

Allocating Disaggregated Freight Analysis Framework Truck-Rail Data

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Presentation Outline

- Motivations
- Disaggregation Methodology
- Allocation Methodology
- Summary and Future Work



Why Disaggregate FAF2 Data

- **Freight capacity expansion not keeping up with demand**
- **Rail as an attractive mode**
 - » **Helps mitigate congestion**
 - » **Reduces Greenhouse gas emissions**
 - » **Price competitive**
- **The Freight Analysis Framework Version 2 (FAF2) valuable data source**
- **Serves two audiences**
 - » **MPO and DOT Planners**
 - » **MPO and DOT Modelers**



Florida FAF2 Data

Mode	2002						2035					
	Within State		From State		To State		Within State		From State		To State	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Truck	487	85	50	68	85	42	928	88	67	72	300	56
Rail	60	11	17	23	37	18	56	5	14	15	113	21
Water (Domestic only)	<0.1	<1	1	<1	37	18	<0.1	<1	0	<1	18	3
Air, air & truck (Domestic only)	<0.1	<1	0	<1	0	<1	<0.1	<1	0	<1	1	<1
Truck & rail	<0.1	<1	0	<1	1	<1	0	<1	0	<1	3	<1
Other intermodal	0	<1	1	1	5	3	1	<1	1	1	17	3
Pipeline & unknown	27	5	5	7	36	18	64	6	10	10	85	16
Total	575	100	74	100	202	100	1049	100	94	100	538	100



The Methodology

- **Develop relationships between commodity and employment and population data**
 - » Rationale is commodities end up in zones that produce or consume them
- **Use relationships to develop factors for each commodity for freight flow disaggregation**
- **Apply share of county tonnage or value to FAF² regional tonnage or value to obtain disaggregated FAF² O-D database**



Development of 3 Digit NAICS Employment

- **County Business Patterns (CBP) data**
- **3 digit most complete at MSA level**
- **PUMS data used for allocation**
- **Census 2000 stratification used for government and self employed workers**



Development of Production and Attraction Equations

- Regression used to establish relationships between commodities and employment
- Number of observations is 114 (domestic FAF2 regions)
- Data from 3 digit NAICS county data aggregated to FAF regions
- Data from USDA National Agricultural Statistical Services used for farm and livestock related commodities
- Data from USDOE National Energy Technology Lab used for coal consumption



Development of Production and Attraction Equations

- Input-Output data used to determine initial commodity - employment relationship
- Multiple revisions done to equations before settling on a final form
- Some of relationships have either low R^2 values or the t-stats are very poor
 - » Kept it because we felt that those employment categories reflected the true nature of the commodity production or attraction



Inclusion of Import Data

- FAF2 includes domestic travel portion of international shipments
- Regressions are used only for the domestic end of the international shipments
- Critical to understand the flows from/to the Port of Entry/Exit (POE)
- Allocate each POE share by mode in each FAF region using data from BTS, US Army Corp of Engineers, and STAT-USA
- Add the POE commodity by tons and value to the disaggregated county commodity tonnage & value

The Disaggregation Process

- Estimate the annual tonnage of commodity produced $P_c(i)$ or attracted $A_c(j)$ for each County
- Aggregate the county productions $P_c(i)$ and attractions $A_c(j)$ to their associated FAF² regions to create $P_{FAF^2}(i)$ and $A_{FAF^2}(j)$
- Expand the FAF² Regions matrix, $FAF^2(k,l)$, to counties matrix, County (i,j)



The Disaggregation Process

- If origin i and destination j are in Florida then
$$\text{County}(i,j)=[\text{FAF}^2(k,l)*P_c(i)/P_{\text{FAF}^2(i)}* A_c(j)/ A_{\text{FAF}^2(j)}]$$
- If origin i is in Florida and destination l is outside Florida then
$$\text{County}(i,l)=[\text{FAF}^2(k,l)*P_c(i)/P_{\text{FAF}^2(i)}]$$
- If origin k is outside Florida and destination j is in Florida then
$$\text{County}(k,j)=[\text{FAF}^2(k,l)*A_c(j)/A_{\text{FAF}^2(j)}]$$

