

Choice Set Generation and Model Identification for Route Choice using GPS-Data from Smart Phones

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What to expect?

Can traveler's smart phones be used to

- provide a platform for long term recording of GPS data
- determine the size of choice sets in route choice
- help to identify suitable choice models

and which problems need to be addressed to exploit this data source?



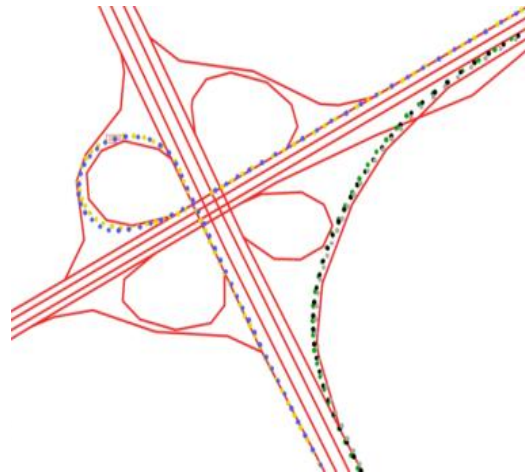
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- 278 participants
- > 20 miles commute each day
- 8 week period
- Onboard smart phone
- Data transfer to server via GSM mobile phone network





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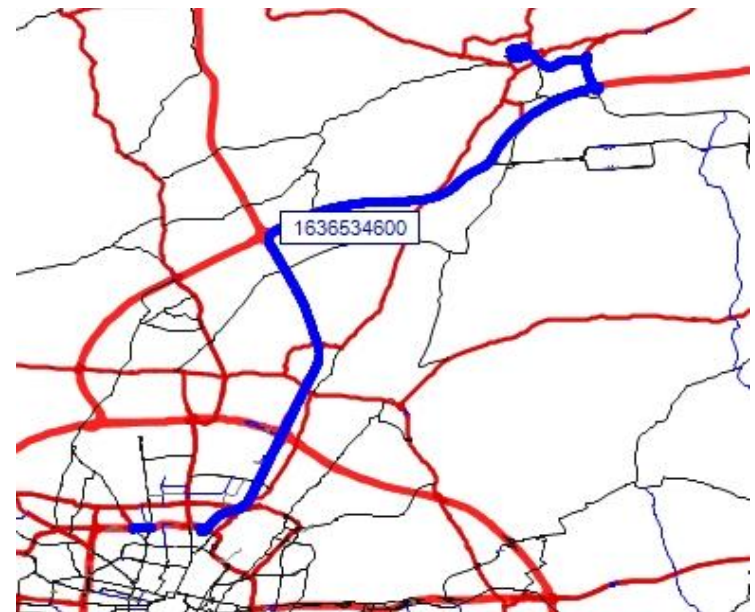
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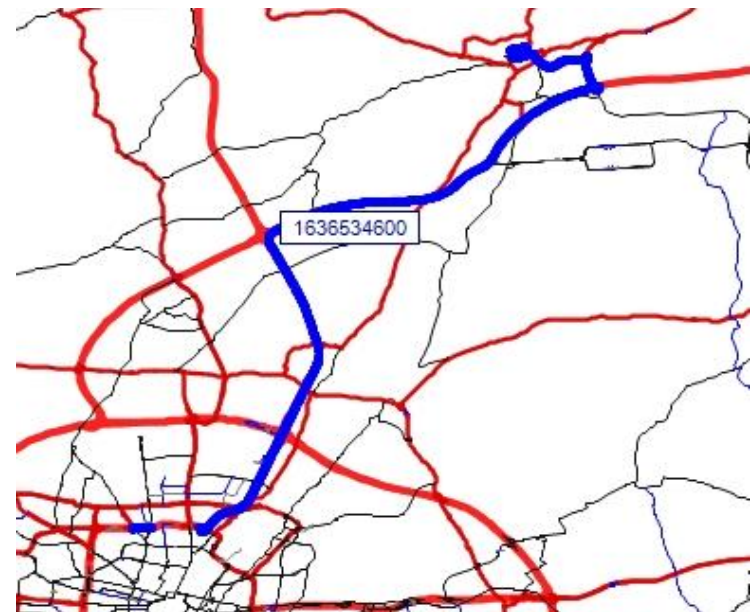
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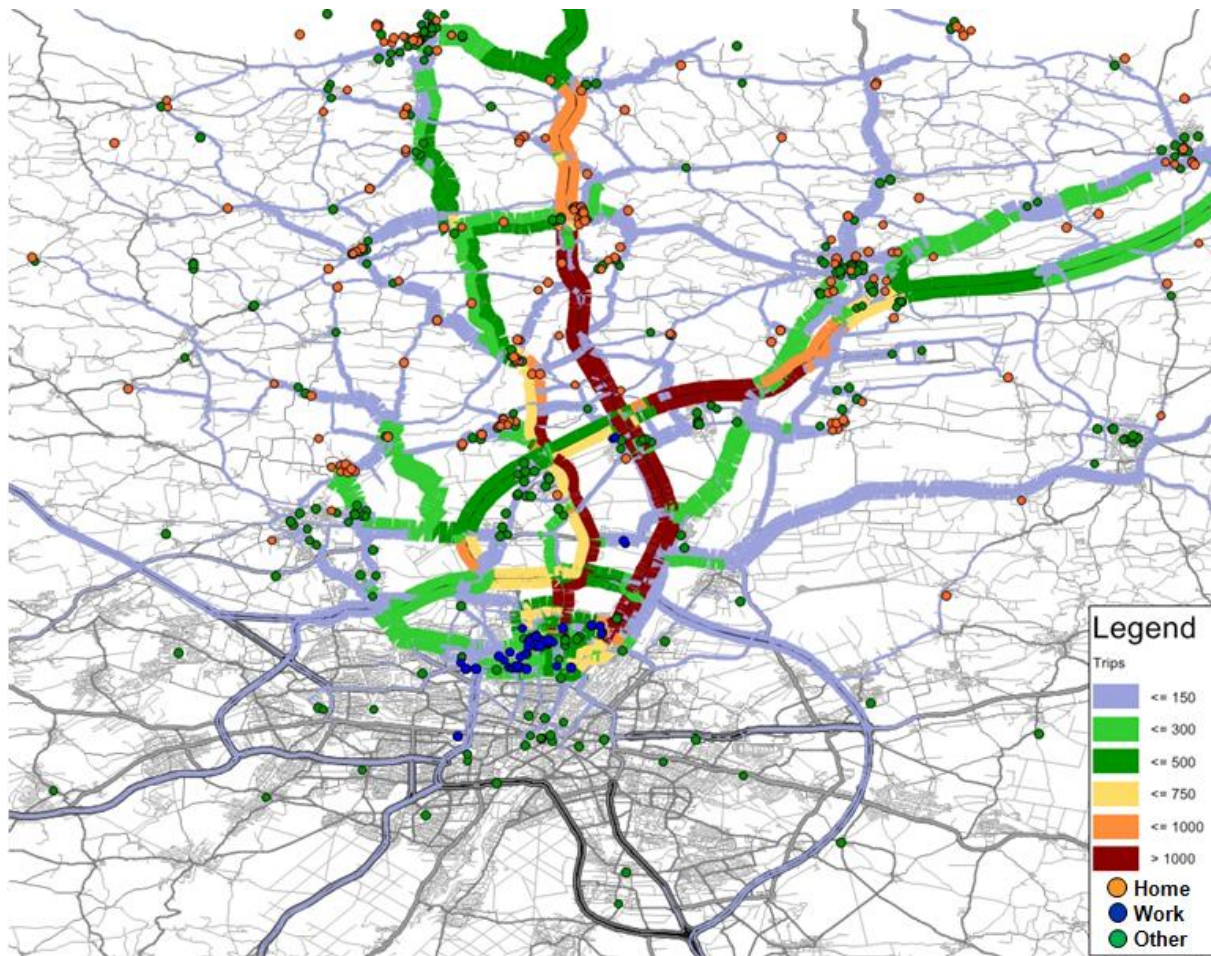


