

**estimation of numbers of people
affected by traffic noise
at home and in parks**

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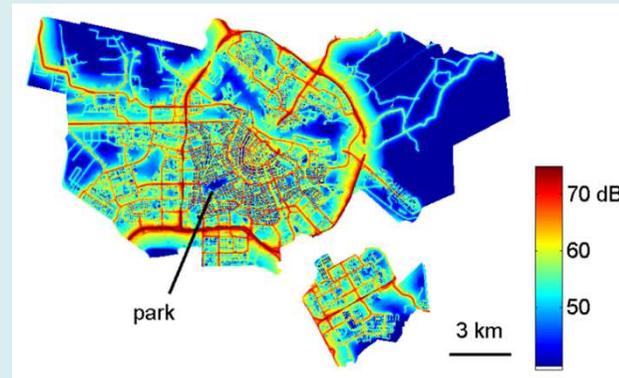
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CityHush



noise maps

traffic data → traffic noise levels → annoyance



how many people are annoyed at home?

how many people are annoyed in parks?

decibels in Amsterdam





decibels in New York

CityHush project – TNO contribution

two methods - effects of traffic noise

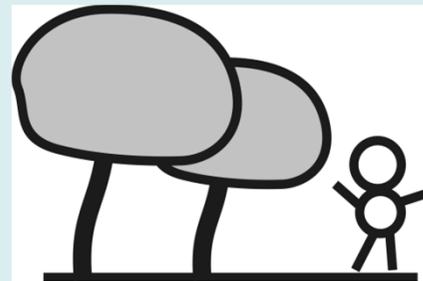
annoyance at home



refined method

based on literature

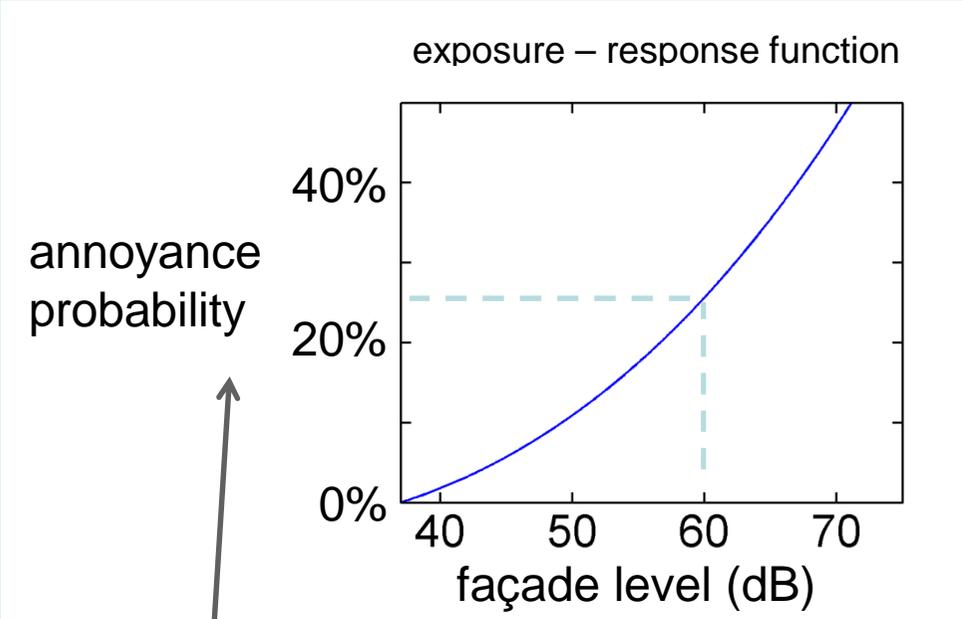
effects in parks



new method

based on
experiment in park in Delft

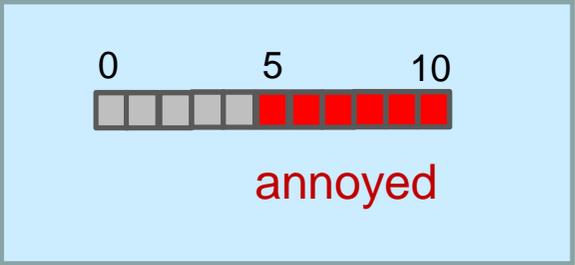
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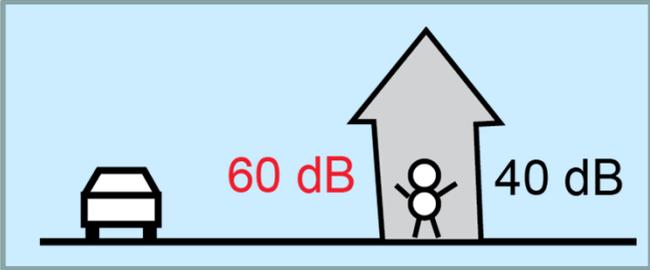
application
Amsterdam population
10% is annoyed

