

## Lecture 3: Sustainable Mobility and Data-driven Planning

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# Today you will learn about IT and sustainable mobility

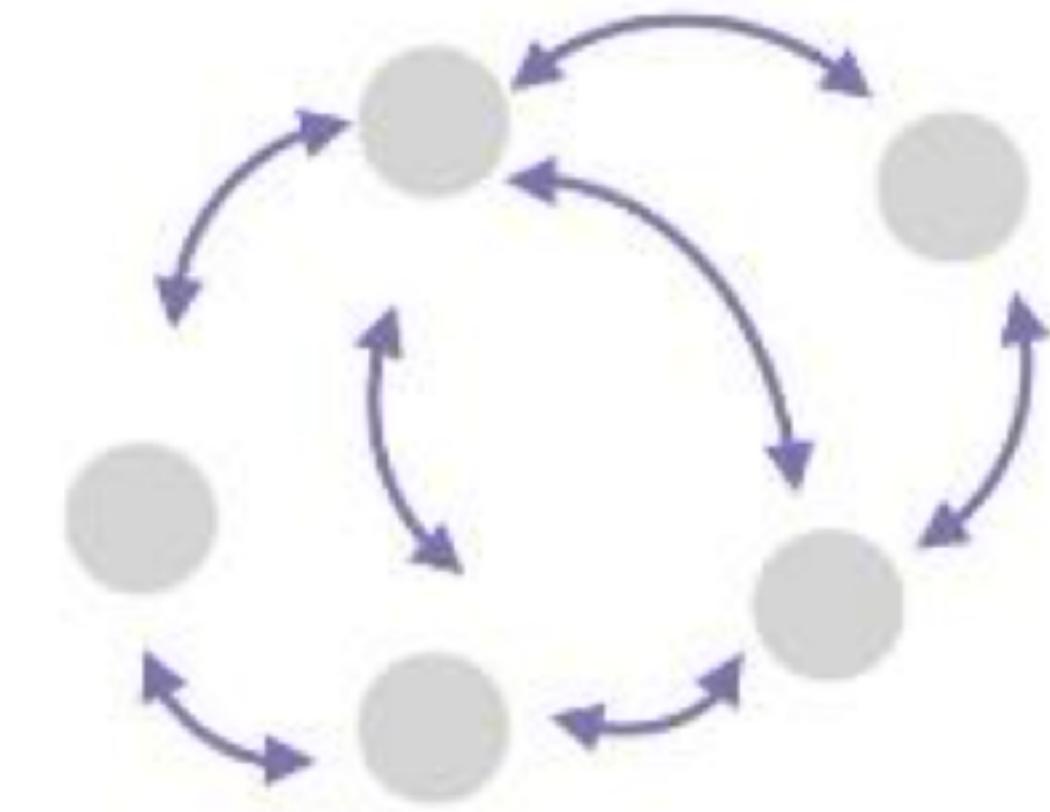
Part I: Bicycle network planning with data science



Exercise: How to grow a bike network?  
How to change the world?



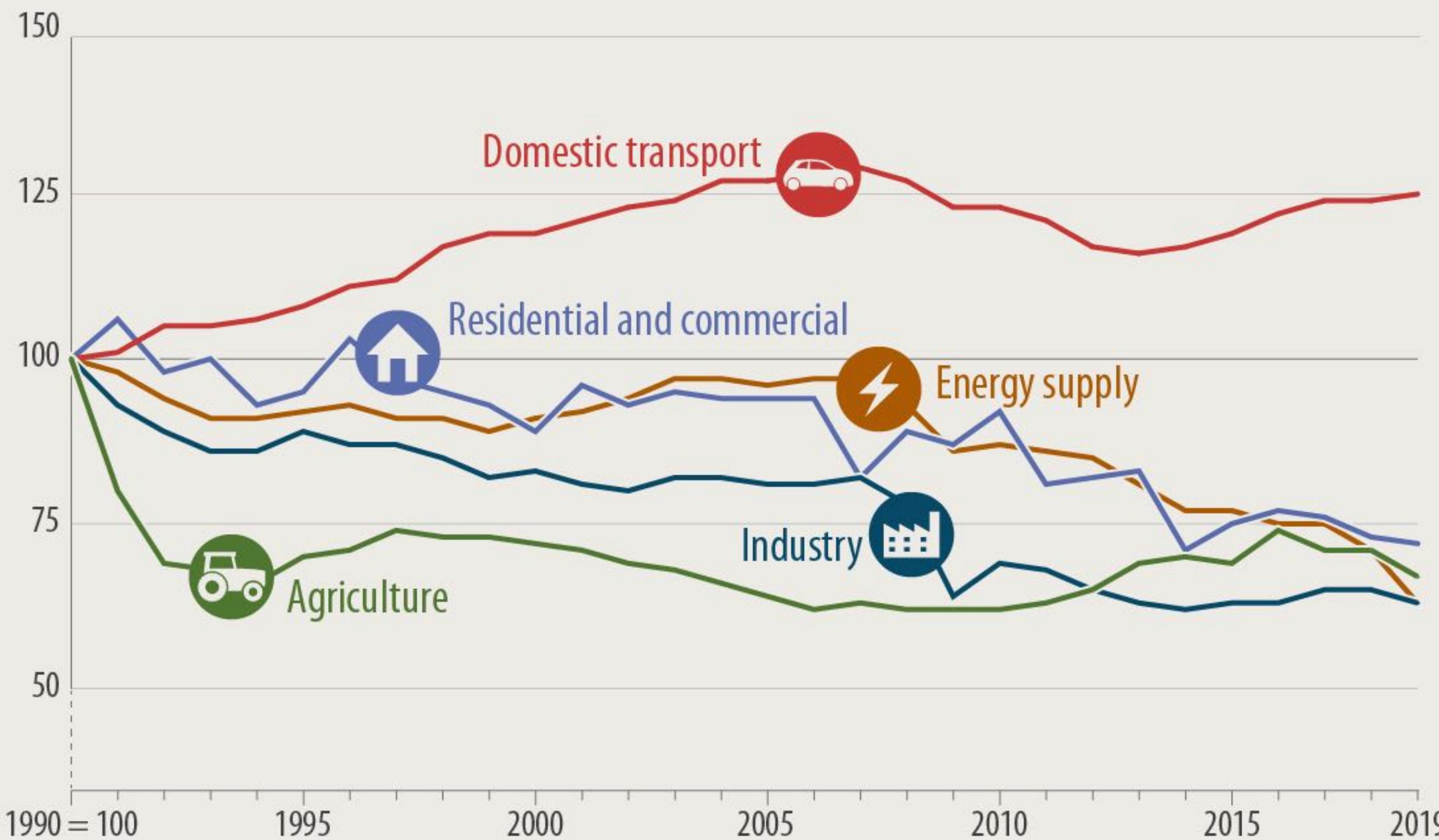
Part II: Systems thinking,  
induced demand, priorities



# Transport plays a key role in the climate crisis

## EMISSIONS IN THE EU\*

Change in emission levels by sector since 1990  
(in CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent)



*Transport represents almost a quarter of Europe's greenhouse gas emissions and is the main cause of air pollution in cities.*

# Which European city is this?



MENTIMETER

# Amsterdam



1978



Today



# Amsterdam



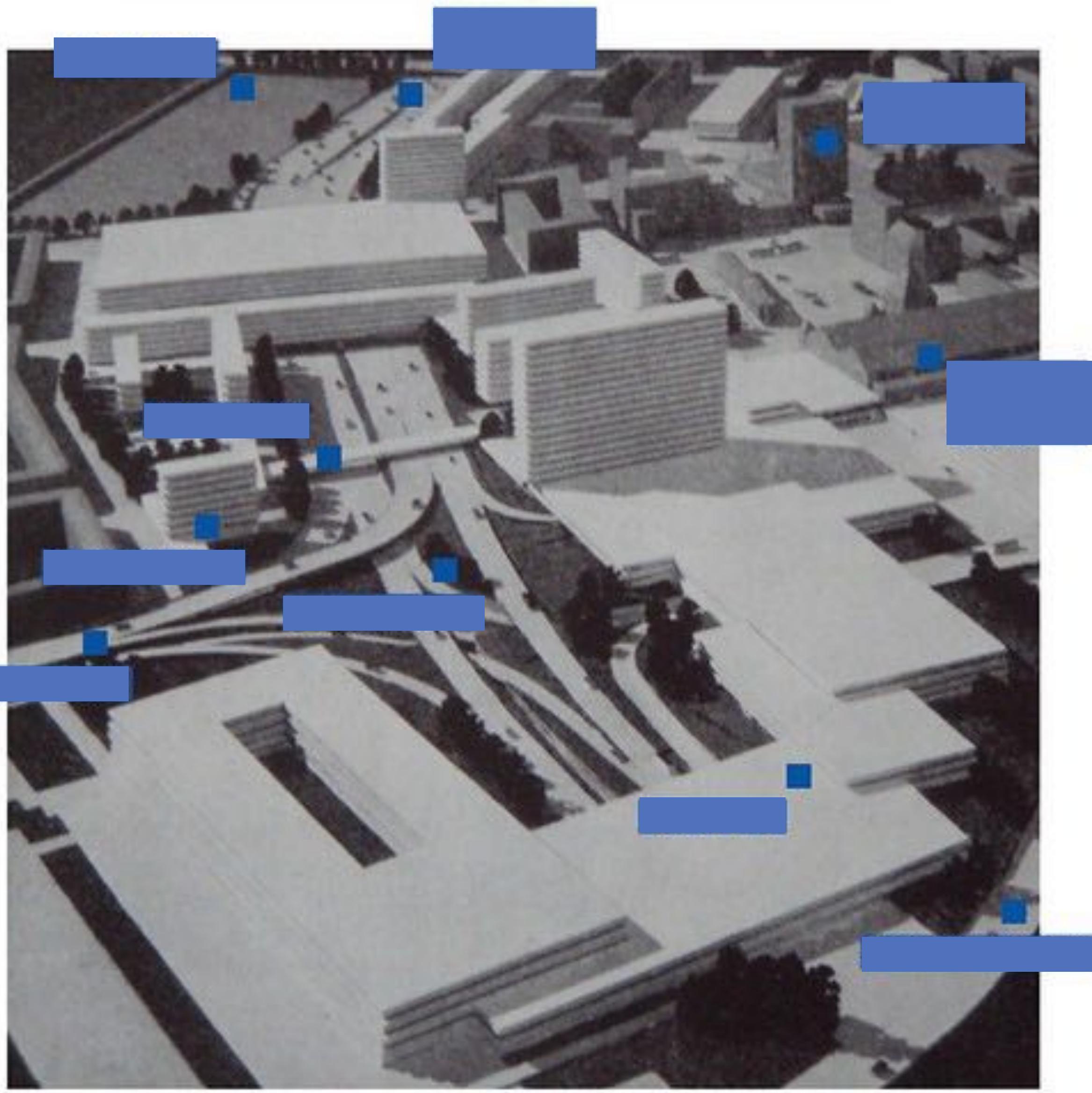
1920



1978

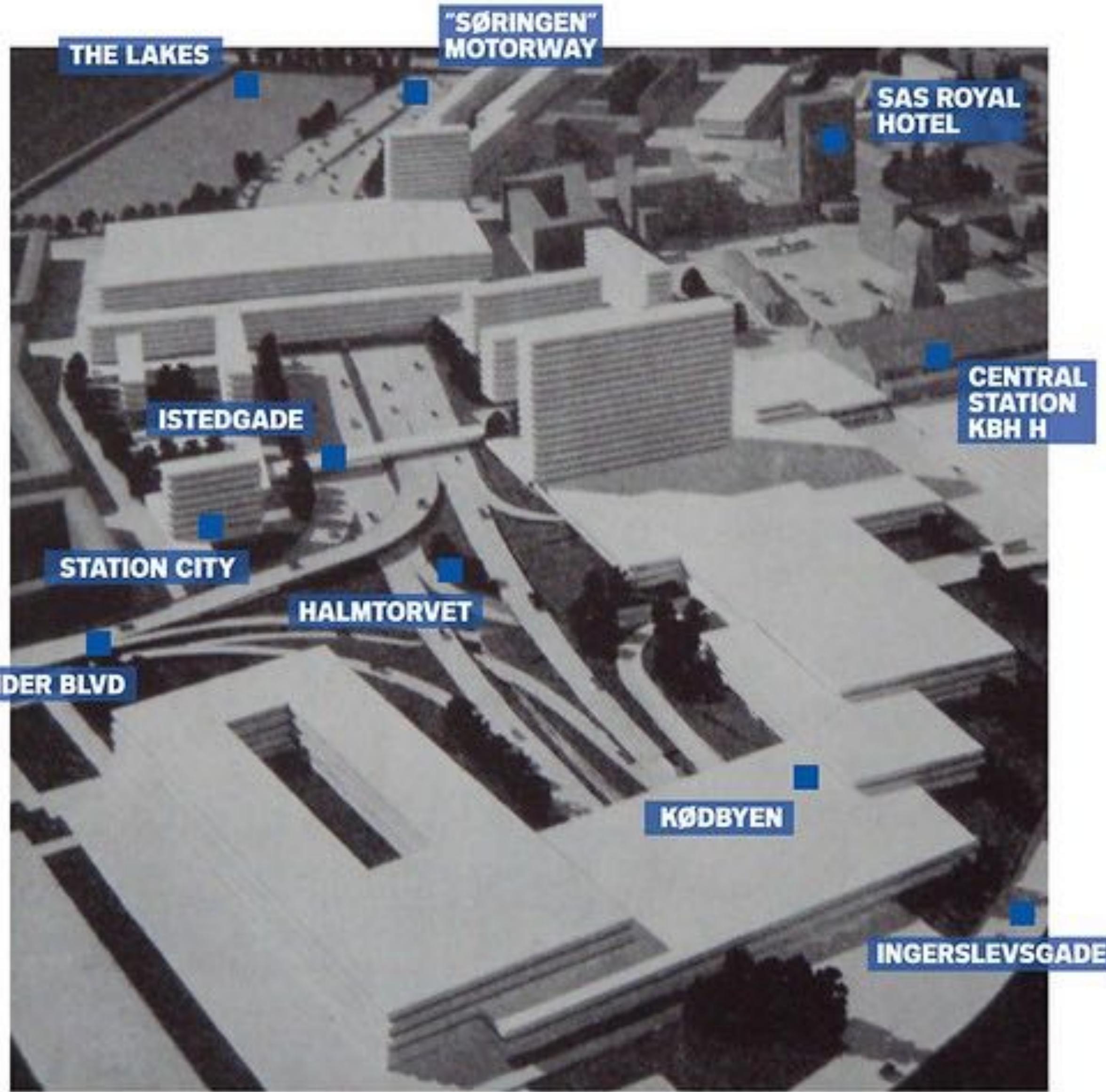


2015



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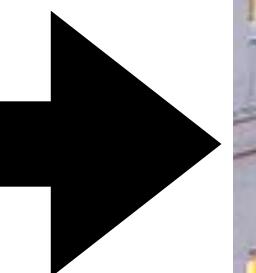
# CITY PLAN VEST - 1958-74 WELCOME TO VESTERBRO!



# Søringen

<https://monocle.com/radio/shows/the-urbanist/tall-stories-322/>

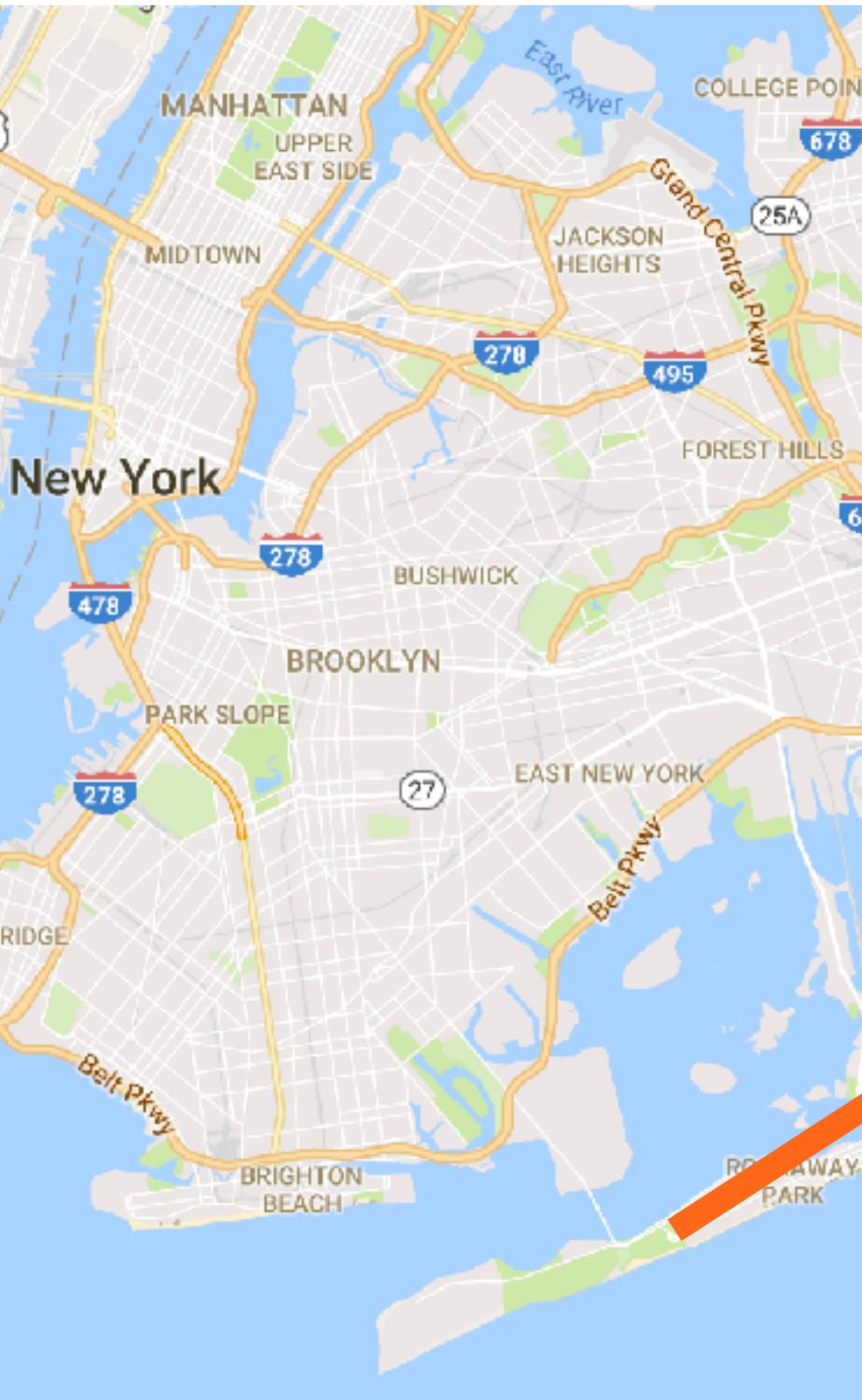
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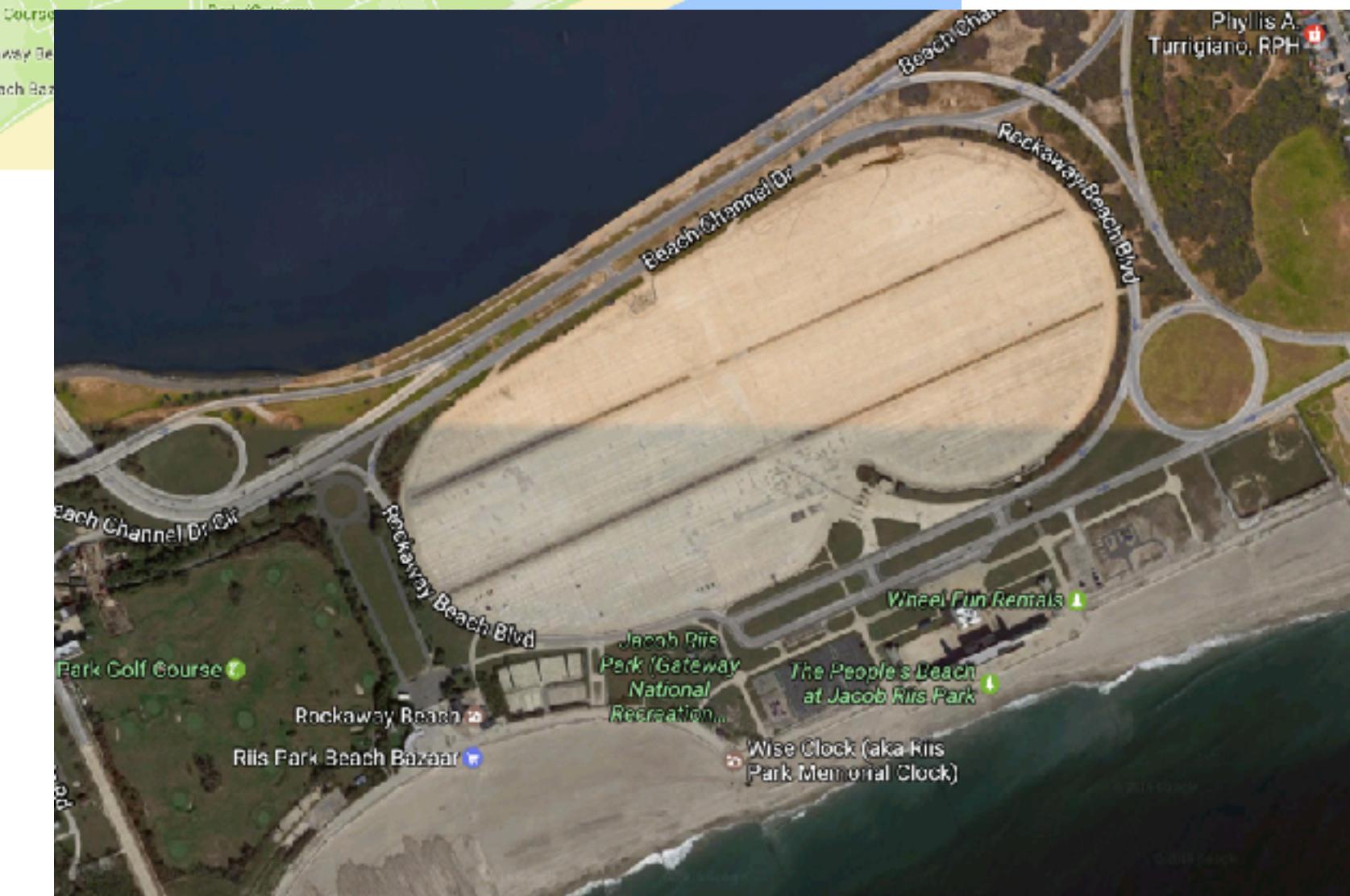
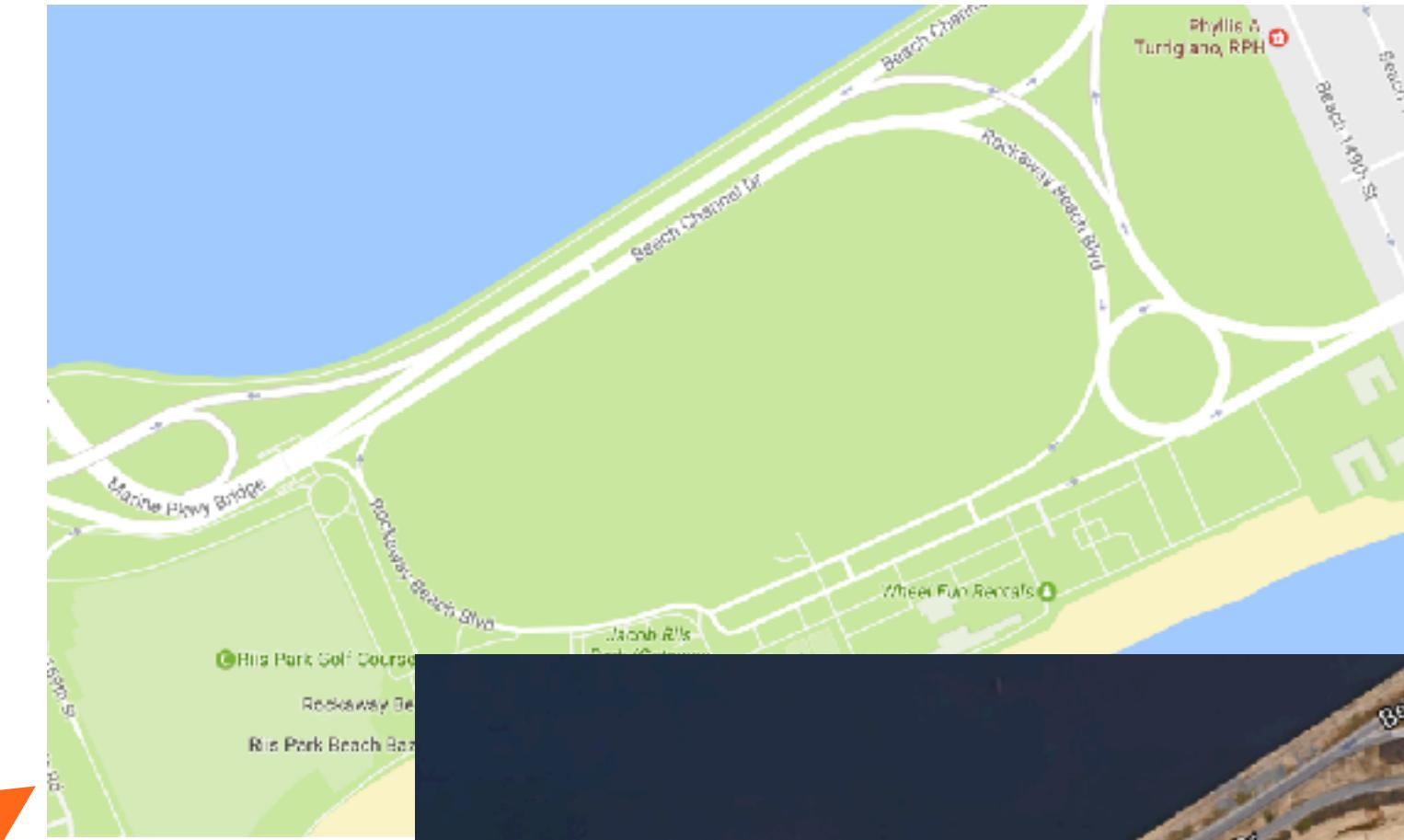
# Why is a city planned with a focus on cars not sustainable\*?

\*sustainable system = system with the possibility to continue a specific behaviour over long periods of time

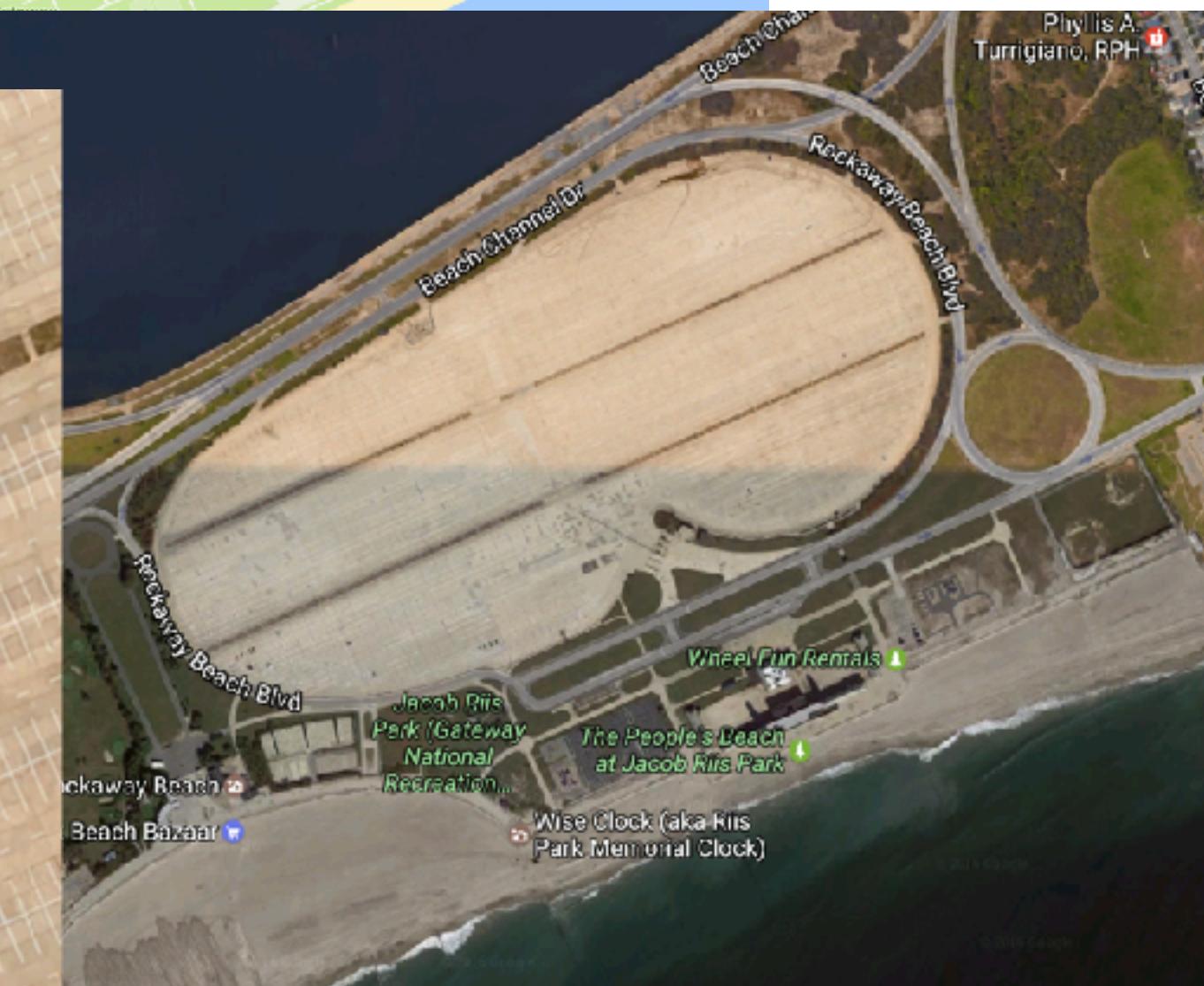
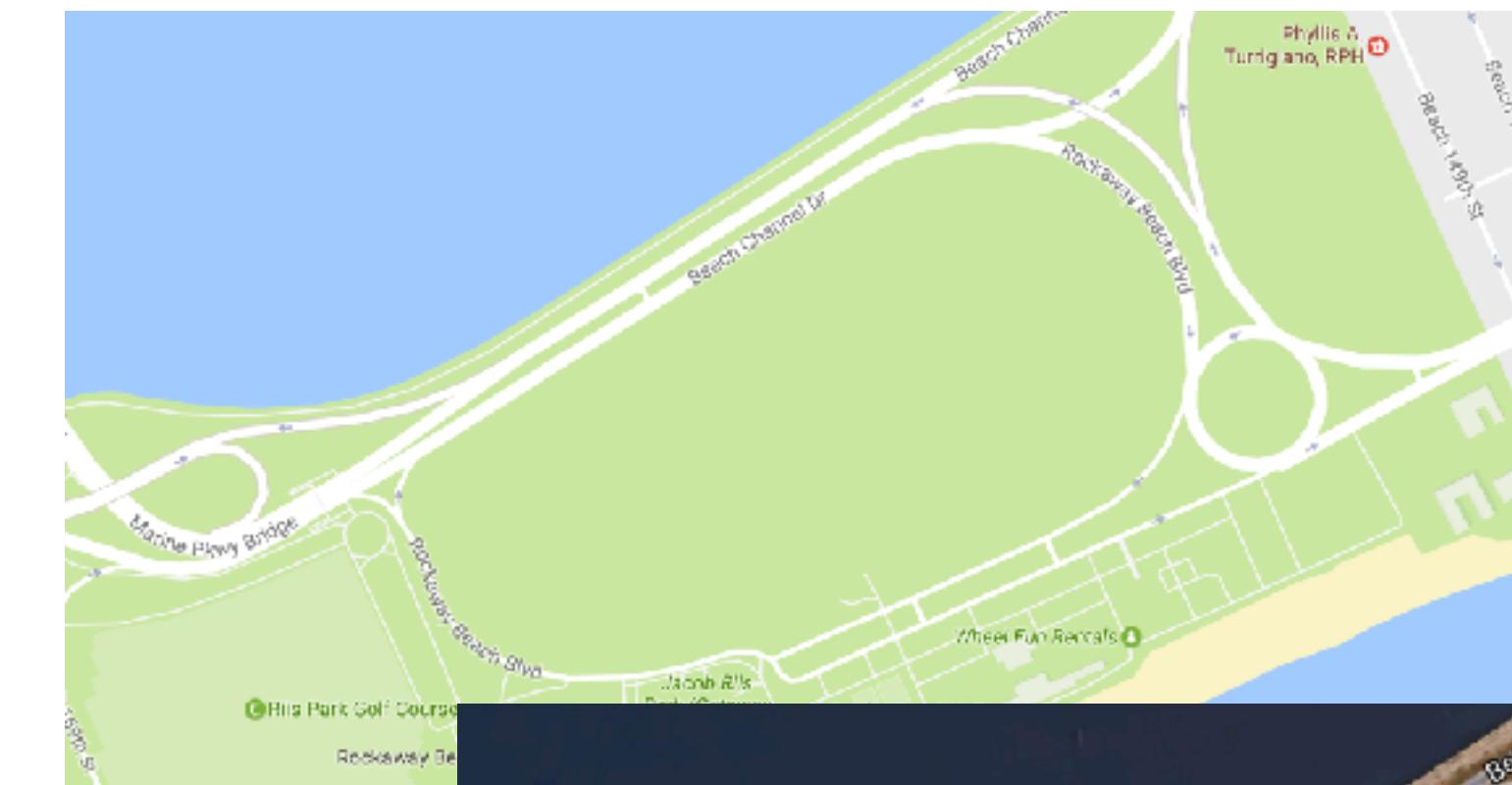
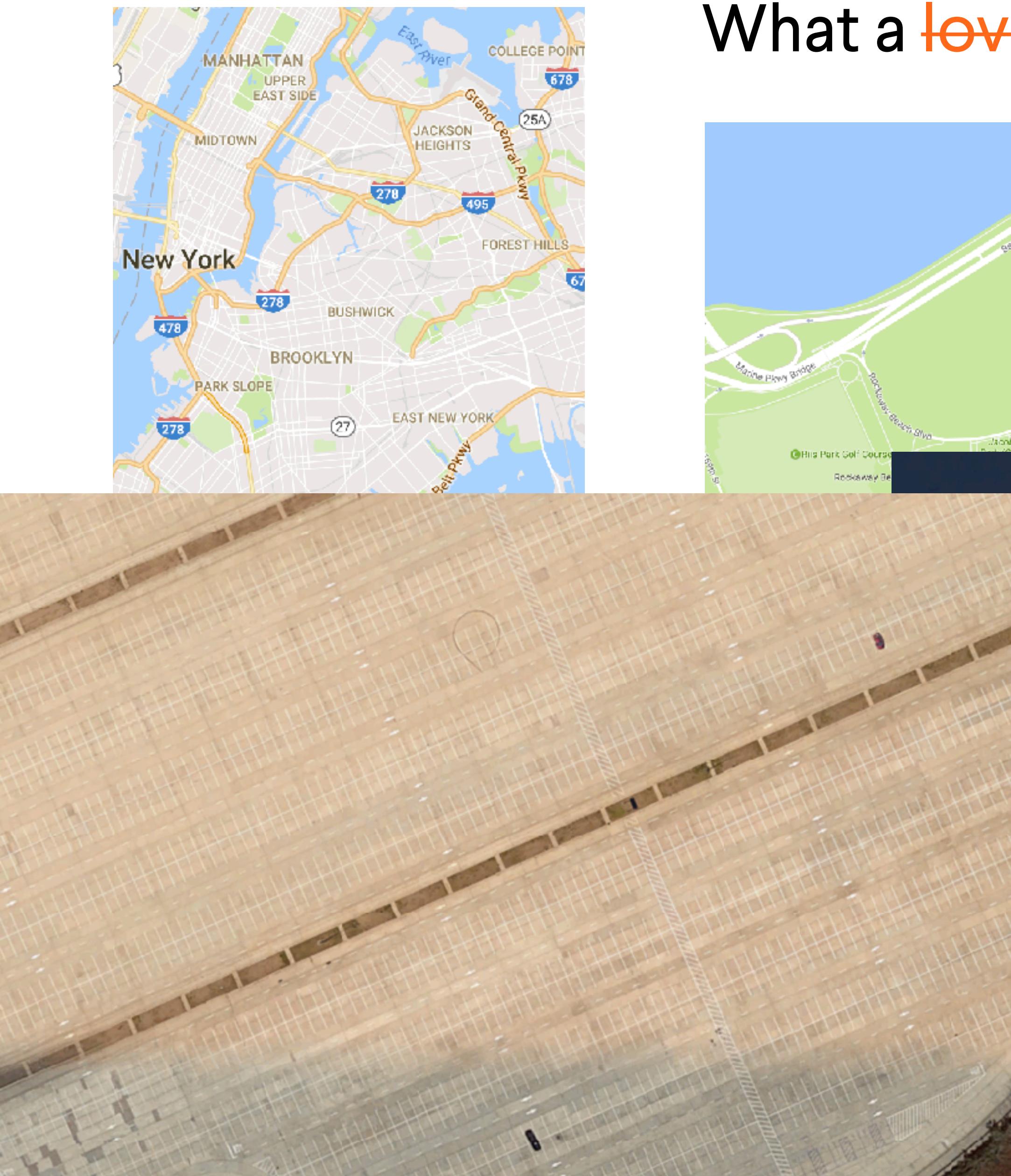
**SPACE**



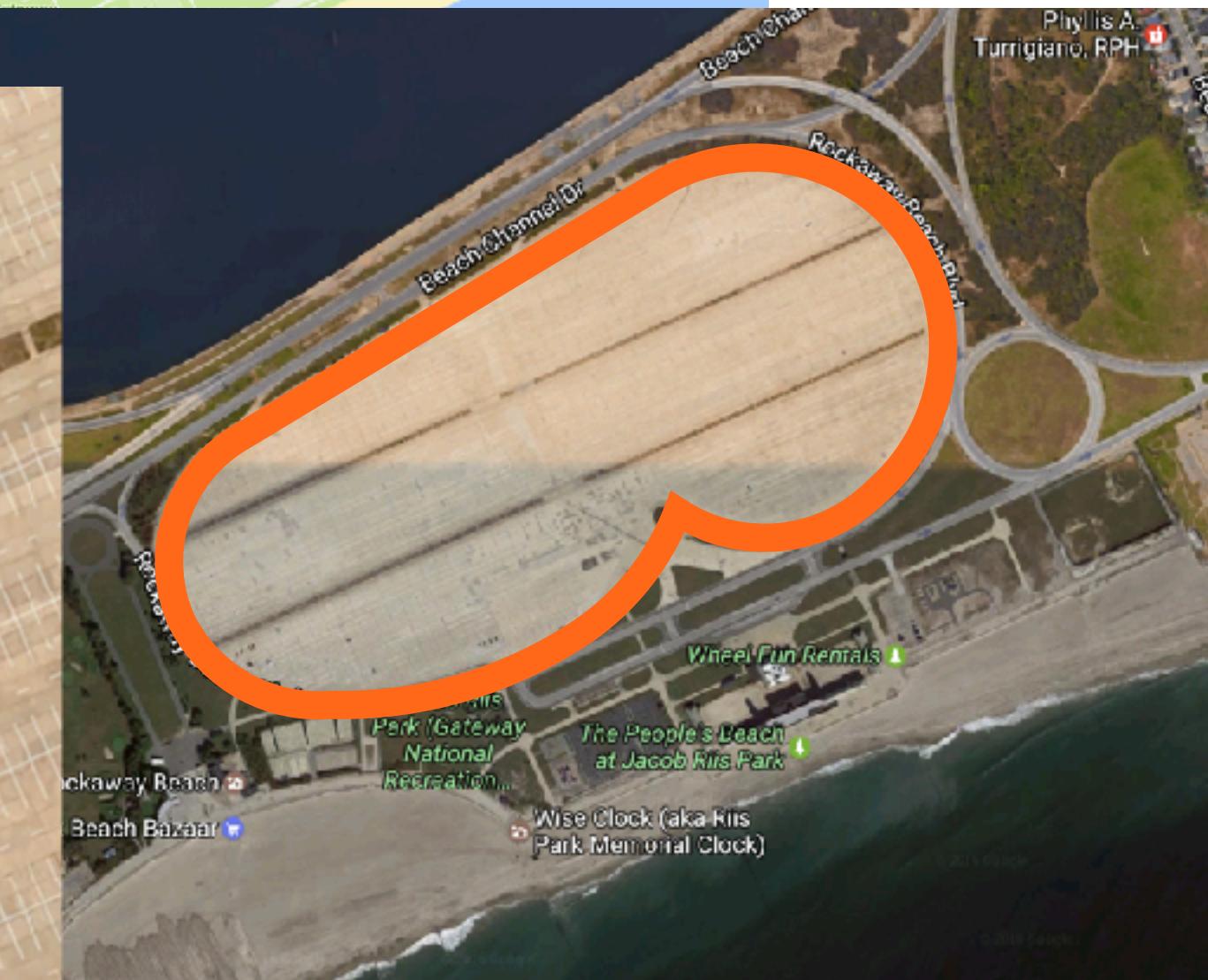
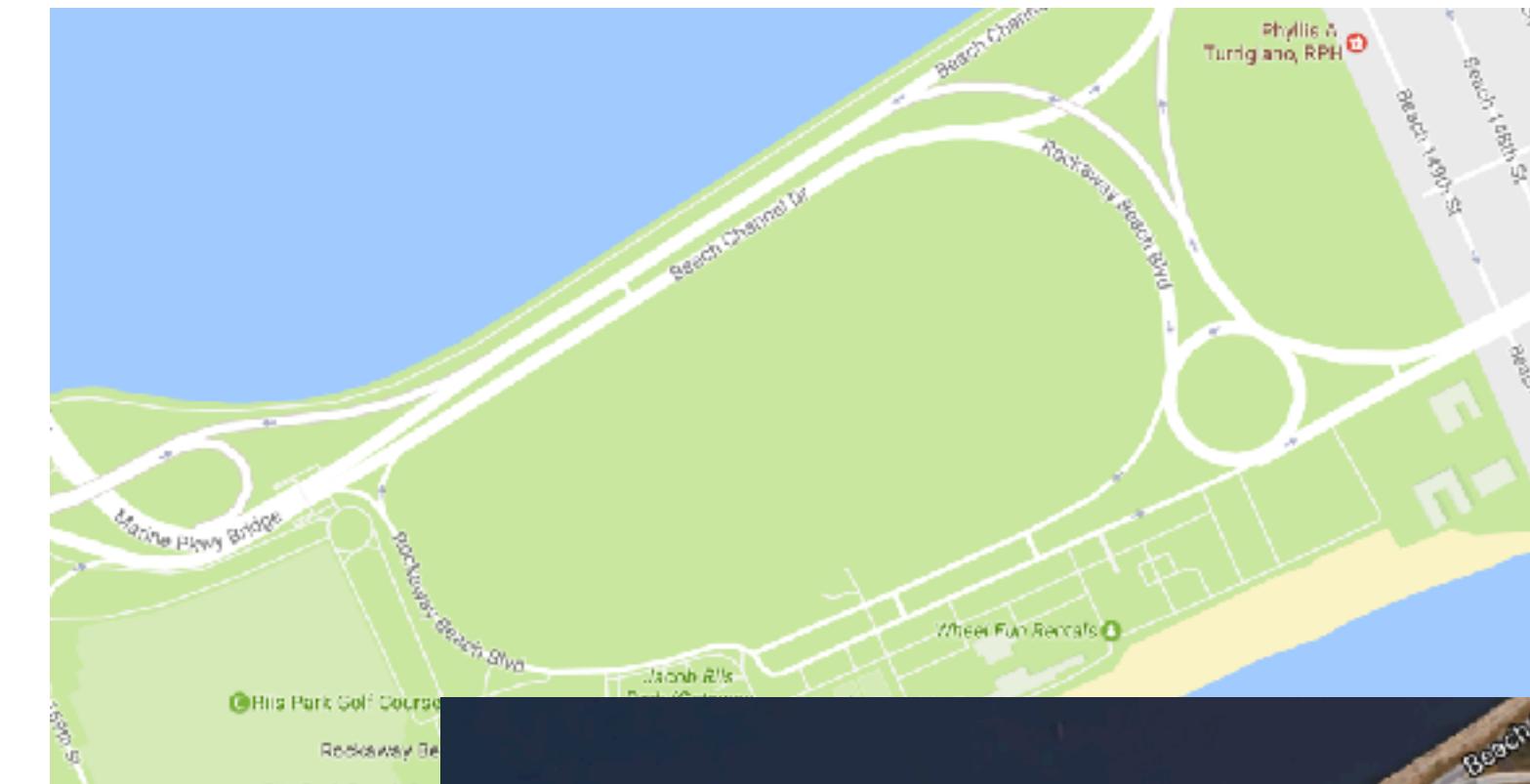
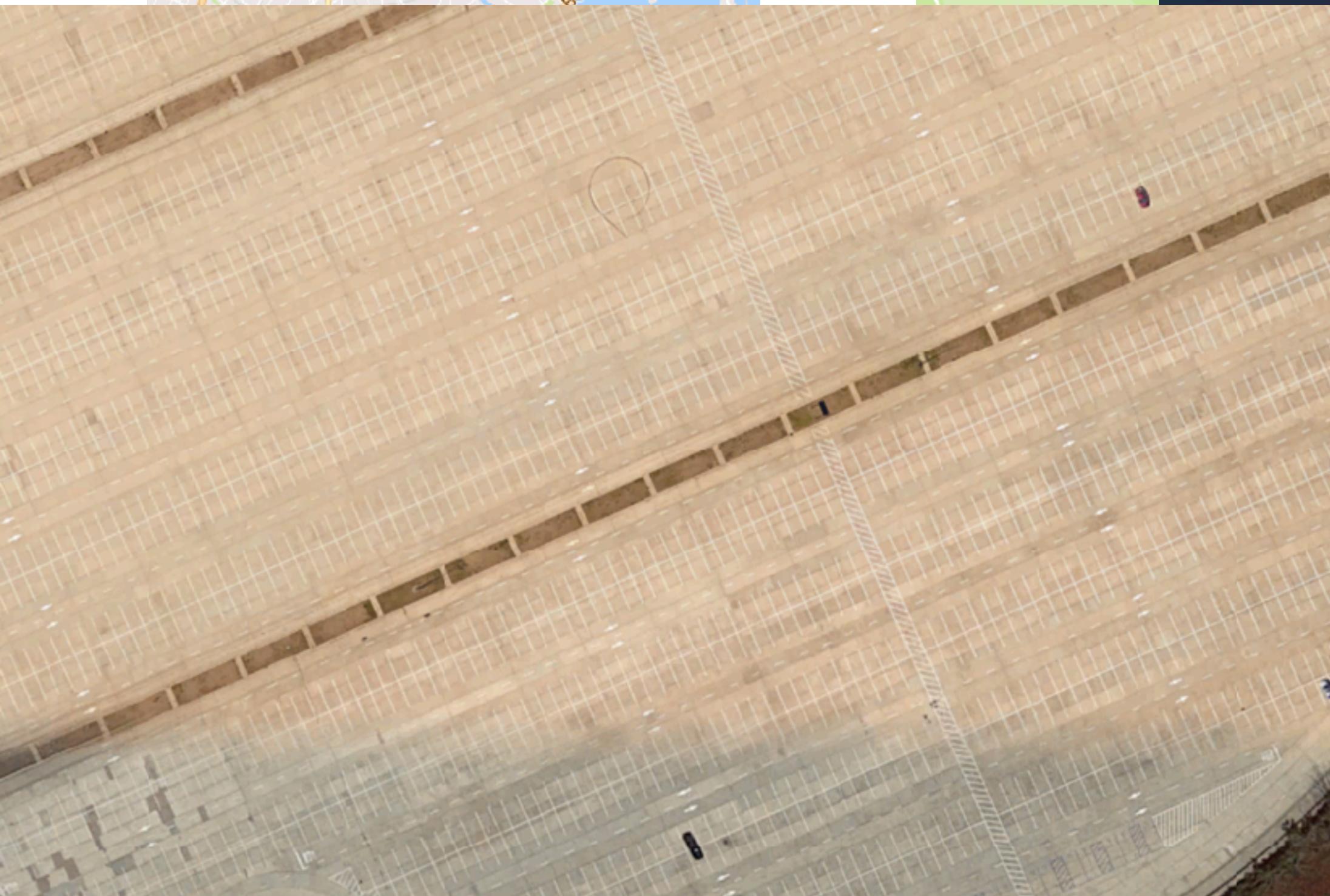
# What a lovely green..



