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# Models and Methods for Transport Demand and Decarbonisation: A Review

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# Models and Methods for Transport Demand and Decarbonisation: A Review

Rising global greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector pose a major challenge to meeting the targets of the Paris Agreement. This raises questions of how technology, infrastructure and societal trends and policies can influence transport demand and thus also emissions, energy demand and service levels. Here the literature on factors relevant to shifting total transport activity and mode shares, categorised into exogenous drivers, socio-behavioural, infrastructural and technological aspects, is reviewed. For each factor, current approaches to modelling and measuring the impact of each factor on transport systems are summarised, resulting in a proposed taxonomy to classify transport demand modelling approaches. We then comment on the suitability and sufficiency of existing modelling approaches for representing scenarios consistent with the Paris Agreement targets in models of the entire global energy system. Factors that affect transport demand are currently insufficiently represented in integrated assessment modelling approaches and thus emission reduction pathways. Improving the comprehension and representation of diverse factors that affect transport demand in global energy systems models, by incorporating features of complementary models with high resolution representations of transport, holds promise for generating well informed policy recommendations. Accordingly, policies could influence the development of the factors themselves and their potential role in mitigating climate change.

Keywords: Transport demand modelling, Climate change mitigation, Transport demand, Energy demand transformation, Megatrends, IPCC

## 1. Introduction

Transport demand for both passenger and freight services is projected to increase significantly by 2050, driven by population growth, rapid urbanisation, and increases in economic activity and standards of living. Electrification is set to reduce the emissions intensity of many major transport modes. However, this will not happen fast enough to fully decarbonise the sector by 2050 (ITF, 2023). Thus, there is growing recognition that policies aimed at systemic changes and energy demand reductions are necessary alongside technological changes and improvements (IPCC, 2022).

Different scientific communities emphasise distinct solution domains for reducing transport emissions: integrated assessment models focus on fuel switching; transport sector-focused models highlight efficiency measures; and spatial- or place-based models put greater focus on behavioural changes and infrastructural mitigation options (Creutzig, 2016). To perform comprehensive, global, long-term assessments of the impacts of transport demand, mitigation options and knowledge from distinct research areas must be integrated. However, this integration is laborious; it requires significant effort in translation between concepts, metrics, and methods used to study both particular aspects of the transport system and the entire global human and earth

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3 system. One such pathway that aims to incorporate aspects of the solutions favoured by  
4 different research communities is the global low energy demand (LED) pathway  
5 proposed by Grubler et al. (Grubler et al., 2018). In the LED pathway, diverse  
6 phenomena including trends, dynamics, changes in activity, individual and business  
7 behaviours, technology, and environmental impacts— hereinafter collectively **factors**  
8 (that affect transport demand)—combine to reduce energy demand whilst still meeting  
9 sustainable development targets. This has further been developed in, *inter alia*, the  
10 Providing Decent Living with Minimum Energy global scenario, by Millward-Hopkins  
11 et al., who consider the convergence of living standards globally and the associated  
12 minimum energy and material requirements (Millward-Hopkins et al., 2020).  
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16 This review aims to contribute to advancing the representation of such diverse  
17 factors that affect transport demand in climate change mitigation pathways compatible  
18 with meeting the Paris Agreement targets of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C  
19 above pre-industrial levels. We begin by distinguishing factors that are included in low  
20 (transport) energy demand narratives. These factors were identified, collated, and  
21 selected through collaborative meetings of the transport working group of the Energy  
22 Demand changes Induced by Technological and Social innovations (EDITS) network,  
23 consisting of expert researchers on demand side climate change mitigation solutions. A  
24 literature search was then performed using the research databases Google Scholar, Web  
25 of Science and Scopus, using the various names and terms given for the factors as well  
26 as additional search terms on modelling, transportation, and climate change mitigation.  
27 The papers were then manually assessed and selected if they had a significant  
28 modelling element and focused on future transformations resulting in emissions  
29 reductions. Due to the deliberately broad choice of scope, including all categories of  
30 factors that might affect transport demand, this selection identified modelling methods  
31 most commonly applied to study each factor, rather than aim to exhaustively list all  
32 methods and synthesize them. We also identified and referenced existing reviews which  
33 cover subsets of the transport system or of the full list of targeted factors. From the  
34 selected studies, we identified methods, quantitative models, data (particularly  
35 concerning demand measures), scopes, resolutions, and categorisations used in each  
36 literature. We then propose a taxonomy to characterise the transport demand modelling  
37 approaches used. Finally, we comment on how high-level narratives for each factor  
38 affecting transport demand could be incorporated into comprehensive, global, long-  
39 term modelling. This yields an agenda for research to perform such integration, which  
40 would enable valid and comprehensive assessments of how demand-related transport  
41 factors can contribute to a LED future.  
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## 52 53 **2. Factors that affect transport demand**

54 Factors that affect transport demand are observable phenomena, events, trends,  
55 developments, or interventions that could alter transport systems in ways that lead to  
56 changes in quantified transport activity, mode shares and vehicle use efficiency.  
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59 Transport activity is the amount of transportation that happens; it is quantifiable in  
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many ways, including number of trips, time spent travelling, monetary expenditure, and most commonly distance, using metrics such as passenger-distance travelled (PDT, measured in kilometres, thus PKM or PKT, or miles, thus PMT), vehicle distance travelled (VDT, or likewise VKM, VKT, or VMT) and freight volume (measured in tonne-km) Mode share is the allocation of this activity to different transport modes (Edelenbosch, McCollum, et al., 2017). Factors that affect transport demand have been identified and selected from decarbonisation pathways synergistic with LED, such as those in (IEA, 2021), (IPCC, 2022), and (ITF, 2023). These factors include both mega-trends, such as population changes, digitalisation, and urbanisation, which happen at a large scale and have widespread consequences across space and transport modes, and changes which may only impact specific aspects of transport demand, and/or occur in specific places (figure 1).

## Factors Affecting Transport Demand

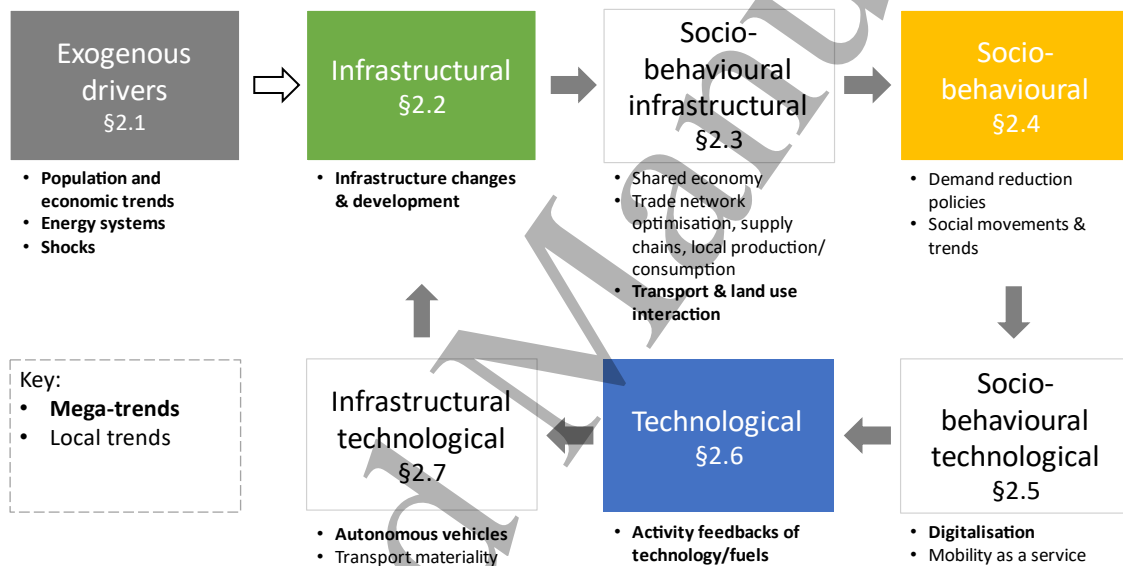


Figure 1: The primary domains of the reviewed factors affecting transport demand. Note that almost all factors will have secondary impacts and feedbacks which may indirectly impact all categories.

Following the recent demand-side classification of the IPCC sixth assessment report (Creutzig, Roy, et al., 2022), we sort transport policies into those concerning infrastructure types, locations and capacities; technology development and deployment; and socio-behavioural factors.

In each of the following subsections, we summarise identified studies specific to the factor or phenomenon, including their methods, data, and findings. We contrast these with mentions of how the factor is incorporated (or not) in typical global, integrative, long-term transport models. Quantitative projections from the latter are also used to frame the subsections.

## 2.1 Exogenous drivers of transport demand

Transport is often understood as a “derived” demand, in that most freight and passenger activity are undertaken to satisfy other, more fundamental, human needs. The systems that meet this demand are intrinsically linked with and strongly affected by population, industrial and economic activity, energy systems, and are affected by major regionally or globally disruptive events. Causal relationships in the other direction are weaker: for instance, while population change affects (aggregate) transport demand, changing demand does not strongly influence population. For this reason, these factors are commonly represented as exogenous drivers.

