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10:00 Niels Lindner
11:15 Daniel Rehfeldt
12:00 Daniel Roth
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17:45 Milena Petkovic

Design of Public Transit Systems
Periodic timetable optimization in public transport
Optimizing vehicle and crew schedules in public transport
Using airline planning software to plan ICU personnel
Computational Challenge Day 4

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Design of Public Transit Systems



Long Economic Waves & Basic Innovations



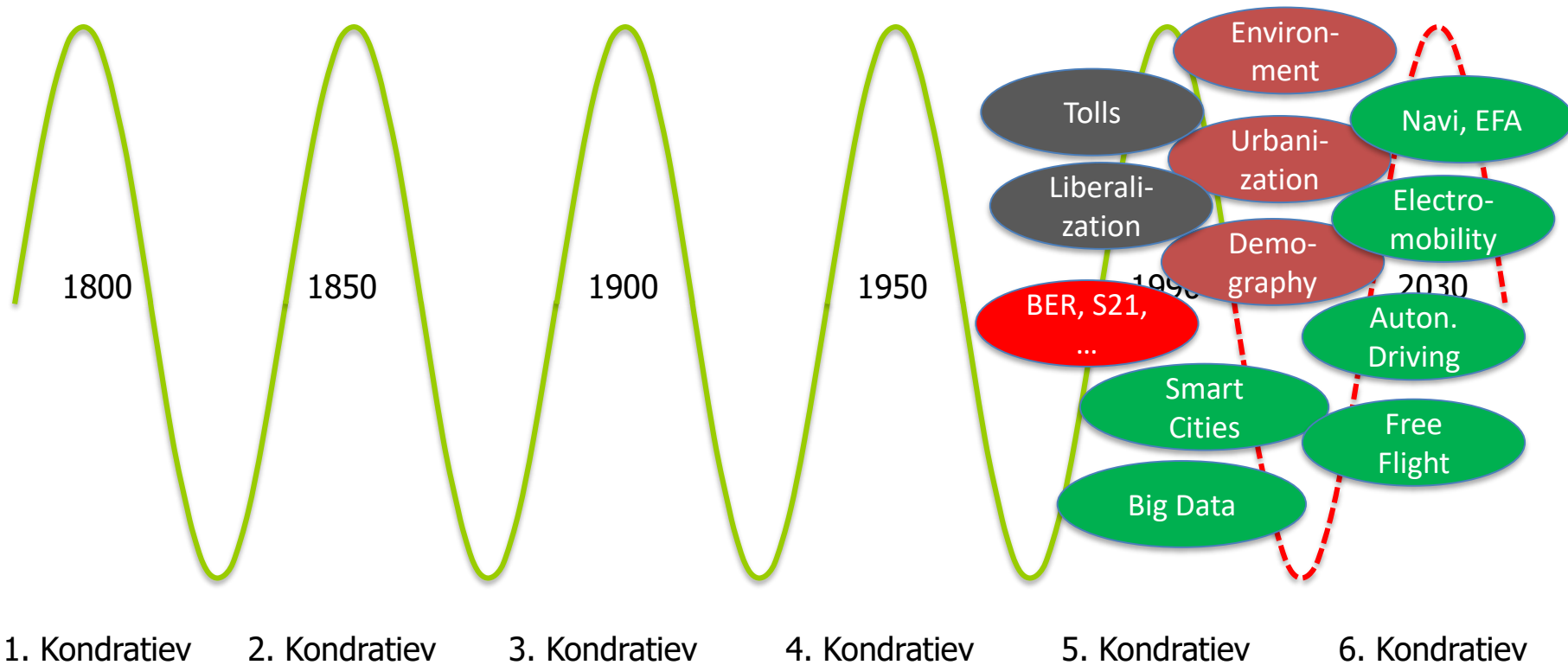
Nikolai D. Kondratieff



Joseph Schumpeter

What significance has mobility?

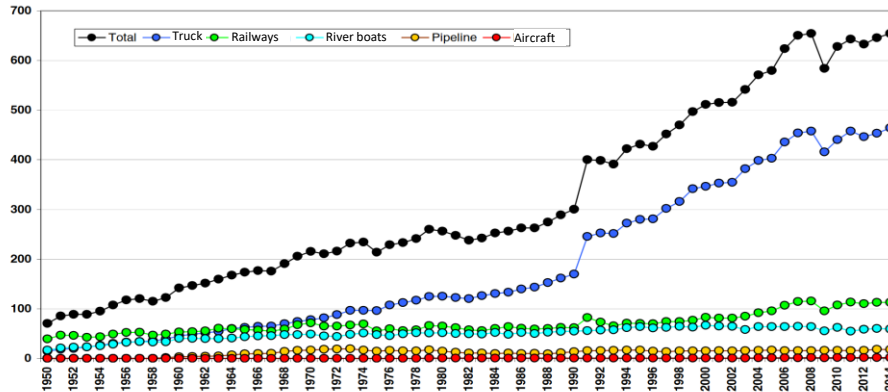
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What is happening?

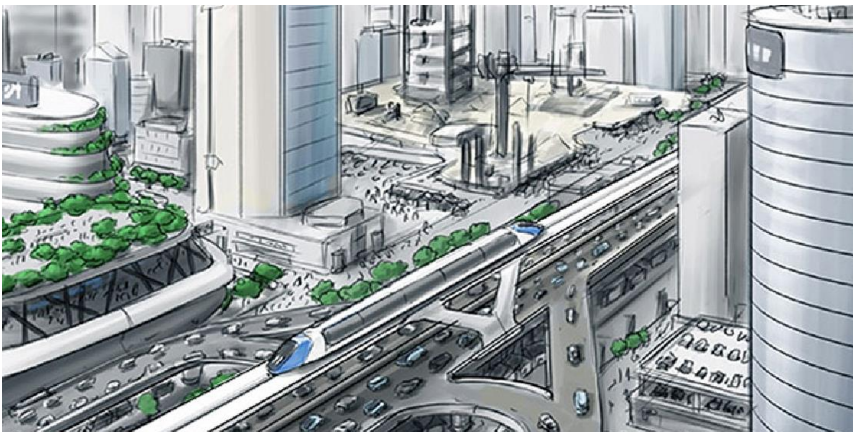
► Volume

Billions of ton kilometers, FIS Mobilität und Verkehr (www.forschungsinformationssystem.de)



► Urbanization

Volkswagen Group Italy S.P.A. (modo.volkswagengroup.it)



► Complexity

trains with less than 6 minutes of delay (www.myway.de/e.lauterbach/pstat.html)

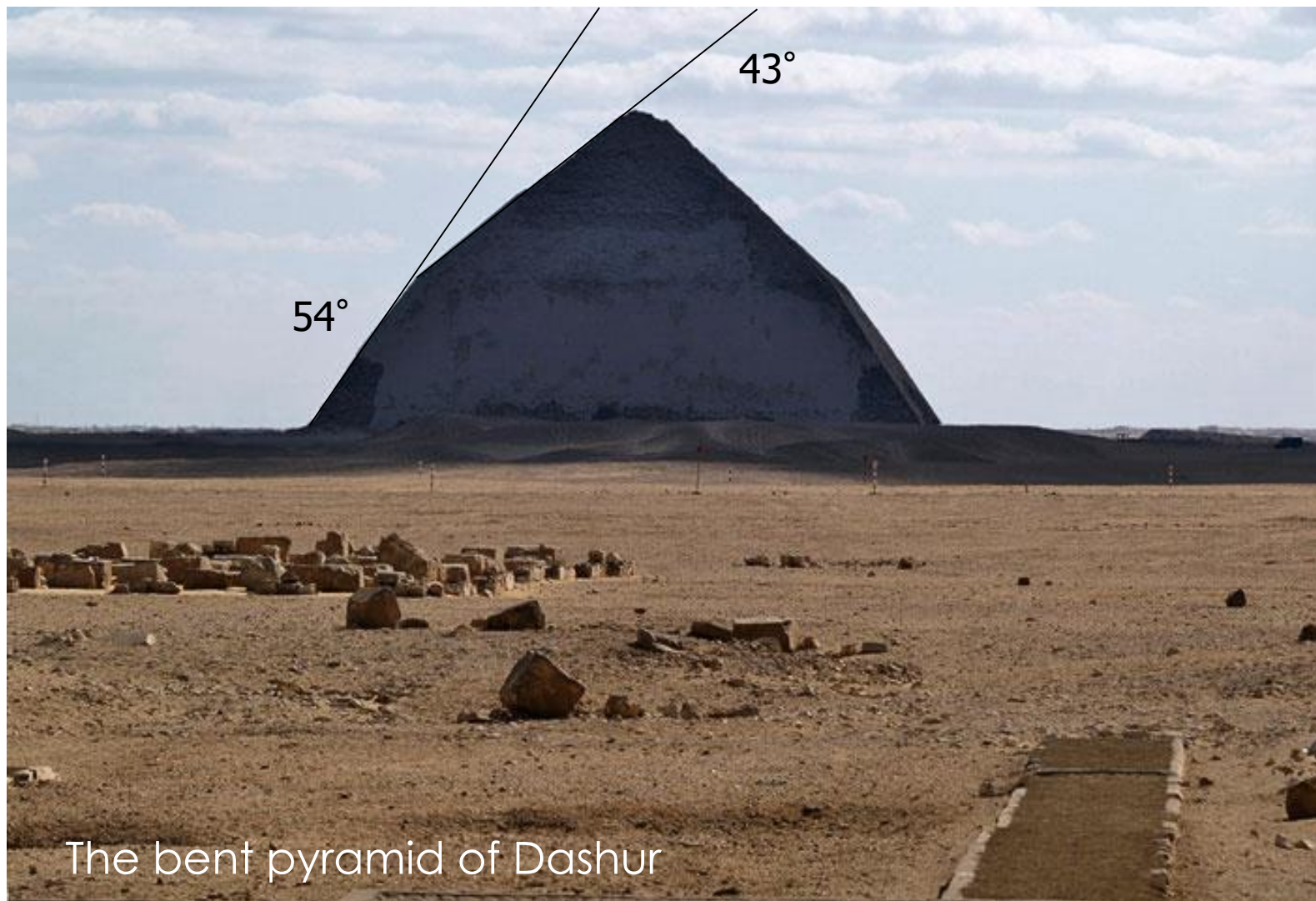


► Digitization

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Do we need mathematics?



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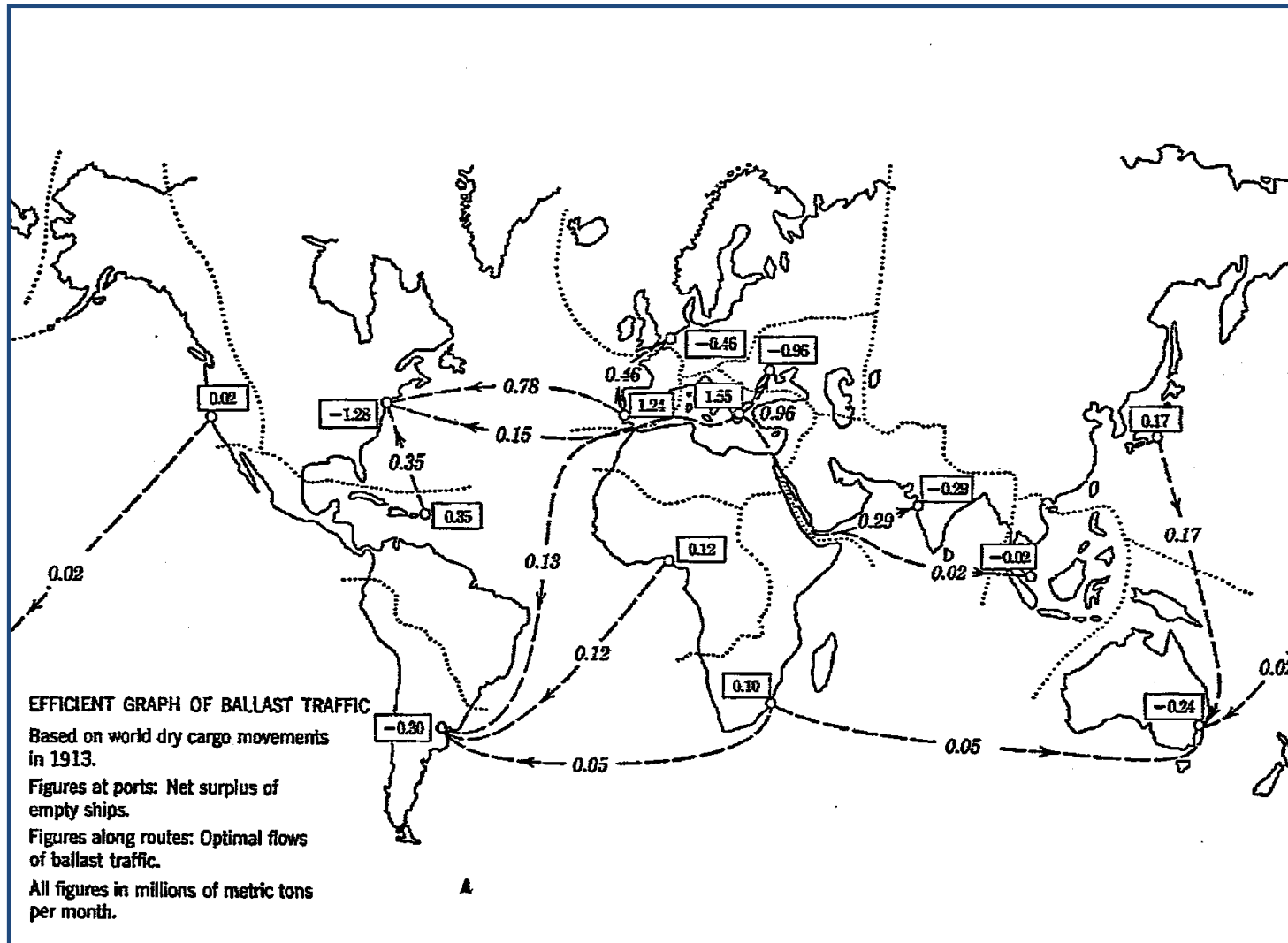
▶ Leonid V. Kantorovich
Nobel prize for Economics 1975



▶ Tjalling C. Koopmans
Nobel prize for Economics 1975

Resource Allocation: Sea Freight

(Koopmans [1965], 7 Sources, 7 Sinks, all Sea Links)



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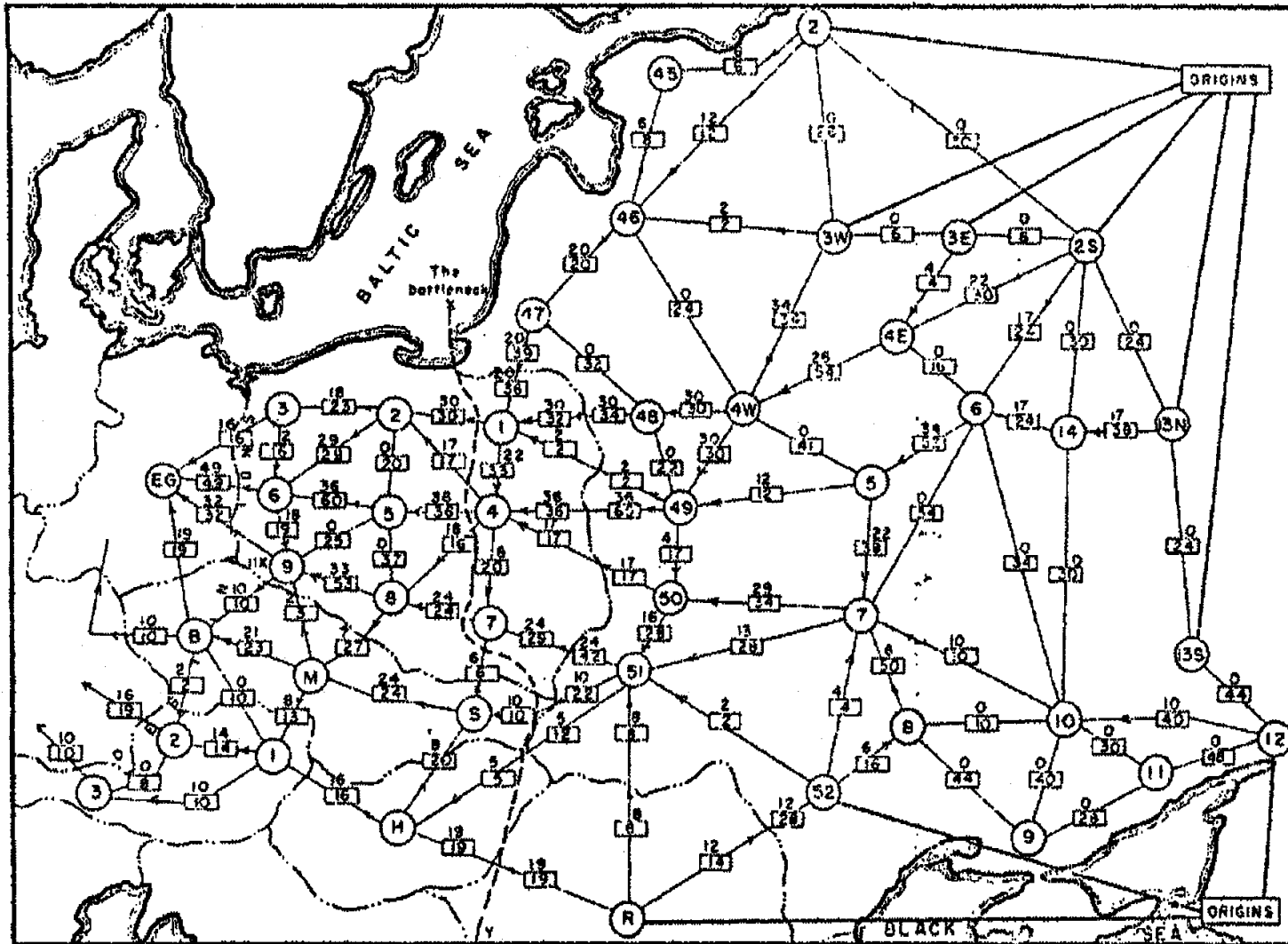
► D. Ray Fulkerson



► L. Randolph Ford Jr.

Network Flows: Military Logistics

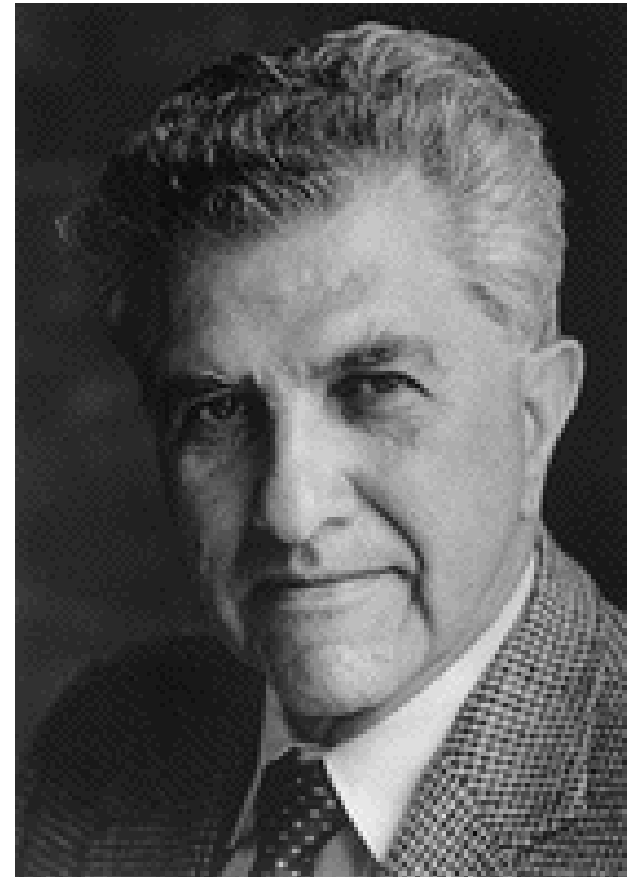
(Ford & Fulkerson [1955], Schrijver [2002])



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- ▶ Abraham Charnes
Finalist for the Nobel prize
in Economics 1975



- ▶ Merton H. Miller
Nobelprize for Economics 1990
mit Markowitz & Sharpe

A MODEL FOR THE OPTIMAL PROGRAMMING OF RAILWAY FREIGHT TRAIN MOVEMENTS*

A. CHARNES AND M. H. MILLER
 Purdue University and Carnegie Institute of Technology

The structure shown in Table 1 can be translated into equation form by moving a row of λ 's, one for each column, up through the rows and inserting the equal sign to the right of the P_0 column. The first two equations, for example, would be:

$$4 = 1\lambda_1 + 1\lambda_4 - 1\lambda_8 + 1\lambda_{12}$$

$$1 = 1\lambda_1 + 1\lambda_8 - 1\lambda_7 + 1\lambda_{11}$$

With the addition of the variables, the problem has been reduced to a standard simplex problem of the form:

$$\text{Min. } \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i c_i$$

subject to:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i P_i = P_0$$

$$\lambda_i \geq 0$$

and can be solved by the simplex technique.

More fundamentally, the train-scheduling problem will be seen to possess certain striking structural features which may merit its inclusion among the basic model types of linear programming.² The background necessary for an understanding

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¹ In 1952, there were some 230 companies classified as terminal railroads with roughly 7500 miles of track and a total investment in railway property of over \$1 billion (8). Total revenues from handling some 20 million freight cars were in excess of 250 million dollars. These figures are conservative. They understate considerably the size of the terminal switching operation since they do not include the essentially similar services undertaken directly by the trunklines and consolidated in their regular accounts.

² For a discussion of L.P. model types and their significance for management science: See A. Charnes and W. W. Cooper [1].

TABLE 1
 Structural tableau of train-scheduling model

$c_i \rightarrow$		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	M	M	M	M	M	M	
From	To	Routes						Surplus Vectors (light moves)					Artificial Vectors (legs)						
		1,2		1,3		2,3		1-2	2-1	1-3	3-1	2-3	3-2	1-2	2-1	1-3	3-1	2-3	3-2
		P_4	P_1	P_3	P_5	P_6	P_7	P_8	P_7	P_8	P_9	P_{10}	P_{11}	P_{12}	P_{13}	P_{14}	P_{15}	P_{16}	P_{17}
1	2	4	1			1	-1						1						
2	1	1	1					-1						1					
1	3	0		1					-1						1				
3	1	5		1		1					-1					1			
2	3	6			1	1						-1					1		
3	2	2			1	1												1	1

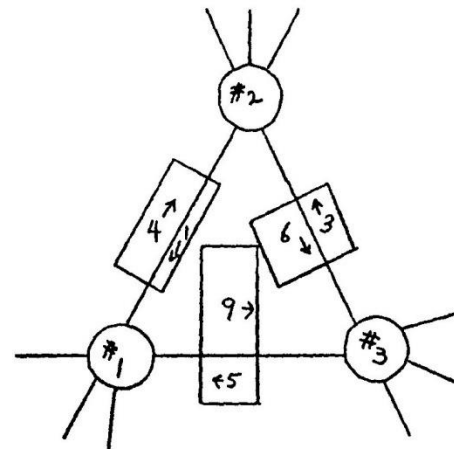


CHART 1. Simplified map of terminal switching railroad, showing connections with trunklines, major interchange and customer yard areas, and traffic requirements (in train-loads) between major points.

postponed until the description of the model and the computational routine has been completed.

Above the routes, in the row labeled c_i , are entered the costs of assigning a single crew and engine package to the route in question. These costs may be stated either as the standard crew and engine expense, or as the expected costs reflecting the fact that on longer runs there is a greater probability of running into overtime. We constructed working models both ways and found, that optimal programs were not particularly sensitive to variations in the cost of crews. In fact, it was usually possible to simplify the calculation by minimizing the number of crews, that is treating the cost of each crew as 1.

