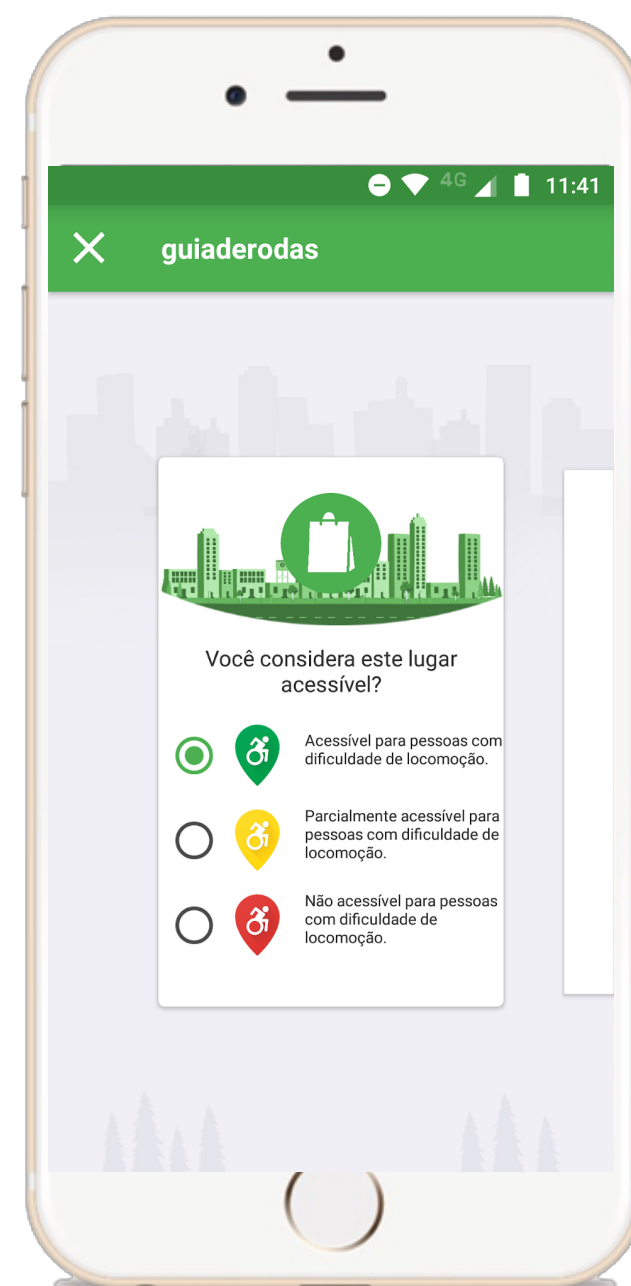
# Health Dashboard Challenges

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- At the moment it's a useful interactive tool for the public health professional
- But can we automate part of the work?
- Using ML to detect different patterns for different kinds of diseases?
- Using AI to trigger warnings to health officials?
- Develop models to support long-term planning?

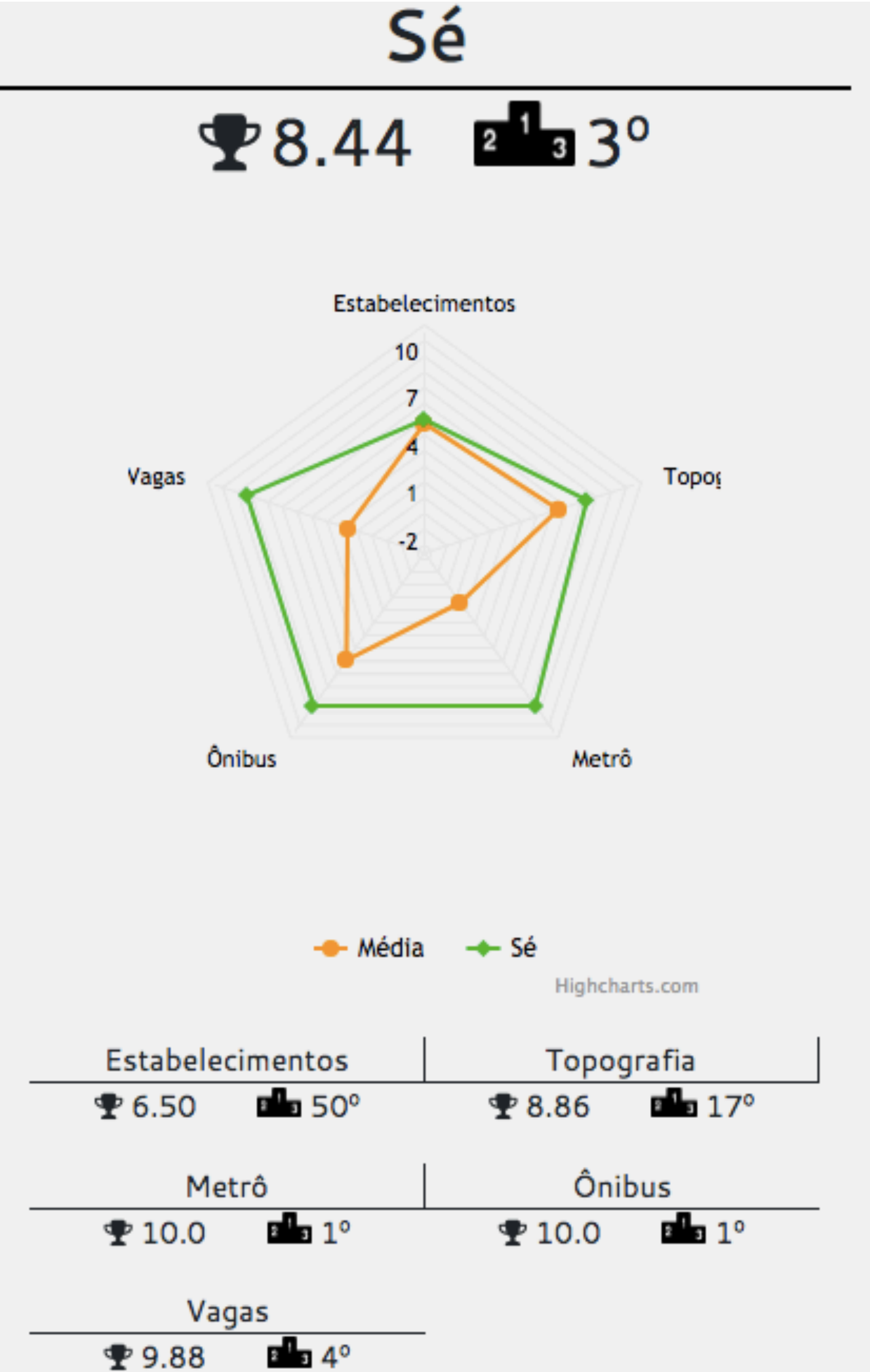
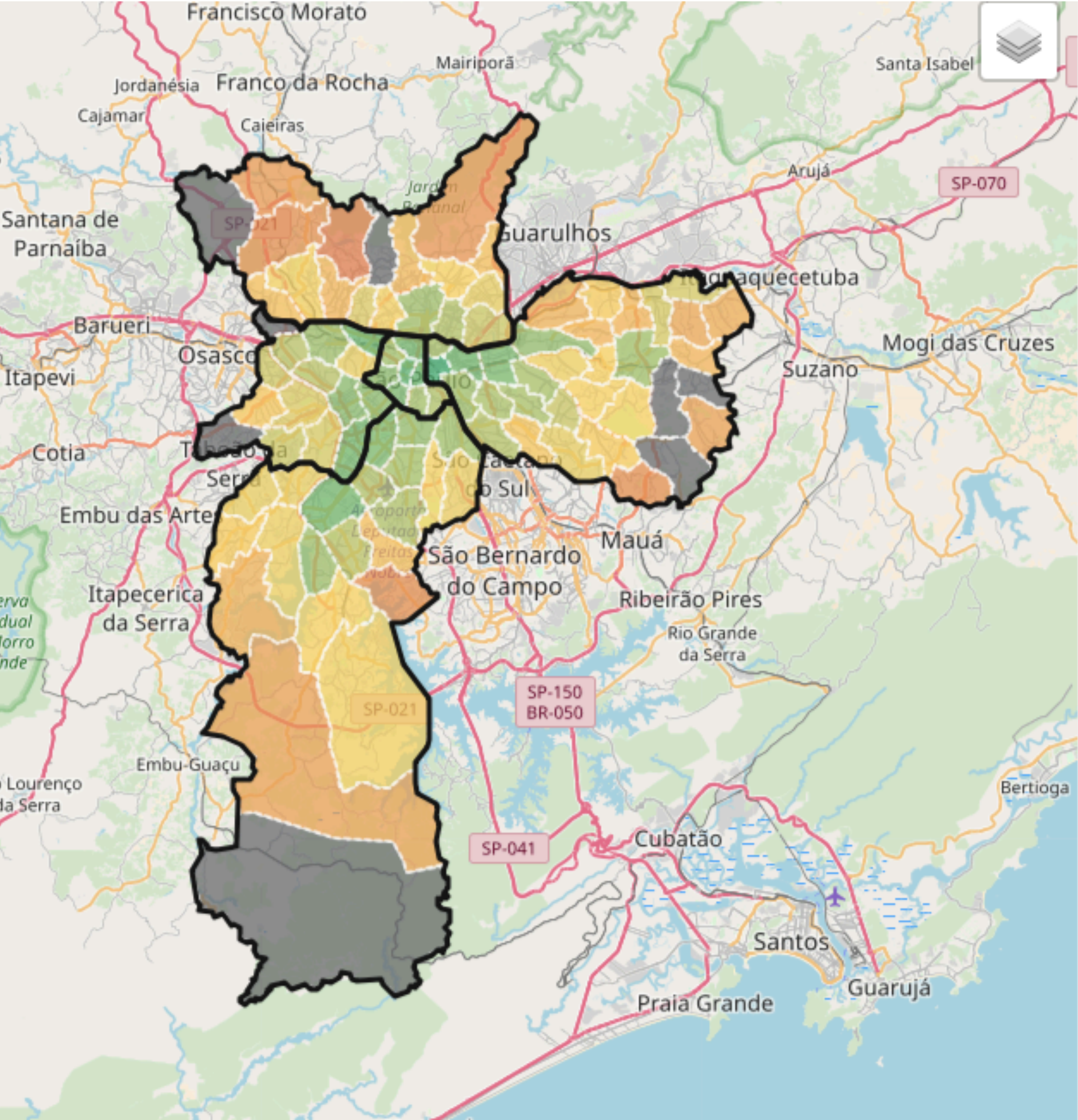
# 4 - Crowdsourcing startup App: *guiaderodas*

