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# 2014 SATURN User Group Meetings – Epsom



Welcome

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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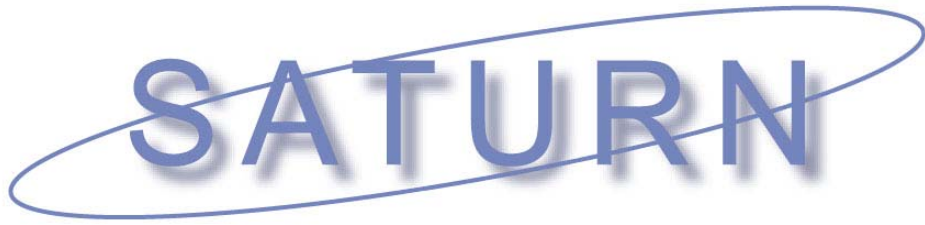
# Working Timetable

## Morning session

- 11:00 – Welcome & Latest News
- 11:20 – Forthcoming Changes & Developments
  - FY15/16 Licensing
  - SATVIEW Walk Through
  - SATURN Beta Programme
- 12:45 – Lunch

## Afternoon session

- 14:00 – Presentations
  - Latest News from the Department  
*Dharmender Tathgur, DfT*
  - Latest changes in SATURN v11.3  
*Dirck Van Vliet*
- 15.15 – Coffee
- 15:30 – DfT TTWD Software Update
- 15.45 – Future Developments & User Requirements
- 16.15 – Closing Comments



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# Release Schedule (i)

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## Recent SATURN Releases

- Main releases
  - March 2014
  - September 2014
- Beta provides new features for external testing
- Letter suffix now added
  - Greater flexibility in providing bug fixes
- Why v11.2.05U?
  - Still popular!
  - Need to provide updates

Version	Date	Comment
11.3.01/2	January 2014	Limited Beta
11.3.03G	March 2014	Full release
11.2.05U	July 2014	As required
11.3.07K	October 2014	Full release
<b>11.3.08</b>	<i>December 2014</i>	<i>Update via Service Pack</i>

How many v11.3.07K users?

# SATURN Service Packs



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Provide easier & quicker access to the latest updates

- Bug fixes
- New features

Contains bundled set of updates:

- Selected executables / batch files etc
- Manual revisions
- SATWIN11
- 'XEXES only' release

Differentiators?

- Letter suffix (e.g. v11.2.05U)
- Updated SATURN.VER
- LP? Headers

Applications:

- Required for SATURN Beta Programme
- To be used for v11.3.08?



# SATWIN 11.3 Updates

## Re-designed interface

- Grouped functions

## New HTML-based Manual

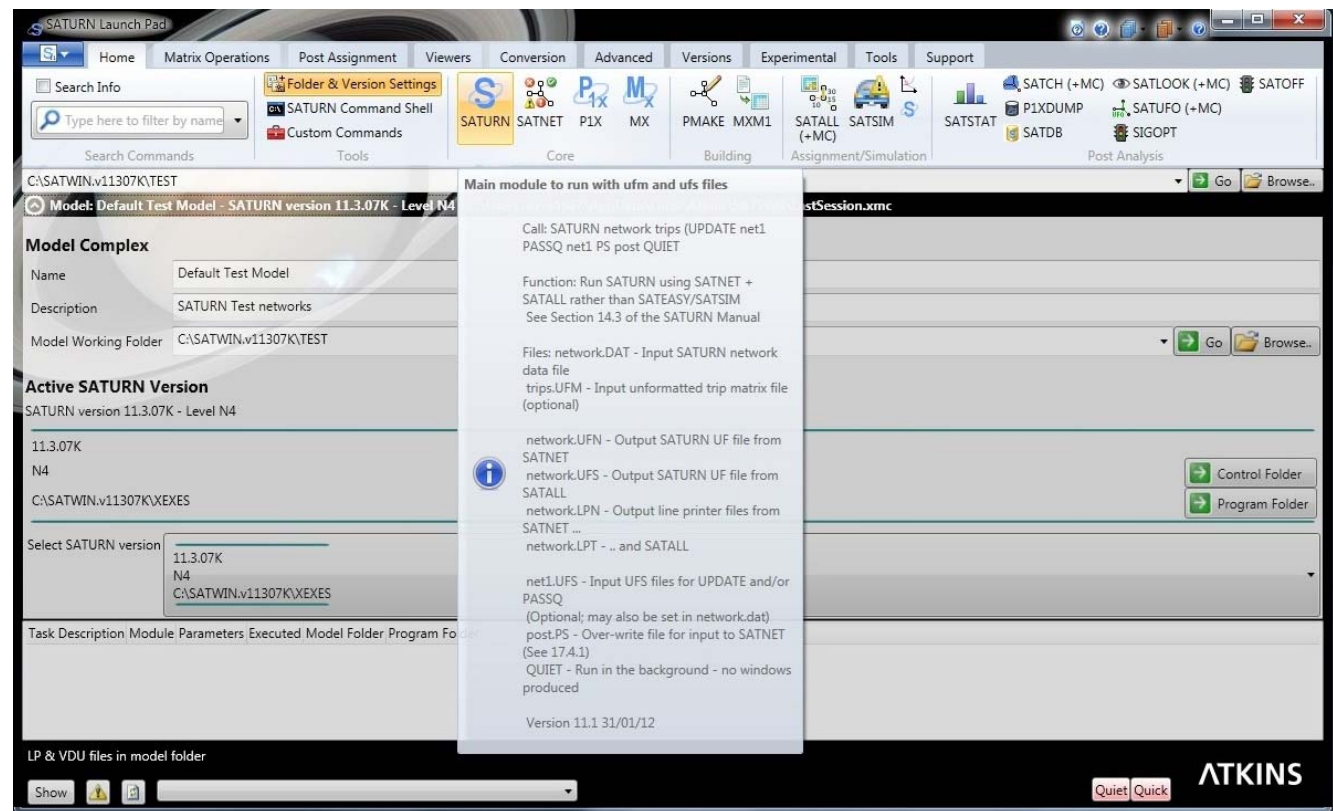
- Single document
- Keyword search
- *and see Section 24. Index for the refined list*