P_8 to P_{11} in the tableau are overfulfillment slack vectors. In the train scheduling context they correspond to "light moves", or trips by a crew and engine without cars. If, for example, four crews should be assigned to the route P_1 —which runs

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Edsger W. Dijkstra

Shortest-Path-Algorithms: Route Planning

The screenshot displays a German railway route planner interface. On the left, a sidebar contains search fields for 'Berlin' and 'Ludwigsburg', a 'Jetzt starten' button, and a list of route options. The main area shows a map of Central Europe with a blue route highlighted from Berlin to Ludwigsburg. The route passes through major German cities like Hamburg, Leipzig, and Frankfurt am Main.

Route Options:

- Option 1:** 21:29 bis 06:50 (Montag) 9 Std. 21 Min. (ICE > CNL > RE)
- Option 2:** 21:29 bis 07:13 (Montag) 9 Std. 44 Min. (ICE > CNL > IC > S5)
- Option 3:** 21:29 bis 07:23 (Montag) 9 Std. 54 Min. (ICE > CNL > IC > S4)
- Option 4:** 04:27 (Montag) bis 11:03 6 Std. 36 Min. (ICE > RE > RB)

Map Route Details:

- From Berlin to Leipzig: 6 Std. 36 Min. (alle 2 Stunden)
- From Leipzig to Ludwigsburg: 9 Std. 54 Min.

The interface includes a 'REISEPLANER' button at the bottom left and a 'Wegbeschreibung auf mein Smartphone senden' button above the route options. The map shows various geographical features and neighboring countries like the Netherlands, Belgium, and Austria.

Planning Problems in Public Transport

Strategic Planning

BUS 690 S Babelsberg -> Am Stern, Johannes-Kepler-Platz

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Tarfbereich	EUR	EUR	EUR
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Einzelkarte	1,40	2,20	
Einzelkarte	1,70	1,70	
Tagkarte			
Karte für 1 Person	2,20	5,00	
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Schlagungskarte	6,10	10,00	
Schlagungskarte	1,00	2,30	

Operational Planning

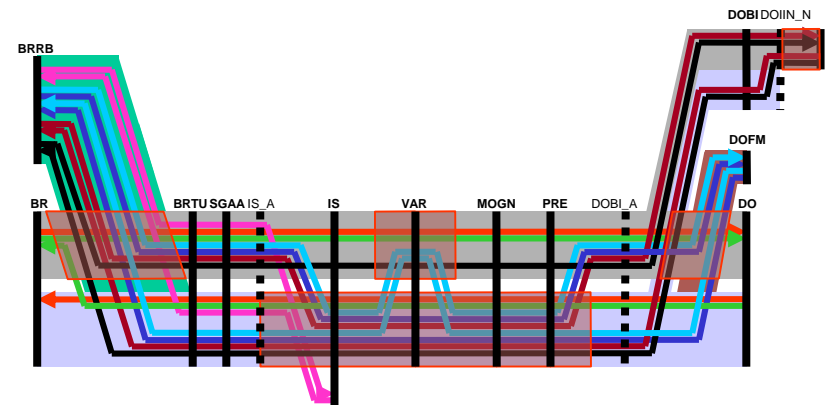
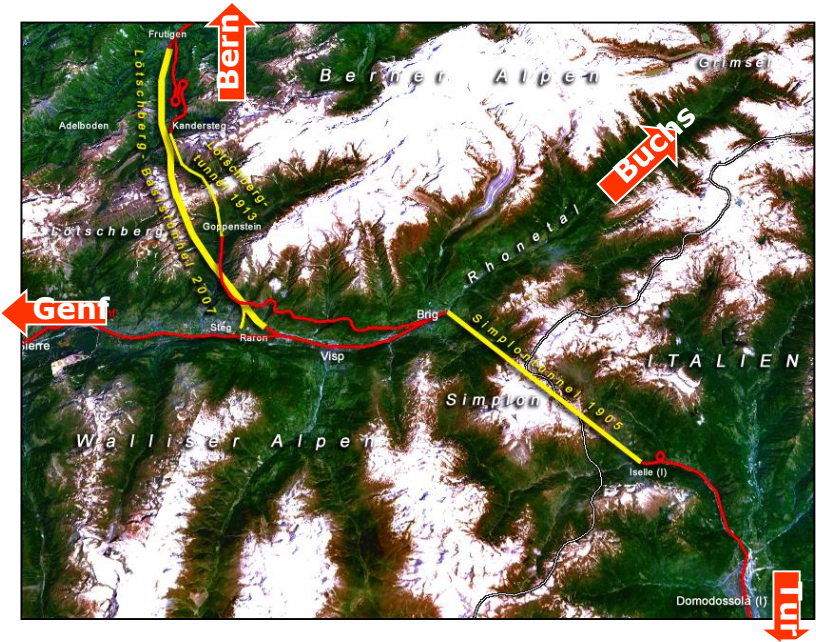
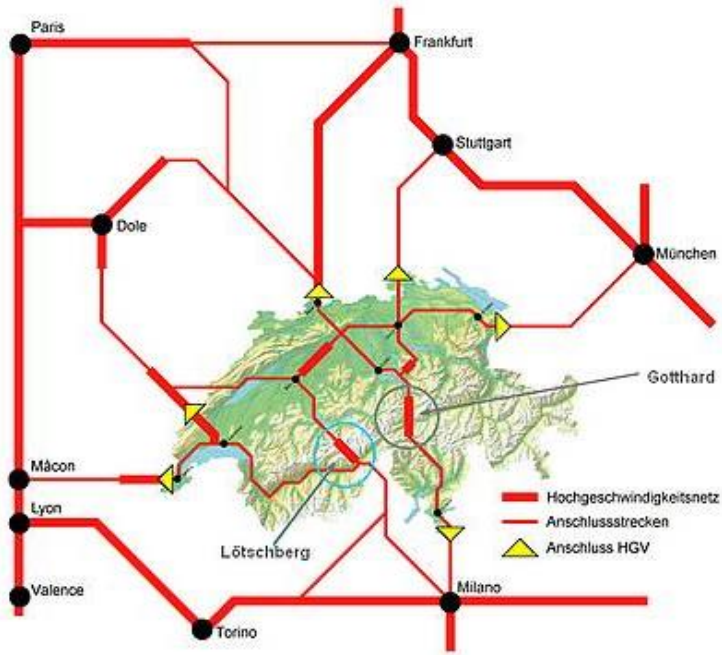
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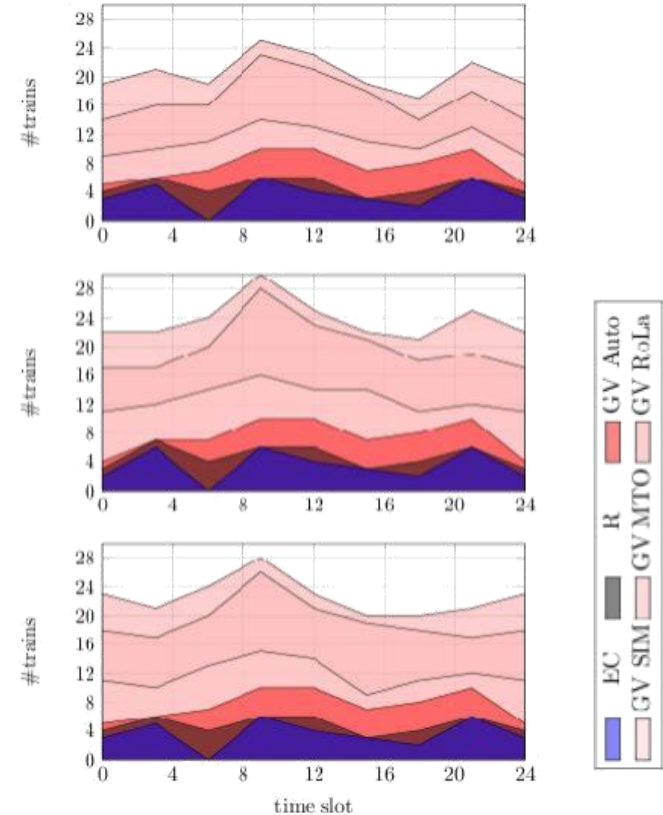
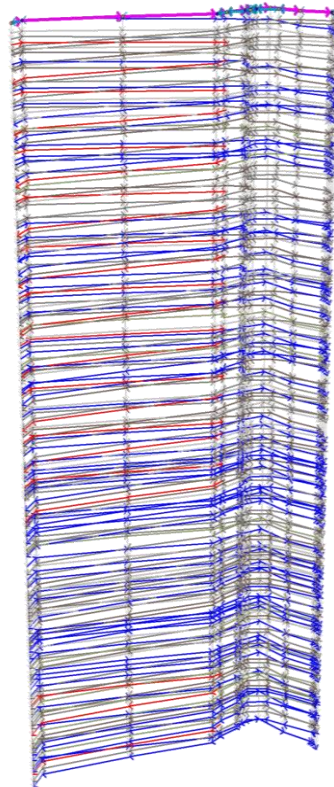
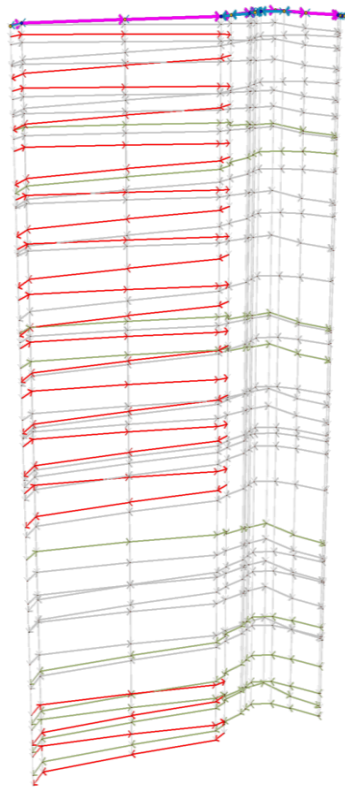
BVG Website Interface: Startseite, Fahrend, Tickets, Abbestellen, Anmelden, Service, Meine BVG.

Operations Control Interface: Shows detailed schedule with columns for time, location, and vehicle status.

Track Capacity

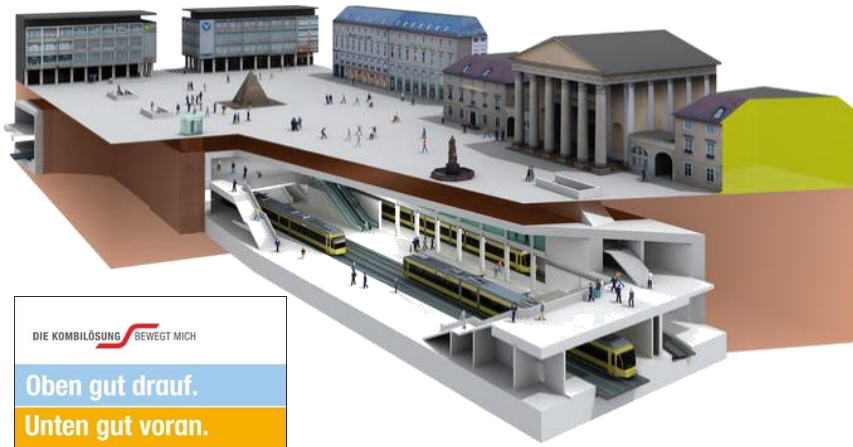


The corridor capacity can be explored.



- ▶ 180 trains for network small (no station routing, no buffer times)
- ▶ 196 trains for network big with precise routing through stations (no buffer times)
- ▶ 175 trains for network big with precise routing through stations and buffer times

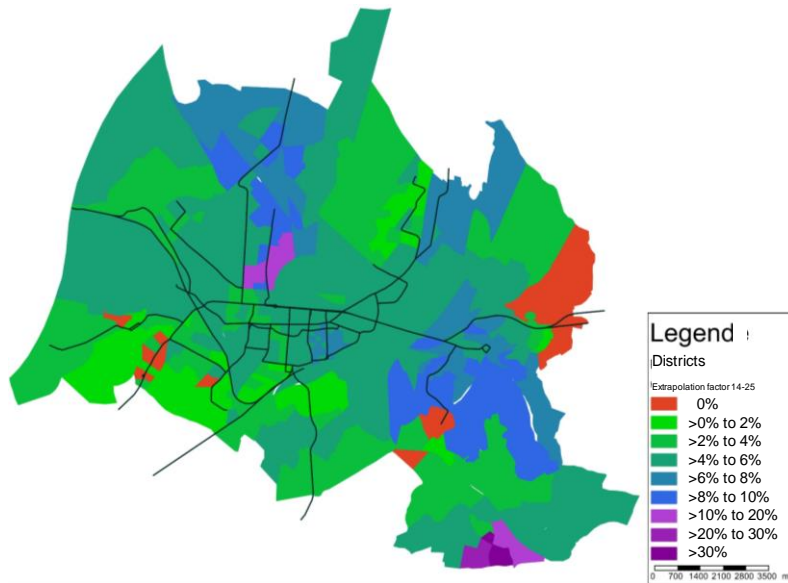
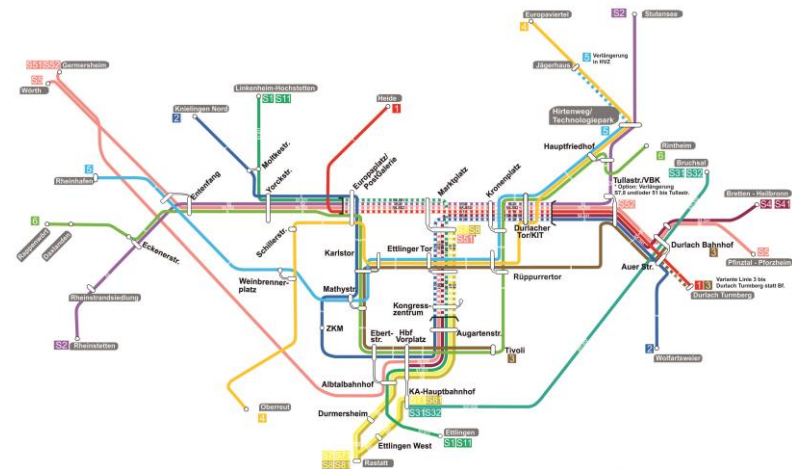
Line Planning @ Karlsruhe



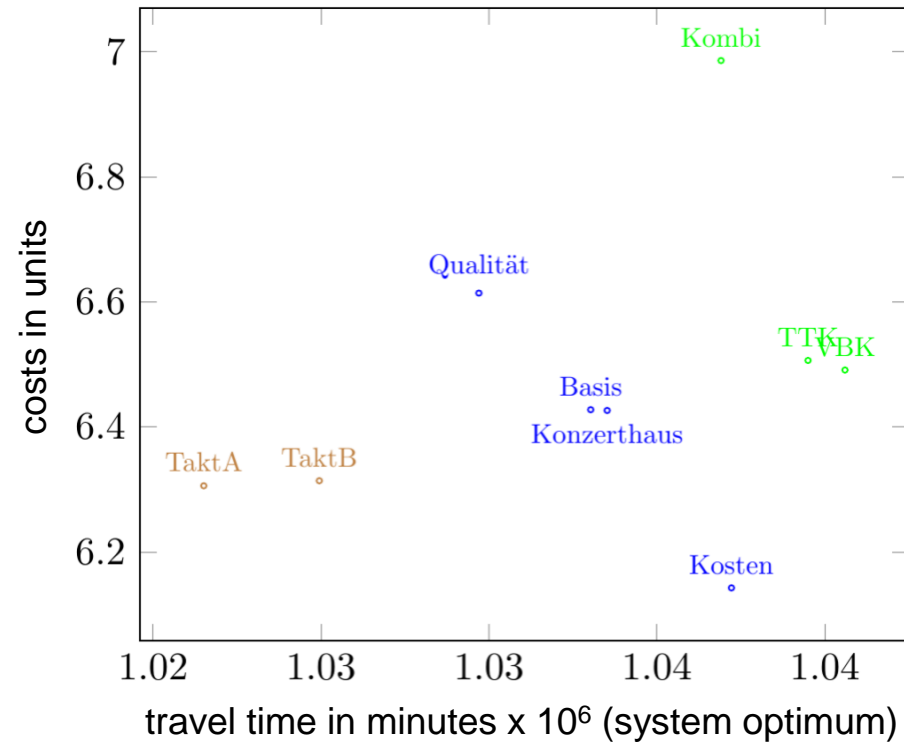
Kombiösung a) Straßenbahnverkehr



b) Autoverkehr in der Kriegsstraße

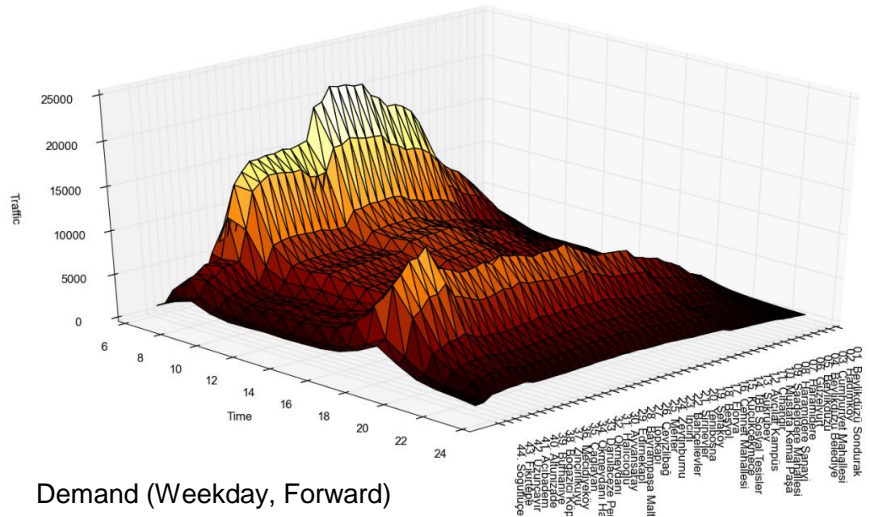
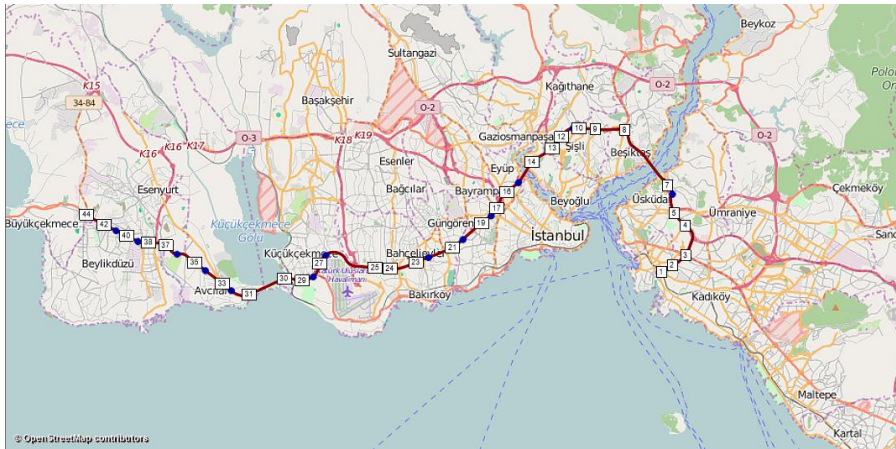


Substantial improvements are possible.

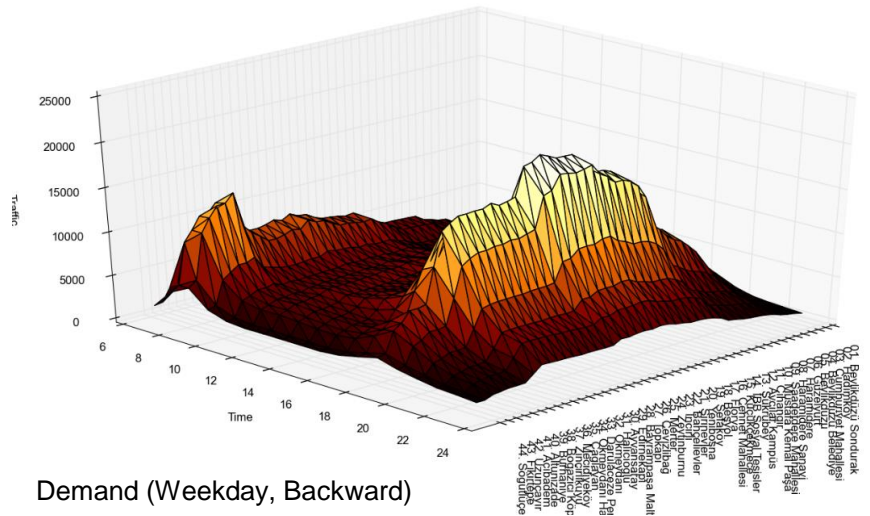
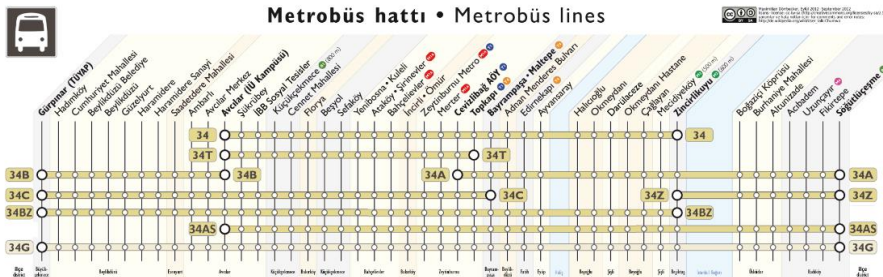


Scenario	Average Perceived TT	Ø perceived TT [% plan VBK]	Ø # transfers	Ø transfer freq. [% plan VBK]	Operation costs [% plan VBK]
Reference case	26.771	99.4%	0.3959	98.9%	108.6%
Plan VBK	26.922	100.0%	0.4004	100.0%	100.0%
Quality	26.601	98.8%	0.3958	98.9%	102.1%
Costs	26.695	99.2%	0.3972	99.2%	90.4%

Line Planning @ Istanbul



Demand (Weekday, Forward)