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# Accessibility Ranking

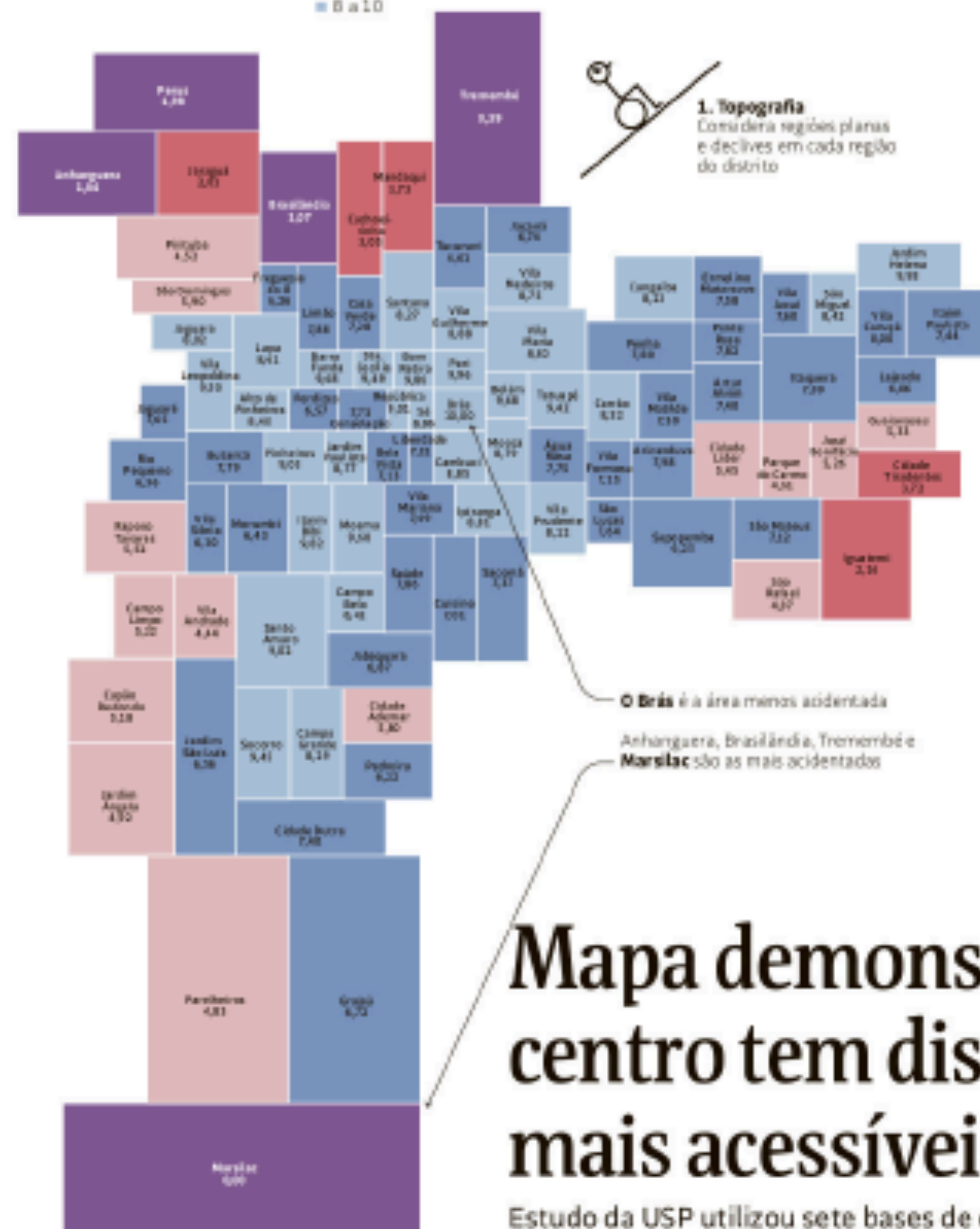




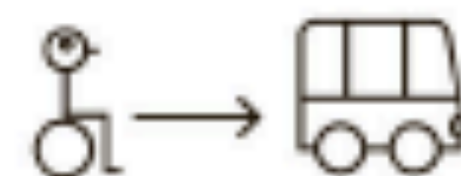
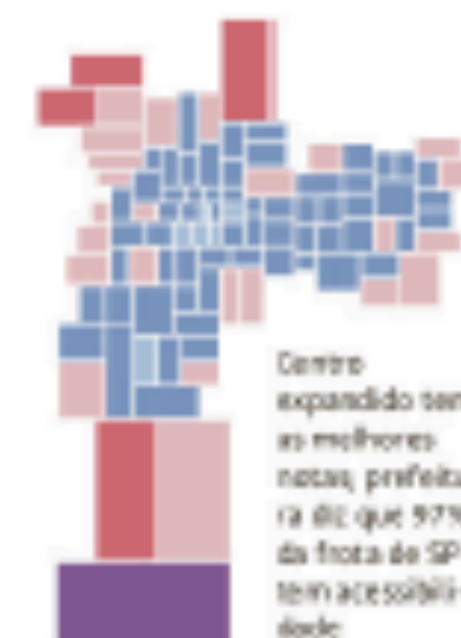
# Estudo mostra o nível de acessibilidade por região em São Paulo

Cada distrito recebeu uma nota de 0 a 10 em cinco indicadores, as periferias tiveram os piores índices

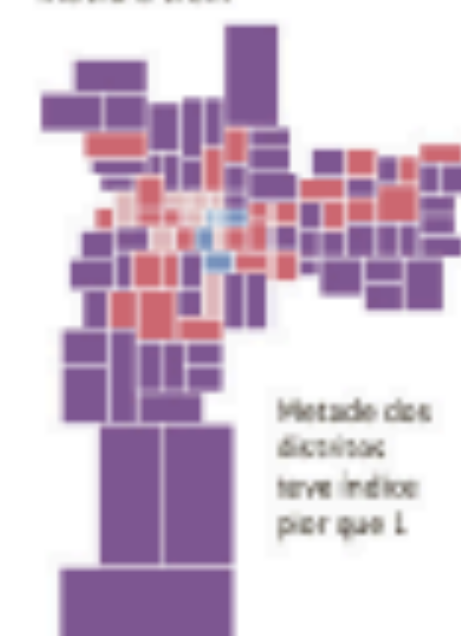
0 a 2  
2 a 4  
4 a 6  
6 a 8  
8 a 10



**2. Ônibus acessíveis**  
Considera o percentual de ônibus acessíveis nas linhas que cruzam o distrito



**3. Distância até o transporte**  
Considera o deslocamento médio até as estações de metrô e trem



**4. Vagas de estacionamento**  
Considera vagas de rua para idosos e cadeirantes em relação à área do distrito

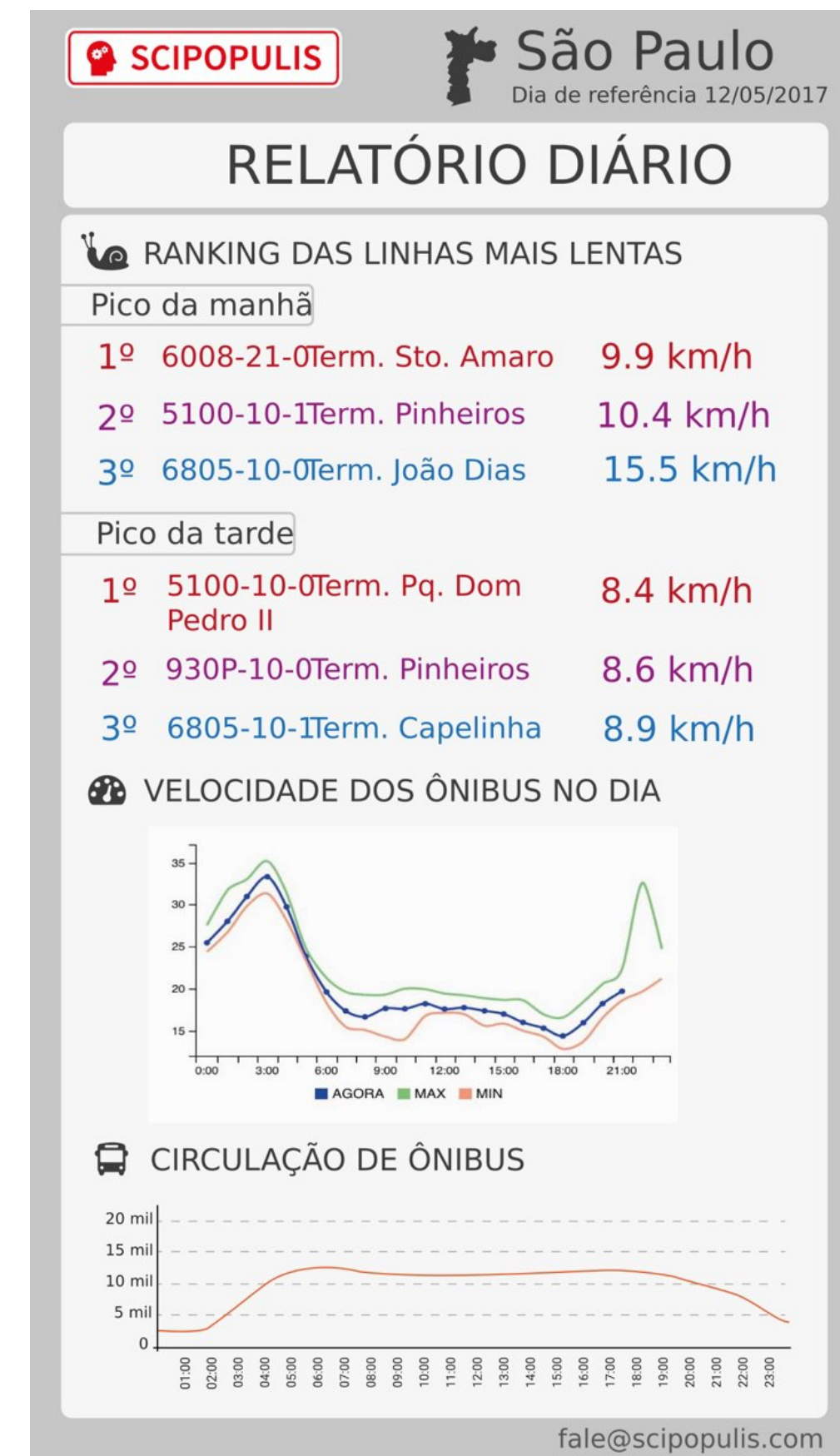
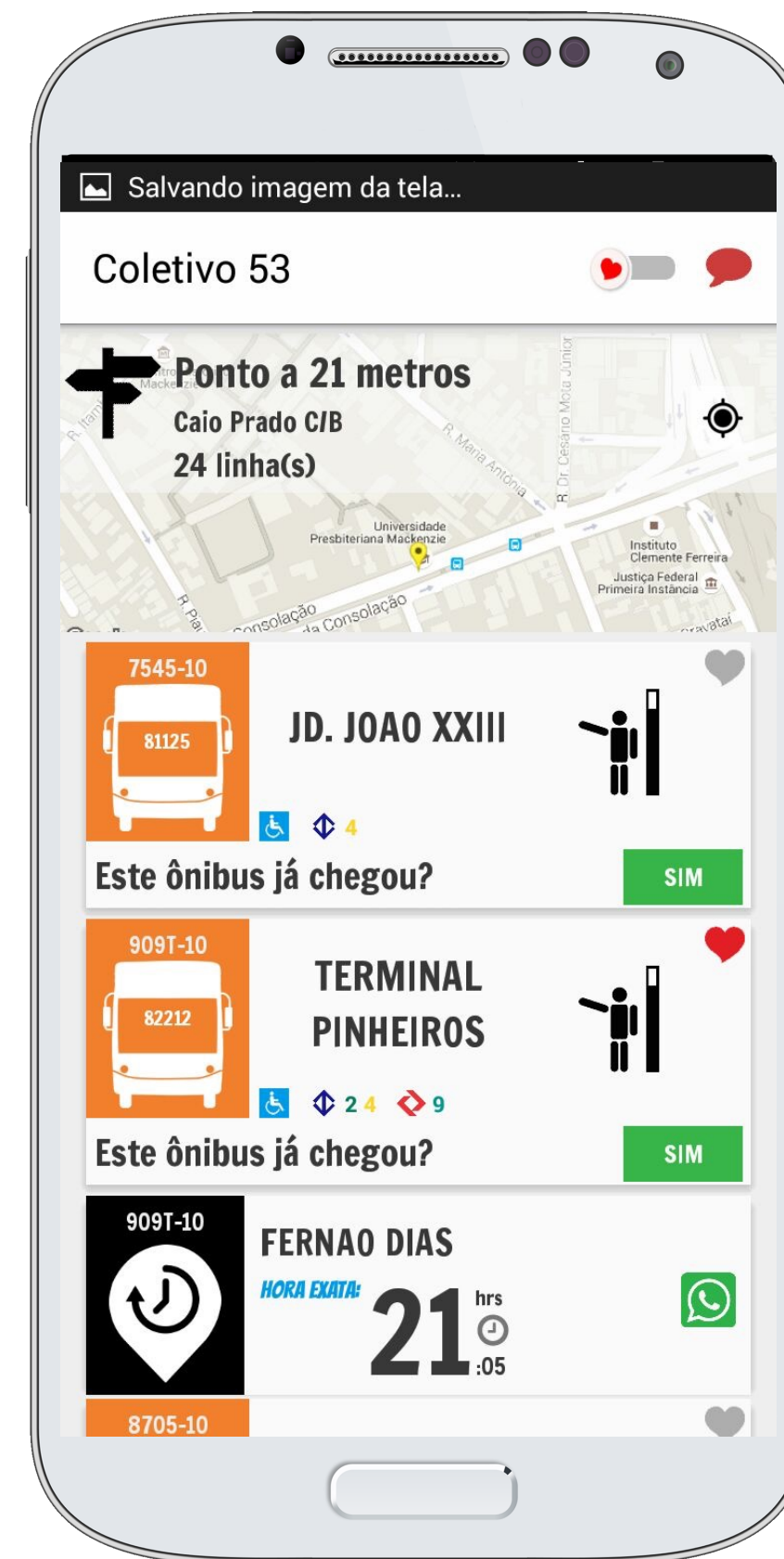
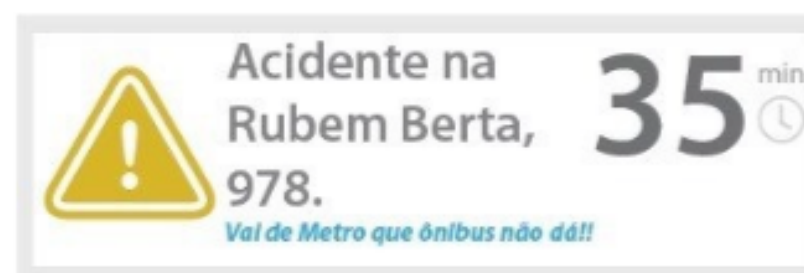
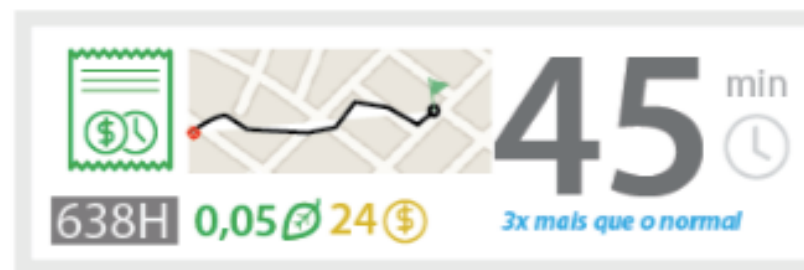




