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# Intelligent Systems for Smart Cities

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## Smart cities: unique features



- HOLISTIC
- TECHNOLOGY
- INFORMATICS
- TELECOMS
- MULTIDISCIPLINARY
- CITIZENS
- MANAGERS

Introduction
Healthcare
Education
Traffic
Airports
Rail
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Communications
Economic Development



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## Many views: potential targets





**THINK BIG**

**THINK SMALL**



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## Many views: applications and infrastructure

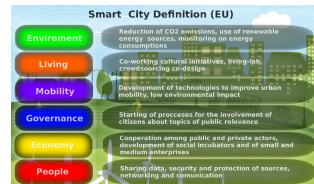



**FOCUS ON SERVICES**

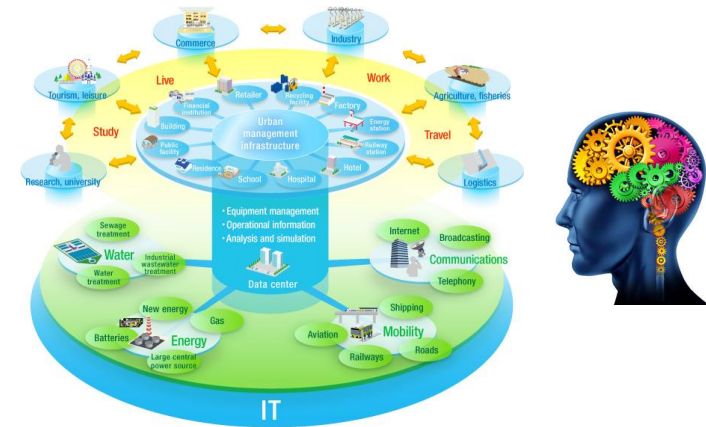
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## Many views: institutional in Europe

- Eleven priority areas defined in the Strategic Implementation Plan of the European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities:
  - Sustainable Urban Mobility
  - Sustainable Districts and Built Environment
  - Integrated Infrastructures and processes across Energy, ICT and Transport
  - Citizen focus
  - Policy and Regulation
  - Integrated Planning & management
  - Knowledge Sharing
  - Baselines, Performance Indicators & Metrics
  - Open data governance
  - Standards
  - Business Models, Procurement and Funding
- For the time being, 8 of the 11 priority areas are covered by the Action Clusters



## Many views: IT and intelligence



## Smart cities: challenges



### Unique features mean unique challenges:

- Large scale, every is really big
- Time consuming and real time
- Dynamic, everything changes in time
- Uncertainty in all tasks and phases
- Complex relations, interdependences
- Several goals at the same time
- Human preferences and interfaces
- Lots of restrictions (legal, technical...)
- Mobile plus desktop applications



## Bioinspired techniques and more

- Research in **biologically inspired** techniques applied to complex problems
- Focus on **any technique** helping to get efficient and accurate results
- Even advanced** methods cannot deal with **complex** instances of **real** problems: high dimension, constrains, epistasis, uncertain data, real time, ...
- Traditional methods put so many **constrains** and **simplifications** to the problem (in order to solve it) that the found solution is no longer valid

## METAHEURISTIC

- Heuristic**: information or procedure used to guide the search of algorithms
- Meta**: high level structure containing operators later tailored to problems
- Many scientific fields** involved: computer science, and also mathematics, operations research, industrial engineering, physics, ...

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### Metaheuristic versus the rest of solvers

How they work

Exhaustive

Advanced

Metaheuristics

What this means

Others cannot...

MetaH CAN!

Classic Techniques

Advanced

Metaheuristics

efficiency

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### Efficient, accurate, and even Nature-inspired!