What a ~~lovely green..~~ MONSTER



800m x 500m

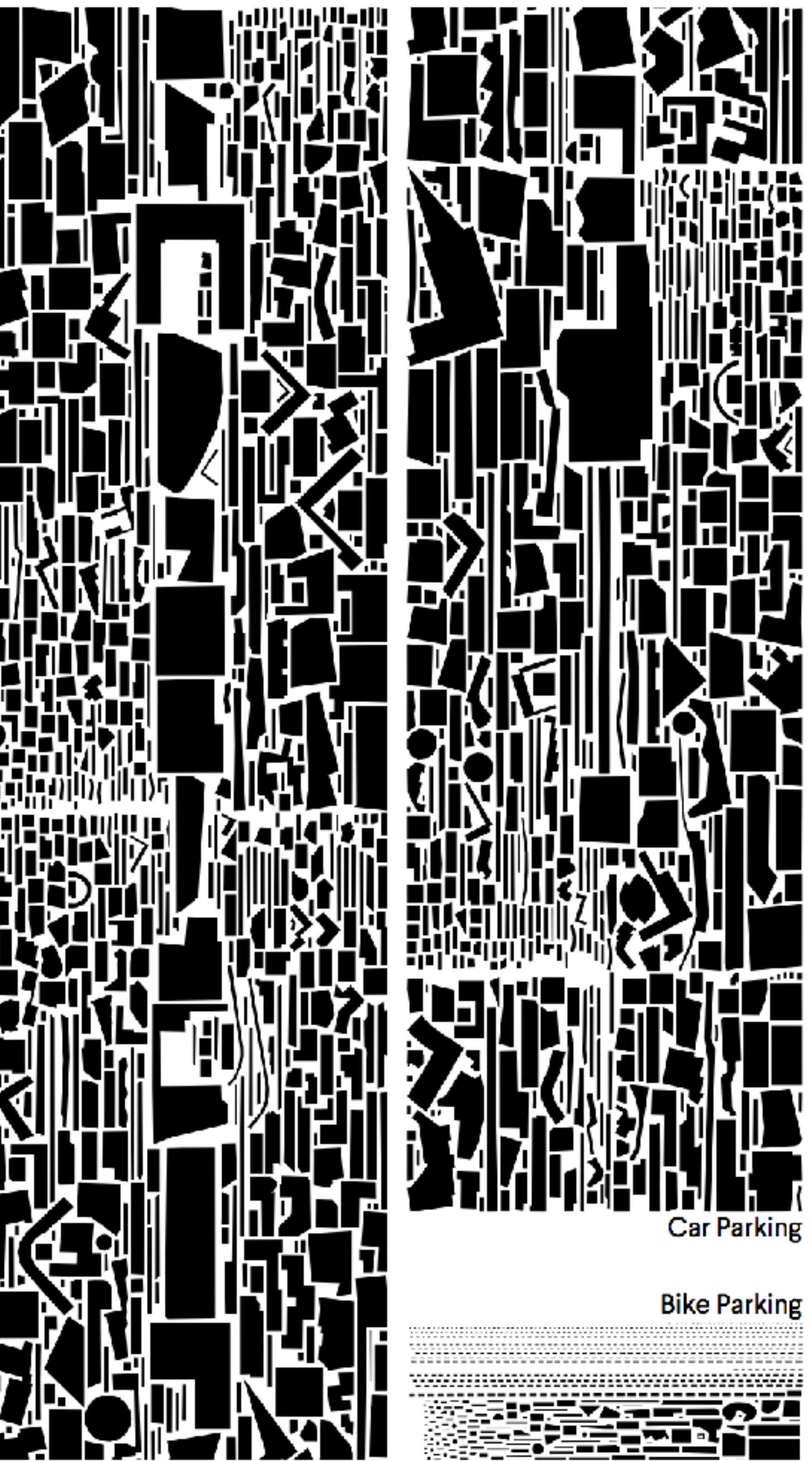


We visualized ALL parking spaces with polygon packing

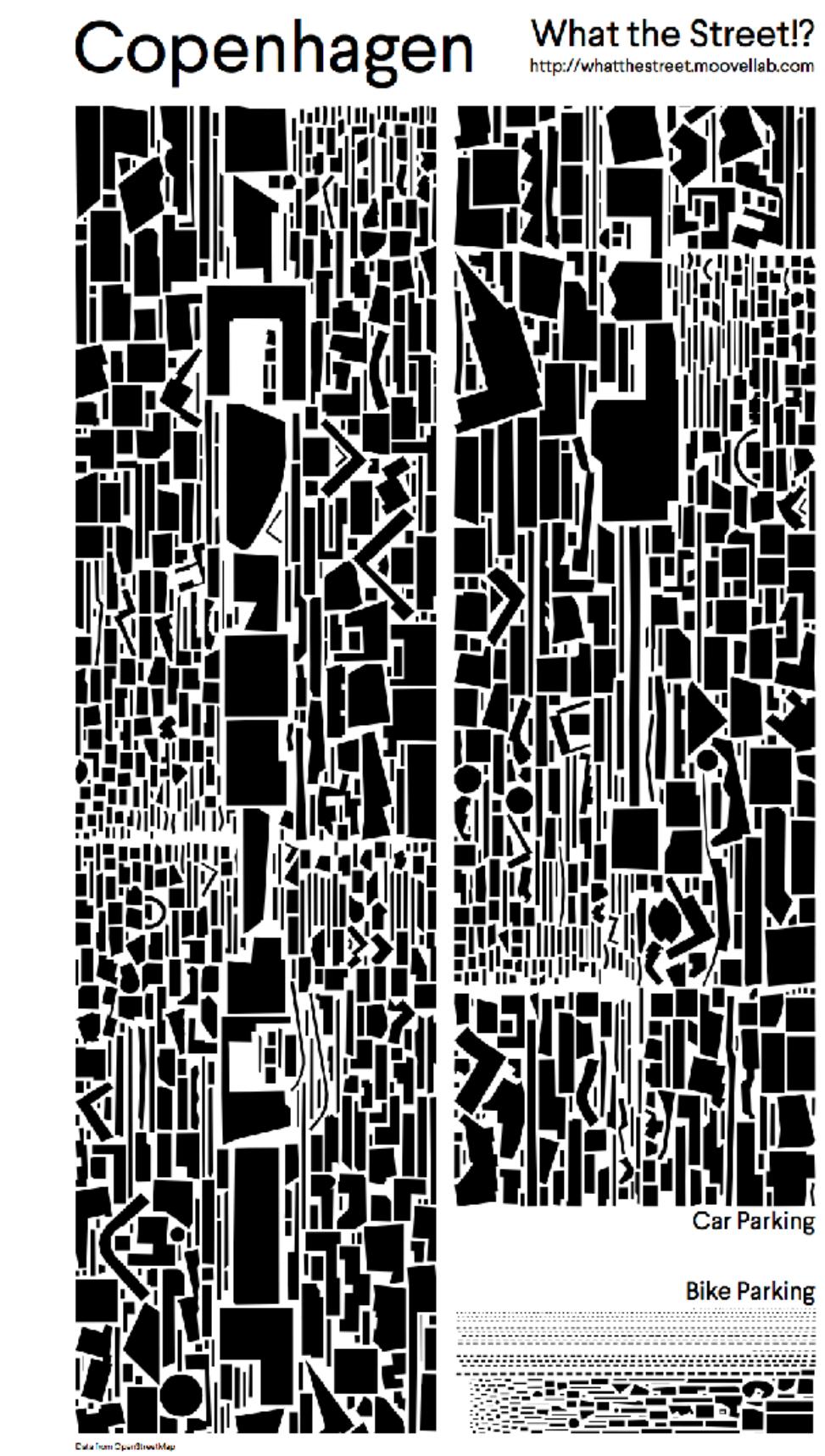
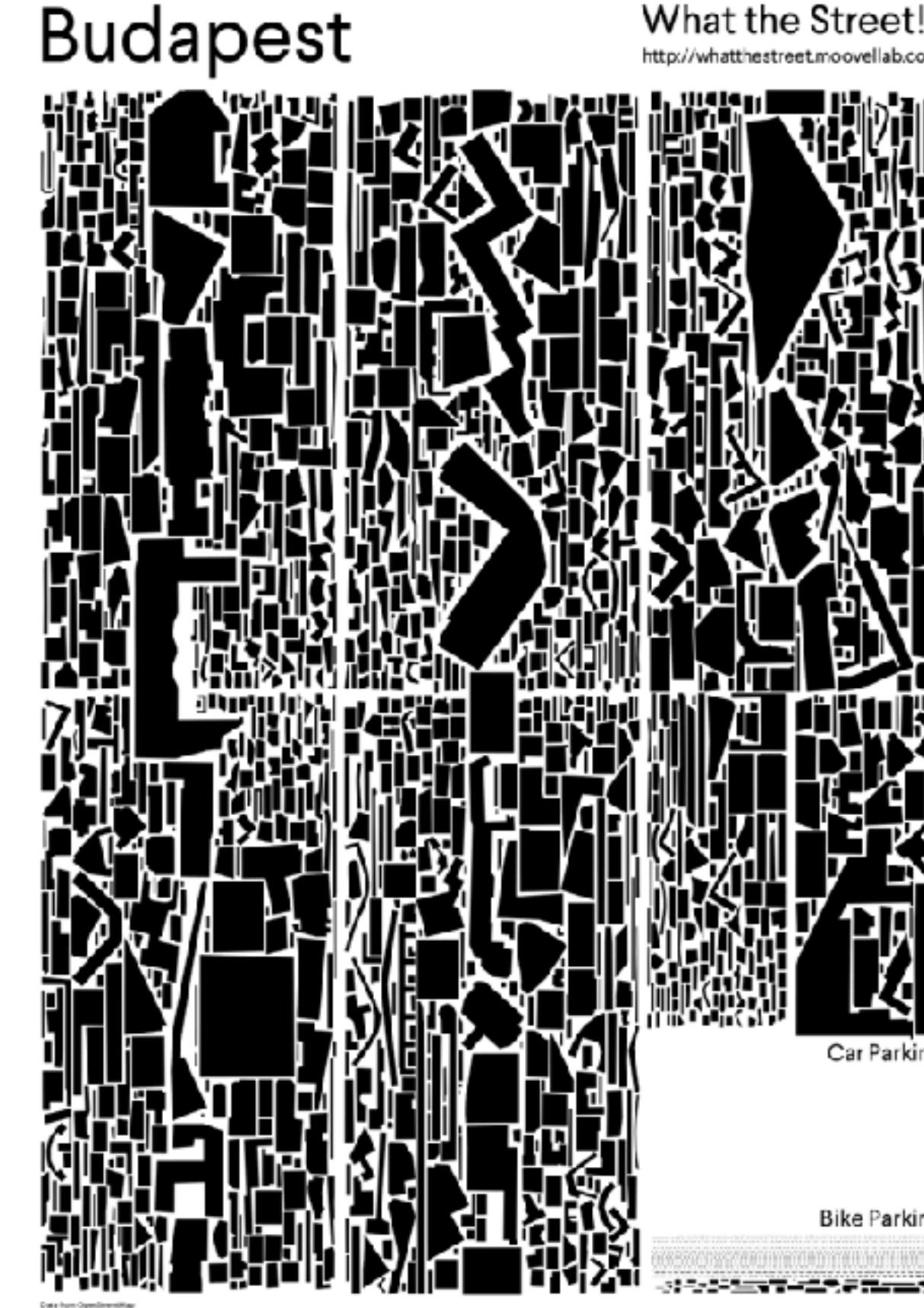


# Copenhagen

What the Street!?  
<http://whatthestreet.moovellab.com>



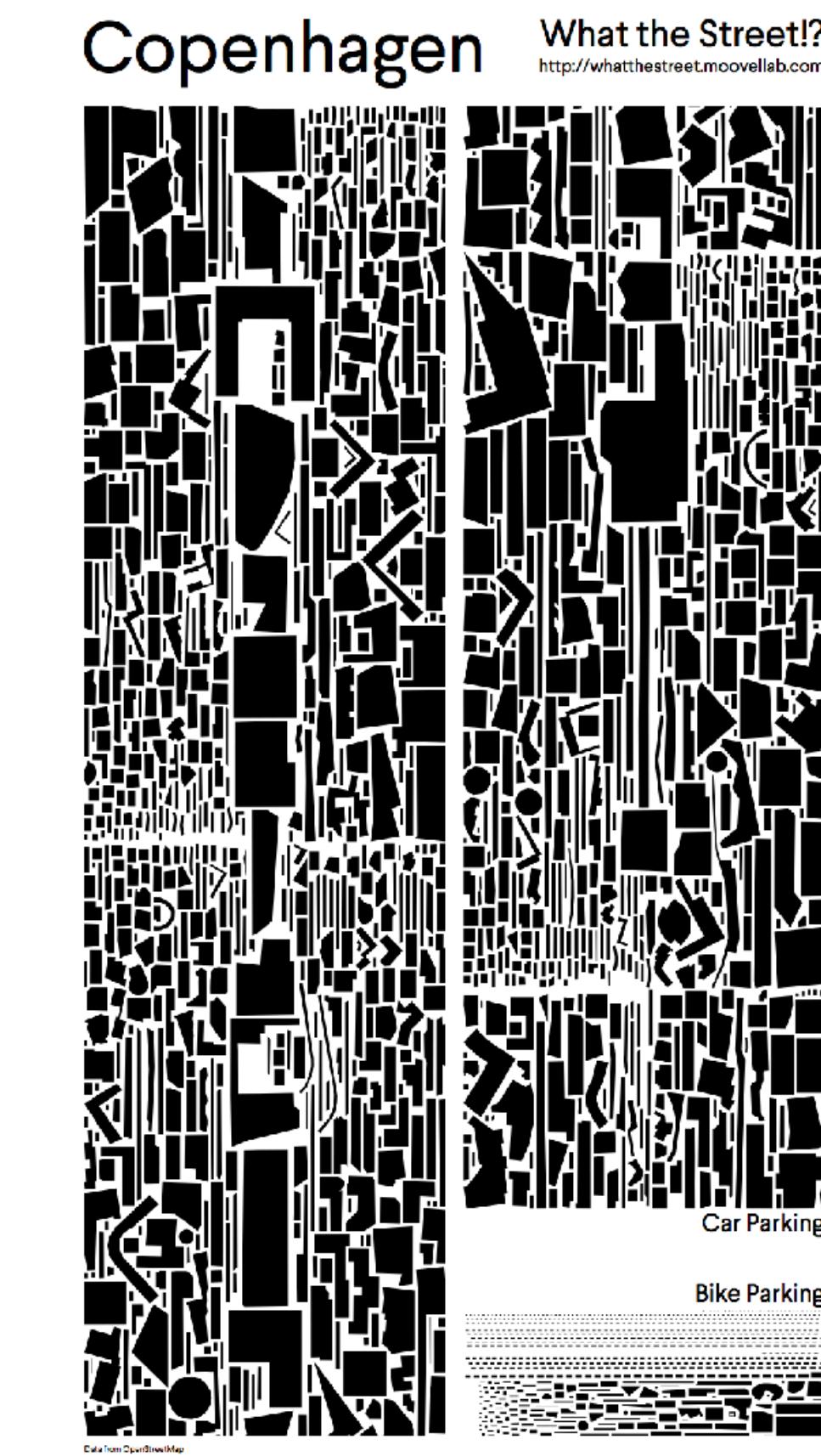
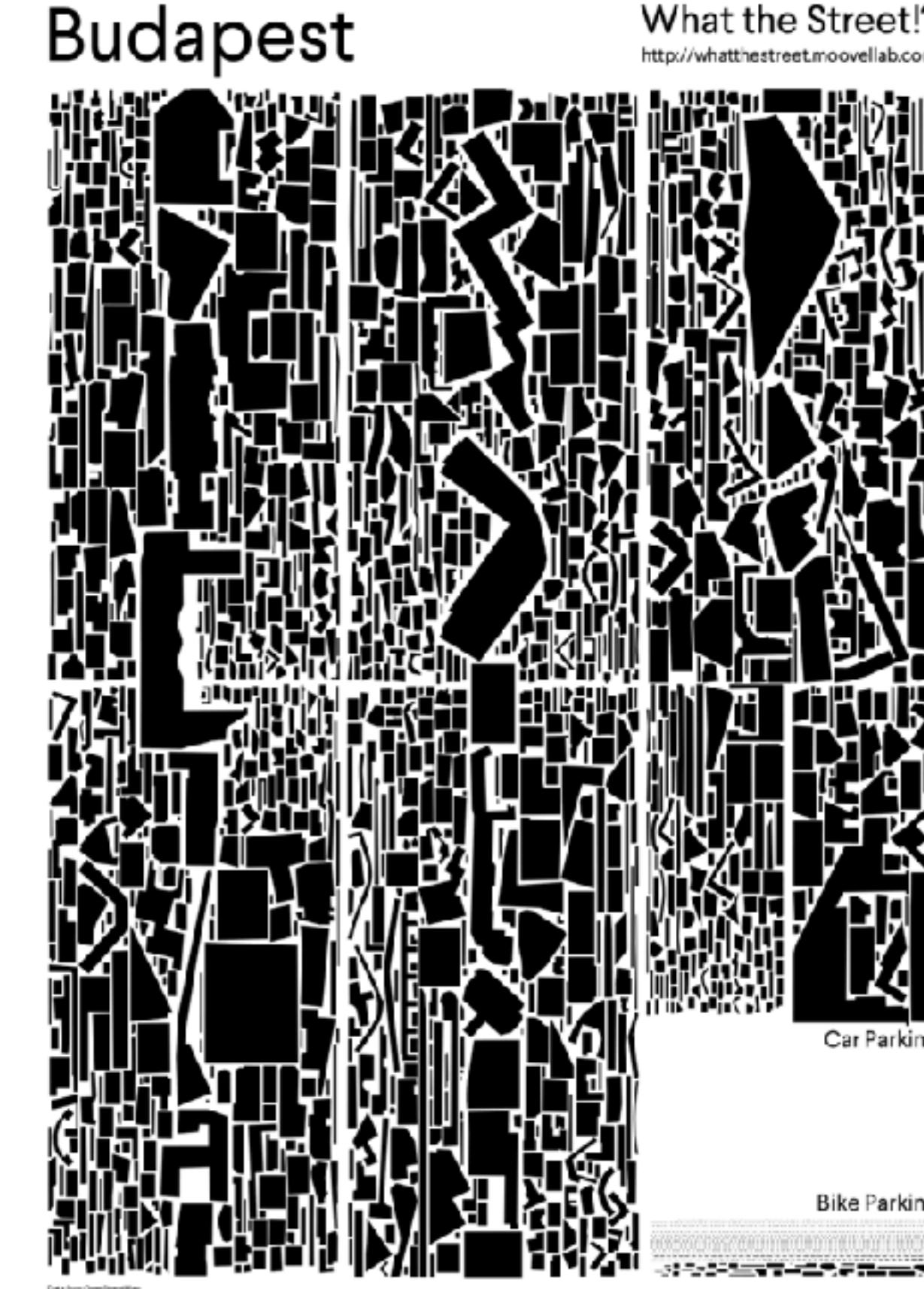
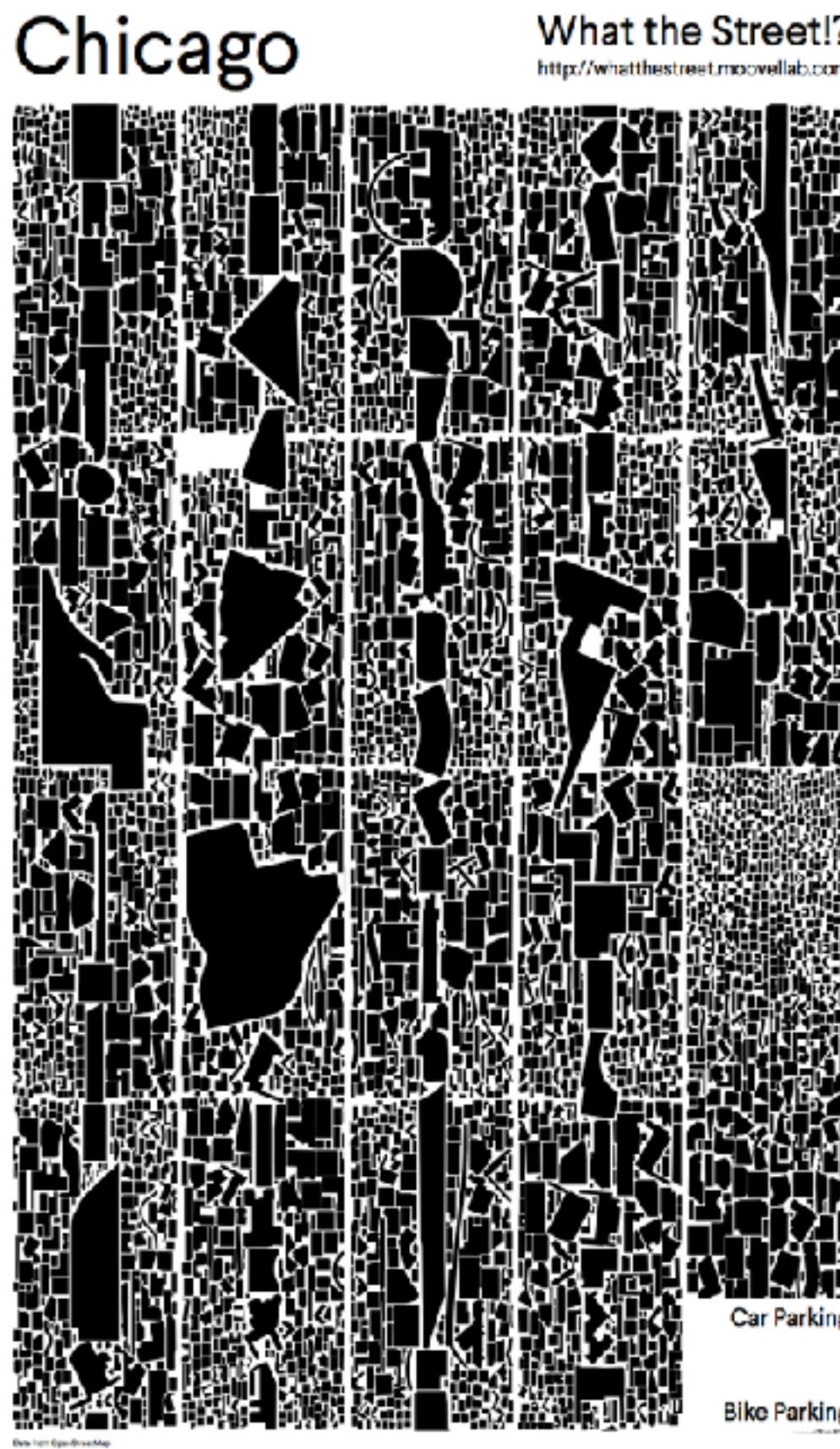
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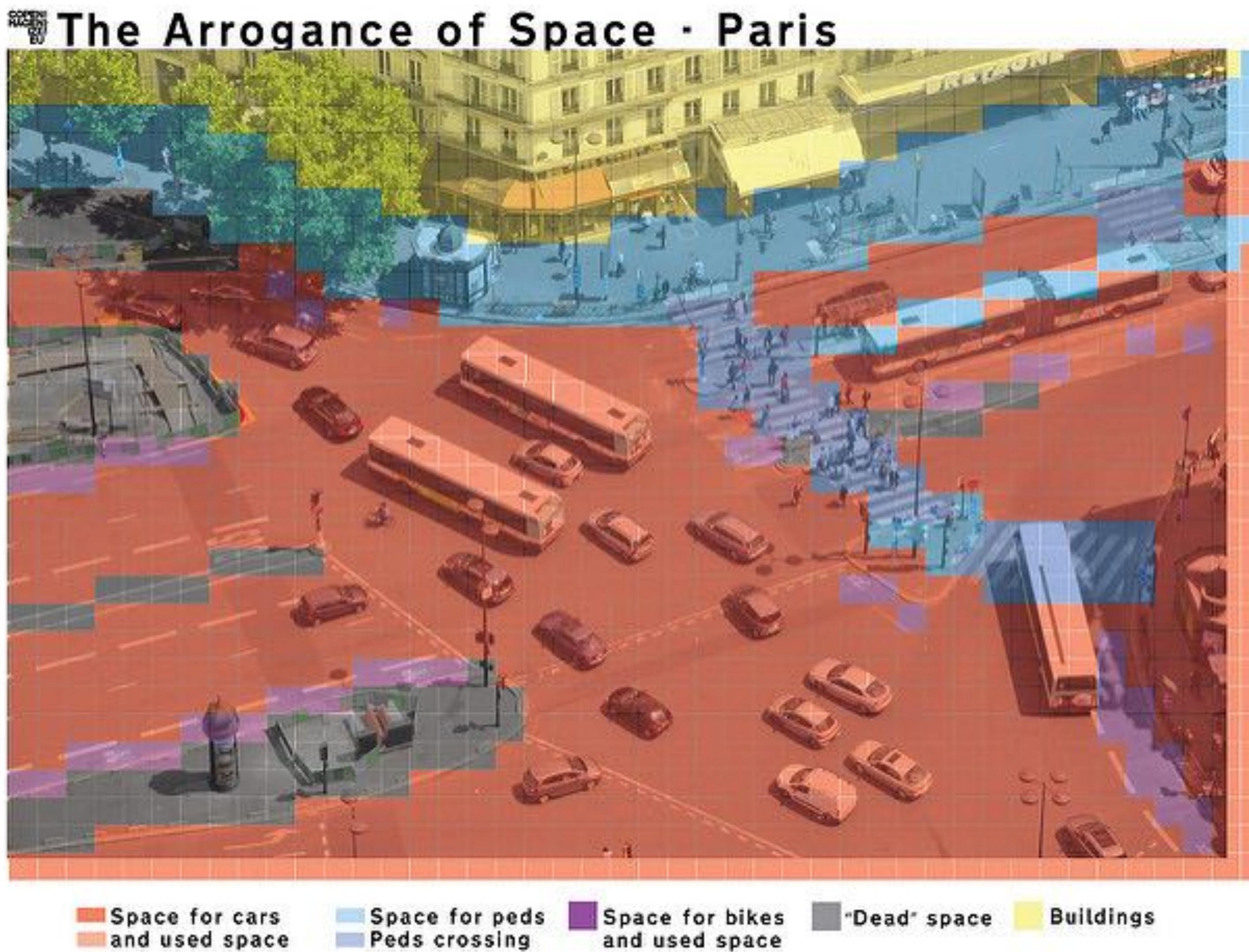
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**whatthestreet.com**

Szell, Urb Plan 3, 1-20 (2018)  
Gössling, J Tran Geo 54, 1-9 (2016)

# Space is not distributed in a fair way between different modes of transport



# Most space is for cars, but most people use bicycles



Modal Share for Copenhageners Commuting to Work/Education



Allocation of Transport Space in Copenhagen



# You can't beat geometry: Cars will ALWAYS be inefficient



Pedestrian  
walking



Pedestrian  
standing still



Cyclist  
15 kmh



Bicycle  
parked

Cars are used 36 minutes per day

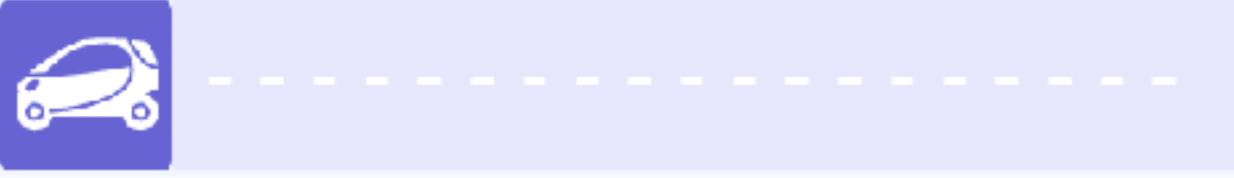
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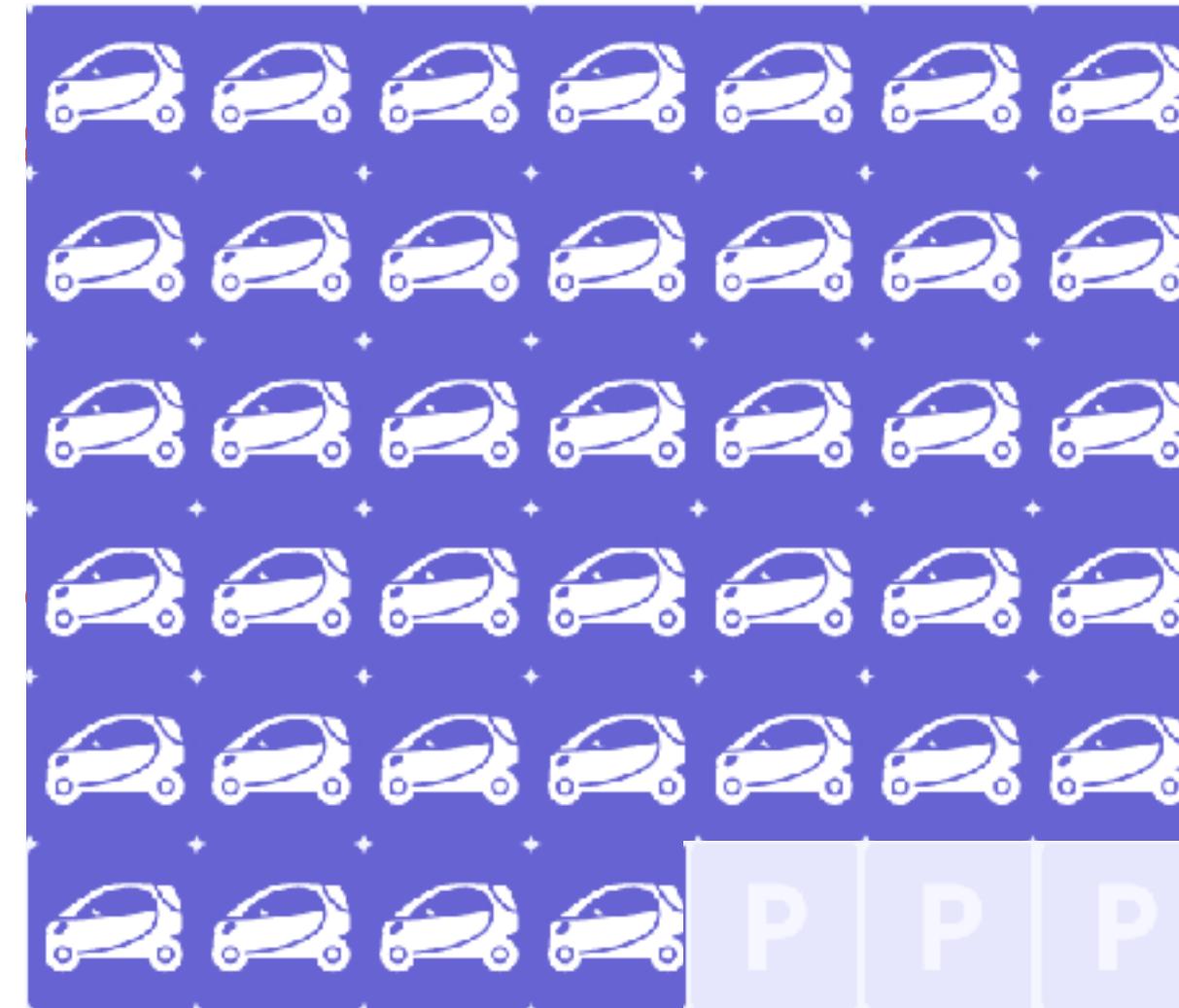
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## A typical snapshot of Copenhagen

5,500 cars moving



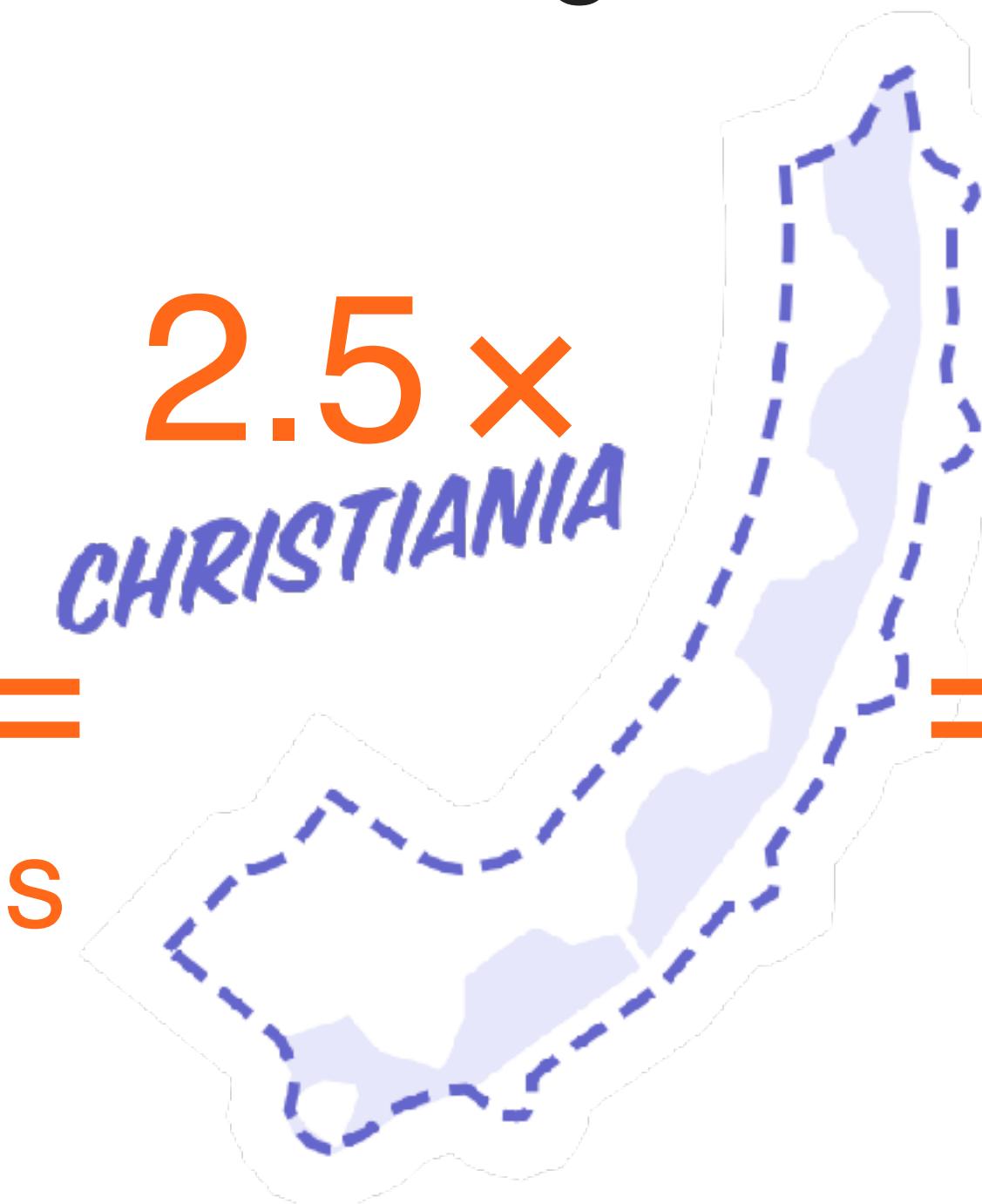
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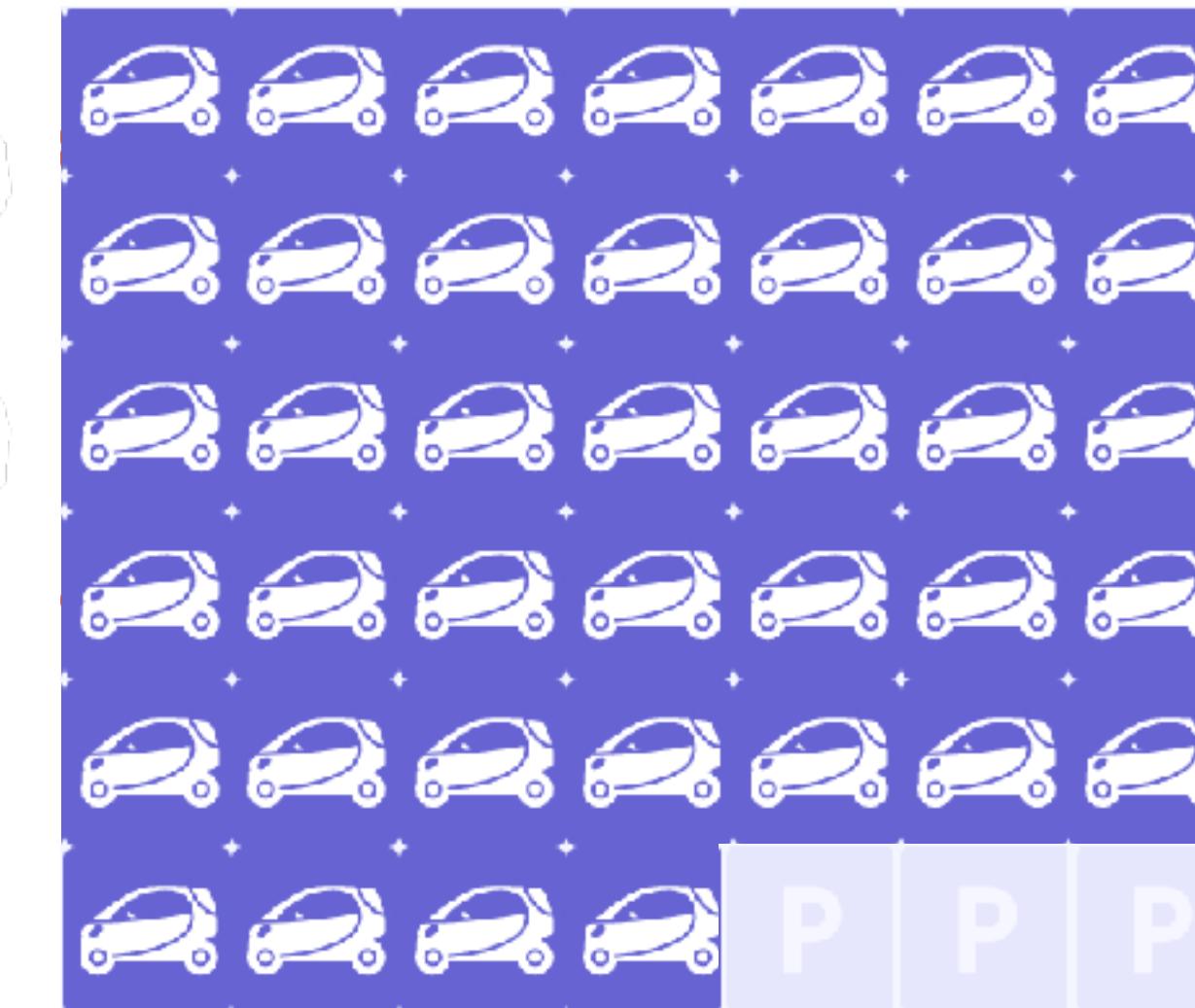
# We are wasting space worth 6,000 playgrounds!