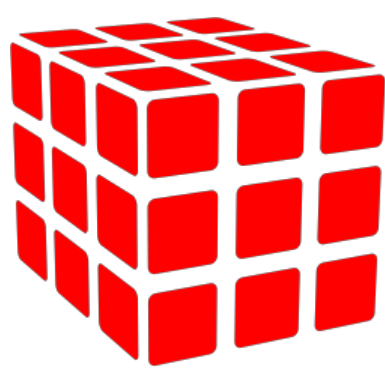


# Scipopulis' COLETIVO APP

(for citizens)

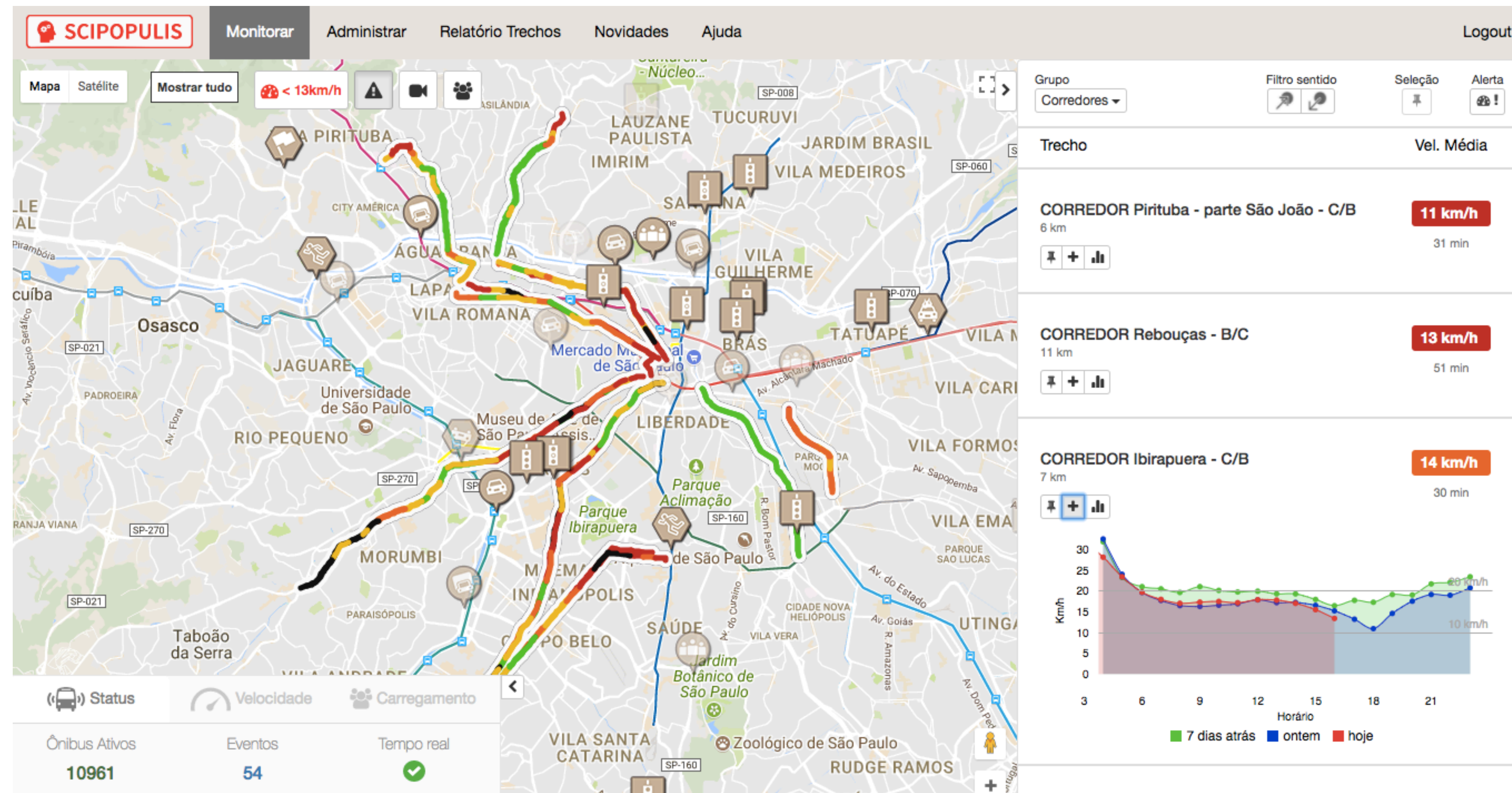






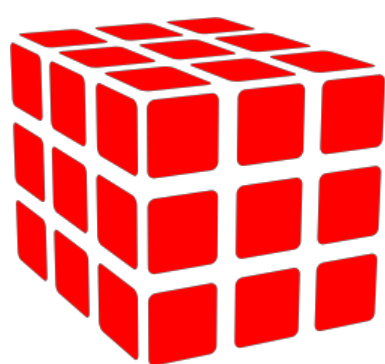
# REAL TIME DASHBOARD

(for system operators)



- In use by the São Paulo secretary of transportation
- in test at: Rio de Janeiro, Curitiba, Santiago (Chile), Brasilia, etc.