### 2.1.1 Population and economic trends

The global population is projected to reach 9.7 billion people in 2050, characterised by aging societies, increased life expectancy and, if climate change impacts are not considered, a doubling of the population of sub-Saharan Africa. Countries such as Japan, China, Germany, and Italy, will experience ageing and declining populations (IEA, 2022). Population distribution and settlement patterns are a significant driver of transport demand. Economic activity, transport costs, geographic factors, and urban form determines around 90% of urban transport energy use (Creutzig, Baiocchi, Bierkandt, Pichler, & Seto, 2015). If long-term economic growth persists, as projected in most climate mitigation scenarios, it will stimulate transport activity (ITF, 2023).

Sectoral models estimating global transport demand typically utilise population and economic projections to forecast future demand (Yeh et al., 2017). Exogenous population projections are used in the International Transport Forum (ITF) and International Energy Agency (IEA) transport demand models (ITF, 2023; Fulton, Cazzola, & Cuenot, 2009). The ITF models disaggregate transport into urban passenger travel, non-urban passenger travel, urban freight and non-urban freight. These models project a 79% increase in passenger transport demand, from 2019 to 2050 under current mitigation policies (ITF, 2023). There are however particular opportunities to avoid lock into high transport demand pathways in rapidly developing areas where current urban planning policies will drive future transport demand (Creutzig, Baiocchi, et al., 2015).

Population change and economic conditions are exogenous transport demand drivers in Integrated Assessment Models (IAMs). These typically contain aggregate transport demand metrics and endogenous links to other sectors, including energy systems, agriculture, and land use (Yeh et al., 2017). One such IAM is the MESSAGE model, which uses population projections and settlement patterns to determine technology adoption (McCollum et al., 2017). Similarly, the Global Change Assessment Model (GCAM), a technology-rich partial equilibrium model, assumes total PDT to be proportional to population (Speizer et al. 2024), while in practice overall transport activity is also influenced by the design of human settlements and urban areas.

### 2.1.2 Energy system

The deployment of technological transport mitigation options depends on the transition of energy systems. There must be sufficient infrastructure for electrification and alternative fuel uptake, as well as enough material feedstock and renewable energy supply that can be allocated to transport (IEA, 2022). The observed rapidly accelerating development of intermittent renewable energies and their declining costs will play a key role (Creutzig, Hilaire, Nemet, Müller-Hansen, & Minx, 2023). Energy system and transport interactions are modelled within IAMs and energy, environment, economy models, which can assess different energy mixes and policies (Edelenbosch, McCollum, et al., 2017). Within optimisation-based models, fuel mix is typically derived from least cost vehicle configurations categorised by fuel type (McCollum et al., 2017). The integrated nature of these models allows representation of trade-offs and cost-related interactions with other energy end-use sectors.

Changes to commodities traded in a LED future will also impact trade routes and flows. Transportation of fossil fuels accounts for 45% of global shipped trade by weight. As the energy system transitions away from fossil fuel use to alternative energy sources, demand for shipping such commodities will fall (Sharmina et al., 2021). This has been modelled using the ITF non-urban freight model, which disaggregates trade flows by commodity and uses a multinomial logit model to estimate mode shares on specific routes (ITF, 2023).

### 2.1.3 Shocks

Global events, such as pandemics, conflicts, natural disasters, and financial crises can significantly shape transport activity and energy demand (IEA, 2022).

Between 2019 and 2020, global PDT decreased by 20% due to the COVID-19 pandemic (ITF, 2023). Mode shares were also affected, with a comparative analysis of 16 cities showing an 80% reduction in public transit use under lockdowns and a 64% reduction in individual motorised transport. Transport land use and infrastructure also changed, with cities globally providing 550 km of temporary cycling infrastructure and planning an additional 1500 km (Creutzig, Lohrey, & Franza, 2022). Reduced long-distance travel particularly impacted aviation, with 60% less revenue PDT globally in 2020 compared to pre-pandemic levels. Scenario analysis with the AIM2015 aviation system dynamics model, incorporating vehicle fleet information, economy and population-based demand projections, and passenger activity, suggested that cumulative aviation fuel use may be 6-9% lower than in scenarios not including the pandemic (Dray & Schäfer, 2021).

Shocks can also trigger long-term structural changes. For example, teleworking has increased since the COVID-19 pandemic, impacting commuting and other travel. Regression can identify patterns in propensity to telework within populations, based on characteristics such as age, job sector, income and education level (Hensher, Beck, & Wei, 2021). These relationships can be incorporated in transport demand models, including sectoral transport models, by separating the impact on trip generation, distribution, and mode shares. For example, remote working patterns and risk

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3 avoidance attitudes, modelled using a 4-stage transport demand model, were found to  
4 increase car ownership and cause reductions in public transport use (Christidis,  
5 Christodoulou, Navajas-Cawood, & Ciuffo, 2021).  
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7 As transport demand is driven by economic activity, land use, and urban planning,  
8 disruptions from shocks have been studied through economic modelling using  
9 computable general equilibrium models. Interactions between supply side and demand  
10 side shocks can be assessed simultaneously, whilst decomposition analysis can  
11 disaggregate impacts of different factors (Chen, Rose, Prager, & Chatterjee, 2017).  
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## 16 **2.2 Infrastructural factors**

17 Transport demand in a LED future will depend on infrastructure, as infrastructure  
18 dictates the places accessible by transport (Creutzig, Roy, et al., 2022). Infrastructure  
19 planning typically uses cost-benefit analysis to evaluate project outcomes in terms of  
20 meeting policy objectives. However, cost-benefit analyses are critiqued as being often  
21 too narrow in scope to incorporate social and environmental externalities (Laird &  
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### 27 **2.2.1 Passenger transport infrastructure**

28 Providing infrastructure in a LED future may involve strategically investing in public  
29 transport infrastructure, operating with high occupancy rates in compact urban areas,  
30 rather than providing infrastructure as a reaction to predicted business as usual demand  
31 (ITF, 2023). Research using an integrated transport demand and energy systems model,  
32 reveals synergies between policies to reduce transport emissions and energy system  
33 transitions, with comprehensive and wide-ranging policies deemed to be most effective  
34 at reducing emissions (Zhang & Hanaoka 2022).  
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38 Agent-based modelling can be used to estimate behavioural responses to  
39 proposed infrastructure development (W Axhausen, Horni, & Nagel, 2016). An agent-  
40 based model for electric vehicle charging infrastructure development in Switzerland,  
41 revealed that electricity grid infrastructure development is necessary to support peak  
42 charging loads (Pagani, Korosec, Chokani, & Abhari, 2019). In New York, active travel  
43 infrastructure development was predicted to be conducive to increasing walking and  
44 cycling rates, alongside complementary social promotions (Aziz et al., 2018).  
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48 Infrastructure decisions can be a direct result of policies or an indirect result of  
49 population behaviour changes and technology development (Malmaeus et al., 2023).  
50 Empirical observations can retrospectively analyse infrastructure impacts. Improved  
51 cycling infrastructure led to a 5% increase in cyclist numbers in Copenhagen (Skov-  
52 Petersen, Jacobsen, Vedel, Thomas Alexander, & Rask, 2017). Pop-up cycling lanes  
53 during COVID-19 resulted in a 10-40% increase in cycling for every 10km additional  
54 bicycle lane built (Kraus & Koch, 2021). Also, 30% increases in walking and cycling  
55 were observed after active travel infrastructure development in small cities in New  
56 Zealand (Keall, Shaw, Chapman, & Howden-Chapman, 2018).  
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3 Further studies combine empirical data with regression models to disaggregate  
4 the effects of infrastructure on transport demand. A synthesis of empirical studies found  
5 that high-speed rail can stimulate the redistribution of air travel and that the spatial  
6 distribution of economic activity can change as accessibility changes (Zhang, Wan, &  
7 Yang, 2019). Further substitution effects were identified using a difference-in-  
8 differences econometric model that shows how high-speed rail development in China  
9 induced a reduction in passenger vehicles on parallel roads (Lin, Qin, Wu, & Xu,  
10 2021).  
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### 15 2.2.2 Freight transport infrastructure

16 Global freight demand is projected to triple between 2015 and 2050. Significant  
17 changes to trade routes and trade network traffic may also occur. Large transcontinental  
18 infrastructure projects could establish new routes between East Asia and Europe, whilst  
19 increasing market accessibility in Central Asia and Africa (ITF, 2019).  
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22 Although unlikely, new arctic shipping routes opened by melting sea ice could  
23 reduce shipping times between Asia, Europe and North America by 2050. It was  
24 estimated, using a general equilibrium model and trade elasticities, that the Northern  
25 Sea Route could account for 4.7% of global trade value (Bekkers, Francois, & Rojas-  
26 Romagosa, 2016). Arctic shipping has considerable environmental impacts, with short-  
27 lived pollutants causing significant damage and offsetting emissions savings from  
28 shorter routes. Further, complications include reduced fuel efficiency, uncertain transit  
29 times and safety considerations, reducing economic benefits and increasing uptake  
30 uncertainty (Theocharis et al., 2018).  
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34 China's Belt and Road initiative is a complex set of interlocking trade and  
35 transport infrastructure policies. Its impact on bilateral trade flows was estimated using  
36 a gravity model and comparative advantage model. New trade routes could increase  
37 bilateral trade by 4.1%, with countries experiencing the greatest increases if they  
38 become heavily involved in global supply chains (Baniya, Rocha, & Ruta, 2020).  
39 Further consideration of infrastructure developments was modelled in the ITF freight  
40 model. The model disaggregates trade flows and allocates trade value-to-weight using a  
41 discrete mode choice model and an equilibrium-based route choice model (ITF, 2019).  
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45 The environmental impacts of infrastructure are modelled using life cycle  
46 assessments. For example, the lower environmental impact of electric road systems  
47 compared to the current diesel system for heavy goods vehicles across several impact  
48 categories has been demonstrated through life cycle assessments (Schulte & Ny, 2018).  
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### 52 2.3 Infrastructural-socio-behavioural factors

