



Operations of Freeways with Capacity Disruptions

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Motivation: Disruptions in Transportation Systems

- * Disruptions: any capacity-reducing events.
- * Accidents, bad weather, work zone, etc.



- * Freeway capacity: intrinsically a random variable [Brilon 05]
- * Major impact: disruption-induced delay

Main question

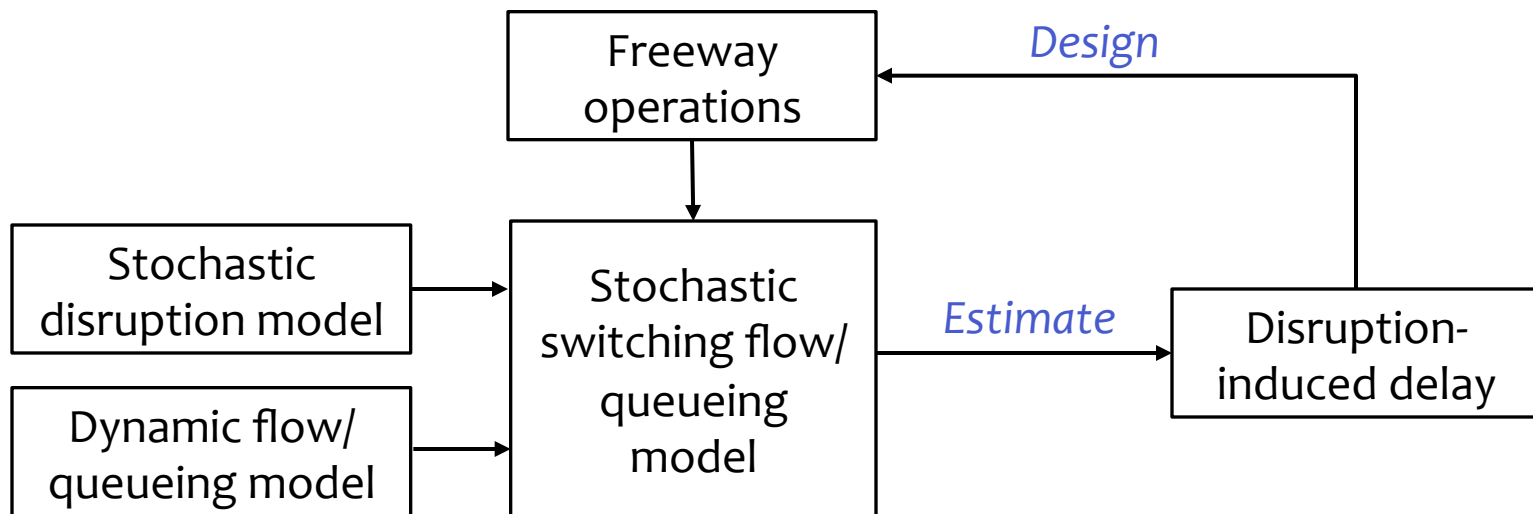
- * How to incorporate disruptions into freeway operations design?



- * Two steps:
 - * Estimate disruption-induced delay.
 - * Design freeway operations that minimizes disruption-induced delay.

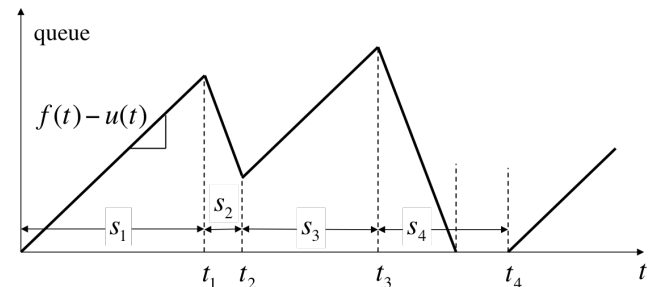
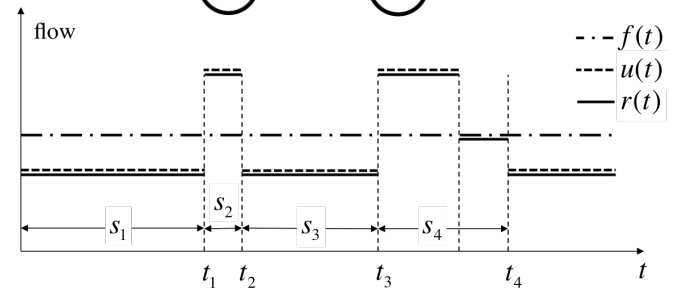
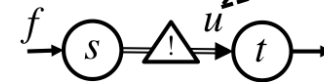
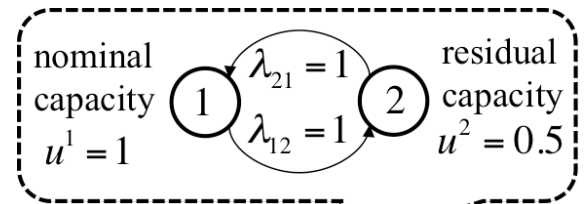
Our Method

