

## Integration bottlenecks in the Smart Cities module

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## CONTENT

- Short overview Twente Educational Model (TOM) 3 min
- BSc- and MSc-curriculum Civil Engineering *Interdisciplinarity + Smart Cities*
- Particular interdisciplinary BSc-module *Smart ways to make smart cities smarter*
- Reflection + questions for discussion
- Closure

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OBJECTIVES

- Better preparation of students for the future (learn to acquire deep knowledge; to find solutions for new, complex problems)
- Increasing pace of study and success rate
- Enhancing the profile of UT graduates:
  - T-shaped professional
  - Enterpreneurial attitude: full of innovation, creative, bold
  - Researcher, Designer and Organiser



BREADTH

DEPTH

SCIENTIST

DESIGNER

MANAGER

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WHY: WHAT DID WE LEARN FROM RESEARCH?

- Steady pressure
- Frequent feedback
- Different teaching modes / limit passive listening
- Create community
- Be clear about high ambition and expectations
- Teachers perform best in teams



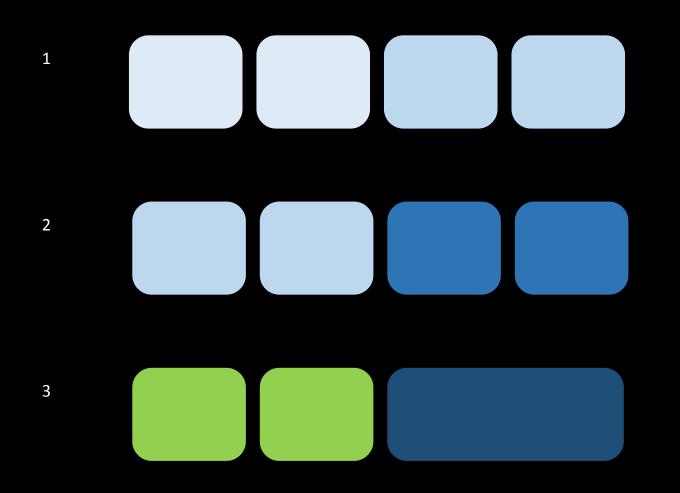






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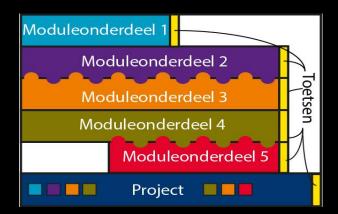


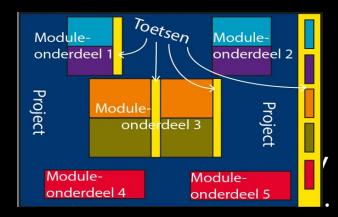
# TWENTE EDUCATIONAL MODEL

CHARACTERISTICS

- 4 full time thematic modules per year (10 weeks, 15 EC per module)
- Project-Led Education
- Individual and group work
- Tests for parts of the modules ↔ integral assessment
- Pass or fail module as a whole (0 or 15 EC)









## MODULE MAP 2016-2017



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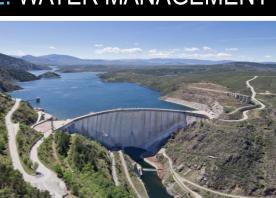
# 2. WATER MANAGEMENT