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- Several trips included in one track
- Inaccurate logging at trip ends



Data Volume



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	Total over 278 participants	Per person
Total time of detection	12,044 hours	43,3 hours
Number of detected trajectories	20,000	71



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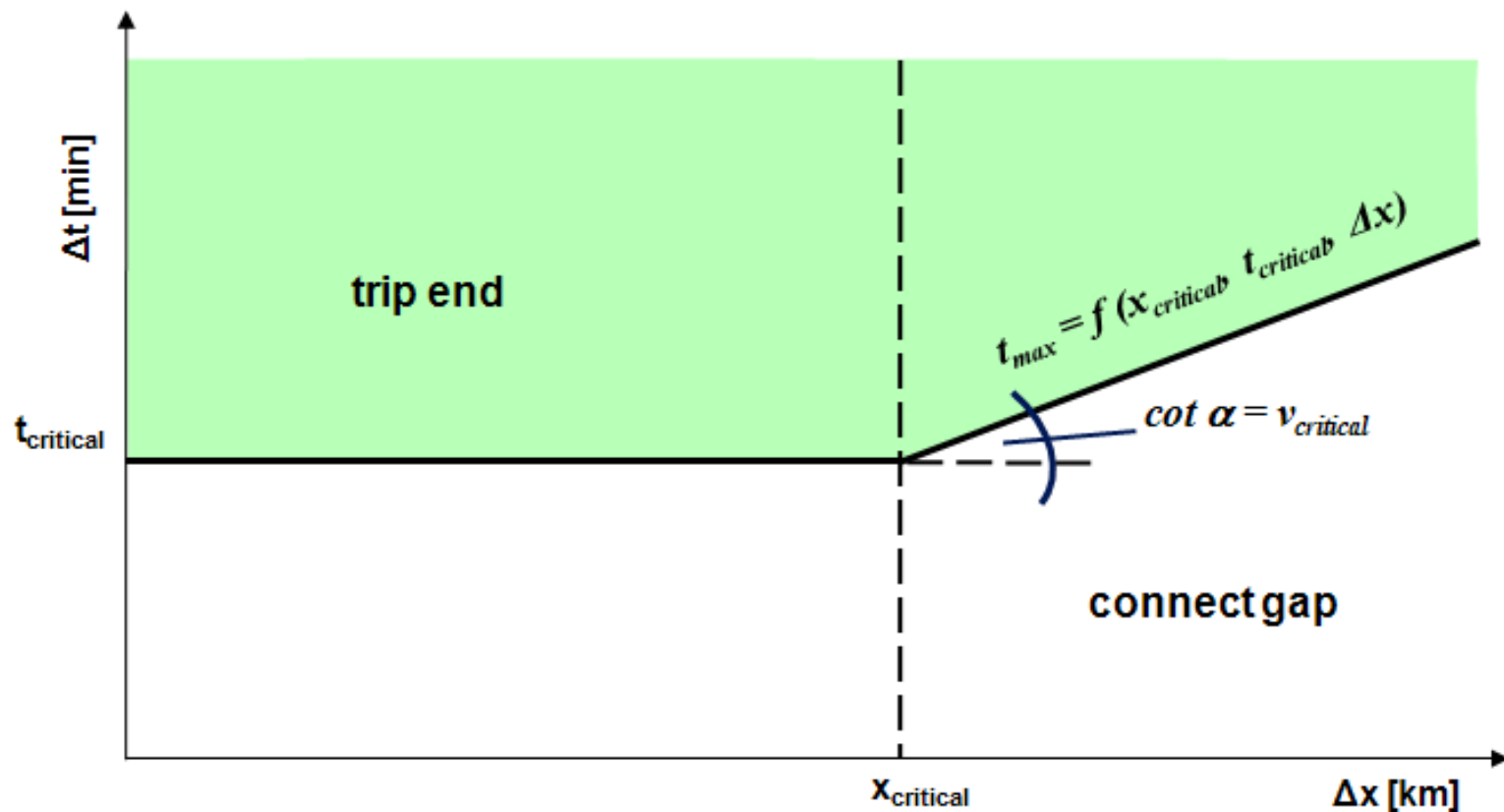
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- Procedure needed to
 - connect gap with shortest path
 - or identify trip end

