



# Smart Connected Bicycles Project

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Jongeren onderschatten de gevaren van telefoongebruik op de fiets, blijkt uit onderzoek van [Interpolis](#). Maar liefst 3 van de 5 jongeren is de afgelopen twee jaar betrokken geraakt bij een gevaarlijke verkeerssituatie, omdat ze afgeleid waren door hun mobieltje.

De 'MisNiks-campagne' die vandaag gelanceerd wordt, moet het bewustzijn onder jongeren vergroten.

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**Mobielgebruik op de fiets brengt drie op de vijf jongeren in gevaar**

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## REPORTAGE

# Met een app, trilsignalen en een control room hoopt Amsterdam de supersnelle fiets te temmen

Veel Amsterdamse fietsers voelen zich onveilig op het fietspad, vooral door de grote snelheidsverschillen tussen gewone en elektrische fietsen. Technische innovaties kunnen helpen, zegt de gemeente. 'Maar een fiets wordt nooit zo slim als een auto.'

**Elsbeth Stoker** 20 december 2022, 17:40

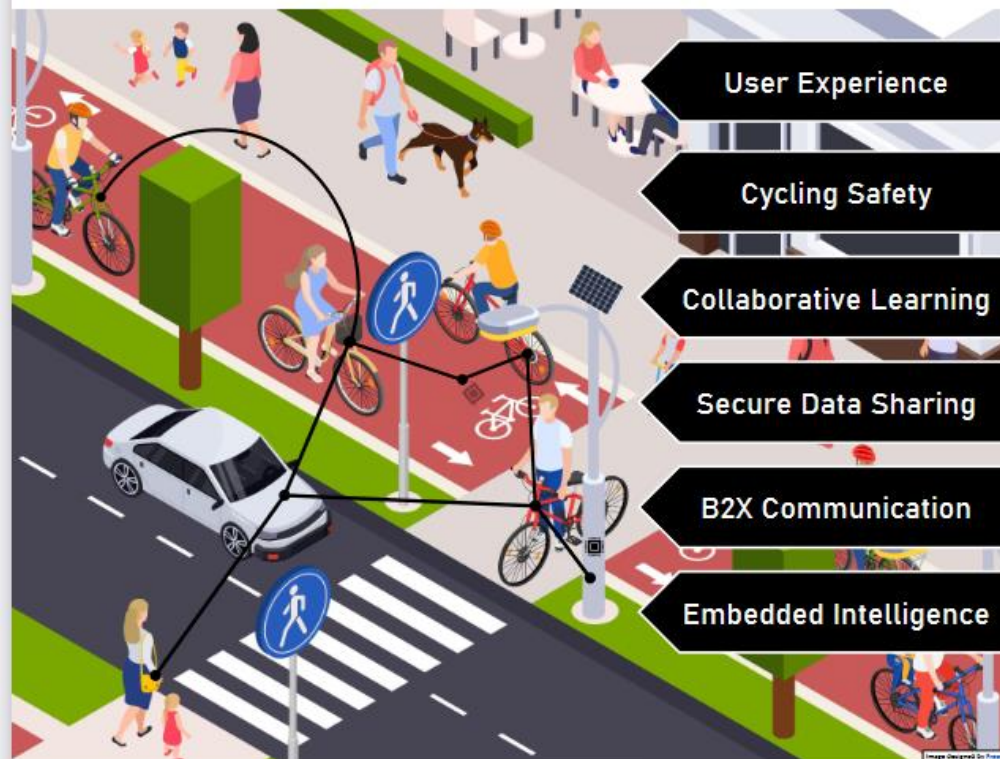






# SMART CYCLING ECOSYSTEM

Towards safe, sustainable and accessible cycling



Understanding the cyclist's needs to design the way the bike interacts with the cyclist.



Studying and optimizing experiences using bio-signals and empathetic user research.



Evaluating user acceptance and traffic safety impact of new technologies on bikes.



Gaining high-level insights from multiple data sources in a secure, collaborative and privacy-protected manner.

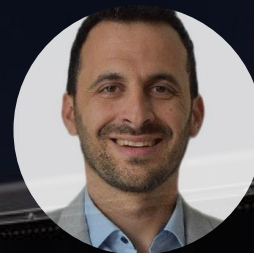
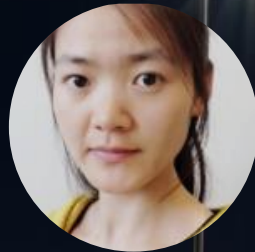


Enabling wireless communication for smart bikes to communicate with other road users and infrastructure.



Gaining local intelligence and control using on-board sensors, processors and actuators.