## **3. TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

#### **4. DESIGNING BUILDINGS** AND STRUCTURES









1. INTRODUCTION TO

**CIVIL ENGINEERING** 



5. SAFETY AND RISKS IN DELTAS

#### 6. SUSTAINABLE CIVIL ENGINEERING





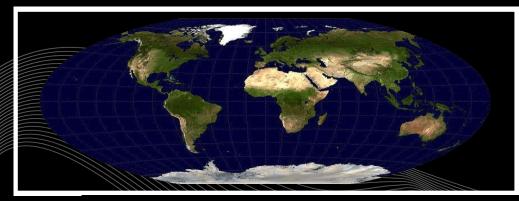
#### 7. AREA DEVELOPMENT

8. OPTIMIZING TRANSPORT PROCESSES



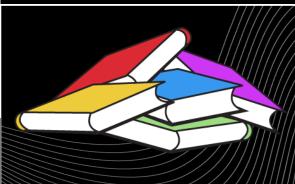
# CIVIL ENGINEERING MODULES YEAR 2





9. & 10. ELECTIVE MODULES (MINOR) In-depth Broader-based

11. PREPARING FOR GRADUATION





#### **12. BSC GRADUATION PROJECT**

CIVIL ENGINEERING MODULES YEAR 3

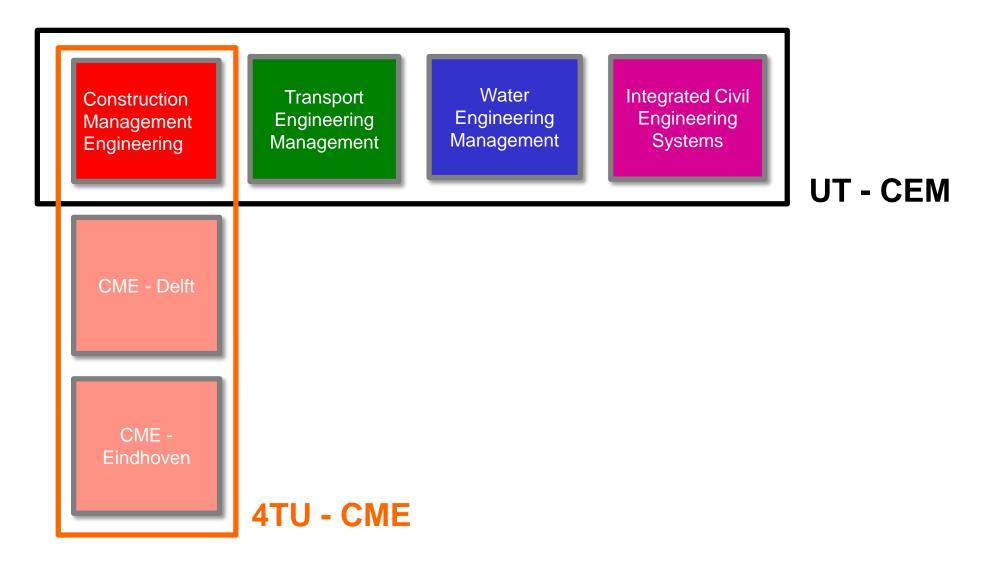


# CIVIL ENGINEERING MODULES YEAR 3





## MSc Civil Engineering and Management (UT-CEM) Construction Management and Engineering (4TU-CME)



### **CIVIL ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT (CEM)** 3 SPECIALIZATIONS ON A SPECIFIC *DISCIPLINE*

- Construction Management and Engineering
  - Profile: Markets and Organizations in Construction
  - Profile: Design Management in Construction





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- Transport Engineering and Management - Profile: Transport planning and modelling
- Profile: Smart Transport Systems



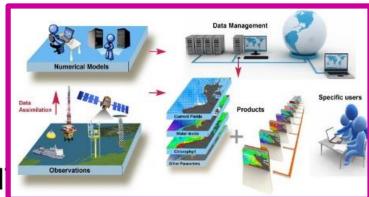
- Water Engineering and Management
  - Profile: Integrated Water Management
  - Profile: River and Coastal Engineering



#### CIVIL ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT (CEM) ONE SPECIALISATION ON A SPECIFIC THEME

- Integrated Civil Engineering Systems
  - Profile: Sustainability
  - Profile: Modelling and Forecasting
  - Profile: Civil Engineering Structures
  - Profile: Smart Cities







## INTEGRATED CIVIL ENGINEERING SYSTEMS Smart Cities

#### Profile Courses:

- Planning and Process Management
- Land Use and Transport Interactions
- Integrated Water Management
- Research Methodology and Academic Skills





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# INTEGRATED CIVIL ENGINEERING SYSTEMS Smart Cities

#### **Examples of Profile Electives:**

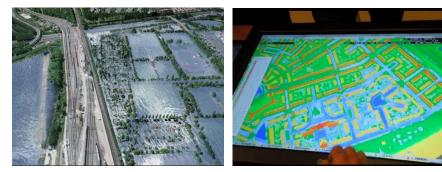
- Sustainable Building
- Intelligent Transport Systems
- Electric Vehicle Systems Design (IDE)
- Virtual Reality (IDE)
- Solar Energy (SET)

#### Example of MSc-thesis project:

The introduction of interactive modelling by
 3Di in flood resilient urban spatial planning







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# Smart Ways to get Smart Cities Smarter

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## City planners' wet dreams ...