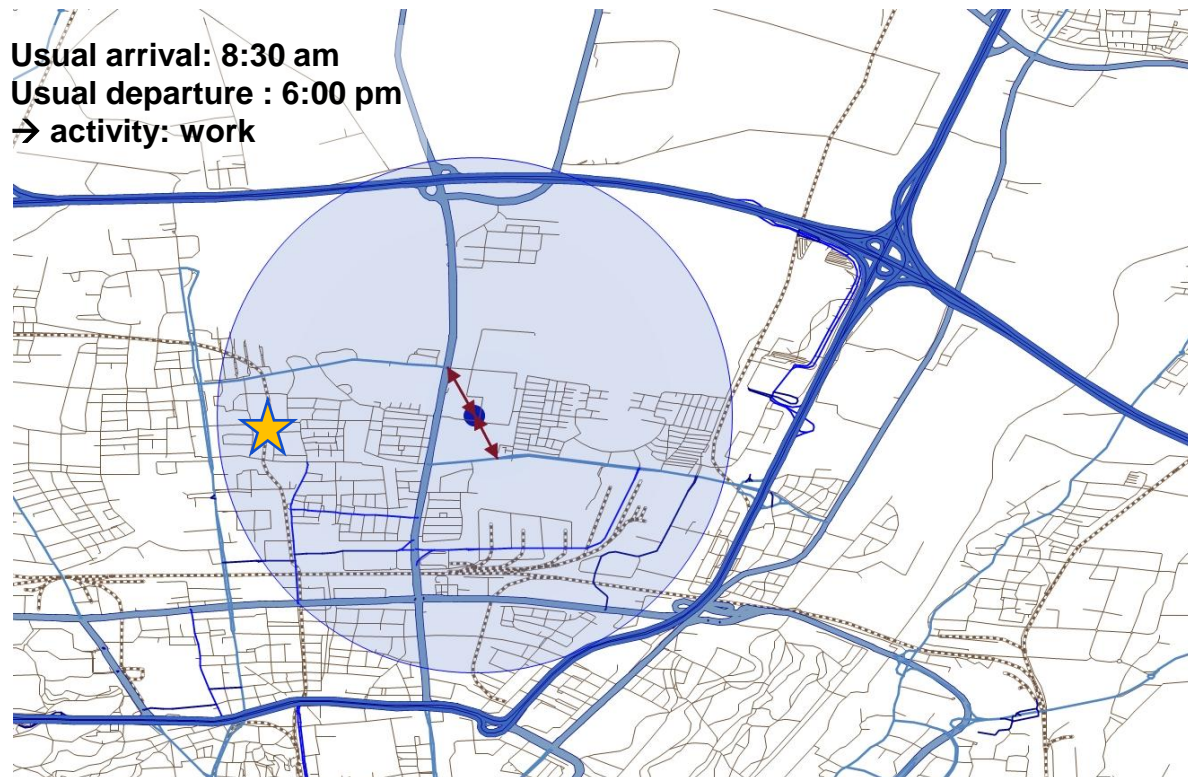
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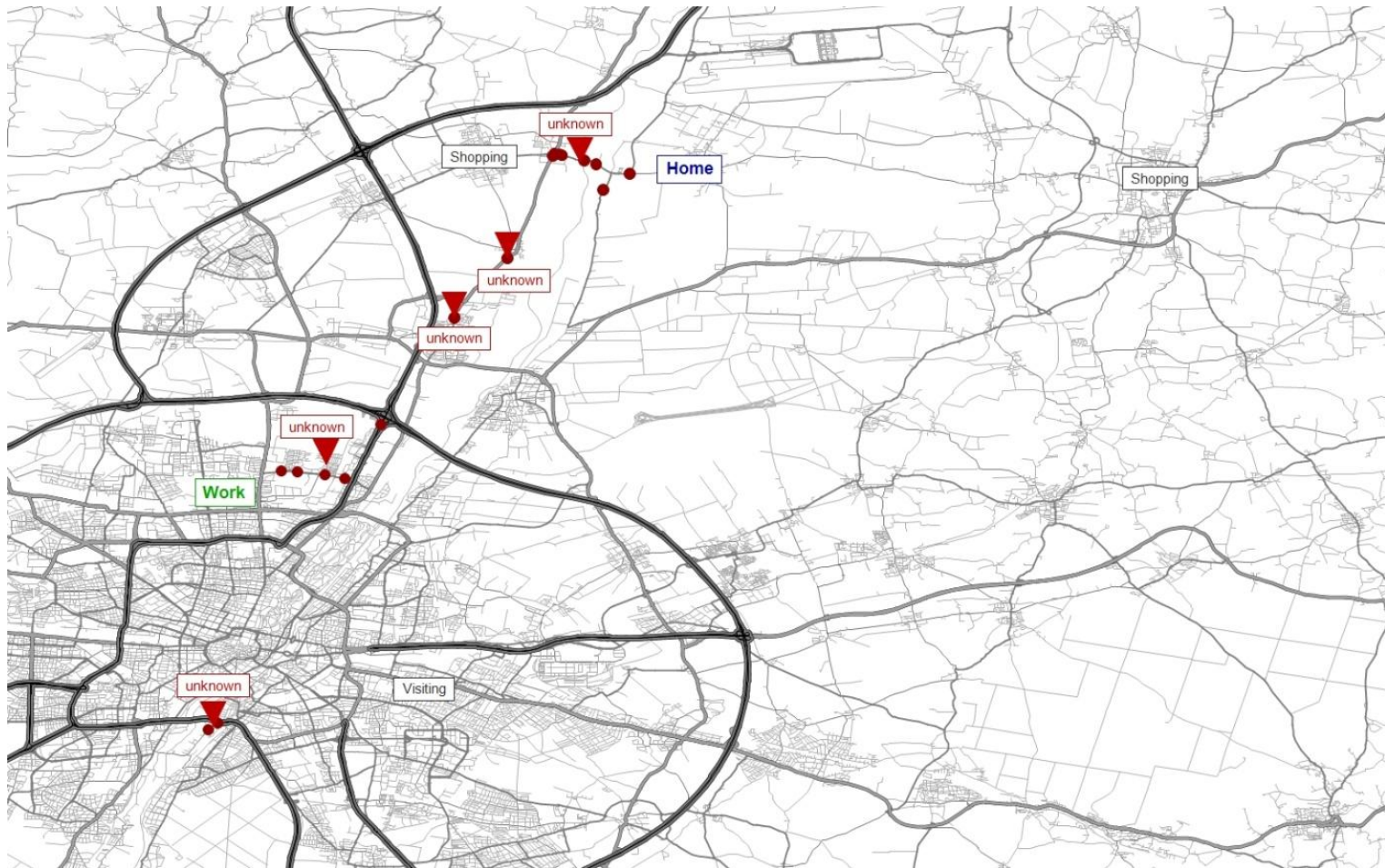
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Total number of GPS trajectories	20,000	71
Number of identified trips	25,000	89

Identification Activity Location

- Origin and destination points needed for choice set generation
 - Position match
 - Time match
 - Point of Interest match



