

# Inference and control in routing games

The background of the slide is a dark, textured map of a city grid. A prominent path is highlighted in bright blue and green, starting from the top right and moving towards the bottom left, then curving back towards the top right. The grid lines are thin and light-colored, with some areas appearing more densely packed or highlighted in yellow and orange.

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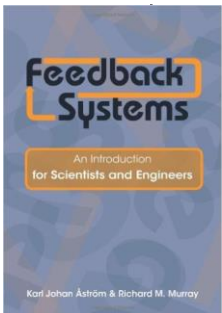
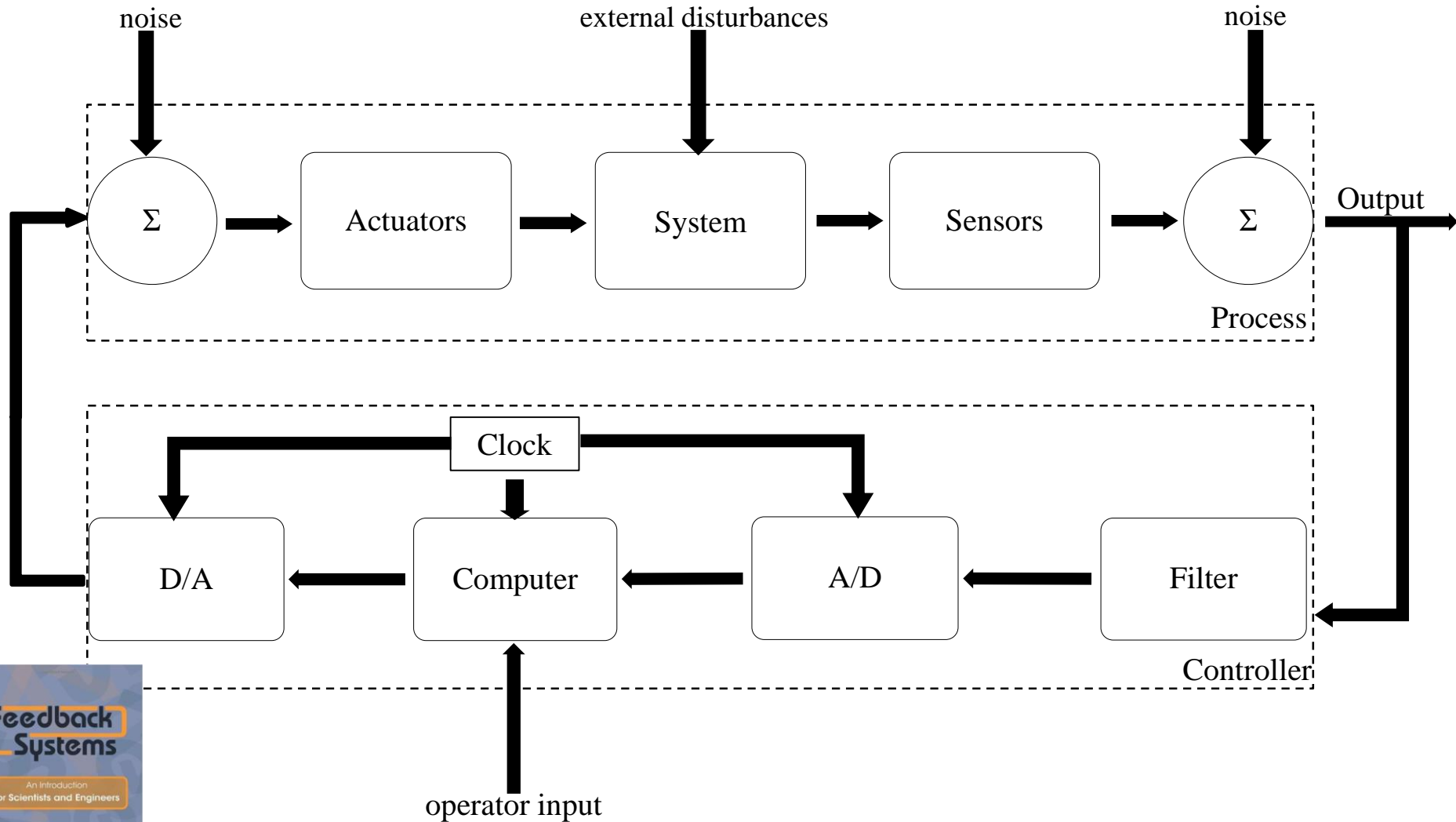
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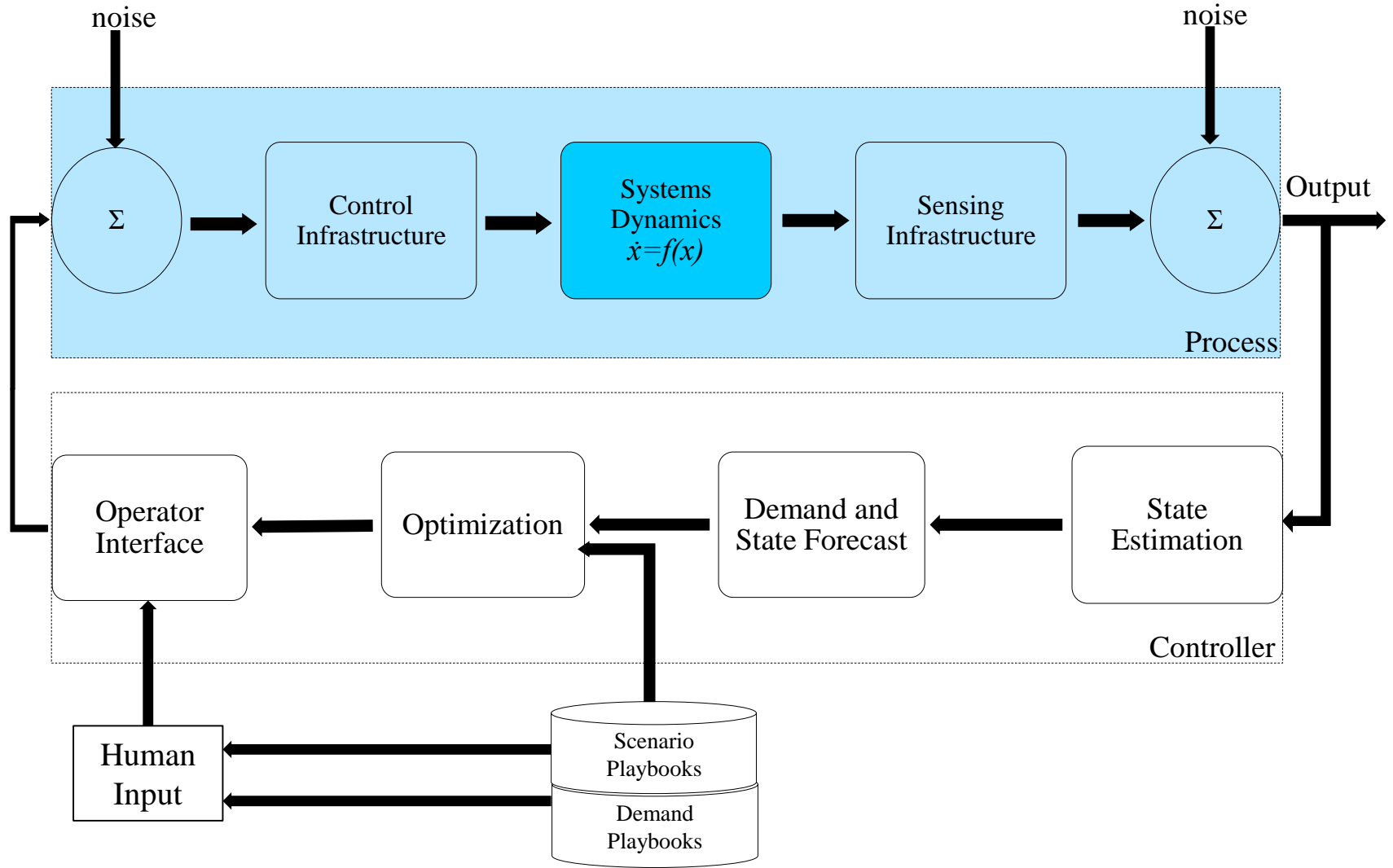


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# Nonlinear dynamics (1935 – present)

## Freeway dynamics

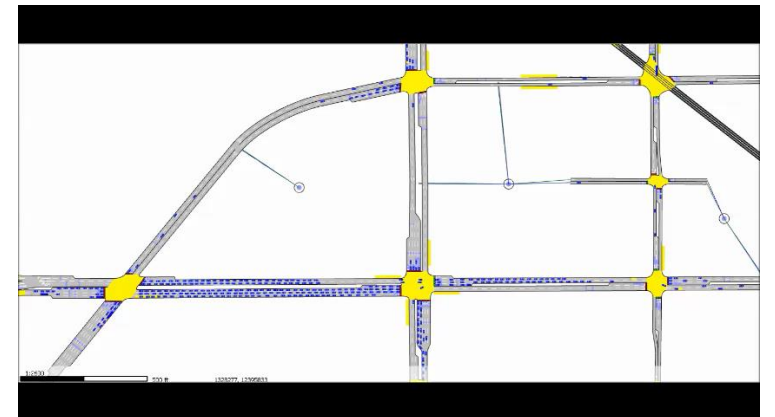
- Lighthill-Whitham-Richards PDE
- Second order models (ARZ)
- Phase transition models
- Hamilton-Jacobi PDE

## Arterial modeling

- Hamilton-Jacobi PDE
- Queuing systems

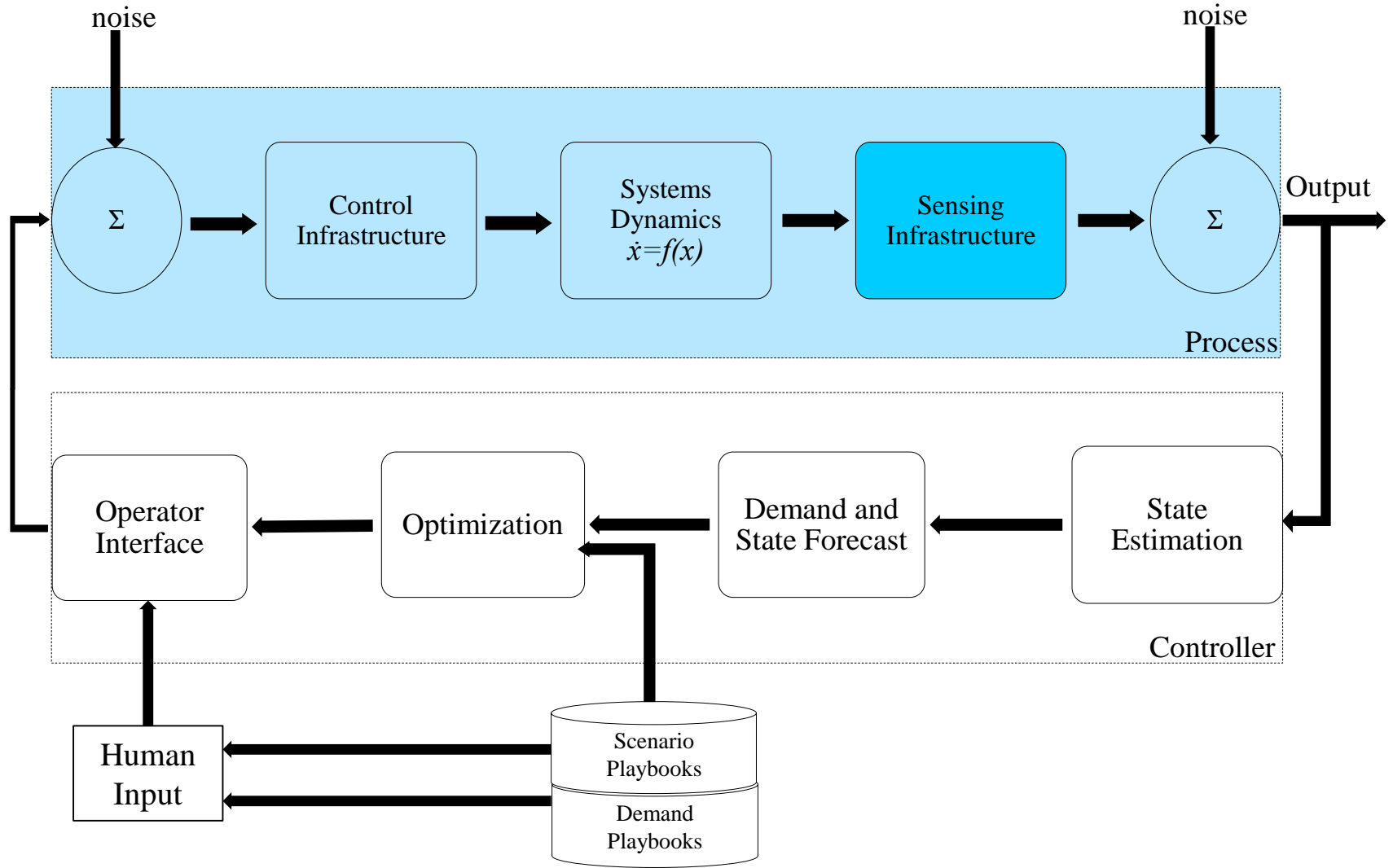
## Routing

- Stochastic on time arrival (SOTA)
- Riemann solvers (junctions)
- Max-pressure controllers





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# Classical sensing infrastructure (1960' – present)

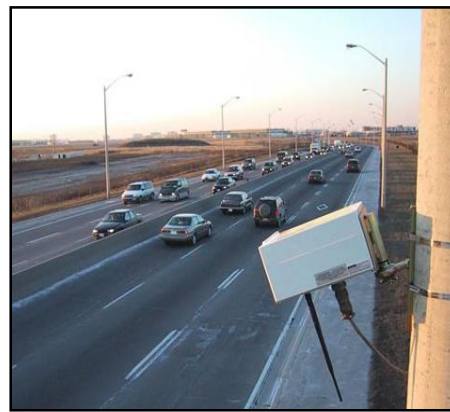
## Dedicated traffic monitoring infrastructure (since the 1960'):

- Self inductive loops
- Wireless pavement sensors
- FasTrak, EZ-pass transponders
- Cameras
- Radars
- License plate readers
- Traffic tubes



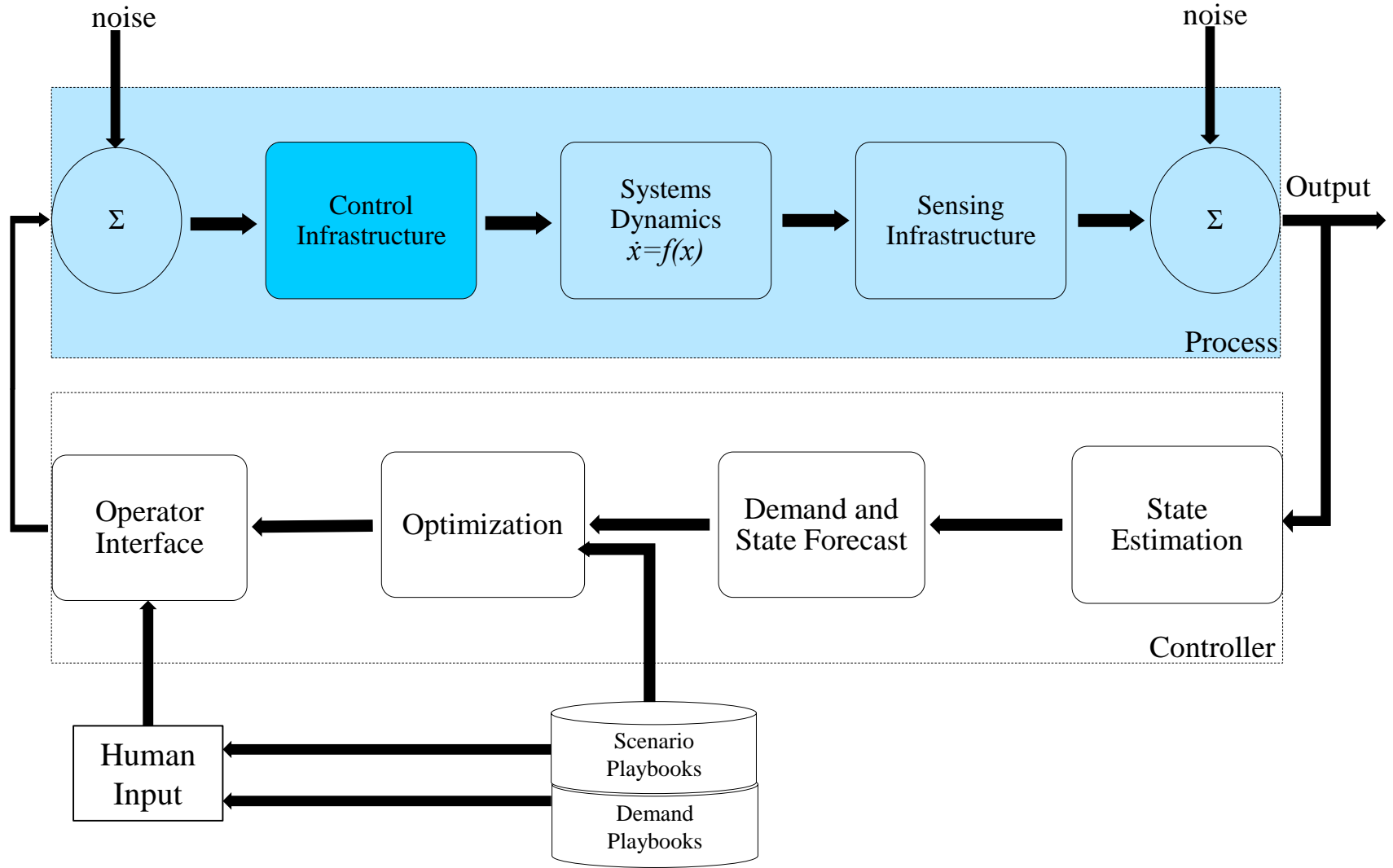
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- Installation and maintenance costs
- Reliability
- Sparse coverage





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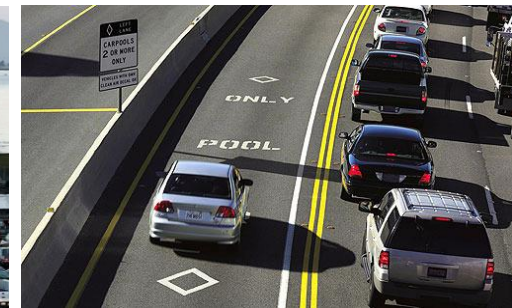
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## Dedicated traffic control infrastructure (since the 1960's):

- City traffic lights
- Metering lights
- Changeable message signs
- HOV lanes, HOT lanes, reversible lanes
- Bridge metering
- Variable speed limits

## Issues with this traditional infrastructure

- Limited control over motorists
- Virtually no control over routing
- Limited availability of demand and forecast
- Fragmentation of systems

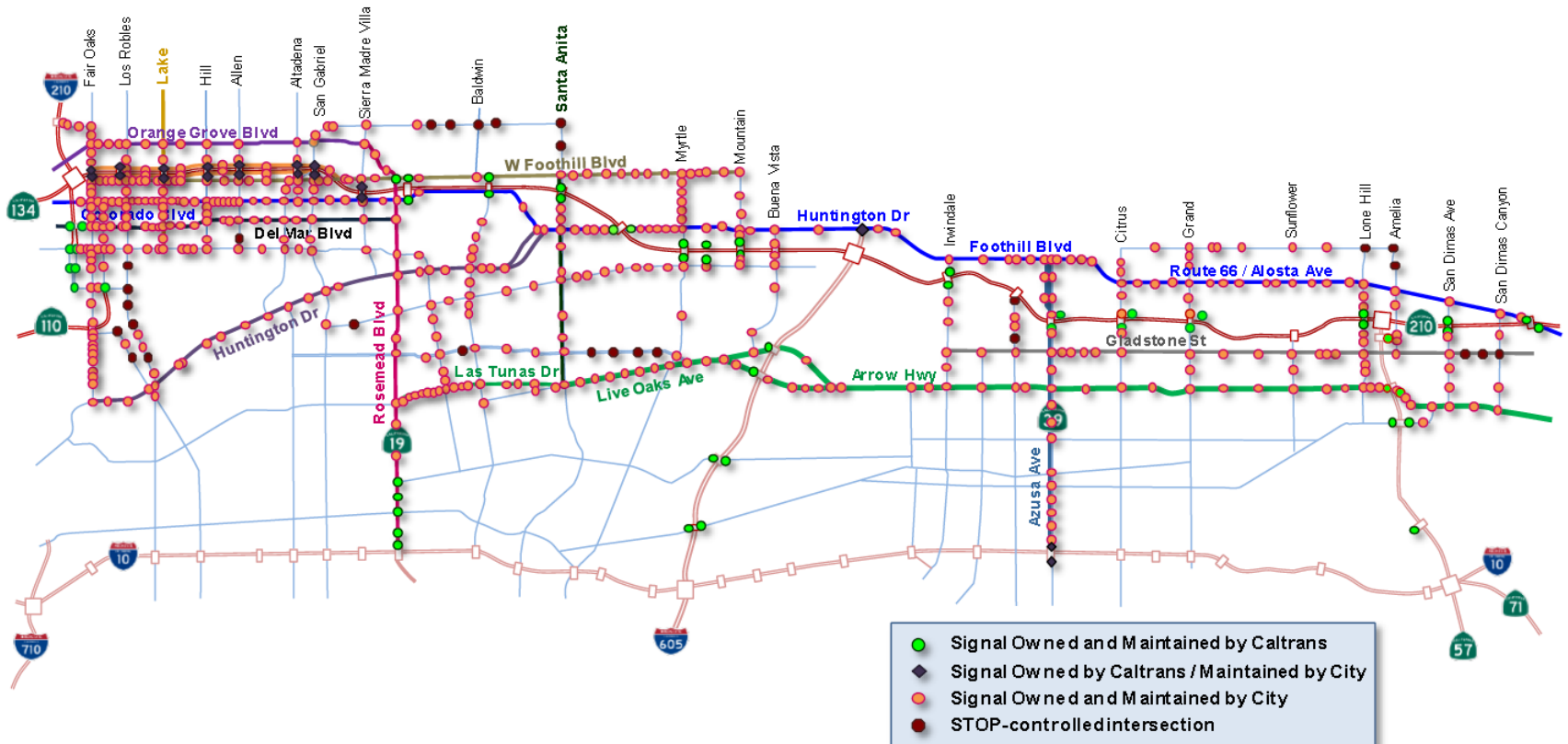




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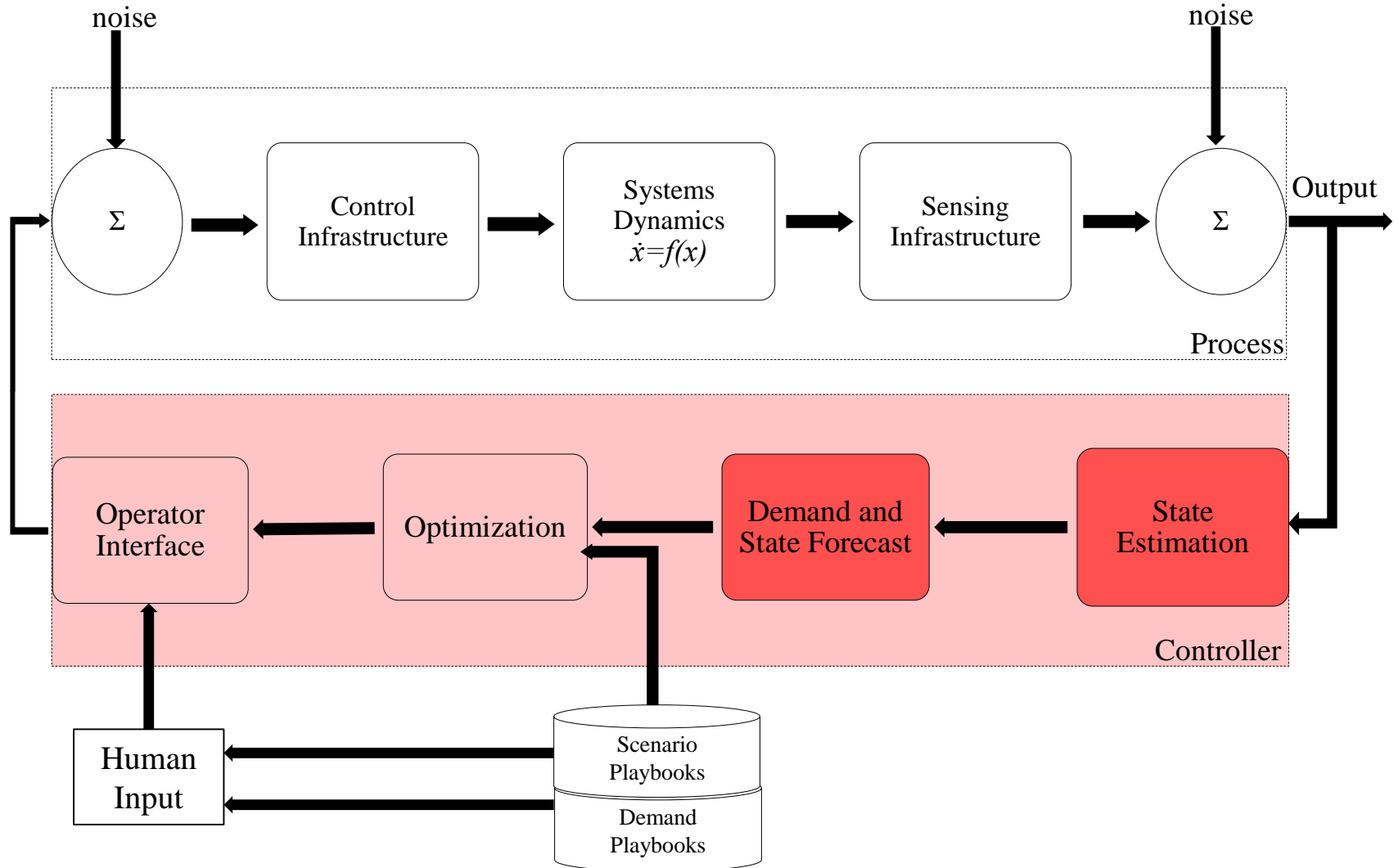
## Asset inventory sample

- Metering lights: 35, including I-650/I-210 freeway-to-freeway metering
- Instrumented intersections: 450 across all cities
- Changeable message signs: 4 existing + 6 Caltrans +12 Pasadena
- Wayfinding signs: 60 to be installed across corridor
- HOV lanes: 1 - On I-210 EB and WB, 2 on-ramp w. dedicated HOV lane





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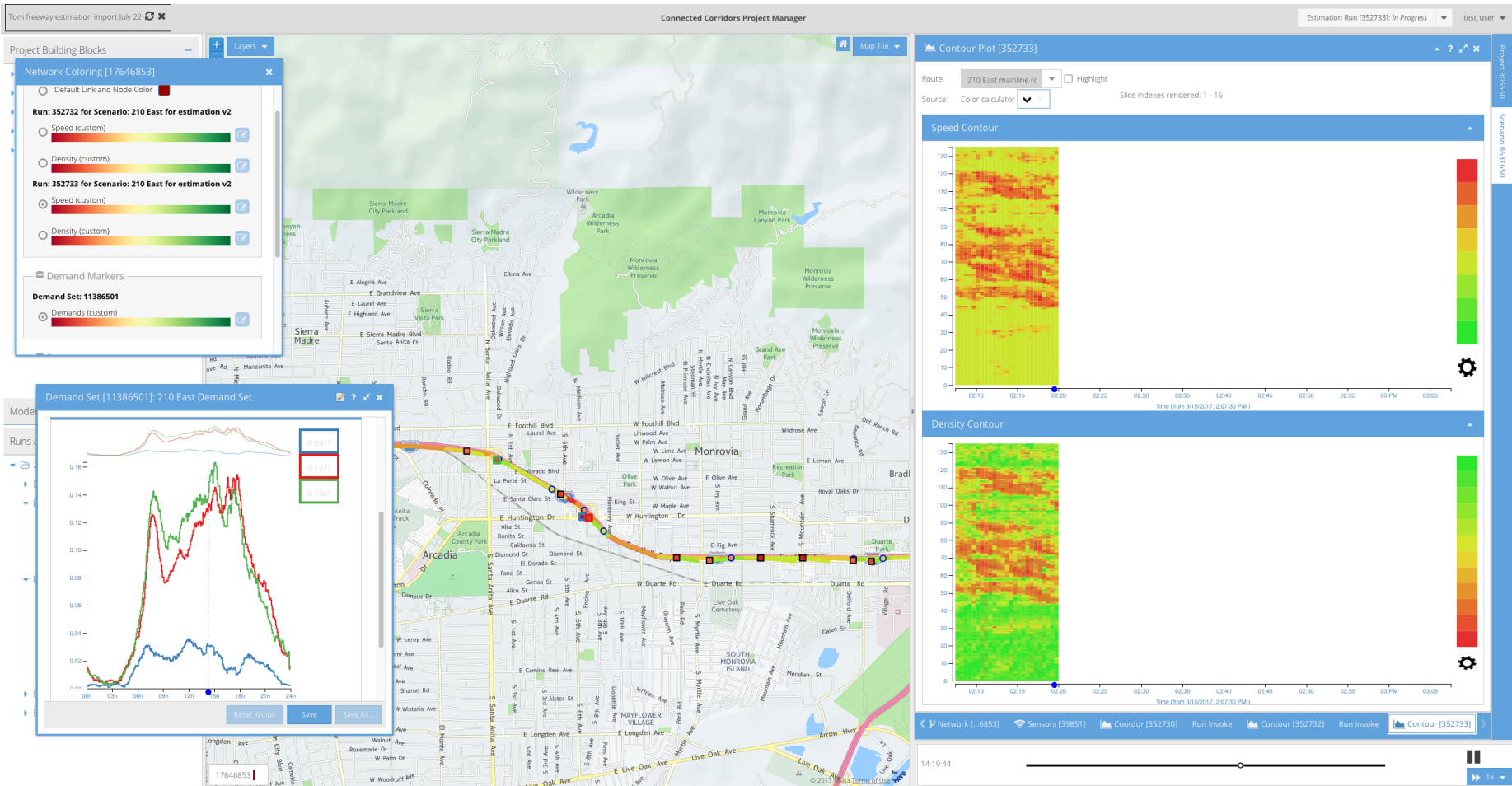




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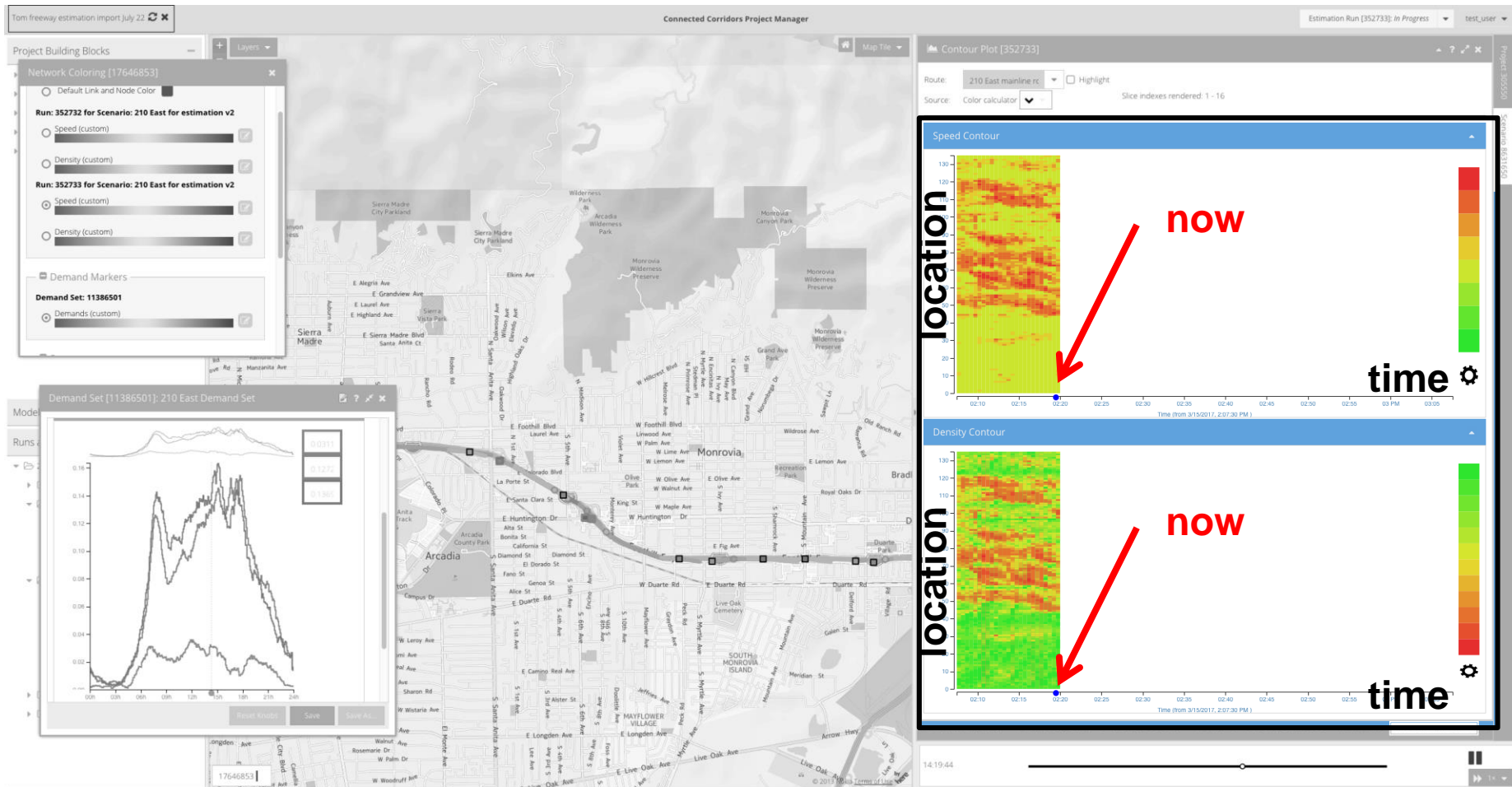




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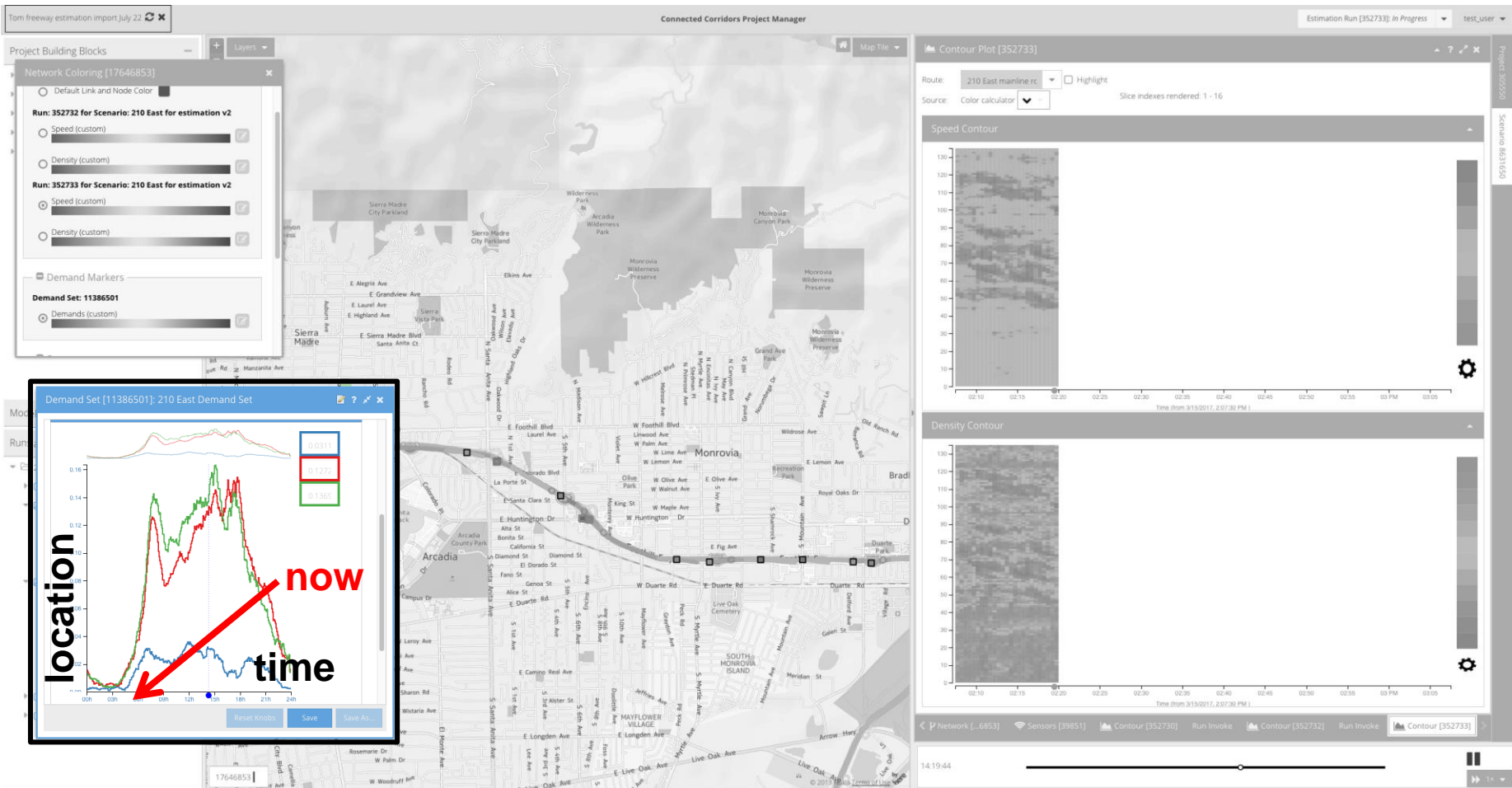




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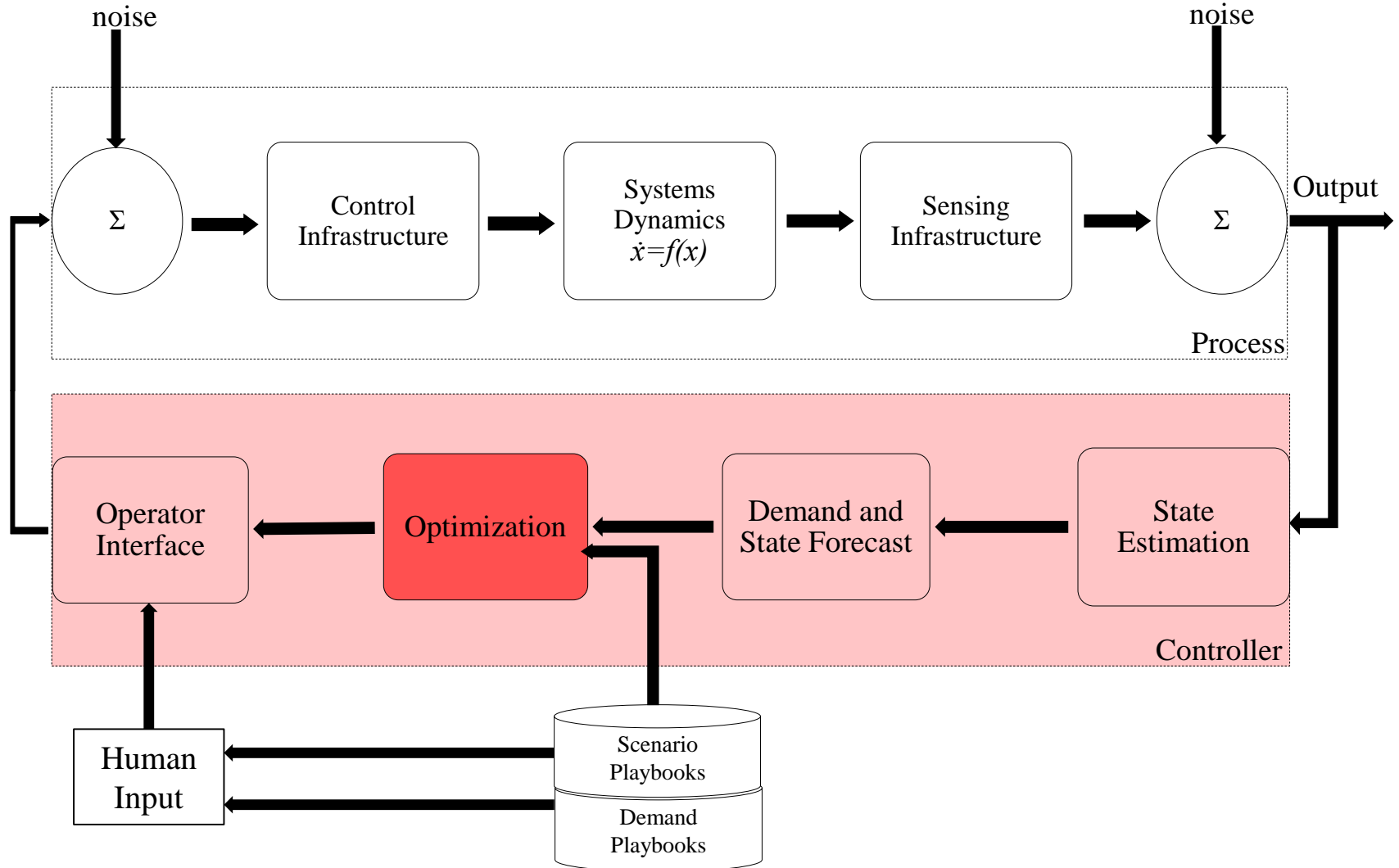
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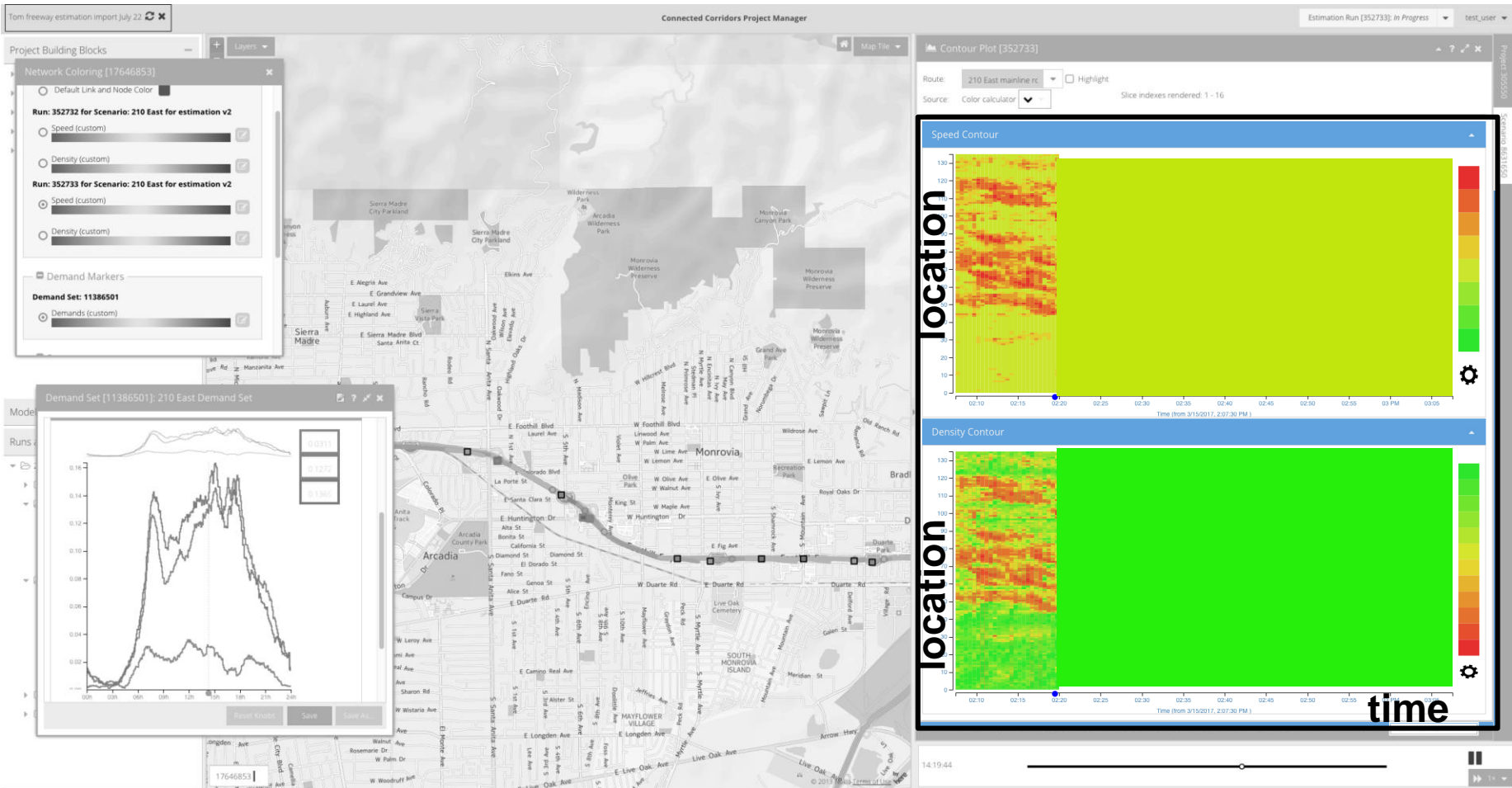




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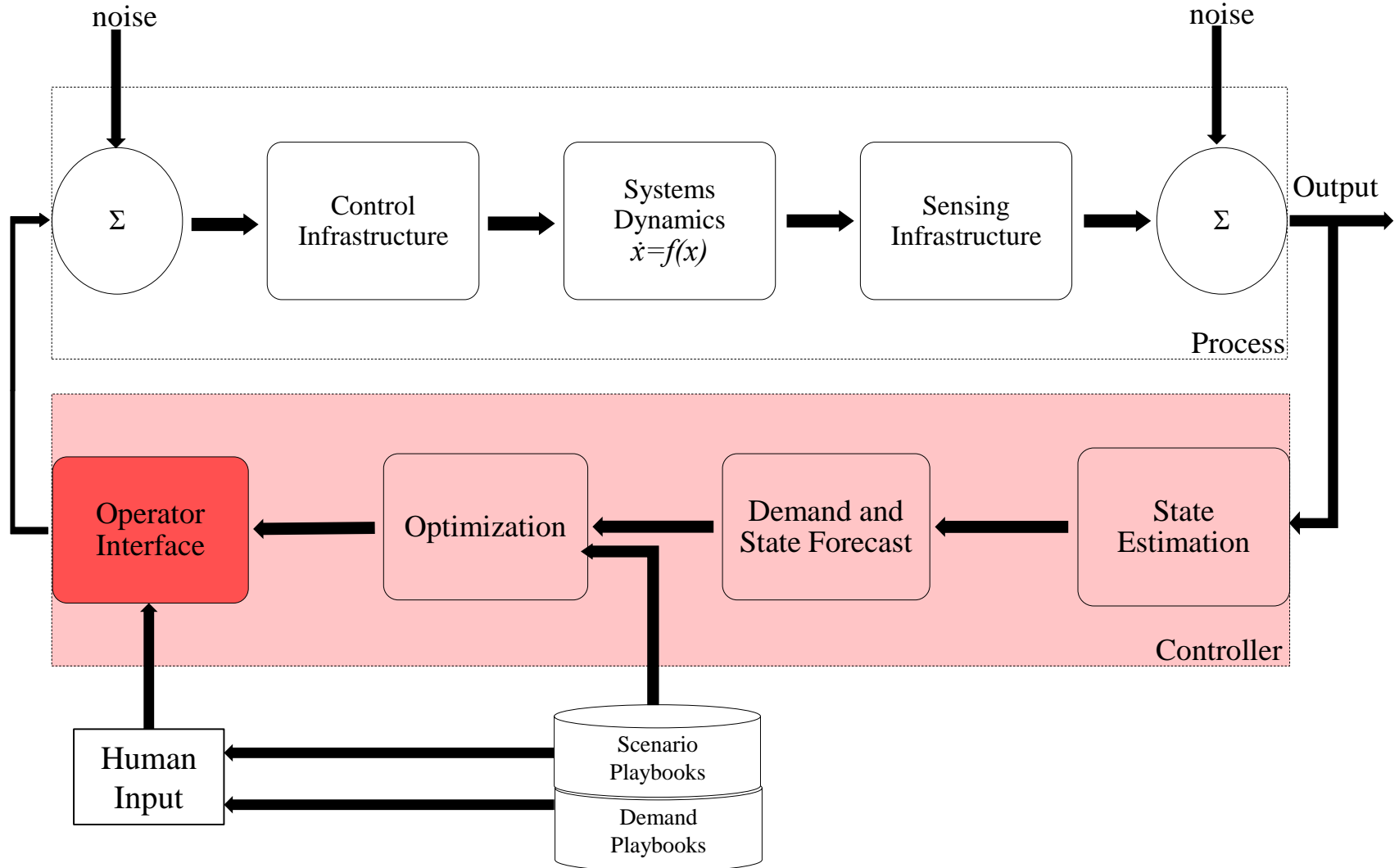
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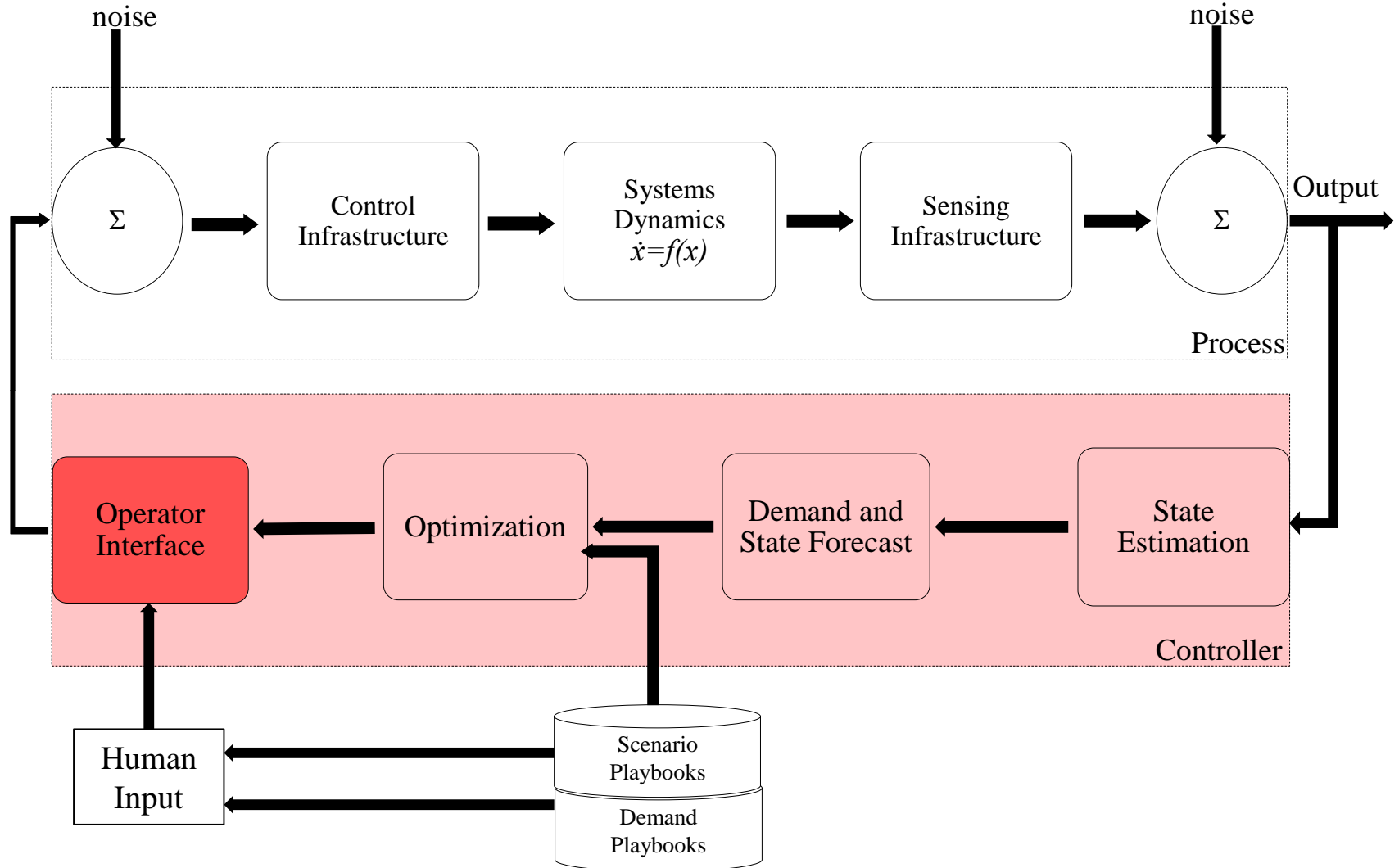
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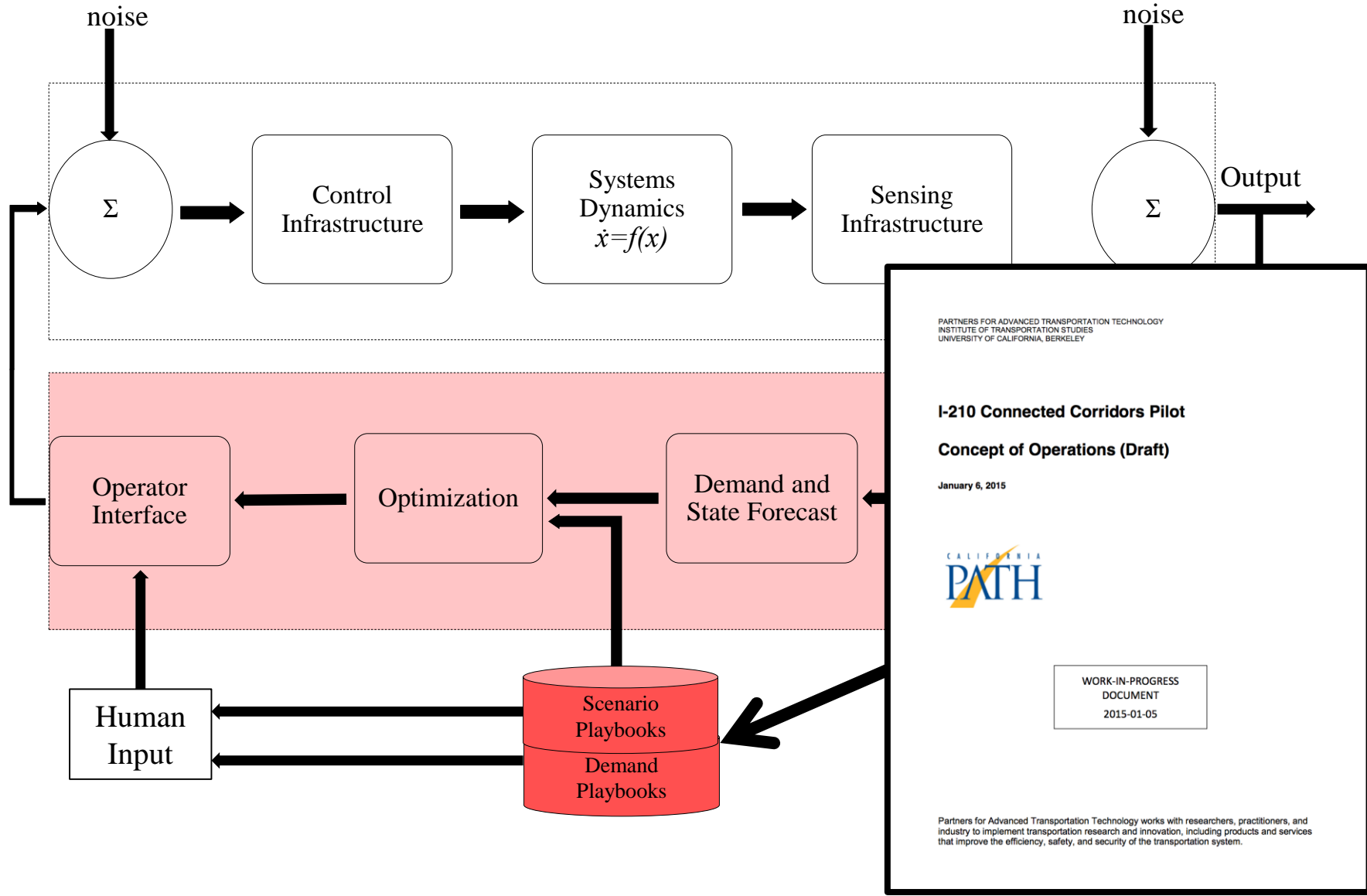
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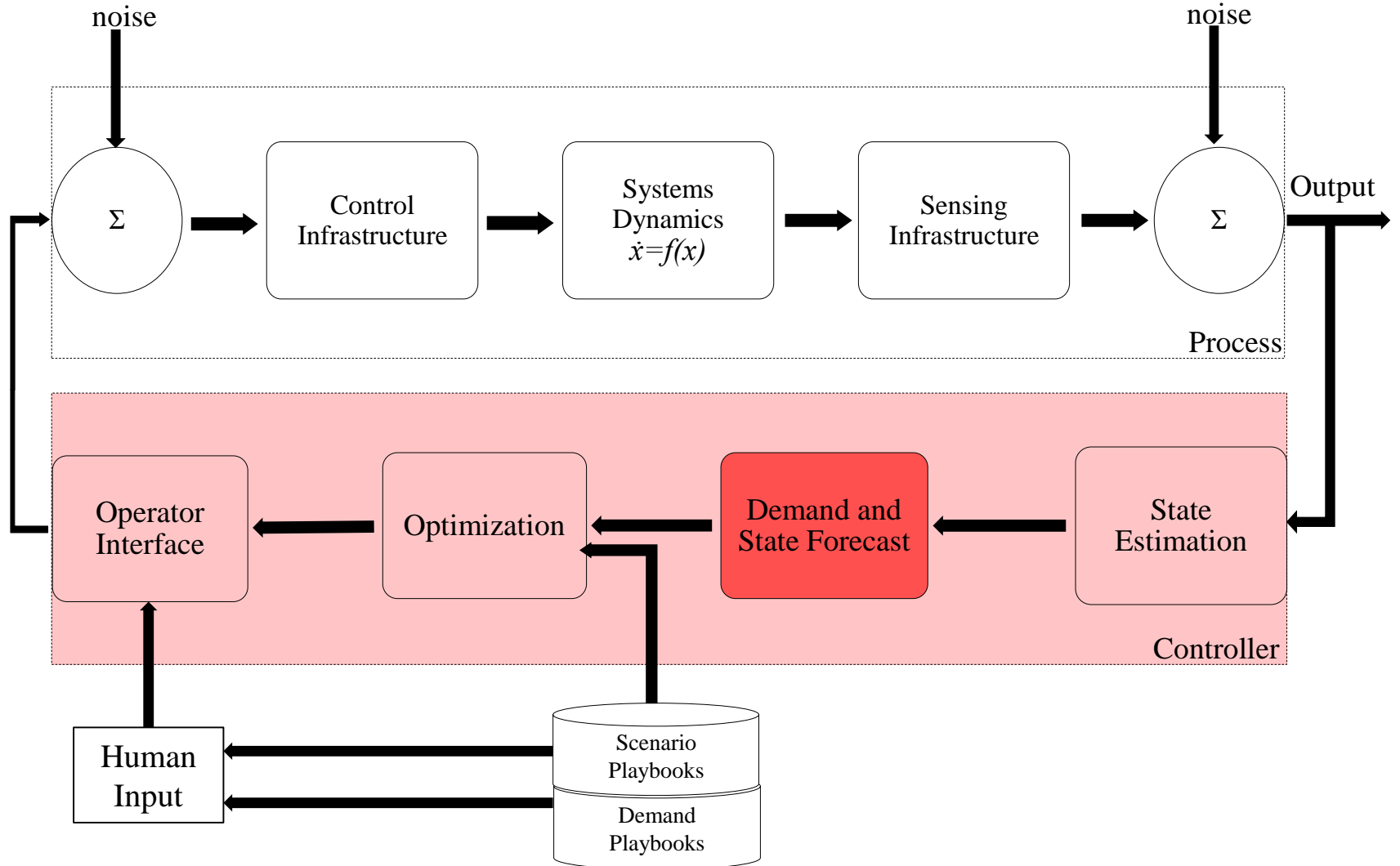
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# Demand Forecast



