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Multiscale and Multimodal Traffic Modelling Approach  
for Sustainable Management of Urban Mobility

# Recent advances in multimodal MFD urban models

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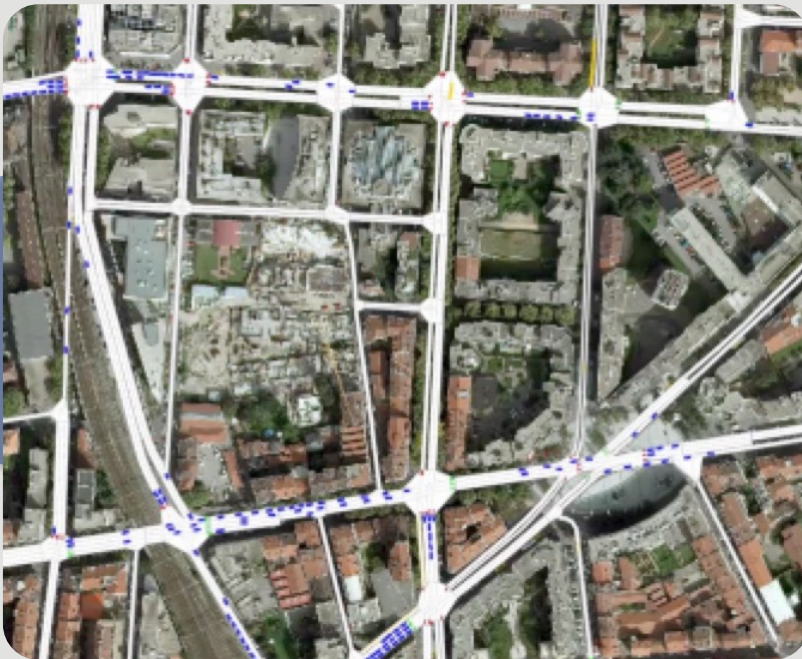
# Outline

- Macroscopic urban models
- New insights on multimodal MFD from the pNEUMA experiment
- The existing formulations for MFD models
- Multi-reservoir systems and traffic assignment
- Applications of NMFD approaches
  - Large-scale simulation of Lyon Metropolis
  - Overall assessment of a ride-sharing system
  - An optimal route guidance strategy based on avoidance maps
  - Trip length calibration and perimeter control

# Introduction to macroscopic urban models

# Transportation models

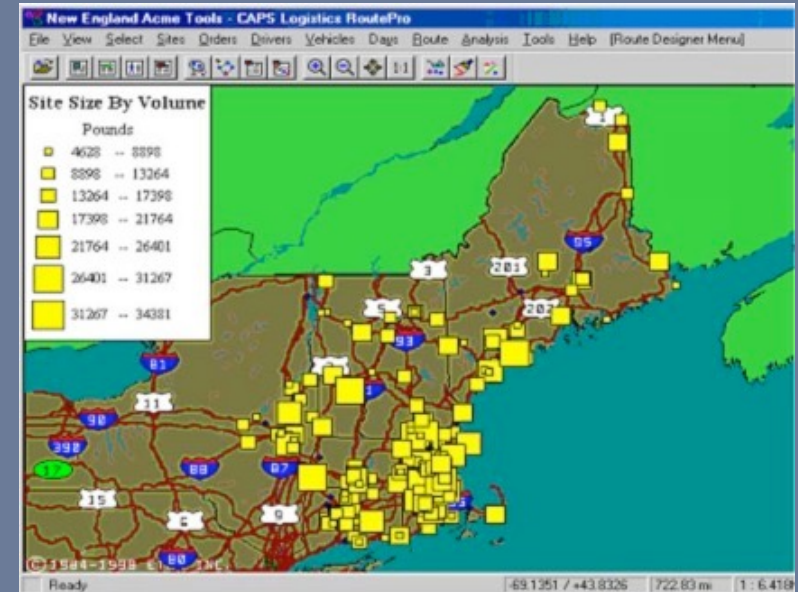
Local traffic dynamics



Open simulation platform (Symuvia)

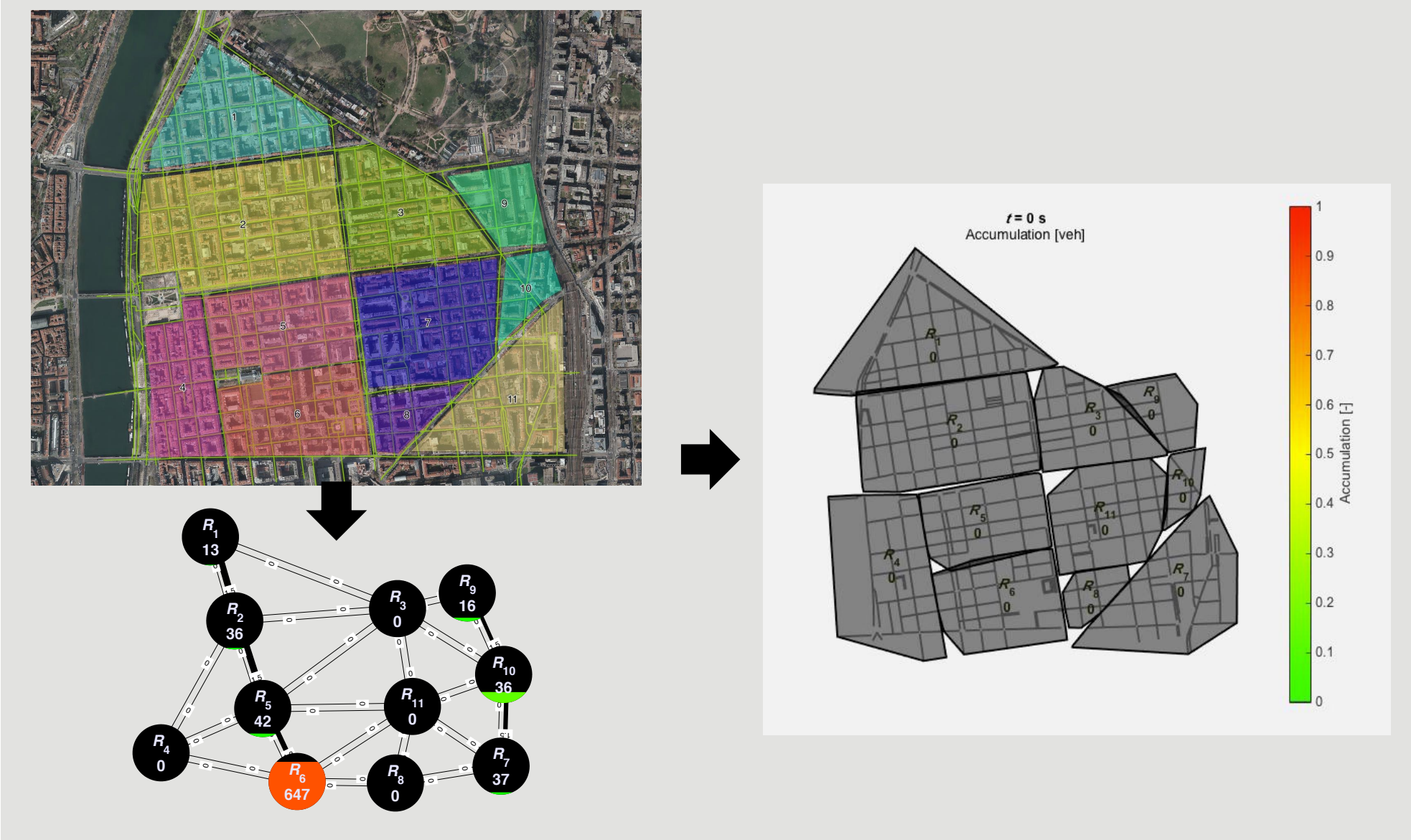
(Leclercq et al, 2009-2015)

Static model for planing

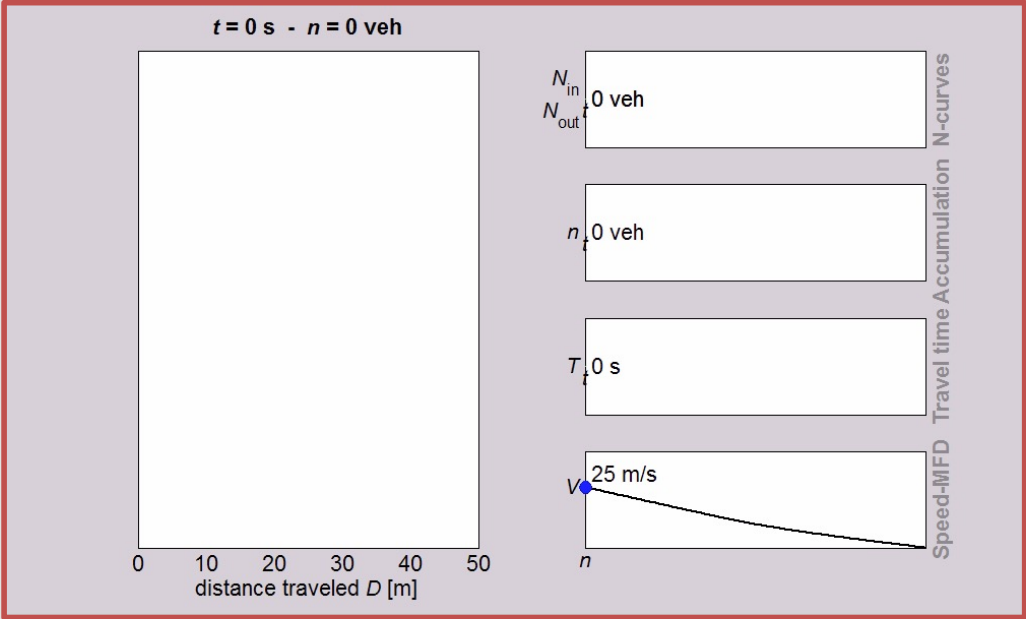
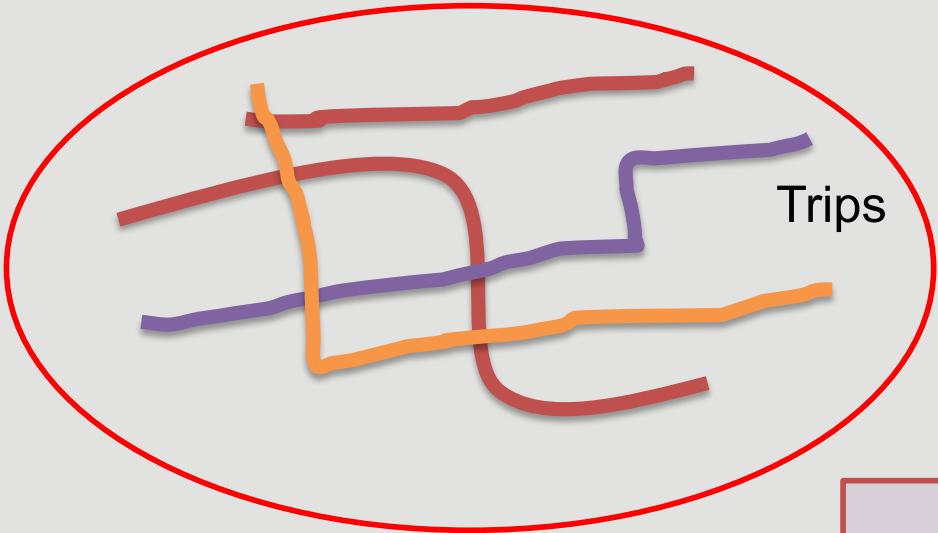


Room for large-scale dynamic models

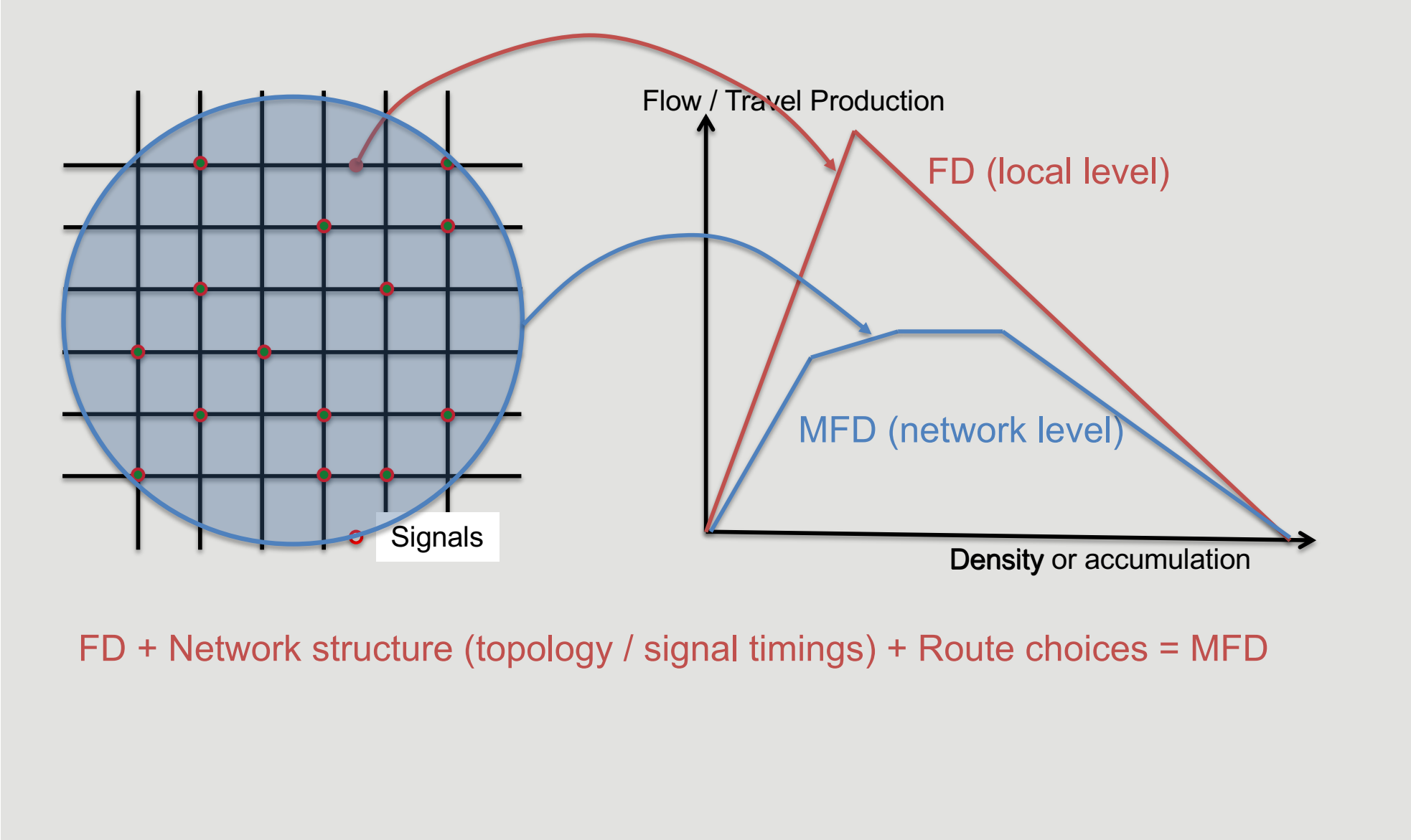
# Large-scale dynamic urban simulation (1)



# Large-scale dynamic urban simulation (2)

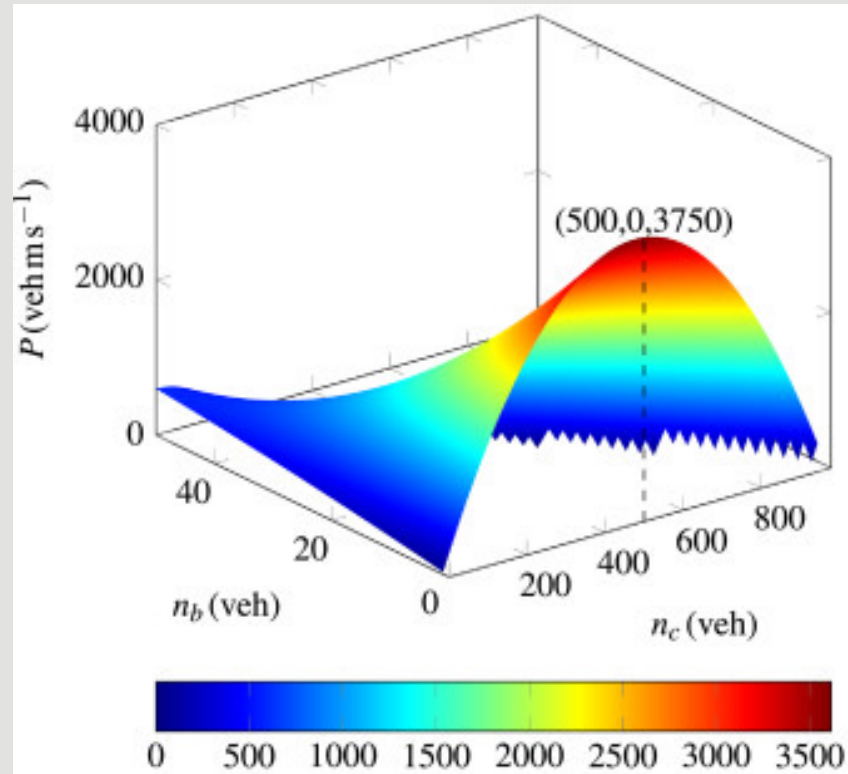


# MFD definition

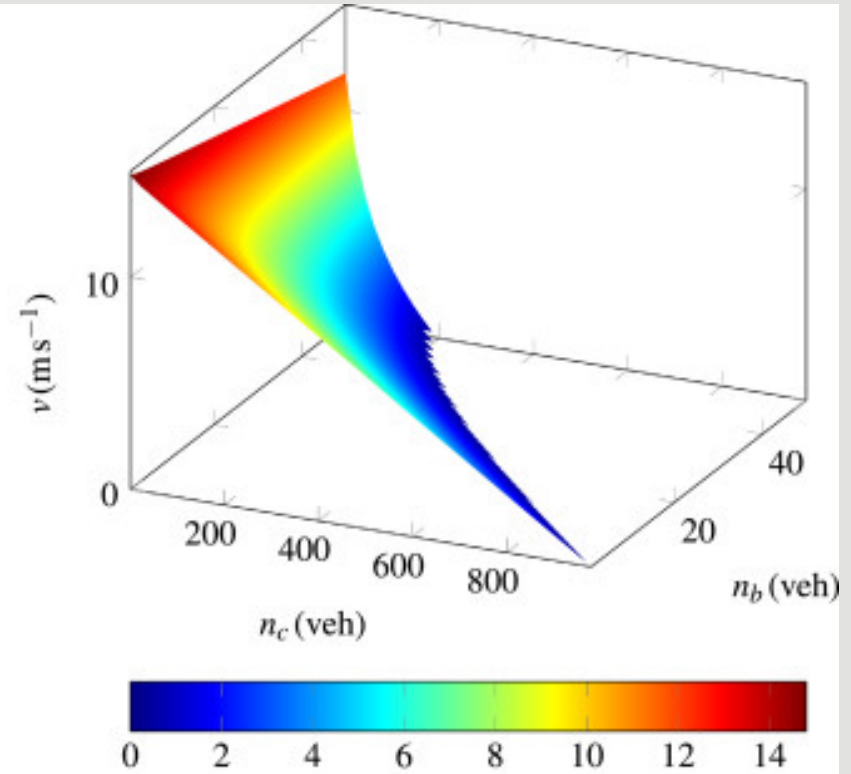


$FD + \text{Network structure (topology / signal timings)} + \text{Route choices} = MFD$

# Multimodal MFD extension



(a) Production MFD surface.



