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Multimodal Traffic
Management:

- Monitoring Control
- Space Allocation
- Congestion Pricing

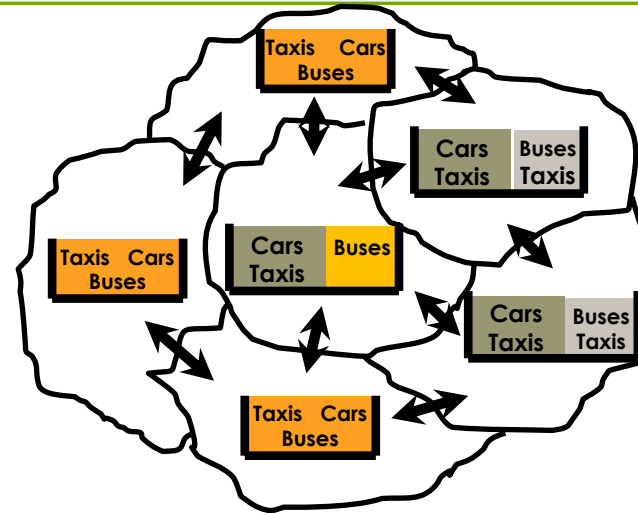
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Multimodal
Urban
network

Modal Competition
Passenger mobility
Smart control



Space competition



Smart controls



Car?

Bus?

Passenger measures



Mode conflict



Parking limitation

Multimodal networks

- Movement conflicts in multimodal urban traffic systems of shared space
- Transit stops affect the system like variable red signals in a single lane (instead of blocking all lanes)
- Increasing bus frequency decreases the flow of vehicles but can increase the flow of passengers.
- Monitoring congestion and developing more sustainable cities



- **Competing modes**
- **Parking**
- **Pax vs. veh throughput**

MULTIMODAL CITIES

Performance Measures

Vehicle Hours Traveled
Vehicle Kilometers Traveled

Passenger Hours Traveled
Passenger Kilometers Traveled



Mobility (Accessibility)

Emissions (Environ. Impacts)

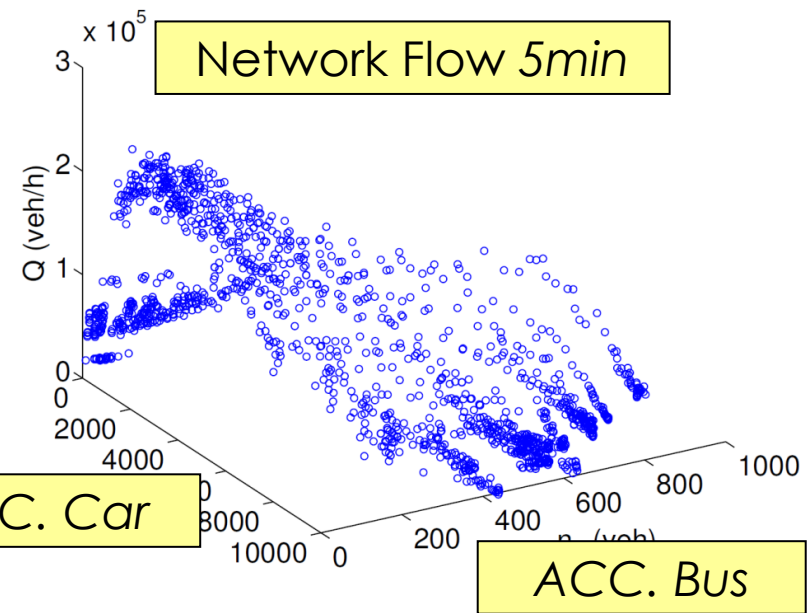
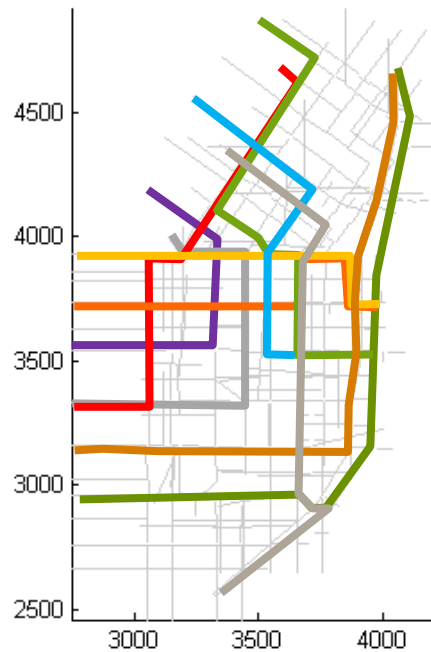
Costs (Users, Providers, etc.)