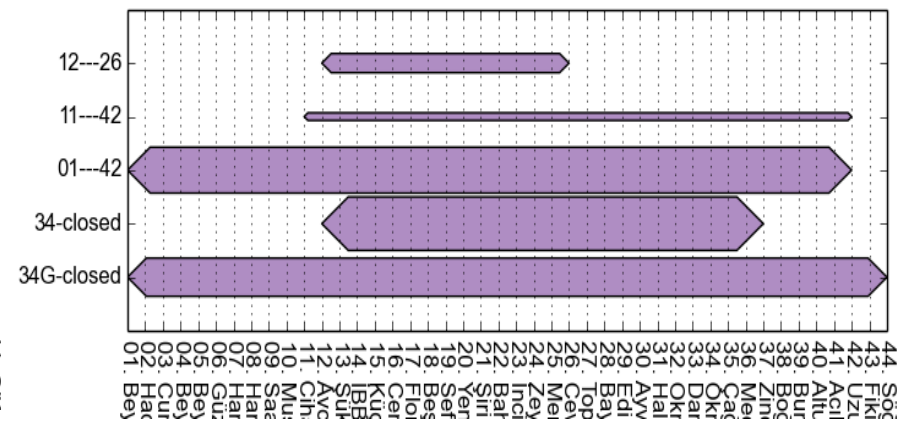
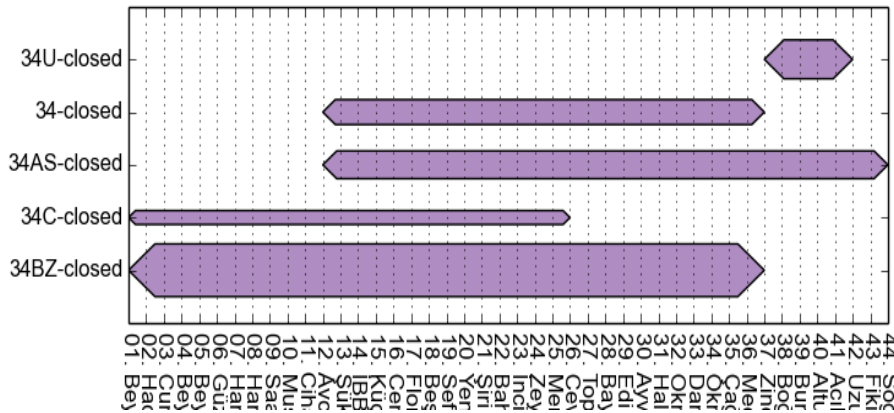
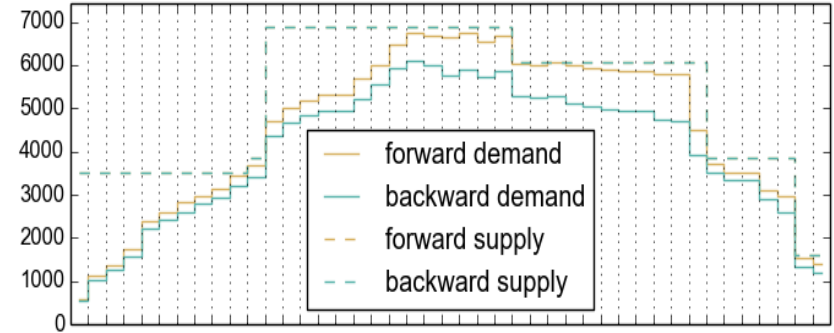
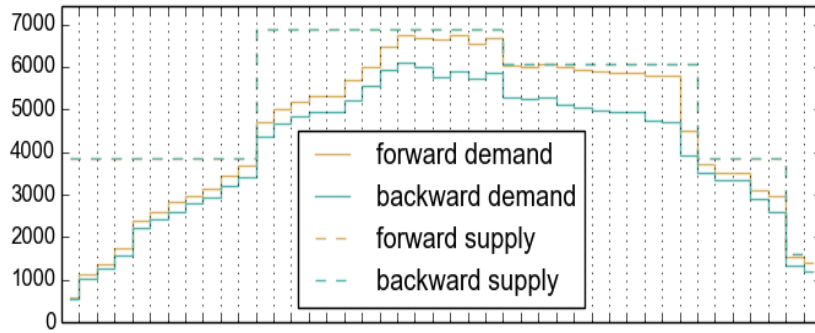


Demand (Weekday, Backward)

► Metrobüs BRT System



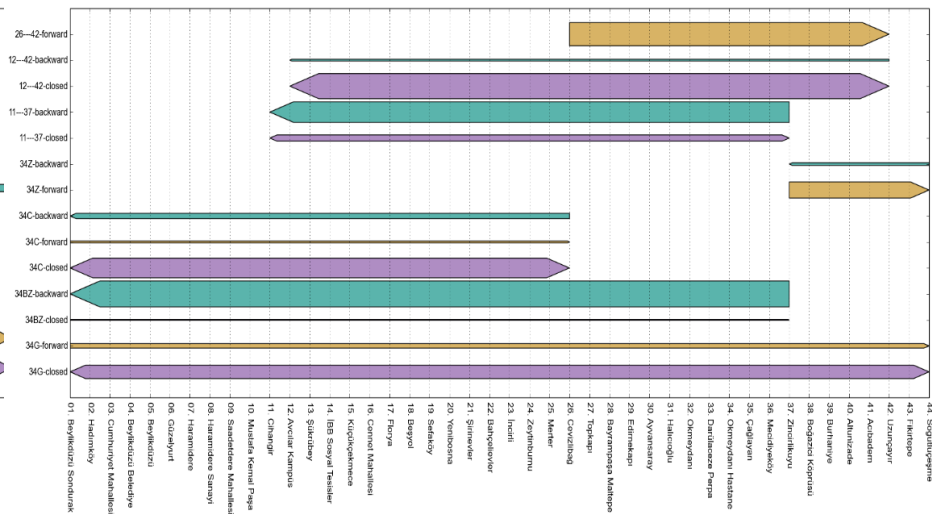
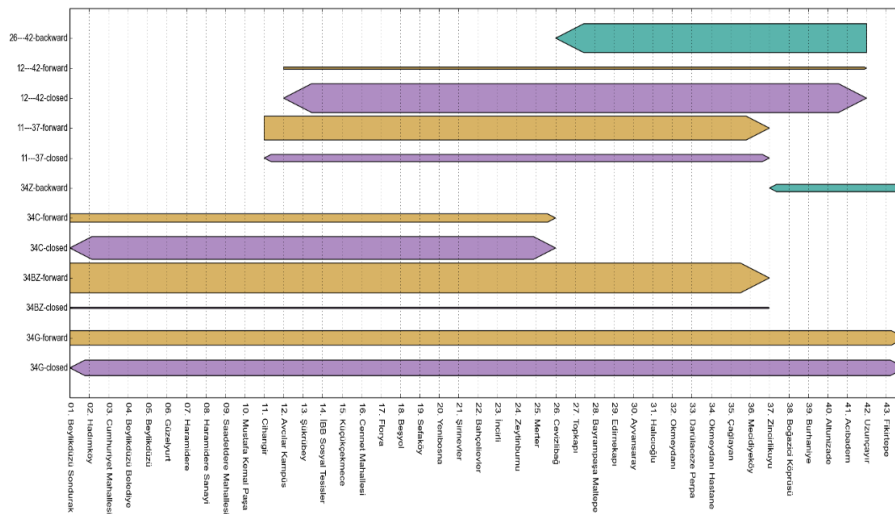
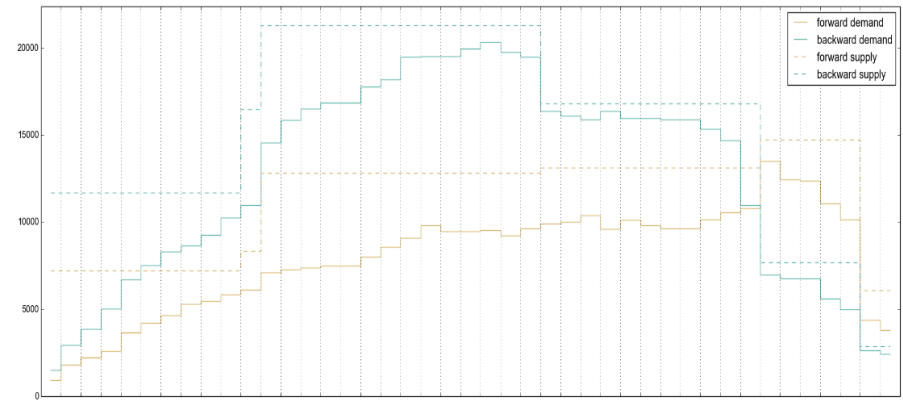
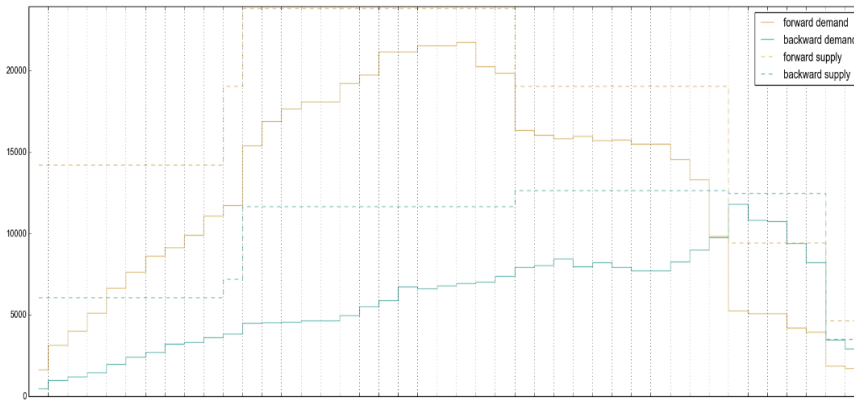
Mathematics can explore new ideas.



► Demand & Status Quo vs. Unimodal Timetable (14:00)



Mathematics can explore new ideas.



► Morning & Evening Peak Timetable (Open Lines)



Planning Problems in Public Transport

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Weitere Fahrausweise erhalten Sie in unseren Bussen und Straßenbahnen an den Automaten im ersten Wagenzug.

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in Potsdam Umland	0,80		
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Tagkarte			
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Kilometerkarte	0,10	10,00	
Schlagungskarte	1,00	2,30	
Anschlussfahrausweise			
ab Potsdam	1,10		

Tägliche Fahrpläne

Linie	ab	5:27	5:47
S BabelsbergPost		5:27	5:49
Brandenburg/Grünow		5:31	5:51
An-Stadt		5:32	5:52
Grünow		5:32	5:52
Kleine Str.		5:33	5:53
Prepohl		5:35	5:55
Bf Mühlentalk Bahnhöf		5:36	5:56
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Brenschel HP		5:38	5:58
Alteburg Brehmehof HP		5:38	5:58
Johannes-Kepler-Platz	an	5:42	6:00

Operational Planning

Operations Control

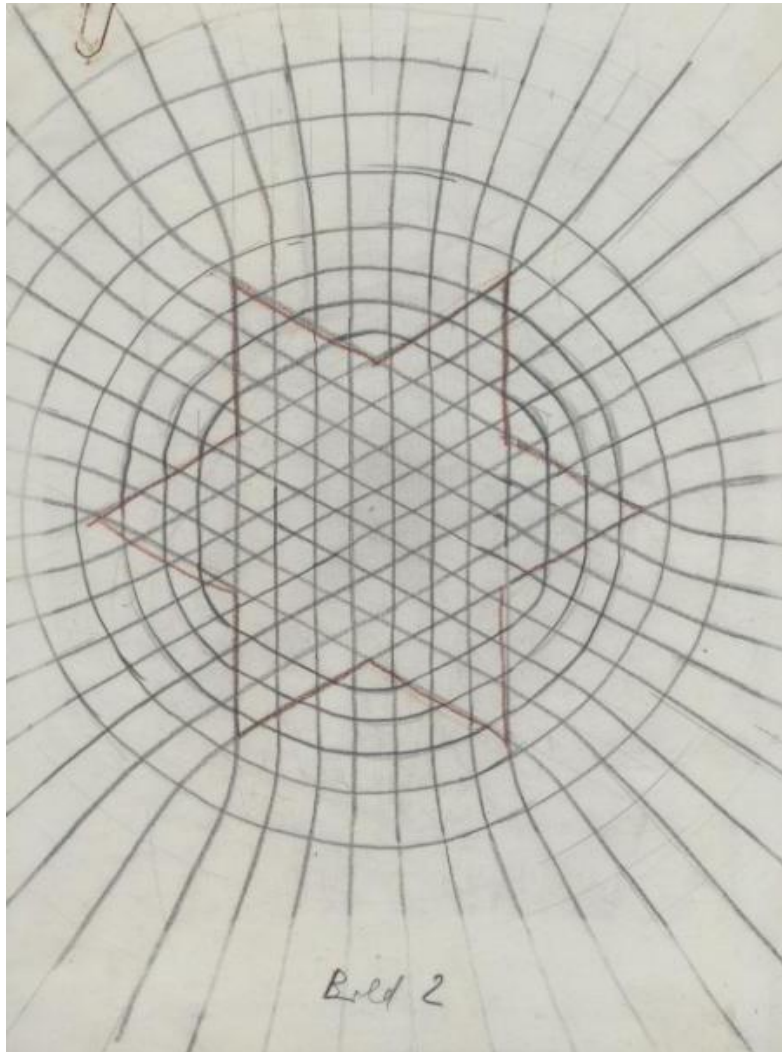
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Konrad Zuse



Metropolis (Δ -Grid with Branches & Rings)

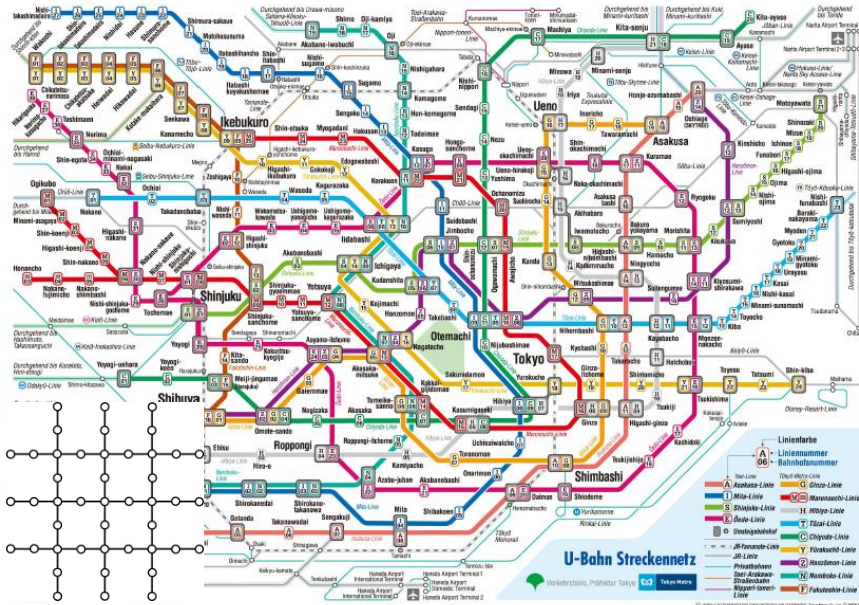


„In those days, either the Am-

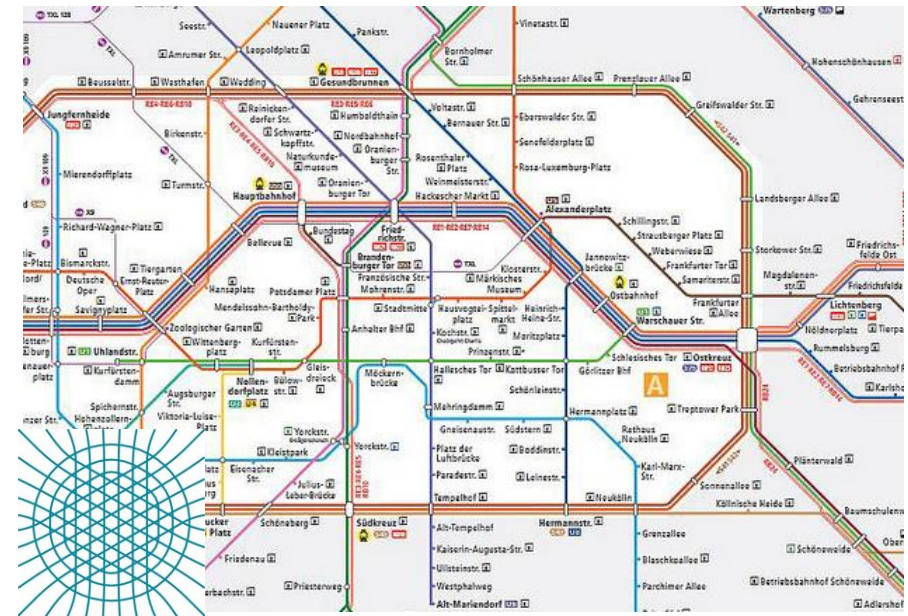


60° system in the center."

Once built, networks persist.



Grid / Tokyo



Metropolis / Berlin

Thoma [2016] Scenario	p	$ V $	$ E $	κ relative cost	v pax utility	q^* pax-operator efficiency
10x10,1,0	3	121	220	1.8334	0.6001	0.5952
Metropolis	3	252	450	1.9736	0.7121	0.6443
Berlin	3	122	157	1.3039	0.5365	0.4115
Tokyo	3	125	183	1.6668	0.5424	0.3254



"Kombiverkehr" (Combined Traffic) @ Karlsruhe



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DIE KOMBILÖSUNG  BEWEGT MICH

Good mood above.

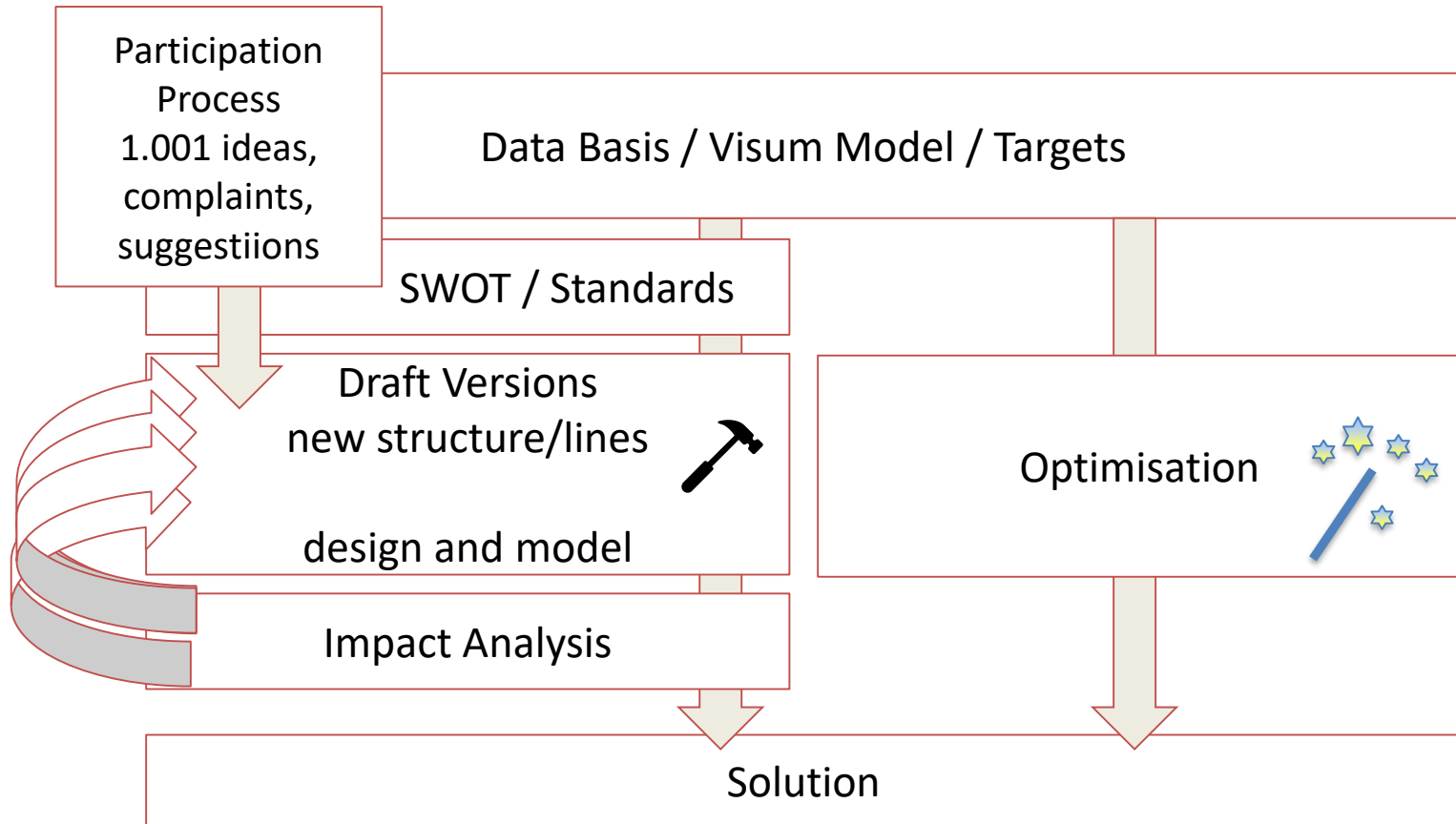
Good move below.

"Kombiverkehr" Construction Site

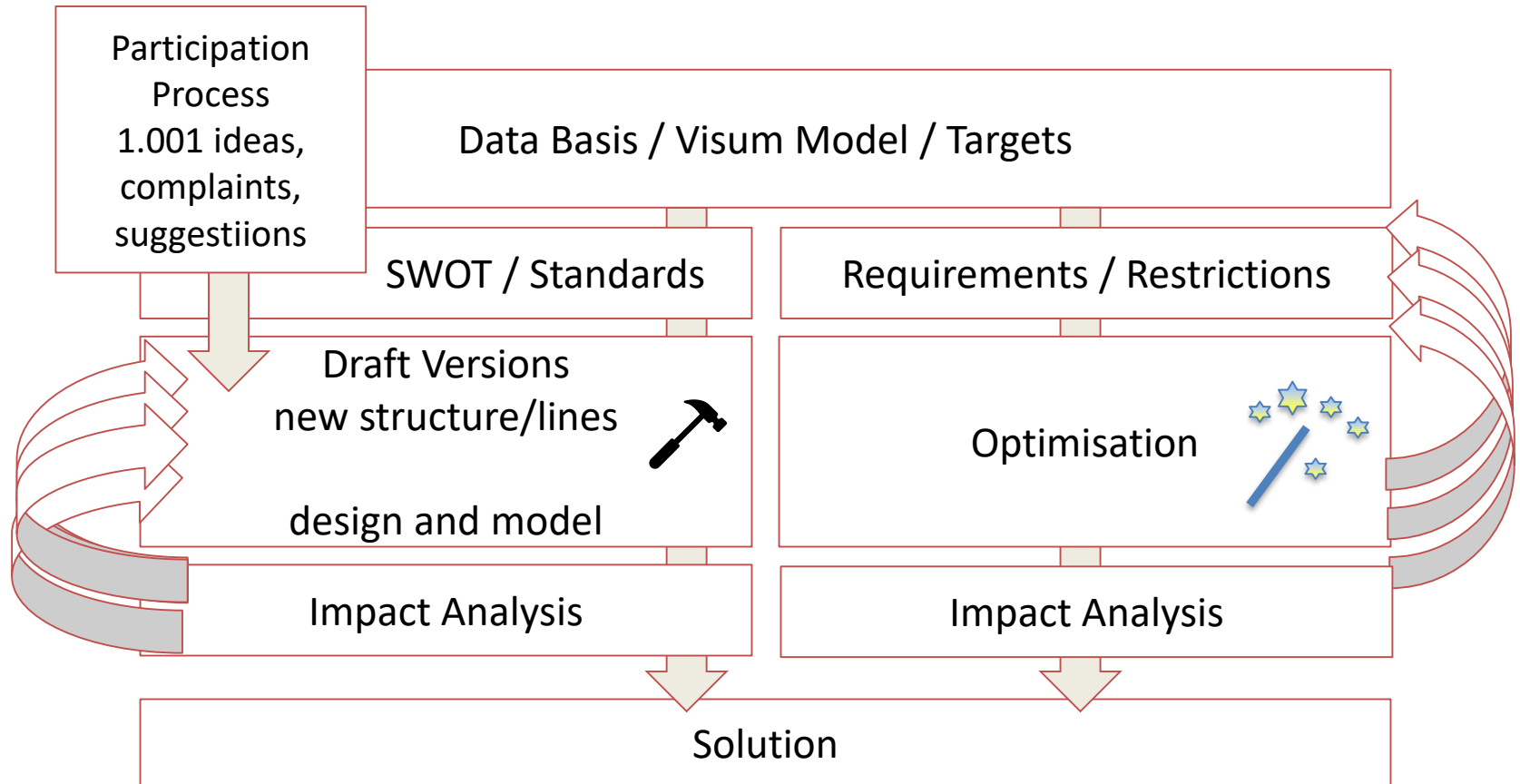


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Planning Process



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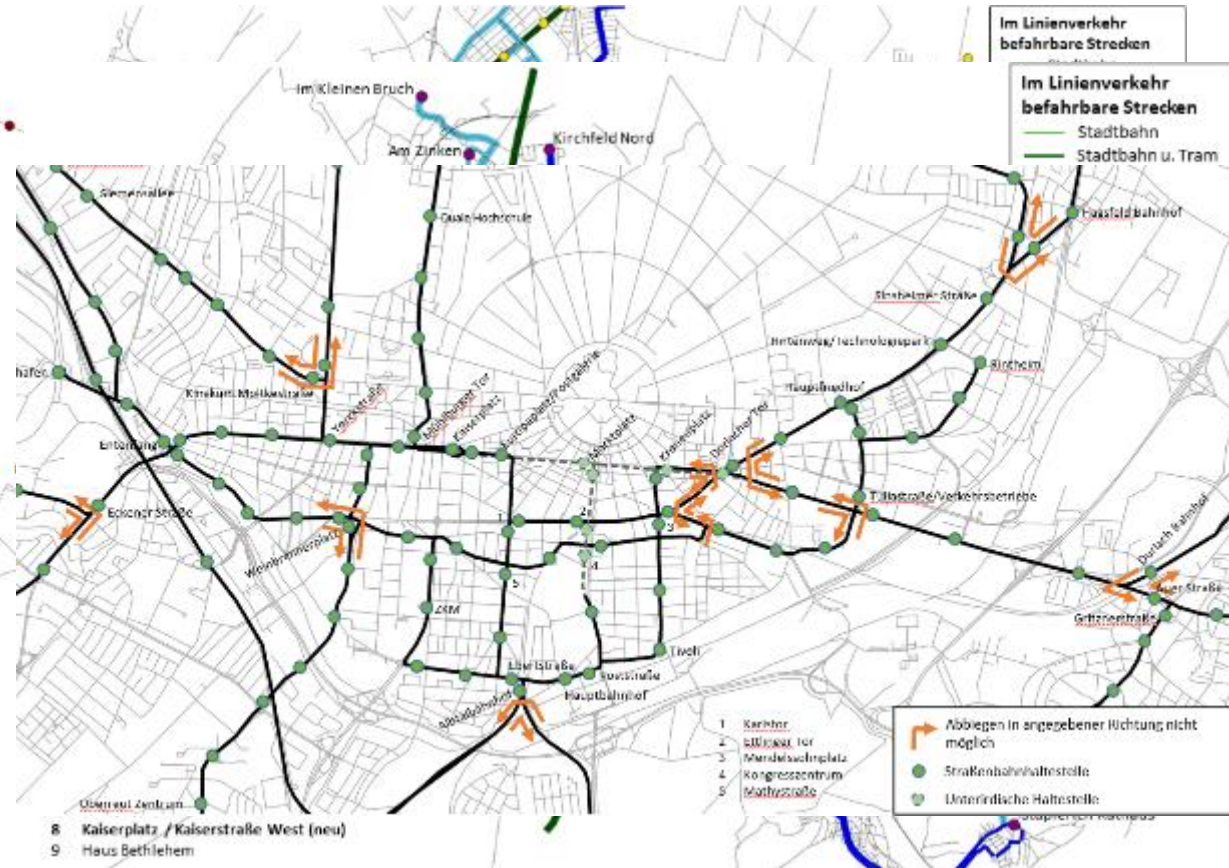
Data to set up Visum Model

