



# Trajectory based routing / Reachability Analysis

CSCI 587: Lecture 17

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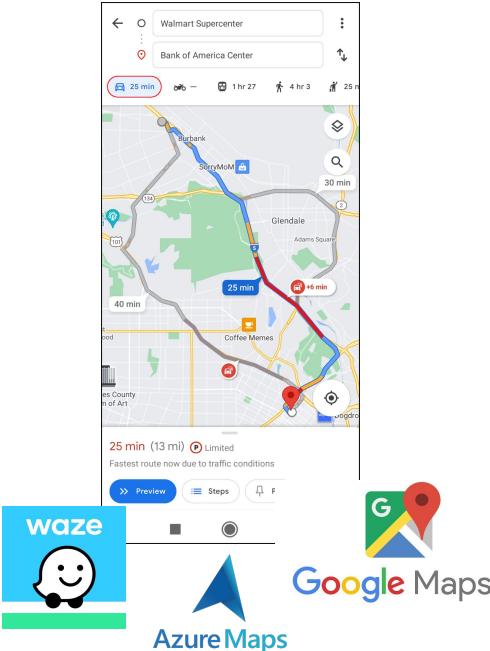
# Location-based services are everywhere



The global location based services market is projected to reach **\$402.4 billion** by 2031



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*These are only a few examples...*



# Origin Destination Queries

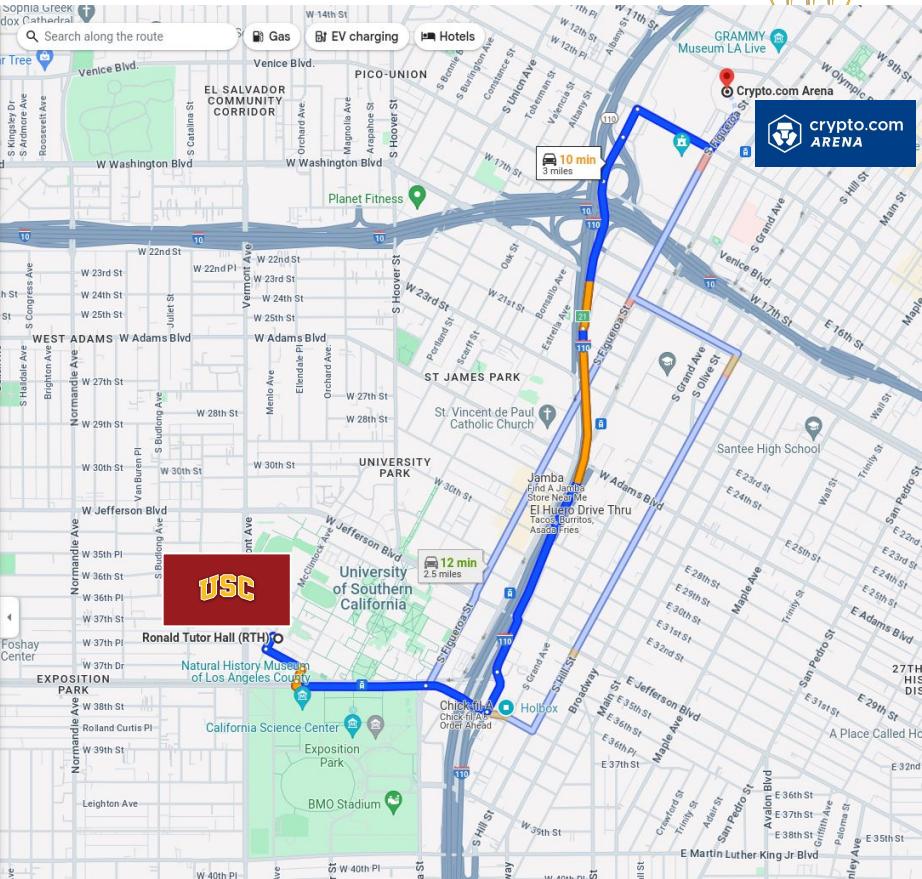
Origin point

Destination point

Route &  
Estimated time  
of arrival

The screenshot shows a navigation interface with the following details:

- Origin point:** Ronald Tutor Hall (RTH), 3710 McClintock
- Destination point:** Crypto.com Arena, 1111 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90015
- Leave now** button
- Options** button
- Send directions to iPhone** and **Copy link** buttons
- Route Options:**
  - via I-110 N**: 10 min, 3.0 miles (Fastest route, despite the usual traffic)
  - via S Figueroa St**: 12 min, 2.5 miles
  - via S Hill St**: 13 min, 3.1 miles
- Explore nearby Crypto.com Arena** section with icons for Restaurants, Hotels, Gas stations, Parking Lots, and More.

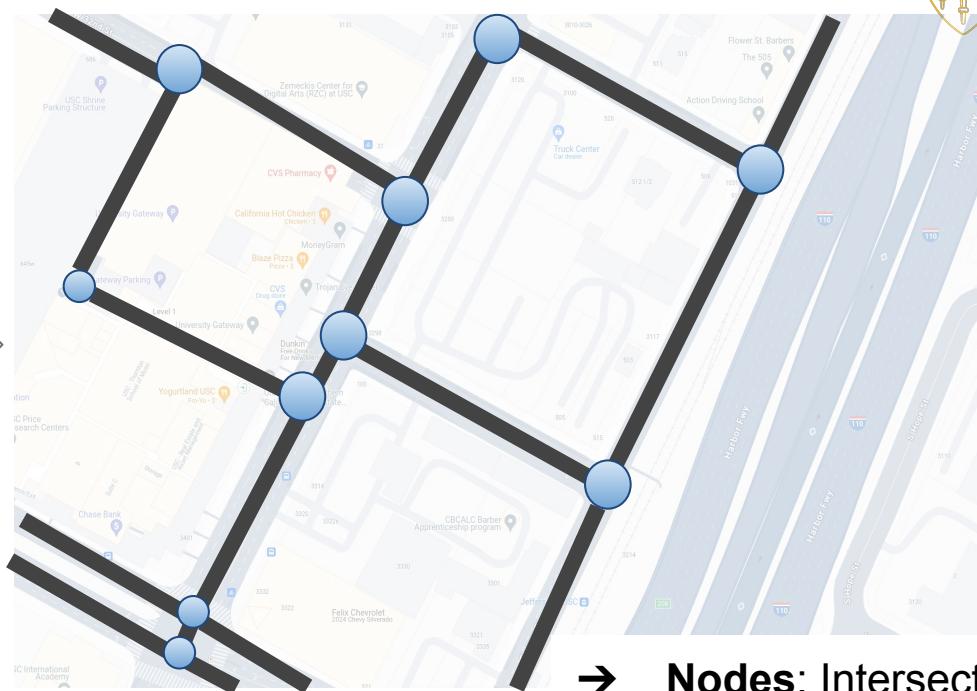




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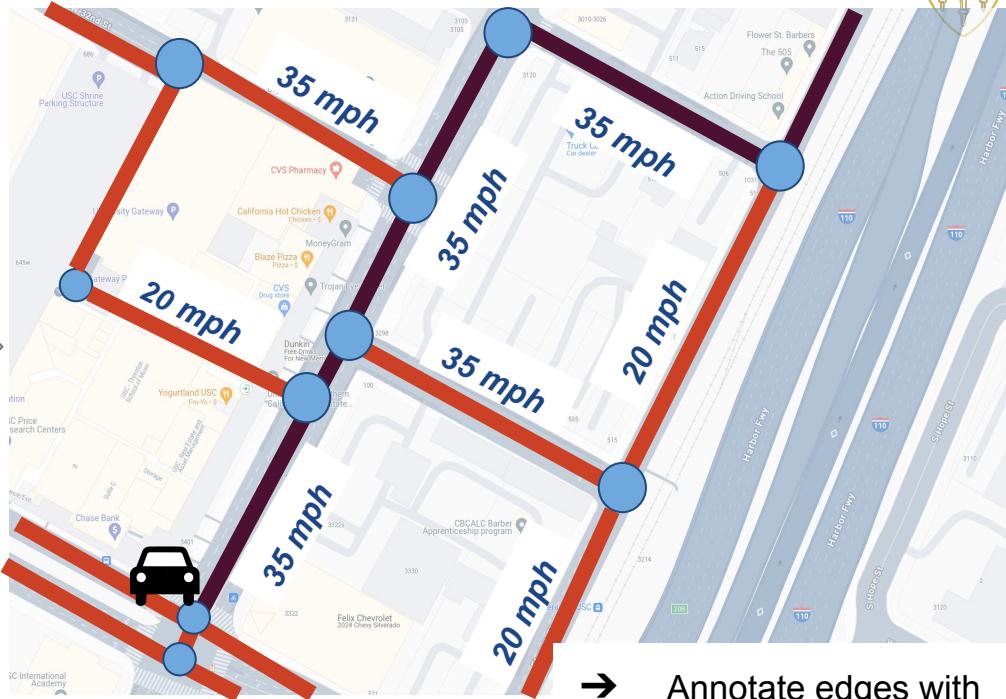


→ **Nodes:** Intersections  
→ **Edges:** Roads

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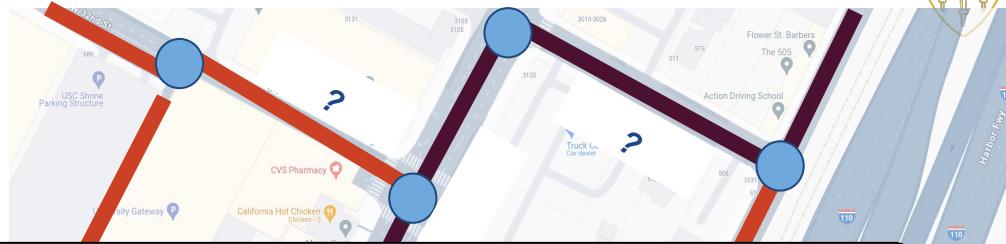


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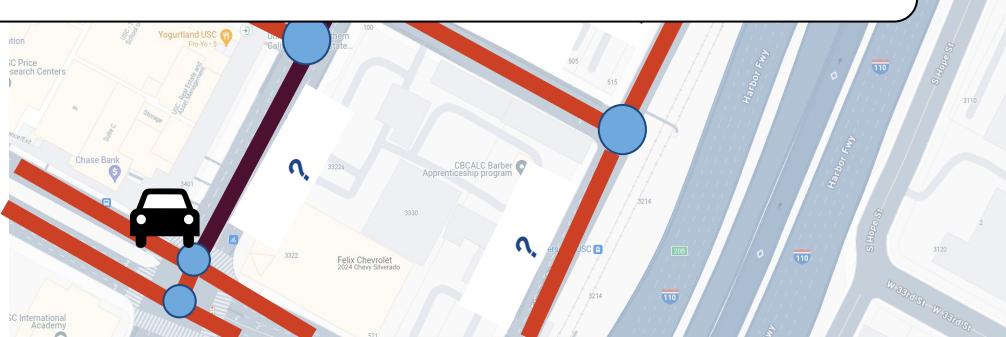


→ Annotate edges with weights e.g. road speed limits

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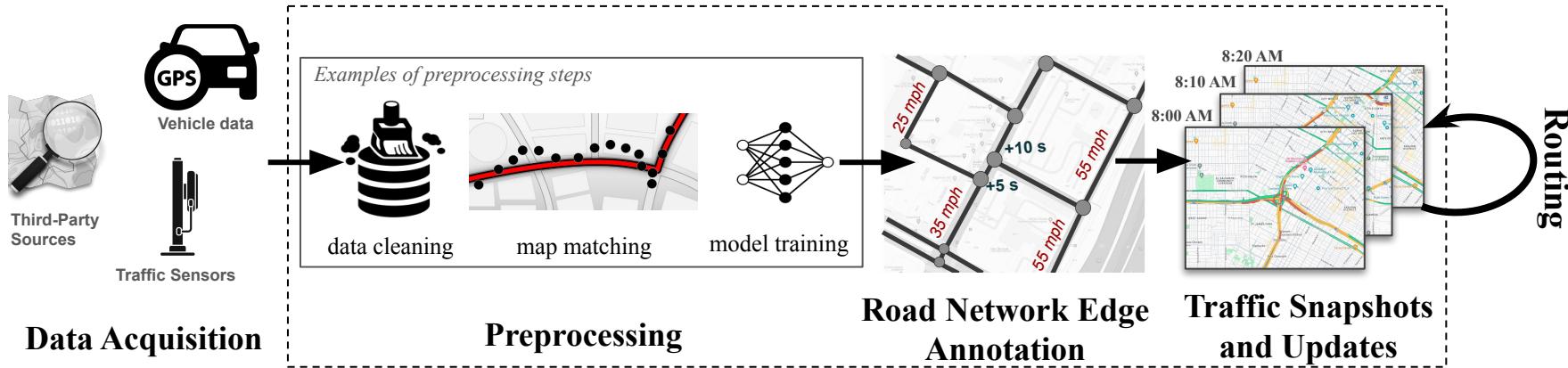


How can we get accurate, time dependent weights?