## Error Manager

- Uses SATNET .ERL files

## SATWIN10

- To be retired with v11.4



# SATUFO Files (Reminder!)

## Why aren't we using them more?

- Further enhancements with v11.3.03 release
- Store path (origin-based) information
- Secondary analysis undertaken using UFO files
- Advantages:
  - Paths **extracted** rather than **recreated** from existing link costs (UFC)
  - Secondary analysis only takes a few minutes
  - Same levels of accuracy as the UFC file
  - Now available in SATLOOK, SATCH, SLA, SATPIJA
  - Create during the assignment (SAVUFO=T) or post-assignment (SATUFO)
- Disadvantages:
  - Assignments will take longer (an extra process)  
*but available with Multi-Core*

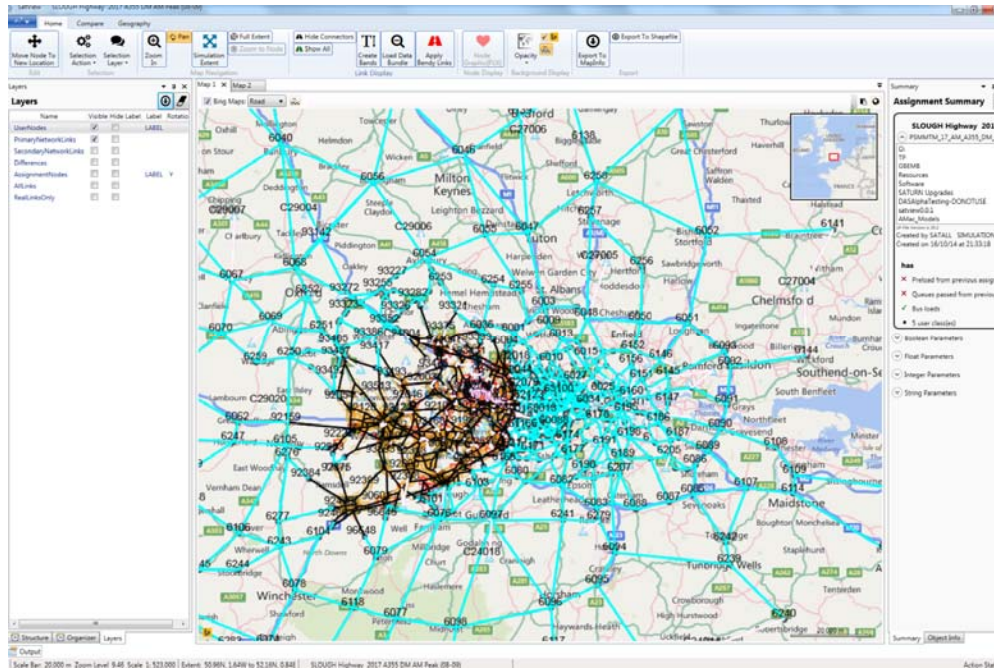


**HIGHLY**  
**Recommended**



# SATVIEW & A New Licencing Model

Update from 2013 UGM announcement



- **SATVIEW**
  - Part of new SATURN Beta Programme
  - Full release during FY15/16