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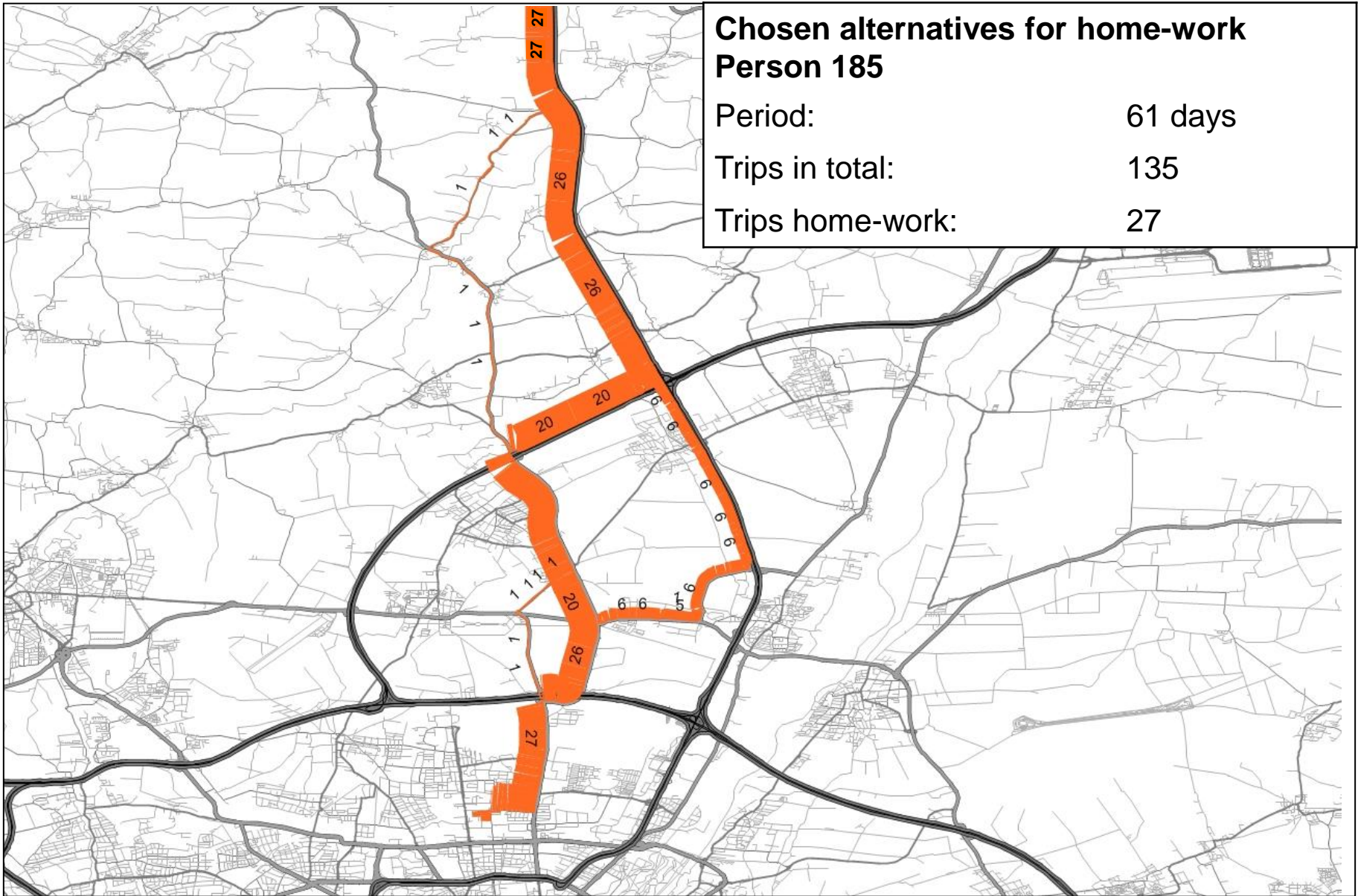
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Number of trips between identified activity locations	17,500	63