Evolutionary Algorithms

Survival of the fittest

Bio-Inspired Computing

Inspiration

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### ...but all of them run in a computer as programs

Global best

Convex Combination Metric Space

New position

Best known

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procedure ACOMetaheuristic
ScheduleActivities
ConstructAntsSolutions
UpdatePheromones
DaemonActions // optional
end ScheduleActivities
end procedure

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Inspiration

(0,2; -1,4; 3,5) → Solution Vector  
(1,0; 10,3; 7,2) → Standard Deviation  
(1,7; 0,3; 2,1) → Search Angles

Present Solution

New Solution

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### Advanced techniques needed

- Four main ways of upgrading in **efficiency** and **accuracy**:

- Parallelism:**  
Clusters, Cloud computing, multicores, FPGAs, GPUs...
- Hybridization:**  
Combining algorithms, operators, representations: problem knowledge
- Multiobjective:**  
Modelling explicitly several conflicting objective functions with Pareto's concept of dominance
- Dynamism:**  
Solve a problem that changes in time and adapt previous solutions to the new scenarios

Applications  
Bioinformatics  
Software Testing  
Wind Farm Design  
Vehicles and Traffic

Natural Advanced Solutions  
Parallelism  
Multi-objective  
Dynamic  
Hybridization

Techniques  
Ant Colony Optimization  
Particle Swarm  
Evolutionary Algorithms

Input layer  
Hidden layer  
Output layer

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Multidisciplinary experience is common here



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Scientific success reported in journals...



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Companies and city administrations are deeply involved




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Applications (I)



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## Smart semaphores control: approach

- A software tool for the control center, using a bio-inspired engine, to assist the experts on the **semaphore scheduling**, for a given urban area or the whole city
- By means of **simulation** and other software facilities used in the Traffic Control Center of the city, we can generate optimized traffic schedules and efficient strategies of smart mobility for semaphores
- Optimized schedules can then be later applied to **real traffic management**, after verification tests with such a simulated program (off-line plus on-line)



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## Smart semaphore control: technologies




- High dimension problem
- Considering the whole city details
- Maps, locations, driving rules, vehicles...
- Comprehensive simulations with real data
- Long processing times



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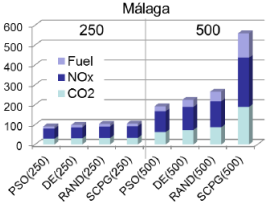
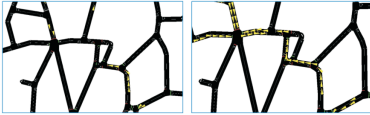
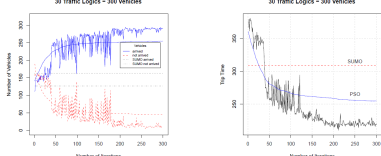
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## Smart semaphore control: results

- Optimized semaphore schedules have **benefits** in terms of:
  - Traffic congestion control
  - Prevention of severe traffic jams
  - Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and fuel consumption
  - Driver/pedestrian safety
- A **tech/tech combination**
- **Successful scientific results**

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## Smart Red Swarm: approach

- Smart road traffic optimization to **avoid traffic jams and manage the city**
- Red Swarm Spots have computation and comm. abilities (infrastructure)
- Vehicles use onboard units, smartphones or tablets
- It **distributes traffic** based on the probability of congestion: citizen-city balance
- **Customized** service for every driver
- First design, then use in real time
- **Routes** is just one use
- Other uses involve **big data** apps:
  - collecting info from passing vehicles
  - create math models of the city
  - off plus on line merged management



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## Smart Red Swarm: architecture

Configuration

Málaga

Evolutionary Algorithm

SELECTION  
RECOMBINATION  
MUTATION  
EVALUATION  
SUMO  
REPLACEMENT

Red Swarm Spot

Vehicle with an OBU

produces

Red Swarm Configuration

CENTRALIZED

OFFLINE

ONLINE

DISTRIBUTED

An evolutionary algorithm searches for a configuration for the Red Swarm spots

The configured Red Swarm spots are deployed in junctions of the city

**GOAL: smart mobility**  
Reduce travel times, gas consumption, and pollution

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## Smart Red Swarm: technical details

**MÁLAGA (SPAIN)**

- Real Scenario
- 261 traffic lights
- 10 Red Swarm spots
- 800 vehicles
- 4 vehicle types
- 3 different traffic patterns (*Scen1, Scen2 & Scen3*)

Sedan
 Van
 Wagon
 Transport

Our goal is to reduce the travel time of the vehicles in high density conditions, and then pollution

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## Smart Red Swarm: some results on travel times

Red Swarm reduces travel and waiting times

Expert's Solution vs. Red Swarm (Avg. values)

Metric	Expert's Solution	Red Swarm
Waiting time (s)	14.2%	
Travel time (s)	4.2%	
Route length (m)	-5.6%	

It works in unseen scenarios

Show videos...

