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- Scientific member of the Joint Corridors OffRoad & Greening Corridors
- Outcomes and results really matter and contribute to our knowledge database

Based on the results and outcomes:

- Assist companies with their struggle to reach higher lever of synchromodality
- Bring more knowlegde to the (applied) research of synchomodality





General developments at container terminals

Developments

- Higher terminal productivity
- Large container vessels (>20K TEU)
- More automation
- More simultaneous operations

Leading to

- Higher peak productivity
- High peak volumes to hinterland connections

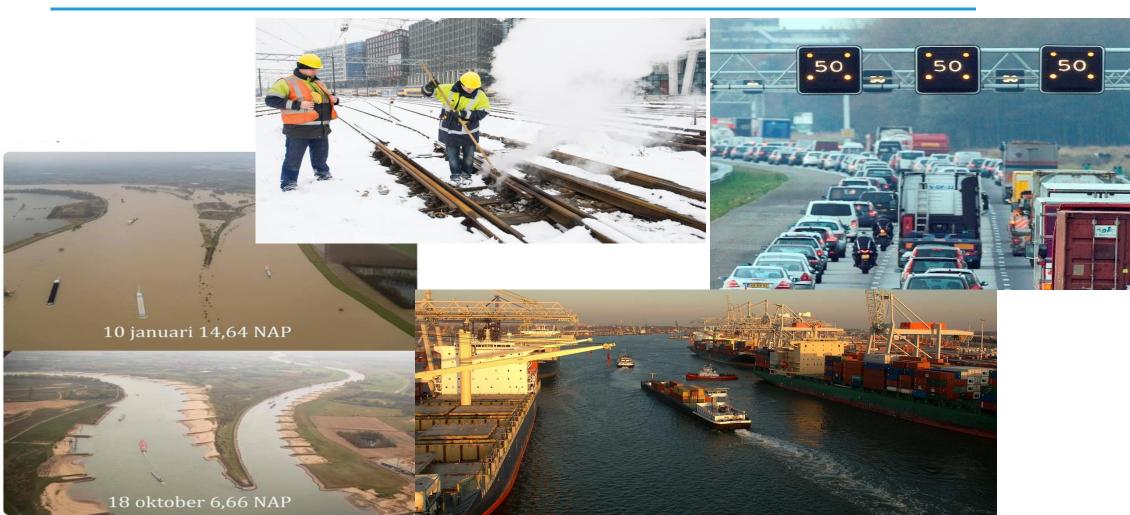






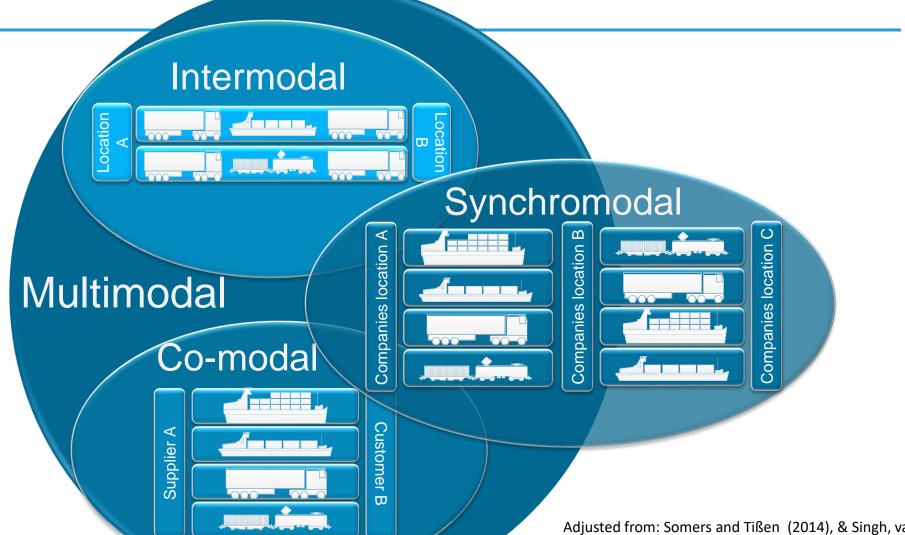


Real-time conditions



Synchromodal transport





Adjusted from: Somers and Tißen (2014), & Singh, van Sinderen, and Wieringa (2016).





- Strong points
 - Flexibility to urgency, traffic, transport availability, etc.
 - Focus on time and costs: modality irrelevant
 - Loading degree in transport should increase





Sit and Wait attitude among SMEs¹

- Small volumes
 - Many shippers (Sustainable Social Responsibility) < volume to fill a train or vessel
 - Absence of return flows
- Uncertainty about confidence, priority rules & privacy
- Flexibility could lead to waiting times for vessels
- Fear/ scepticism/ threat for negative consequences among forwarding agents/Cargadoors



¹ Small & Medium-sized Enterprises



Literature review says

- Synchromodal transport is an emerging topic, i.e. almost 50 publications over the last 10 years
- Just a few papers on the evaluation of implementing synchromodal transport
- Lucassen & Dogger (2012) described the first experiences on a synchromodal transport pilot study.
- Most important factors are
 - design of the network,
 - necessary changes in collaboration and business models,
 - central coordination of the overall transport system

Application



- Structured questionnaire developed based on maturity model
- +/- 100 students
- More than 100 companies approached
- 41 interviews at 41 companies conducted in Netherlands and Belgium
- 12 teachers, 3 researchers, 1 applied research professor, 4 universities
- Raise awareness about possibilities synchromodal transport
- Contribute to more intermodal transport
- Help companies with an individual advice and benchmark

Published articles

Prices



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