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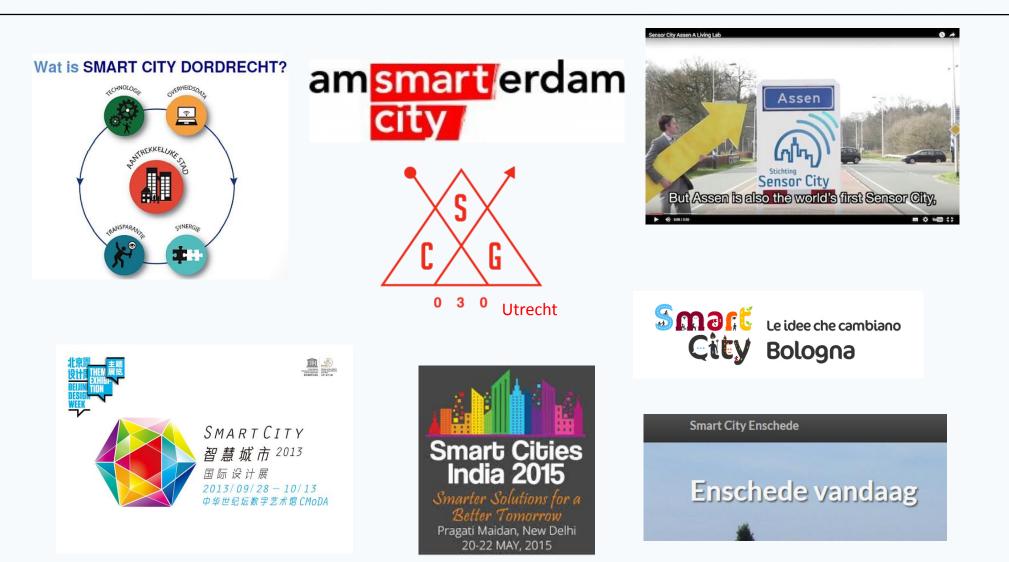
- Urban sprawl (planning)
- Utopia fantasy
- Rapid transport
- Sustainable, CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
- Data-Driven city management
- Expansion of Cities
- Technological progress

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After Hatch (2012), Swabey (2012), and Fitzgerald (2016)

#### Global and local initiatives

WHERE (NOT?)



## Some patterns

Defining key characteristics of Smart Cities

- urgency and sensitizing by: [1] demographics, [2] sustainability & energy and [3] digital revolution, [4] liveability & security, [5] citizen participation
- technology discussed mostly refers to the high tech side of the technology spectrum (big data, sensing, e-participation, livable)
- it is about 'designing the future': it works towards a blueprint for city at a higher level.
- Utopian characteristics





BUILD A SENSE







## So, what is a Smart City?

In Shelton paper:

- apply the **massive amounts of digital data** collected about society as a means to rationalize the planning and management of cities (cf. Townsend 2013).
- cities as a "complex network of interconnected systems" (IBM 2010), constantly creating new data that can be used to "monitor, measure and manage" urban life by "leveraging information to make better decisions...anticipating and resolving problems proactively... [and] coordinating resources to operate more efficiently"
- smart city interventions bears little resemblance to the marketing rhetoric and planning documents of emblematic, greenfield smart cities, such as Masdar in the United Arab Emirates, Songdo in South Korea, and Living PlanIT Valley in Portugal.

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#### Is there consensus on the definition?