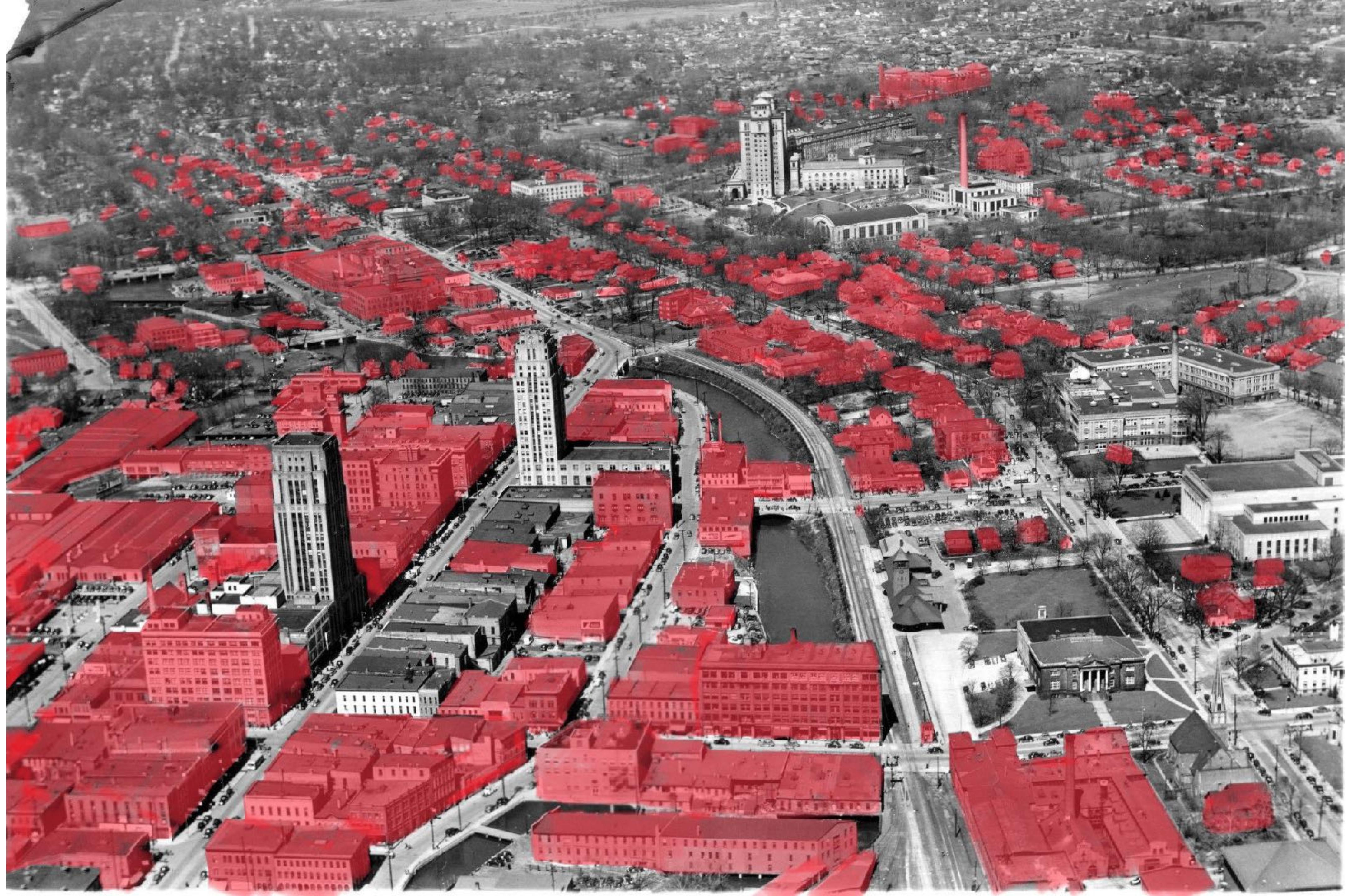
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Battle  
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# Battle Creek, MI



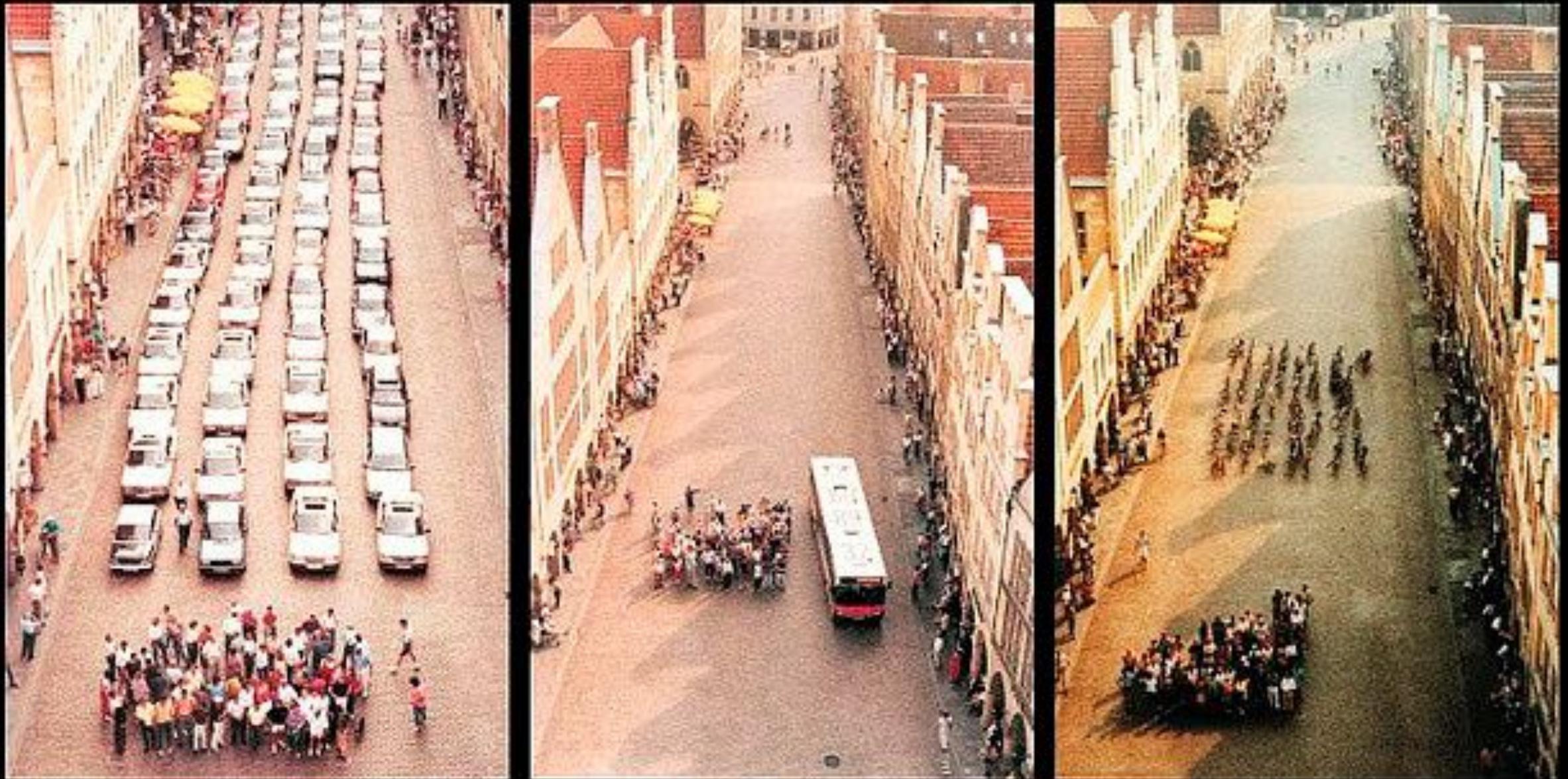
# Cars eat up our living space in cities



Denver

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space required  
to transport **60 people**

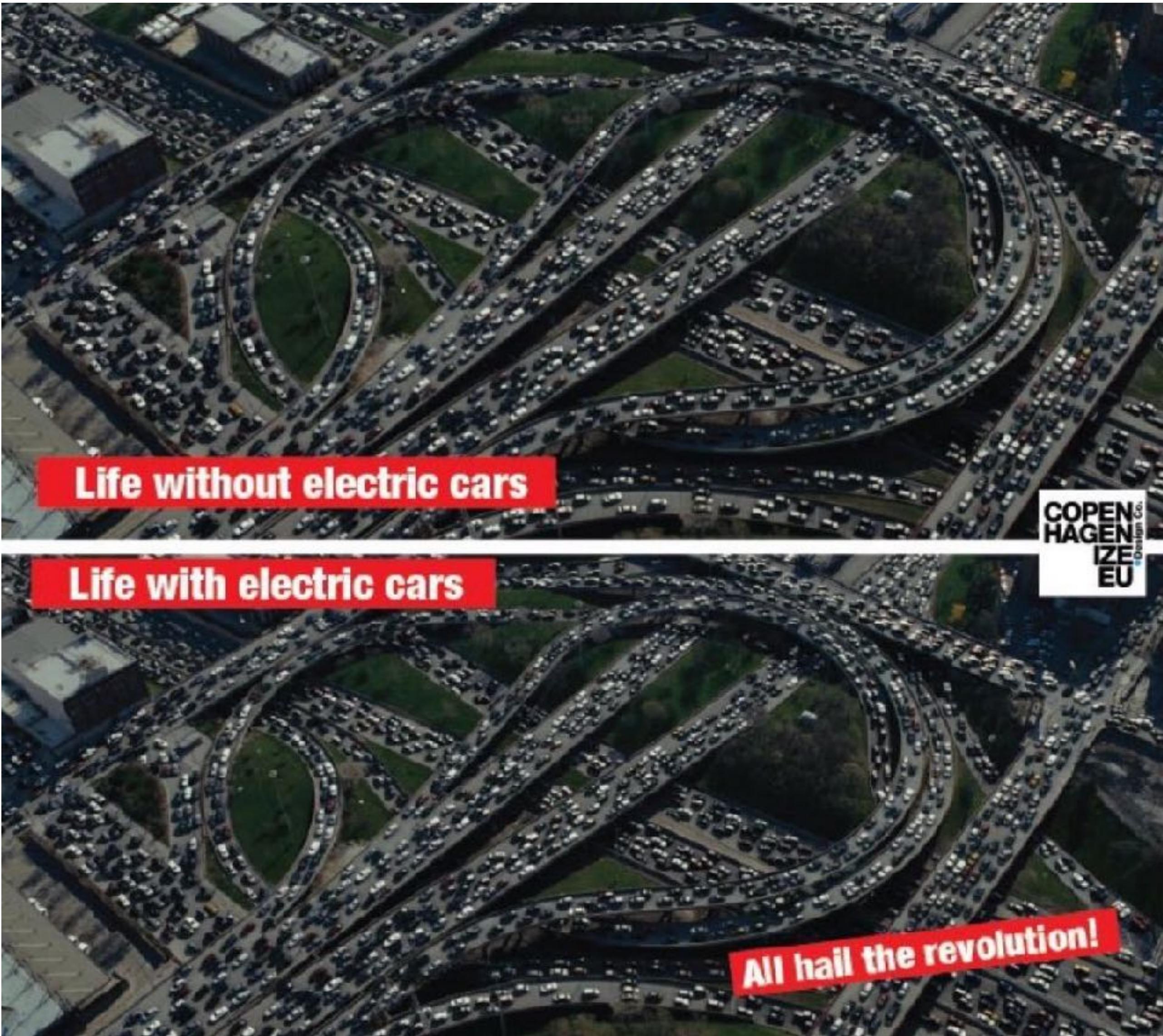


car

E-car

bus

bicycle



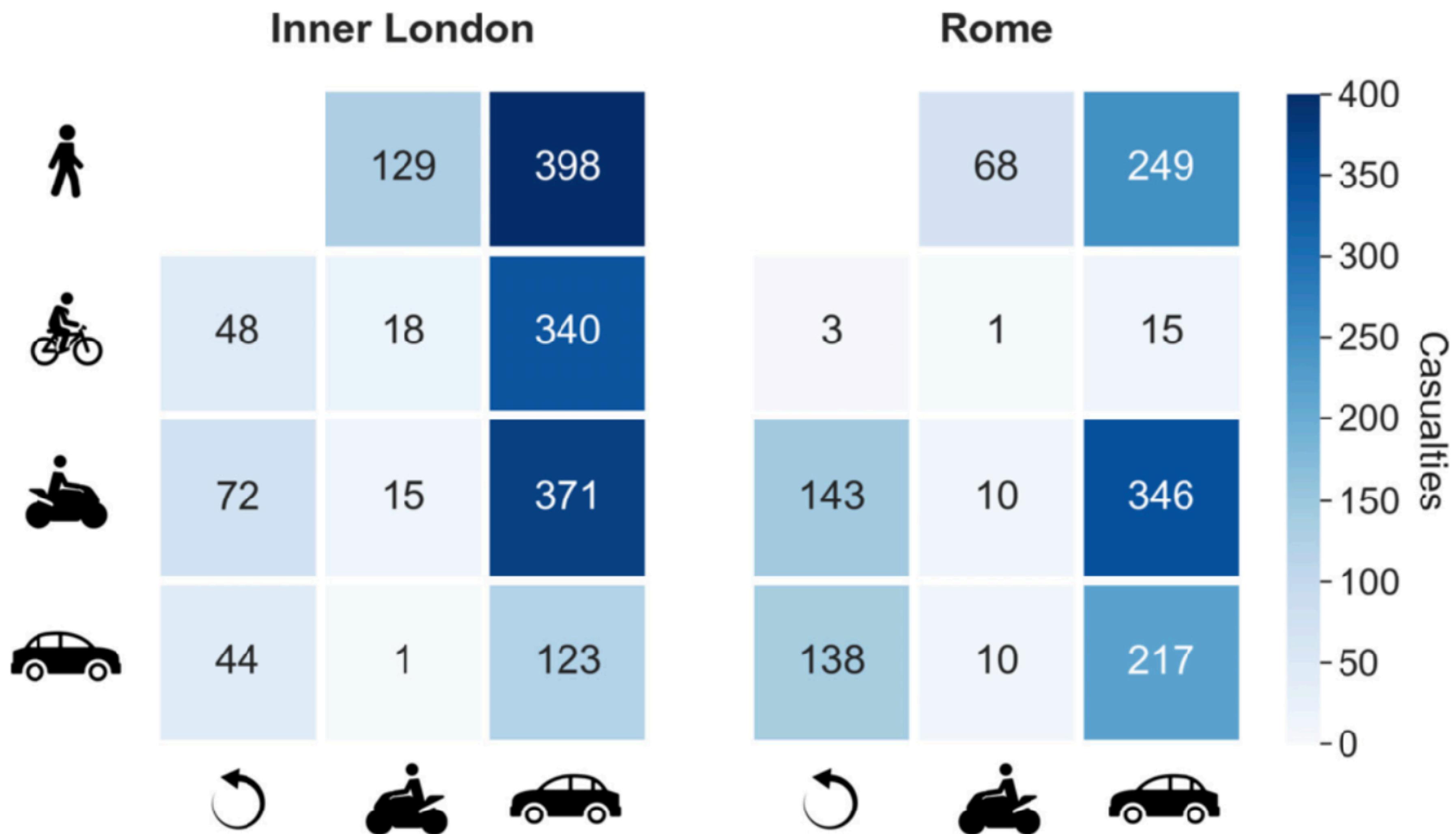
# POLLUTION

~9.000.000

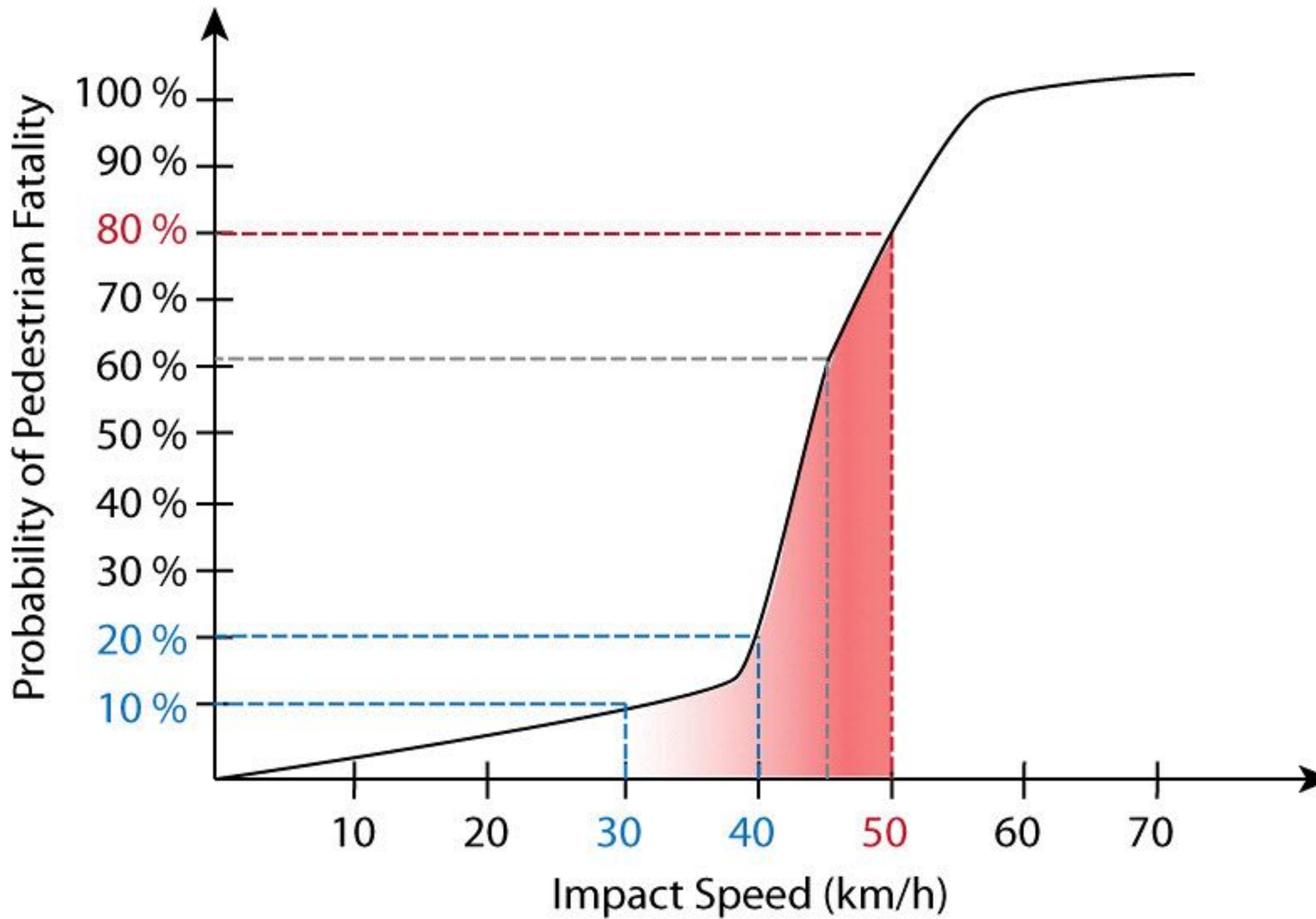
**ANYTHING ELSE?**



1.350.000



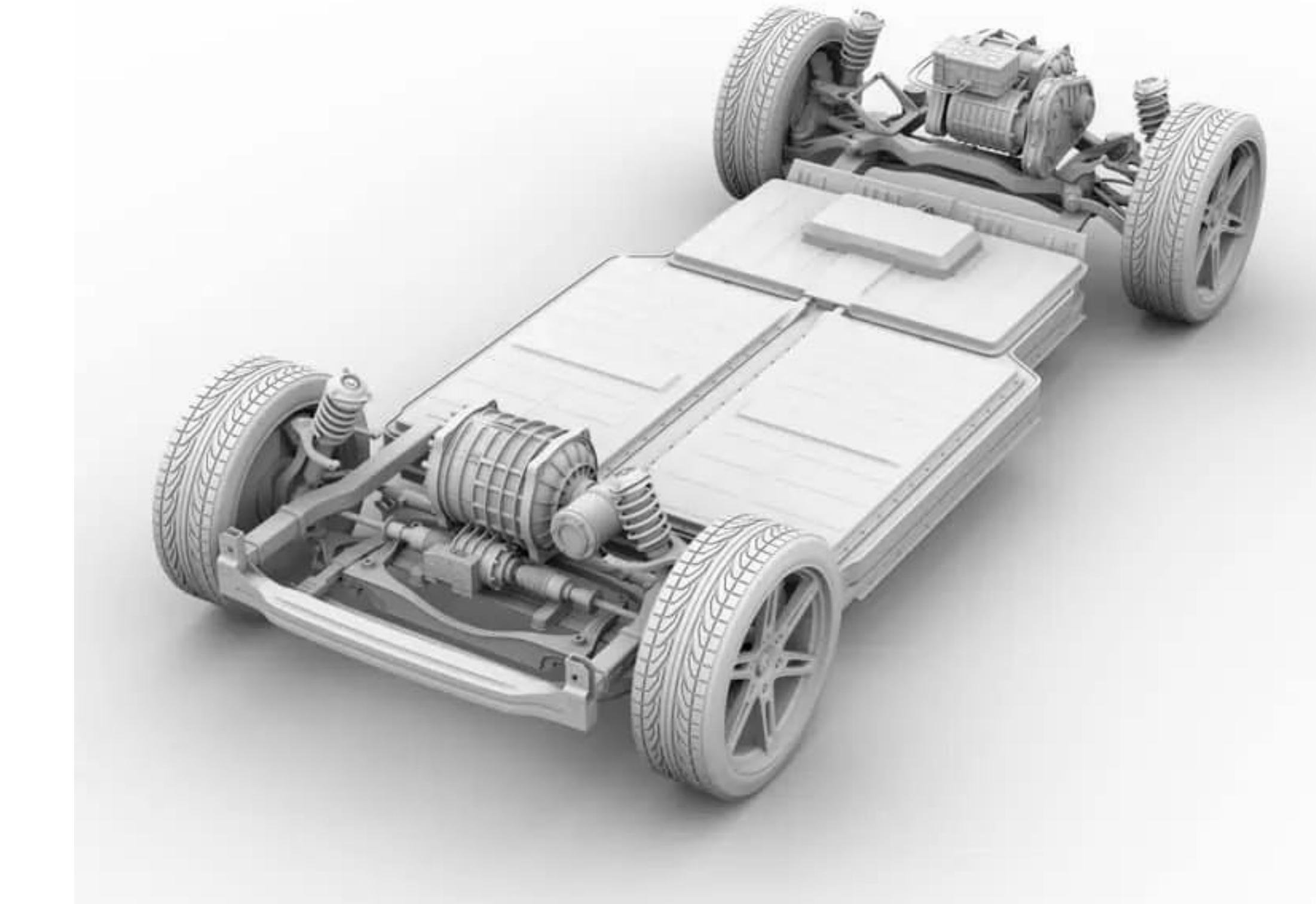
$$E_k = \frac{mv^2}{2}$$



# Casualties are getting **worse** with e-cars



4500kg



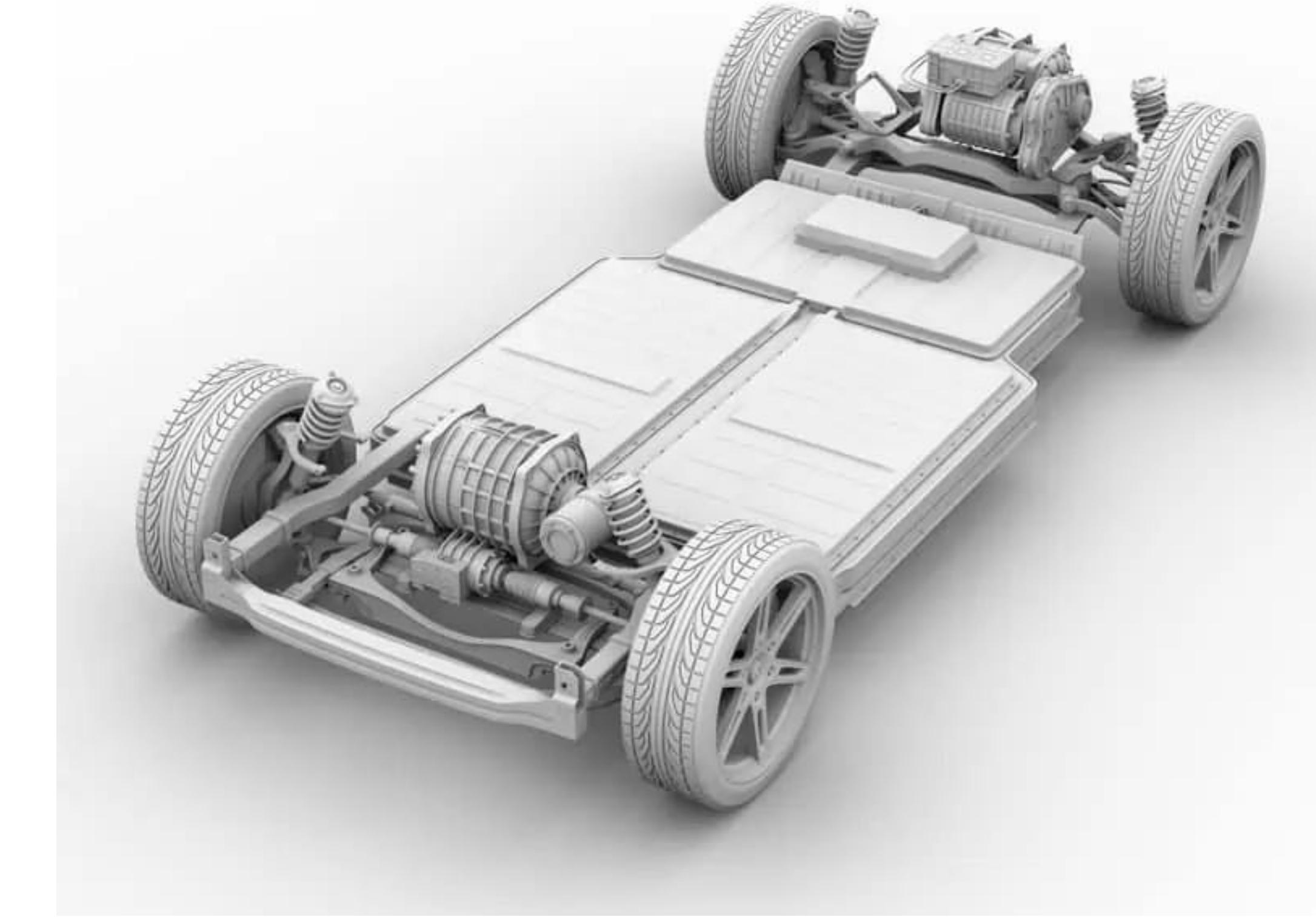
Many 100 kg of batteries

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*50% more crashes with electric cars due to unadapted behavior and much faster acceleration*



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<https://www.vrt.be/vrtnws/nl/2022/08/25/elektrische-auto-s-test/>

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90686171/electric-vehicles-have-a-weight-problem>

# Cycling is a time-tested technology that delivers on 11 SDGs



## CYCLING DELIVERS ON THE GLOBAL GOALS

Shifting towards a better economy, society, and planet for all

<https://unric.org/en/sustainable-development-goals-cycling/>

# More active travel is an *economic* "no-brainer"

Cost-benefit analysis in EU that accounts for

- Health
- Environment
- Travel / Congestion

shows:

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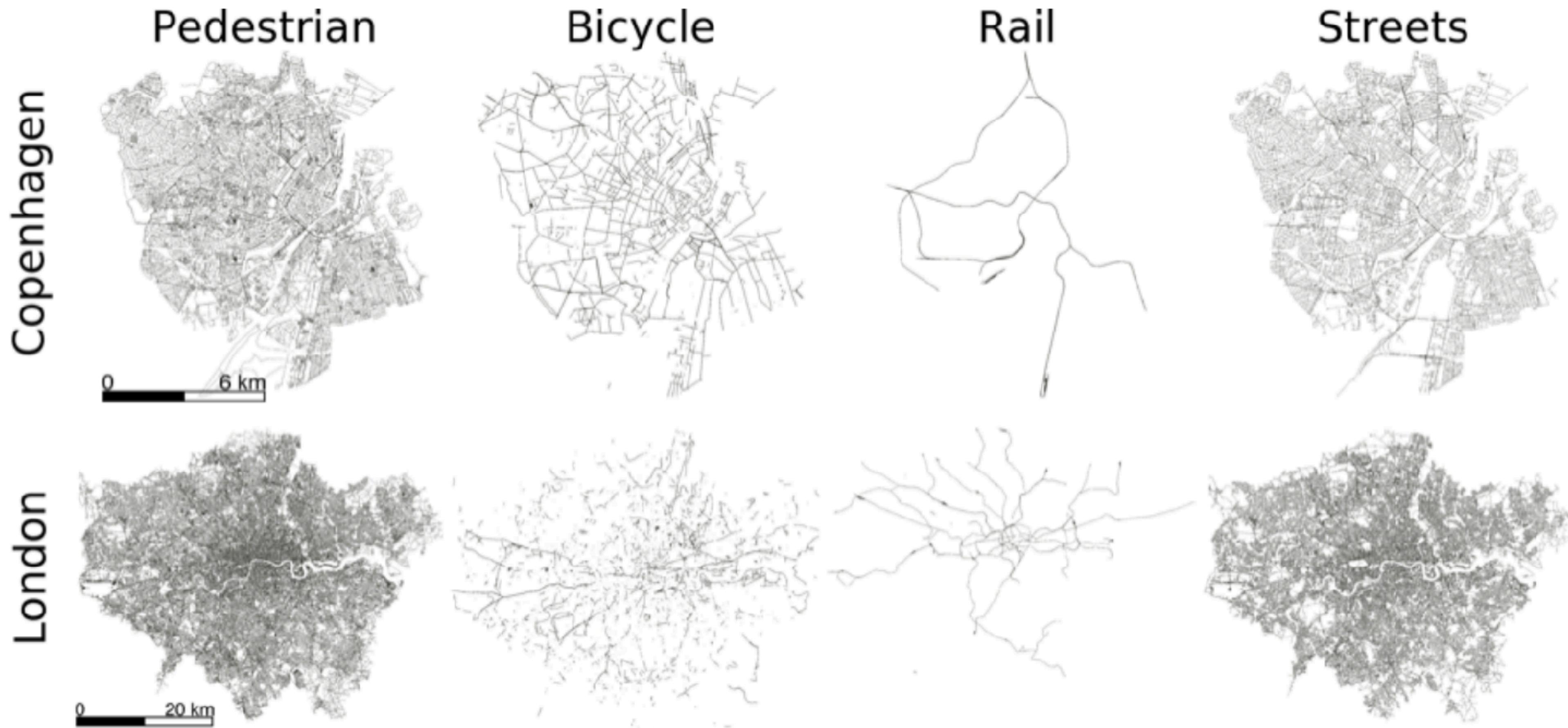
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shows: 1 km travelled by

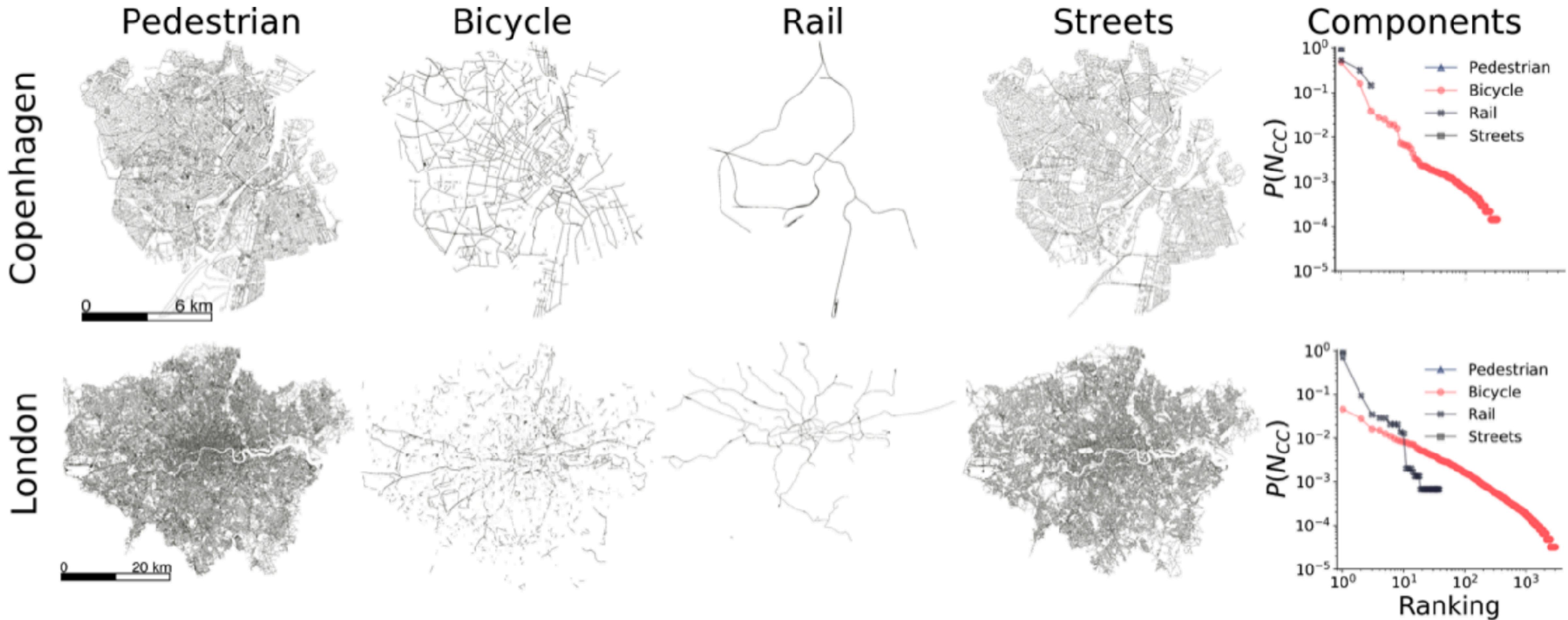


# Network Science 101

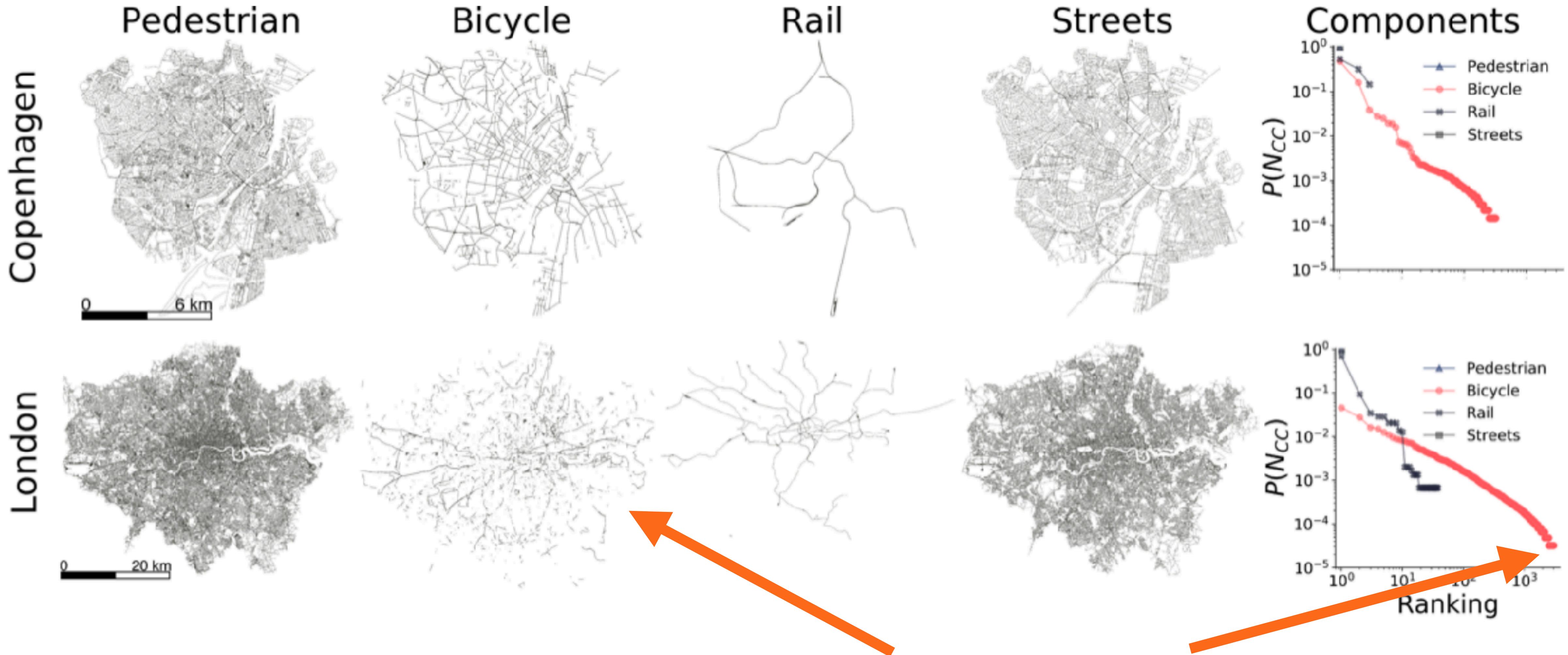
# Cities have different transport network layers



# Bicycle networks are highly fragmented

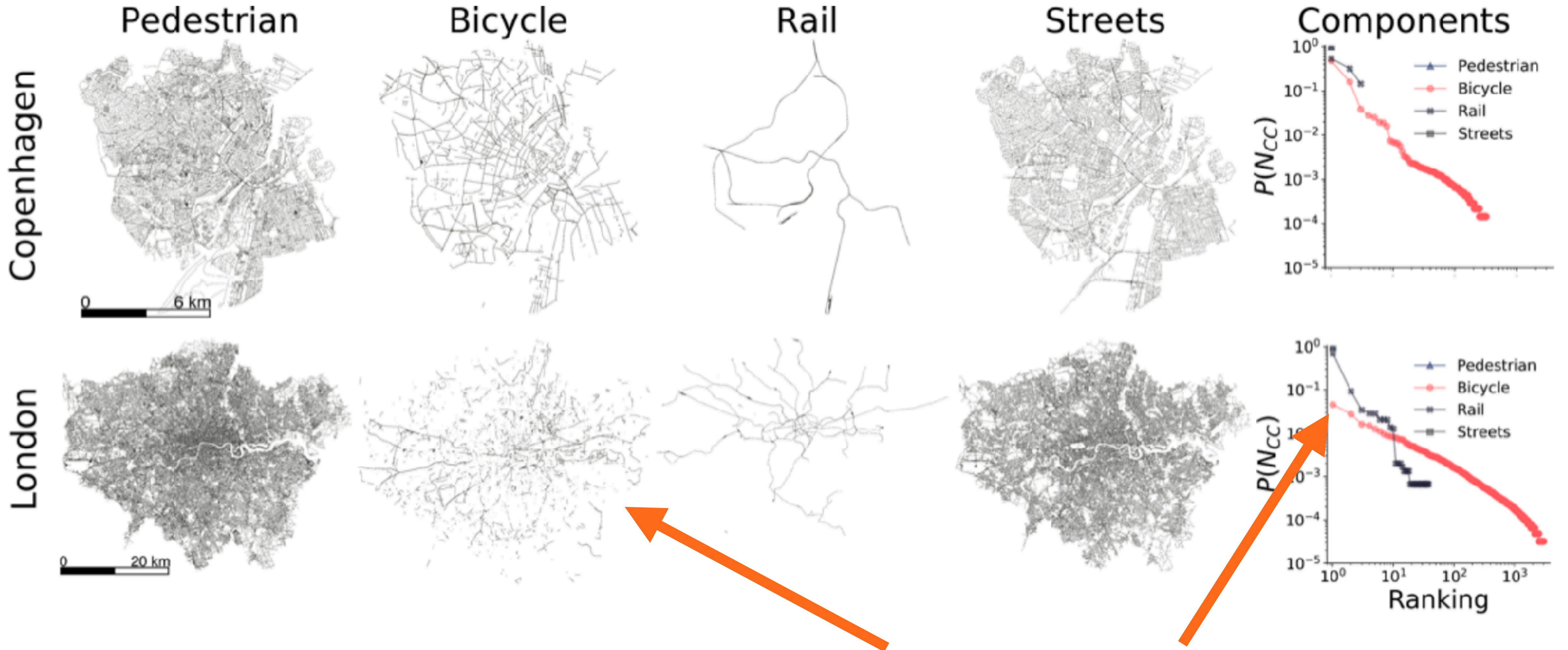


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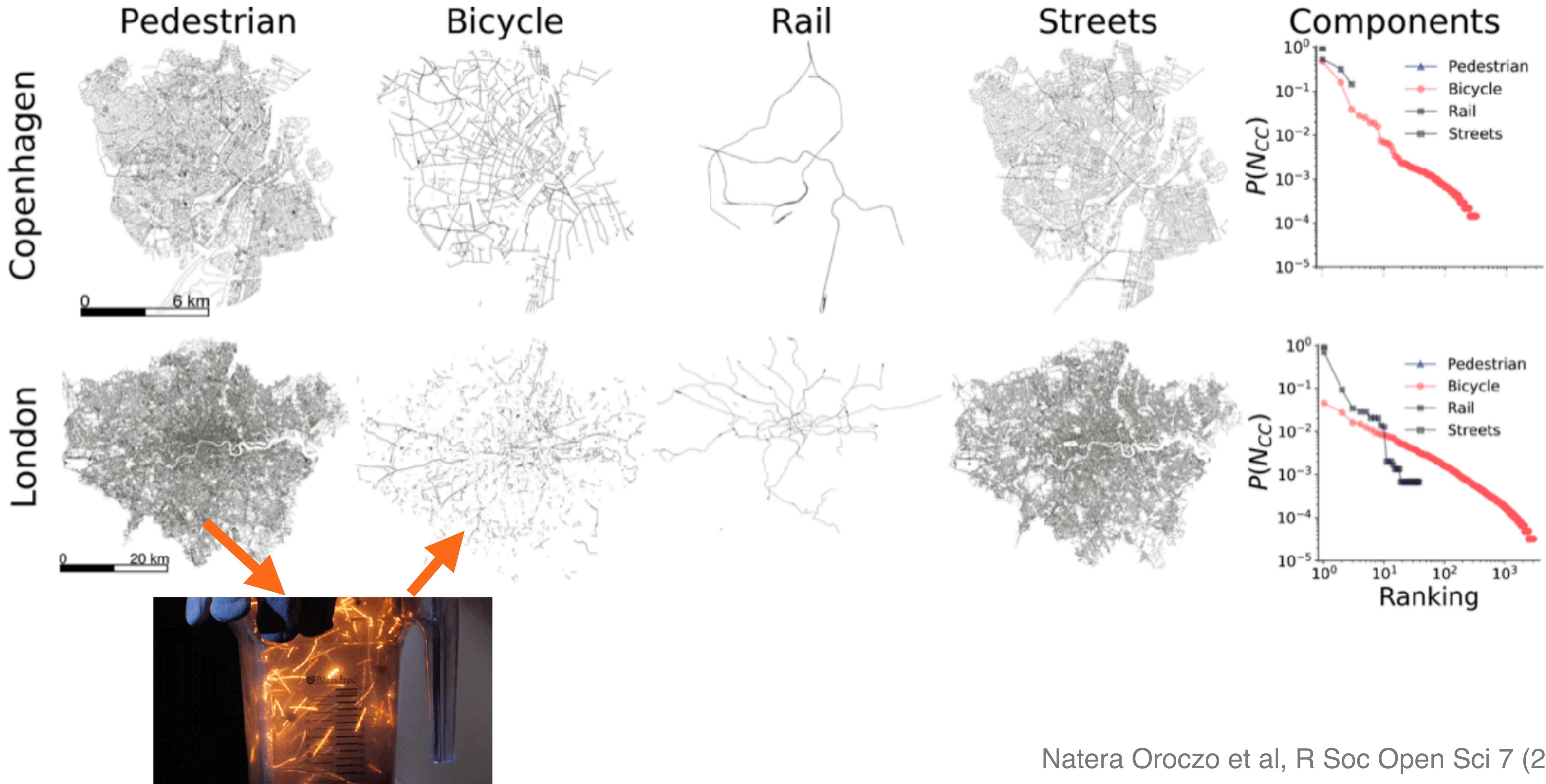
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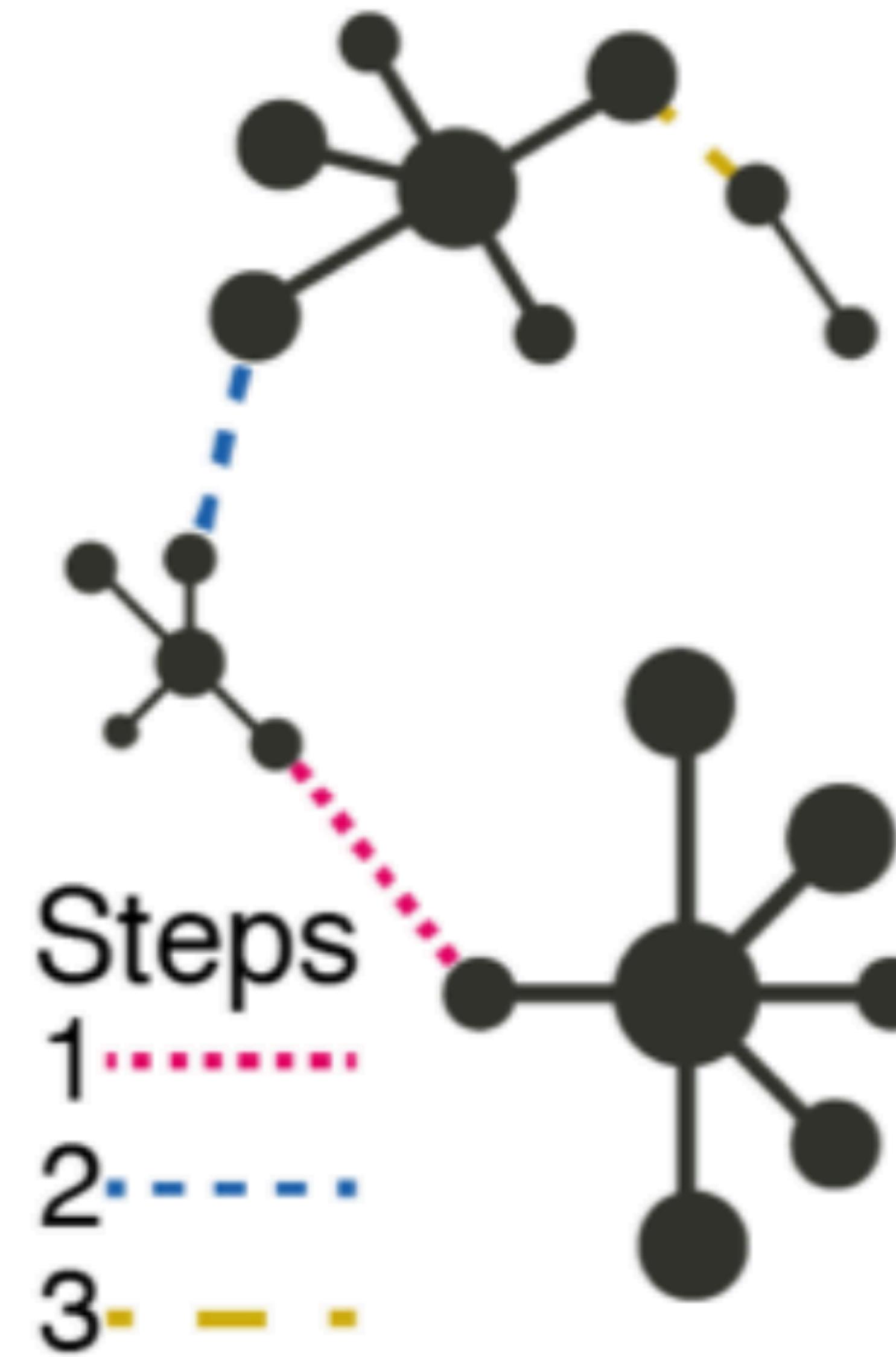