# Typical Pipeline of Routing Services



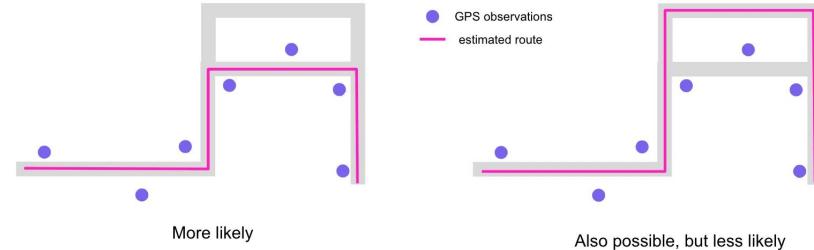
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- Several cost-intensive preprocessing steps to extract *time dependent “features”*
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- Road network edges are dynamically updated (*e.g. every 5 minutes*) and new *traffic snapshots* are created



# Map Matching



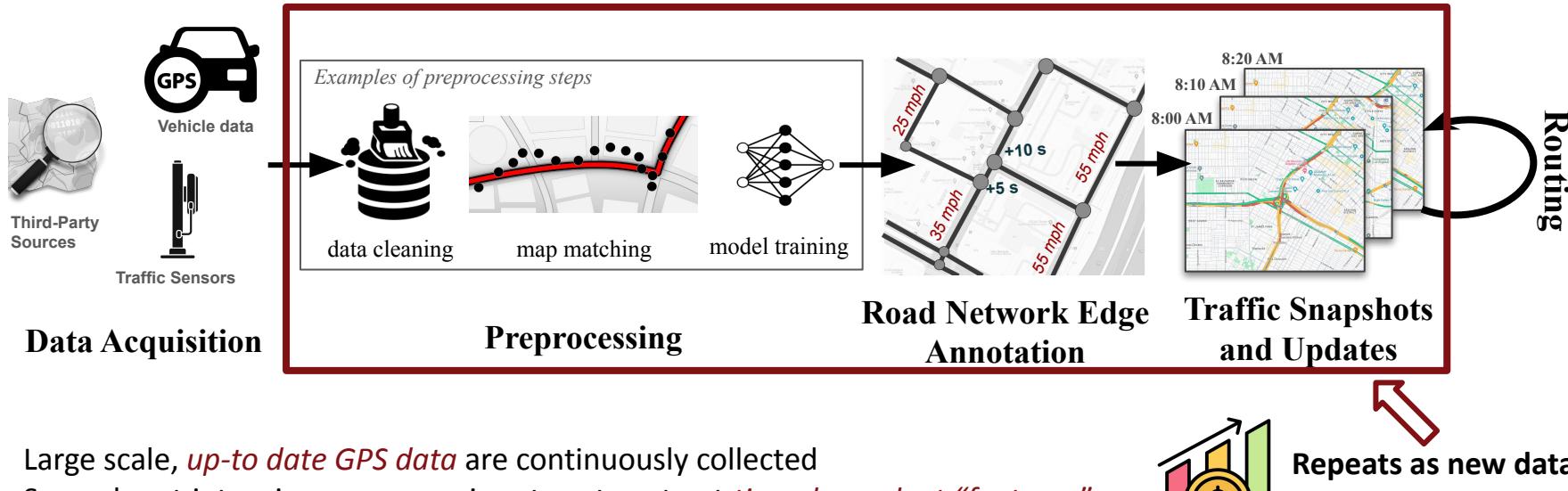
Example of a driver trajectory



- Lyft and Uber use map matching to:
  - To compute the distance travelled by a driver to calculate the fare
  - Dispatch decisions and to display the drivers' cars on the rider app
  - Detect reckless driving
- Approaches for Map Matching
  - Hidden Markov Model: Newson & Krumm @ SIGSPATIAL '09 [1]
    - DiDi's IJCAI-19 Tutorial [2]
    - Map Matching @ Uber [3]



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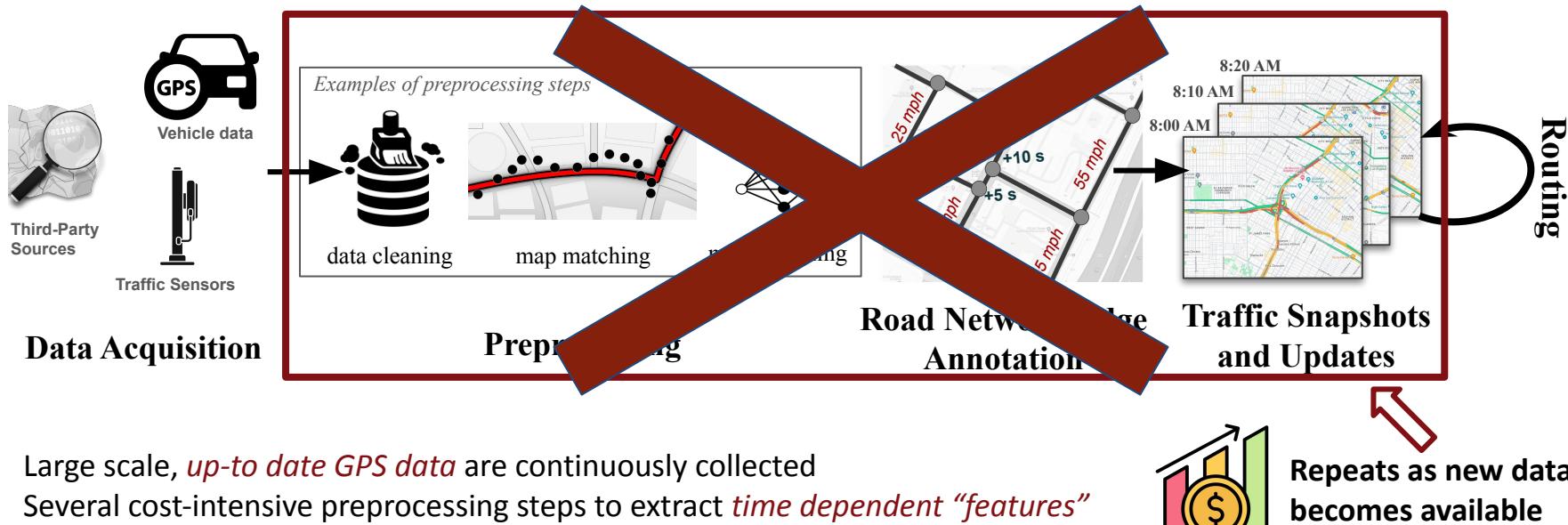
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Repeats as new data becomes available

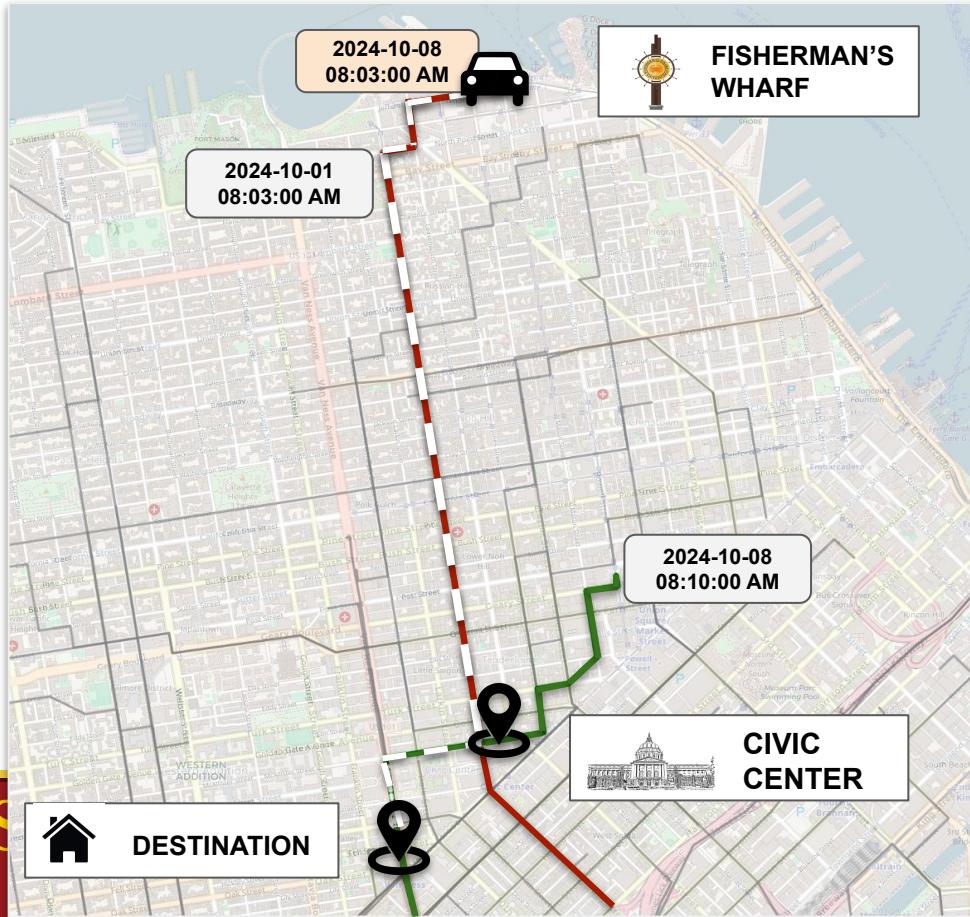


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# TrajRoute (*Motivation*)

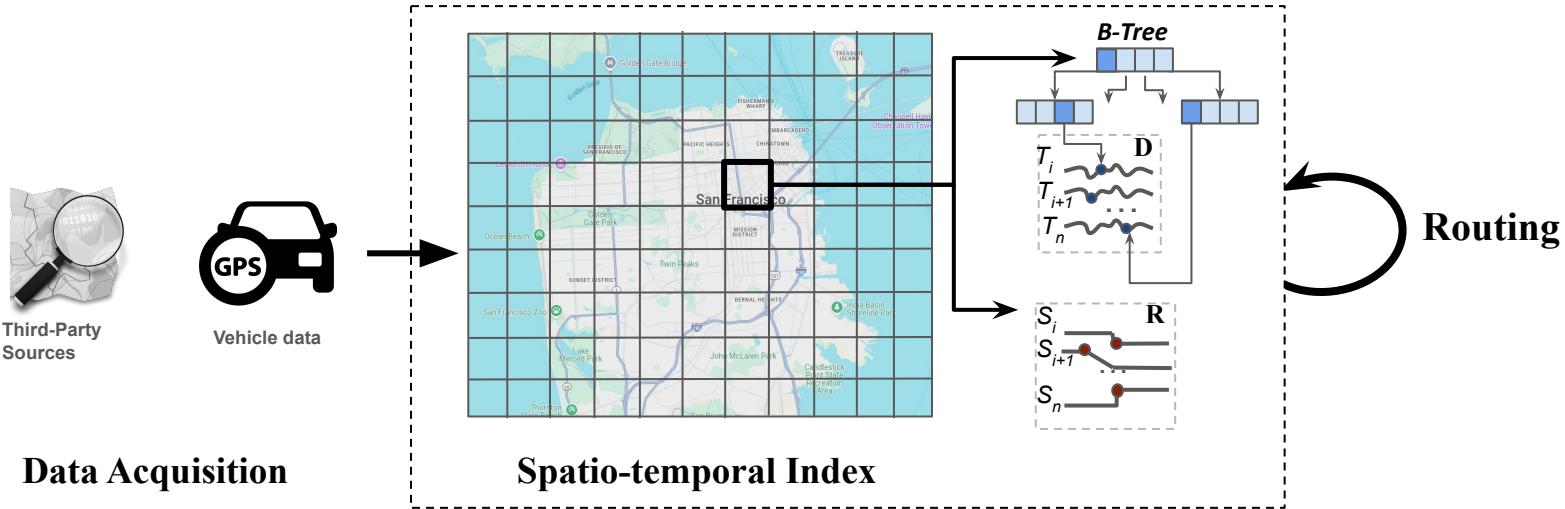


**OR:** Fisherman's Wharf  
**DEST:** Home  
**Time:** 08:03:00 AM





# TrajRoute: Approach



- Routing based on *raw historical trajectories*
  - Ensure that only trajectories that are *spatially* and *temporally* close to current position are considered
- *Fallback* to the road network when trajectories are not available