many noise surveys

annoyance scores

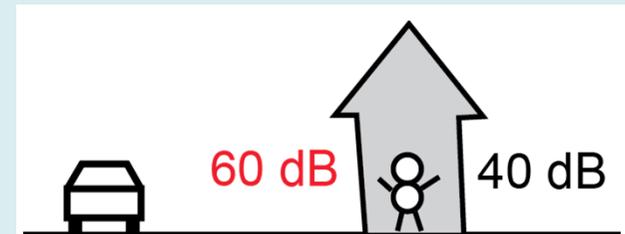


highest façade noise levels



annoyance at home

basic estimate **highest** façade noise level



refinement

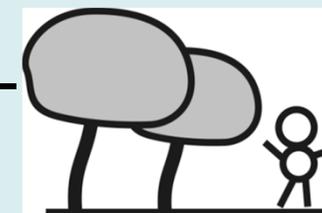
- façade insulation



- quiet façade



- quiet areas in neighborhood

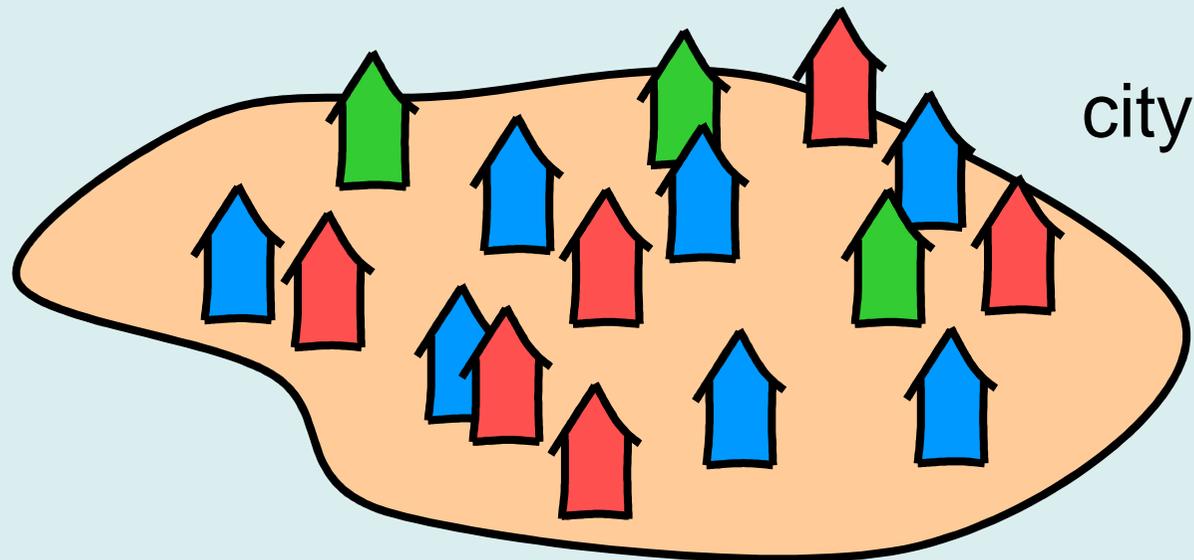
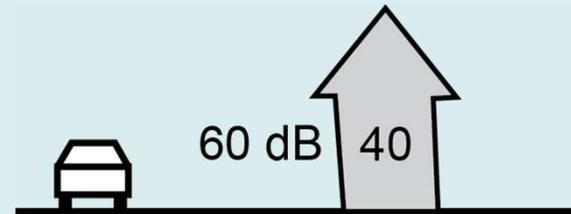


- low frequency noise (trucks)