1) In London, the largest connected bicycle component covers only 5% of nodes

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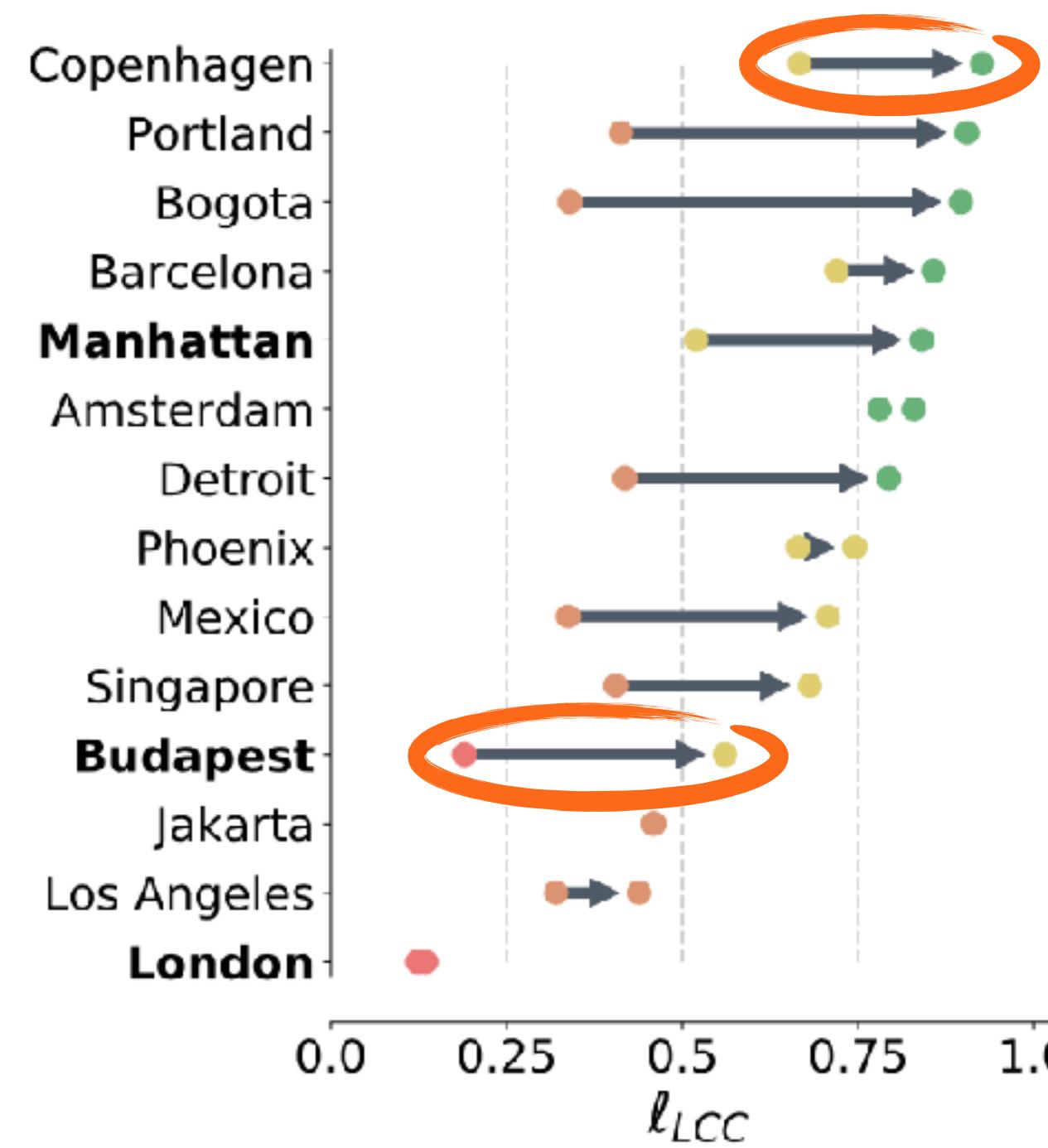
# How should we connect the components?



# Effective connectivity improvements are possible

Small but focused investments connect the bicycle network effectively

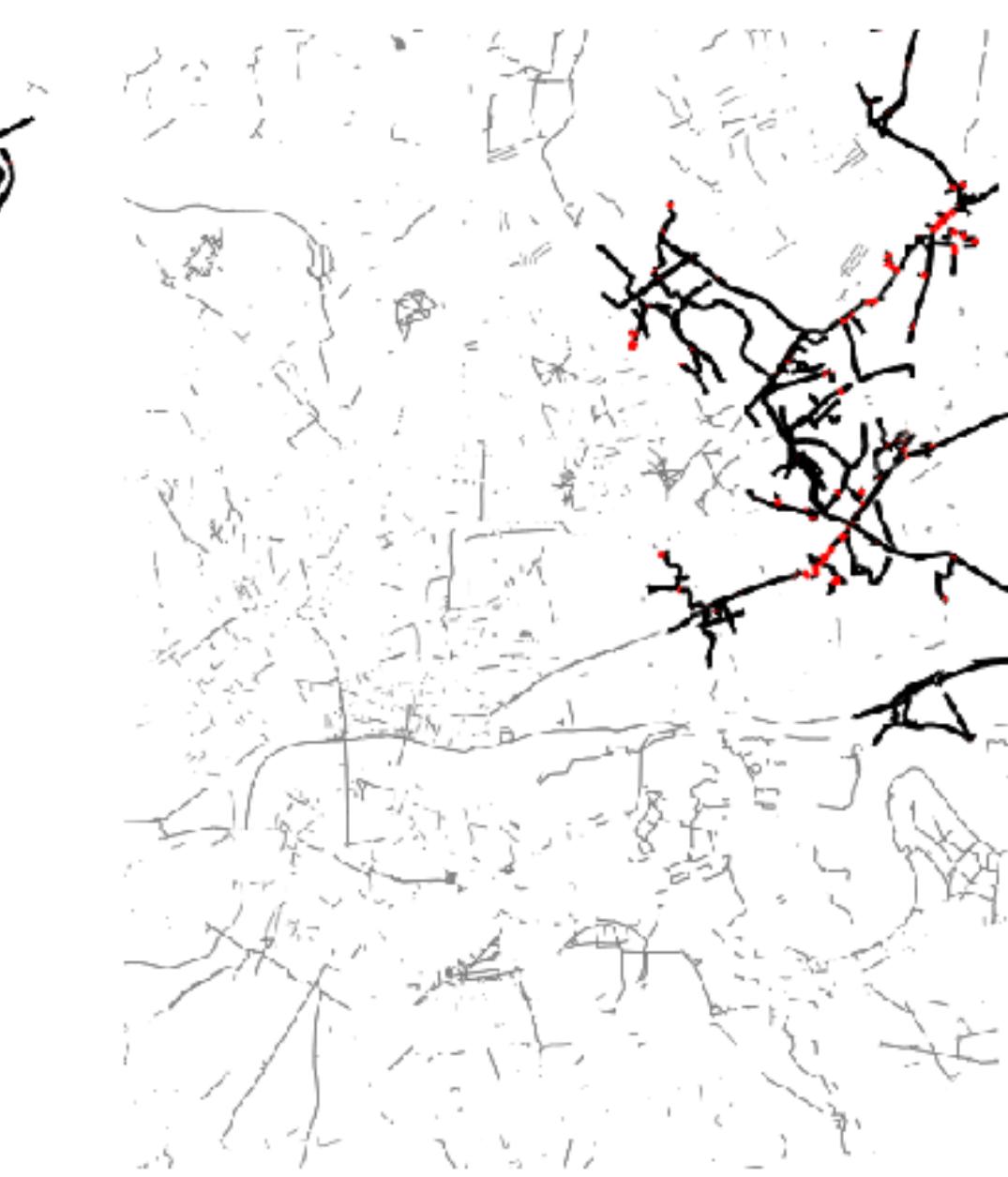
(a) 5 km investment



Manhattan



London



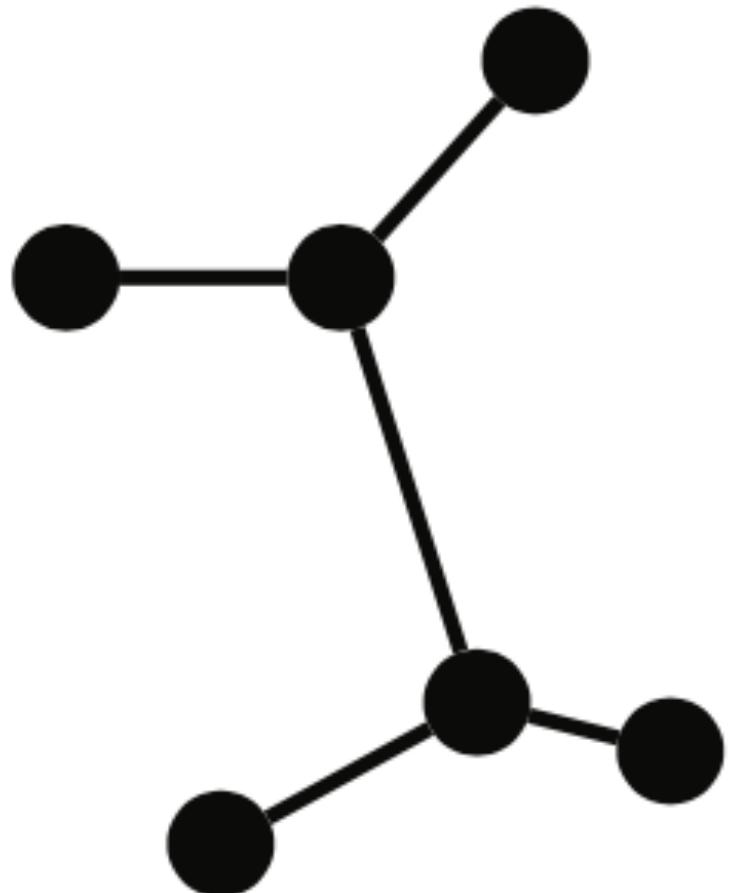
Budapest



# Just connecting components comes with 3 issues

## 1) No resilience

Minimum spanning tree



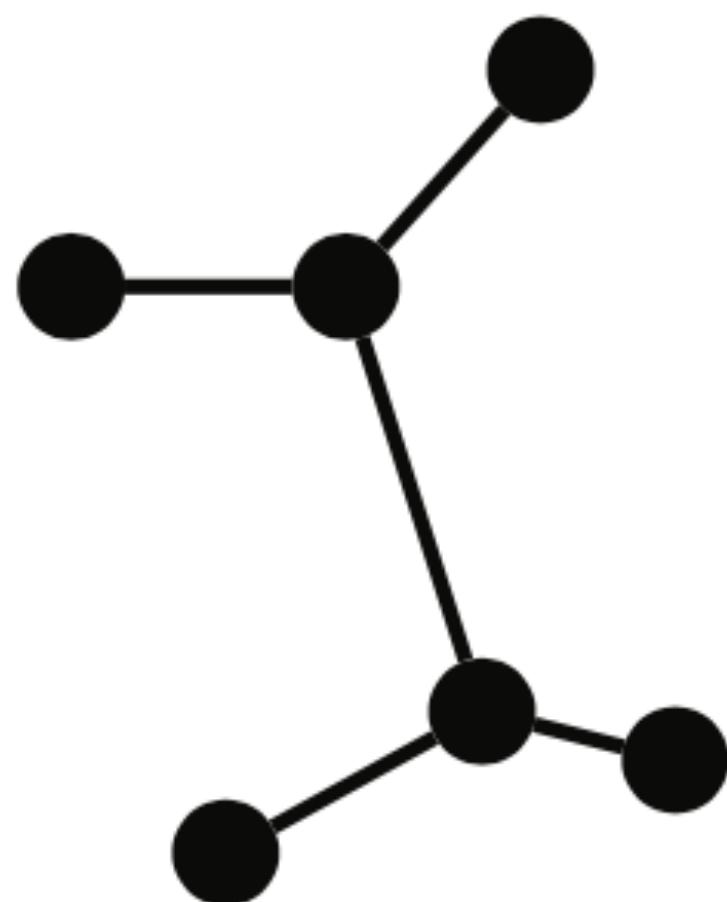
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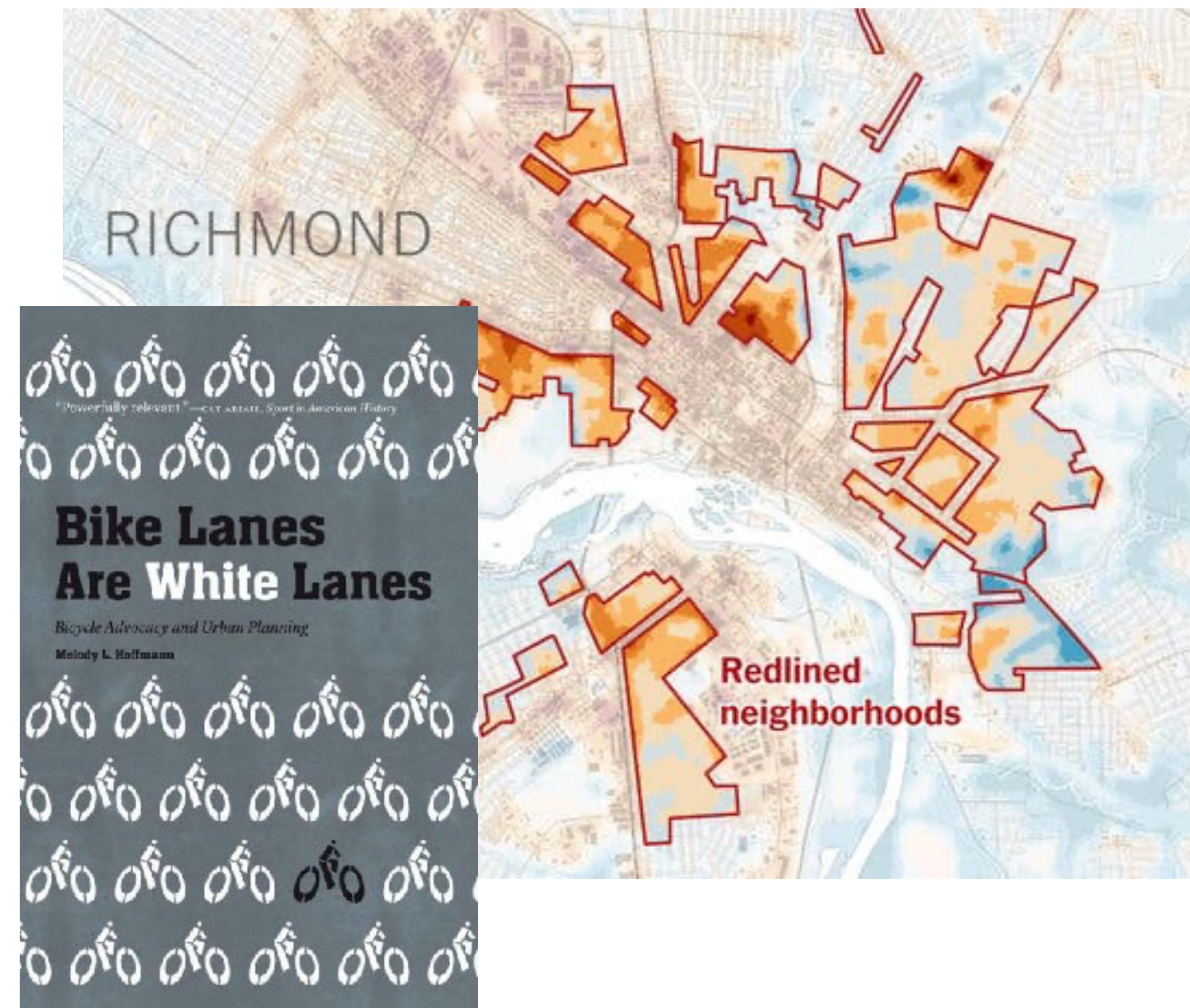
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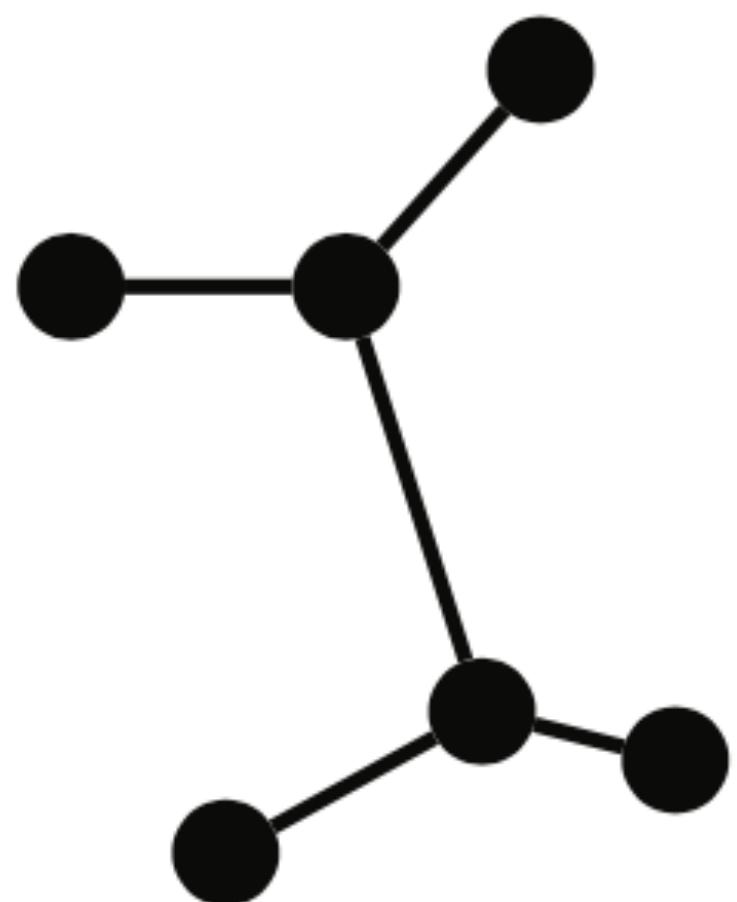
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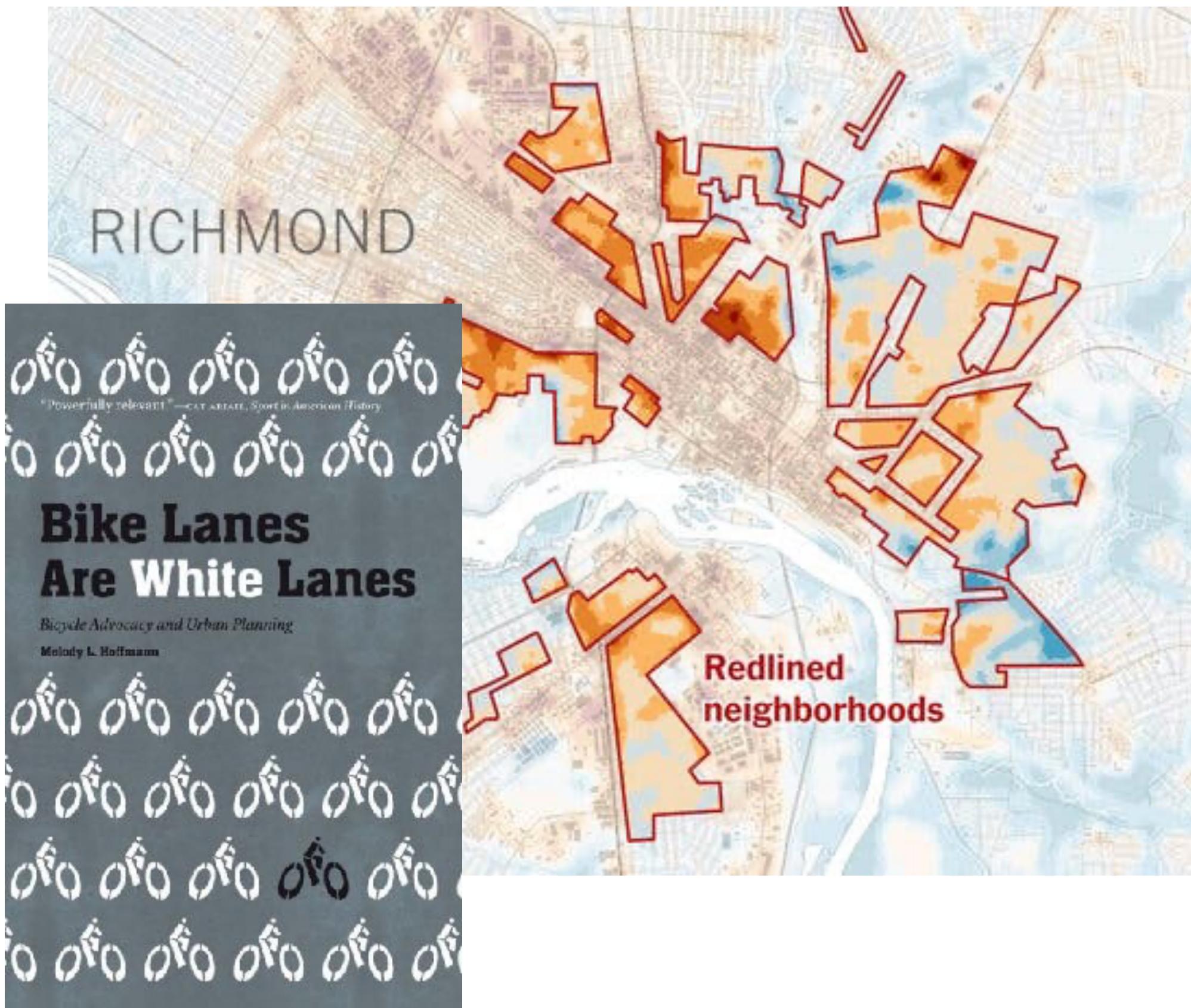
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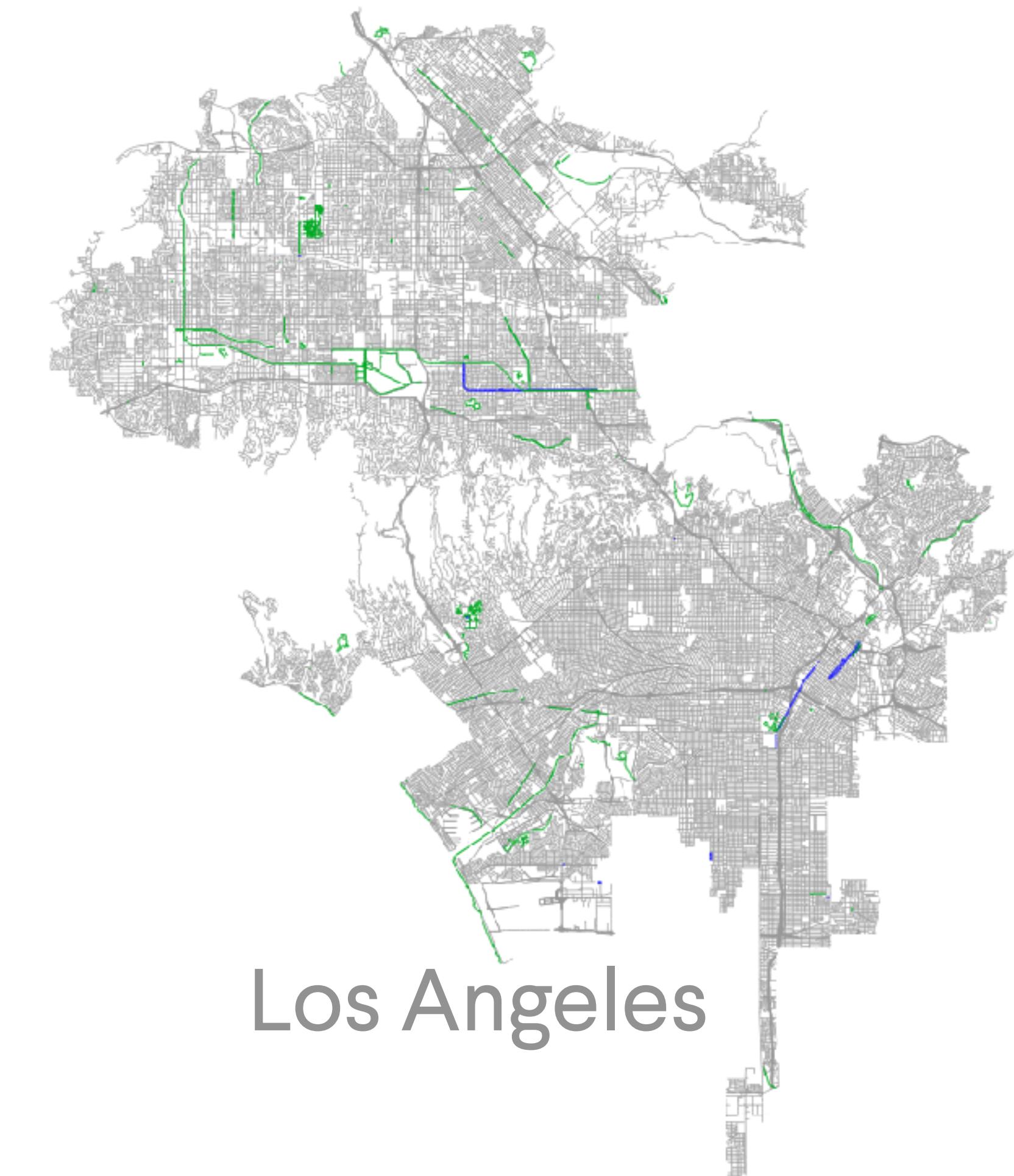


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2) Develops only developed areas

3) Irrelevant for >99% of cities on the planet

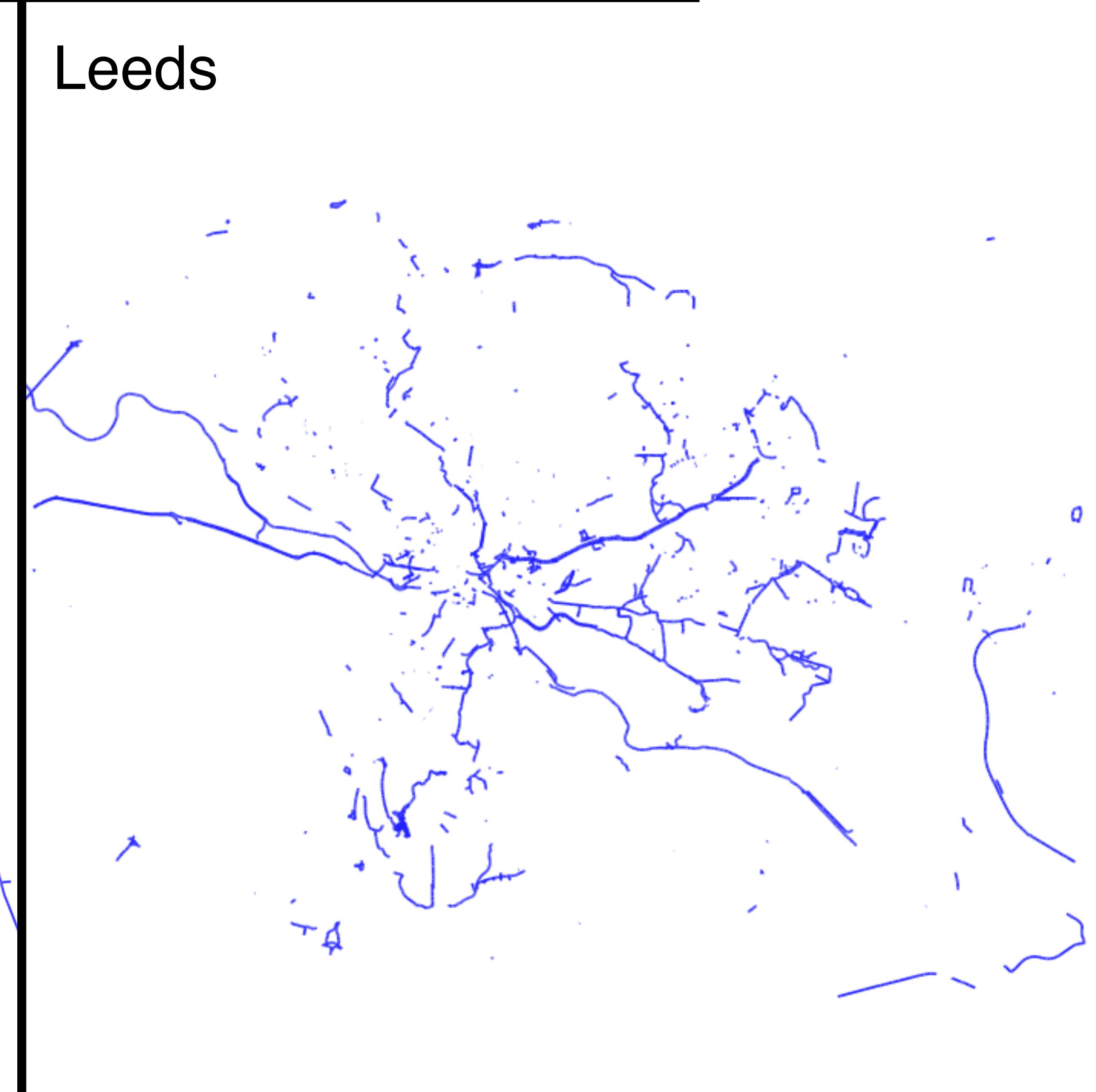


Let's grow networks  
from scratch

# What properties should a good bicycle network have?



Copenhagen



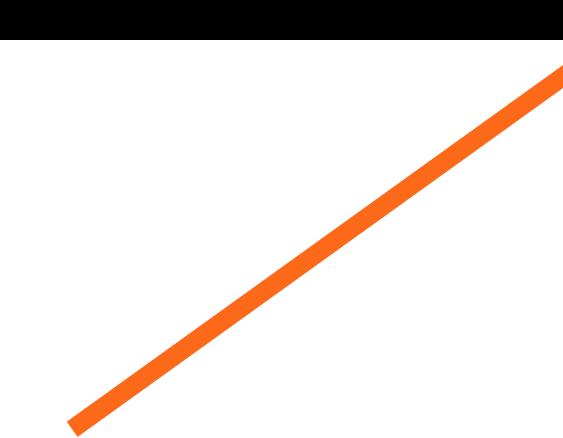
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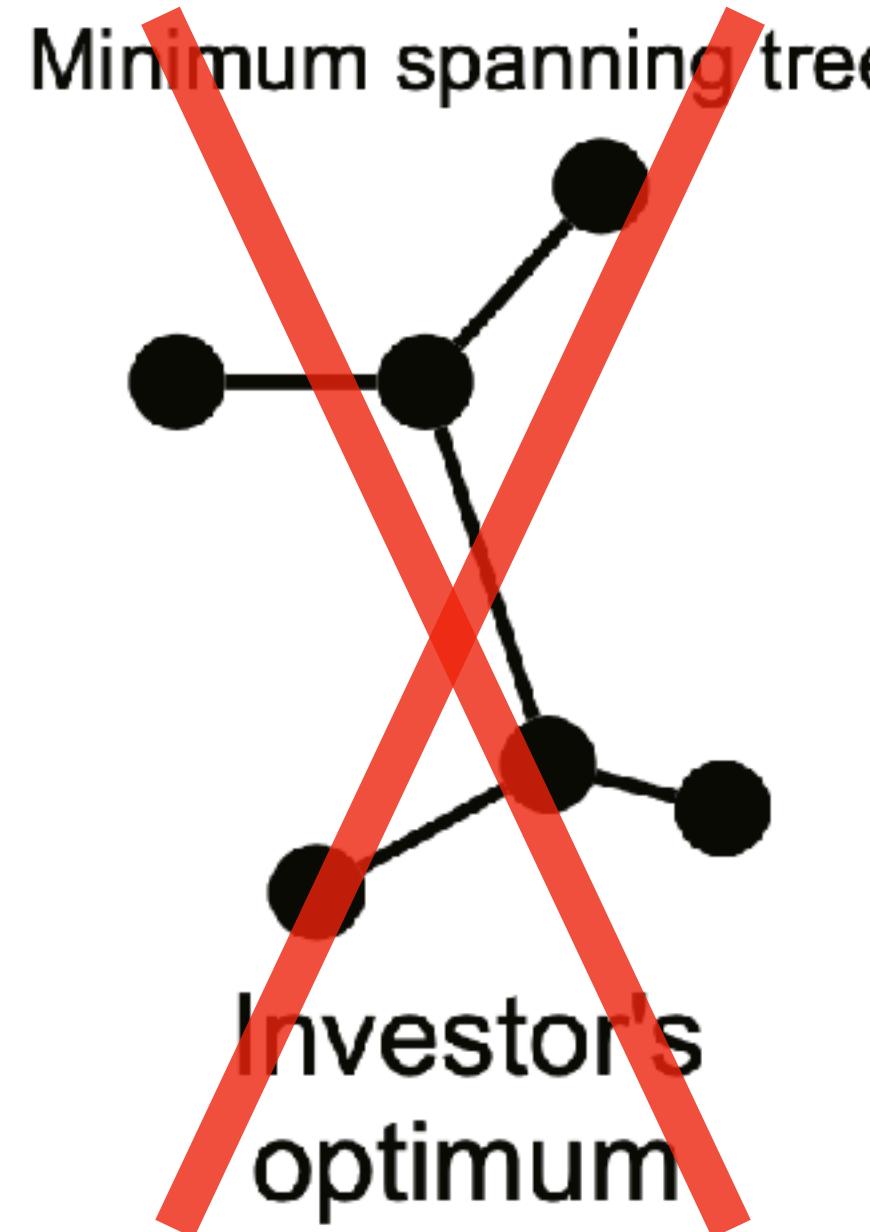
# Design Manual for Bicycle Traffic



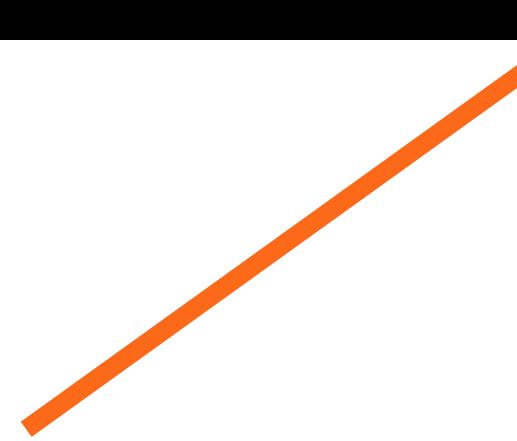
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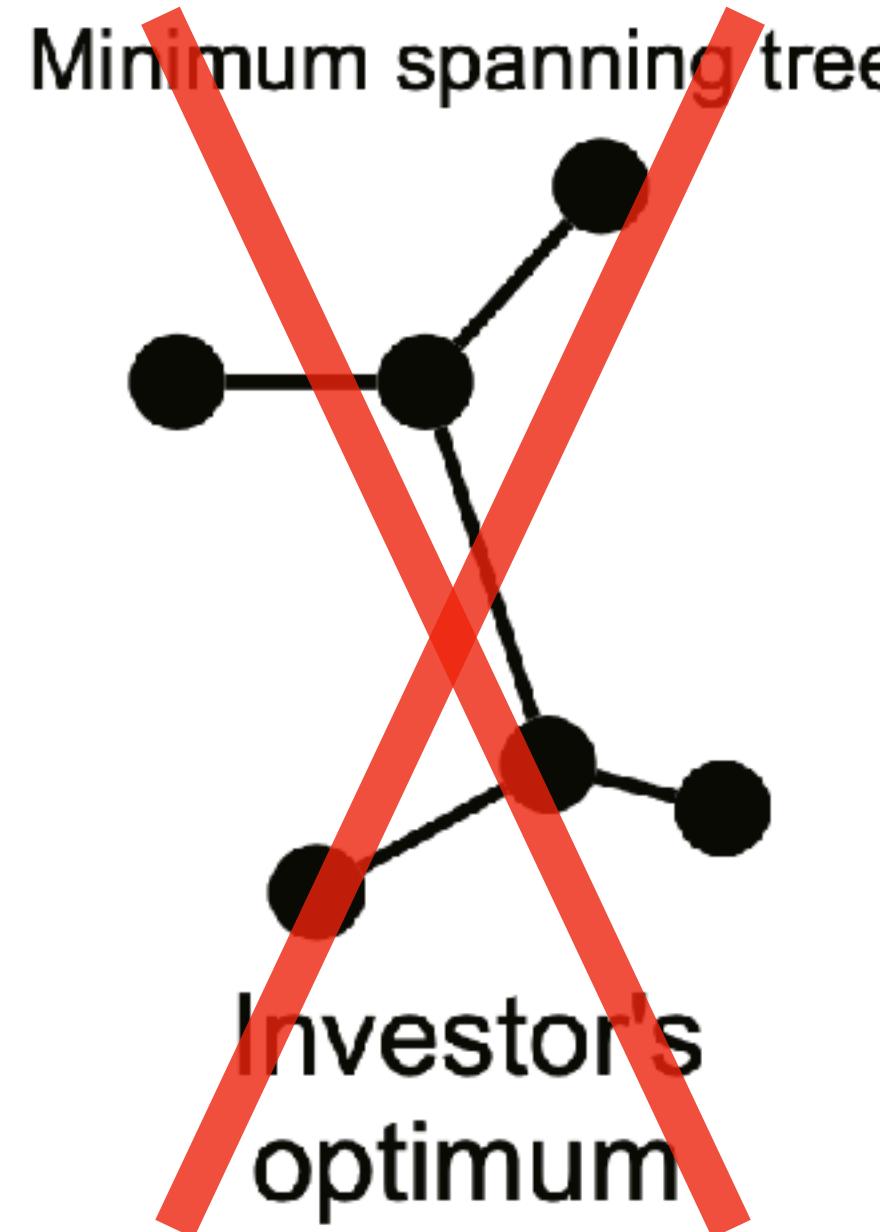
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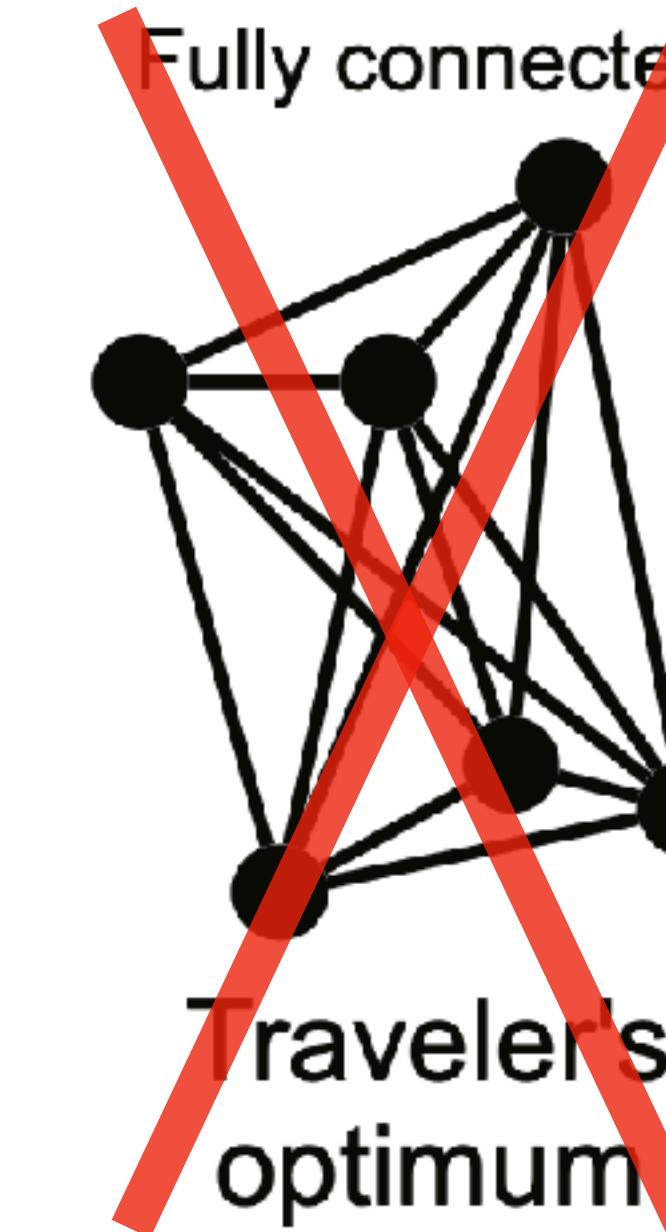
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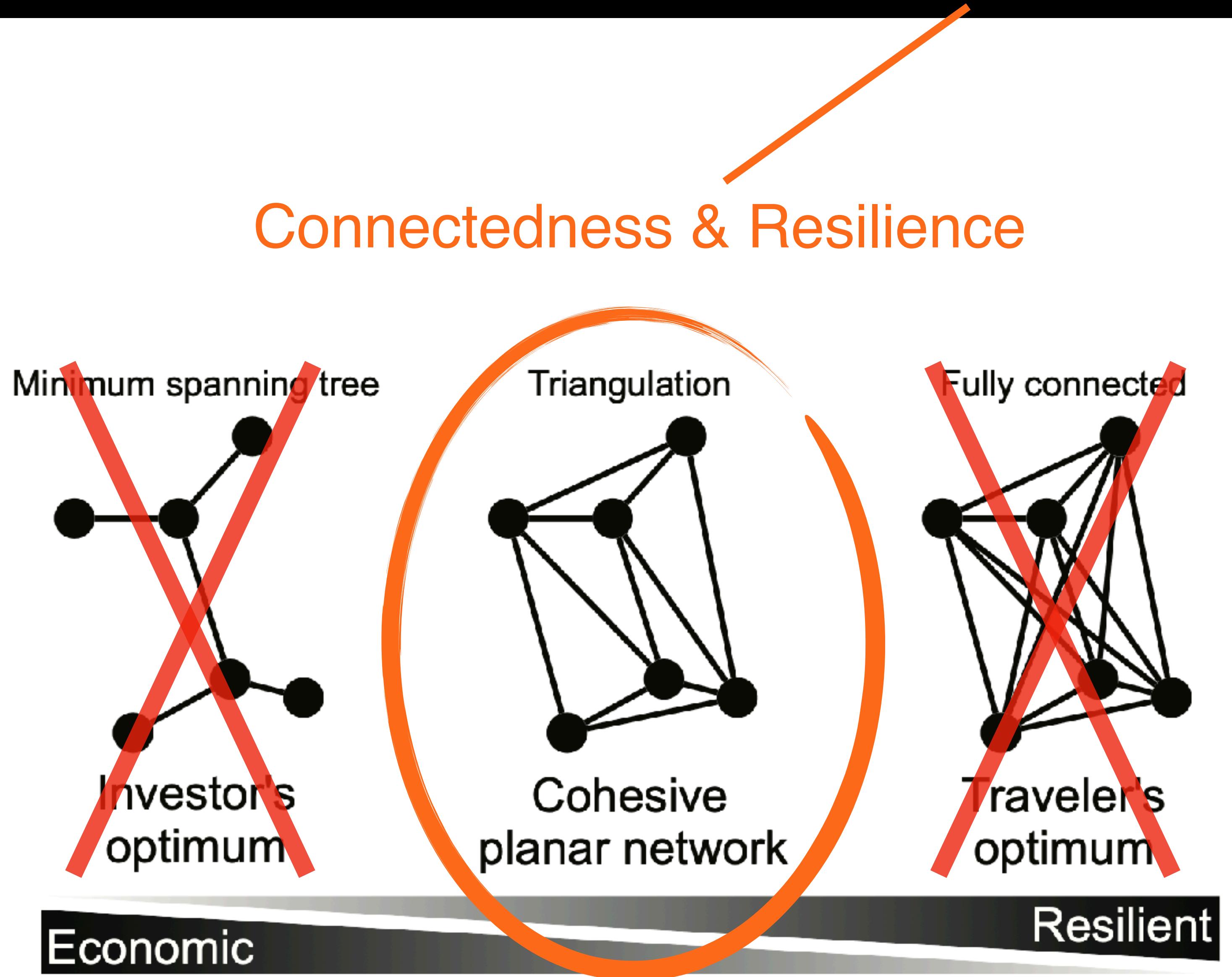