Road Space Used



Multimodal traffic flow characteristics and control

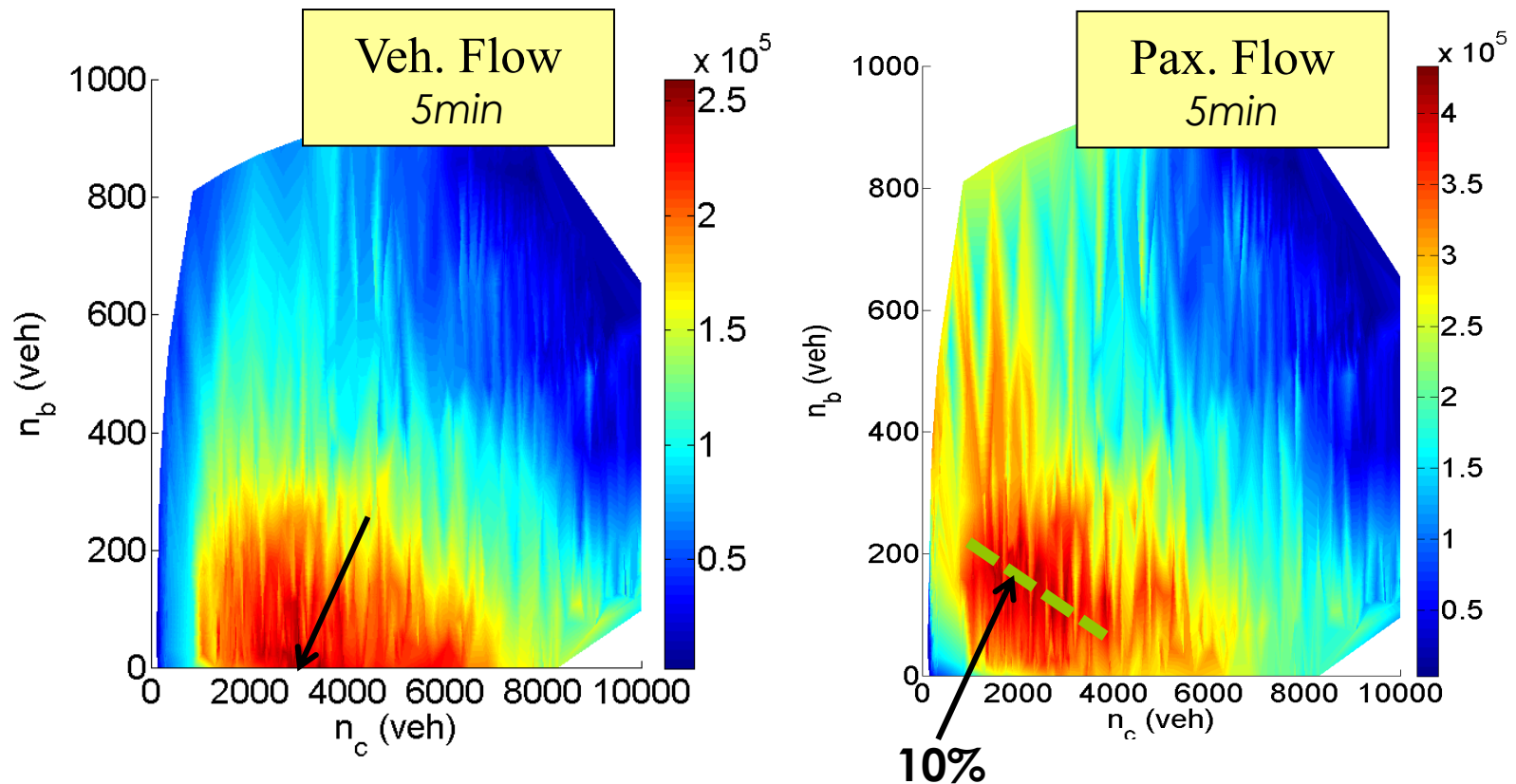
Bi-modal 3D MFD (car and bus)



Simulated data – Downtown SF,
400 links (signalized),
30 bus lines, frequency 3-20min

Contour plot

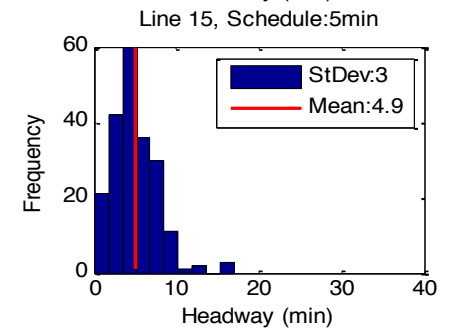
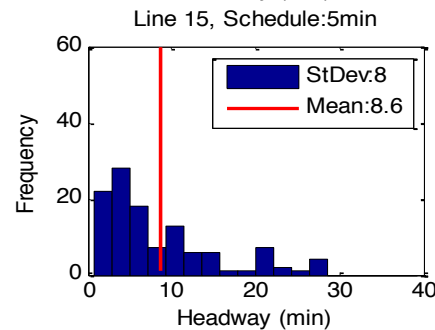
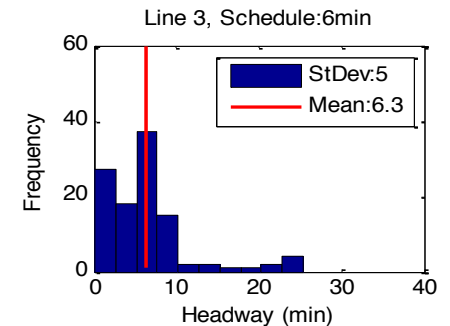
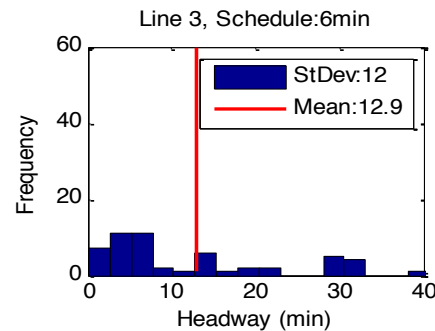
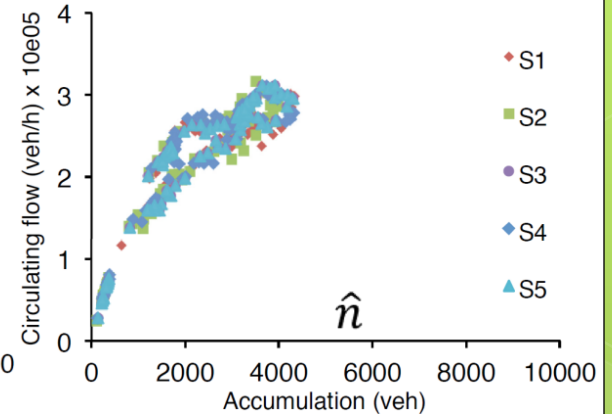
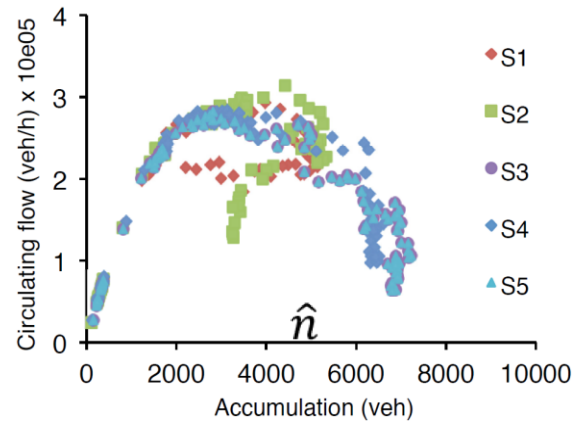
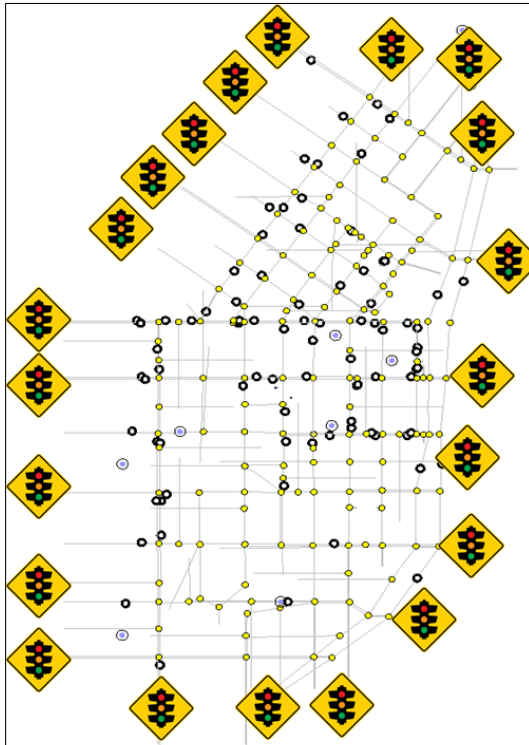
3D-MFDs: vehicle vs. passenger