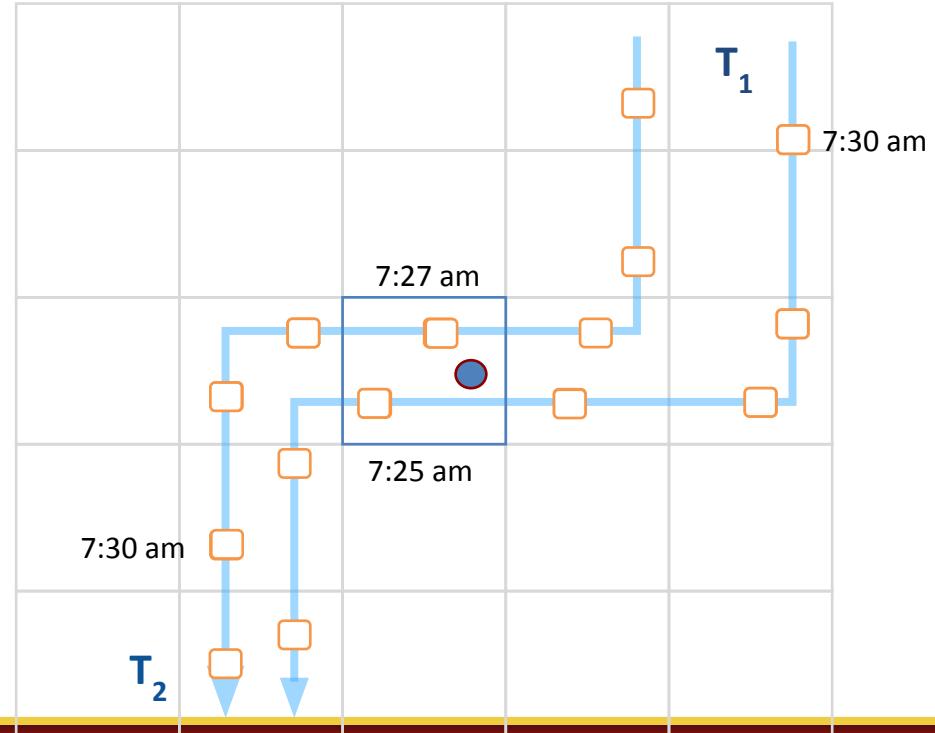
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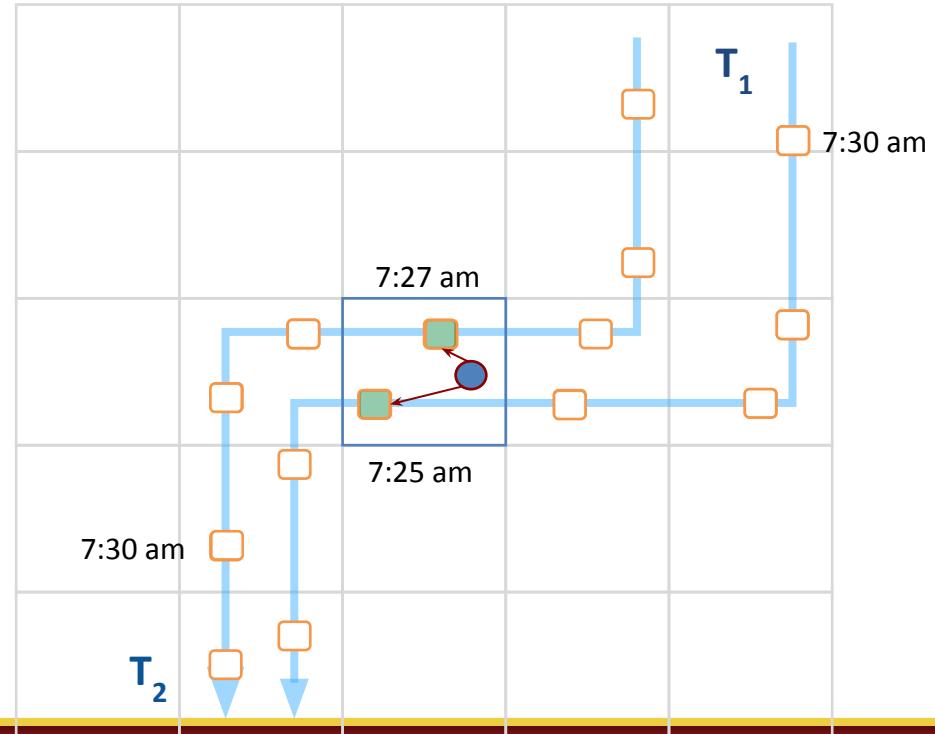
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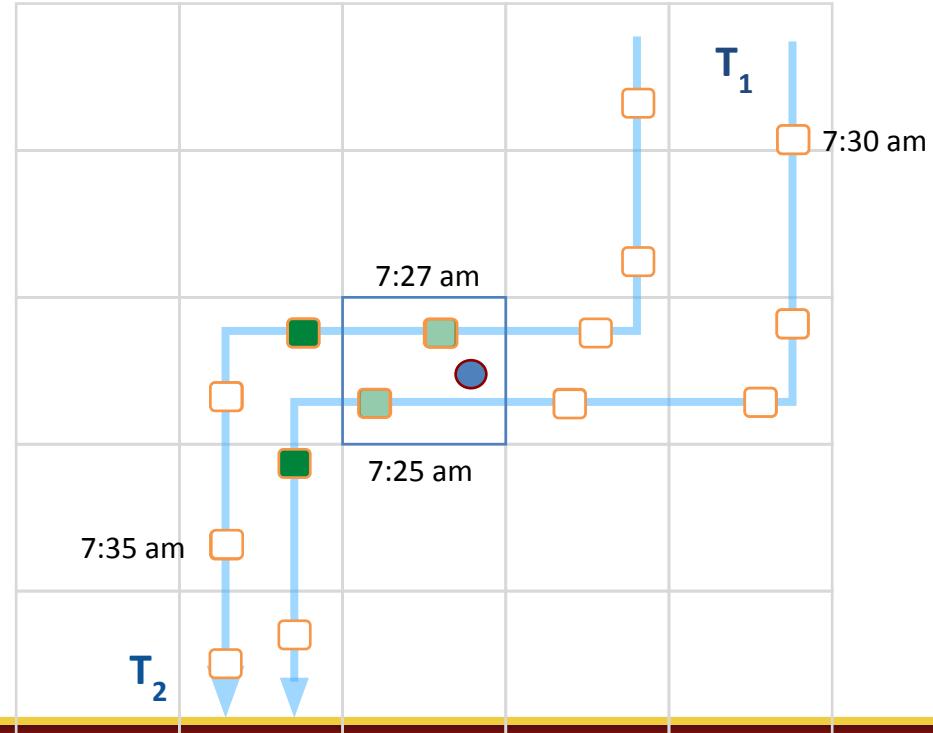


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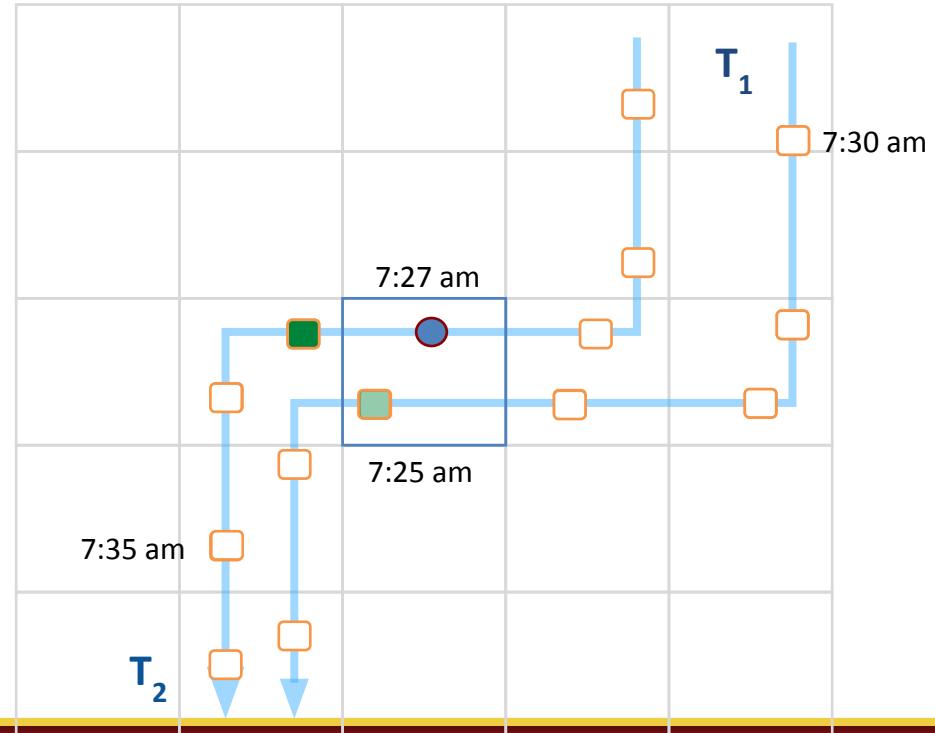
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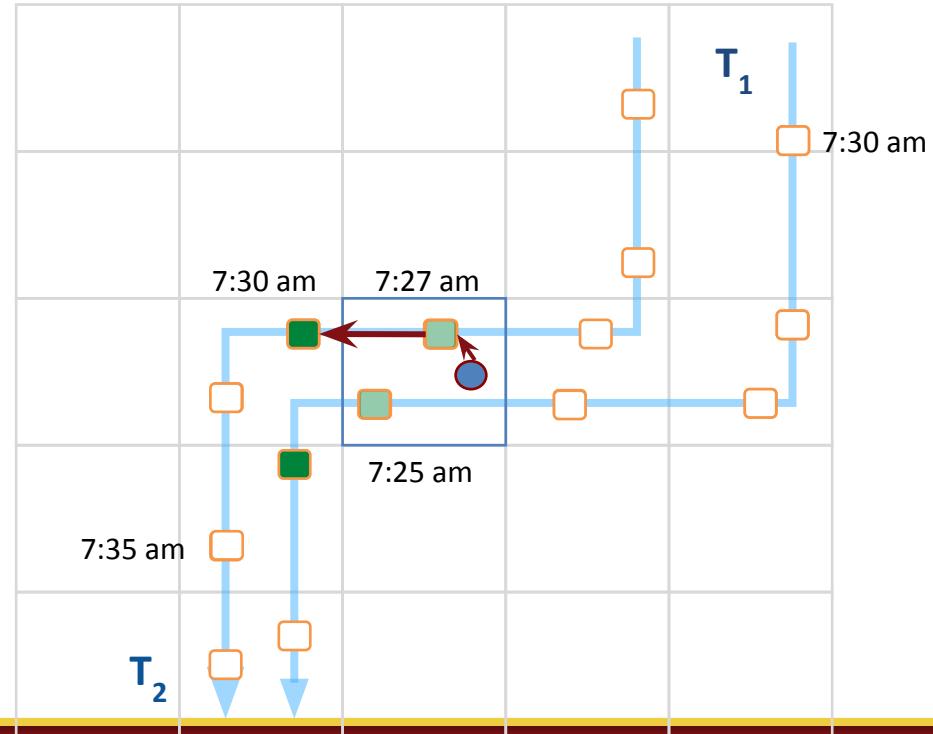
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$$C_{\text{traj}}(\bullet, \blacksquare) = T_C + ts(\blacksquare) - ts(\bullet)$$