# Problem statement: route flow estimation

## Route flow estimation problem

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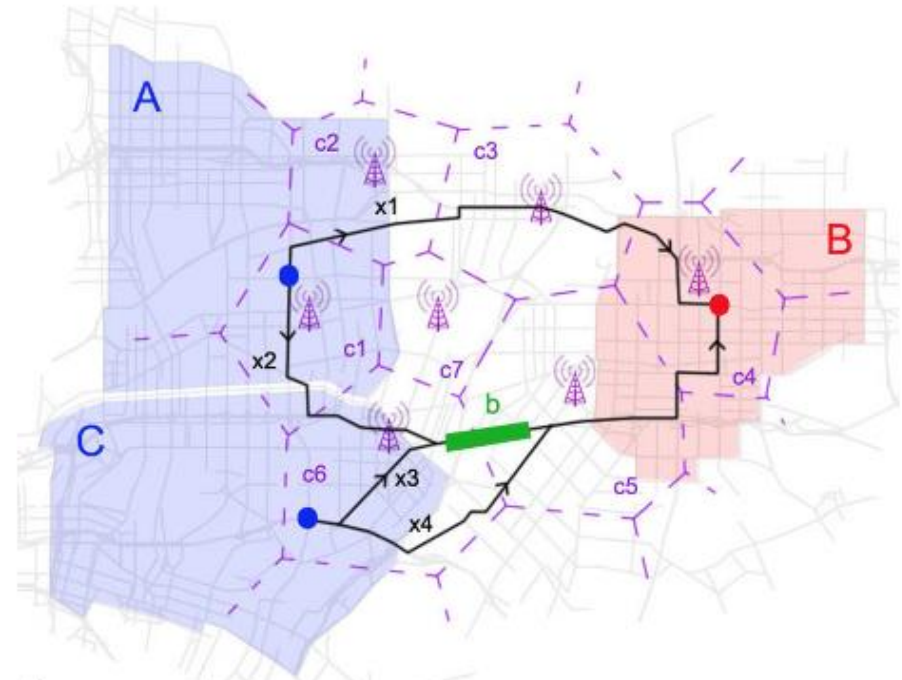
- ▶ Road network, origins, cells
- ▶ Top routes between OD pairs
- ▶ Cellpath flows,  $f$
- ▶ OD flows,  $d$
- ▶ Observed link flows,  $b$

### Recover

- ▶ Flow along routes,  $x$

## Cellpath flow

Flow along a sequence of cells



## Assumptions

- ▶ Static, noiseless
- ▶ Cell partitioning = Voronoi
- ▶ Cellpaths contiguous
- ▶ Cellpaths well-posed





# Block simplex constrained quadratic programming

Cellpath + observed link flows

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - b\|_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ux = f, x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

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▶ link-route:  $A_{lr} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } l \in r \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$ ; cellpath-route:  $U_{pr} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r \in p \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

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OD-route:

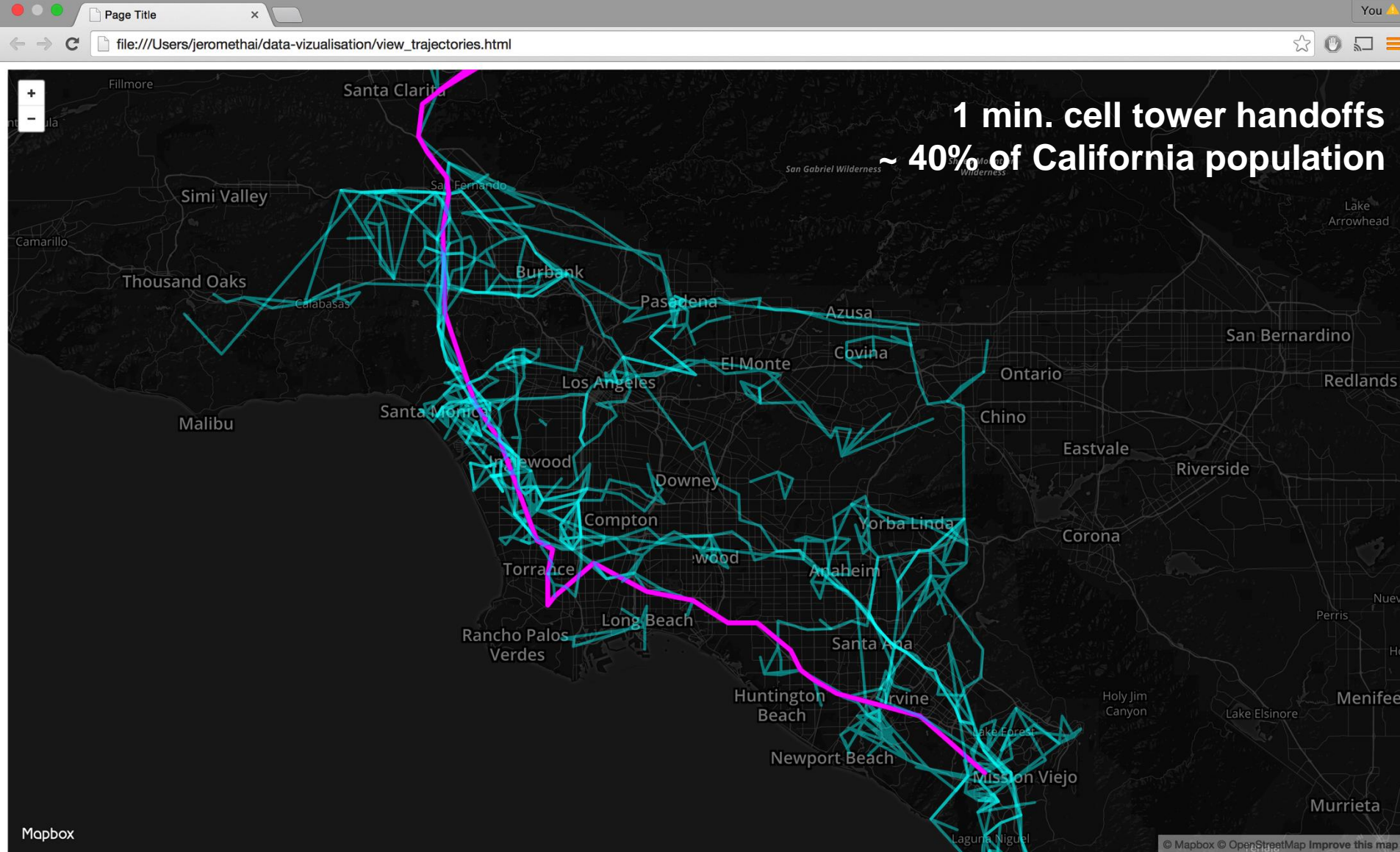
$$T_{kr} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r \in k \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Theorem: Optimal solution to box-constrained isotonic regression

Solution  $x^*$  to block-constrained isotonic regression (BCIR) is the Euclidean projection of the solution  $x^{\text{iso}}$  to isotonic regression (IR) onto the box  $[0, f_p]_{|r \in \mathcal{P}|}$ .

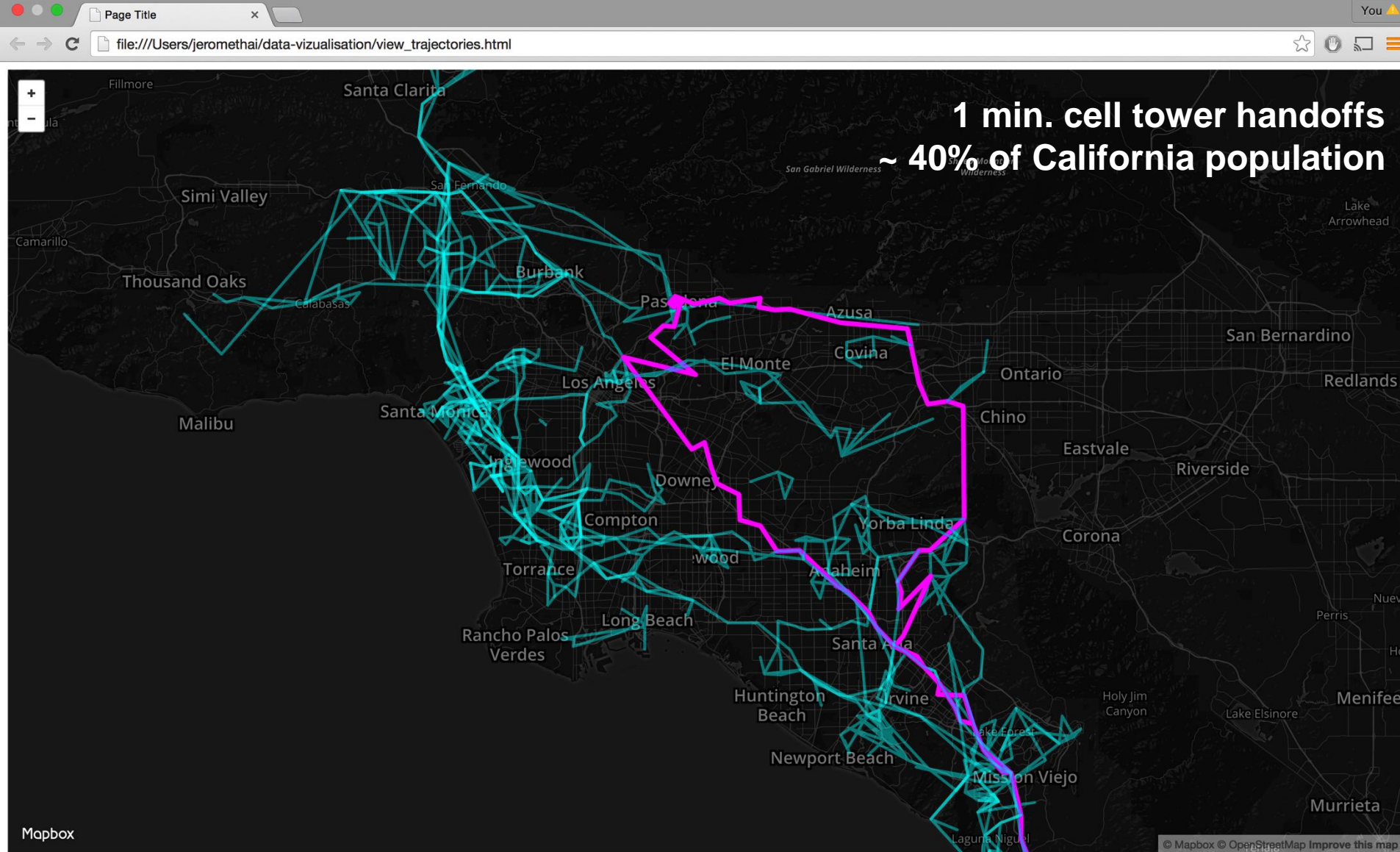


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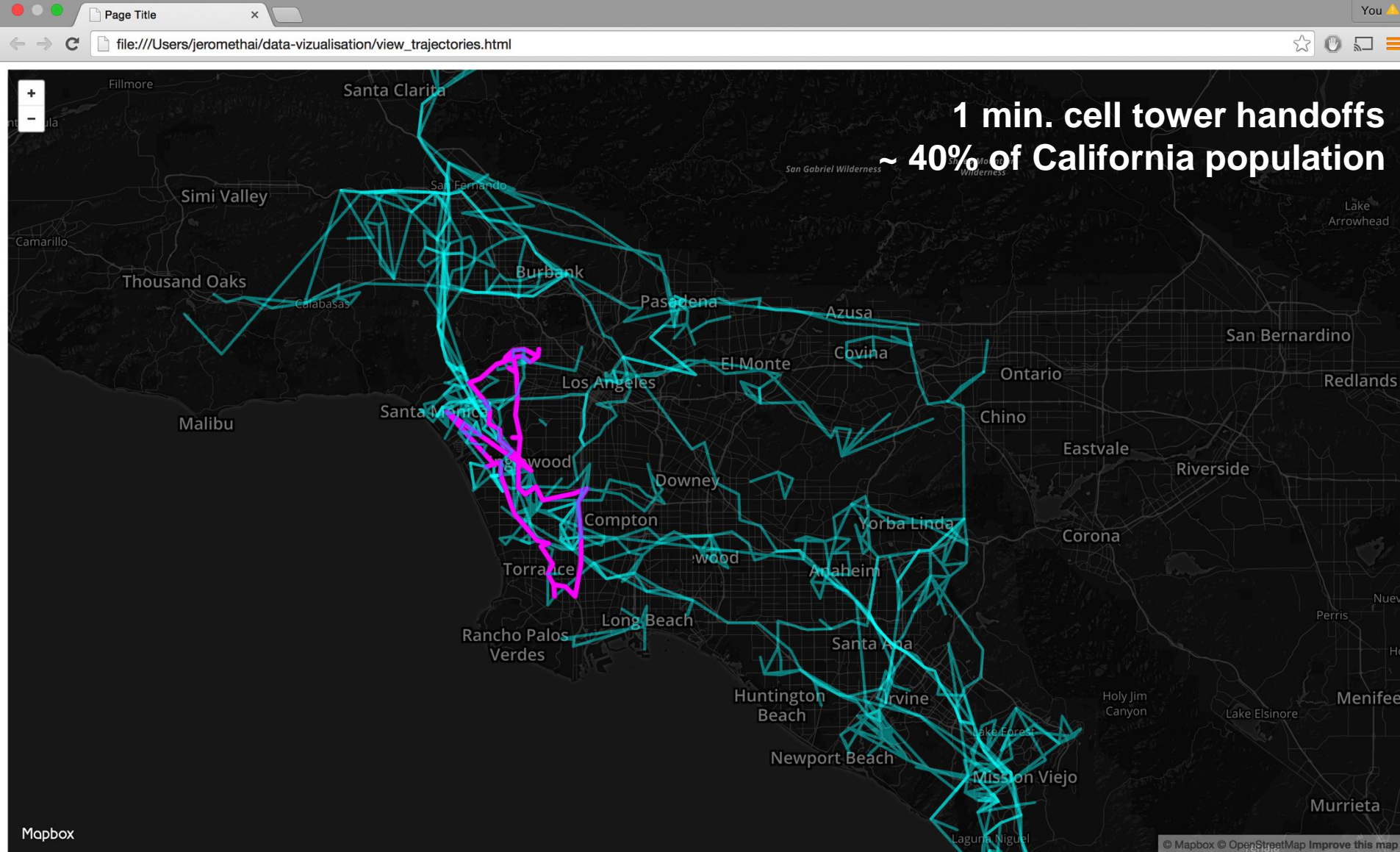
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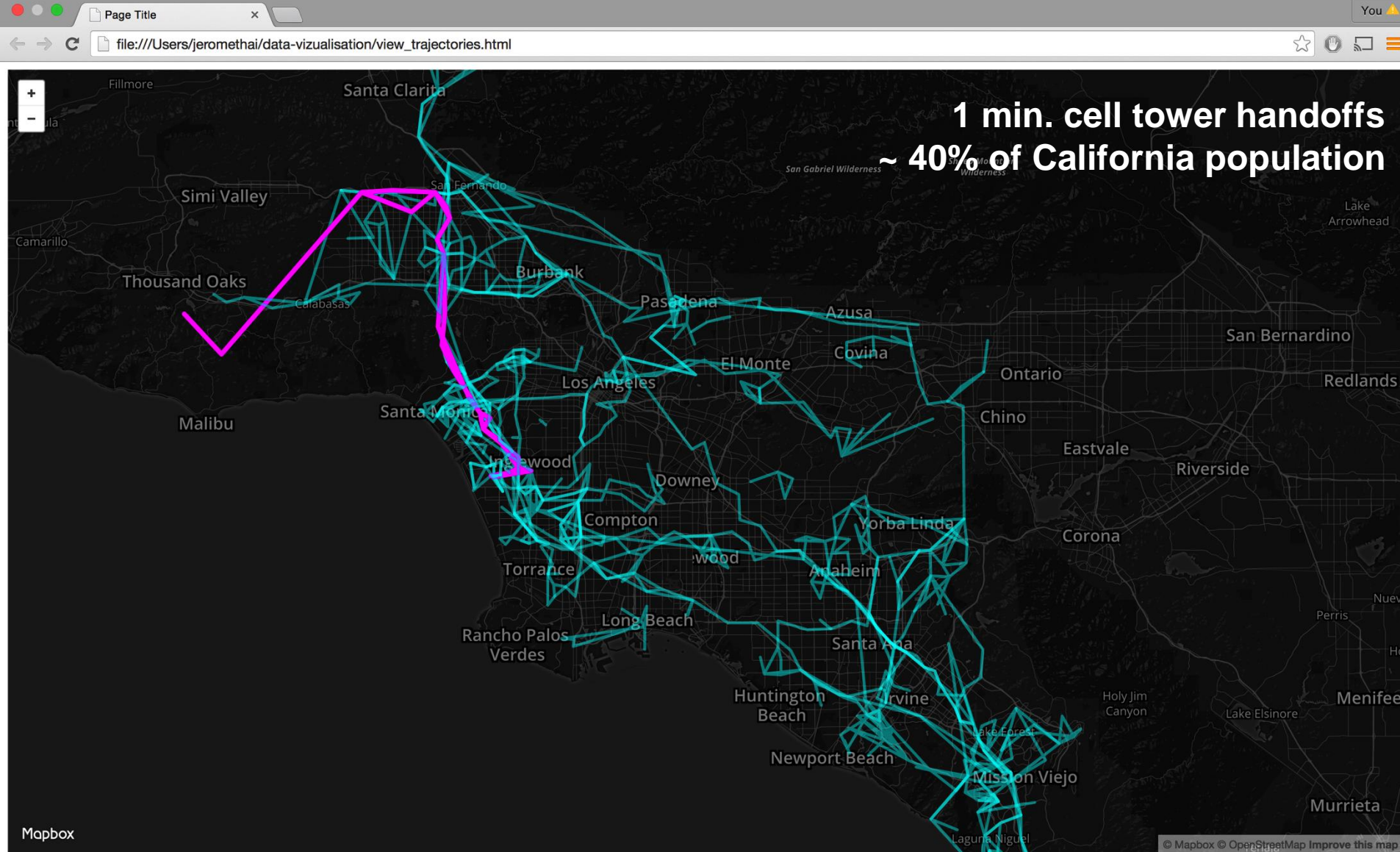


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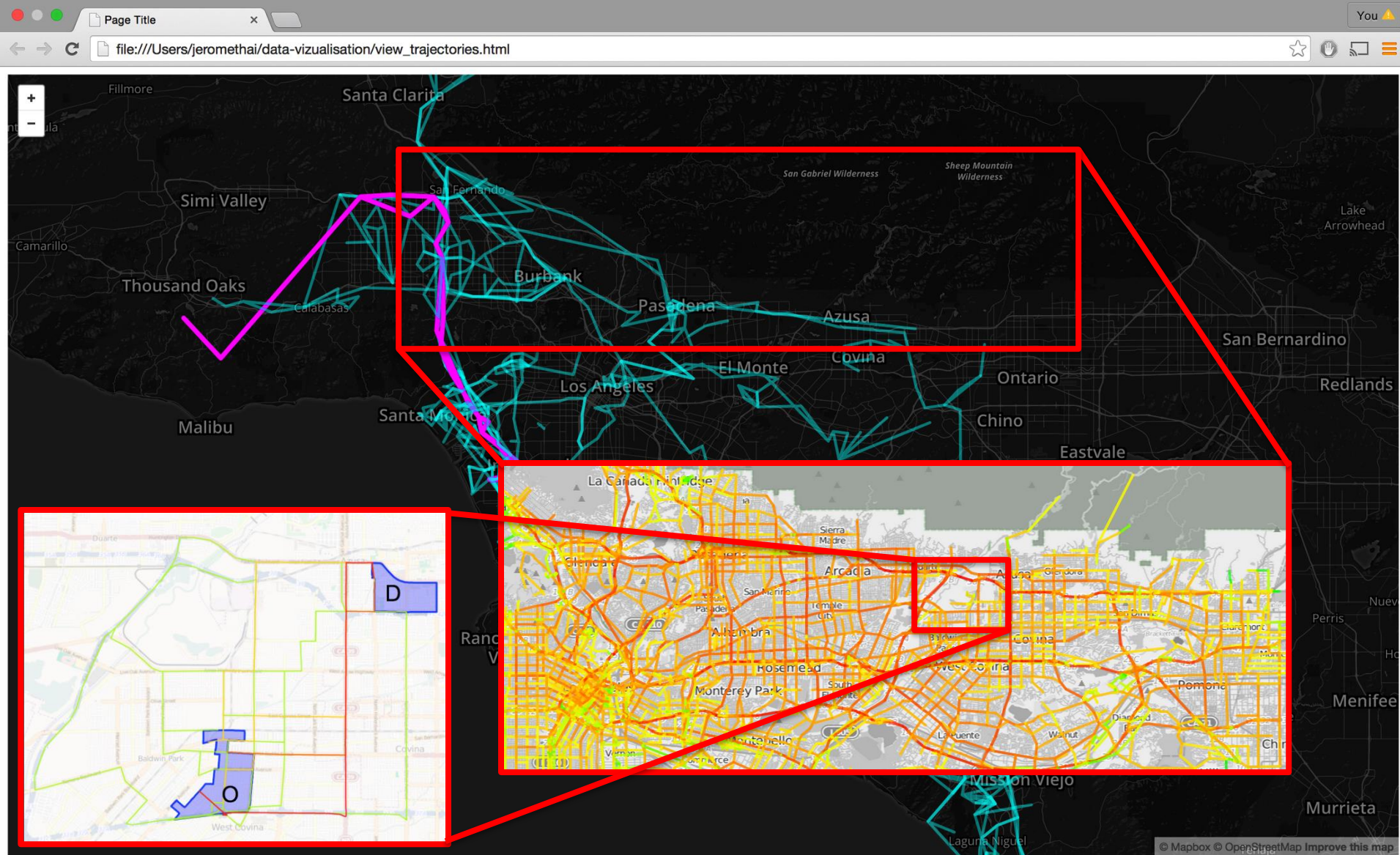
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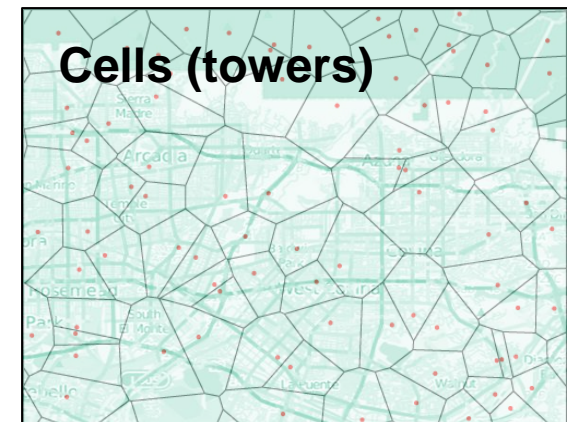
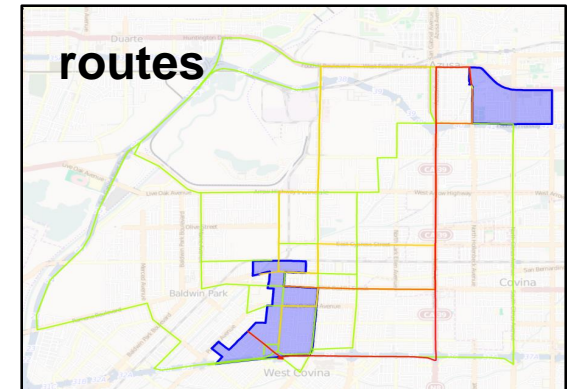
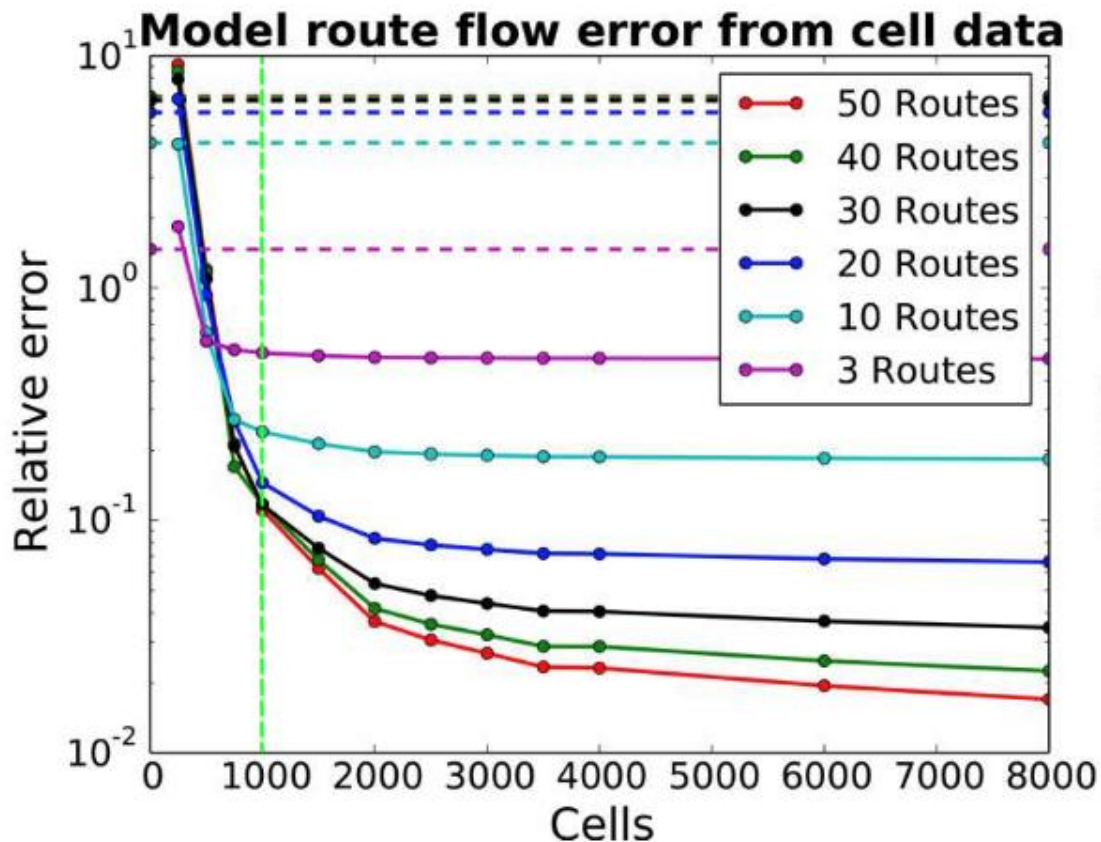
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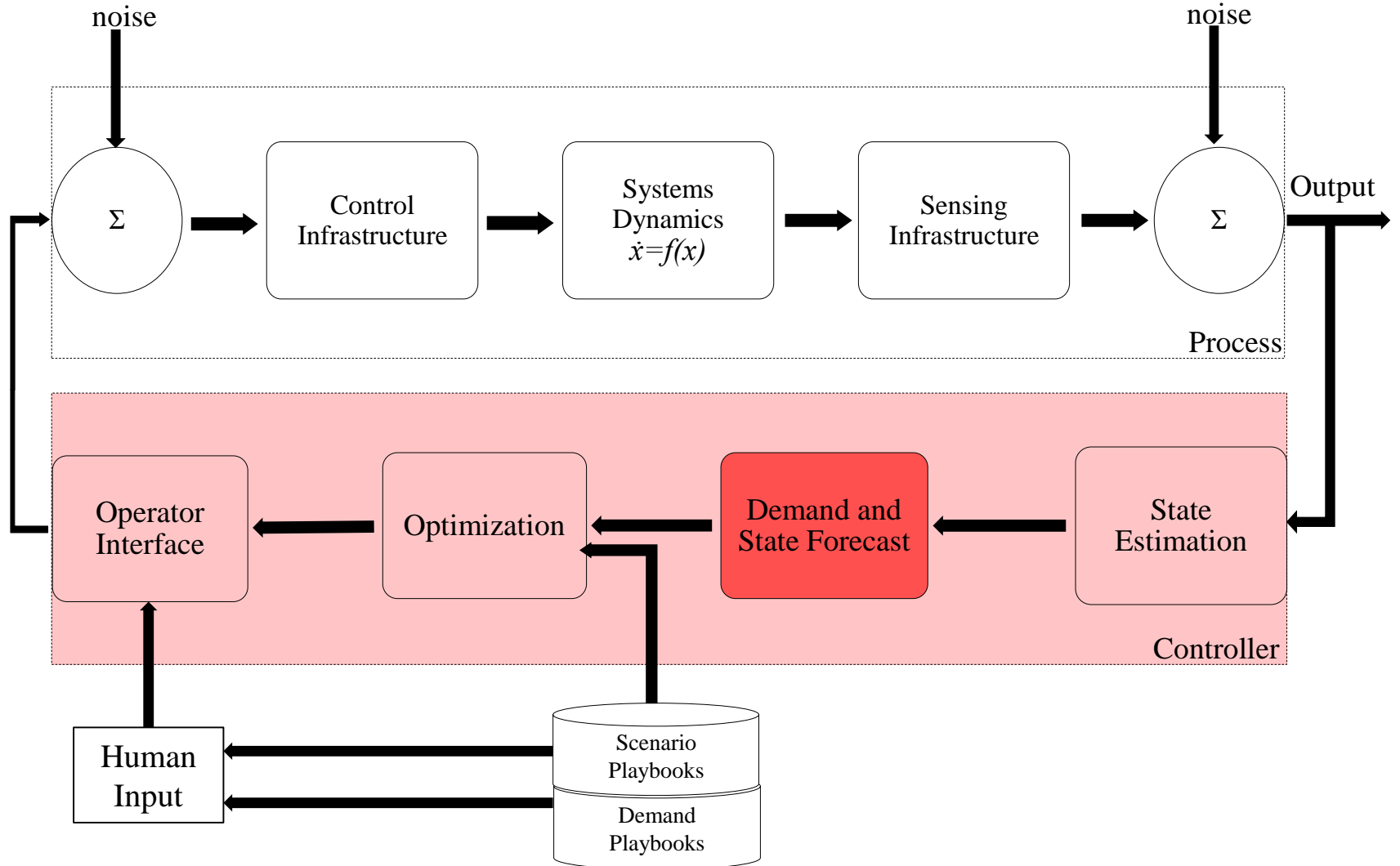
## Algorithm produces distribution of flows along the different OD paths

- Approach is data driven, does not make assumption on the routing behavior of agents (Nash, UE, Social Optimum, etc.)
- Approach takes into account “potential” routes taken by users (which can be parametrized).





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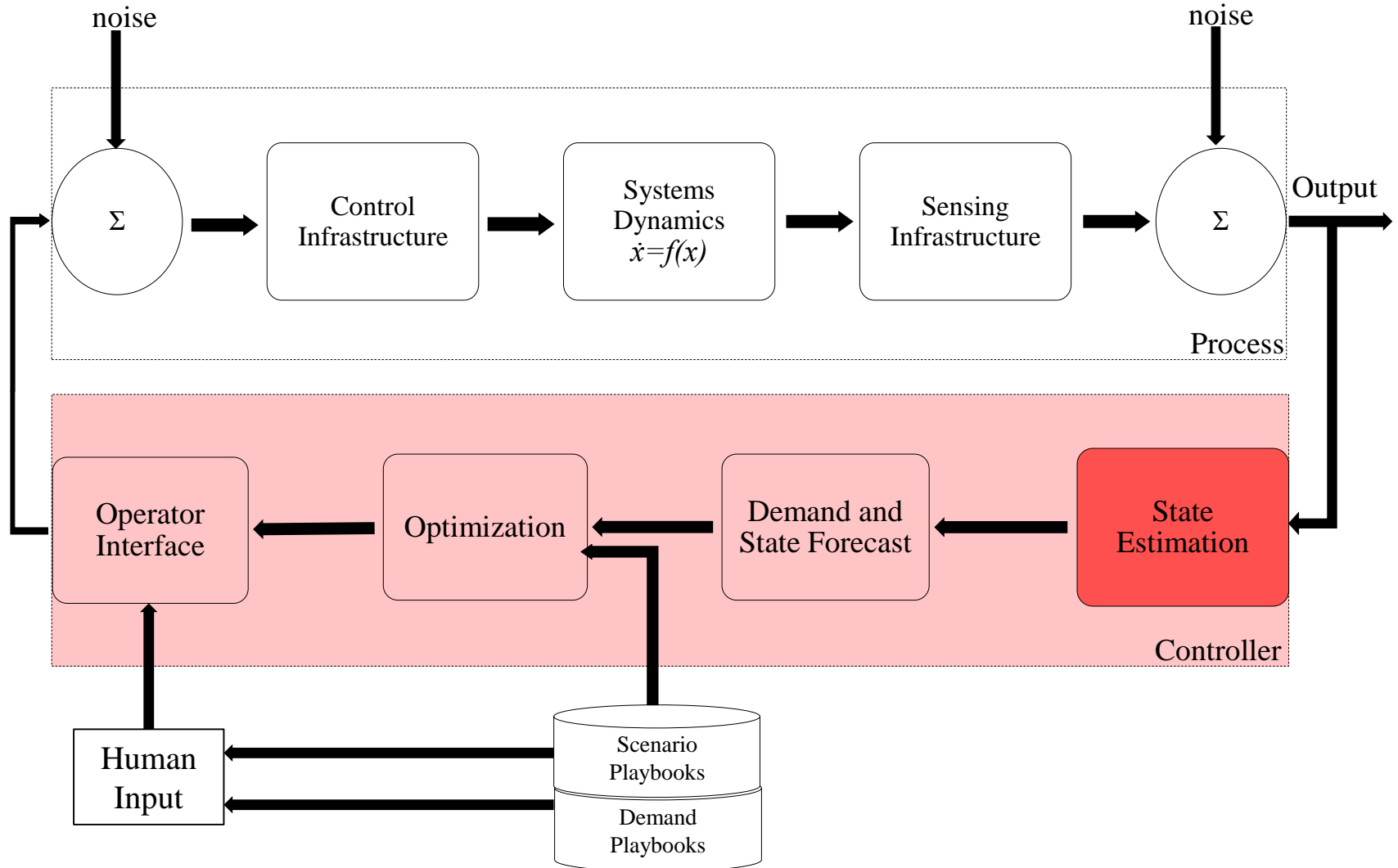
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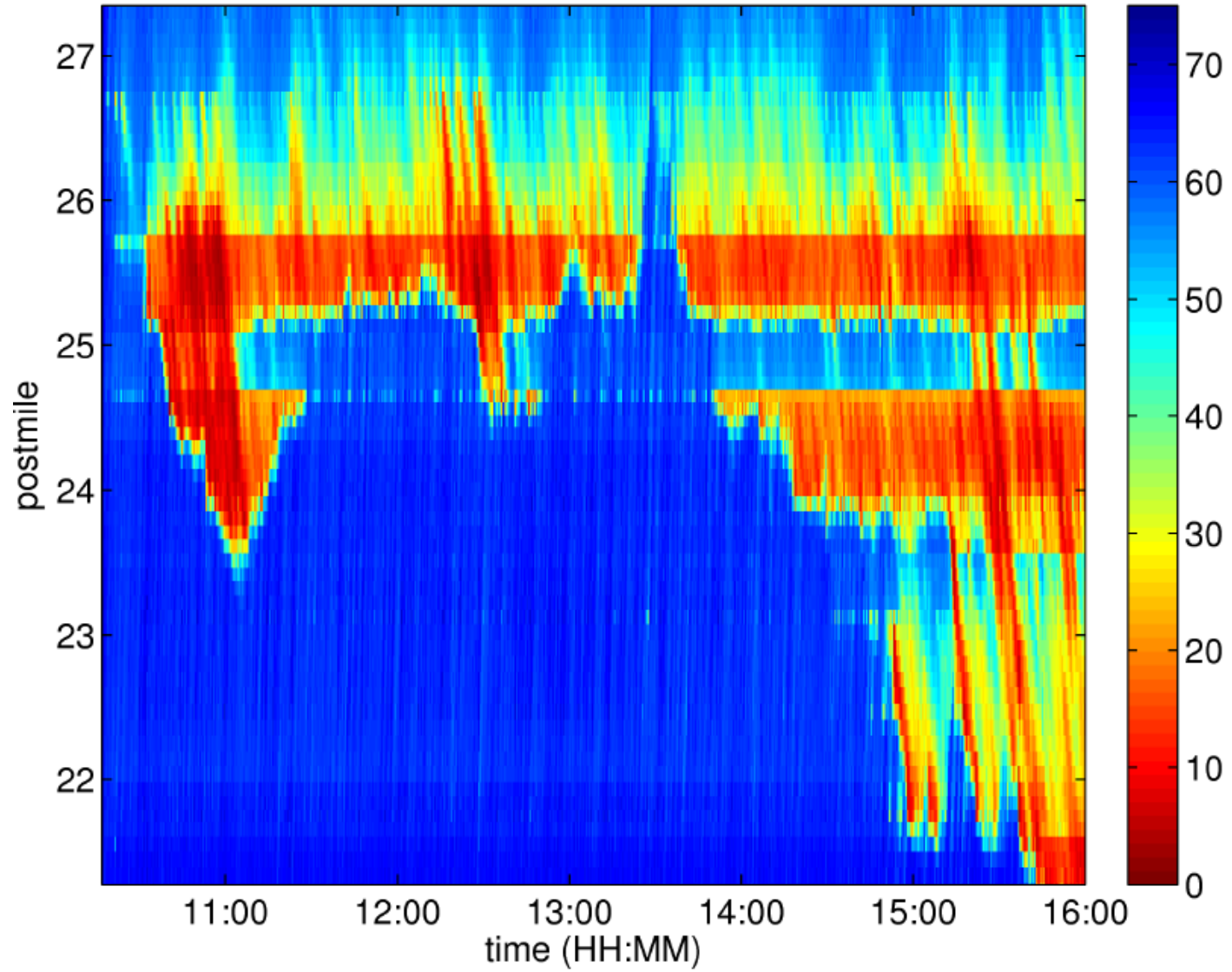
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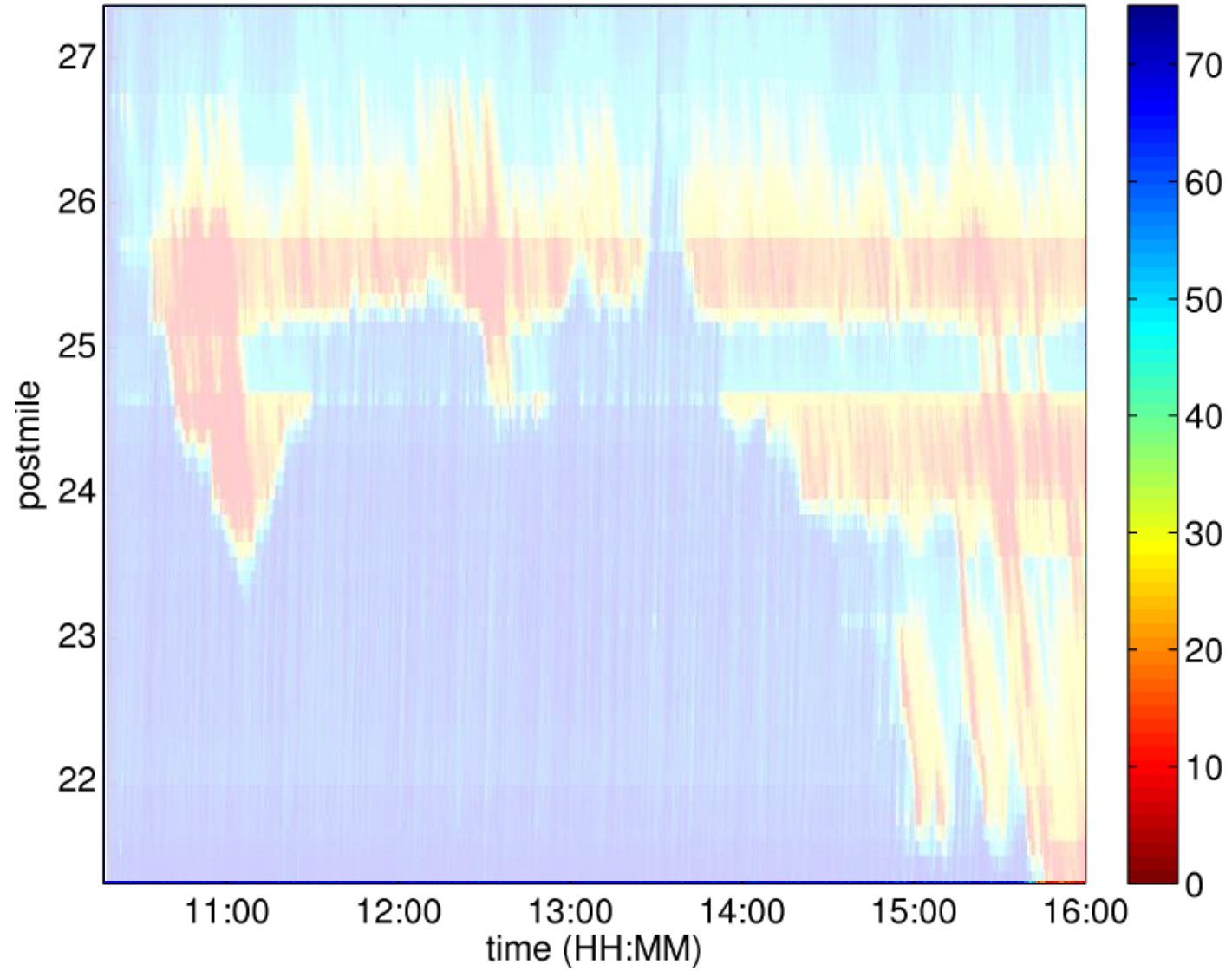


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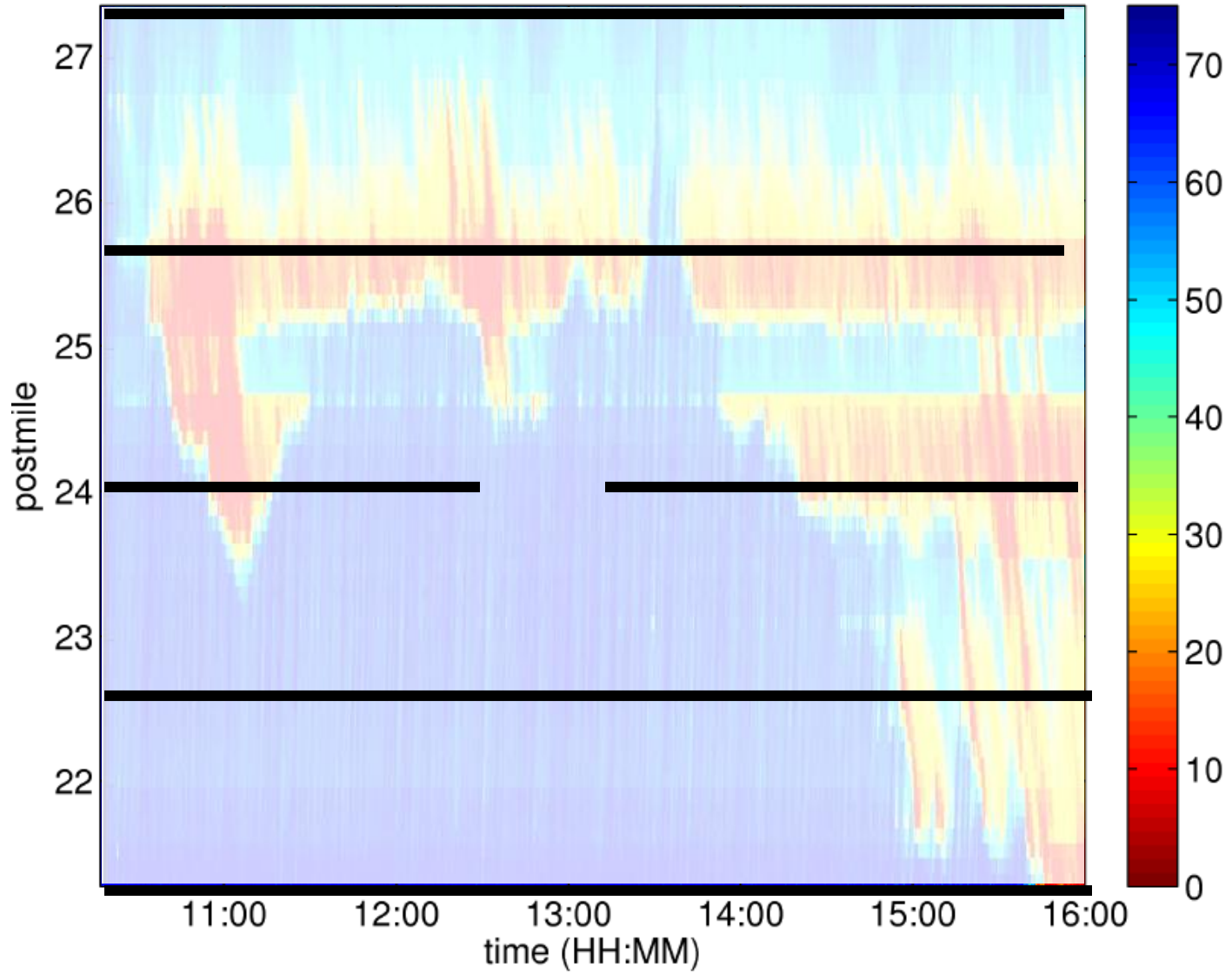
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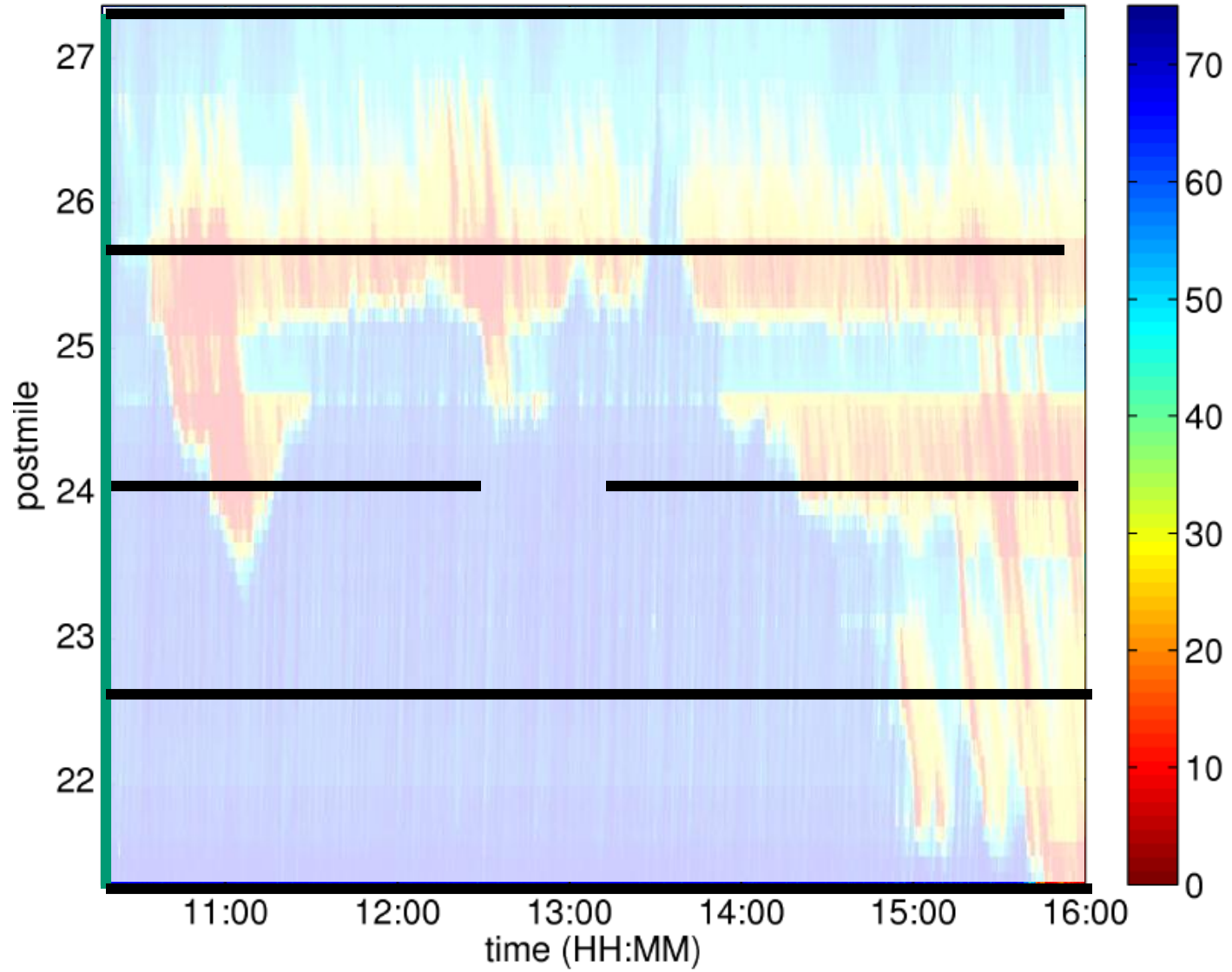