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## Smart Red Swarm: ecofriendly results

Paris

Stockholm

Berlin

Travel Time  
CO  
CO2  
HC  
PM  
NO  
Fuel

13.9%  
13.2%  
4.8%  
13.3%  
14.5%  
7.9%  
4.6%

Travel Time  
CO  
CO2  
HC  
PM  
NO  
Fuel

17.5%  
16.1%  
7.1%  
16.1%  
16.7%  
10.2%  
6.8%

Travel Time  
CO  
CO2  
HC  
PM  
NO  
Fuel

8.9%  
11.6%  
3.8%  
10.4%  
5.1%  
3.9%  
3.8%

■ Experts' Solution ■ Red Swarm

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## Vehicular Ad-hoc Networks: how to comm in cities?

- Communication and computation are the bases for smart cities
- Wireless communications are preferred (flexible, ubiquitous...)
- All communications rely on broadcasting and routing protocols
- Existing protocols do not work in VANETS: new and tuned ones are needed
  - V2V: vehicle to vehicle
  - V2I: vehicle to infrastructure

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## Optimizing communication protocols in cities

- VANET Protocol Optimization:**
  - VANET communications imply: highly dynamic topology, limitations in coverage, bandwidth, and energy consumption, network congestion, frequent disconnections, and others...
  - An optimal configuration of the communication protocols can improve the quality-of-service (QoS) of the network: a must in this domain
  - Using intelligent automatic techniques to face the huge number of possible protocol configurations

Parameter	Default Values	Range
ACTIVE_ROUTE_TIMEOUT	3.0 s	1.0 ... 10.0
ALLOWED_HELLO_LOSS	2 HELLO packets	1 ... 10
MY_ROUTE_TIMEOUT	2.0xACTIVE_ROUTE_TIMEOUT	1.0 ... 10.0
NET_DIAMETER	35 nodes	1 ... 50
NODE_TRAVERSAL_TIME	0.04 s	0.01 ... 1.0
NET_TRAVERSAL_TIME	2.0xNODE_TRAVERSAL_TIME	1.0 ... 10.0
RREQ_RETRIES	2 tries	1 ... 10
RREQ_RATELIMIT	10.0 kbps	1.0 ... 10.0
TTL_START	1.0 s	1.0 ... 10.0
TTL_INCREMENT	2.0 s	1.0 ... 10.0
TTL_THRESHOLD	7.0 s	1.0 ... 20.0

AODV  
RFC 3561

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## Optimization by using simulators fed with real data

### Optimization Algorithms

- Natural Advanced Solutions
  - Ant Colony Optimization
  - Particle Swarm Optimization
  - Genetic Algorithms
  - Others ...

### Solution Evaluation

Protocol configuration:  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots$

Real world VANET scenarios

Ns-2 VANET simulation

VANET communication protocols

Ns-2 trace analysis

Fitness evaluation

Communication metrics:  $f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots$

Fitness value

Optimal protocol configuration:  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots$

Optimize and then deploy (iterated)

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## Broadcasting optimization: QoS in VANETS