The Disaggregation Process

- Paper or Paperboard Articles (SCTG 28)

- **Production Equation**

- » $0.101 (10.78) \times \text{Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322)} + 0.038 (4.82) \times \text{Printing or related activities (NAICS 323)} ; R^2 = 0.81$

- **Attraction Equation**

- » $0.006 (2.49) \times \text{Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311)} + 0.033 (5.10) \times \text{Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322)} + 0.048 (6.97) \times \text{Printing or related activities (NAICS 323)} + 0.00009 (4.77) \times \text{Population}_{2000} ; R^2 = 0.93$

The Disaggregation Process

Origin	Destination	County	Paper 2002 (thousands of tons)
Disaggregation of Florida origins to Florida destinations			
FAF2 Miami (20)	FAF2 Jacksonville (19)	#NA	16.57
Miami Dade County	Baker County	0.00	#NA
Miami Dade County	Clay County	0.12	#NA
Miami Dade County	Duval County	7.89	#NA
Miami Dade County	Nassau County	3.54	#NA
Miami Dade County	St. Johns County	0.07	#NA
Palm Beach County	Baker County	0.00	#NA
Palm Beach County	Clay County	0.01	#NA
Palm Beach County	Duval County	0.44	#NA
Palm Beach County	Nassau County	0.20	#NA
Palm Beach County	St. Johns County	0.00	#NA
Broward County	Baker County	0.00	#NA
Broward County	Clay County	0.04	#NA
Broward County	Duval County	2.71	#NA
Broward County	Nassau County	1.22	#NA
Broward County	St. Johns County	0.03	#NA
Diaggregation of Florida origins to other US destinations			
FAF2 Miami (20)	GA Rem (25)	#NA	6.64
Miami Dade County	GA Rem	0.27	#NA
Palm Beach County	GA Rem	4.74	#NA
Broward County	GA Rem	1.63	#NA
Diaggregation of other US origins to Florida Destinations			
GA Rem (25)	FAF2 Miami (20)	#NA	199.63
GA Rem	Miami Dade County	113.05	#NA
GA Rem	Palm Beach County	26.11	#NA
GA Rem	Broward County	60.47	#NA



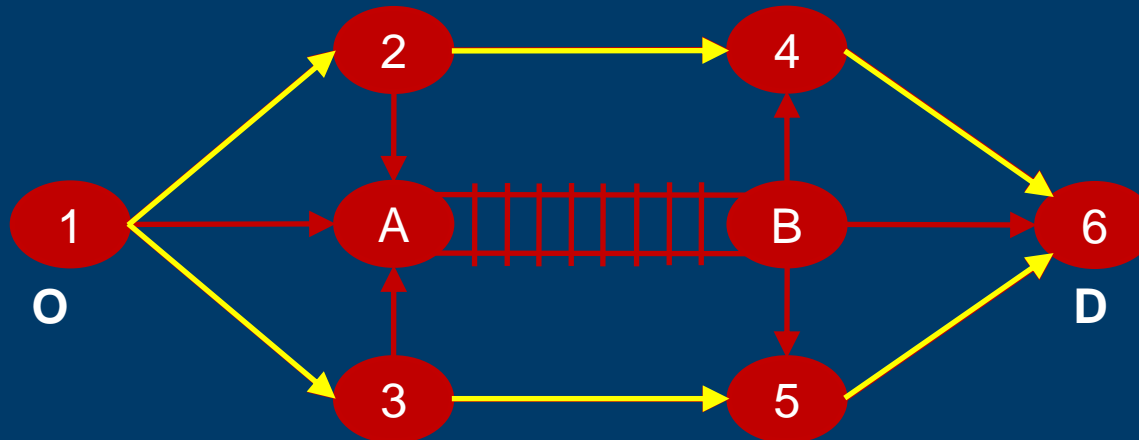
Disaggregation Issues

- **Methodology presented thus far works for truck mode**
 - » **Truck network is ubiquitous**
- **Methodology needs to be enhanced to account for rail and truck-rail modes since intermodal centers are not in every county**
- **This calls for a new allocation methodology of truck-rail flows**