53 Infrastructure provision and land use can determine transport activity and mode shares.  
54 Reciprocally, transport service availability can influence infrastructure development  
55 choices and land use (Acheampong & Silva, 2015). Car use is strongly related to land  
56 use diversity; walking and public transport use is related to presence of pedestrian  
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3 routes; and cycling is associated with active travel infrastructure (Eldeeb, Mohamed &  
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### 7 8 *2.3.1 Compact urbanisation*

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10 70% of the total population is projected to live in urban areas by 2050 (ITF, 2023).  
11 Compact urbanisation is typified by dense and proximate development patterns,  
12 enabling good accessibility to services and jobs (Ye et al., 2018). Urban sprawl  
13 prevention, rural and agricultural land protection, and urban community development  
14 can improve quality of life (ITF, 2023). Compact urbanisation reduces average travel  
15 distances and promotes public transport use, thus avoiding the need for private vehicle  
16 ownership (Matsuhashi, Ariga, & Ishikawa, 2023). Urban compaction can however be  
17 detrimental for urban resilience and climate adaptation, which can be analysed by  
18 combining land use and transport with environmental models (Dehghani, Alidadi,  
19 Sharifi, 2022), and also in an urban economic modelling setting (Pierer & Creutzig,  
20 2019).  
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24 Retrospective studies have quantified the impact of population density on  
25 passenger transport use. Empirical travel survey data is typically analysed alongside  
26 categorised land use and population density information (Berrill et al. 2024; Matsuhashi  
27 et al., 2023; Xu, Haase, Su, & Yang, 2019). For example, annual car mileage per capita  
28 and per vehicle was found to be low in Japanese municipalities with high population  
29 densities (Matsuhashi et al., 2023). Within the EU, urban compactness and population  
30 density are not necessarily correlated, with high population density and low physical  
31 compactness beneficial for reducing energy use (Xu et al., 2019). A recent high-  
32 resolution study of 19 European cities suggested that distance to the city centre rather  
33 than population density is the most important predictive factor of trip distance, car  
34 ownership and mode choice, thus driving transport GHG emissions (Berrill et al.,  
35 2024).  
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40 Future scenarios typically indicate that compact urbanisation has a  
41 complementary effect on transport emissions reductions. Passenger vehicle emissions in  
42 Japanese municipalities were estimated to fall by 64% by 2050, due to vehicle  
43 efficiency improvements and electrification, with a further 6% emissions reduction  
44 possible from urban compaction (Kii, 2020). Furthermore, wider factors impacting  
45 urban emissions and energy consumption, such as freight patterns, buildings, private  
46 vehicle ownership, disaster resilience and well-being, should be considered as well (Xu  
47 et al., 2019; Ye et al., 2018).  
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### 52 53 *2.3.2 Transit oriented development*

54 Transit-oriented development (TOD) is an urban planning strategy concerning  
55 organising compact and diverse mixed land use urban areas around public transport  
56 (Ford, Dawson, Blythe, & Barr, 2018). This can ensure good accessibility by active  
57 transport and reduce travel times, travel distances, urban sprawl and private car use (Ali  
58 et al., 2021). As buildings and infrastructure can have long service lifetimes  
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3 adjustments to urban structure and stimulating changes to associated travel patterns can  
4 be complex and expensive (Ford et al., 2018).

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6 Integrated land use transport models have evolved from assessing relationships  
7 between transport and land use using aggregate data with gravity and entropy  
8 maximisation models; to better represent behavioural theories and spatial choices using  
9 discrete choice models; to using agent-based models to analyse responses to land use  
10 changes (Engelberg et al., 2021). Urban planning uses integrated land use transport  
11 models to prescribe suitable land uses based on land-use-by-activity ratios and  
12 maximum density limits (Moeckel, Garcia, Chou, & Okrah, 2018). Further, transport  
13 demand influenced by land use patterns can be disaggregated by mode and time,  
14 allowing calculation of transport flows and accessibility metrics (Hawkins & Habib,  
15 2019). Future integrated land-use transport models are expected to adopt disaggregate,  
16 activity-based accessibility metrics, enabling individual changes in use of  
17 communication and mobility technologies, activity patterns and time use to be  
18 aggregated into behaviour of the whole system (Engelberg et al. 2021).

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20 Machine learning models based on “big data” can assess transport and land use  
21 interactions (Milojevic-Dupont & Creutzig, 2021). Pattern recognition algorithms can  
22 identify spatially explicit urban forms predictive of travel patterns, energy use and  
23 emissions (Wagner et al., 2022). These algorithms have been used in Porto to identify  
24 drivers of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and estimate future emissions under  
25 different urban planning scenarios (Silva, Horta, Leal, & Oliveira, 2017; Silva, Leal,  
26 Oliveira, & Horta, 2018). Another study used a double machine learning approach to  
27 identify induced transport demand by newly planned settlements in Berlin (Nachtigall,  
28 Wagner, Berrill, & Creutzig, 2023).

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30 Integrated land use transport models that integrate environmental factors are  
31 still uncommon (Ford et al., 2018). The OECD Multi-Objective Local Environment  
32 Simulator (MOLES) attempted this integration by modelling interactions between  
33 urban land use, mobility patterns, economic activity, policy interventions and their  
34 impacts, notably air pollution and emissions (OECD, 2020). Further models containing  
35 this integration include the IRPUD model and Urban Integrated Assessment Facility  
36 (UIAF) which model relationships between population, economic conditions, land use,  
37 transportation and the environment (Moeckel et al., 2018)

### 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 *2.3.2 Trade network optimisation, supply chains, local production and consumption of goods*

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51 Optimising trade networks can decrease product’s embodied energy and emissions, by  
52 reducing supply chain travel distances and promoting local production and consumption  
53 (Sharmina et al., 2021). Further, global trade flow changes could stem from consumer  
54 behaviour changes, relocation of industrial production facilities, and technology  
55 adoption altering the commodity types traded (Moran et al., 2018).

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57 Re-configuring global supply chains by sourcing commodities from nearby  
58 locations can reduce cargo ship use. Linear optimisation has been used to calculate  
59 which flows need to be re-routed to reduce global shipping emissions by a maximum of  
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3 38% (Wang et al., 2021). Logistics facility location is largely driven by market  
4 proximity and is commonly observed using Geographic Information Systems (GIS).  
5 GIS are typically used to make observations rather than to predict impacts on transport  
6 demand (He, Shen, Wu, & Luo, 2018).  
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9 Local supply chains can also be reconfigured by using different vehicle types.  
10 Traffic simulation models suggested that cargo bikes can replace up to 10% of  
11 conventional vans for trips in a 2 km radius without changing the overall network  
12 efficiency in Porto (Melo & Baptista, 2017). Further, cost analyses found cargo  
13 bicycles to be effective in displacing vans for deliveries close to distribution centres, in  
14 densely populated areas, and with low delivery volumes at each stop (Sheth, Butrina,  
15 Goodchild, & McCormack, 2019).  
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18 Additive manufacturing is the construction of three-dimensional objects from  
19 digital models, through deposition, joining or solidification of material (Savolainen &  
20 Collan, 2020). Additive manufacturing could reduce freight transport demand through  
21 consolidating manufacturing activities and simplifying supply chain logistics (IPCC,  
22 2022). Despite recent growth, there is uncertainty around short to medium-term growth  
23 of these impacts, due to limited economies of scale, and regulatory, cost, material, and  
24 product size limitations for the underlying technologies (Boon & van Wee, 2018).  
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27 Life-cycle assessments can model the impact of factors related to transport  
28 demand, including vehicle fleets and supply chains. For instance, light-weight  
29 aeroplane components produced by additive manufacturing are found using a life cycle  
30 inventory model to reduce cumulative emissions from the global fleet by 215MtCO<sub>2</sub> by  
31 2050 (R. Huang et al., 2016). Additive manufacturing is also found using a linear  
32 programming model to reduce costs and tonne-kms per component through the  
33 reconfiguration of supply chain networks (Barz, Buer, & Haasis, 2016).  
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### 38 2.3.4 Shared economy

39 The term “shared economy” refers to peer-to-peer based activity of obtaining, giving, or  
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41 Standing & Biermann, 2019).  
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44 Freight sharing through business-to-business collaboration can reduce costs,  
45 vehicle ownership rates and induce time savings (Craig Standing & Biermann, 2019).  
46 Similarly, crowd-shipping can create informal urban delivery networks where people  
47 act as couriers on trips they are making already, with optimisation algorithms used to  
48 allocate deliveries to suitable travellers (Allahviranloo & Baghestani, 2019). The  
49 propensity to participate in crowd shipping is studied through stated preference surveys  
50 to identify socio-demographic characteristics that typically indicate a greater  
51 willingness to work (Miller, Nie, & Stathopoulos, 2017).  
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55 Shared mobility allows users to access transport services without owning the  
56 vehicle they use. Ubiquitous digitalisation has enabled on-demand shared services and  
57 allows efficient matching of supply and demand over short time periods, especially in  
58 densely populated areas with potentially large user bases (Machado, De Salles Hue,  
59 Berrsaneti, & Quintanilha, 2018). Shared mobility could impact mode shares and  
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3 vehicle ownership rates, with current implementations indicating mode shifts away  
4 from public transport and active travel, and lower vehicle ownership rates amongst car  
5 sharing program participants (Javaid, Creutzig, & Bamberg, 2020; Craig Standing &  
6 Biermann, 2019).

