

# Efficient Fine-grained Analysis of Urban Transport Accessibility

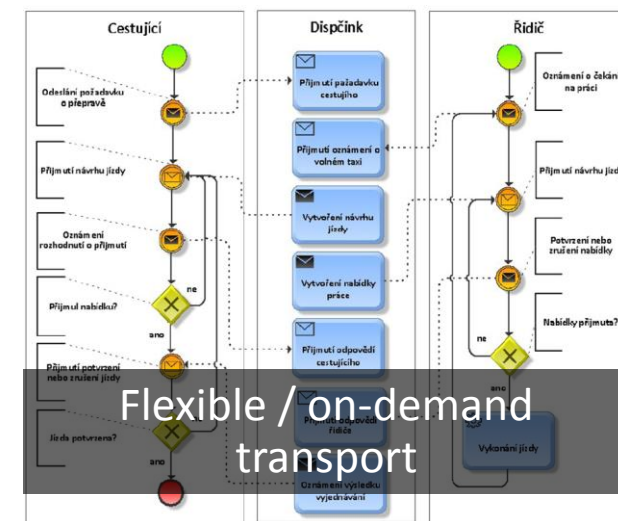
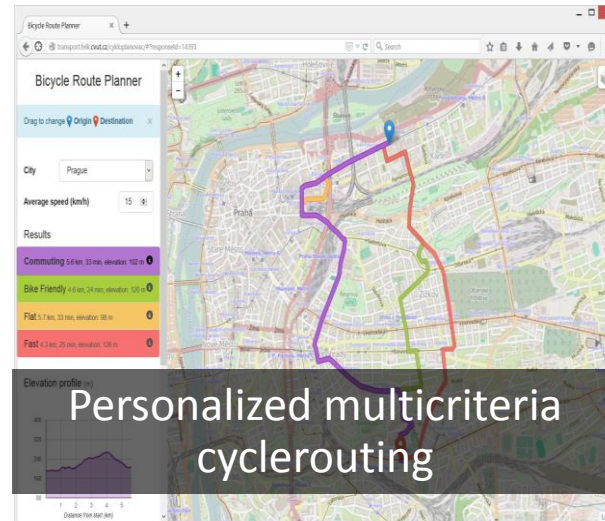
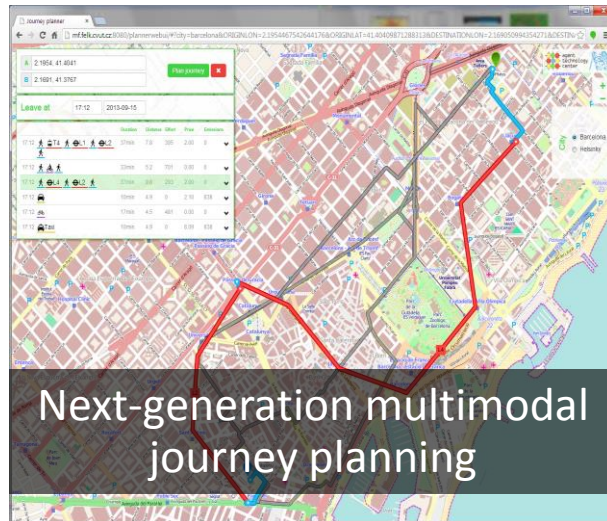
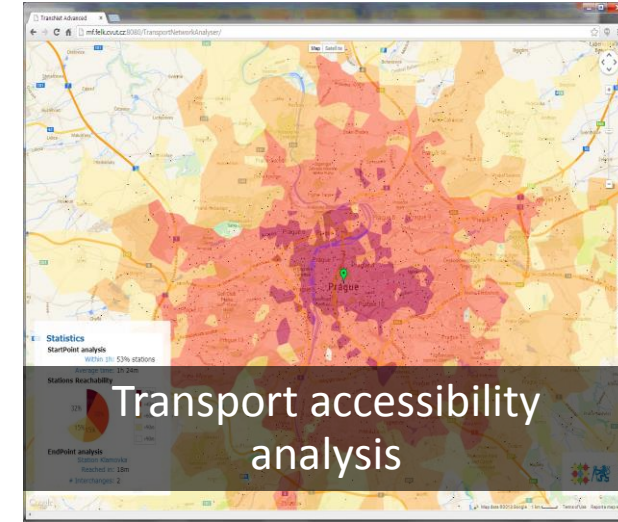
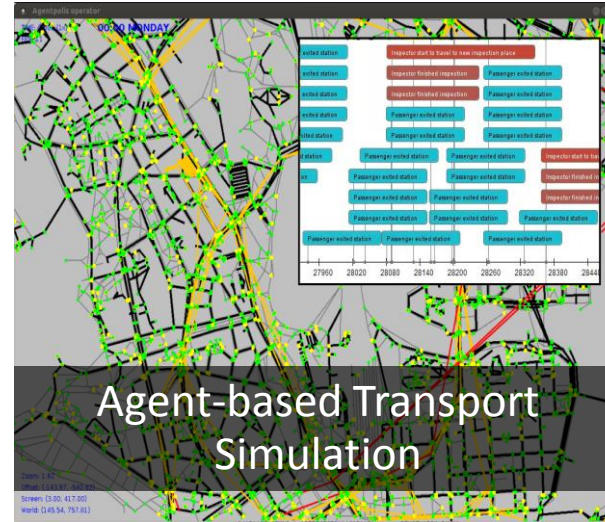