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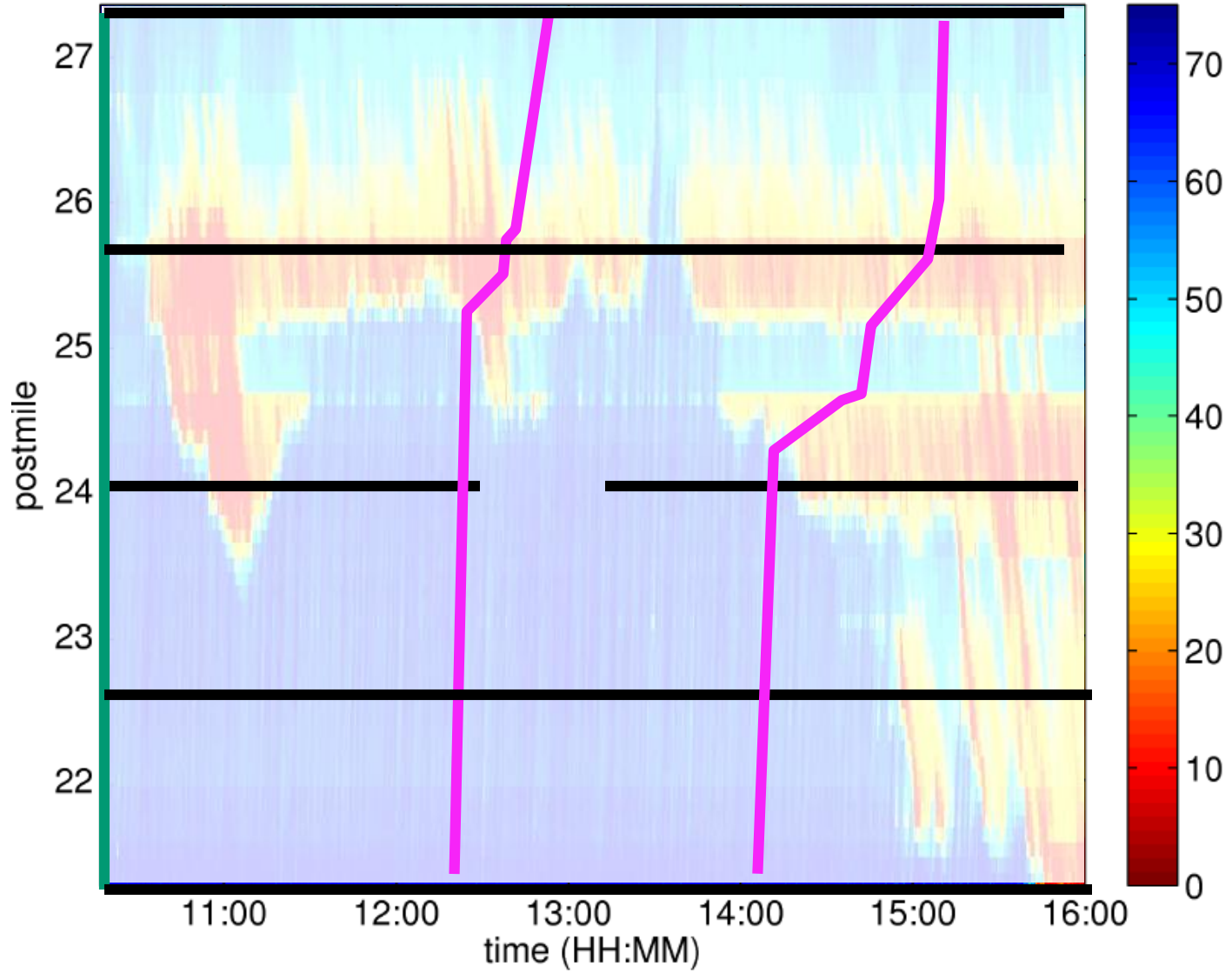
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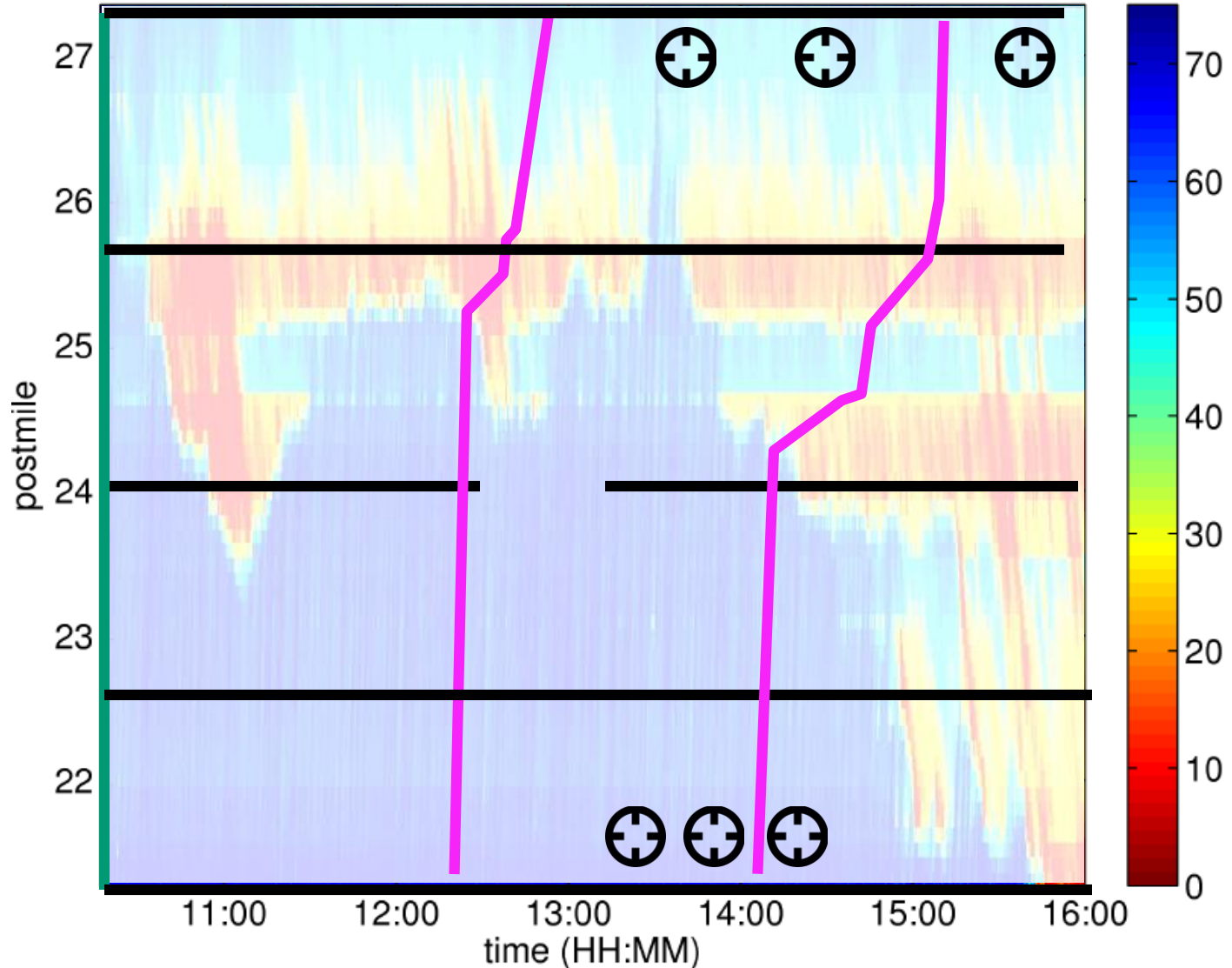
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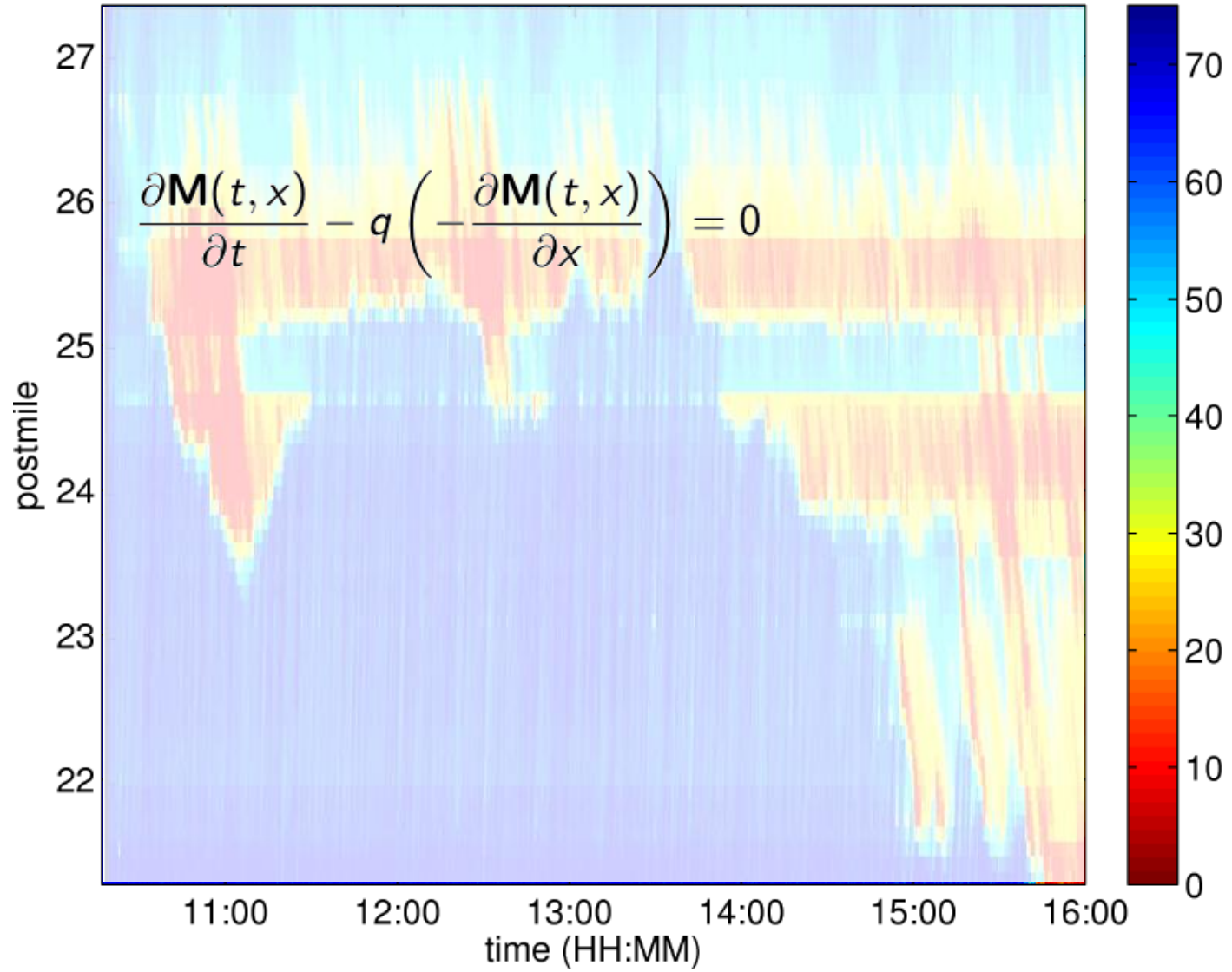
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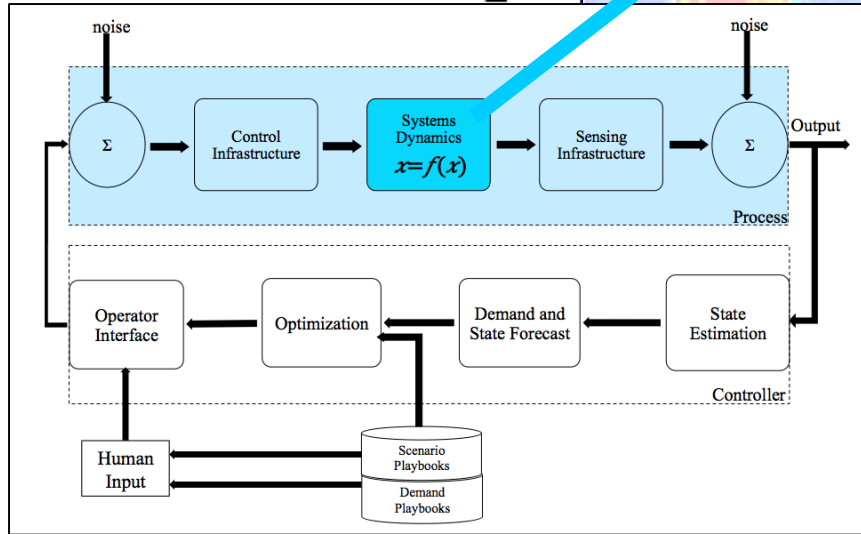
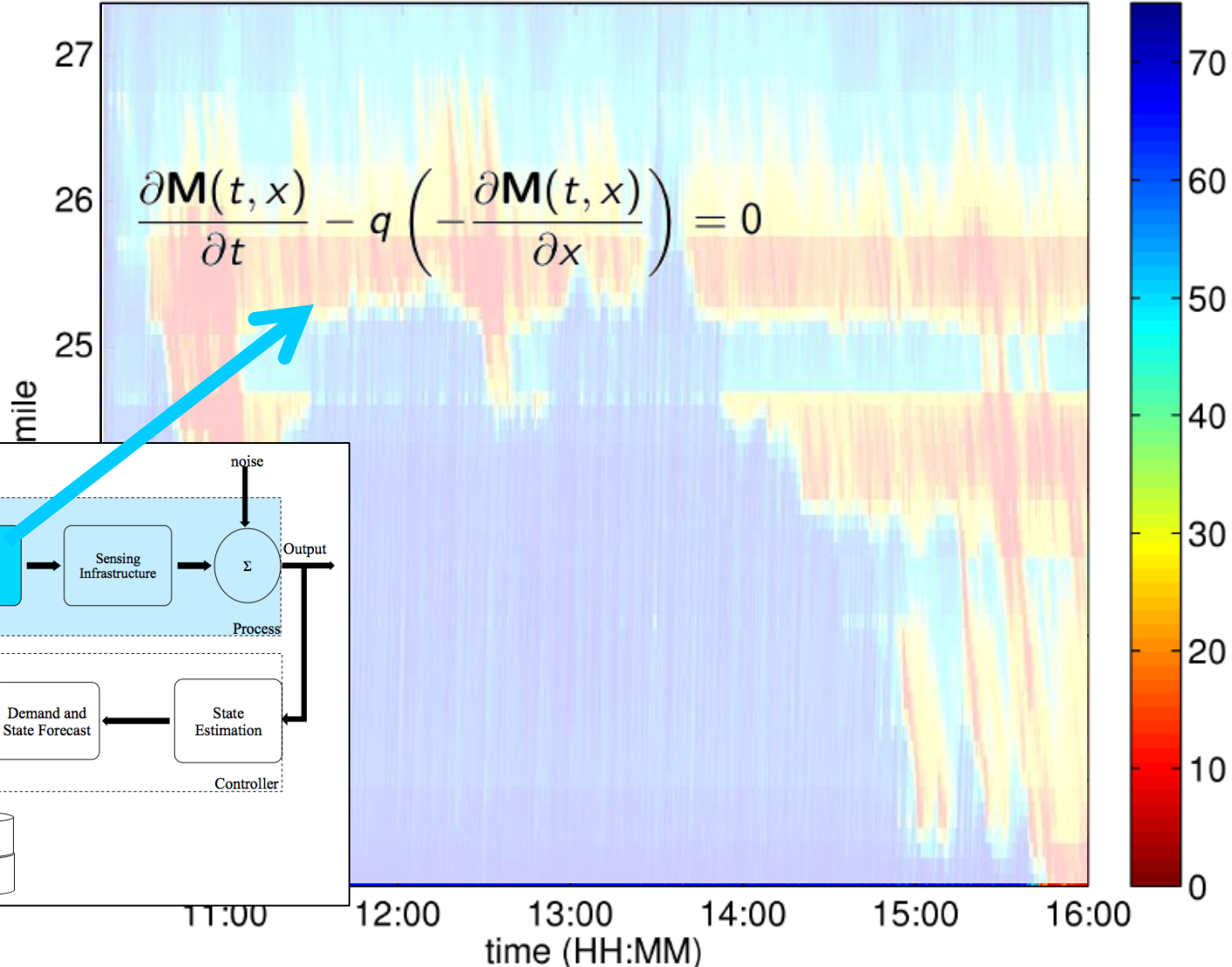
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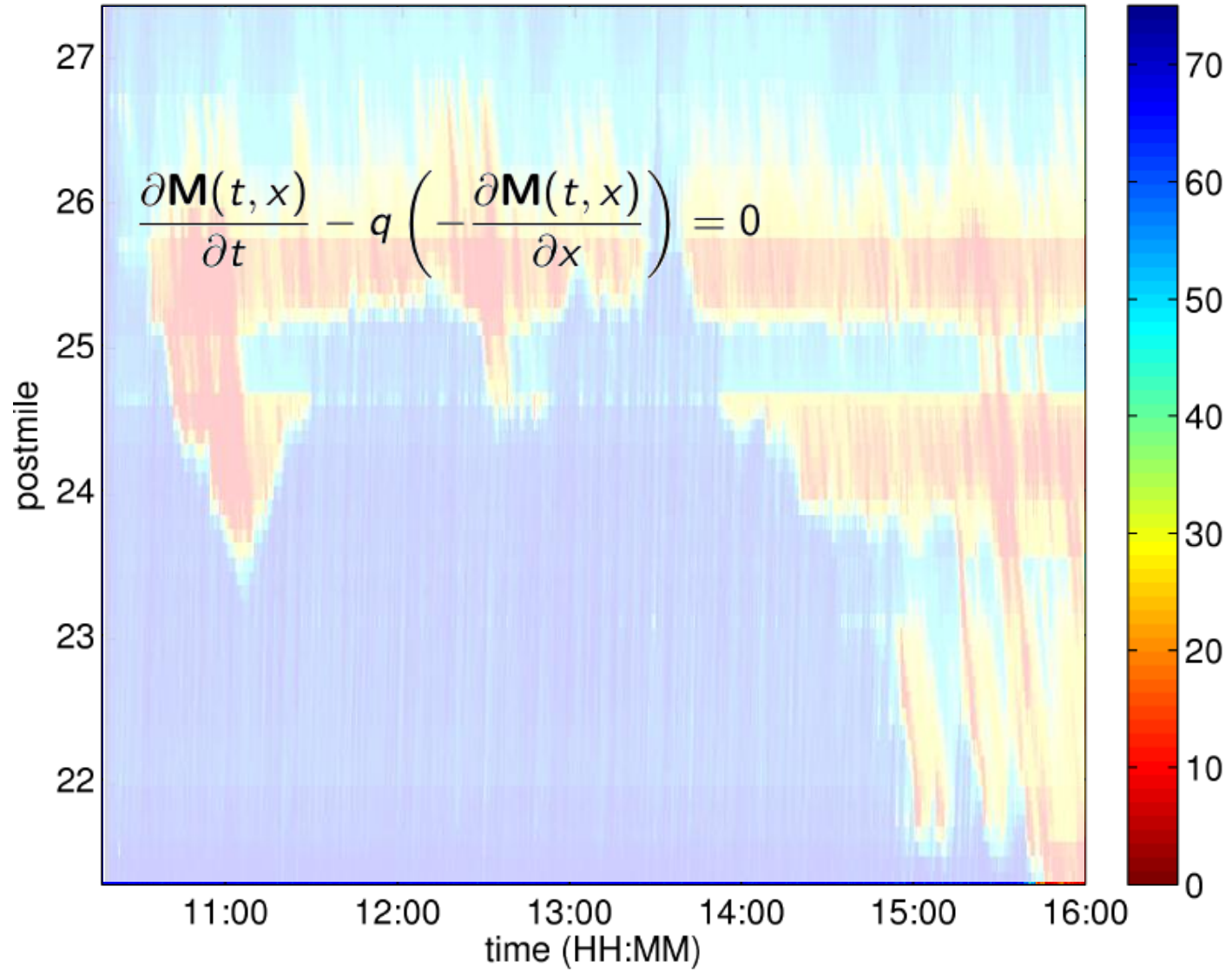
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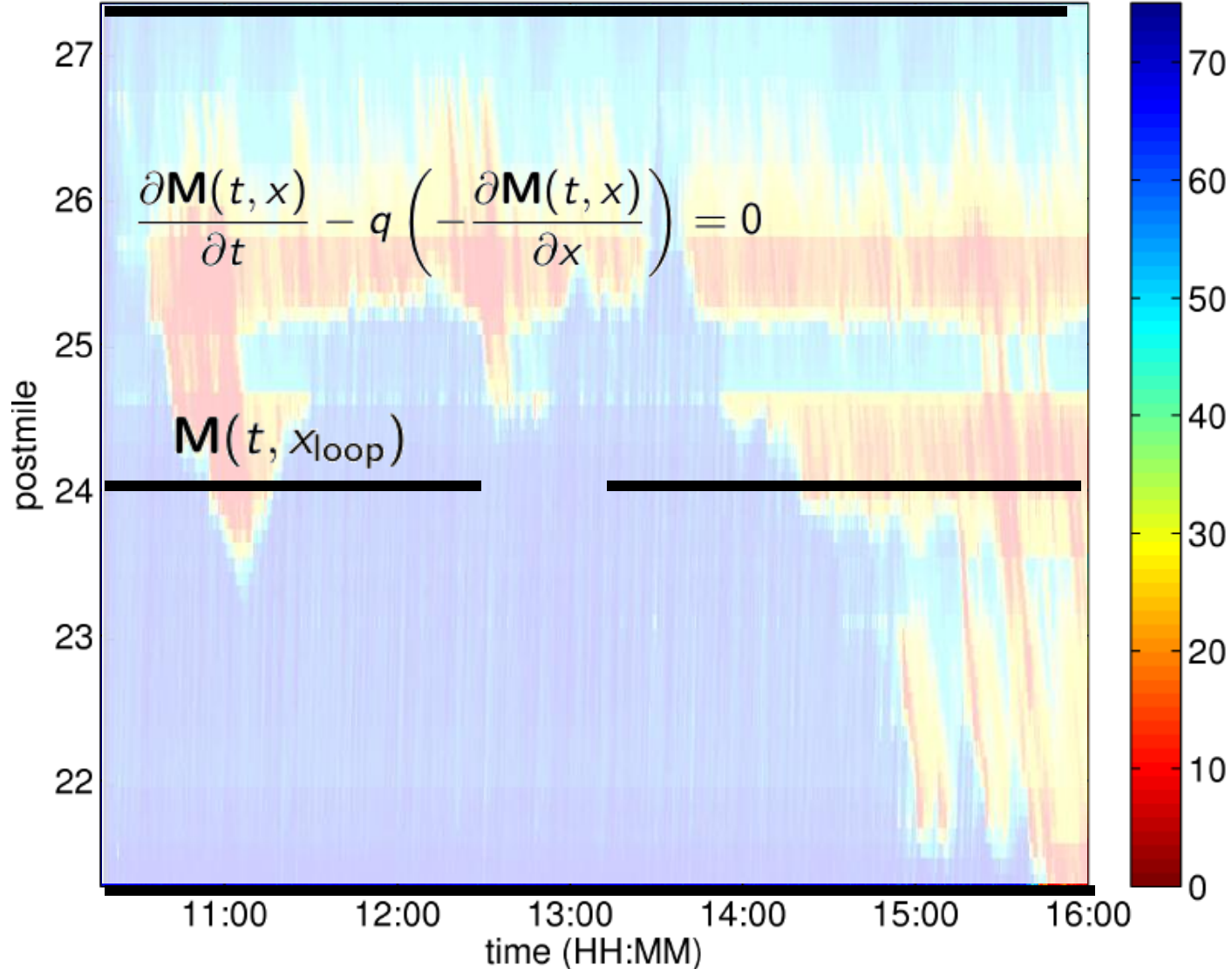


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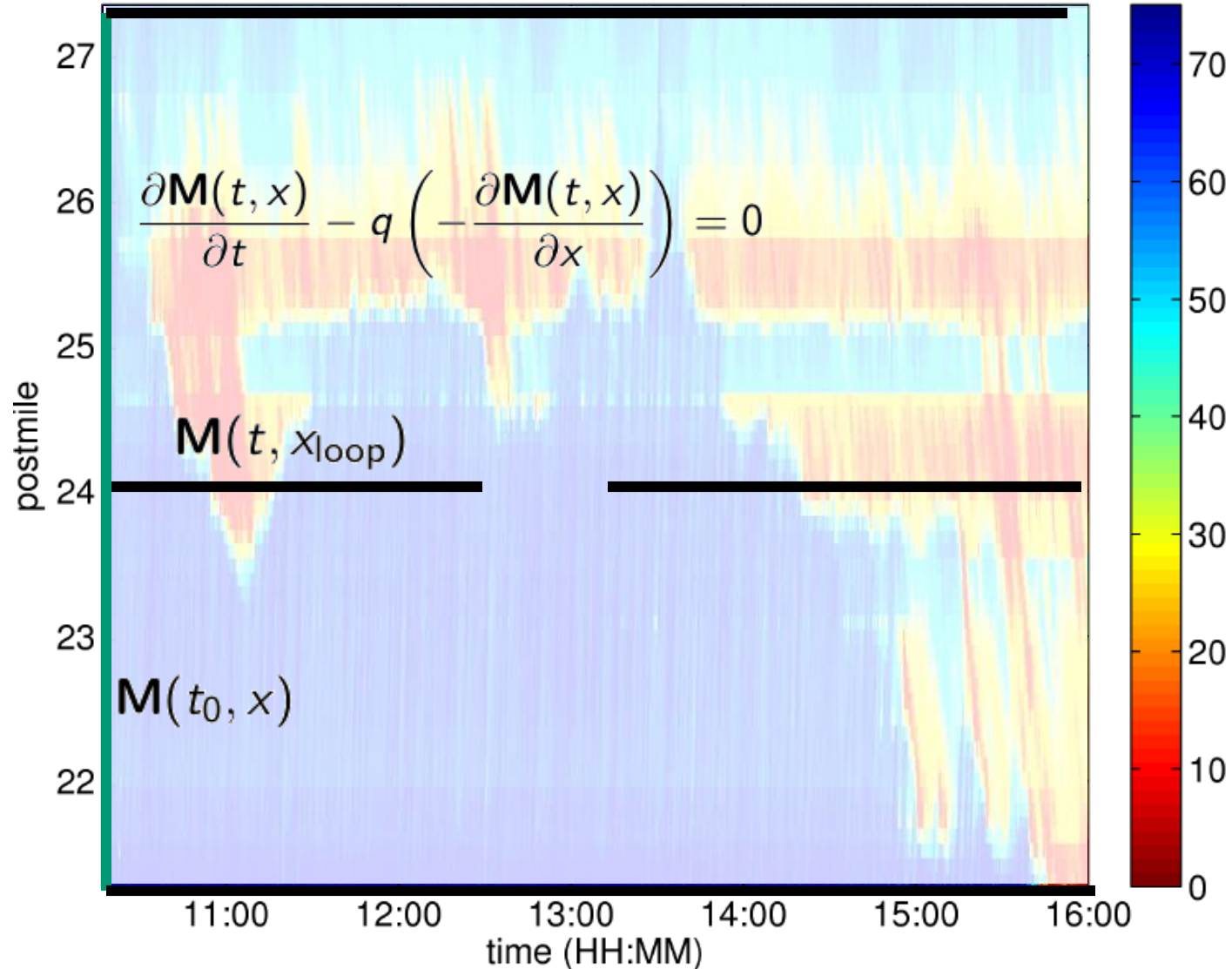
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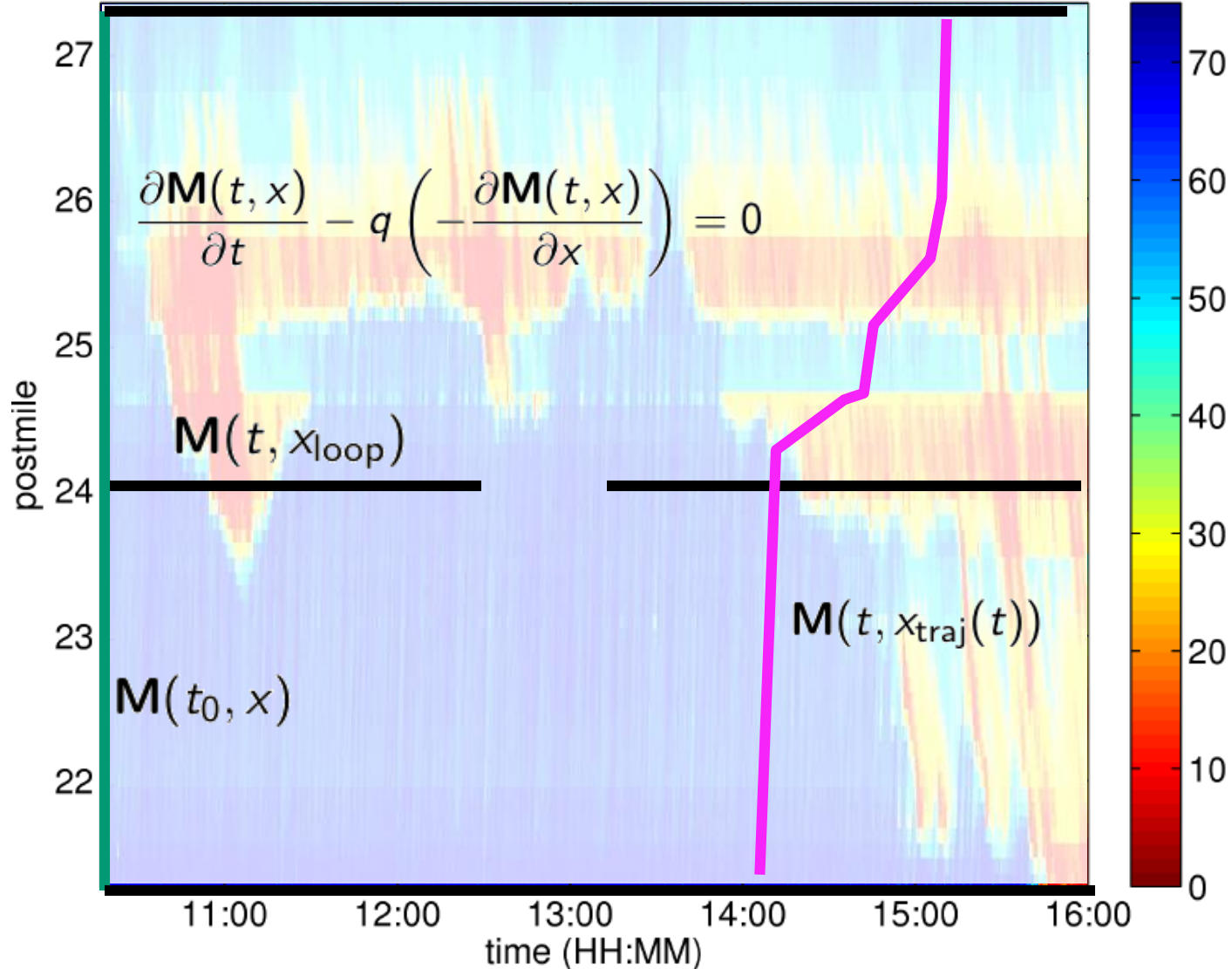
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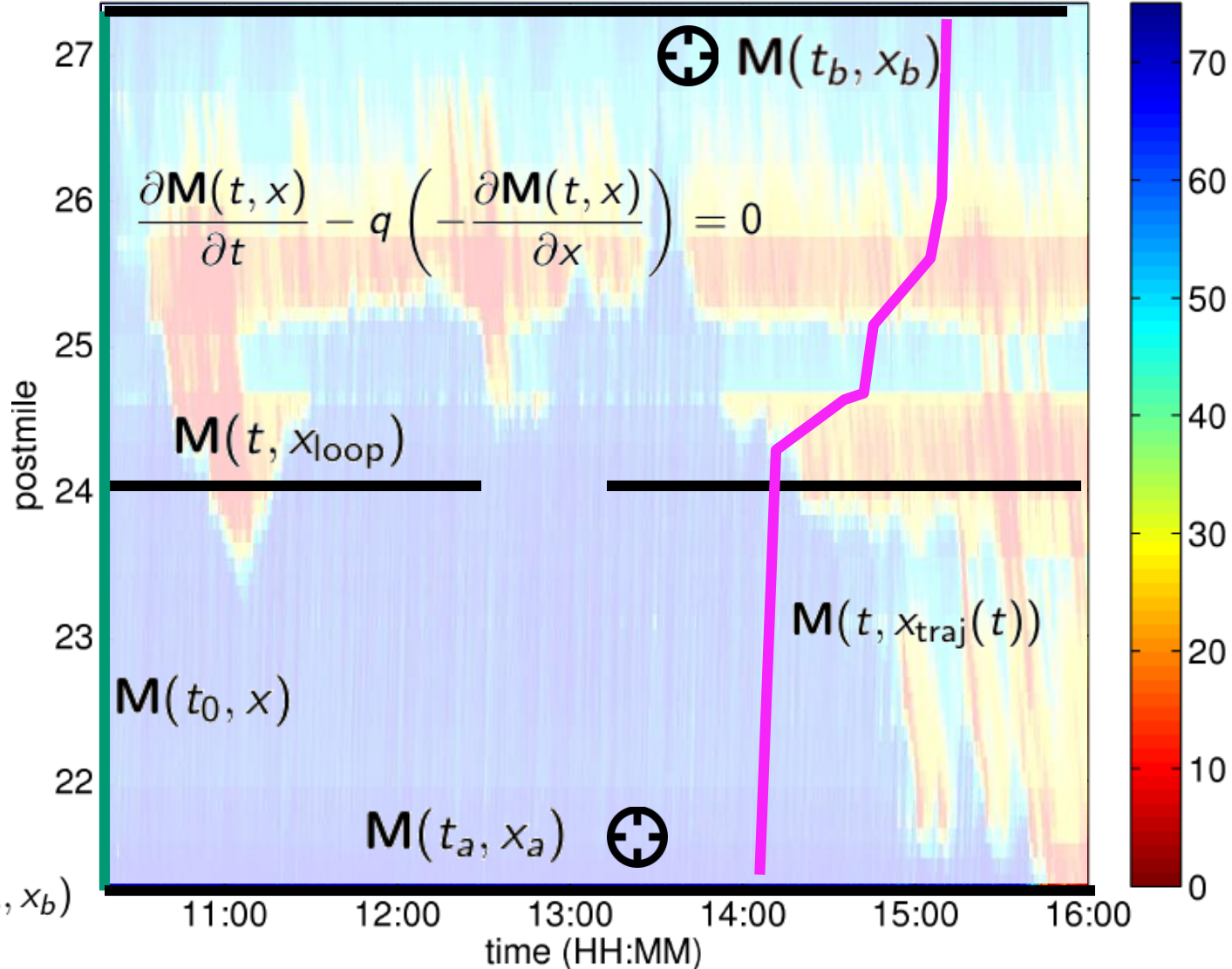
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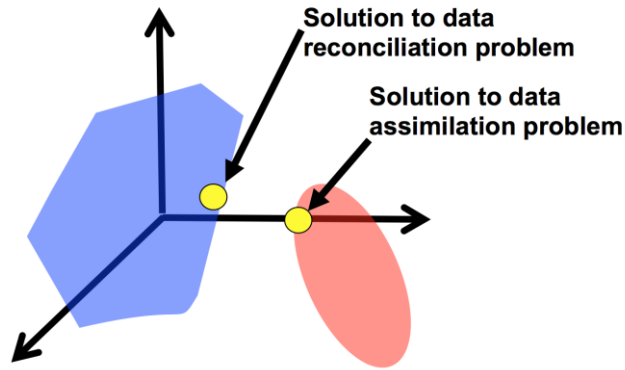
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# Data assimilation and reconciliation



## Existence/uniqueness of solution of (1)

[SIAM SICON, 2008]

## Lax Hopf formula

[IEEE TAC 2010a]

## Internal / BC / IC sol. computation

[IEEE TAC 2010b]

## Convex formulation for the estimation problem

[SIAM SICON 2011]

### Theorem

For PWA boundary, internal, and initial conditions

$$\bar{\mathbf{M}}(t, x), \quad (1)$$

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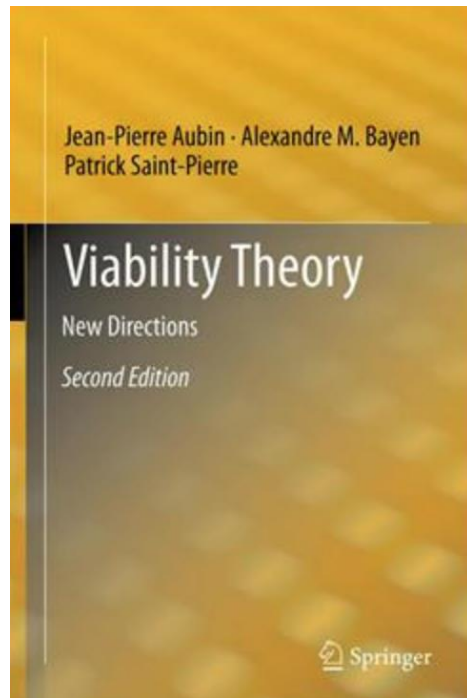
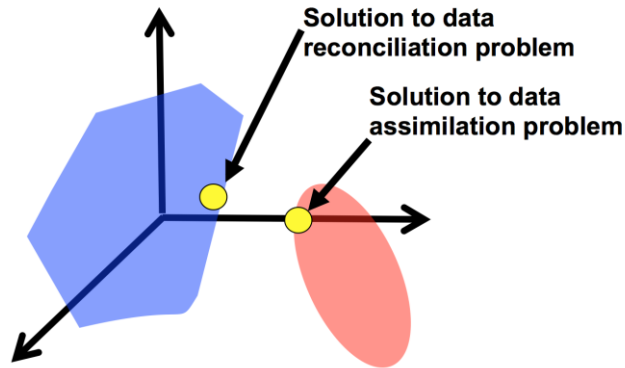
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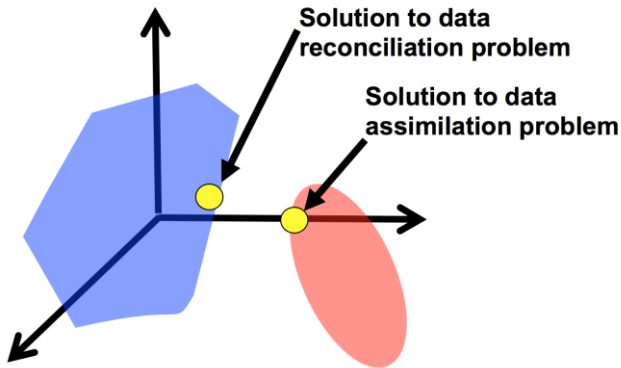
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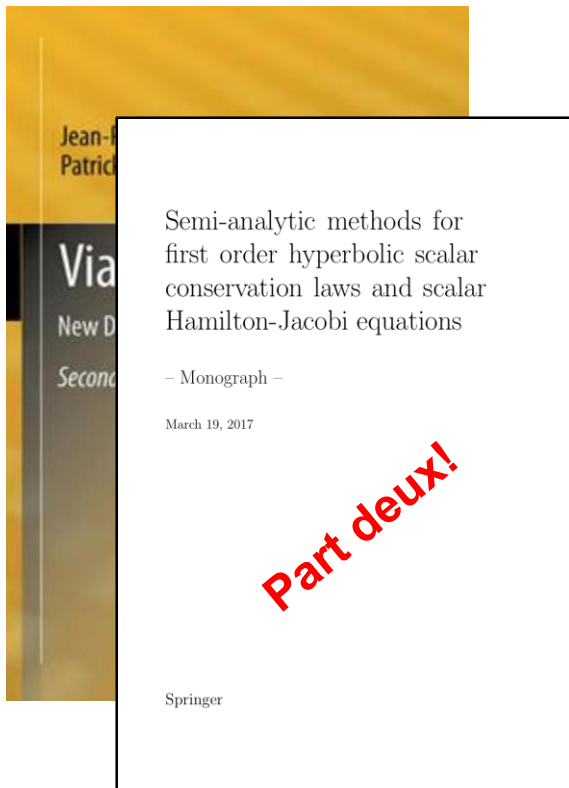
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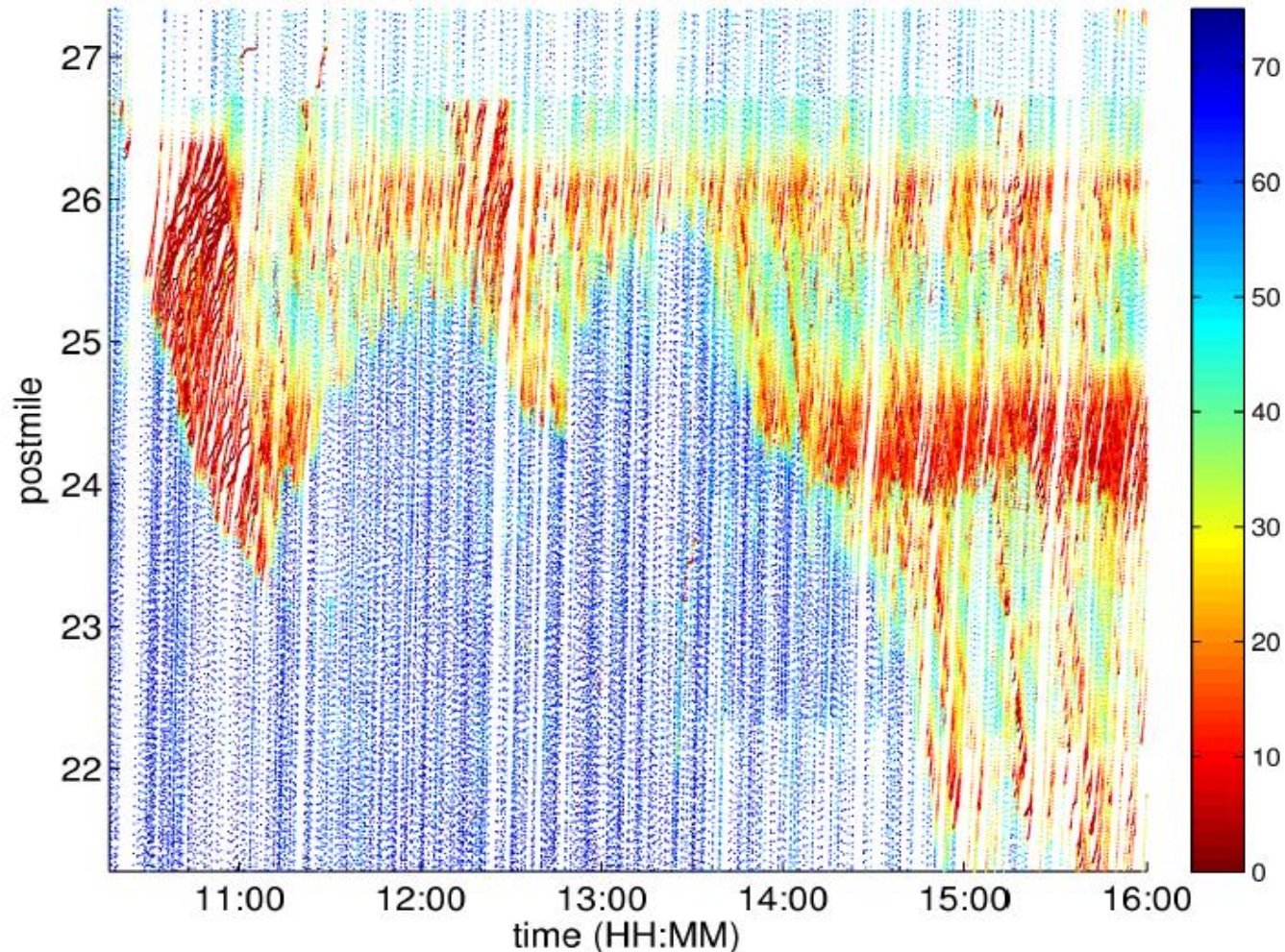
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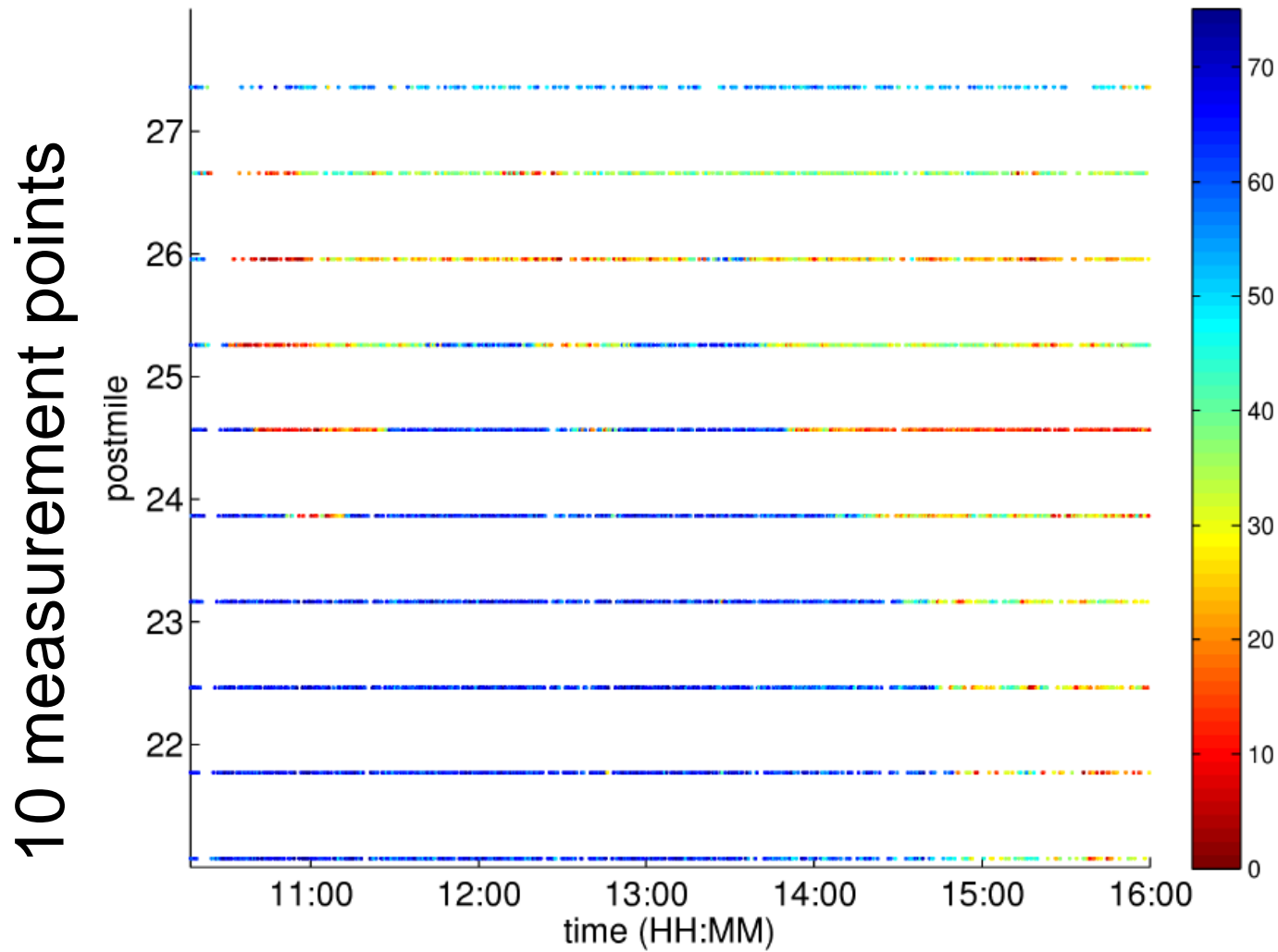




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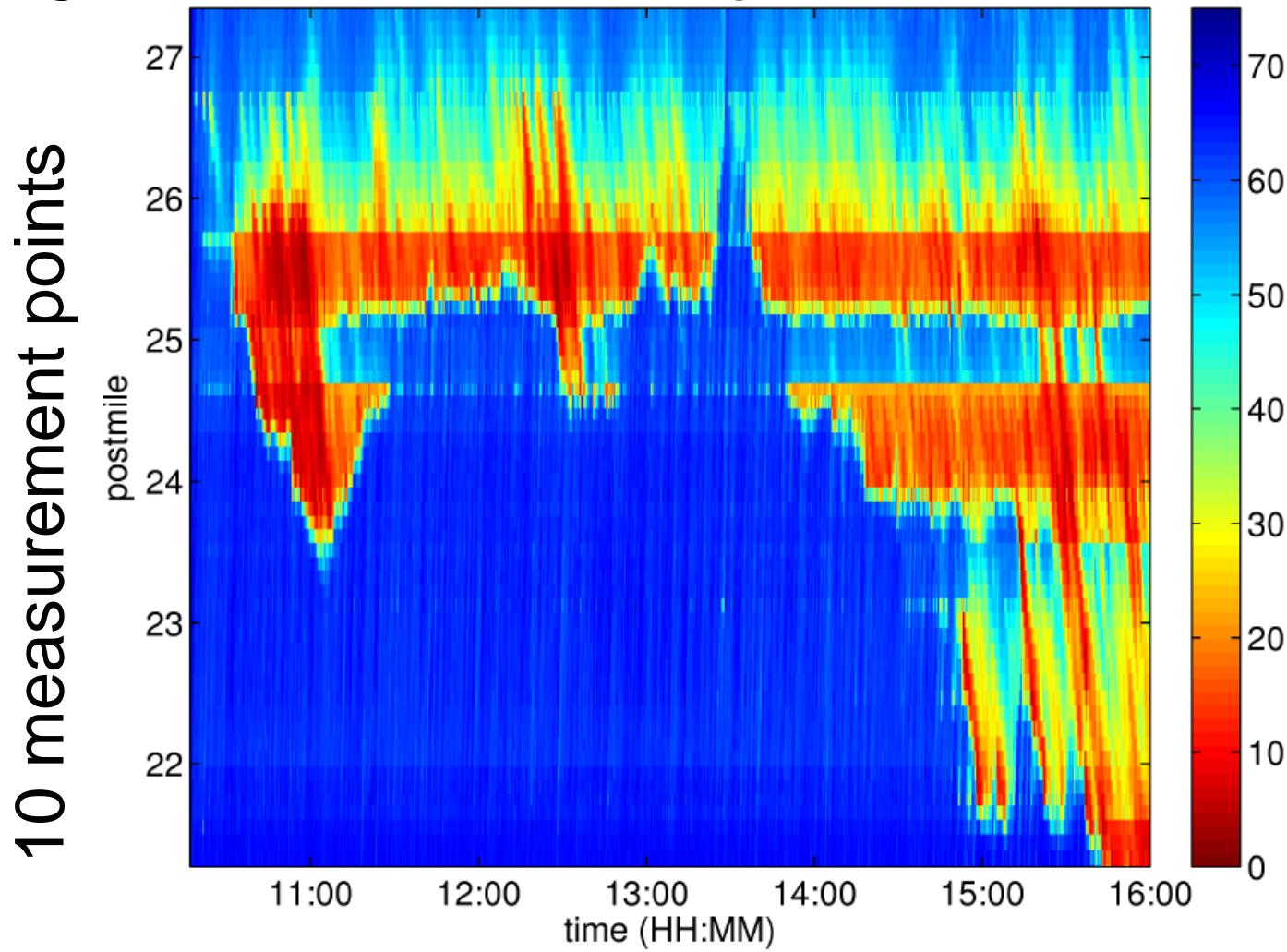