- * Disruption model: Markov chain [Skabardonis 97, Jin 16c]
 - * Occurs as Poisson arrivals, duration exponentially distributed
- * Traffic model: cell transmission model [Jin 15a], **deterministic queueing model [Jin 16b]**, etc.



Starting Point: Single Link

- * Comprehensive analysis: [Jin 16b]
- * Constant inflow rate $f = 0.6$ per unit time.
- * Saturation rate u :
 - * Switches between 1.0 and 0.5
 - * Markov transitions, $p_1=p_2=0.5$.
- * Queue size q : change at rate $f - u$.
 - Piecewise-deterministic queueing (PDQ) model [Jin 16b]
- * Is the queue size q finite WP1?
- * Steady-state distribution of q ?

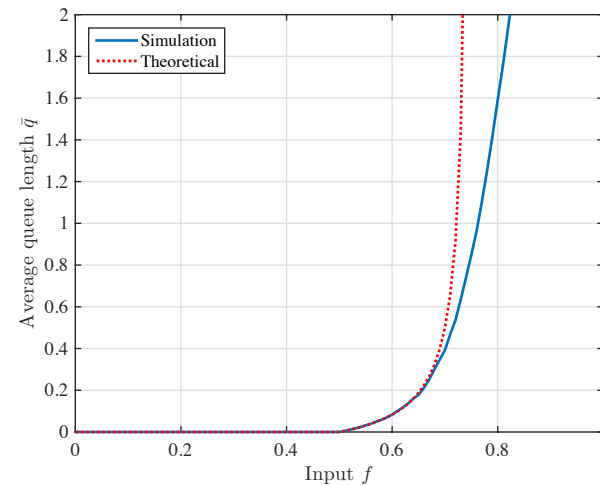
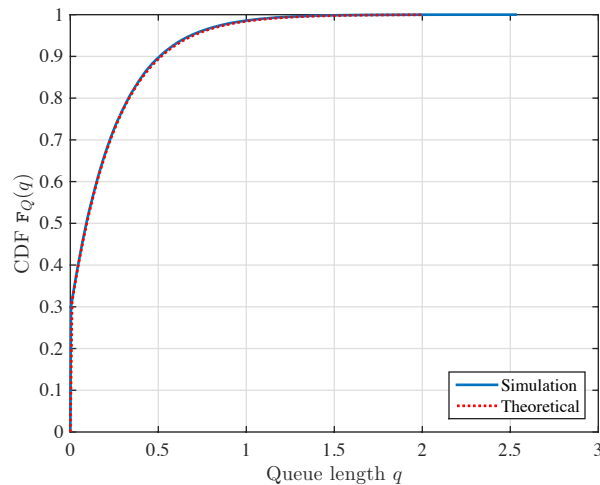


Stability of a Single Link

- * Necessary condition: inflow $f <$ time-average saturation rate \bar{u} .
 - * Based on mass conservation; proof in [Jin 16b].
 - * $f = 0.6 < \bar{u} = 0.5(1.0) + 0.5(0.5) = 0.75$.
- * \bar{u} : effective capacity of the link.
- * Sufficient condition: Lyapunov function $V = k_j \exp(bq)$.
 - * If there exist k_1, \dots, k_z , and b such that $LV < K - CV$, the link is stable.
 - * Based on Harris' theorem [Cloeze 15]; proof in [Jin 16b].
 - * $f = 0.6 \rightarrow$ Exist such as Lyapunov function.
- * Necessary condition & sufficient condition generally not equivalent, but turn out to be equivalent in this example.