# MOBILITY PANEL

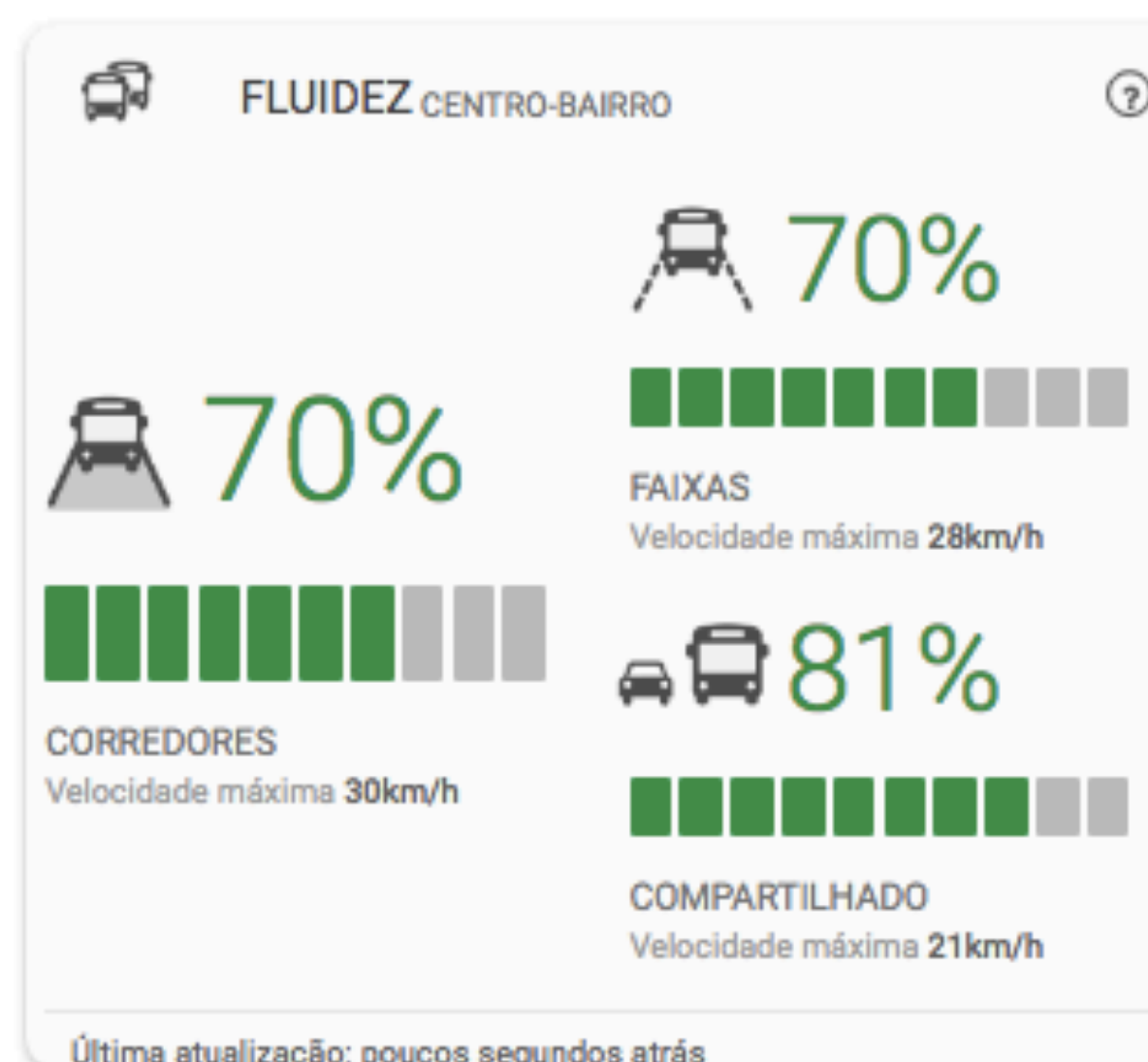
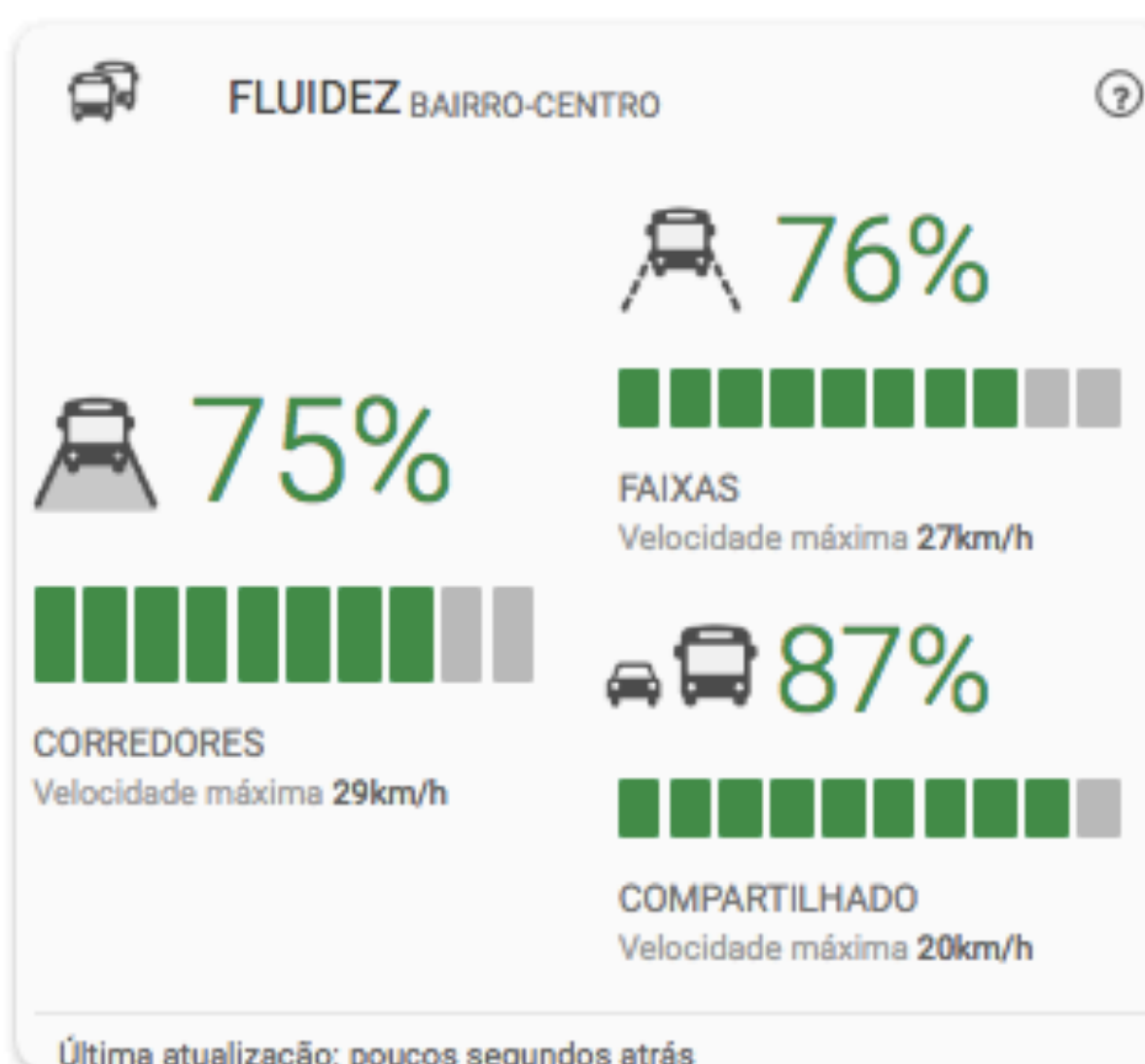
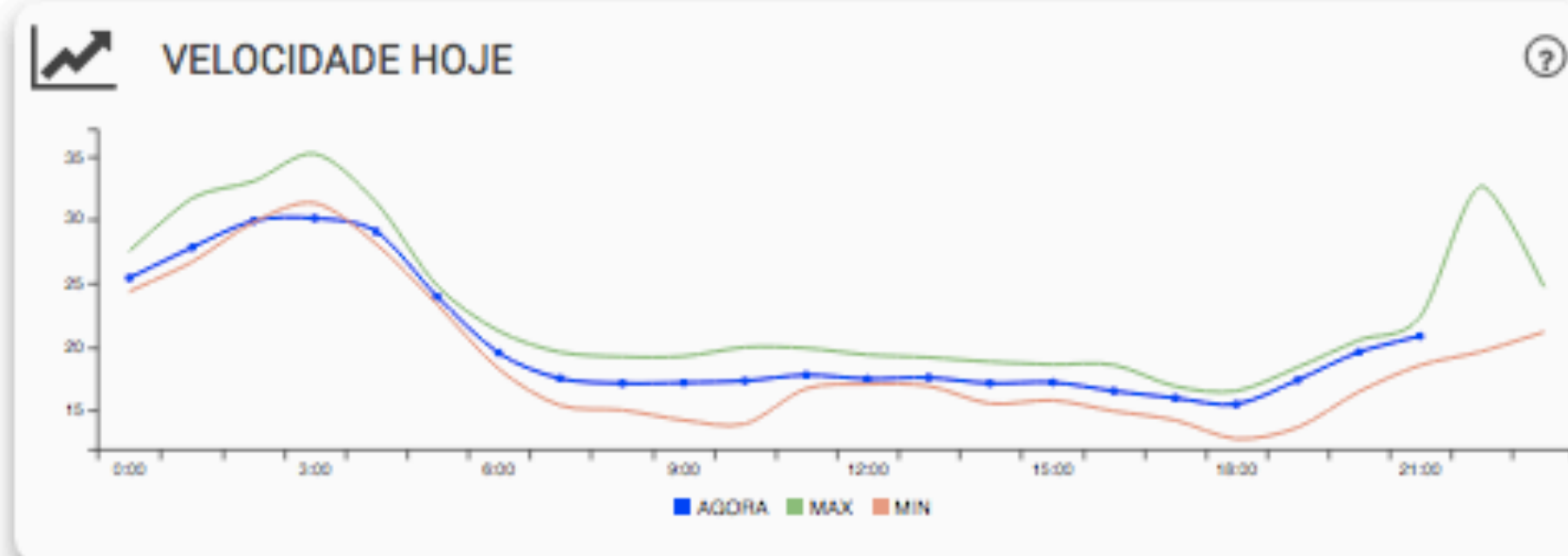
(CONSOLIDATED BUS SPEEDS for citizens)

## PAINEL DA MOBILIDADE

FLUIDEZ

VELOCIDADES

TEMPO

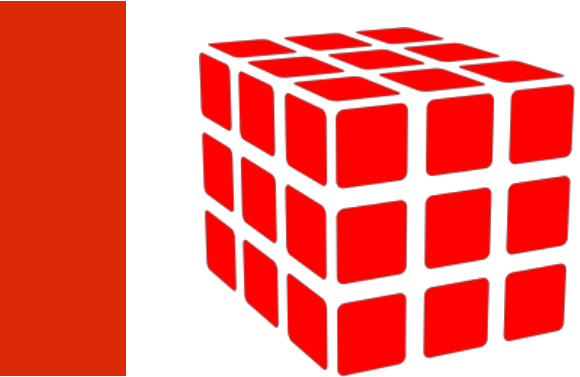


Semáforos em funcionamento 6246 (99.24%)