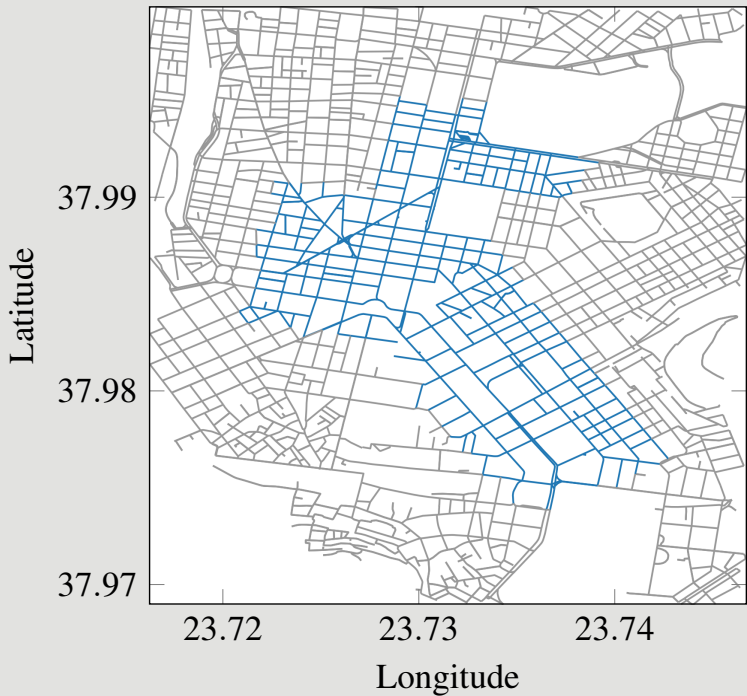
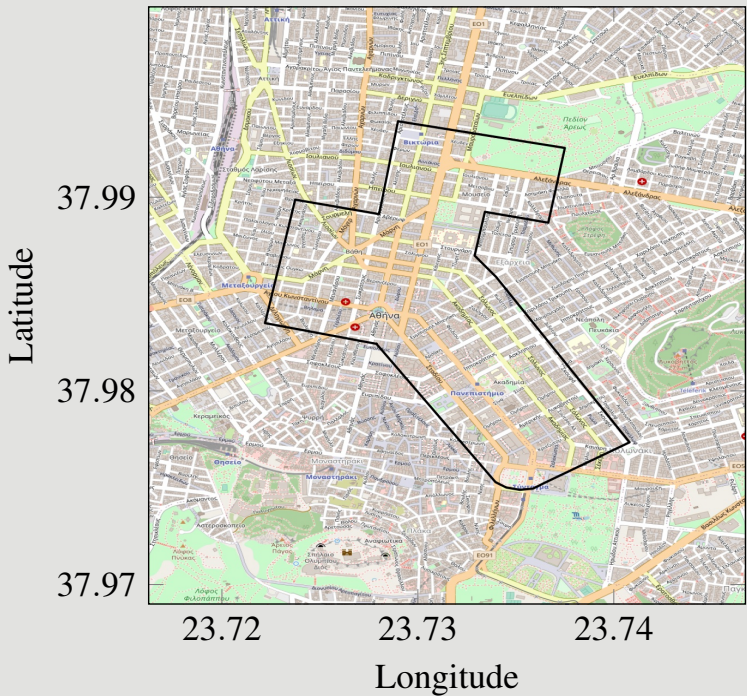
(b) Velocity MFD surface.



# New insights on multimodal MFD from the pNEUMA experiment

Paipuri, M., Bampounakis, E., Geroliminis, N., Leclercq, L., 2021. Empirical Observations of Multi-modal Network-level Models: Insights from the pNEUMA Experiment. *Transportation Research part C*.

# Experimental setting



<https://open-traffic.epfl.ch/>

# $\pi$ neuma at a glance

## TEN DRONES

Hovering simultaneously over different areas

## 5 DAYS

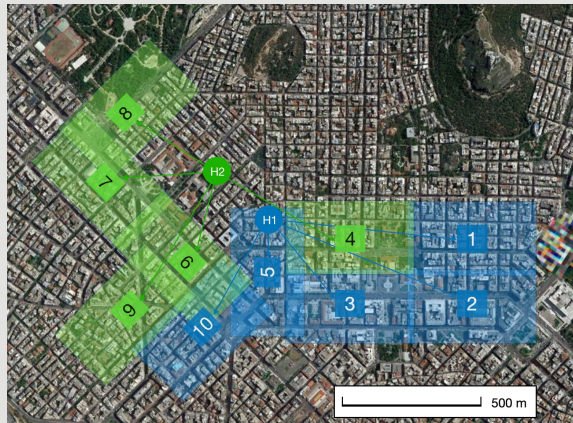
Monday to Friday

## MASSIVE URBAN TRAJECTORY DATASET

More than 0.5 million trajectories

## OPEN ACCESS

Free distribution.  
No barriers.



## MORNING PEAK-HOUR

Five flight sessions for 2.5 hours per day

## 100+ INTERSECTIONS

Signalised or not

## GLOBAL IMPACT

Made for researchers around the world

## PERFECT FOR PHD

Stop searching for data and start your analyses!

Ideal for multimodal research



Cars



Taxis



Buses

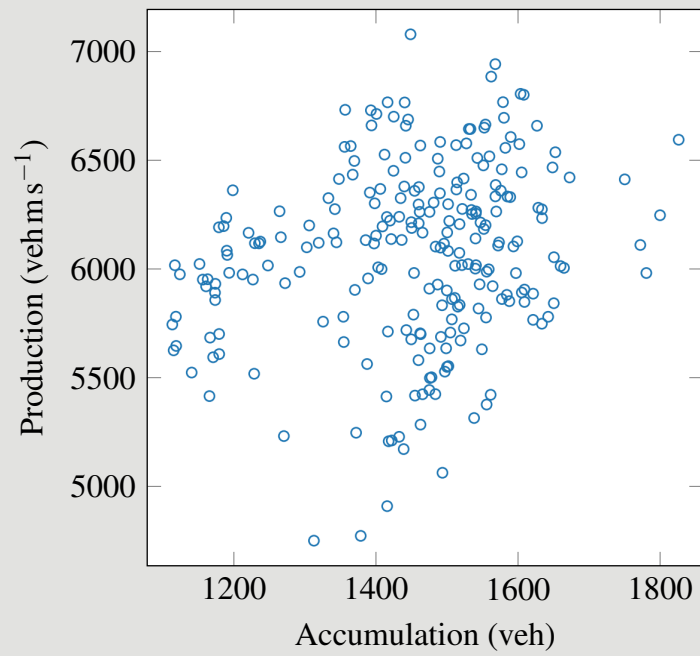


PTWs

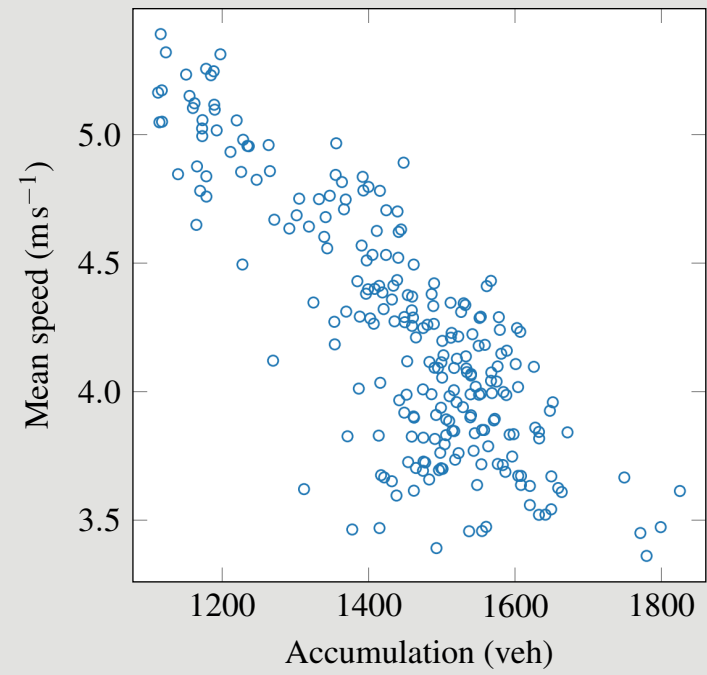


Medium and Heavy Vehicles

# 2D MFD

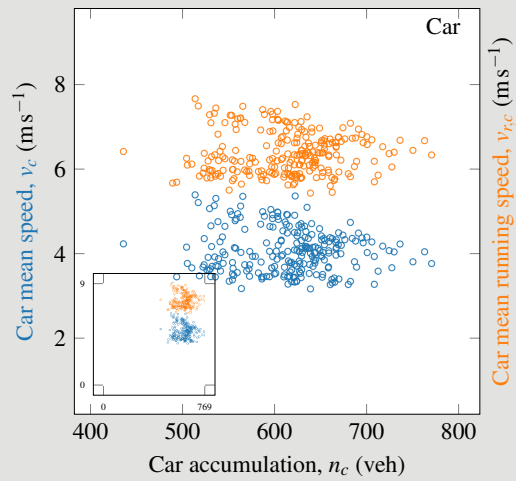


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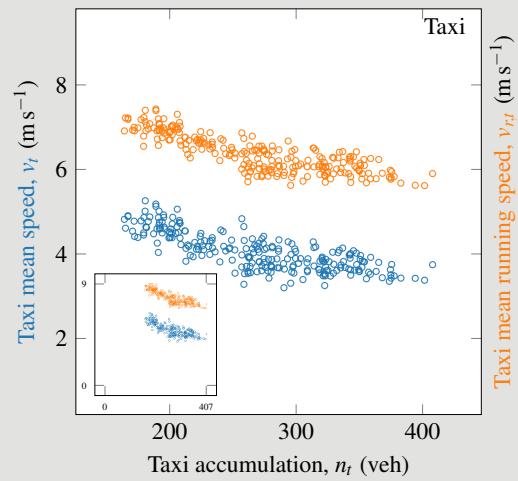


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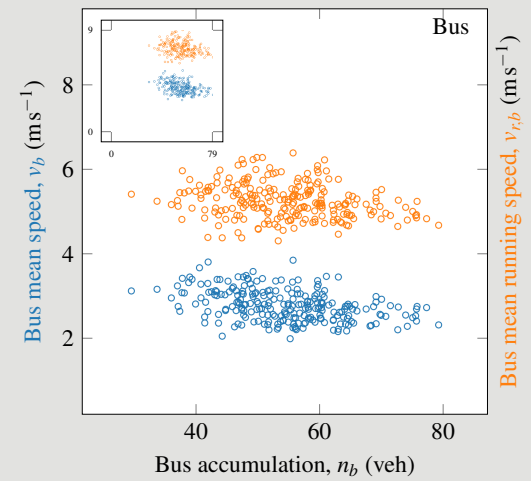
# Unimodal speed regression



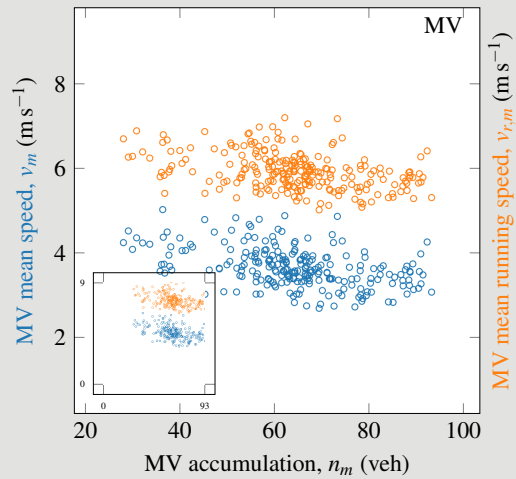
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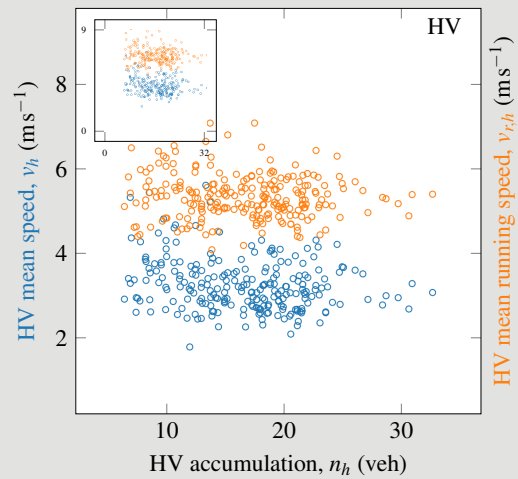
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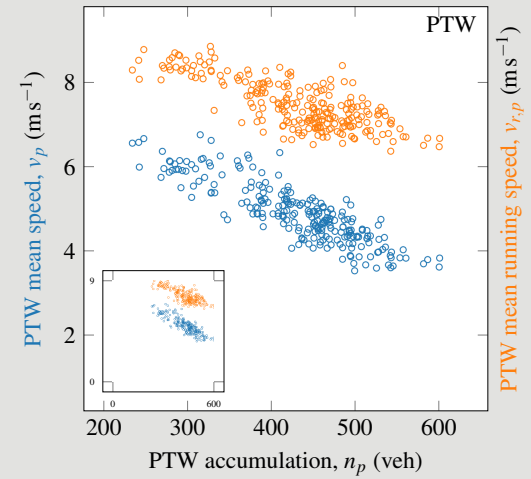
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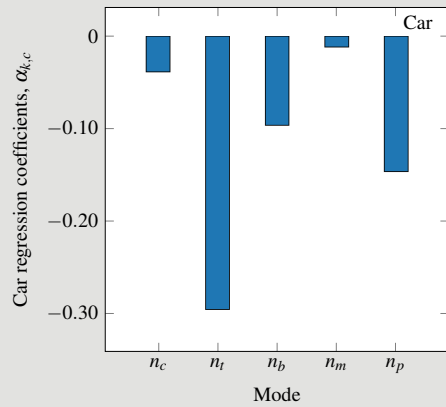
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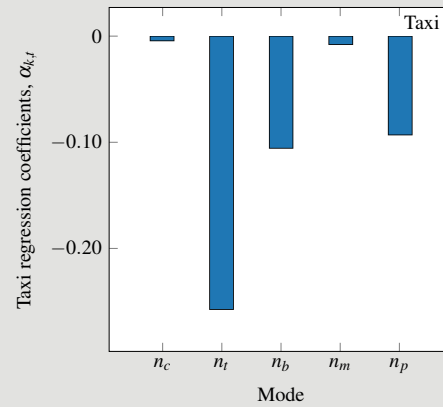
# Multimodal speed regression

$$v_j = v_{f,j} + \alpha_{c,j} n_c + \alpha_{t,j} n_t + \alpha_{b,j} n_b + \alpha_{m,j} n_m + \alpha_{p,j} n_p, \quad \forall j = \{c, t, b, m, p\},$$



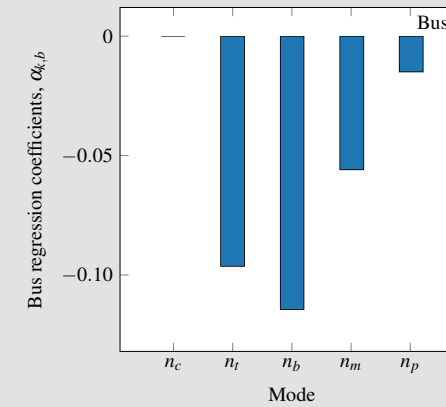
$v_{f,c} = 4.06; R^2 = 0.754; \text{RMSRE} = 0.065$

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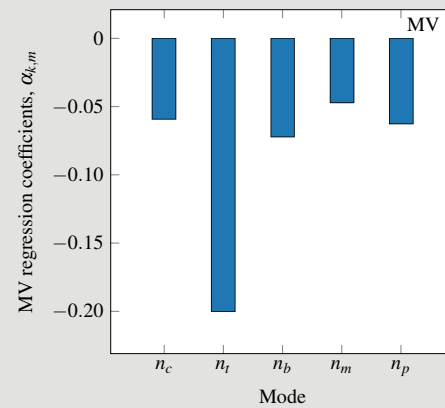
$v_{f,t} = 4.05; R^2 = 0.677; \text{RMSRE} = 0.063$

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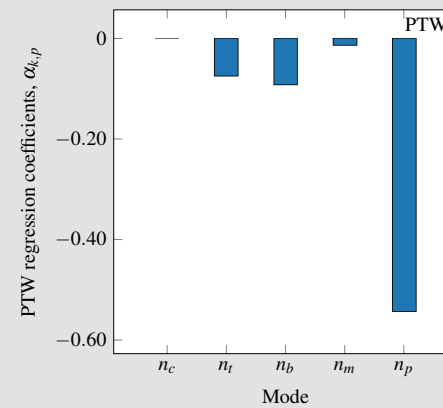
$v_{f,b} = 2.79; R^2 = 0.3; \text{RMSRE} = 0.112$

(c)



$v_{f,m} = 3.66; R^2 = 0.427; \text{RMSRE} = 0.098$

(d)



$v_{f,p} = 4.9; R^2 = 0.775; \text{RMSRE} = 0.071$

(e)

# Comparison uni vs. multi regression

| Mode | p-values |        |       |       |       |       | $v_{f,j}$ |        | $R^2$ |        | RMSRE |        |
|------|----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
|      | Uni-     | Multi- |       |       |       |       | Uni-      | Multi- | Uni-  | Multi- | Uni-  | Multi- |
|      | $n_m$    | $n_c$  | $n_t$ | $n_b$ | $n_m$ | $n_p$ |           |        |       |        |       |        |
| Car  | 0.01     | 0.01   | 0     | 0     | 0.60  | 0     | 4.06      | 4.06   | 0.01  | 0.75   | 0.125 | 0.065  |
| Taxi | 0        | 0.80   | 0     | 0     | 0.72  | 0     | 4.05      | 4.05   | 0.60  | 0.68   | 0.071 | 0.063  |
| Bus  | 0        | 0.14   | 0     | 0     | 0.06  | 0.48  | 2.79      | 2.79   | 0.15  | 0.30   | 0.123 | 0.112  |
| MV   | 0        | 0.01   | 0     | 0     | 0.12  | 0.07  | 3.66      | 3.66   | 0.19  | 0.43   | 0.114 | 0.098  |
| PTW  | 0        | 0      | 0.06  | 0     | 0.63  | 0     | 4.90      | 4.90   | 0.04  | 0.78   | 0.074 | 0.071  |

# The multimodal two-fluid model

Running speed  $v_r = v_{f,r} (f_r)^{\check{n}} \equiv v_{f,r} (1 - f_s)^{\check{n}},$

Mean speed  $v = v_{f,r} (f_r)^{\check{n}+1} \equiv v_{f,r} (1 - f_s)^{\check{n}+1}.$

Fraction of vehicles that are stopped during a given time interval, i.e.,  $f_s = \frac{T_s}{T},$   
The mean stopped time / m over the mean travel time / m

