



Linking urban change to health:
Combining an interactive map-based
platform to track built environment
interventions with mobile sensing

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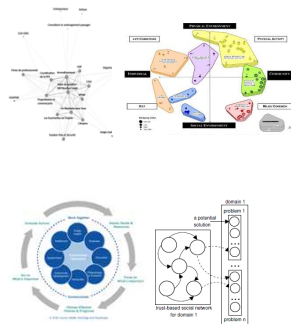


Introduction

- Population health solutions often outside the health sector
- Urban contexts play 'upstream' role on health and health inequities
- Increasing convergence between cities' sustainability objectives with public health objectives
- Multiple actors, multiple views, multiple interests
- Urban change = natural experiment = great opportunity for population health (intervention) research

Multiple complexities

Decision
making



Urban
change



Impact on
population health

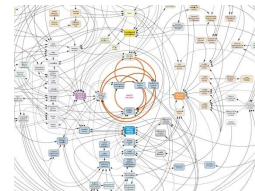
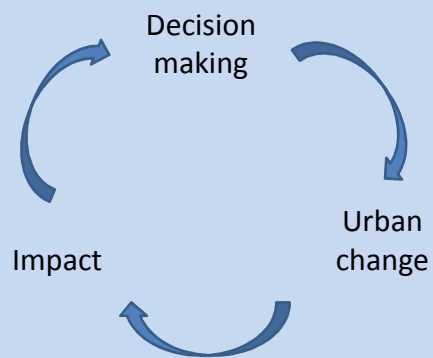


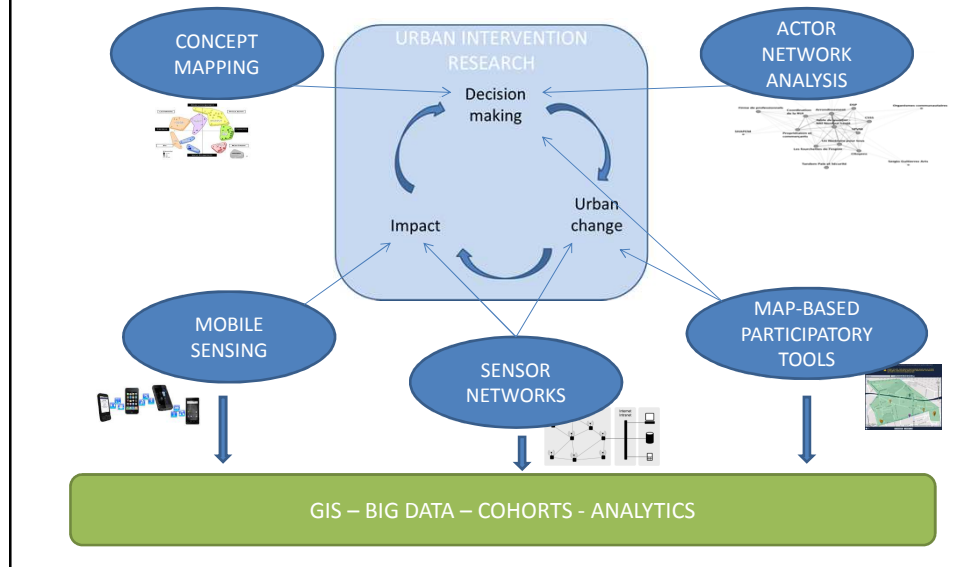
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URBAN INTERVENTION RESEARCH

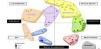


Interventions = Events in Systems
(Hawe, Shiell, Riley, 2009)