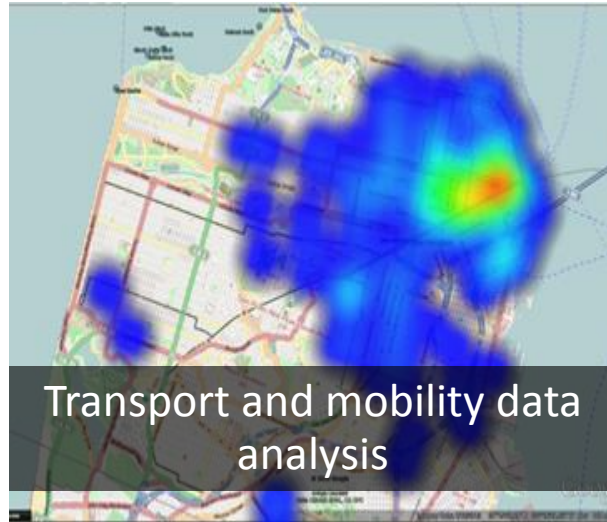
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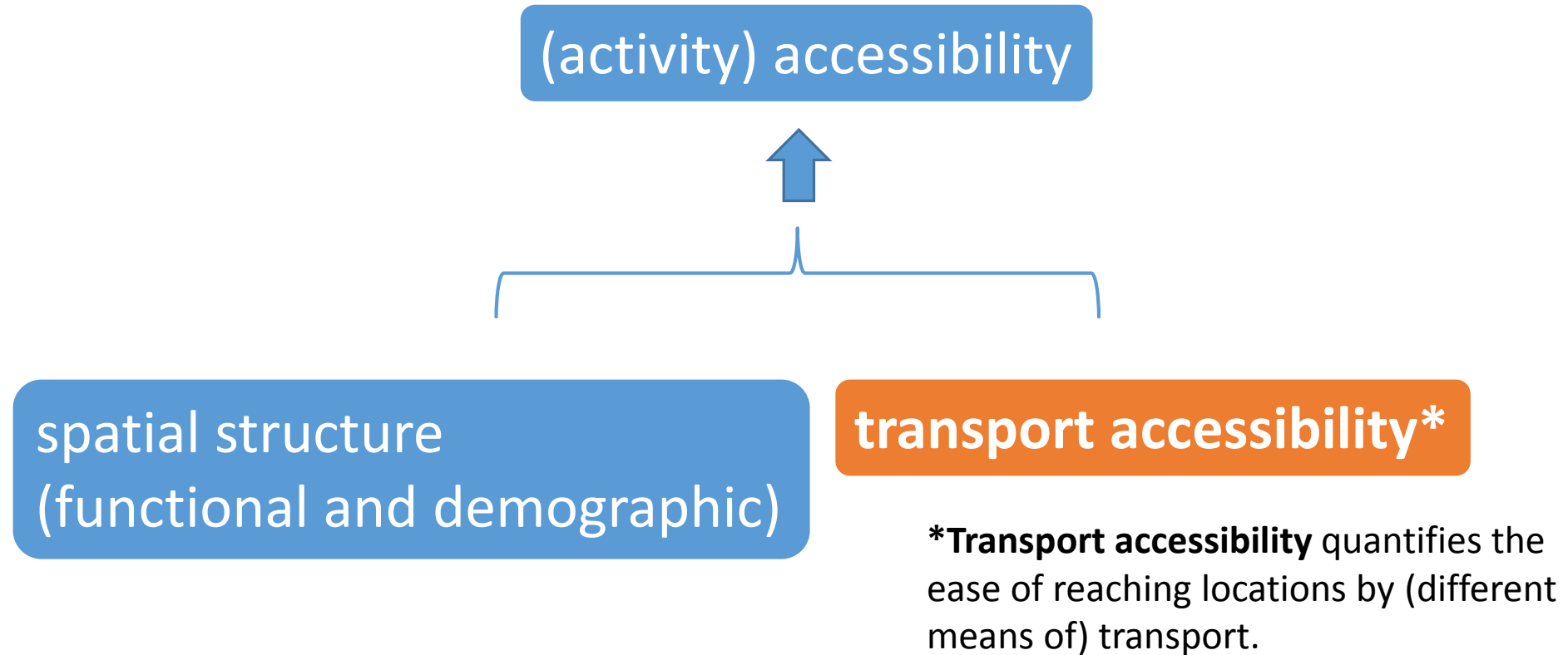
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# Agent-based Computing for Intelligent Transport Systems Group