$$fitness = w_1 \cdot (-PDR) + w_2 \cdot NRL + w_3 \cdot AEED \cdot C$$

Packet Delivery Ratio

Network Routing Load

Average End-to-End Delay

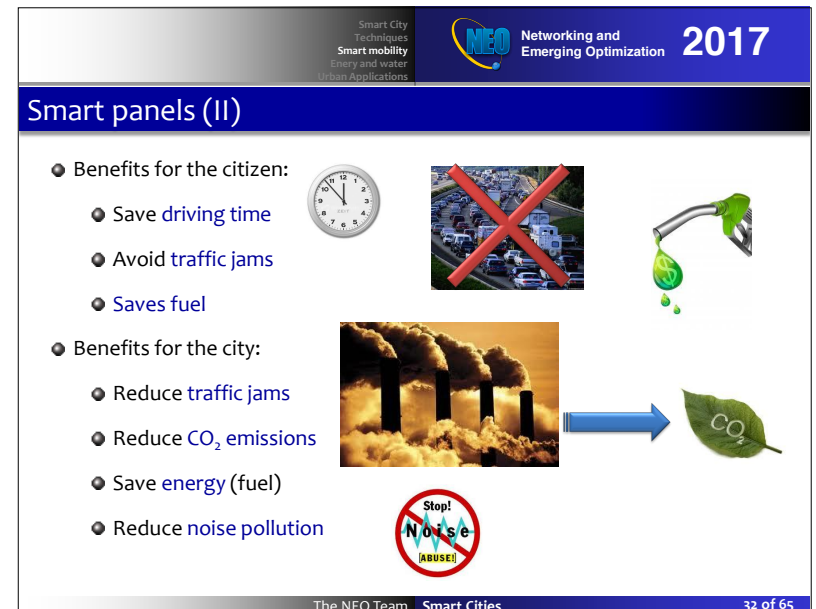
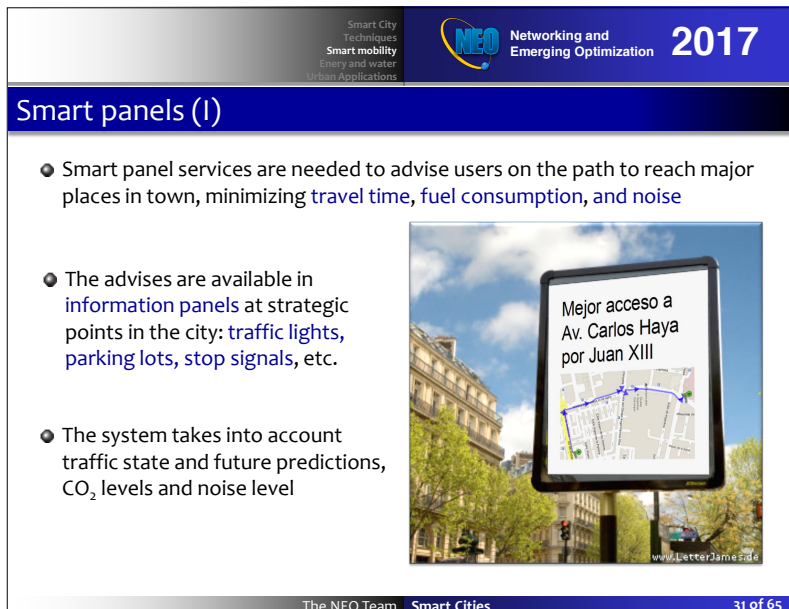
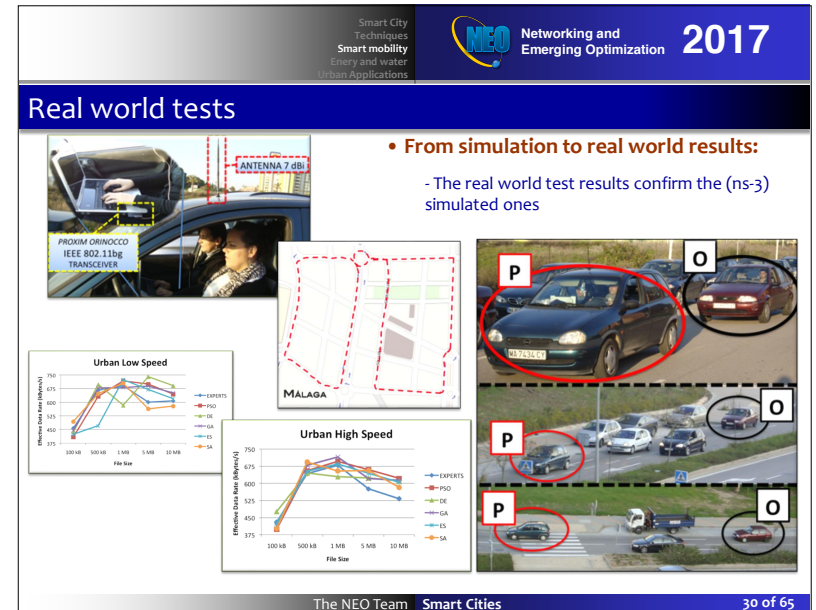
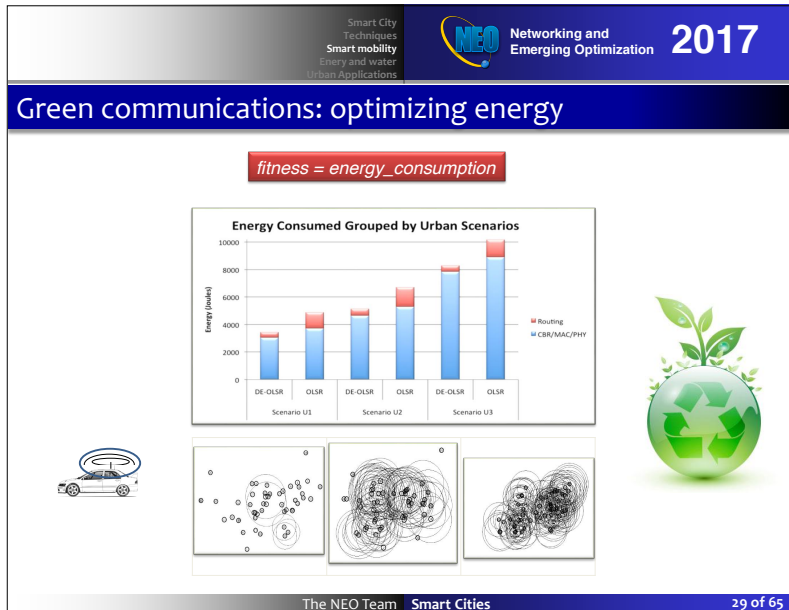
### Median Performance - Urban Scenario