- noise fluctuations

annoyance at home

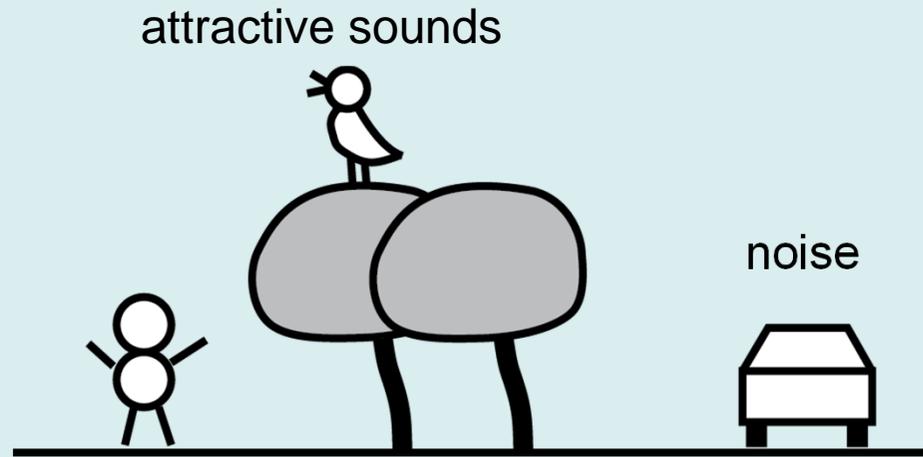
average insulation 20 dB



insulation	30 dB	20 dB	10 dB
annoyance	less	average	more
	15%	25%	40%

effects in parks

traffic noise annoyance
overall sound environment



Swedish study 2006



city parks, 55 dB

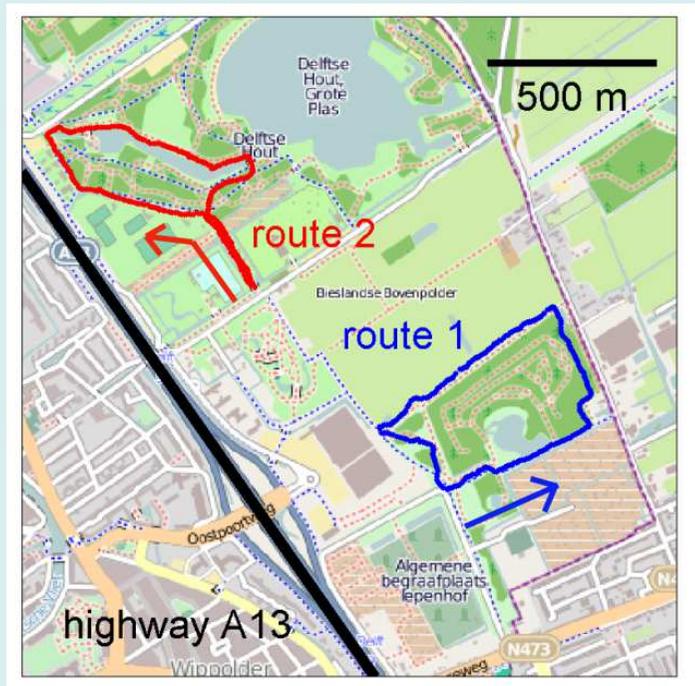