# (Transport) Accessibility



# Related Work

← Prior to ~2005

Simple models of the transport network (core network)  
Travel time only  
No constraints

Last 10 years →

Finer-grained models of the transport network (GTFS timetables)  
Still (mostly) travel time only  
Slow to calculate

## Our approach

**Fine-grained model** of the transport network (→ generalised time-dependent graphs)

Realistic **travel constraints** (number of transfers, max walking distance)

**Efficient** single-origin multi-destination **computation**

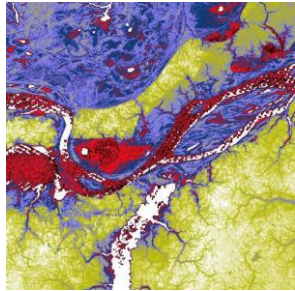
**Multiple metrics**

# Fine-grained Transport Network Model

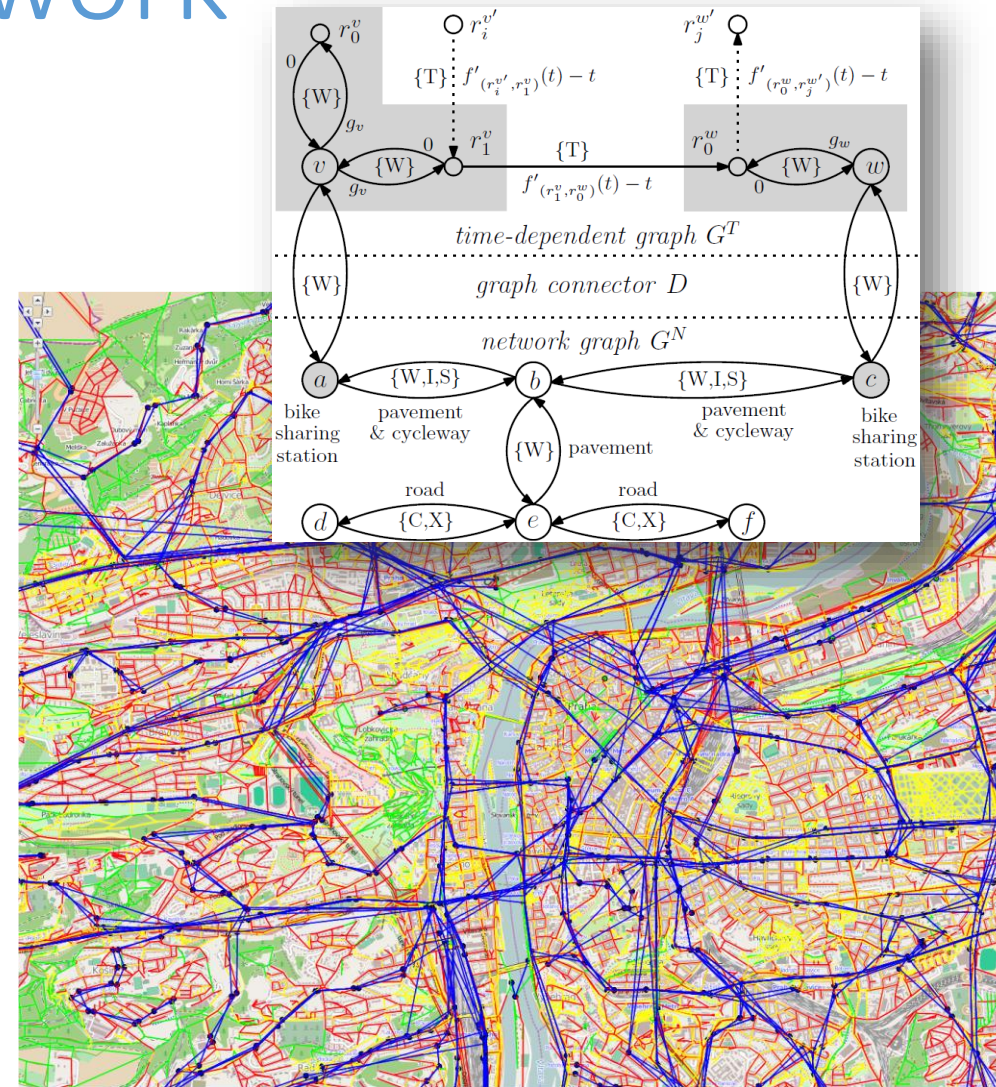
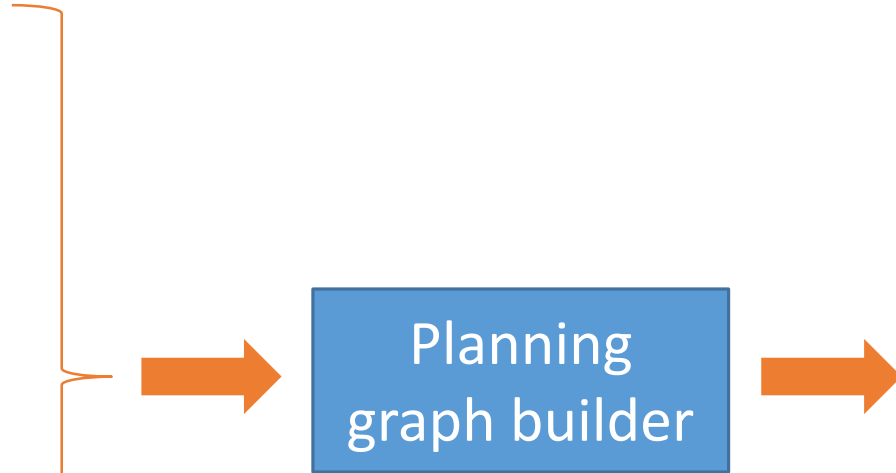
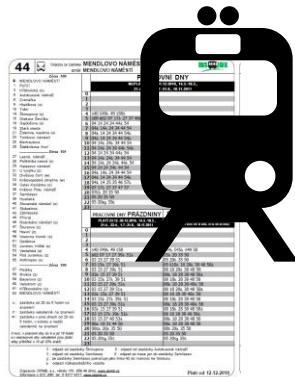
Maps  
(OSM)



Elevation  
data



Timetables  
(JDF/GTFS)



Generalised time-dependent graph  
(large:  $10^5$ - $10^6$  nodes and edges)