### Urban Scenario

Algorithm	Effective Data Rate (kBytes/s)
PSO	300.29
DE	292.57
ES	285.23
GA	283.65
SA	242.65
Human Experts	241.5

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## Smart bus scheduling (I)

- The generalized utilization of the **smart cards** in city buses and new services of free transfer between buses allow to gather a lot of **interesting data**: more common transfers, rush hour per line, ...
- Applications could allow to **use** all those **data** to generate a **better flexible scheduling** of buses lines, doing an optimal utilization of the available fleet of buses

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## Smart bus scheduling (II)

- The scheduling generated by the proposed application is **flexible** and it also allows to **small changes** (few minutes) in the departures of the buses to **adjust** their scheduling to the **current situation**. For example:
  - Quite a number of passengers (mainly students) of lines 20 and 22 do a transfer to line 5. The scheduling of line 5 can be online tuned (only a few minutes) if a delay is detected in lines 20 or 22
- Customized **new services** for sharing vehicles or for getting on the fly demands for home pick up and delivery

A small delay in line 20 will ask for a small delay in the departure of buses in line 5 and help bus transit

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## Smart EV management

- Electrical vehicles (EVs) have a **reduced autonomy and battery**. Tools for quick reaching/location a station are needed (traffic jams, unexpected events)
- Smart phone applications** are needed to locate nearest charging stations considering time, prices, queues of early clients and citizen's preferences

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## Smart surface parking (I)

- Smart parking services provides drivers with real-time information about **parking availability** according to a given destination
- Parking **rates are adjusted** according to the parking availability (flexible pricing)
  - Reducing the prices in the areas with more free parking places
- Allows **mobile payment**

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## Smart surface parking (II)

- Benefits for the citizen:
  - Make **finding** and **paying** for parking **faster** and **easier**
  - Find the parking place anywhere with **smartphones**
  - Save **driving** time, and therefore, **transport** time
  - Avoid **dangerous** traffic situations
- Benefits for the city:
  - Distribute **road users** through different parking areas
  - Improve **business** by easing the parking
  - Reduce **traffic jams**
  - Reduce **CO<sub>2</sub> emissions** and **noise pollution**

SmartParkingFlow

Parking request

Mobile payment

Parking availability

Parking sensor

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## Smart signs

- Everything is better with WiFi !
- “Policemen **near** to you, ask for help”

Traffic Flow

Collision

Option 1: No left turn

Option 2: No right turn

Option 3: No U-turn

Option 4: No through traffic

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## Applications (II)

# Energy, buildings and much more

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## Smart energy systems

- Energy** applications: generation, transportation, forecasting, and consumption
- Tremendous **importance** for companies, cities, and users!