Simulated data – Downtown SF

Traffic management

Perimeter flow control



$$\beta(t) = \hat{\beta} - K[n(t) - \hat{n}]$$



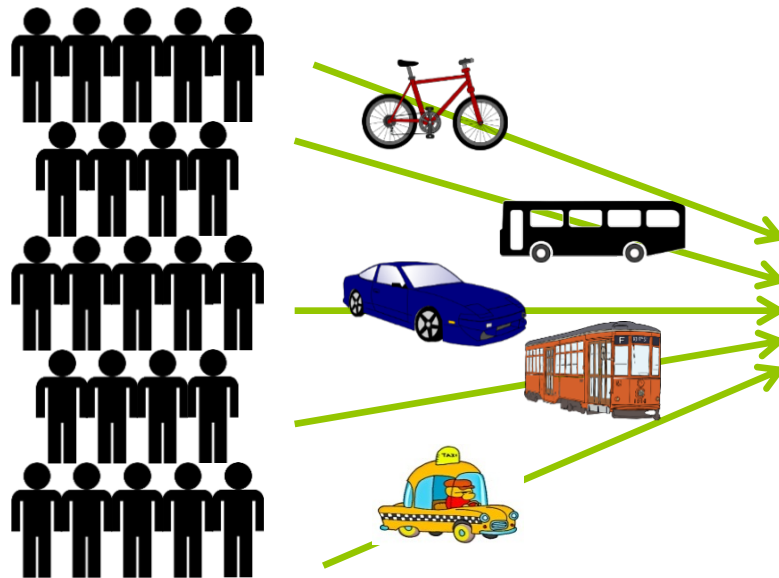
To think...

What types of traffic data do we need to monitor and control multimodal networks?

How could we obtain such data?



Space allocation policy for multimodal urban networks

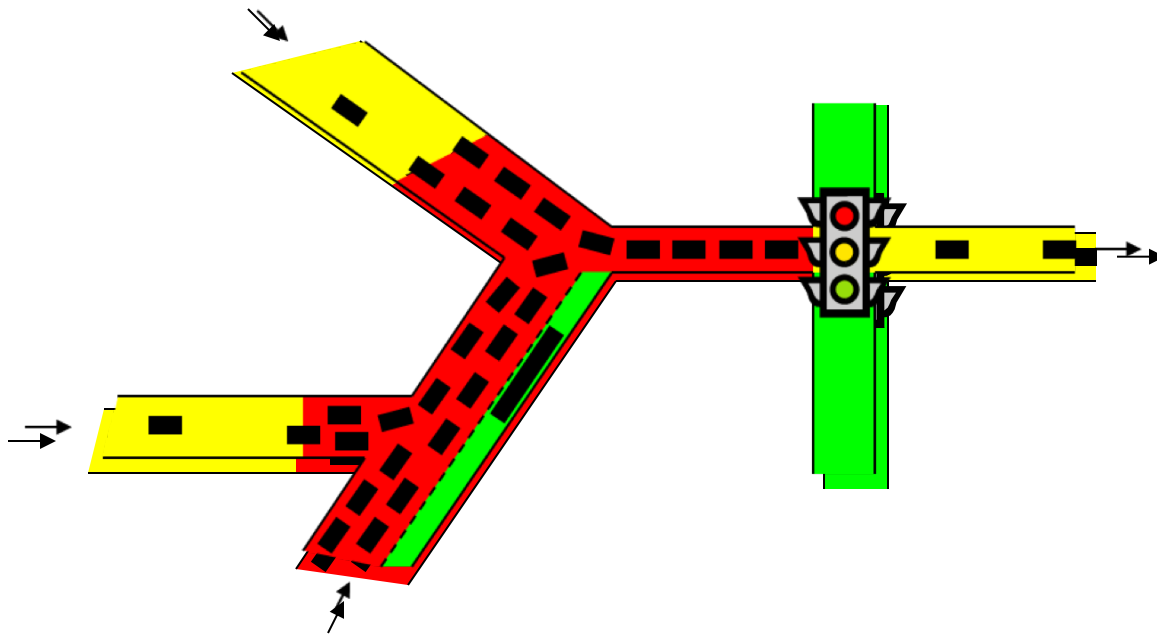


- People travel with different modes compete for limited urban space.
- We need to understand:
 - How this space is used
 - How it can be managed to improve
 - Accessibility
 - Sustainability



- Macroscopic methodology to model traffic with different modes
- How throughput of passengers depends on system characteristics
- How to allocate city space to different transportation modes