suburban parks, 45 dB

60% rate sound environment as good

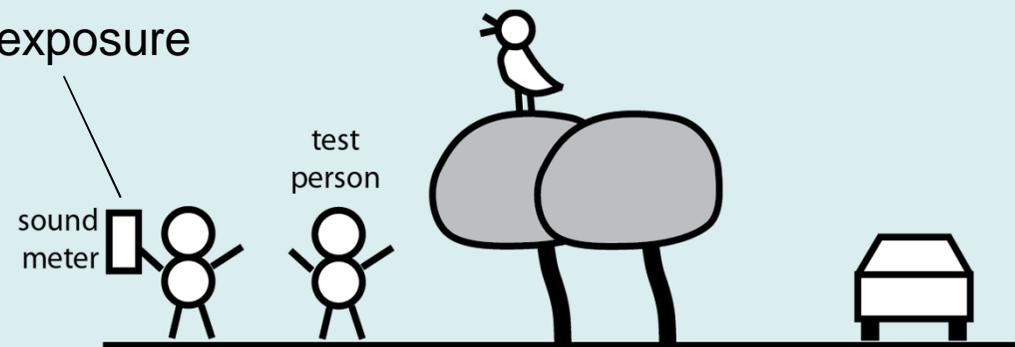
90% rate sound environment as good

effects in parks

park in Delft, 52 test persons



noise exposure

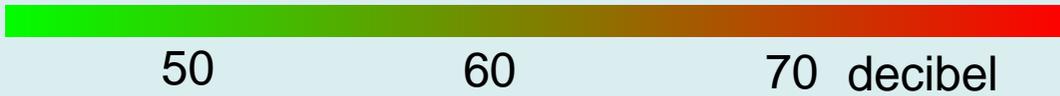
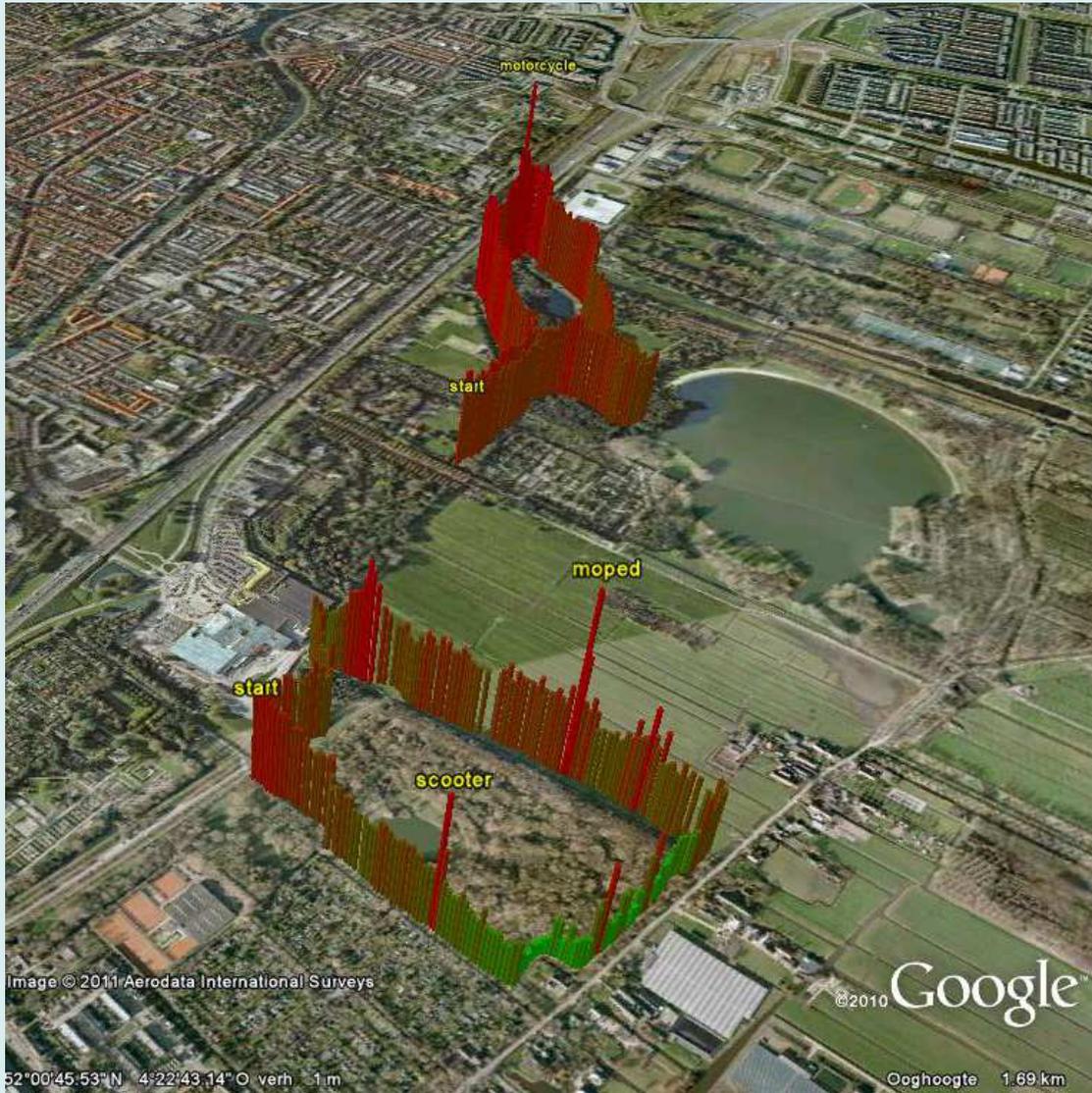


heart rate, blood pressure (no effects)