routes/stops:
appropriate/not
appropriate for tram /
light rail / bus

stops: appropriate/not
appropriate for double
traction

define potential
terminal stops/stations

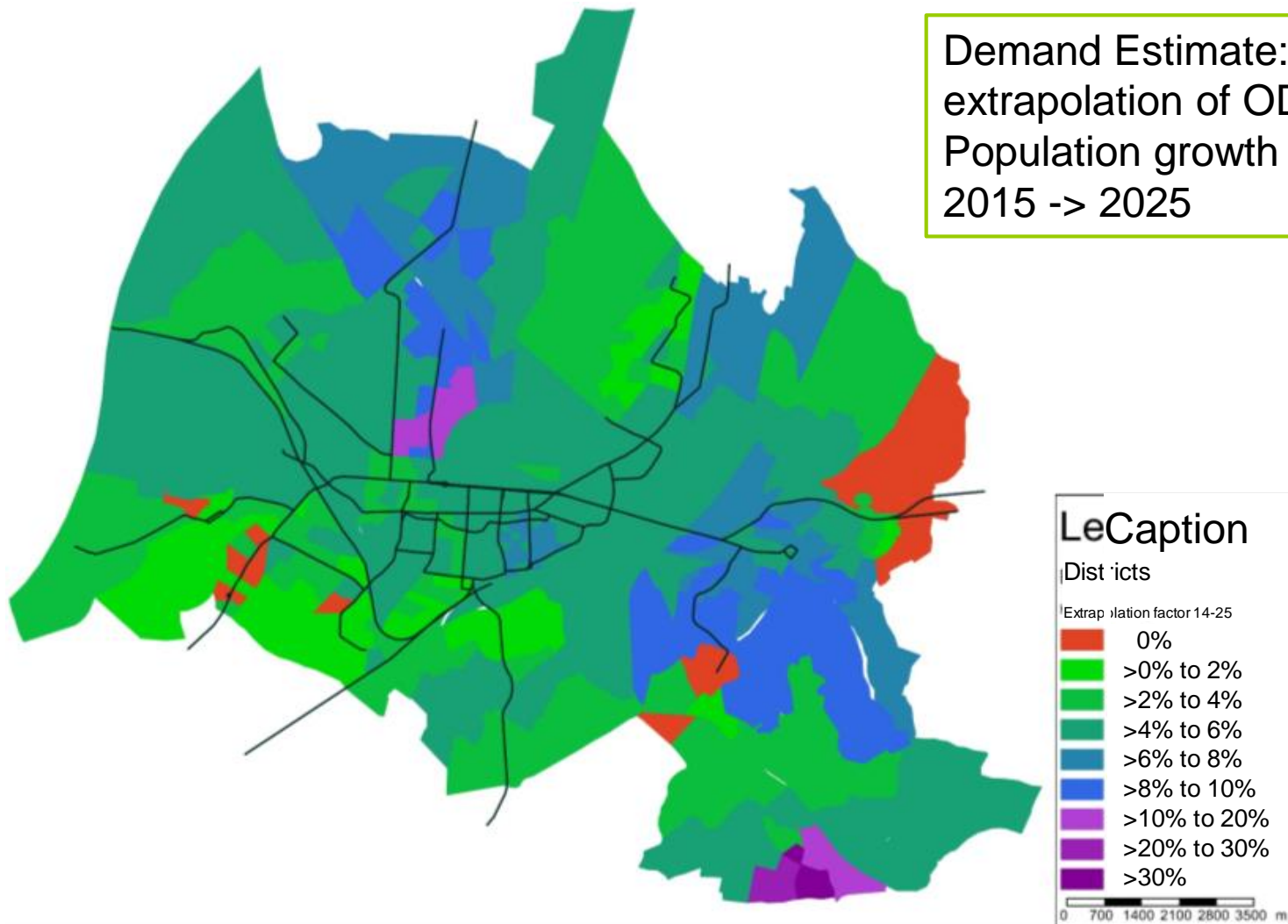
turns for trams/LRT
possible, not possible



Public transport network including lengths and travel times (bus, tram, light rail)

2025 PT Demand Forecast

Demand Estimate:
extrapolation of OD-data
Population growth
2015 -> 2025



Planning Process: Definitions

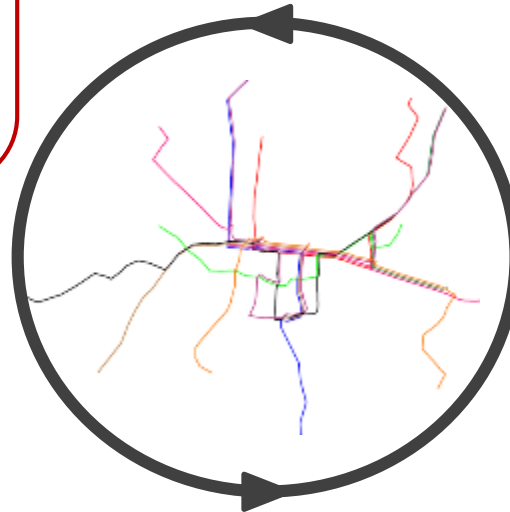
Reference Case:

The overall costs should not exceed the „Standi“ solution, constructed for a cost benefit-study in 2003

transfer **penalty**:
8 minutes

small penalties on overloaded segments

determine **vehicle capacities and costs** per kilometer taking fleet development into account



fixed passenger demand (2025)

Operation costs = line length (to+fro) · frequenz · cost rate

Vehicle costs = ["line travel time (to+fro)" / "frequency" " "] · fixed cost rate

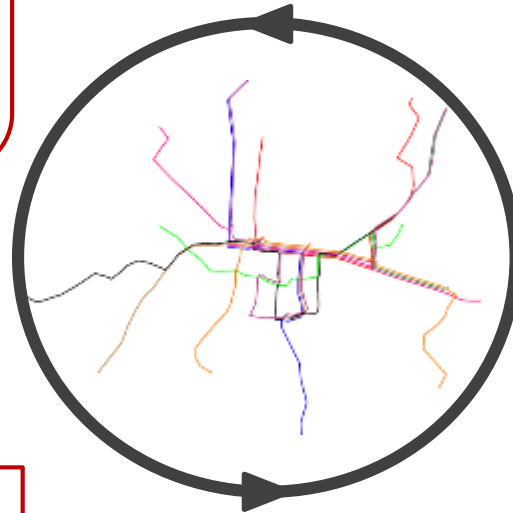
Planning Process: Restrictions / Iterations

permit only 10 minutes **headway** or superposition of at least 2 frequencies of 20 minutes

fixed bus lines

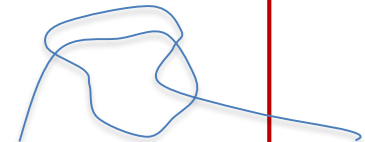
fixed LRT lines

maximum capacity of the tunnel



forbid some branch-combinations: weakly vs. highly capacitated

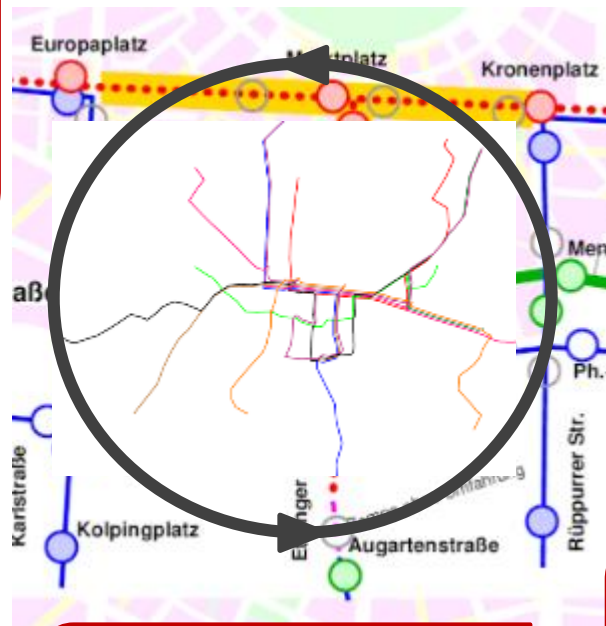
lines should not cross themselves



Planning Process: "Specific" Restrictions

one direct connection
via Karlsstr. / via
Ettlinger Str. /
via Rüppurer Str.
to Karlsruhe main
station

special effect:
Konzerthaus



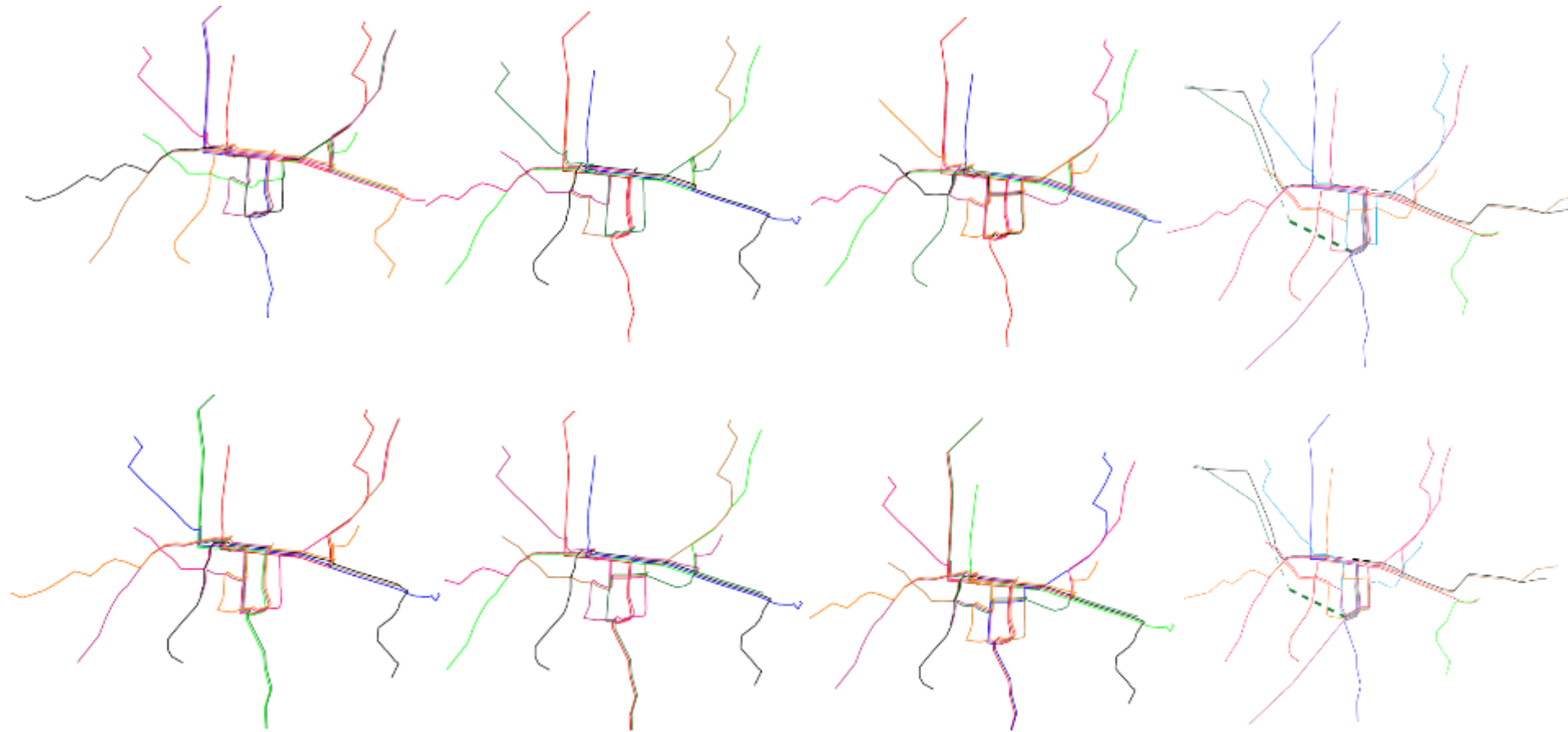
all tracks must
be covered
(except
Kapellenstr.)

at most 6 lines
via Gottesauer
Platz

e.g. S2 generally
considered as
operating in
single traction

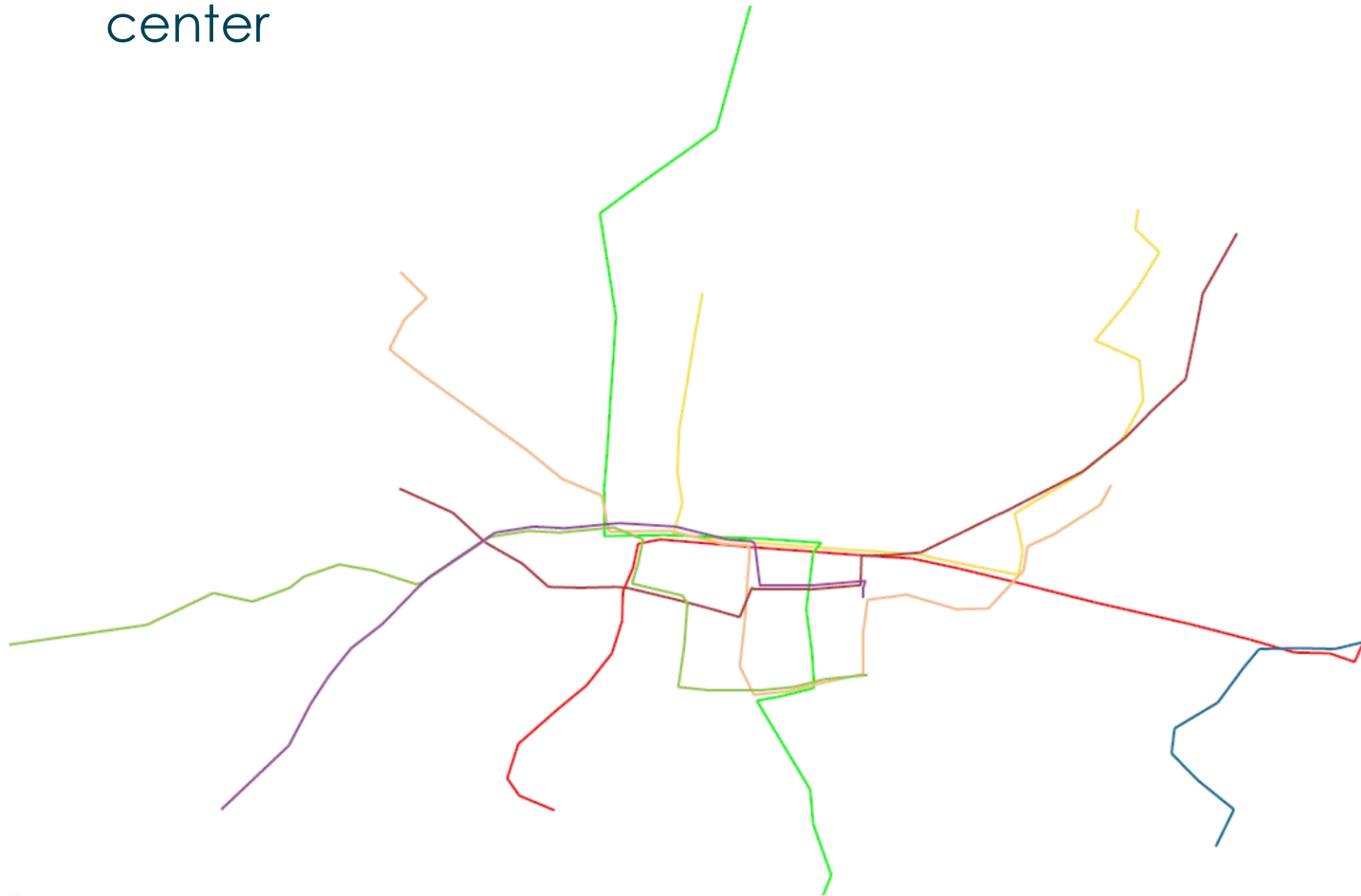
Computing Solutions

- ▶ Various solutions computed with varied restrictions
- ▶ Travel time improvements vs. cost reductions



Extreme "Costs" Optimization

- ▶ Capacity utilization at maximum
- ▶ no direct connection between Wolfartsweier and center