### Wind Farm Design

### Disaggregation and Savings

A CFL Lamp

Washer On Cycle

Washer Off Cycle

LCD Monitor

PC

Laptop Charger Unplugged

TV Turning On

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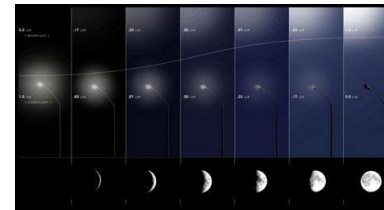
## Smart lighting (I)

- Smart Lighting manages the city lights in order to **reduce the energy consumption**. It gives the correct illumination intensity for the city in an adaptive, collective, and intelligent way
- Benefits:
  - Reduce **energy consumption**
    - public lighting represents between 40% and 70% of the electricity bill of municipalities
  - Increase **lifetime of city lights**
    - a 5% reduction in operating voltage will more than double the life of a traditional bulb
  - Minimizes **light pollution**
  - Join the **green revolution!**
    - the least polluting energy is the one that is not used
- Requirements: few sensors and connectivity to city lighting



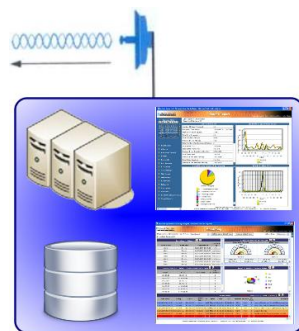
## Smart lighting (II)

- Sensors detect the ambient lighting in different areas of the city. Public lighting **adapt its intensity as needed**
- Intelligent management of public lighting has a huge impact in energy consumption, **saving a lot of money**
- Málaga has 239 LED street lamps, with seven different technologies. The challenge is to **fine tune their parameters to improve efficiency**



## Smart water jet systems (I)

- This smart garden watering system **improves gardening activities** in the city by **minimizing the waste of water**



## Smart water jet systems (II)

- It **saves water** by sensing the humidity of gardens
- It chooses **the best moment of the day** depending on the water pressure, temperature, etc.
- The optimizations of resources is based on **swarm intelligence technologies**
- It keeps a **record** of the activities to **report** the amount of water saved
- It can be **easily integrated** in the existent facilities of the city



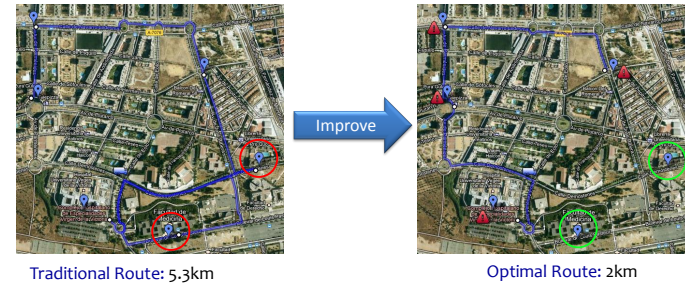
## Smart residuals gathering (I)

- New services for the **optimal planning route** to collect all trash containers in a city. You will know whether the **trash containers** are full and **when** they should be gathered
- Benefits:
  - Clean city (many millions of euros savings)
  - Save in unnecessary collection visit
  - Less noise in our streets
  - Less bad smells
  - Avoid traffic jams (use of traffic information)
  - Service: “Pay as you throw”
- Only Need: GPS, RFID, and sensors
- Recycling **creates four jobs** for every one job created in the waste management and disposal industries

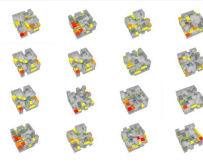


## Smart residuals gathering (II)

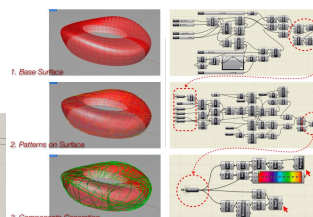
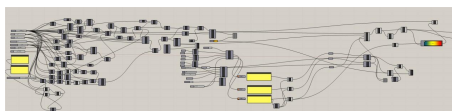
- With WSN and RFID tags you **can monitor the trash**. The central system receives petitions when the on-site gather is required (🚨)
- With Optimal Routes you will **save money**, time and avoid contamination. Avoid the collection of 2 trash containers means 3,3 km less in this route