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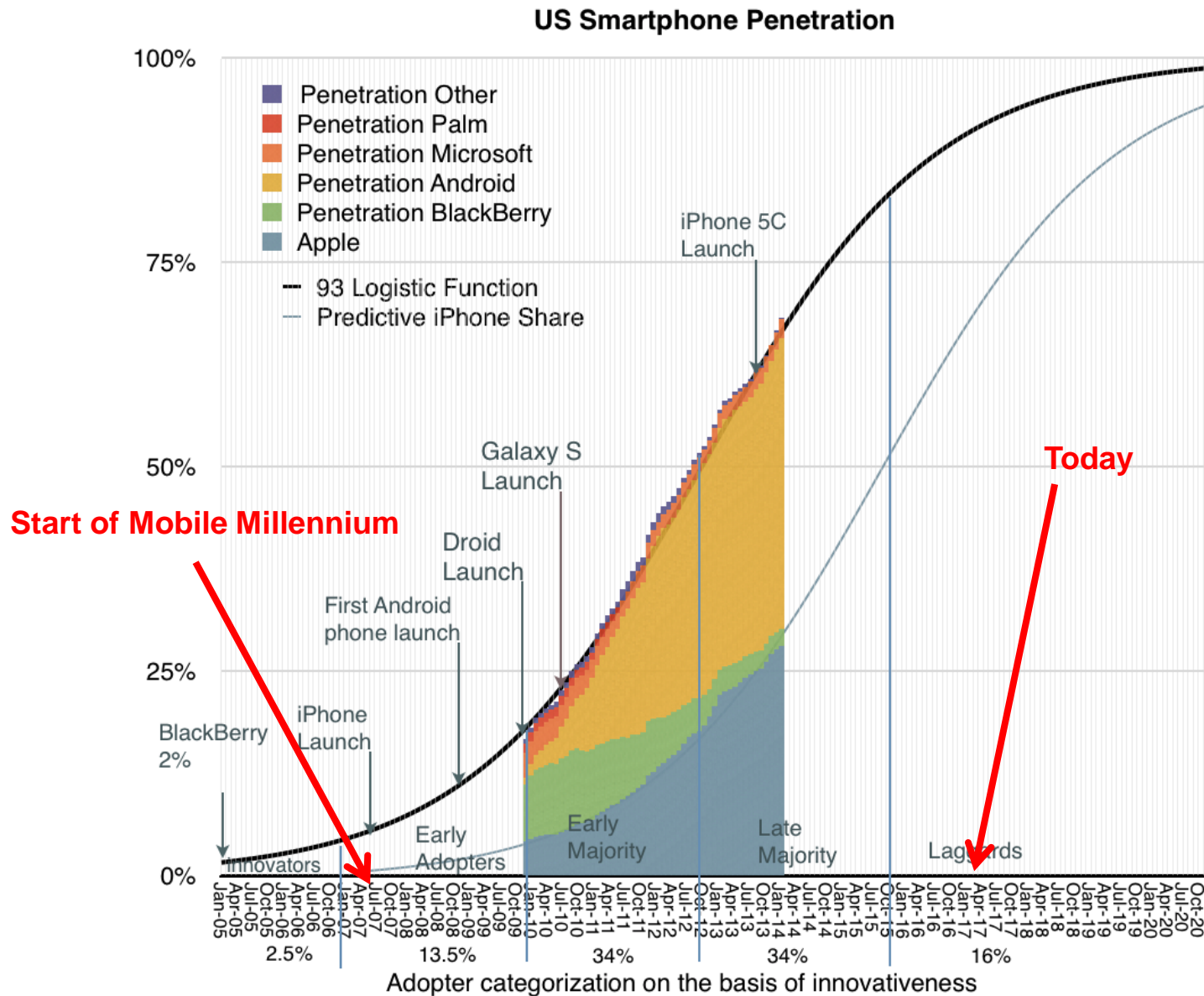
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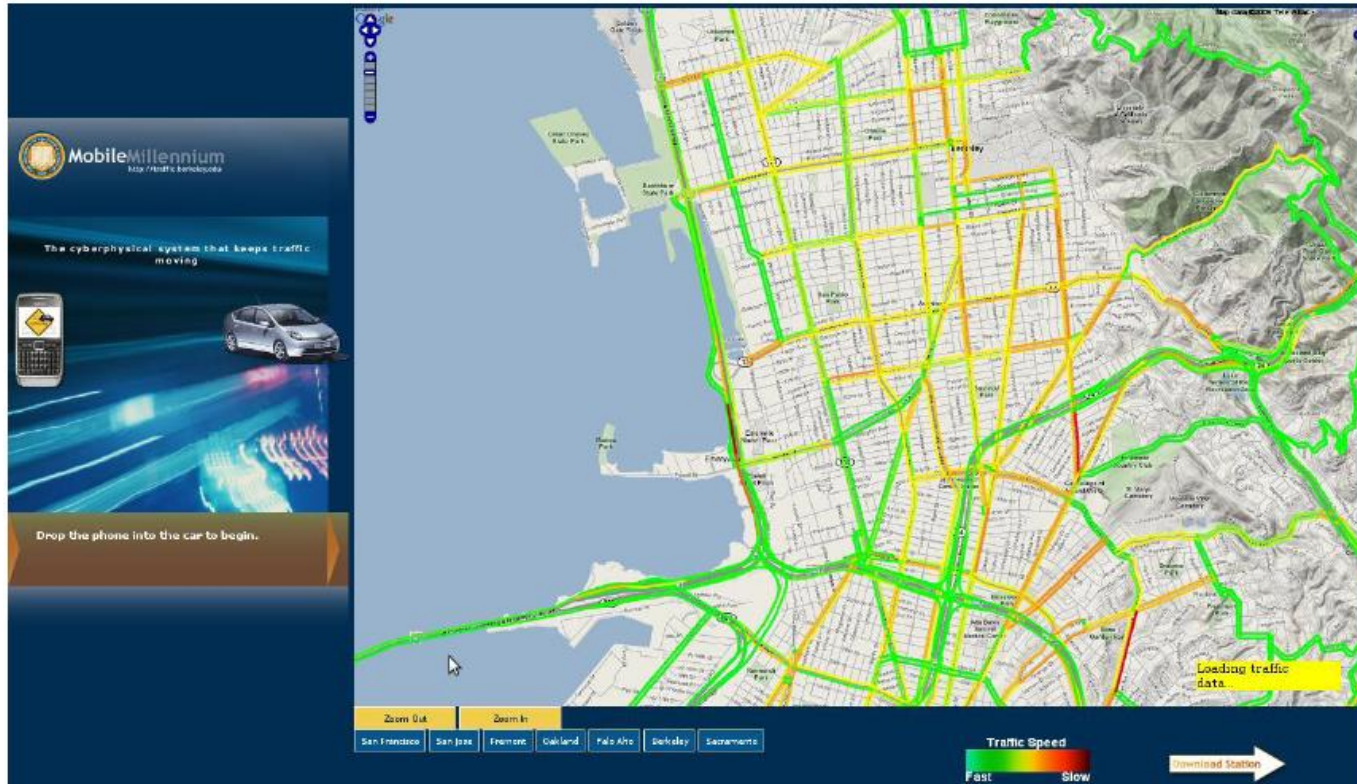
# Historical perspective on mobile devices



# Mobile Millennium (2008-2010)

## An early instantiation of participatory sensing

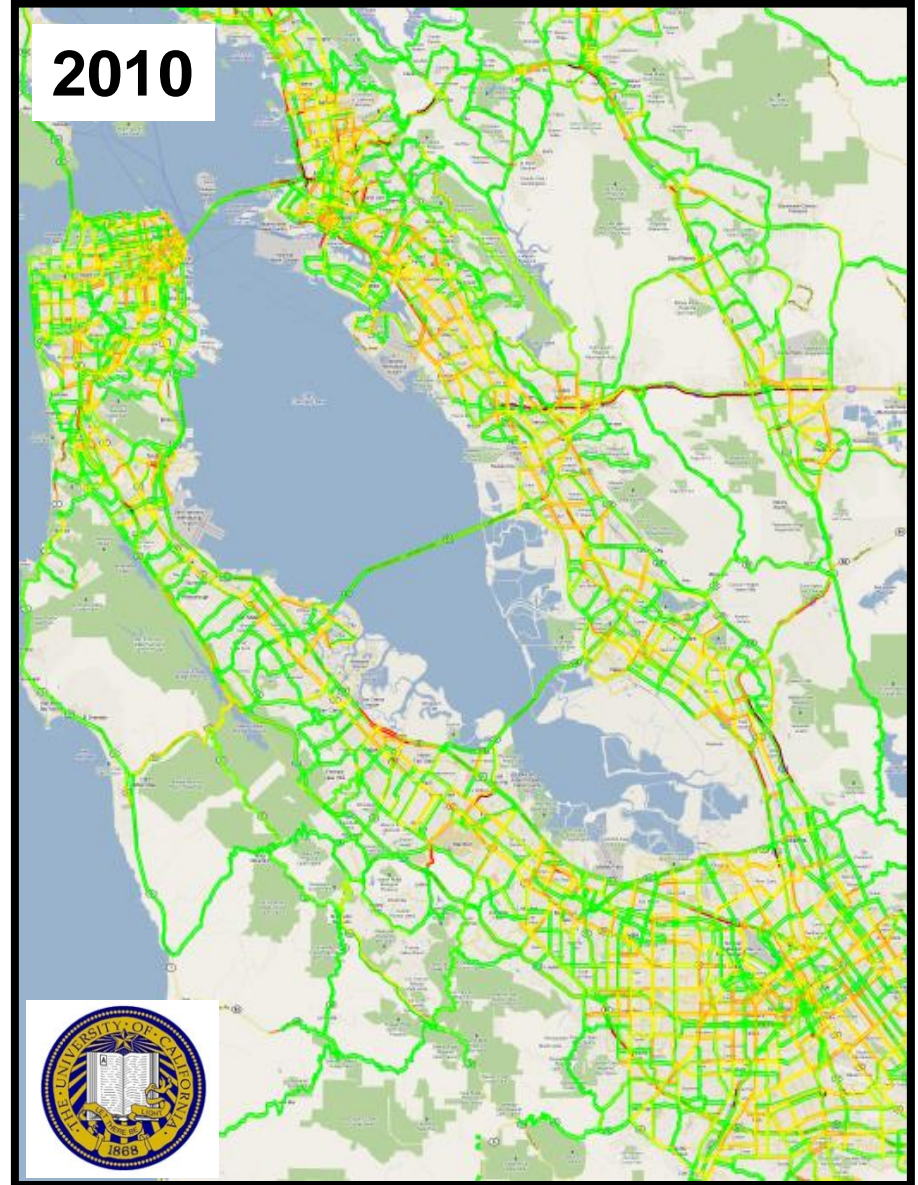
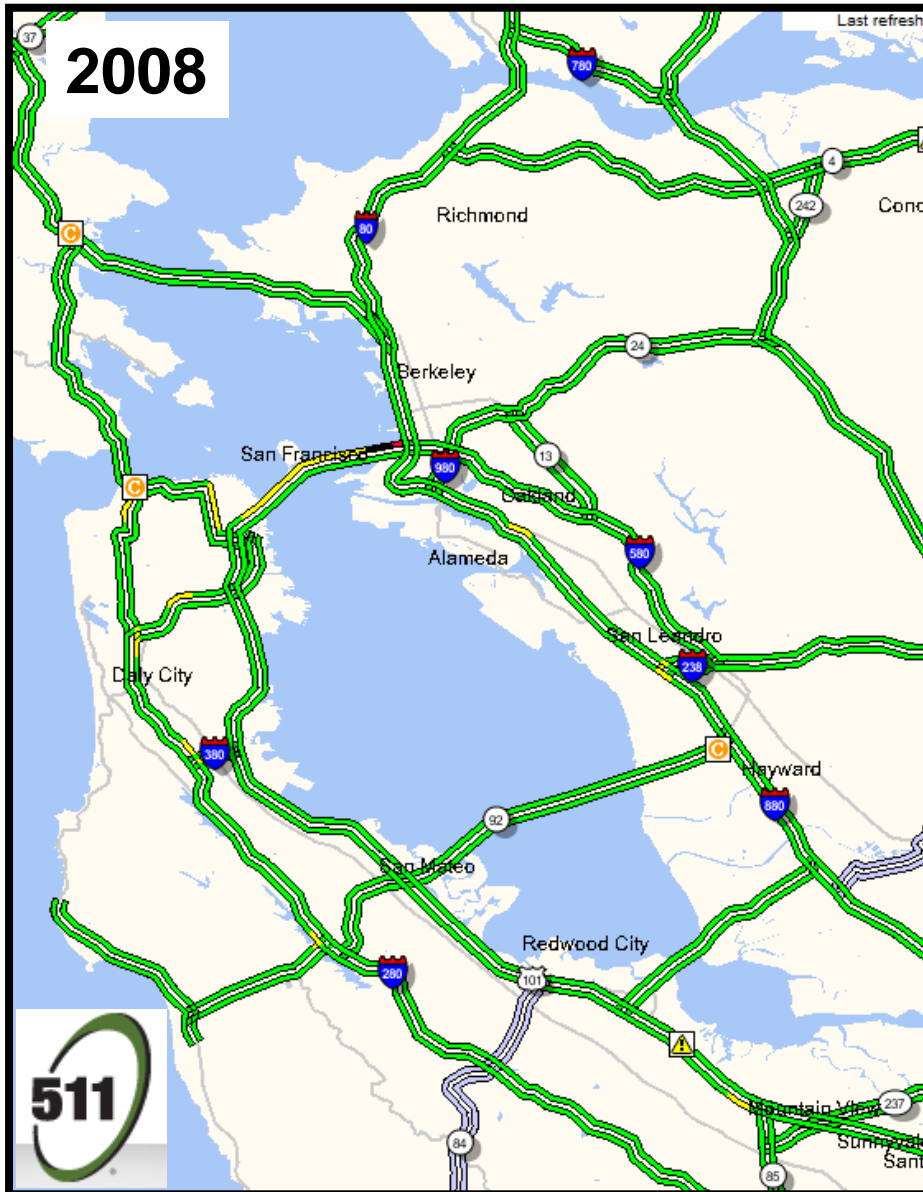
- Consortium: NSF, US DOT, Caltrans, Nokia, NAVTEQ, + 10 others
- 2008: 5000 downloads of the FIRST Nokia traffic app worldwide
- After a few months: about 60 million data points / day from dozen of sources (smartphones, taxis, fleets, etc.)







# Historical indirect smartphone beneficiary: traffic



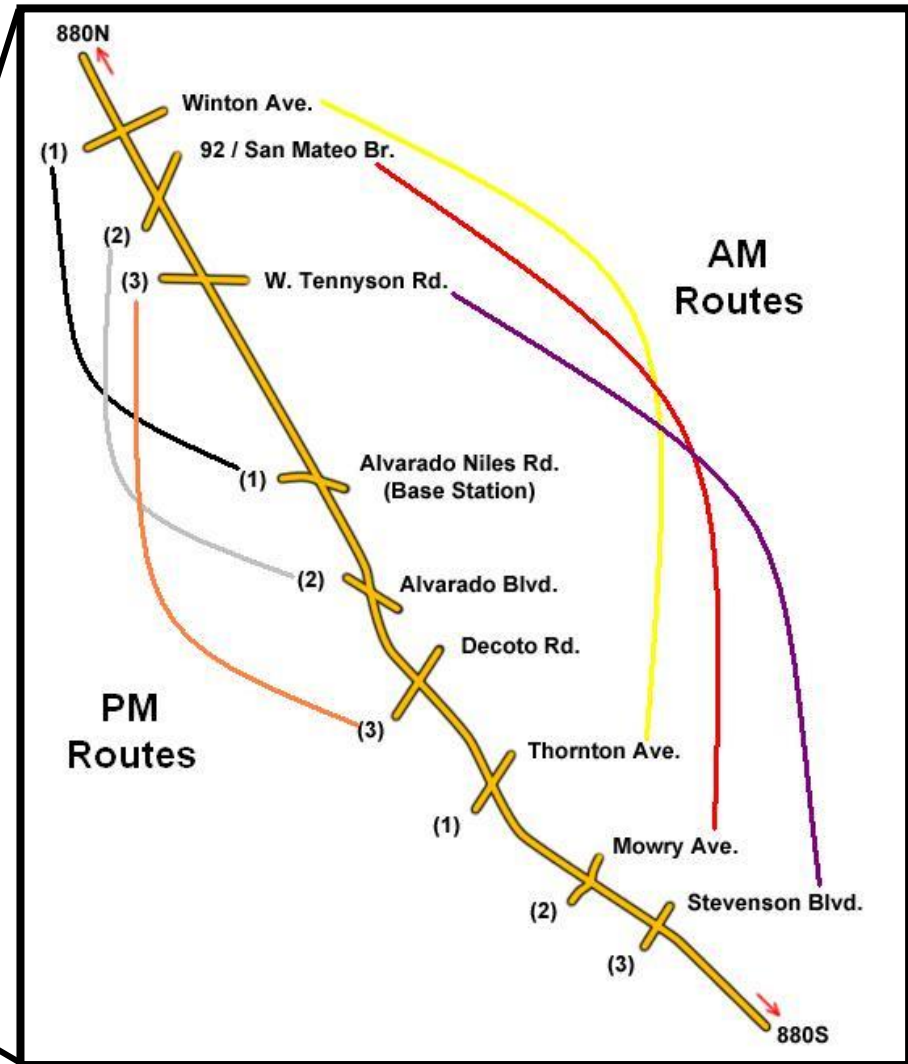
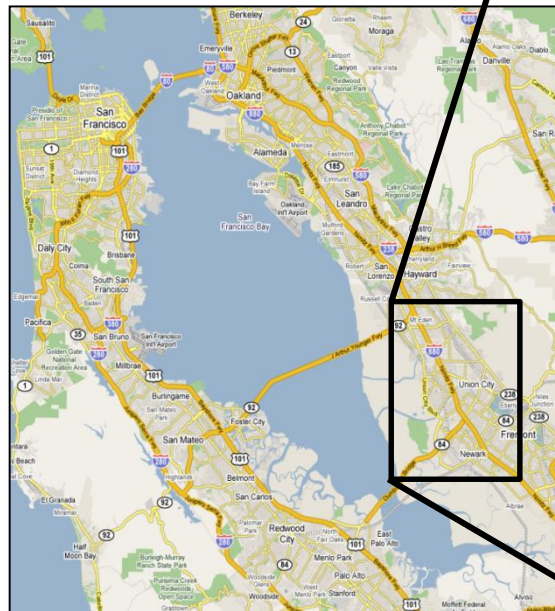




# Prototype experiment: *Mobile Century* (2008)

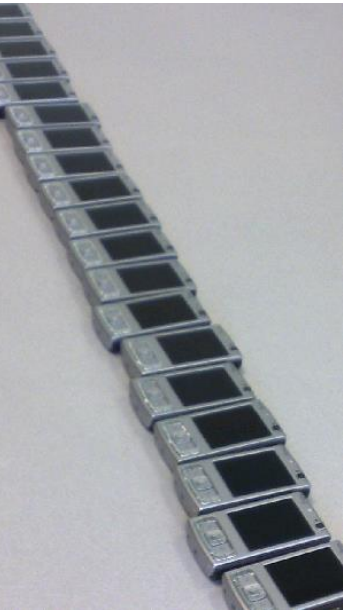
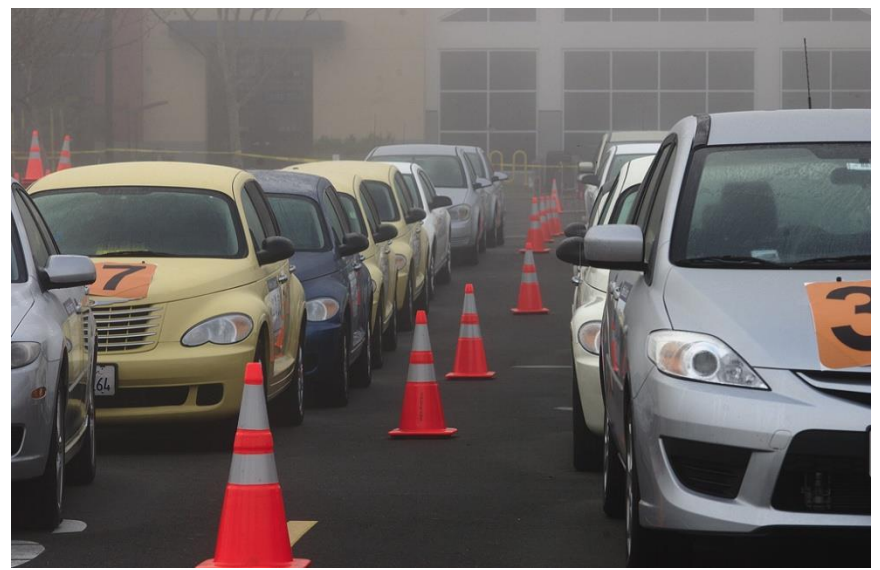
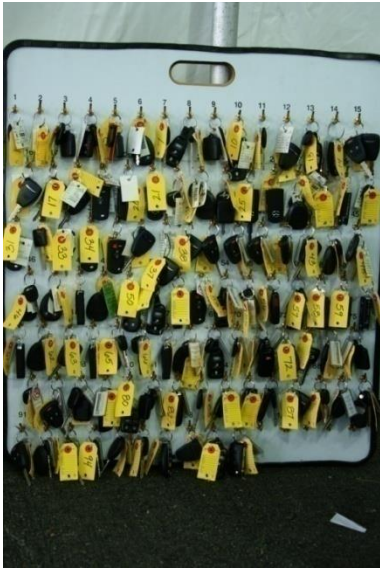
## Experimental proof of concept: the *Mobile Century* field test

- February 8<sup>th</sup> 2008
- I80, Union City, CA
- Field test, 100 cars
- 165 Berkeley students drivers
- 10 hours deployment,
- About 10 miles
- 2% - 5% penetration rate





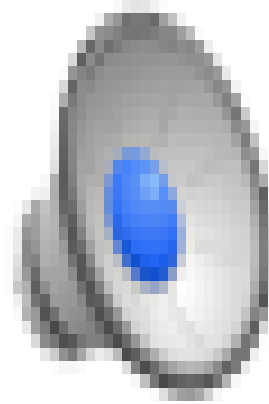
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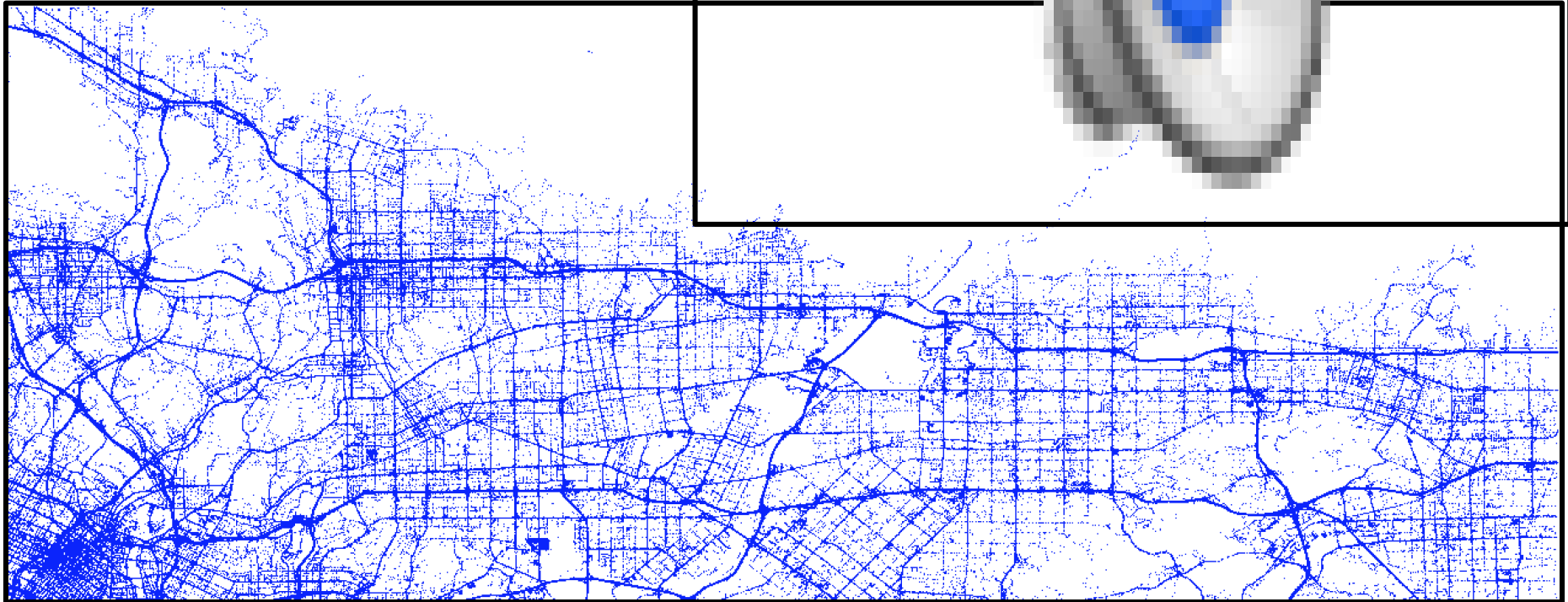
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# Data sample

500 vehicles sampled at 30' intervals

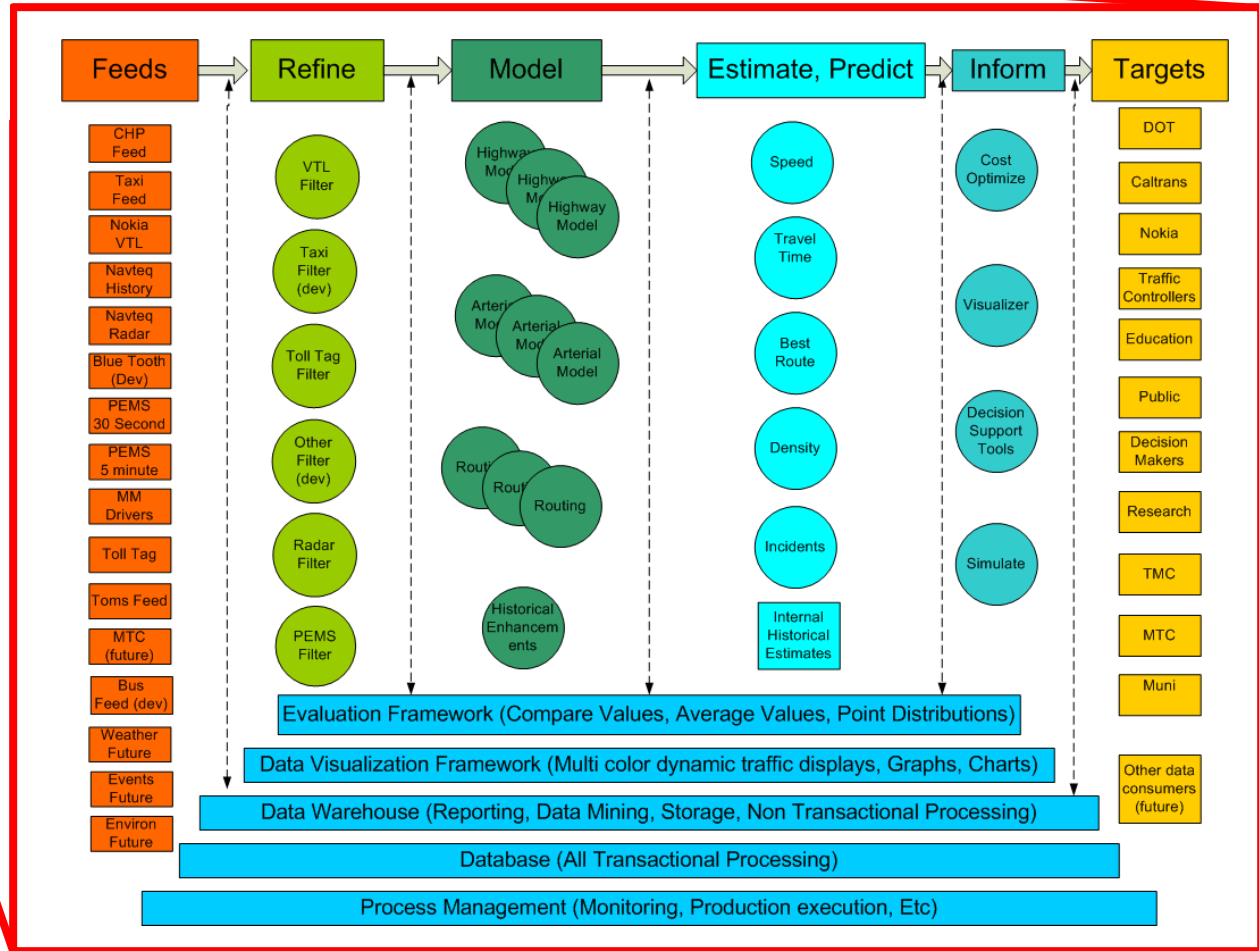
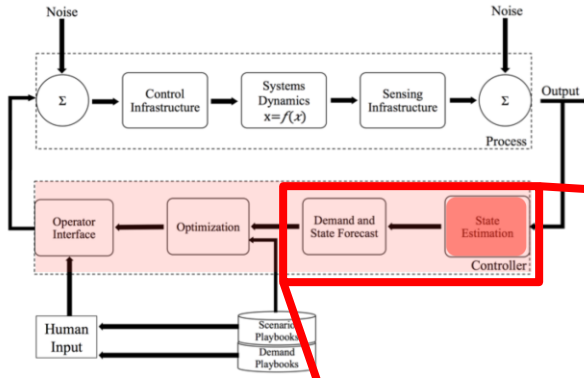
One day of data, 0.5% penetration







# Architecture of *Mobile Millennium*



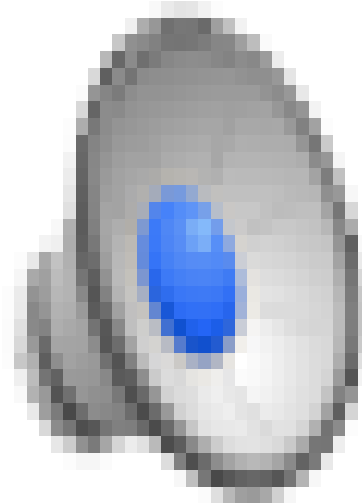


# The early days of *Mobile Millennium*

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**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, [accelerated] synchronized movies**

- Acceleration: 1 frame = 30 seconds of physical time
- 1:30pm (Friday afternoon congestion)

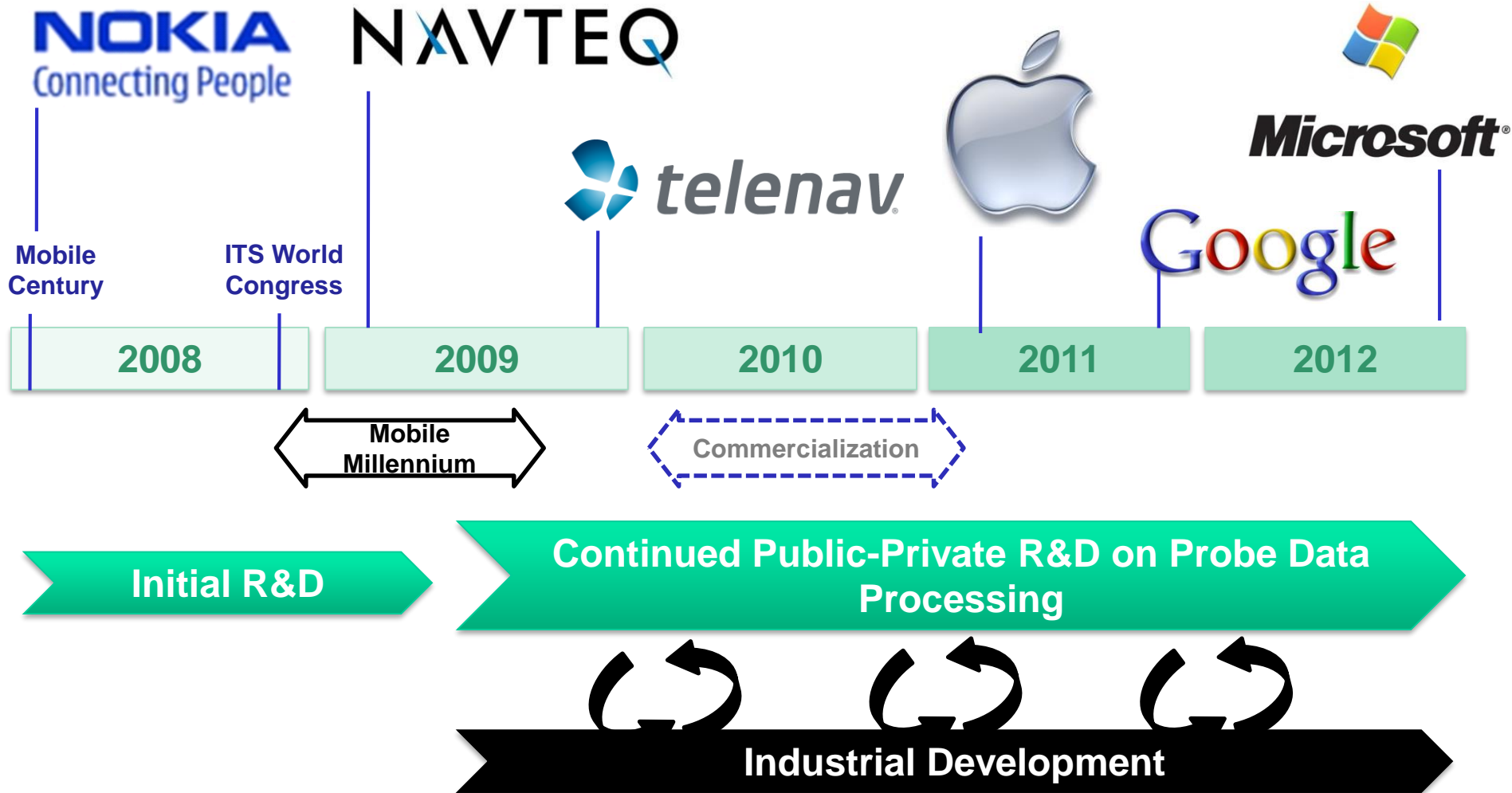


**Google Maps (no probes)**

**Mobile Millennium (probe based)**



# Project and industry timeline





# Contributions of the *Mobile Millennium* project

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## Modeling contributions

- Flow models for integration of Lagrangian data for highways
- Machine learning models for arterial traffic

## Estimation contributions

- Statistical filtering for discretized PDEs (EnKF, PF, EKF, etc.)
- Convex optimization approaches to data assimilation (variational formulations, viability formulations)

## Experimental contributions

- Building an app and a full backend system (three times...)
- Running experiments at scale
- Integrating private sector feeds into live system

## Data quality contributions

- Penetration studies (how much GPS data do we need?)
- Procurement for the State of California





# Outline

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## 1. General framework for traffic operations

### 1. Inference problems

1. Demand inference
2. Traffic estimation

### 2. Heterogeneous games

1. Heterogeneous game, Nash-Stackelberg solutions
2. Learning dynamics in repeated games

### 3. Other mobile sensor and data and CPS education



# The impact of traffic apps on system dynamics

## Fundamental premise of routing services

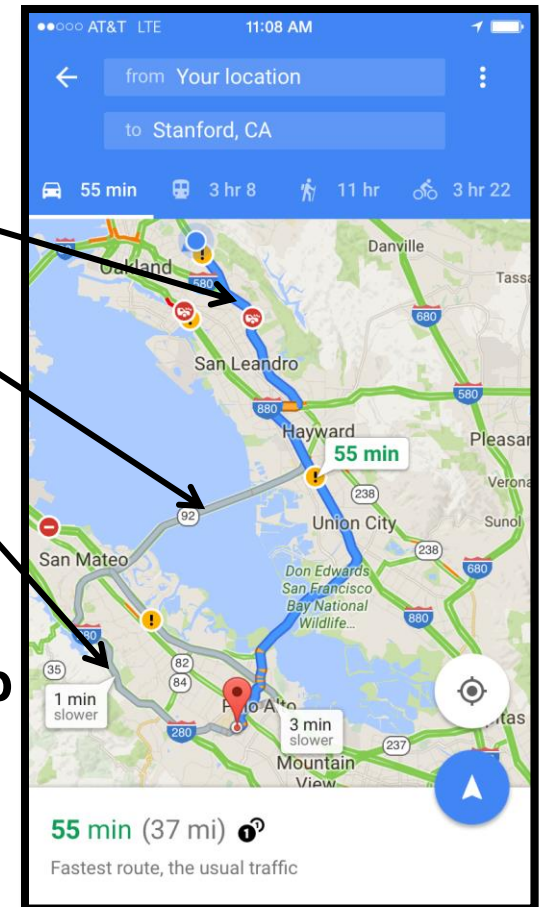
- Each app enabled user receives a [SOTA] shortest path
- Some follow the recommendations

## All paths proposed are nearly equal:

- Shortest path (55mins)
- Third shortest path (58 mins)
- Second shortest path (56 mins)

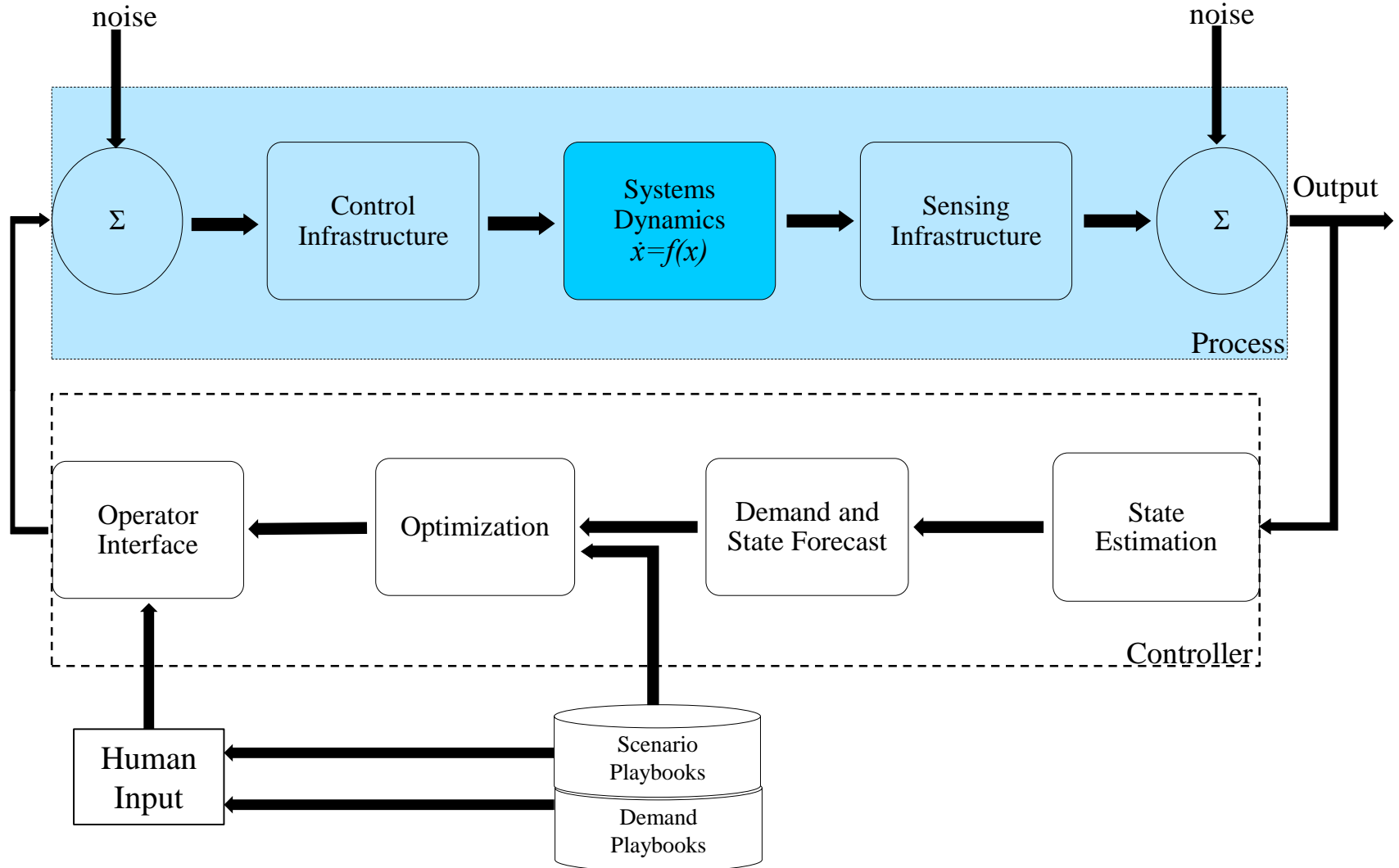
## Routing does in general not depend on

- Forecast of the network loading using demand data (incomplete today)
- Forecast of the network using potential impact of routing (i.e. routed users) on the network
- Knowledge of what competitors of the app are doing (in the present case, Apple, INRIX, 511, etc.)



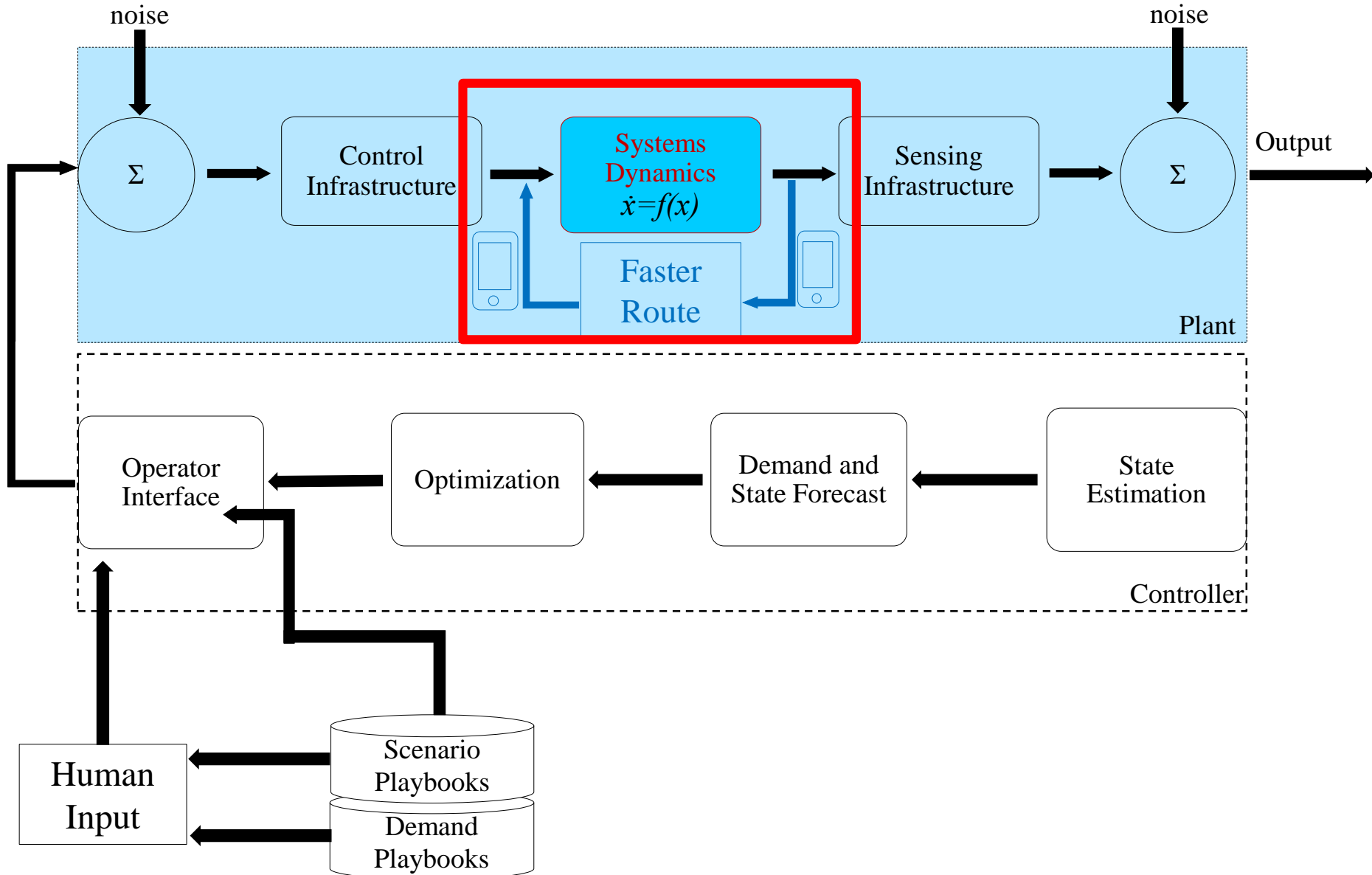


# Classical operations framework in transportation





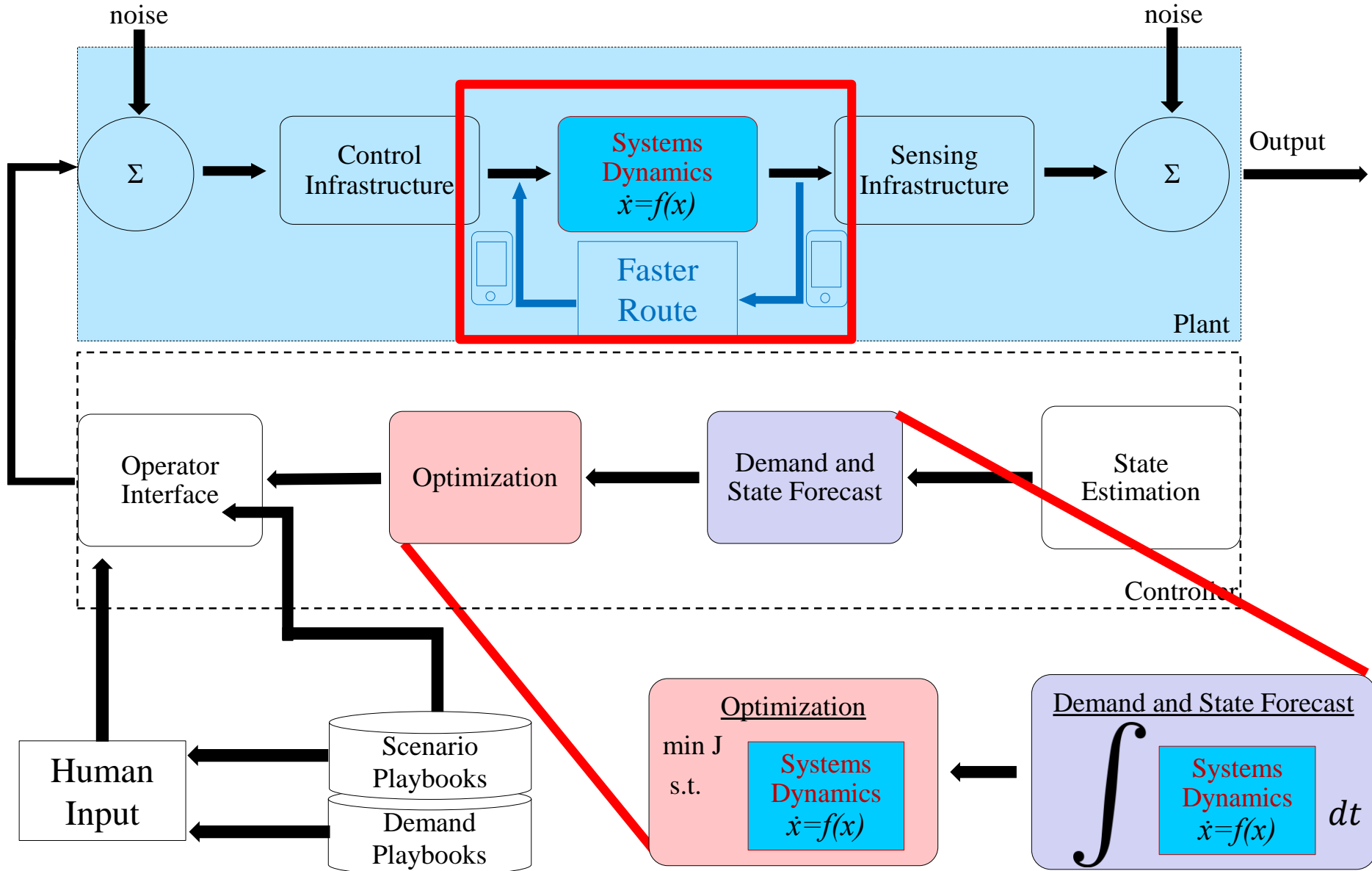
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# Initially people “thought” app helped

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### Mayor Garcetti Details Agreement with WAZE to Help Reduce Congestion, Increase Safety, and Improve Driving Experience Around L.A.

Posted by Mayor Eric Garcetti on April 21, 2015 · [Flag](#)

*App will feature first-ever hit-and-run notifications and AMBER Alerts to aid public safety*

Mayor Garcetti today announced the details of a data-sharing agreement between the City of Los Angeles and Waze, an agreement he previewed in his State of the City Address last week. The Waze app is used by more than 1.3

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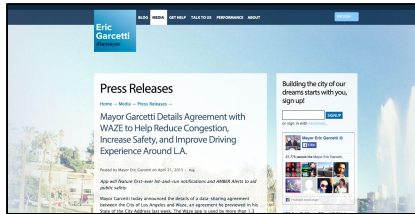
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## Los Angeles and Waze Team Up to Combat Traffic Congestion

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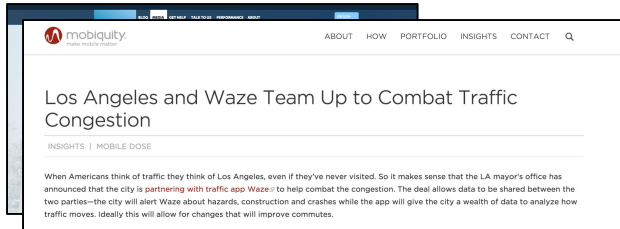
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When Americans think of traffic they think of Los Angeles, even if they've never visited. So it makes sense that the LA mayor's office has announced that the city is **partnering with traffic app Waze** to help combat the congestion. The deal allows data to be shared between the two parties—the city will alert Waze about hazards, construction and crashes while the app will give the city a wealth of data to analyze how traffic moves. Ideally this will allow for changes that will improve commutes.