Assignment of Truck-Rail Flows on Links

(Issues)

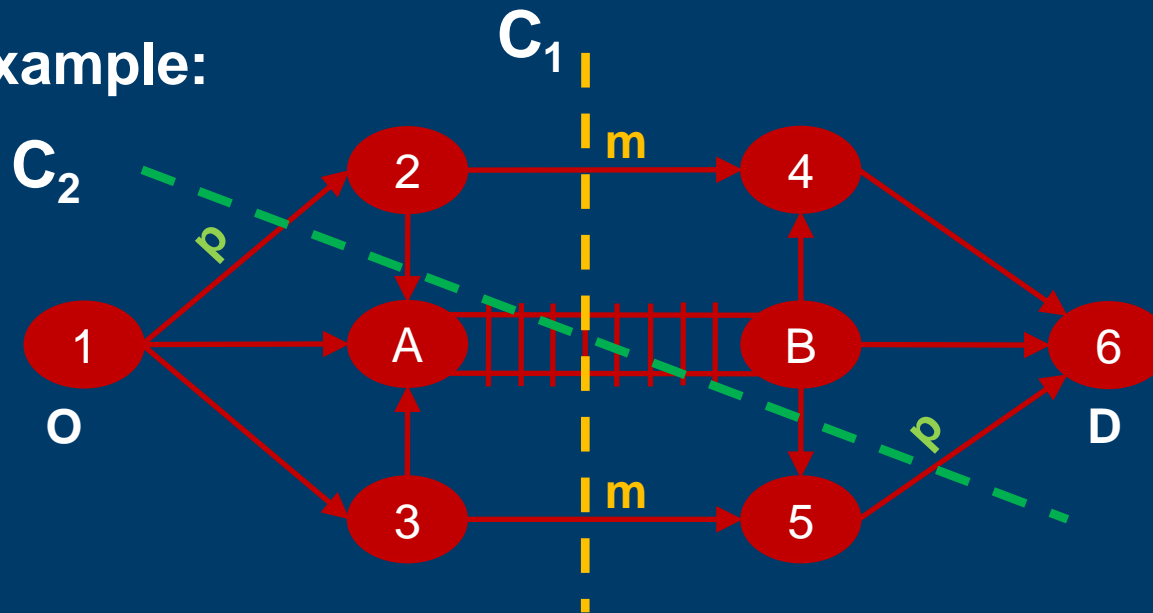
- Assignment should use both truck and rail links
- Assignment of flows from O to D will not ensure this
- Example:



Assignment of Truck-Rail Flows on Links (Issues)

- Removal of links such that rail link gets loaded *suitably* is not feasible

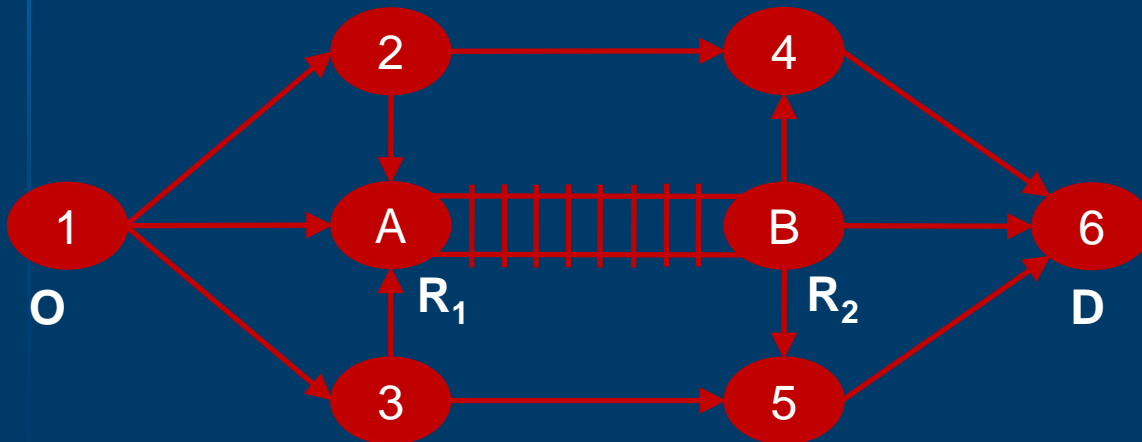
- Example:



- Have to remove links marked **m** and not **p**. How to choose correct cut ? Very time consuming (exponential)

Assignment of Truck-Rail Flows on Links

- Given a suitable assignment technique
- Transform O-D matrix as follows:
 - » Split O-D flow. From origin to rail access center. From rail egress center to destination
 - » Given O-D, convert to $O \rightarrow R_1$ and $R_2 \rightarrow D$



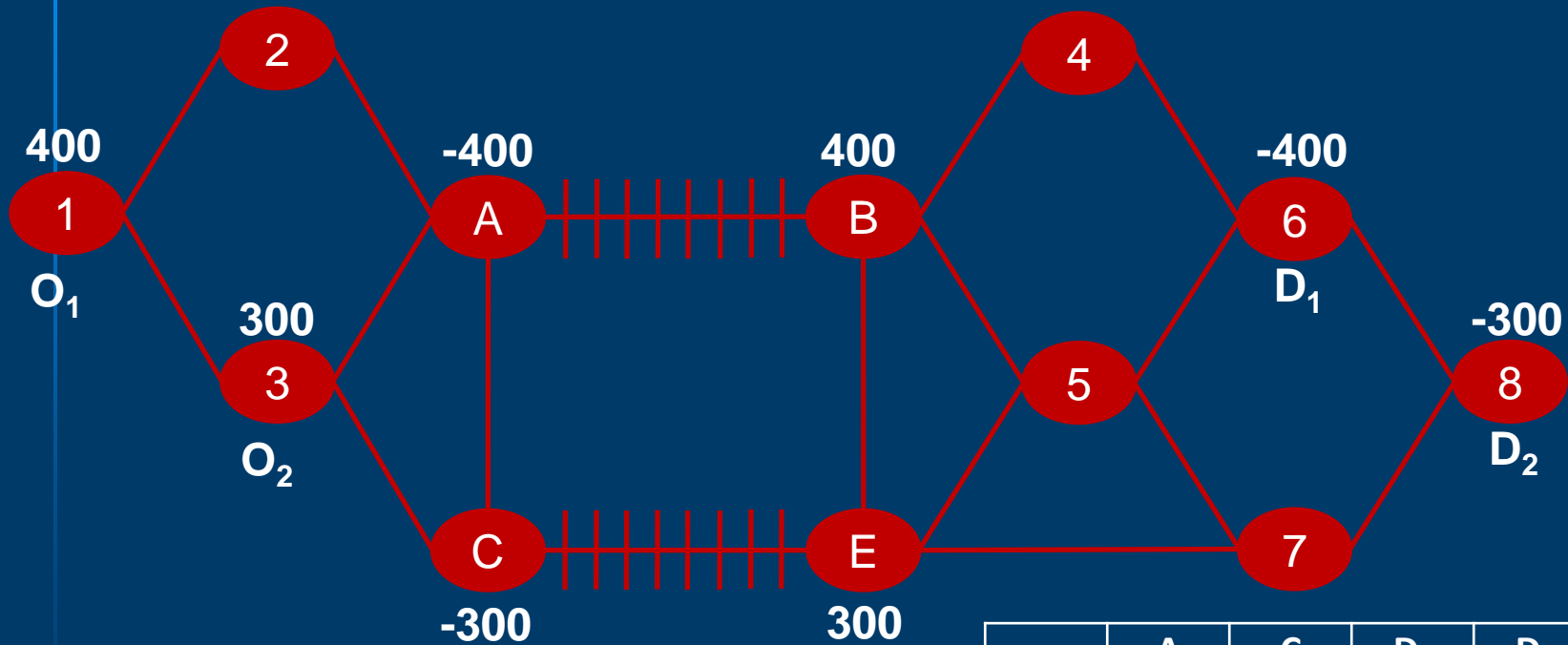
	D
O	100

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	R1	D
O	100	0
R2	0	100

Truck-Rail Path Flows from Link Flows

- **Step 0:** Transform O-D Matrix; perform assignment



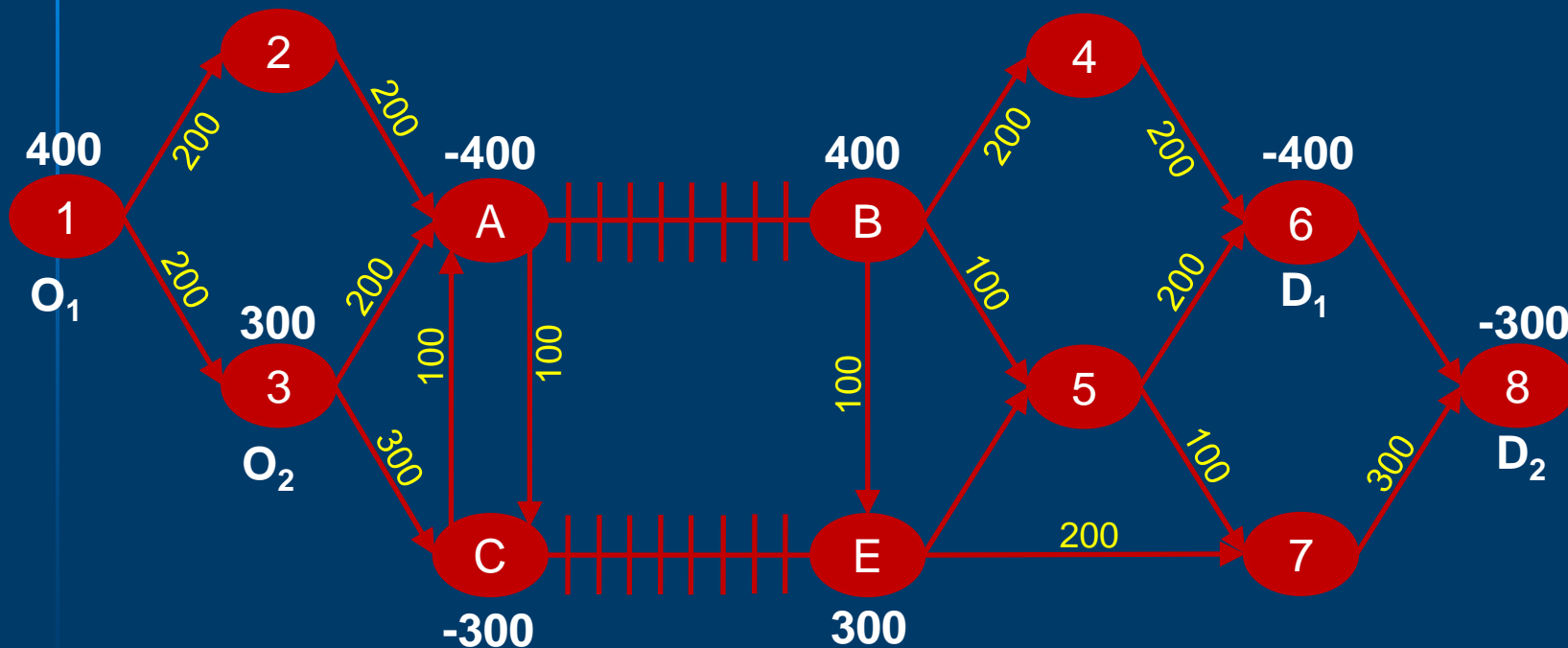
	D ₁	D ₂
O ₁	400	0
O ₂	0	300



	A	C	D ₁	D ₂
O ₁	400	0	0	0
O ₂	0	300	0	0
B	0	0	400	0
E	0	0	0	300