(Herman and Prigogine, 1979)

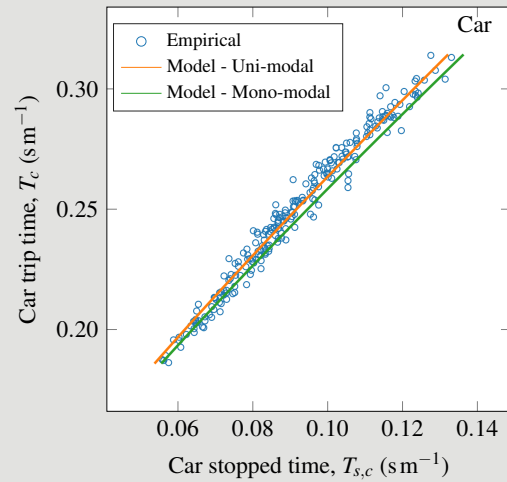
## The multimodal counterpart

$$v_{r,j} = v_{f,r,j} \prod_{k \in \mathcal{M}} (1 - f_{s,k})^{\check{n}_{k,j}}, \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{M} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{M} = \{c, t, b, m, p\},$$

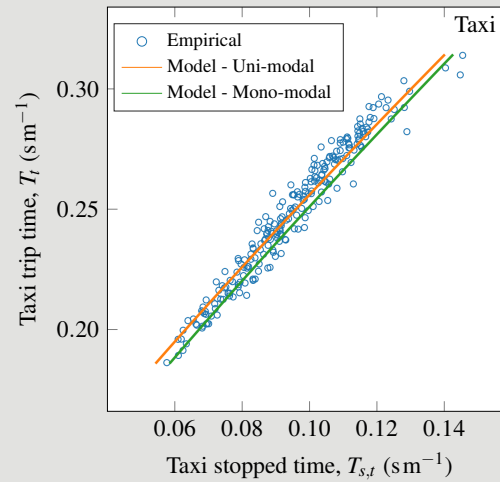
$$v_j = v_{f,r,j} (1 - f_{s,j}) \prod_{k \in \mathcal{M}} (1 - f_{s,k})^{\check{n}_{k,j}}, \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{M} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{M} = \{c, t, b, m, p\}.$$



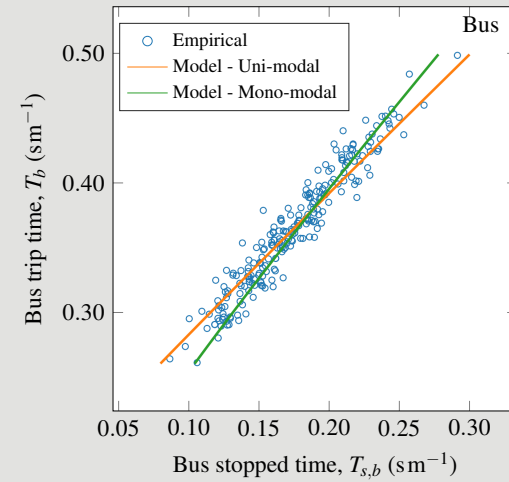
# The Uni two-fluid model



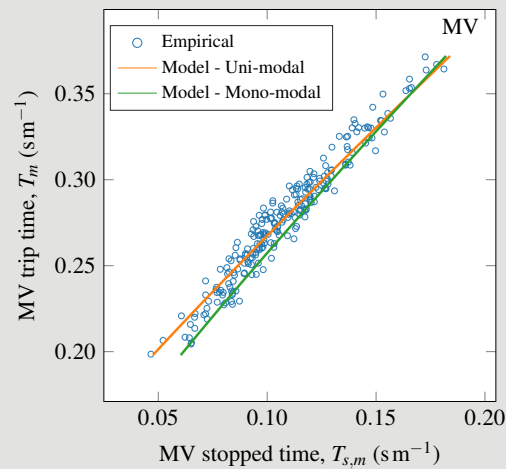
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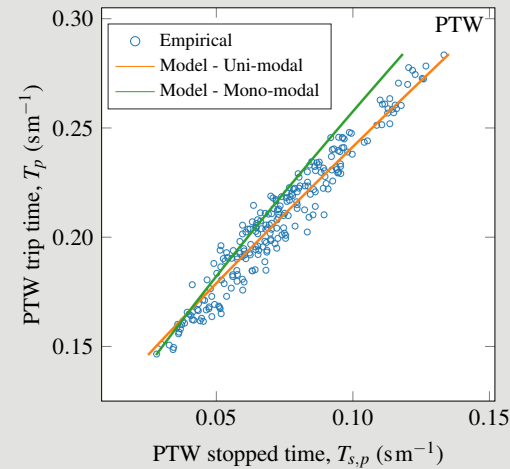
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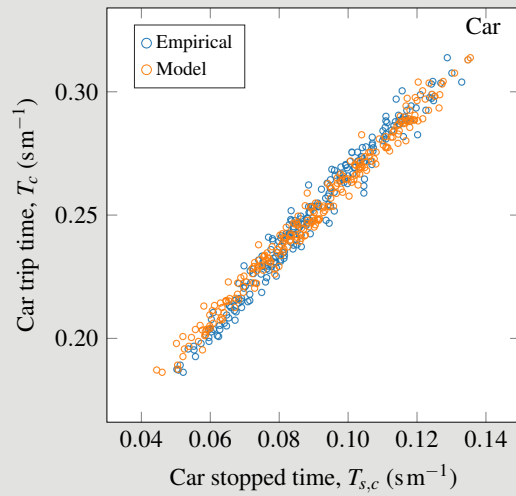


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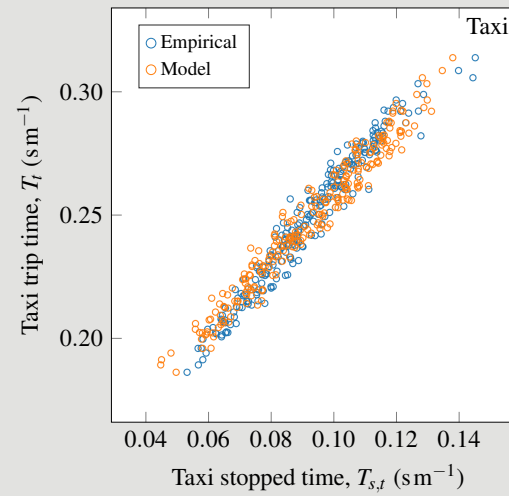


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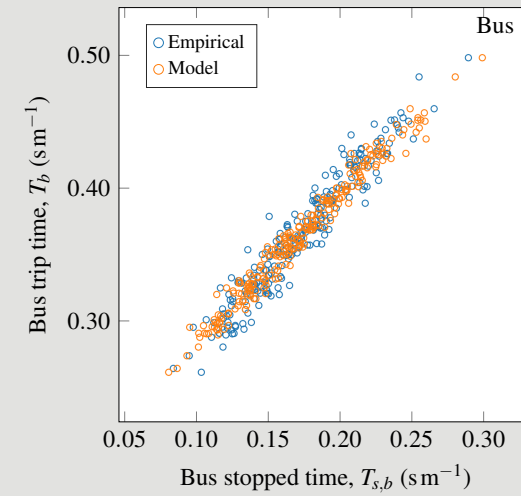
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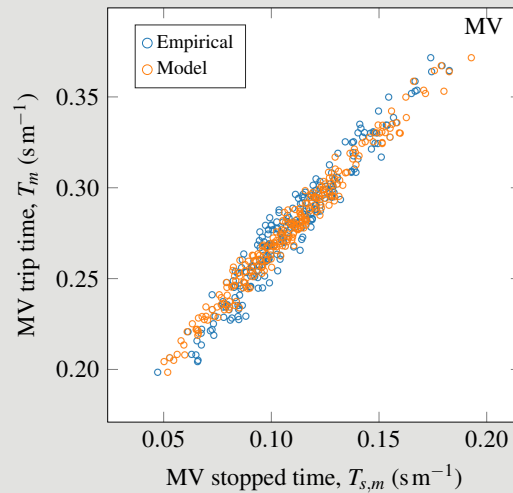
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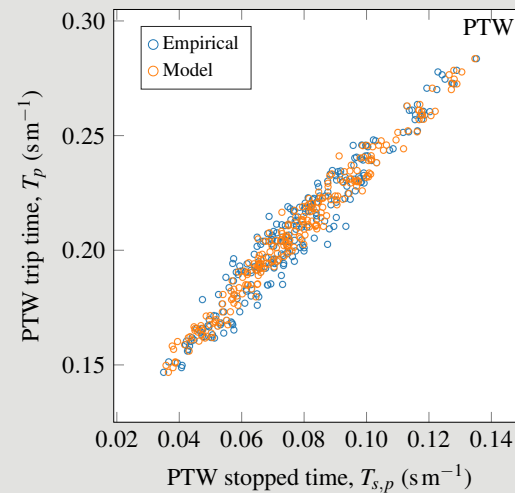
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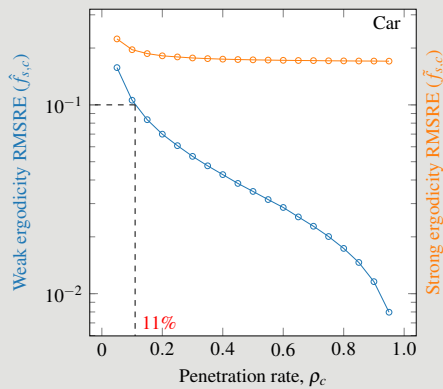


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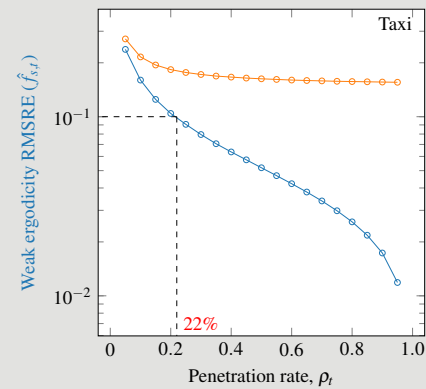
# Estimating $f_s$ - ergodicity assumption

Weak ergodicity (based on probe sampling)  $\hat{f}_s = \frac{\overline{T}_s}{\overline{T}}$ ,

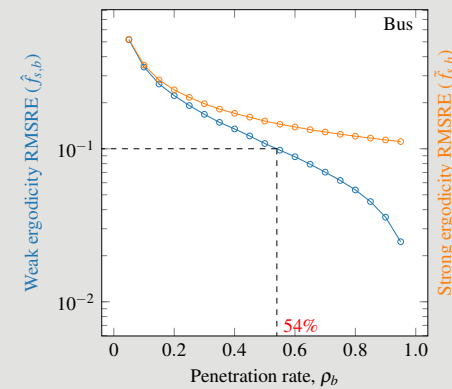
Strong ergodicity (based on probe sampling)  $\tilde{f}_s = \left\langle \frac{T_s}{T} \right\rangle$ . (Ardekani, 1984)



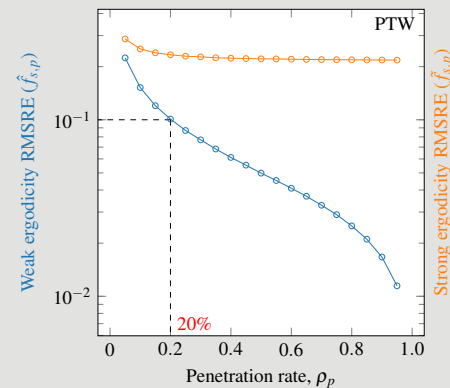
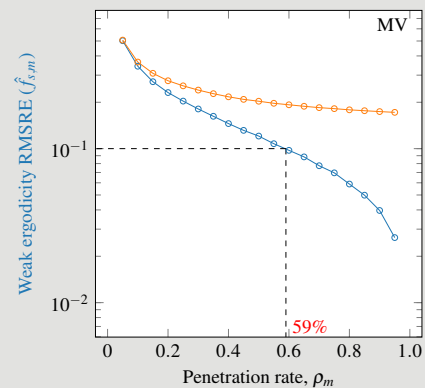
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# The existing formulations for MFD models

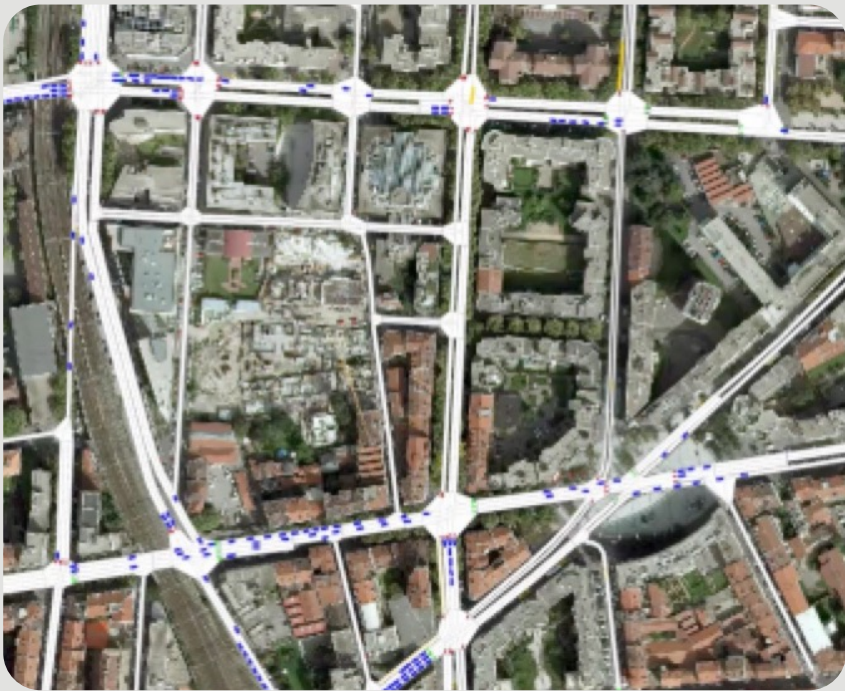
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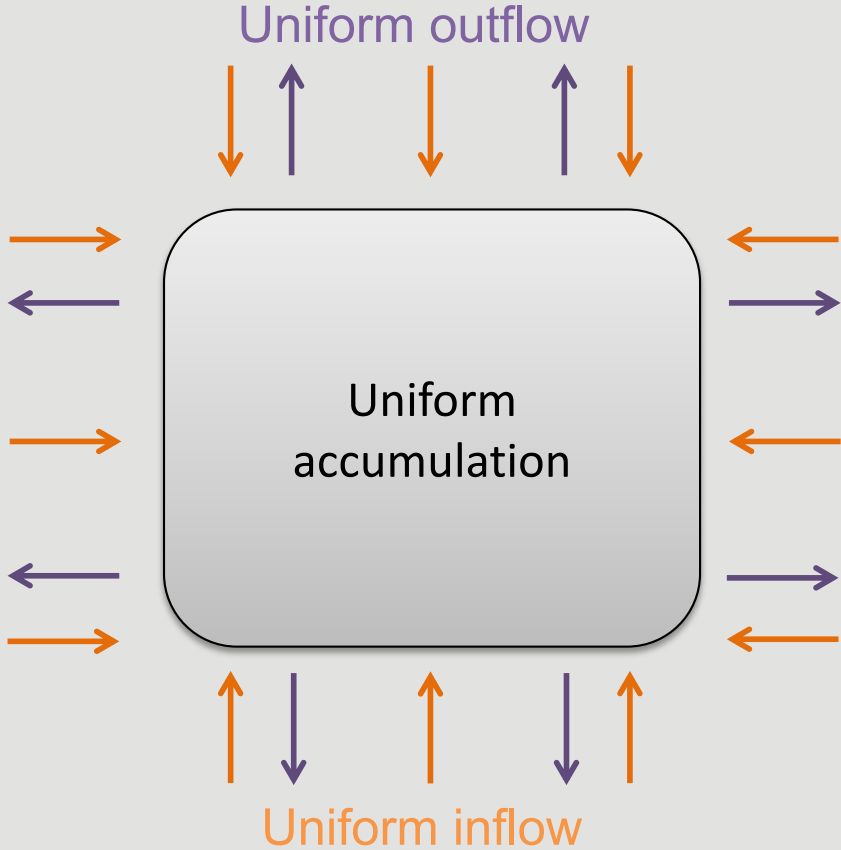
# The single reservoir setting

Classical dynamic approach

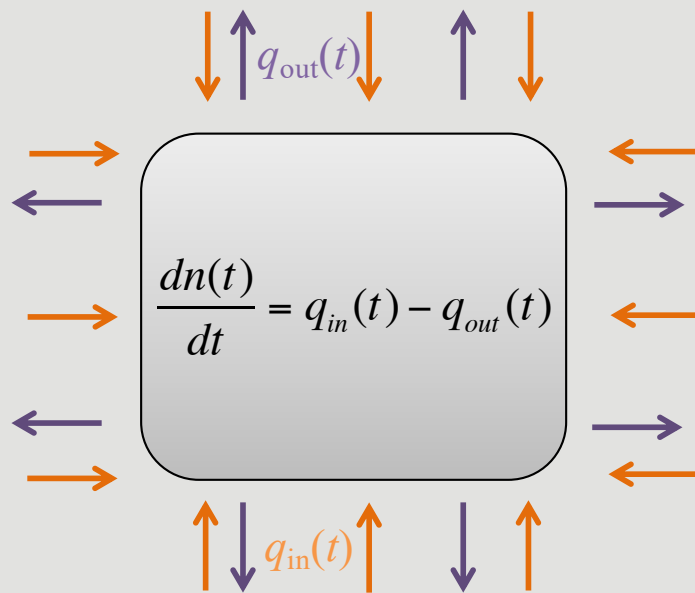


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Reservoir (NMFD) approach



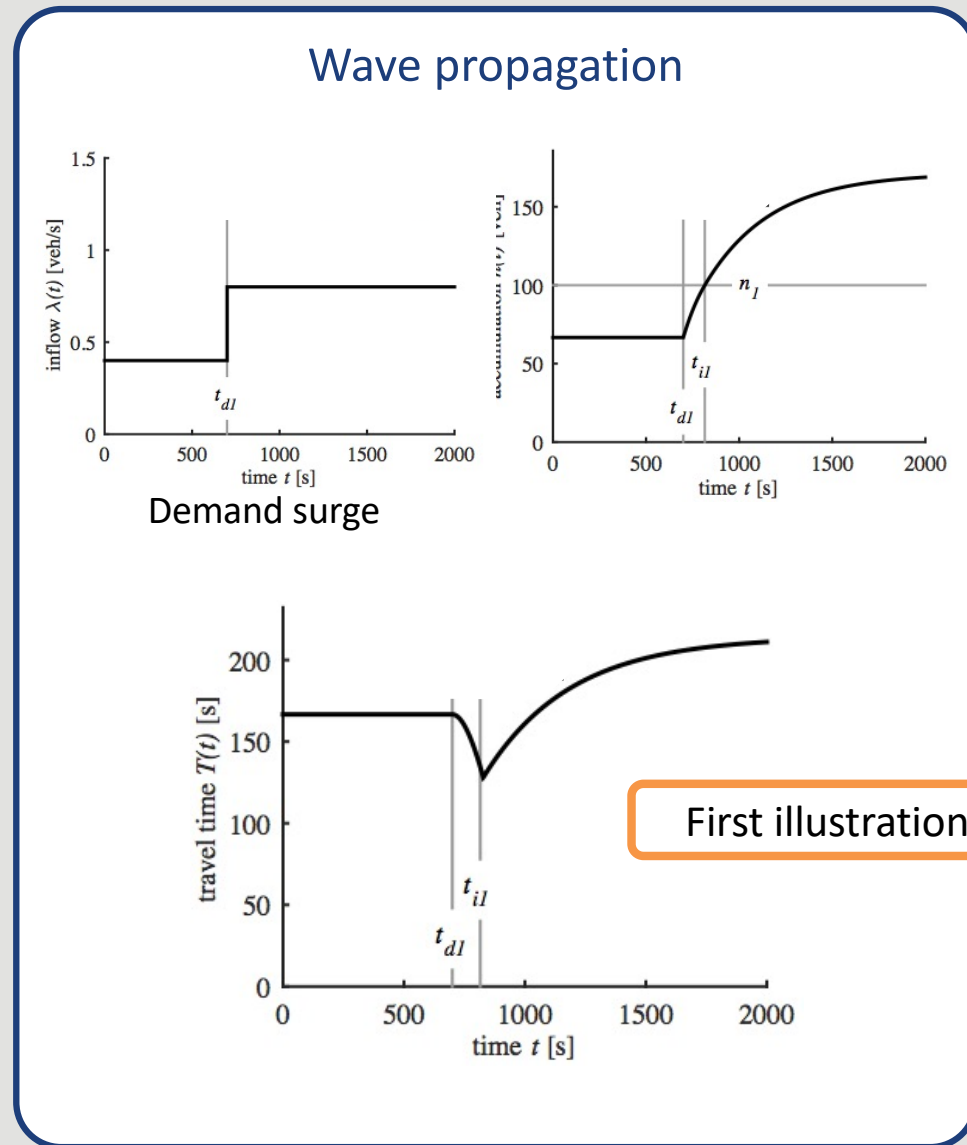
# The accumulation-based (bathtub) model