-  $T_C$ : Cost of transition, constant, depends on the size of the cell

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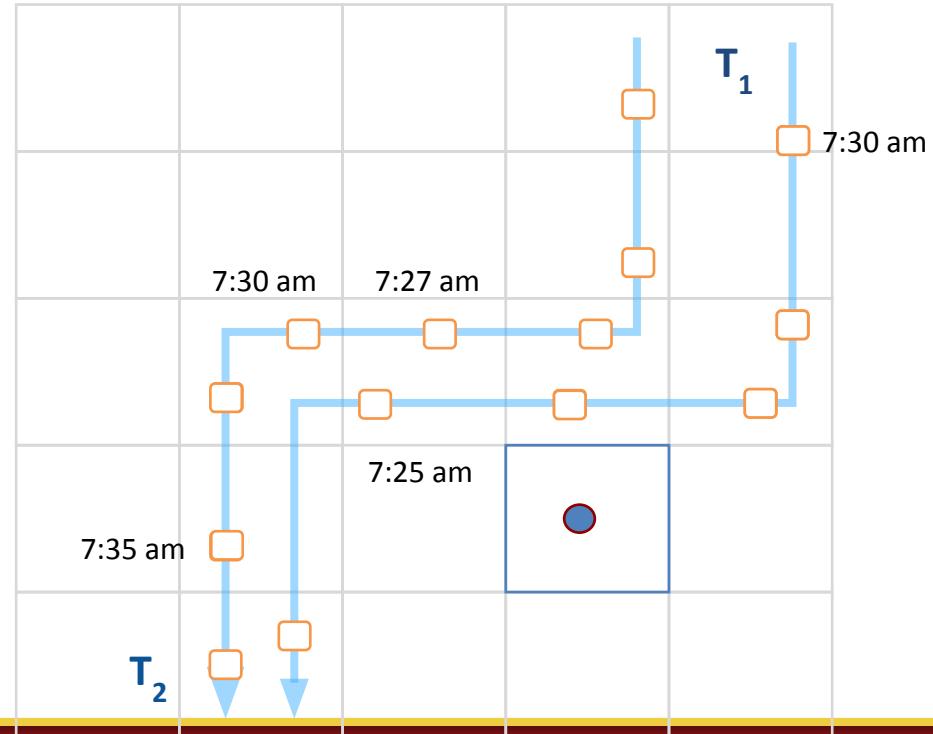
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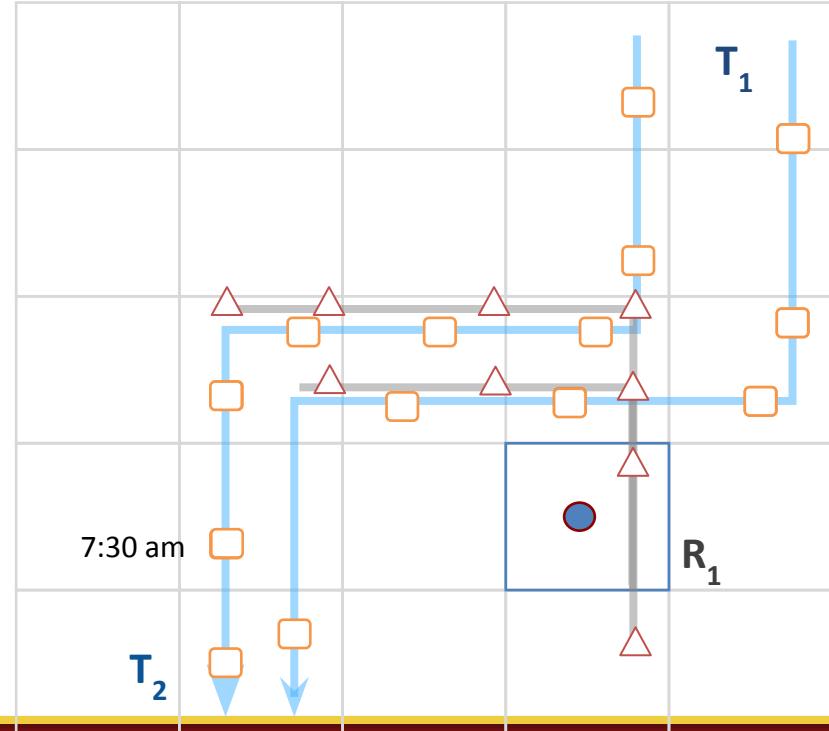


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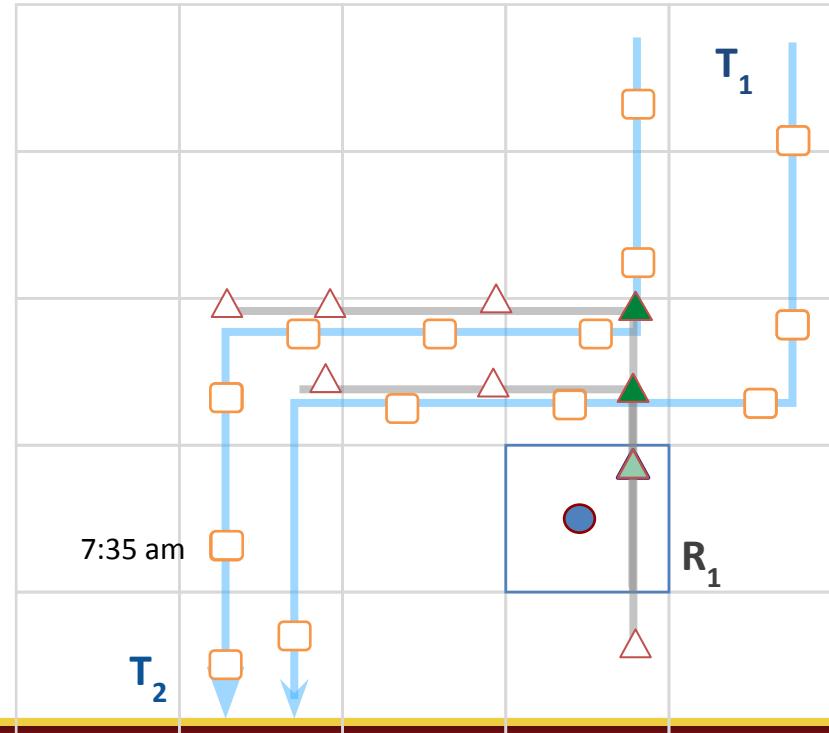
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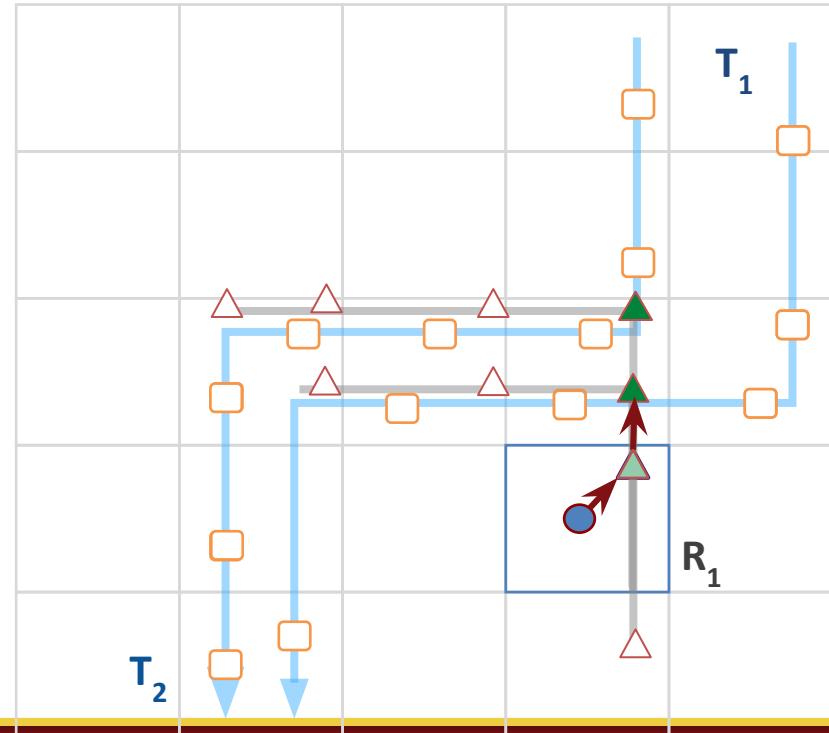
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$$C_{\text{road}}(\bullet, \triangle) = \tau c + [\text{dist}(\triangle, \triangle) / v(\triangle)]$$

- dist: Haversine distance between road points

- v: Speed limit of road segment

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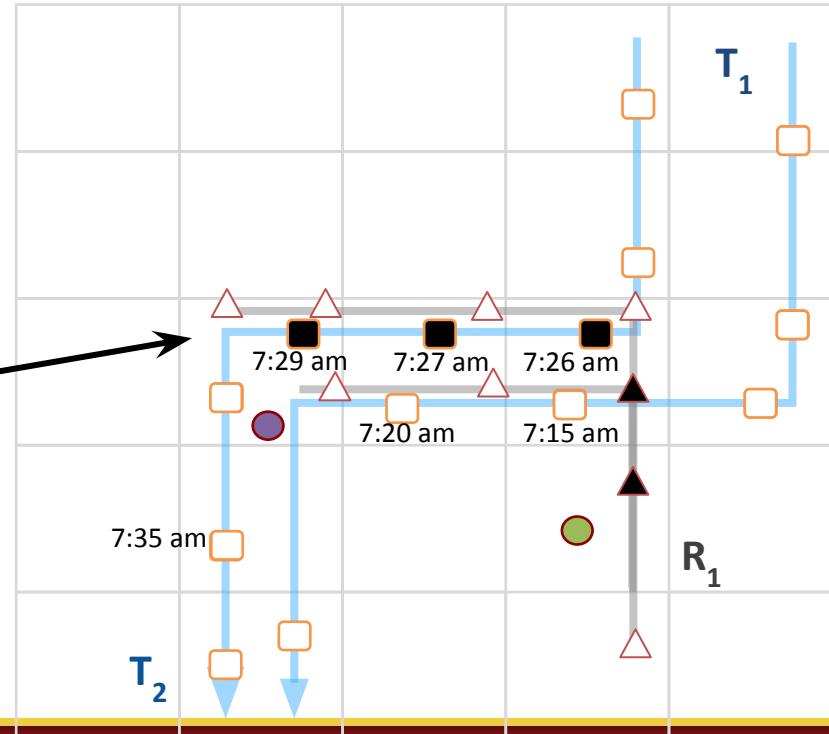
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Ideal Path



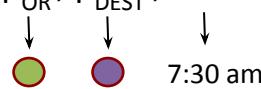
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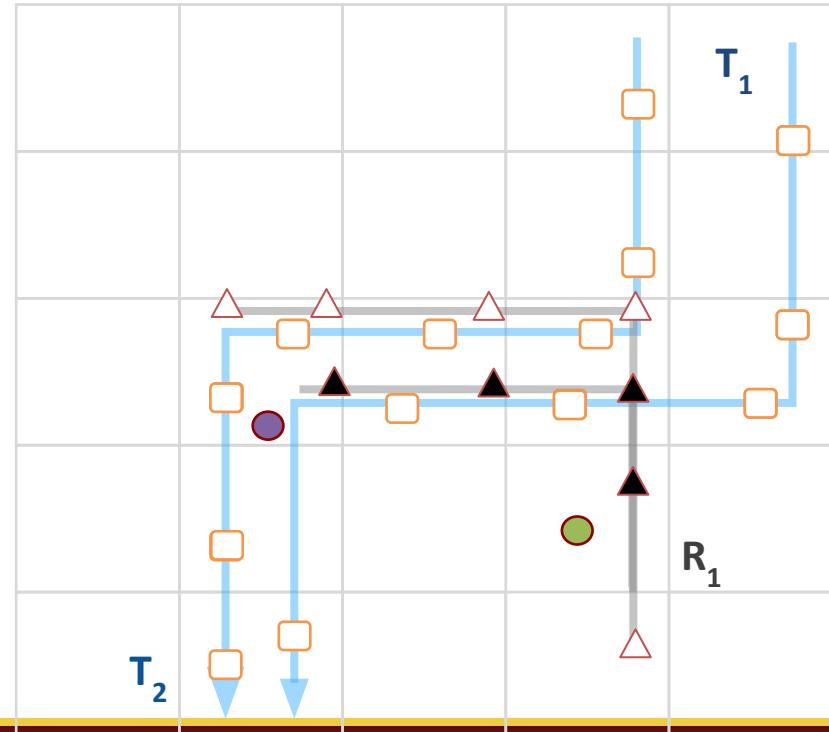
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$C_{\text{road}}$  is always less than  $C_{\text{traj}}$ . Does not account for:

- Intersection costs
- Acceleration/Deceleration
- Traffic Lights
- Traffic Congestion etc.