# Accessibility Metrics Supported

## Public transport

- Time
- Transfers
- Frequency
- *Overall*

## Car

- Time
- Distance
- Fuel Consumption
- *Overall*

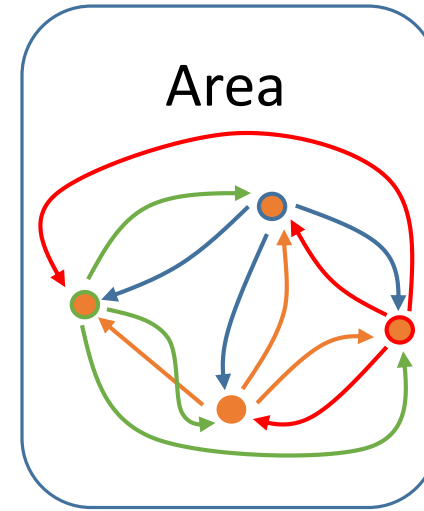
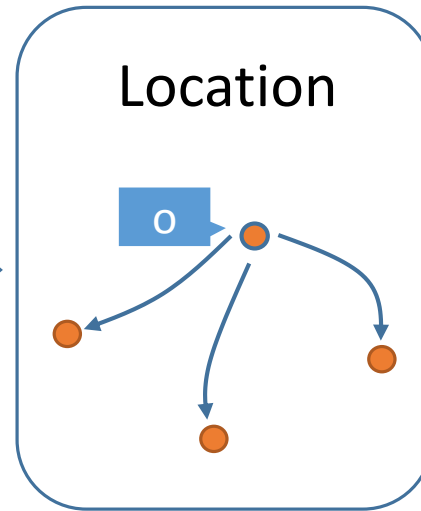
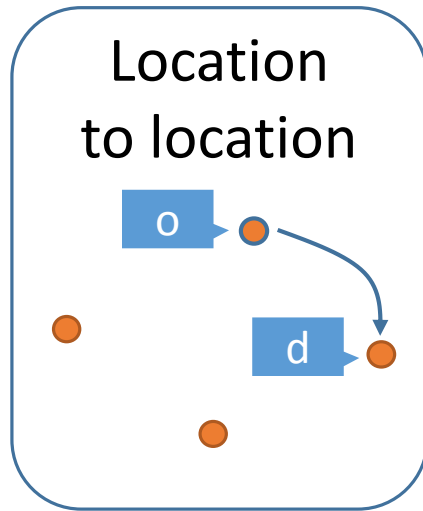
## Bike

- Time
- Distance
- Physical Effort
- Elevation gain
- *Overall*

Metrics values vs. levels (discretization)

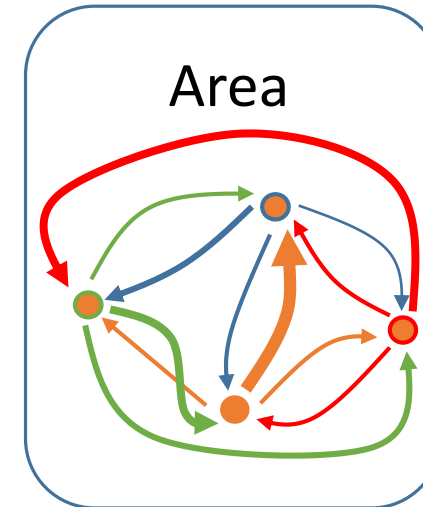
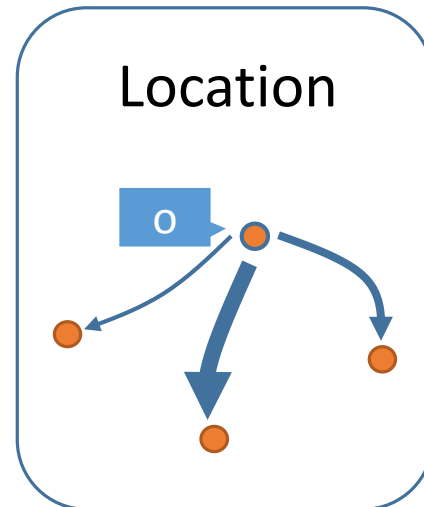
# Accessibility Metrics: Hierarchy

**uniform / unweighted**



+ travel demand data  
(e.g. from mobile networks)

**demand-weighted**



# Algorithm

## Modified Dijkstra's algorithm [Dijkstra59]

→ multiple destinations within a single run

Real-world constraints supported:

- number of transfers
- max. walking distance

## Key structure: Contextual Graph View

- graph-like structure
- context nodes {node, time, #transfers, walking}
- allows encoding real-world constraints

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**Algorithm 2:** Generating of contextual successors for public transport contextual graph view.

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**Data:** GTD graph  $G = (V, E)$ , settings  $S$