Queue Size in a Single Link

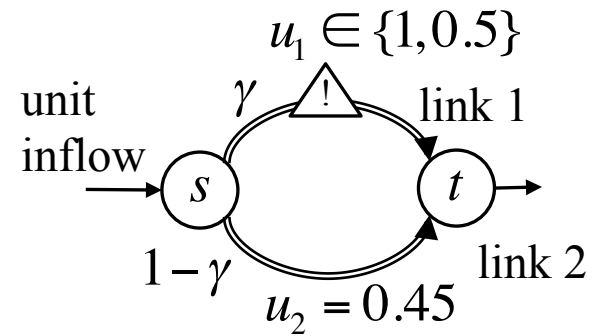
- * Closed-form solution for two-mode systems [Jin 16]
- * Distribution: probability mass at 0 + scaled exponential
- * Expected value: blows up as f approaches \bar{u} .



- * Queue size (delay) very sensitive to capacity drop and duration.

Network Operations: Diversion

- * Two parallel links
 - * Link 1: u_1 switches between 1.0 and 0.5.
 - * Link 2: no disruptions, $u_2 = 0.45$.
- * Diversion during disruption:
 - * When $u_1 = 1.0$ (nominal condition), send γ_1 traffic to link 1.
 - * When $u_1 = 0.5$ (disruption), send γ_2 traffic to link 1.
- * Queues in both links: tradeoff needed.
- * Set of diversion policies: $[0,1]^2$
 - * What is the set of stable diversion policies?
 - * What is the optimal (minimum total queue size) diversion policy?



Design of Diversion during Disruptions

- * Set of stable policies:

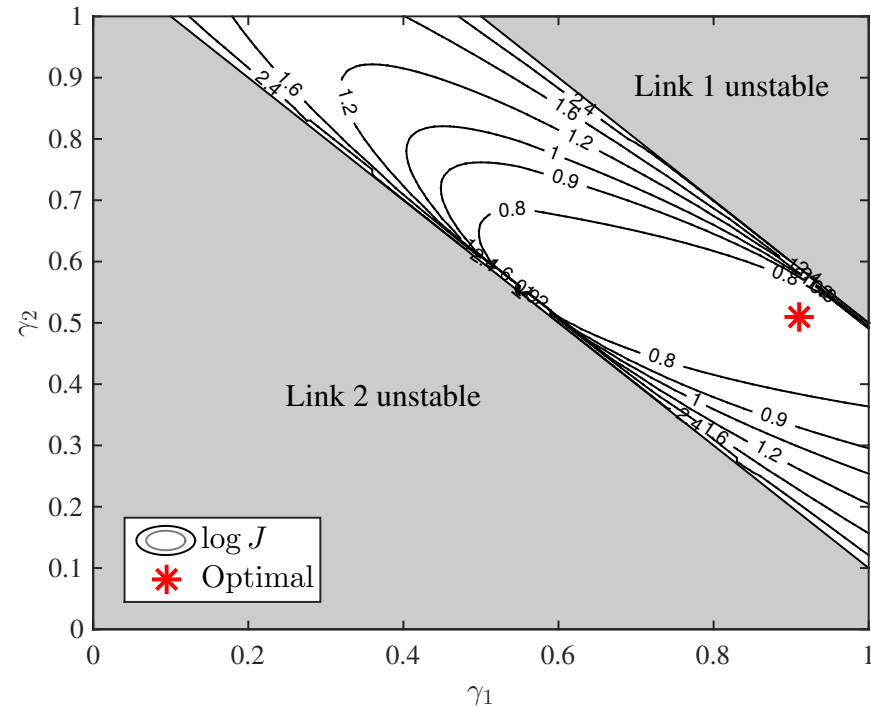
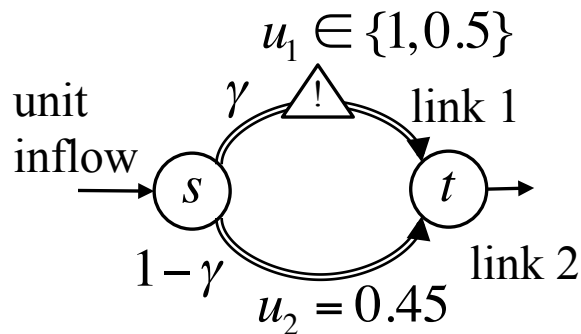
- * $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 > 1.1$

- * $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 < 1.5$

- * Optimal policy:

- * $J = q_1 + q_2$

- * $\gamma^* = (0.91, 0.51)$



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