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seamless integration of networks and services (PPT)
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Who am I?

Traffic Operations and Management

Some background: two decades of research...

Network Traffic Flow Theory

Crowd Modelling and Management

Integrated and coordinated Traffic Management

Management and Planning of Evacuations
Change in research focus…
Towards Smart Urban Personal Mobility

- Anticipatory decentralised control
- Demand responsive transport services
- Urban active mode mobility
- Cooperative systems and driver automation
- Urban Traffic and Transport data
Why the change of focus?

• Urbanisation is a global trend!

• Accessibility is a major issue in many car-centric cities and appears persistent

• Most delays are experienced on arterials (not on freeways!), speeds may drop off to below 20 km/h during peak...

• Urban space is very scarce, so building new infrastructure is generally not straightforward

• 2/3rd of traffic accidents occurs within city boundaries

• High impact (traffic-related) emissions and noise (people live near roads...)

• Potential change is there: in some cities, low operational speed of cars in combination of pull / push measures has lead to modal shifts...
• Cycling and walking have become **main modes of transport** in Amsterdam (and many other Dutch cities)

• For Amsterdam: big impacts on emissions (4-12% reduction), as well as on noise, accessibility and health

• Popularity of rail has increased as well (because of?): for many rail trips, cycling is used for access and egress

• But these positive trends also has some negative (but interesting) impacts…
Bike congestion causing delays and hindrance

Overcrowding during events and regular situations also due to tourists

Overcrowded public transport hubs

Bike parking problems & orphan bikes

Not-so-seamless public transport

Examples of interesting ‘side-effects’ of a very desirable trend...
Amsterdam Institute of Advanced Metropolitan Solutions

- To tackle these (and other) big city issues, Amsterdam sponsored foundation of AMS
- Collaboration between MIT, TUD, WUR and industry partners with municipality of Amsterdam as main ‘client’
- Annual budget 30 million EUR
- Learning by doing: the city as a living lab!
- Urban Mobility (and Logistics) as one of the key issues
- Developing a vision on Smart Sustainable Urban Mobility
Towards a vision on Smart Urban Mobility

• Ingredients of a vision…

• What are expected main trends (next to spatial trends)?
  - trends affecting mobility demand (demographic changes, socio-economic developments)
  - trends affecting supply transport modes and services (e.g. technological trends, innovations)
  - trends that affect aims and requirements

• Analysis and confrontation trends: are current issues resolved? Do we see new issues? Are they in line with current en future policy objectives? Should we accelerate / decelerate certain developments?

• What is a feasible and desirable situation and how do we get there? What are the roles of various actors?

• A first step (EU strategic agendas + brainstorm)…
Trends affecting urban mobility

Examples of analysing identified trends and how they could impact urban mobility
Example trend: electrification (or rather: the e-bike)

- About 65% of trips are shorter than 7.5 km; about 75% are shorter than 15 km
- Acceptable distances that can be travelled by e-bike is about 15 km; for bikes it is about 7.5 km
- E-bike reduces impact of grade, and is less demanding, enabling cycling for wider audience
- Potential for e-bikes seems large, but new challenges do emerge!
  - Safety? In particular an issue for older cyclists
  - Mixing ‘normal’ cyclist / pedestrians and motorised bicycles (e.g. larger speed differences)
- The (e-) bike will not be the only answer, but can be an important element of the system
Example trend: driving automation

- Introduction will have huge impacts, beyond changing capacity and safety: **ripple model**
- Travel time becomes work time! Impacts of Value of Time changes on mobility patterns?
- Driving automation gaining lots of attention, but with strong focus on freeway applications

- **Feasibility in dense urban areas?**
  - Will own infrastructure be needed? Where do we find the space in our dense cities?
  - Throughput and safety impacts, also in case reduced automation when cars enter city?
  - Privately owned vehicles or shared services?
  - Interaction with vulnerable road users?

- Driving automation not likely to be a panacea!
The Dutch alternative to the self-driving car?

Developing a comprehensive vision requires analysing all identified trends and predicting their impact on urban mobility.
• Using key **technological trends** (big data, hyper-connectivity), **social trends** (e.g. attitude towards (car-) ownership), and **changing objectives / requirements** regarding urban mobility…

• **Uni-modal urban transport system not likely to achieve identified objectives / requirements** (in particular: health, sustainability, liveability)

• We believe we should foster transition to a less car-centric **urban mobility system**, with pillars:
  1. Seamless integration of mobility services, “prioritising” sustainable and healthy modes
  2. Flexible / efficient use infrastructure & space
  3. Requiring open urban multi-modal data platform
What does seamless integration of services entail?

- Transfer / access / egress resistance is high (1 transfer ~ 17 min travel time)
- Reduction essential to make a multi-modal trip compete with car:
  - Seamless transfer between *appropriate modes*, also in terms of infrastructure
  - Seamless payment schemes
  - Accurate *personalised* multi-modal real-time info and advice giving *fair* information about all alternatives
- Important role of (shared) *active modes* for shorter (legs of multi-modal) trips
- Role autonomous vehicles as a *mobility service* (driverless Uber)?

Idea not a new per se, but becomes feasible with availability of new and improved BIG data sources and methods to fuse them...
UML: Open Multi-modal Data Platform

- Data platform to unravel multi-modal traffic patterns
- Example application example during triple event in Arena area
- Pilot shows potential of system for multi-modal information and guidance during events
Flexible and efficient utilisation of network capacity

• Key since space to build new roads in our dense cities is often not available!
• Many examples already available:
  - Integrated traffic control and management (e.g. Practical Pilot Amsterdam)
  - Integrated management of Traffic, Public Transport and Crowd management during events (SAIL)
• Major opportunity is in integrating measures influencing demand and supply (e.g. anticipatory control)
• Note: flexible use also allows improving robustness and better dealing with extraordinary situations
### DTM transition paths

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### Closing remark: importance of clear transition paths!

- Development of comprehensive transition paths to enable Smart Urban Mobility:
  - Integration of current, often uni-technology / uni-modal transition paths
  - Identification of no-regret activities and developing pilots that contribute to transition

- Examples: 1) **Transition DTM** and 2) **Transition driver automation**

*Visions are wonderful, but there are also problems to be solved right now!*
Q&A

What do we want our cities to be like?
Trends and implications for transport modelling?

• Days of traditional (static) transport modelling seem over, new techniques in modelling and calibration open alleyways for practical application of such models, including activity-based modelling

• With big-data, data-driven modelling will become more important

• Hyper-connectivity makes process more complex and potentially more unstable

• Importance of behaviour and human factor

• Travel time becomes work time (self-driving vehicles) or recreation / exercise time (active modes): shift in activity patterns, VoT, etc.

• Active mode transport is poorly described in many transport models, yet important in (almost) all (multi-modal) trips!

• Importance of including non-transport