Total de ocorrências de trânsito hoje 214 / Média de ocorrências 130

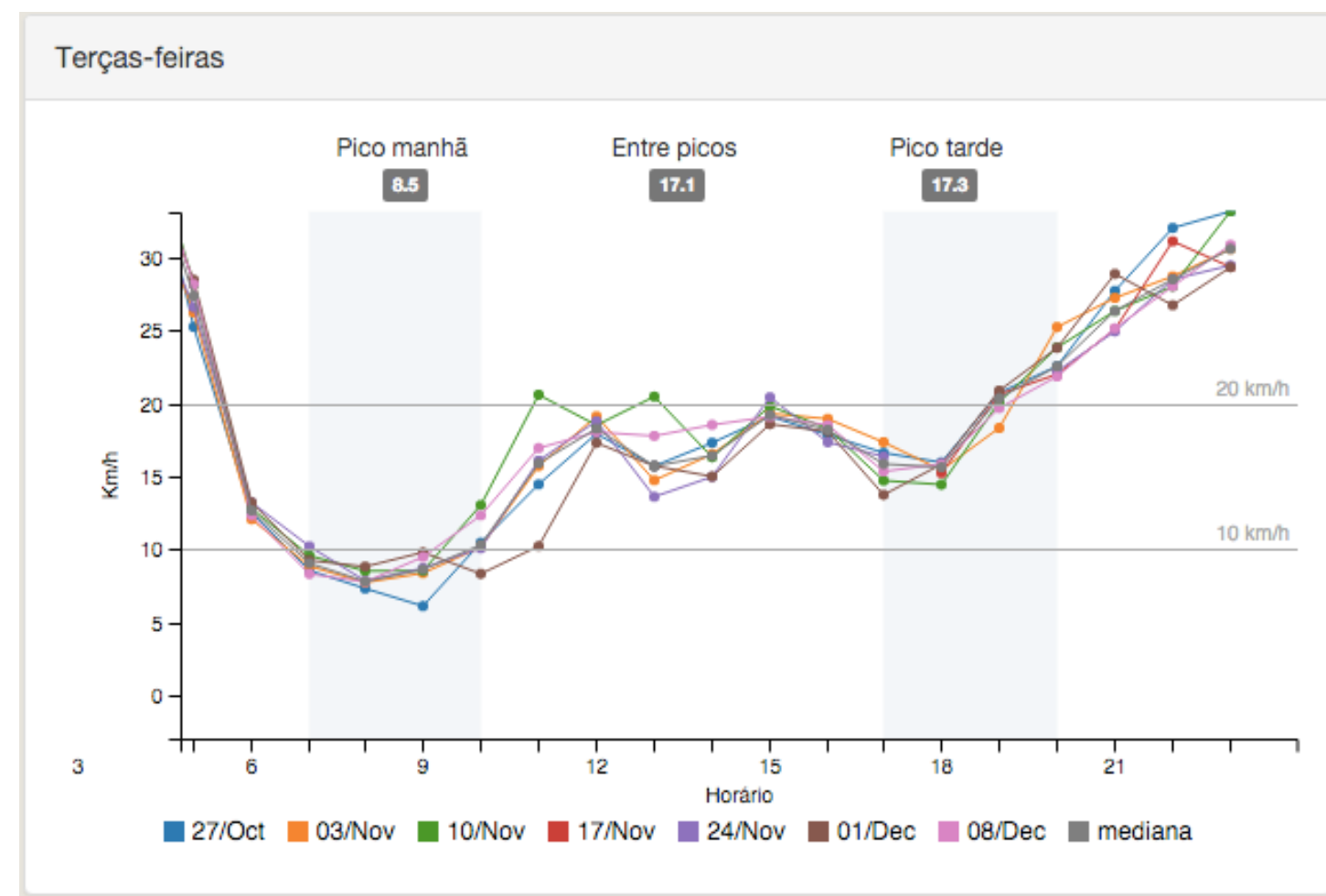




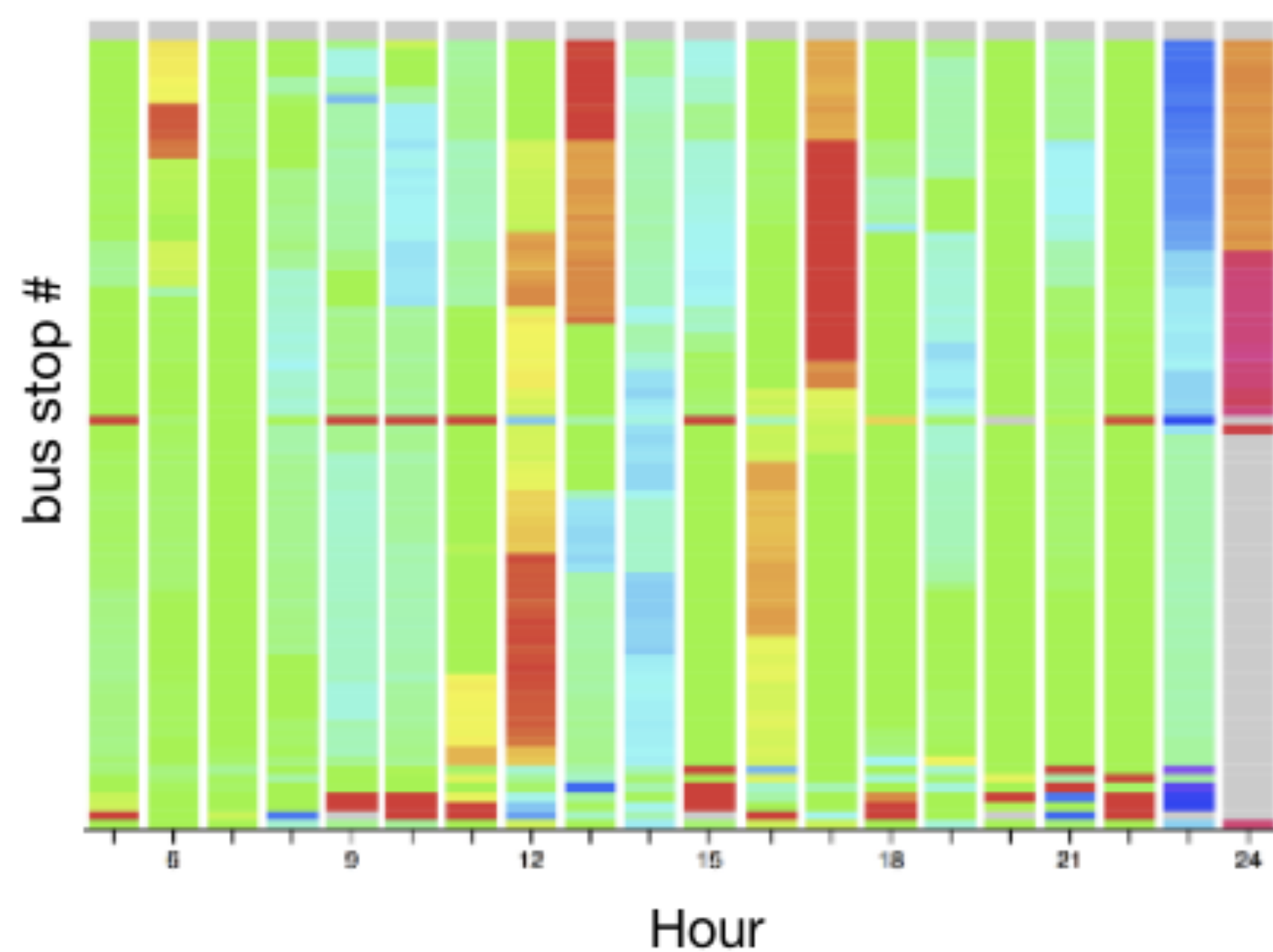


# DATA ANALYSIS and visualization

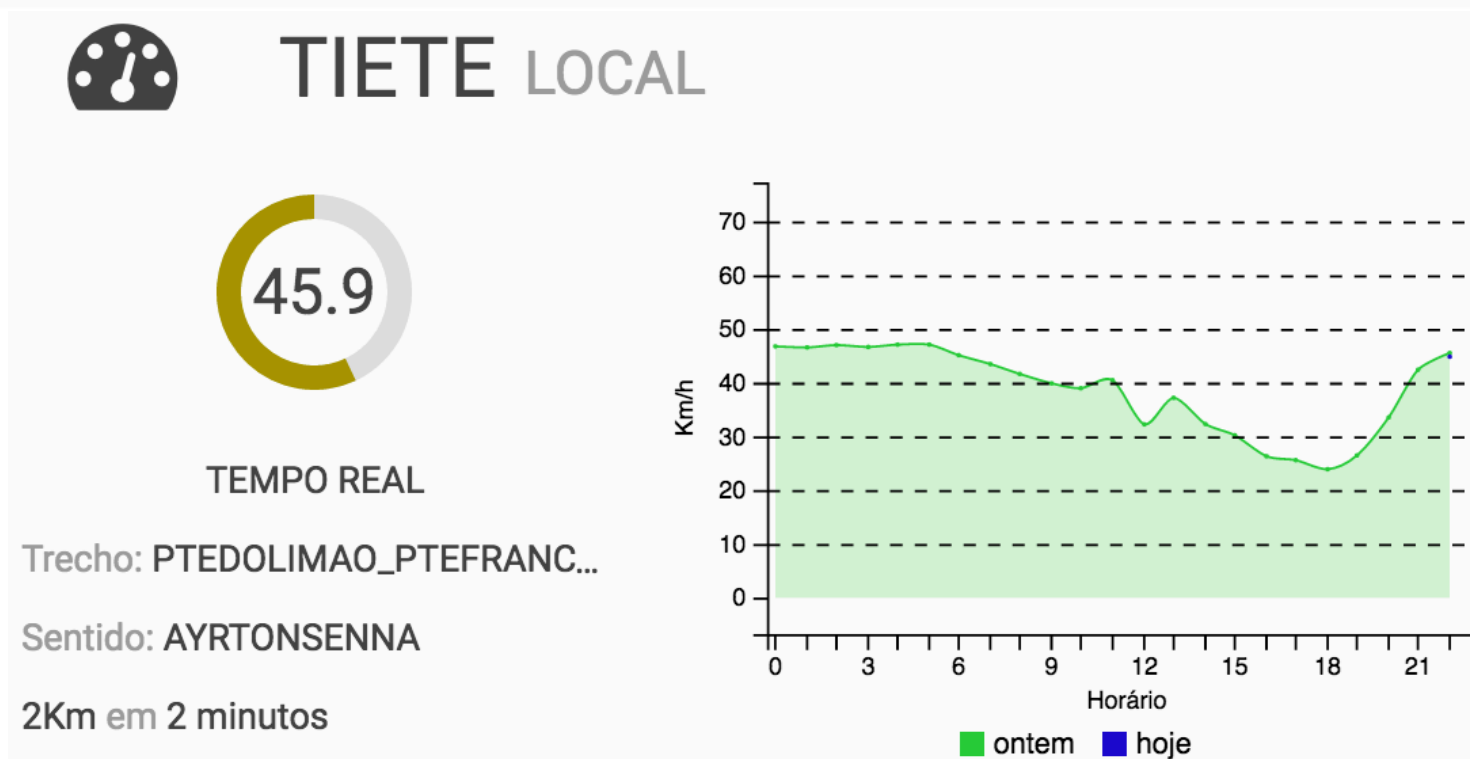
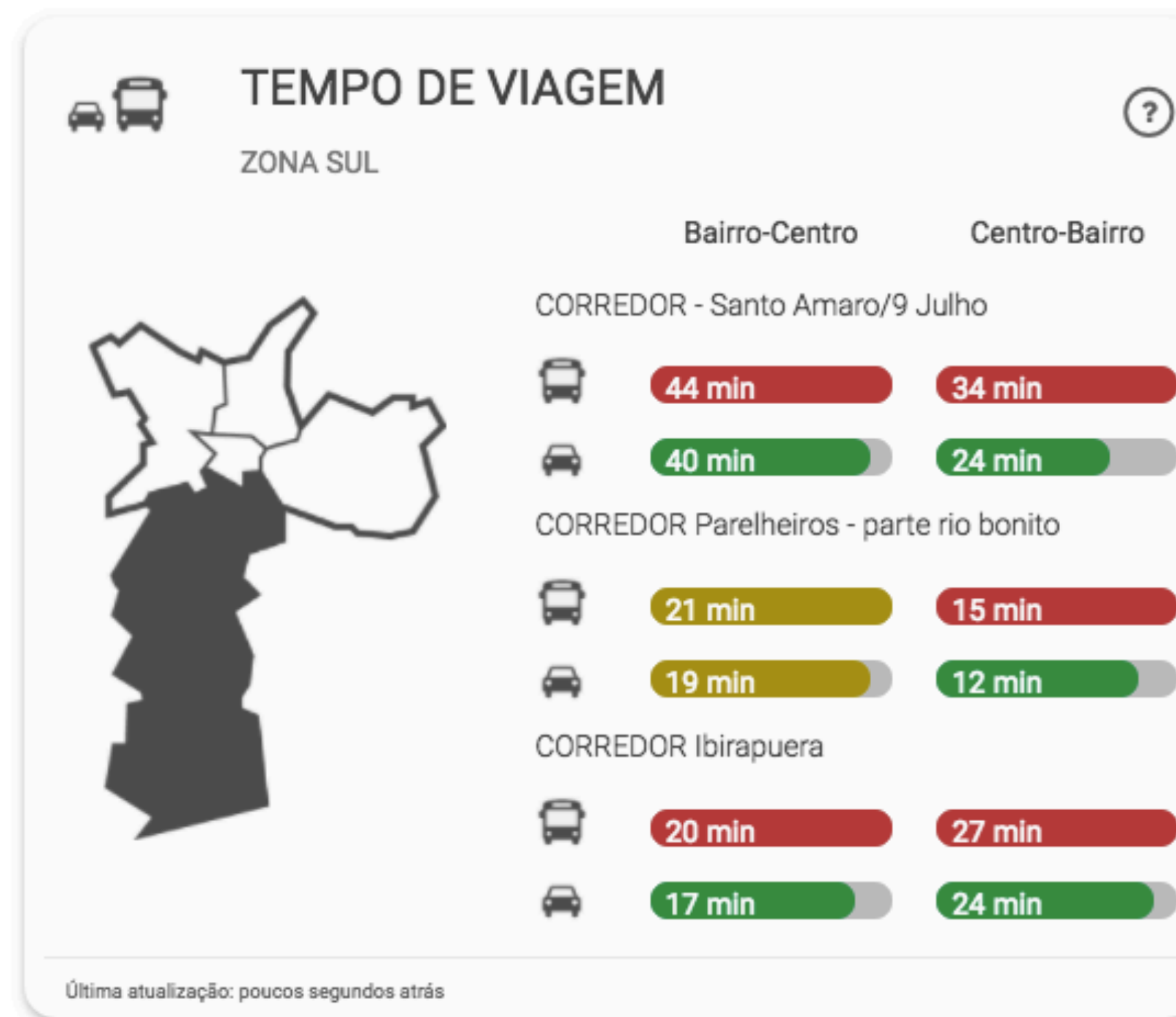
## Historical data



## Headway discrepancy per bus stop



## Comparing bus x auto



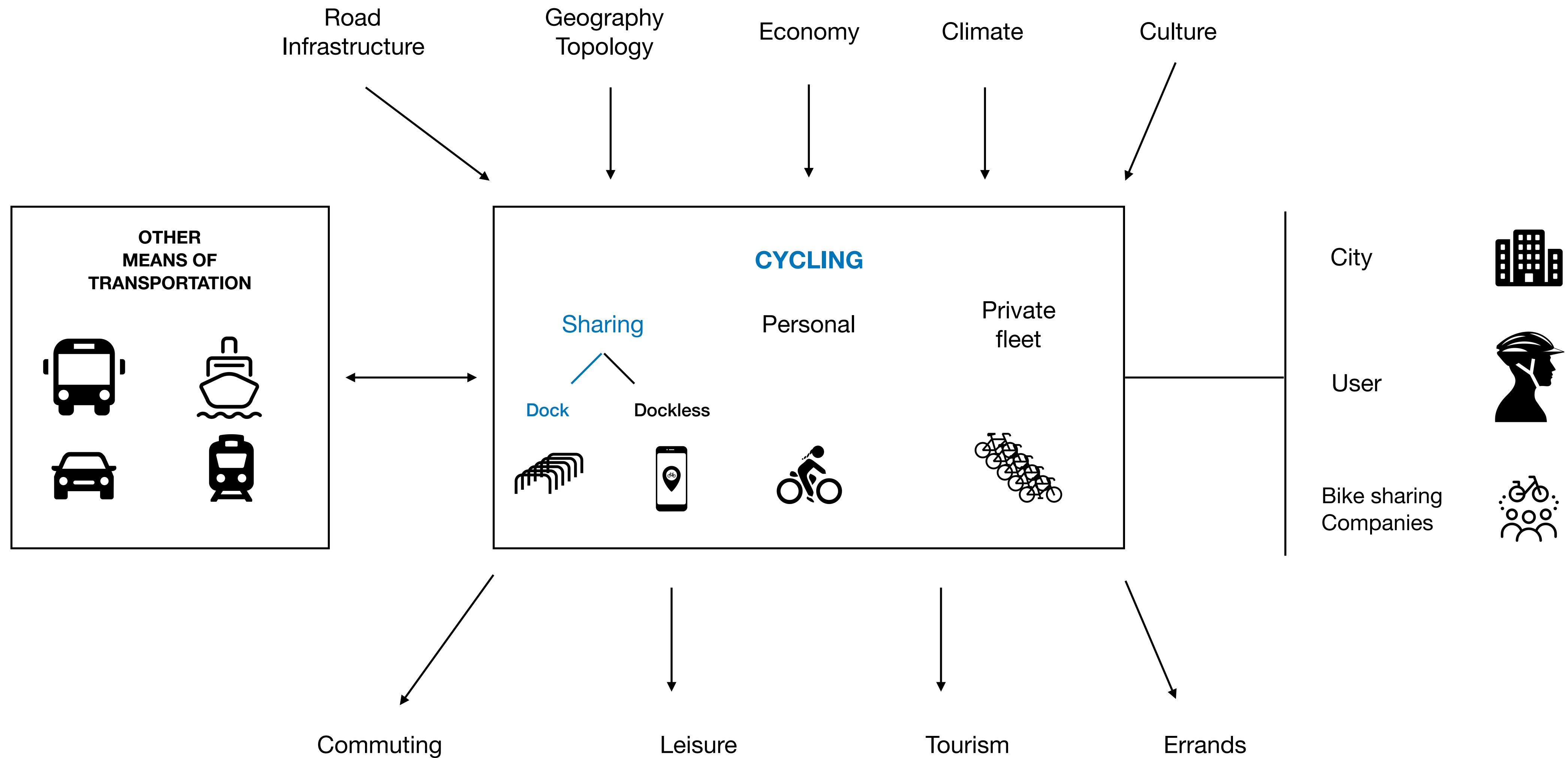
# BikeScience w/ MIT Senseable City Lab

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- Use of bikes for urban transportation is increasing
  - 18+ million shared bikes, increasing rapidly
- Bike transportation has numerous advantages:
  - for the city
  - for the planet
  - for the user
- But it is highly under-utilized