**Input:** contextual node  $n$

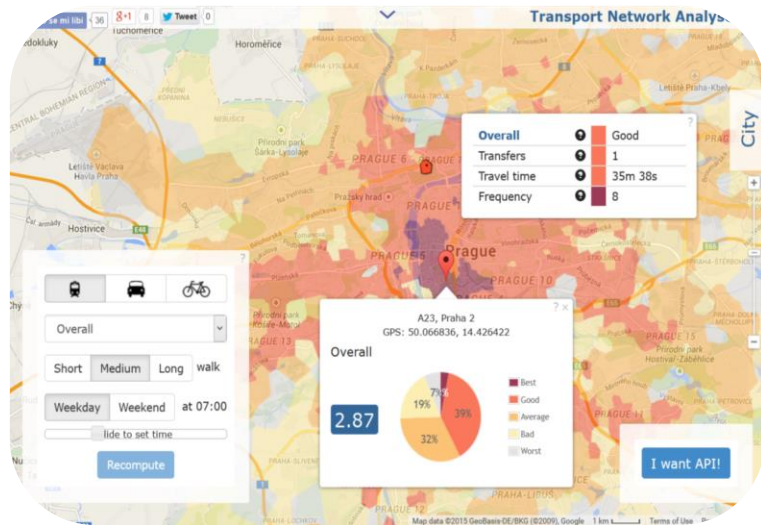
**Output:** successors of  $n$

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1 successors := empty set
2 outgoing :=  $G.getOutgoingEdges(n.GTDNode)$ 
3 foreach  $edge \in outgoing$  do
4   |  $transfers := n.transfers$ 
5   | if  $edgeCausesTransfer(edge)$  then
6     |  $transfers = transfers + 1$ 
7   | end
8   |  $remWalk := n.remWalk - edge.walk$ 
9   |  $arrival := edge.getArrivalToTail(n.arrival)$ 
10  | if  $remWalk > 0 \ \& \ transfers \leq S.maxTransfers$  then
11  |   |  $successors.add(newContextNode($ 
12  |   |  $edge.tail, arrival, transfers, remainingWalk))$ 
13  | end
14 end
15 return successors
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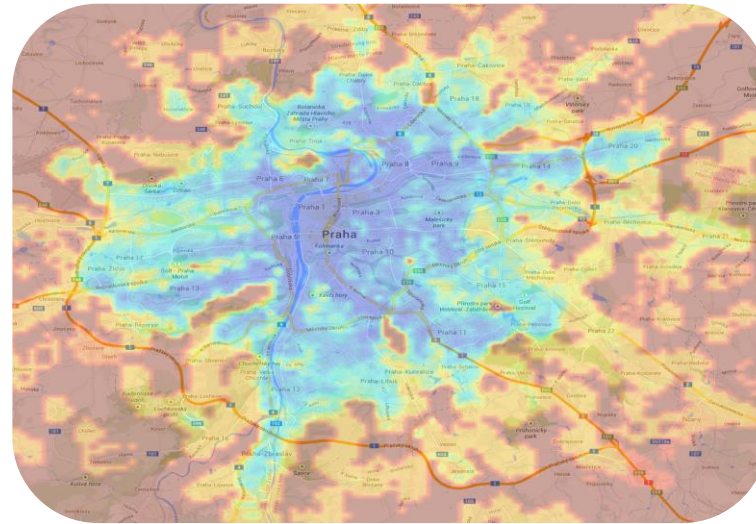
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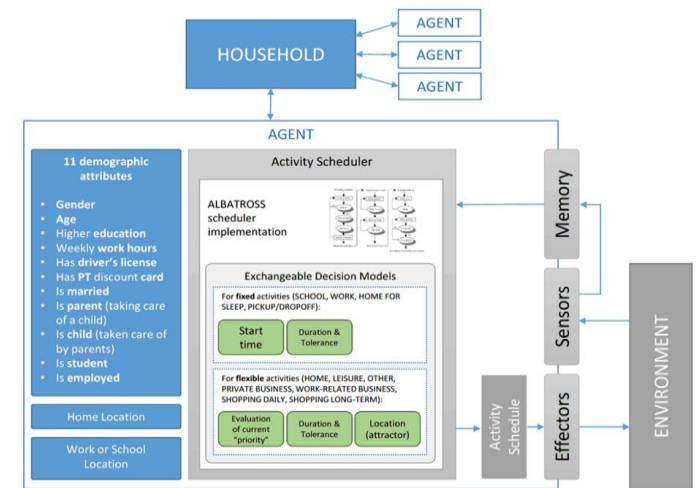
# Applications / Use cases