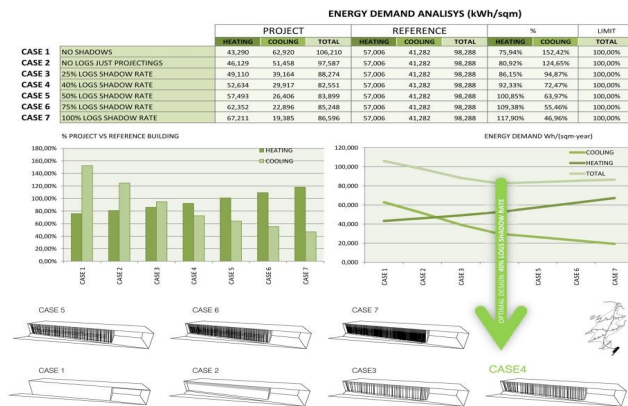
## Smart building construction: the approach



- Safer, sustainable, modern design principles
- Complex simulations needed
- Optimization and machine learning needed

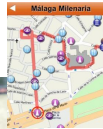


## Smart building construction: techniques and technologies



## Smart tourism (I)

- Smart Visit offers to city visitors a **self-adaptive city trip planner** that improves tourist experience
- The recommender system considers the **users profile** and **up-to-minute sights information** (queue timeouts, remaining capacity, ...) in order to compute the travel itinerary that best fits the visitors at that precise moment
- The traveler can select the **most convenient tour** from the ones proposed by the application. This tour will be rated by the user in order to update and improve the recommender system



## Smart tourism (II)

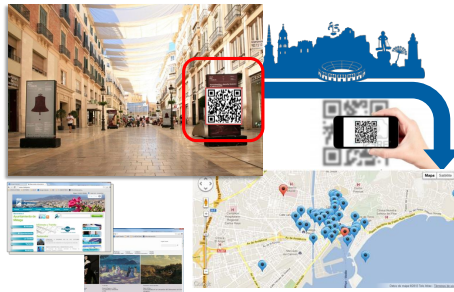
- Benefits for the city:
  - City sights are **not overflowing** with people
  - Authorities gather **real-time visitors satisfaction** information
  - Increasing **tourist's satisfaction**
- Benefits for the city visitors:
  - Save tour times avoiding **long queues**
  - Never get lost** thanks to the GPS
  - Multilingual and multimedia **sights description and events information**
  - Increasing **safety** avoiding tourist traps



## Smart QRinfo (I)

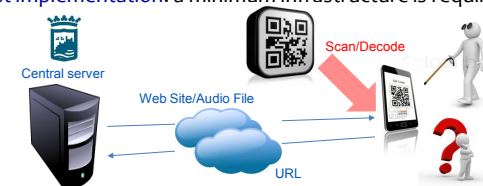
- Smart QRInfo** allows new visitors to easily access to **detailed city information** in the context of where they are located
- QR-Code panels** distributed in interesting points throughout the city can be captured by smartphones to directly serve information to the user with just one "click"
- A **central web service** will redirect dedicated links to real time information:

touristic places, events, welcome messages, administrative procedures, voice info-links, recommendations, activities, video-streaming, etc.



## Smart QRinfo (II)

- With **Smart QRInfo** it is possible to redirect **visitors' smartphones** to official web sites, applications, and voice messages in a straightforward way
- The **central service** will gather and generate **statistic information** for a decision making process, such as: most visited links, sequence of captured QR-Codes in the city, the nature of demanded information...
- Voice messages delivering to **blind people**
- Low cost implementation**: a minimum infrastructure is required





## Smart monitoring (I)

- Smart measuring and surveillance of city spots

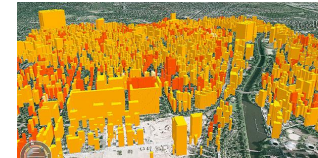


- Drones equipped with sensors can take images or capture data to be processed in a control center and then take actions

## Smart monitoring (II)

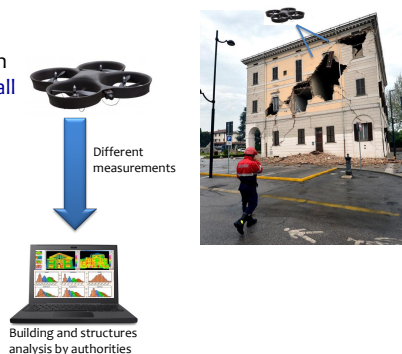
- Benefits:

- Support to decisions by taking data from the city
- Precise information of weather and environmental conditions
- Better weather forecast in the city
- Garbage in streets, beach...