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9 Shared mobility can also improve accessibility and first and last mile  
10 connectivity with public transport (IPCC, 2022). However, a stated/revealed preference  
11 study found that additional policies and incentives would need to be provided to  
12 prevent shifts away from public transport, as public transport users are the most likely  
13 to adopt trip sharing (Li & Kamargianni 2020). Agent-based models can simulate  
14 shared vehicle uptake, including the use of shared autonomous vehicles. An agent-  
15 based model applied to Singapore found that shared autonomous vehicle introduction  
16 could double the size of the current national taxi fleet, cause a shift away from public  
17 transport use, and increase vehicle-km by up to 17% (Oh et al. 2020). An agent-based  
18 model applied to Lisbon suggested that full implementation of shared autonomous  
19 vehicles, replacing private car, bus and taxi use, would significantly reduce distances  
20 travelled and emissions (Martinez & Viegas, 2017).

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23 Bike sharing schemes are growing in popularity in urban areas. Data collection  
24 from dock stations and location information from free-floating bicycles enables  
25 collection of large quantities of trip data. This information can be used alongside  
26 regression and optimisation techniques to determine bike relocation strategies to areas  
27 of high demand (Faghieh-Imani, Hampshire, Marla, & Eluru, 2017). Further, agent-  
28 based models can estimate bike sharing uptake potential in terms of impacts on mode  
29 shares, accessibility, emissions and energy use (Lu, Hsu, Chen, & Lee, 2018).

## 34 35 **2.4 Socio-behavioural factors**

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37 Transport energy use is dependent on several factors, including the need to travel, the  
38 transport mode and vehicle used, and destination and route choice. Furthermore,  
39 transitioning away from the self-reinforcing incumbent car-centric transport system in  
40 many countries will depend on interactions between economies of scale, industry,  
41 consumers, public policy, infrastructure and cultures (Mattioli, Roberts, Steinberger, &  
42 Brown, 2020). Additionally, transport systems transitions will depend on considerations  
43 related to the social and cultural aspects of transport, such as the non-use value users  
44 place on private cars (Moody, Farr, Papagelis, & Keith, 2021).

### 48 49 **2.4.1 Social movements and trends**

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51 Individual, social and infrastructural factors influence transport mode choice.  
52 Individuals are more likely to shift towards low energy and emission modes if these  
53 transport modes are accessible, affordable and safe in the areas where they live and  
54 work. Mode choice is also influenced by perceived social norms resulting from  
55 observations of social norms which are in turn determined by public policy (Javaid et  
56 al., 2020).

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3 Society-centric transport planning involving community engagement could  
4 improve transport justice by addressing inequalities in access to goods and services  
5 (Karner et al. 2020). Transport planning often employs state-maintained sectoral  
6 transport demand models, with generally relatively little consideration of social equity  
7 (Vecchio, Tiznado-Aitken & Hurtubia, 2020). Further inclusion of social equity metrics  
8 could generate outcomes that stimulate new social norms and changes in mode shares  
9 and transport activity (Karner et al., 2020).  
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12 Flygskam (flight shame) is a social movement that emerged in Sweden in 2017,  
13 concerning an individual's unease with flying due to the climate implications and social  
14 stigma of air travel (Goßling, Humpe, & Bausch, 2020). Social movements and  
15 opinions, such as flygskam, can be tracked using surveys. Survey results indicated that  
16 flygskam had increased awareness of aviation impacts and there is some public support  
17 for policies that increase the cost of flying (Goßling et al., 2020).  
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20 In 2013, tourism was estimated to contribute 8% of global emissions (Lenzen et  
21 al., 2018). As a major emitting sector, tourism is typically endogenously included  
22 within larger-scale decarbonisation scenarios. Measures relating to touristic transport,  
23 in the IEA's net zero roadmap, included keeping long haul leisure air travel at 2019  
24 levels, choosing closer destinations, shifting short haul flights to rail and introducing  
25 carbon prices to influence travel costs (Scott & Goßling, 2022).  
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28 General theory of planned behaviour models are psychological behavioural  
29 models used to predict and explain destination decisions (Cao, Zhang, Wang, Hu, &  
30 Yu, 2020). Prospective transport demand is studied through the push-pull framework  
31 and perceived fit theory, which aims to understand destination choice decisions (Tojib,  
32 Tsarenko, Hin Ho, Tuteja, & Rahayu, 2022). Further, potential changes in destination  
33 choice, due to climate adaptation in alpine regions for example, have been studied  
34 through agent-based modelling (Scott, Steiger, Rutty, Pons, Johnson, 2020).  
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#### 40 *2.4.2 Demand reduction policies*

41 Policy can stimulate transport demand changes, by encouraging mode shifts and  
42 restricting vehicle use. Ghent and Pontevedra have banned cars from inner cities, with  
43 Paris planning to do so in 2024 (Creutzig, 2022). Congestion charges in cities,  
44 including London, Milan, and Singapore, have reduced urban traffic and associated  
45 externalities (Green, Heywood, & Navarro Paniagua, 2020).  
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48 Price-based measures can be analysed using elasticities that measure the  
49 sensitivity of demand to changes in price (Börjesson & Kristoffersson, 2018). Price  
50 elasticities can be integrated into transport and energy optimisation models to represent  
51 modal shifts (Salvucci, Tattini, Gargiulo, Lehtilä, & Karlsson, 2018). Stated preference  
52 surveys can monitor the impact of demand reduction measures on passenger behaviour.  
53 Responses to congestion management strategies, including changing parking charges,  
54 introducing shared bicycles and subsidising public transport, can be recorded in cross  
55 sectional stated preference surveys to evaluate the effectiveness of different strategies  
56 (Guzman, Arellana & Alvarez 2020).  
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3 Demand reduction measures can also be included within travel demand  
4 simulation models. Travel demand management policies have been found to contribute  
5 to emissions reductions and can be included in urban location decision models by  
6 incorporating travel costs and comparing them with household incomes (Wegener,  
7 2021). Discrete choice modelling can also be used to model demand reduction  
8 measures. For example, a multinomial logit model was used to evaluate the utility of  
9 different mode choices when congestion pricing policies are applied in New York (He  
10 et al. 2021).  
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## 15 16 **2.5 Socio-behavioural-technological factors**

17 Adoption of technologies can stimulate behaviour changes that impact transport  
18 demand. For example, remote working where possible can reduce the need for  
19 commuting trips; e-commerce can alter shopping trips and increase consumer  
20 deliveries; and online tools can help change accessibility and perceptions of passenger  
21 transport services (ITF, 2023).  
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### 25 26 **2.5.1 Mobility as a Service**

27 Mobility as a Service (MaaS) generally refers to integrated platforms that allow users to  
28 access services provided by various different transport modes (ITF, 2023). Inter-modal  
29 connectivity could facilitate increased public transport and shared mobility use. In a  
30 trial in Japan, GPS data and questionnaires were used to empirically observe behaviour  
31 changes caused by the introduction of MaaS and free public transport access.  
32 Introduction of MaaS accelerated modal shifts towards public transport and changed  
33 trip frequency and locations visited (Miyawaki, Tomioka, Takayama, & Morimoto,  
34 2020).  
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38 There is uncertainty surrounding the potential impacts of MaaS on transport  
39 demand, with several barriers currently limiting widespread adoption (Zhao, Andruetto,  
40 Vaddadi, & Pernest<sup>o</sup>al, 2021; Laine et al., 2018). Scenario analyses, containing  
41 assumptions on adoption rates, car ownership and vehicle-km travelled, have been used  
42 to estimate impacts on transport activity (Zhao et al., 2021). For example, the role of  
43 MaaS in changing travel behaviour was studied using a vehicle fleet model. Reducing  
44 car ownership by 10%, viable through increased use of MaaS, could lead to greater  
45 emissions reductions than a 10% increase in vehicle efficiency (Laine et al., 2018).  
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49 An activity-based transport demand model was used to simulate the impacts of  
50 MaaS on travel activity and mode shares in Amsterdam, with propensity for adopting  
51 MaaS determined using a multinomial logit model. It was estimated that emissions  
52 could be reduced by 3-4% if 20% of the population adopt MaaS or 43-54% if 85% of  
53 the population adopt MaaS (Labee, Rasouli, & Liao, 2022).  
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### 57 58 **2.5.2 E-commerce**

59 E-commerce is the sale of goods or services over computer networks using methods  
60 specifically designed for receiving or placing orders (ITF, 2023). The share of e-

