



# The effects of urban structures on water resources

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**Objective** 







- Monitoring of the urban area and differentiation of different settlement types
- How can Urban Structure Types (UST) help to monitor and represent urban areas?
- Which water-relevant parameters can be represented by UST?

























**Urban Structure Types are:** 

spatial indicators that help to divide and differentiate the urban fabric into open and green spaces, infrastructure, and building complexes so that their typical characteristics such as physical, functional and energetic factors can be identified.

> after Wickop et al. 1998, Böhm 1998 & Breuste et al. 2001



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## Methodology

UST	Parameters		Visual example —	UST Detail
RH 5 – medium density	location building structure lotsize impervious surface green area runoff urban water infrastructure water consumption income legal status description	Sector P Planalto concrete 1 and 2 from 250 from 50 low very hig WS, WC from 200 low to a legal building swimmin houses construc	S  /ila    n^2,    δ    fr    fr   <	<image/>
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## Methodology









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- Statistical representation
- Analyzed variables:

Population density, household density, water supply, sewage disposal, waste disposal, amount of impervious surface, vegetation, bare soil ...

- Difficulties: different spatial units
- Advantage: Very high temporal resolution (10 years 16 day)



• Spatial resolution

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GS - Parks and green spaces RH2 - Residential houses low density

RH4 - Residential houses high density

RH4\_2 - Residential houses high density (no sewer)

RH5 - Residential houses medium density

RH5\_2 - Residential houses medium density (no sewer)



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• Spatial resolution

## **Population density**

## (A) - Census data



### [inhab/km²]



(B) - Urban Structure Types





**Results** 

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RH1 - Residential houses very low density

RH4 - Residential houses high density

RH4\_2 - Residential houses high density (no sewer)

RH5\_2 - Residential houses medium density (no sewer)









### • Thematic resolution

### Amount of households using rudimentary cesspits

(A) - Census data



(B) - Urban Structure Types









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## Application





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- **5** Conclusion and Outlook
- Urban Structure Types:
  - represent water-relevant parameters and can be used to estimate impacts of urbanization processes on water resources
  - support multi-temporal monitoring and planning measures
  - main benefits: high spatial and temporal resolution, time and cost effective classification
- Application of UST in modeling, scenario development, risk assessment



## Thank you for your attention