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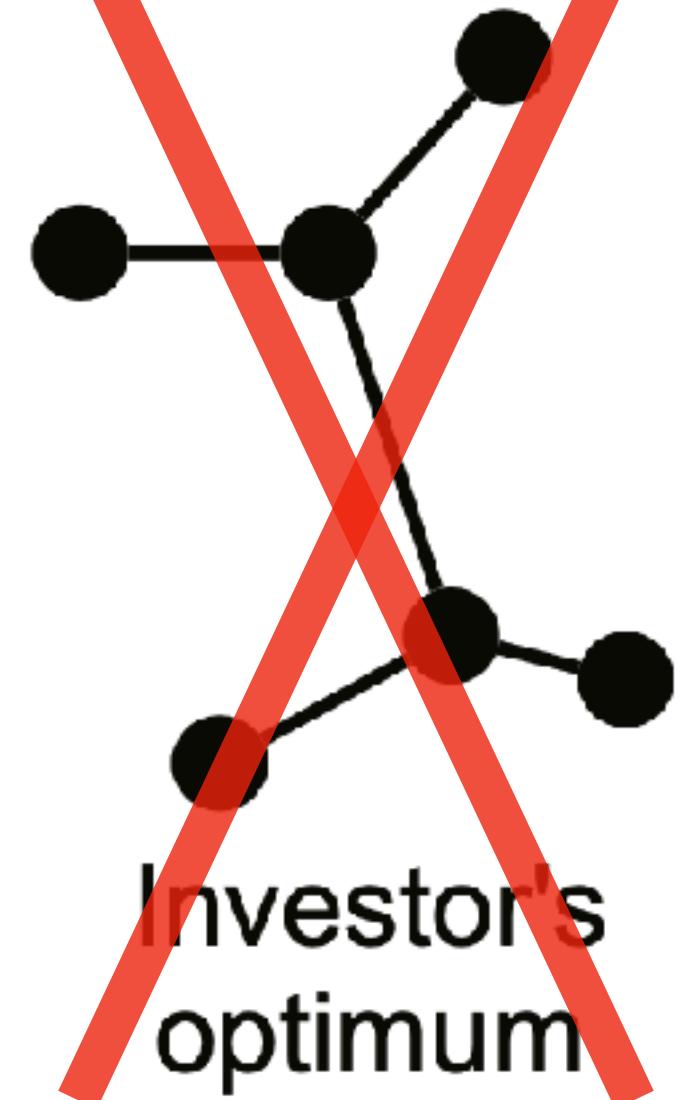


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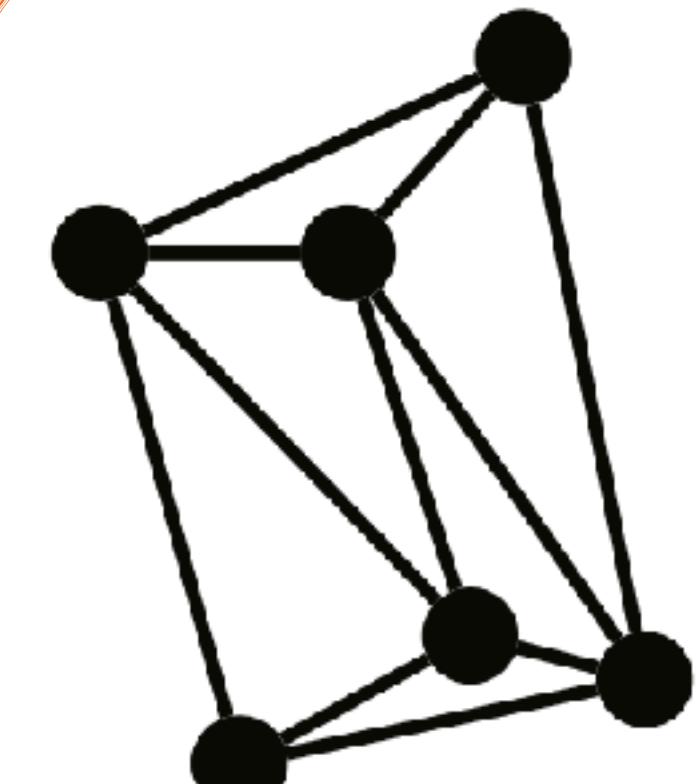
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& Coverage

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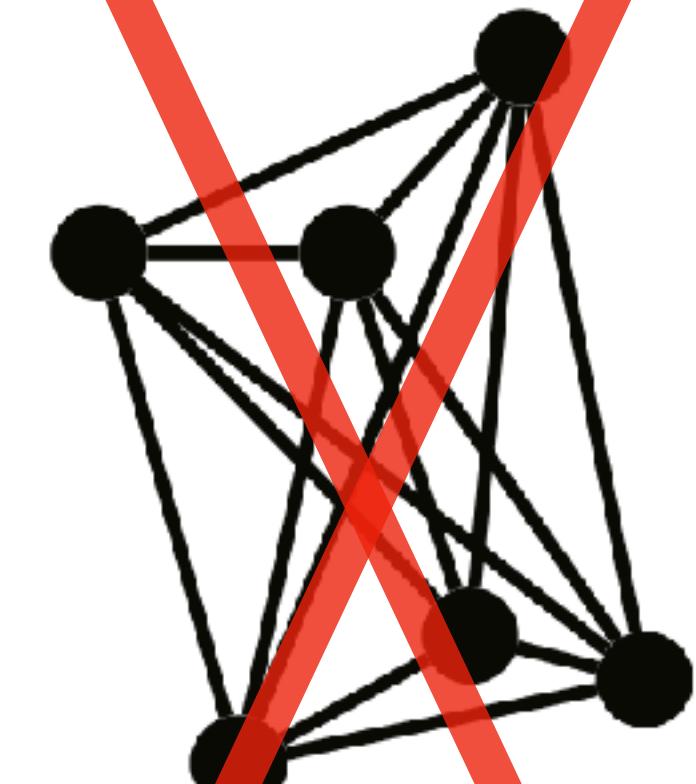


Triangulation



Cohesive planar network

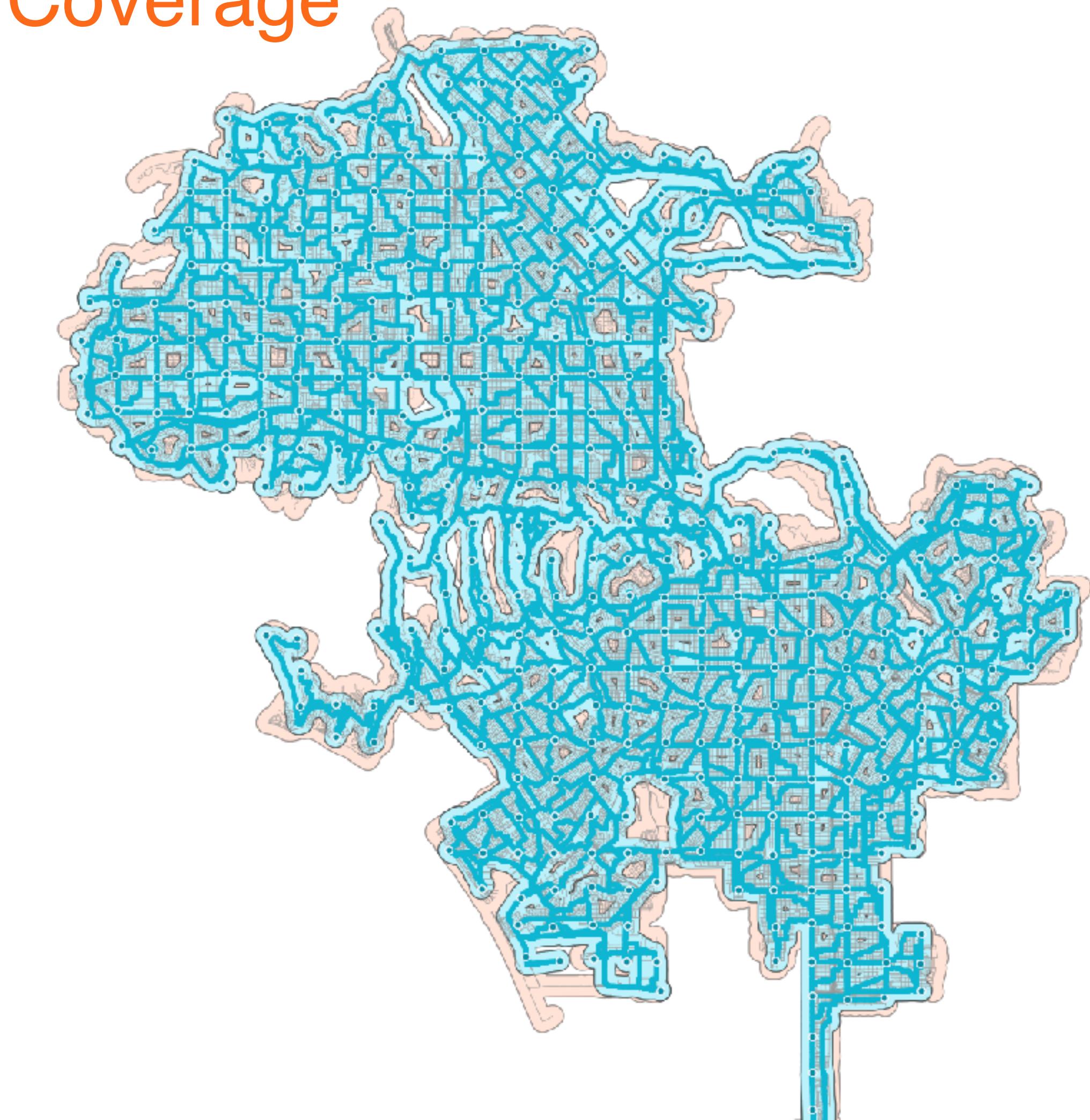
Fully connected



Traveler's optimum

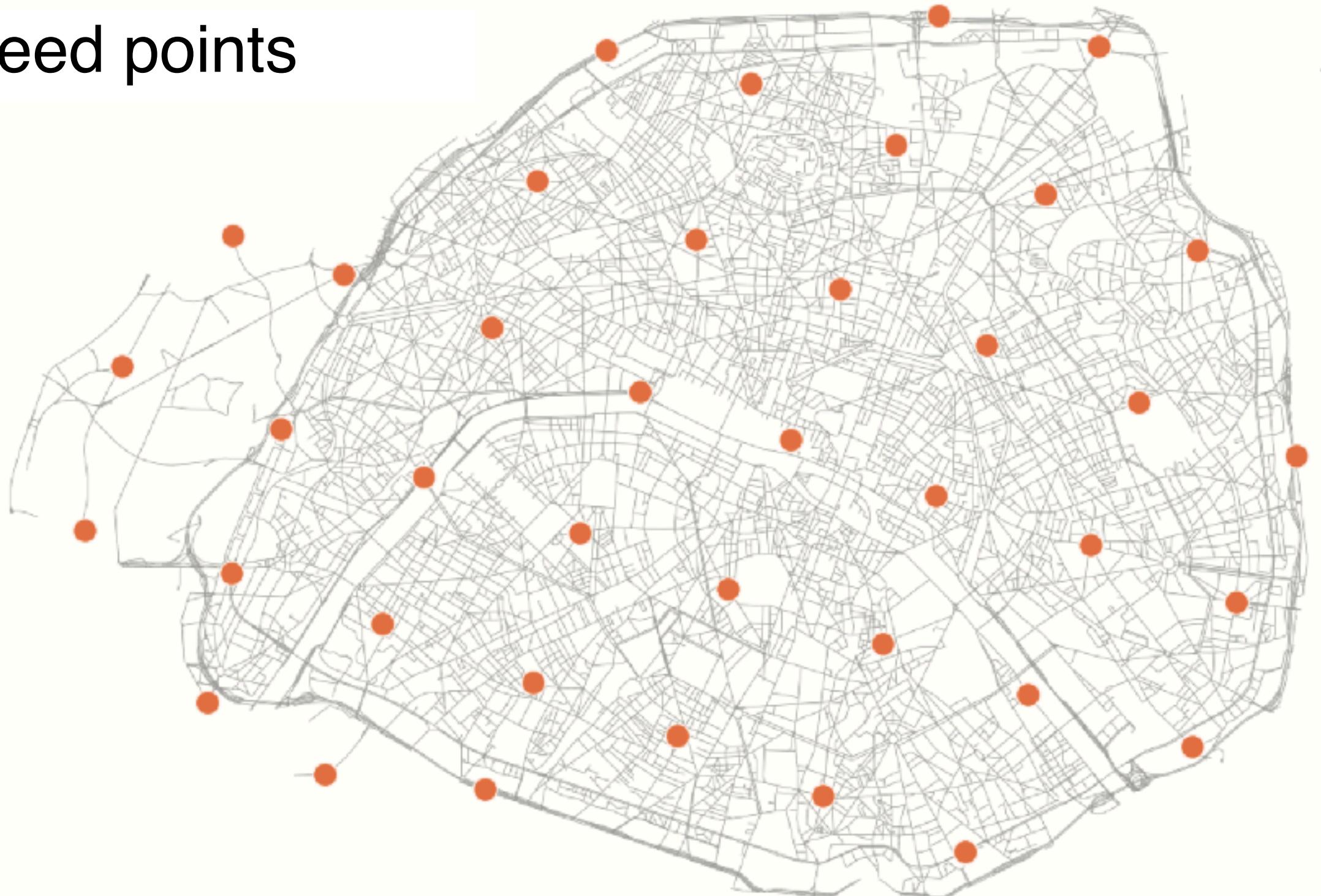
Economic

Resilient

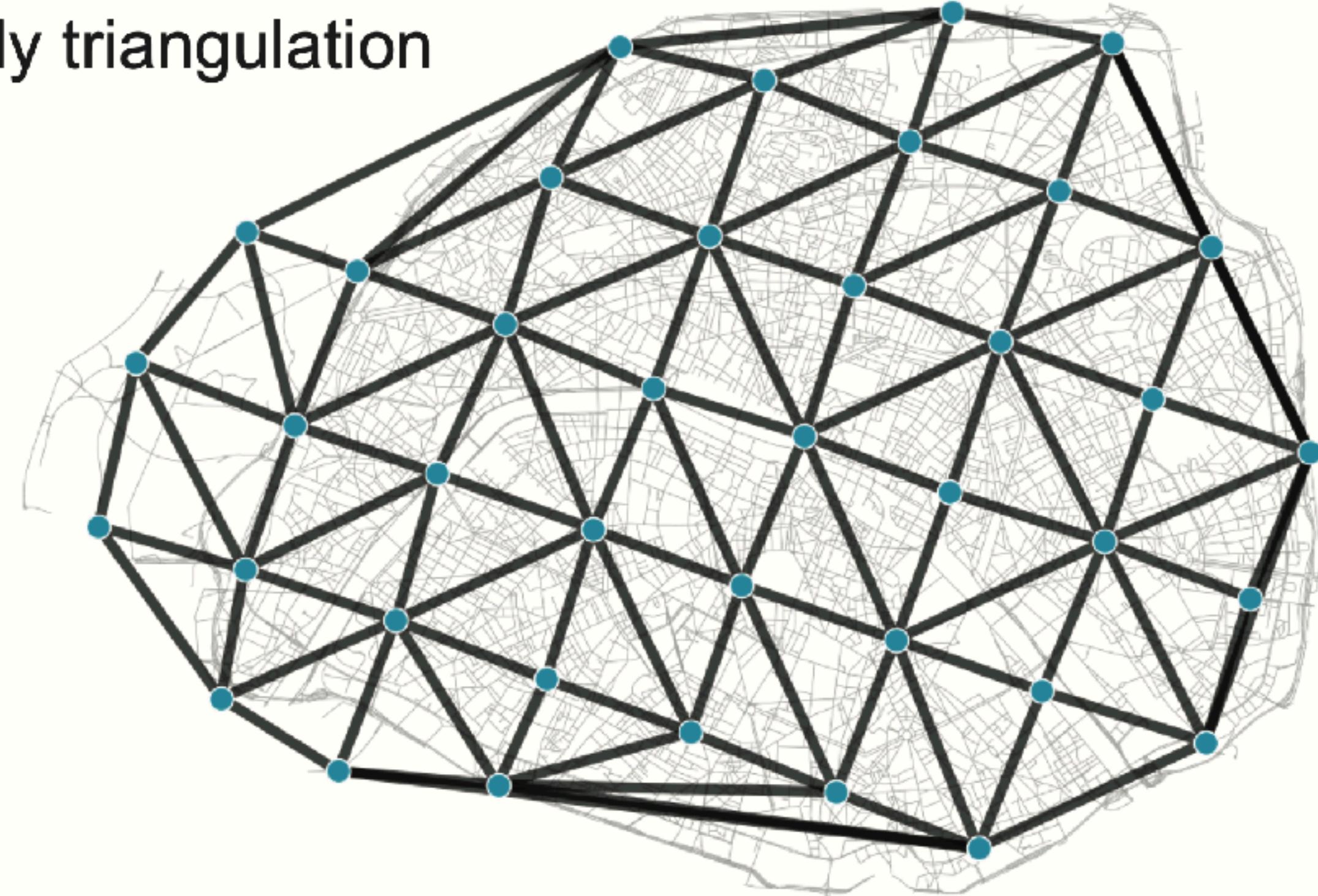


# We build a greedy triangulation between points of interest

1) Seed points



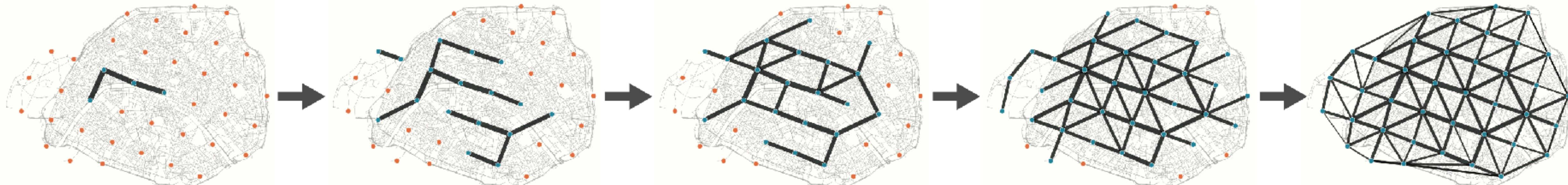
2) Greedy triangulation



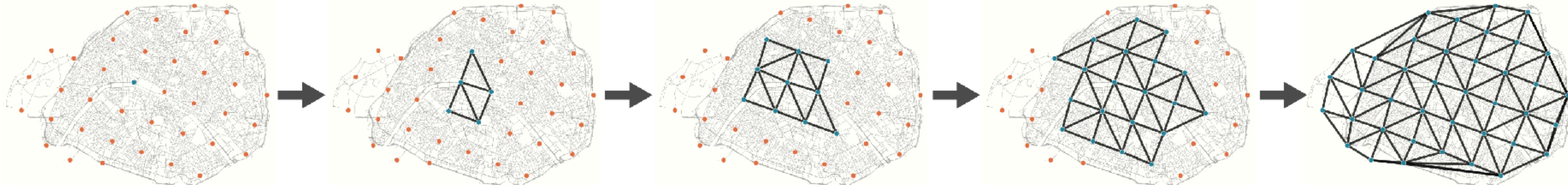
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## 3) Order by growth strategy

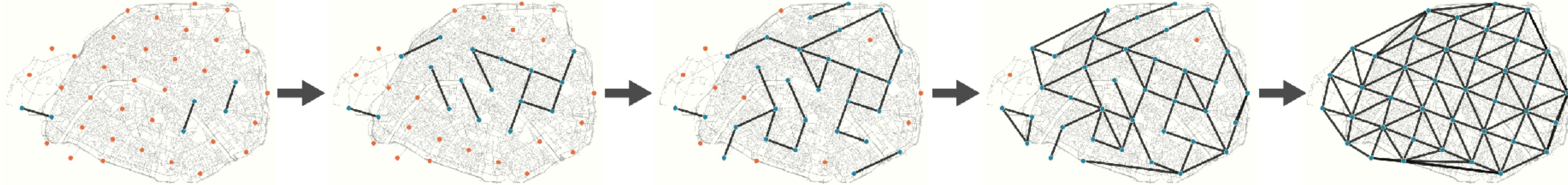
Betweenness



Closeness



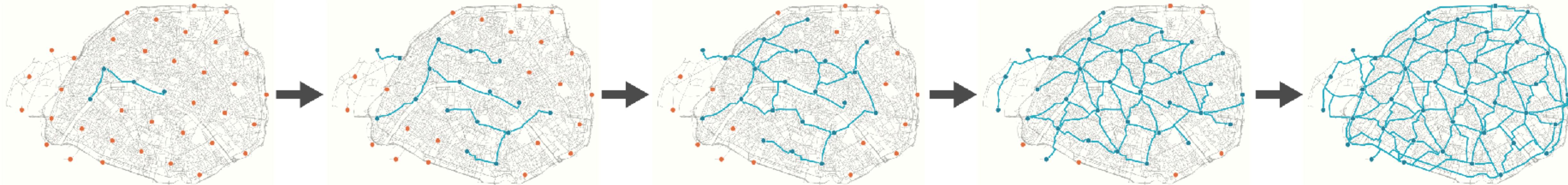
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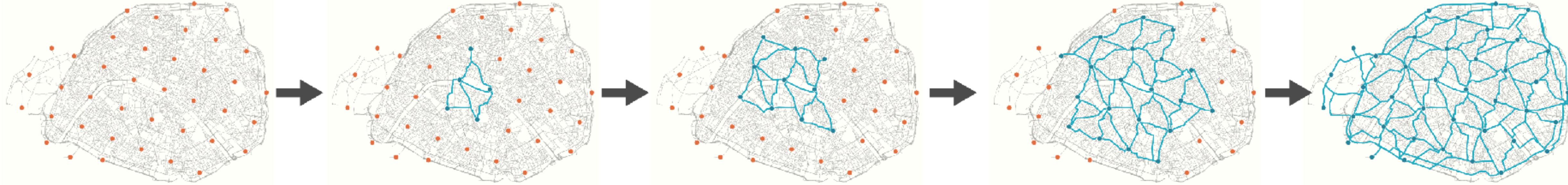
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## 4) Route on street network

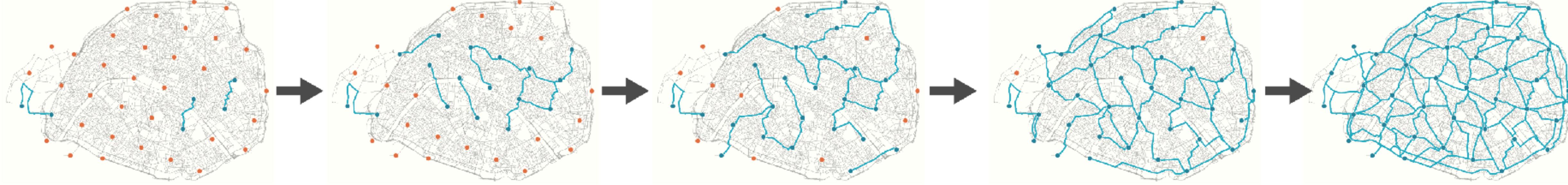
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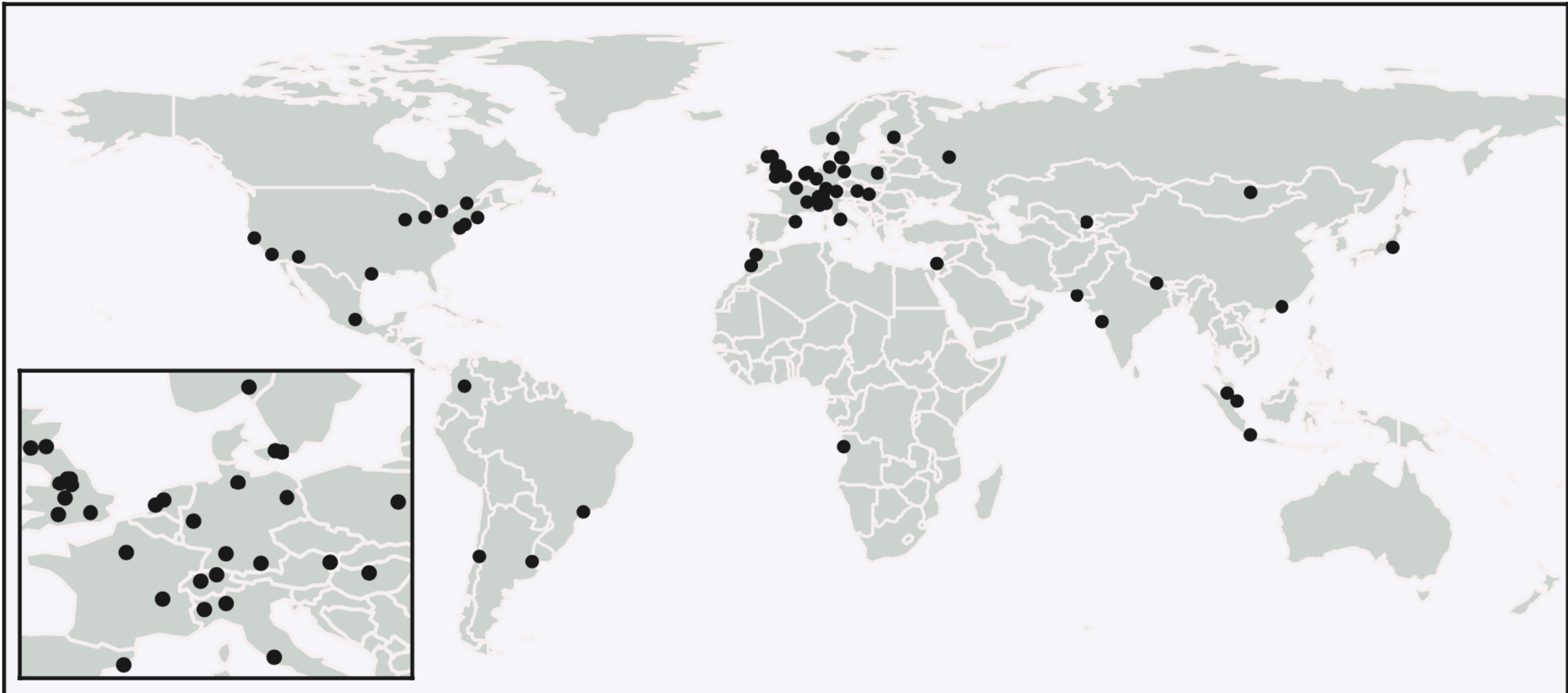
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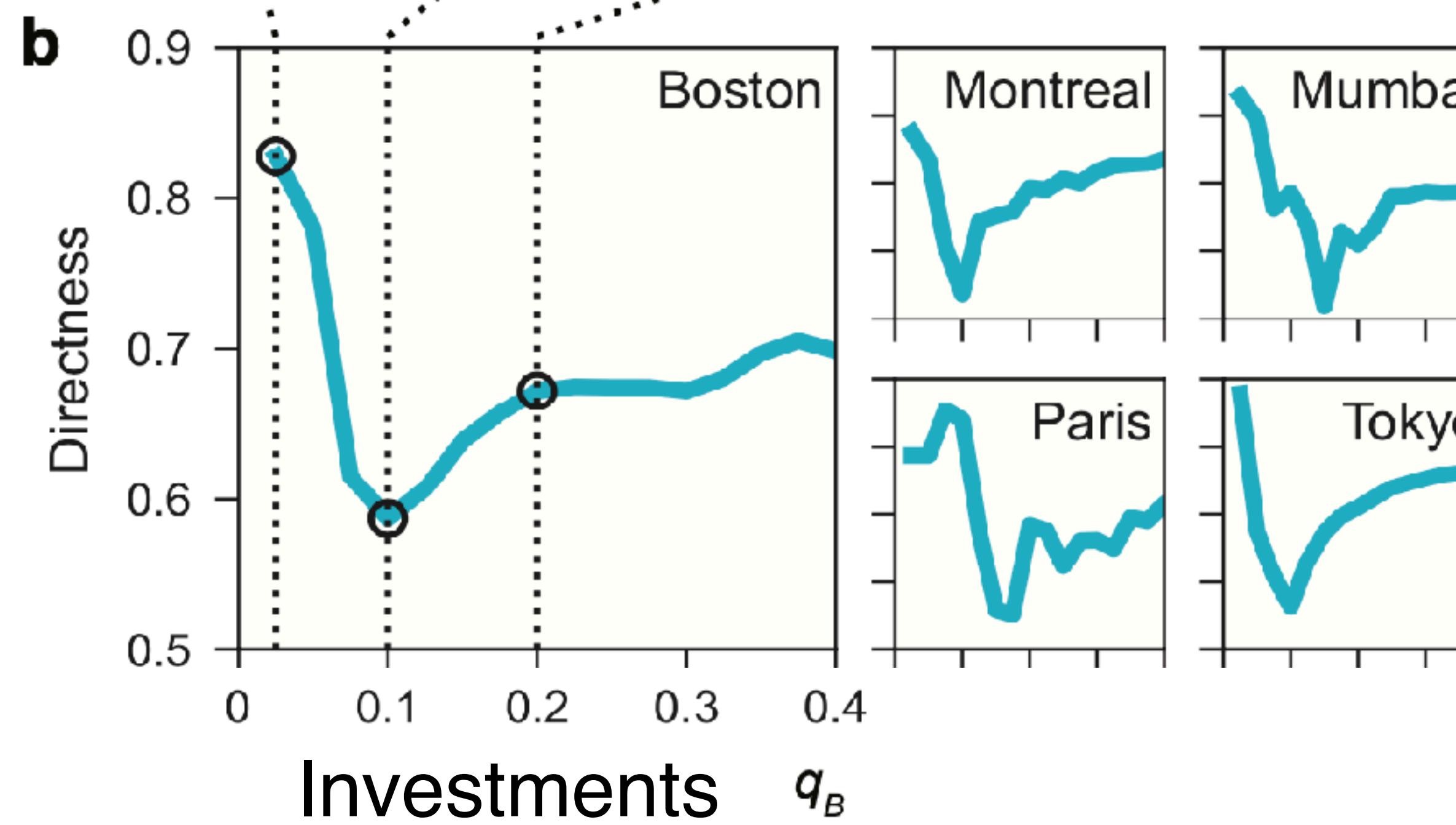
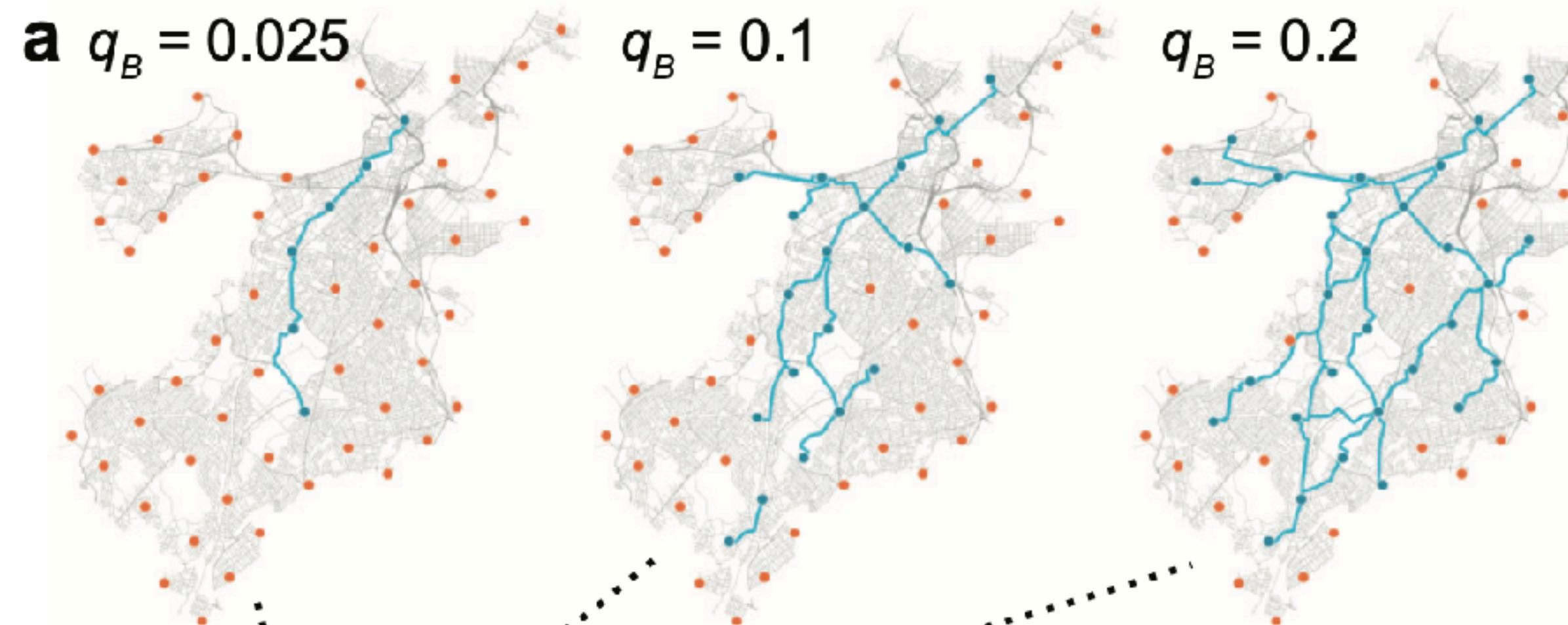
Random



We explore 62 cities



# Result 1: Investments need to surpass a critical threshold



The pieces need  
to connect and  
to form cycles

# Policy implication 1: Invest persistently!



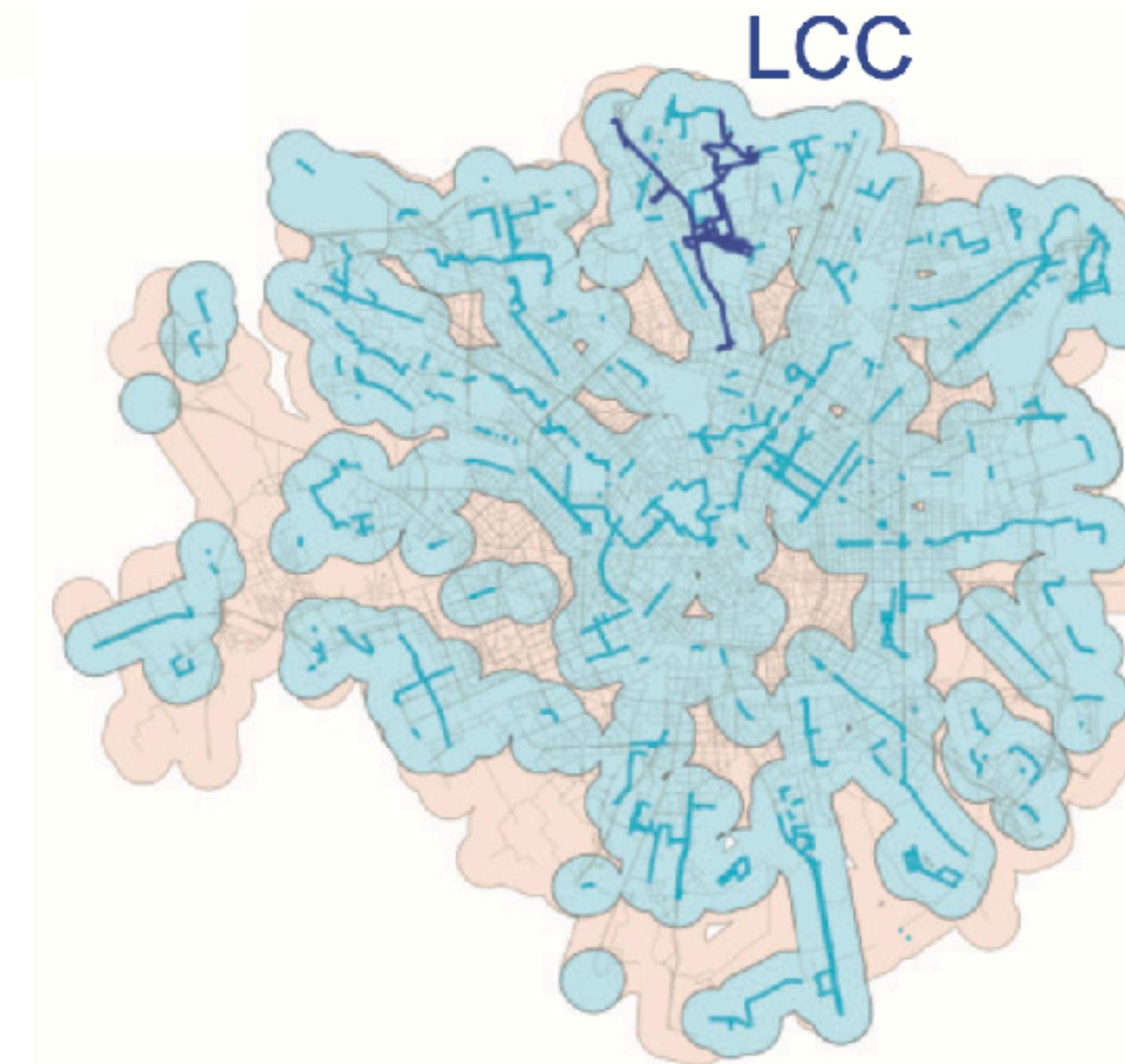
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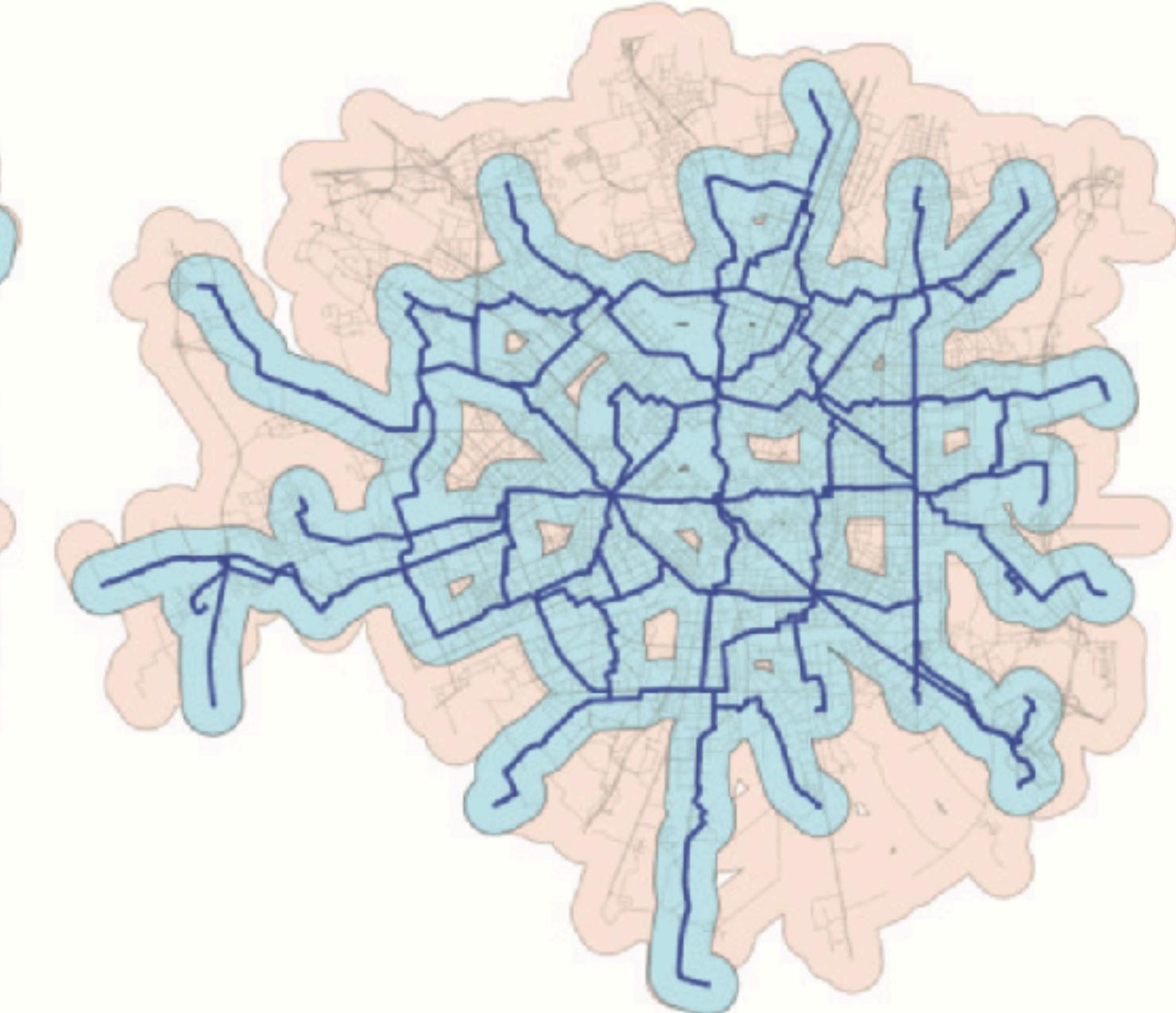
My real advice for ambitious municipal elected leaders on building a safe, connected network of REAL (not painted lines or sharrows) bike infrastructure — direct your staff to do ALL of the work that you're currently planning to build over the next 5-10 years, ALL IN ONE YEAR.