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3 commerce in all sales tripled between 2014 and 2019. Growth is set to continue, with  
4 last mile transport demand set to grow by 78% between 2020 and 2030 and e-  
5 commerce projected to increase unabated freight emissions by 4% by 2050 (Deloison et  
6 al., 2020; ITF, 2019). This growth is driven by urbanisation, widening customer bases  
7 globally, online product availability, and new digital business models (Deloison et al.,  
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11 Urban density, mode shares, the energy mix, as well as physical, psychological  
12 and socio-demographic factors will determine the direction and magnitude of e-  
13 commerce's impact on transport demand. Empirical evidence as to the effect of e-  
14 commerce on transport demand is currently inconclusive, with diverse purchasing  
15 models, complex behaviour changes and rebound effects making it difficult to define  
16 system boundaries to assess the overall impact (Buldeo Rai 2021). Furthermore, on-  
17 demand deliveries in narrow time windows reduce vehicle payload factors and  
18 customer returns increase overall delivery vehicle-km (ITF, 2019).  
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22 Collection points, off-peak deliveries, zero-emission zoning and distance-based  
23 charging can encourage distribution companies to use vehicle capacity better, thus  
24 limiting emissions and congestion from last mile deliveries. Traffic micro-simulation  
25 can predict congestion and emissions impacts of additional delivery vehicles in urban  
26 areas (Laghaei et al., 2015). Agent-based modelling can also compare the dynamics of  
27 door-to-door deliveries and consolidated delivery patterns, by simulating customer  
28 movements and freight deliveries (Calabr'o et al., 2022). Econometric models can  
29 analyse longer-term impacts of e-commerce, such as changes in urban form and  
30 employment types, linking e-commerce activity with specific transport mode use  
31 (Bonilla, 2016).  
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### 37 2.5.3 Teleworking

38 Teleworking is where work is completed away from an employer's site while staying  
39 connected via network technologies (Hook, Court, Sovacool, & Sorrell, 2020).  
40 Globally, between 2-40% of employees telework, with rates influenced by country,  
41 labour laws, cultures, and occupation sector (Gschwind et al., 2017). Certain socio-  
42 demographic and geographical factors determine propensity to telework, with women  
43 and employees with high incomes, children, high education levels, and long commutes  
44 more likely to telework than other groups (Singh, Paleti, Jenkins, & Bhat, 2013).  
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48 The trip and transport mode displaced, climate, induced energy use patterns,  
49 office and remote working environment energy characteristics, and electricity mix  
50 determine the net effects of teleworking. Further, there is large uncertainty concerning  
51 rebound effects including increases in non-work travel, home energy use and the  
52 distances people live from their workplace (Hook et al., 2020). For example, regression  
53 models found that teleworking has a complementary rather than substitutive effect on  
54 the total number of trips made, especially in larger metropolitan areas in the USA (Zhu,  
55 Wang, Jiang, & Zhou, 2018). Despite this, empirical evidence suggested that  
56 teleworking can reduce traffic volumes by up to 2.9% (Giovanis, 2018). Illustrating the  
57 interaction with exogenous shocks (§2.1.3 above), teleworking during the Covid-19  
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lockdowns contributed to a 40% reduction in land transport emissions (Le Qu'ér'e et al., 2020).

Teleworking's impact on transport can be modelled using empirical data from household travel surveys (Zhu et al., 2018; Giovanis, 2018). Further, binary probit regression can be used in generalised ordered response models to represent the choice to telework (Singh et al., 2013). Scenario analyses can also estimate potential impacts. In a scenario, where teleworking affects between 3-30% of urban trips by 2050, global urban PDT and related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were found to be 2% lower than in a current policy ambition scenario (ITF, 2019).

## 2.6 Technological factors

Transport decarbonisation strategies involve significant transformation to the technologies used in the transport sector (ITF, 2023). In hard-to-decarbonise sectors such as marine transport and aviation, decarbonisation strategies rely heavily on alternative low-carbon fuels, whose development and deployment are highly uncertain (IPCC, 2022).

### 2.6.1 Activity feedbacks of technology/fuel changes

Heavy goods vehicles account for 23% of transport emissions globally, with road freight demand expected to increase in the future (ITF, 2023; Mulholland, Teter, Cazzola, McDonald, & O Gallachoir, 2018). Short-term decarbonisation strategies comprise vehicle efficiency improvements and measures to improve freight systems efficiency (Mulholland et al., 2018). Under such strategies, liquid fuels remain prevalent due to their high energy density, portability, storage stability, and ease of delivery owing to the extensive distribution infrastructure (Mulholland et al., 2018). However, decarbonisation will ultimately depend on using alternative energy sources, such as electricity, hydrogen or low-carbon liquid fuels (Sharmina et al., 2021). Biofuels could reduce net emissions, have high energy density, and have been produced at scale from crops in Brazil and the United States (IEA, 2022). However, significant increases in crop-based production would entail large-scale land conversion, potentially impacting food supply and land use change, offsetting emissions savings (Maia & Bozelli, 2022). Difficulties in scaling up fuel production, fuel costs, high life-cycle emissions, limited infrastructures, vehicle costs and performance limitations all currently limit alternative technology deployment (Moultak, Lutsey, & Hall, 2017).

Electric road system capital costs are projected to be lower than hydrogen fuel cell and liquefied natural gas vehicles by 2030 in China, the USA and Europe (Moultak et al., 2017). The potential environmental impact of alternative power trains can be studied through life cycle assessments. Generally, catenary electric heavy goods vehicles have lower life-cycle emissions than conventional diesel vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles due to inefficient hydrogen production pathways (Moultak et al., 2017).

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Aviation decarbonisation pathways typically include: low-carbon fuels, aircraft efficiency improvements, operational efficiency measures, novel propulsion technologies and residual emission offsets (Dray et al., 2022). Hydrogen and electric aircraft are under development and could complement conventional aircraft using sustainable aviation fuel, however they will likely only operate on short to medium-haul routes due to technological limitations (Schafer et al., 2018). Sustainable aviation fuel typically refers to cellulosic biofuels or synthetic fuels produced using hydrogen and carbon dioxide. Widespread biofuel use may be constrained by land use and feedstock yields and synthetic fuel uptake is currently limited by high production costs and limited production infrastructure (Dray et al., 2022).

System dynamics methods have been used to construct global integrated aviation models representing interactions between demand generation, aircraft technology and cost, fleet dynamics, and environmental and economic outputs. Future passenger activity is estimated using a gravity-based demand sub-model and is updated by achieving partial equilibrium with supply through factors such as airfares and operational costs (Dray et al., 2022). The ITF non-urban passenger model is also used to simulate global air transport activity, mode shares, and emissions for intercity and regional travel to 2050. For each air route, the optimal fuel type and propulsion technology is assessed every 5 years, with sustainable aviation fuel mandates used to update fuel costs. In a high ambition scenario, this model projected that high fuel costs will likely limit passenger demand, reducing PDT by 30% compared to a current ambition scenario (ITF, 2023).

The shipping sector has set a goal to halve its sectoral emissions by 2050 compared to 2008 (Tillig, Ringsberg, Psaraftis, & Zis, 2020). For this transport mode, short-term emissions savings rely on fleet planning, improved harbour logistics, route planning, slow steaming, and ship design improvements (Tillig et al., 2020). Using a profit maximisation model combining economic inputs and technical ship data, studies have found that fuel use impacts the viability of ship use for different purposes and on different routes (Joseph et al. 2021).

Wind-assisted ship propulsion could reduce fossil fuel use between 1- and 50% depending on the specific technology used. This energy saving can be maximised through using shipping routes with stronger winds, changing travel distances and times (Chou, Kosmas, Acciaro, & Renken, 2021). Route optimisation tools, using techniques including the branch and bound approach, can incorporate wind speed and weather data to assess the most fuel-efficient routes (Bentin et al., 2016). Further models couple economics and ship energy systems models to assess decarbonisation strategies that will alter trip distances and travel times. Emissions savings from wind-assisted propulsion and slow steaming are greatest when fuel prices are high, as lower speed operation becomes economically optimal (Tillig et al., 2020).

## 2.7 Infrastructural-technological factors

Infrastructure and technology use are highly interdependent. Infrastructure allows transport technologies to be used and technology determines infrastructure choices and development.

### 2.7.1 Autonomous passenger vehicles

The future energy use of autonomous passenger vehicles is uncertain, and will depend strongly on use patterns, ownership models, induced demand, and regulations (Millard-Ball, 2019; Boßsch, Becker, Becker, & Axhausen, 2018). Automation may improve vehicle efficiency, reduce congestion and increase public transport use by providing first and last-mile accessibility. Conversely, it may decrease travel costs, stimulating increases in travel activity and shifts away from conventional public transport (Fagnant & Kockelman, 2014). The Swiss national transport model, which uses origin-destination matrices containing capacity and demand data, has been used to model autonomous vehicle adoption. Autonomous vehicle use improved accessibility, with the magnitude of the improvement dependent on network capacity (Meyer, Becker, & Axhausen, 2017). The potential impact of autonomous vehicles on transport demand has also been assessed using micro-simulation models (Fagnant & Kockelman, 2016; Millard-Ball, 2019). Autonomous vehicle parking was also investigated by combining traffic micro-simulation with an activity-based transportation model. Autonomous vehicle parking may induce additional car use from decreased parking costs and increase congestion from vehicles relocating to access inexpensive parking (Millard-Ball, 2019).