A toolset for urban intervention research

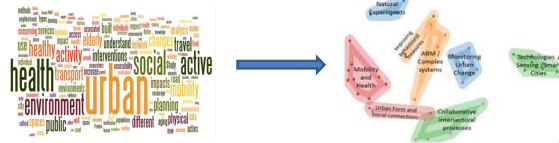


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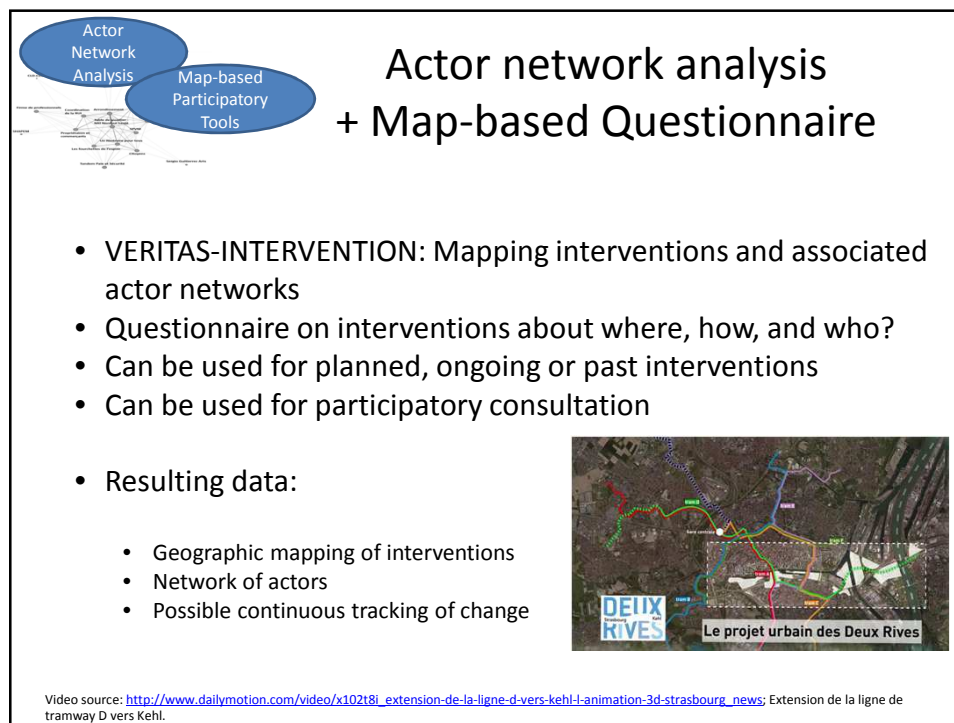
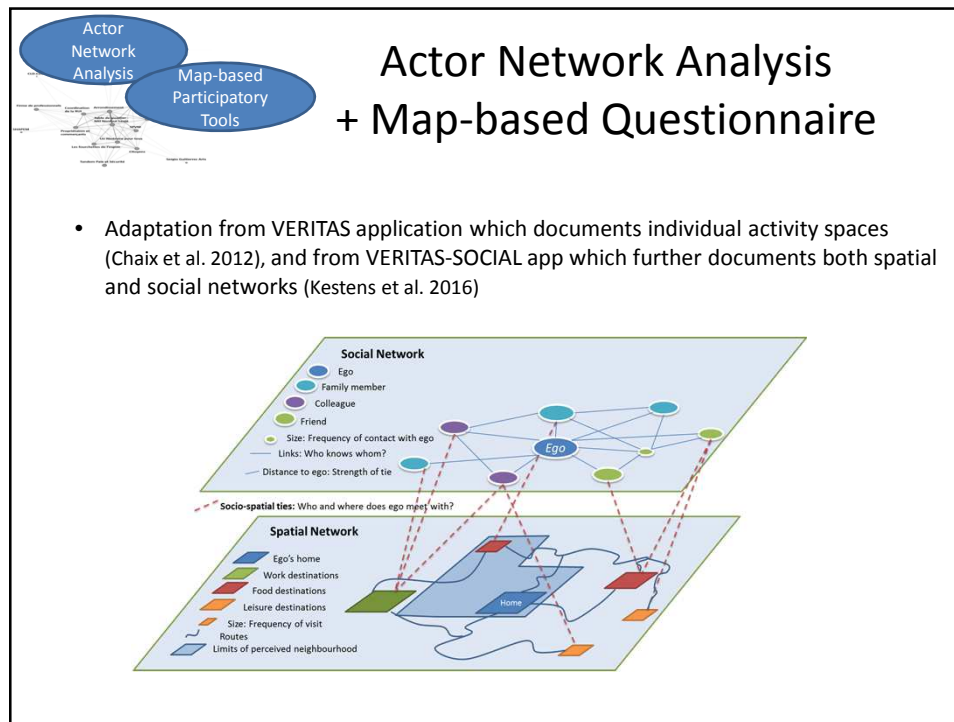