Infrastructure unequally available over a city

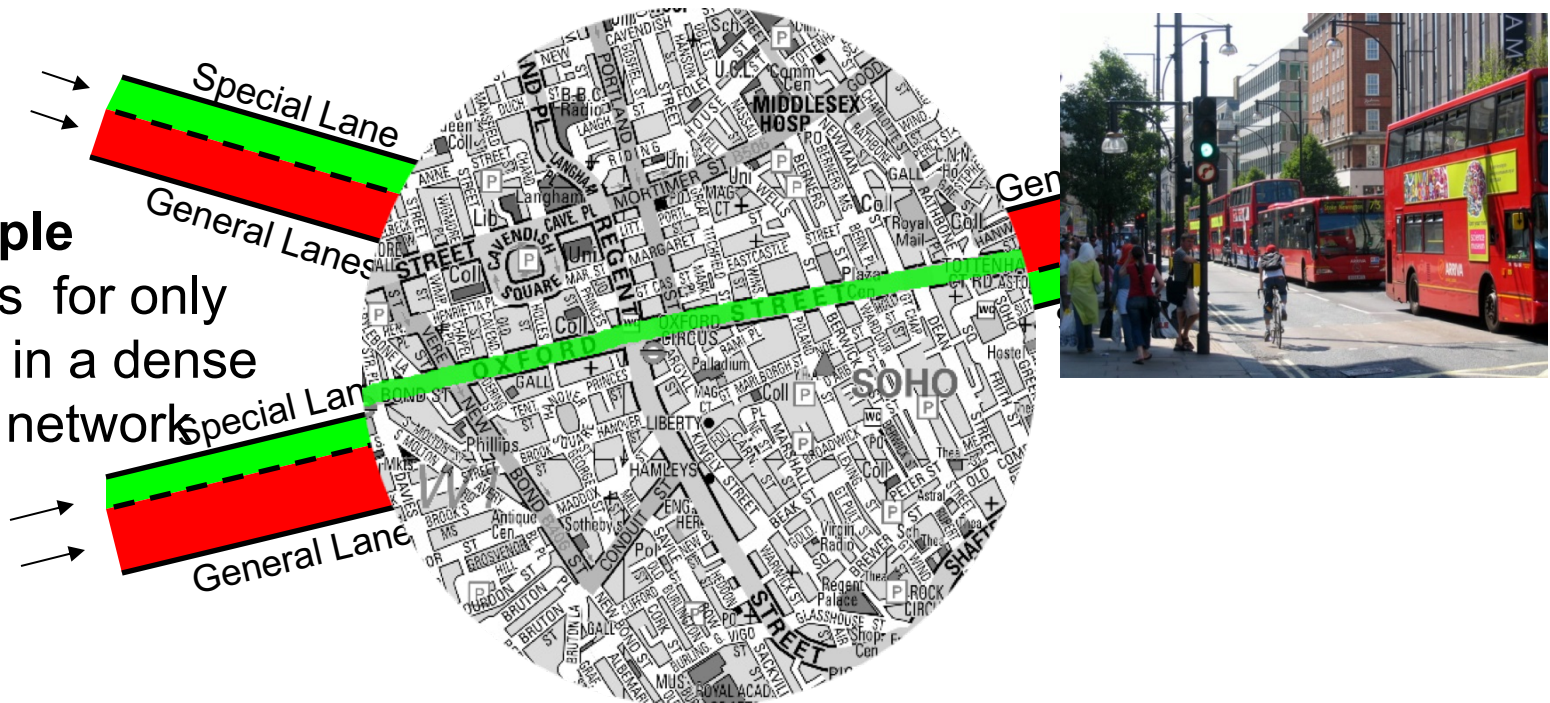


Queues form at locations with limited capacity,
but spill-over to other locations

Need not provide special lanes everywhere

Example

Streets for only
buses in a dense
urban network



Provide bypasses for more efficient modes
around much (if not all) congestion



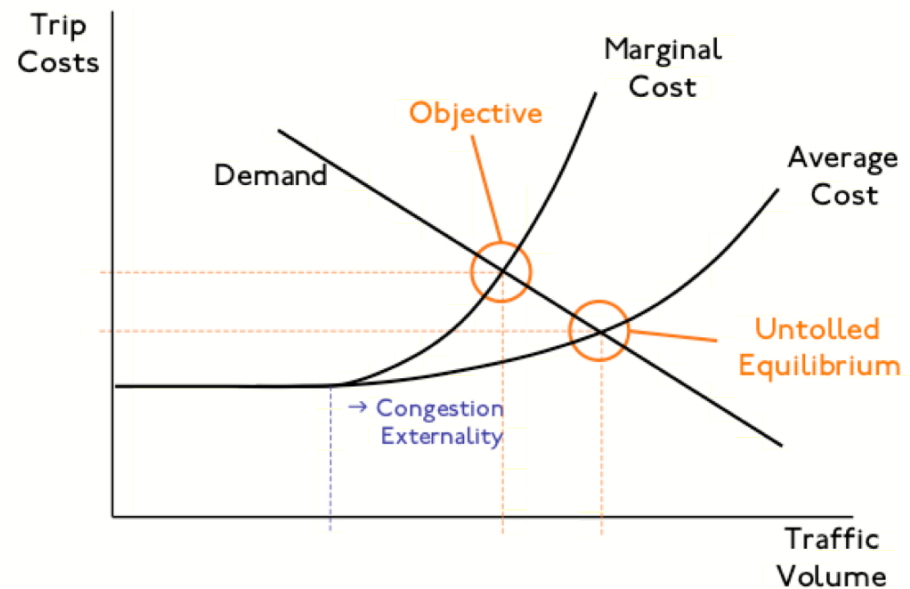
Congestion pricing schemes for urban networks

Concept

- Direct charge for road use (time, area, distance)
- Discourage use of vehicles (class, fuel, polluting)
- Revenue generation (infrastructure, public transport)
- Traffic management on externalities (travel time, emission, noise)