The outflow-MFD is hard to calibrate in practice  
this is why the steady-state approximation is used

$$q_{out}(t) = \frac{Q(n(t))}{L_{trip}}$$

# Wave propagation in a single reservoir



# Trip-based model

Model formulation

Analytical resolution  
(piecewise cst inflows)

$$\int_{t-T(N_{out}(t))}^t V(n(s)) ds = L$$

(Arnott, 2013)  
(Lamotte & Geroliminis, 2016)

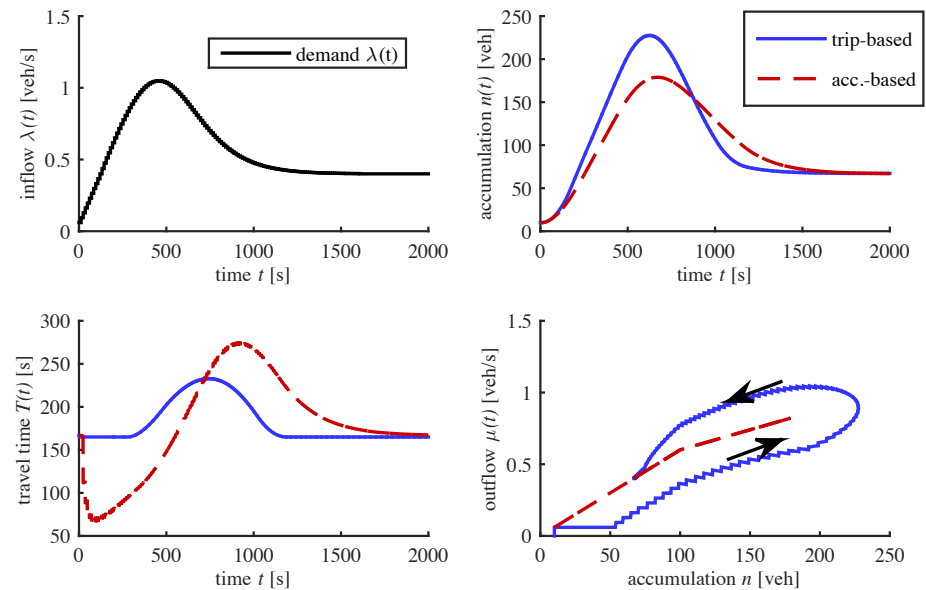
$T(N_{out}(t))$ : experimented travel time for vehicle  $N_{out}$  that exits at time  $t$

$$\Leftrightarrow Q_{out}(t) = \frac{Q_{in}(t - T(N_{out}(t))) V(n(t))}{V(n(t - T(N_{out}(t))))}$$

(Delay differential equation with endogenous delay)

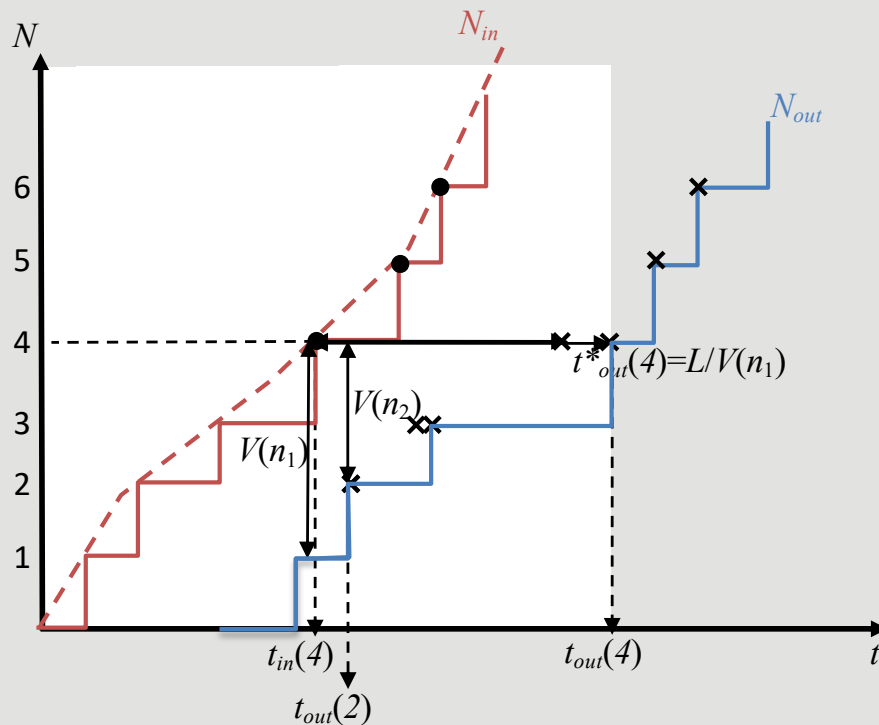
$$Q_{out}(t) = Q_{in}(t) + n'(t) \quad (\text{Accumulation-based MNFD model})$$

Model solutions





# Trip-based model (2)



An event-based numerical scheme

## Advantages

- Direct access to entry and exit times for all individual vehicles
- Efficient numerical scheme as only the next vehicle to exit should be updated in practice at each event
- Straightforward extension to account for heterogeneous travel distances

# Multimodal extensions

- Accumulation-based version

$$\frac{dn_i(t)}{dt} = q_{in,i}(t) - q_{out,i}(t) \text{ with } q_{out,i}(t) = \frac{n_i P(n_i \dots)}{n L_i}$$

- Trip-based version

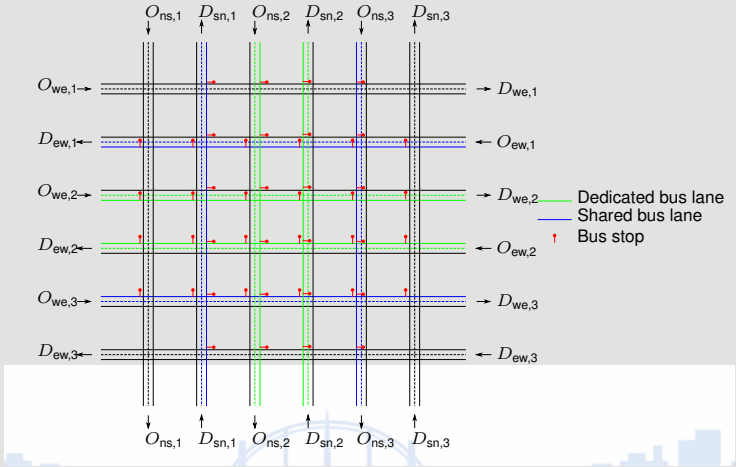
$$L_{c,r} = \int_{t-\tau_{c,r}(t)}^t v_{c,r}(n_{c,r}(s), n_{p,r}(s)) ds,$$

- Accumulation-based version with delay

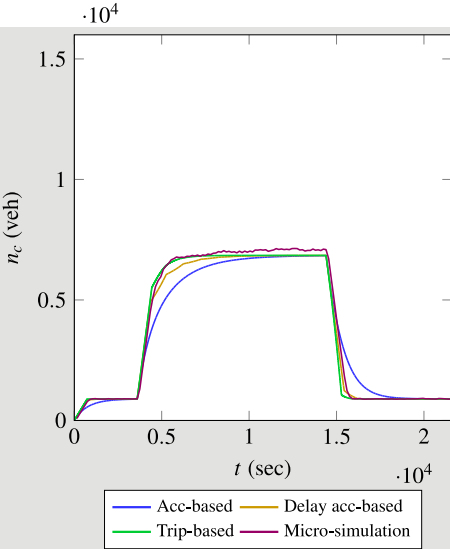
$$\int_{-\infty}^t q_{m,in}(s) ds = \int_{-\infty}^{t+\tau_m(t)} q_{m,out}(s) ds. \quad q_{m,out}(t + \tau_m(t)) = \frac{q_{m,in}(t)}{1 + \frac{d\tau_m(t)}{dt}}.$$

It requires stabilization when inflow decreases

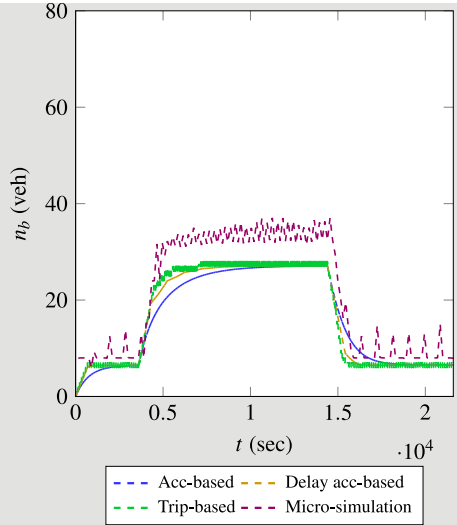
# Comparison of multimodal MFD extensions



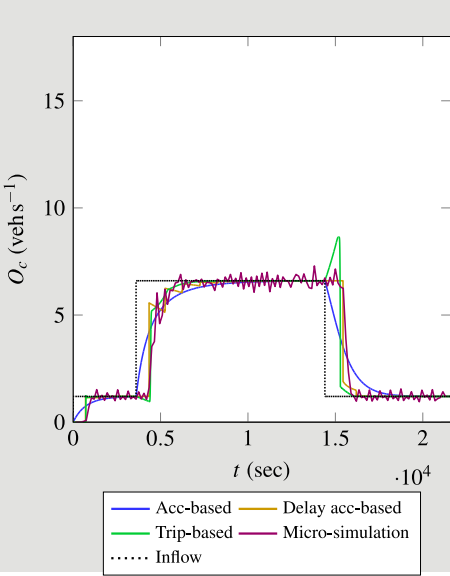
Single 3D MFD



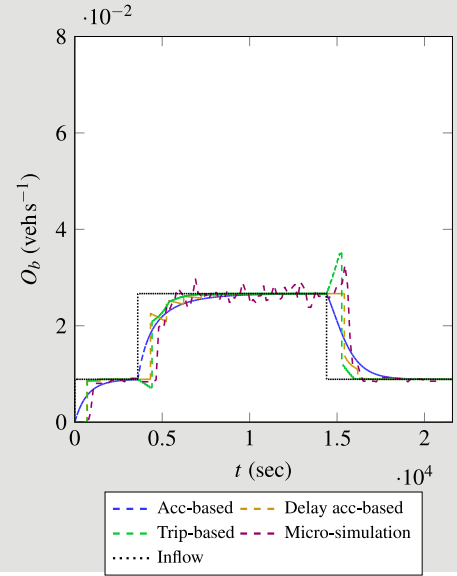
(a) Accumulation vs. time for cars.



(b) Accumulation vs. time for buses.



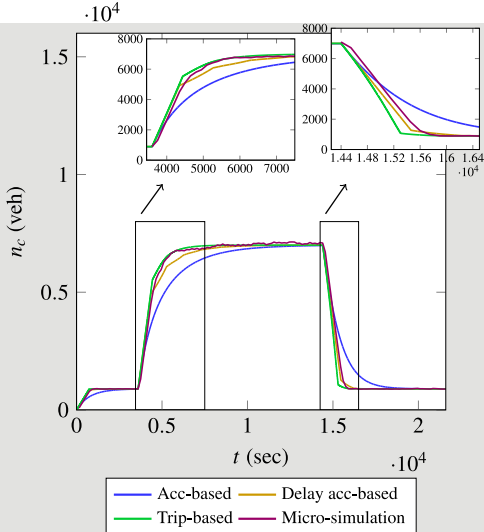
(c) Outflow vs. time for cars.



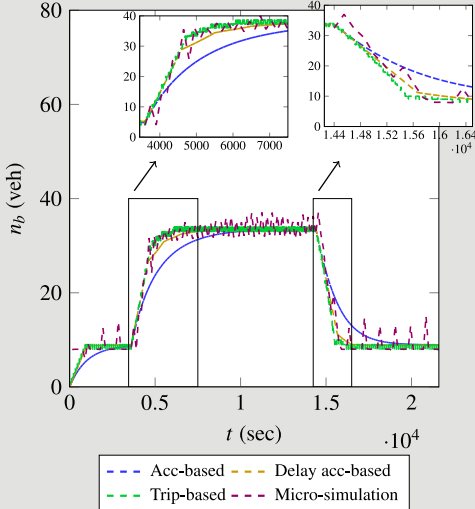
(d) Outflow vs. time for buses.

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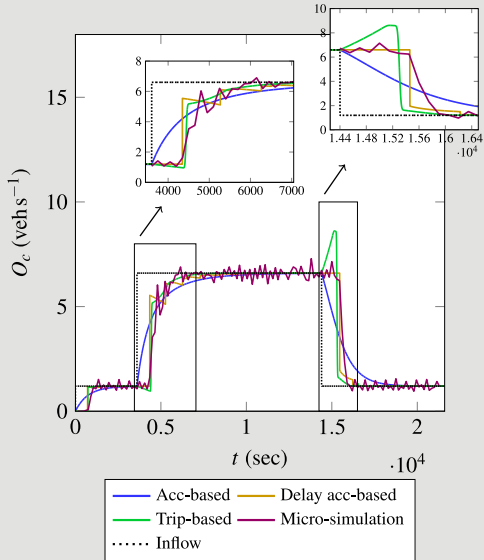
## Segragated 3D MFD



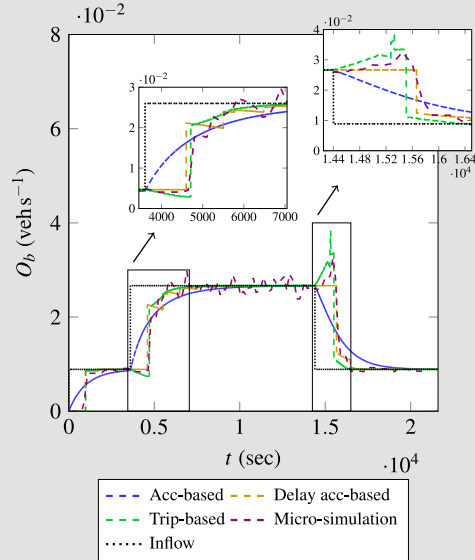
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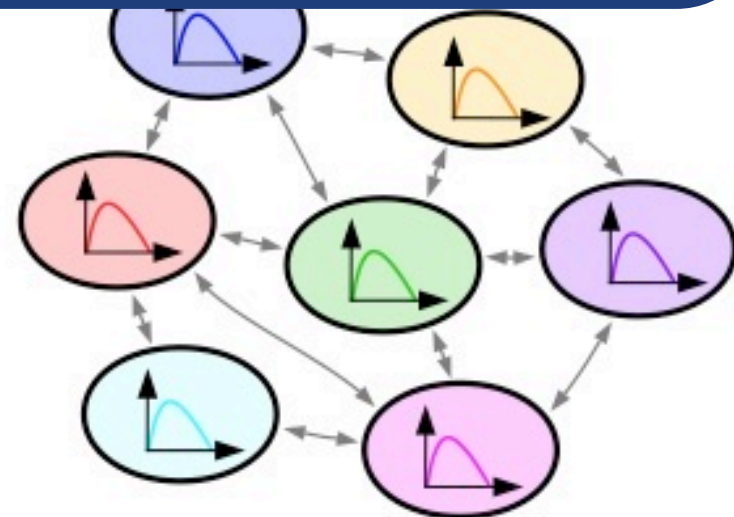


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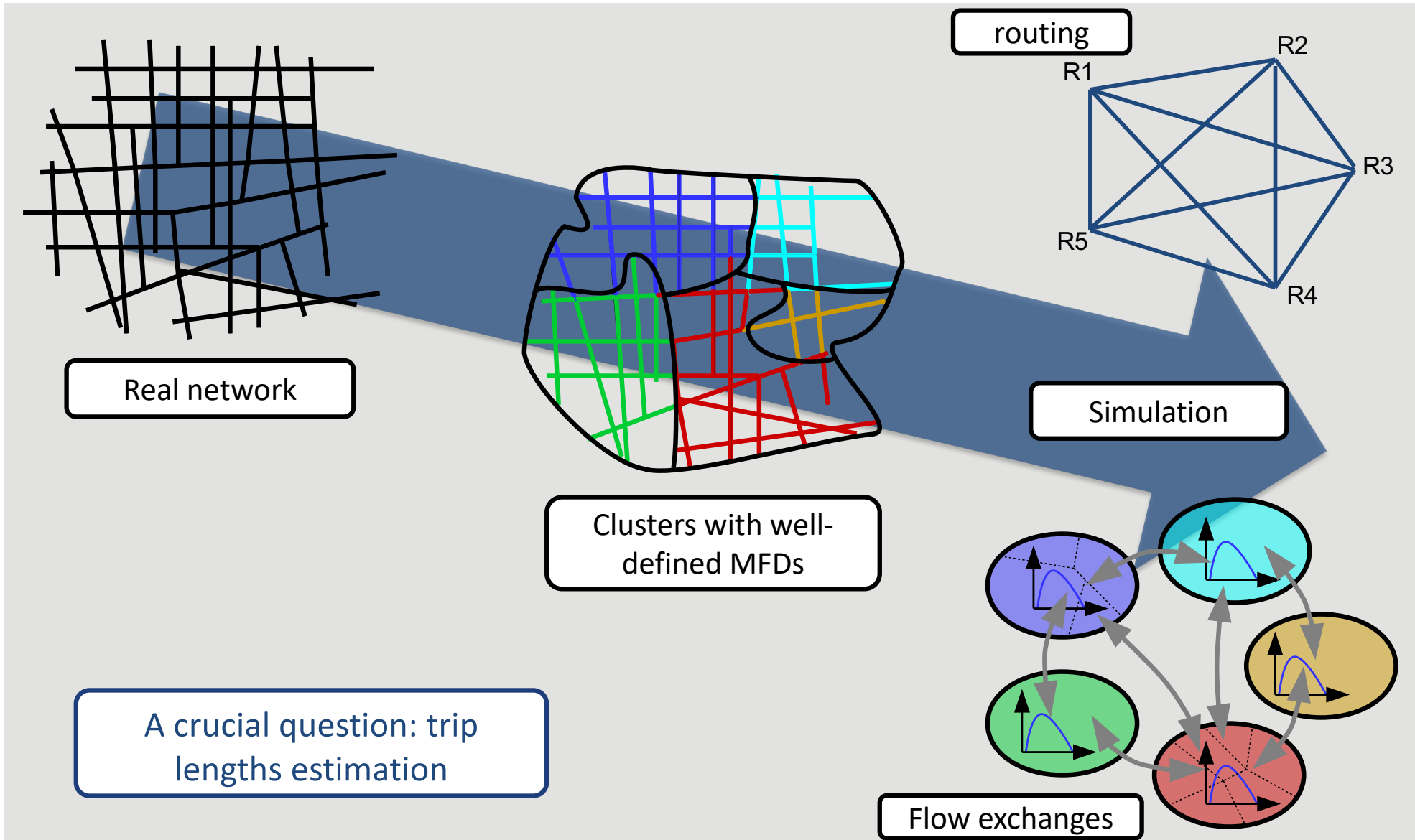
# Multi-reservoir systems and traffic assignment