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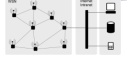
- Structured conceptualisation technique based on multidimensional scaling and cluster analysis used to document and synthesize views and perceptions of groups (Novak, Trochim)
- Has been used in various domains to facilitate collaborative planning and action (Lebel 2011, Schiller 2013, Cantinotti 2016)
- Question, Item generation, sorting and rating. mds & cluster analysis, interpretation



- Can also be useful to illustrate differences in views among sub-groups
- Interesting for research on intervention 'context', mixed method



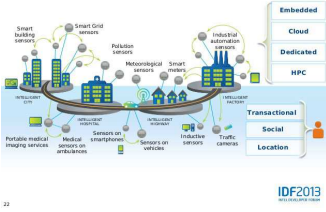
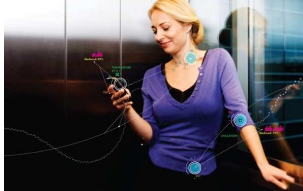
Sensor Networks and Mobile Sensing



Sensing Environments and Populations

- Increasing presence of sensor networks – smart cities
- Increasing capacity of mobile sensing / wearable sensors (GPS, accelerometry, etc.)

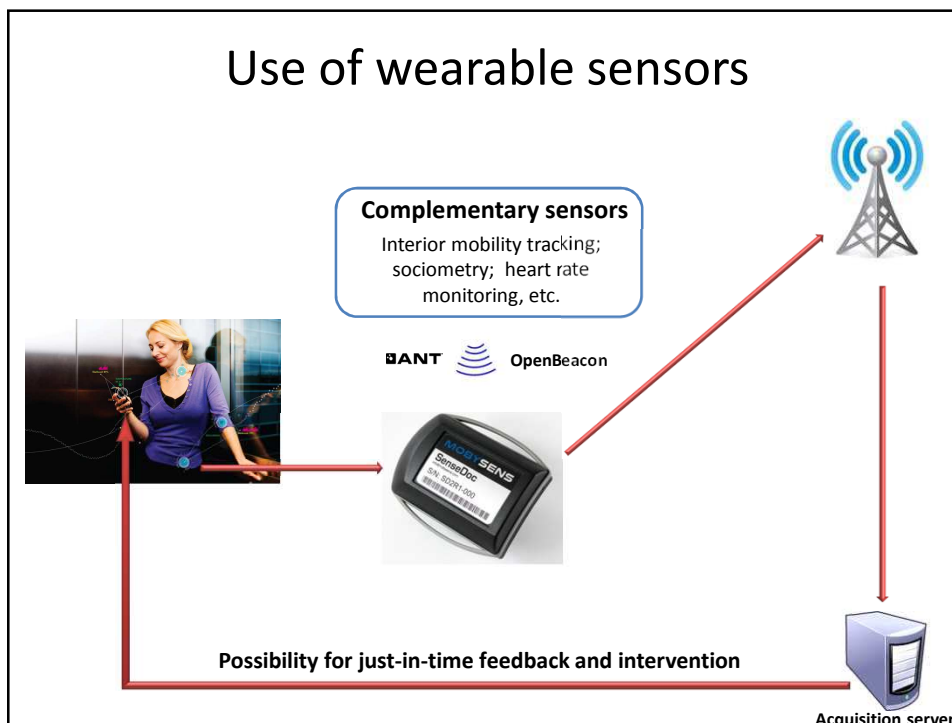
Smart City Sensor Model

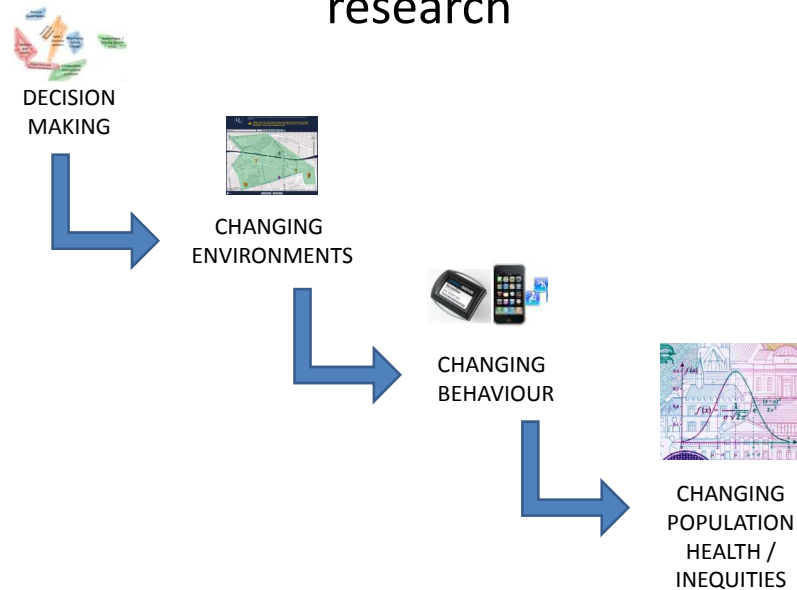
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- Rich spatio-temporal data on urban environments, behaviour, and health