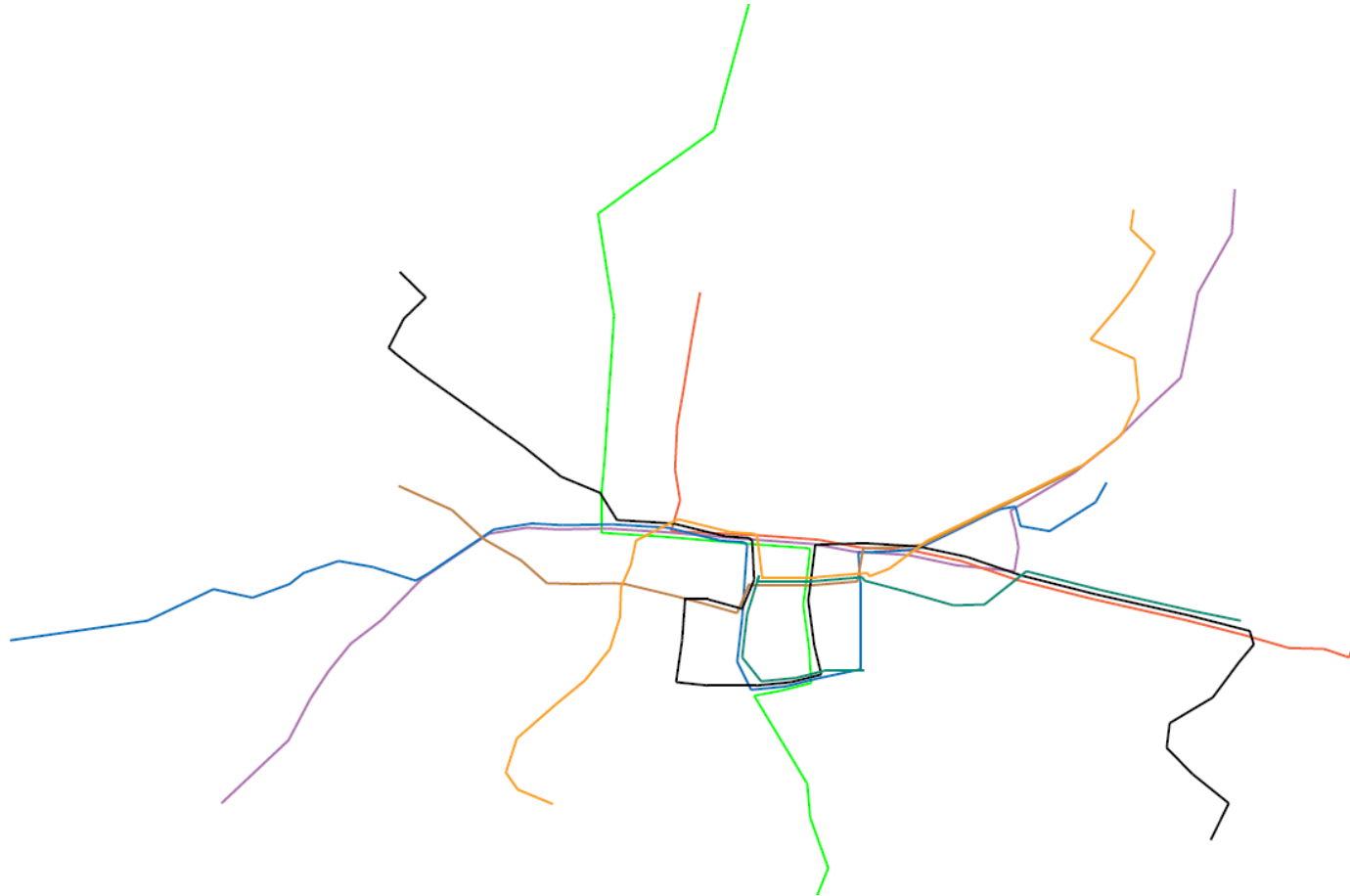
Extreme Travel Time Optimization

- ▶ Tunnel capacity and costs at maximum

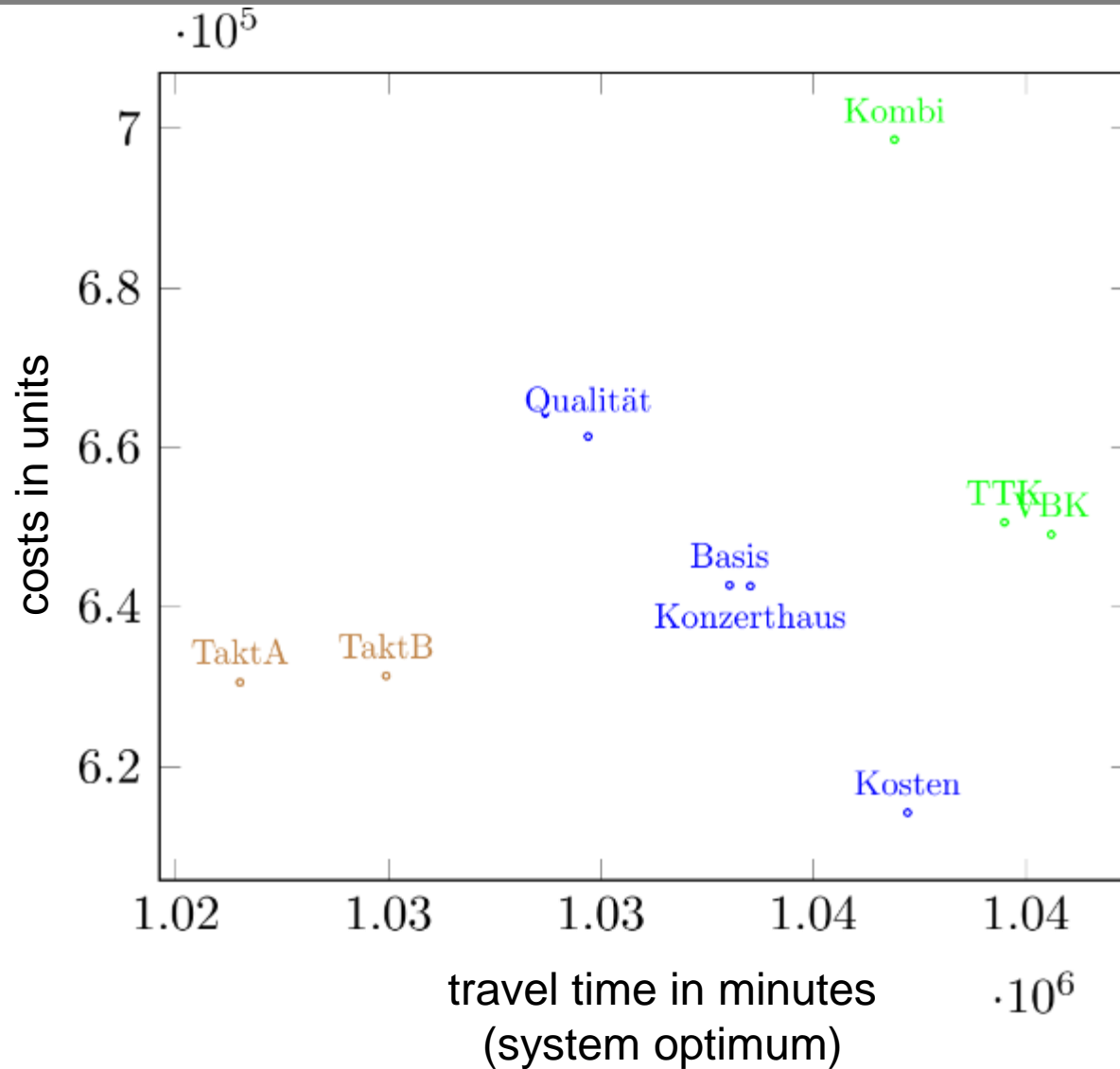


"Quality" Solution

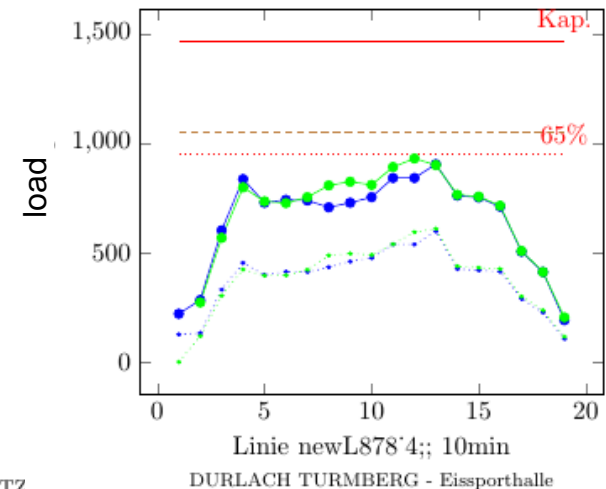
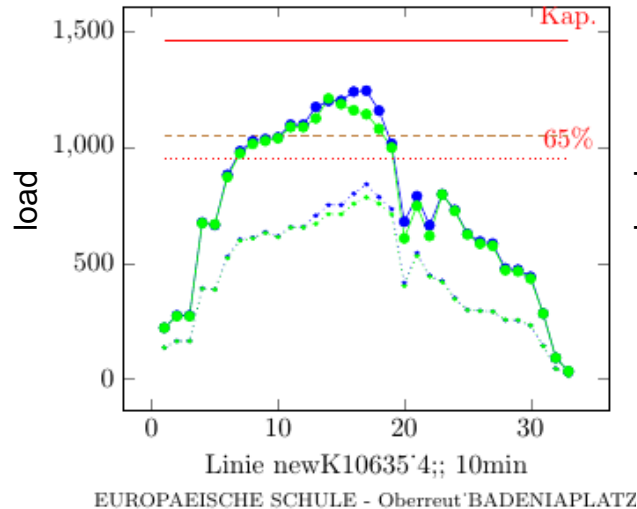
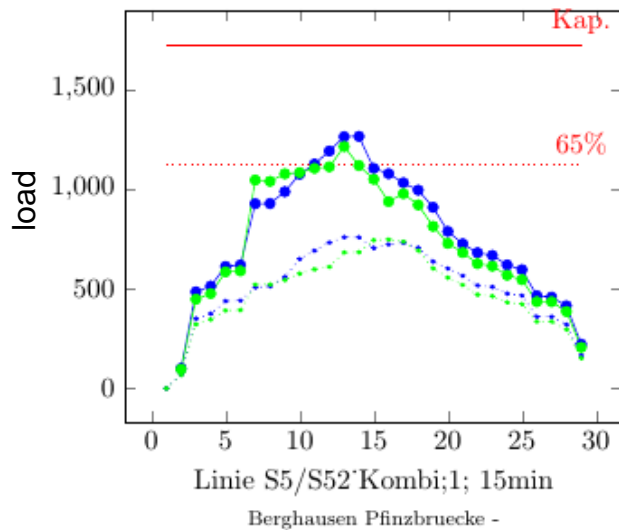
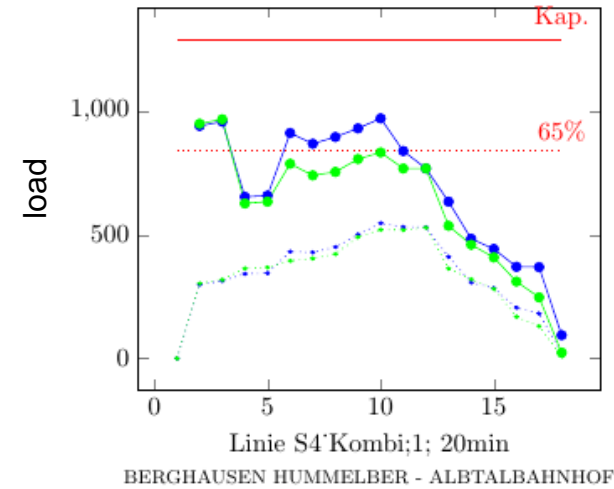
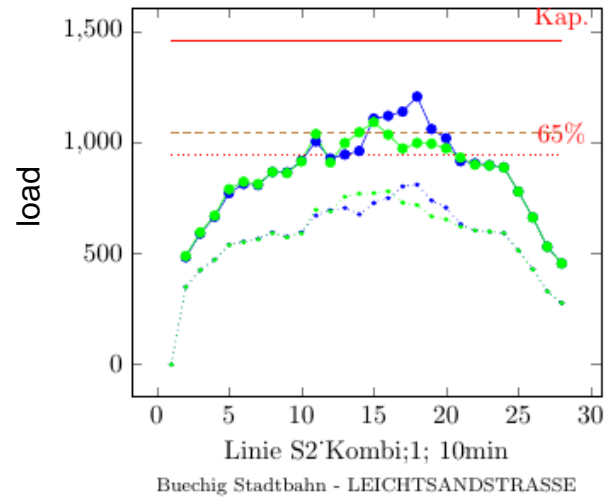
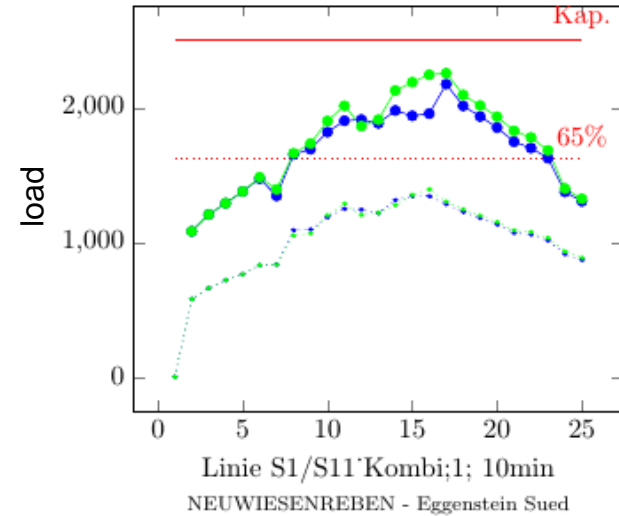
- ▶ 8 lines (reference case: 9)



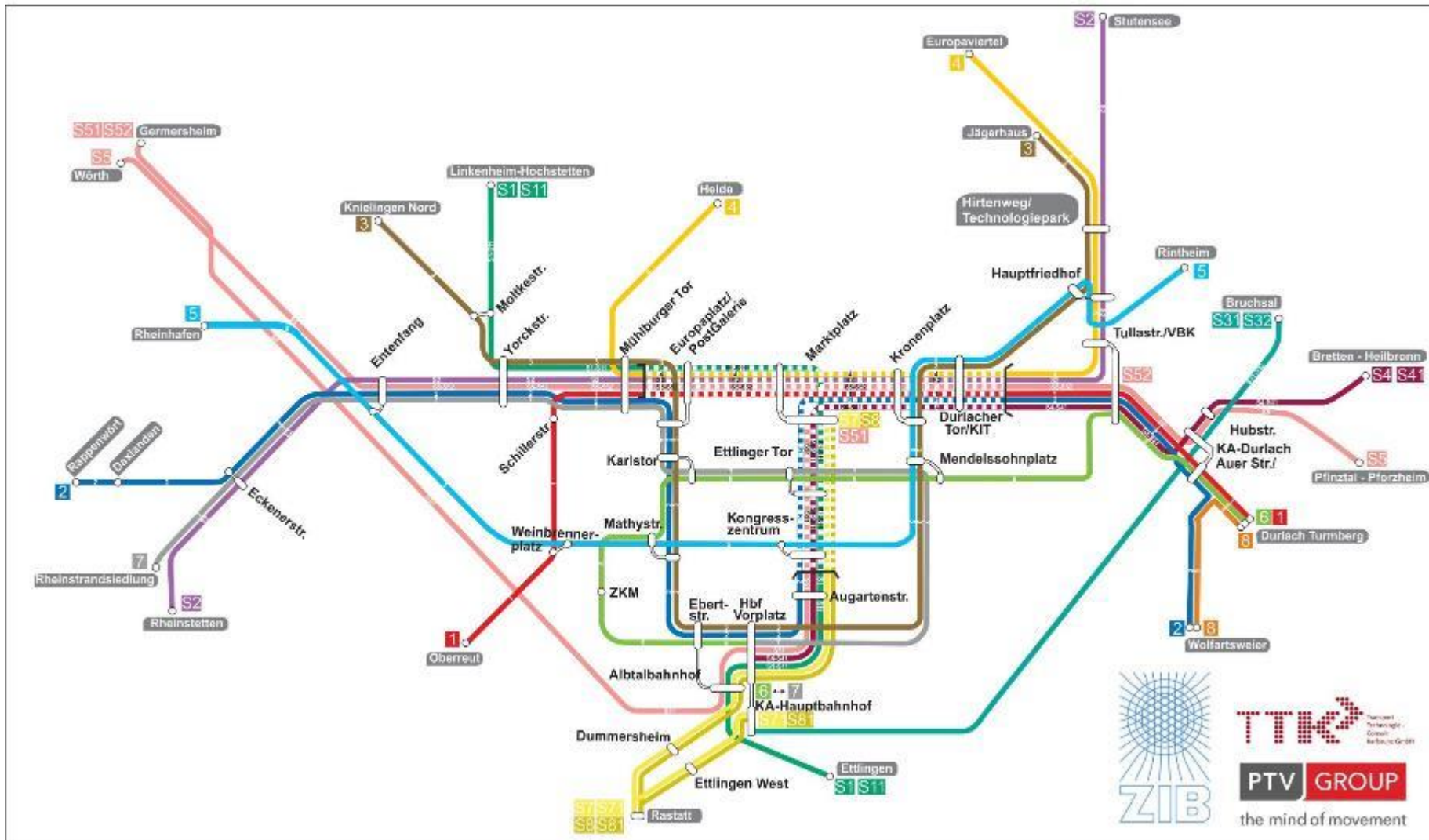
Solution Overview



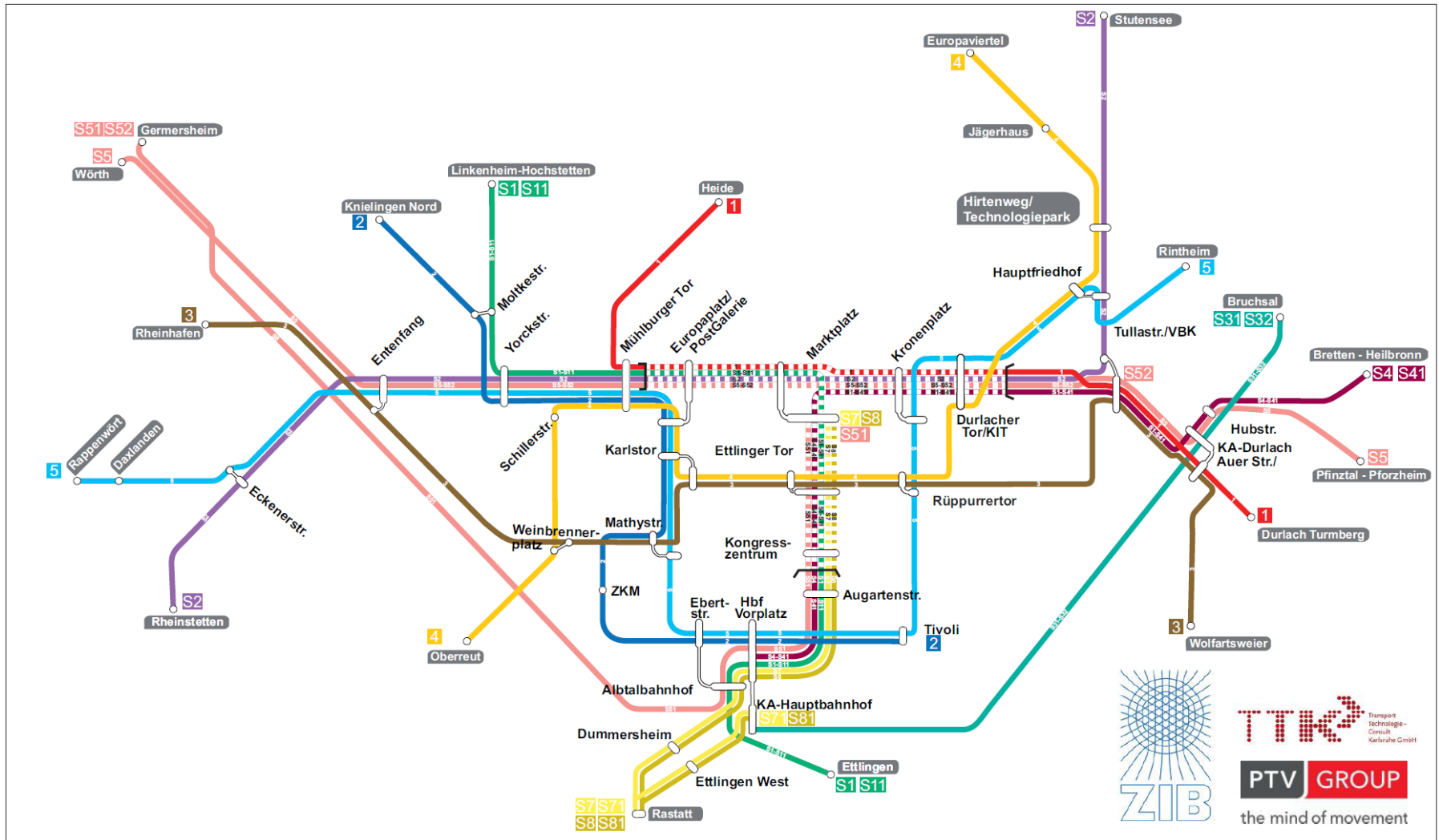
Scenario "Costs" (6 Lines of Maximum Load)



Reference Case



Solution "Costs"



Reference Case: Visum Pax Routing



Solution "Quality": Visum Pax Routing



Visum Pax Routing: Comparison of KPIs

- ▶ Scenario "Costs": -10% costs compared to status quo ante
- ▶ Quality: - 6% costs compared to reference case

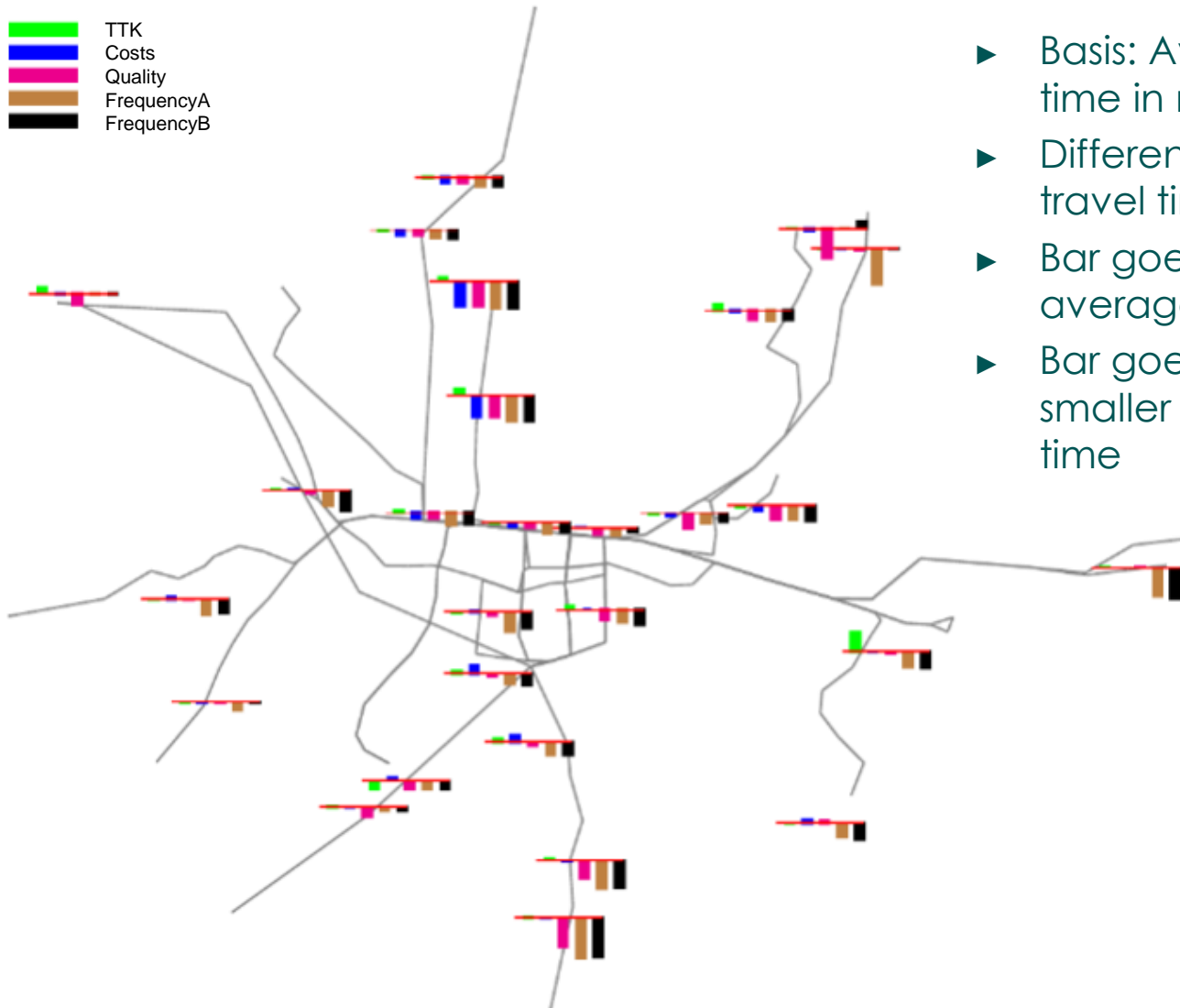
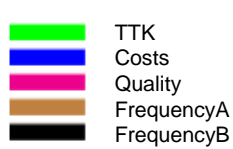
Scenario	Average perceived TT [min]	Average perceived TT [% plan VBK]	Average # of transfers	Average transfer frequency [% plan VBK]	Operation costs [% plan VBK]
Reference case: Stand. Bewertung	26 771	99.4%	0.3959	98.9%	108.6%
Current plan VBK	26 922	100.0%	0.4004	100.0%	100.0%
Network TTK 2025 updated	27 200	101.0%	0.4005	100.0%	100.1%
ZIB scenario basis	26 627	98.9%	0.3947	89.6%	97.9%
ZIB scenario quality	26 601	98.8%	0.3958	98.9%	102.1%
ZIB scenario costs	26 695	99.2%	0.3972	99.2%	90.4%
ZIB scenario frequency A	26 434	98.2%	0.3814	95.3%	95.0%

Vsimum Pax Routing: Comparison of Loads

- ▶ Tunnel (East-West): 4 instead of 5 lines (10-mins headway)

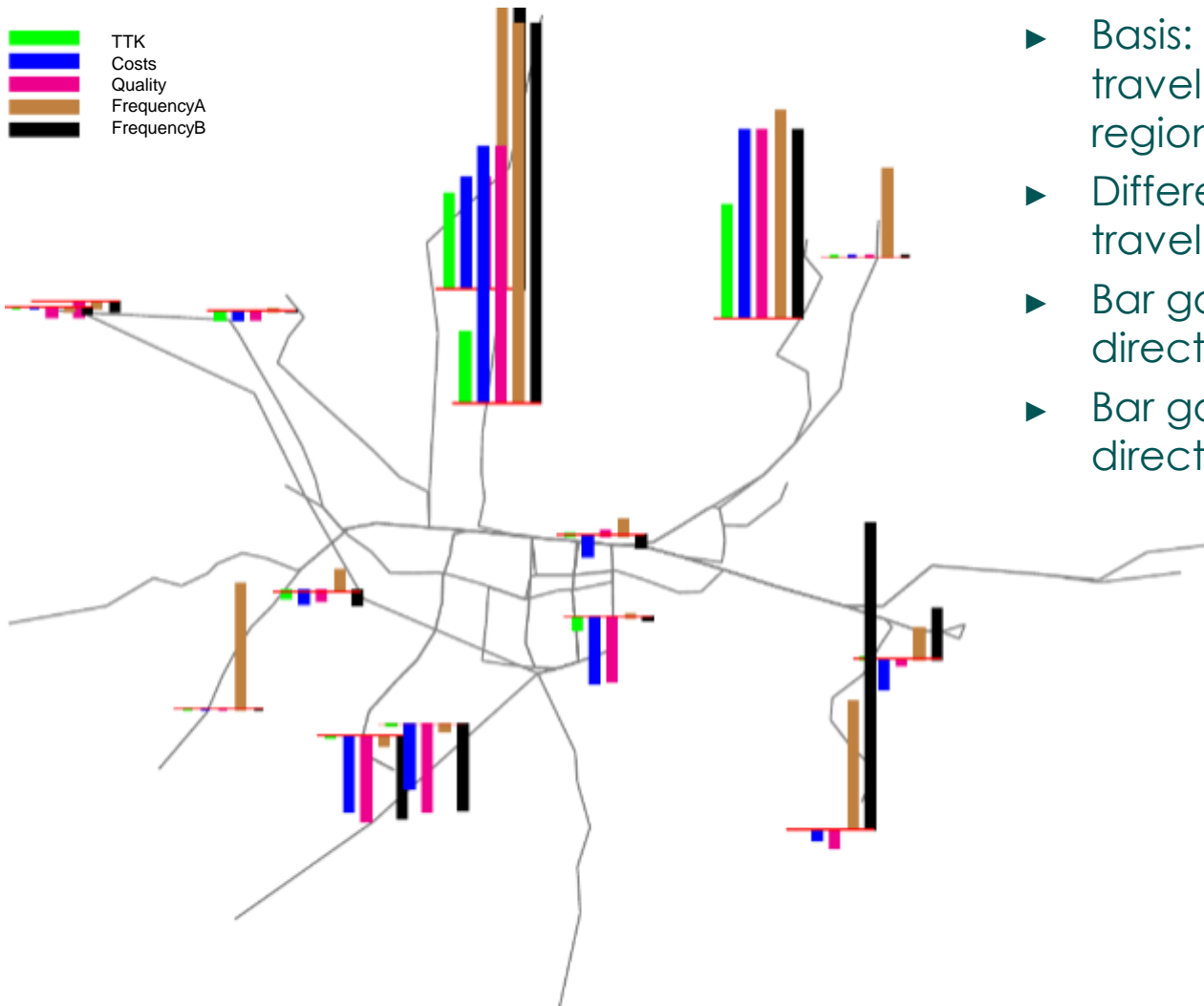
Scenario	Load Kaiserstr. West [pax/weekday]	Load Kriegsstr. West [pax/weekday]	Load Kriesstr. West [percentage]
Reference case: Stand. Bewertung	80 500	16 600	17.1%
Current plan VBK	78 300	16 700	17.6%
Network TTK 2025 updated	81 400	25 200	23.6%
ZIB scenario basis	77 100	28 900	27.3%
ZIB scenario quality	76 200	29 900	28.2%
ZIB scenario costs	78 400	24 200	23.6%
ZIB scenario frequency A	72 800	32 700	31.0%