End-user location accessibility analysis

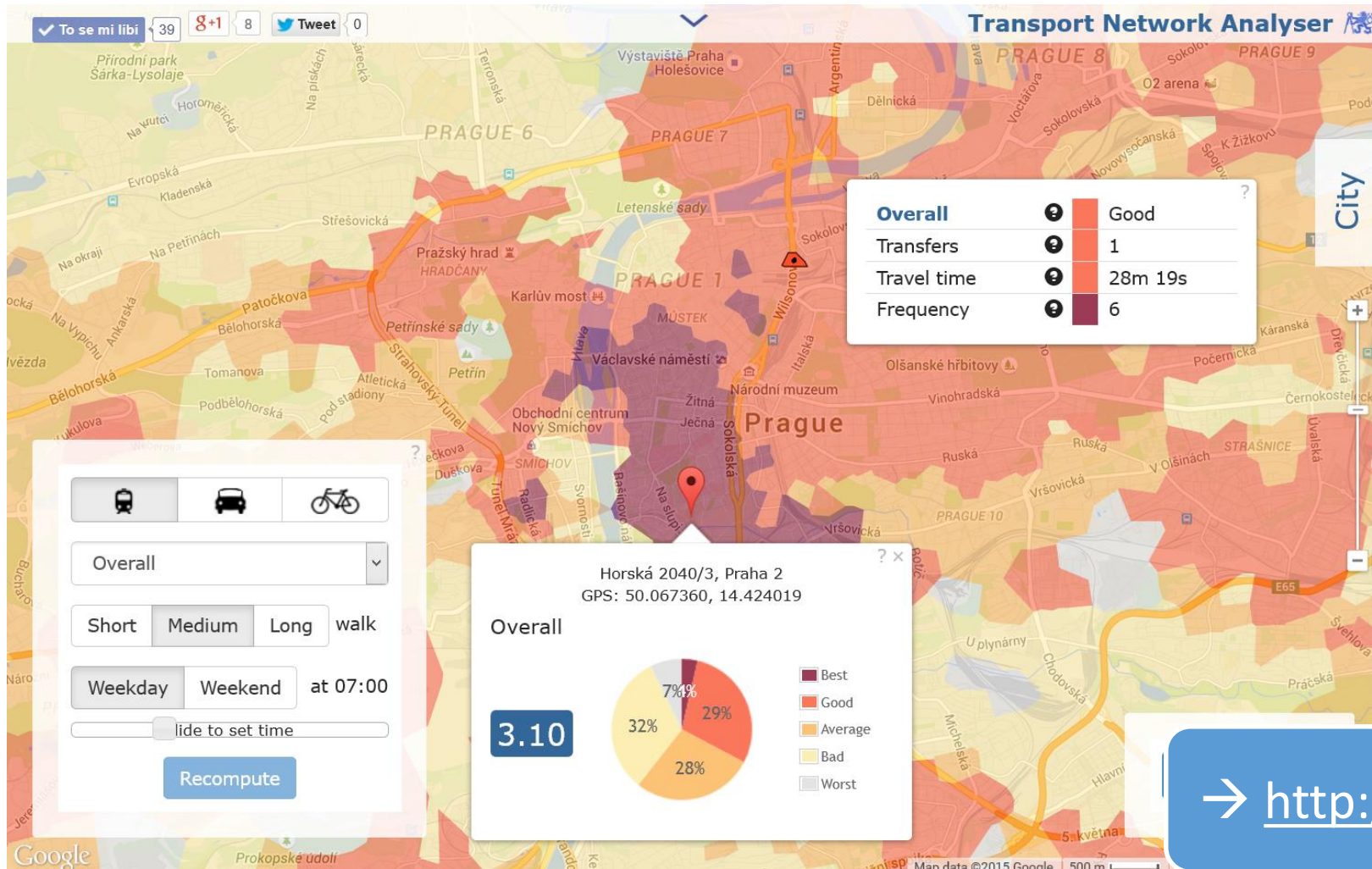


Expert area accessibility analysis tools



Efficient travel time estimation for activity-based models

# End-user Location Analysis Web App



Interactive **Location analysis** for general public.

Responsive: calculation time: 1s

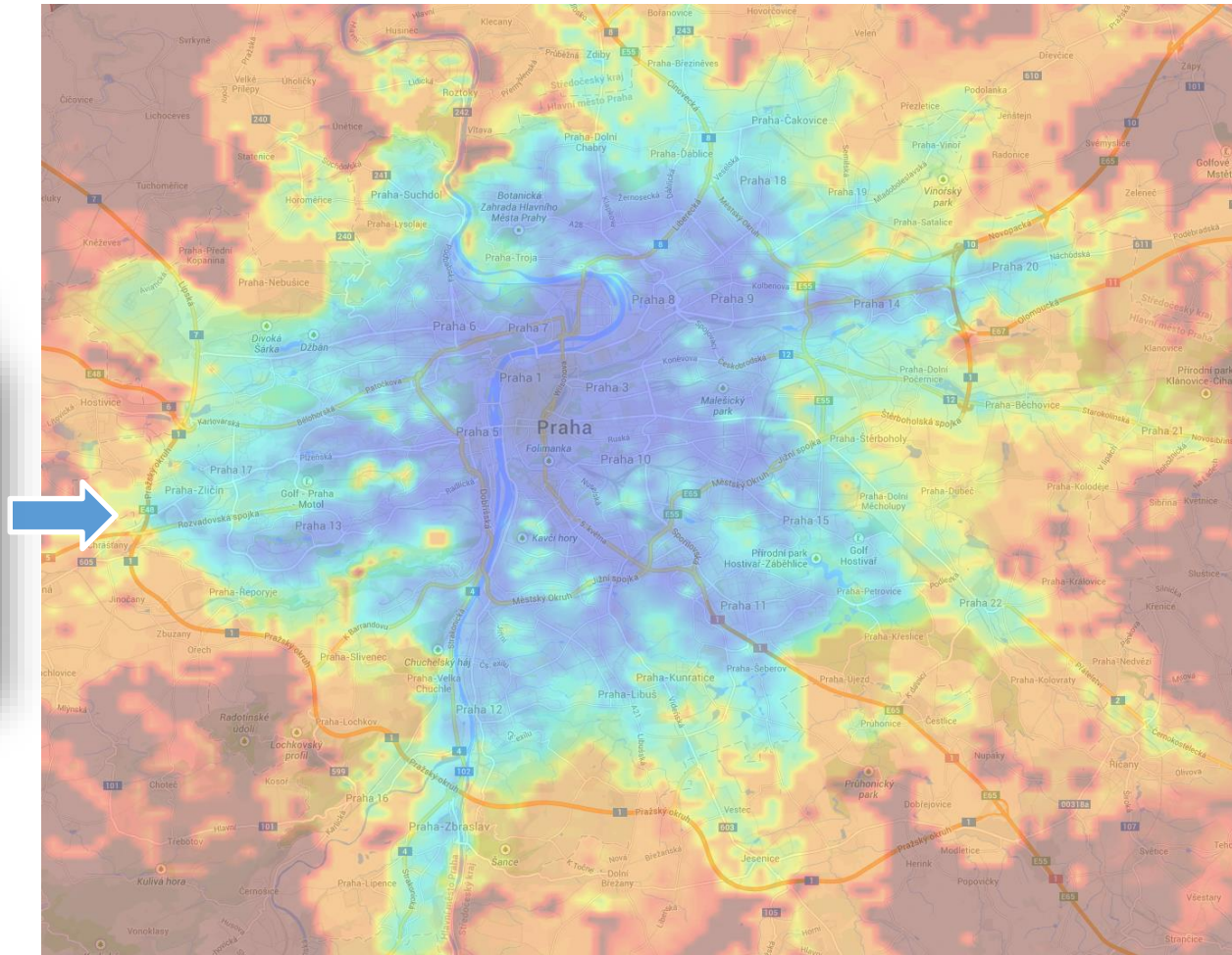
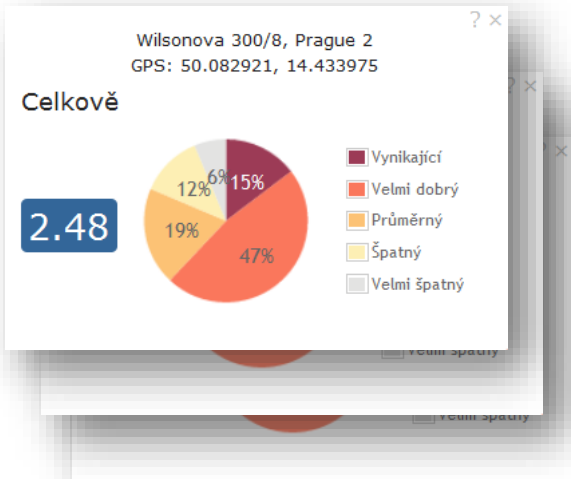
Use cases