Illustration sources: Intel Development Forum 2013, <http://www.esri.in/esri-news/publication/vol9-issue1/articles/semantically-enriched-vision-of-smart-city>; Nokia Sensing X Challenge <http://sensing.xprize.org/news/enhancing-lives-and-breaking-down-barriers>



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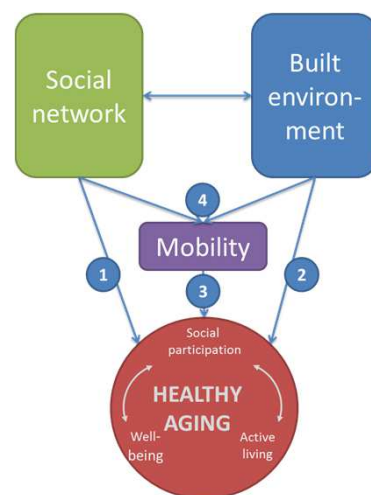


Example: QADA Built environment change and aging, Montreal

- Quebec Age-Friendly Cities Program, Quebec Ministry of Family and Elderly (QADA)



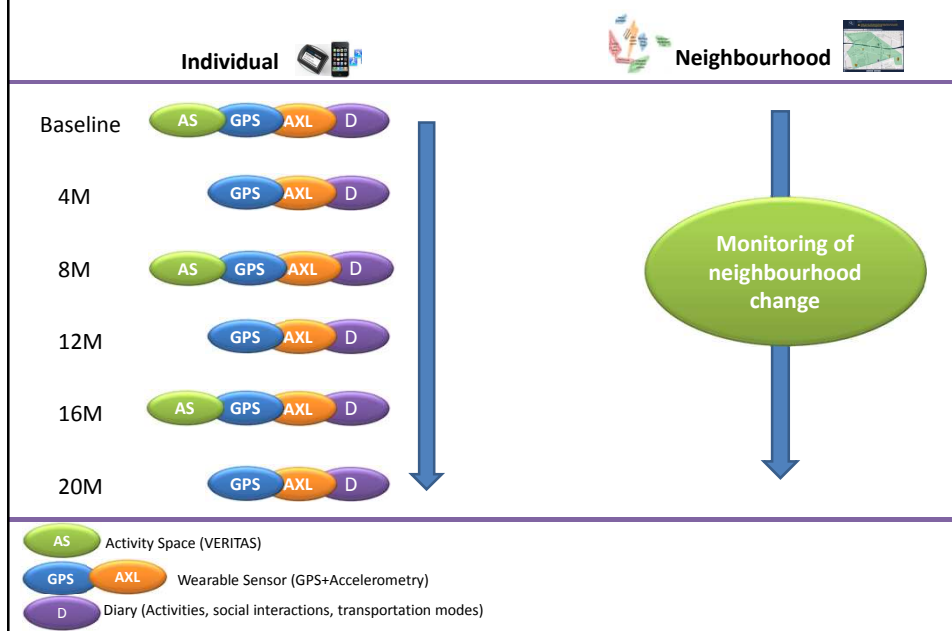
- Funding for a longitudinal cohort study with older adults in Rosemont neighbourhood, Montreal