# Team Striving for Smart Connected Bikes



**THIS MACHINE  
FIGHTS CLIMATE CHANGE**





# Engineering Technology Transport Planning Group

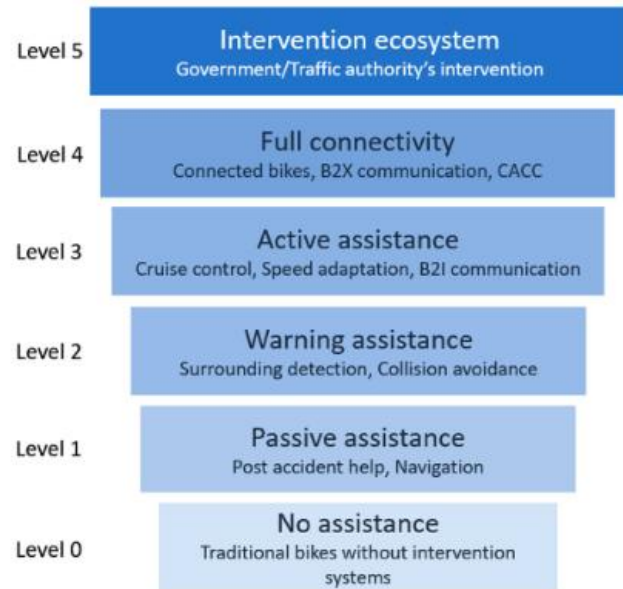


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# Computer Science Pervasive Systems Group



# Technologies for Smart Connected Bicycles



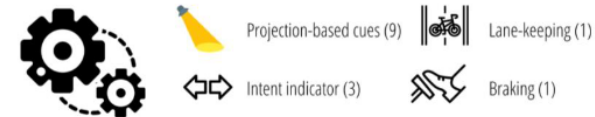
## Information systems 61 concepts



## Warning systems 46 concepts



## Support systems 11 concepts



*Note.* n=92. As a concept could have more than one function, a concept can be categorised into more than one category.

# Technologies for Smart Connected Bicycles



Andres, J., Schraefel, M., Semertzidis, N., Dwivedi, B., Kulwe, Y. C., von Kaenel, J., & Mueller, F. F. (2020). *Introducing Peripheral Awareness as a Neurological State for Human-Computer Integration*. Paper presented at the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems 2020.



# Technologies for Smart Connected Bicycles

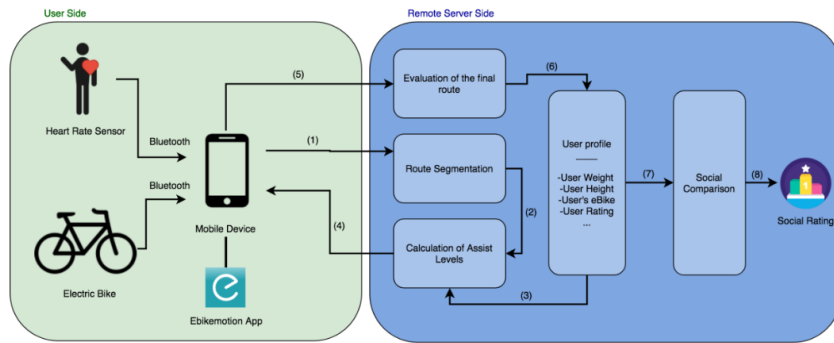


Figure 1. Overall architecture of the system: (1) the route selected by the user; (2) segmented route; (3) user profile data; (4) calculated assist levels; (5) data collected over the course of the route; (6) score obtained on the route; (7) comparison of the scores of other users; and (8) final social rating.

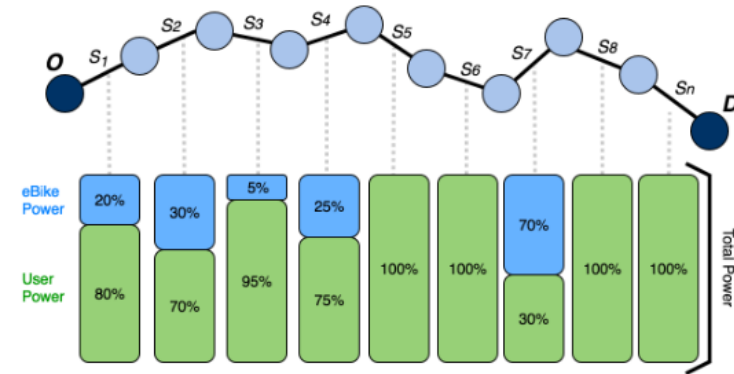


Figure 6. Example of how power is distributed for each of the segments of a route.