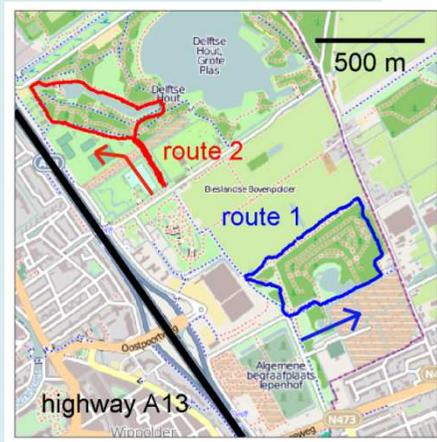
questions

- traffic noise annoyance
- overall sound environment

effects in parks

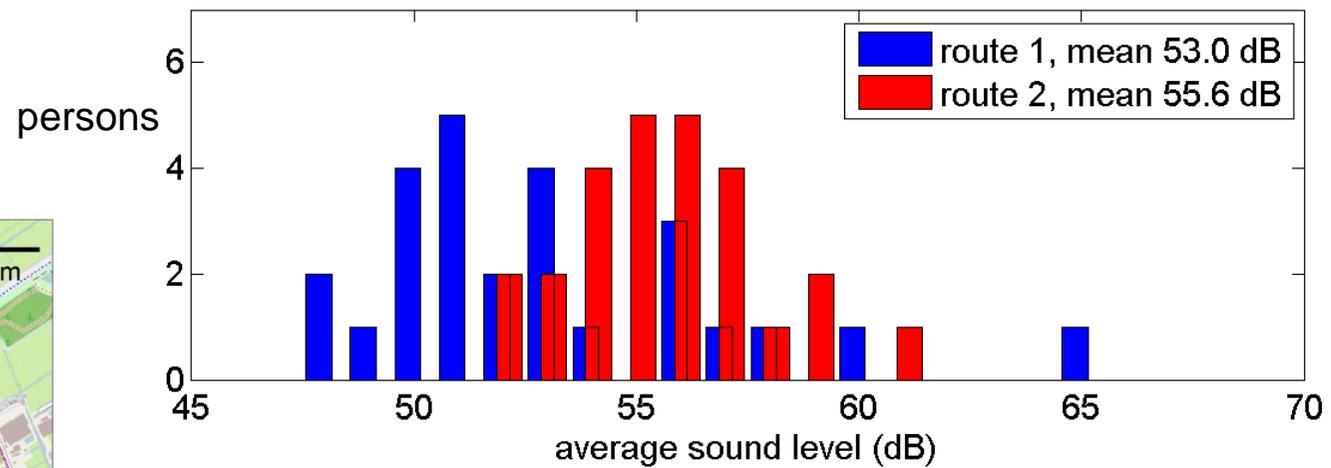


effects in parks



10 000 cars per hour → 50 dB

