



Multiscale and Multimodal Traffic Modelling Approach for Sustainable Management of Urban Mobility

# Large-scale transportation systems: Monitoring and simulation based on the MFD concept

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### Outline

- Macroscopic urban models
- Estimating the NMFD for a given area
- The simple bathtub formulation
- The trip-based MFD formulation
- Application to surface parking simulation
- 3D congestion maps and travel time estimation at large urban scale

# Macroscopic urban models

# **Transportation models**



#### Large-scale dynamic urban simulation





# MFD definition



FD + Network structure (topology / signal timings) + Route choices = MFD

# MFD definition (2)



## First experimental MFD - Yokohama



#### Simulated MFD – North of Lyon



# Estimating the NMFD for a given area

#### Travel production and accumulation

#### Travel Production P



Only these two variables are additive and are then scalable

#### Mean flow vs. outflow

#### Mean flow Q

$$Q = \frac{P}{L_{tot}}$$

Outflow Q<sub>out</sub>

$$Q_{out} = \frac{P}{L_{trip}}$$



#### A simple example



#### **Estimation from loop detectors**

For the equipped network:

$$P = \sum q_i l_i \quad ; \quad N = \sum k_i l_i$$

Scaling factor for the full network ?

$$\frac{L_{tot,full}}{L_{tot,equiped}}?$$

#### **Estimation from Probe vehicles**



 $P=V^*N$ 

A direct estimation of *P* and *N* from probe data require to estimate the scaling factor (penetration rate)

#### **Studied Networks**



1/0-1 1/0-2 1/0-3 1/0-4 1/0-5 1/0-6

a LWR mesoscopic simulator (Leclercq and Becarie, 2012)

#### Loops VS. Edie methods



#### Probes VS Edie methods



Low penetration rates provide accurate estimation for the mean speed

Loops are still needed to capture the mean flow

# **Cross-comparison of estimation methods**



# Current limitations of the simple bathtub formulation



# **Traffic simulation**



(Yildirimoglu and Geroliminis, 2014; Ramezani, Haddad and Geroliminis, 2015; Knoop and Hoogendoorn, 2014, 2015),

# Analytical investigations of the single reservoir dynamics

 $q_{out}(t)$  $\frac{dn(t)}{dt} = q_{in}(t) - q_{out}(t)$  $q_{out}(t) = \frac{Q(n(t))}{L}$ 

NMFD-based traffic simulation

#### Wave propagation in a single reservoir



# Numerical investigations of a single reservoir dynamics



Design to magnify the effect of heterogeneous loadings

- LWR mesoscopic simulation with a triangular FD
- Traffic signals with equal green time and a common cycle
- Wardrop User Equilibrium
- Various input demand and output capacity profiles to represent a maximum of different loadings
- Global variations of the OD matrix parameterized by  $\tau$
- We consider (quasi-) stationary situations at the network level and monitor (20 min period):
  - The number of vehicles *n*
  - The travel production P
  - The mean speed V
  - The outflow Q
  - The mean travel distance L

#### Sensitivity of *L* to $\tau$ and *n*



# Sensitivity to the boundary conditions (1)



Heterogeneous demand distributions



(Mariotte & Leclercq, Heart, 2016)

## Sensitivity to the boundary conditions (2)



Heterogeneous supply distributions



heterogeneous demand



heterogeneous supply

# The trip-based NMFD formulation



# Trip-based NMFD model (1)



# Trip-based MNFD model (2)





#### Trip-based MNFD model (3)



#### Towards a multi-reservoir trip-based simulator

- Proper treatment of merges and diverges between
   multiple reservoirs
- Proper treatment of congestion spillbacks between reservoir – definition of a reservoir supply
- Proper treatment of internal trip lengths depending on routes
- Coupling with a routing engine (DTA)

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#### Effect of the demand pattern



# Application to surface parking



## Modeling framework



#### Regular search process



# Simulation results



#### Reactive demand switch to off-street parking



# Smart parking application



# 3D congestion maps and applications to travel time prediction

# Network partitioning

- Network clustering has received lots of attention in the recent literature (Prof. Geroliminis EPFL)
- Usual objectives:
  - -Defining relevant area for MFD definition
  - -Perimeter control



Original network



**Clustered network** 

# 3D network partitioning (1)





Collaboration with Ditlab from TU-Delft

# 3D Network clustering (2)

- Three criteria for the clustering operation:
  - Minimizing the link speed standard deviation within cluster (intra-cluster similarity)
  - Maximizing the difference in speed between clusters (inter-cluster dissimilarity)
  - -Each cluster should contain a single connected graph

# Partitioning methods



# Data preparation: from GIS to graph

#### Input

- GIS environment
  - 147.059 links
- Individual Travel Times
  - More than 6 millions
  - From 312 OD cameras
  - 42 days measured
- Shortest path per OD



Amsterdam network

#### Data preparation: network coarsing

Context:

- The number of edges is t times larger with the 3D approach
- Partitioning methods used are NP-complete

Reduce the network keeping the traffic dynamic:

- Macro link: contraction rules based on speed
- Simplify the network structure (e.g., crosssection instead of roundabout)



~10.000 links



# Quality of the clustering operations

- Total Variance normalized (TVn)
  - Measure of internal or intra-cluster variance
  - An extension from TV (Saeedmanesh and Geroliminis, 2015)

$$TVn = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sum_{A \in C} N_A * Var(A)}{S^2}$$

- Connected Clusters Dissimilarity (CCD)
  - Measure of external cluster dissimilarity

$$\text{CCD} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1+i}^{n} \delta_{ik} |\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_k|}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1+i}^{n} \delta_{ik}}$$



# Data preparation: link speed estimation

# From OD travel time to speed links

- Estimating speed link
  - Average common link speeds
- Missing data speed
   estimation
  - Duplicate speed of the most relevant adjacent link
  - Weighted based considering directions



#### Clustering results for one specific day (1)



# Clustering results for one specific day (2)



#### Clustering results for all days



## Meta-partitioning and consensus learning



# Consensual 3D speed maps



### Application to travel time estimation (1)



#### Application to travel time estimation (2)





# Conclusion

- The MFD concept is very appealing for monitoring and simulating large-scale network
- A lot of research effort is still required in particular to tune large-scale simulators
- Implementation to the real-field of advanced control strategies based on MFD are still rare





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