Shared autonomous vehicle adoption could decrease vehicle ownership rates and reduce the number of vehicles required to meet car transport demand (Boßsch et al., 2018; Meyer et al., 2017). An agent-based model has been used to estimate the impact of shared autonomous vehicles compared to conventional private car use, in a theoretical grid network. Each shared autonomous vehicle is estimated to replace eleven conventional vehicles but travel 10% further than equivalent private vehicles from picking up passengers (Fagnant & Kockelman, 2016). However, cost analysis suggested that uptake may be limited due to competition with private autonomous vehicles with less variable costs (Boßsch et al., 2018). Furthermore, compared to conventional privately owned and operated vehicles, the additional costs of driving without passengers and high operator profit expectations may hinder uptake (Nunes & Hernandez, 2022)

Autonomous vehicle uptake may induce urban land use changes (Hawkins & Habib, 2019). Reductions in travel time sensitivity from increased productivity while travelling may induce urban sprawl (Meyer et al., 2017). Conversely, streets could be redesigned for walking and cycling, with land previously devoted to parking repurposed for pedestrian oriented urban centres (Millard-Ball, 2019).

### 2.7.2 *Autonomous freight vehicles*

Automated trucks could reduce operating costs, as labour accounts for 35-45% of road freight operating costs in Europe (ITF, 2017). Driverless trucks could operate at all times, enabling better asset use and flexible fleet management. Furthermore, inter-vehicle communication could enhance safety and enable efficient driving practices (ITF, 2017). Currently, there are significant uncertainties around deployment timelines, operational capabilities, infrastructure requirements and regulatory acceptance of automated freight vehicles (Engholm, Kristoffersson, & Pernestal, 2021).

Operational costs of automated freight have been estimated to be 12-58% lower than for conventional vehicles (Engholm et al., 2021). Lower operational costs could stimulate decentralisation, increased specialisation in supply chains, and the development of freight consolidation centres (ITF, 2017). Transport economics can be combined with vehicle characteristics and routing optimisation to assess the impact of autonomous vehicles on routes and optimal vehicle types for logistics. Optimising for cost leads to adoption of smaller vehicles for trips with few stops and urban deliveries. For larger trucks transporting bulk commodities, using smaller vehicles had negligible impact on cost compared to driver removal savings (Bray & Cebon, 2022).

Agent-based traffic simulation models can assess impacts of automation on road freight logistics. Automated coordination of freight services and planning could improve dispatching process flexibility and speed, reduce empty vehicle mileage and increase vehicle capacity utilisation (Arendt, Klein, & Barwig, 2016). Furthermore, connected autonomous vehicles could reduce travel times in congested areas by using optimised vehicle routing strategies (Djavadian, Tu, Farooq, & Hatzopoulou, 2020).

### 2.7.3 *Transport materiality*

Decoupling the services provided by in-use material stocks from material stocks has large mitigation potential, with long-term management of in-use stocks crucial for meeting climate targets (Haberl et al., 2021). Circular economy principles such as recovery and re-use of energy-intensive and critical materials, re-use of components, material substitution and material efficiency improvements can reduce material use impacts (Walker, Coleman, Hodgson, Collins, & Brimacombe, 2018).

Future transport sector material requirements are highly dependent on several factors, including average vehicle size, use intensity, lifetimes, overall fleet numbers and fleet composition (Zeng et al., 2022).

Material requirements are modelled using dynamic stock models, that for instance have shown how rapid lithium demand increases could cause a mismatch with supply by 2050, limiting electric vehicle deployment rates (Watari et al., 2019). At the global scope, forecasts using dynamic material flow analysis suggested a 15- to 31- fold increase in global demand for critical battery materials, requiring a substantial expansion of manufacturing capacity (Xu et al., 2020). Recycling electric vehicle batteries could provide 60% of cobalt, 53% of lithium and 53% of nickel required globally by 2040 (Richter, 2022). Reducing primary material demand for vehicle batteries could be achieved through increasing battery energy density, commercialising

cobalt-free battery technologies and increasing recycling rates (Abdelbaky, Peeters, & Dewulf, 2021).

Material substitution can reduce vehicle weight and increase vehicle efficiency. Reducing conventional steel and iron consumption in cars is possible by increasing use of high-strength steel, magnesium, aluminium, plastics and composites (Serrenho, Norman & Allwood, 2017). However, material substitution can be environmentally detrimental if it requires new mines, limits end-of-life product recovery, and/or increases transport demand in supply chains (Rodrigues, Carmona, Whiting, & Sousa, 2022).

Vehicle choice and consumer preferences can also greatly impact the material and energy requirements of transportation. Reversing trends towards larger and more powerful vehicles (downsizing) could be highly effective at reducing vehicle life-cycle emissions and material requirements. It was estimated, using life cycle assessment methods, that shifting all vehicles to the next smallest vehicle class could reduce vehicle mass by 16-44% and fuel consumption by 9-37% (Wolfram, Tu, Heeren, Pauliuk, & Hertwich, 2021).

## 2.8 Summary of factors' impact on transport demand

The classifications used in Table 1 indicate each factor's general effect on aspects of transport demand. For compactness, Table 1 uses abbreviations given in Table 2. These effects are representative of the dominant aspects and impacts mentioned in the reviewed literature. The supplementary information contains additional information on the specific model types used in each reviewed study.

Table 1: Summary of categorisation of factors affecting transport demand and the modelling approaches used.

Factor type	Factor affecting transport demand	Impacts					Transport demand area
		Location	Mod es	Directi on	Are aa	Tri p typ e	
Exogenous drivers	Population and economic growth	All	All	I	All	All	Ac, MS, LU

§2.1	Energy systems	All	All	U	All	All	All
	Shocks	All	All	U	All	All	All
Infrastruct ural §2.2	Passenger infrastructure	All	P	U	All	All	All
	Freight infrastructure	All	F	U	All	All	All
Infrastruct ural - socio- behavioura l §2.3	Compact urbanisation	All	All	D	Ur	L	Ac, MS, LU, R
	Transit-oriented development	All	All	D	Ur	L	All
	Trade network optimisation, supply chains, local production/consump tion	All	F	D	All	All	Ac, EI, V, R
	Shared economy	All	All	D	All	All	Ac, MS, EI, V
Socio- behavioura l §2.4	Social movements and trends	All	All	U	All	All	Ac, MS
	Demand reduction policies	All	All	D	All	All	Ac, MS, V, R
Socio- behavioura l – technologi cal §2.5	Mobility as a service	HIC	P	D	Ur	L	Ac, MS, EI
	E-commerce	HIC	All	U	All	L	Ac, MS
	Teleworking/confer encing	HIC	P	D	All	All	Ac, MS, R
Technolog ical §2.6	Activity feedbacks of technology/fuels	All	All	U	All	All	Ac, MS, EI, V
Infrastruct ural – technologi cal §2.7	Autonomous passenger vehicles	HIC	P	U	All	L, R	Ac, MS, EI, V, R
	Autonomous freight vehicles	HIC	F	U	All	All	Ac, MS, EI, V, R
	Transport materiality	All	All	D	All	All	EI, V

Table 2: Categorisations used to characterise factors that affect transport demand.

Impact variable	Category
Location	<b>HIC</b> – High Income Countries, <b>LMIC</b> – Low- and Middle- Income Countries, <b>All</b> - All countries

Trip type	<b>L</b> - Local, <b>R</b> - Regional, <b>I</b> - International, <b>All</b> - All distances
Modes	<b>P</b> - Passenger, <b>F</b> - Freight, <b>All</b> - All modes
Direction	<b>I</b> - Increase, <b>D</b> - Decrease, <b>U</b> - Uncertain
Area classification	<b>Ur</b> - Urban, <b>Ru</b> - Rural, <b>All</b> - All areas
Transport demand area impacted	<b>Ac</b> - Activity (Trip generation), <b>MS</b> - Mode share, <b>EI</b> - Energy intensity (Fuel type, Use efficiency i.e. Vehicle capacity utilisation), <b>R</b> - Routes, <b>LU</b> - Land use, <b>V</b> - Vehicles

### 3 Modelling and representation of factors that affect transport demand

In the previous sections, factors relating to transport demand that could conceivably contribute to a LED future were introduced and current approaches to modelling their effects on transport demand were reviewed. Naturally, the factors all have different impacts, transport modes they affect, uncertainties, and interactions with other factors and sectors. Therefore, the modelling techniques used are specific to their ability to represent the factors and the relevant aspects of transport demand. Here, we propose a taxonomy to characterise transport demand modelling approaches. This will help identify gaps in current modelling practices and shortcomings in the integration of the factors affecting demand in integrated models of the total global transport system.

#### 3.1 Taxonomy of transport demand modelling approaches

There are a number of distinct modelling approaches, which differ in their scope, structure, assumptions, and inputs and outputs, that have emerged in transport demand modelling.

Microsimulation refers to approaches where the unit of analysis—individual people artifacts—used cannot be subdivided. It is used to model factors affecting transport demand where aggregate representations of demand, such as traffic flow within a set time or overall PDT, are not appropriate (Linton et al., 2015).