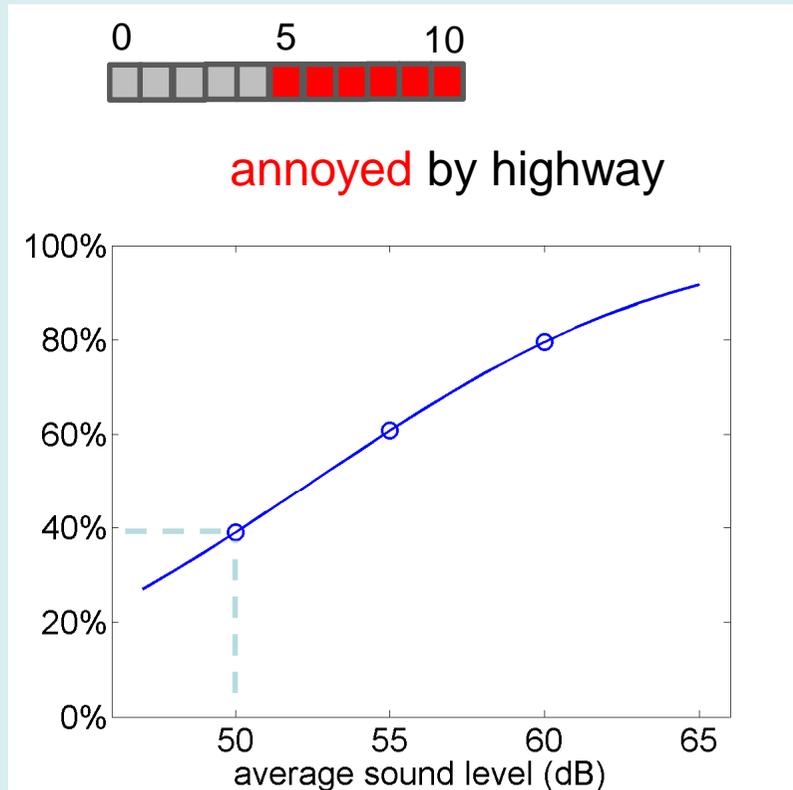
individual noise levels



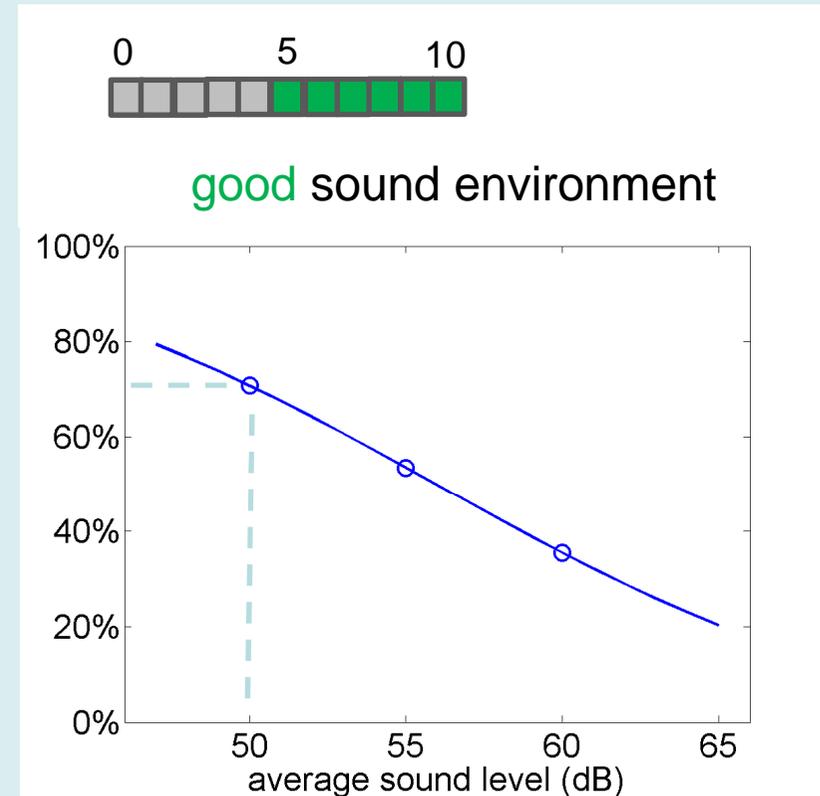
sound level variations

- traffic variations
- wind direction
- local sources (people, mopeds, birds)