See next Presentation

- **New Licencing Model**
  - Move to 'per user/seat' application





# Expanding SATURN Team

## Recent recruits



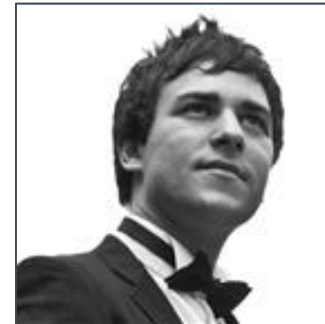
Mara



David



Vijay



Sterren

## More people needed ...

- SATURN / TTWD Project Manager
- Lead Software Developer
- Graduate Software Developer



*Quietly* interested?

See Atkins website (<http://careers.atkinsglobal.com/>)

& search for “**SATURN**”

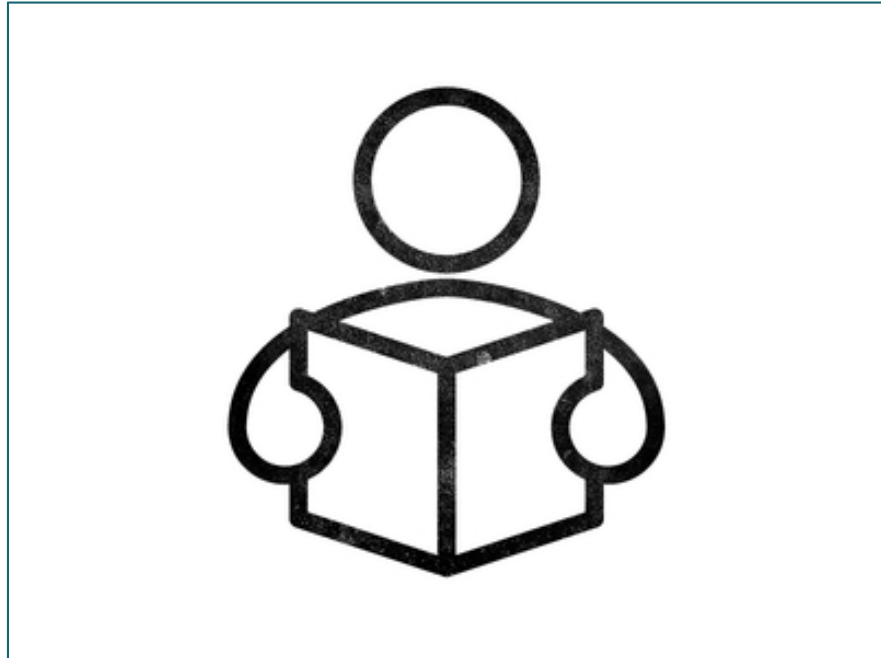
# Training Courses for 2015

## Introduction to SATURN Course

- 3-day course for new and beginner users
- Now held twice per year
  - March & September 2014
- Forthcoming dates
  - 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015
  - 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015(Epsom-based)

## Advanced SATURN Workshop

- *Summer 2015 (?)*
- *3 x 1-day workshops*
  - *Variable Demand Modelling, Appraisal*
  - *Matrix Estimation, Convergence, TAG Unit M3.1*



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**Bespoke courses - on request**

# Looking Ahead ...

- Updates to the FY15/16 Licencing Model
- SATVIEW Beta & Full Release
- In the coming months:
  - Modelling of Buses and Bus Lanes (Beta)
  - Improved modelling of lane choice at roundabouts
  - Signal data inputs using phased-based timings (Beta)
  - Usual core updates
  - User Requests
    - *Please let us know ...*
- Communications
  - *Want to hear your views*
  - *Forum / LinkedIn / Twitter (!)*
  - *Knowledge Base / FAQ*



# Administrative Details

## Housekeeping:

- E-mails:
  - Support e-mail: [saturnsoftware@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:saturnsoftware@atkinsglobal.com)
  - **Beta programme:** [saturnbeta@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:saturnbeta@atkinsglobal.com)
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- SATURN support telephone number **01372-756755**
- File exchange server available to exchange model files for support queries

## Key Dates:

- Nov'14 – User Group Meetings  
*ITS Leeds (14th) & Epsom (27th)*
- Dec'14 – SATURN v11.3.08 release
- Mar'15 – SATURN v11.4 Release
- Apr'15 onwards – Updated FY15/16 Maintenance / Licensing