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|                 | What is a 'smart city' and how it will work- The Times of India timesofindia.indiatimes.com/What-is-a-smart-city-and-how-it-will/47128930.cms May 2, 2015 - PM Modi had announced his vision to set up 100 smart cities across the country soon after his government was sworn into power mid last year.   |           |
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Just what IS a smart city? | Computerworld

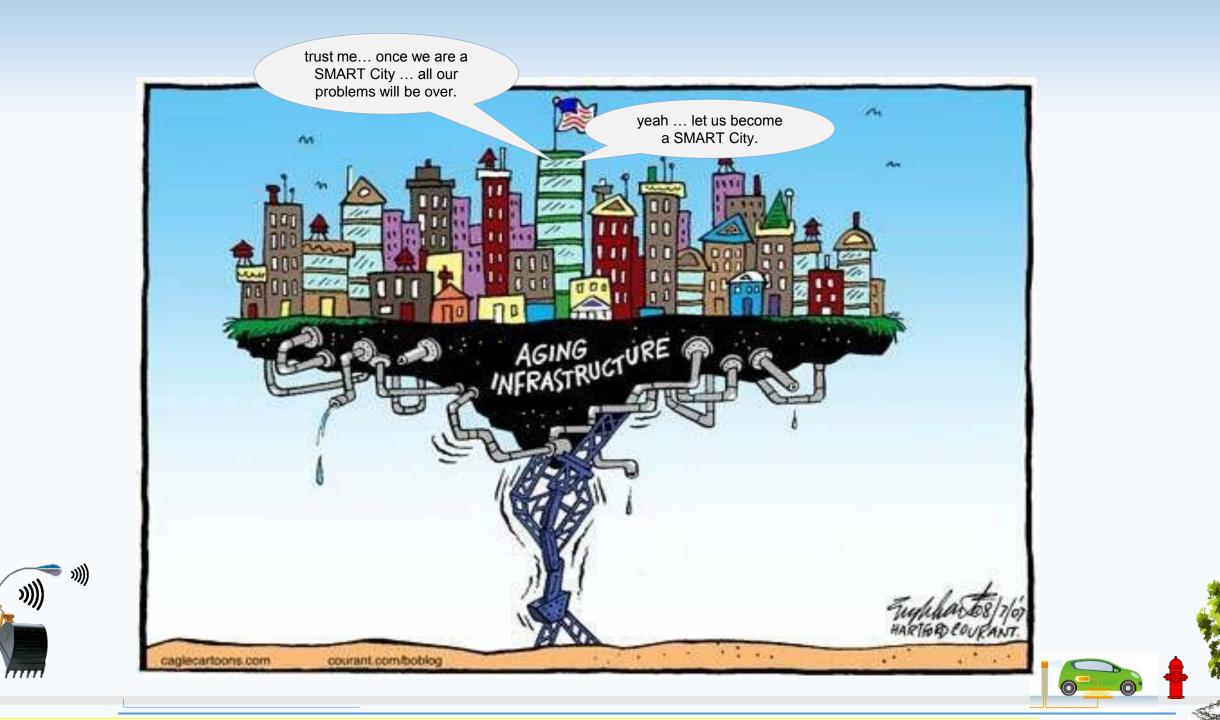
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## Despite their popularity ...

- Smart Cities are not built on greenfields
- Often on brown or greyfields
- Existing constraints:
  - Physical constraints
  - Insufficient funds for large-scale development plans
  - Existing rules & regulations
  - Commercial interests
  - Privacy issues











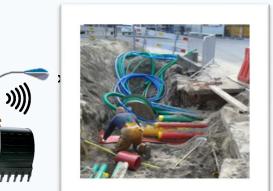












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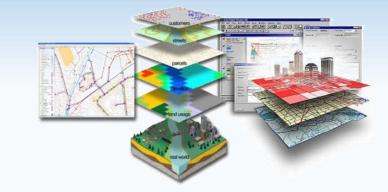






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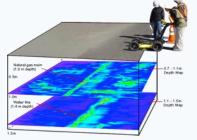
## This module focuses on developing SC's



- Smart technologies
- Focus on 'city engineering'
  - Construction
  - Traffic
  - Robotics & sensors
  - Geophysics
- Design project using systems engineering