Inherently encoded in trajectory timestamps



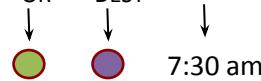
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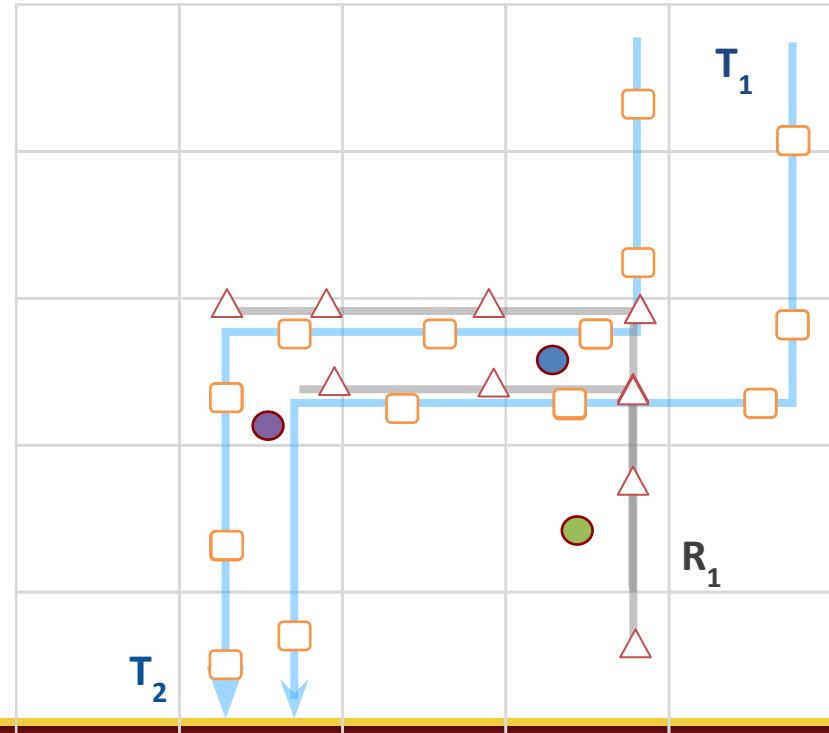
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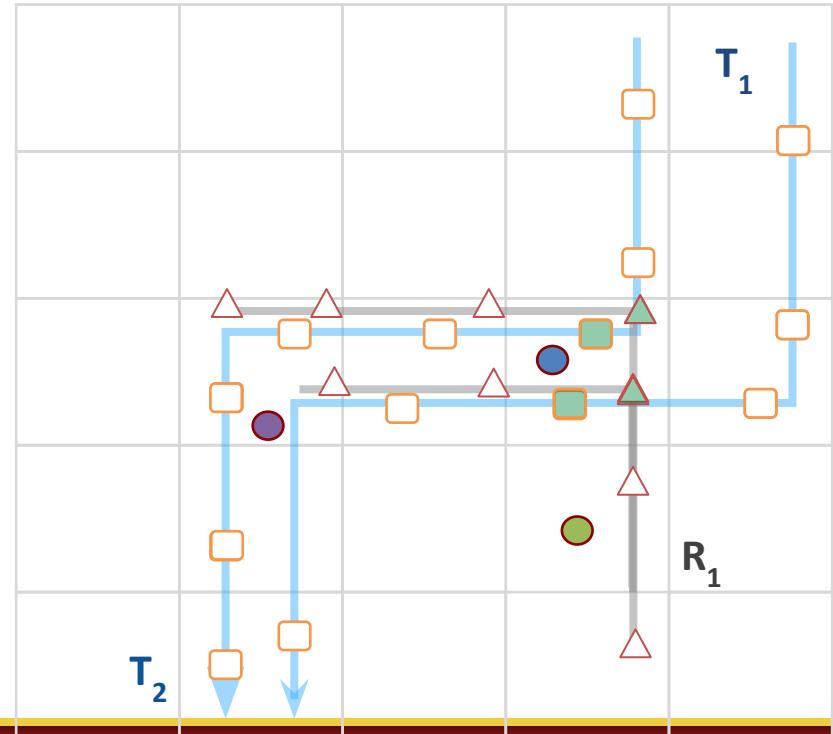
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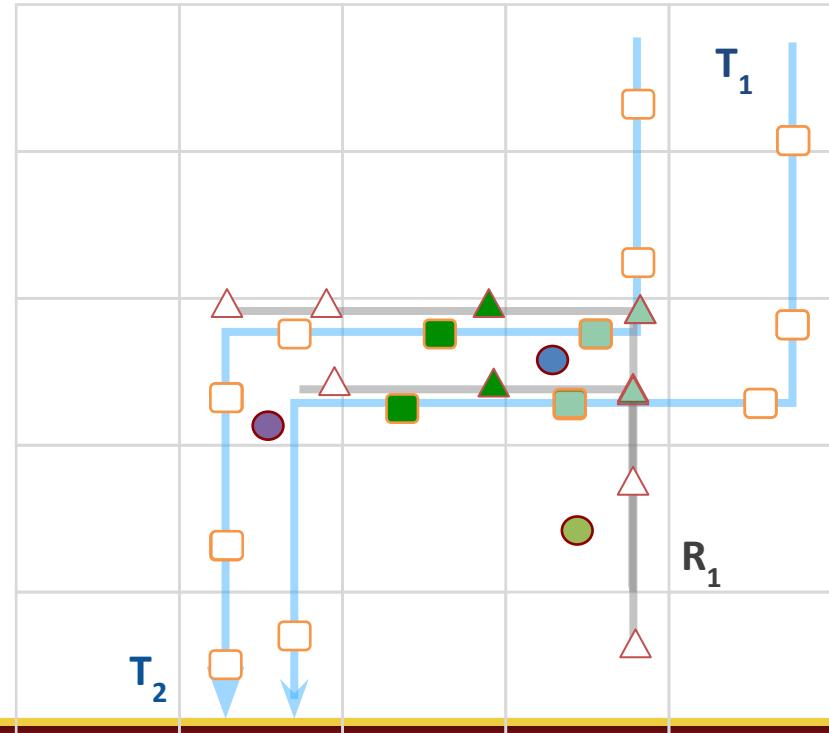
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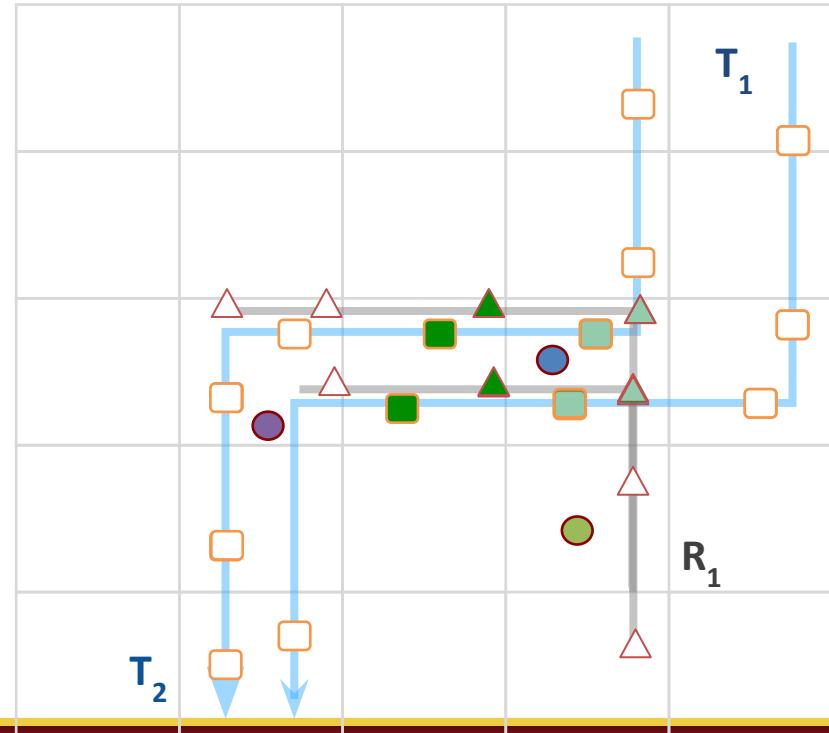
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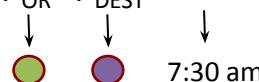


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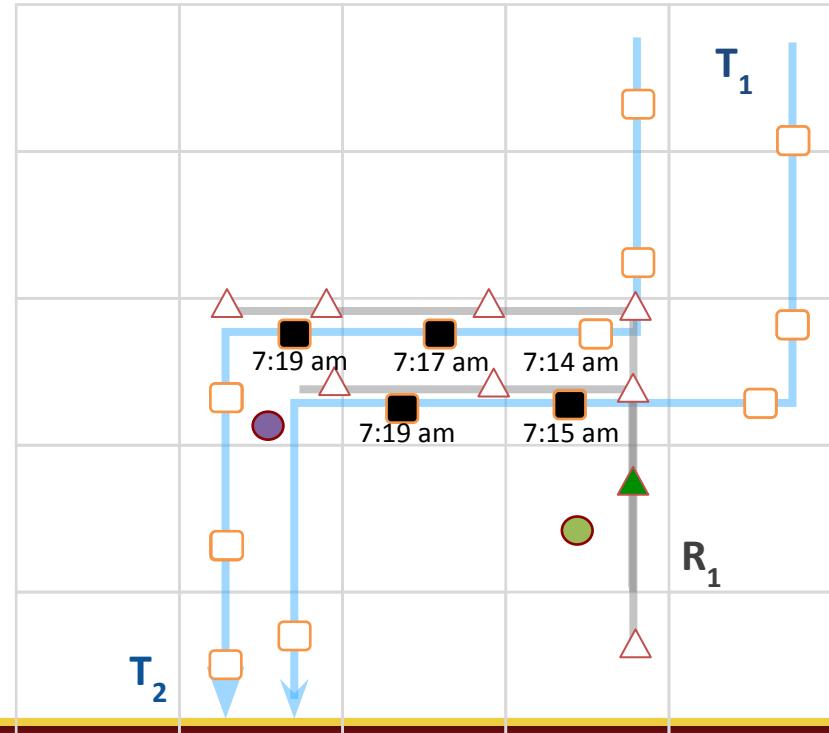
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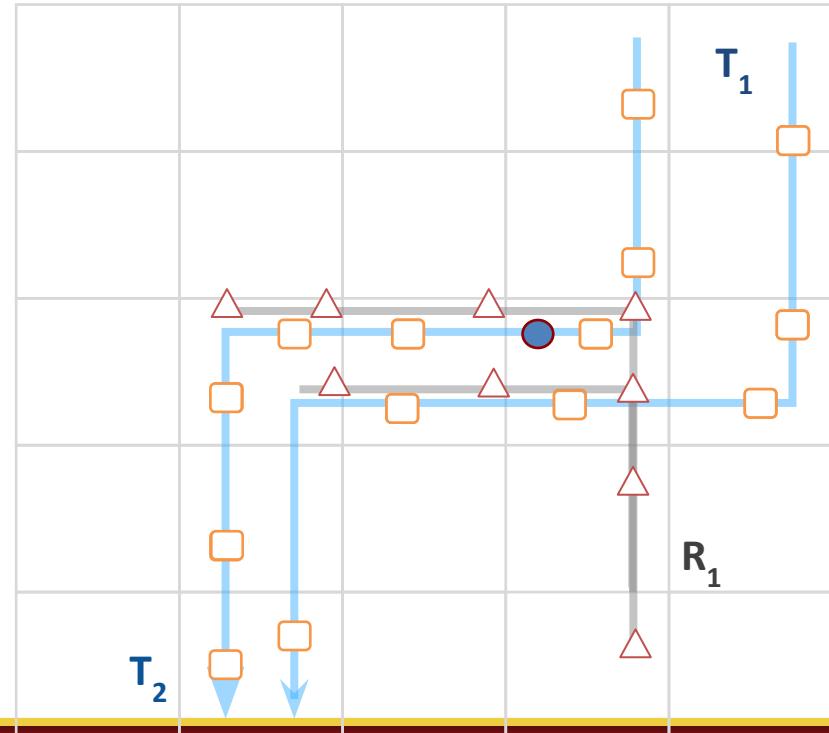
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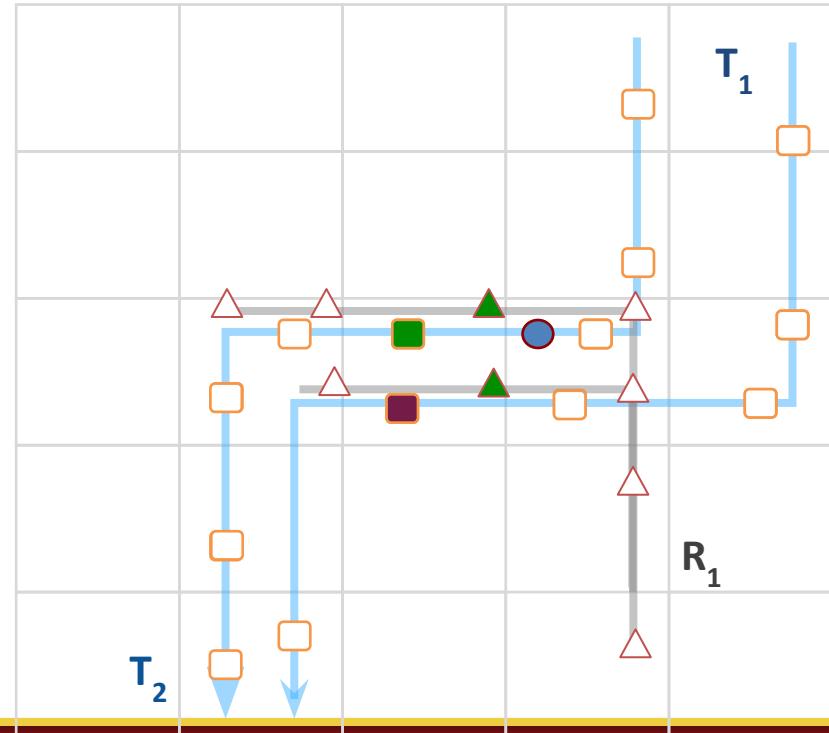