- property rental
- facility location
- ...

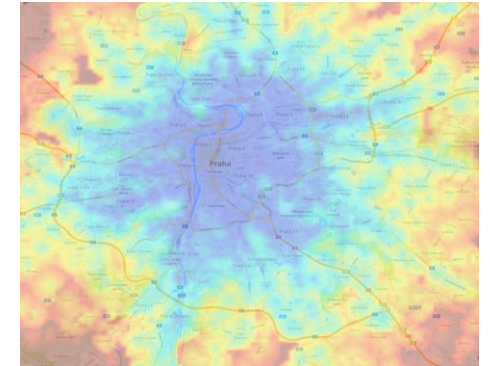
→ <http://transportanalyser.com>

Timetables from Autumn 2013

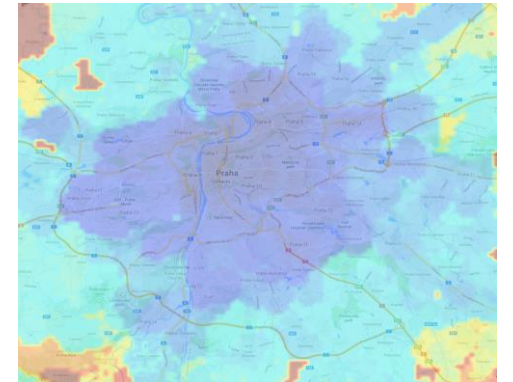
# Area Accessibility Maps



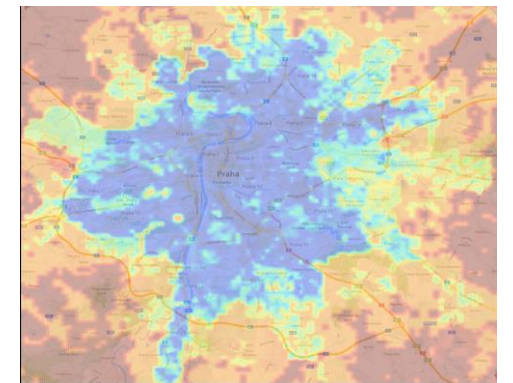
Overall **area** accessibility by public transport



Time



Transfers

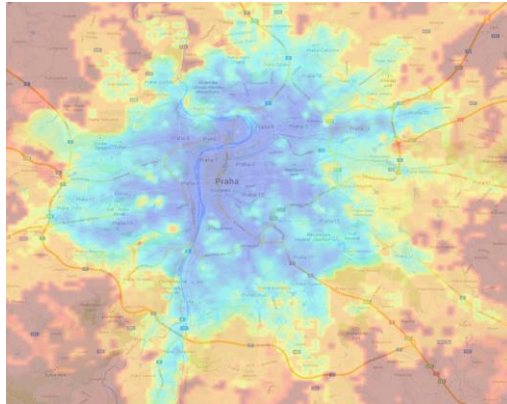


Frequency

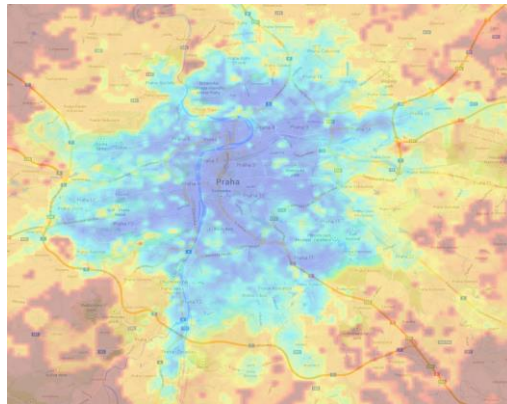
Multiple **location** accessibility analyses