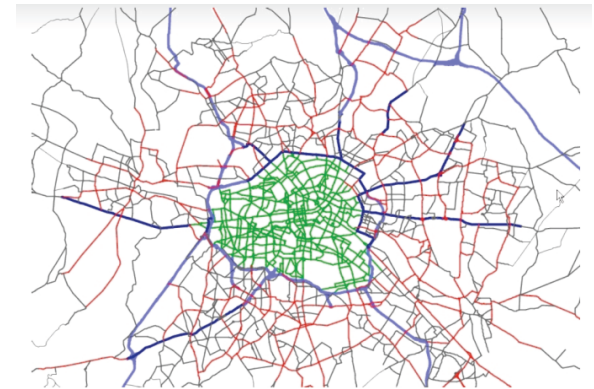
Basic principle

- Who use who pays
- Economic rationale



Types of pricing

- Variable lanes (HOV)
- Corridors/roadways
- Cordon pricing (Stockholm)
- Area pricing (London, Singapore)





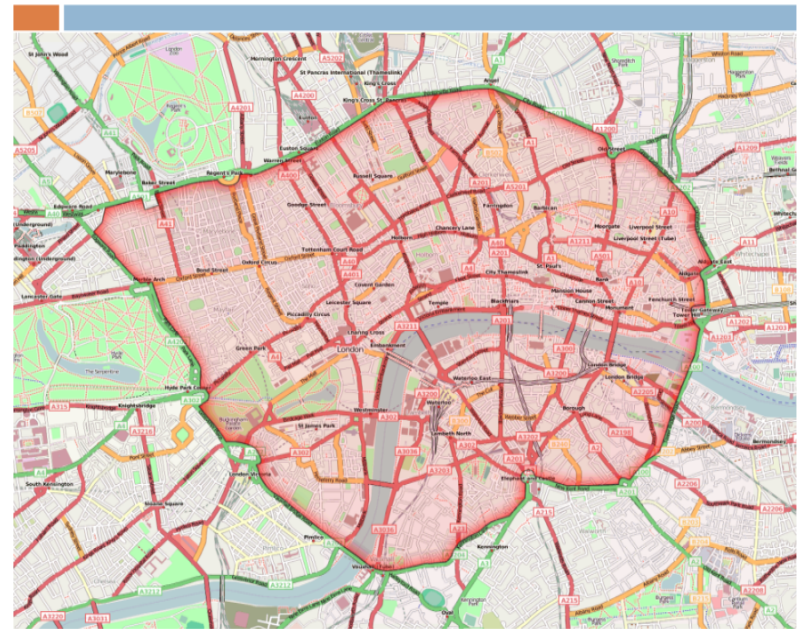
To think...

Which type of pricing works better under each of the goals below?

- To reduce congestion in the CBD region?
- To reduce general congestion with fairer toll?
- To encourage high-occupancy pooling travel?

Real life case - London

- Area pricing
- Powerful transit system
- Congestion no better...
(Bad space reallocation)



Real life case - Stockholm

- Cordon pricing
- Wide acceptance
 - Traffic reduction
 - Reasonable prices



Real life case - Singapore

- Dynamic pricing
- Regular adjustment
($v \sim [30 \text{ } 40 \text{ km/h}]$)
- High operation cost



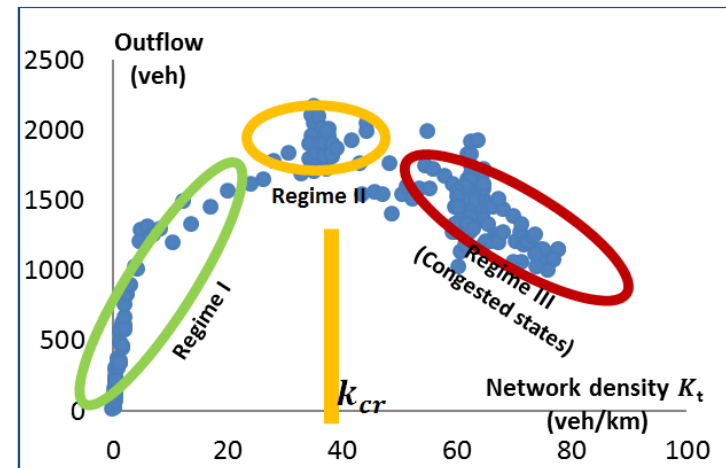
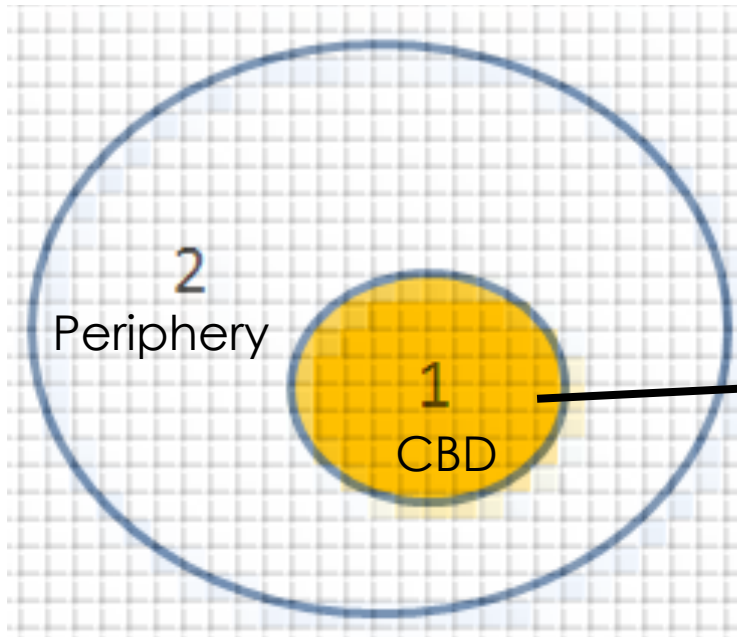
Limited field implementation (low acceptance)

- Insufficient traffic reduction
- Costly to apply (operation, data)
- Insufficient effort on public transport
- Non-equitable policies and incentives