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-  $rw$ : continuity reward  $\in [0, 1]$

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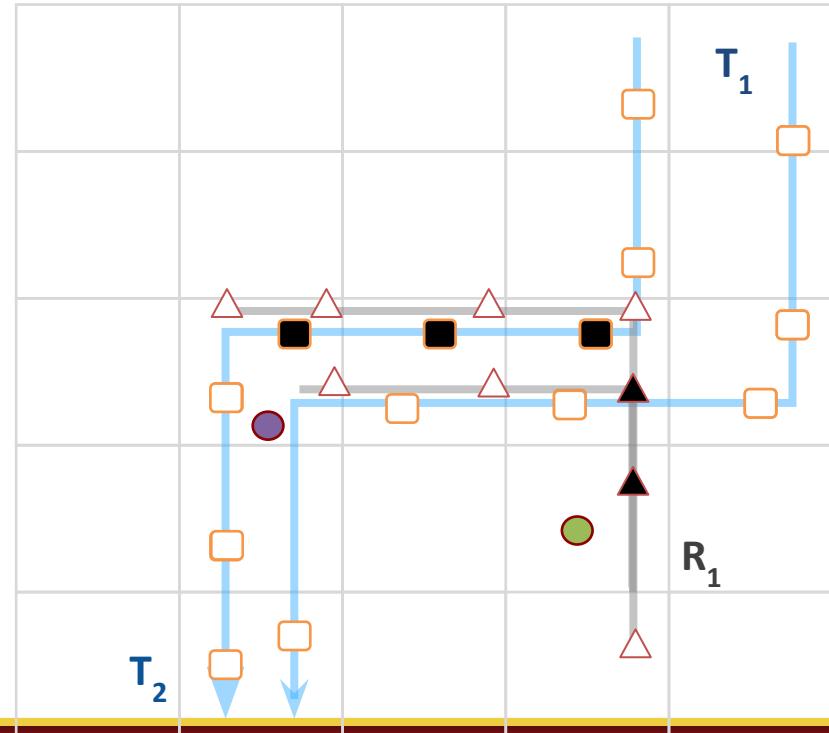
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- Any pathfinding algorithm can be applied.

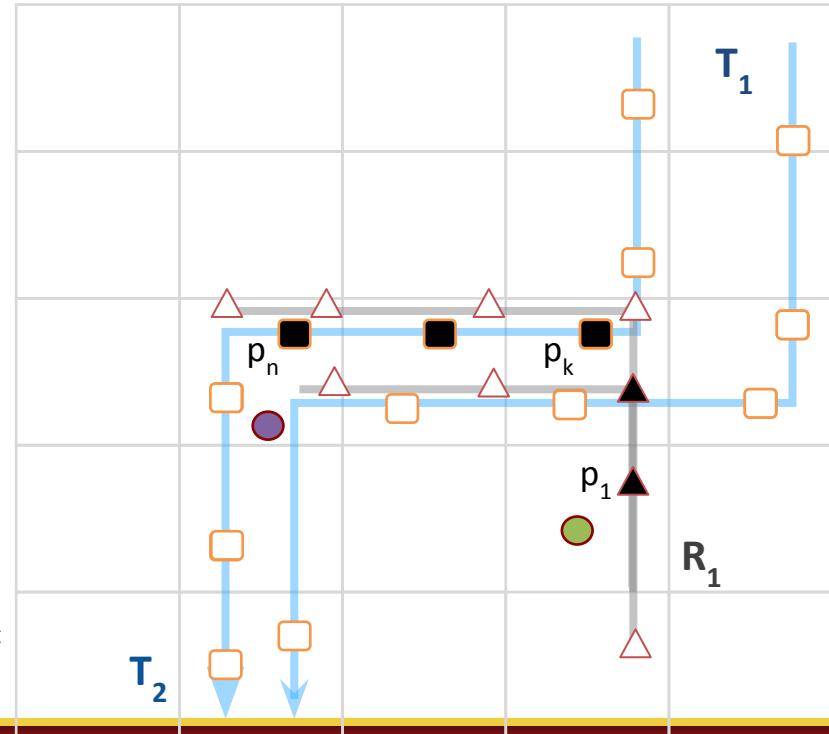
- For Dijkstra:

$$g(p_k) = \sum_{i=1}^{|P|} C(p_{i-1}, p_i), \quad p_i \in P$$

- For A\*:

$$h(p_k) = \frac{\text{dist}(p_k, Q.p_{\text{DEST}})}{v_{\max}} \rightarrow \text{always underestimates the cost}$$

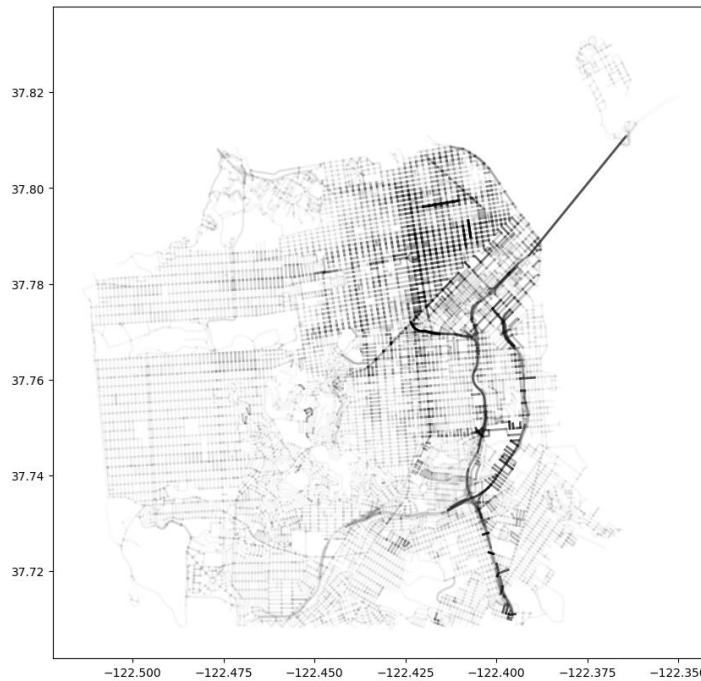
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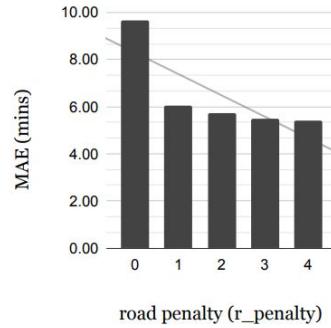
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  - OSM for road network
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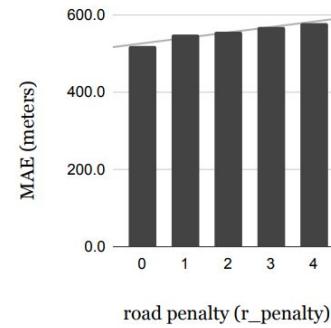


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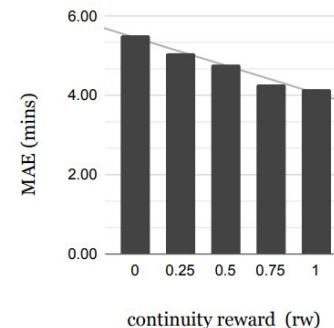
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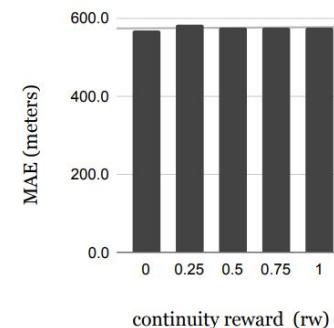
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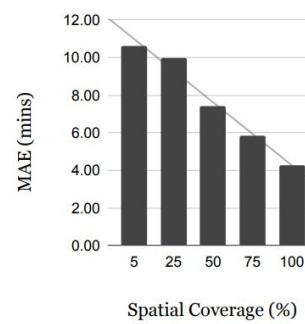


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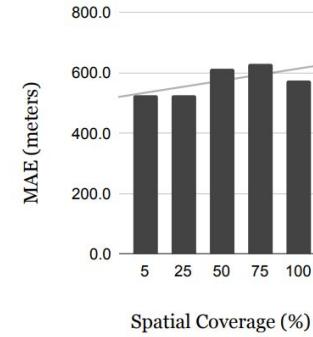


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- Evaluation
  - Random Origin-Destination Queries from trajectories.
  - Comparison of routes with Azure Maps
    - Length of route
    - ETA of route
  - Spatial Coverage
    - Keep trajectories that cover x% of the area
    - Keep  $\alpha=3.0$  and  $rw=0.75$  constant

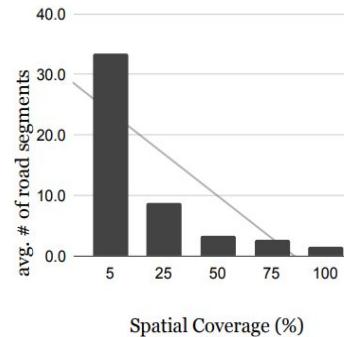


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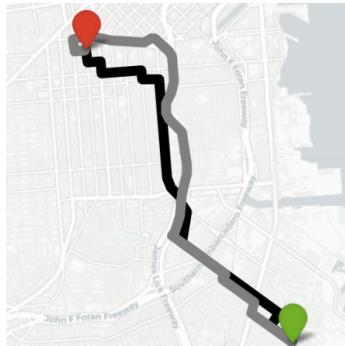
Figure 7: Results for different levels of spatial coverage.



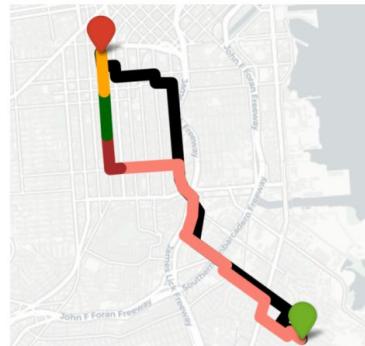


# TrajRoute: Experiments

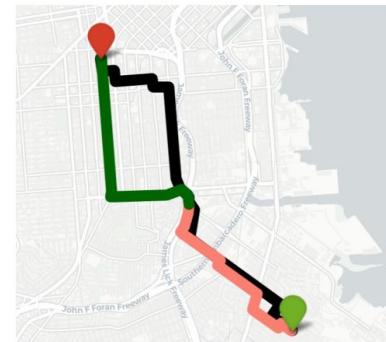
Query Time: 06:01 PM  
Azure Maps ETA: 21 mins



(a) Route for  $r_{penalty} = 0$  and  $rw = 0$ .  
TrajRoute ETA: 10 mins.