# Comparison / What-if Analysis

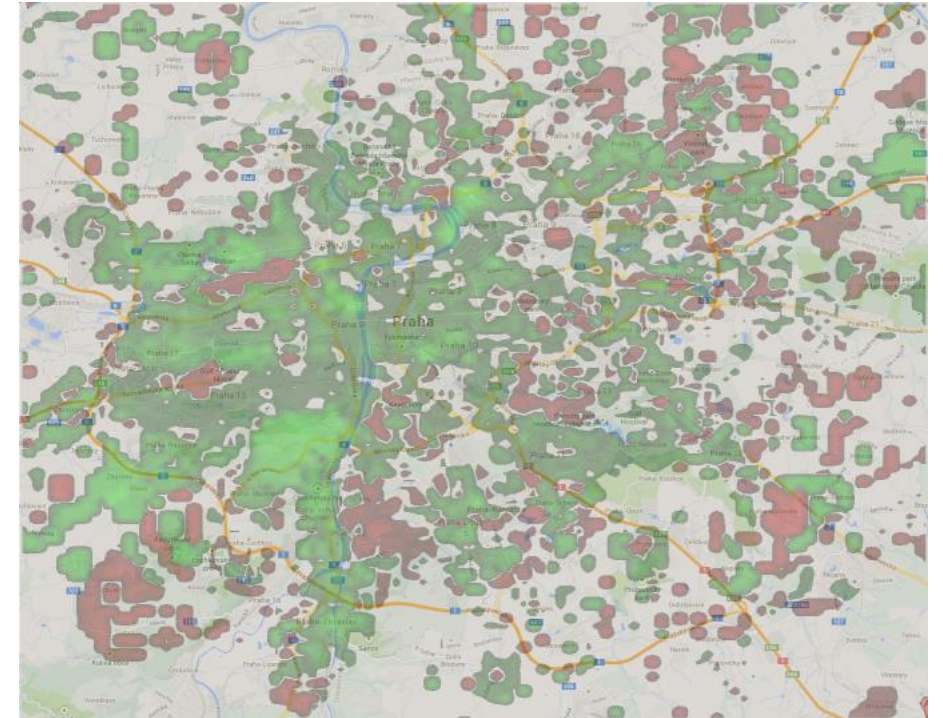
Scenario 1:



Scenario 2:

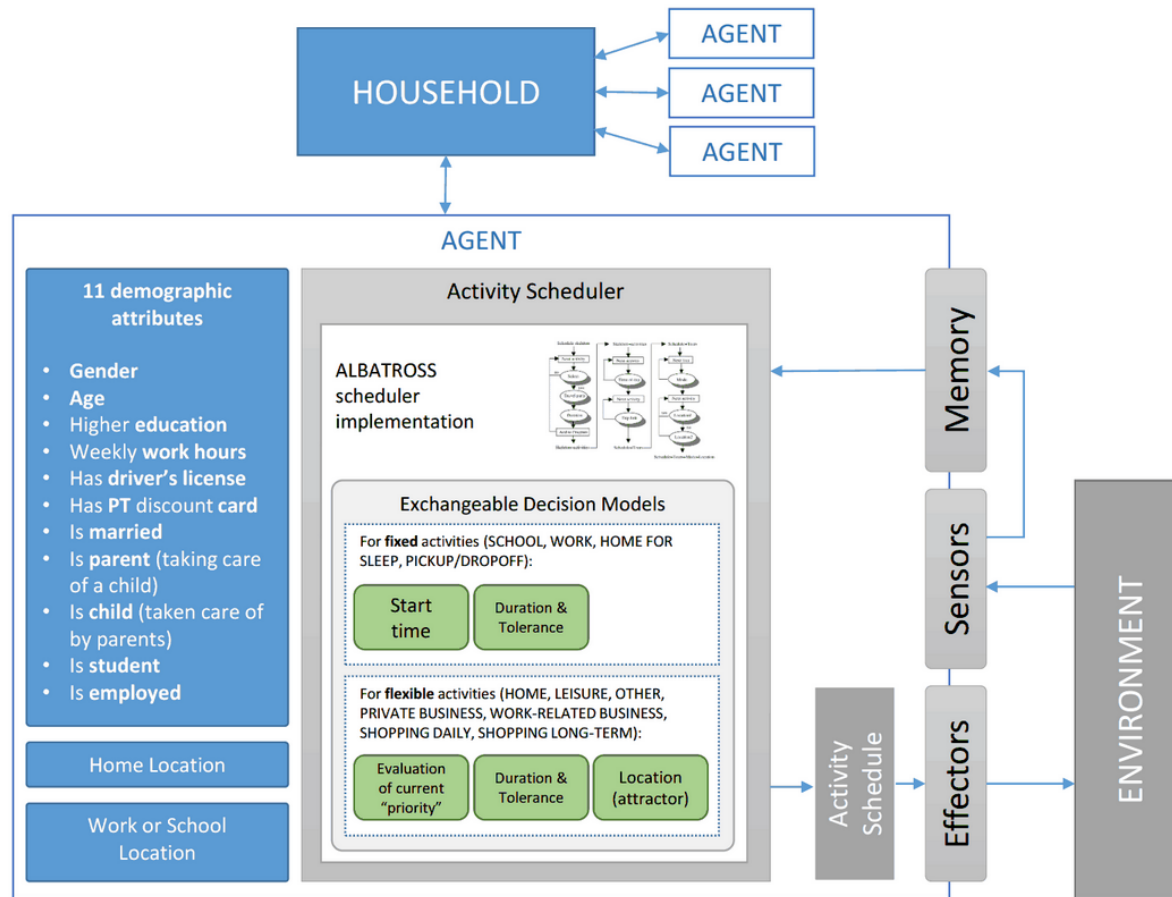


Comparison



Differences

# Efficient travel time estimation for activity-based mobility models



Efficient travel time calculation essential for activity **location choice** and **mode choice** in activity models.

**Millions+** of travel time estimations required for a single simulation runs.

# Future Work

Towards **full multimodality**: P+R and B+R

Additional criteria for **cycling accessibility** (comfort and safety)

Supercomputer deployment + national **scale up**

Closed-loop Integration with public transport network (and timetable) **design process**

Incorporation of **accurate demand** data

# Conclusions

Efficient yet accurate calculation of transport accessibility is a **computationally challenging** problem.

We have developed an **efficient** method utilizing a **fine-grained** model of the **transport network**.

We support accessibility calculation for **multiple transport modes**.

The method can be **easily integrated** into a range of smart-city application in transport and urban planning.

→ <http://transportanalyser.com>  
→ <http://dopravnidostupnost.cz>

