







## Dynamic accessibility analysis using big data

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## Accessibility facilitates modelling the interaction between land use and transport systems







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# Our objective

Mapping the **dynamics of accessibility** along the day in order to provide **policy makers** with a **closer vision of accessibility issues** that are otherwise masked in static accessibility analysis.



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#### TomTom collects data since 2007

With over 400 million users worldwide

Gets over 7 billion speed and distance measurements per day







**TomTom Speed profiles** 

98 speed profiles according to speed data recorded every 5 minutes



Speed profile data on every street segment with over 1,000 observations





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### Initial dataset: +6 million tweets in Madrid along 2014

#### Madrid study area

A grid of 1236 cells (2x2 km) covering:

a) All populated areas in municipalities with an average density over 500 inhabitants/sq.km. *(490 cells)* 

b) Areas within 15 minutes of travel time (free flow) from any of the cells in a) (746 cells)







#### Number of tweets per hour in each time slot and day of the week Madrid, 2014















Number of Twitter users per hour (relative to total Twitter users) on Wednesdays, Madrid, 2014



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#### Preliminary results – Difference in potential accessibility









Some preliminary conclusions

□ New data sources increase temporal and spatial resolution

This data can be introduced in accessibility indices to evidence more accurate spatiotemporal patterns

□ This will help urban and transport planners to make decisions for specific parts of the city at specific time frames

Further analyses are required to find a better match of time slots and actual population daily travel patterns in Madrid



#### Some examples of further research

- □ To analyse the impact of the activity intensity (demand) and the circumstances of the transport system (offer) separately
- □ To make use of the information contained in each tweet:
  - Language detection for identifying migrant and tourist patterns
  - □ Replies and hashtags for mapping people networks
- □ To integrate public transport data









# Thank you for your attention!

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