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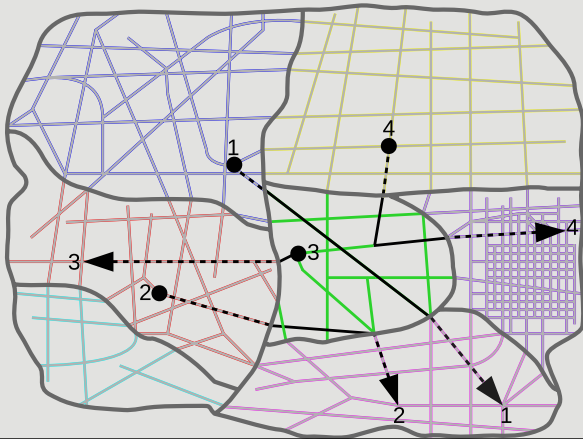


# Multi-reservoir systems

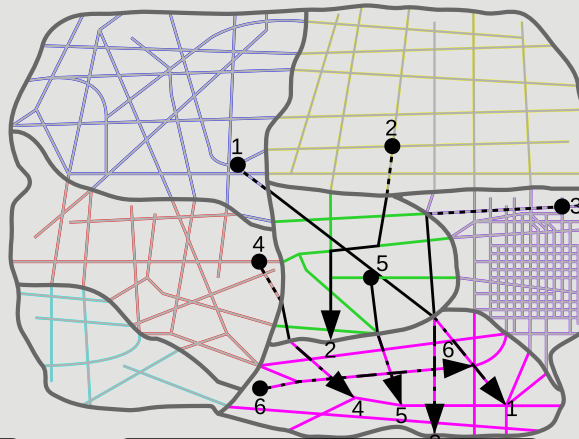


# Estimation of the trip lengths

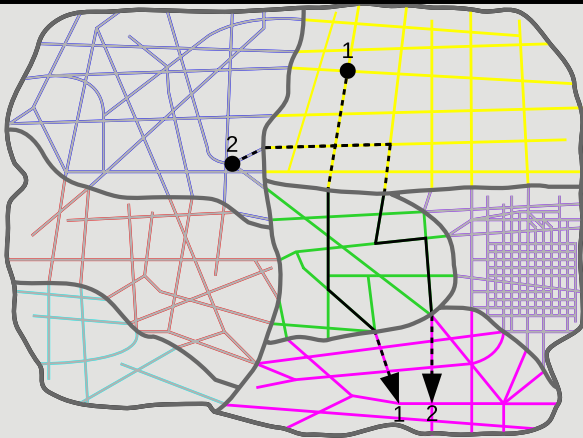
Current reservoir (M1)



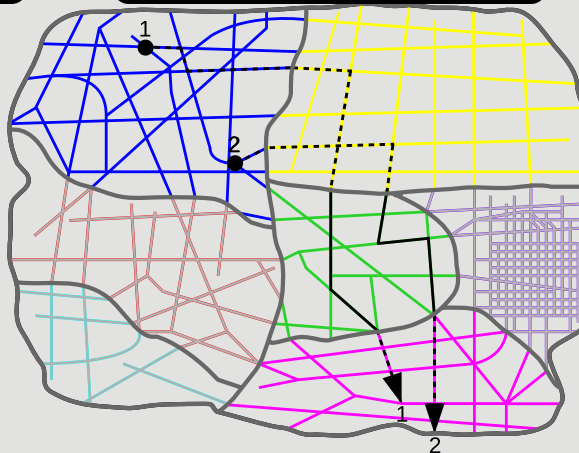
Current and next reservoirs (M2)



Current, previous and next reservoirs (M3)

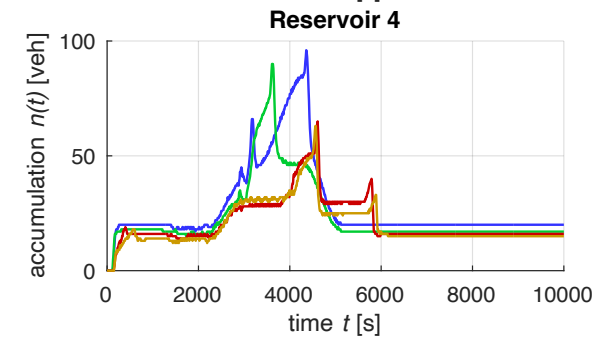
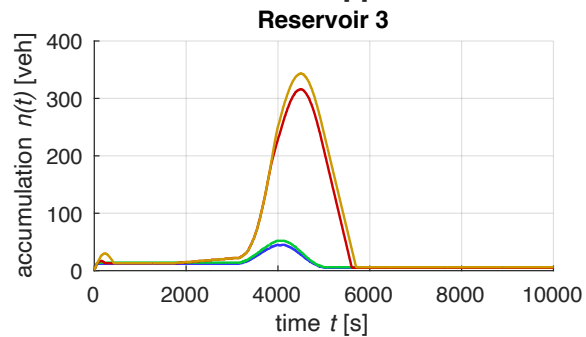
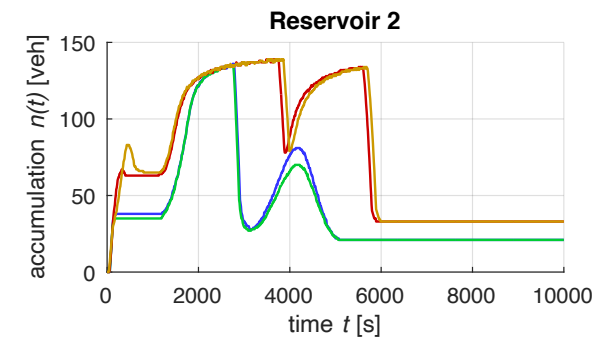
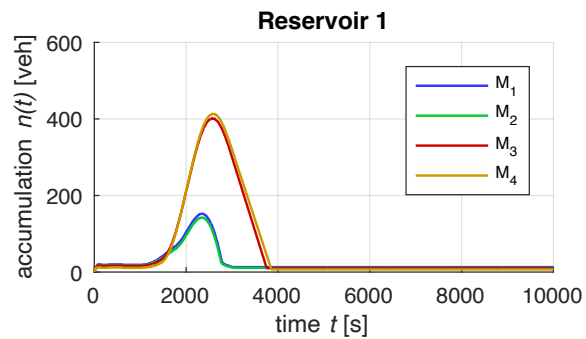
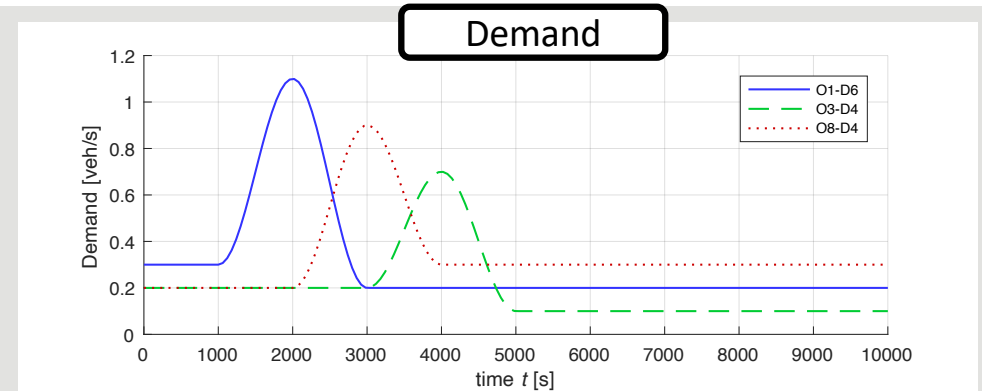


Macro-routes (M4)



4 methods based on a single local od trip sampling (10000) and then aggregation

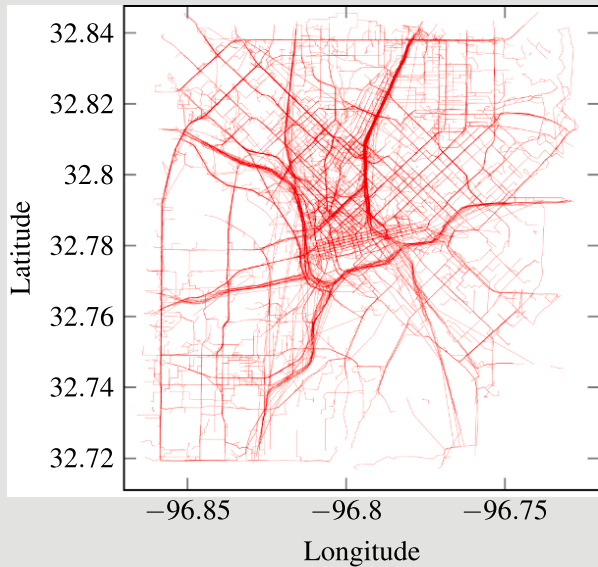
# Impacts on the simulation results



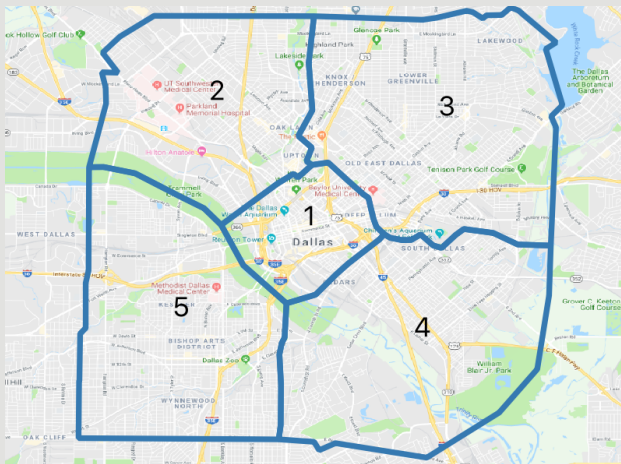
Time-evolution of the accumulation



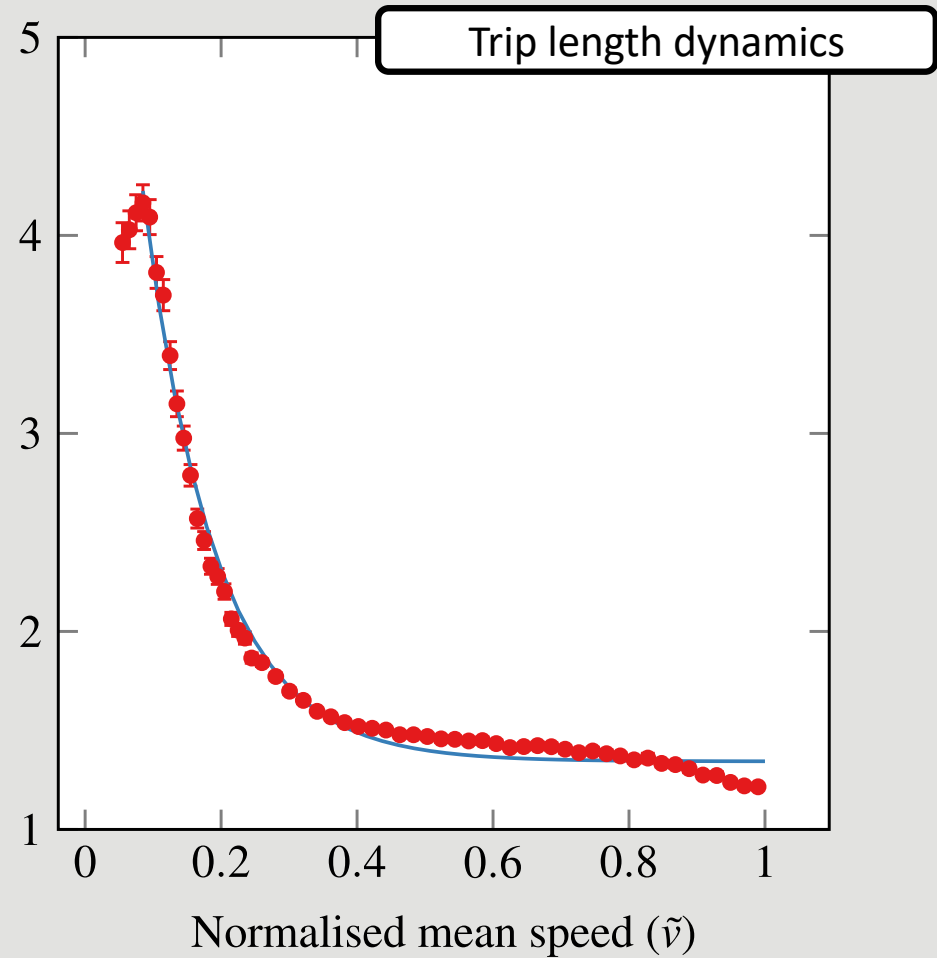
# Trip lengths estimation - cellphone data



LBS data over Dallas city (US)  
– 6 months



Detour ratio ( $d_R$ )



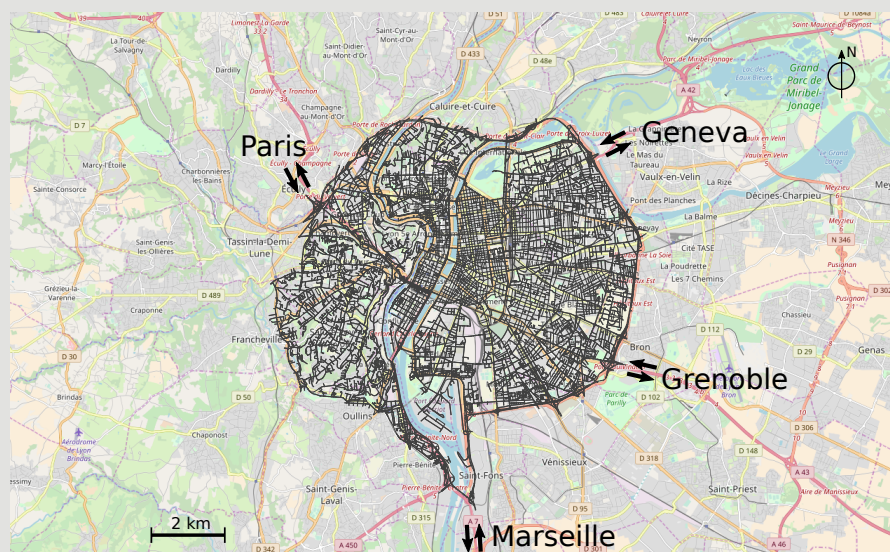
Paipuri, M., Xu, Y., Gonzalez, M.C., Leclercq, L., 2020. Estimating MFDs, Trip Lengths and Path Flow Distributions in a Multi-region Setting Using Mobile Phone Data.

# Application to the Lyon Metropolis

Mariotte, G., Leclercq, L., Batista, S.F.A., Krug, J., Paipuri, M., 2020. Calibration and validation of multi-reservoir MFD models: A case study in Lyon. *Transportation Research part B*.