Average Travel Time (Comparison to "VBK")



- ▶ Basis: Average travel time in network VBK
- ▶ Difference of average travel time in percent
- ▶ Bar goes up = higher average travel time
- ▶ Bar goes down = smaller average travel time

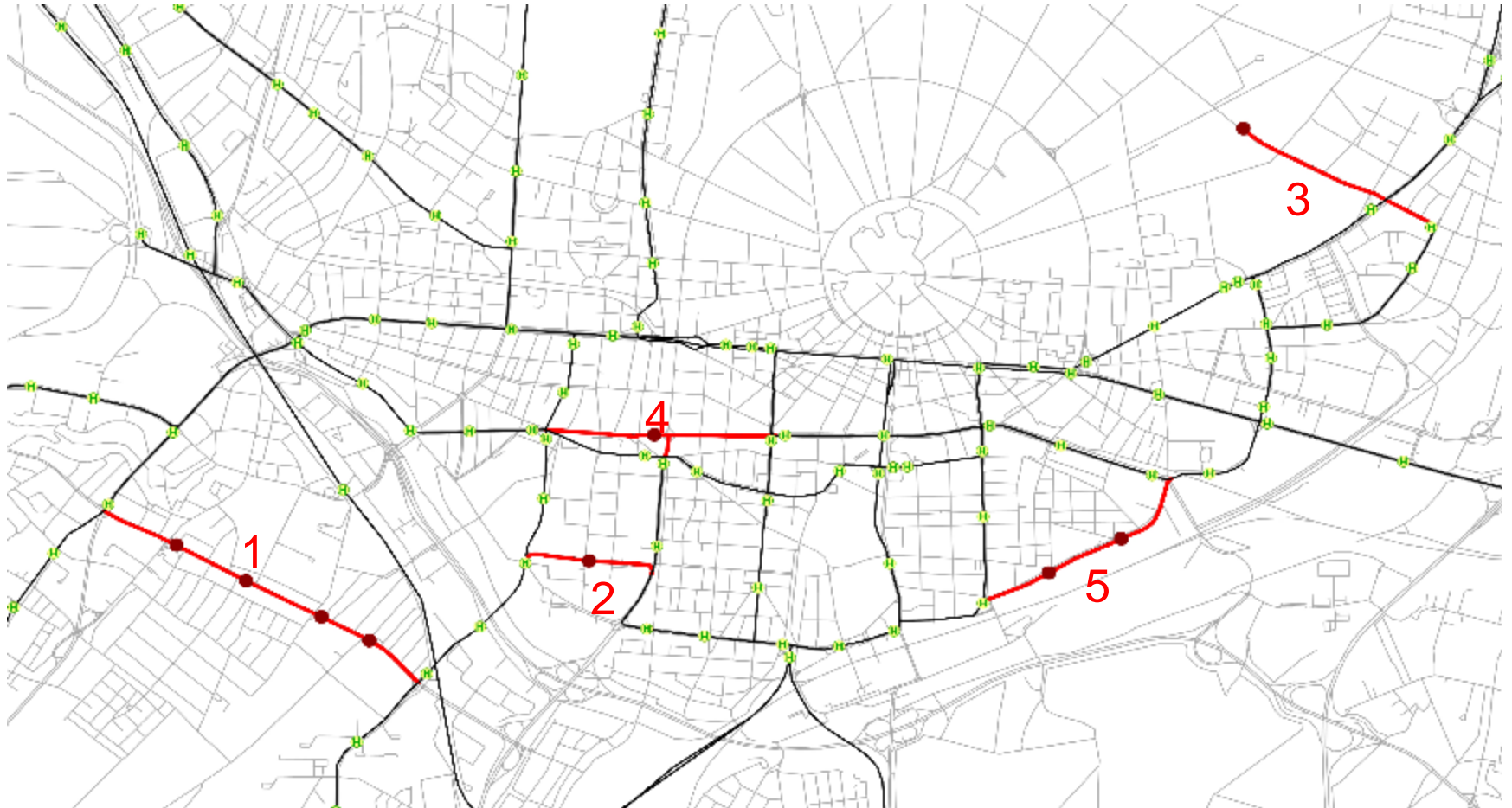
Direct Travelers (Comparison to "VBK")



- ▶ Basis: Number of direct travelers (starting in region) in network VBK
- ▶ Difference of direct travelers in percent
- ▶ Bar goes up = more direct travelers
- ▶ Bar goes down = less direct travelers

Network Extensions

- ▶ The demand justifies only the extension on Kriegsstraße.



Conclusions

- ▶ A high level of accuracy is required regarding the modelling of infrastructural and operational parameters.
- ▶ Optimization needs high quality OD-data.
- ▶ Restrictions can be standardized to some extent, but some requirements will be specific in each case/town.
- ▶ Discussions in the planning process focus on restrictions, not on quality measures/solutions.
- ▶ An iterative planning process is essential to improve solutions.



Line Planning and Steiner Path Connectivity

Line Planning Problem

Find a cost minimal set of lines and associated frequencies, s.t. a given set of travel demands can be transported in minimal time.

Steiner Path Connectivity Problem

Find a cost minimal set of paths that provide enough capacity to route a fastest multi-commodity flow.

Features

- ▶ Bicriteria problem (cost vs. quality)
- ▶ Passenger behavior (transfers)



Graphics: JavaView, F4

Steiner (Path) Connectivity Problem

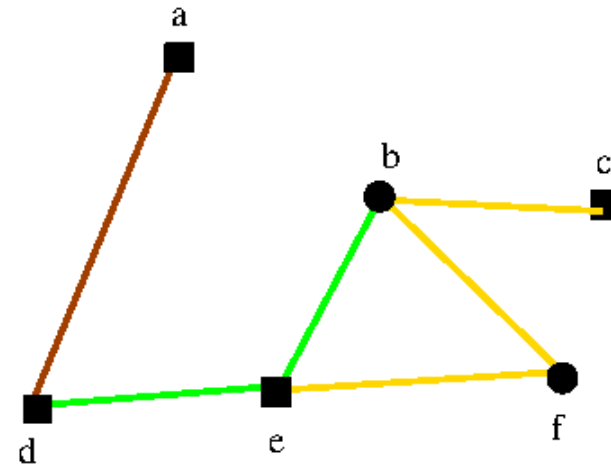
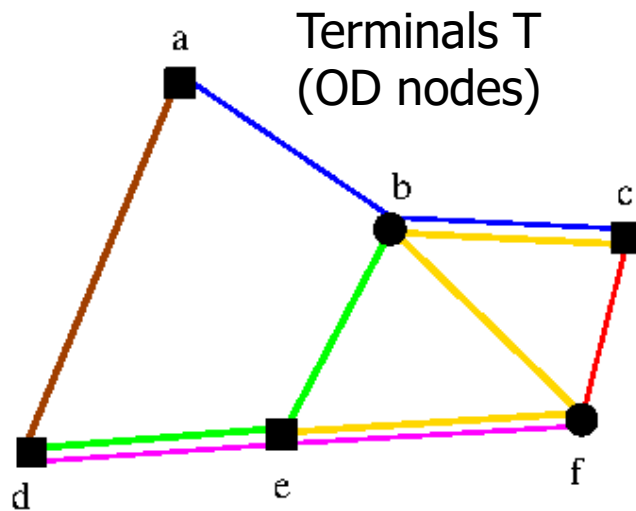
$$\min \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} c_l x_l$$

Minimize cost

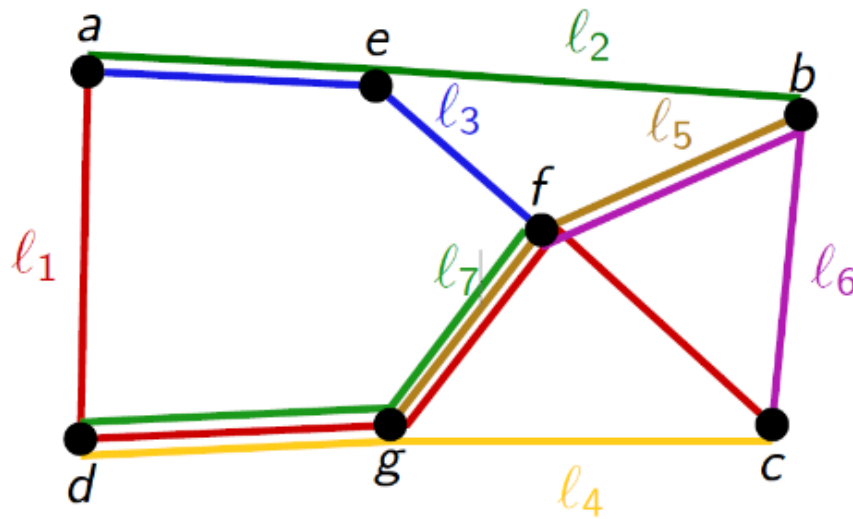
$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}_{\delta(W)}} x_l \geq 1 \quad \emptyset \neq W \cap T \neq V$$

$$x_l \in \{0, 1\}$$

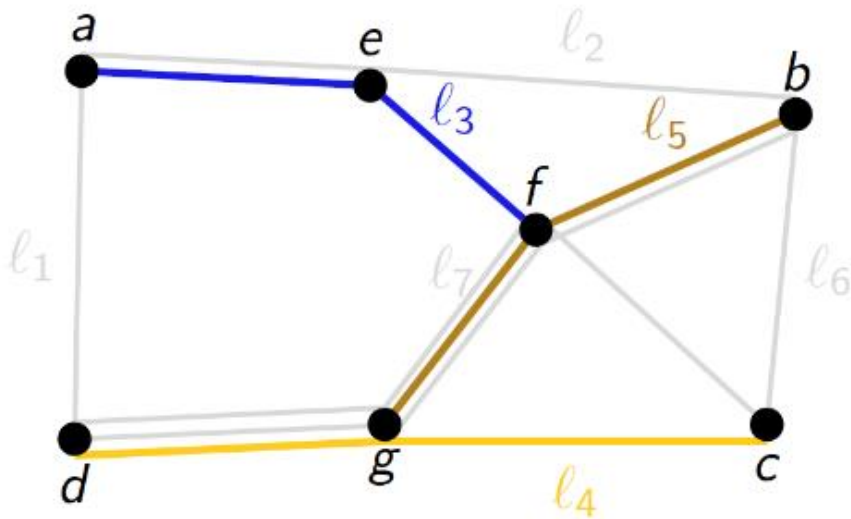
Connect all OD nodes



Mathematical Line Planning Example

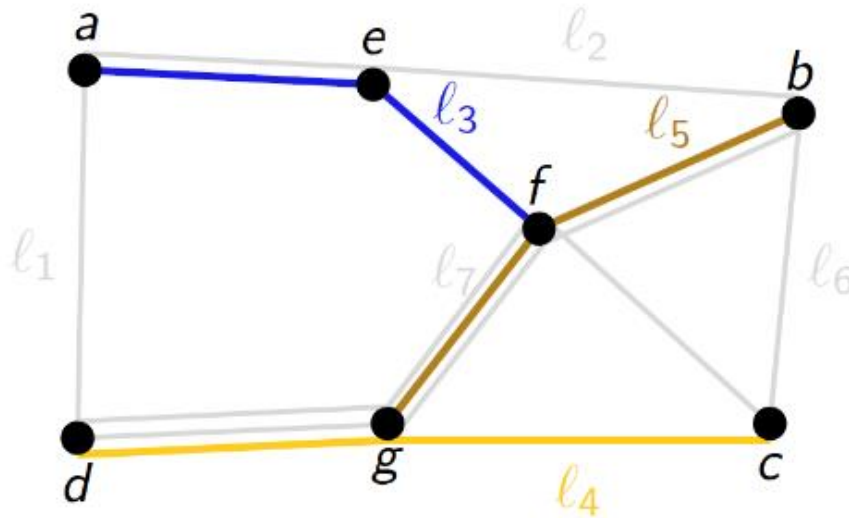


- ▶ line capacity 50
- ▶ demands:
 - $a \rightarrow f: 50$; $a \rightarrow b: 50$;
 - $d \rightarrow f: 20$; $d \rightarrow c: 80$



- ▶ feasible solution:
 - lines l_3, l_4 at frequency 2
 - line l_5 at frequency 1

Basic Line Planning Model



- ▶ feasible solution:
lines l_3, l_4 at frequency 2
line l_5 at frequency 1

- ▶ travel time on path = sum of travel times on edges

$$p_1 = (a, e, f) \quad \tau_{p_1} = \tau_{ae} + \tau_{ef}$$

$$p_2 = (a, e, f, b) \quad \tau_{p_2} = \tau_{ae} + \tau_{ef} + \tau_{fb}$$

$$p_3 = (d, g, f) \quad \tau_{p_3} = \tau_{dg} + \tau_{gf}$$

$$p_4 = (d, g, c) \quad \tau_{p_4} = \tau_{dg} + \tau_{gc}$$

- ▶ direct connections are not distinguished from non-direct connections, transfer times (within a mode) are ignored

Basic Line Planning Model

$$\min \lambda \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} c_{l,f} x_{l,f} + (1 - \lambda) \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \tau_p y_p$$

Minimize cost and travel time

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{st}} y_p = d_{st} \quad \forall s, t \in D$$

Transport all demand

$$\sum_{p \ni a} y_p \leq \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L} \ni a} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \kappa_{l,f} x_{l,f} \quad \forall a \in A$$

Capacity constraints

$$\sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} x_{l,f} \leq 1 \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L}$$

One frequency per line

$$y_p \geq 0, x_{l,f} \in \{0, 1\}$$

Features

- ▶ Complete line pool
- ▶ Multi-criteria objective
- ▶ Integrated passenger routing

Disadvantage

- ▶ No transfers (within a mode)

Literature (with Passenger Routing)

Maximize direct travelers

Bussieck, Kreuzer & Zimmermann [1997], Bussieck [1997]

- ▶ System split (a priori pax routing)

Minimize transfers/transfer time

Scholl [2005]; Schöbel & Scholl [2005]; Schmidt [2012]

- ▶ detailed treatment of transfers
- ▶ *change-&-go-graph* on the basis of all lines; large scale model

Maximize travel quality

Nachtigall & Jerosch [2008]

- ▶ utility for each path including all transfers
- ▶ capacity constraint for each partial route and line; large scale model

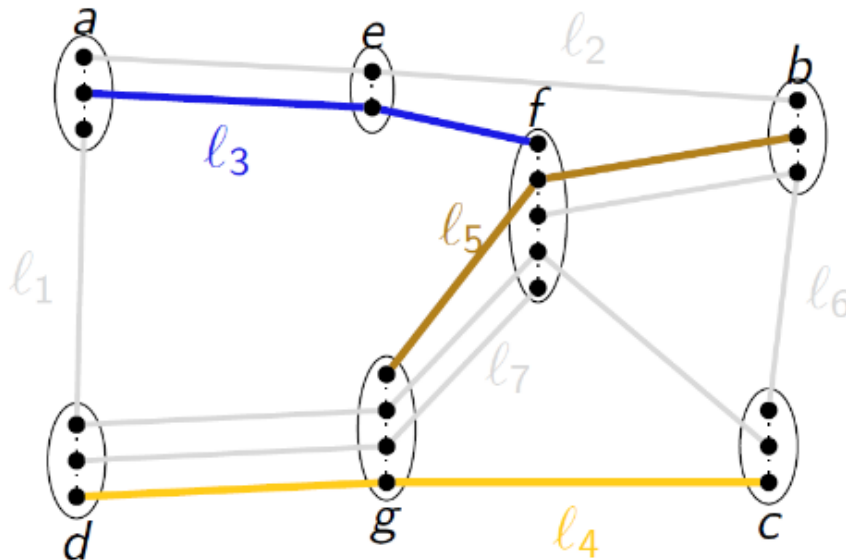
Minimize pareto function of line cost and travel times

B., Grötschel & Pfetsch [2007]; B., Neumann & Pfetsch [2008]

- ▶ allows line pricing; computationally tractable
- ▶ ignores transfers within same transportation mode

Change-and-Go Model

(Schöbel & Scholl [2005])



- ▶ change-and-go graph
- ▶ each node/edge is copied for each line covering it
 $\mathcal{V} = \{(v, \ell) : v \in V, \ell \in \mathcal{L}, v \in V(\ell)\}$
- ▶ complete graph (of transfers)
 $((v, \ell), (v, \ell')) \quad \forall \ell, \ell' \in \mathcal{L}$

- ▶ travel time on path = sum of travel times on edges

$$p_1 = (a, e, f) \quad \tau_{p_1} = \tau_{(a, l_3)(e, l_3)} + \tau_{(e, l_3)(f, l_3)}$$

$$p_2 = (a, e, f, b) \quad \tau_{p_2} = \tau_{(a, l_3)(e, l_3)} + \tau_{(e, l_3)(f, l_3)} + \tau_{(f, l_3)(f, l_5)} + \tau_{(f, l_5)(b, l_5)}$$

$$p_3 = (d, g, f) \quad \tau_{p_3} = \tau_{(d, l_4)(g, l_4)} + \tau_{(g, l_4)(g, l_5)} + \tau_{(g, l_5)(f, l_5)}$$

$$p_4 = (d, g, c) \quad \tau_{p_4} = \tau_{(d, l_4)(g, l_5)} + \tau_{(g, l_4)(c, l_5)}$$

- ▶ all transfers are considered

Change-and-Go Model

(Schöbel & Scholl [2005])

$$\min \lambda \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} c_{\ell, f} x_{\ell, f} + (1 - \lambda) \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \tau_p y_p$$

Minimize cost and travel time

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{st}} y_p = d_{st} \quad \forall (s, t) \in D \quad \text{Transport all demand}$$

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}: a \in p} y_p \leq \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \kappa_{\ell, f} x_{\ell, f} \quad \forall (a, \ell) \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{L}} \quad \text{Capacity constraints}$$

$$\sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} x_{\ell, f} \leq 1 \quad \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L} \quad \text{One frequency per line}$$

Variables: $x_{\ell, f} = 1$ if line $\ell \in \mathcal{L}$ is chosen with frequency $f \in \mathcal{F}$; $x_{\ell, f} = 0$ otherwise

$y_p \geq 0$ passenger flow on path $p \in \mathcal{P}$

Features

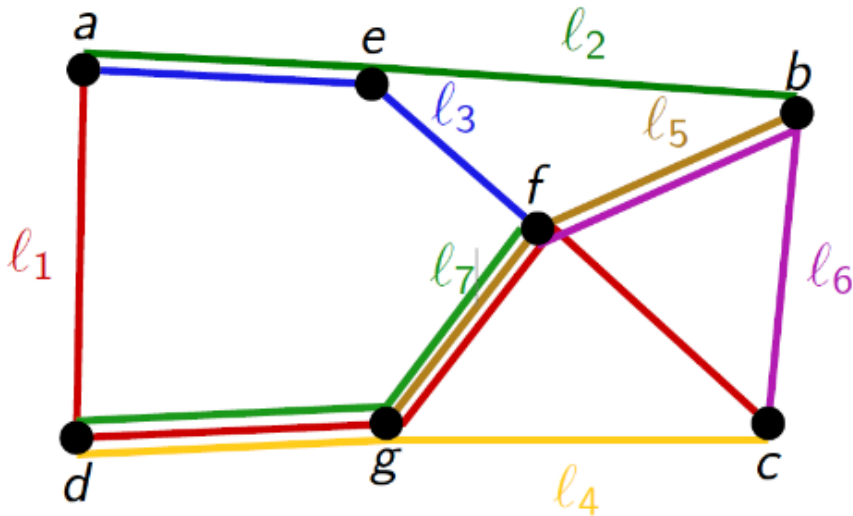
- ▶ (Complete) line pool
- ▶ Multi-criteria objective
- ▶ Integrated passenger routing **with transfers**

Disadvantage

- ▶ Very large scale (needs enumeration of all possible lines)



Idea of the Direct Connection Model



- Idea: Associate a passenger path either with a *direct connection line* or with a transfer penalty

$z_{p,0}^{\ell}$ # passengers on path p traveling directly with line ℓ
 $y_{p,1}$ # passengers on path p traveling with ≥ 1 transfer

- add transfer penalty σ on non-direct connections

$$p_1 = (a, e, f) \quad z_{p_1,0}^{\ell_3} = 50 \quad \tau_{p_1} = \tau_{ae} + \tau_{ef}$$

$$p_2 = (a, e, f, b) \quad y_{p_2,1} = 50 \quad \tau_{p_2} = \tau_{ae} + \tau_{ef} + \tau_{fb} + \sigma$$

$$p_3 = (d, g, f) \quad y_{p_3,1} = 20 \quad \tau_{p_3} = \tau_{dg} + \tau_{gf} + \sigma$$

$$p_4 = (d, g, c) \quad z_{p_4,0}^{\ell_4} = 80 \quad \tau_{p_4} = \tau_{dg} + \tau_{gc}$$

- transfer times for ≥ 2 transfers are underestimated

Direct Path Connection Model

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(DPC)} \quad \min & \lambda \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} \sum_{f \in F} c_{\ell,f} x_{\ell,f} + (1 - \lambda) \left(\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0} \tau_{p,0} \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}(p)} z_{p,0}^{\ell} + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \tau_{p,1} y_{p,1} \right) \\
 & \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_s^0} \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}(p)} z_{p,0}^{\ell} + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{st}} y_{p,1} = d_{st} & \forall (s, t) \in D \\
 & \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0(a)} \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}(p)} z_{p,0}^{\ell} + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}(a)} y_{p,1} \leq \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}(a)} \sum_{f \in F} \kappa_{\ell,f} x_{\ell,f} & \forall a \in A \\
 & \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0(a): \ell \in \mathcal{L}(p)} z_{p,0}^{\ell} \leq \sum_{f \in F} \kappa_{\ell,f} x_{\ell,f} & \forall a \in A, \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}(a) \\
 & \sum_{f \in F} x_{\ell,f} \leq 1 & \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L} \\
 & x_{\ell,f} \in \{0, 1\} & \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}, \forall f \in F \\
 & z_{p,0}^{\ell} \geq 0 & \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^0, \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}(p) \\
 & y_{p,1} \geq 0 & \forall p \in \mathcal{P}
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem

- ▶ Still many variables
- ▶ Primal degeneracy (pax paths can be assigned to many lines)

Idea

- ▶ Line independent aggregation of direct connections as $y_{p,0} = \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}(p)} z_{p,0}^{\ell}$

"Skeleton" Direct Connection Model

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(DC-skeleton)} \quad \min \quad & \lambda \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} \sum_{f \in F} c_{\ell,f} x_{\ell,f} + (1 - \lambda) \left(\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0} \tau_{p,0} y_{p,0} + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \tau_{p,1} y_{p,1} \right) \\
 & \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{st}^0} y_{p,0} + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{st}} y_{p,1} = d_{st} \quad \forall (s, t) \in D \\
 & \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0(a)} y_{p,0} + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}(a)} y_{p,1} \leq \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}(a)} \sum_{f \in F} \kappa_{\ell,f} x_{\ell,f} \quad \forall a \in A \\
 & \sum_{f \in F} x_{\ell,f} \leq 1 \quad \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L} \\
 & x_{\ell,f} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}, \forall f \in F \\
 & y_{p,0} \geq 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^0 \\
 & y_{p,1} \geq 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{P}
 \end{aligned}$$

Properties

- ▶ Only necessary variables
- ▶ Treatment of direct connections needs to be added

Idea

- ▶ Line independent aggregation of direct connections as $y_{p,0} = \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}(p)} z_{p,0}^{\ell}$

What about the direct connection capacities?