Truck-Rail Path Flows from Link Flows

- **Step 1:** Perform equilibrium assignment using modified trip table

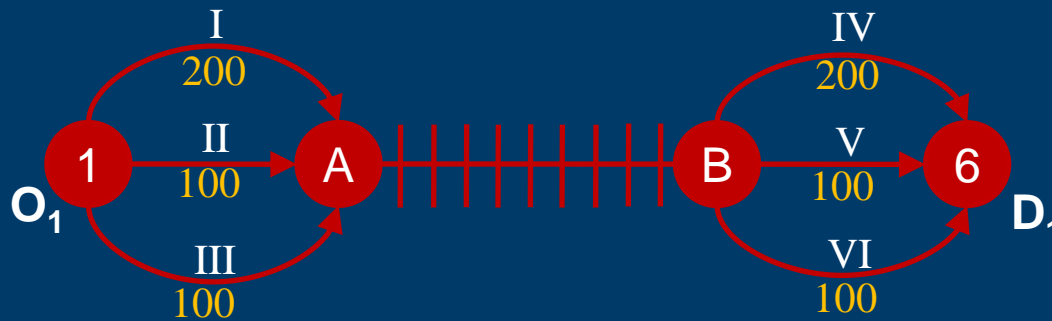


Truck-Rail Path Flows from Link Flows

- **Step 2:** Find all paths connecting Origin to rail access; and paths connecting rail egress to Destination
 - » This step is usually unnecessary as all paths are tracked during assignment procedure
- Else, one can use a modified shortest path algorithm to find all shortest paths
 - » Not a fast technique. Not recommended
- **Step 3:** Store all the paths and set flow on the path equal to flow of the link on the path that constricts the flow

Truck-Rail Path Flows from Link Flows

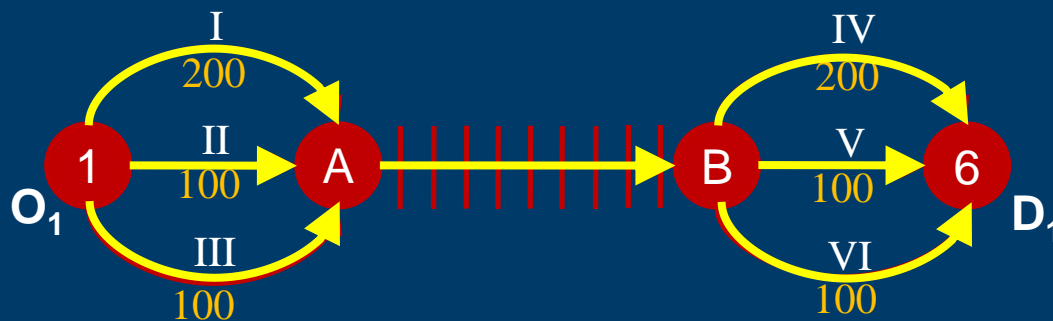
- Steps 2 and 3 for first O-D pair:



LIST	
Path	Flow
I	200
II	100
III	100
IV	200
V	100
VI	100

Truck-Rail Path Flows from Link Flows

- **Step 4:** Flow Decomposition Algorithm. For the first O-D pair



LIST	
Path	Flow
I	200
II	100
III	100
IV	200
V	100
VI	100

Paths	Flows
I - A - B - IV	200
II - A - B - V	100
III - A - B - VI	100

- **Step 5:** Repeat for all O-D pairs

Summary and Future Work

- **The methodology allows us to determine which O-D pairs are practical and which are not for disaggregation**
 - » Prevents inclusion of O-D pairs that should not be included
 - » Helps reduce model run times
 - » For every link we get disaggregated O-D flows
- **Apply methodology to Florida FAF2 database**
- **Develop validation methods**
 - » ODME to understand truck portion of movements

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