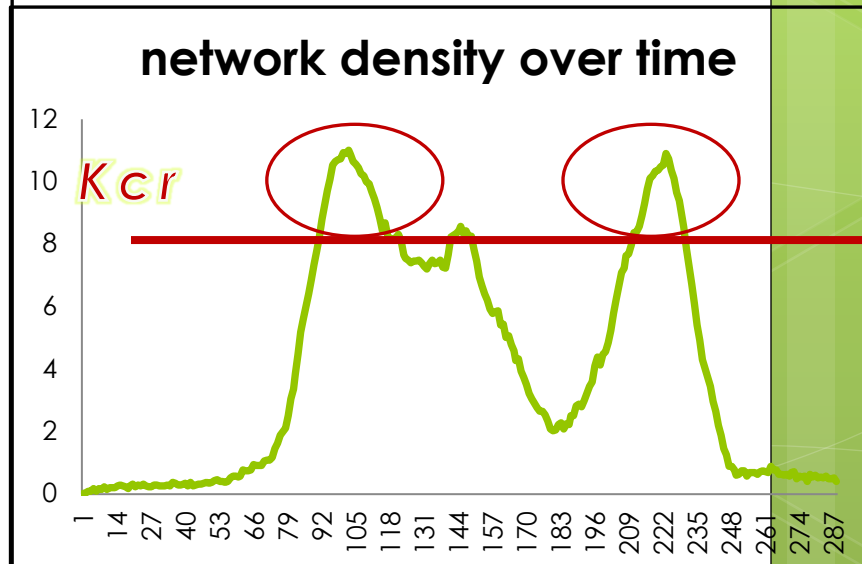
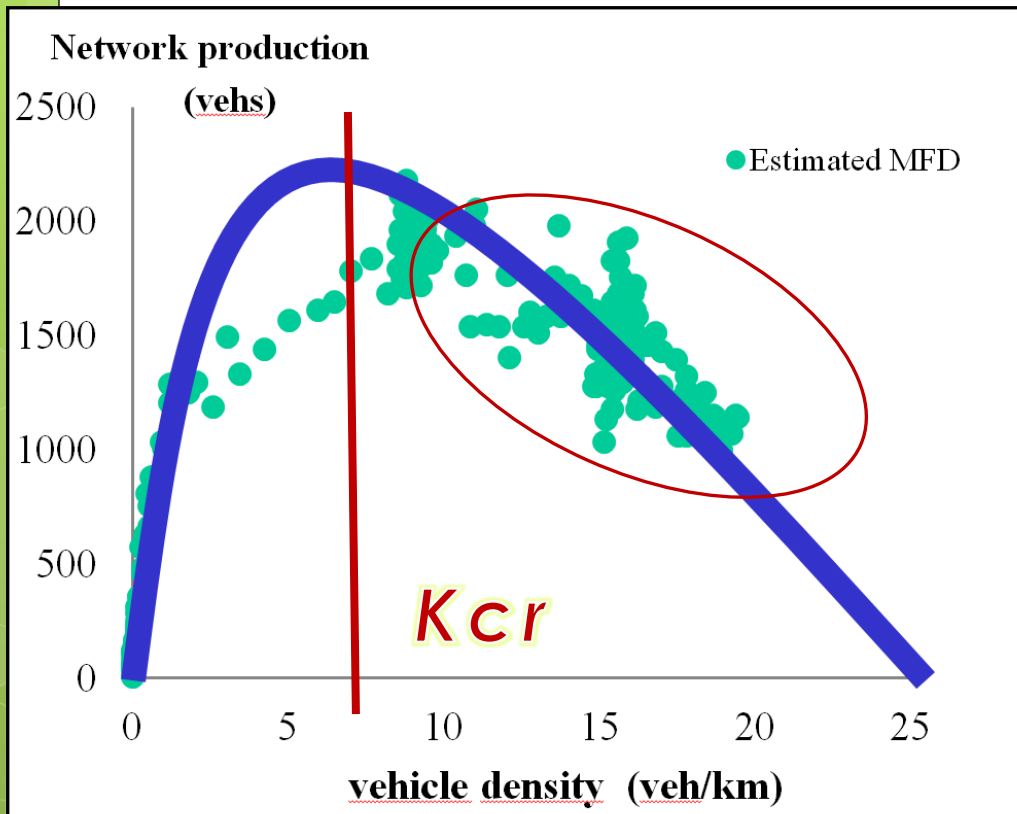
Sustainable pricing

- Applicable at city-level
 - Capture congestion dynamics
 - Control congestion efficiently
 - Incentivize public transport
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- MFD-based pricing
 - Incentivize public transport