Either the aggregated direct connection flow can be split ...

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(C)} \quad & \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0(a): \ell \in \mathcal{L}(p)} z_{p,0}^\ell \leq c^\ell (:= \sum_{f \in F} \kappa_{\ell,f} x_{\ell,f}^*) \quad \forall a \in A, \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L} (a \in \ell) \quad (\mu_a^\ell) \\ & \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}(p)} z_{p,0}^\ell = y_{p,0}^* \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^0 \quad (\omega_p) \\ & z_{p,0}^\ell \geq 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^0, \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}(p) \end{aligned}$$

... or the Farkas dual solves:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(\bar{C})} \quad & \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} c^\ell \sum_{a \in \ell} \mu_a^\ell + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0} \omega_p y_{p,0}^* < 0 \\ & \sum_{a \in p} \mu_a^\ell + \omega_p \geq 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^0, \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}(p) \\ & \mu_a^\ell \geq 0 \quad \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}, \forall a \in A \end{aligned}$$

What about direct connection capacities?

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{C}) \quad & \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} c^\ell \sum_{a \in \ell} \mu_a^\ell + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0} \omega_p y_{p,0}^* < 0 \\ & \sum_{a \in p} \mu_a^\ell + \omega_p \geq 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^0, \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}(p) \\ & \mu_a^\ell \geq 0 \quad \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}, \forall a \in A \end{aligned}$$

► Consider a solution of the dual:

$$\text{► W.l.o.g. } -\omega_p = \min_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}(p)} \left\{ \sum_{a \in p} \mu_a^\ell \right\} \quad (=: \text{dist}_\mu^{\mathcal{L}}(p))$$

(\bar{C}) has a solution if and only if there exists $\mu \in [0,1]^{\mathcal{L} \times A}$ s.t.

$$\sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} c^\ell \sum_{a \in A} \mu_a^\ell < - \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0} \omega_p y_{p,0}^* = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0} \text{dist}_\mu^{\mathcal{L}}(p) y_{p,0}^*$$

The Direct Connection Metric Inequalities

Theorem (Direct Connection Metric Inequalities):

A capacity vector $c \in \mathbb{R}_+^{\mathcal{L}}$ supports a direct connection routing $y_{p,0}^*$ if and only if

$$\sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} c^\ell \sum_{a \in A} \mu_a^\ell \geq \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0} \text{dist}_\mu^{\mathcal{L}}(p) y_{p,0}^* \quad \forall \mu \in [0, 1]^{\mathcal{L} \times A}$$

- ▶ Characterization of path capacities that support a direct connection routing
- ▶ Can be generalized to more than one transfer
- ▶ Relation to multicommodity flow results of Iri [1971] & Kakusho & Onaga [1971]
 - ▶ Characterize arc capacities that support a multicommodity flow by metric inequalities
 - ▶ Paths are more general than arcs
 - ▶ Direct connection routing is more restrictive than gen. routing

Direct Connection Model

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(DC-complete)} \quad & \min \lambda \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} \sum_{f \in F} c_{\ell,f} x_{\ell,f} + (1 - \lambda) \left(\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0} \tau_{p,0} y_{p,0} + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \tau_{p,1} y_{p,1} \right) \\
 & \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{st}^0} y_{p,0} + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{st}} y_{p,1} = d_{st} && \forall (s, t) \in D \\
 & \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0(a)} y_{p,0} + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}(a)} y_{p,1} \leq \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}(a)} \sum_{f \in F} \kappa_{\ell,f} x_{\ell,f} && \forall a \in A \\
 & \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} \sum_{a \in A} \mu_a^\ell \sum_{f \in F} \kappa_{\ell,f} x_{\ell,f} \geq \sum_{(s,t) \in D} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{st}^0} \text{dist}_\mu^\mathcal{L}(p) y_{p,0} && \forall \mu \in [0, 1]^{\mathcal{L} \times A} \\
 & \sum_{f \in F} x_{\ell,f} \leq 1 && \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L} \\
 & x_{\ell,f} \in \{0, 1\} && \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}, \forall f \in F \\
 & y_{p,0} \geq 0 && \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^0 \\
 & y_{p,1} \geq 0 && \forall p \in \mathcal{P}
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Equivalent to basic DC model
- ▶ Algorithmically tractable?

Separating the DC Metric Inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\bar{C}) \quad & \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} c^\ell \sum_{a \in \ell} \mu_a^\ell + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0} \omega_p y_{p,0}^* < 0 \\
 & \sum_{a \in p} \mu_a^\ell + \omega_p \geq 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^0, \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}(p) \\
 & \mu_a^\ell \geq 0 \quad \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}, \forall a \in A
 \end{aligned}$$

Restating the Farkas dual as an optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (S) \quad & \min \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} \sum_{a \in \ell} \mu_a^\ell \sum_{f \in F} \kappa_{\ell,f} x_{\ell,f}^* - \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0} \omega_p y_{p,0}^* \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{a \in p} \mu_a^\ell - \omega_p \geq 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^0, \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}(p) \\
 & \mu_a^\ell \geq 0 \quad \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}, \forall a \in A \\
 & 1 \geq \omega_p \geq 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^0
 \end{aligned}$$

Separating the DC Metric Inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
 (S) \quad & \min \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} \sum_{a \in \ell} \mu_a^\ell \sum_{f \in F} \kappa_{\ell, f} x_{\ell, f}^* - \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^0} \omega_p y_{p, 0}^* \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{a \in p} \mu_a^\ell - \omega_p \geq 0 && \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^0, \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}(p) \\
 & \mu_a^\ell \geq 0 && \forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}, \forall a \in A \\
 & 1 \geq \omega_p \geq 0 && \forall p \in \mathcal{P}^0
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Feasible region does not depend on flow
- ▶ Polyhedron, polynomial number of (explicitly known) constraints

Proposition (Separation of Direct Connection Metric Inequalities):

The dcmetric inequalities can be separated in polynomial time. Hence, the LP relaxation of the direct connection model can be solved in polynomial time (non-direct connection paths can be priced in polynomial time).

Planning Problems in Public Transport

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Einzelfahrer		
Kilometer Potsdam	1,00	0,80
Einzelkarte	1,40	2,20
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Tagkarte		
Karte für 1 Person	2,20	5,00
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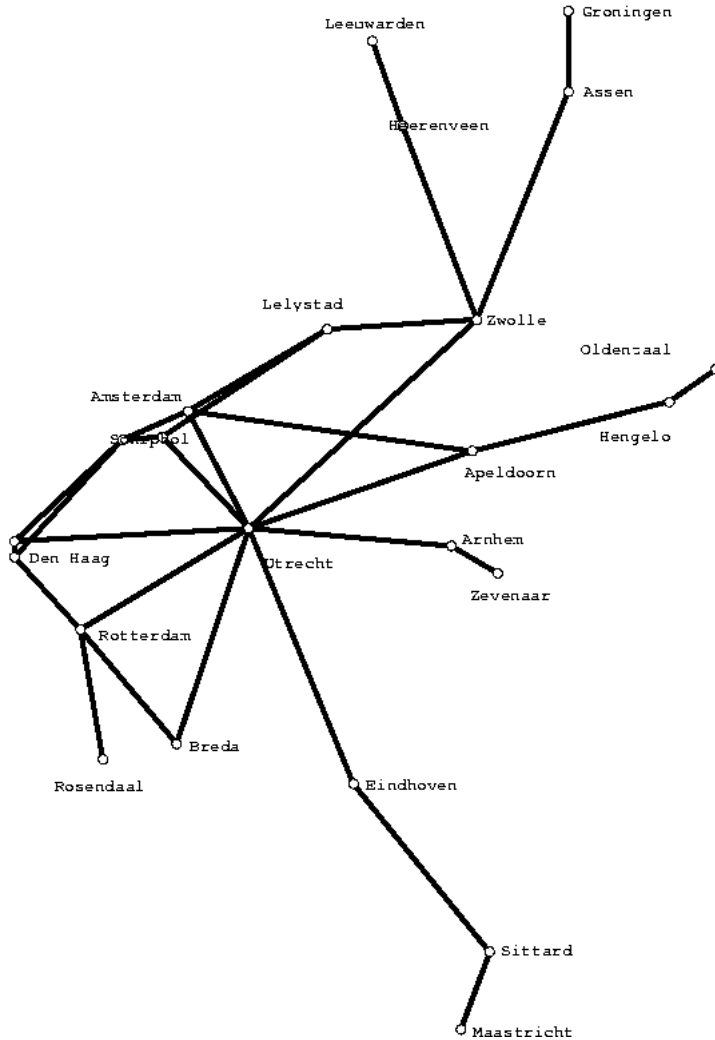
Operational Planning

Operations Control



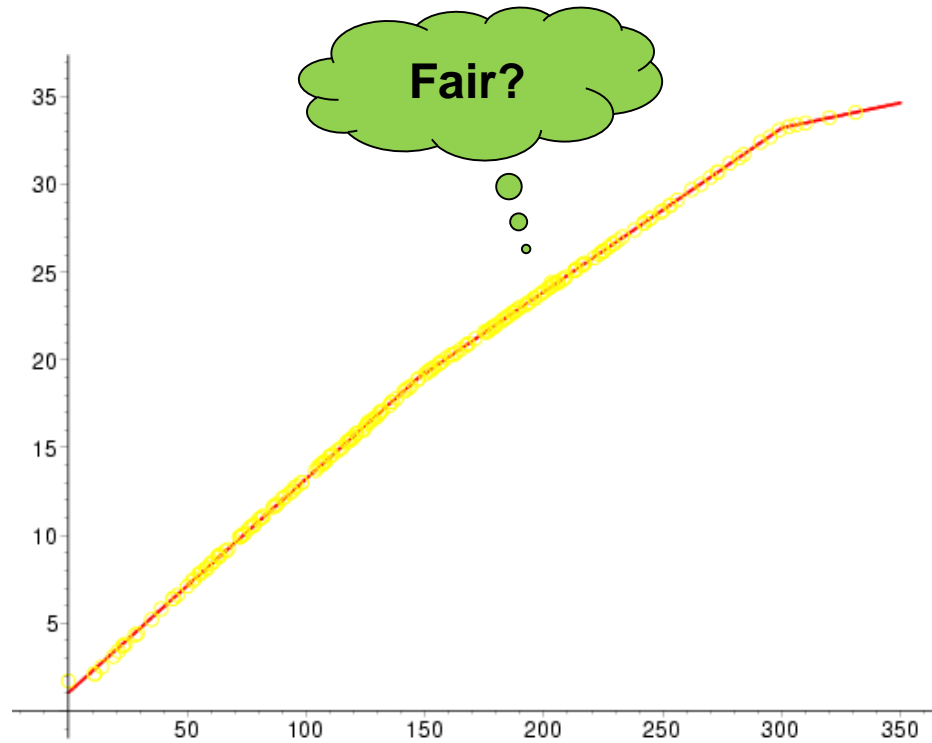
Dutch Intercity Network

(Bussieck [1998], Bussieck, Kreuzer, Zimmermann [1996], Claessens, van Dijk, Zwaneveld [1998])



Hr	Aan	Zl	Hgl	Ah	Uc	Shl	Aa2d	Aad	Gv	Ovc	Rtd	Bd	Ehw	Std	Mt	Lla	Rady	Dvg	Otdg		
Lw	478	380	13	145	20	21	90	6	26	36	14	9	9	4	77	7	14				
Gn	1720	720		331	48	88	205	12	73	75	34	28	29	13	200	33	14				
Hr		511	11	209	20	16	135	10	48	58	16	11	8	4	77	10	19				
Aan		854	16	502	32	58	235	13	117	125	42	33	28	14	152	48	19				
Zl			56	1112	64	171	400	33	163	182	79	47	46	21	390	100	32				
Apd				468	1160	32	76	917	21	202	143	57	62	10	5	47	83	71			
Hgl					422	11	24	287	20	81	52	39	28	20	12	24	75				
Ah						4244	60	721	726	109	741	180	136	101		8	320	602			
Uc							278	5826	4919	225	3138	2260	1165	3109	720	359	89	325	996	21	
Shl								1456	6469	1339	1503	509	7	99	44	29	103	164			
Aa2d									461	2007	369	138	542	203	149	819	6	155			
Aad										730	2540	1756	154	437	155	37	2783	2258	489	22	
Gv											785	4386	531	35	22	8	29	890			
Ovc												2829	228	335	104	41	31	3	229	7	
Rtd													1829	569	179	73	46	1077	157	11	
Bd														950	157	79	6	329	14	5	
Ehw															936	404	8	75	11	3	
Std																863	2	19			
Mt																	1	22			
Lla																		1	22		
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Cost Allocation Games

- ▶ $N = [n]$ players
- ▶ N grand coalition
- ▶ $\Sigma \subseteq 2^N, \Sigma^+ = \Sigma \setminus \emptyset$ coalitions
- ▶ $c: \Sigma^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ cost function
- ▶ $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^N$ feasible prices (polyhedron)
- ▶ $\Gamma = (N, c, P, \Sigma)$ cost allocation game
- ▶ $f: \Sigma^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{> 0}$ weight function $(1, |\cdot|, c)$
- ▶ $e_f(S, x) = \frac{c(S) - x(S)}{f(S)}, S \in \Sigma^+, x \in P$ f -excess of S at price x
- ▶ $\mathcal{X}(\Gamma) = \{x \in P: x(N) = c(N)\}$ imputation set
- ▶ $\mathcal{C} := \{x \in \mathcal{X}: e_f(\cdot, x) \geq 0\}$ core
- ▶ $\mathcal{C}_{\epsilon, f} := \{x \in \mathcal{X}: e_f(\cdot, x) \geq \epsilon\}$ (ϵ, f) -core
- ▶ $\epsilon_f := \max \epsilon: \mathcal{C}_{\epsilon, f} \neq \emptyset$ f -least core radius
- ▶ $\mathcal{LC}_f := \mathcal{C}_{\epsilon_f, f}$ f -least core
- ▶ $\mathcal{N}_f := \text{lexmax } \mathcal{LC}_f$ f -nucleolus
- ▶ $\phi: \Gamma \rightarrow P$ cost allocation method

Desirable Properties

1. $\phi(\Gamma)(N) = c(N)$ efficiency
2. $\phi(\Gamma)(S) \leq \phi(\Gamma_S)(S) \quad \forall S \in \Sigma^+$ coalitional stability
3. $\phi(\Gamma) \in \mathcal{C}$ core price
4. $\exists K, \alpha > 0: |\tilde{c}(\cdot) - c(\cdot)| \leq \alpha c(\cdot)$
 $\Rightarrow |\phi(\tilde{c})_i - \phi(c)_i| \leq K\alpha\phi(c)_i \forall i$ bounded variation

Cost allocation methods

- ▶ $\phi(\Gamma)_i = c(i) \quad \forall i \in N$ fixed-price ($\neg 1, \neg 3$)
- ▶ $\phi(\Gamma)_i = c(i) \cdot \frac{c(N)}{\sum_{j \in N} c(j)} \quad \forall i \in N$ proportional ($\neg 2, \neg 3$)
- ▶ $\phi(\Gamma) = \mathcal{LC}_f$ f -least core ($\neg 2, \neg 4$)
 $= \operatorname{argmax}_{x \in P}$
 $x(S) + \epsilon f(S) \leq c(S) \quad \forall S \in \Sigma^+ \setminus N$
 $x(N) = c(N)$
 $x \in P$

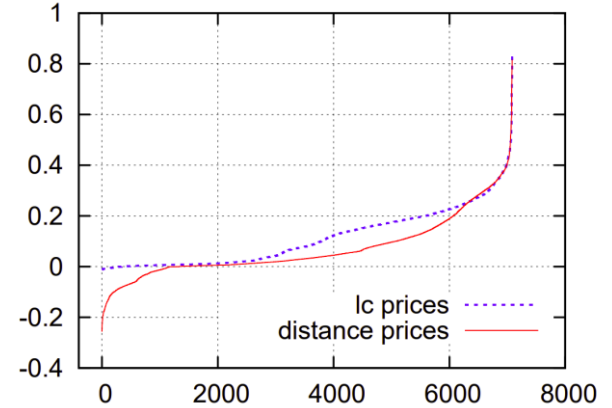
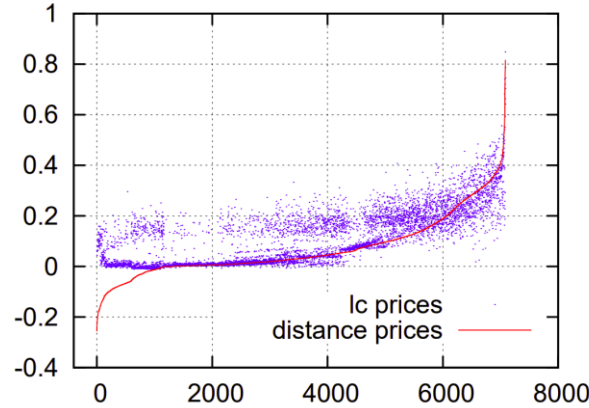
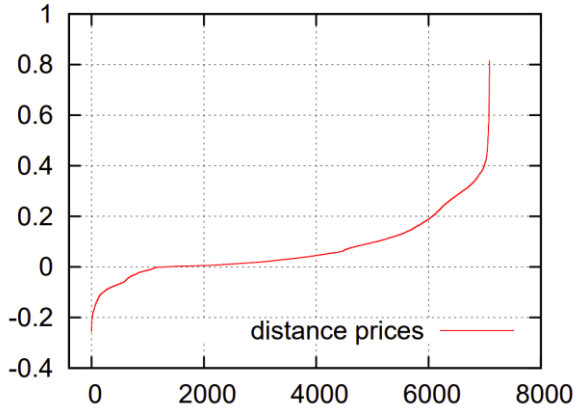
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► **Proposition (Hoang [2010]):** There is no (general) cost allocation method that can guarantee more than 2 out of the above 4 properties (for all games), even for cost allocation games with monotone, subadditive cost functions.

► **Theorem (Hoang [2010]):** For weight functions $f = \alpha g + \beta c$, where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}, \alpha + \beta > 0, g: \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ modular and positive on Σ^+ , the f -nucleolus of a "strongly bounded" cost allocation game can be computed in time that is polynomial in oracles for computing $c(S), g(S)$, membership for Σ , and separation for P .

Fairness Diagram



- ▶ $\Lambda = \{\{i\}: i \in N\} \cup N$
- ▶ $R: \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}, \sum_i R(\{i\}) = c(N)$
- ▶ $r_i = R(\{i\}), i \in N$
- ▶ $\mathcal{LC}_{f,r} := \mathcal{N}_R(N, R, \mathcal{LC}_f(\Gamma), \Lambda)$

reference price function
reference price for player i
 (f, r) -least core

$$= \operatorname{arglexmin}_{x \in \mathcal{LC}_f} \left(\frac{x_i}{r_i} \right)_{i \in N} \quad \text{as } e_R(\{i\}, x) = \frac{r_i - x_i}{r_i} = 1 - \frac{x_i}{r_i}$$

Cost Function (Line Planning Problem)

$$\begin{aligned}
 c(S) = \min & \sum_{(r,f) \in \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{F}} (c_{r,f}^1 \xi_{r,f} + c_{r,f}^2 \rho_{r,f}) \\
 & \text{arc capacities for shortest path routing} \\
 \text{s. t.} & \sum_{e \in E} \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}} c_{cap} f (m \xi_{r,f} + \rho_{r,f}) \geq \sum_{i \in S} P_e^i \quad \forall e \in E \\
 & \text{min frequencies for shortest path routing} \quad \sum_{e \in E} \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}} f \xi_{r,f} \geq F_e^i \quad \forall (e, i) \in E \times S \\
 & \rho_{r,f} - (M - m) \xi_{r,f} \leq 0 \quad \forall (r, f) \in \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{F} \\
 & \leq 1 \text{ frequencies per route} \quad \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \xi_{r,f} \leq 1 \quad \forall r \in \mathcal{R} \\
 & \xi \in \{0,1\}^{\mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{F}}, \rho \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{\mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{F}}
 \end{aligned}$$

route r has frequency f

route r with frequency f
has $m + \rho_{r,f}$ coaches

Separation problem extends to OD-pair choice plus objective change to excess.