# How can we foster cycling as a serious means of urban transportation



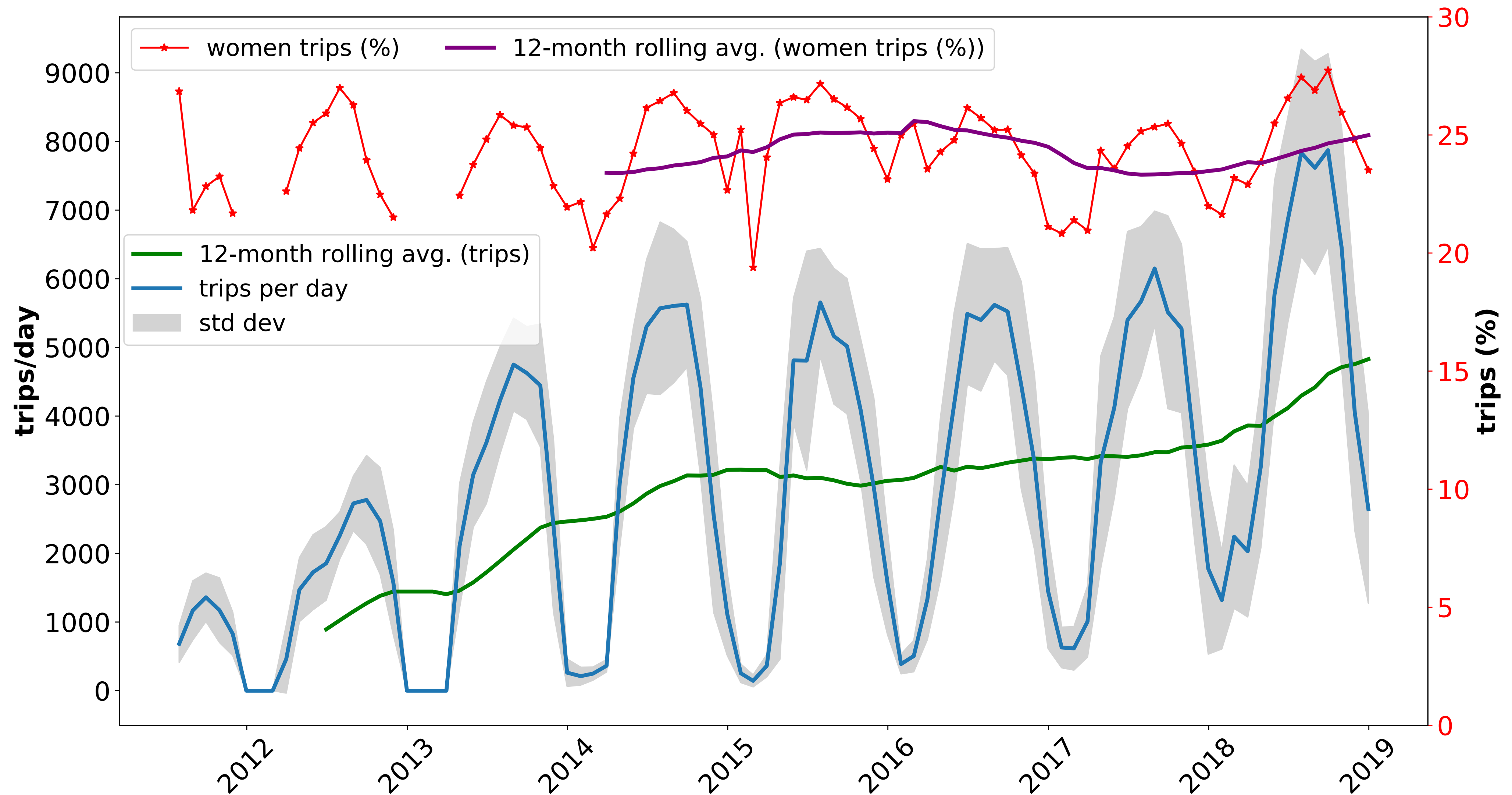
# Bike Data Science

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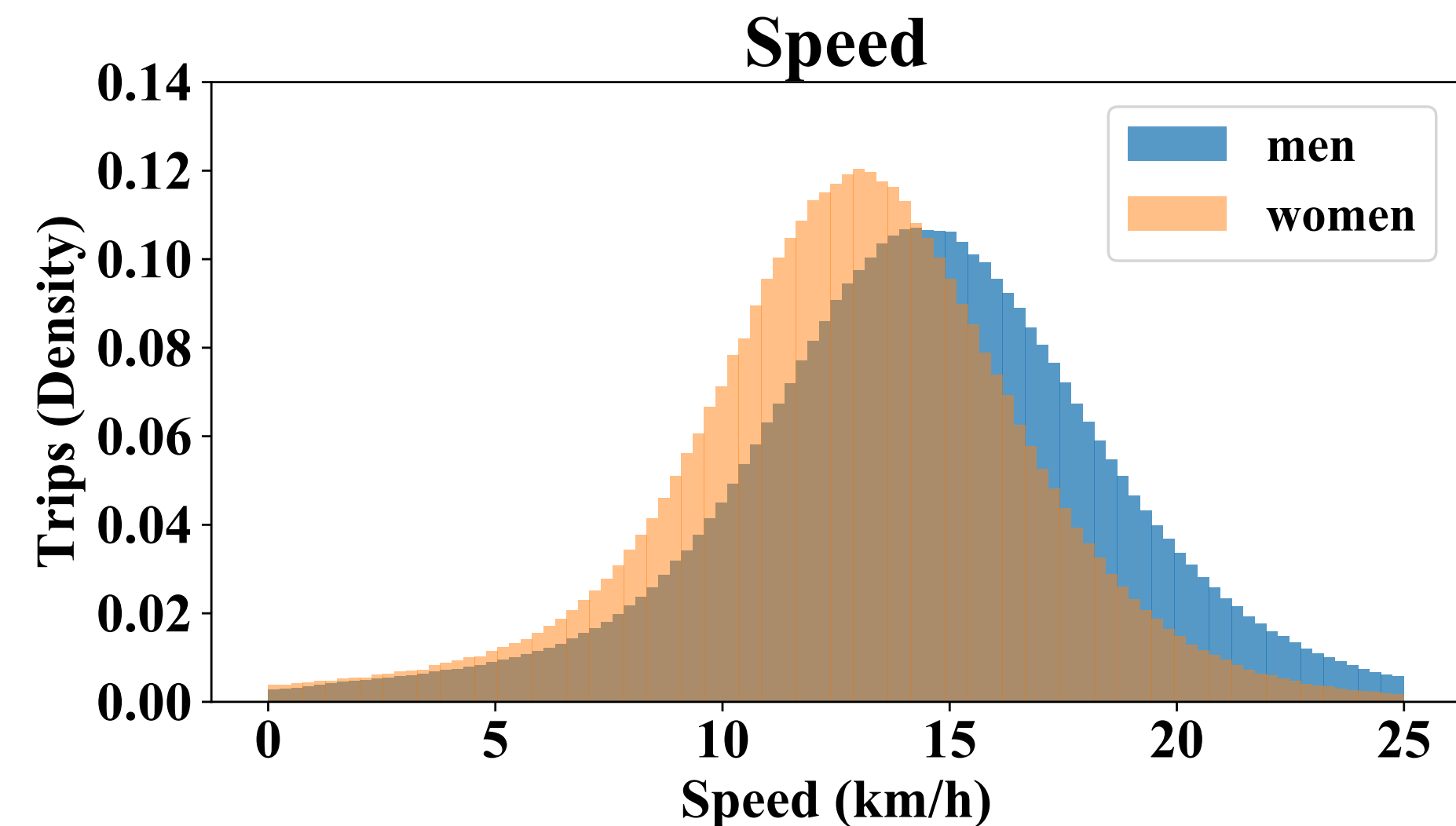
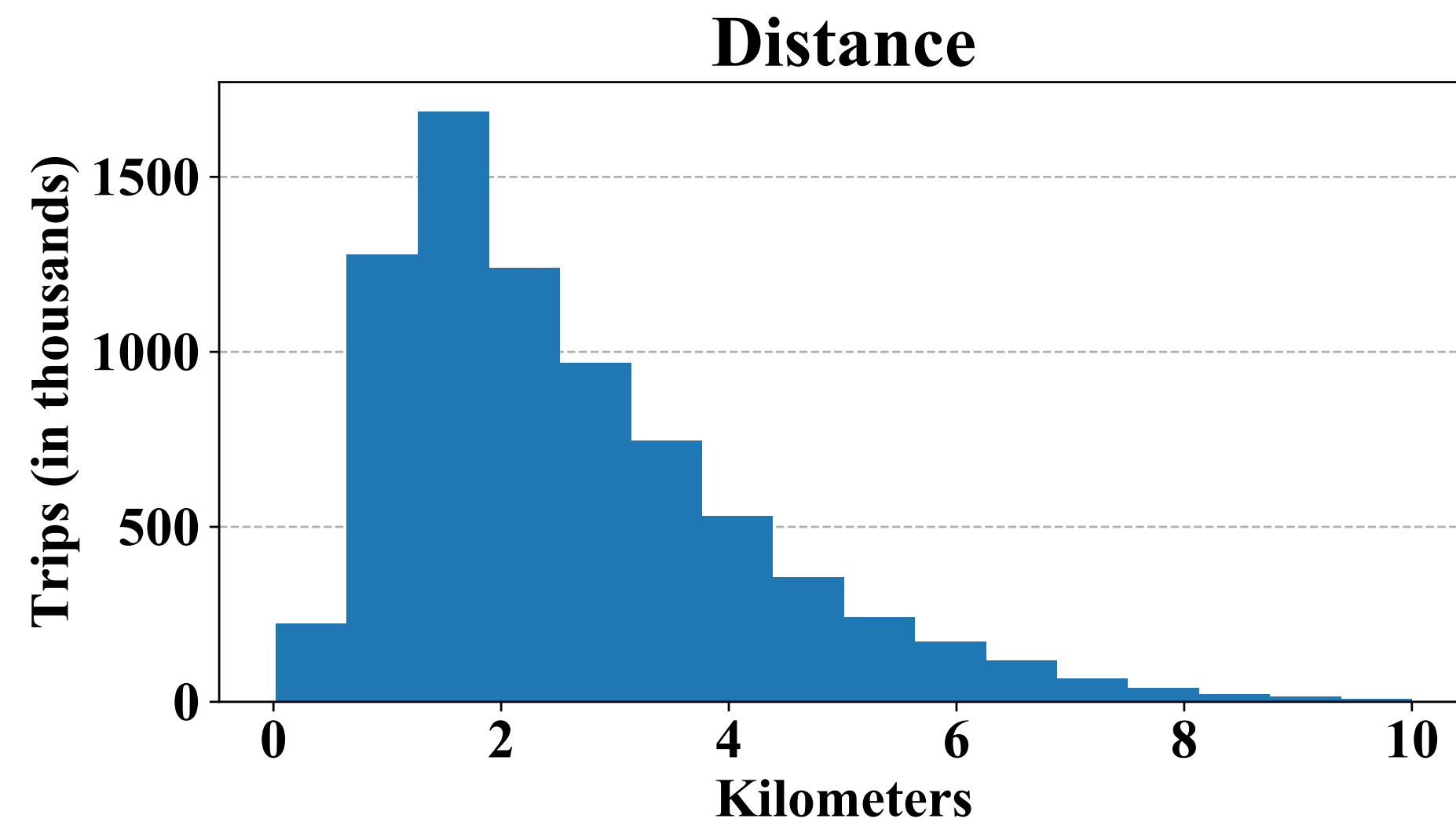