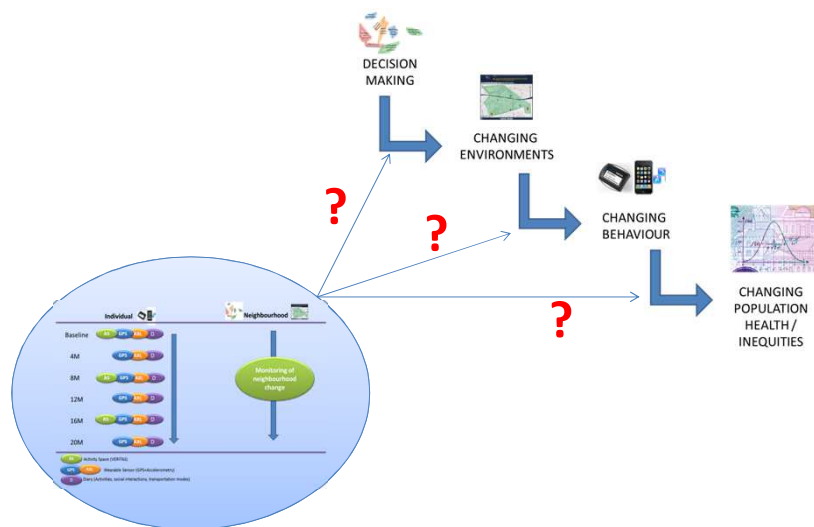
QADA wearable sensor project

- Building on ERA-AGE funded CURHA project (GPS tracking of older adults in Montreal, Luxembourg, and now Paris (HANC project, ANR))
- Co-developed with community organisations working with older adults and city borough
- Longitudinal design, 100 older adults living in Rosemont, central neighbourhood of Montreal
- Six waves of data collection, every 4 months, 7-day monitoring, total expected of 4,200 days of tracking
- Continuous tracking of neighbourhood change

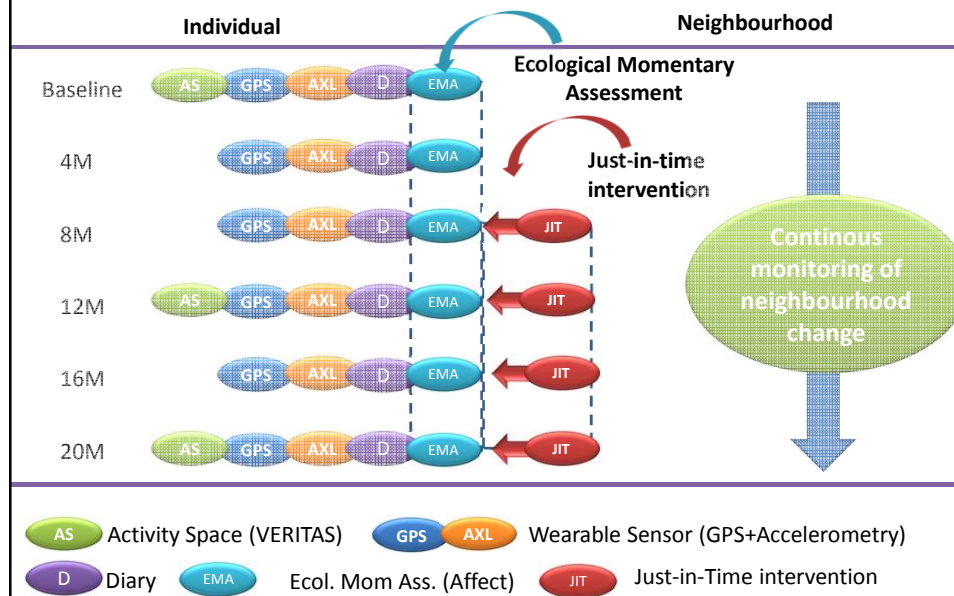
Measures



Analyses



Additional possibilities



A comprehensive approach for urban intervention research

- Trying to capitalise on existing and developing tools and methods for data collection and analysis of urban and behavioural change
- Framework to be possibly systematized through Urban Environment & Health INTERACT Team Grant (July 2016)
- Need for collaborative, transectoral expertise reflecting the complexity of processes at stake
- Continuous data streams allows quick turnaround, new ways to conduct research projects (i.e. Agile development)

Thank you!



Collaborative ideas/work:
 Spherelab team (UdM, Can)
 CURHA project (Can, Fra, Lux)
 QADA project (UdM Can, Inserm Fra)
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 Nemesis team (Inserm, Fra)
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