Setup

- ▶ Players

$n = 81$ OD-pairs of highest demand, $2^{81} - 1$ coalitions

- ▶ Reference price

$$P_{st} = \frac{c(N)}{\sum_{st \in N} d_{st}} \cdot d_{st}$$

- ▶ Monotonicity

$$0 \leq \frac{x_{uv}}{P_{uv}} \leq \frac{x_{st}}{P_{st}} \leq \sum_{uv \in \mathcal{P}_{st}} \frac{x_{uv}}{P_{uv}} \quad \forall st \in S, uv \in \mathcal{P}_{st}$$

- ▶ Distance-likeness

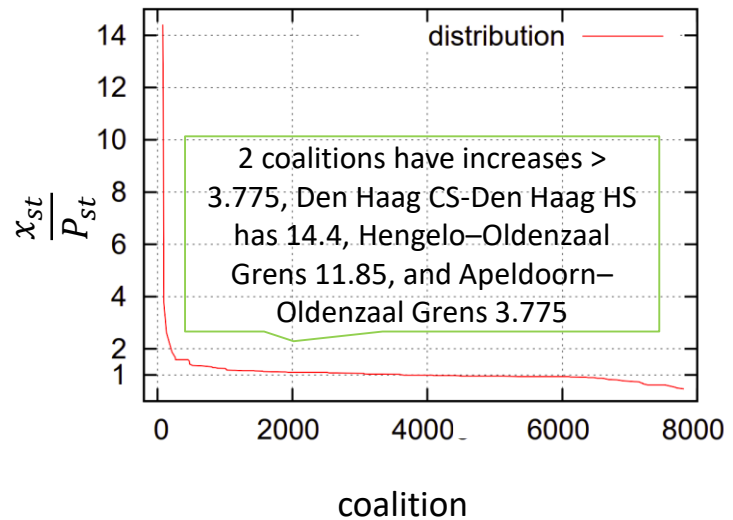
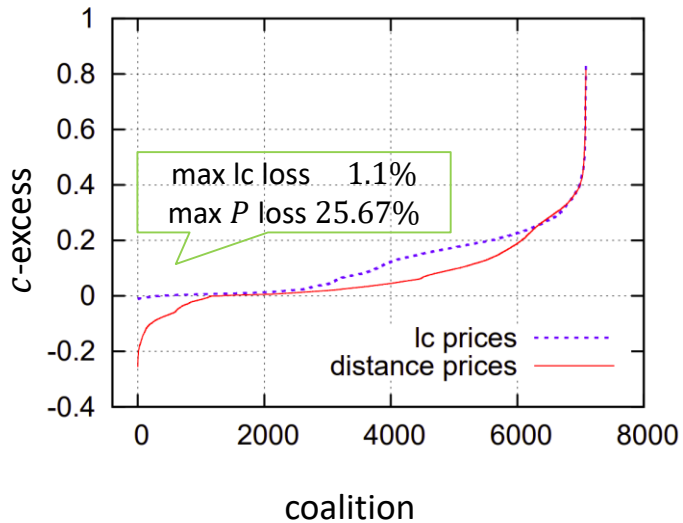
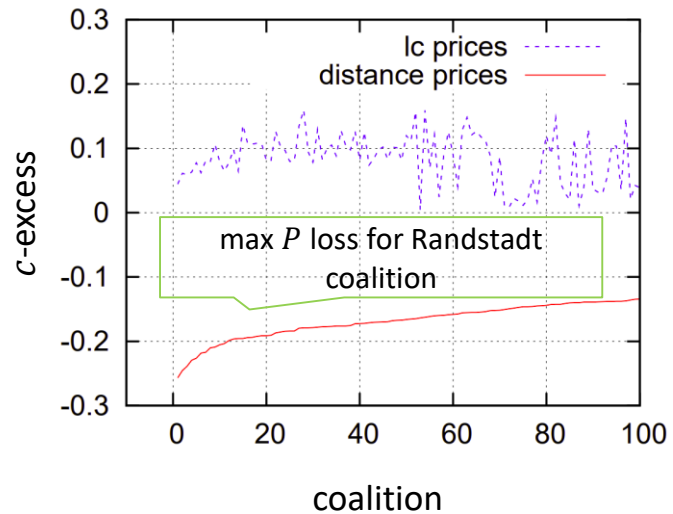
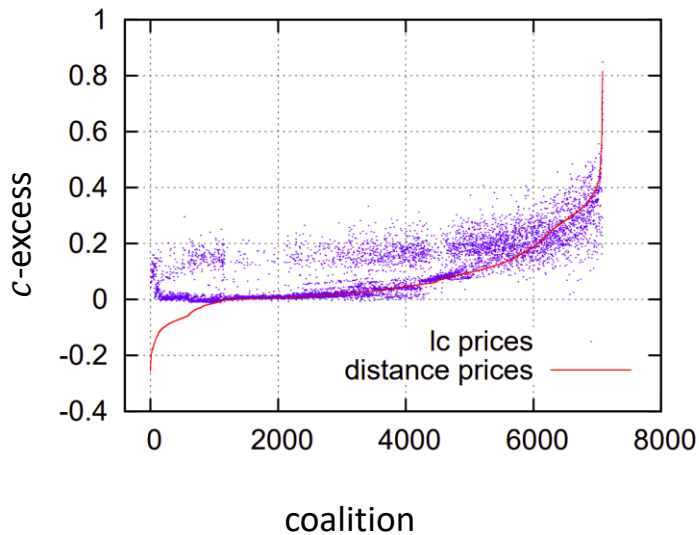
$$\max_{st} \frac{x_{st}}{d_{st} P_{st}} \leq K \min_{st} \frac{x_{st}}{d_{st} P_{st}} \quad \forall st \in S$$

- ▶ Weight function

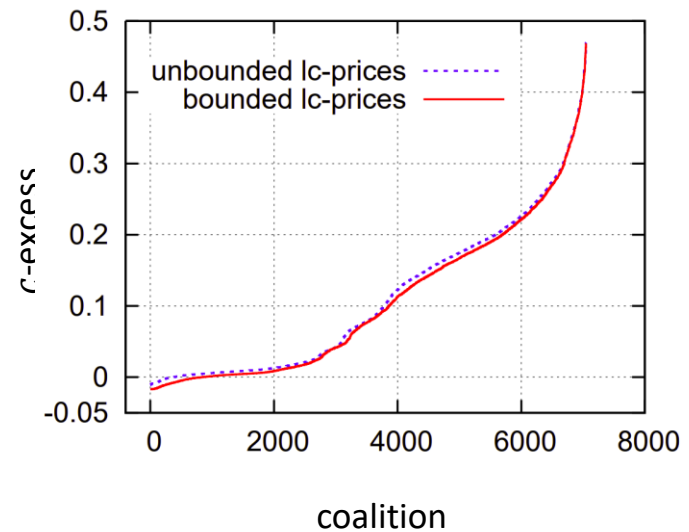
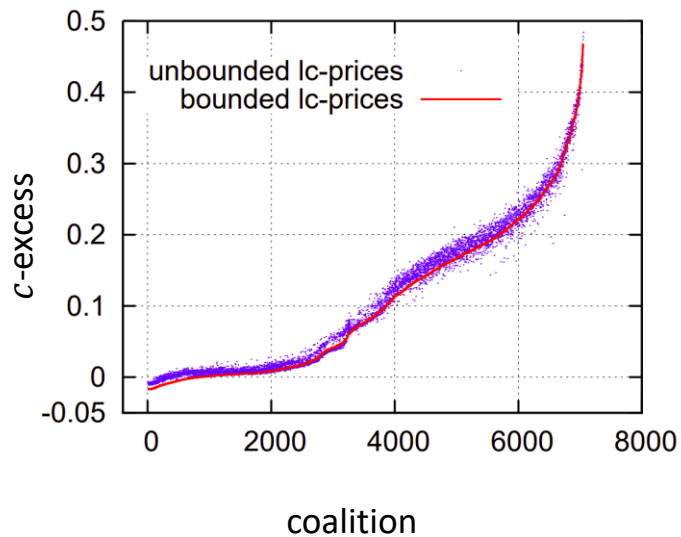
$$f = c,$$

i.e, $e_f(S, x) = e_c(S, x) = \frac{c(S) - x(S)}{c(S)} = \text{relative savings}$

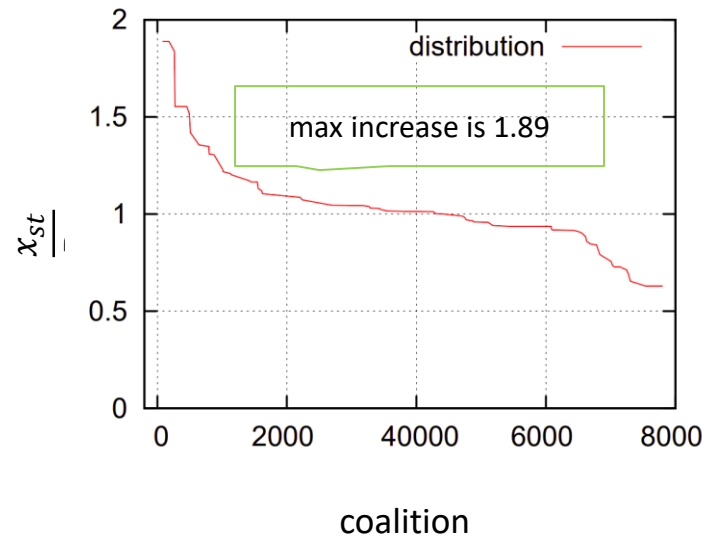
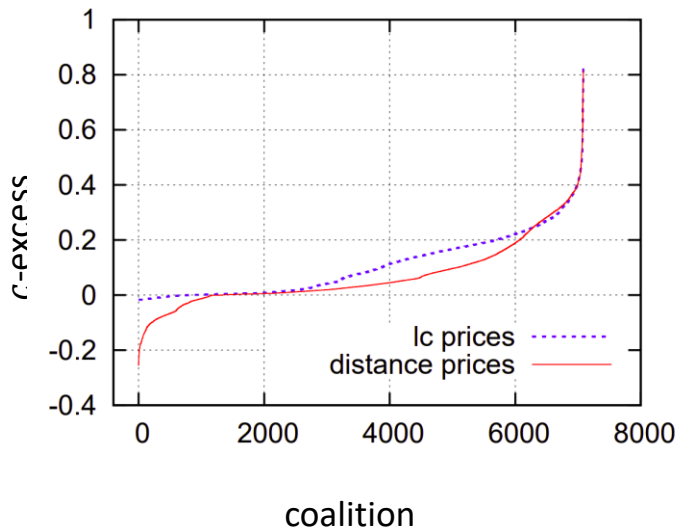
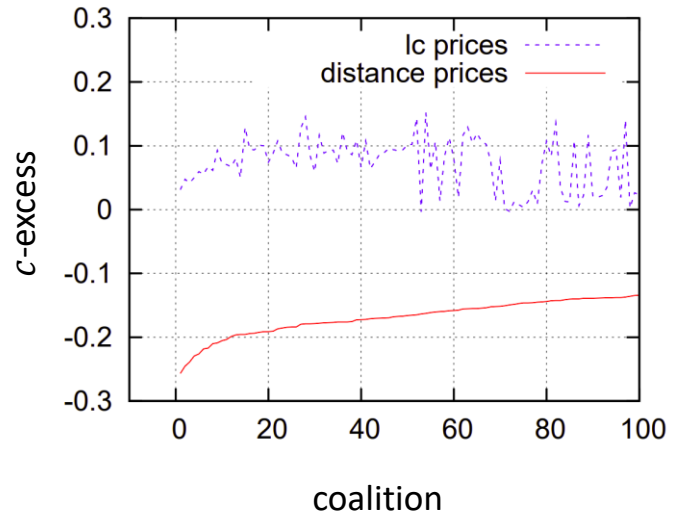
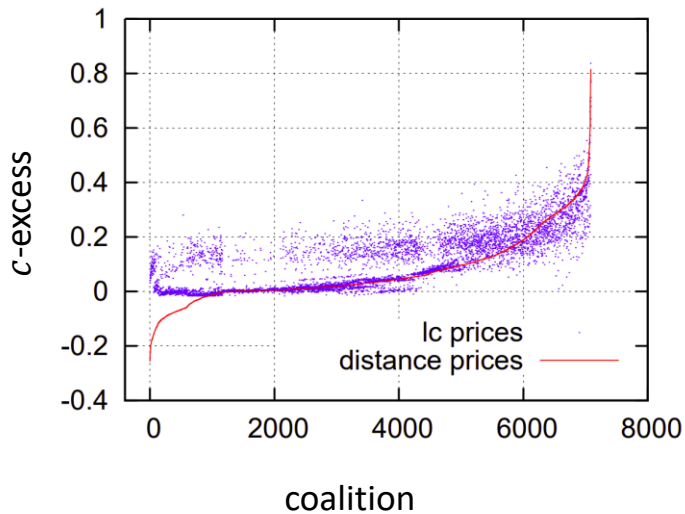
Least-core Prices ($K = +\infty$)



Least-core Prices ($K = +\infty$ vs. $K = 3$)

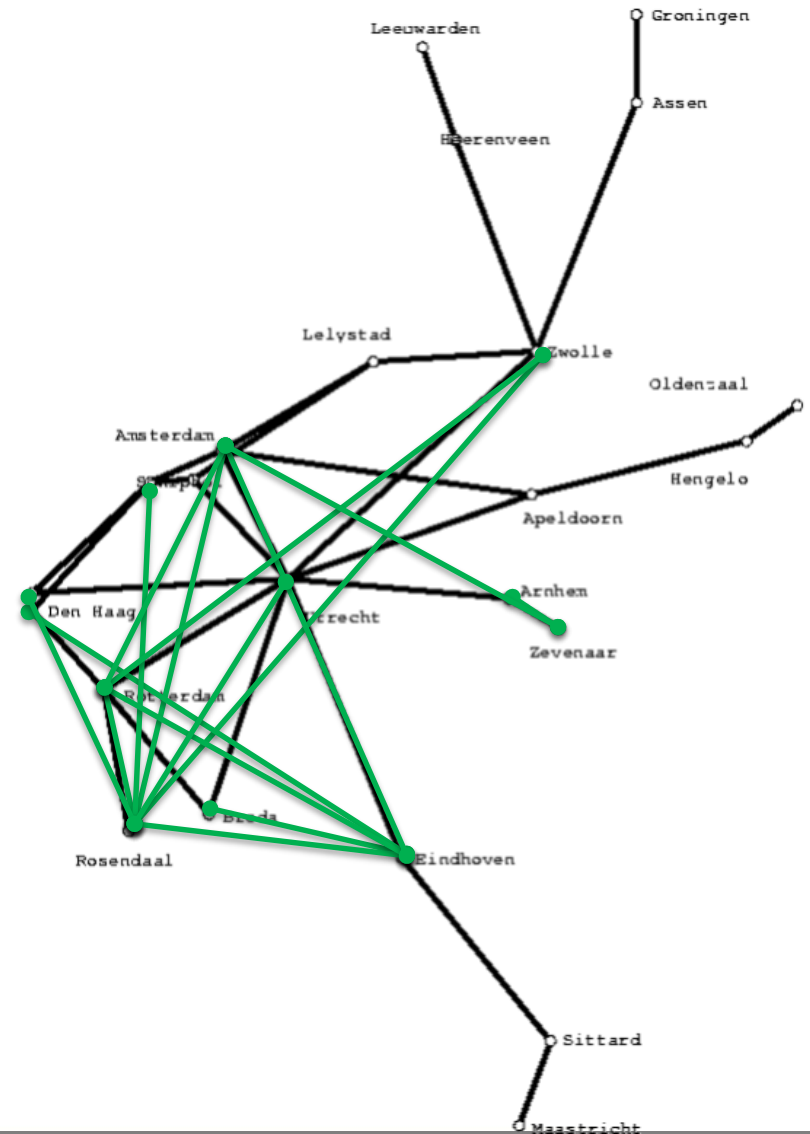


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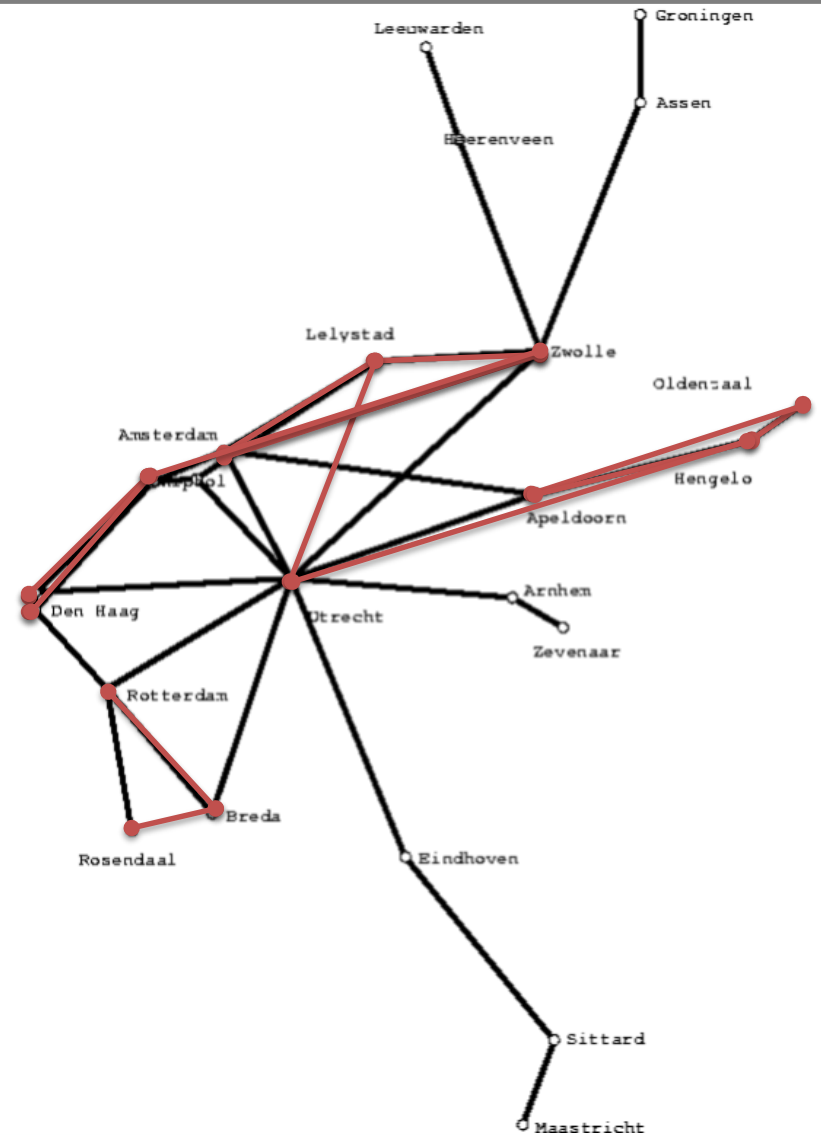
Best 15 (x_{st}/P_{st} for $K = 3$ and $K = +\infty$)

Arnhem-Zevenaar Grens	0.63
Amsterdam CS-Rosendaal	0.63
Breda-Eindhoven	0.63
Rosendaal-Rotterdam CS	0.63
Rosendaal-Zwolle	0.65
Eindhoven-Den Haag CS	0.65
Rosendaal-Schiphol	0.69
Eindhoven-Rosendaal	0.70
Eindhoven-Rotterdam CS	0.71
Amsterdam CS-Eindhoven	0.72
Den Haag HS-Rosendaal	0.73
Rosendaal-Utrecht CS	0.73
Rotterdam CS-Zwolle	0.74
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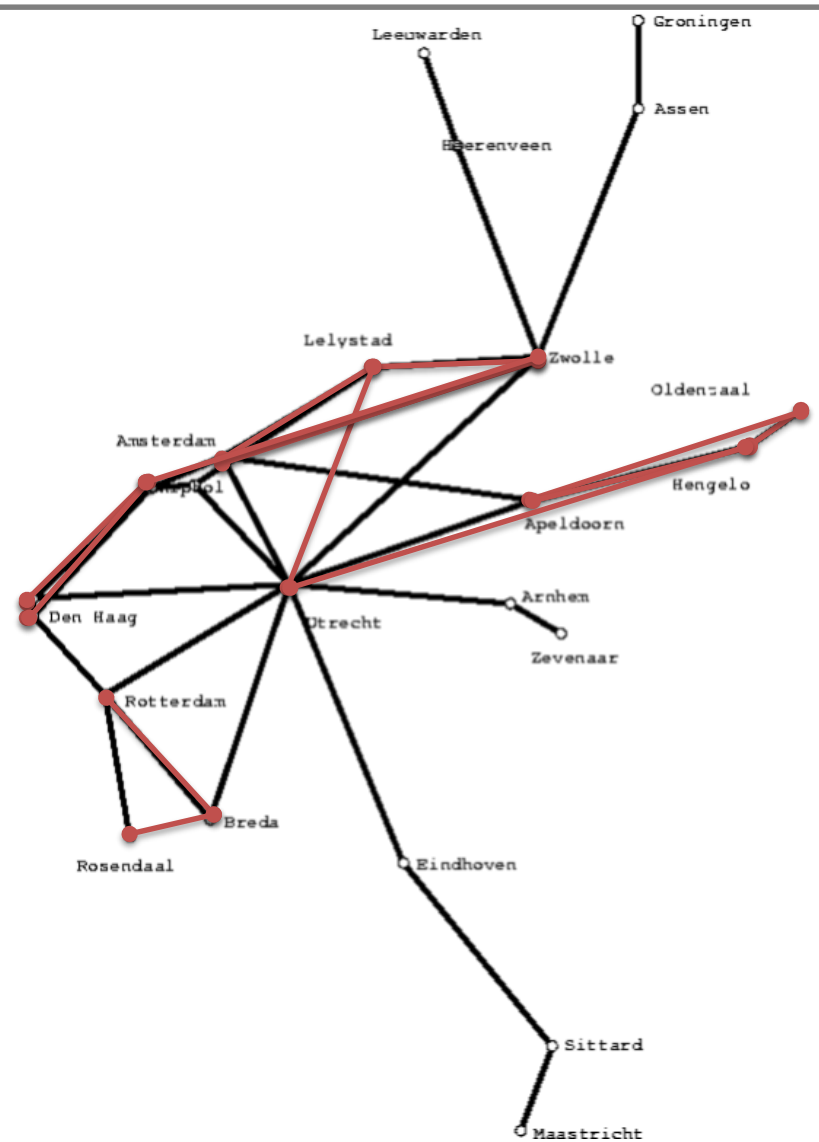
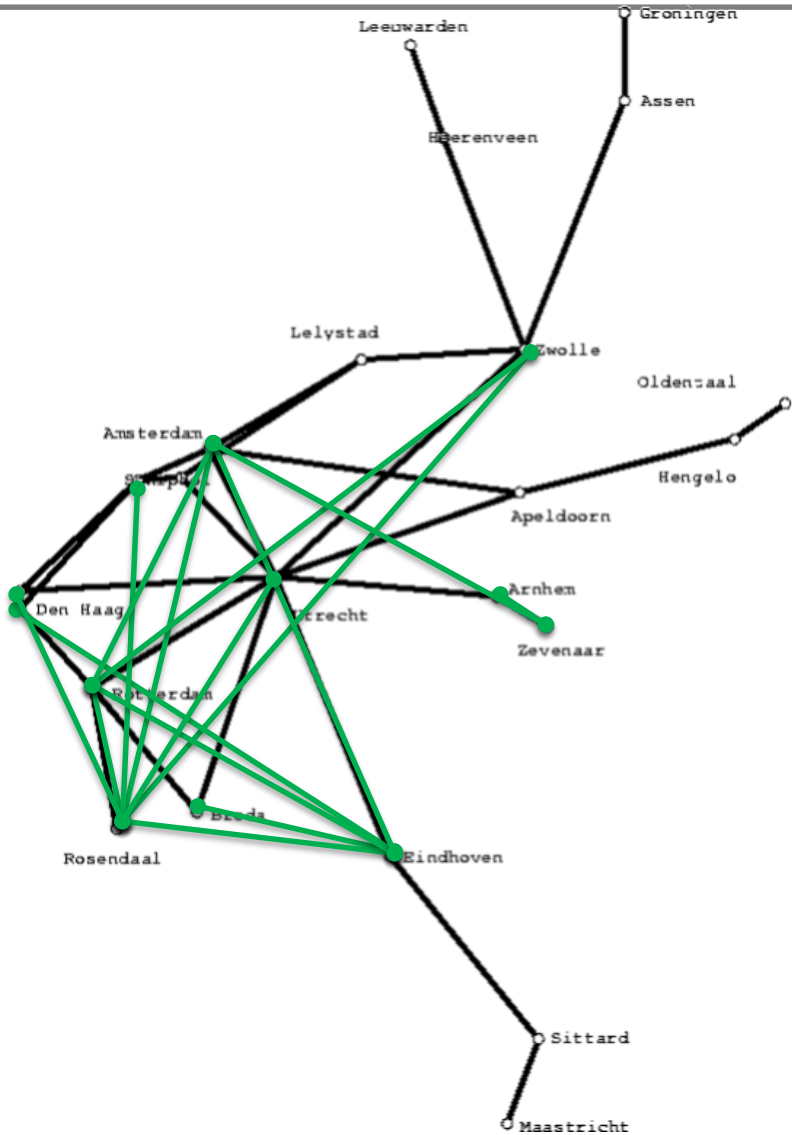


Worst 15 (x_{st}/P_{st} for $K = 3$ and $K = +\infty$)

Breda-Roosendaal	1.30
Hengelo-Utrecht CS	1.30
Schiphol-Zwolle	1.30
Den Haag CS-Schiphol	1.35
Den Haag HS-Schiphol	1.36
Amsterdam Zuid-Zwolle	1.42
Amsterdam CS-Zwolle	1.52
Breda-Rotterdam CS	1.55
Lelystad-Utrecht CS	1.55
Amsterdam Zuid-Lelystad	1.84
Apeldoorn-Hengelo	1.89
Apeldoorn-Oldenzaal	1.89
Den Haag HS-Den Haag CS	1.89
Hengelo-Oldenzaal	1.89
Lelystad-Zwolle	1.89



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Beijing (□-Grid with Ls & Rings)

