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## UNDERSTANDING THE INCREASING RELEVANCE OF CHOICE MODELS FOR ADVANCING TRANSPORTATION MODELLING IN SMART CITIES

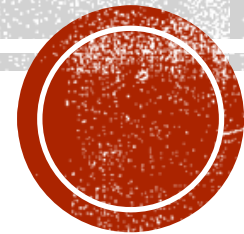
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# INTRODUCTIONS

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# NAVEEN ELURU



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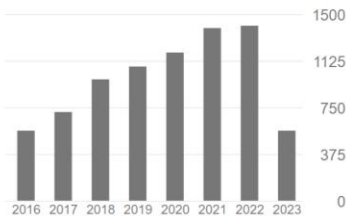
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# RESEARCH OVERVIEW

Build choice/econometric models for understanding behavioral processes

Draw on expertise in econometrics, data analytics, optimization and micro-simulation

Focus on explainable data analysis approaches to predict the decision processes into the future

Incorporate these advances within quantitative frameworks to study the influence of individuals, households, firms, and communities

The quantitative frameworks have application in transportation and multiple inter-disciplinary areas

# RESEARCH OVERVIEW

## Transport Modeling

- Adoption of new mobility options (CAVs, TNCs, shared mobility)
- Regional demand models with emerging Post-Covid travel behavior (remote work, shopping and freight)

## Energy

- Spatiotemporal energy grid demand with increased EVs
- EV adoption behavior and policies to address inequities

## Health

- Transportation associated air pollution impact on health
- Roadway crash frequency and severity
- Activity time-use decision impacts on individual health

# RESEARCH OVERVIEW

## Climate Change

- Contribution of transportation sector to climate change
- Role of Electric Vehicle technology and energy mix on transportation emissions

## Resilience

- Improving transportation infrastructure resilience for disasters (floods and hurricanes)
- Decision making during disasters and community recovery post-disasters

## Sustainability

- Land-Use Transportation Interactions
- Equitable access to employment and opportunities



**IN THIS GIAN  
COURSE**

*I will introduce emerging opportunities and challenges for transportation modeling in smart cities. Then provide exposure to quantitative approaches useful for tackling these challenges*



# PHILOSOPHY

- I want the course to be interactive
- I encourage you to be open and discuss any questions
- My objective is not to cover syllabus but to “uncover” material so you learn [quote attributed to Dr. Chandra Bhat]
  - I am ok repeating the material as needed so all of you understand
- The slides and course material are online at <https://people.cecs.ucf.edu/neluru/courses/gian-course/>
- If typing, try <https://rb.gy/1tk13>
- I will use Mentimeter to seek feedback

# STUDENT BACKGROUND

- Connect to Mentimeter
  - Course expectation Survey
  - Student Background

# COURSE OBJECTIVES

Provide an introduction to emerging Smart City Infrastructure

Introduce stated preference (SP) approaches to examine decision maker adoption of new technology

Providing an in-depth discussion of methods relevant for transportation data in smart cities

Describe basic choice models and provide an introduction to advanced choice models

Provide a background in current transportation planning paradigm and identify future directions for customization

# COURSE MODULES

## Introduction

- Introduction to Smart City Technologies, their impact on Transportation

## Stated Preference Module

- Background on Data Collection Approaches
- Stated Preference Design and application

## Traditional Discrete Choice Models

- Binary logit, multinomial logit, ordered logit, and count models

## Advanced Discrete Choice Models

- Nested logit, mixed logit, maximum simulated likelihood estimation, regret minimization, discrete continuous models

## Transportation Planning

- Current state of the art and recent advances



# INTRODUCTION MODULE

# SMART CITY

- **Cities and Urban Areas**
  - 1913: 10% of world's population lived in cities
  - 2013: 50% and 2050: 70% of world's population in cities
- Urban areas and metropolitan regions account for 76% of all economic activity and 85% of all scientific innovation
- By 2045 or so, Indian urban population will overtake rural population (UN)



# URBAN DEVELOPMENT, NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Improve safety – address road safety public health challenges
- Opportunity to integrate technological advances
- Improve quality of life and economic vitality
- Strengthen relationship between technology development and policy formulation

**Sensing**

- Structural monitoring such as bridge sensors
- Air pollution sensors

**Transportation**

- Automated and connected vehicles
- Electric and Hybrid vehicles
- Urban space transformation

**Mobile Computing**

- Location and movement patterns
- Smartphones for health data
- Social media data analysis

**Sharing Economy**

- AirBnB, Uber and BikeShare
- Impact on communities

**Tourism**

- Customer loyalty and satisfaction
- Urban infrastructure

**Data Analytics**

- Deep Learning
- Cloud Computing

# VEHICLE OWNERSHIP IN AUTONOMOUS WORLD

- The possibility of a completely connected autonomous vehicle fleet on the roadways is not far away.
  - The household owned vehicles are currently operated for a very small portion of the day
- With autonomous vehicles, it is likely that the traditional vehicle ownership model would be replaced by a vehicle fleet owned by private (or even public) agencies.
  - Individuals could potentially order cars based on their daily needs while paying usage charges
  - The transformation, would occur very slowly as the public considers vehicle fleet replacement and signing up for such schemes



# VEHICLE OWNERSHIP IN AUTONOMOUS WORLD

- The success of these schemes will heavily depend on the pricing models (for fare) and optimization algorithms for resource allocation (at a system level)
  - We can conduct simulation experiments to evaluate the appropriate fleet size and pricing schemes from a vehicle fleet company perspective
  - The pricing schemes need to consider the transfer of costs such as insurance, gas, vehicle maintenance and parking from the consumer to the vehicle operating company
  - The fleet size decisions will be based on spatial and temporal resource allocation needs

# TRAVEL BEHAVIOR IN AN AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE WORLD

- Travel behavior choices observed are in response to the need to minimize travel, accessibility to opportunities, safety and crime perceptions, individual and household socio-demographics.
- With connected and autonomous vehicles equipped with amenities (such as wi-fi, television), the paradigm for travel behavior decisions is completely altered.
- Household residential choices are no longer constrained by the household members' work or school location
- The prevalence of autonomous vehicles might also improve the adoption of non-motorized modes
- The specific dimensions of interest include residential location, activity location choice, land use pattern evolution in an autonomous vehicle world and adoption of non-motorized modes

# CHOICE MODELING

- Choice modeling and econometric models provide an important analytical tool to study the emergence of Smart Cities
- Human interaction with technology will determine the level of success of technological innovation
- Choice modeling can contribute to two major directions of research analysis
  - Stated preference design and data analysis
    - Design, deploy and analyze data on technology not in the market (or too expensive to deploy) – Module 2
  - Statistical model development and estimation
    - Discrete choice models to analyze streams of data from smart devices to identify explainable patterns – Module 3-5