Agent-based models are used to capture behavioural and social changes by simulating individual agents' actions and interactions within a transportation system (Bastarionto, Hancock, Farheen Choudhury, & Manley, 2023). Agent-based modelling considers the heterogeneity and autonomy of agents, such as travellers, vehicles, or infrastructure components, allowing for a realistic representation of system dynamics. It incorporates various aspects of human behaviour and social dynamics that influence travel patterns, including mode choice, route selection, and interactions with social networks (Castiglione, 2020). Agent-based modelling enables the exploration of emergent phenomena and the effects of interactions between agents on system-level outcomes, offering insights into how individual decisions shape collective behaviour and system performance (J. Huang et al., 2022).

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3 Sectoral transport demand models represent transport subsystems, with  
4 exogenous relationships with other sectors and drivers of demand. Modelling  
5 approaches are often modular with distinct steps used to model different aspects of  
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7 generation, trip distribution, mode choice and route choice stages to simulate transport  
8 demand (McNally, 2007). Activity based models generally better represent trip  
9 chaining, with activity generation used instead of trip generation, derived from activity  
10 sequences, locations and durations (Joubert & de Waal, 2020).

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12 Systems dynamics approaches model interactions such as positive and negative  
13 reinforcement and non-linear behaviour in complex systems. Quantitative system  
14 dynamics analysis uses stocks and flows which are represented using non-linear  
15 differential equations (Shepherd, 2014). System dynamics can be applied to model  
16 vehicle stocks, alternative fuel uptake, urban passenger demand and strategic policy at  
17 various geographical levels (ITF, 2023; Shepherd, 2014).

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19 Integrated transport land use models directly consider interactions between  
20 transport and land use and are used in urban planning. Two main approaches exist, with  
21 equilibrium-based models assuming cities are markets that gradually approach  
22 economic equilibrium, and dynamic models focusing on adjustment processes of  
23 different speeds. Within integrated transport land use models, transport demand can be  
24 modelled using microsimulation, agent-based models and activity-based models  
25 (Wegener, 2021).

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27 Aggregate transport demand metrics are also included within integrated models,  
28 including IAMs and energy, environment, economy (E3) models. Integrated models  
29 span multiple domains and link the main aspects of society, the economy and the  
30 environment within single modelling frameworks. One IAM classification differentiates  
31 between cost-benefit oriented models and technology-rich process-based models. Cost-  
32 benefit oriented IAMs use econometric relationships to examine the trade-offs between  
33 damage from climate change and mitigation costs. Technology-rich or process-based  
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35 identify and quantify mitigation pathways, assuming economic equilibrium (Pauliuk et  
36 al., 2017). Both general and partial equilibrium approaches are used, and many different  
37 techniques are used, including recursive simulation, inter-temporal optimisation,  
38 recursive dynamics and linear optimisation (Edelenbosch, McCollum, et al., 2017).

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48 Table 3: Summary of modelling approaches used to assess factors that affect transport  
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Modelling approach	Scope	Units/measures of analysis	Main model use	Granularity	Reference(s)
Microsimulation	Typically local	Individual or vehicle	Detailed description of transport movements.	High	(Linton, Grant-Muller & Gale 2015)
Agent-based models	Local to global	Autonomous agents	Interactions between independent entities.	Medium high	(J Huang et al., 2022; Linton et al., 2015)
Sectoral transport models	Local to global	Trip/ tour/ activity	Transport demand with exogenous interactions with other sectors.	Medium	(McNally, 2007; Joubert & de Waal, 2020; Linton et al., 2015)
Integrated transport land use	Urban areas	(Varies)	Relationship between land use and transport demand.	Medium low	(Wegener, 2021; Linton et al., 2015; Nachtigall et al., 2023)
System dynamics	Local to global	Stocks and flows	Interactions and causal relationships between different aspects of transport demand.	Low	(Shepherd, 2014; Linton et al., 2015)
Multi sector models	National to Global	Aggregated transport demand	Model transport as a derived demand and interaction with other sectors.	Low	(Edelenbosch, McCollum, et al. 2017; Pauliuk, Arvesen, Stadler & Hertwich, 2017; Linton et al. 2015)

There is no universal categorisation of transport demand modelling approaches. Modelling taxonomies have been proposed to characterise modelling approaches for land use transportation models (Torrens, 2000), travel behaviour models (Sharma et al., 2021) and for inter-modal freight simulations (Crainic, Perboli, & Rosano, 2018). Yet,

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3 no taxonomies exist for transport demand modelling approaches as a whole. Because,  
4 many approaches contain shared methods, scopes and techniques, constructing a  
5 hierarchical classification based on model characteristics, structure and methods is  
6 difficult. For example, optimisation methods can be used to determine agent behaviour  
7 within an agent-based model, while also being used to determine least cost pathways in  
8 IAMs; these and other applications will use different independent and dependent  
9 variables, and have different consequences for model validity. Thus, we propose a  
10 transport demand model taxonomy (figure 2) that characterises different transport  
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18 For any existing or new model or model-based study, providing the seven  
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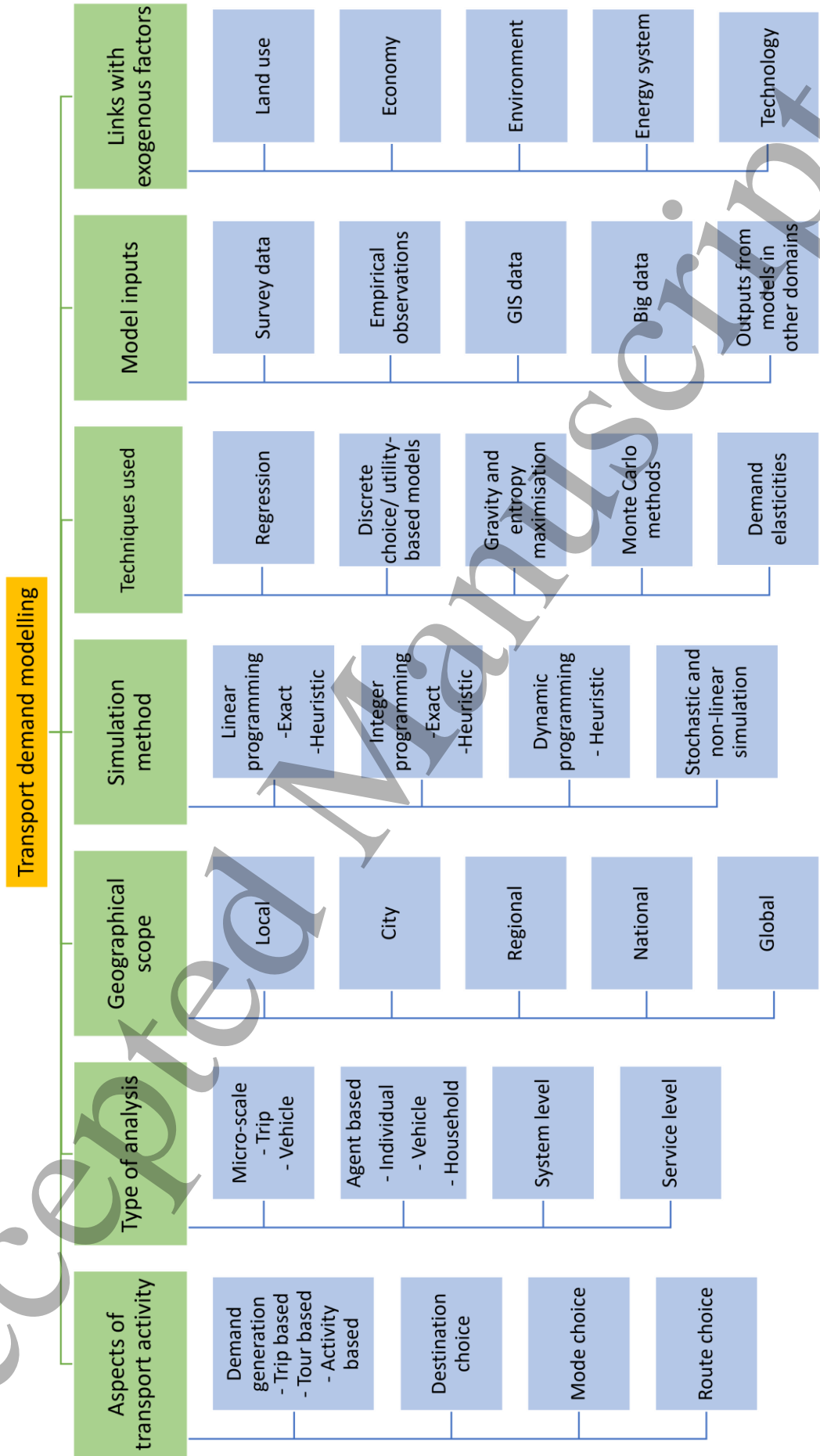


Figure2: Taxonomy of transport demand models. Each transport model can contain any number of elements from each column.

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### 3.1.1 Complementary modelling approaches

Besides transport demand models, further modelling approaches and associated data are used to represent factors that interact with transport demand, such as land use and vehicle characteristics. Data outputs from these models can be useful inputs to transport demand models and can help ensure transport demand model outputs are physically and socio-economically realistic.