# Until more and more people started using it



## 9 Investigates traffic apps pushing drivers into neighborhood streets

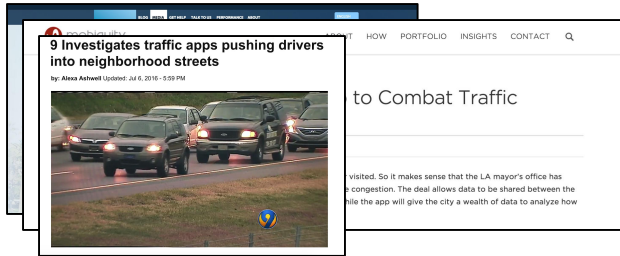
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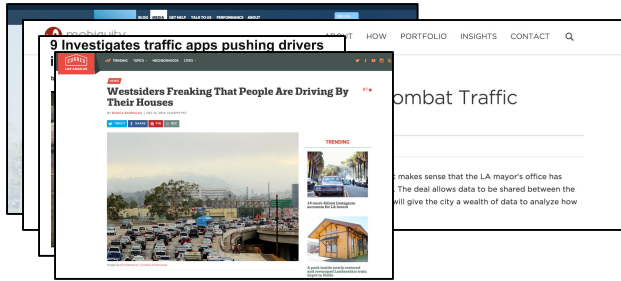
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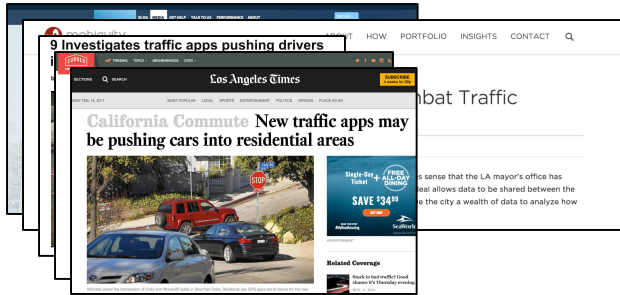
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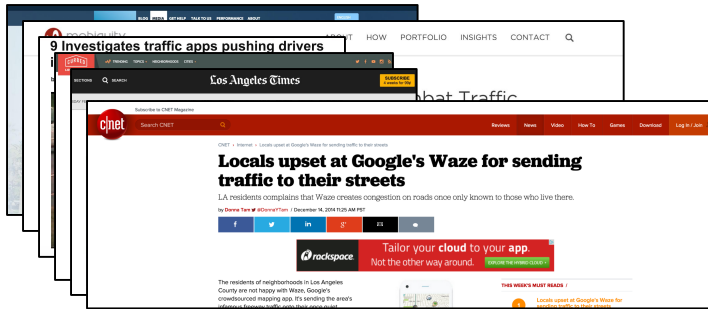
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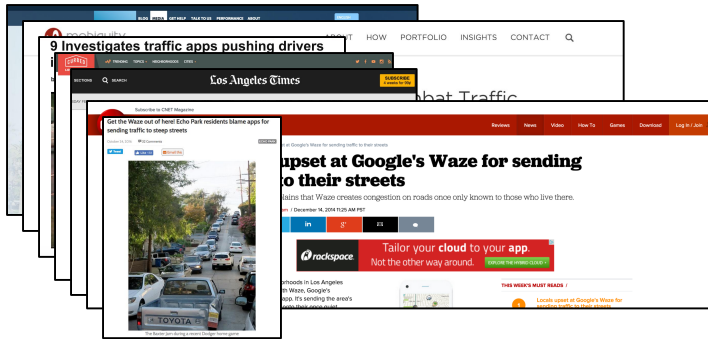
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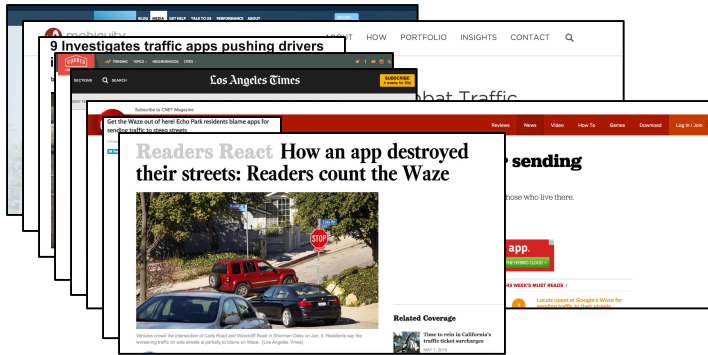


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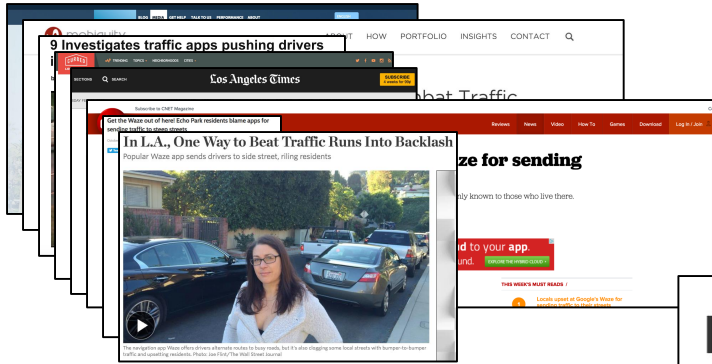
Popular Waze app sends drivers to side street, riling residents



The navigation app Waze offers drivers alternate routes to busy roads, but it's also clogging some local streets with bumper-to-bumper traffic and upsetting residents. Photo: Joe Flint/The Wall Street Journal



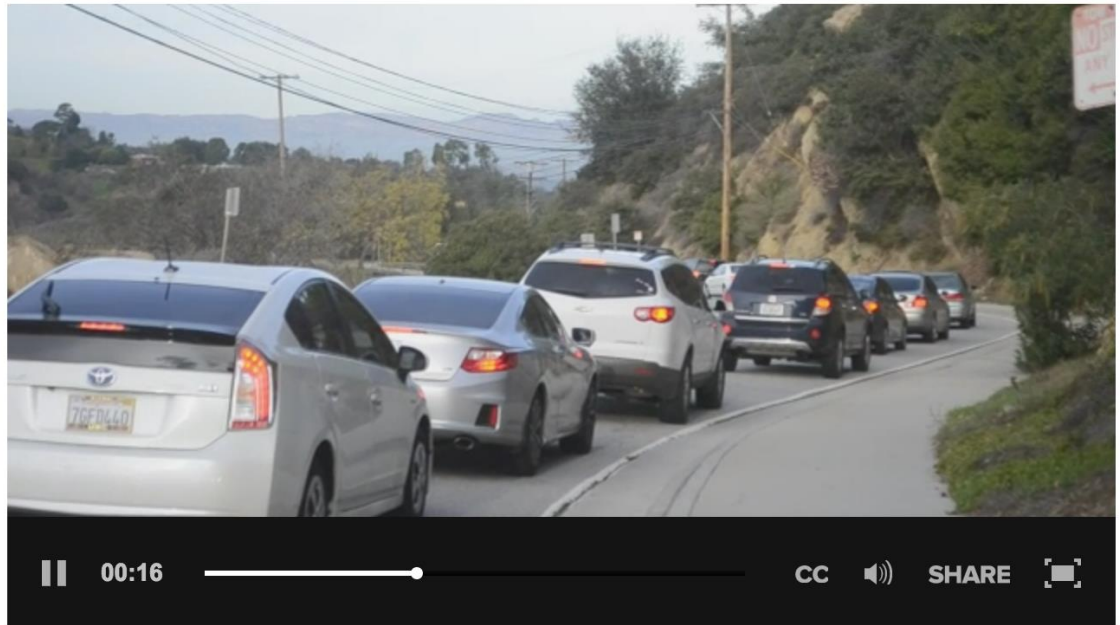
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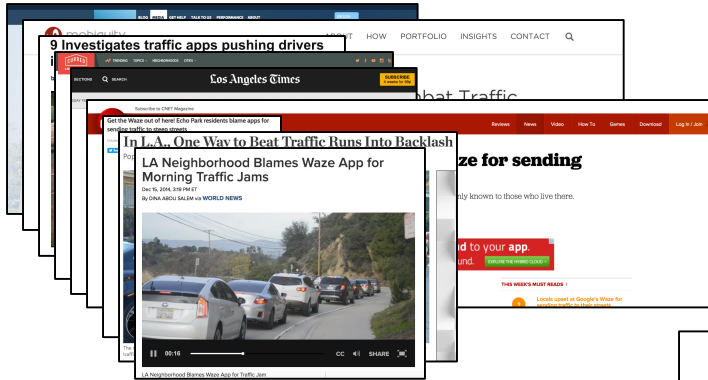


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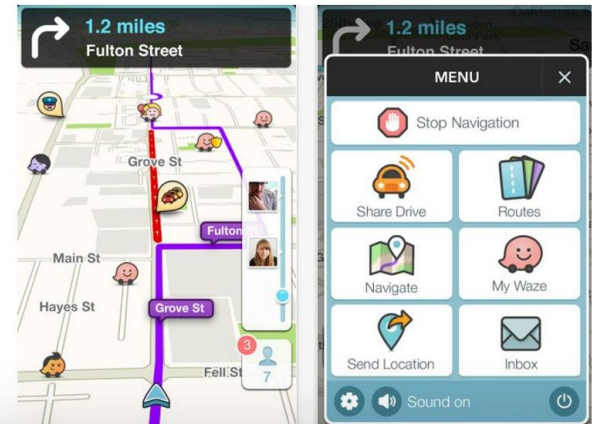


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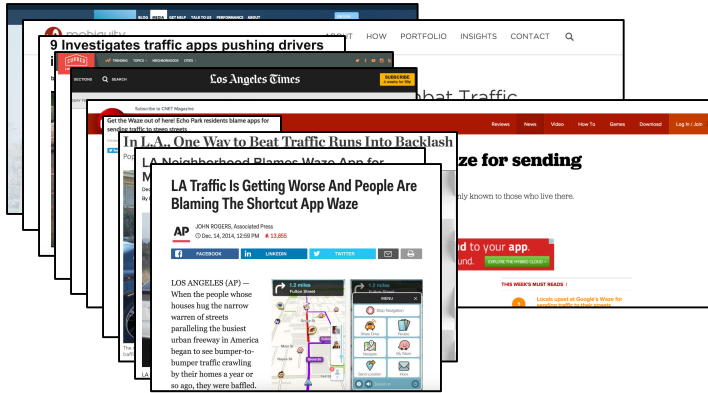
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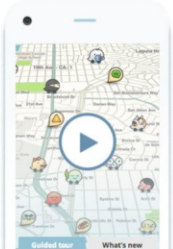
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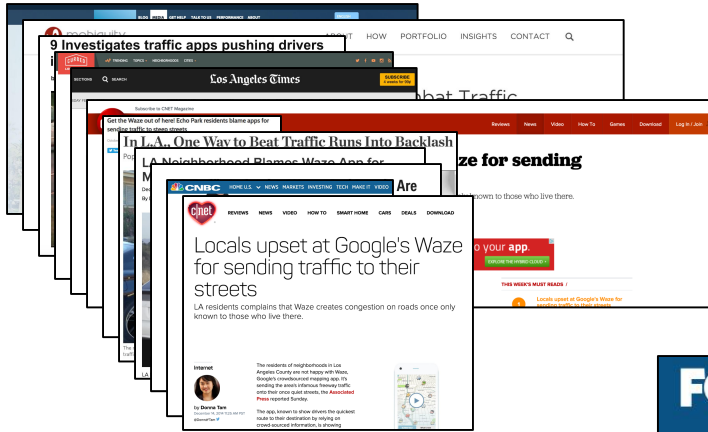
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The app, known to show drivers the quickest route to their destination by relying on crowd-sourced information, is showing





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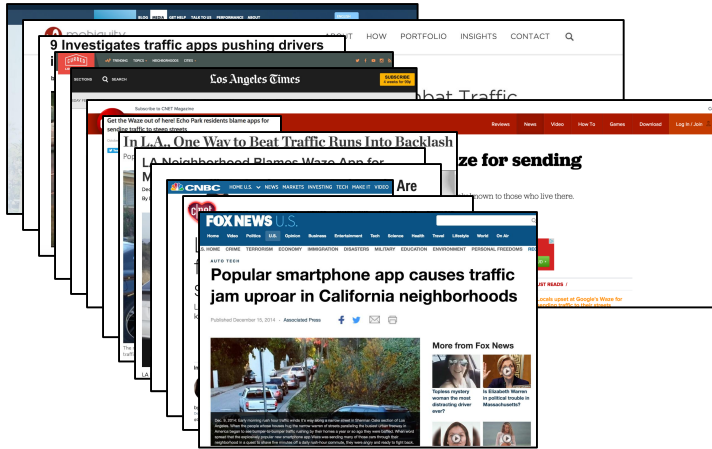
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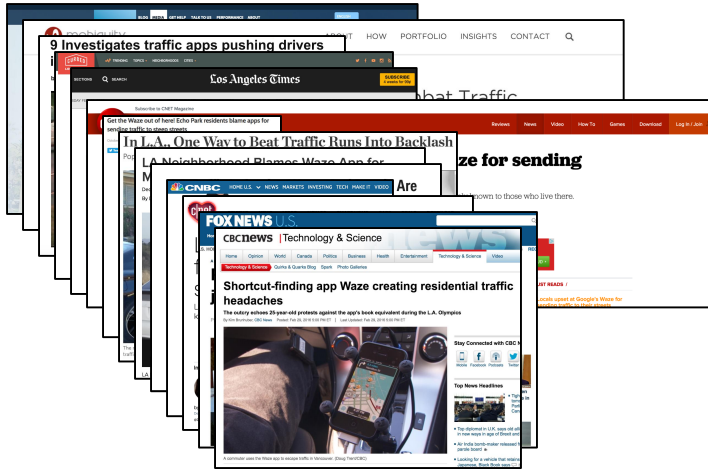
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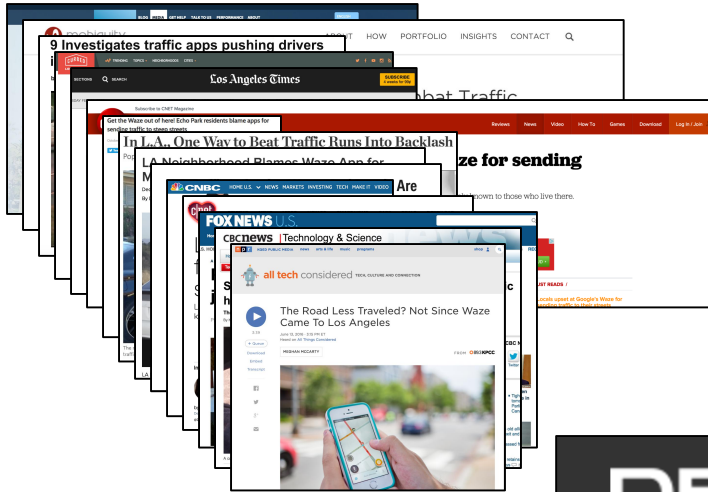
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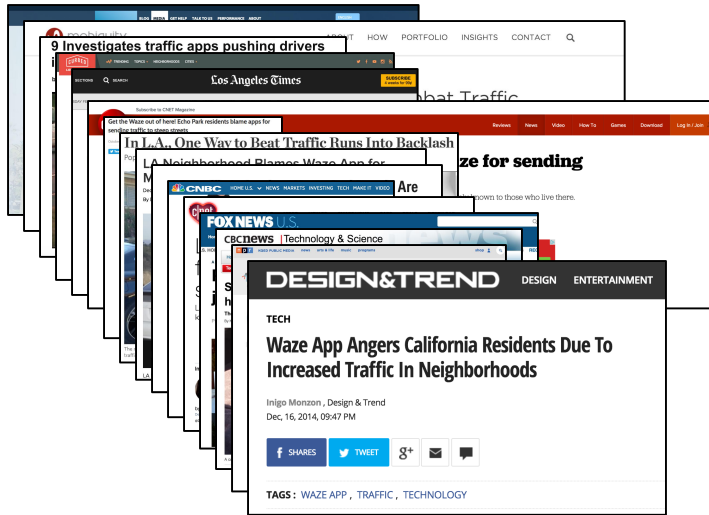
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### Reporter analysis: Waze directions send traffic through quiet streets

A traffic-navigation app called Waze is taking over the roadways and drawing controversy for encouraging cut-through traffic in neighborhoods locally and nationwide.

A recent experiment with Waze found the app indeed directs drivers through quiet neighborhood streets in Buckhead, Dunwoody and Sandy Springs. But, ironically, Waze would not send drivers into a Brookhaven neighborhood that has been a hot spot of protests about app-driven traffic.

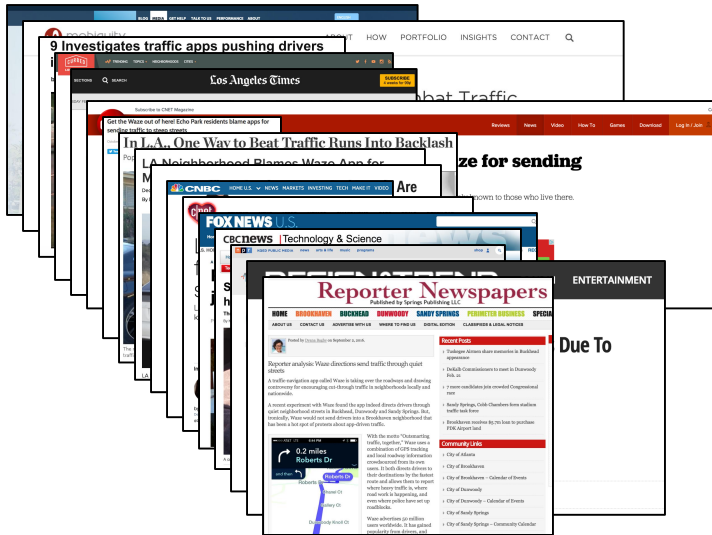


With the motto “Outsmarting traffic, together,” Waze uses a combination of GPS tracking and local roadway information crowdsourced from its own users. It both directs drivers to their destinations by the fastest route and allows them to report where heavy traffic is, where road work is happening, and even where police have set up roadblocks.

Waze advertises 50 million users worldwide. It has gained popularity from drivers, and



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## Why homeowners are pissed at Waze for causing chaos

By **Jennifer Walpole**

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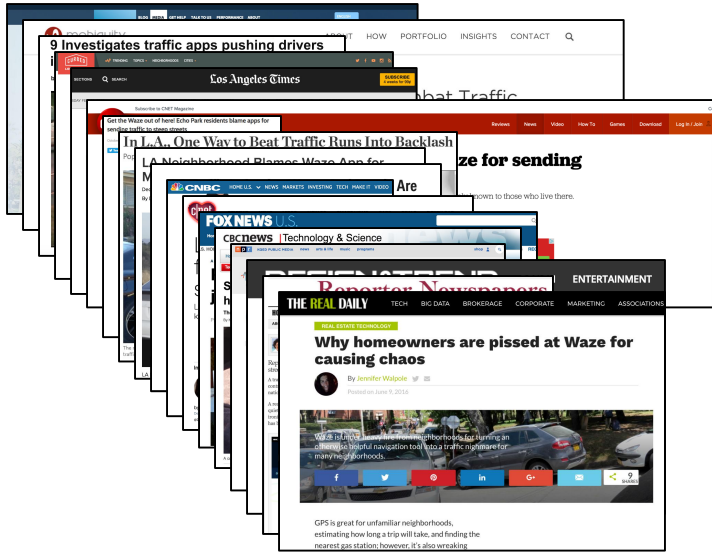
Waze is under heavy fire from neighborhoods for turning an otherwise helpful navigation tool into a traffic nightmare for many neighborhoods.

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GPS is great for unfamiliar neighborhoods, estimating how long a trip will take, and finding the nearest gas station; however, it's also wreaking



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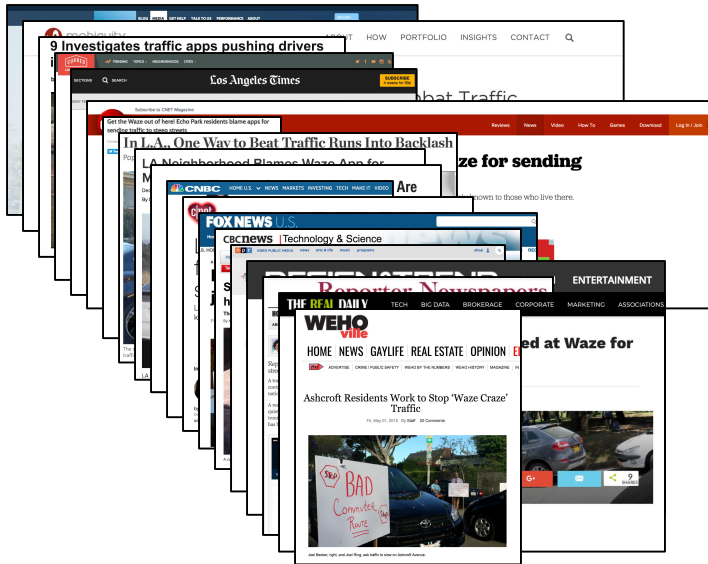
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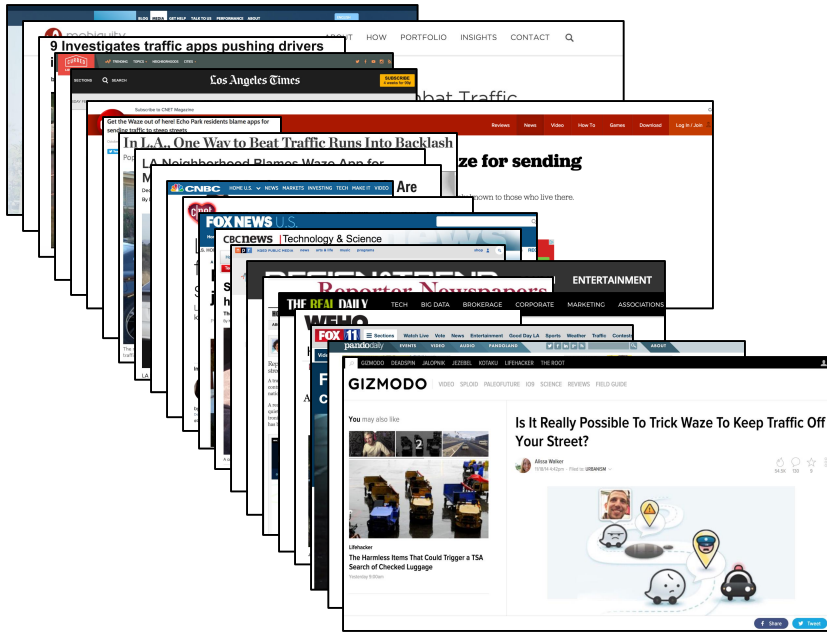
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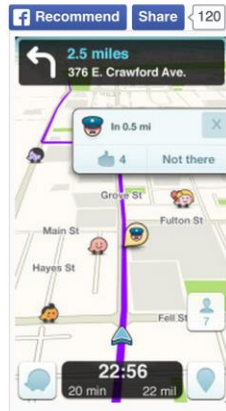
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A Los Angeles city deal with traffic app Waze may be great, but some local communities are being inundated with "cut-through" traffic that must stop, a Los Angeles City Councilman said Tuesday.

Paul Krekorian introduced a motion to help local neighborhoods, saying Waze should send drivers away from residential streets and onto major roadways as part of the company's data-sharing agreement with the city.

Mayor Eric Garcetti announced last week that the city is sharing road closure data with Waze to improve its service, and in return the city is getting live updates about traffic patterns.

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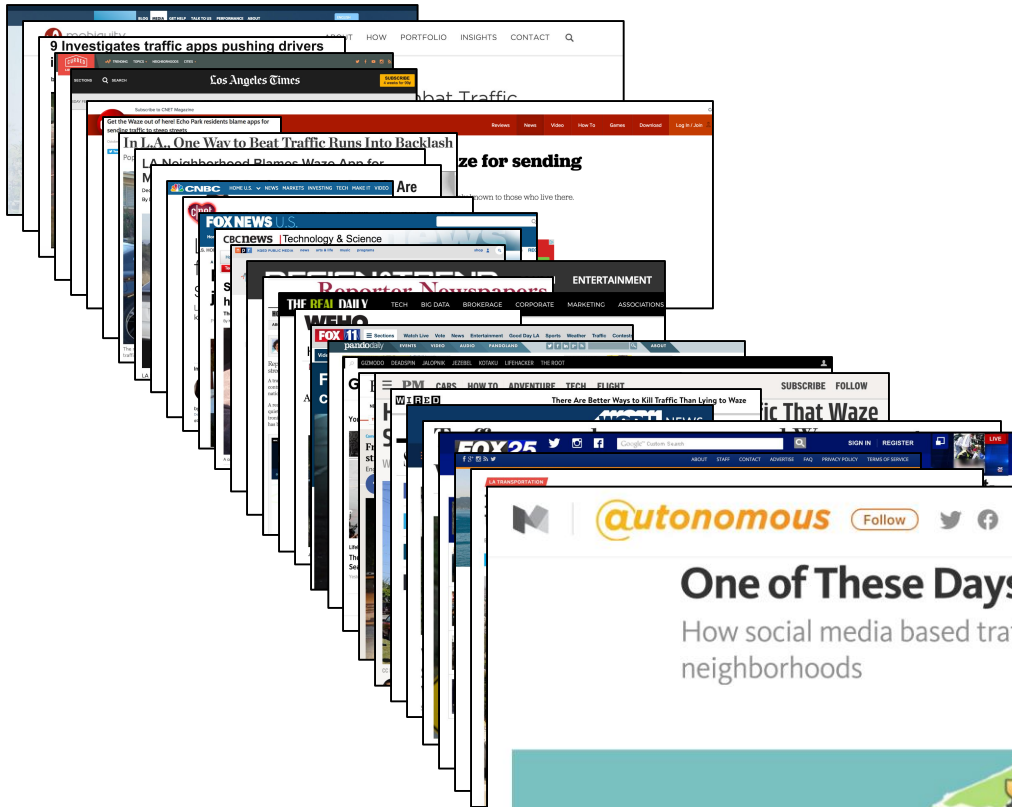
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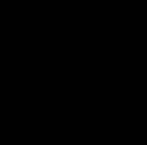
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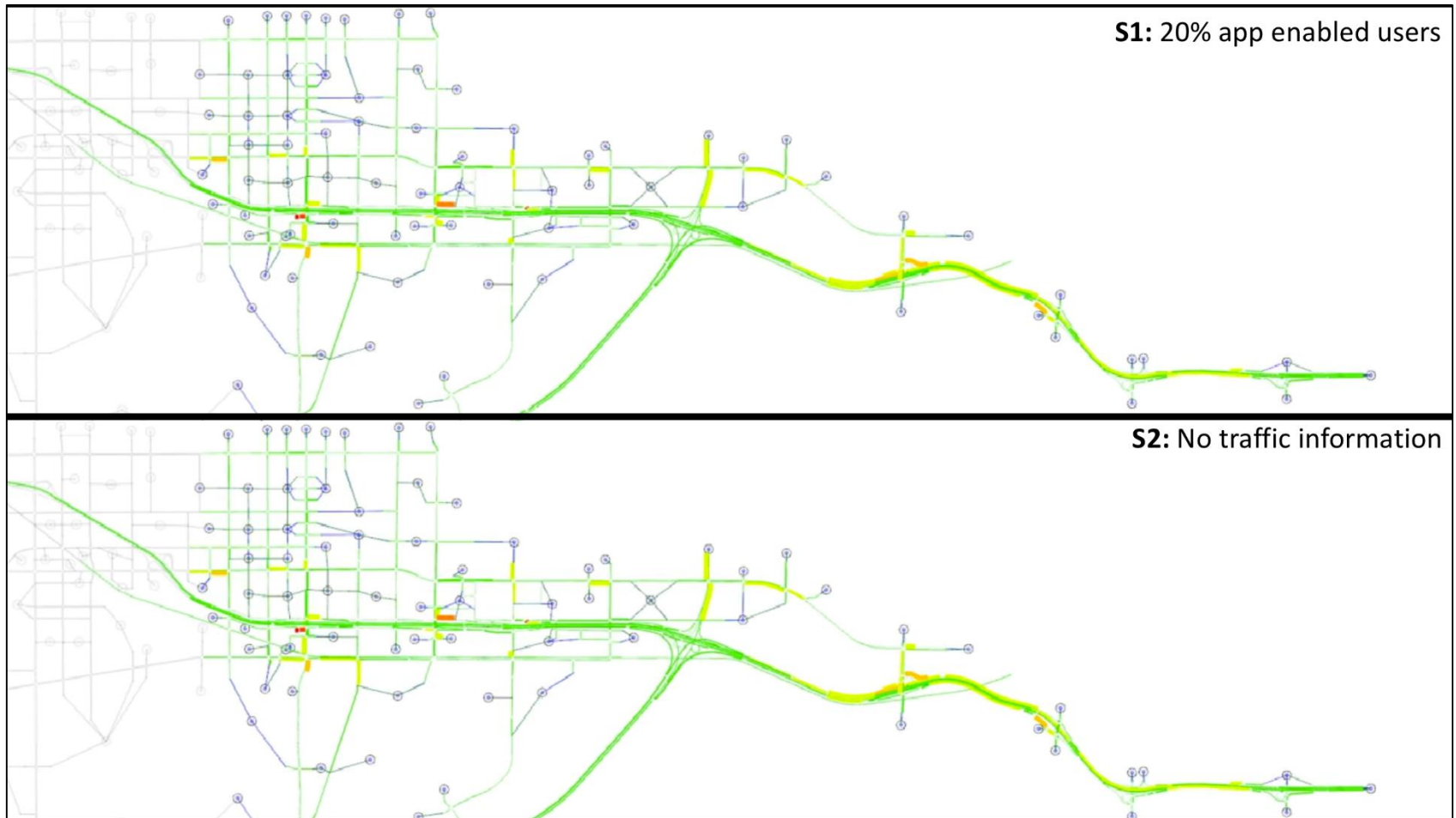
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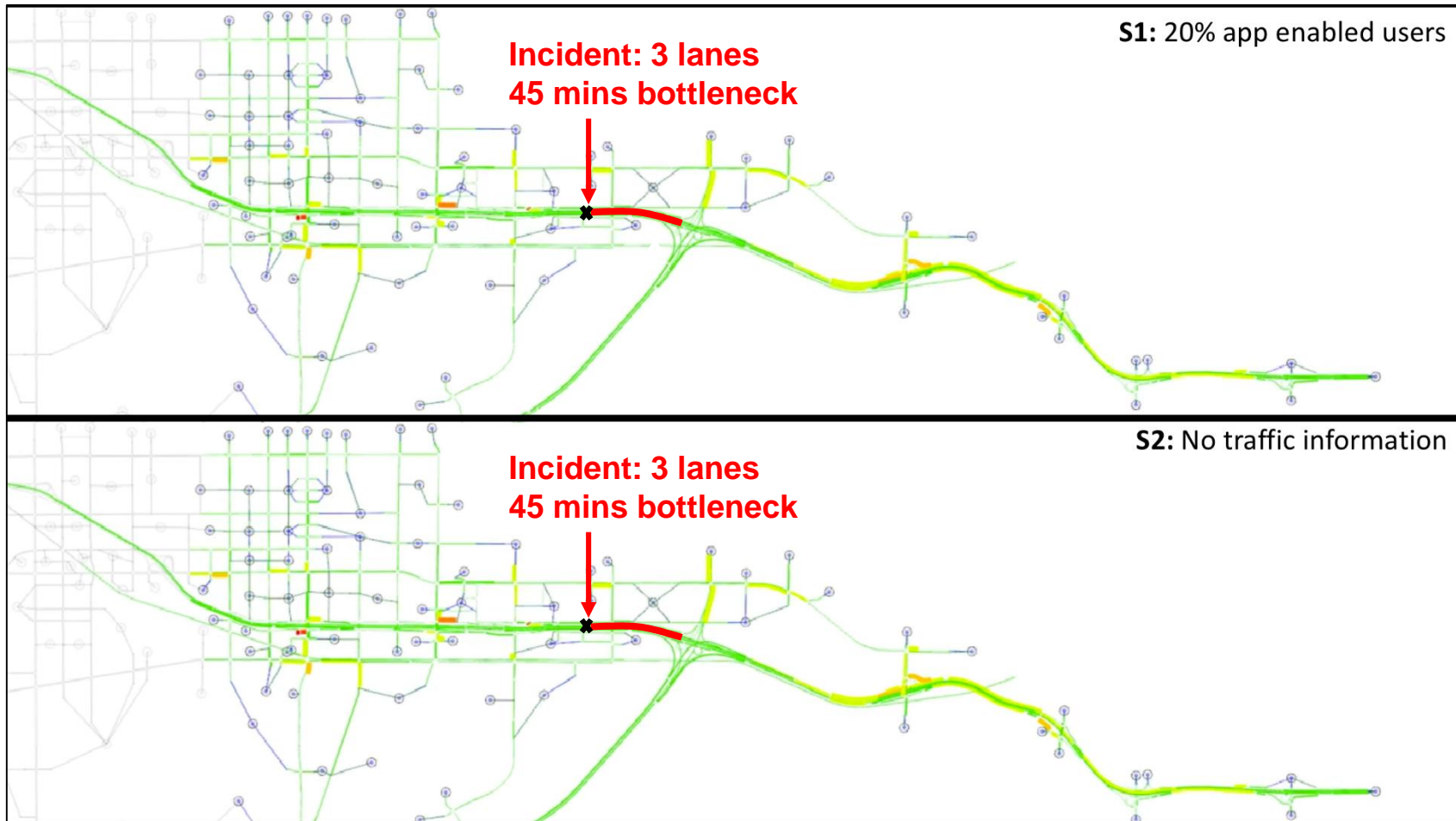
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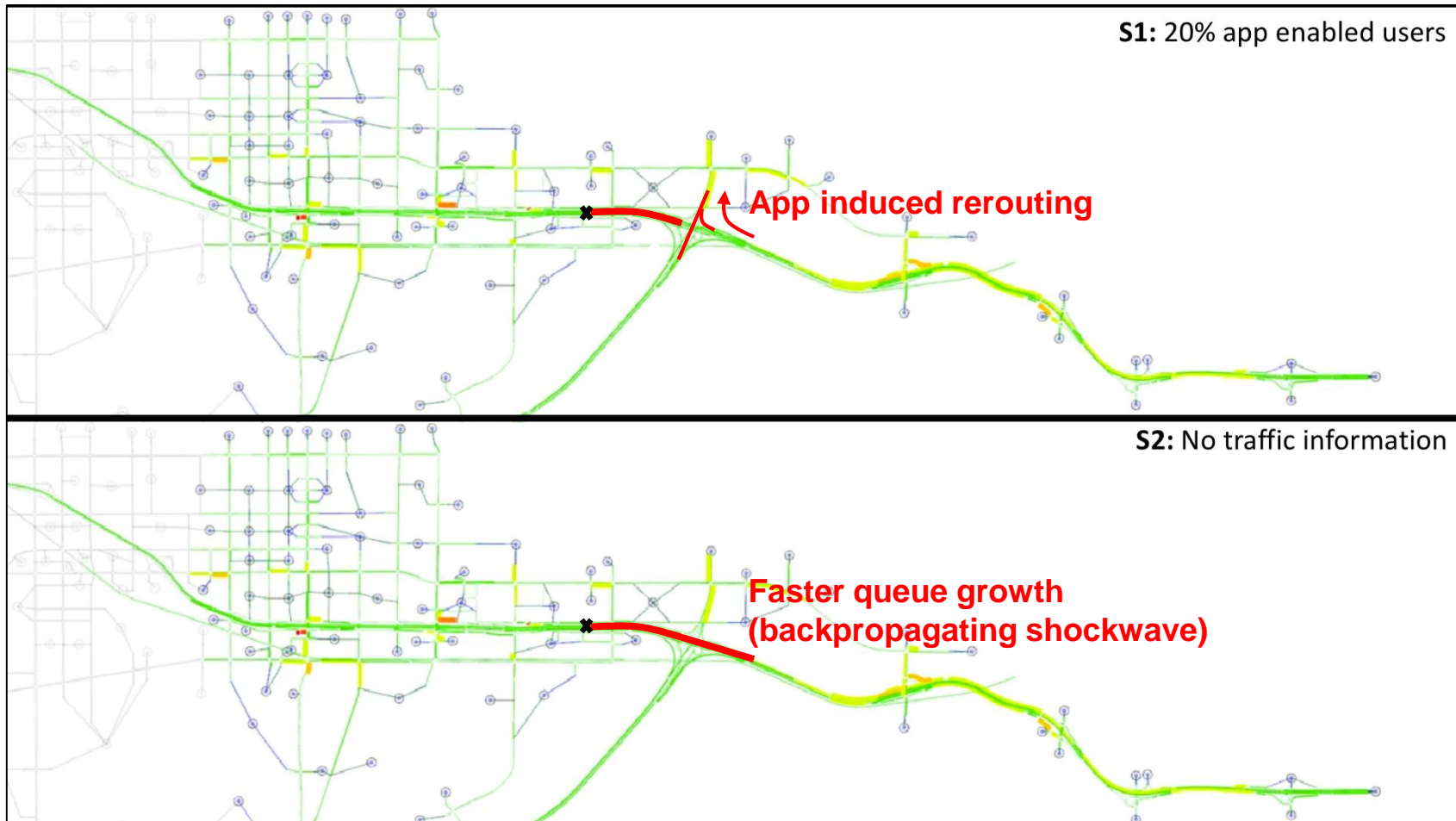




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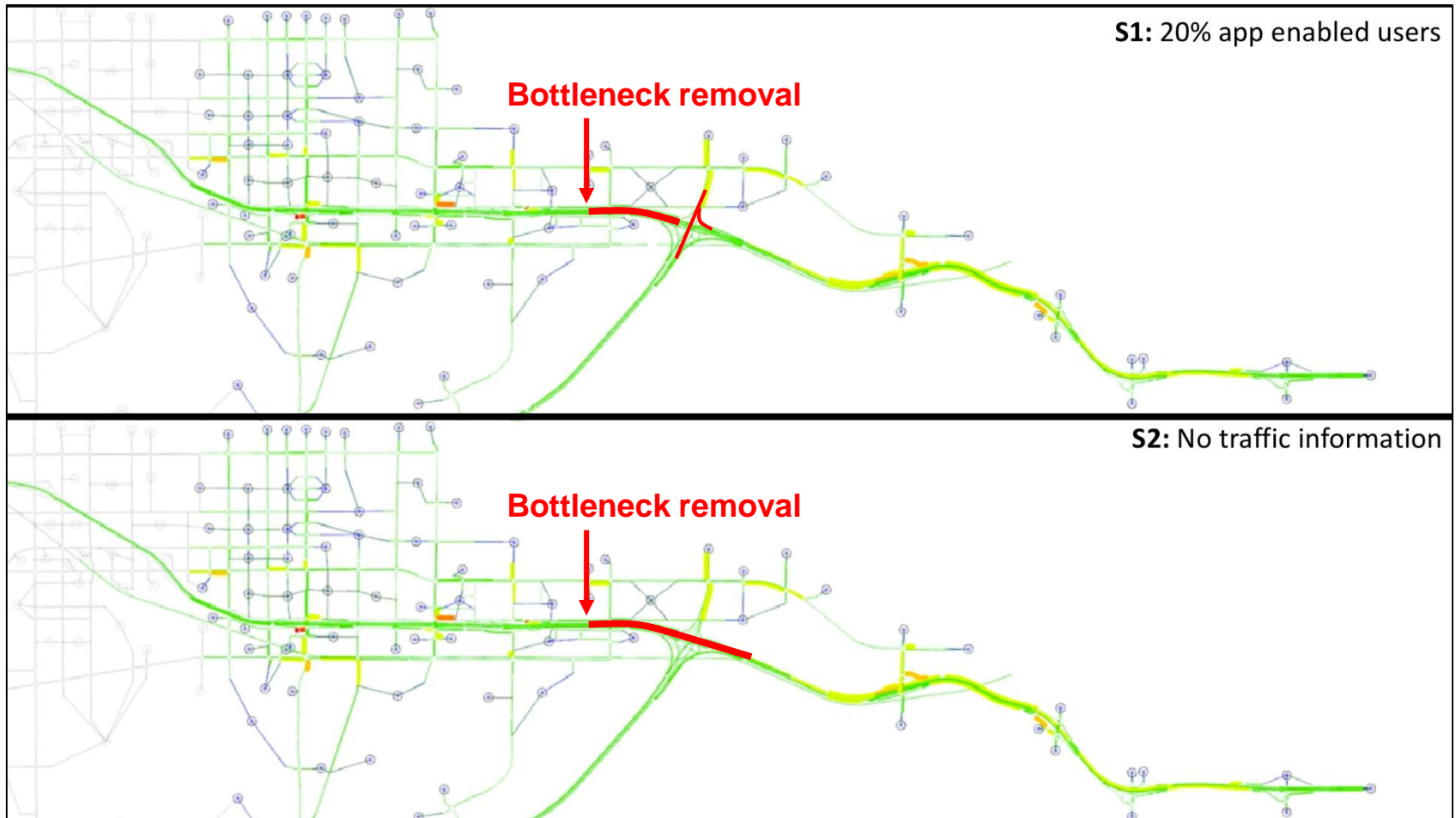




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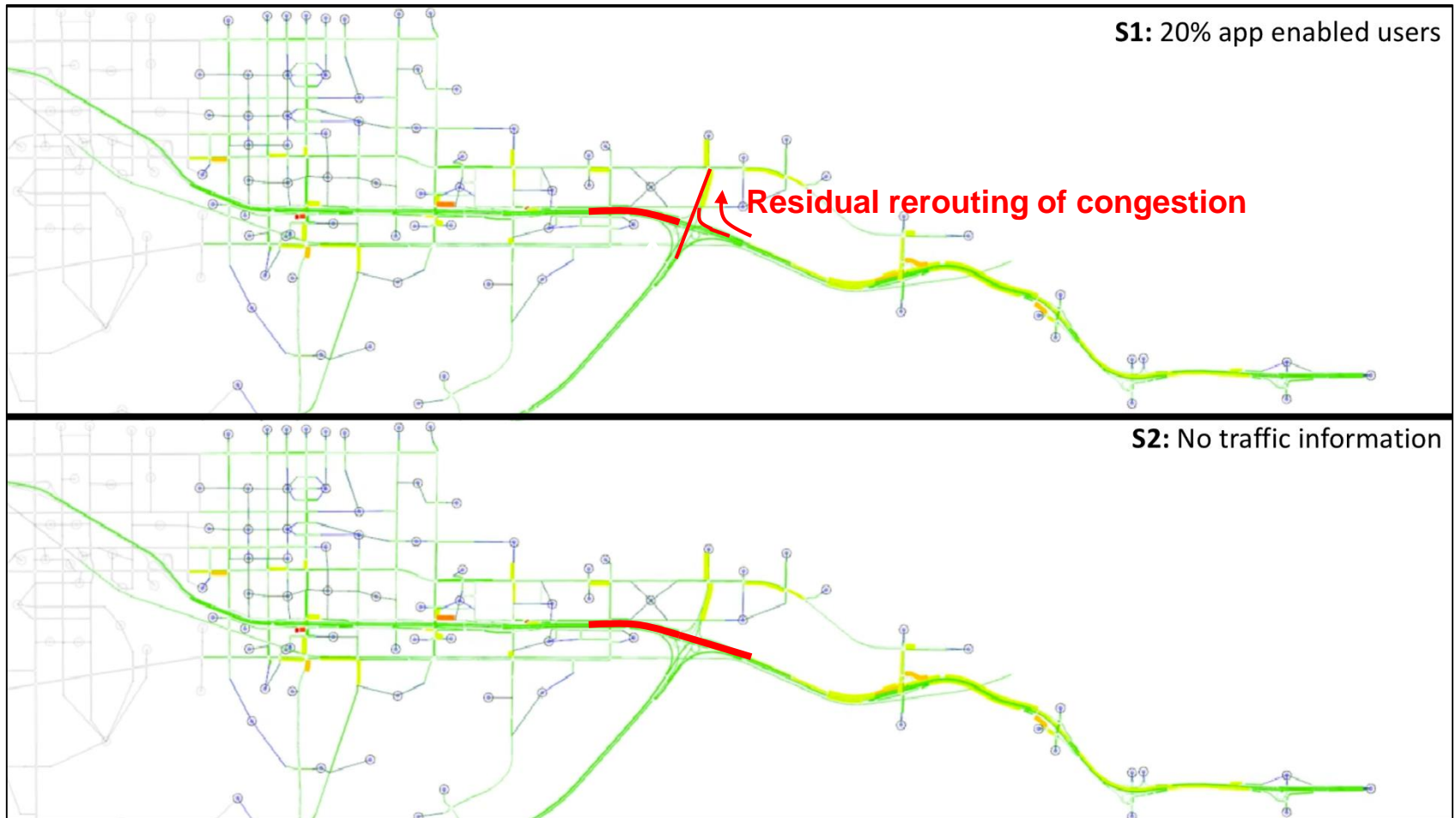
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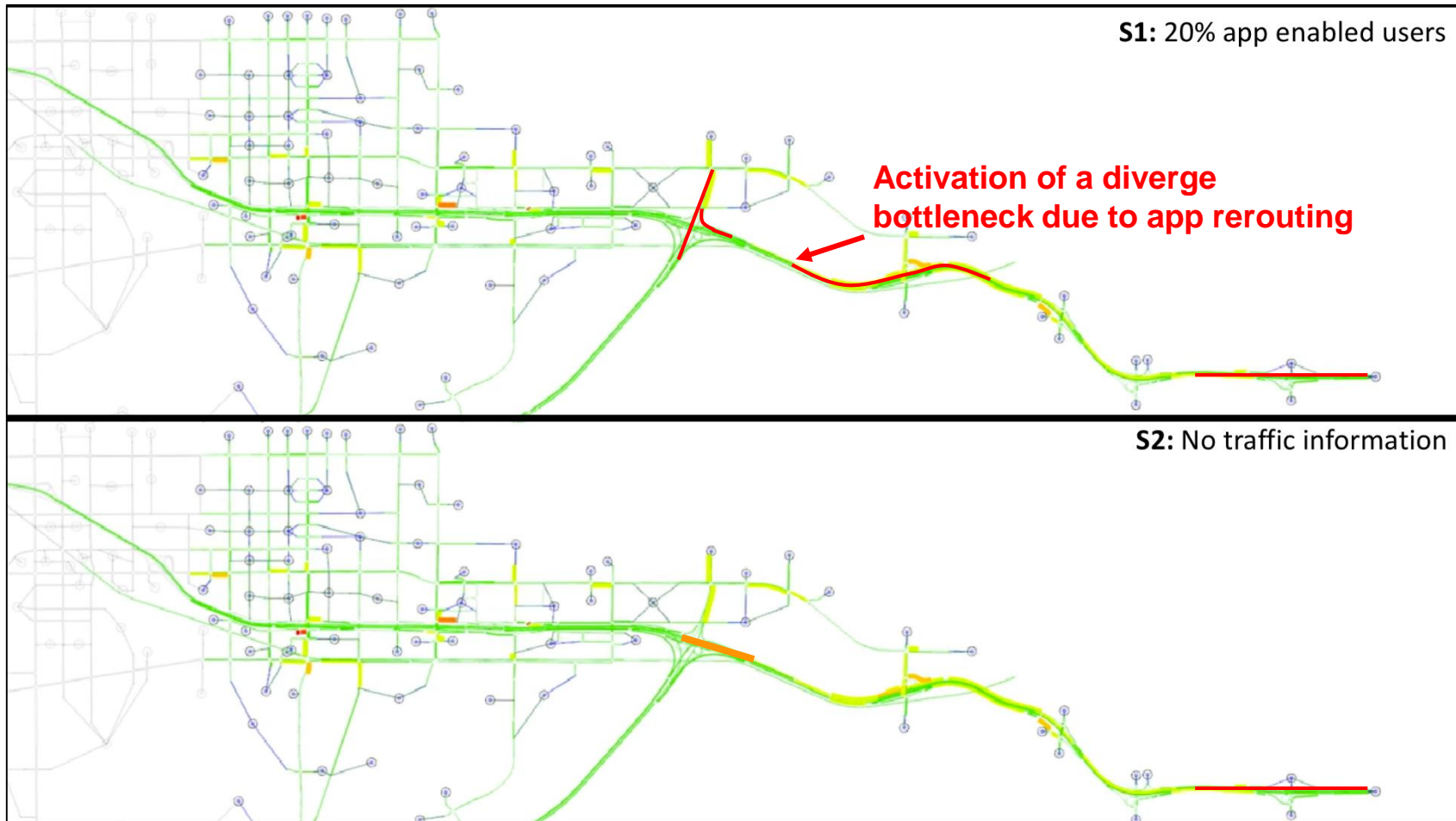
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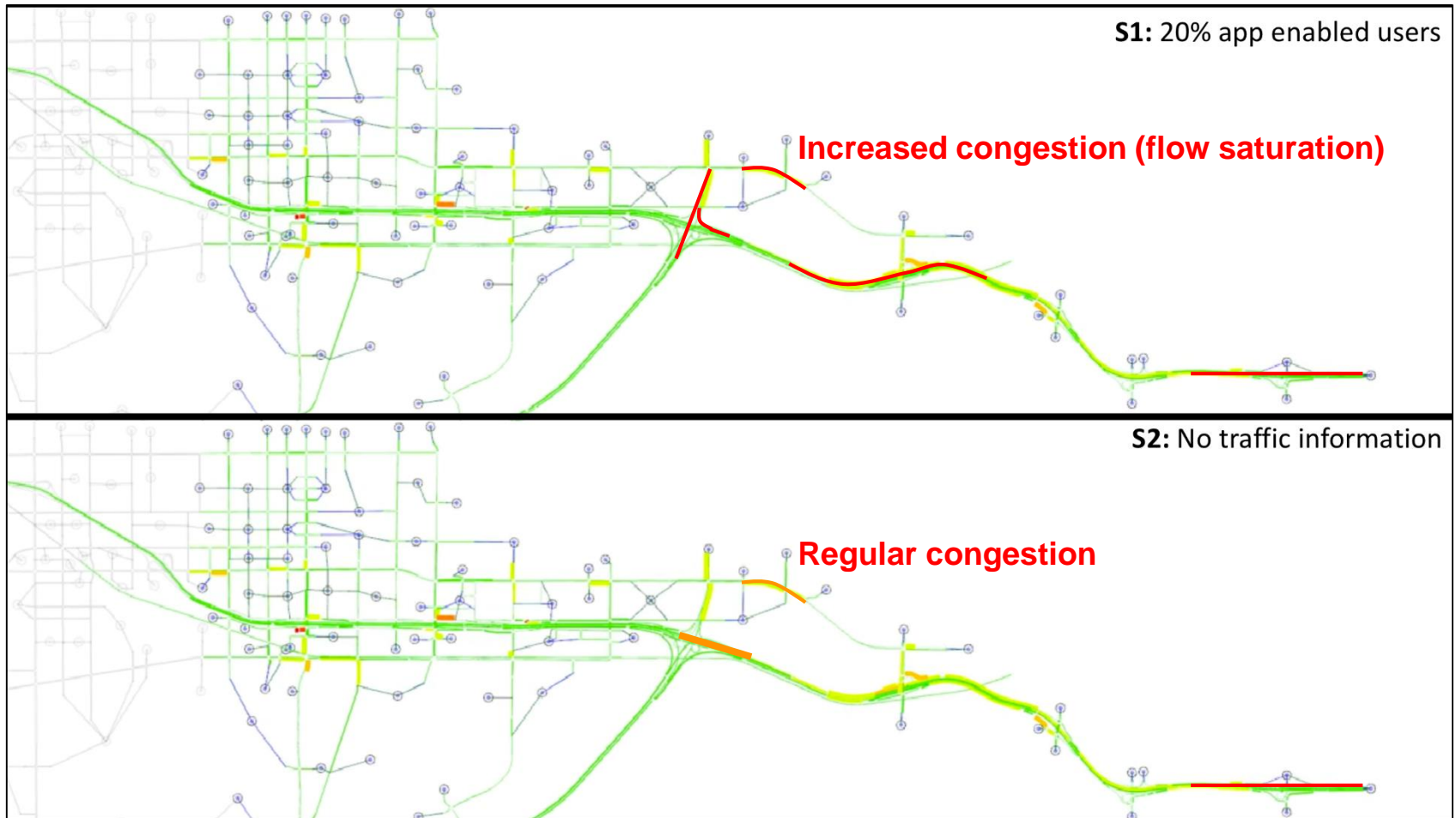




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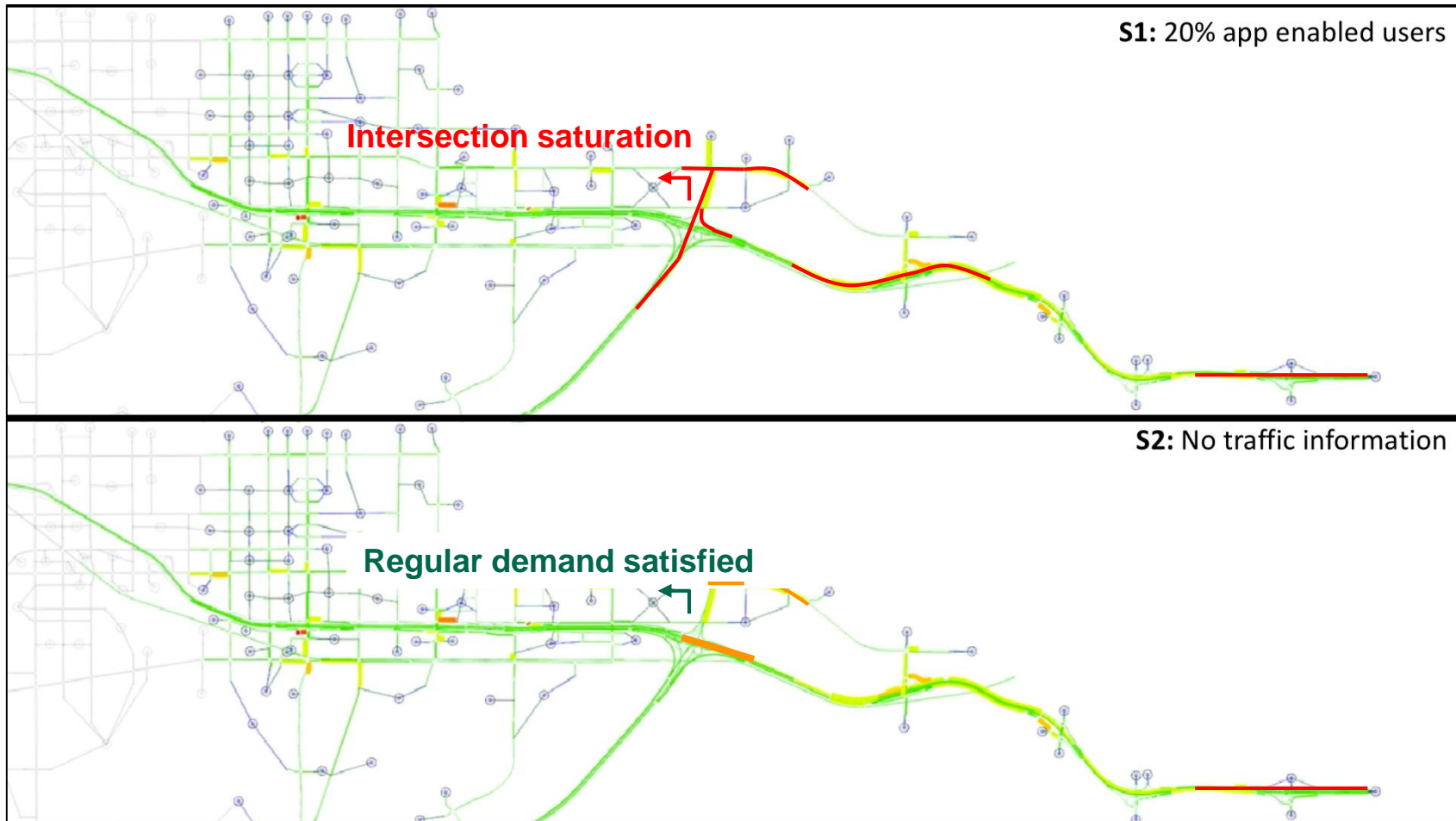