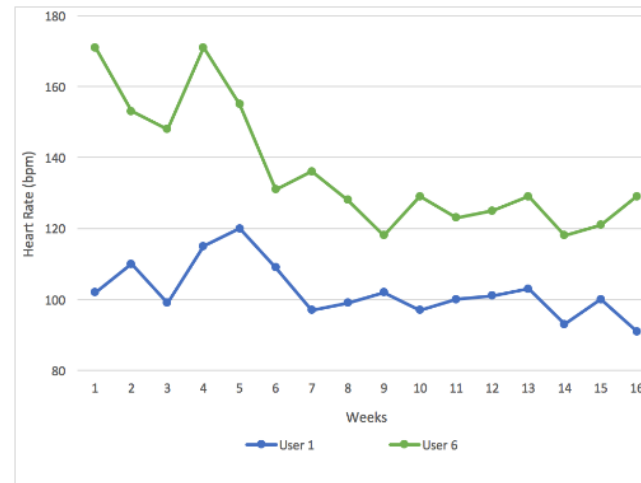
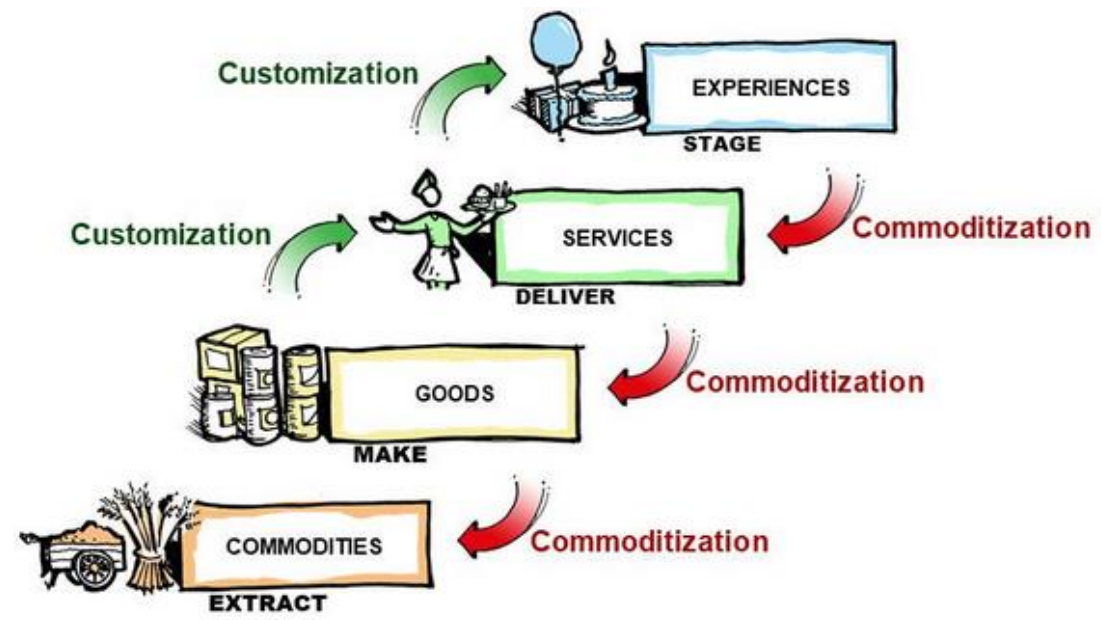

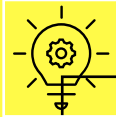
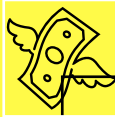


Figure 11. The evolution of the user's heart rate during exercise, over the course of the case study.



<div>  </div> <div> <div>Problem</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dominant <b>focus on behavior</b>; experience is under-researched</li> <li>• Unknown impact on experiences</li> <li>• Lack of <b>suitable method</b> to evaluate impact</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  </div> <div> <div>Goal</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Understand impact</b> of smart bicycle technology on experience</li> <li>• Develop <b>quantitative experience evaluation</b> method</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  </div> <div> <div>Value</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optimize <b>fit to customer wants &amp; needs</b></li> <li>• <b>Data-driven input</b> for control systems, design, roadmaps, policy</li> </ul> </div>
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# Challenges in existing evaluation methods

## Surveys

- Intercept survey: disrupt cyclist's flow
- Post-ride surveys: memory bias

## Interviews

- Rich insights, but very subjective and not well scalable

## Crash data

- Reactive, reflective of past events

## Traffic counts

- No insight in subjective experience



# Results & challenges



## Physiology

- Excitement, arousal
- Complex to analyze causation



## Brain activity

- Attention, distraction
- Input for brain-computer interfaces
- Complex data analysis