(b) Route for  $r_{penalty} = 3$  and  $rw = 0$ .  
TrajRoute ETA: 16.21 mins.



(c) Route for  $r_{penalty} = 3$  and  $rw = 0.75$ .  
TrajRoute ETA: 19.53 mins.

Query Time: 01:25 AM  
Azure Maps ETA: 12 mins



(a) Route for  $r_{penalty} = 0$  and  $rw = 0$ .  
TrajRoute ETA: 8.3 mins.



(b) Route for  $r_{penalty} = 3$  and  $rw = 0$ .  
TrajRoute ETA: 10.15 mins.

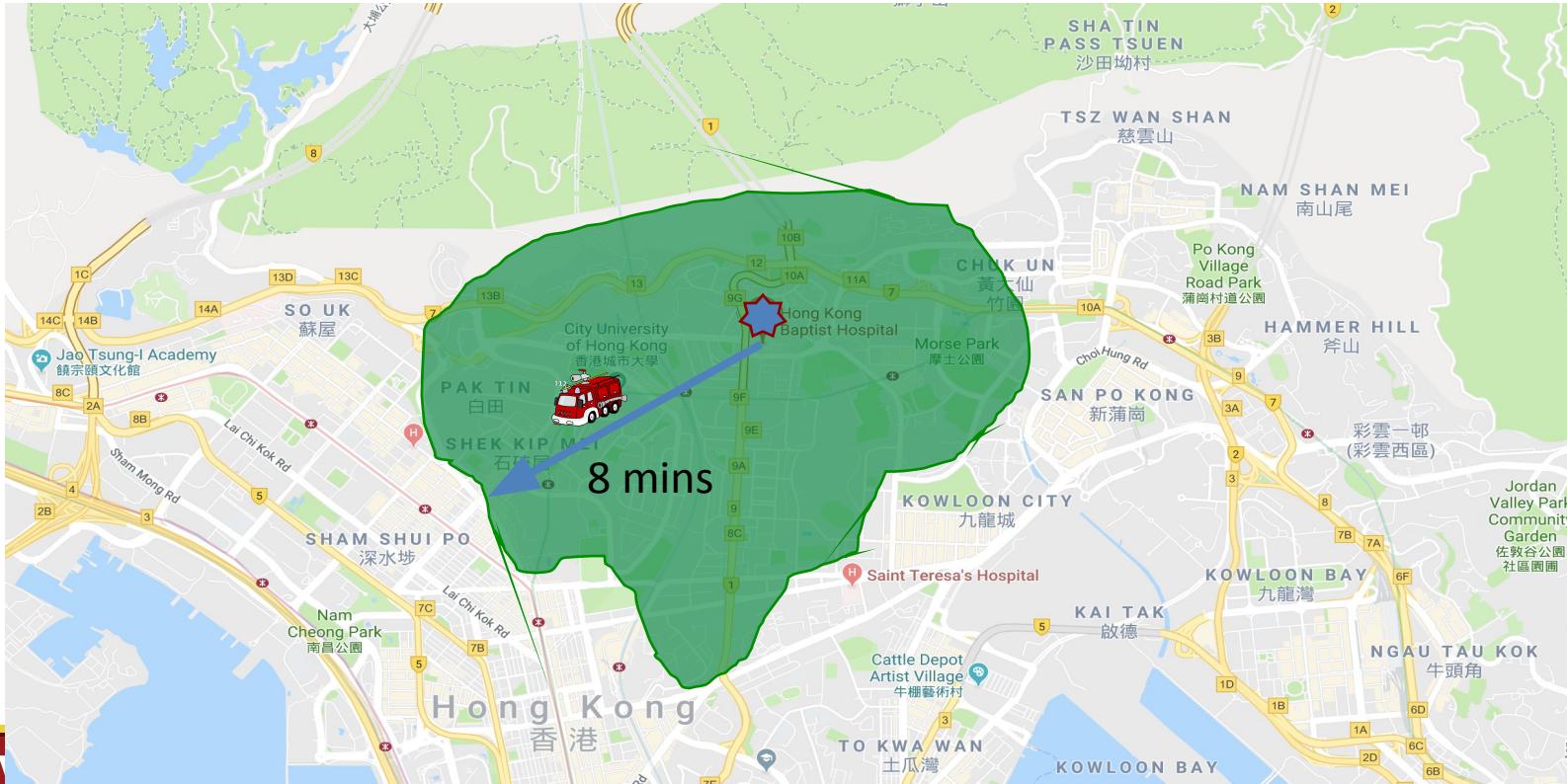


(c) Route for  $r_{penalty} = 3$  and  $rw = 0.75$ .  
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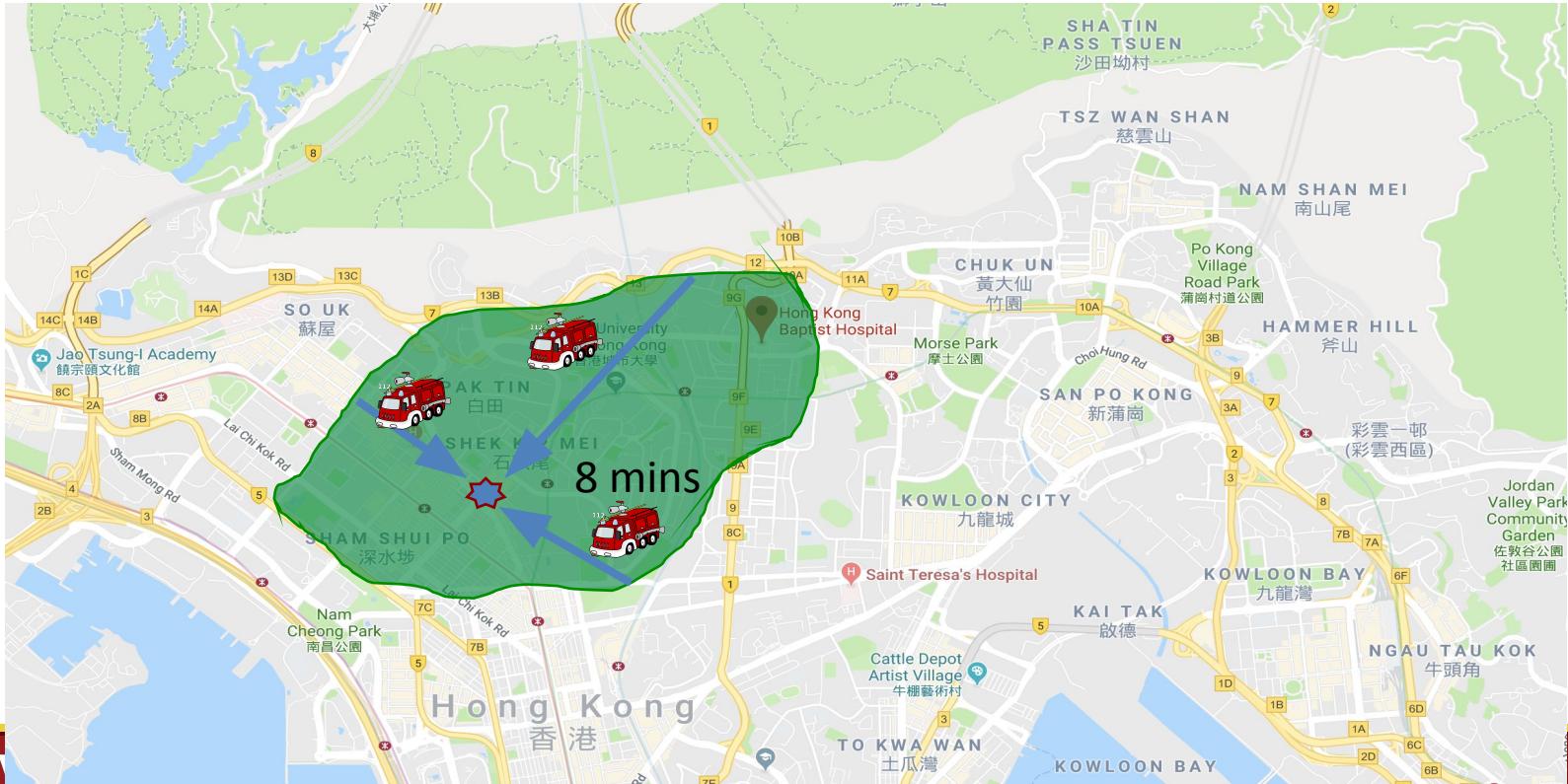


# Isochrone Maps

\*Actual travel times might vary



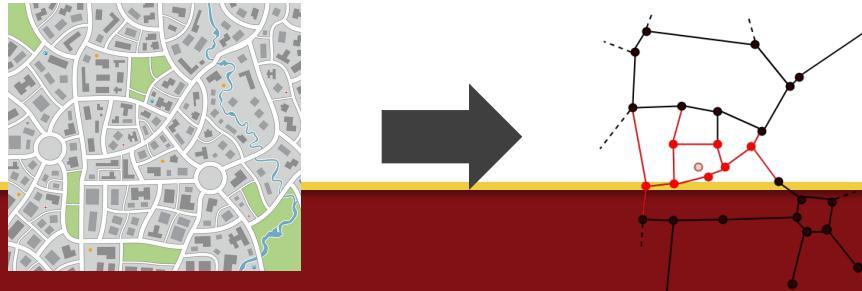
# Reverse Reachability Analysis



# Graph-based Approaches



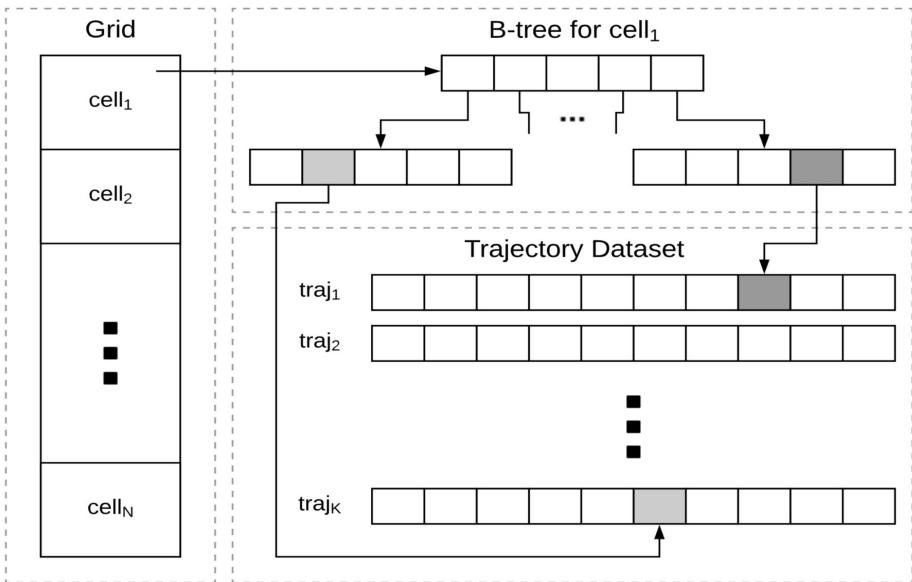
- **Isochrone maps** extensively studied in the databases community
- In **graph theory** defined as the minimal subgraph that can be reached from a query vertex given a limited path cost that is equivalent to travel time.
  - More precisely, it's the set of all reachable vertices, fully traversed edges, and possibly partially traversed edges
- Standard solutions are based on **Dijkstra's** (or **Dreyfus**) shortest path algorithm
  - [ICDE'06] Finding fastest paths on a road network with speed patterns, *Kanoulas et al.*
  - [GIS'08] Computing isochrones in multi-modal, schedule-based transport networks, *Bauer et al.*
  - [EDBT'08] Finding time-dependent shortest paths over large graphs, *Ding et al.*
  - [CIKM'11] Defining isochrones in multi-modal spatial networks, *Gamber et al.*
  - [SEA'16] Fast exact computation of isochrones in road networks, *Baum et al.*