#### How to maintain and renew the city infrastructures?









## Learning goals

- 1. At the end of the module's first block, students are able to recall ten **types of urban infrastructures**, their state, purpose, and vulnerability.
- 2. At the end of the module's first block, students can express five **targets**, five **barriers**, and two distinct **trajectories** of smart city engineering.
- 3. At the end of the module's first block, students can explain the barriers of smart city realization, criticize the smart city **rhetoric**, and state why few Smart Cities **examples exist in practice**.
- 4. At the end of the module, students can explain how **Robotics**, **Geophysics**, and **Traffic solutions** support construction of Smart urban life & mobility improvements.
- 5. And the end of the module's first block, students can explain the key steps of the **Systems Engineering** process model and relate the model to the V-model, and demonstrate how it can be applied to a design project.
- 6. At the end of the module, students are able to **implement** technical knowledge (from Robotics, Geophysics, and Traffic Engineering), and **apply** principles of Systems Engineering to design a solution for a **smart city development problem** (design project).
- 7. At the end of the module, students are able to **present their smart city engineering design** to peers and practitioners by means of a A3A0-poster and presentation.
- 8. At the end of the module, students are able to integrate their domain knowledge with that of fellow students from other fields (**peer-learning**) into an integrated design report.

## Structure of this module

- Block 1: Introduction to Smart City Engineering (Week 46-49)
  - Smart City introduction (46-47)
  - Basics robotics, traffic, geophysics, systems engineering pressure cooker (48-49) •
- Block 2: Design Projects (Week 50-5)
  - Real life problems from industry (SOMA, Geofoxx, Fiber4All, FB)

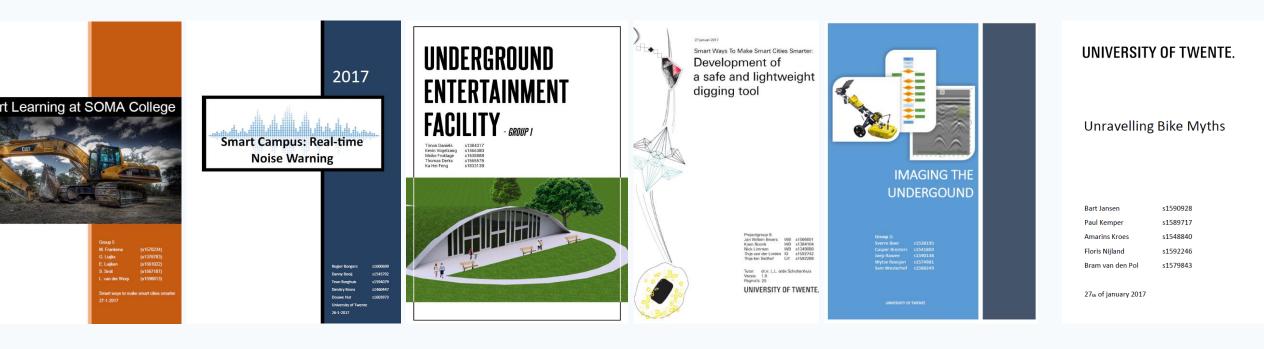






#### **Course Information Documen**

#### Examples of design project work (delivered last week)





## Reflection and observations

- 1. Participants: about 50 students with an engineering, math, chemistry, or physics major
- 2. Students with different qualities (qualitative, quantitative, analyzing, designing, writing, modelling) experience the work and work load differently
  - 1. 'we need to read a lot, I'm not used to that'
  - 2. 'this part of class is easy'
  - 3. 'how can we possibly cover all the course material?'
- 3. Embracing diversity in the projects types creates difficulty when achieving 'unbiased' grading
- 4. The common 'divide and conquer' approach still exists during project work
  - 1. "he is good at writing, so he should make the report"
  - 2. "she is a good programmer, we are not, so he almost had to do all the work"



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## Discussion

- 1. Can we open up the module for social science and business students while keep challenging the engineering students? (and vice versa)
- 2. How can we shift from a mere multi-disciplinary to a trans/interdisciplinary collaboration of the students?
- 3. How can we truly stimulate the peer-learning? And how do we test this as a learning objective?
- 4. How can we make the grading process more unbiased when we have different specialized project groups & project tutors?