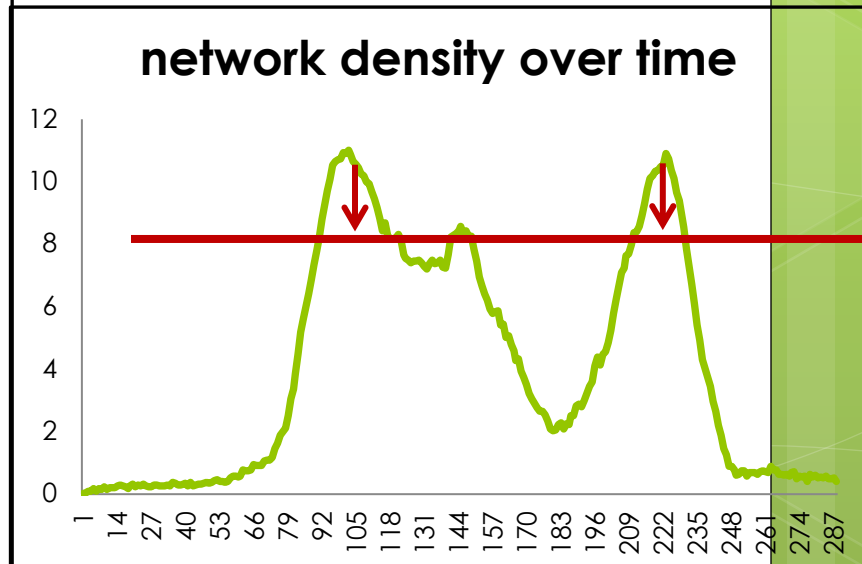
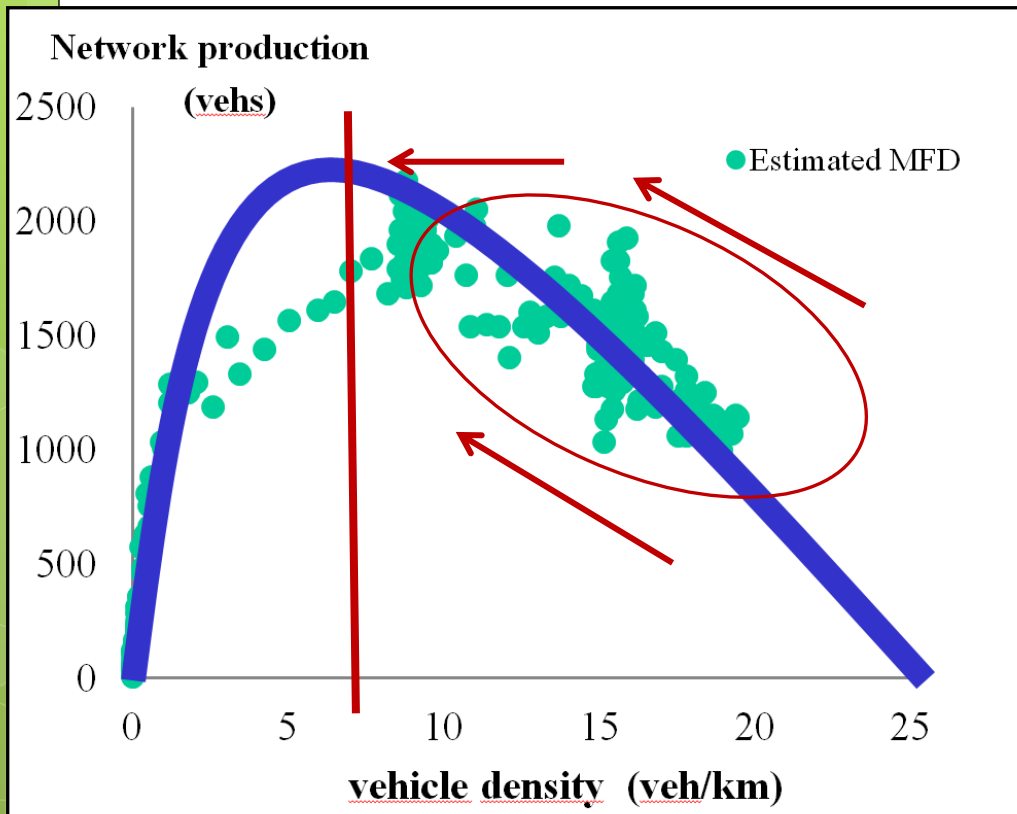
MFD-based pricing scheme



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MFD-based pricing control

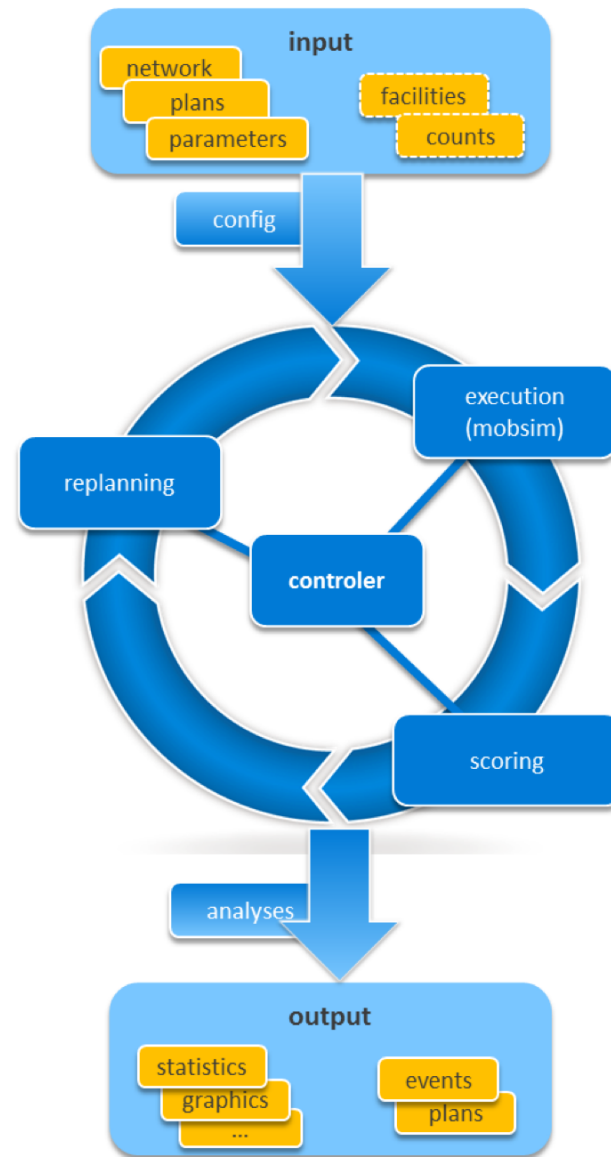
- Drivers adaptation
- Monitor **K_t** , Set **$Toll_t$** , Monitor, Adjust price
- Feedback-controlled dynamic pricing scheme

$$Toll_t(n + 1) = Toll_t(n) + c(K_t(n) - K_{cr})$$

- n : the n -th price adjustment (e.g. every month)
- K_{cr} : control objective
- c : control gain parameter