effects in parks



at 50 dB: 40% is annoyed by highway



70% says sound environment is good

effects in parks

1. acceptable in city park

50 dB +++

55 dB +

2. annoyed park visitors



1000 visitors per day → 600 annoyed

conclusions

two methods - effects of traffic noise

annoyance at home

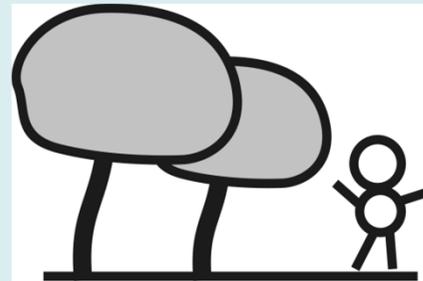


refined method

façade insulation
quiet façade

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effects in parks



new method

acceptable traffic noise levels in park

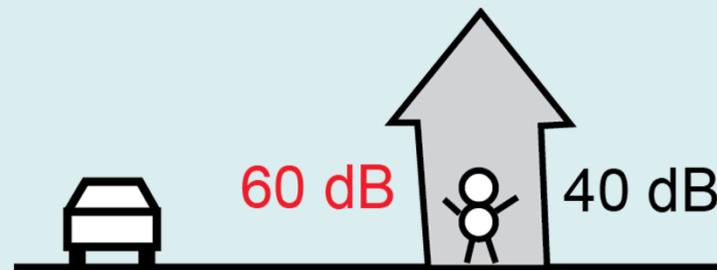
backup sheets

traffic noise at home – façade noise level

annoyance predictor

highest façade noise level

$$L_{\max} = 60 \text{ dB}$$



averaging over time

day-evening-night façade level

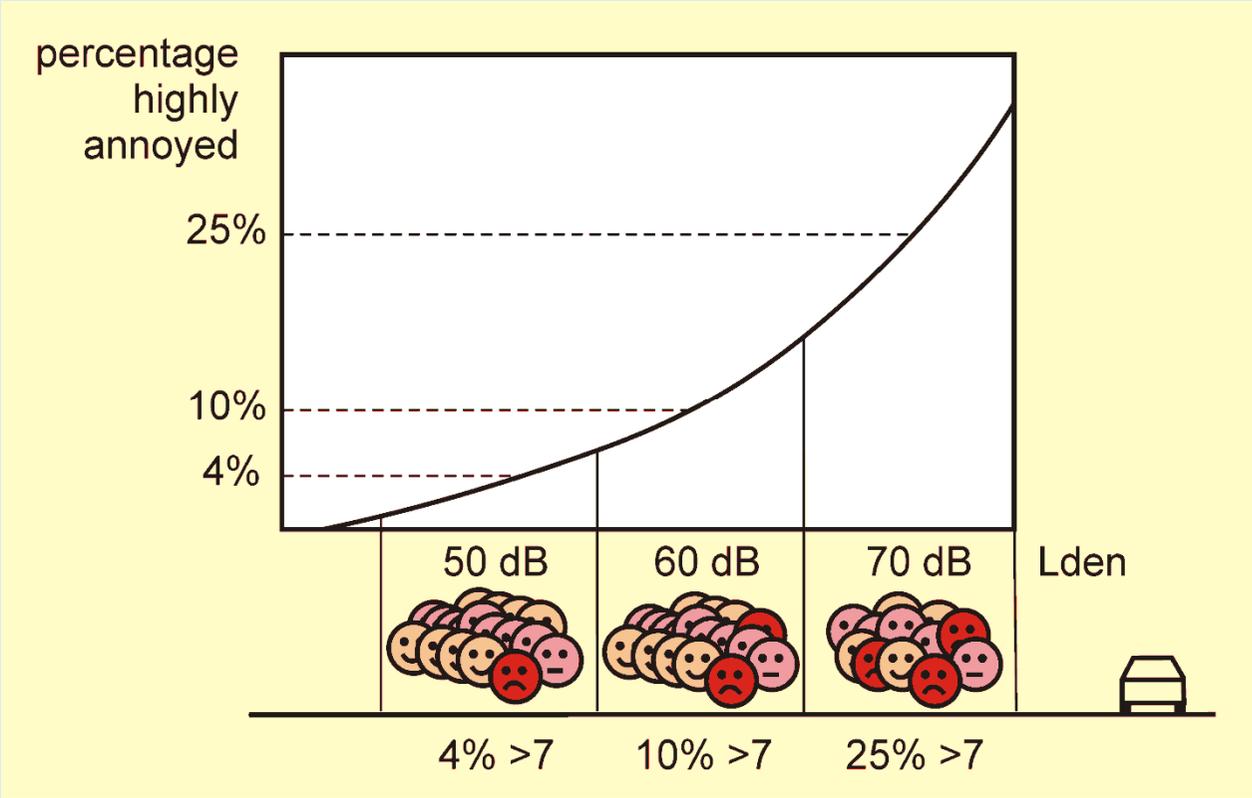
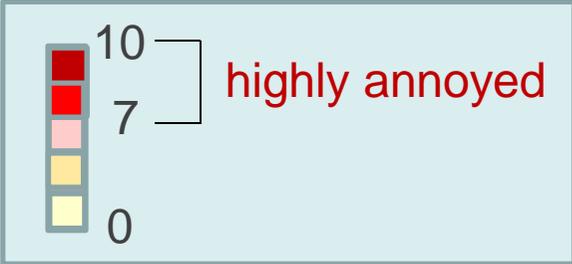
Lden

day (7-19h)	0 dB penalty
evening (19-23h)	5 dB penalty
night (23-7h)	10 dB penalty