# Data-Driven Reachability



- Remove the *expensive map-matching* step
  - Can take days to compute time-dependent weights for big data
- Remove the traversal step of *complex graphs*
  - The higher the query time limit the more edges need to be explored
- Compute isochrone maps *directly from data*
  - Only process trajectories that satisfy query criteria
- Support multiple *Reachability Queries*
  - Single-Source & Multi-Source (Normal)
  - Single-Target & Multi-Target (Reverse)



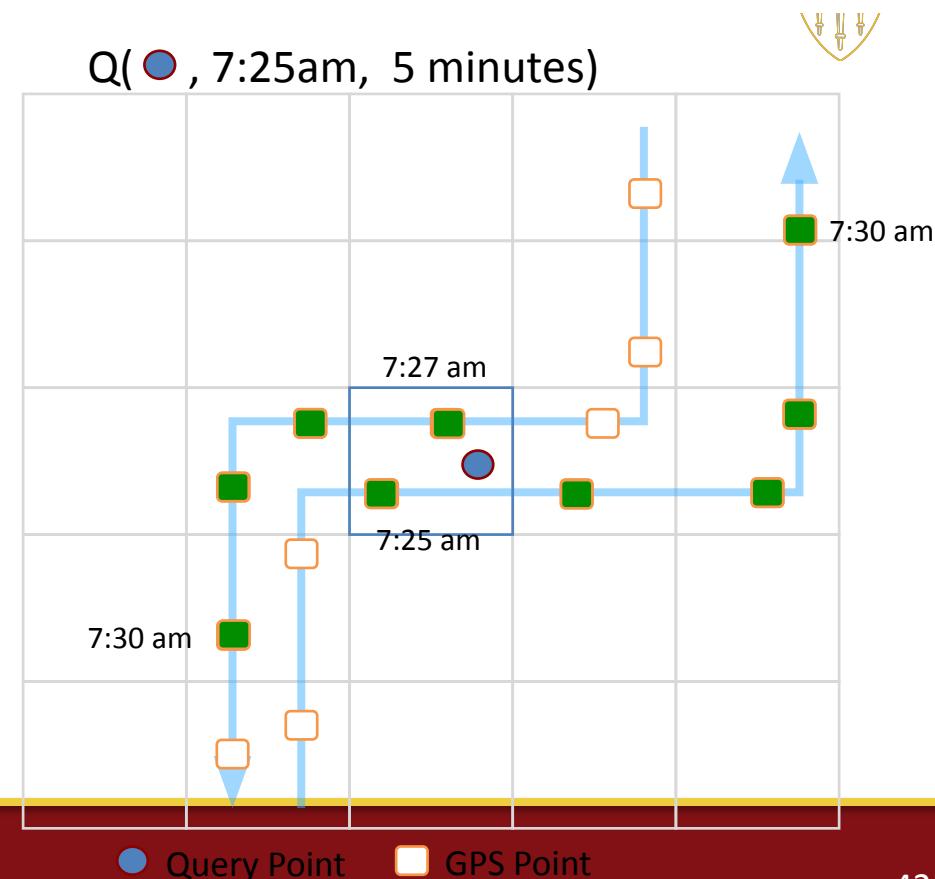
# Single-Source & Multi-Source Queries

## Reachability Query

-  $Q(s, t, d)$

- s: source location
- t: departure time
- d: time limit in minutes

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1:  $c \leftarrow findCell(G, Q.s)$ 
2:  $r \leftarrow \{\} // Initialize result to empty set$ 
3: for  $(traj, i) \in c.gpsInWindow(Q.t, Q.t + Q.d)$  do
4:   while  $i < traj.length$  and  $traj[i].ts \leq Q.t + Q.d$  do
5:      $r \leftarrow r \cup \{traj[i].loc\}$ 
6:      $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
7:   end while
8: end for
9: return  $r //$  Return the set of all reachable points
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# Single-Target & Multi-Target Queries

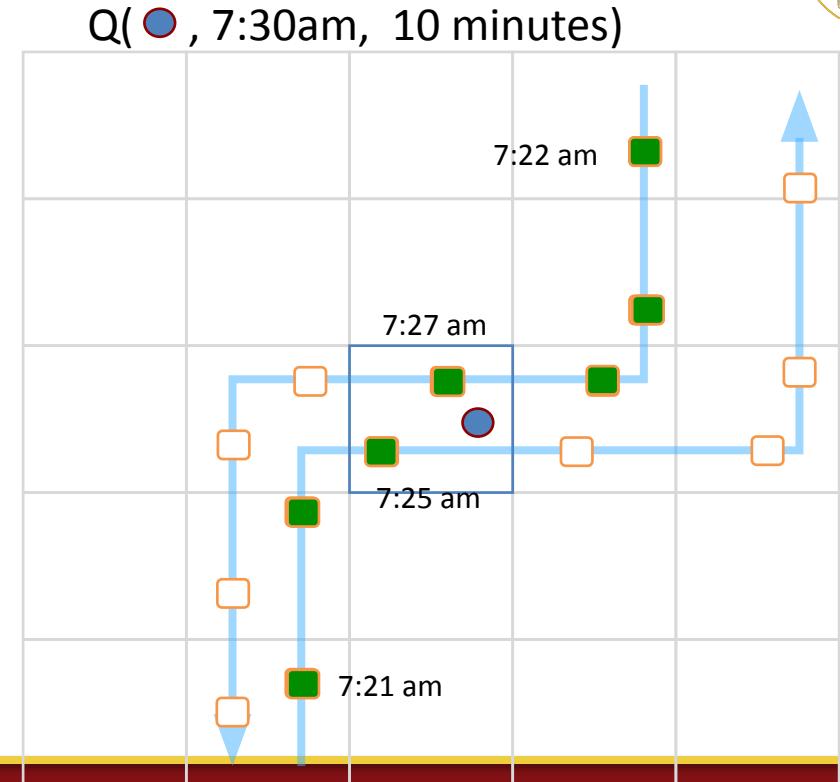


## Reverse Reachability Query

-  $Q(q, t, d)$

- q: target location
- t: arrival time
- d: time limit in minutes

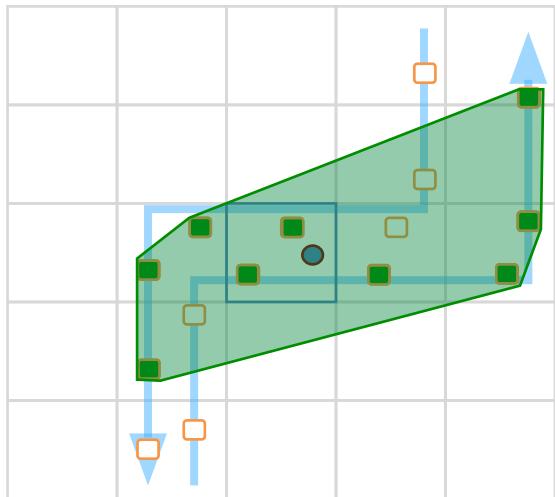
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3: for  $(traj, i) \in c.gpsInWindow(Q.t - Q.d, Q.t)$  do
4:   while  $i \geq 0$  and  $Q.t - Q.d \leq traj[i].ts$  do
5:      $r \leftarrow r \cup \{traj[i].loc\}$ 
6:      $i \leftarrow i - 1$ 
7:   end while
8: end for
9: return  $r //$  Return the set of all reachable points
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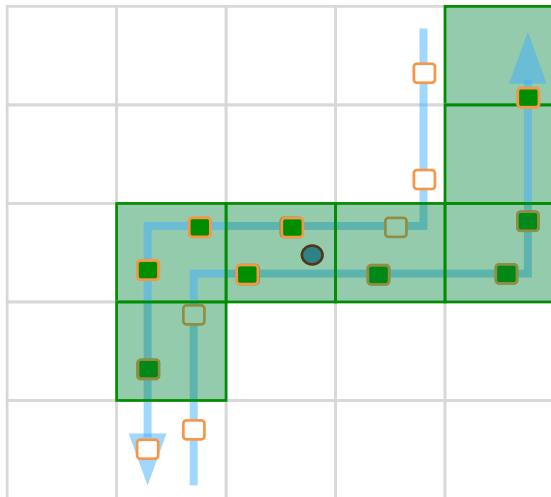
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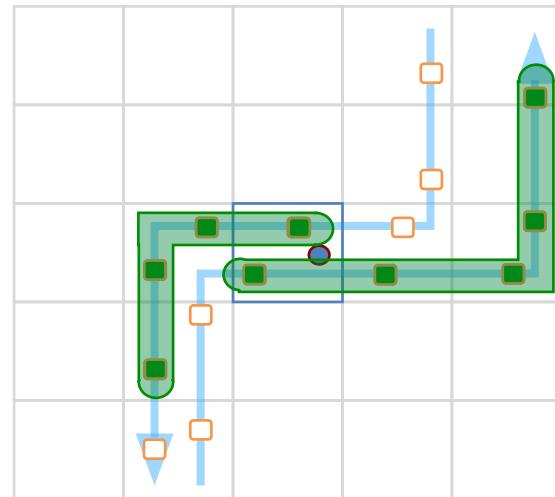
Convex Hull



Cells



Trajectory Buffer



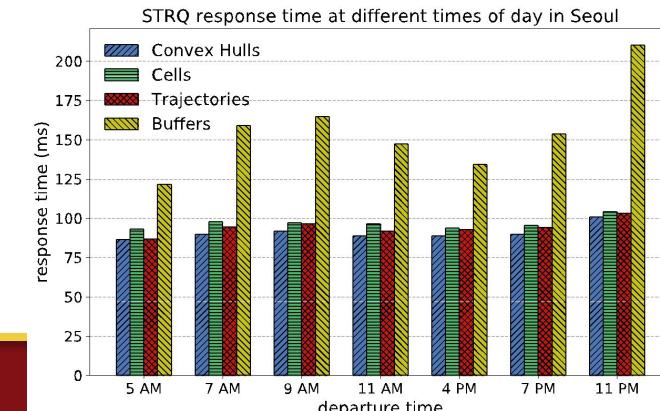
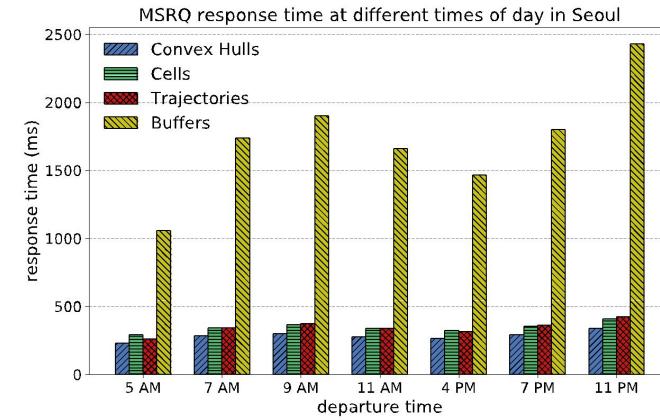
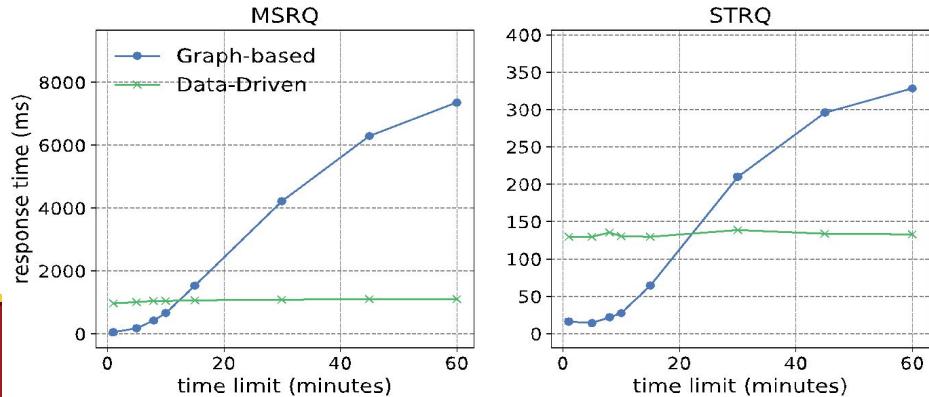
● Query Point    □ GPS Point

# Experiments

- Data Source
  - Navicall (Seoul Brand Taxi Call Company)
- Data collection period
  - July 2016 – November 2016
- Data Statistics
  - 5,000 taxies
  - 1 min unit sensing data
  - ~600M readings
  - ~50 GB total



Graph-Based vs Data-Driven Query Processing



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