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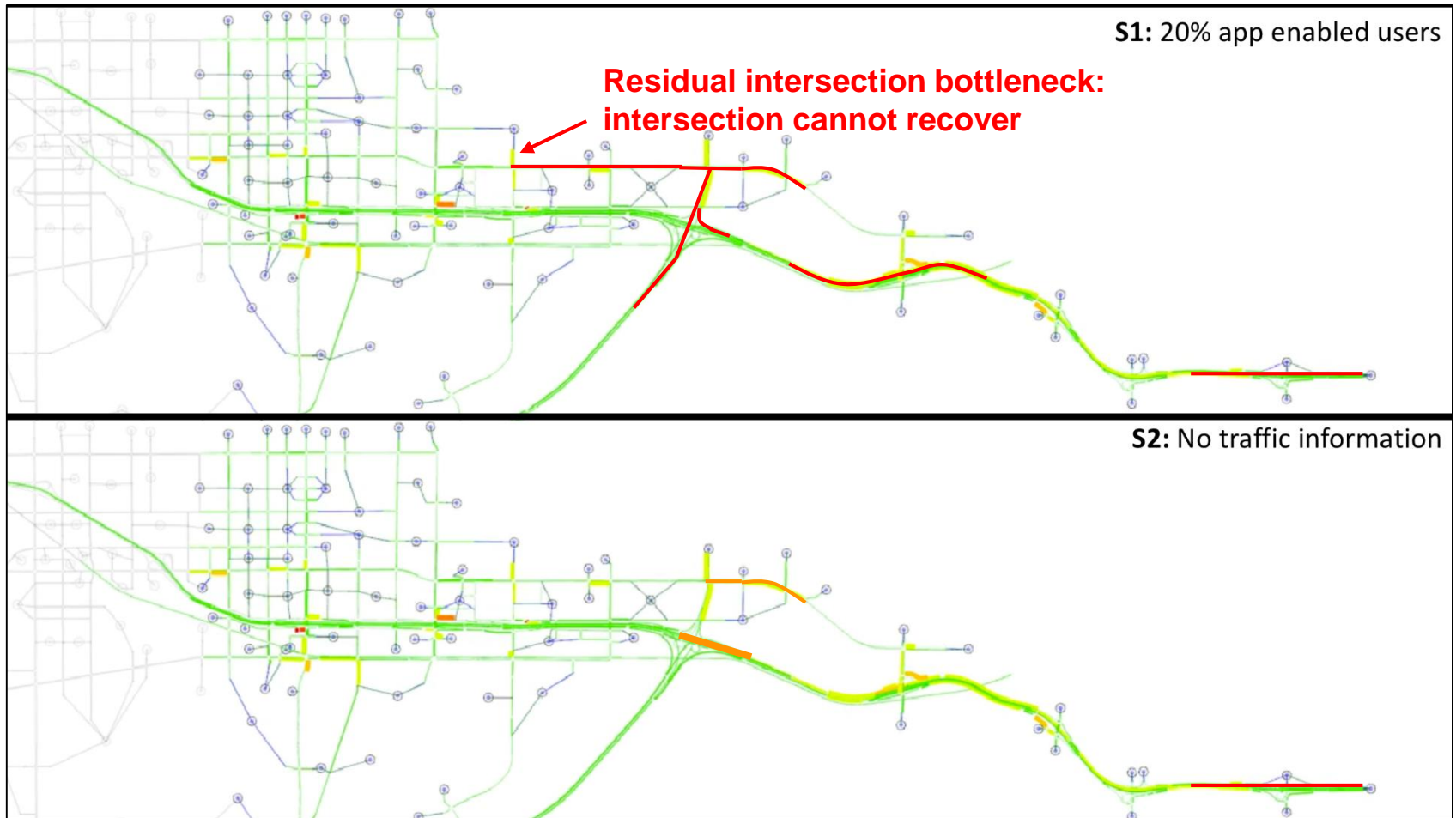
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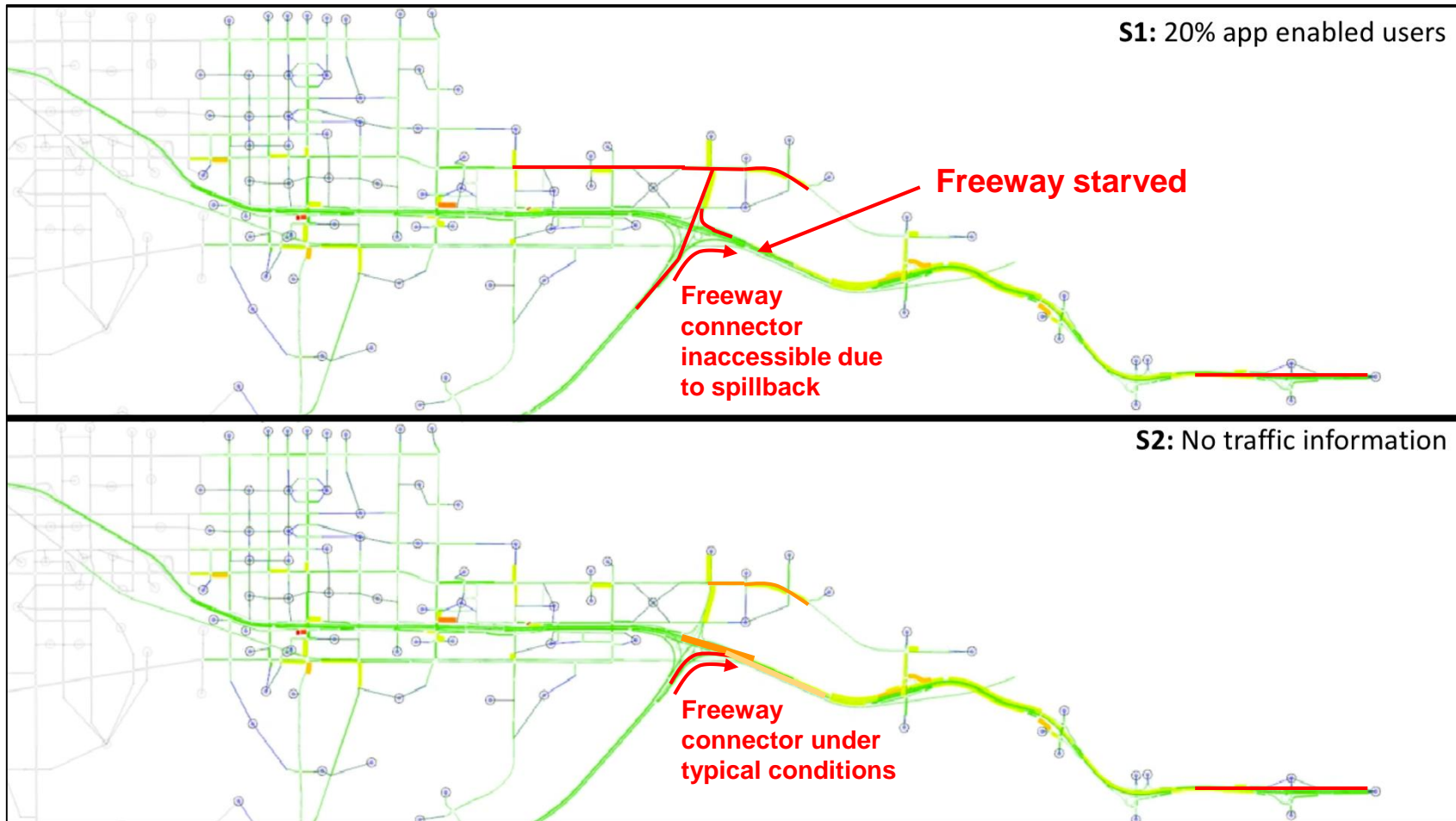
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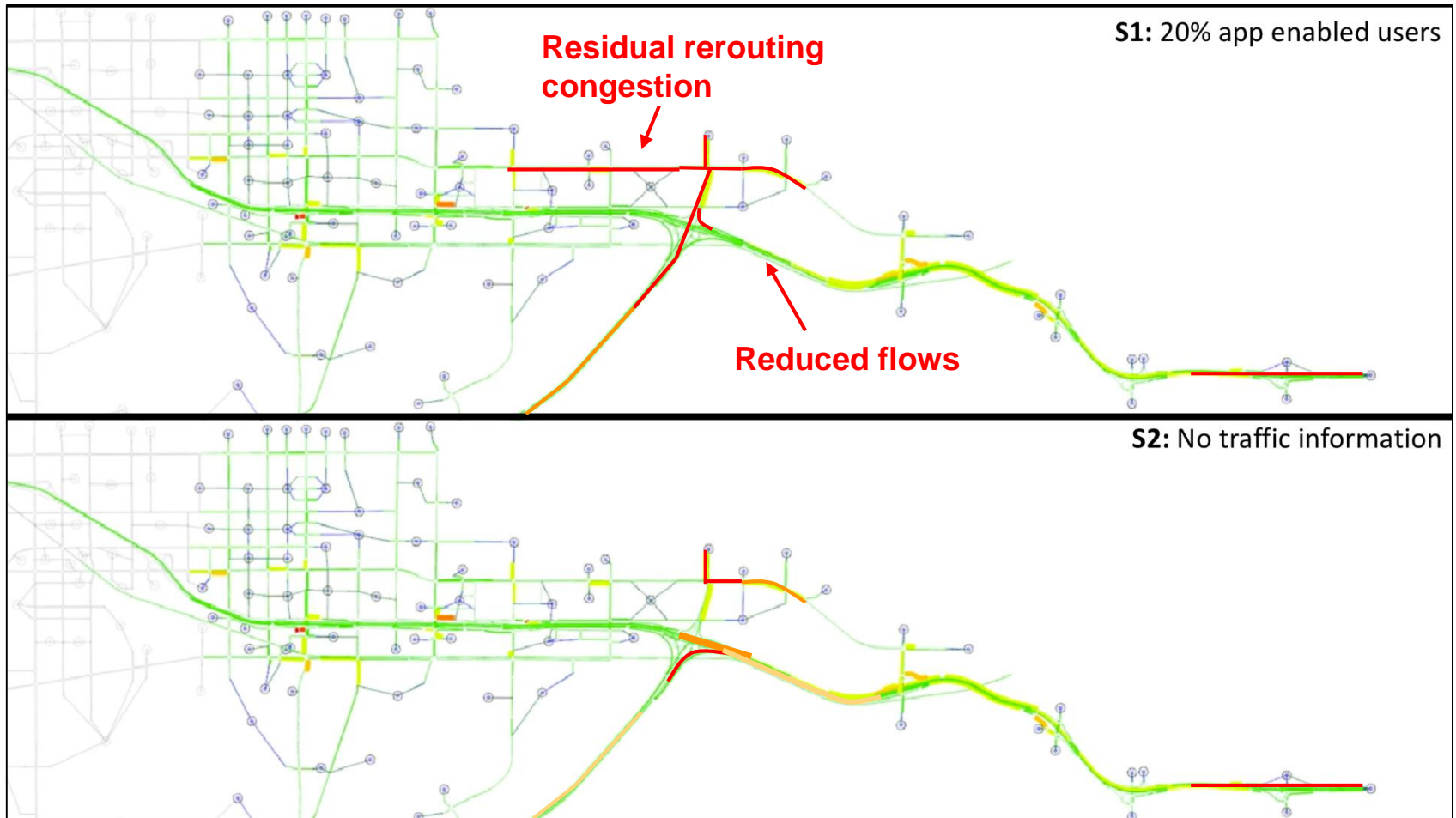




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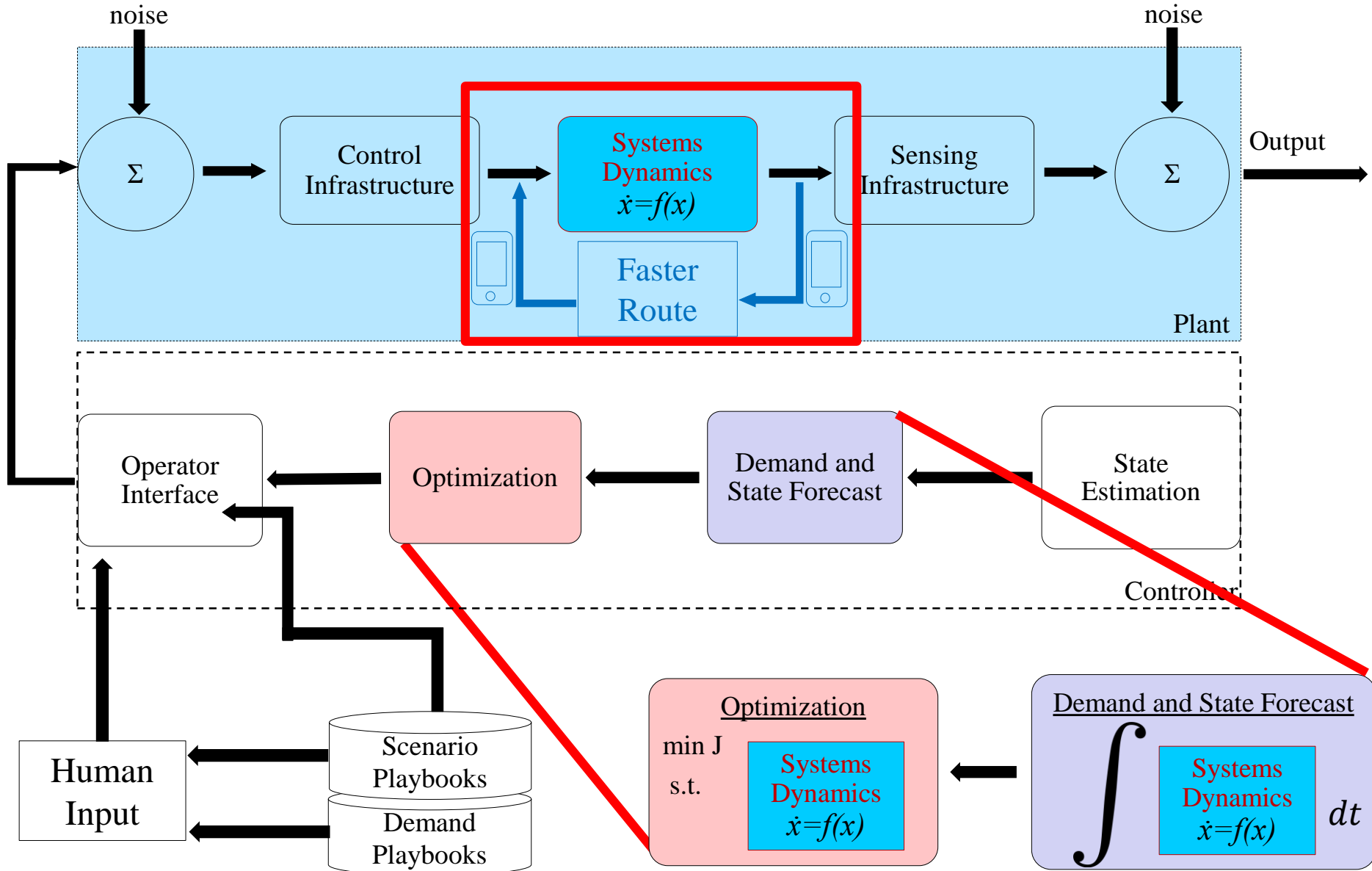
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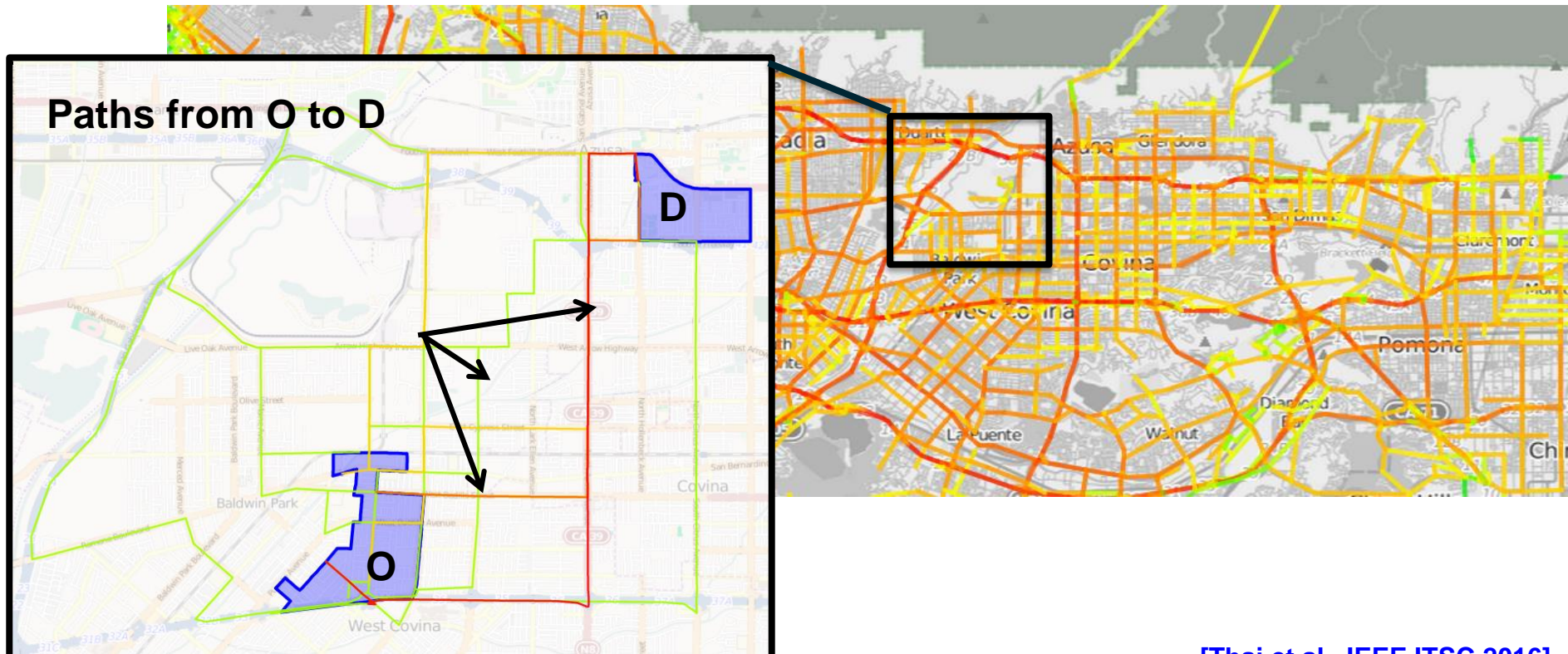
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# Static problem statement

## Using a classical Nash (user equilibrium) framework

- Model two classes of users:
  - App-enabled users, who have access to traffic information and follow shortest path
  - Non-app enabled users, who keep choosing high-capacity roads over low capacity roads





# Static results

Disjoint union of high and low capacity edges:  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}^{\text{hi}} \sqcup \mathcal{E}^{\text{lo}}$

Non-app enabled users cost of  $e \in \mathcal{E}^{\text{lo}}$ :  $c_e^{\text{nae}}(x_e) = C t_e(x_e)$ ,  $C \gg 1$

Non-app enabled user cost path  $p$ :  $\ell_p^{\text{nae}} = \sum_{e \in p^{\text{hi}}} t_e(x_e) + C \sum_{e \in p^{\text{lo}}} t_e(x_e)$

App enabled cost of path  $p$ :  $\ell_p^{\text{ae}} = \sum_{e \in p} t_e(x_e)$

Nash equilibrium path flows  $(f^{\text{nae}}, f^{\text{ae}}) \in \Delta^{\mathcal{P}^{\text{nae}}} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{P}^{\text{ae}}}$  satisfy

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Property: Convergence guarantee on the heterogeneous game

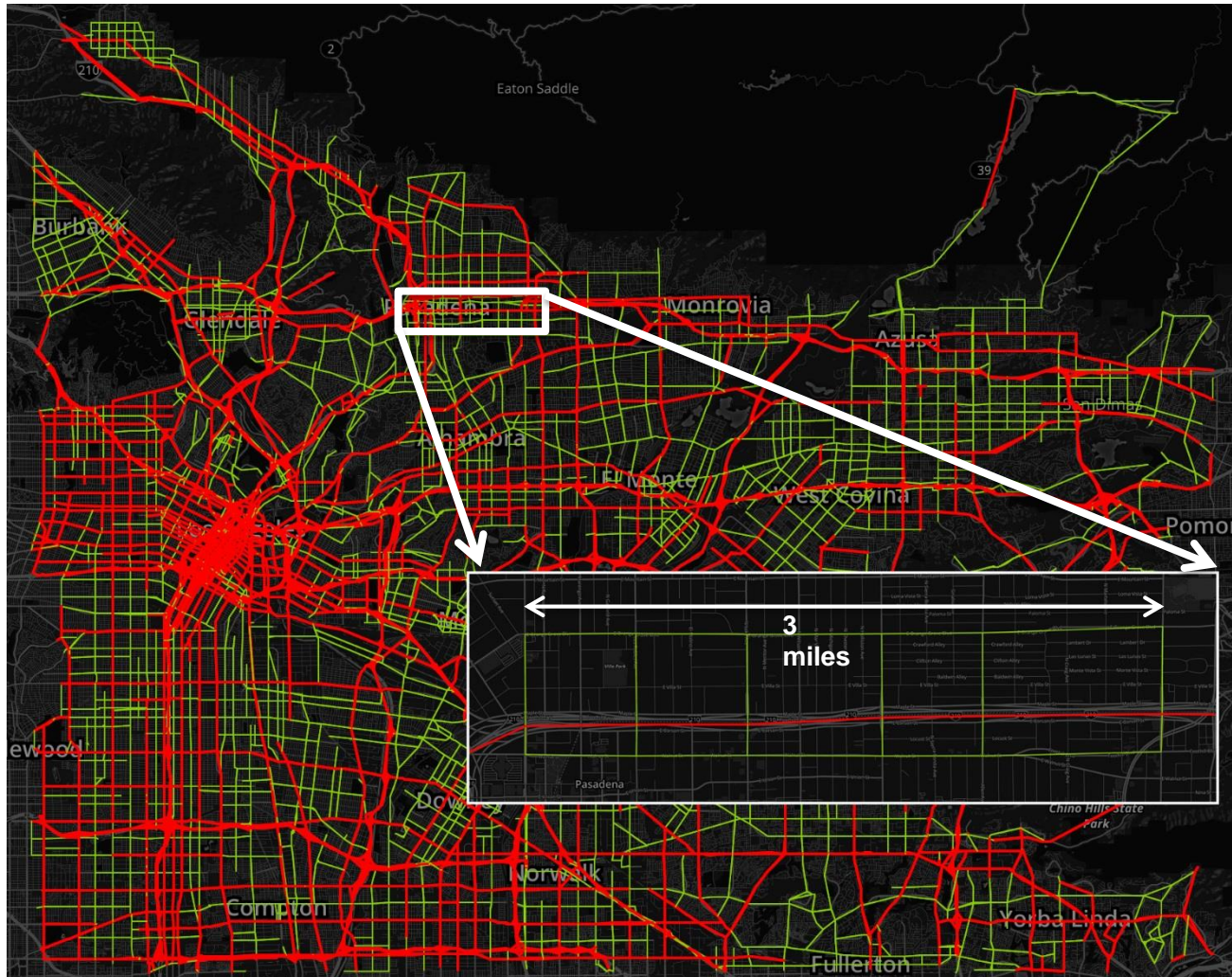
Since the heterogeneous game is a variational inequality problem, Frank-Wolfe (a.k.a. conditional gradient) algorithm gives iterates that converge to the Nash equilibrium.



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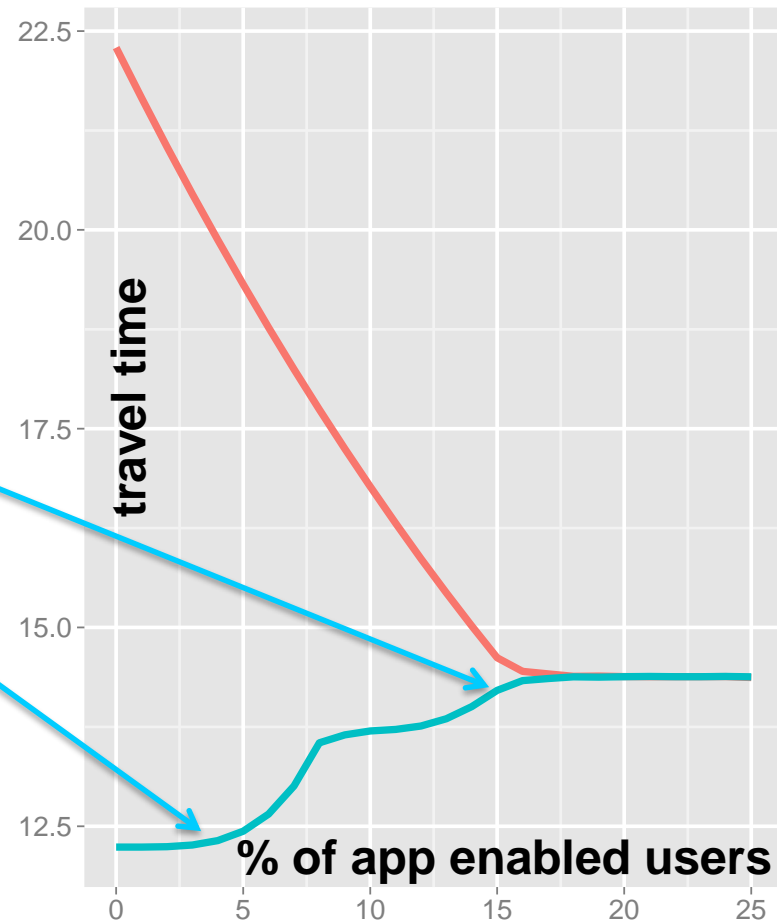
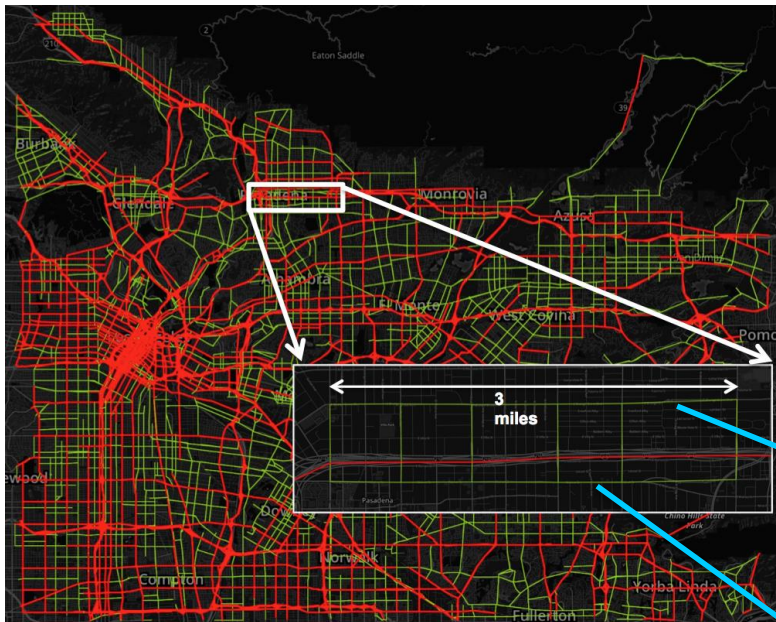
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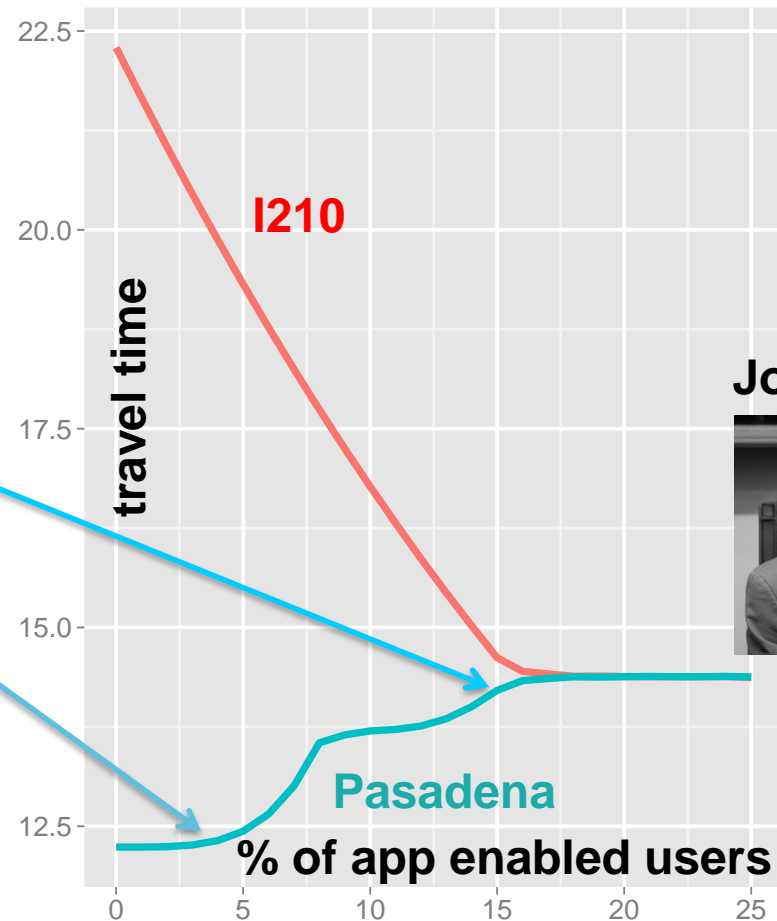
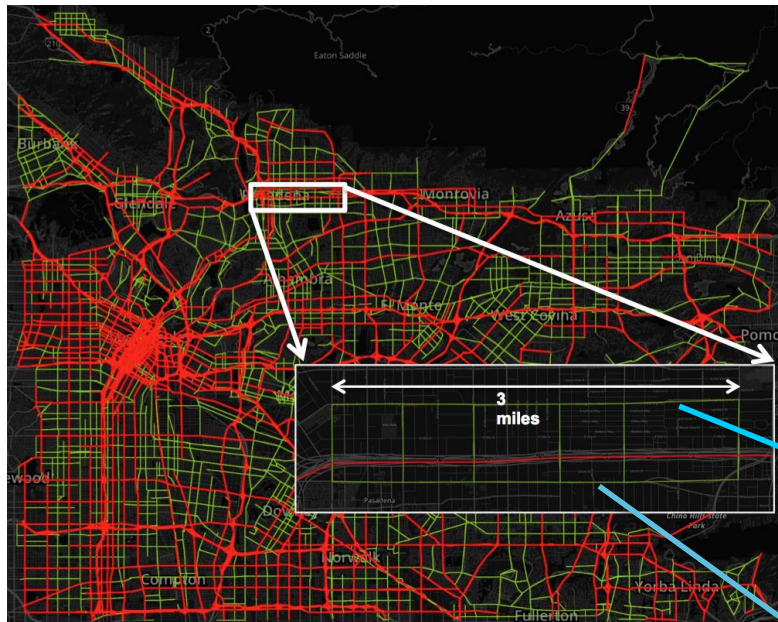




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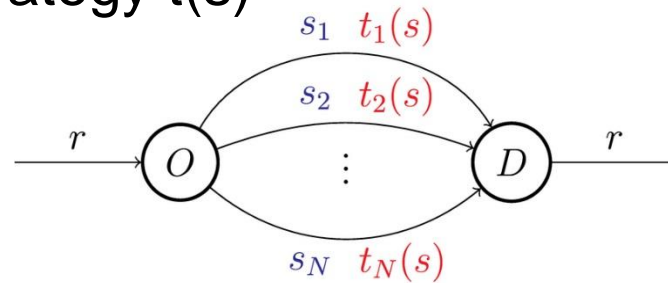




# Control: Nash-Stackelberg games (parallel networks)

First, leader routes **compliant** drivers  $\alpha r$  : strategy  $s \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$

Second, followers (**non-compliant** drivers  $(1 - \alpha)r$ ) choose their routes selfishly: strategy  $t(s)$



Leader seeks to minimize system-wide cost:  $\min C(s + t(s))$

Optimal Stackelberg strategies  $\arg \min C(s + t^s(s))$  are NP-hard to compute (in the size  $N$ ) for monotonically increasing latency.

## Theorem

For set valued latency functions obtained by inversion of the Hamiltonian  $q(\cdot)$  of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation, optimal Stackelberg strategies can be computed in  $O(N^2)$ , by use of a *non-compliant first* strategy.





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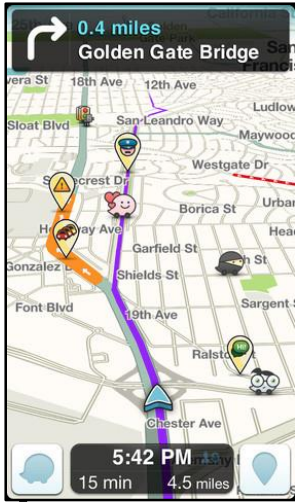
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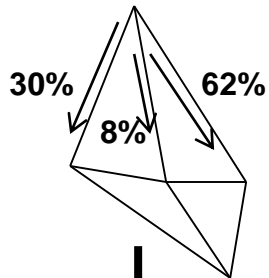
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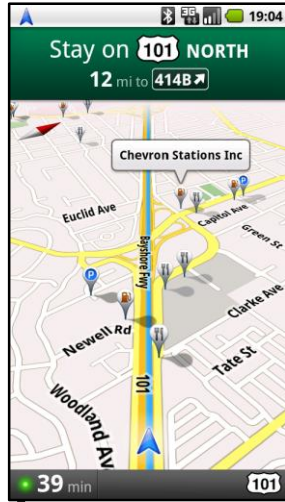
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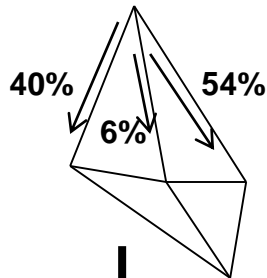
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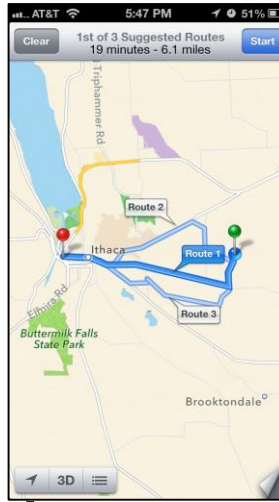
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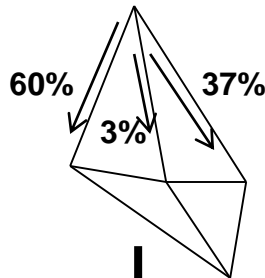
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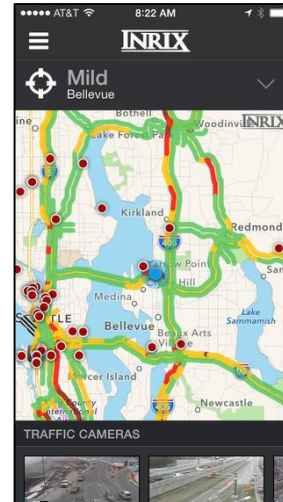
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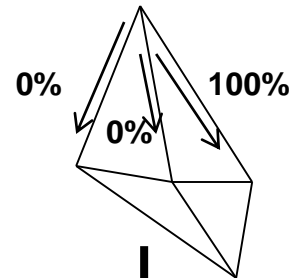
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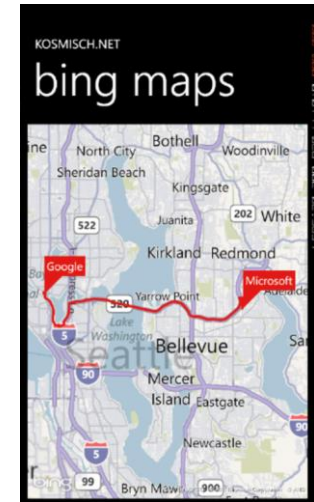
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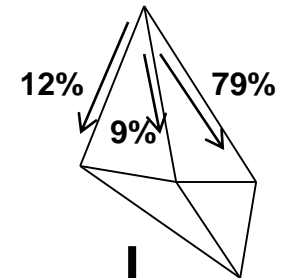
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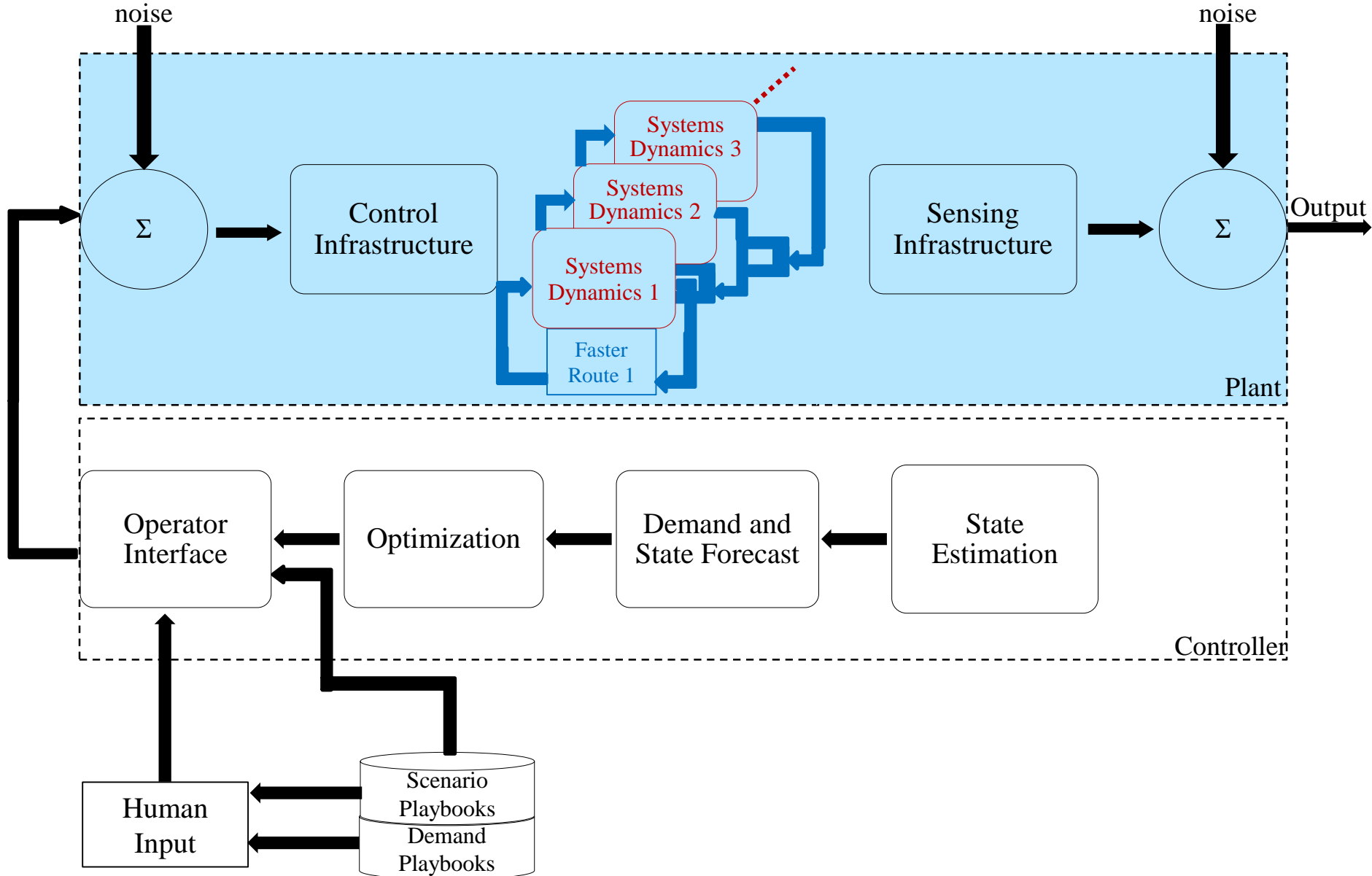
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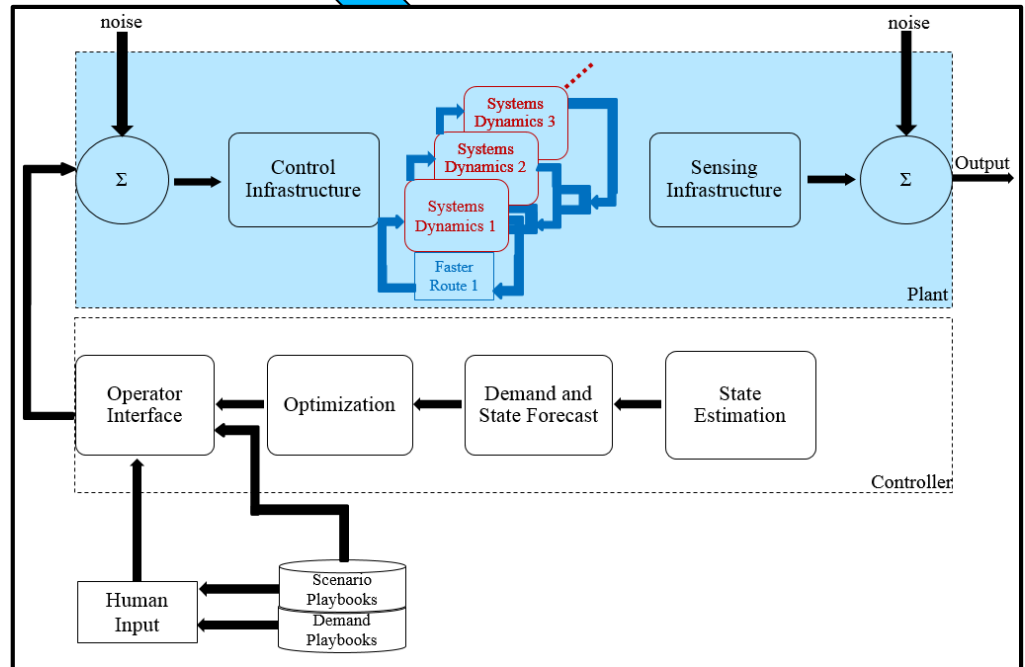
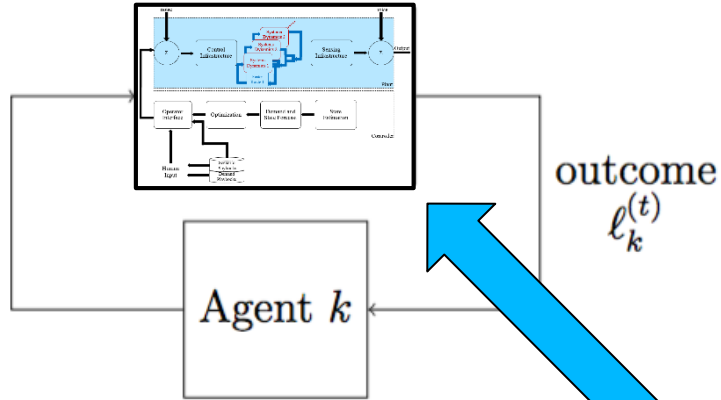
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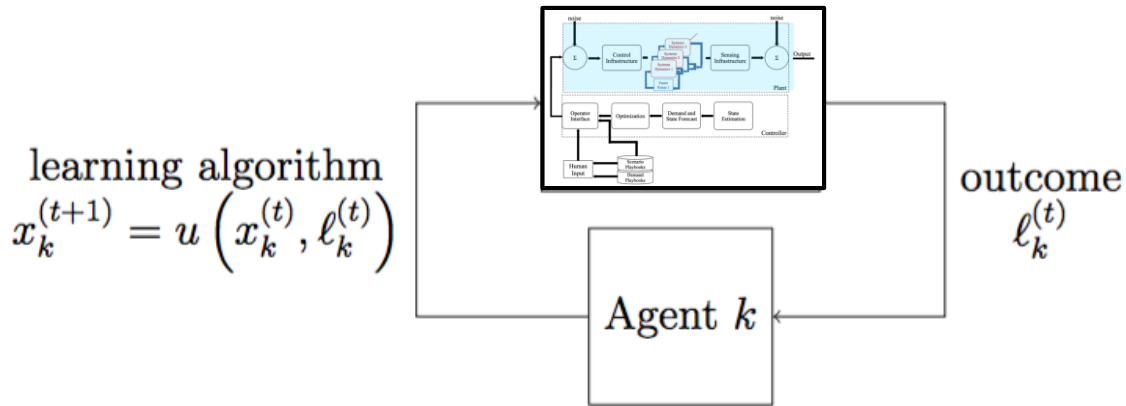
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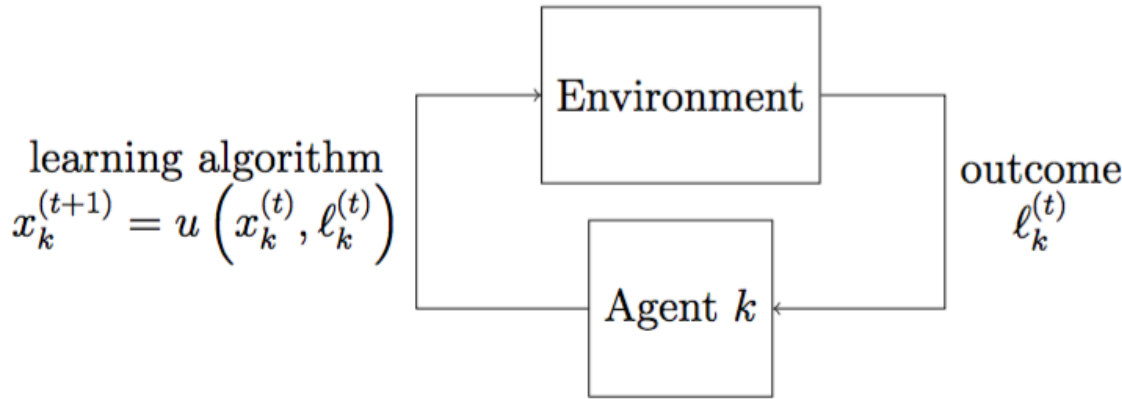
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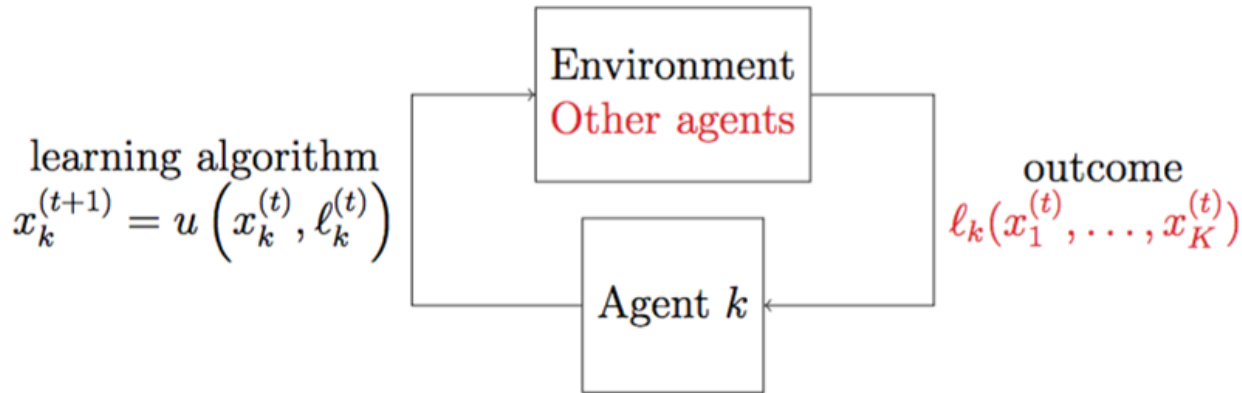
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## Non equilibrium situations

- Equilibria: good description of system efficiency at steady-state.
- But systems rarely operate at equilibrium, hence
  - Prescriptive models: How do we drive system to eq.?
  - Descriptive models: How would players behave in the game?

## Goals of the work

- Define algorithm classes for which we can prove **convergence**
- **Robustness** to stochastic perturbations.
- **Heterogeneous learning**: different agents use different algorithms
- **Convergence rates**.

## Related work

- **Discrete time**: Hannan consistency (Hannan 1957), Hedge algorithm for two-player games (Freund 1999), regret based algorithms: (Hart 2001), online learning in games (Cesa 2006)
- **Continuous time**: Potential games under dynamics with positive correlation condition (Sandholm 2009), replicator dynamics in evolutionary game theory (Weibull 1997), no-regret dynamics for two player games (Hart 2001)



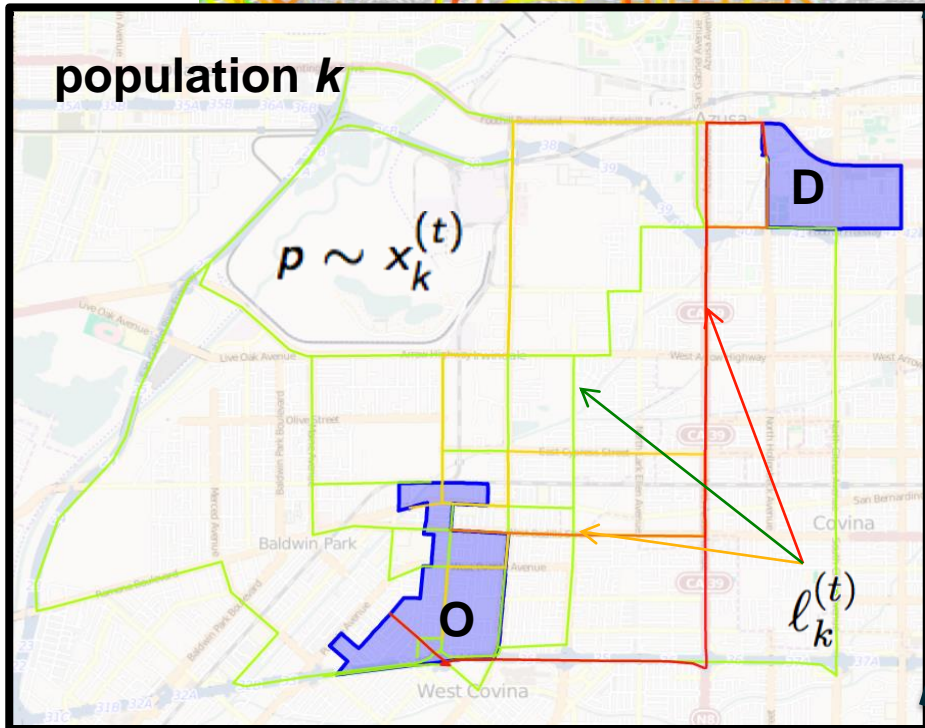
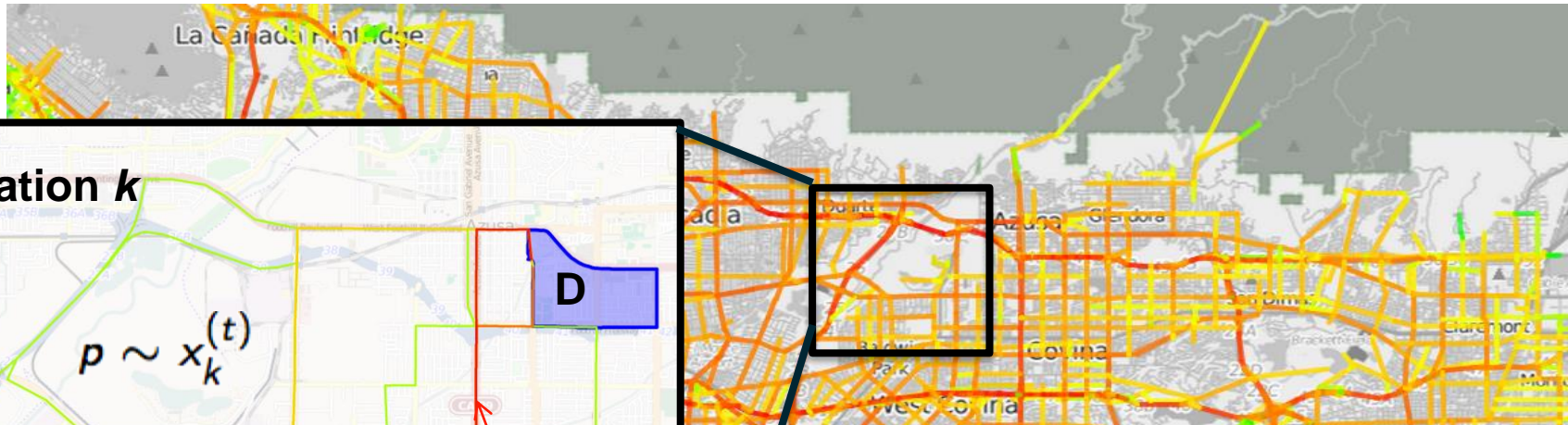
# Problem formulation

## Main problem

Define class of algorithms  $\mathcal{C}$  such that

$$u_k \in \mathcal{C} \forall k \Rightarrow x^{(t)} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^*$$

Important question: what is  $\mathcal{X}^*$ ?



## Online Learning Model

- 1: for  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  do
- 2:   Play  $a \sim x_k^{(t)}$
- 3:   Discover  $\ell_k^{(t)}$
- 4:   Update  $x_k^{(t+1)} = u_k(x_k^{(t)}, \ell_k^{(t)})$
- 5: end for

# Nash equilibrium

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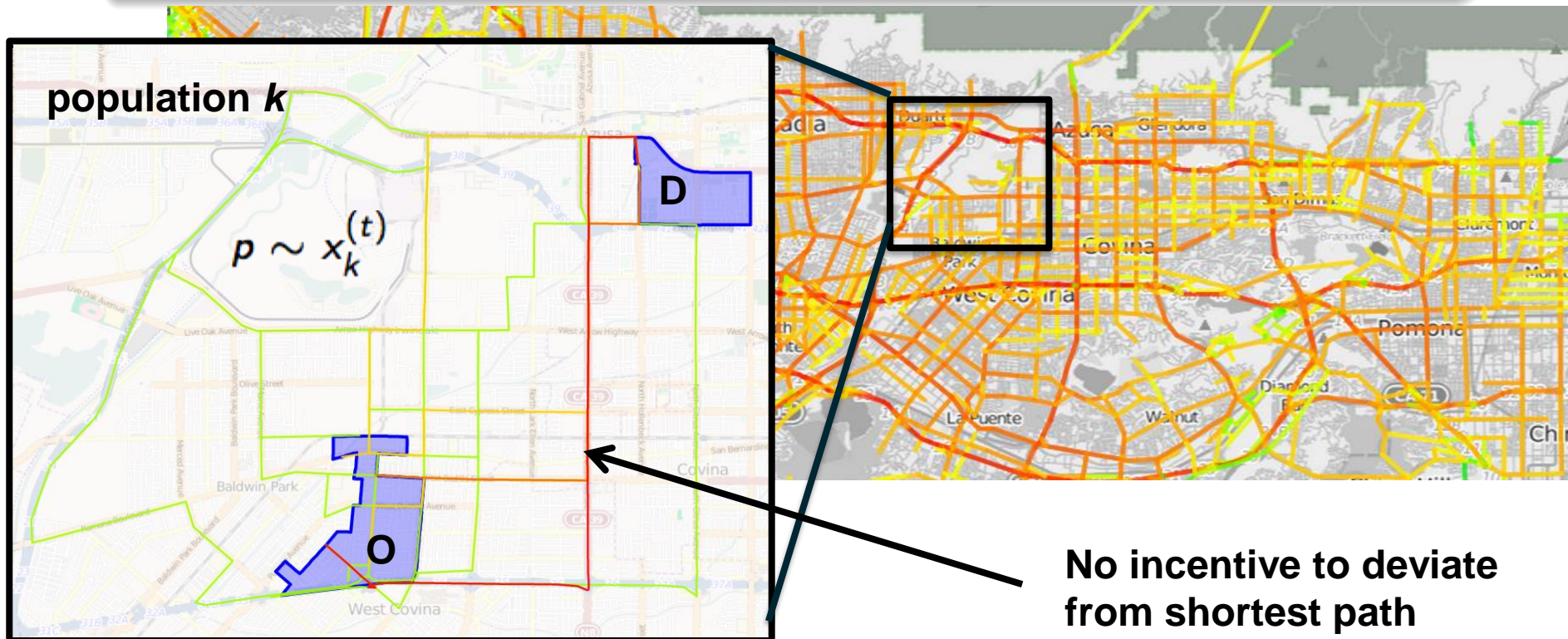
$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_K) \in \Delta^{\mathcal{A}_1} \times \dots \times \Delta^{\mathcal{A}_K}$$

$$l(x) = (l_1(x), \dots, l_K(x))$$

Nash equilibria  $x^*$

$x^*$  is a Nash equilibrium if for all  $k$ , paths in the support of  $x_k^*$  have minimal loss.

$$\forall x, \langle l(x^*), x - x^* \rangle \geq 0$$





# Model 1: regret analysis

## Interpretation of the regret and the convergence

- Cumulative regret models the comparison of playing over time the best strategy possible (without changing it), and comparing it to the strategy obtained by the game.
- In the case of sublinear regret, the game converges on average towards a Nash equilibrium
- Good for optimization purposes
- Bad for operational purposes (no guarantee on what the outcome of the game is)

Cumulative regret

$$R_k^{(t)} = \sup_{x_k \in \Delta^{\mathcal{A}_k}} \sum_{\tau \leq t} \langle x_k^{(\tau)} - x_k, \ell_k(x^{(\tau)}) \rangle$$

“Online” optimality condition. Sublinear if  $\limsup_t \frac{R_k^{(t)}}{t} \leq 0$ .

Convergence of averages

$$\left[ \forall k, R_k^{(t)} \text{ is sublinear} \right] \Rightarrow \bar{x}^{(t)} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^*$$

$$\bar{x}^{(t)} = \frac{1}{t} \sum_{\tau=1}^t x^{(\tau)}.$$





# Model 2: stochastic approximation

## Idea:

- View the learning dynamics as a discretization of an ODE
- Study the convergence of the ODE
- Relate the convergence of the discrete algorithm to the convergence of the ODE

In Hedge  $x_a^{(t+1)} \propto x_a^{(t)} e^{-\eta_t \ell_a^{(t)}}$ , take  $\eta_t \rightarrow 0$ .

