SUSTAINABILITY:

"Sustainability is a characteristic of a process or state that can be maintained at a certain level indefinitely" - (Wikipedia)

Ethical principle or political concept: "Sustainable Development is to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"

The Brundtland Commission, 1987

Operationalization: requires a quantitative definition,
a metric to measure,
means to predict consequences of action.

Quantitative Definition: Life expectancy of the system,
trajectories of certain factors