Result 2: It's not a network's length that matters but how you grow it

At same length, we could  
do much better



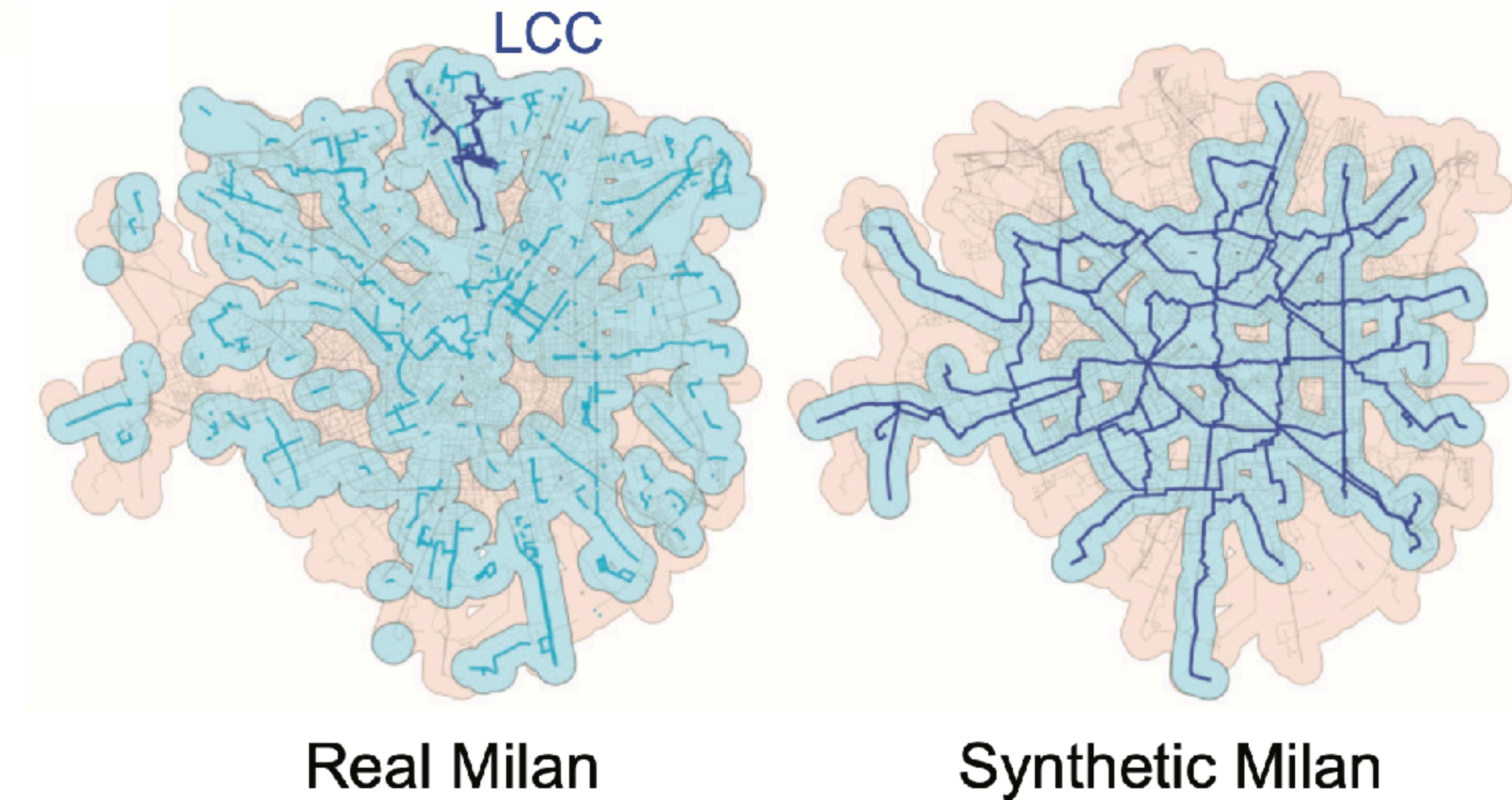
Real Milan



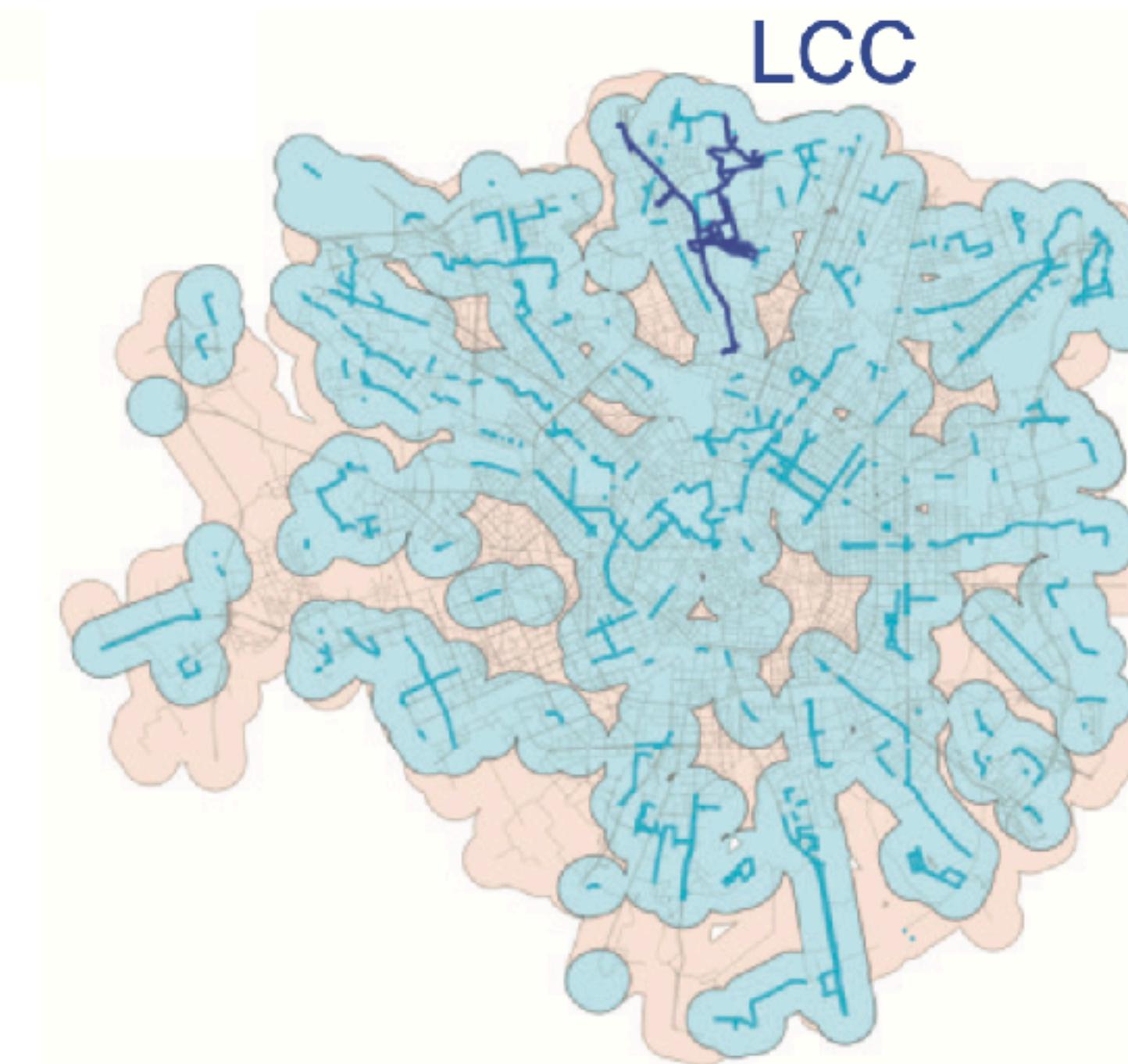
Synthetic Milan

## Policy implication 2: Strategy matters: Build for the whole city

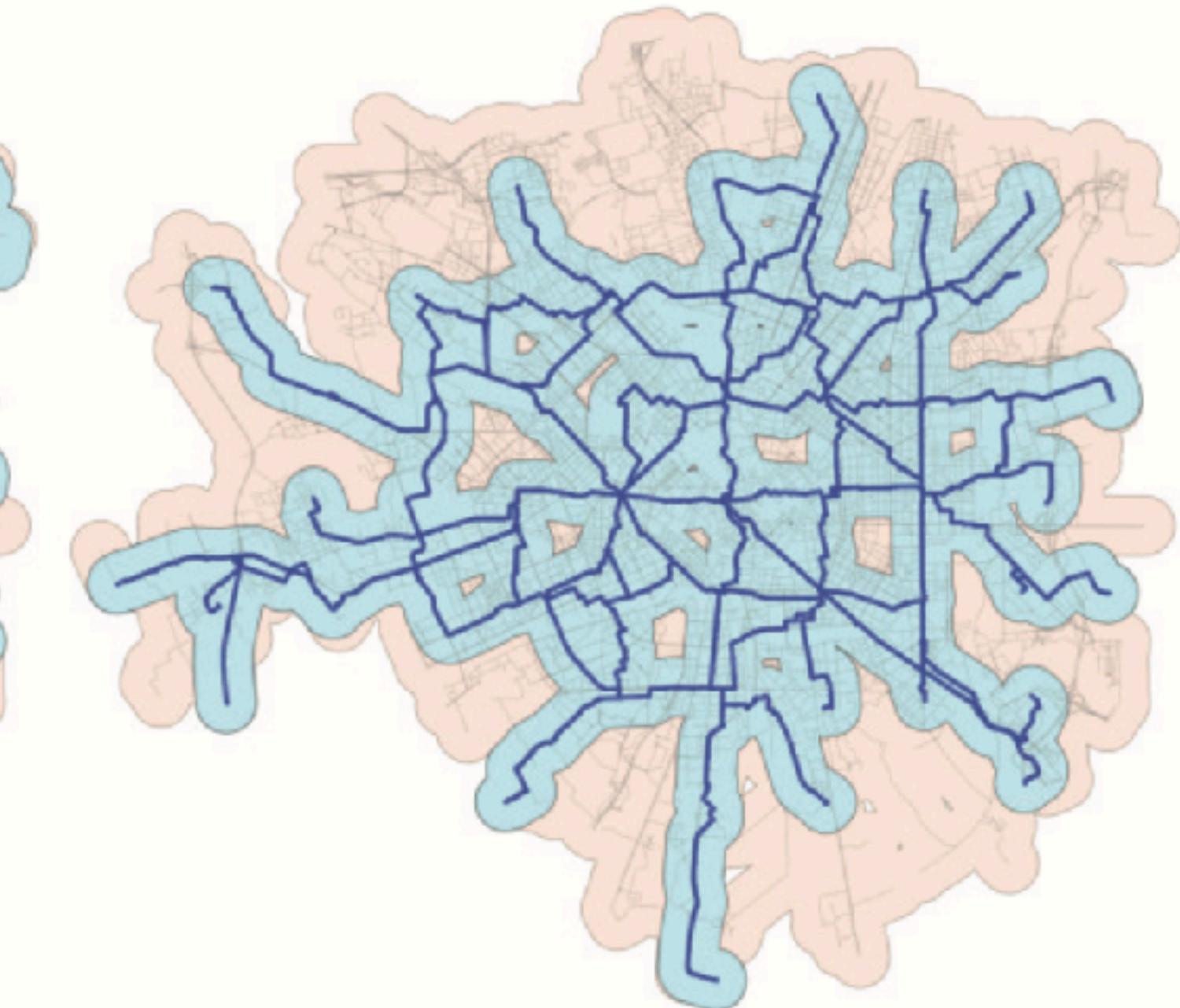
Avoid "random-like",  
piecewise growth



*Easier said than done - Isn't this unrealistic??*



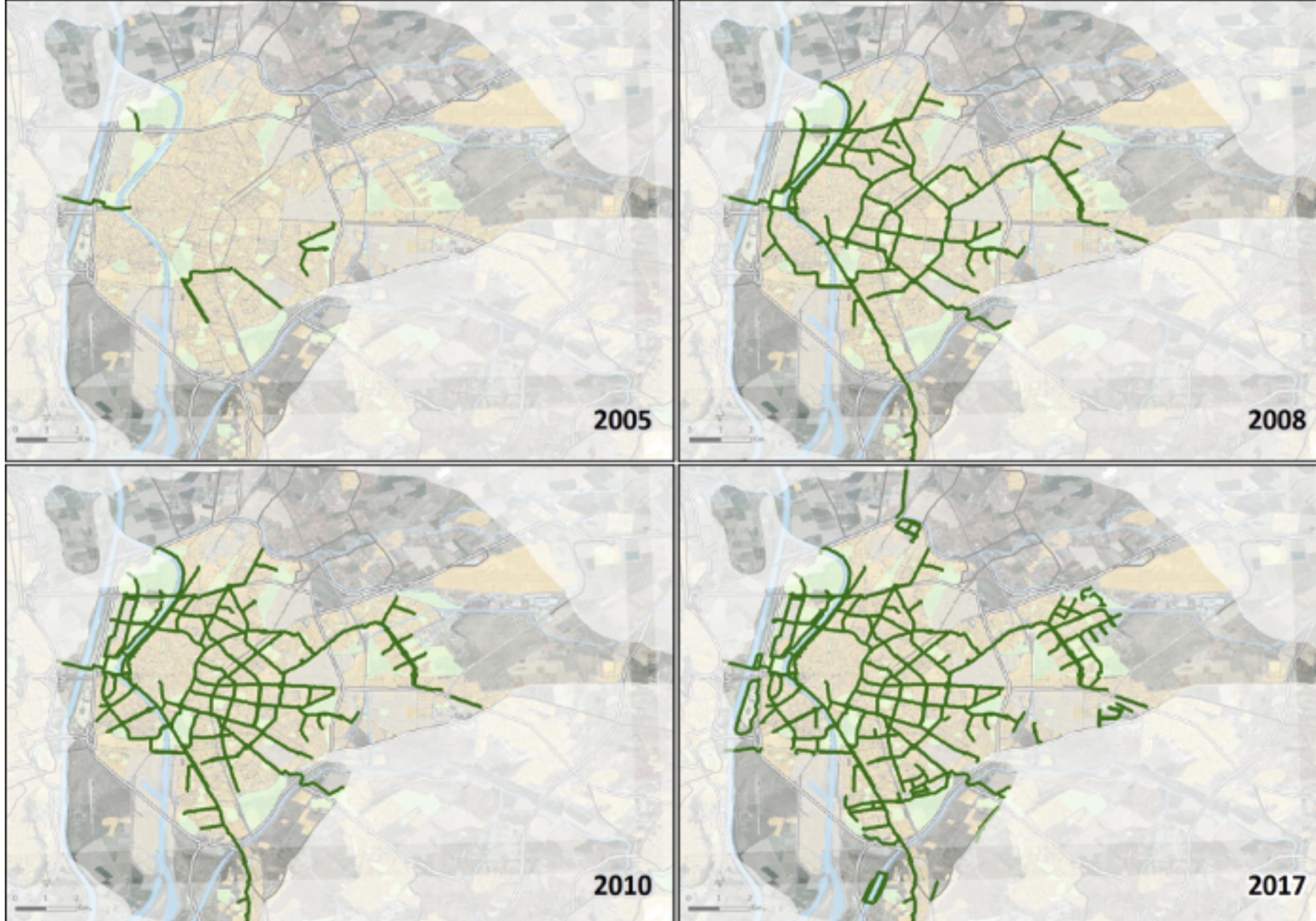
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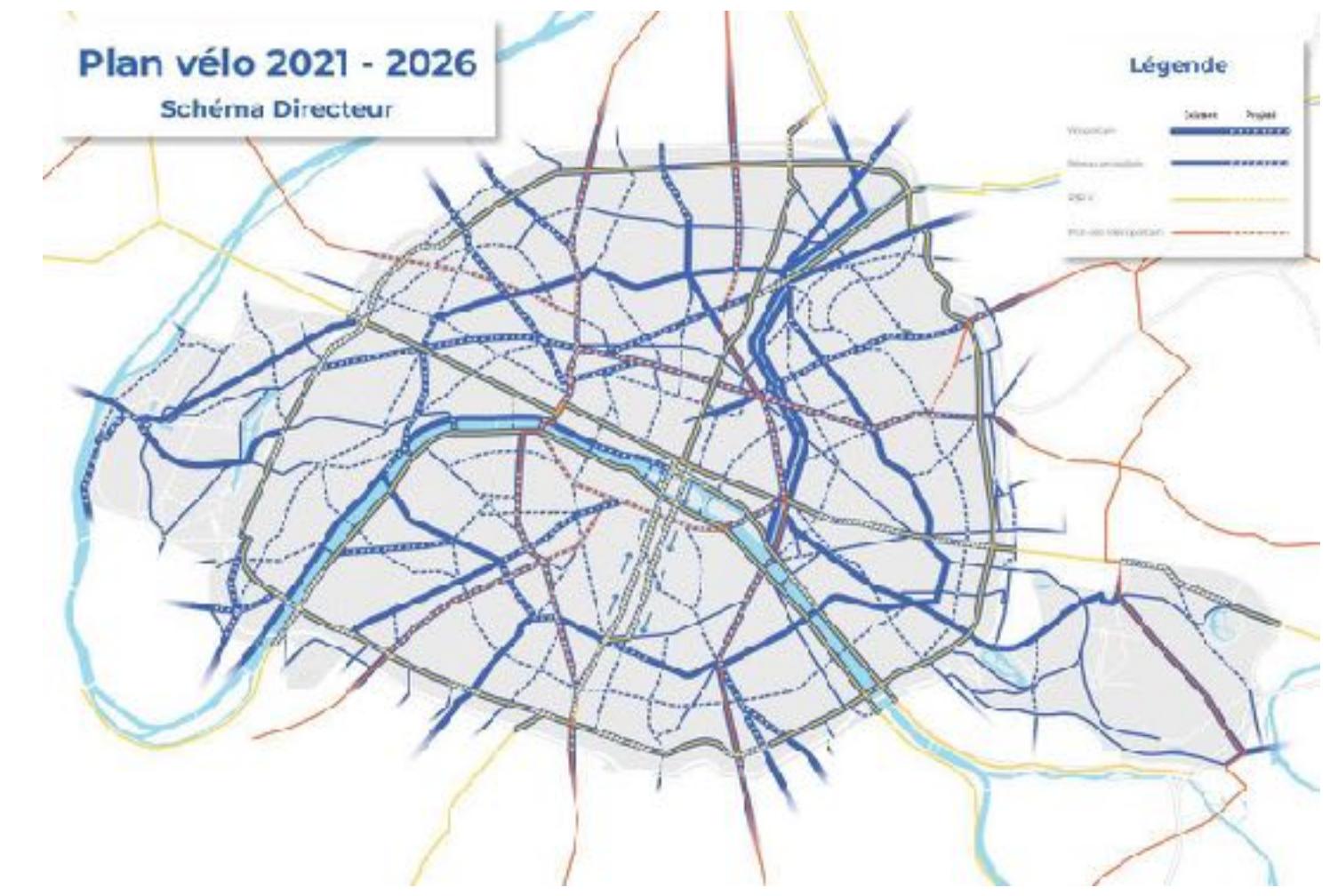
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*Easier said than done - Isn't this unrealistic??*

Nope: See Seville



Also: Paris, Oslo, ...



**There is  
no excuse**

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What to do if your bike network  
is already pretty good?

# Identify & Prioritize

We could find millions of gaps...

We need a metric to prioritize them.



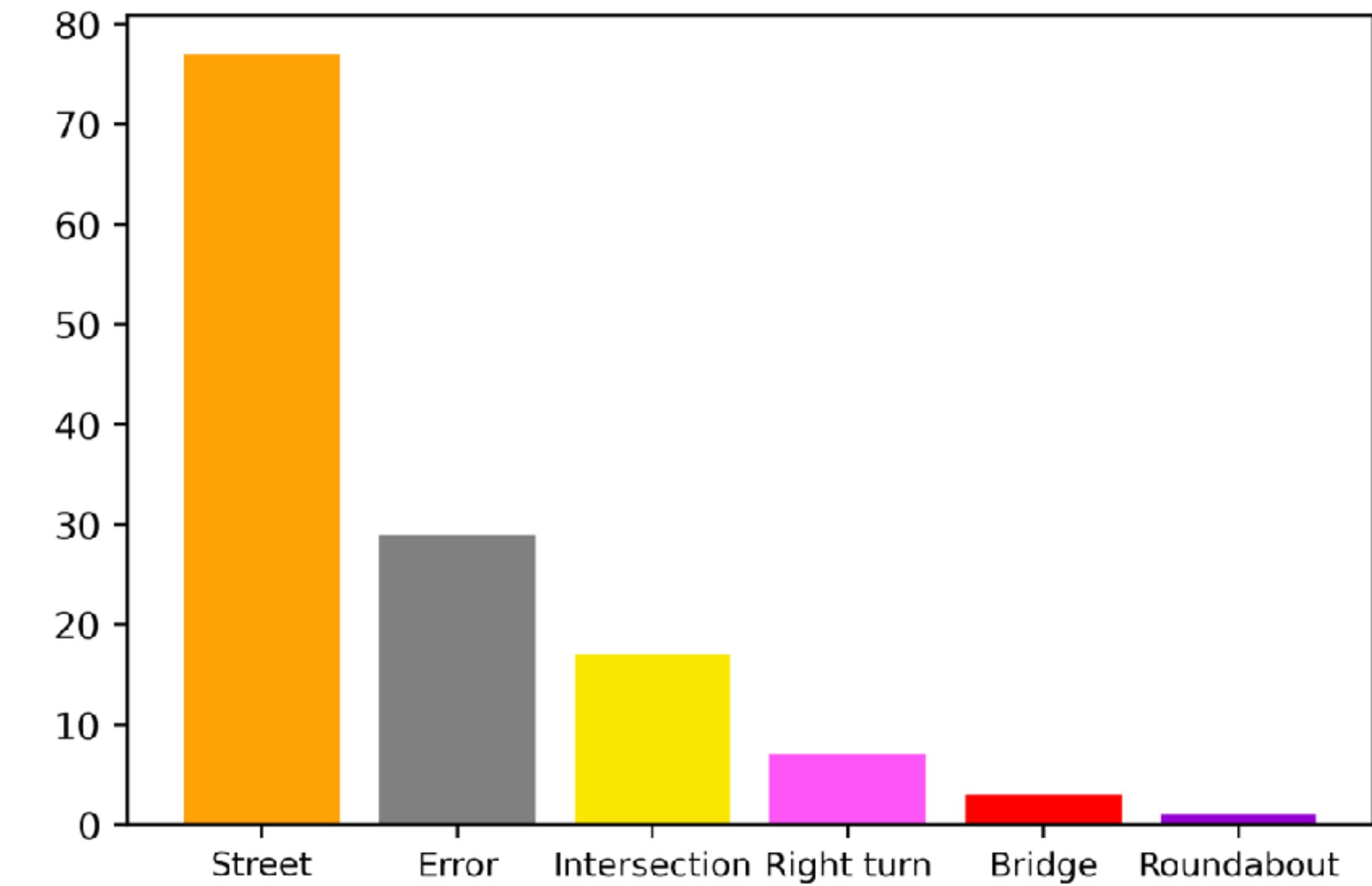
## 2) Prioritize



“If this gap was closed, how many meters cycled in mixed traffic would be avoided per investment unit?”



# Our top 105 gaps



# Evaluation: Comparison with Cykelsti-Prioriteringsplan



# Evaluation: We find many overlaps



Nørregade



Rantzausgade

# If your city is:

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Close the most important gaps

# If your city is:

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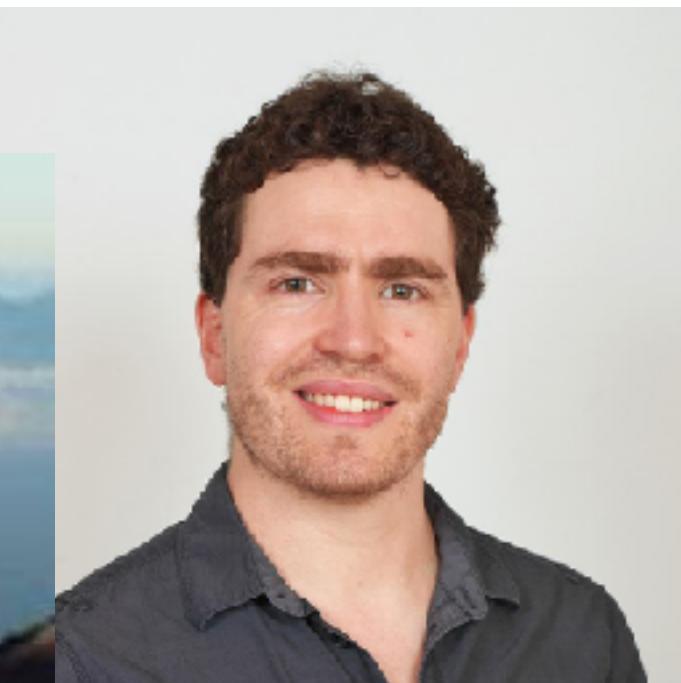
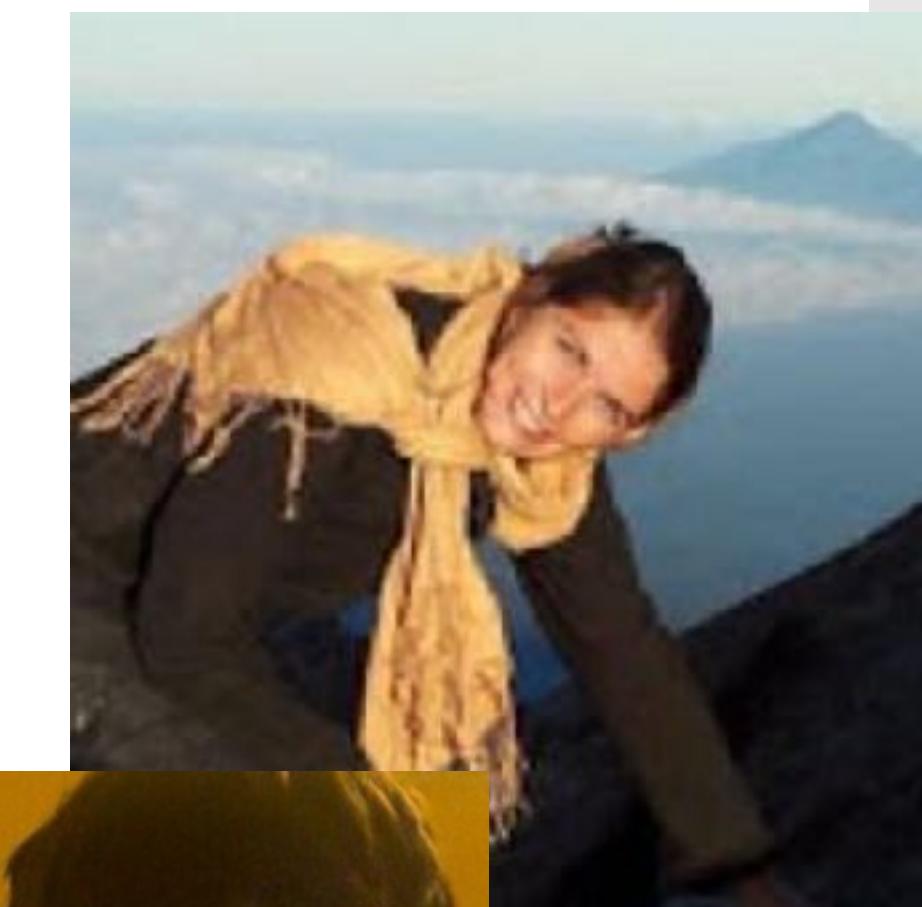
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# Break

# How are cities planned?

*What should you do to relieve congestion?*



*Building more roads to prevent congestion*



*is like a fat man loosening his belt to prevent obesity*



Lewis Mumford

If you widen roads, you create **more** traffic

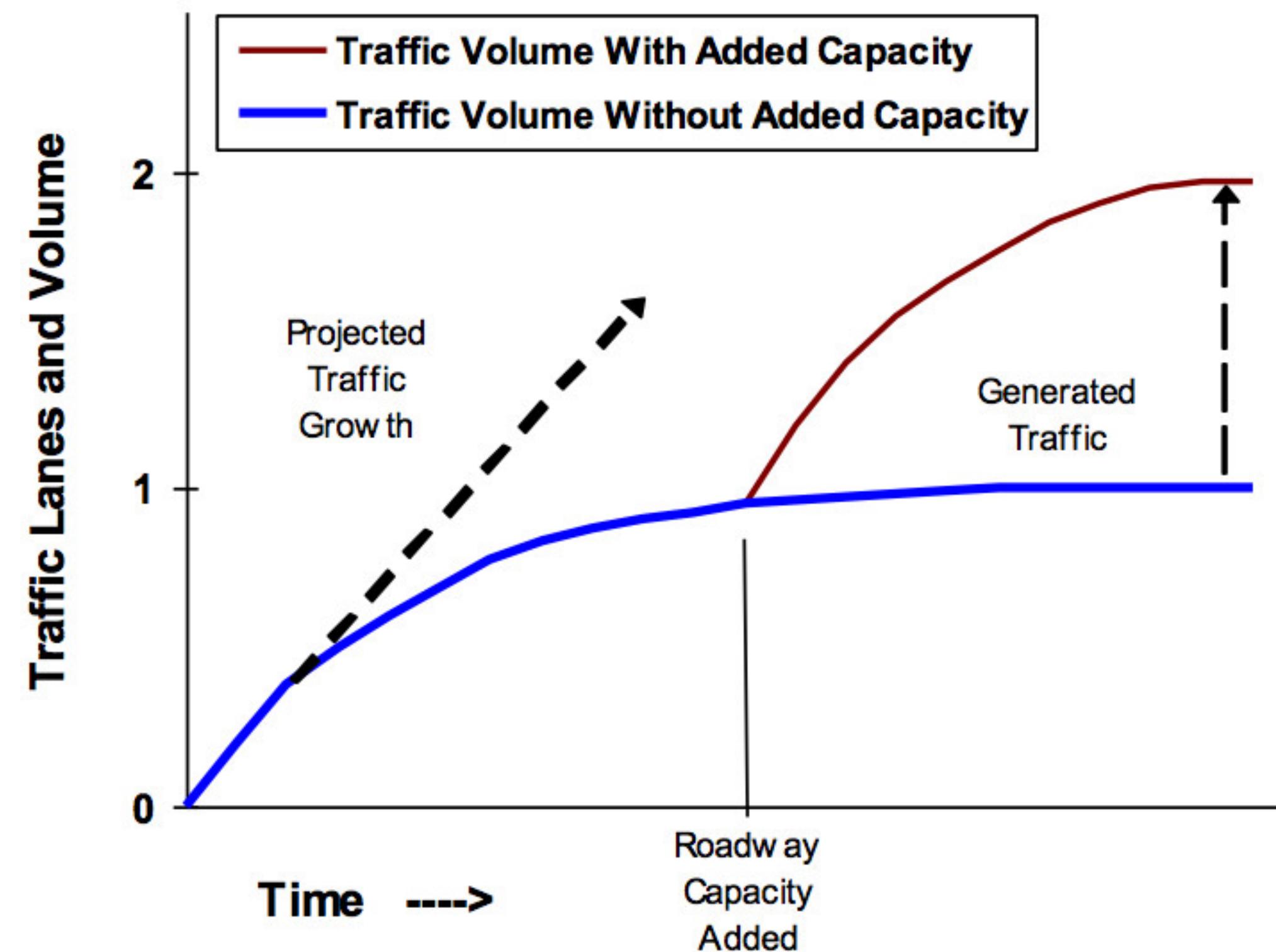


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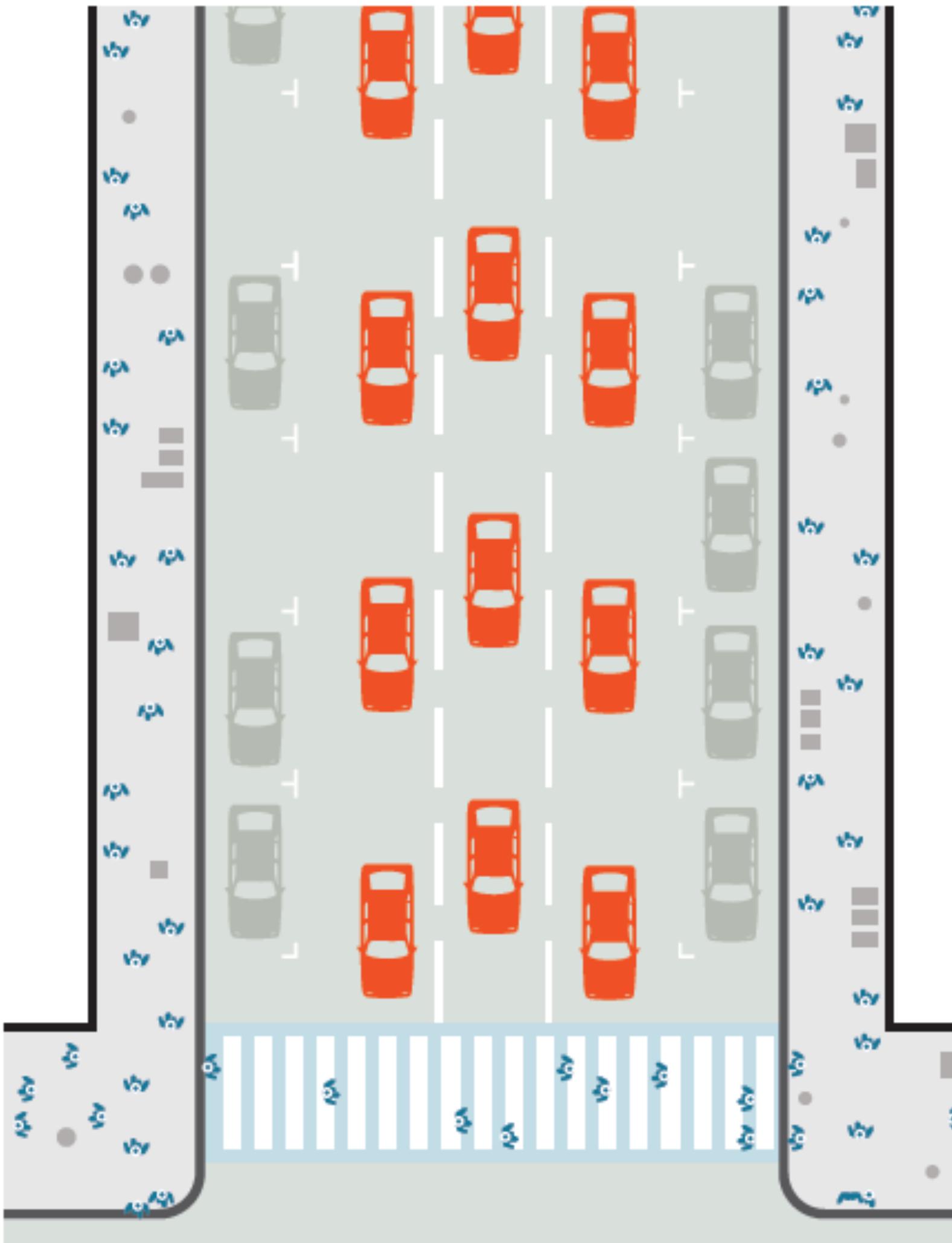


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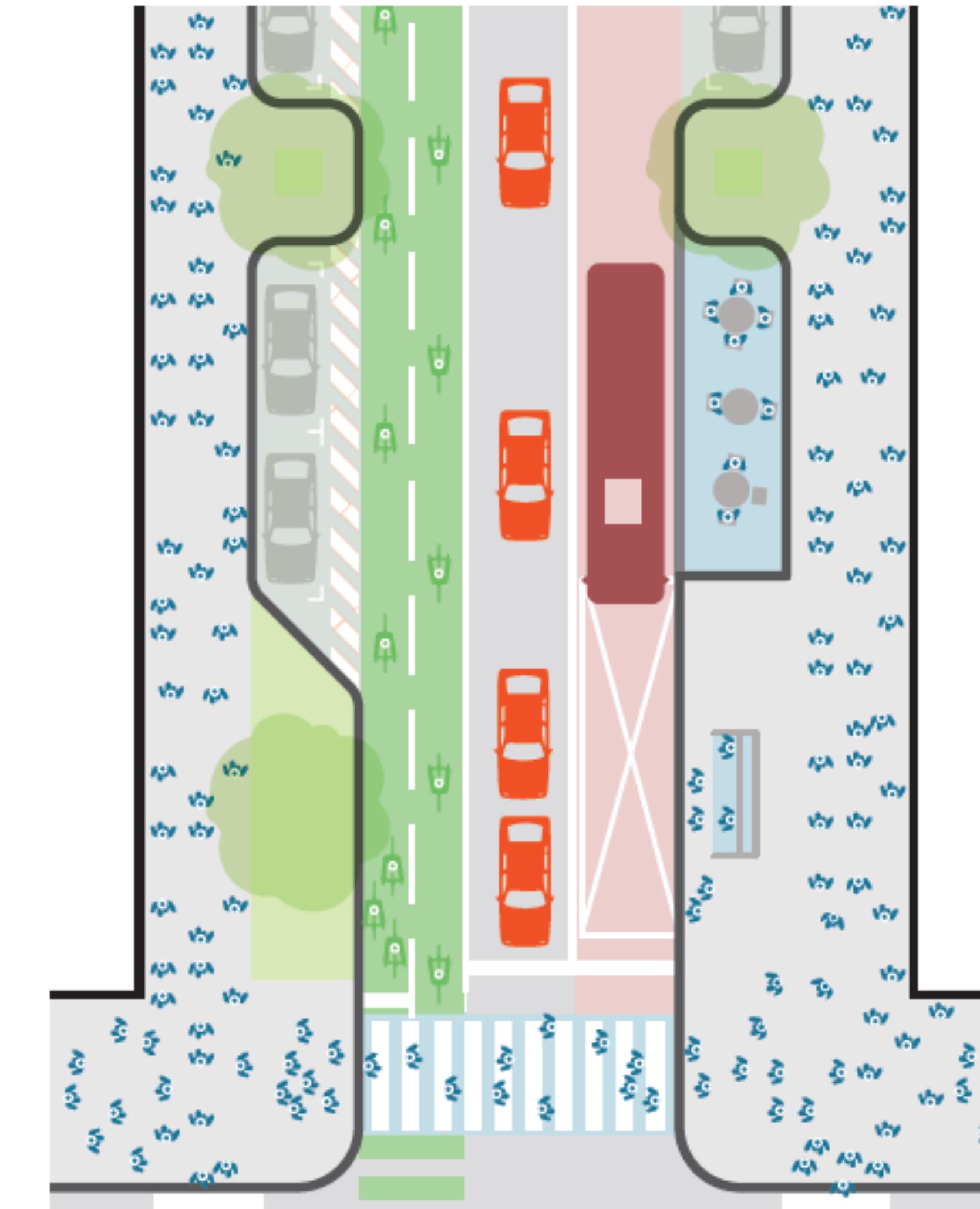
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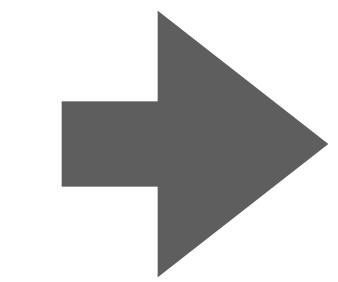
Car-Oriented Street



Multimodal Street



Road diet



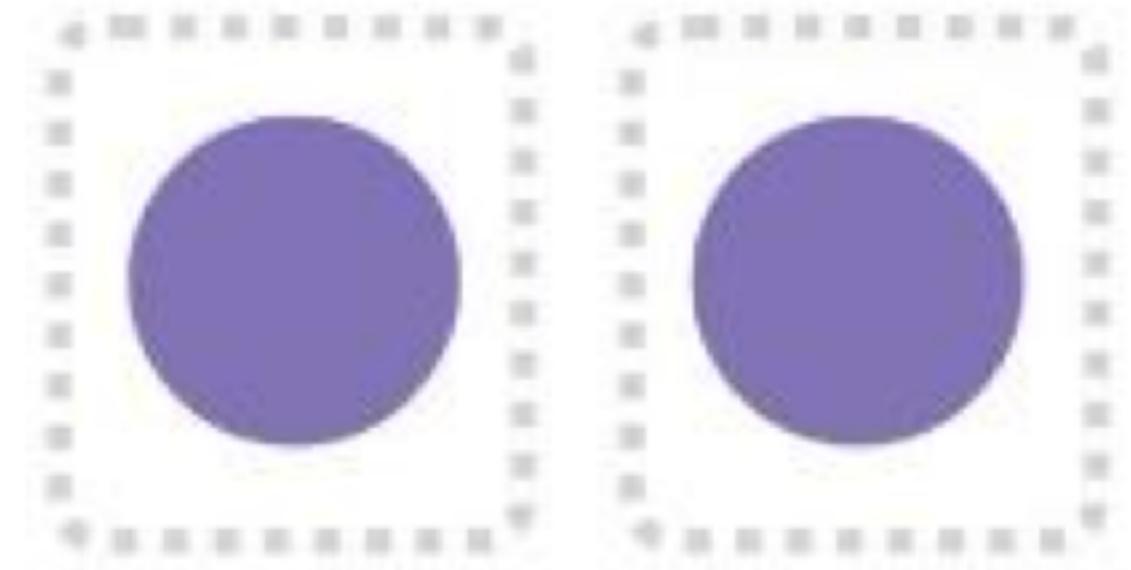
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# Long-term systems thinking