## Replicator equation [25]

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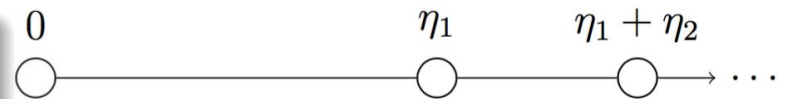


Figure: Underlying continuous time

## Definitions:

- $\eta_t$  Discretization (in time)
- $X_a$  Distribution of flow along one arc
- $\mathcal{A}_k$  Set of arcs for population  $k$





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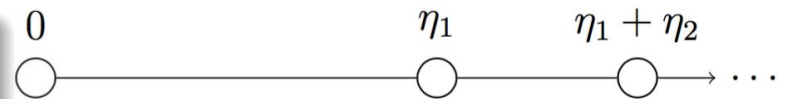


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- $\eta_t$  discretization time steps.
- $(U^{(t)})_{t \geq 1}$  perturbations that satisfy for all  $T > 0$ ,  
$$\lim_{\tau_1 \rightarrow \infty} \max_{\tau_2: \sum_{t=\tau_1}^{\tau_2} \eta_t < T} \left\| \sum_{t=\tau_1}^{\tau_2} \eta_t U^{(t+1)} \right\| = 0$$

(a sufficient condition is that  $\exists q \geq 2$ :  $\sup_{\tau} \mathbb{E} \|U^{(\tau)}\|^q < \infty$  and  $\sum_{\tau} \eta_{\tau}^{1+\frac{q}{2}} < \infty$ )



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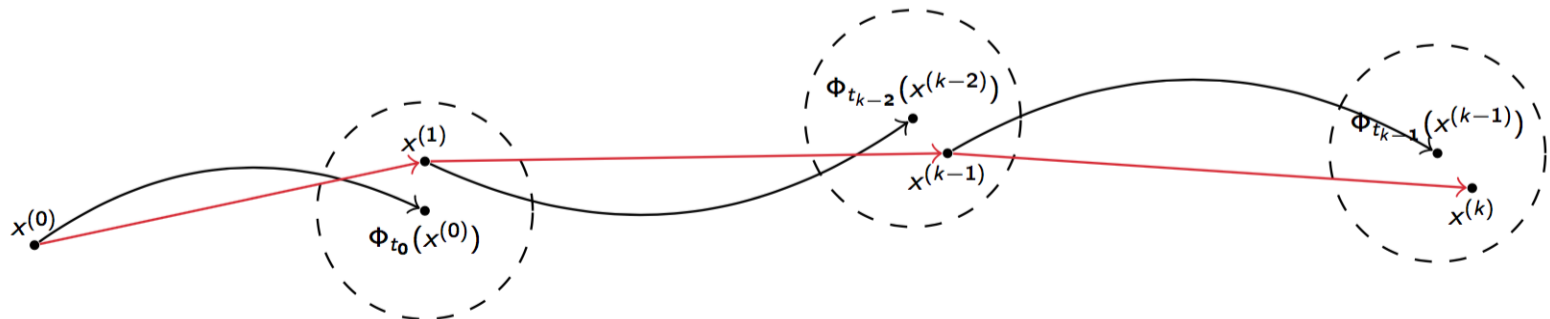
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## Theorem [13]

In convex potential games, under AREP updates, if  $\eta_t \downarrow 0$  and  $\sum \eta_t = \infty$ , then

$$x^{(t)} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^* \text{ a.s.}$$

- Affine interpolation of  $x^{(t)}$  is an asymptotic pseudo trajectory of ODE.



- Use  $f$  as a Lyapunov function.



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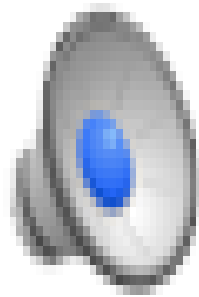
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# Model 3: convex optimization

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## Idea:

- View the learning dynamics as a distributed algorithm to minimize the function  $f$ .
- Allows us to analyze convergence rates.

## Here:

- Class of distributed optimization methods: stochastic mirror descent

minimize  $f(x)$  convex function  
subject to  $x \in \mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  convex, compact set

## Bregman Divergence

Strongly convex function  $\psi$

$$D_\psi(x, y) = \psi(x) - \psi(y) - \langle \nabla \psi(y), x - y \rangle$$



# Approach 3: convex optimization

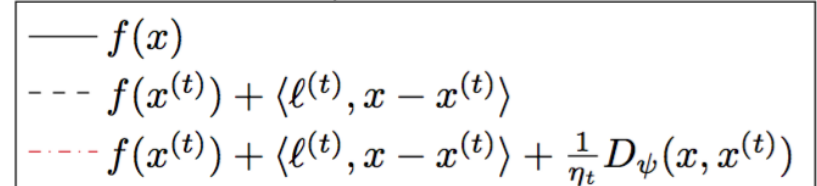
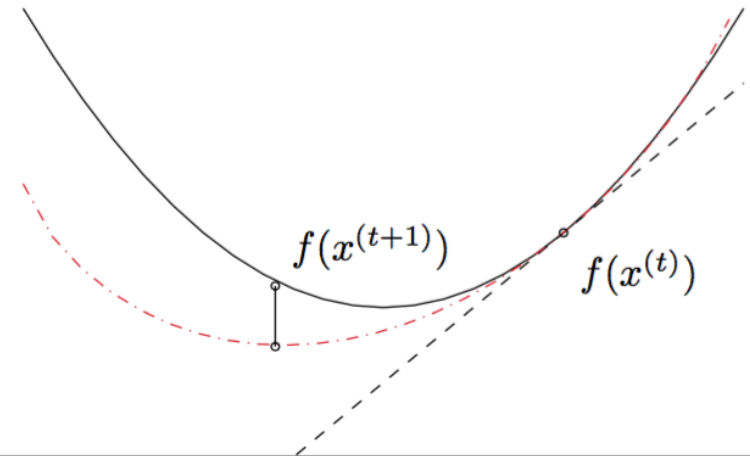
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## Algorithm 2 MD Method with learning rates ( $\eta_t$ )

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  - 2: observe  $\ell^{(t)} \in \partial f(x^{(t)})$
  - 3:  $x^{(t+1)} = \arg \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \langle \ell^{(t)}, x \rangle + \frac{1}{\eta_t} D_\psi(x, x^{(t)})$
  - 4: **end for**
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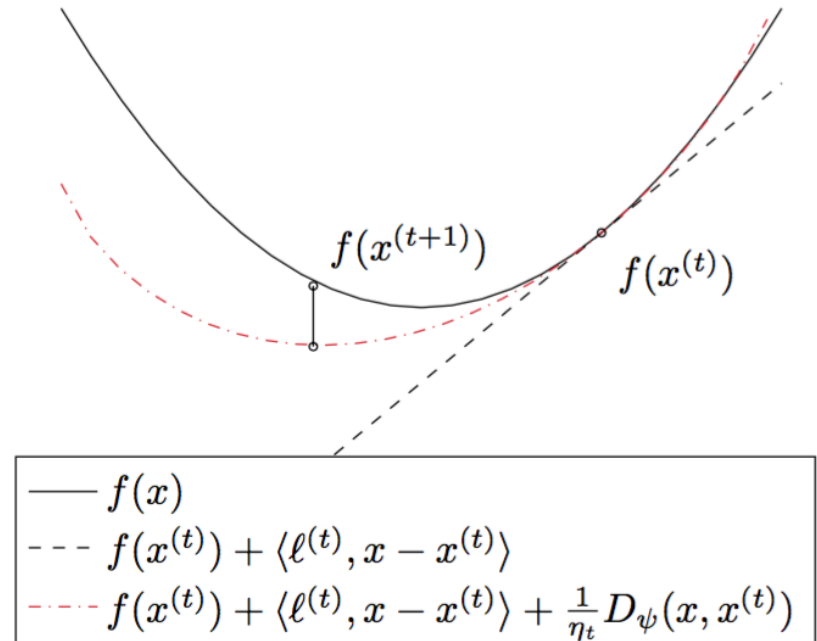
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- $\eta_t$ : learning rate

- $D_{\psi}$ : ▶ Bregman divergence



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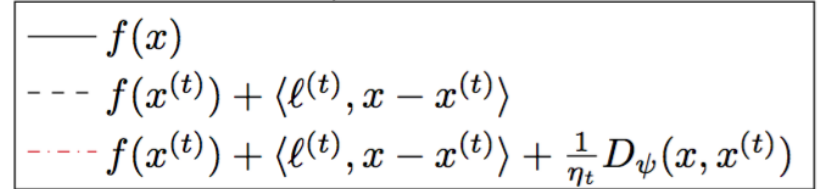
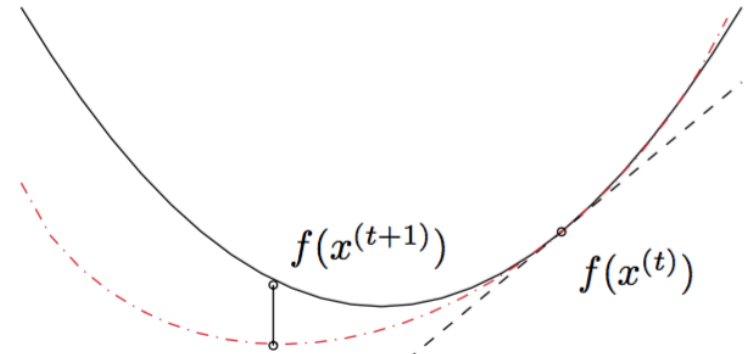


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## Algorithm 2 SMD Method with learning rates ( $\eta_t$ )

- 1: **for**  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  **do**
- 2: observe  $\hat{\ell}_k^{(t)}$  with  $\mathbb{E} [\hat{\ell}_k^{(t)} | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}] \in \partial_k f(x^{(t)})$
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# Convergence

- To show convergence  $\mathbb{E} [f(x^{(t)})] \rightarrow f^*$ , generalize the technique of Shamir et al. [22].

## Convergence of Distributed Stochastic Mirror Descent

For  $\eta_t^k = \frac{\theta_k}{t^{\alpha_k}}$ ,  $\alpha_k \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\mathbb{E} [f(x^{(t)})] - f^* = \mathcal{O} \left( \sum_k \frac{\log t}{t^{\min(\alpha_k, 1 - \alpha_k)}} \right)$$

Non-smooth, non-strongly convex.

▶ [More details](#)

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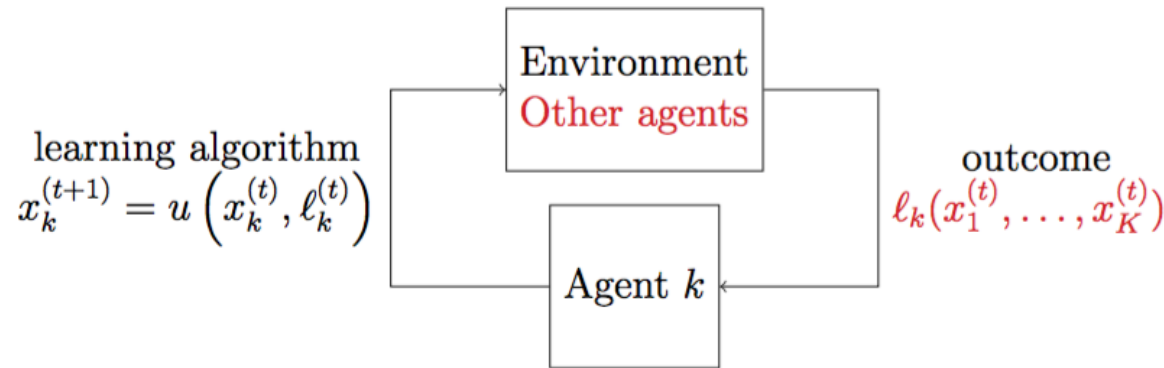
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# Summary

## Distributed learning dynamics in routing games

- Each player routes population  $k$  according to distribution  $p \sim x_k^{(t)}$  (corresponding to one OD pair)
- At each iteration, the population  $k$  discovers their outcome  $\ell_k^{(t)}$
- The routing of population  $k$  at the next step is subsequently updated according to the following law  $x_k^{(t+1)} = u_k(x_k^{(t)}, \ell_k^{(t)})$



- Regret analysis: convergence of  $\bar{x}^{(t)}$
- Stochastic approximation: almost sure convergence of  $x^{(t)}$
- Stochastic convex optimization: almost sure convergence,  $\mathbb{E}[f(x^{(t)})] \rightarrow f^*$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[D_\psi(x^*, x^{(t)})] \rightarrow 0$ , convergence rates.

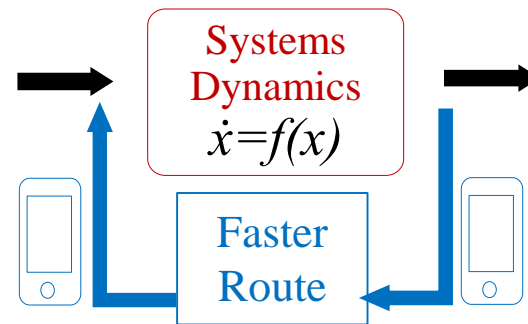
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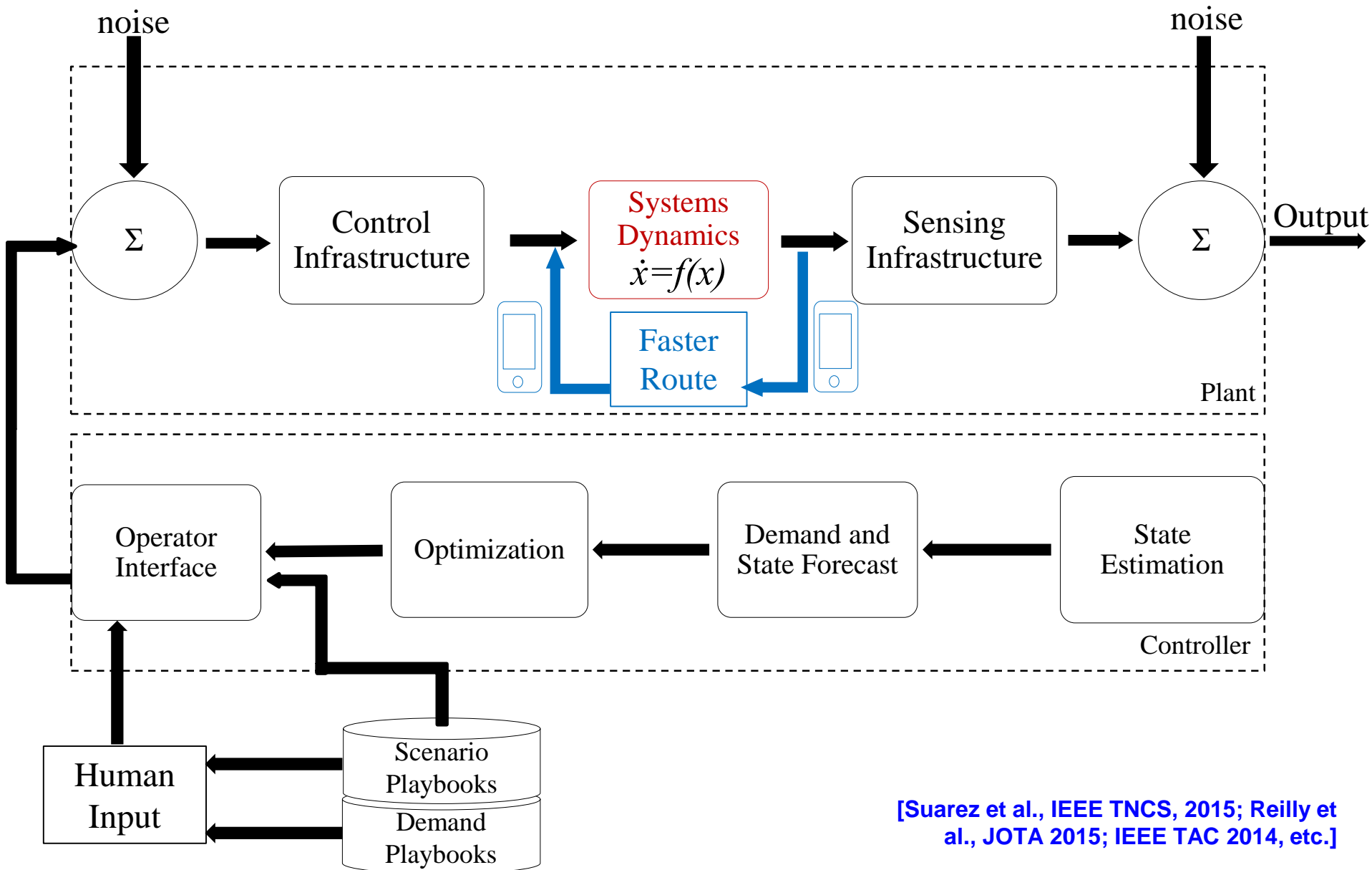
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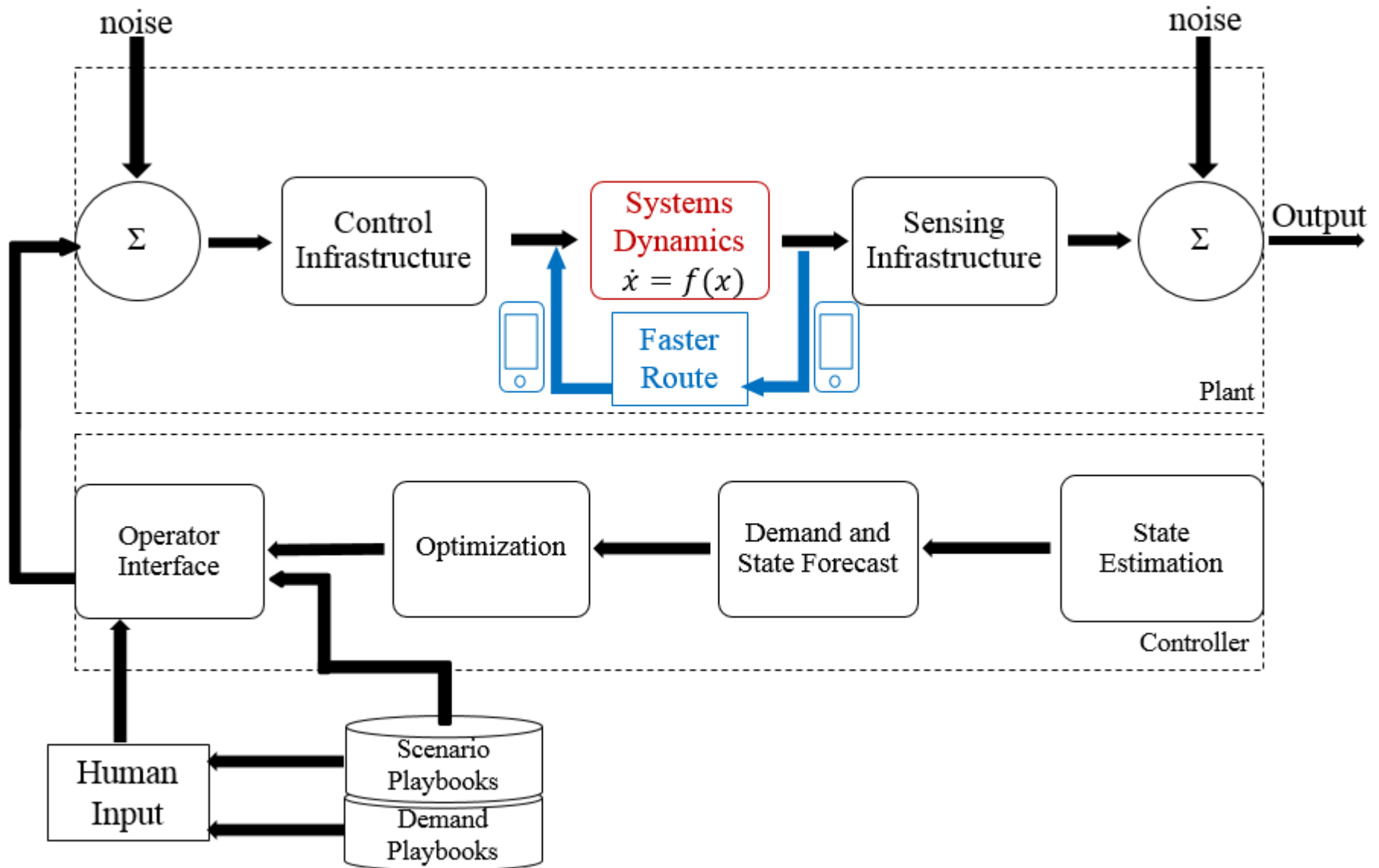


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[Suarez et al., IEEE TNCS, 2015; Reilly et al., JOTA 2015; IEEE TAC 2014, etc.]

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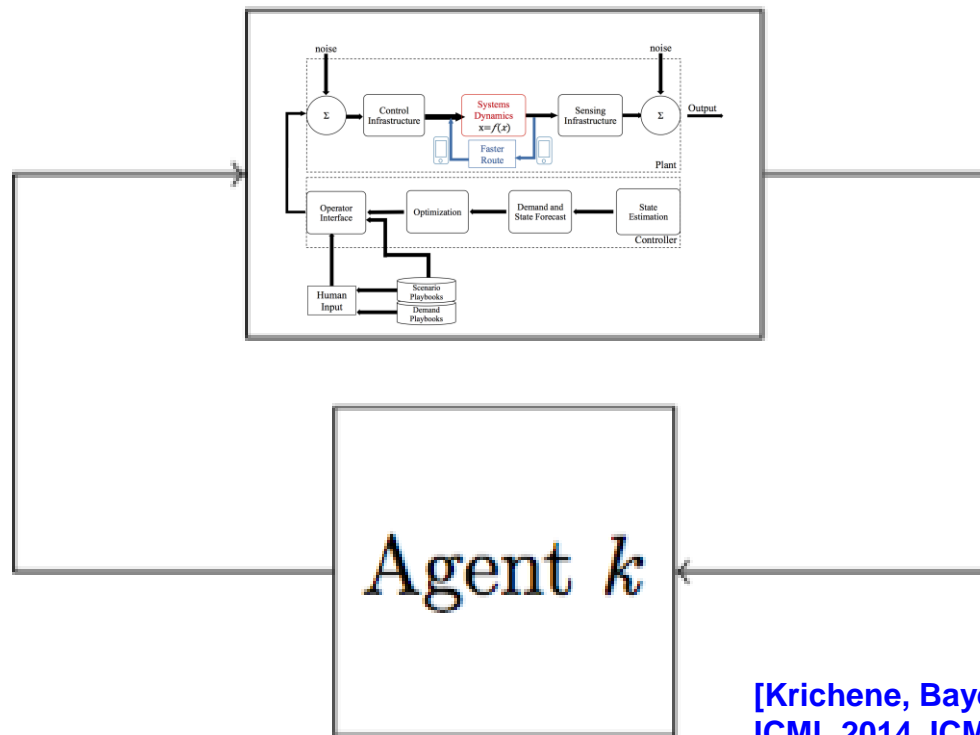


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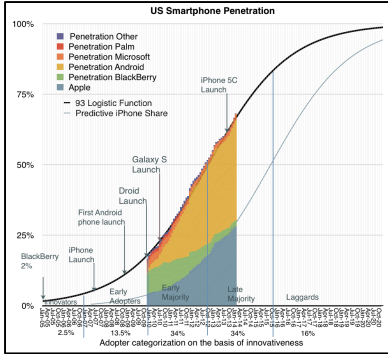


outcome  
 $\ell_k^{(t)}$

Agent  $k$



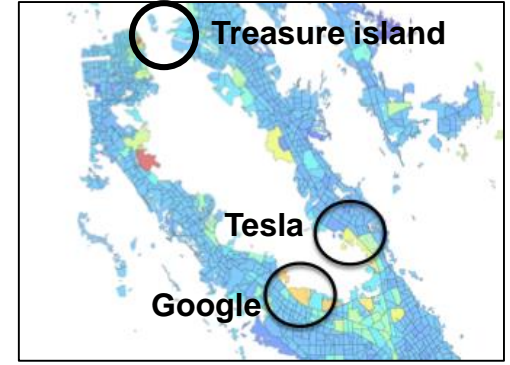
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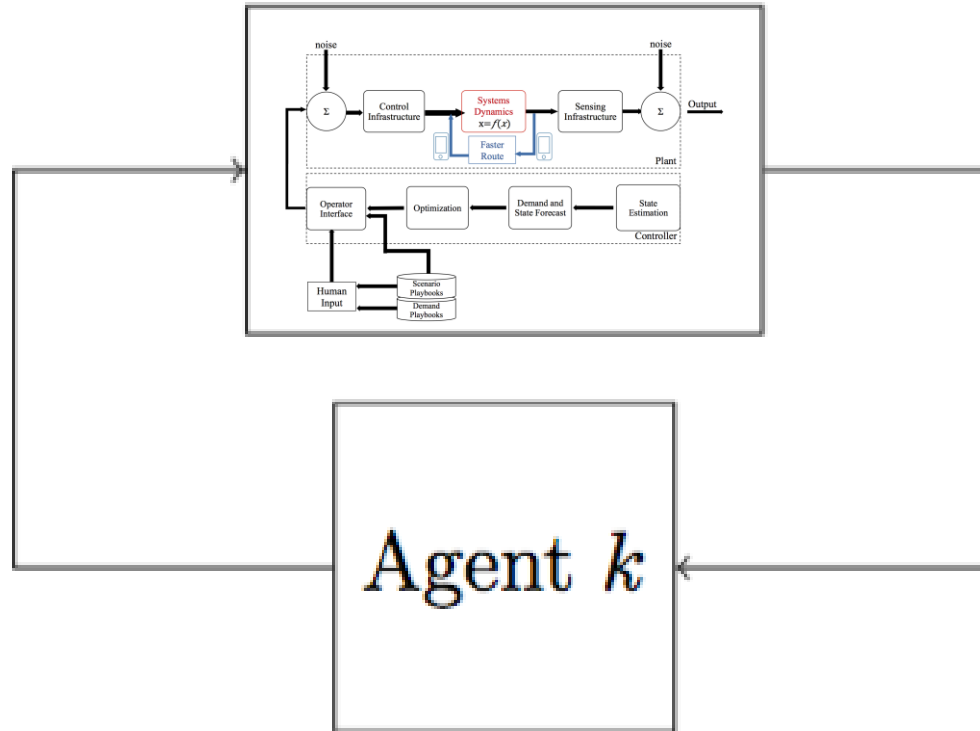
Demographic growth



Landuse disruptions

learning algorithm

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# Summary: Research focus

**Dynamics governed by nonlinear and distributed dynamics**

Multimodal, mode choice  
Behavioral modeling  
Automation

**(De)centralized, distributed sensing, control, optimization**

Resilience  
Cybersecurity

**Infrastructure CPS**

**Non cooperative players**

[Two sided] markets  
Incentivization  
Route choice models  
MaaS system, shared economy

**Feedback loops that integrate humans and keep learning**

Information aware DTA  
Information forecast

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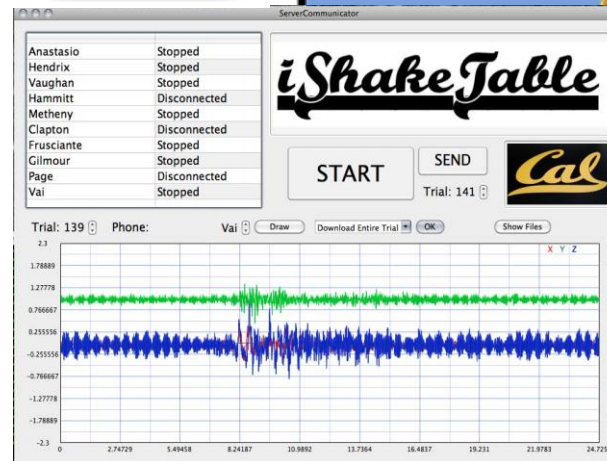
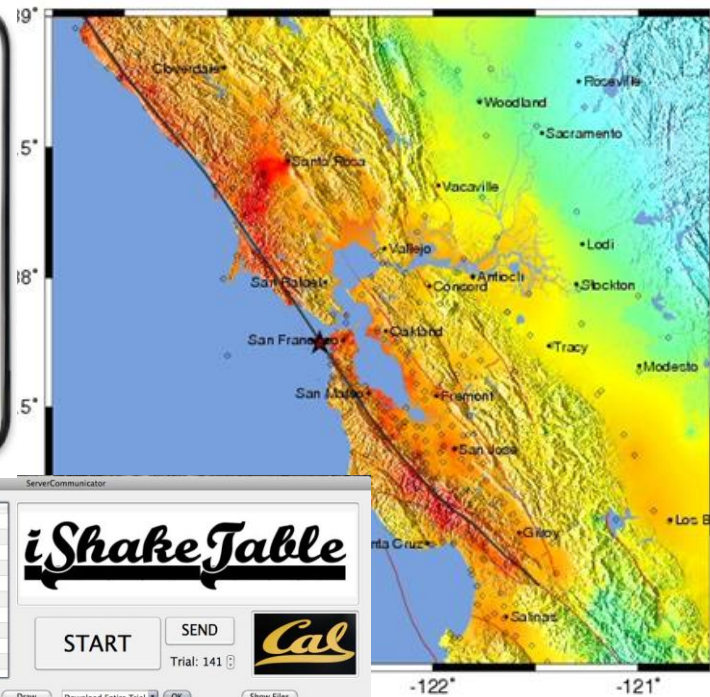
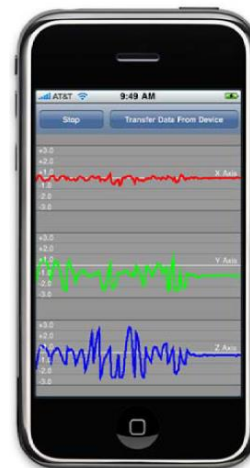
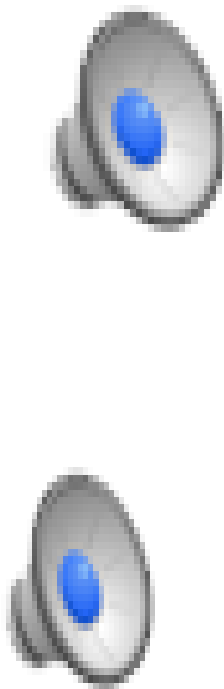
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# Using smartphones as seismometers

## iShake project

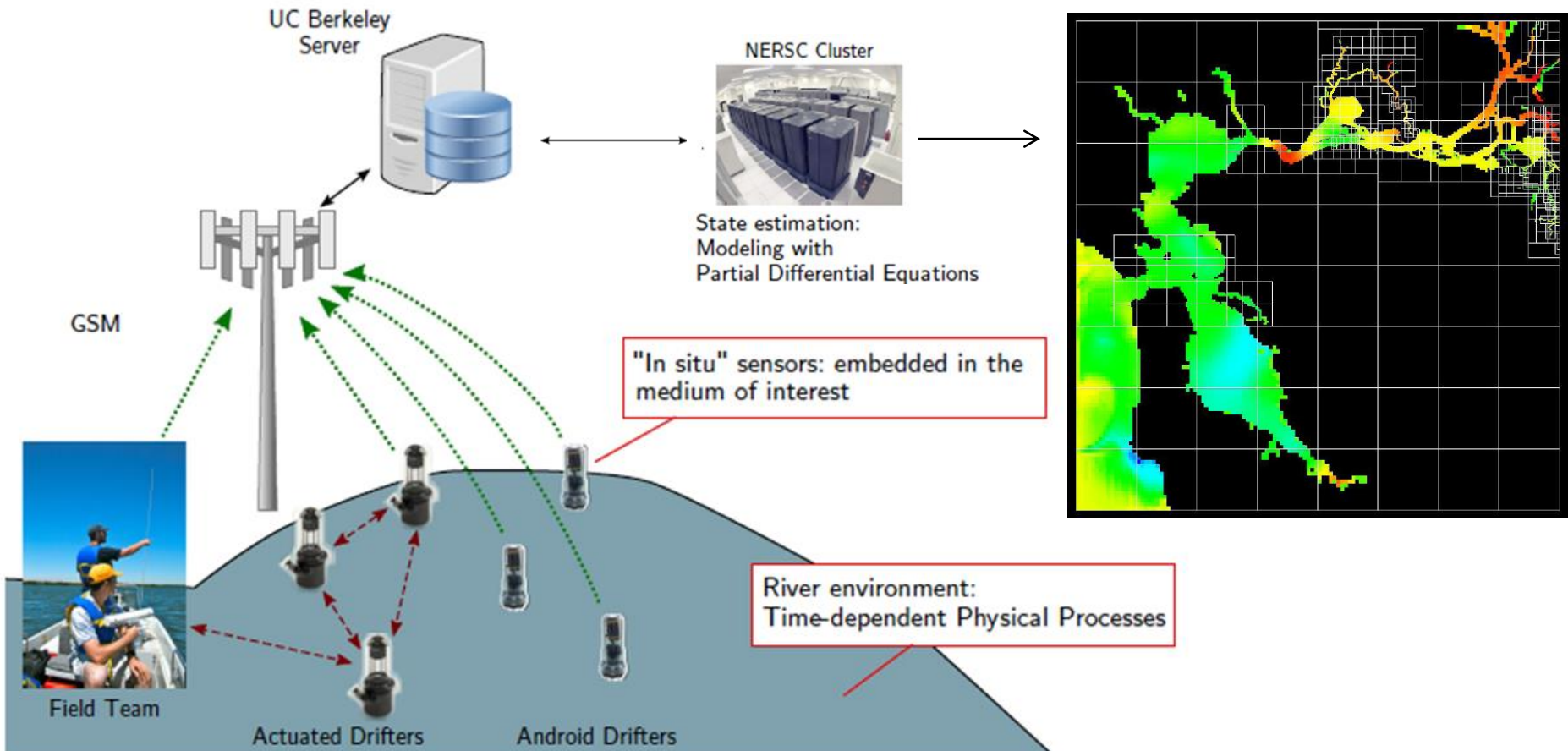
- One of the first shake monitoring apps on the iPhone (2010)
- Scaled up by SeismoLab with T-Mobile / Deutsche Telekom
- Several 100K downloads in first week of existence



# Floating sensor network

## Inverse modeling, data assimilation, inference, estimation

- Real-time, online (with streaming data)
- Running two dimensional shallow water models (LBNL REALM)
- Using Ensemble Kalman Filtering, statistical inference methods
- Running on 500 nodes of the Magellan / NERSC cluster at LBNL



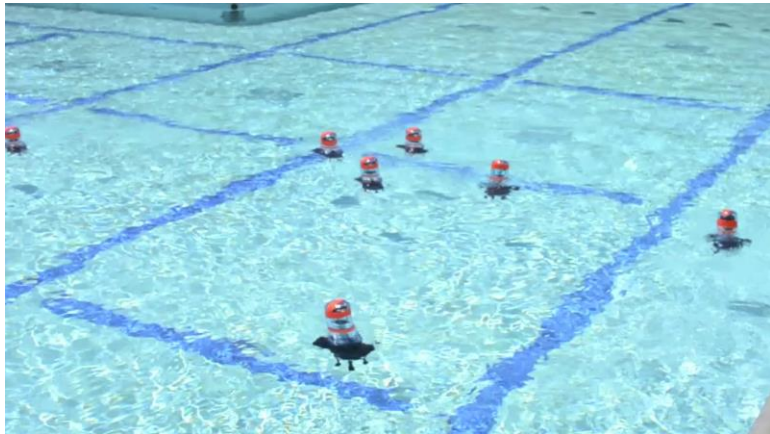




# Floating sensor network

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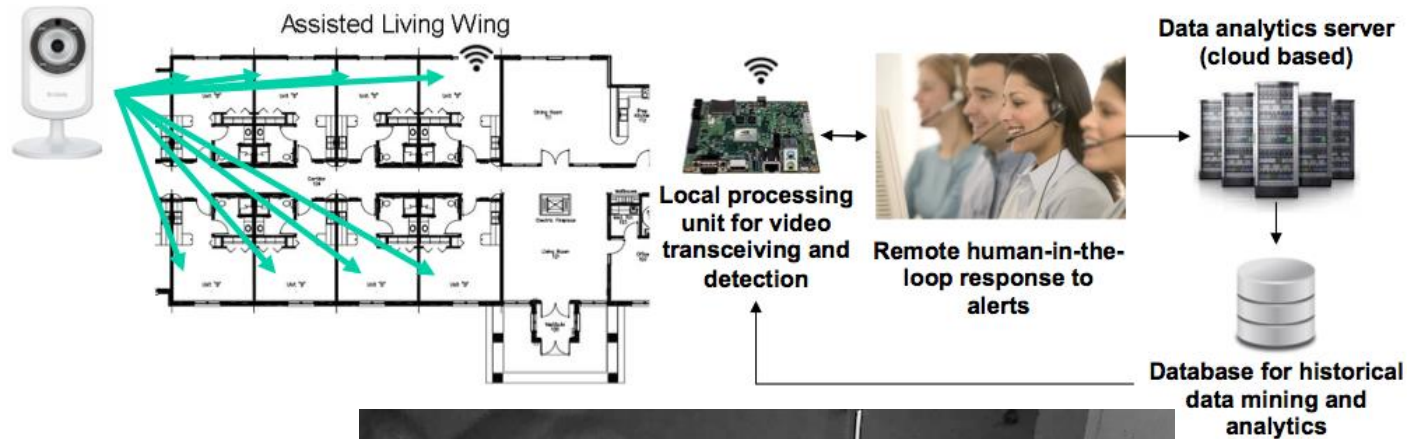
- 100 floating units motorized and passive
- Experimental deployments: Sacramento Delta (CA), Stillwater (OK), Bordeaux (France)



# Vision-based and mobile/static sensing

## Monitoring Alzheimer patients in memory care facilities and homes

- Homes: Android & SmartWatches, sensors: 18 patients
- Memory care facilities: cameras: 100 patients







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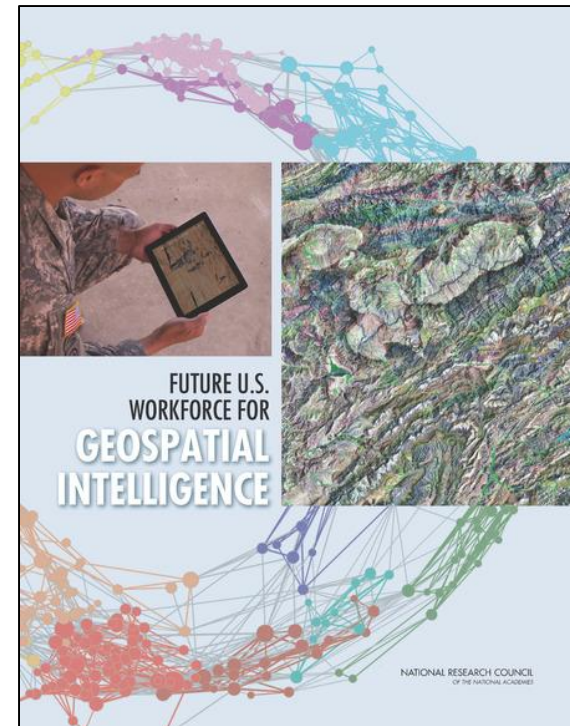
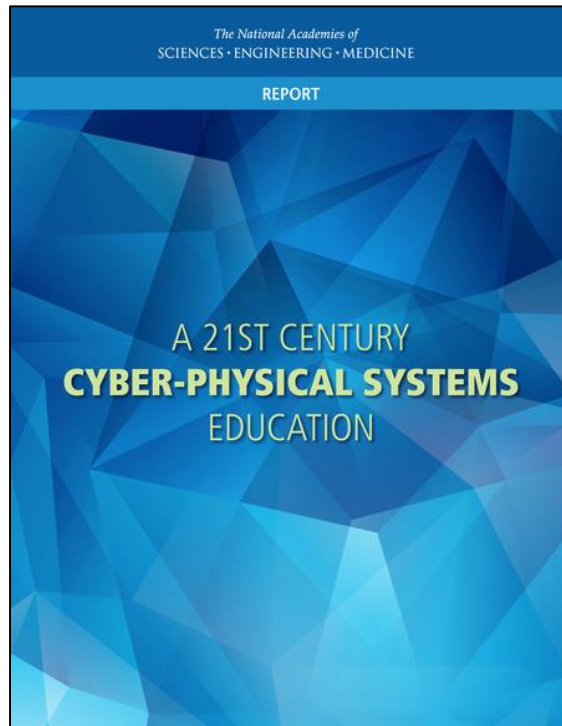
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# CPS education

## A changing time for many disciplines

- Disciplines based on physical sciences
  - Civil engineering (structural, geotechnical, transportation)
  - Environmental engineering (hydrodynamics, chemistry)
  - Mechanical engineering (thermo., fluid mech.)
- Modeling-based disciplines
  - Economics, behavioral science
  - Epidemiology, physical and human geography

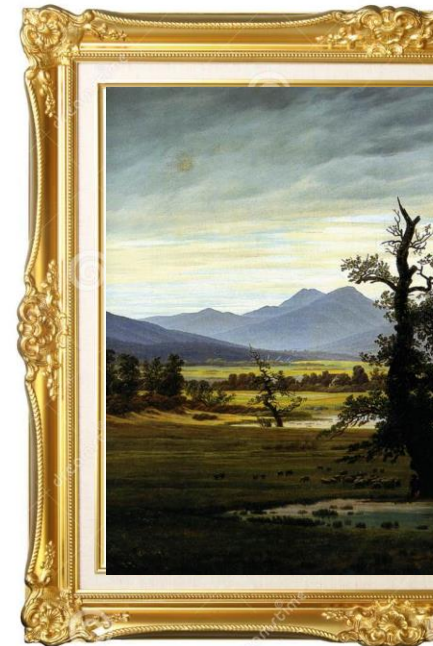
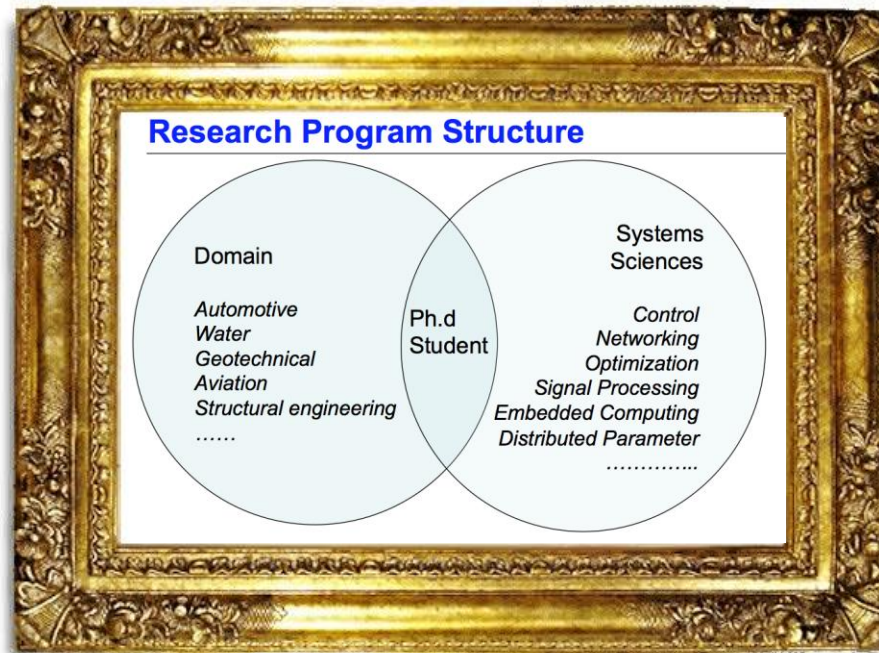




# CPS education in CEE

## Systems Engineering program (2003 – present)

- Within CEE, 6 faculty (3 emeriti)
- Initial vision:
  - one “physical” discipline,
  - one methodological discipline
- Initially a graduate program
  - 100s graduate students since 2003 (MS, MEng, PhD)
  - 20+ alums faculty (MIT, Cornell, GT, UMich, UIUC, Purdue)
- One fully integrated curriculum





# CPS education in CEE

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## Graduate education (student chooses 3 core out of 6 + 5 free)

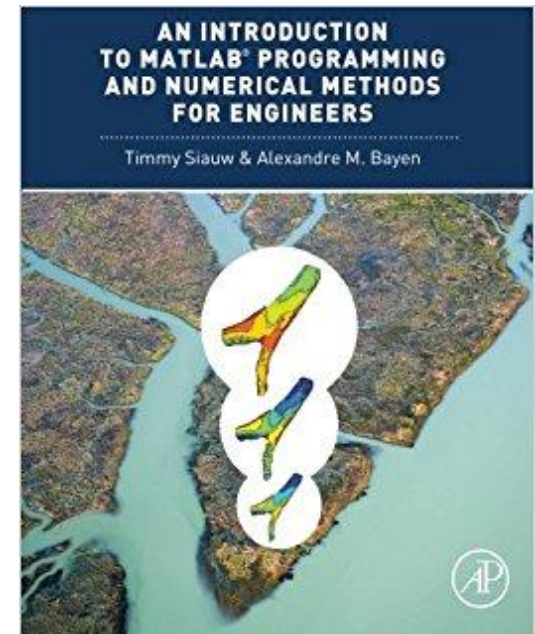
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- 2004: CE290: control and information management
- 2006: CE291: control of distributed parameter systems
- 2009: CE264: behavioral modeling
- 2012: CE263: scalable data analytics
- 2013: CE295: energy systems and control

## Undergraduate education (one lower div. 2 core electives)

- 2003: CE191: intro to systems analysis [optimization]
- 2013: CE186: design of cyber physical systems
- 2016: CE88: data science for smart cities

## In addition (undergraduate)

- E7: introduction to numerical analysis and programming
- CE93: data analysis (statistics)







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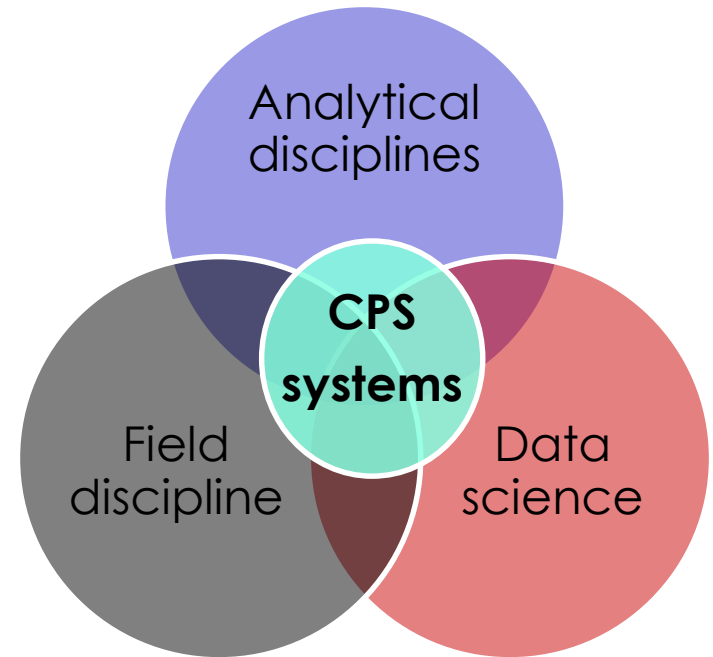
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- Material Science
- Transportation Engineering
- Project Management
- Energy engineering

## Analytical disciplines

- Mathematical modeling
- Model based control
- Optimization
- Signal processing
- Economics

## Data science

- Statistics
- Machine learning
- Programming
- Architecture



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# Broader questions and CEE links to IDSS

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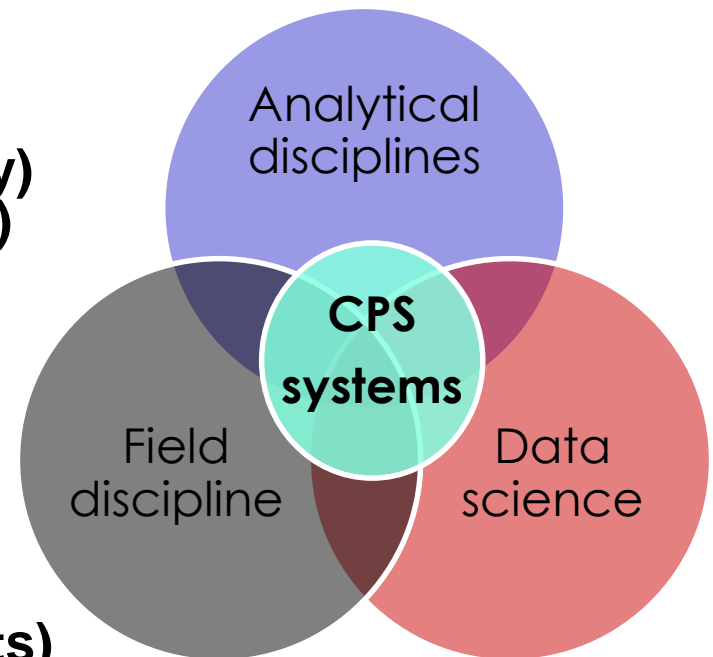
- Social and economic networks
- Human models (ex. mobility, energy)
- Markets (ex. energy, transportation)
- Environment (ex. incentivization)
- Infrastructure (ex. electrification)
- Economics (ex. airlines, freight)

## Changing landscapes

- Autonomy (incl. flight)
- Electrification
- Shared economy (two-sided markets)
- Rapid urbanization (land use)

## Open questions (a few of many)

- Incentivization in networks (ex. transportation)
- Privacy (and security), for ex. in crowdsourcing
- Decision support systems for fully automated districts
- Connection and interactions of networks (ex. energy + water)





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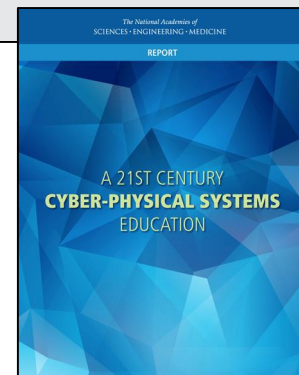
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#### Math and Natural Science (10 courses)

- Calculus I and II
- Differential Equations
- Linear Algebra
- Probability and Statistics
- Logic
- Physics I (Mechanics and Dynamics)
- Physics II (Electrical Circuits)
- Chemistry or Biology
- Discrete Math

#### CPS Core (12 courses)

- Introduction to CPS (Freshman Laboratory Course)
- Computer Programming
- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Programming Physical Systems
- Software Engineering
- Model-Based System Design
- Heterogeneous Models of Computation
- Formal Methods and Synthesis
- Resource-Aware Real-Time Computing
- Control Systems
- Optimization
- Digital Signal Processing





# CEE systems vision for UG (and grad) curriculum

## Field disciplines

- Environmental Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Material Science
- Transportation Engineering
- Project Management
- Energy engineering

## Analytical disciplines

- Mathematical modeling
- Model based control
- Optimization
- Signal processing
- Economics

## Data science

- Statistics
- Machine learning
- Programming
- Architecture

### CPS-Related Courses in Current CE Curricula (3 courses)

- Computing for Engineers
- Civil Engineering Systems (needs to be developed with CPS focus)
- Capstone Design (with CPS-focused project)

### Technical Electives (6 courses)

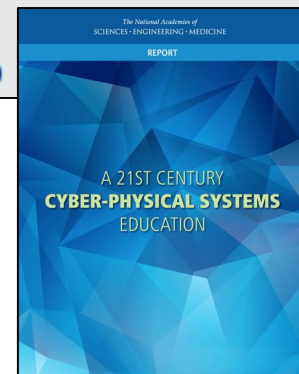
Current CE curricula have few undergraduate elective courses that focus on CPS concepts. If redesigned, some current elective courses could incorporate CPS principles, examples include the following:

- Geographic Information Systems
- Transportation Planning and Design
- Infrastructure Rehabilitation
- Environmental Geotechnology
- Subsurface Characterization
- Environmental Systems Design
- Building Information Modeling
- Conceptual Structural Design
- Computational and Graphical Tools for Structural Engineering
- Structural System Testing and Model Correlation

### Proposed new CPS-centric electives:<sup>1</sup>

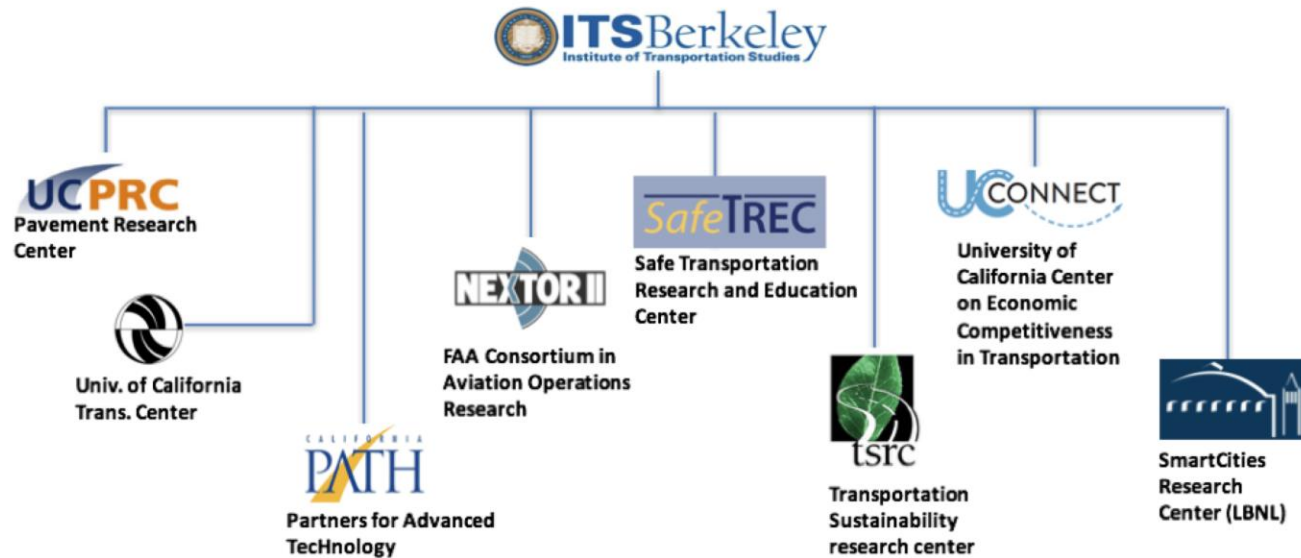
- Principles of CPS: Sustainable Infrastructure
- Principles of CPS: Urban Planning
- Signals and Systems
- Sensor Networks for Civil Engineering Systems
- Model-Based Systems Engineering
- Structural Health Monitoring

### Social Science, Economics, Humanities (8 courses)





# Links with the Institute of Transportation Studies



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Centers of research within ITS

