

### Is the cyclist still safe at the roundabout?

A comparative study using big data

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## Traffic has changed a lot in recent years



See public STAR website on: www.star-traffic-accidents.eu/en-GB/Map

## Cyclist safety is under pressure\*

- 14% of all traffic accidents are with an (e)-bicycle
- 35% of all victims is an (e)-cyclist
- 57% of the (e)-bicycle accidents fall at an intersection versus 31% of all other accidents
- First half year of 2022 counts the highest number of (e)-bicycle casualties since 2014





\* STAR-accident based on police data, 2018 up to 2021.



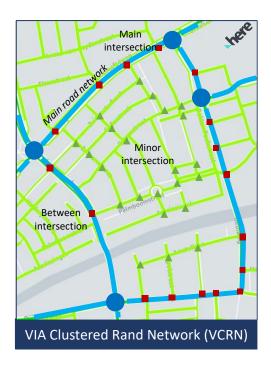
# Comparative research with Big Data

- Floating Car Data (HERE)
  - Traffic flow, number of vehicle measurements
  - Split by driving direction
- GIS map (HERE)
  - Functional Road Class
  - Speed limit
  - Intersection types
- Accidents (STAR\*)
  - Total number of accident victims
  - Victim of accidents with (e) bicycle





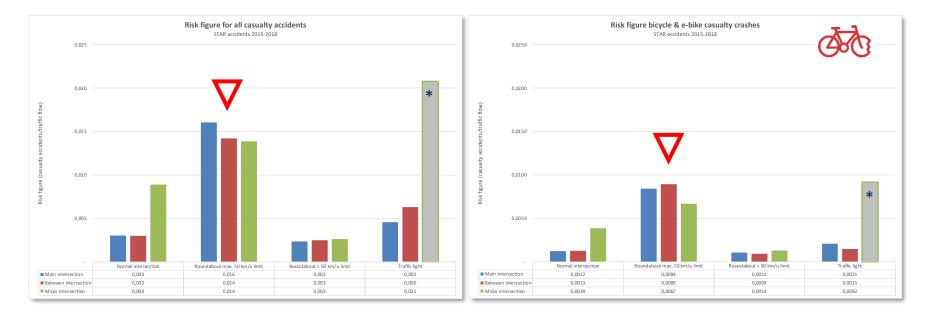
### VCRN: algorithm to combine geographical data in clusters



All intersection in the	Main	Between	Minor
<b>Netherlands</b> (N = 575.970)	intersection	intersection	intersection
Normal intersection	12.541	94.027	457.912
Roundabout max. 50 km/u limit	1.736	1.170	610
Roundabout > 50 km/u limit	1.532	454	83
Traffic light	3.499	2.304	102



## Risk figures various intersection types



**V**roundabouts with max. 50 km/h are with priority for cyclists as a guideline

## Points to consider in research

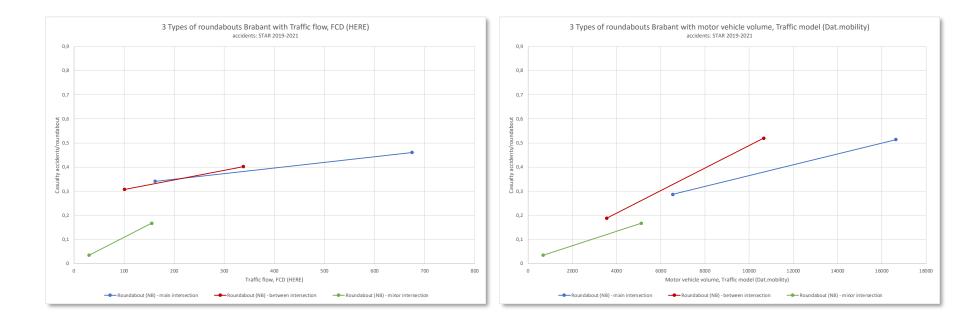
- Influence of errors in Big Data and automatic match?
  - Coverage of data match\* >97.8%
  - Data errors in accidents and traffic flow occur in all situations
  - Errors in GIS data occur in relatively small numbers in comparison with the high total numbers
- Effect of 'FCD traffic flow' as traffic volume on a comparative study?





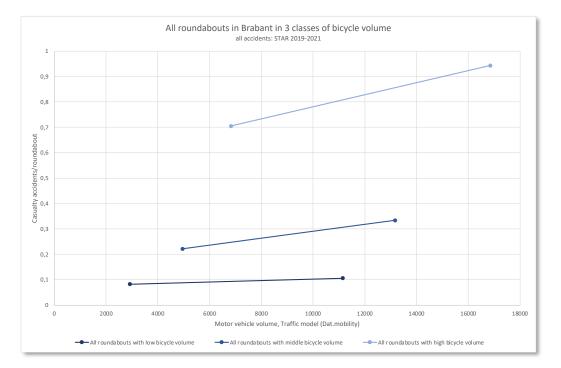


### Traffic flow (FCD) versus Traffic volume (model)





### Effect of cycling intensities



\* Roundabouts in province Noord-Brabant; N= 821



# **Conclusions & recommendations**

- Up-to-date Big Data are very useful, especially in times of rapid change
- VCRN and Big Data are suitable as
  - New signalling function for monitoring
  - Instrument to anticipate on events that make changes traffic
- It's time for a 'expiration date' on research results due to recent changes in traffic?
- The discussion about the safety of cyclists on roundabouts is important and must be conducted





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