Industrial ecology techniques, including life cycle assessments and material flow analysis, can assess environmental and material impacts of vehicles and infrastructure (Pauliuk et al., 2017). Surveys can be used to derive activity patterns for activity-based models and monitor qualitative social and behavioural factors, helping to create realistic scenarios (Guzman, Arellana & Alvarez 2020). Similarly, empirical data can be used for model validation and to study statistical relationships in the absence of transport demand models (Skov-Petersen et al., 2017). GIS data can be input to transport land use models (He et al., 2018). Machine learning can be used to identify and categorise land uses and thus identify how urban form can be modified to encourage transport demand changes (Wagner et al., 2022).

## 4 Discussion and conclusions

Transport demand is typically empirically measured and quantified within models using metrics such as PDT, VDT and freight volume (measured in tonne-km). Data for these measures can have different dimensionality, scope, and resolution or granularity. For example, at the most aggregate level multi-sector models may have representations of transport demand where *total* activity in terms of PDT, VDT or freight volume is represented as a single variable, often as a function of other model inputs. At the other end of the scale, microsimulation models can represent the activity of individual persons or vehicles, potentially with additional details such as routes taken, within the wider system, and compute *total* PDT, VDT or freight volume across many such individuals or vehicles. Other approaches fall in between these two extremes, with many approaches reporting PDT, VDT and tonne-km apportioned to different transport modes for example. Despite the ability of high-resolution models to represent different aspects of transport demand and influencing factors in detail, such detail introduces model complexity, data requirements for calibration, and increases the difficulty of testing model accuracy. We conclude this review by discussing potential methods of improving the representation of transport demand in aggregate or multi-sectoral models in particular by incorporating features of models with more detailed representations of transport demand.

Integrated models take a whole systems approach to modelling future energy, economic and environmental systems and their interactions (Edelenbosch, McCollum, et al., 2017). Yeh et al. (2017) introduce the term "global transport energy model" (GTEM) to refer to models that (a) have global spatial scope, (b) capture the entire transport system, as opposed to one or a few aspects of it, and (c) include energy use or demand as a dependent variable. Per this definition, global integrated assessment models

(IAMs) are included with GTEMs, as these satisfy condition (a); include (b) but also other sectors; and include (c) but also other outcomes including emissions, pollution, changes in natural systems, etc. The aggregated nature of GTEMs necessitates simplified representations of some factors, which are better represented using disaggregate or sector-specific models. Thus, translation between scales, model resolutions, and scopes is required to represent relevant factors in GTEMs (Hanmer, Wilson, Edelenbosch, & van Vuuren, 2022). Reducing transport activity growth and modal shifts towards less carbon intensive transport modes, caused by demand-side changes (e.g., more compact cities), typically have limited contributions in GTEM emission reduction pathways (Edelenbosch, McCollum, et al., 2017; Creutzig, Jochem, et al., 2015)—this can be viewed as a consequence of changes that are well represented in high-resolution models, but below the resolution of GTEMs. Many proposed improvements involve “soft linking” sector-specific and more disaggregate models to GTEMs (Pauliuk et al., 2017). For example, behavioural choices of individual travellers such as time budgets and luxury levels represented in modular transport sector models can be combined with GTEMs to estimate the impact of behavioural constraints (Andreou et al., 2022). Further, the outputs of transport sector models with behaviour representations can be used as inputs or constraints for GTEMs, to ensure consistency of model solutions between approaches (Anable, Brand, Tran, & Eyre, 2012). Such linking strategies allow continued representation of costs and aggregate multi-sectoral mitigation potentials, whilst ensuring quantifications of socio-behavioural and demand side factors and their effects are consistent with models where they are directly represented and not subsumed in spatial, temporal or sectoral aggregates.

Considering local infrastructure and land use change, current GTEMs lack the resolution to explicitly consider the effects of these factors (Creutzig, Jochem, et al., 2015). Furthermore, explicit physical representations of infrastructure and urban form could better depict links between energy and material throughput and service provision in GTEMs (Pauliuk et al., 2017). This could be achieved by better operationalising infrastructure costs and secondary effects, particularly infrastructure re-purposing costs. This could help prevent infrastructural lock-in which can be endogenised in integrated models, if projections stem from historical trends and developments. For example, re-purposing roads for active travel infrastructure is relatively inexpensive, but implementation requires policies that explicitly take non-standard preferences, beliefs, and decision-making processes into account (Mattauch, Ridgway, & Creutzig, 2016).

The geographic relevance of integrated transport land use models varies (Taki, Maatouk, Qurnfulah, Aljoufie, et al., 2017). However, no models are currently linked to global GTEMs, representing a major frontier in the cost-benefit analysis of LED scenarios. The regionally detailed patterns revealed by integrated transport land use models must be captured to translate factors affecting land use into GTEMs. A method to circumvent the problem could be to adopt urban types or categories from typological research to collectively model areas with similar land use and transport patterns. This aggregation reduces the number of regions modelled while allowing representative analyses for each urban agglomeration (Tang, Jayakar, Feng, Zhang, & Peng, 2019).

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6 Societal movements and trends surveys are often not repeated making it  
7 difficult to track trends in social acceptability of different measures and policies  
8 (Grossling et al., 2020). Continued monitoring of policy acceptability would allow  
9 politically and socially feasible scenarios to be regularly updated and input into  
10 GTEMs. As mitigation pathways involving behaviour changes are typically poorly  
11 represented in GTEMs, the mitigation potential of social trends is not fully accounted  
12 (Venturini, Tattini, Mulholland, & Gallachóir, 2019). Thus, the impact of behavioural  
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18 Further GTEM improvements could involve better representation of  
19 heterogeneous behavioural decisions of populations (Mercure, Pollitt, Bassi, Vinuales,  
20 & Edwards, 2016). Empirical evidence suggests that energy end users often do not  
21 make decisions in a completely rational way that can be captured by the economic  
22 relationships used in GTEMs. Furthermore, it is argued that consumer decisions are  
23 often over emphasised as a solution to ecological sustainability compared to systematic  
24 structural economic changes. Thus, their role in GTEM modelling pathways should be  
25 reflected as such (Akenji, 2014). Bounded rationality of decision makers, non-  
26 optimising heuristics in decision making and social influences and norms are typically  
27 not included in GTEMs (McCollum et al., 2017). Further representation of these  
28 behavioural aspects using heterogeneous decision-making agents could enable better  
29 representation of factors concerning technology uptake and deployment, as they can  
30 influence factors that cannot be operationalised as costs. Multi-Level Perspective  
31 approaches can generate quantitative narratives on the role of socio-technical solutions,  
32 to be input to GTEMs, capturing the actions of different actors, however this has not  
33 been completed on a global scale (van Sluisveld et al., 2020). At a practical level,  
34 simulation based GTEMs could endogenise heterogeneous decision-making, for  
35 instance, using (multinomial) logit functions (the core method in some of the other  
36 transport models reviewed), whereas decision making may need to be soft linked to  
37 optimisation based GTEMs (McCollum et al., 2017).  
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45 The future adoption of some technologies, such as autonomous vehicles, is  
46 highly uncertain. Modelling approaches must be able to account for incremental  
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49 infrastructure and technologies. Conversely, dynamic modelling approaches often lack  
50 the structure needed to maintain reasonable outputs under large perturbations from base  
51 conditions (Hawkins & Habib, 2019). Stated preference surveys can be used to develop  
52 realistic model inputs and principles from complex and evolutionary systems theory  
53 could be incorporated into integrated models to capture uncertain dynamics (Wilson,  
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59 typically match up well with empirical evidence. However, demand elasticities of fuel  
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3 prices in long-term forecasts (30-40 years) show significant divergence between  
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6 models that capture effects of price changes on transport activity and mode shares to  
7 integrated computable general equilibrium models (Mittal, Dai, Fujimori, Hanaoka, &  
8 Zhang, 2017). Furthermore, new technology uptake could be limited by material supply  
9 constraints (Watari et al., 2019). Integrating material cycles into integrated modelling is  
10 required to ensure that scenario outputs are physically realistic. To achieve this,  
11 material stocks and flows should be linked to service indicators across different sectors,  
12 including transport (Wiedenhofer et al., 2019).

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17 Models containing high resolution representations of transport demand, such as  
18 micro-scale or agent-based analyses, can capture specific effects of many factors that  
19 impact transport demand. Outputs from these models should be used to either generate  
20 detailed narratives that can be input to high level, multi sector, broad scope models used  
21 to assess decarbonisation pathways. Furthermore, high resolutions allow for changes in  
22 the co-benefits and externalities of the transport sector, such as access, safety and  
23 welfare, to be evaluated. Further, techniques from high resolution transport models  
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These modelling strategies, and the many kinds of soft-linking suggested in the  
cited literature, also point to the need for fluent and clear exchange of data representing  
many distinct but important aspects of transport systems and factors affecting transport  
demand. In addition to describing their models' characteristics according to the  
taxonomy of Figure 2—which draws the boundaries of the transport sub-systems  
represented in a model—researchers should seek to provide open data with clear and  
complete metadata in standard, interoperable formats, for both model inputs and  
outputs. Such interoperable data would improve the feasibility of constructing, using,  
and maintaining the model–model connections necessary to fully capture changing  
transport demand.

Given many factors that affect transport demand are uncertain, improving their  
representation in GTEMs could lead to better-informed policy recommendations  
stemming from models. Thus, policies informed by integrated modelling can more  
deliberately shape and use the factors and other phenomena, to more fully unlock their  
contribution to energy demand reduction, climate change mitigation and a LED future  
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