MFDUrbaSim (A python open-source MFD simulator): <https://github.com/licit-lab/MFDUrbanSim>

# MFD simulation for Lyon metropolis



Single reservoir

5-reservoirs

10-reservoirs

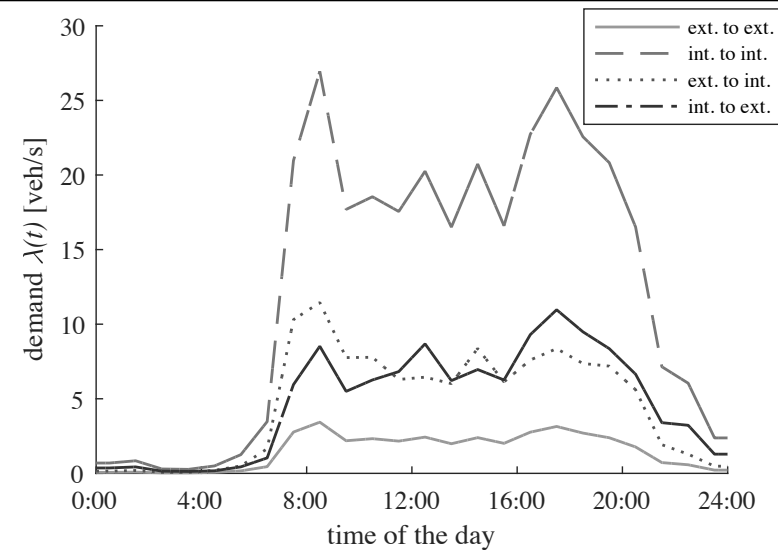


# Demand estimation

Demographical partitioning of Lyon (IRIS zones)



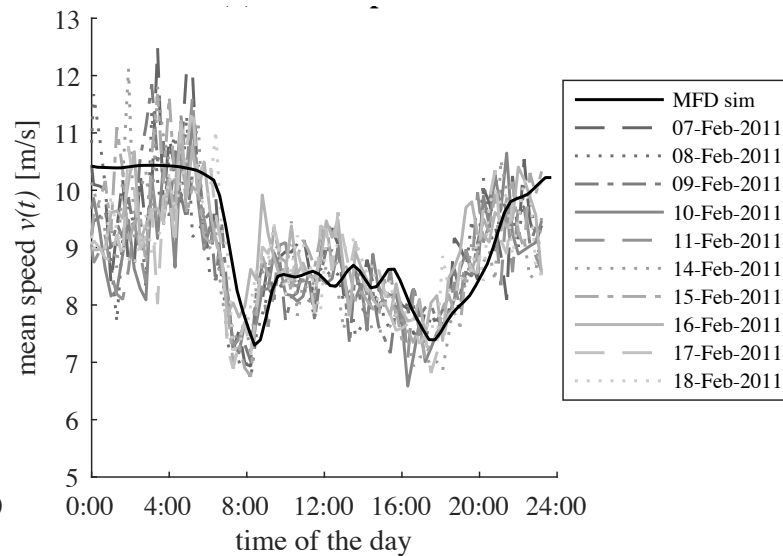
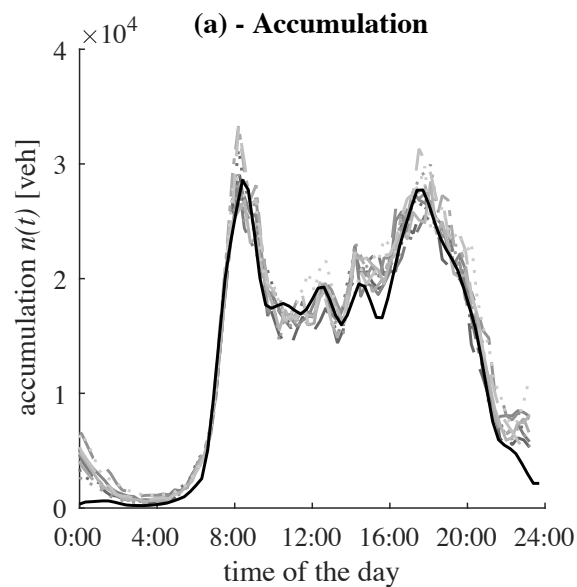
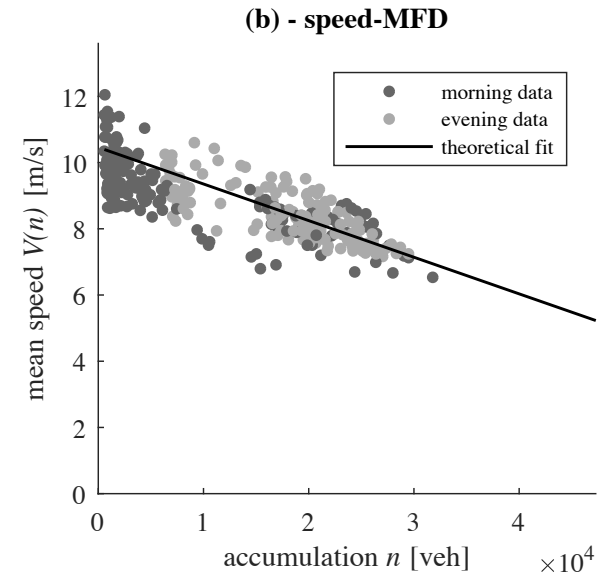
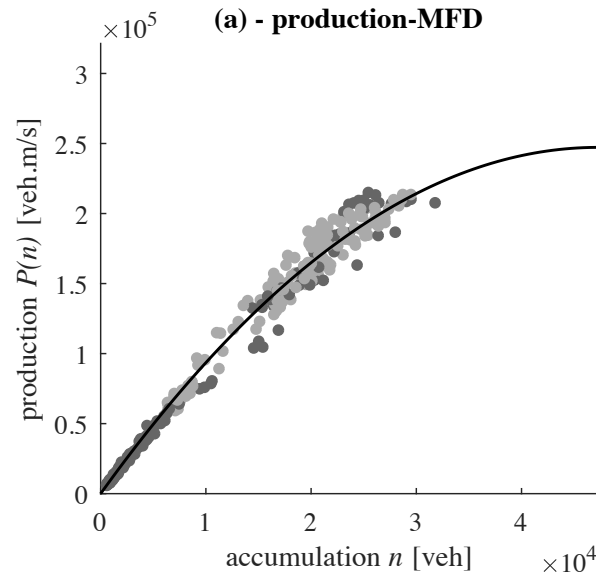
Smooth demand evolution for the whole city



The OD matrix at the level of IRIS zones comes from Lyon authorities (Household survey 2015)

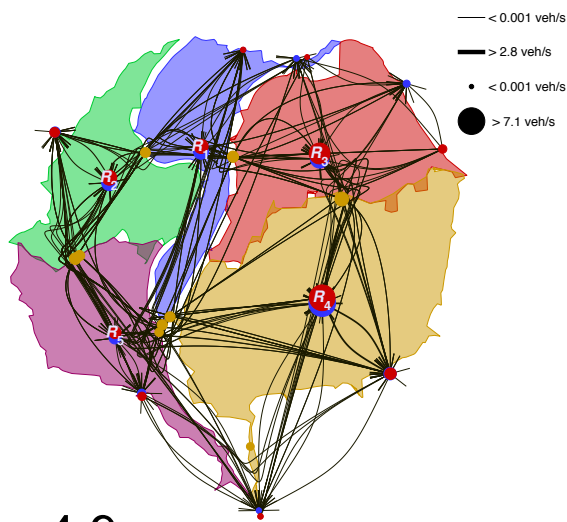
# The 1-reservoir case

MFD calibration



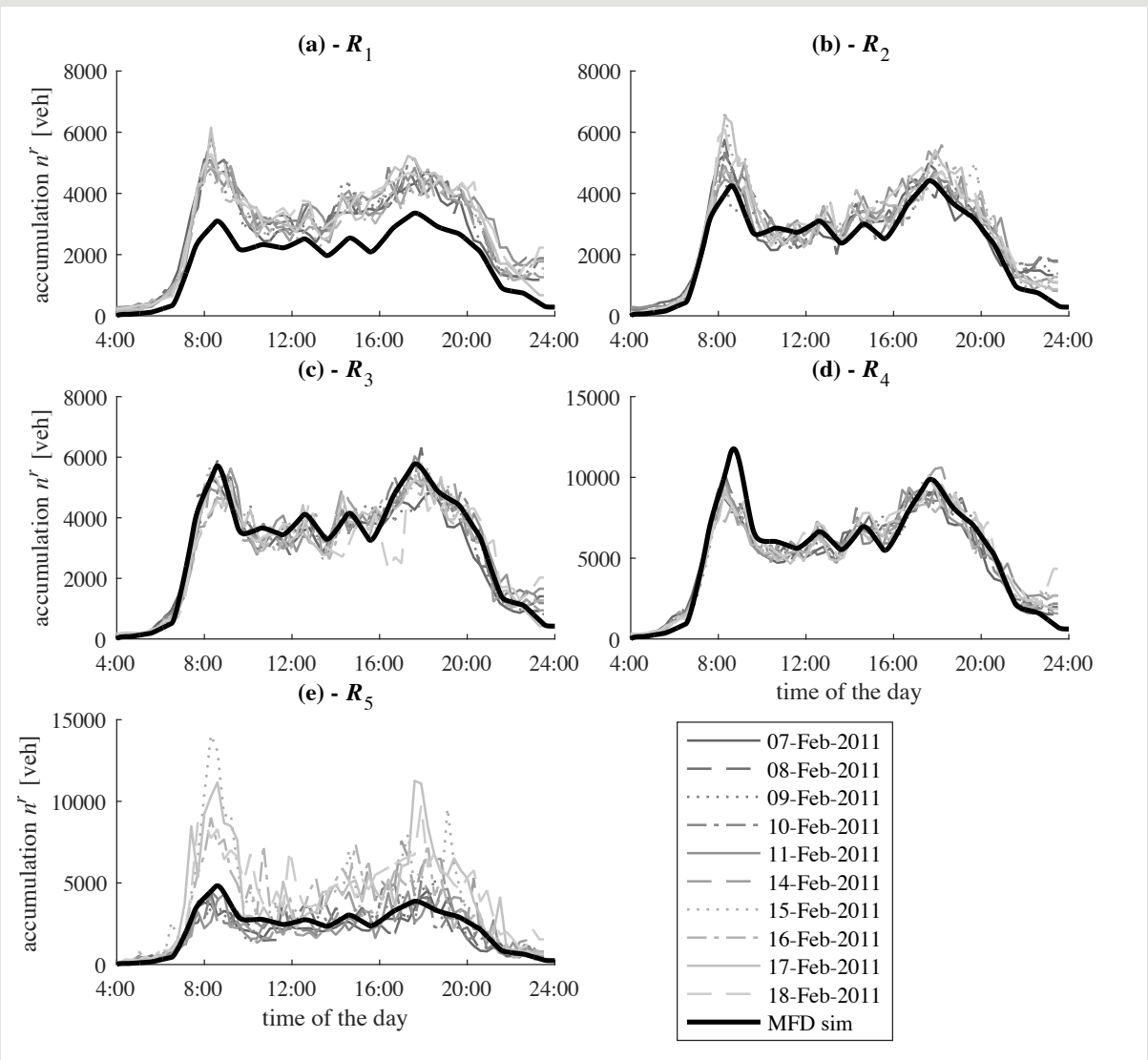
Simulation results

# The 5-reservoir case – user equilibrium

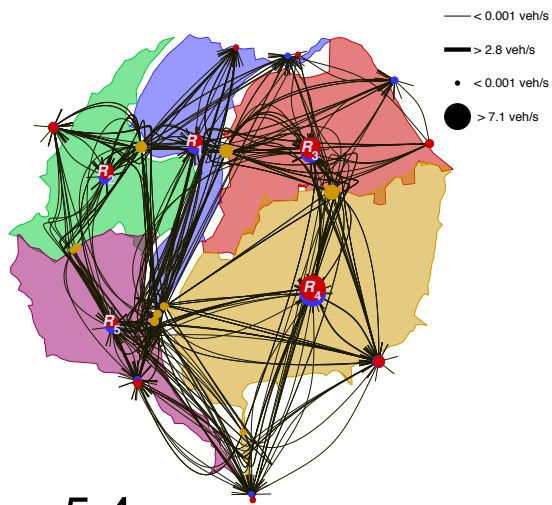


Gap = 4.9

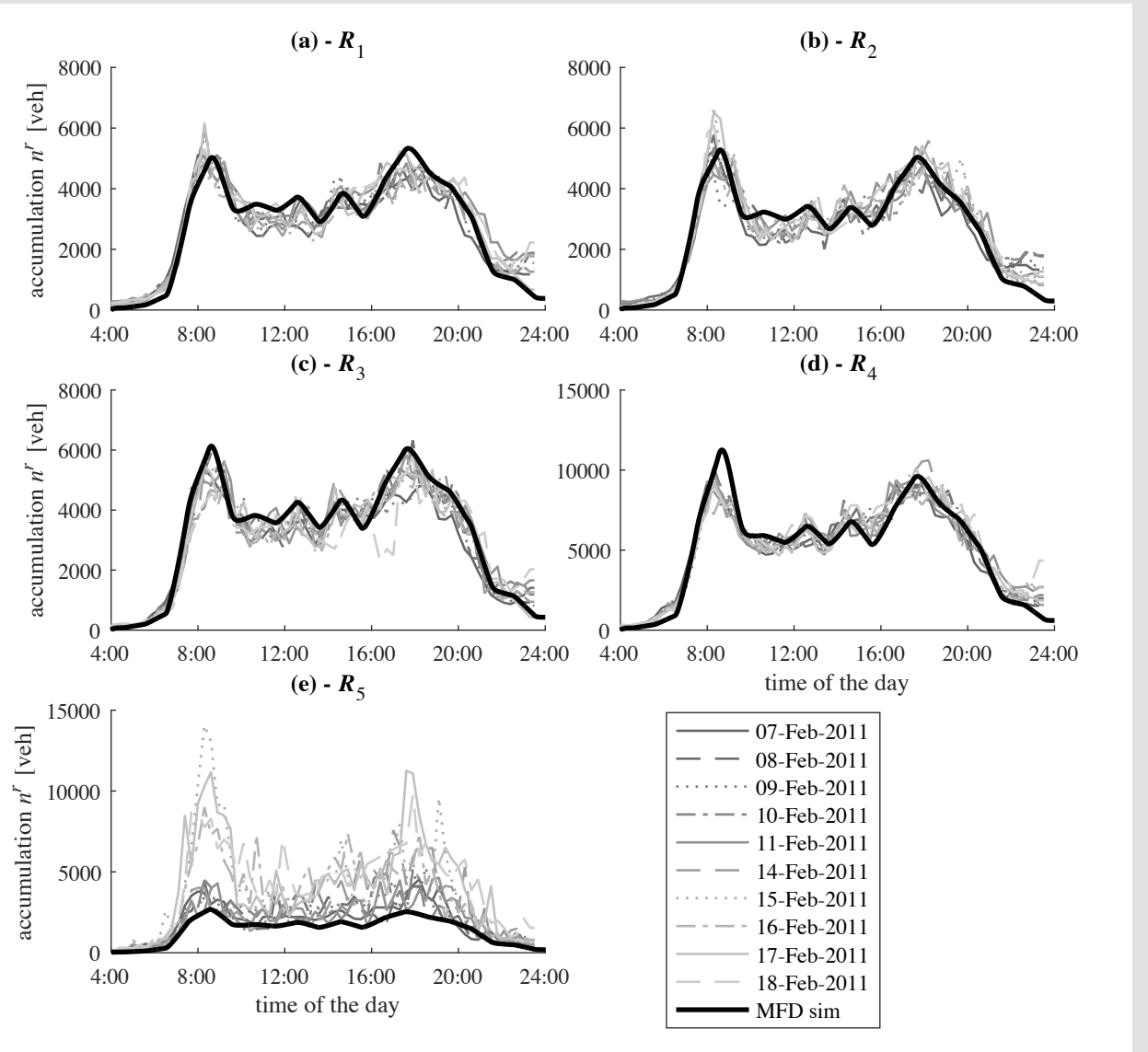
3 % of OD with a  $\text{Gap}^{od} > 0.2$



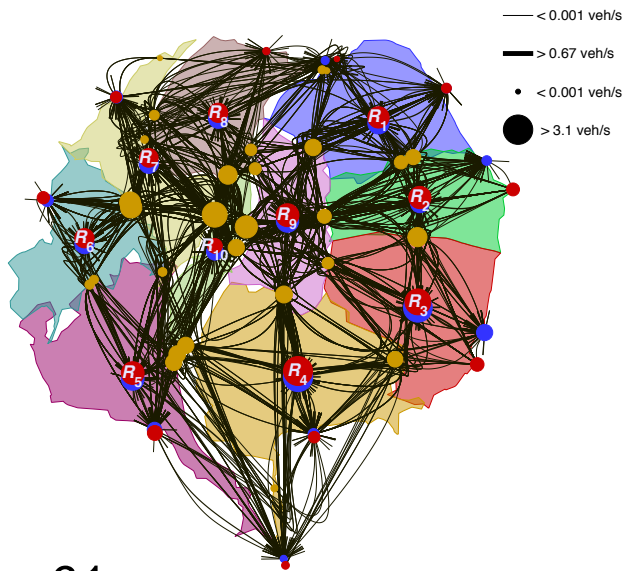
# The 5-reservoir case – best fit



Gap = 5.4  
 7 % of OD with a  $\text{Gap}^{od} > 0.2$

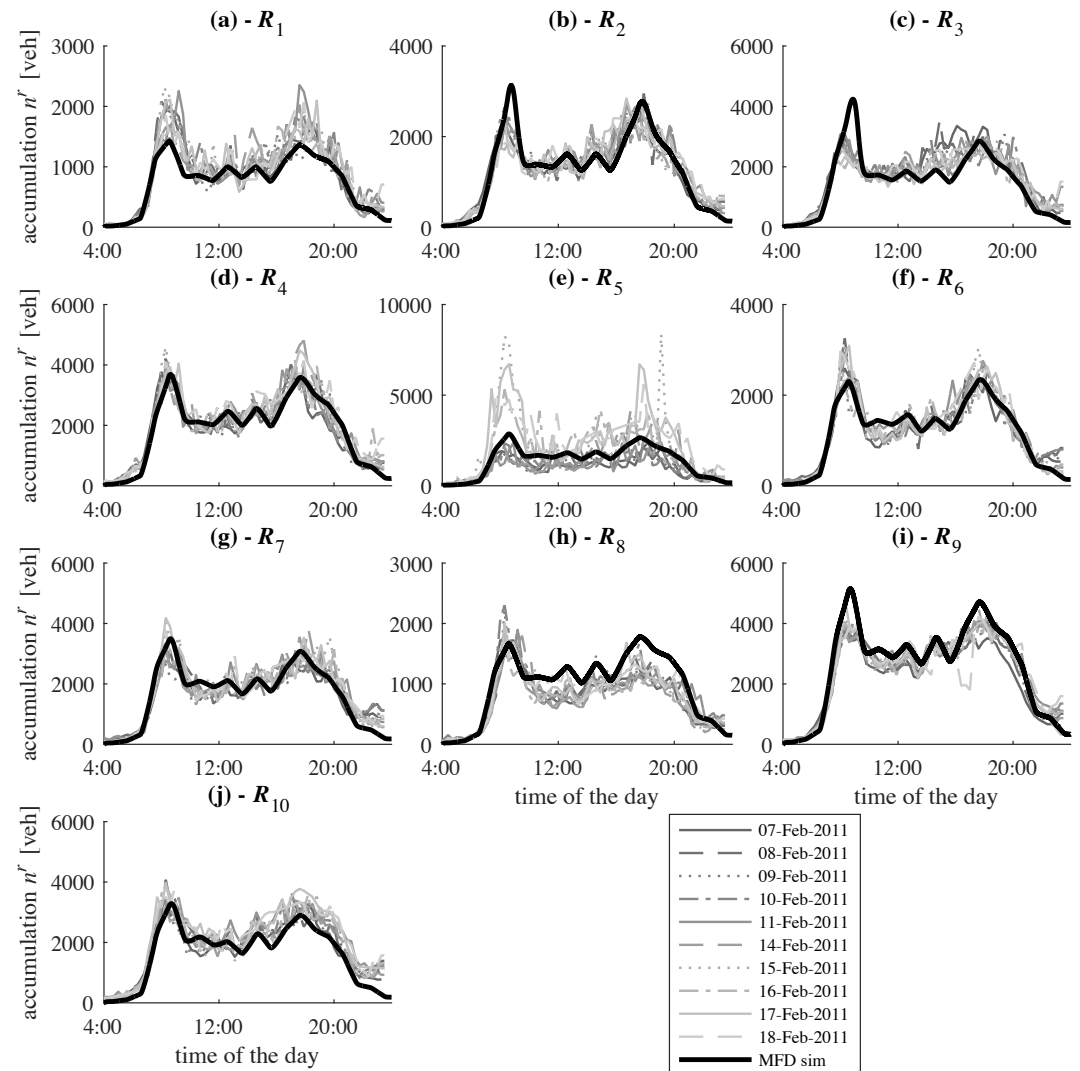


# The 10-reservoir case – best fit



Gap = 61

31 % of OD with a  $\text{Gap}^{od} > 0.2$





# Assessing ride-sharing services

Alisoltani, N., Leclercq, L., Zargayouna, M., 2021. Can dynamic ride-sharing reduce traffic congestion? *Transportation Research part B*.