## Smart hawkkey (I)

- Smart building hawkkey allows the remote damage analysis of buildings and large structures
- Drones equipped with cameras can help detecting any cracks in the wall
- Different sensors can take additional accurate measures at precise points (temperature, humidity, ...)
- Proprioception, swarm intelligence, autonomous control...



## Smart hawkkey (II)

- Benefits:

- Precise information of the building status
- Working safer for technicians responsible for civil assessment
- Avoiding traffic jams caused by the use of large crane trucks



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Some projects: vehicular communication networks

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**New techniques: from theory to practice**

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Some projects: intelligent applications

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- App for drivers (Android & iOS)
- Central server + apps by 3G
- Central server + open data (FIWARE)
- Complete route vs. step-by-step
- Pure gathering of information (GINF)
- Interactive maps + open data
- Profiles of drivers (clustering)
- Hardware search and installation

- Desktop application
- Know and describe present policies
- Simulate Málaga and other cities
- Weekly and peak hours analyses
- Use of available open data
- Tests with the traffic control center
- Comparisons with existing tools
- Interactive maps of TRL

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Some projects: holistic Intelligence

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Open data in the world

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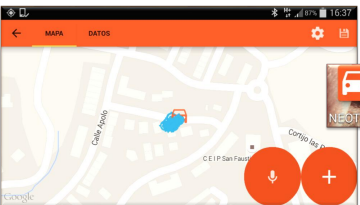
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Many new services... and apps!

NEO apps for Android



A **floating car** rides the city with a given plan, collecting information and events



Pedestrians can have the route of **lower temperature** to their destination

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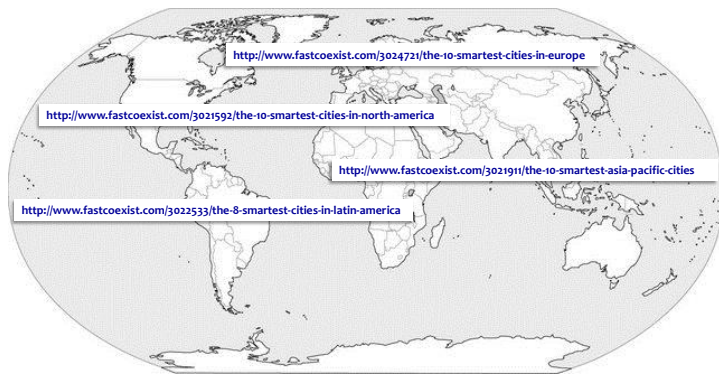


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Rankings on Smart cities



<http://www.fastcoexist.com/3024721/the-10-smartest-cities-in-europe>

<http://www.fastcoexist.com/3021592/the-10-smartest-cities-in-north-america>


<http://www.fastcoexist.com/3021911/the-10-smartest-asia-pacific-cities>

<http://www.fastcoexist.com/302533/the-8-smartest-cities-in-latin-america>

<http://eponline.com/articles/2015/02/18/the-top-5-global-smart-cities-of-2015.aspx>

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Summary

- Smart cities need **efficient** and **effective** modern problem solvers
- We can use existing **information** and **procedures** to improve them (a must!)
- We can build small/large, context-aware and adaptive **applications**
- Here, solutions are both **vertical** (specialized) and **horizontal** (integral)
- We must face **multiple levels** at smart cities: citizens, districts, city, routes, infrastructure, city council, public/private companies...
- We can exploit **open/big data** to build unseen new services
- Incorporating a **business model** is mandatory: so how to make **research**?
- An amazing domain for new **ideas and collaborations** !!!

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