\$25M

Research income each year, leveraged from ~\$1M in core funds

200

Faculty, Staff and Students

10+

Successful start-up companies in the last 5 years

## Missions

- Research
- Teaching
- Tech transfer
- Library

## Spans

- 7 Departments
- 4 Colleges
- LBNL



# Inference and control in routing games

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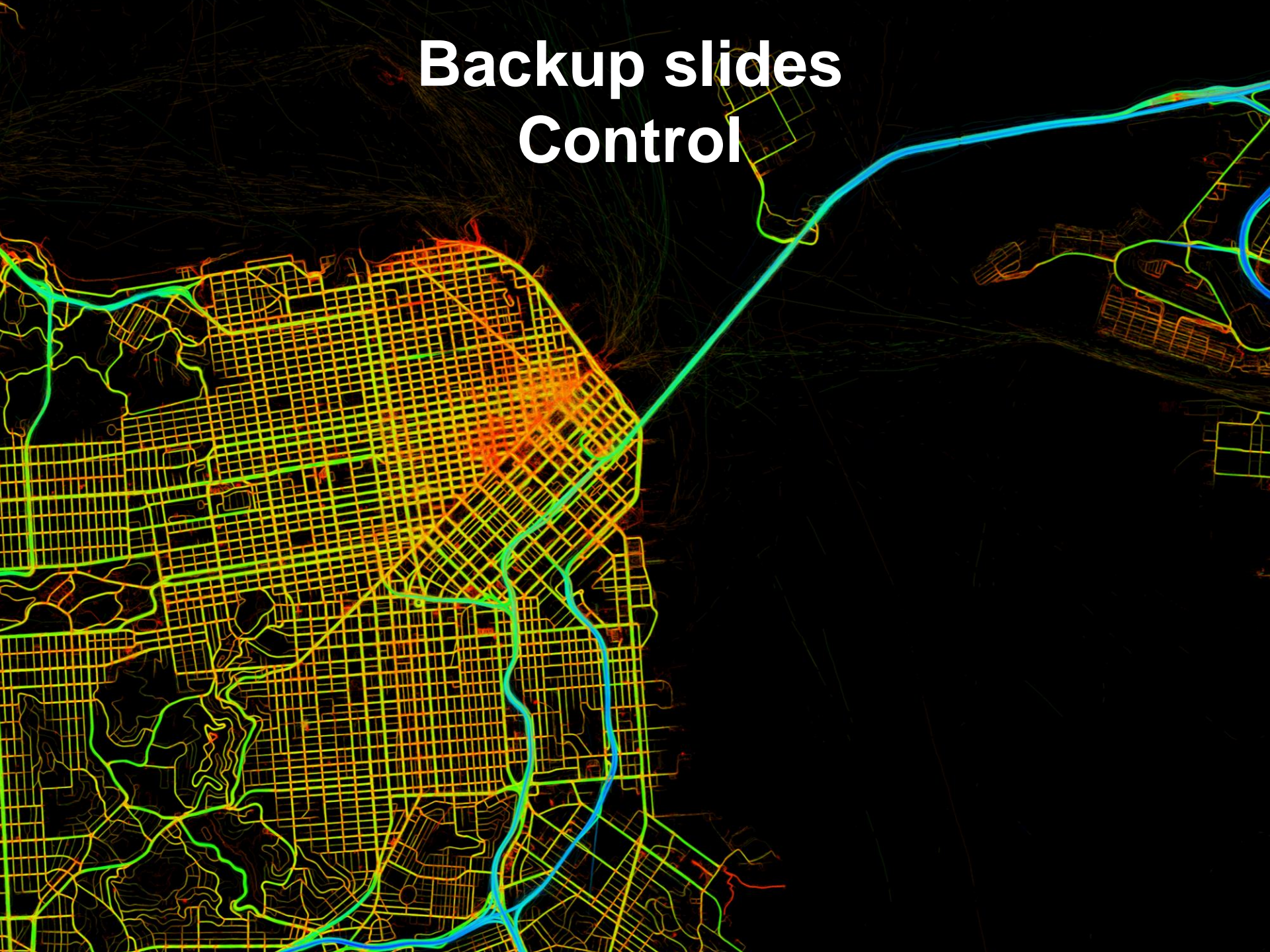
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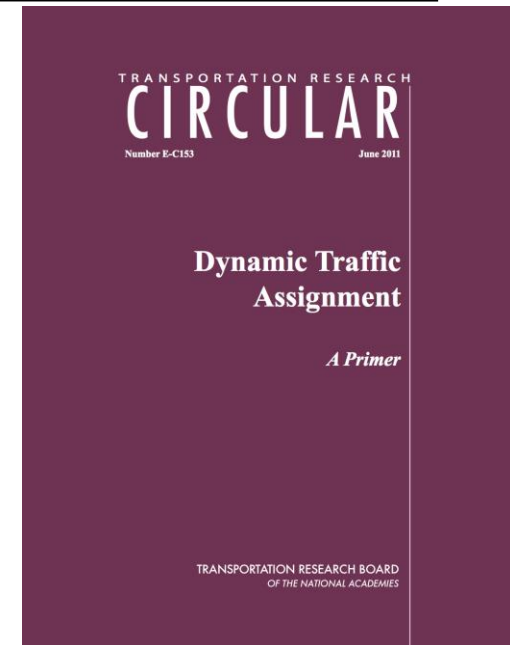
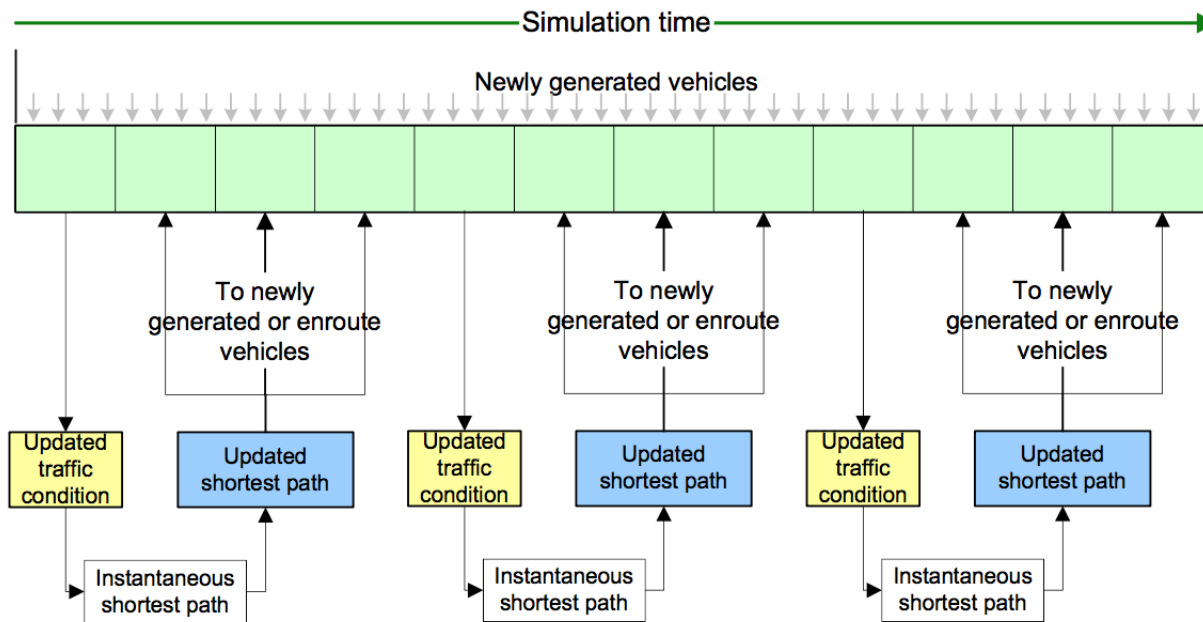


# Backup slides Control





# Nonlinear dynamics of DTA



## Travel time forecast

- Historical
- Static (instantaneous)
- Historical (statistical) forecast
- DTA (model based) forecast
- Information aware forecast (i.e. incorporating user's reaction to information)

## Heterogeneous population

- "Non-app-enabled" users
- App enabled users
  - Some act on info
  - Some do not
- Various versions of shortest time
  - Dijkstra and extensions
  - SOTA
  - Driver preferences
  - Clock update



# Finite-horizon Optimal Control Problem

## Model predictive control formulation

- Nonlinear, nonsmooth, nonconvex optimization program
- Objective function: arbitrary velocity target on freeways
- Dynamics: LWR PDE, discretized by Godunov scheme
- Optimization:
  - Adjoint based method
  - ADMM
  - BFGS

$$\min_{\mathbf{u} \in U} \underbrace{\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f(u_{i,t}, \rho_{i,t})}_{\text{Running Cost}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N f_T(u_{i,T}, \rho_{i,T})}_{\text{Terminal Cost}}$$

subject to system dynamics:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{i,0} &= \rho_i^0 \\ \rho_{i,t+1} &= \rho_{i,t} + \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (G(\rho_{i-1,t}, \rho_{i-1,t}, u_{i,t}) - \\ &\quad G(\rho_{i,t}, \rho_{i+1,t}, u_{i,t})) \\ \forall i \in [1, N], \forall t \in [1, T] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{u} \in U} J(\mathbf{u}, \rho) \\ \text{s.t. } H(\mathbf{u}, \rho) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- \* Non-linear
- \* Non-smooth
- \* Non-convex

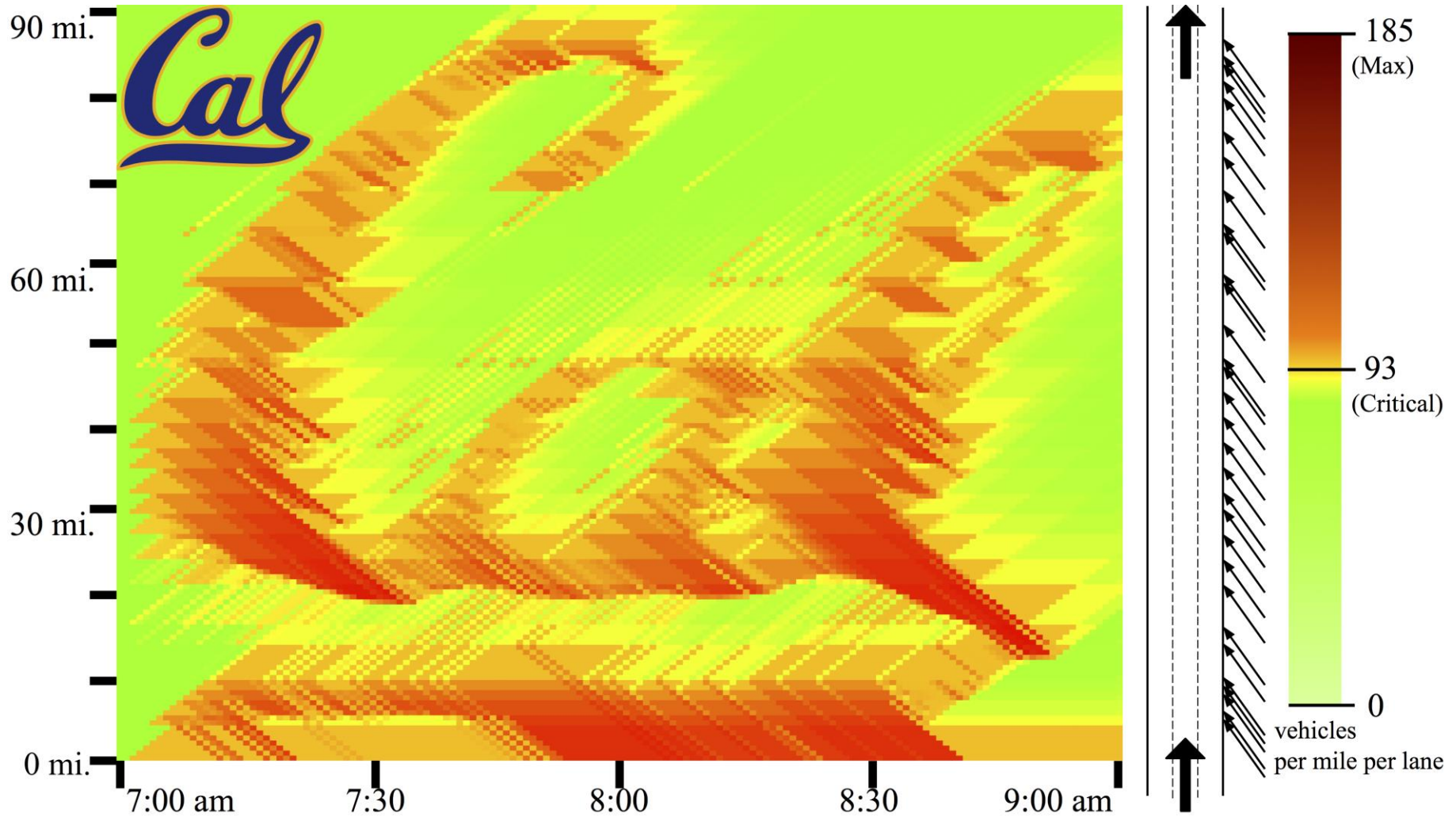




# Control

## Optimal control problem in freeway operations management

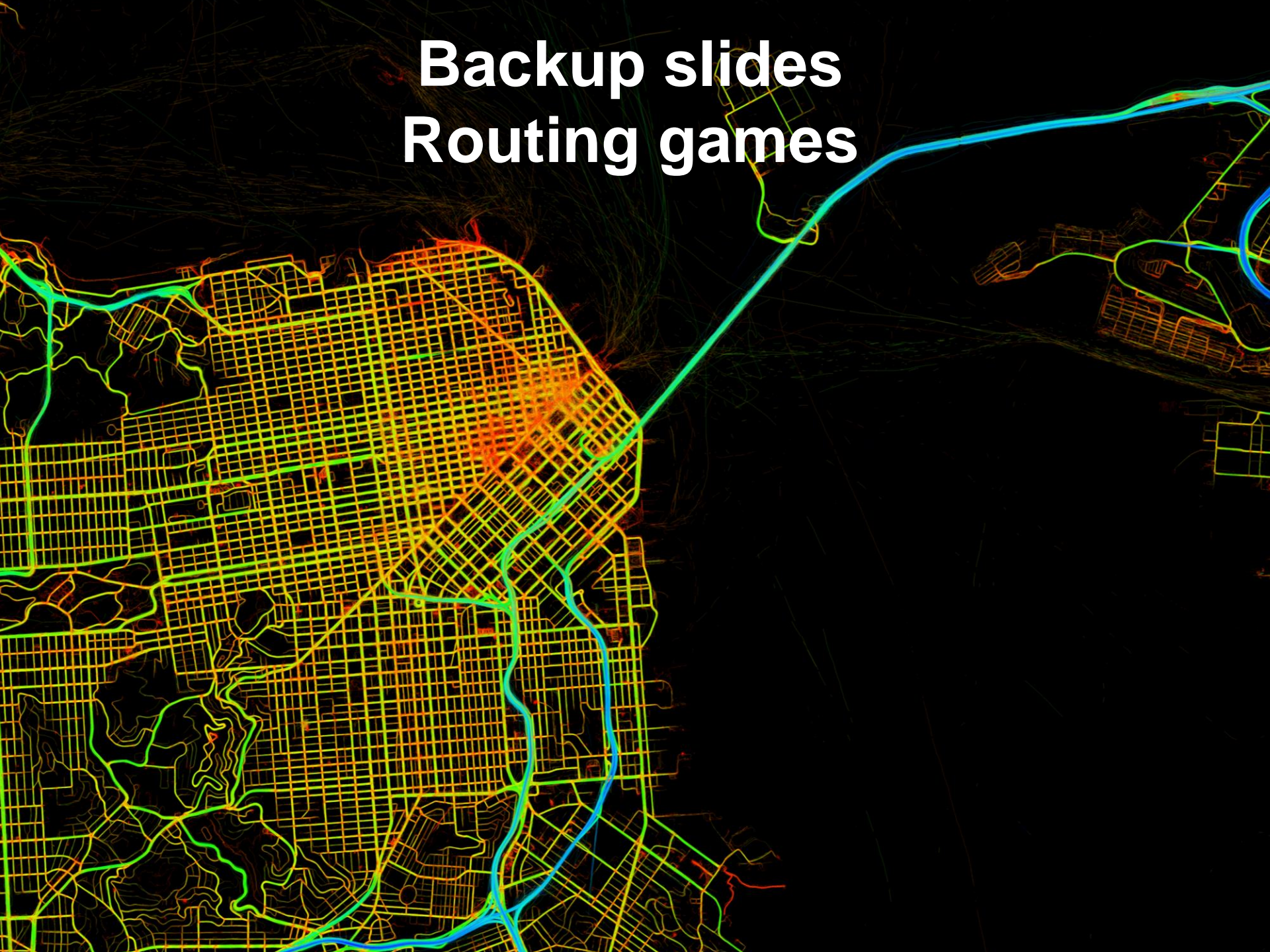
- Minimize arbitrary cost function with boundary control (inflow at on ramps)





# Backup slides

## Routing games





# Application to the routing game

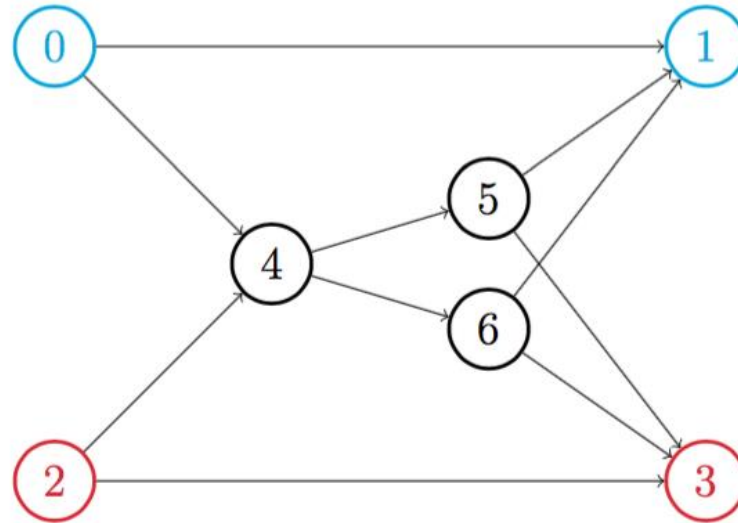


Figure: Example with strongly convex potential.

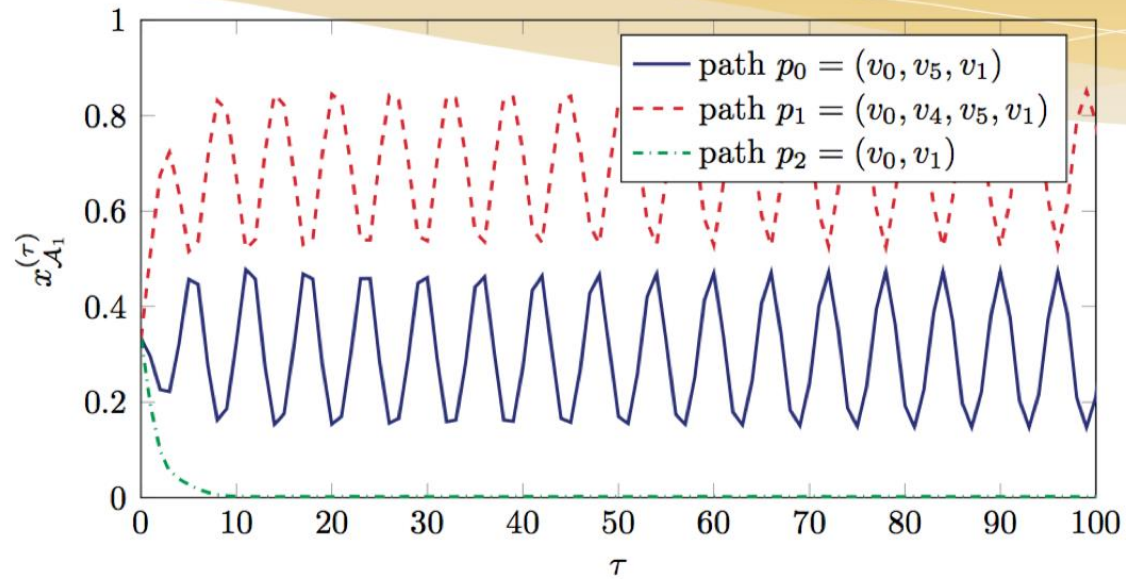
- Population 1: Hedge with  $\eta_t^1 = t^{-1}$
- Population 2: Hedge with  $\eta_t^2 = t^{-1}$



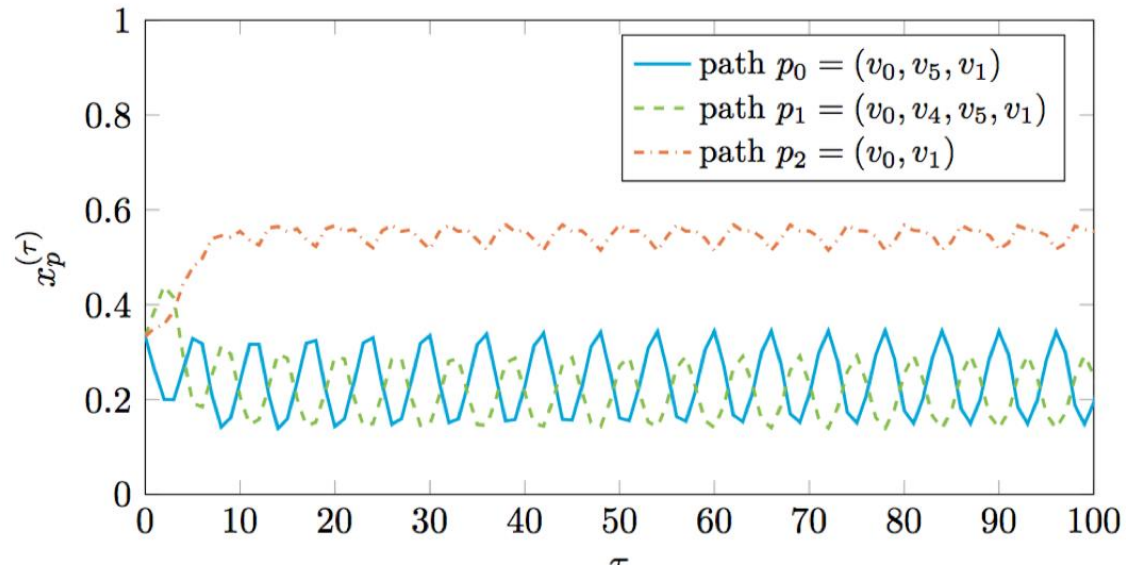


# Convergence on average

Population 1



Population 2



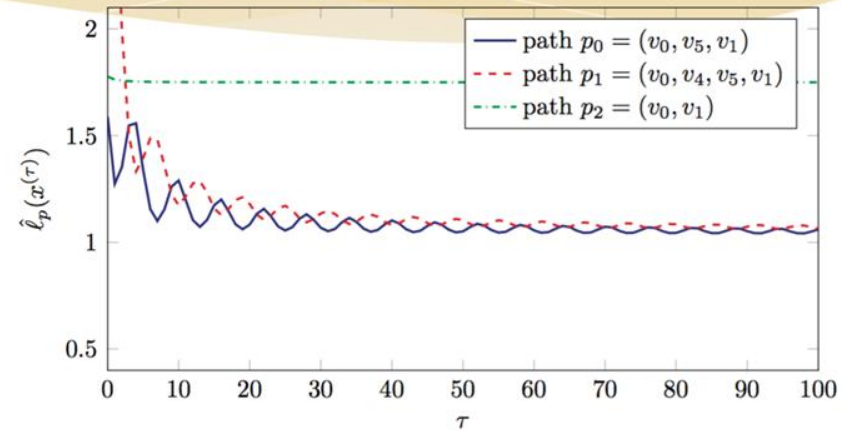
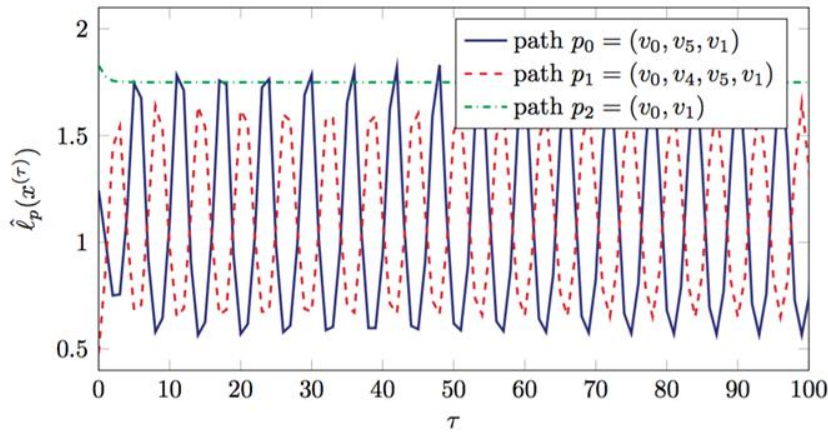


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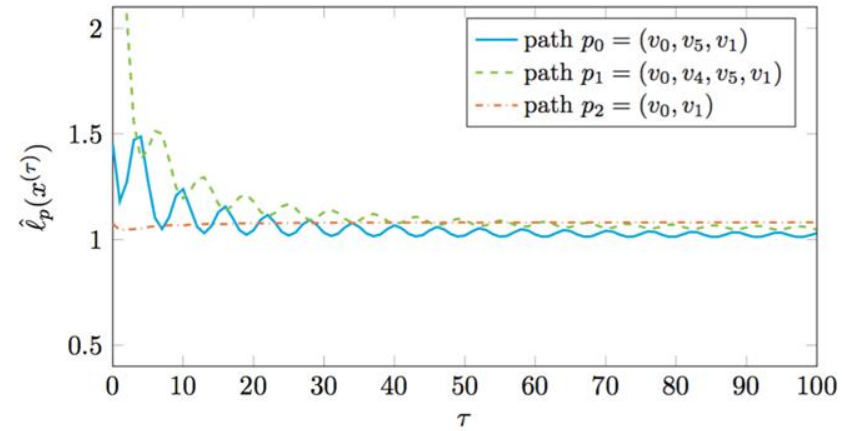
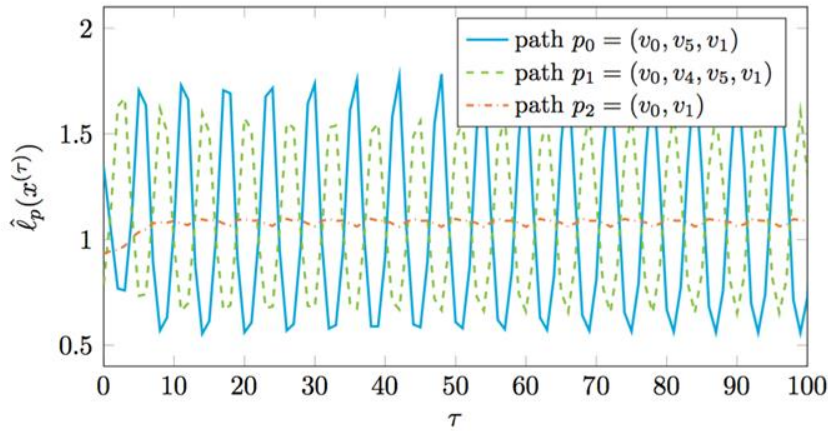
Path losses  $\ell_{\mathcal{A}_k}(x^{(t)})$

$\ell_{\mathcal{A}_k}(\bar{x}^{(t)})$

Population 1



Population 2

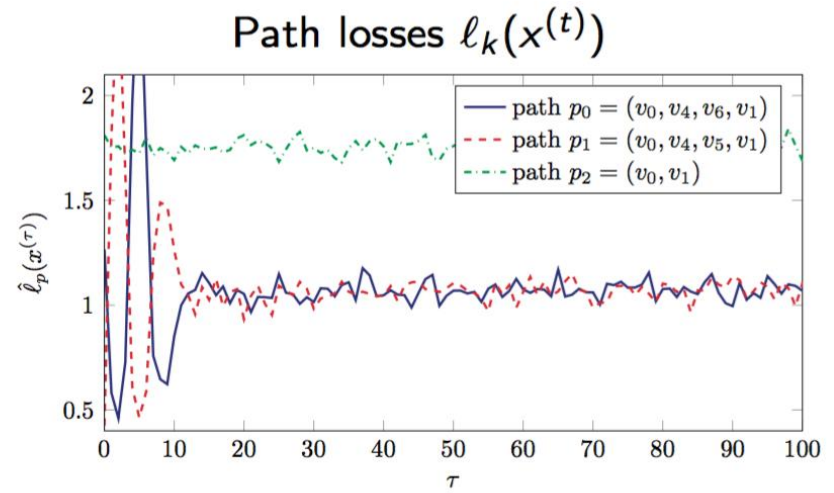
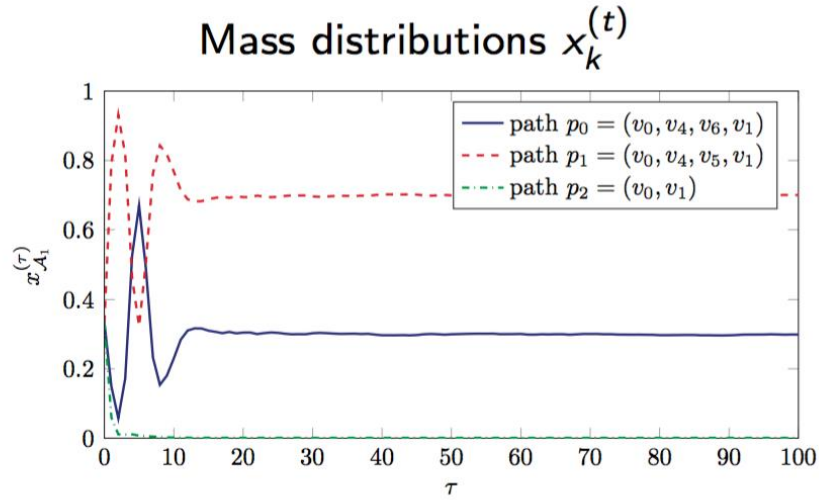




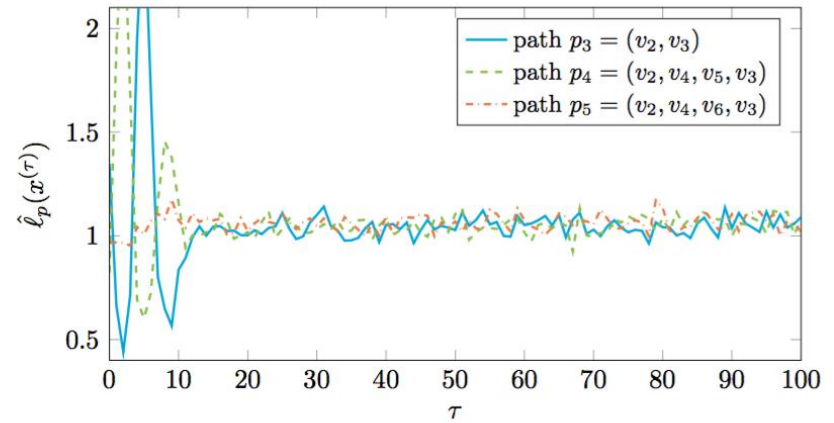
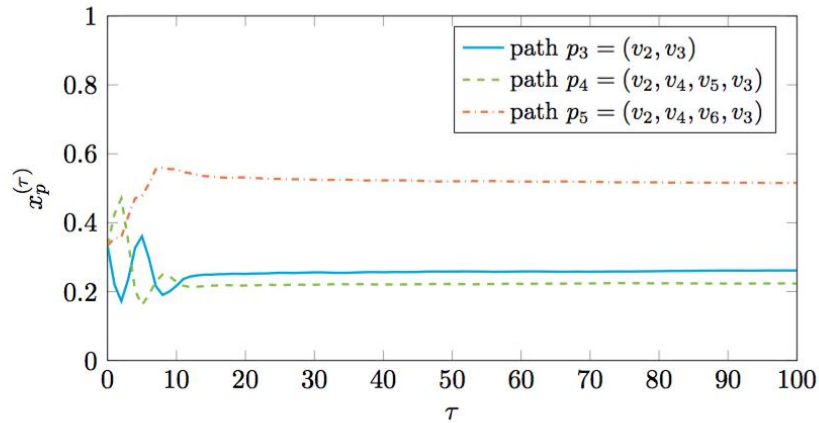


# Routing game with strongly convex potential

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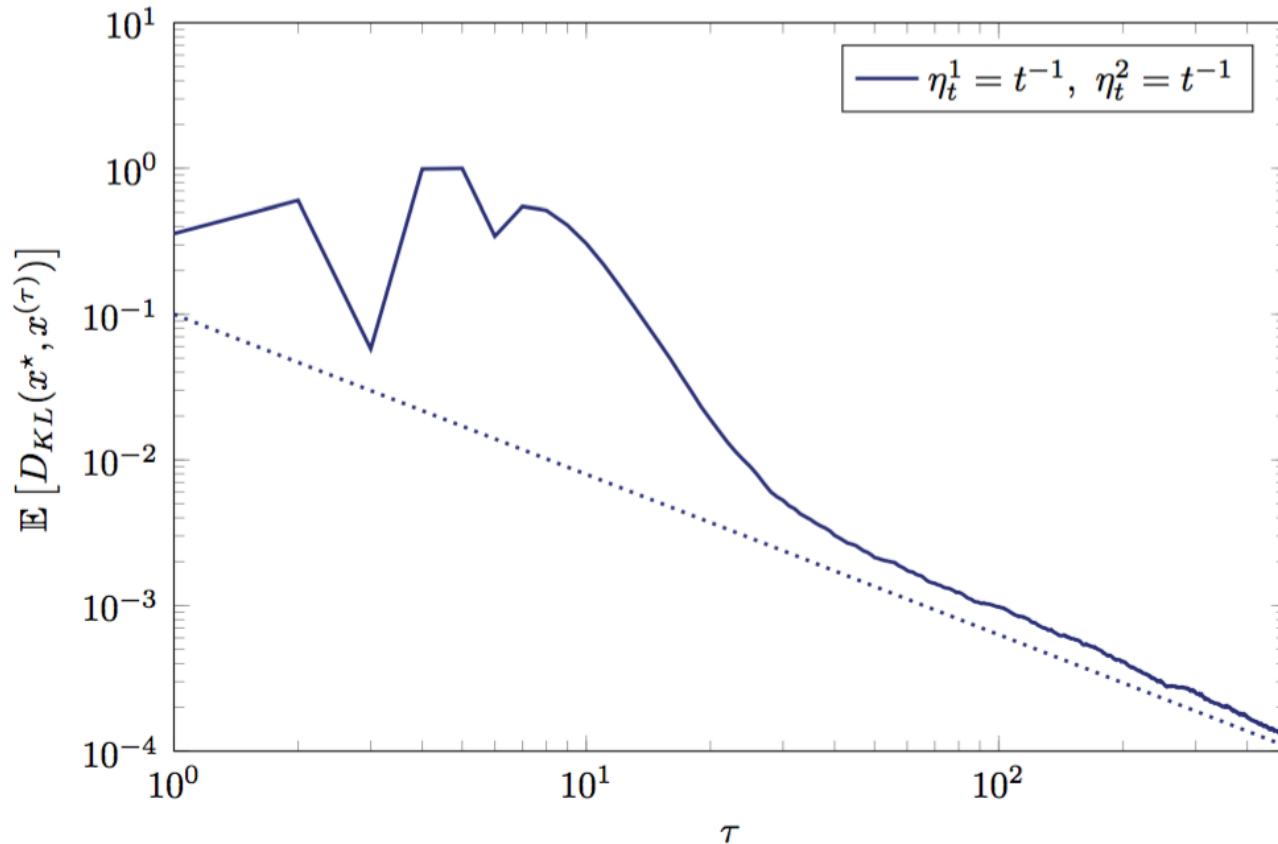


Population 2





# Routing game with strongly convex potential



**Figure:** Distance to equilibrium.

For  $\eta_t^k = \frac{\theta_k}{\ell_f t^{\alpha_k}}$ ,  $\alpha_k \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[D_\psi(x^*, x^{(t)})] = O(\sum_k t^{-\alpha_k})$

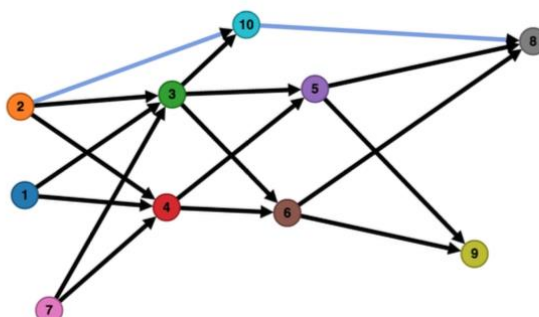








# Practical game implementation: field experiment

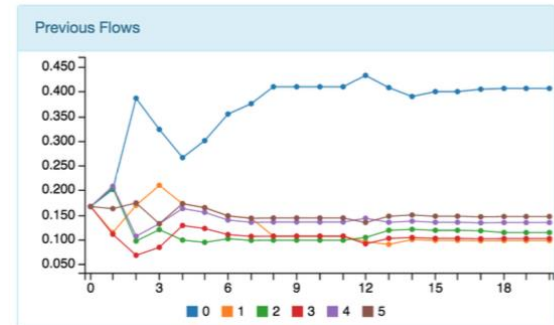
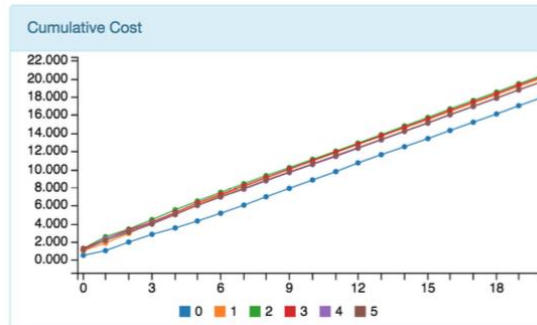
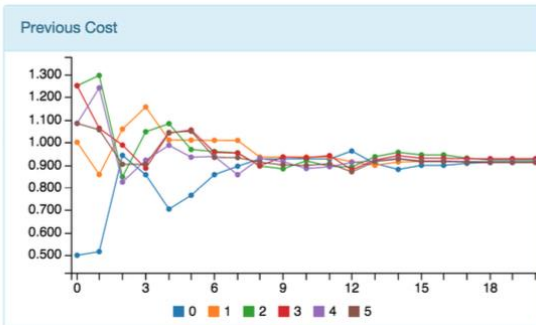
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- Study evolution of distribution over successive iterations

Routing game Time remaining: 11 Logged as: u1 Logout



Input					
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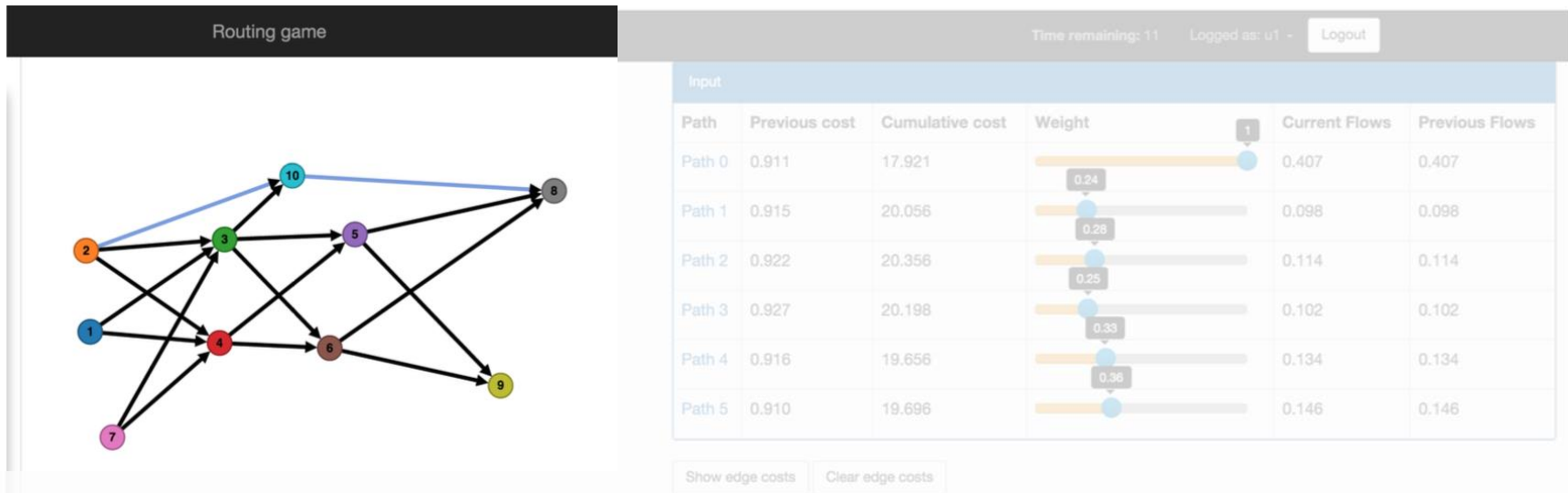




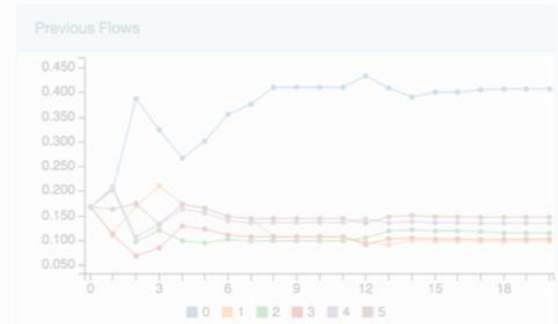
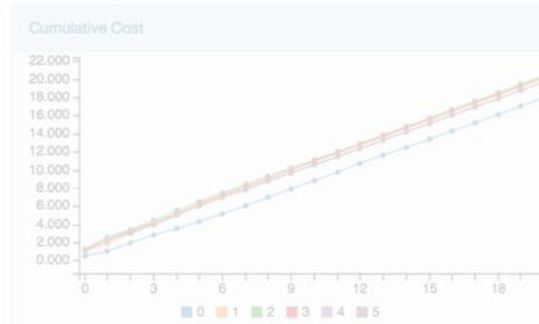
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Each “manager” has knowledge of the network







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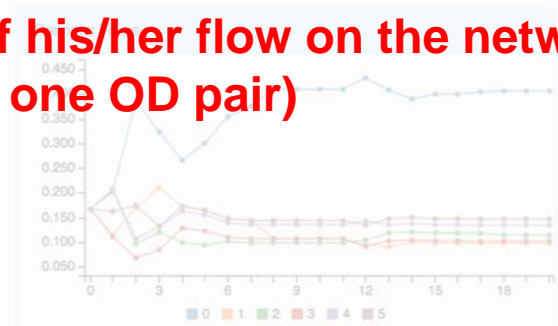
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Show edge costs Clear edge costs

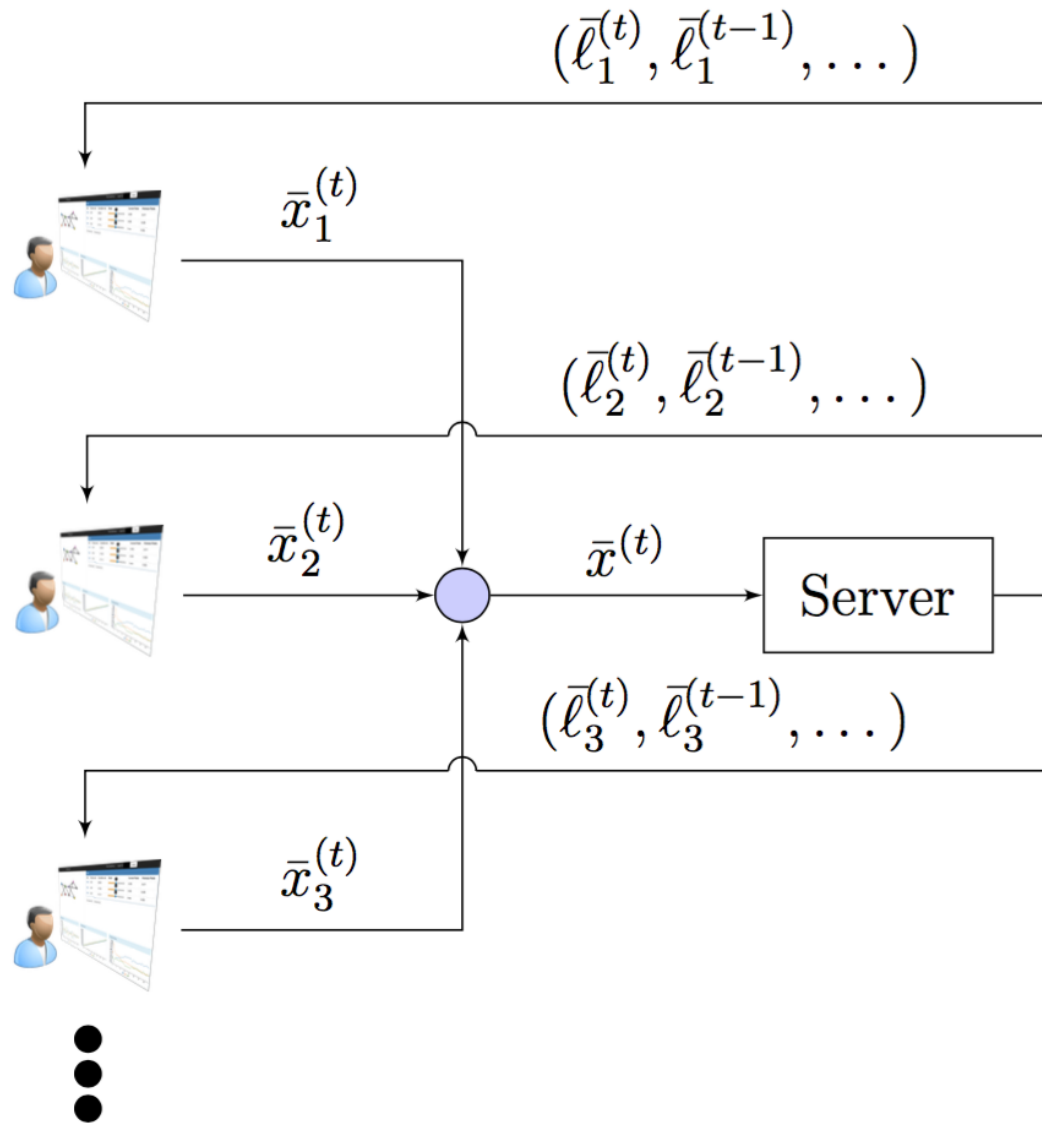
Through an interface he/she can choose the distribution of his/her flow on the network (for the game: on one OD pair)







# Game process





# Learning how players learn

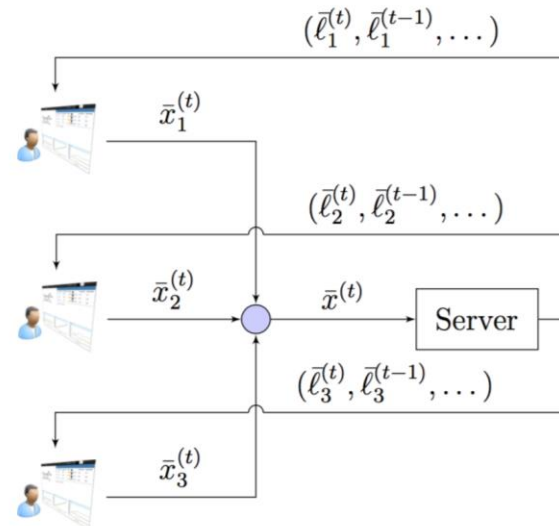
- We observe a sequence of player decisions  $(\bar{x}^{(t)})$  and losses  $(\bar{\ell}^{(t)})$ .
- Can we **fit a model** of player dynamics?

## Mirror descent model

Estimate the learning rate in the mirror descent model

$$x^{(t+1)}(\eta) = \arg \min_{x \in \Delta^{\mathcal{A}_k}} \langle \bar{\ell}^{(t)}, x \rangle + \frac{1}{\eta} D_{KL}(x, \bar{x}^{(t)})$$

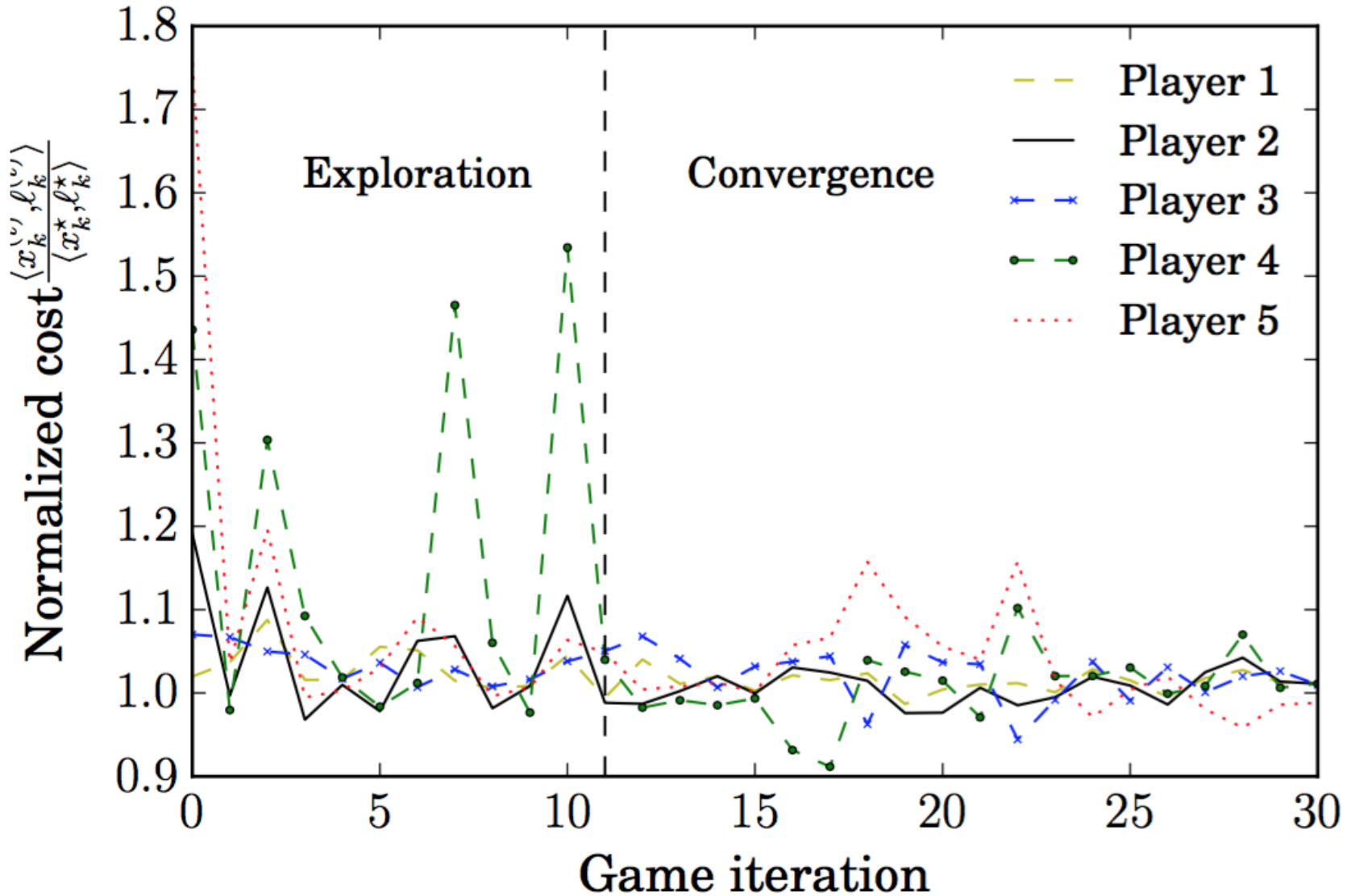
Then  $d(\eta) = D_{KL}(\bar{x}^{(t+1)}, x^{(t+1)}(\eta))$  is a convex function. Can minimize it to estimate  $\eta_k^{(t)}$ .





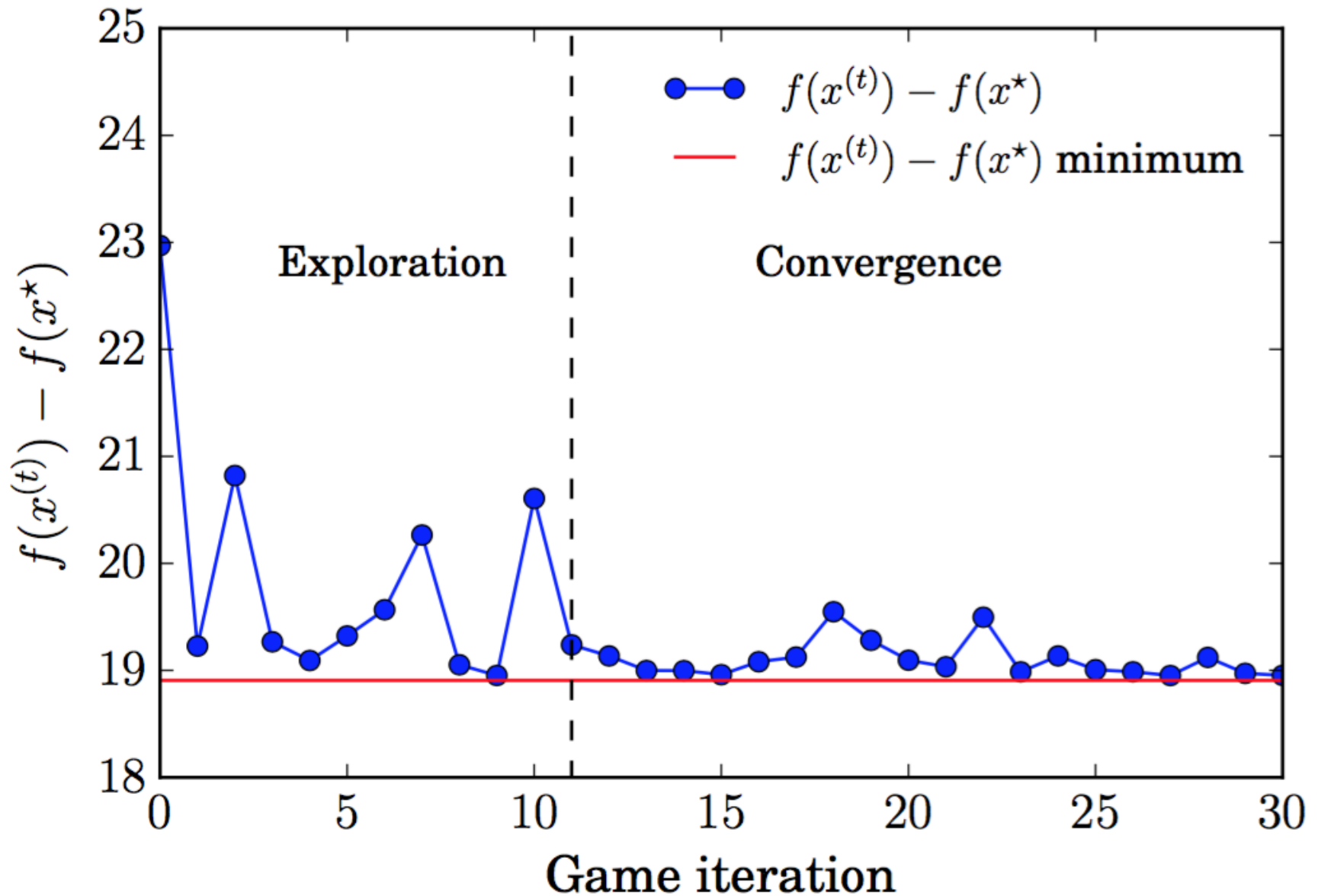


# Cost of each player (normalized by eq. cost)





# Potential function $f(x^{(t)}) - f^*$





# Average of KL divergence

## Average KL divergence between

- Predicted distributions
- Actual distributions

As a function of the prediction horizon  $h$