Test environment: agent-based simulator MATSim

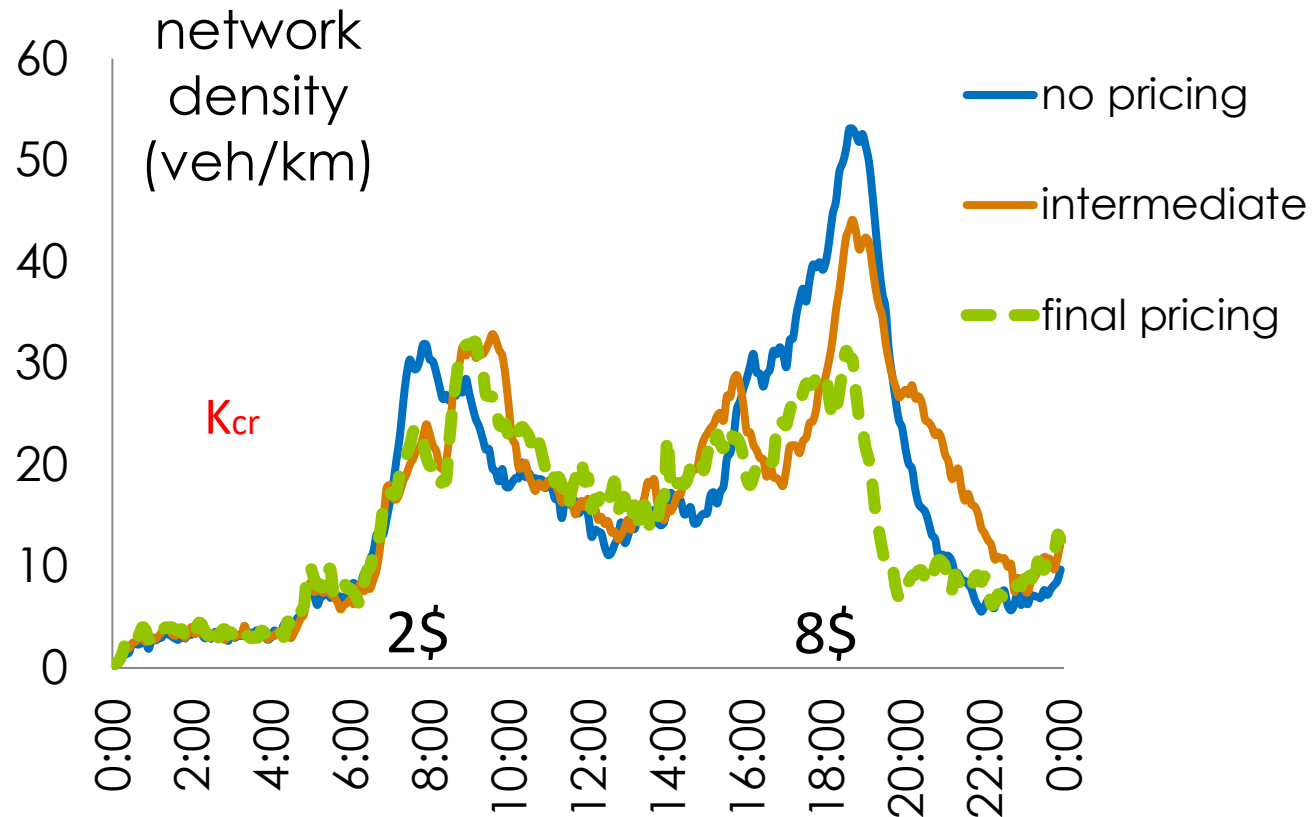
- Activity-based plan
- Complex utility
- User heterogeneity
- Behavioral adaptivity
- Made in Suisse



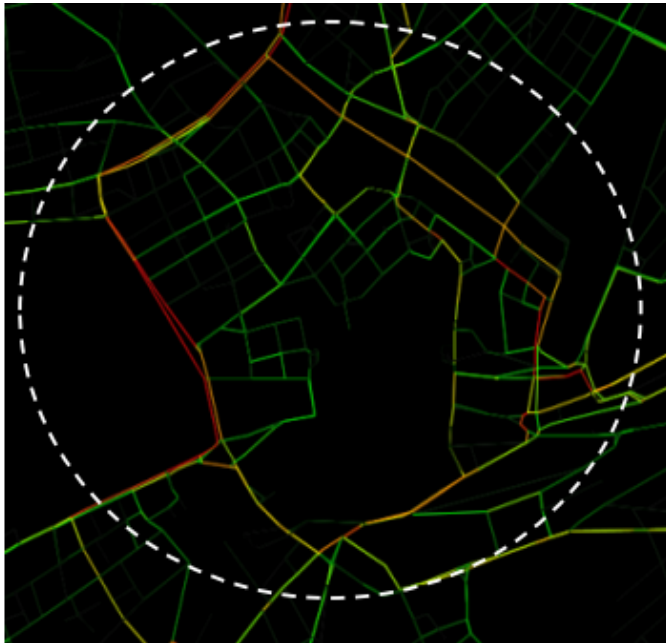
Case study 1: Cordon Pricing in Zurich



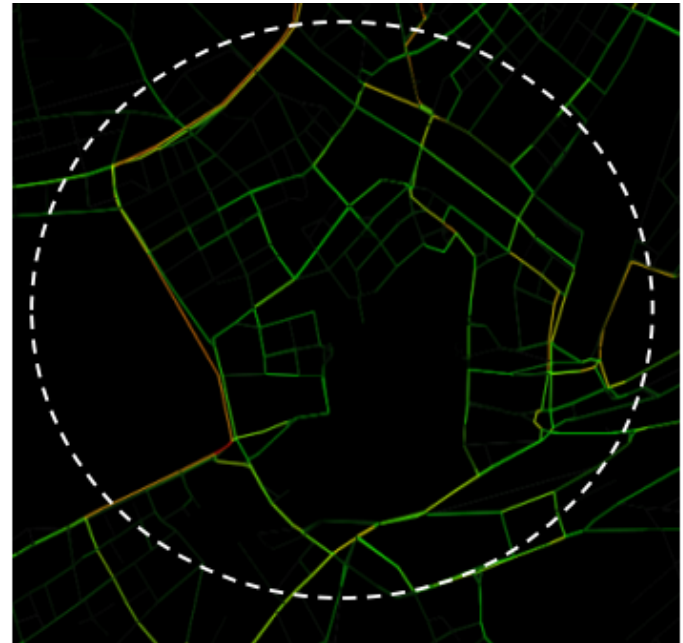
Density reduction over toll adjusts



Comparison of speed at 19pm



Before Pricing



After Pricing

Questions and discussions