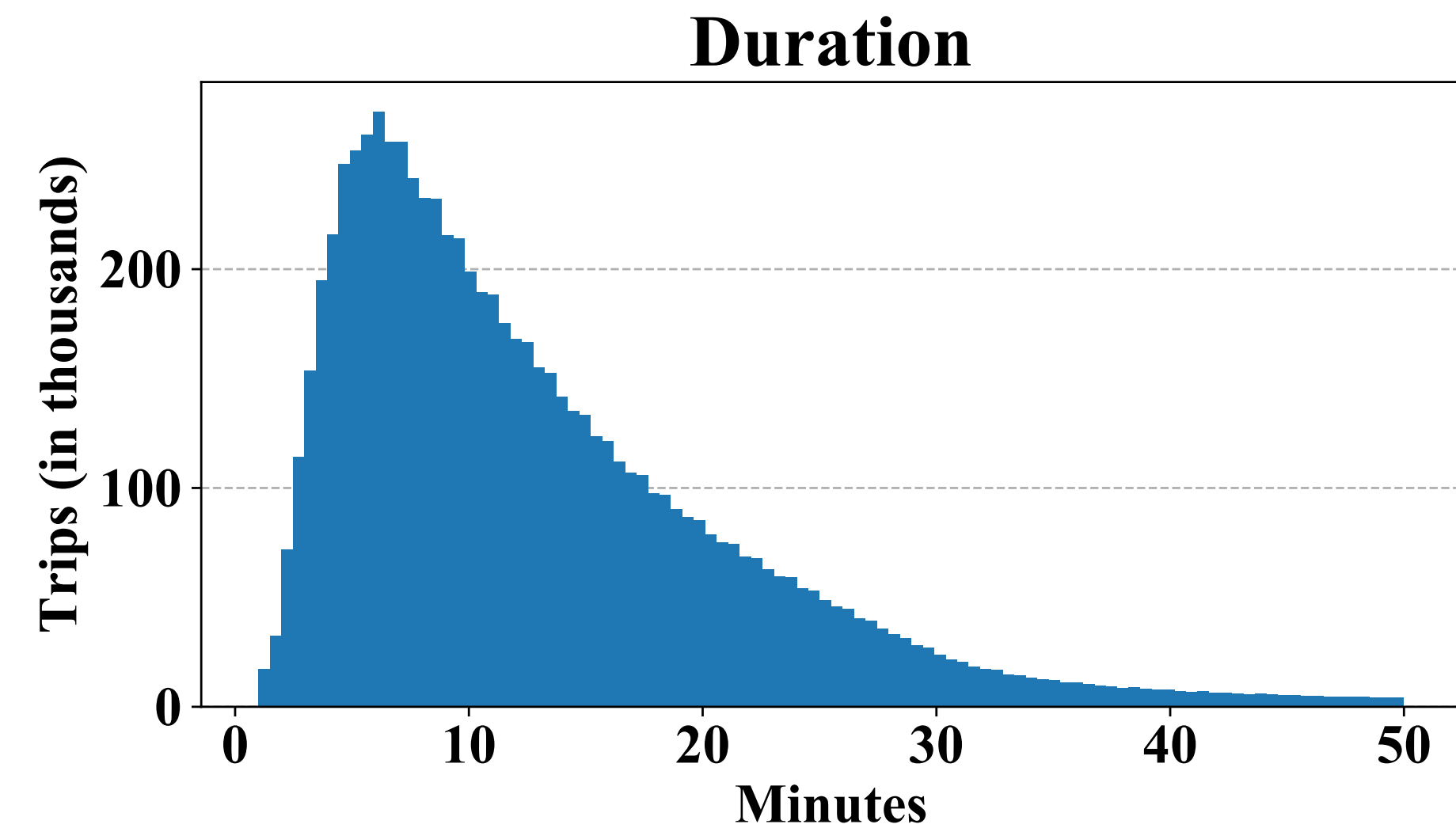
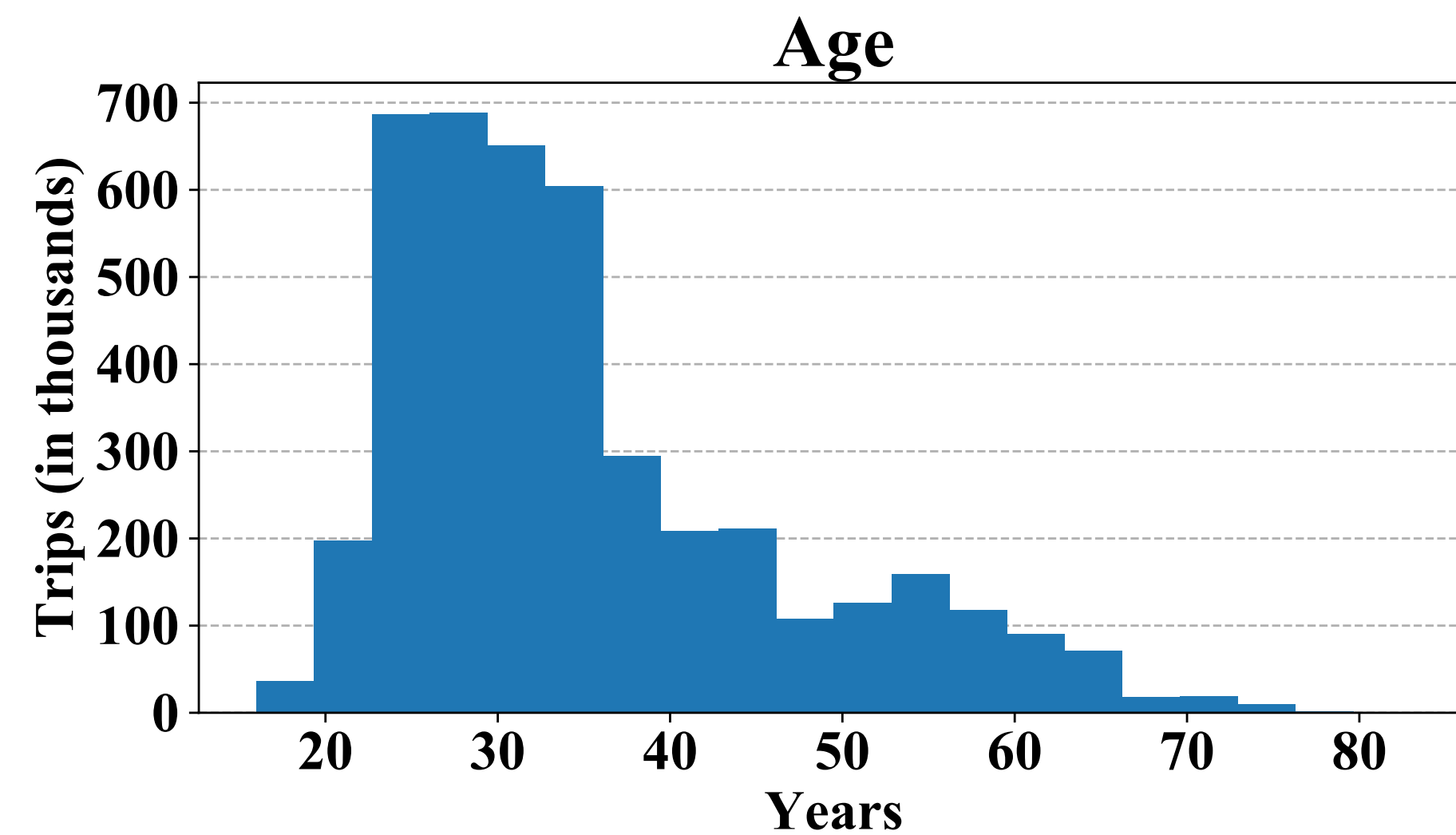
- Analyzing millions of bike trips from 20 cities
  - Starting with Greater Boston (and São Paulo)
  - Dock-based vs. Dockless
- Greater Boston:
  - 8 million trips since 2011