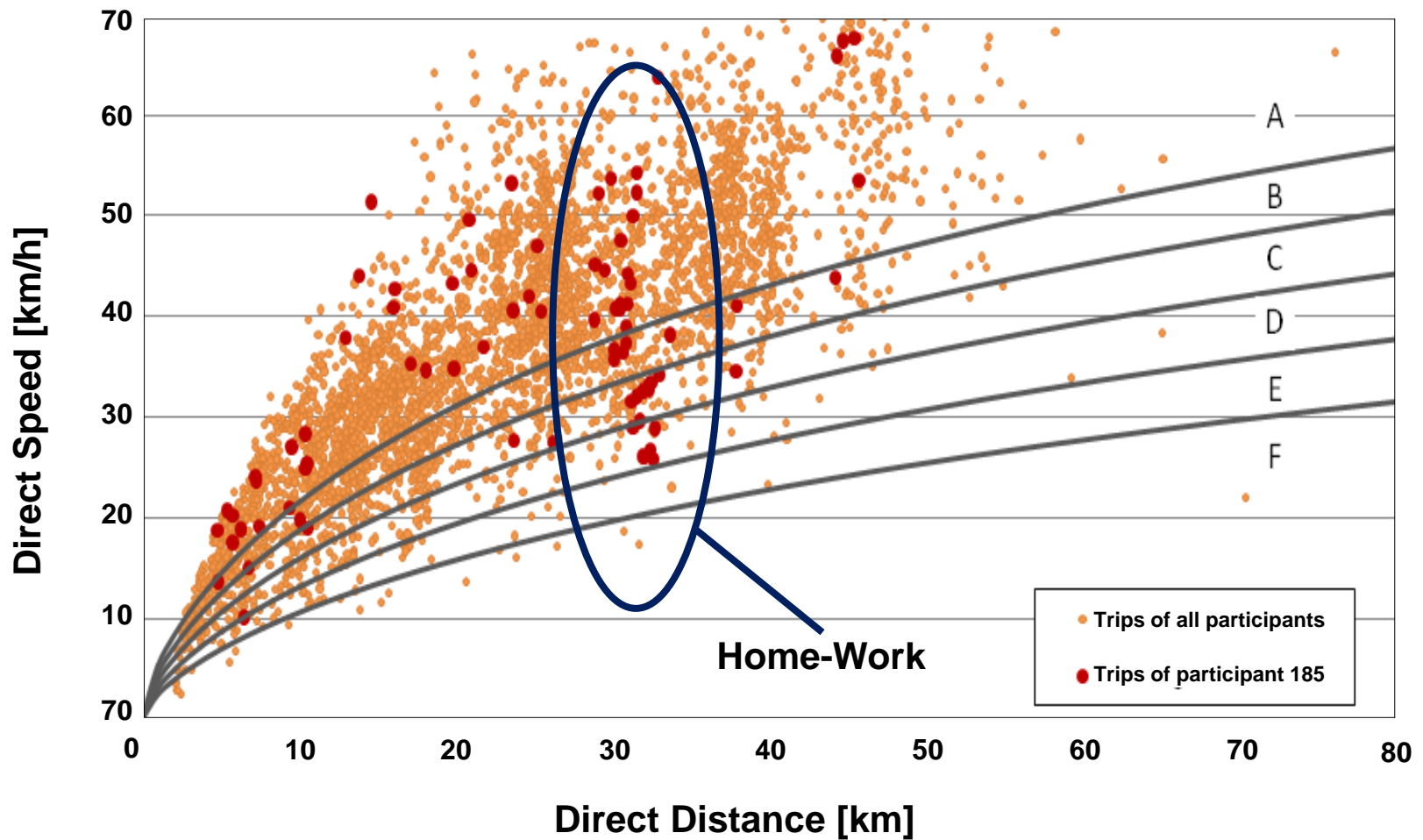
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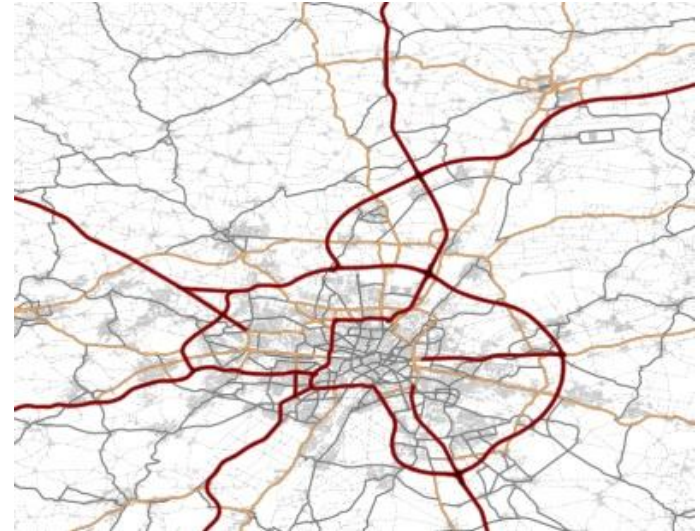
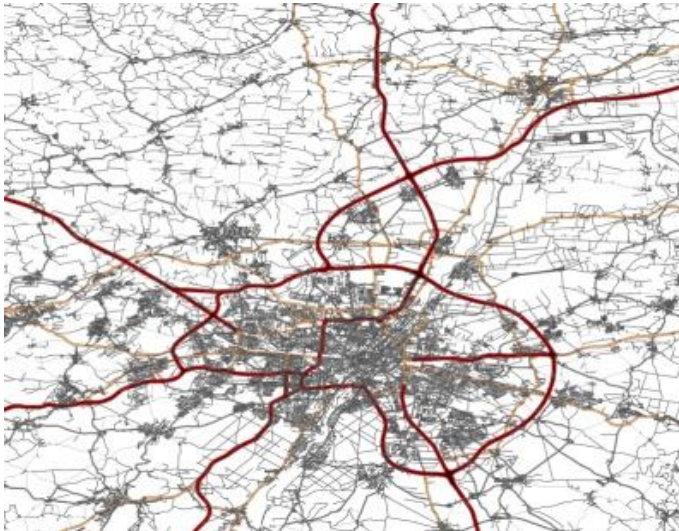
Level of Service experienced



Routes from home to work		
	Total over 278 participants	Per person
Number of chosen routes (GPS)	610	2.2
Number of known routes (interview)	806	2.9

Choice Set Generation

- Equilibrium assignments usually find >30 routes per OD pair for similar size networks
- Choice set generation needs to reflect hierarchical structure of decision process