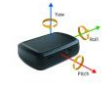
## Eye Tracking

- Visual attraction & distraction
- Risk perception
- Visual behavior



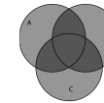
## Muscle activity

- Muscle fatigue
- Little research available



## Movement

- Balance, comfort, vibrations
- Little research available



## Mixed Method

- Higher validity in results
- Complex and resource-intensive

+ Other data sources e.g. video, IMUs, GIS, weather, surveys

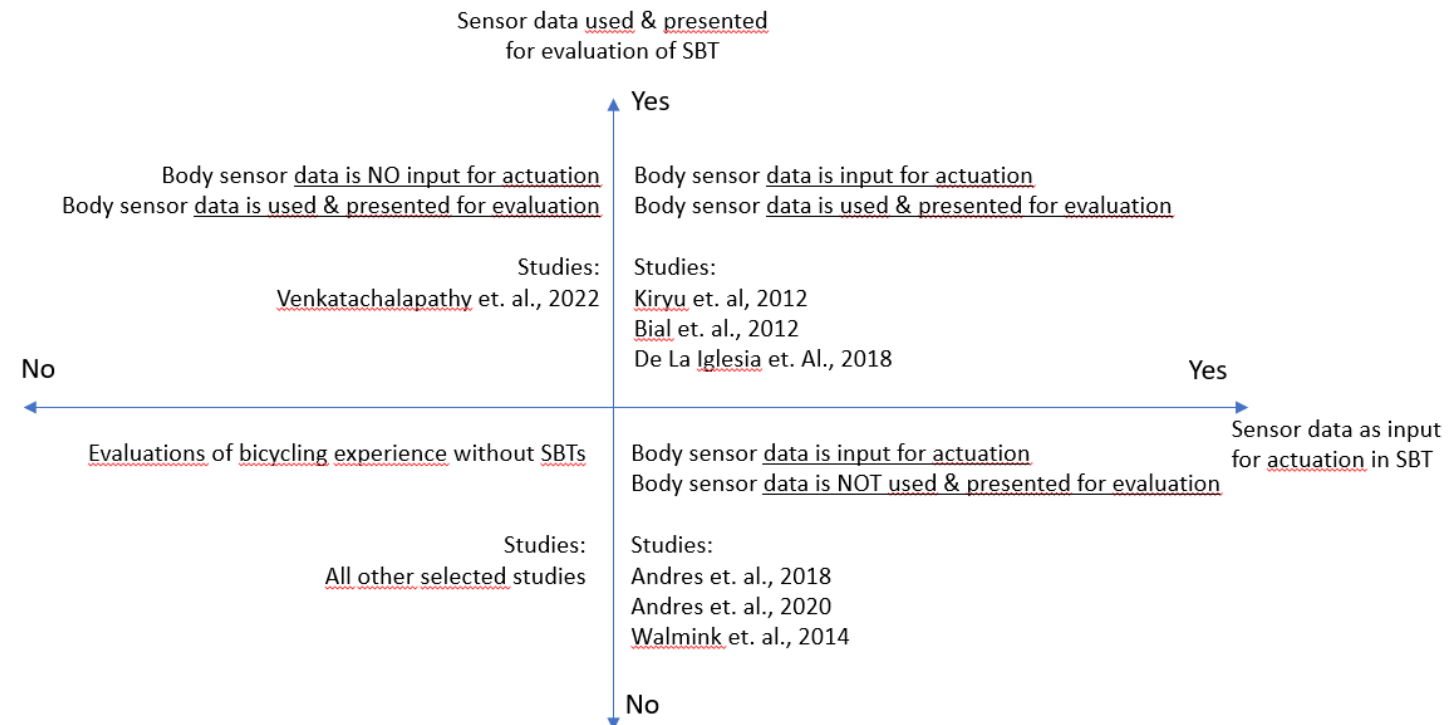
+ Qualitative validation e.g. interviews, focus groups



# Results & challenges

Step-wise guidance for preparing and conducting evaluations		
1	Define interest	Which experience type to explore?
2	Decide way of using sensor data	As input for expert evaluation, actuation, or both?
3	Balance participant burden	Which data collection- and analysis methods?
4	Labeling & ground truthing	Meaning of data?
5	Analysis of causes	What caused experiences?

# Results & challenges







# Recent student theses

- Forward Collision Warning System with visual distraction detection in bikes
- A Low-Budget, End-To-End Warning System for Bicycles using Monocular Vision and Vibrating Handlebars
- Early Warning System for Safe Lateral Maneuver of Bicycles
- Balancing of Motor Assistance to Support Psychological Flow in Cyclists

# Next Steps



Question: which synergies can we find?

(apart from e.g. Dutch Cycling Intelligence, MegaBITS project)



**Thanks!**