# Boston bike-sharing evolution



# Descriptive Statistics





# Bike Mobility Flows



**(a)** 10x10 grid - across cities



**(b)** 20x20 grid

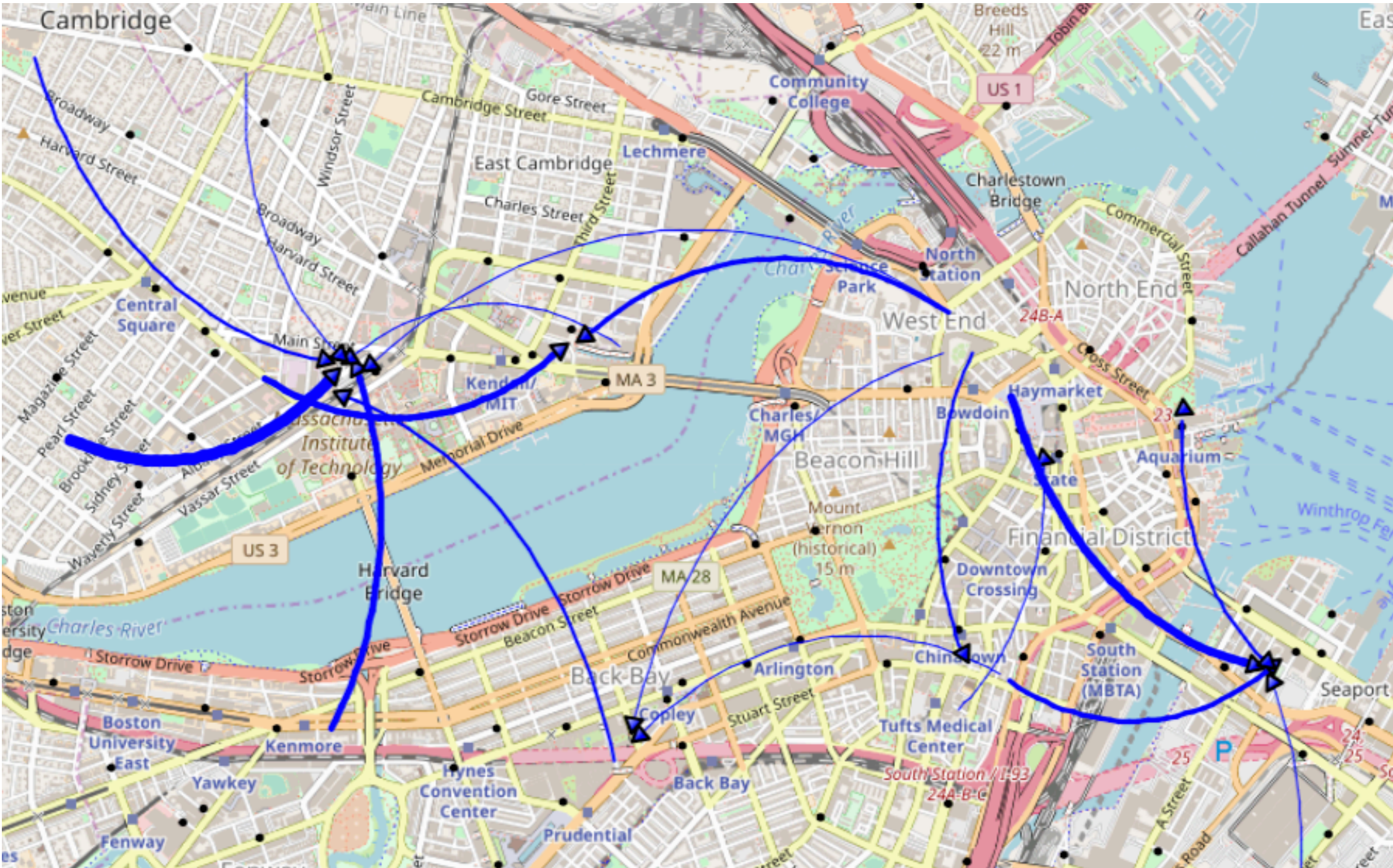


**(c)** 30x30 - flows within a neighborhood



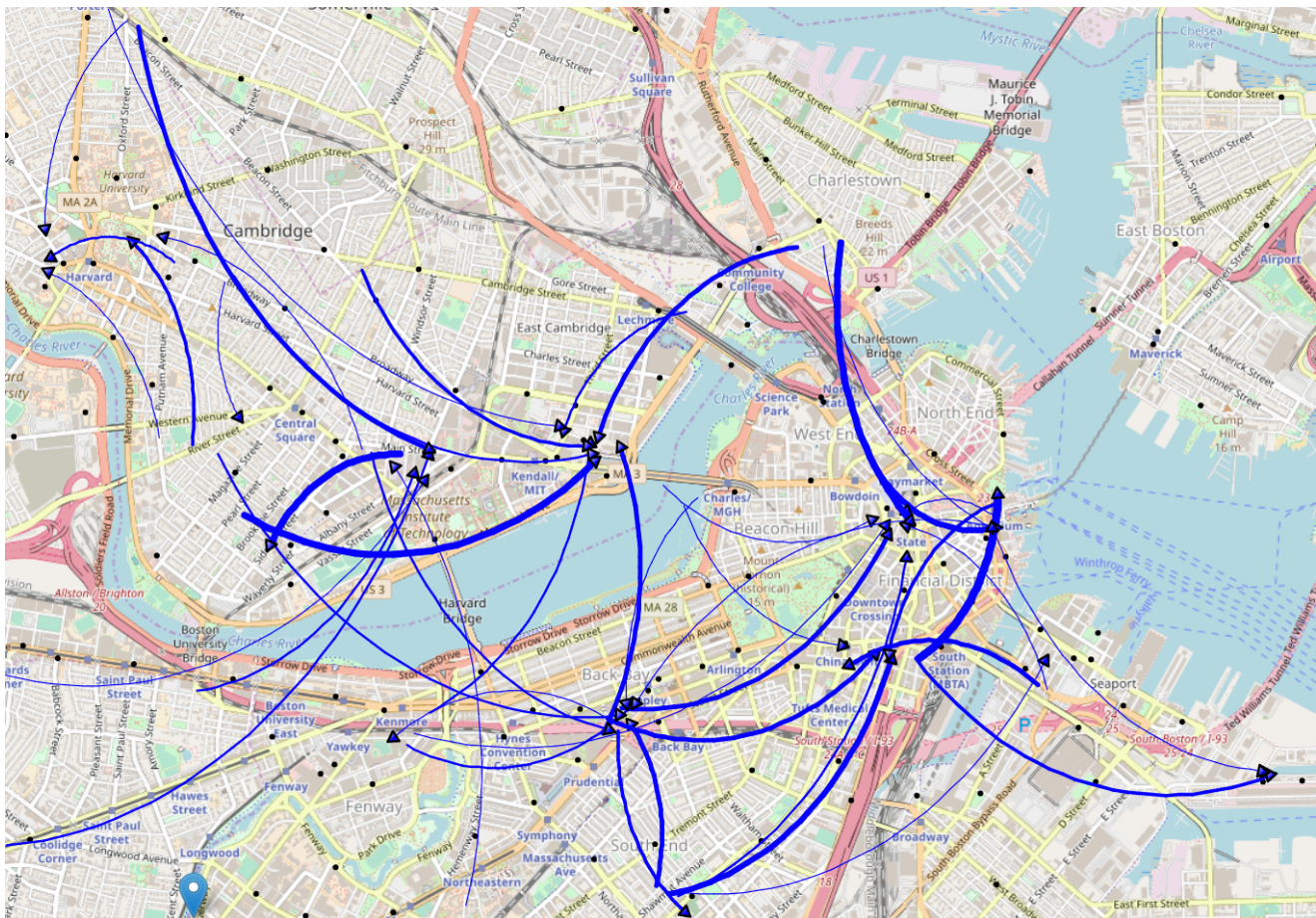
# Supporting Public Policy: Flow popularity and infrastructure investments

Tier 4: 18 flows → 1% of flows

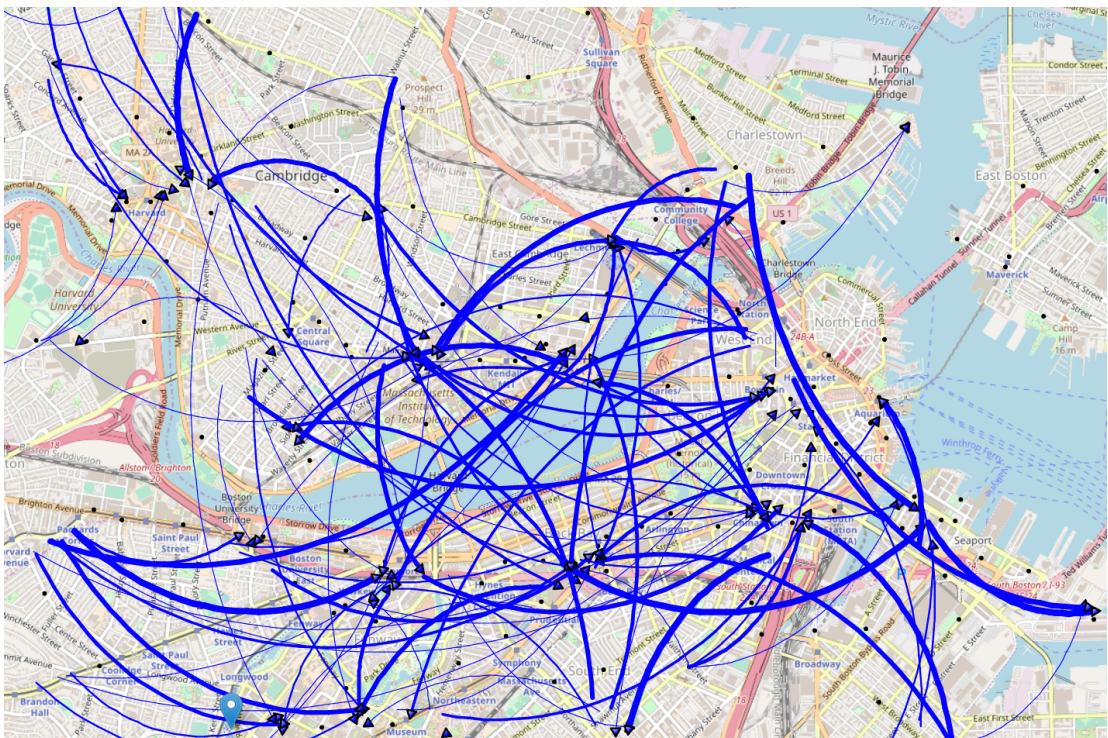


Total: 1629 different flows

Tier 3: 46 flows → 3% of flows



Tier 2: 119 flows → 7% of flows

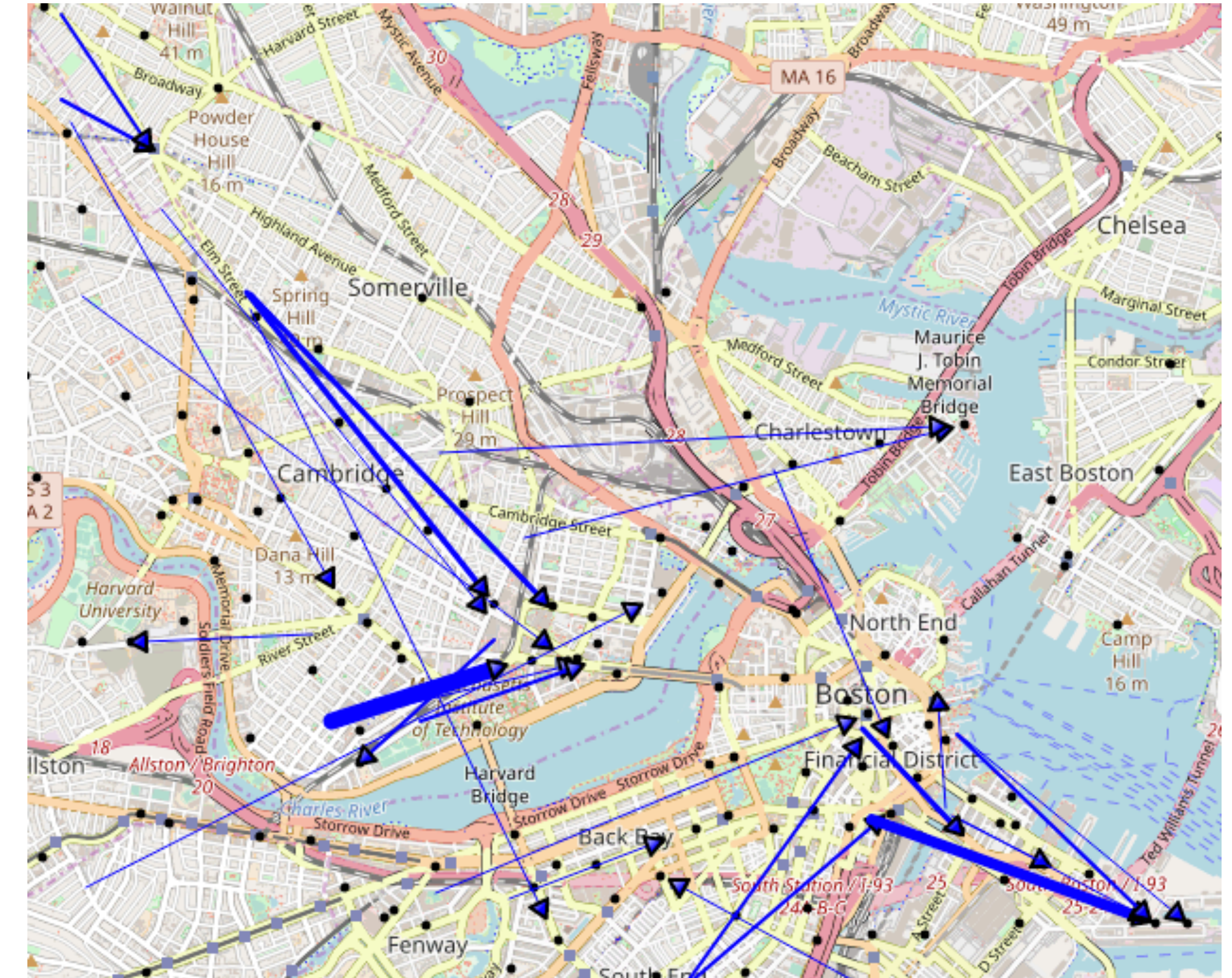


Tier 1: 1446 flows - 89% of flows



# Profile of Speeders ( $>15\text{Km/h}$ - euclidean distance)

- 4.5% of trips
- 90% are men / 10% are women
- 50% of them are between 18 and 30 years old
- They are present in all age ranges under 52...
  - but higher tendency to drive dangerously fast: 25 to 30
- Speedy trips length is 20% longer
  - (they might speed because they need to go farther away)
- Speedy trips duration is half of the average (they want to get there quickly)
- A subscriber (normally a resident) is 5 times more likely to be a speeder than an isolated customer (normally a tourist)





# The Future

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- Advanced collaborative research among InterSCity partners
- Middleware implementation: scalability, performance, usability by developers
- Big Data processing, analysis, and visualization
- Machine Learning to improve city services
- Establish and strengthen collaborations



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# Bikes are underutilized

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- London - bikes are faster
  - than public transport for most trips < 8 miles [Properly 2013]
  - 1/3 of current car trips [City of London 2017]
- USA [Dept. of Transportation 2017]
  - 35% of car trips are < 2 miles / 46% < 3 miles
  - 1% of trips are on a bike



## Next steps

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- Analyze flows in 20 cities identifying
  - common patterns and different classes of cities
- Analyze relations with socioeconomic and topographic data from city districts → develop ML model
- Analyze data from dockless systems
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