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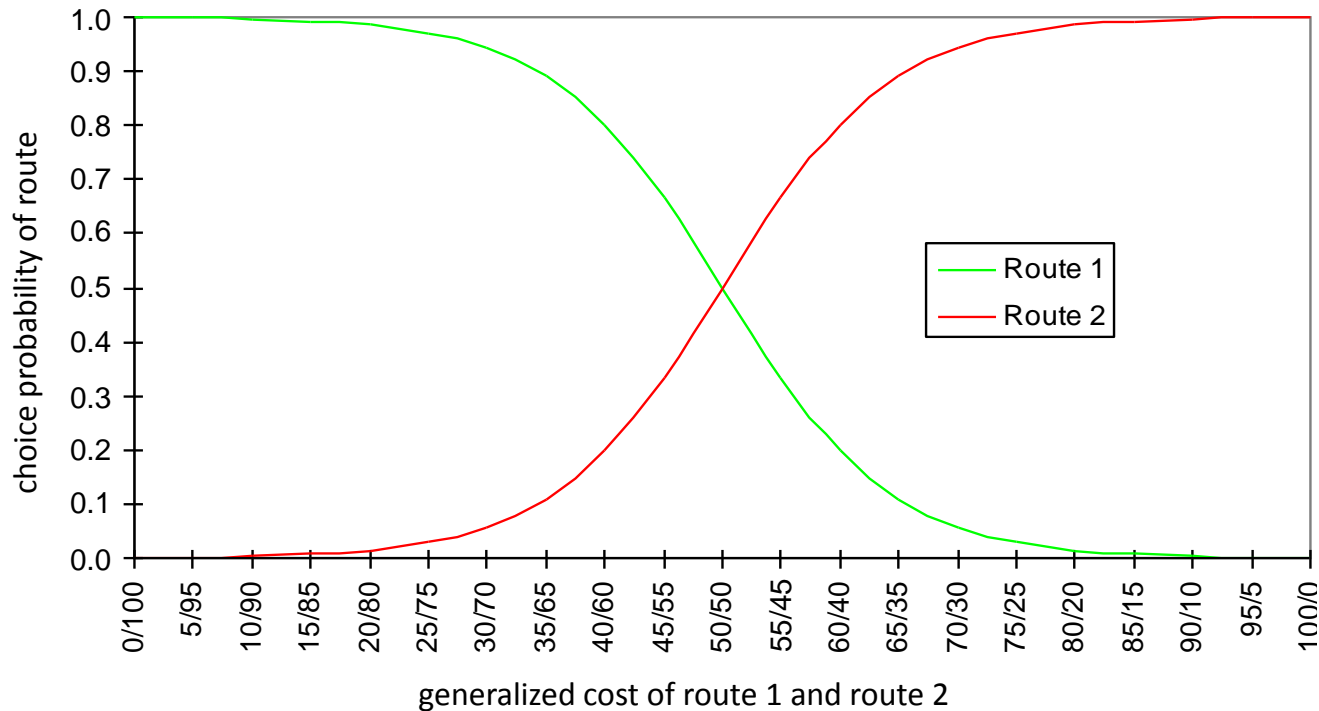


Classical Discrete Choice Models

■ C-Logit by Cascetta

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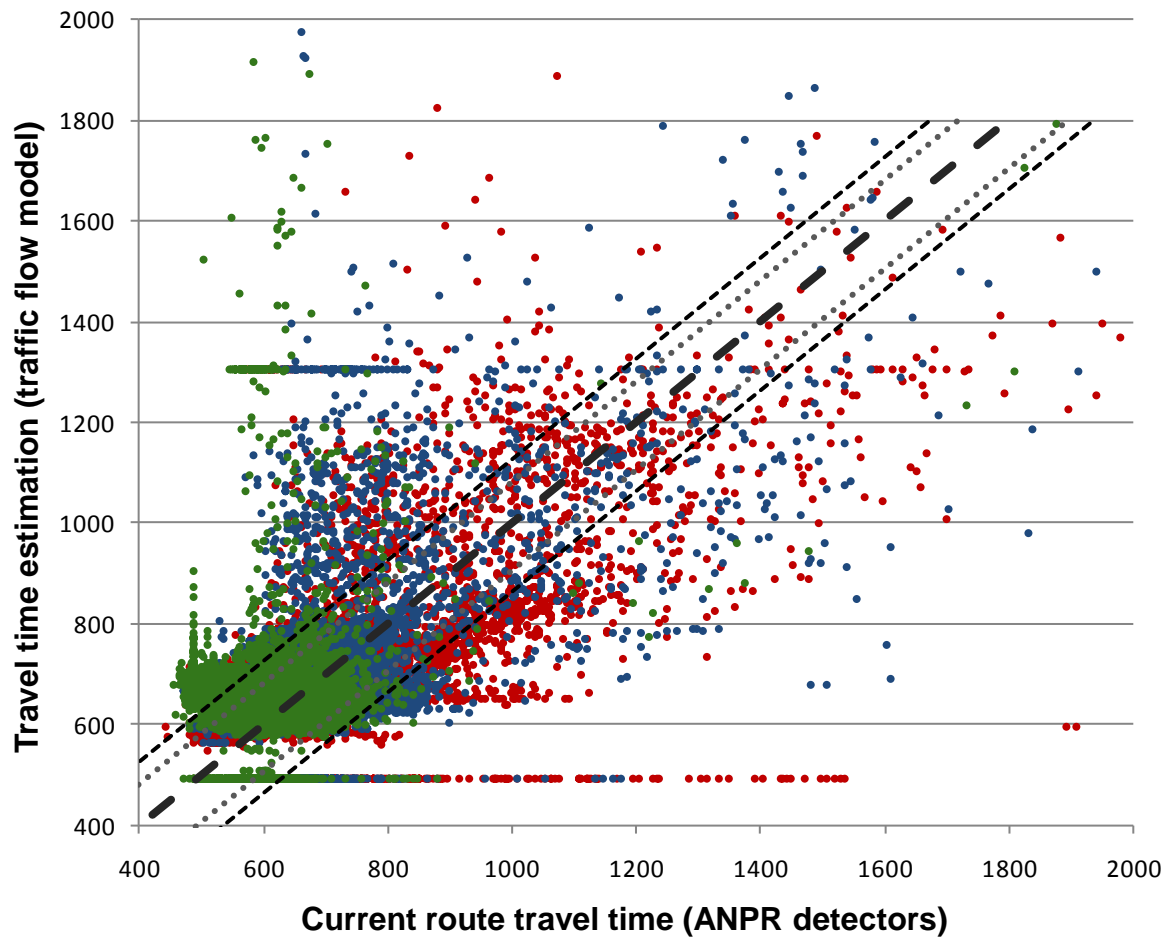
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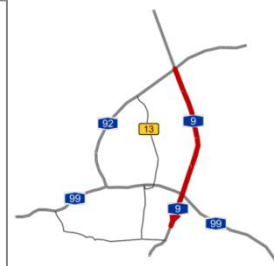