# Test Case – Northern Lyon

## Test cases

Lyon 6 + Villeurbanne

Scale of 25 km<sup>2</sup>

62450 requests

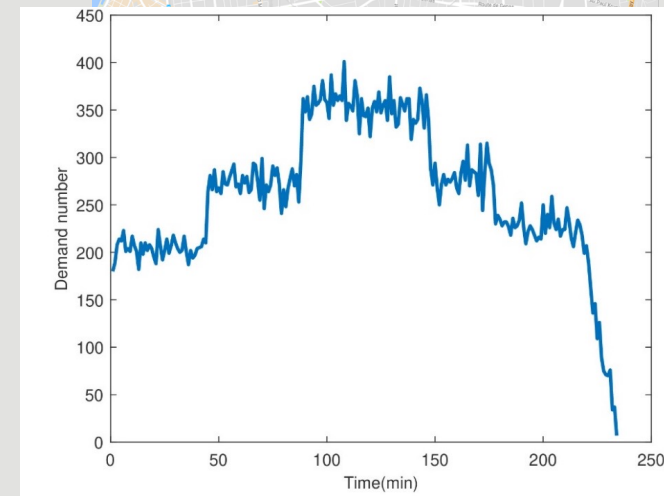
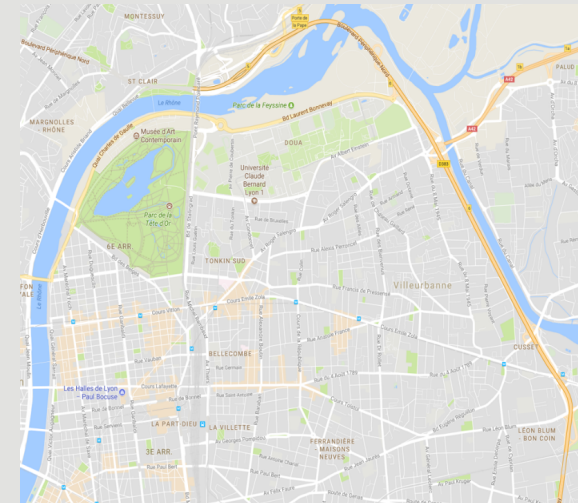
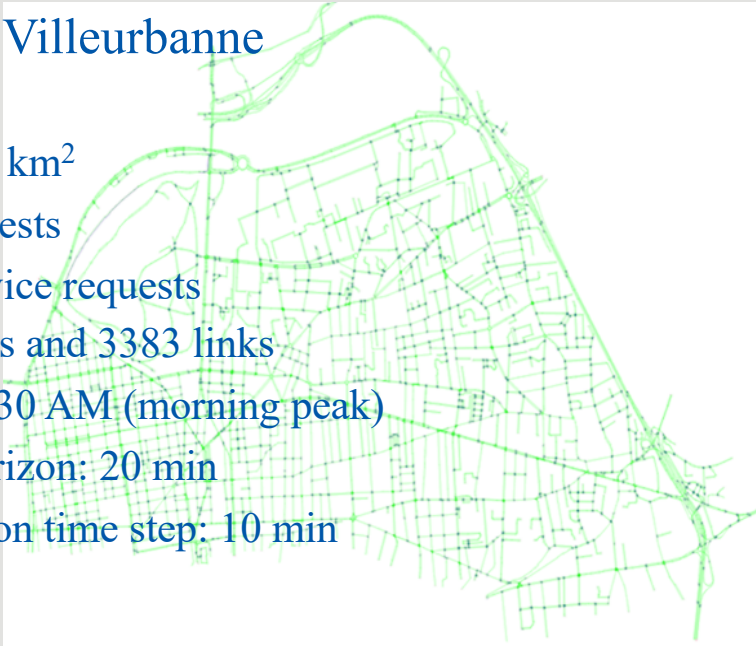
11235 Service requests

1,883 nodes and 3383 links

6:30 to 10:30 AM (morning peak)

Rolling horizon: 20 min

Optimization time step: 10 min



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# Test case – Full Lyon

## Test cases

### Lyon

Scale of 80 km<sup>2</sup>

484,690 requests

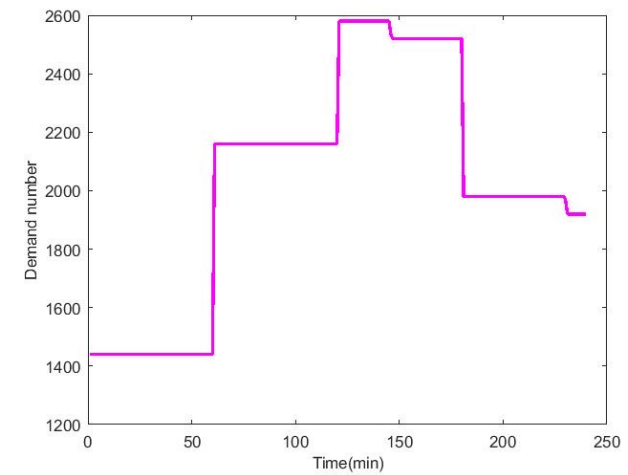
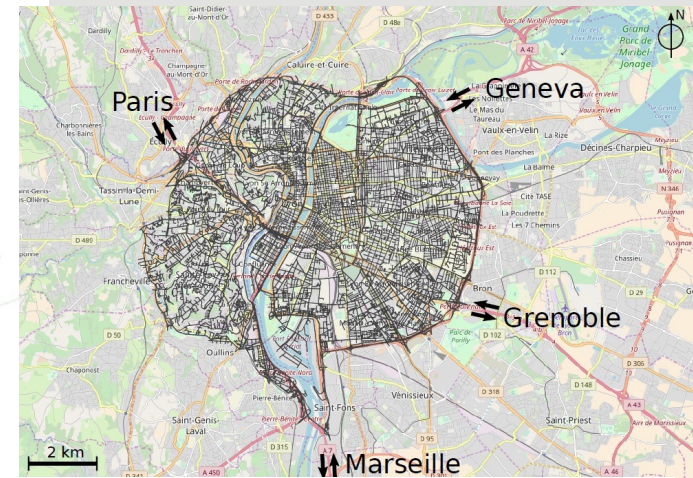
205,308 Service requests

11,314 origin/destination set points

6 to 10 AM (morning peak)

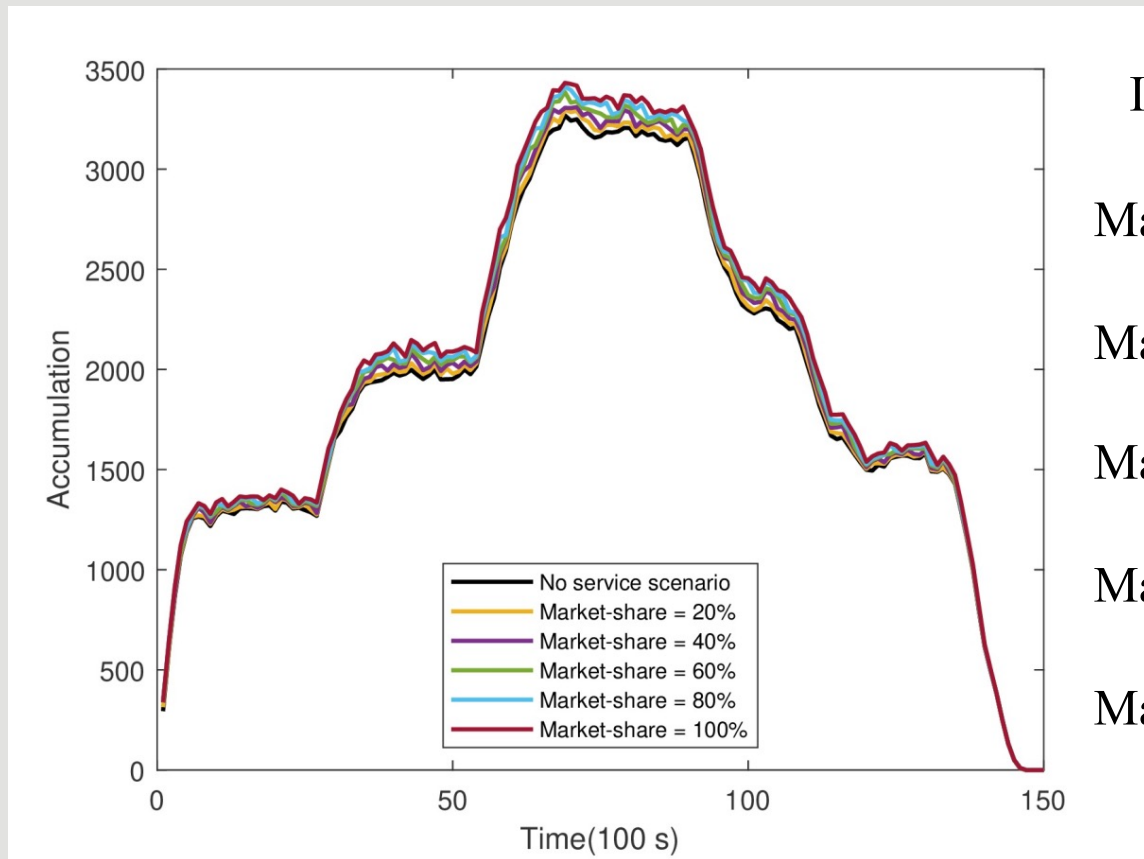
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# Traffic dynamics for different market share

Northern Lyon



Increase in travel time

Market-share 100%: 5.5%

Market-share 80%: 4.4%

Market-share 60%: 3.3%

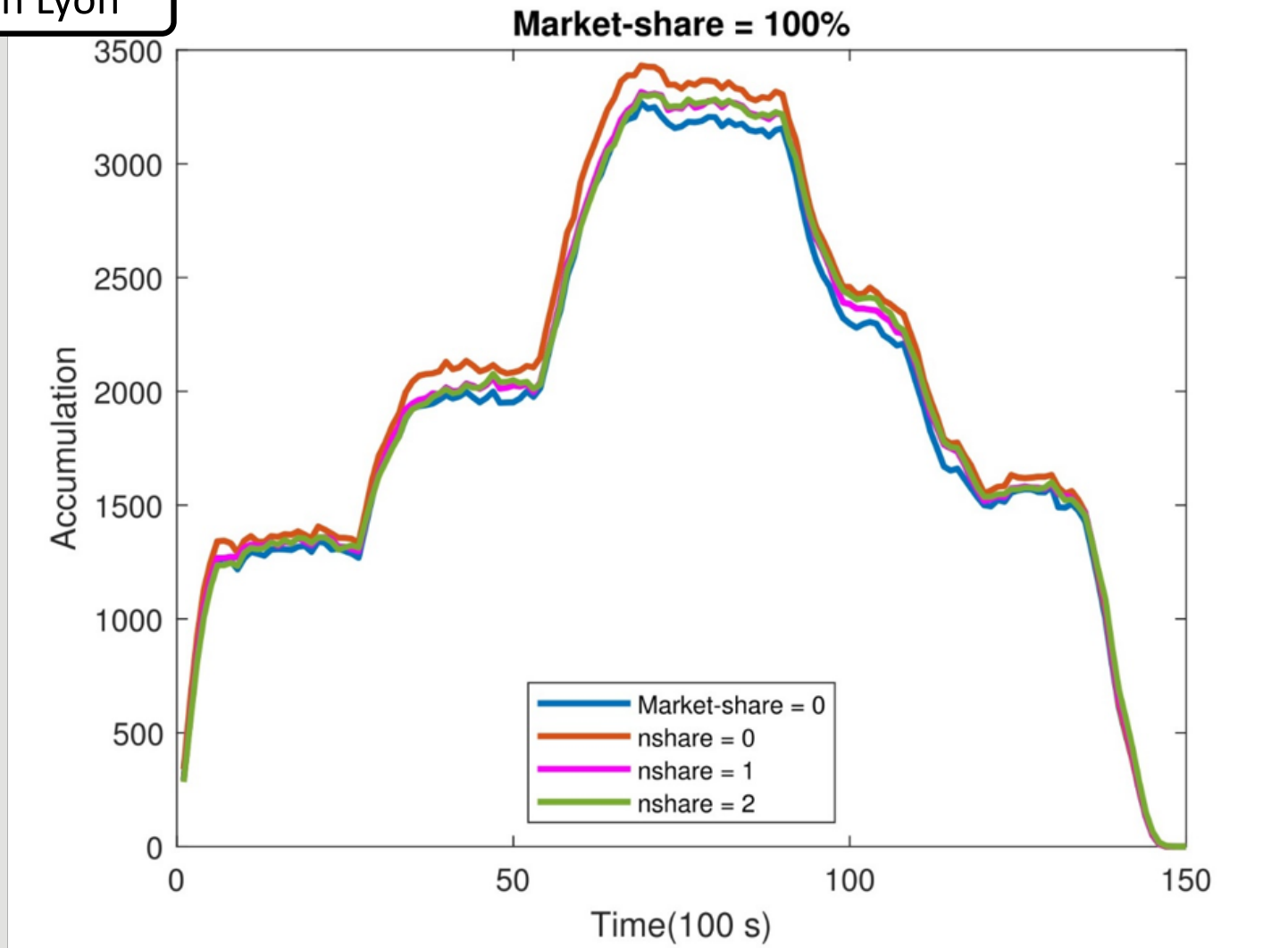
Market-share 40%: 2.3%

Market-share 20%: 1.1%

Traffic situation for the number of sharing 0 with different market-shares

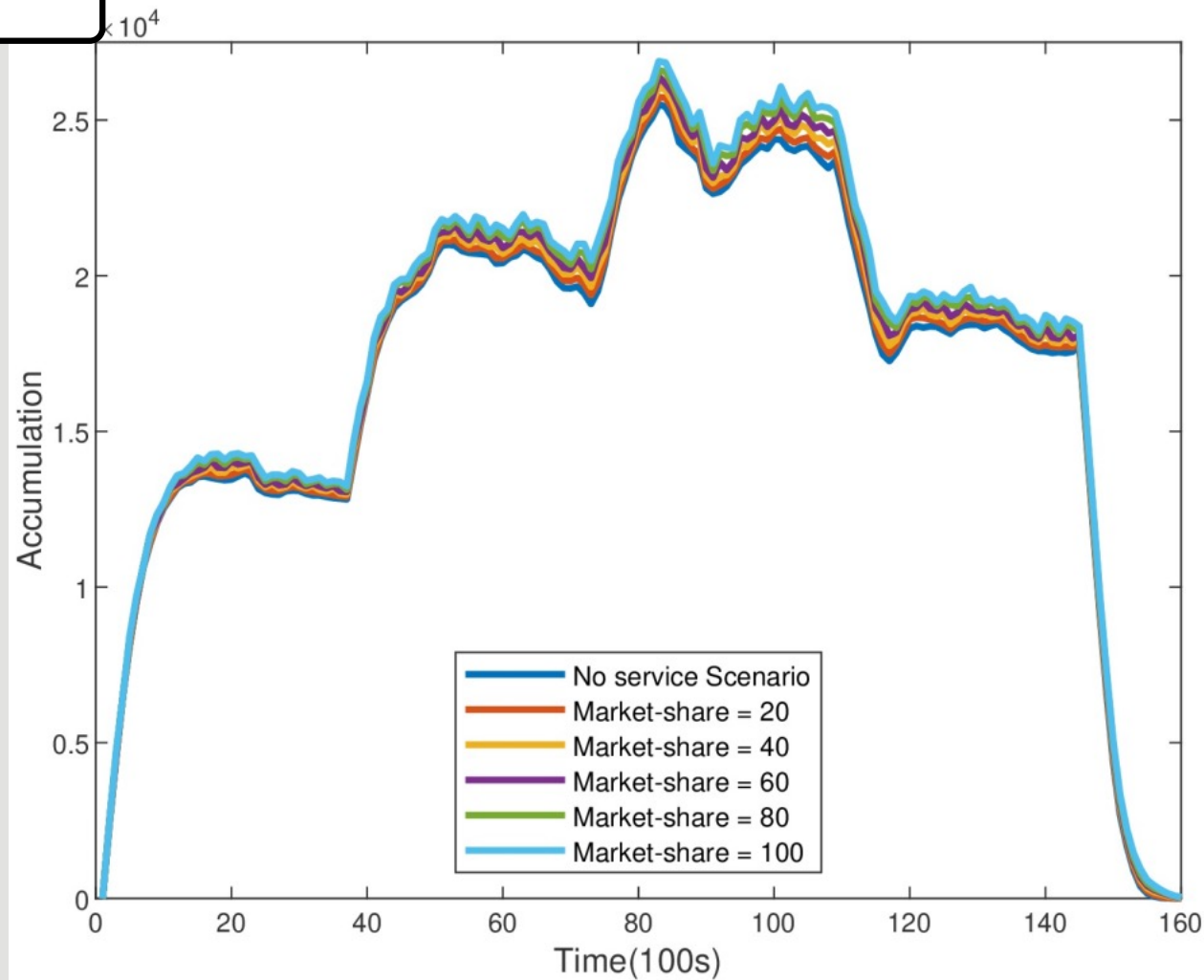
# Traffic dynamics for different sharing level

Northern Lyon



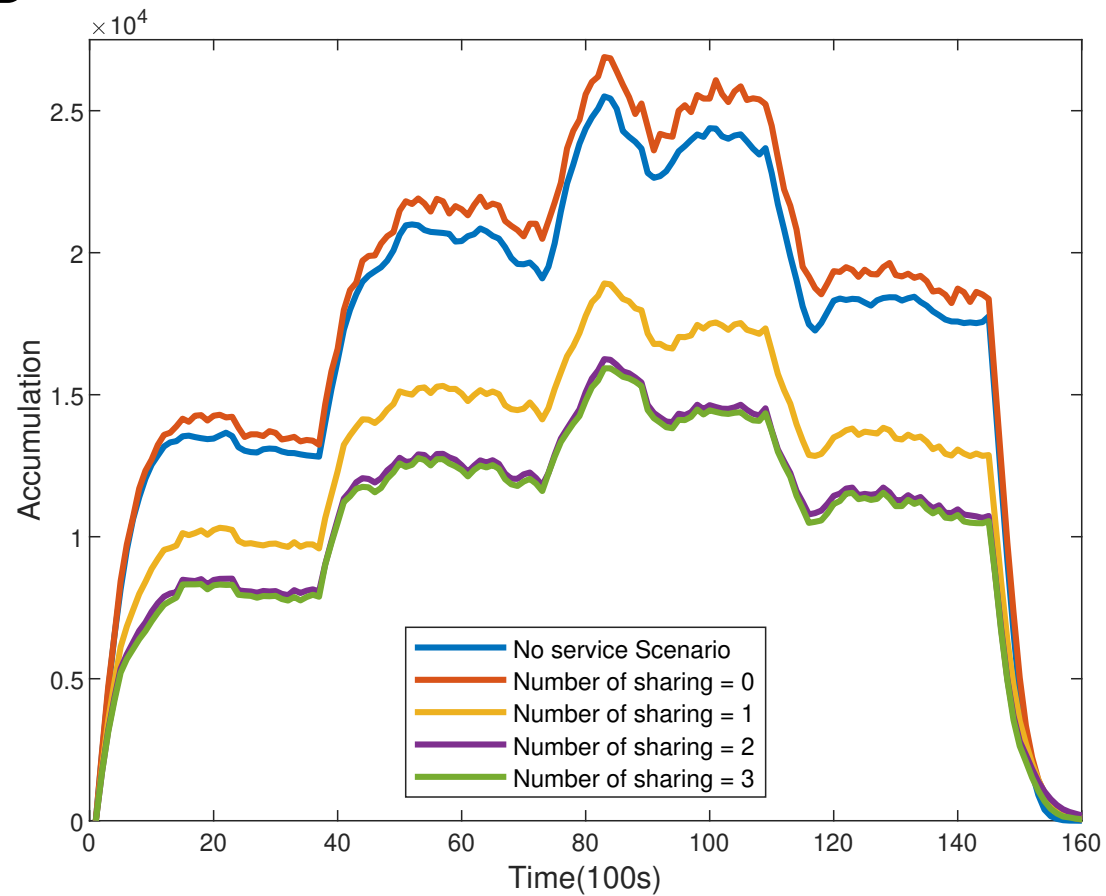
# Application to full Lyon Metropolis (1)