traffic noise at home – annoyance prediction

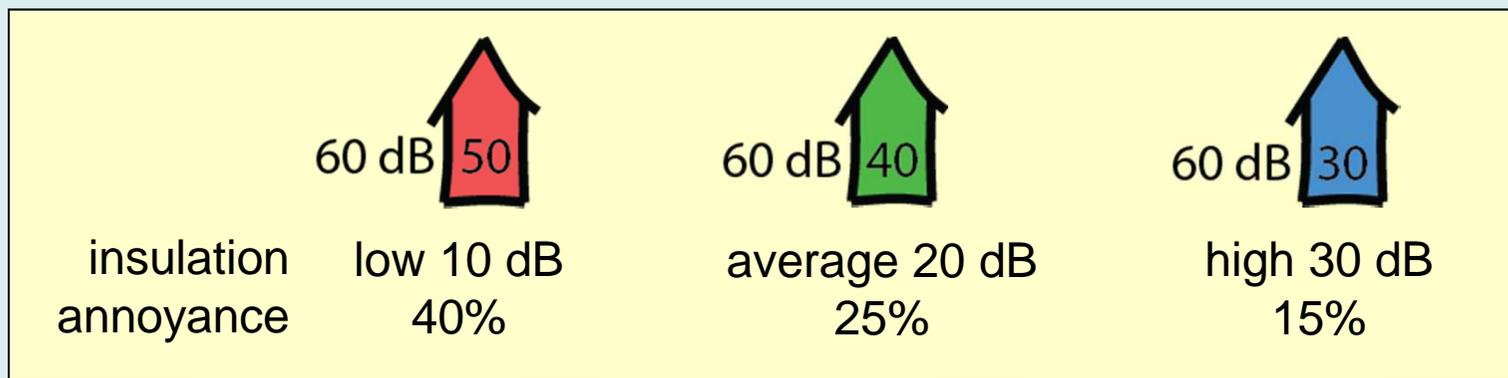
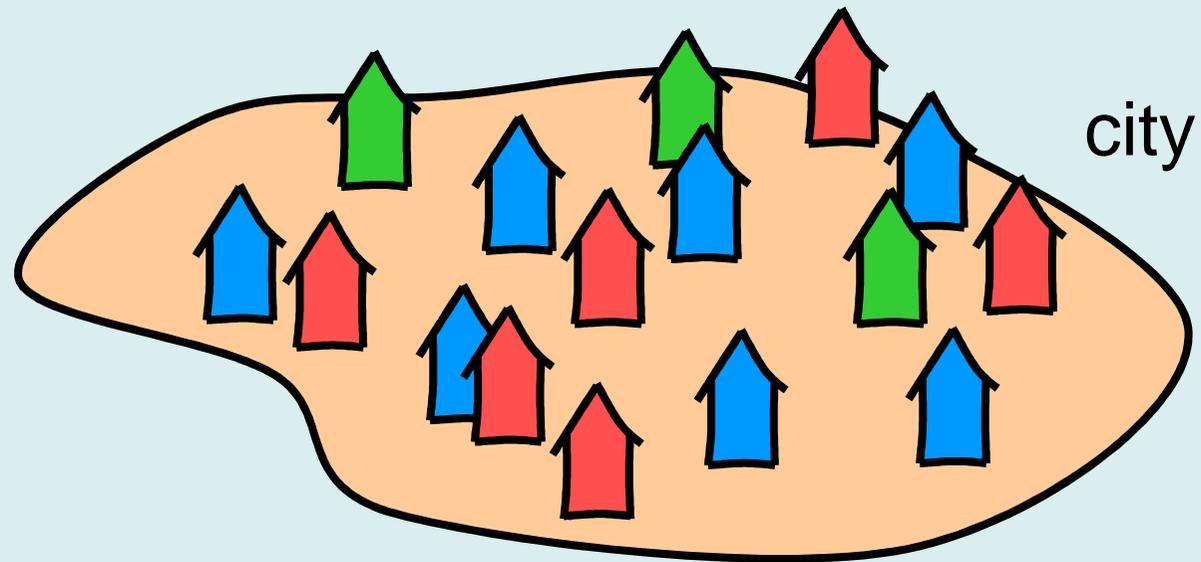
many noise surveys

how annoyed are you on a 0 – 10 scale?



application
6% of Amsterdam population is highly annoyed

annoyance at home



agrees with study Norway