Best possible Knowledge of Current Travel Time

Travel Time A9 Munich



- Peak
- Off-peak
- Night

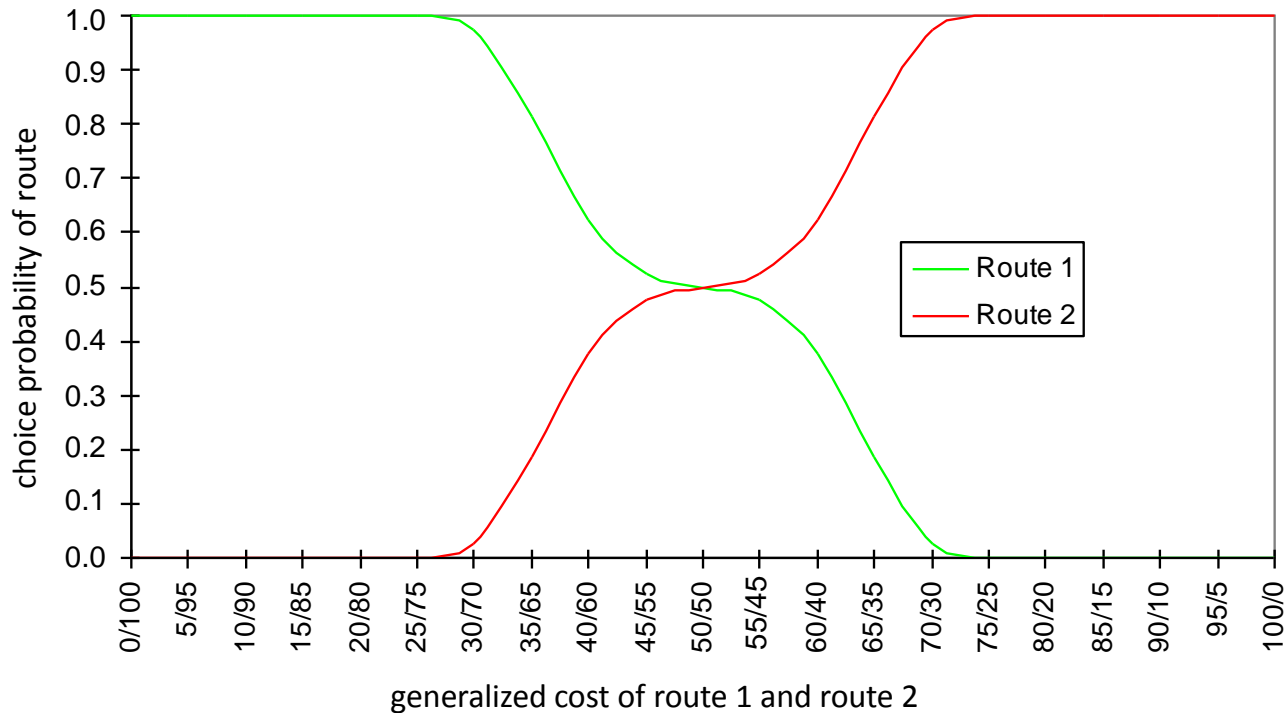




- Modified Logit with low elasticity for small deviations by Gobiet

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- Push for developing applications for smart phone GPS tracking
- Profound revealed preference data which can be fused with traffic state and traffic information data for detailed estimation
- Data valuable for providing empirical foundation for choice set generation and model identification
- Data valuable for calibration of equilibrium assignment models on chosen routes



Thank you!

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