Full Lyon



# Application to full Lyon Metropolis (2)

Full Lyon



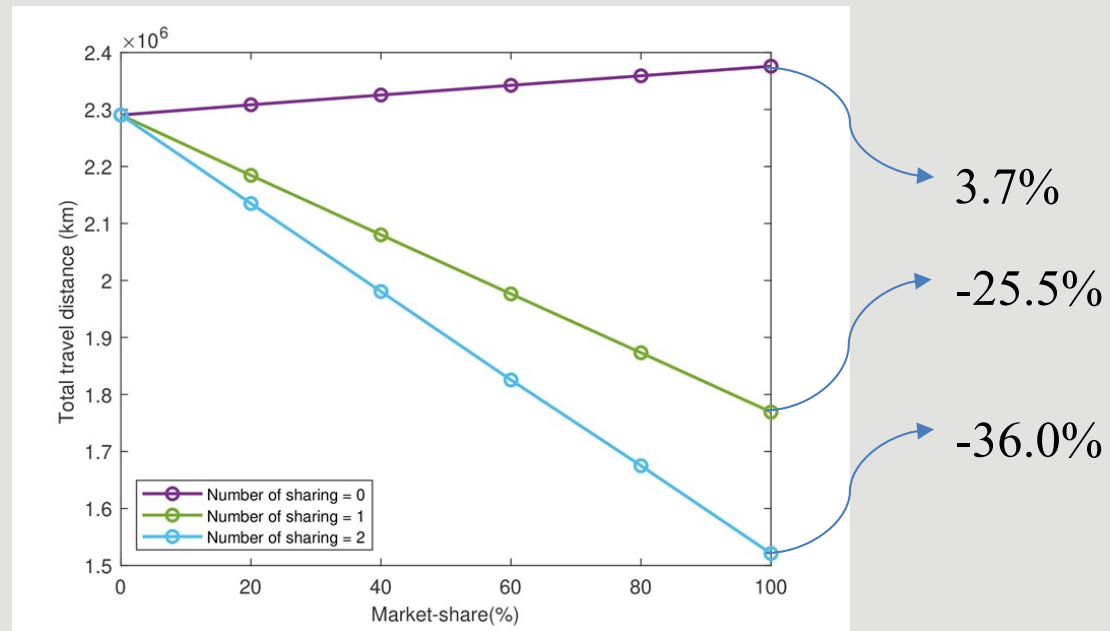
# Application to full Lyon Metropolis (3)

| Number of sharing | Number of trips | Number of cars |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 0                 | 205124          | 17102          |
| 1                 | 105745          | 9489           |
| 2                 | 72160           | 6826           |
| 3                 | 69790           | 6595           |



## Impact of dynamic ride-sharing on large-scale network

### Market-share



**Total travel distance for all the cars for the number of sharing 0, 1 and 2 with different market-shares**

## Impact of dynamic ride-sharing on large-scale network

### Capacity of vehicles

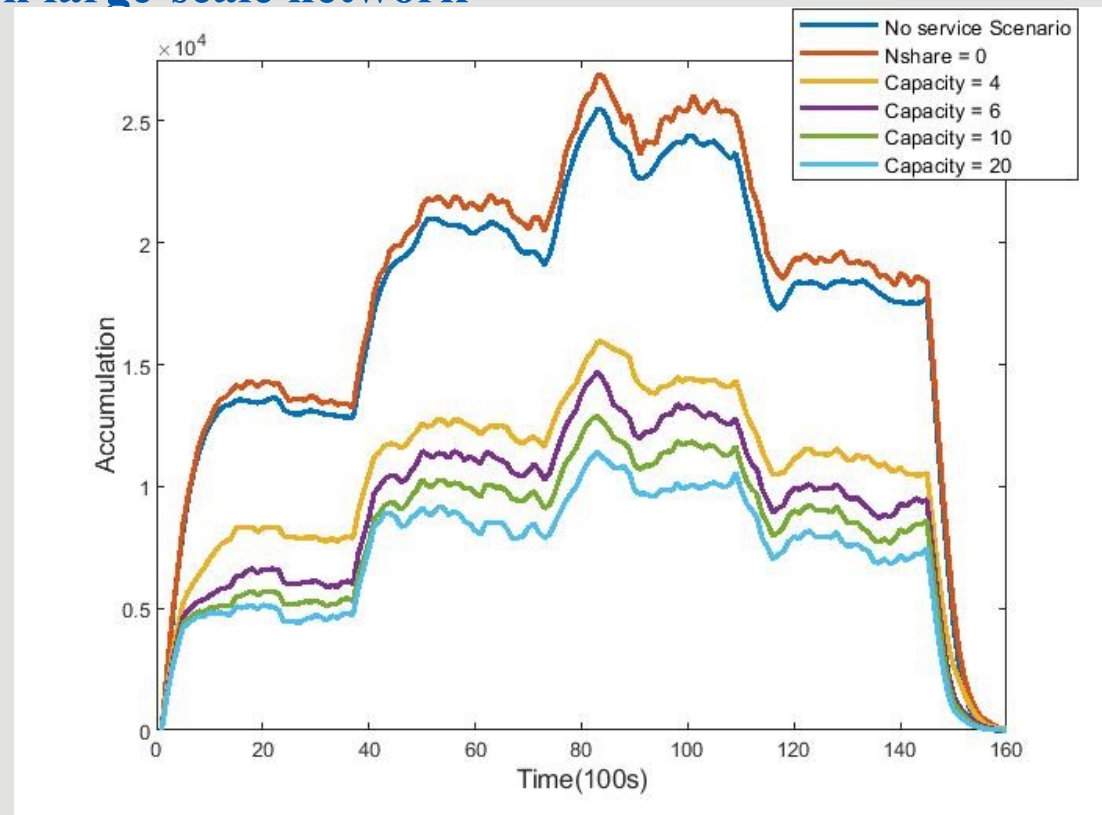
Regular vehicle: capacity = 4, nshare = 3

Big vehicle: capacity = 6, nshare = 5

Van-pooling: capacity = 10, nshare = 9

Shuttle-sharing: capacity = 20, nshare = 19

| Configuration | Shared vehicles |                |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
|               | Number of trips | Number of cars |
| MS: 100%      |                 |                |
| Capacity = 4  | 69790           | 6595           |
| Capacity = 6  | 63304           | 5714           |
| Capacity = 10 | 46448           | 4253           |
| Capacity = 20 | 30004           | 2785           |

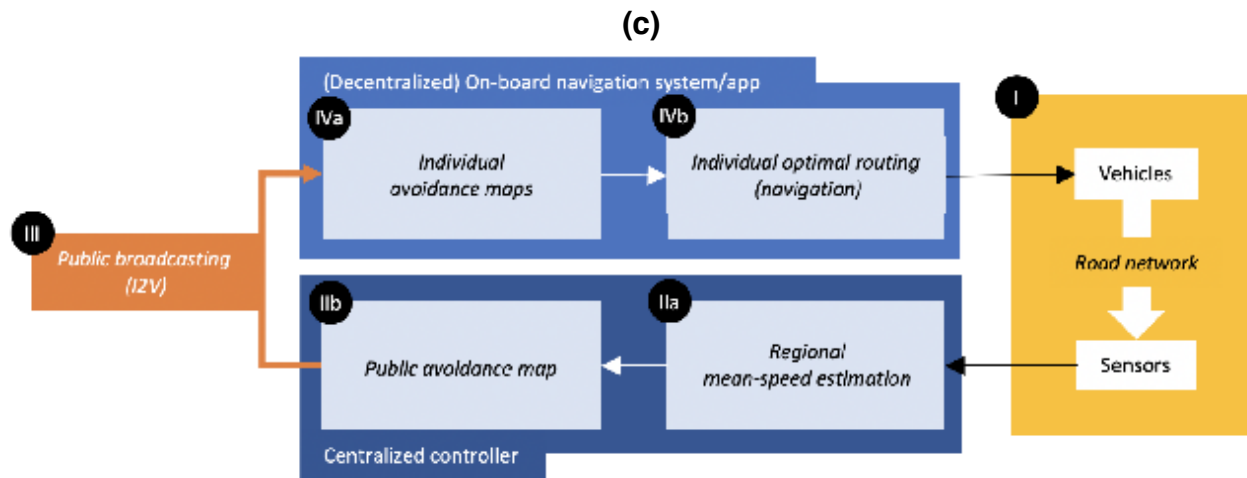
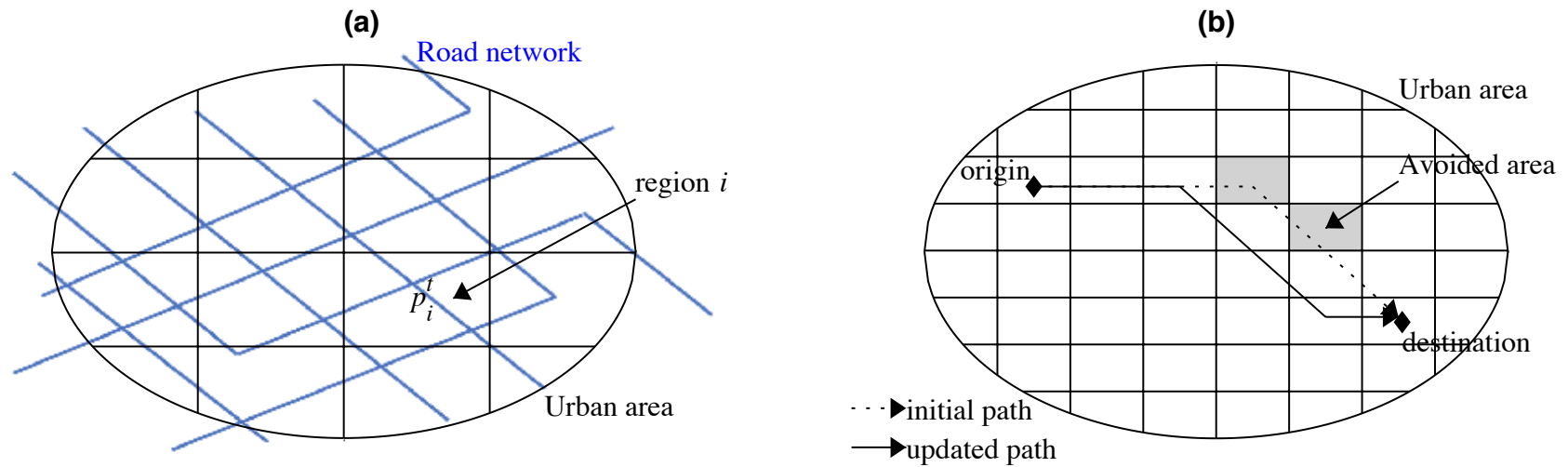


Traffic situation for different vehicle capacity (market-share = 100%)

# An optimal route guidance strategy based on avoidance maps

(Leclercq, L., Ladino, A., Becarie, C., 2021. Enforcing Optimal Routing Through Dynamic Avoidance Maps. *Transportation Research part B*, )

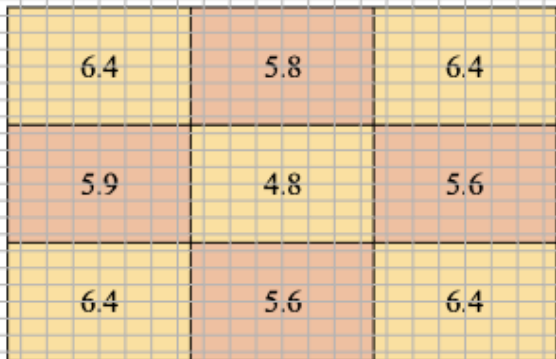
# Route guidance based on avoidance maps



Patent filing under review

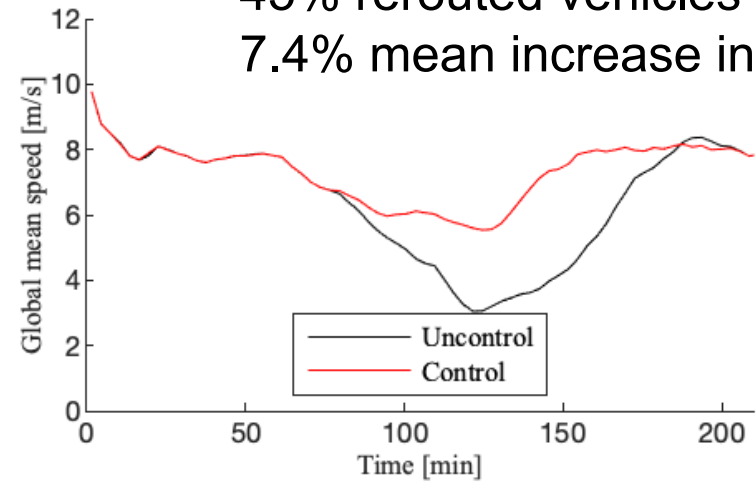
# Assessment on a toy network

Manhattan network

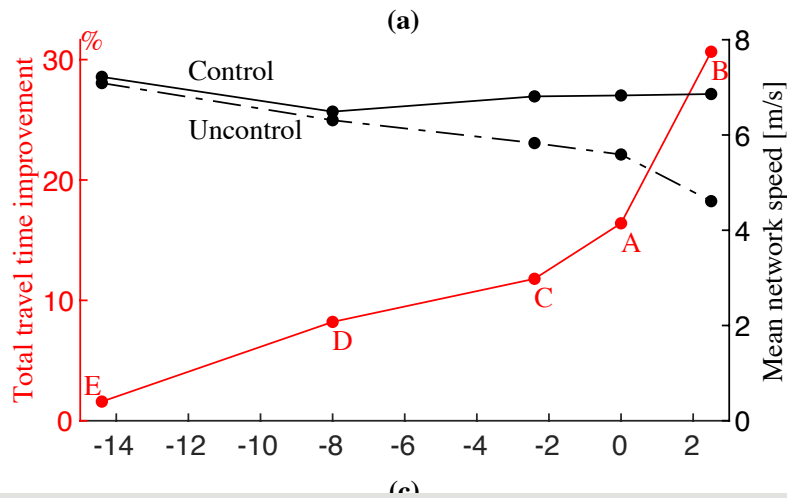


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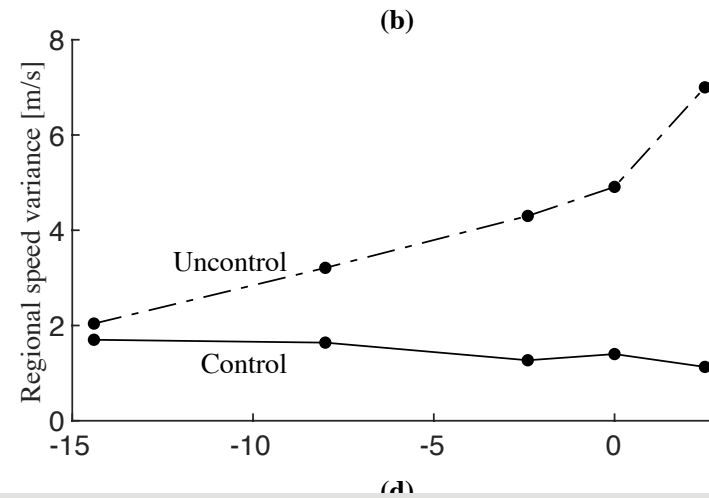
45% rerouted vehicles  
7.4% mean increase in distance



Control efficiency



(a)

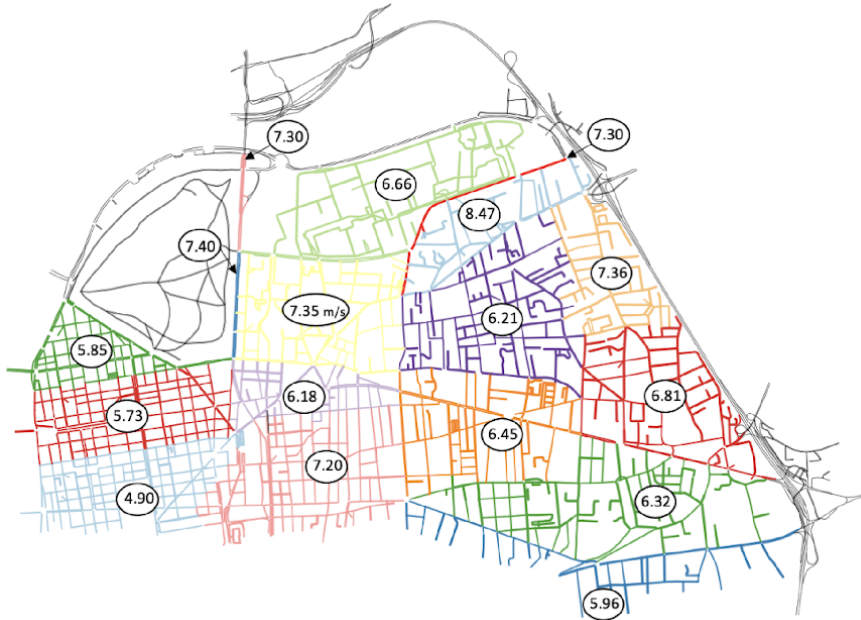


(b)

# Assessment on a real network

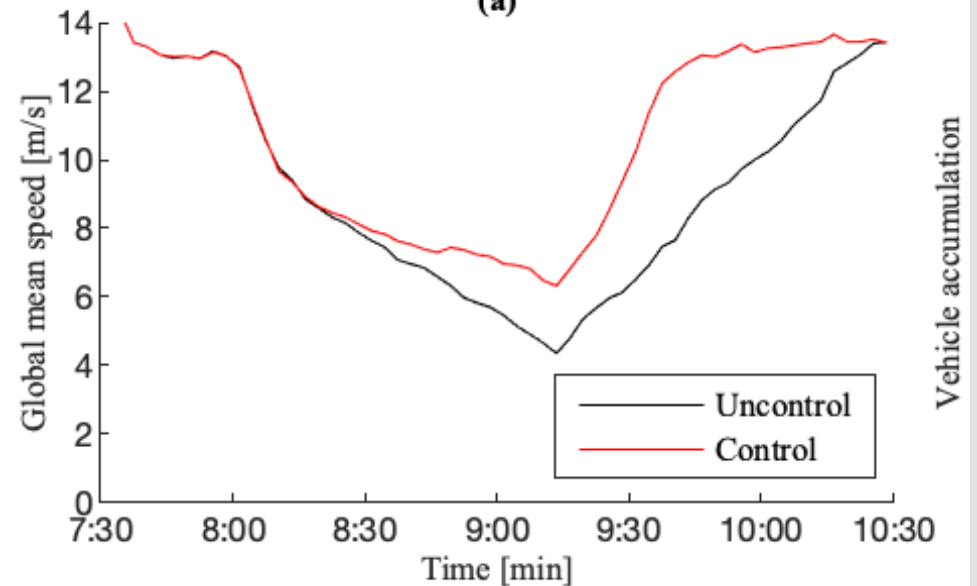
Northern Lyon network

(a)



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(prototype and first field tests)

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