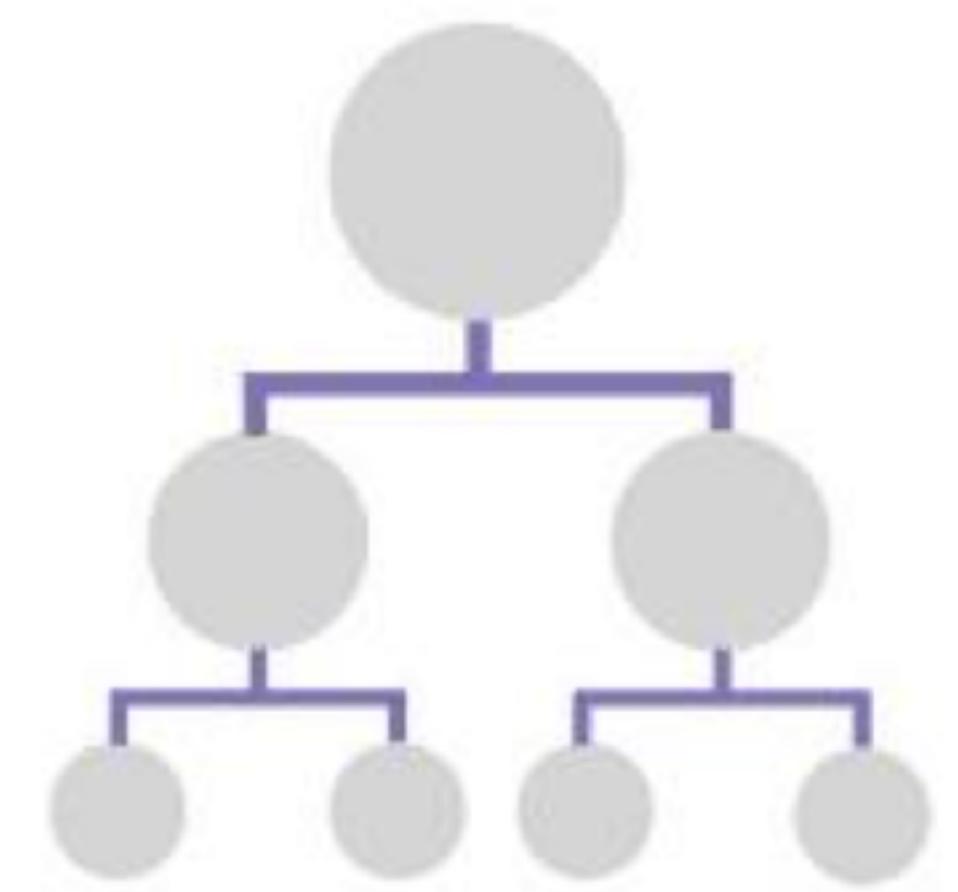
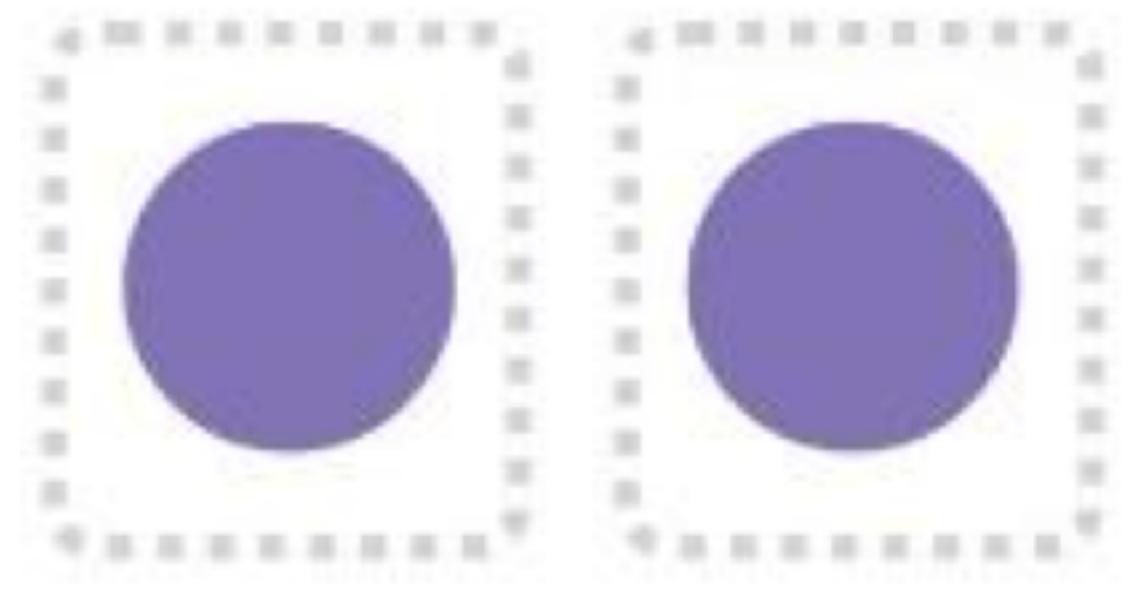
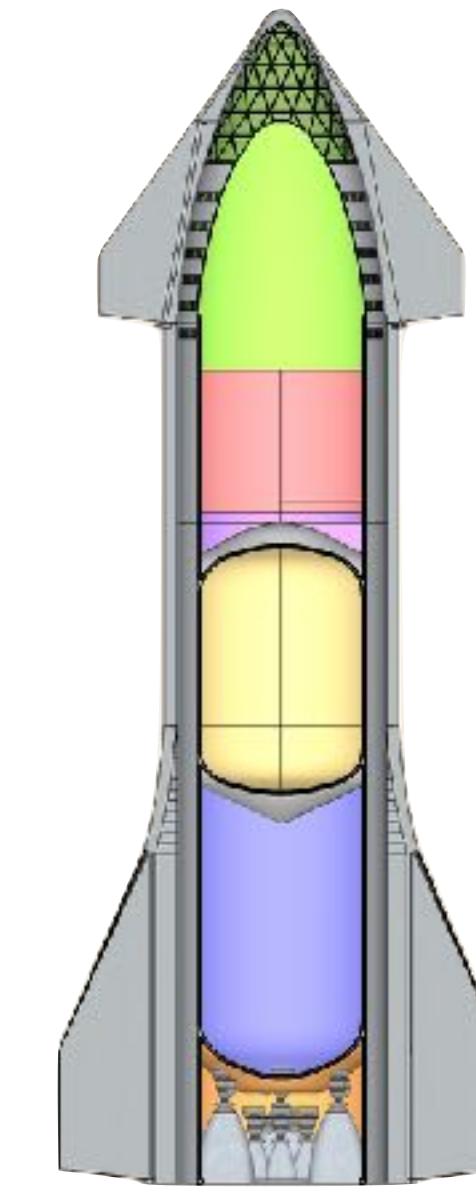
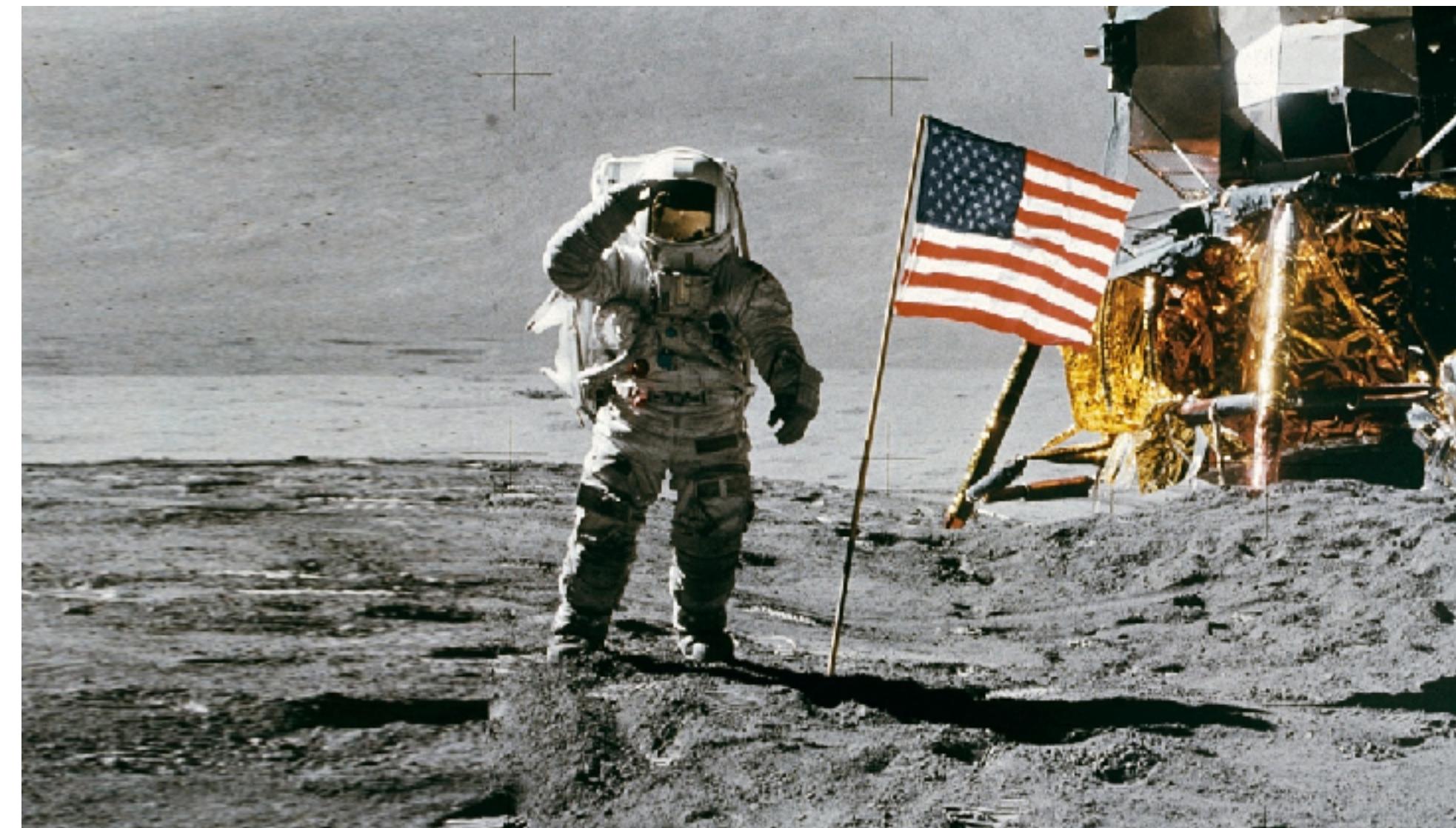
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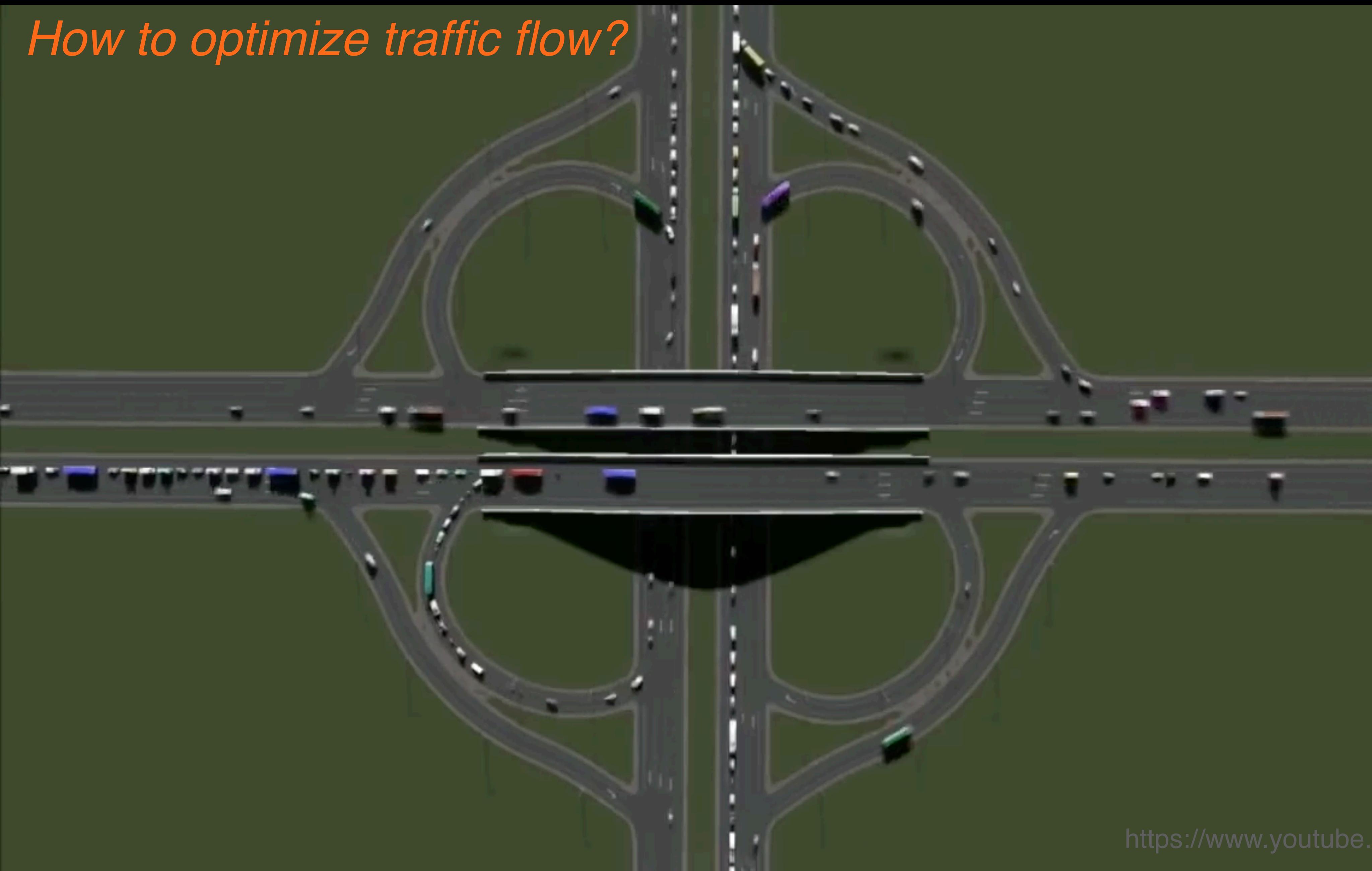
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Reduction

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*How to optimize traffic flow?*



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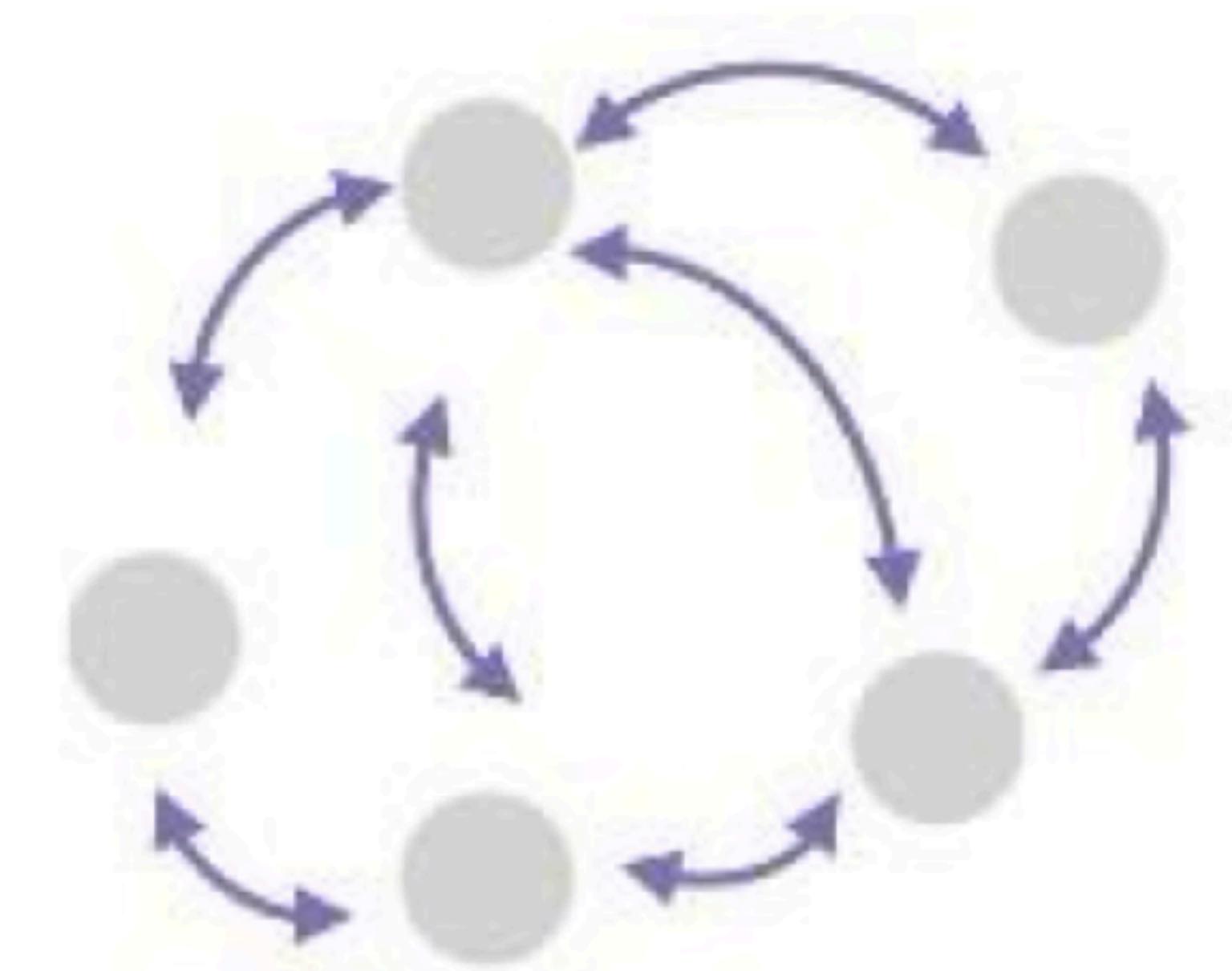
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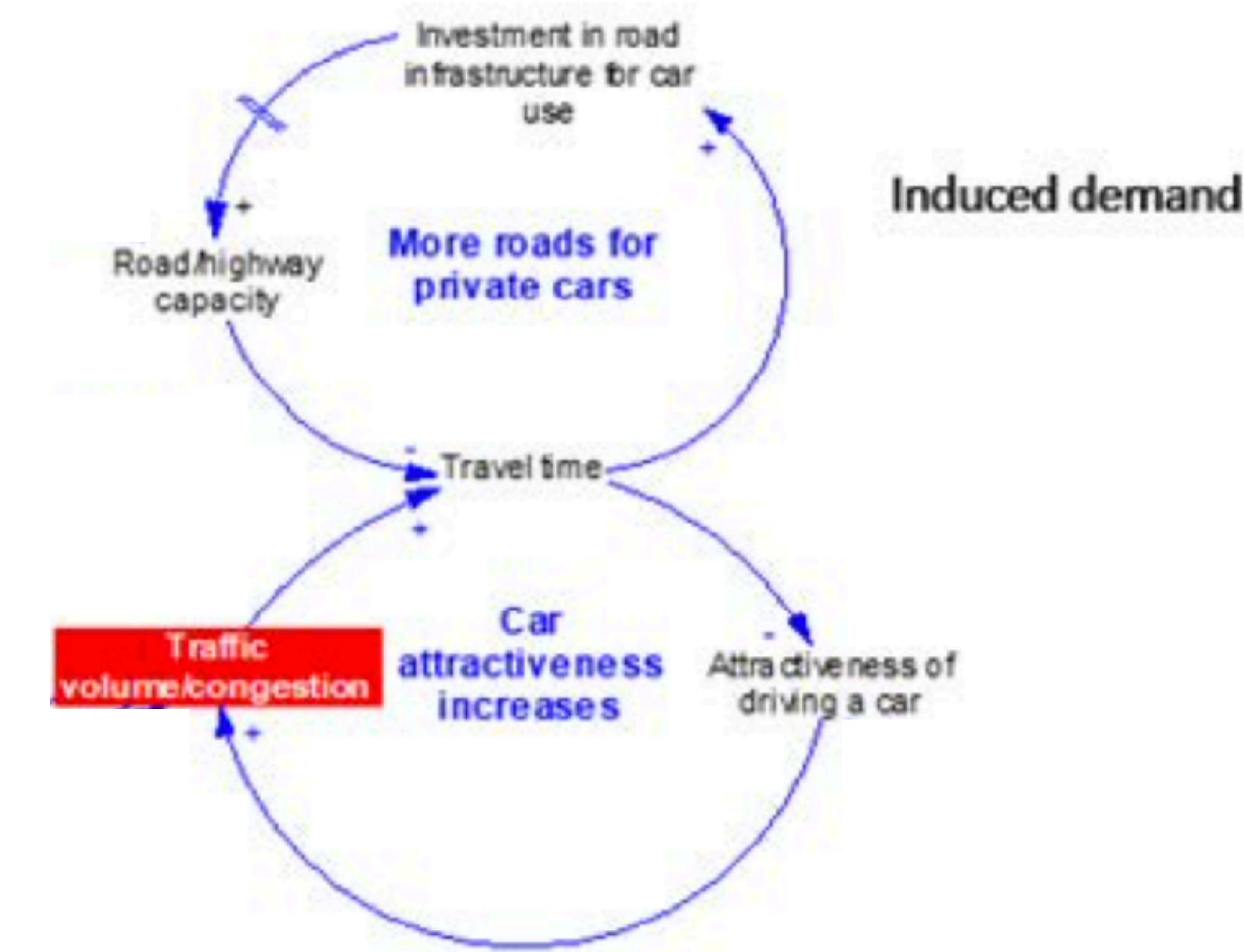
*How do cities develop if we optimize streets for traffic flow?*



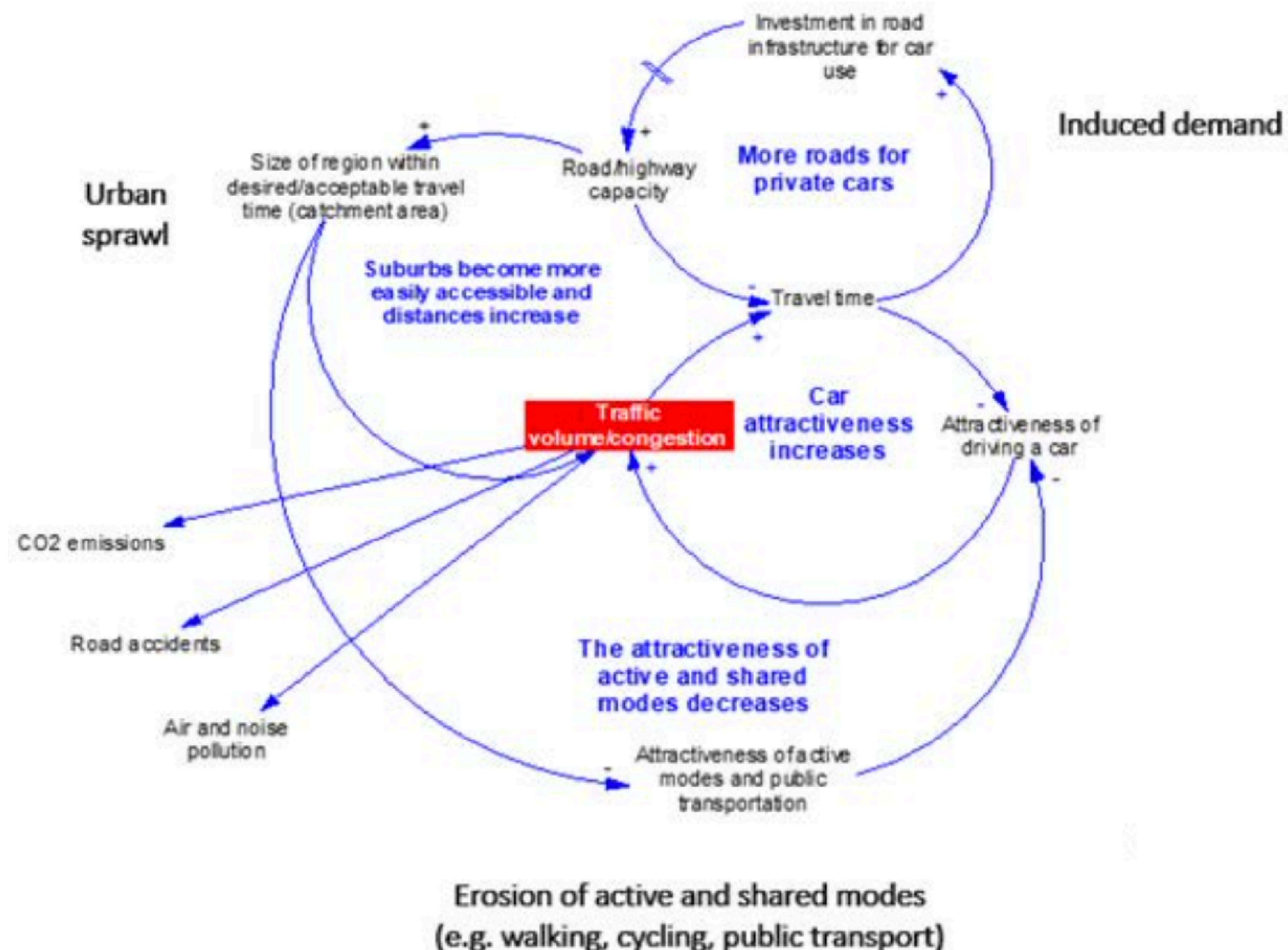
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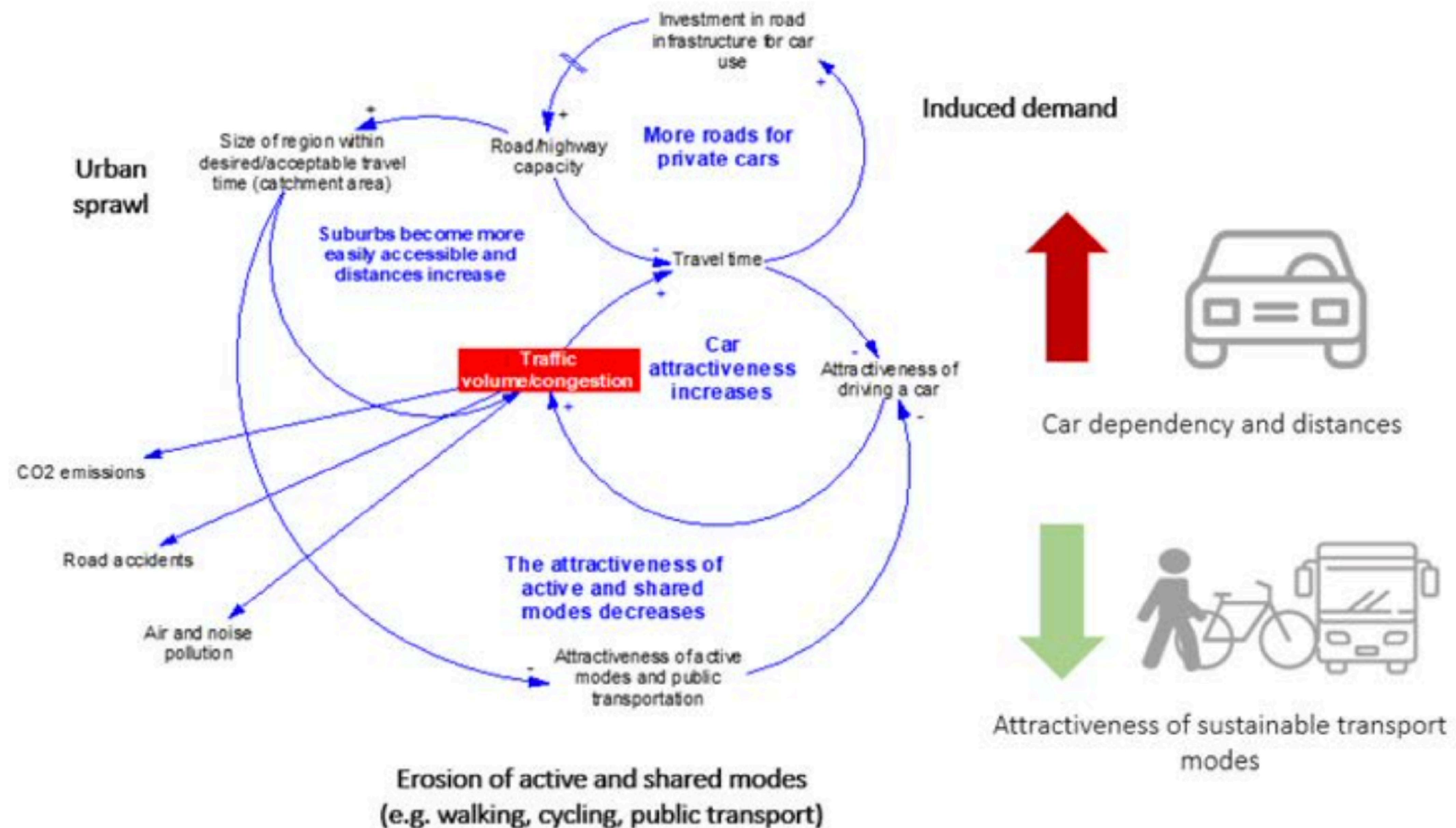
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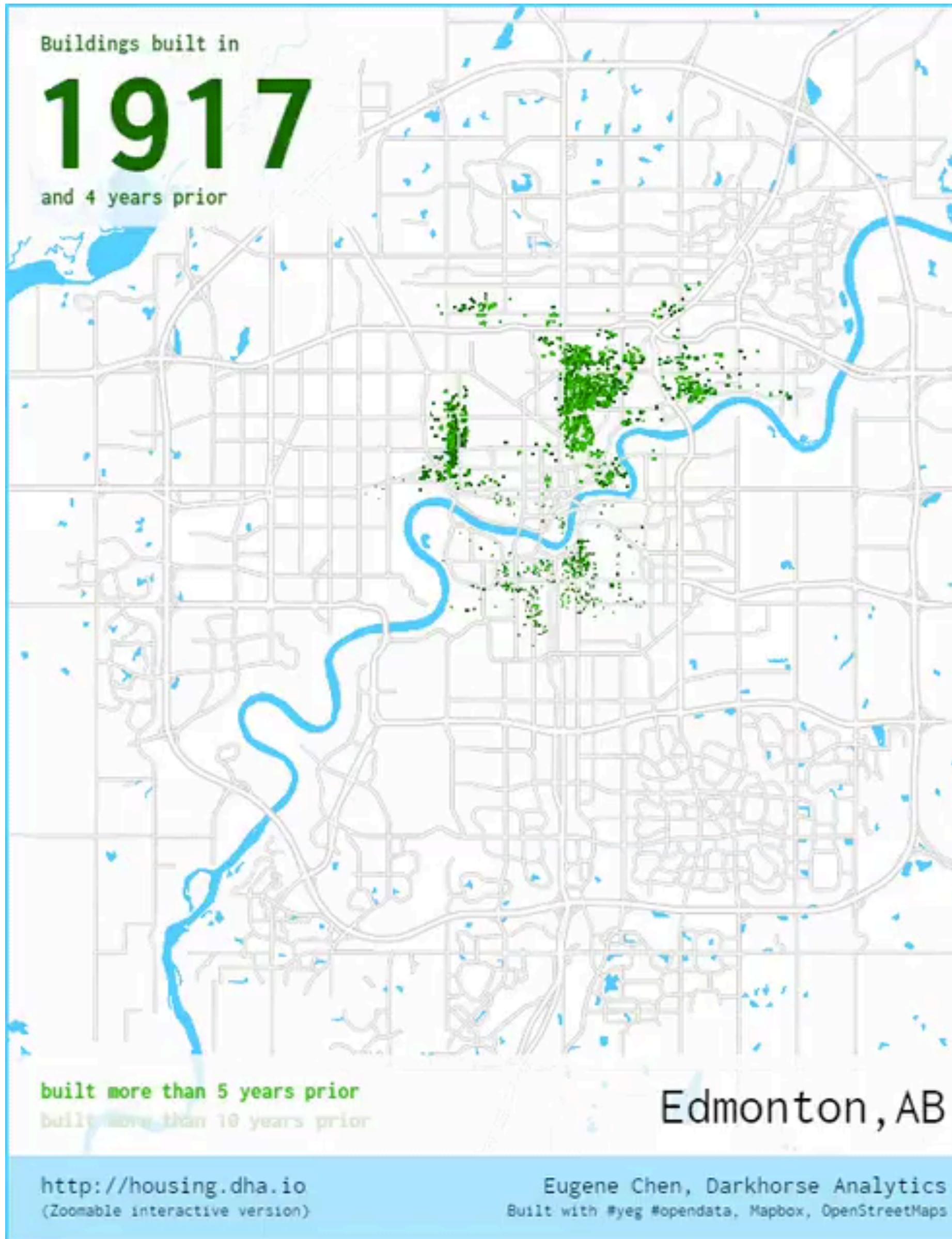
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## Urban sprawl

As the *size of the region accessible by road increases*, density decreases and the *number of places conveniently accessible by public transport decrease*.

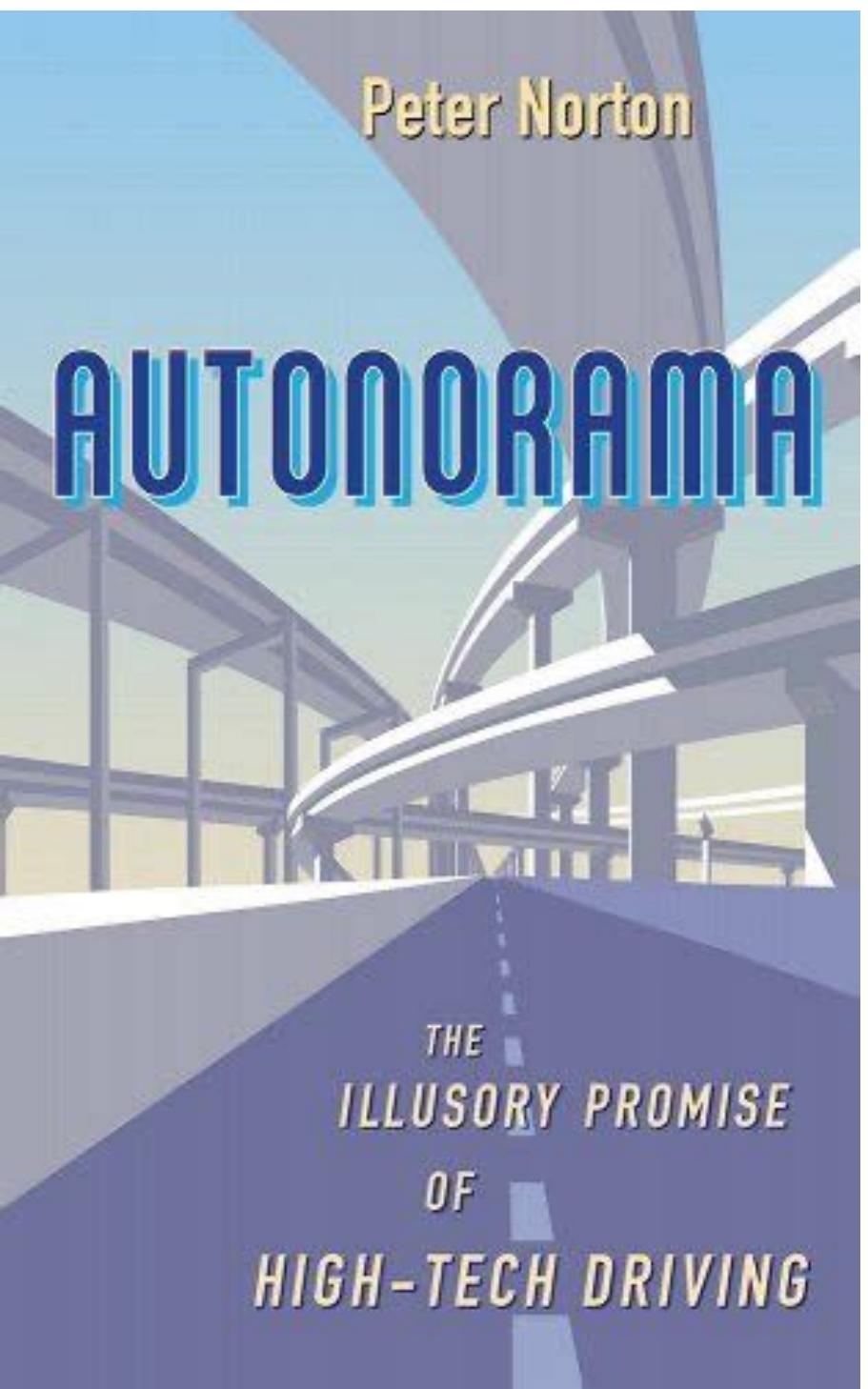
Thus, as the region expands, places may be less well served by public transport, reducing the attractiveness of public transport and increasing the attractiveness of its alternative: the car.

Optimizing one part of a complex  
system can come with  
**unintended consequences**

What is "data-driven" planning,  
and how/why do it?

By "data-driven", we mean "data-informed"

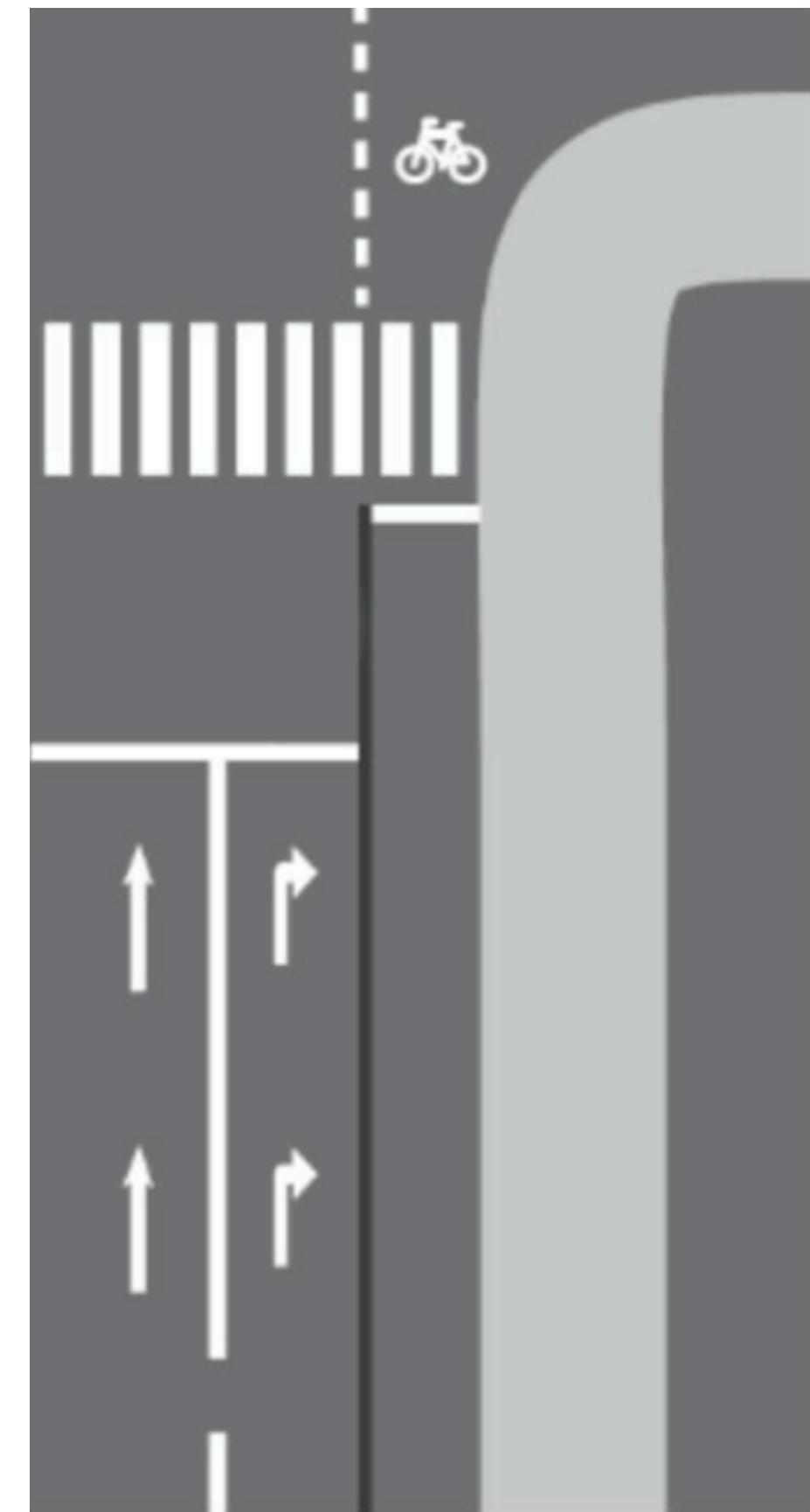
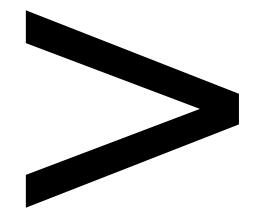
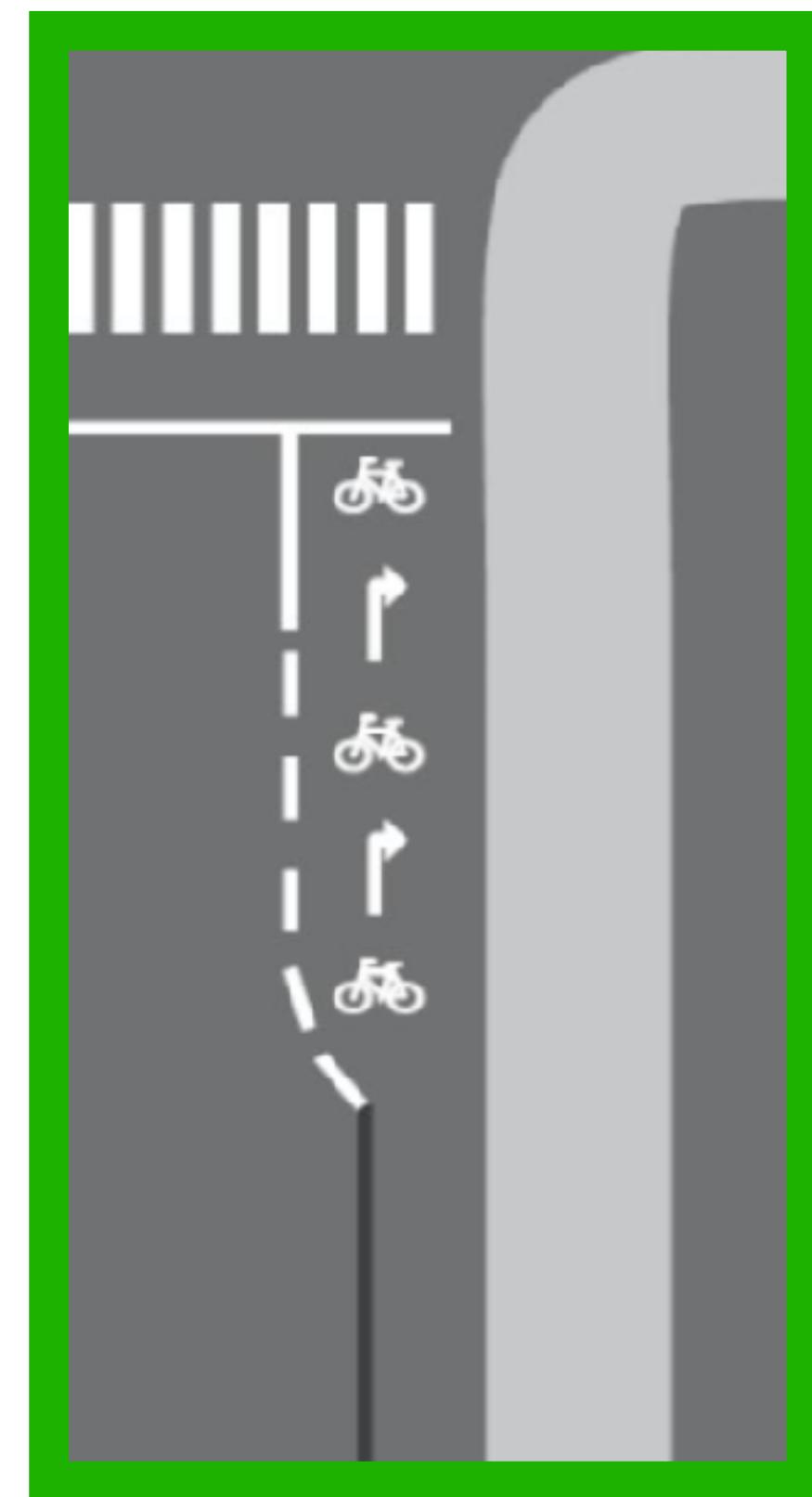
Which data you use, and how you use it, is *always* a political decision



You can argue for/against **everything** with "data"

# Example: Danish intersection design

Based on crash data and a regression model, the Danish road directorate **favors** this intersection design:



# Example: Danish intersection design

*Would you let a  
child cycle here?*



# Example: Danish intersection design

*Hard to measure: Data of how many children did **not** cycle here*



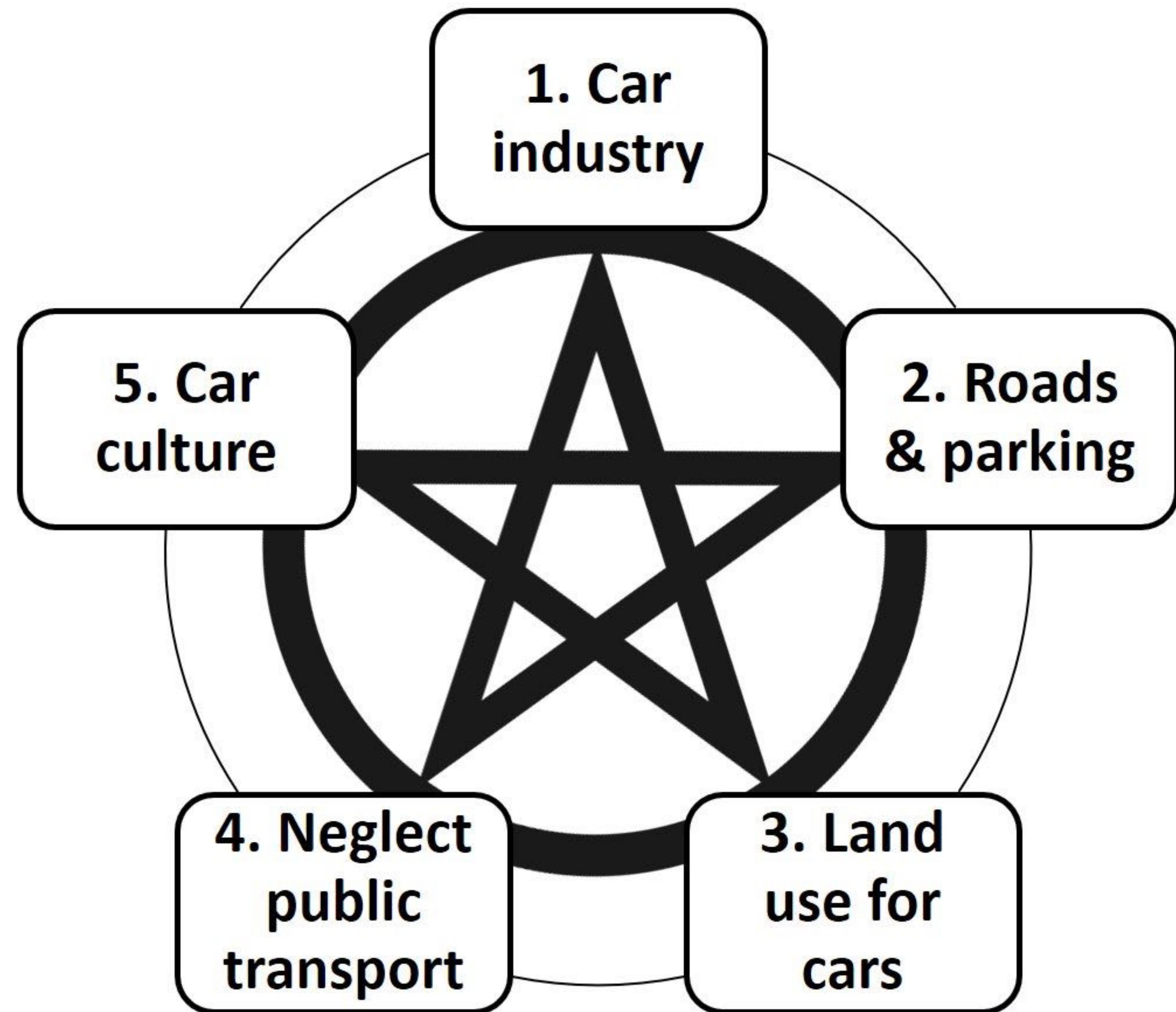
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There are better ways:  
Minimize mixing with cars



# Even better: remove the hazard

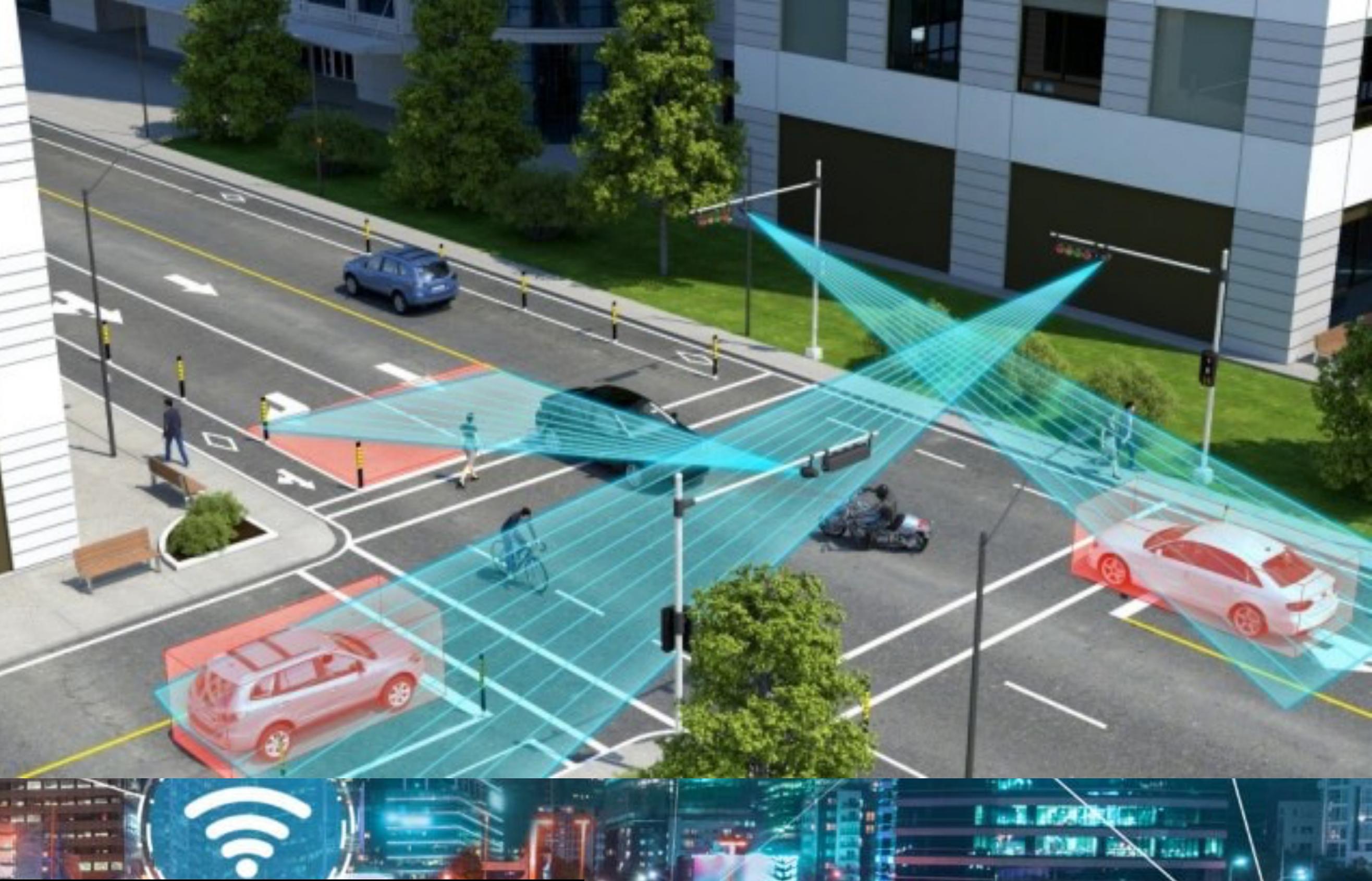




# The political economy of car-dependency: an anatomy of lock-in

| Cause:<br>Effect:     | 1 Automotive Industry  | 2 Car Infrastructure  | 3 Land Use Patterns  | 4 Public Transport   | 5 Car Culture  |
|-----------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1 Automotive industry |  | Car infrastructure enables the sale of more cars, by providing space to accommodate them. The status of roads goes from shared public spaces to motorised flow spaces, literally driving other modes out, and enhancing the value of car ownership. | The need for cars to navigate urban sprawl creates an incentive for consumers to purchase more of them, thereby stabilising demand for automobiles. Suburban, car-dependent constituencies further strengthen the car industry's lobbying efforts. | Historically, the legacy of monopolistic public transit companies has strengthened the political hand of the car industry. Currently, deteriorating public transit forces more people to buy cars. | Car culture produces a continuous demand for vehicles that upholds the car industry. It also influences the cultural dynamics of the industry itself, locking in certain approaches and business models. |
| 2 Car Infrastructure  | The automotive industry plays a key role in lobbying coalitions which pressure government to invest public resources, and co-opt public space, to make room for cars.  |   | The expansion of the suburbs demands high-capacity roads and highways to serve them, while also making it more challenging to travel by foot, bike, or public transit.   | Public transit becomes dependent on car-dependent road infrastructure, bolstering car industry's lobbying efforts.   | Car infrastructure has durable cultural associations with progress, modernity, <del>ruralism</del> , and competent governance, which improve its political viability.                                    |
| 3 Land Use Patterns   | The car industry, working with other aligned industries, such as suburban real-estate developers, actively promotes urban sprawl. Historically, car companies promoted visions of an efficient, modern cityscapes and suburban areas.  | The expansion of car infrastructure encourages suburban and single-purpose development, which become more viable and more desirable due to mass <del>automobility</del> .   |  | Lack of public transport options leads to locational indifference of sprawl, with no reason to prioritize land use around public transit axes.   | Suburban land use has a potent set of cultural imaginaries (for example, white picket fences in the USA), which encourage more people to move to the suburbs and own cars.                               |
| 4 Public transport    | The car industry deliberately attempts to undermine public transit, and is strengthened in its attempts to do so by the fact that the public costs it imposes are more hidden than those of public transit. During economic crises, public transit gets cut while the car industry gets bailed out. Meanwhile, the surplus capacity that the car industry builds into cars gives it a critical advantage over public transit in terms of range, marginal cost, and cargo capacity. | Infrastructure designed primarily for cars crowds out public transport road-based options such as buses, and pulls financial resources away from other alternatives, such as railways or streetcars.  | Lower population densities make it more challenging to effectively organise public transit networks, leading to more car dependency and settlements outside public transit networks, in a vicious cycle.   |  | Public transit is portrayed as unattractive, burdensome, and for the poor, young, or infirm.   |
| 5 Car Culture         | The car industry actively supports the development of car culture, both deliberately, through advertising and marketing, and tacitly, through the built-in redundancy in the vehicles they sell, and the effects this has on people's daily practices.   | Car infrastructure creates practices and habits & thence cultural trends, including daily dispersed activities connected by car journeys. Car infrastructure has also been normalised as a prominent symbol, for example in children's toys.        | Land use patterns, both for residential and work developments, normalise commuting and car transport, ensuring that alternatives are portrayed as marginal.  | The collapse of public transit networks encourages more people to adopt car-centric lifestyles.  |  |

Mattioli et al, 2020



Tech alone won't save us



Short-term thinking has led to  
"predict and provide"

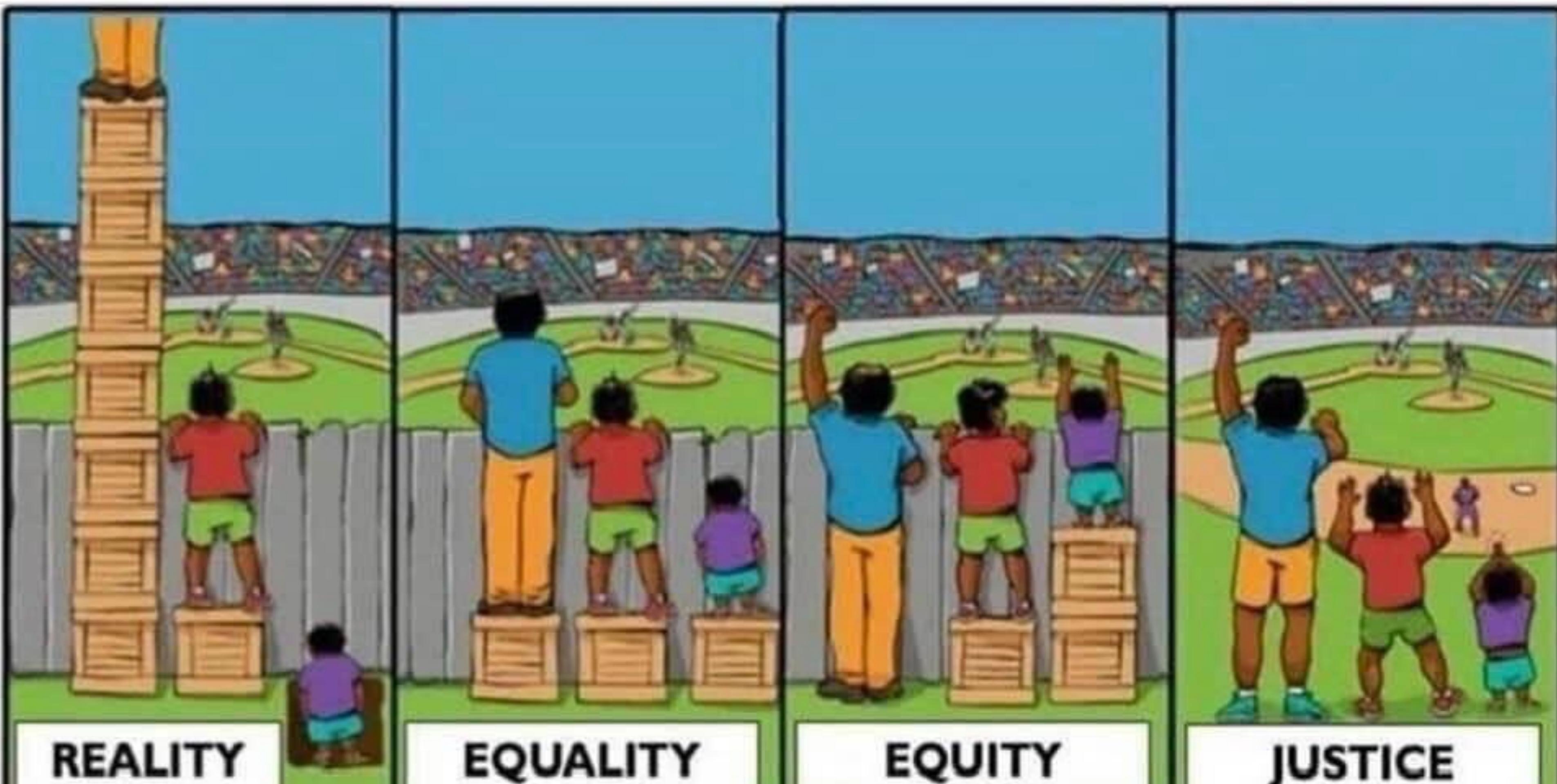
But we should  
"decide and provide"

What are possible problems of just  
focusing on building bike networks?



30km bike highway  
South Korea





## REALITY

One gets **more than** is needed, while the other gets **less than** is needed. Thus, a huge disparity is created.

## EQUALITY

The assumption is that everyone benefits from the same supports. This is considered to be equal treatment.

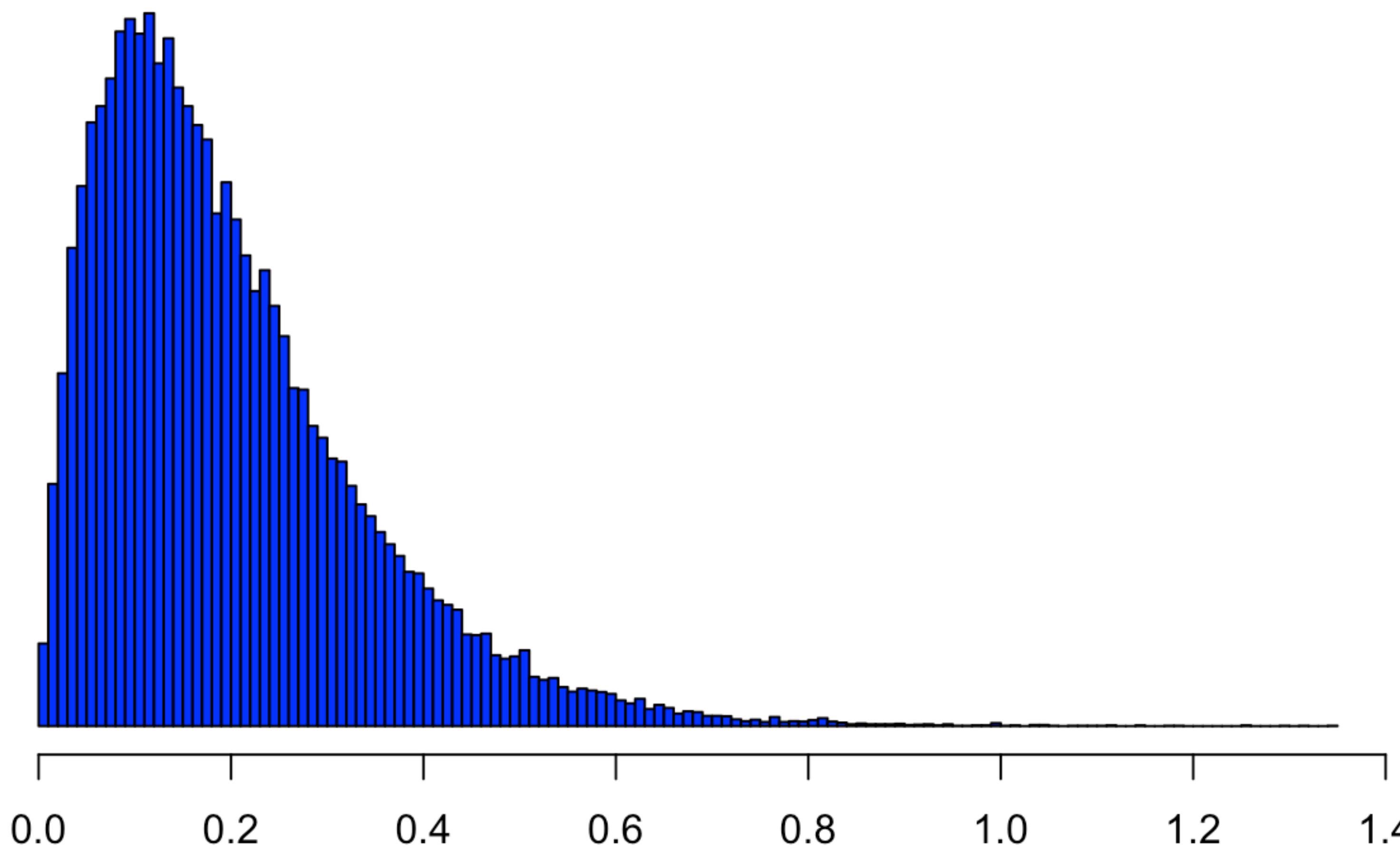
## EQUITY

**Everyone gets the support they need,** which produces equity.

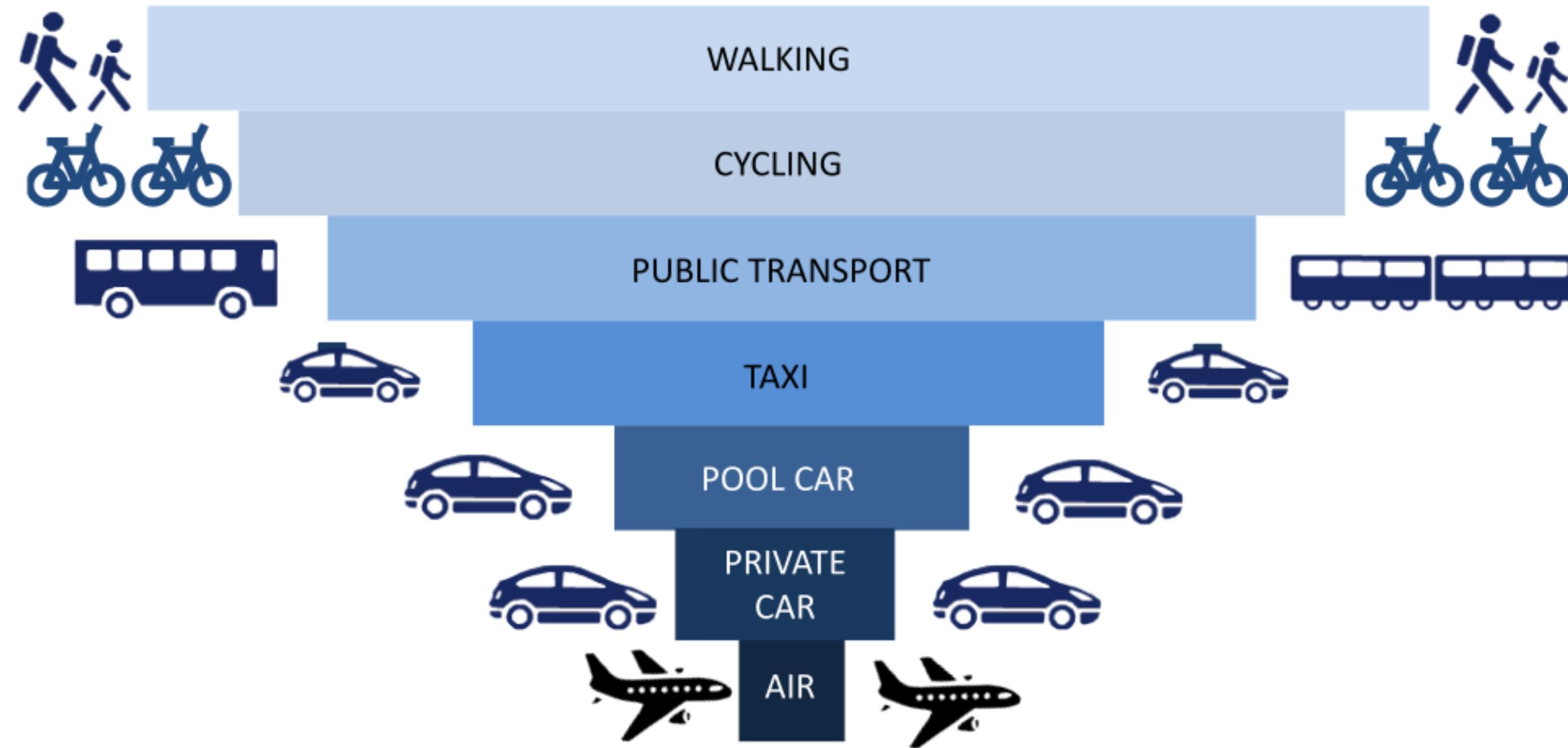
## JUSTICE

All 3 can see the game without supports or accommodations because the cause(s) of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.

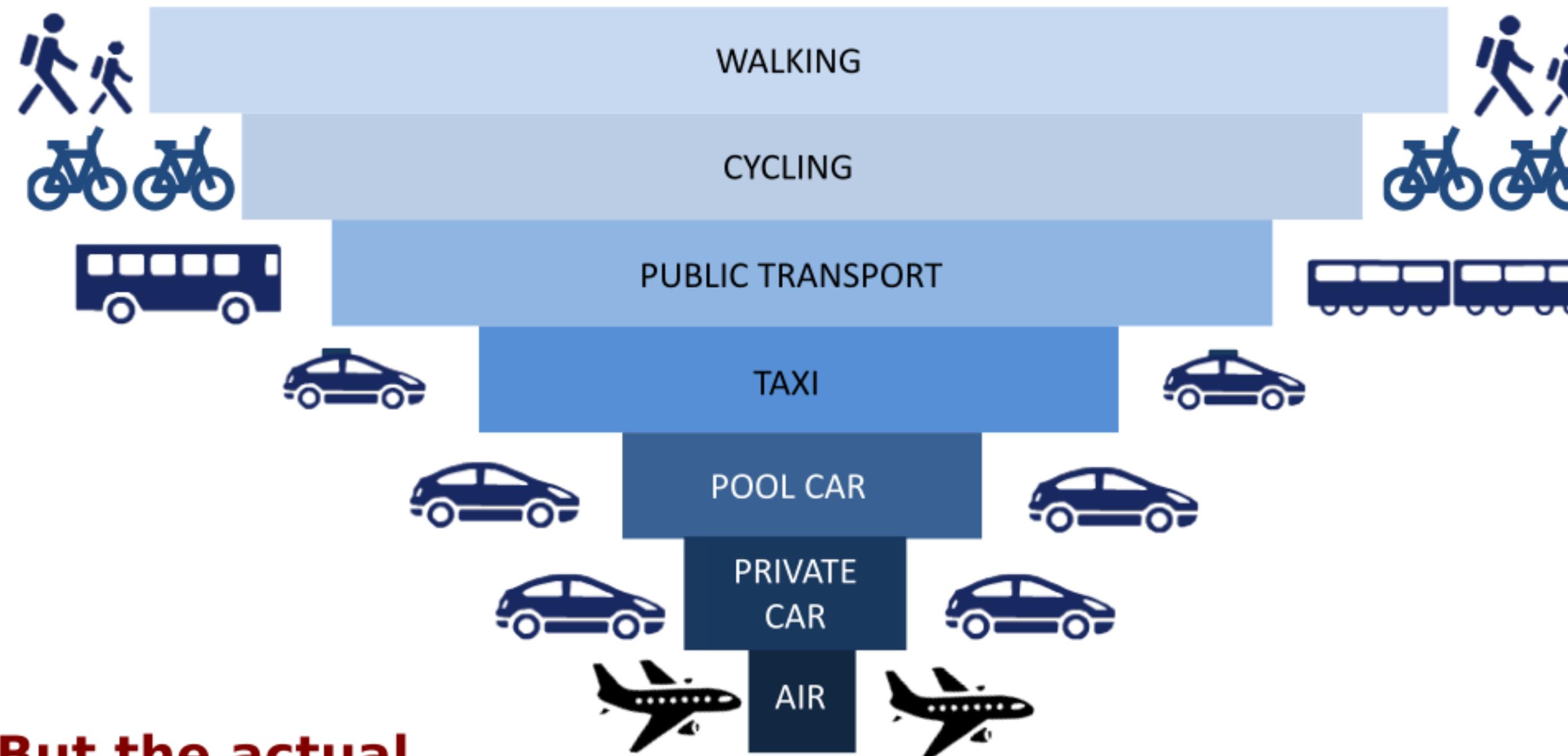
# Most systemic problems are about skewed power and priorities



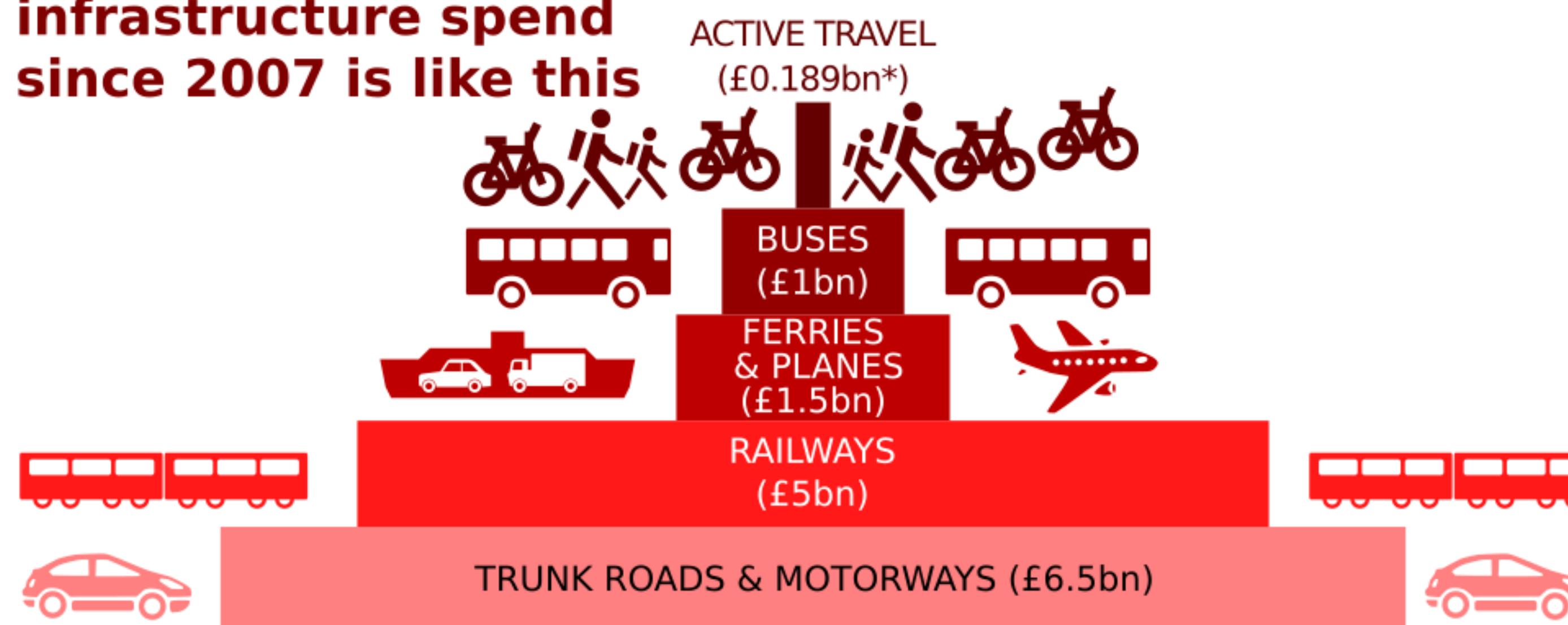
## The sustainable travel hierarchy looks like this



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**But the actual  
infrastructure spend  
since 2007 is like this**



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# Er Danmark en cykelnation?

## CYKLING

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'CYKELNATIONEN DANMARK' bliver flittigt fremhævet, i anledning af at Tour de France kommer til Danmark. Vi præsenterer os for omverdenen som det gode eksempel på en nation med mange hverdagscyklister og en succesfuld cykelstrategi. Og i Danmark – særligt i de store byer – er det i store træk godt at cykle.

Der er dog også en anden virkelighed, der presser sig på. Tendensen landet over er, at flere kører i bil og færre på cykel. Data fra den årlige transportvaneundersøgelse (tudata.dk) viser, at ud af det daglige antal kørt kilometer er kun 3,5 procent på cykel, mens mere end 84 procent er i bil m.v. Disse tal virker især påfalden-

de, når vi sammenholder dem med, at 25 procent af alle daglige rejser er under 4 km, og 46 procent er under 10 km. Der burde være masser af potentiale for at cykle. Det uundgåelige spørgsmål er, om billedet af Danmark som cykelnation er ved at krakelere lidt. Tallene tyder nemlig på, at vi i stigende grad er en bilnation. Det har en lang række konsekvenser – ikke mindst i forhold til folkesundhed, byrum og klimaudfordringen, ligesom det bliver svært fortsat at brande Danmark som 'det gode eksempel' for cyklisme.

Det er blevet fremhævet, at siden 2009 har Danmark investeret mere end 3,5 milliarder i cykling. Derudover er der med 'Infrastrukturplan 2035' kommet en investering i cykling på 3 milliarder kroner. Dette beløb skal dog ses i lyset af, at der i samme periode investeres mere end 64 milliarder i at bygge nye veje. Når der samtidig ikke er en strategisk plan for investeringer i cykling, risikerer vi, at de 3 milliarder ender i fragmenterede små projekter over hele landet, som vi har oplevet de seneste år.

HVIS DANMARK fortsat skal fremstå som den cykelnation, vi praler af, skal der ske et kvantespring i forhold til investeringer og fokus på cykling i hele landet. Vejdirektoratets nye Cykel Videnscenter og cykeltopmødet 30. juni med den fælles deklaration om øget samarbejde på cykelområdet er en start, men det er ikke nok.

Cykling foregår i mange tempi, som er afhængige af lokale og regionale forskelle såvel som borgernes alder, fysik og for-

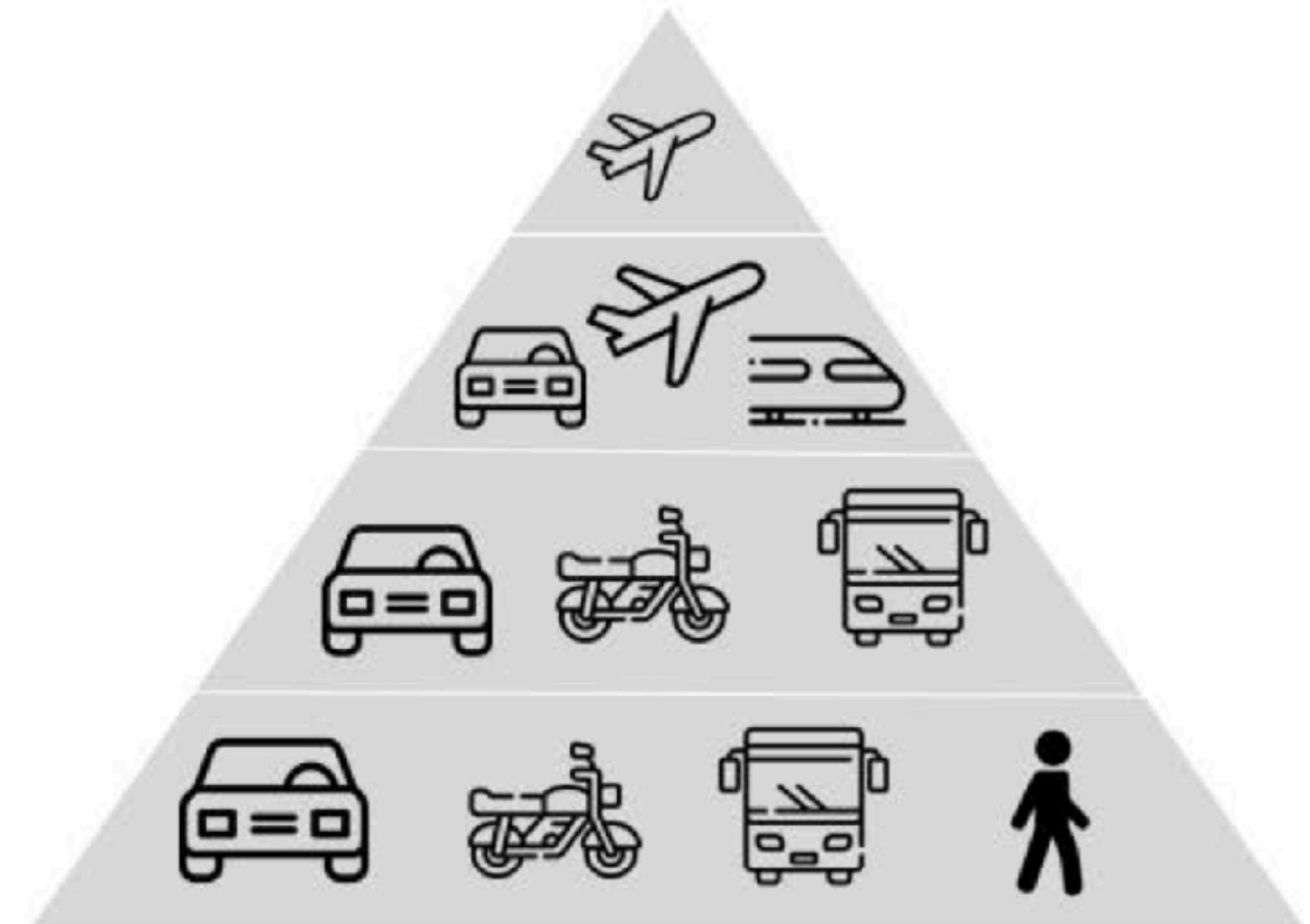
mål med turen, herunder pendling til arbejde og studie, adgang til fritidsaktiviteter, ærinder, turisme og cykling som aktivitet i sig selv. Hvis vi skal være en cykelnation, er vi nødt til at tænke de forskellige behov ind i vores cykelstrategi.

Når der samtidig er evidens for store sundhedsgevinster ved aktiv mobilitet, virker det åbenlyst, at investeringer i cykling har en stor samfundsmæssig gevinst. Samtidig gør det Danmark mindre sårbart over for stigende internationale brændstof- og energipriser. Øget cykling kan også medvirke til at løse de store udfordringer, som vores transport udgør på klimaområdet.

EN CYKELNATION skal for alvor investere i cykelinfrastruktur og -kultur mere bredt. Samtidig bør de nationale infrastruktur- og vidensinstitutioner være med til at sikre, at disse investeringer hænger sammen. Det er essentielt at samle og kommunikere erfaring og viden, hvis vi skal have flere op på cyklen, såvel som for at kunne etablere et landsdækkende cykelsystem, som giver tryg og sikker cykelmobilitet for alle. Det er nødvendigt, hvis vi fortsat gerne vil brande og eksportere den danske cykelmodel til andre lande.

Der er mange lande rundtomkring i verden, der kigger mod Danmark som en model for håndtering af klimaudfordringerne på transportområdet. Det vil vi gerne have, at de bliver ved med. Det kræver dog, at vi værner om det, vi har opnået, og viser, at vi kan gøre det endnu bedre.





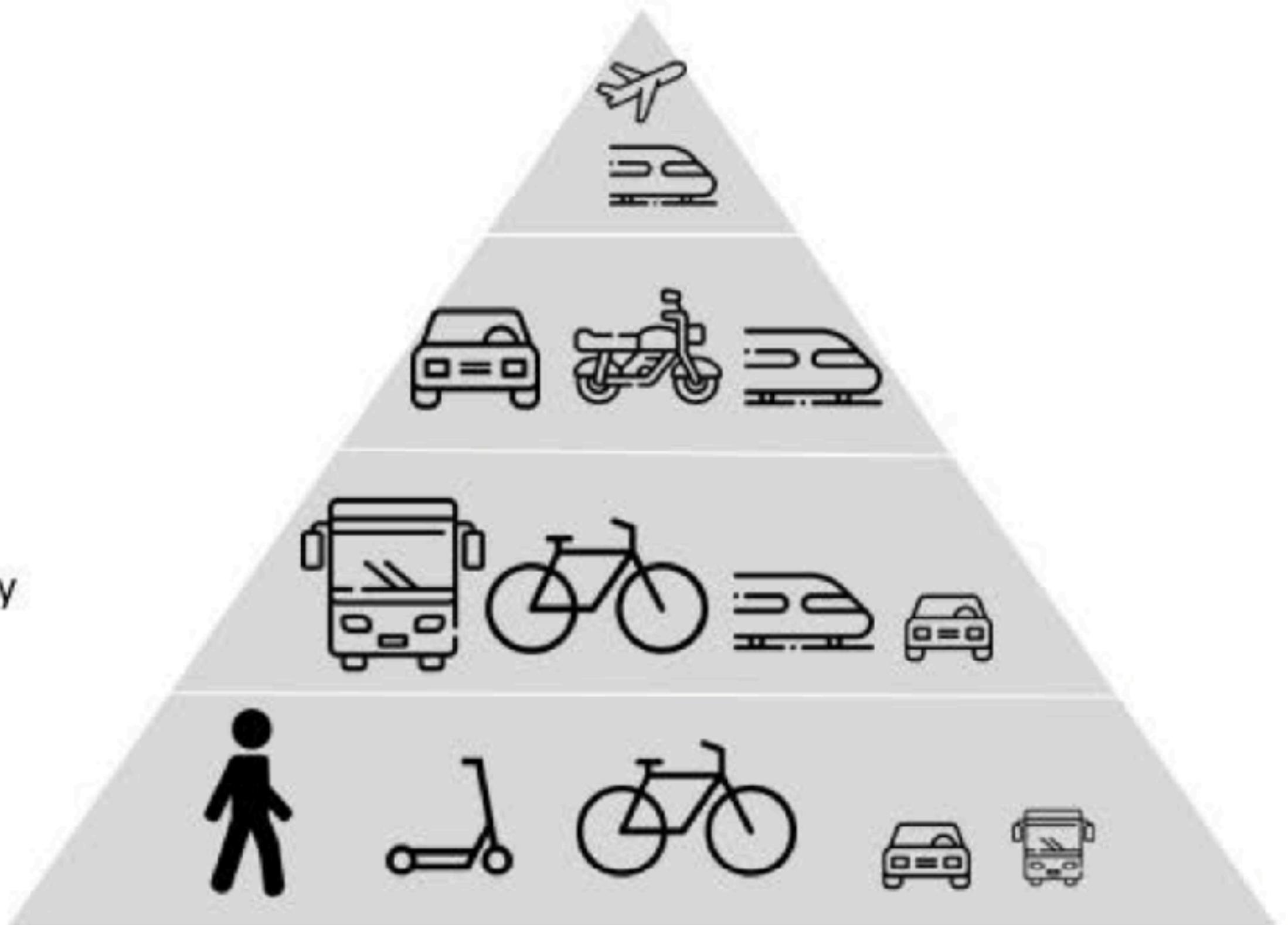
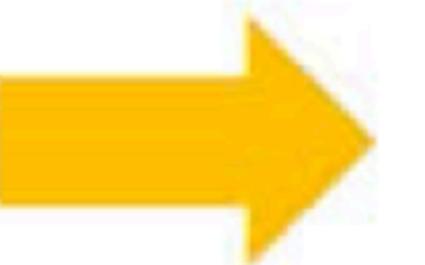
"Unhealthy" system

Once in a while

Occasional trips

Weekly or monthly  
trips

Daily trips



"Healthy" system

# Hierarchy of Controls...



# Hierarchy of Controls...

Most effective



## Elimination

Physically remove the hazard

## Substitution

Replace the hazard

## Engineering Controls

Isolate people from the hazard

## Administrative Controls

Change the way people work

## PPE

Protect the worker with Personal Protective Equipment

and how it relates to Urban Cycling

## Remove /Reduce Motor Vehicles

## Public Transport & more bikes

## Protected Bike Infra & Traffic Calming

## Laws to limit car mobility

## PPE

## Avoid

Avoid unnecessary travel

## Shift

Shift to more sustainable transport

## Improve

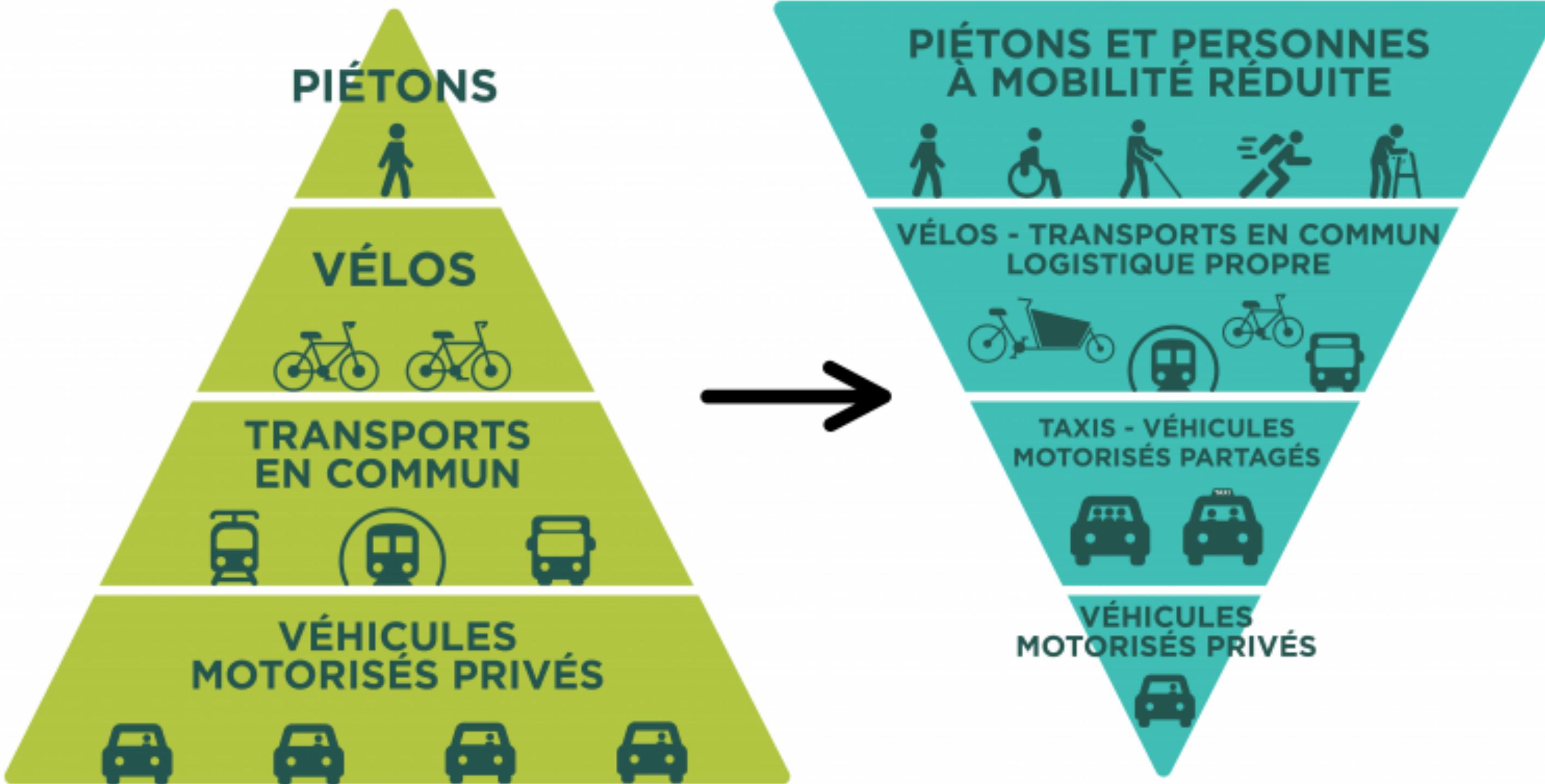
Improve efficiency of transport

# Our top priority should be building sustainable systems

Not just removing cars

Not just building bike networks

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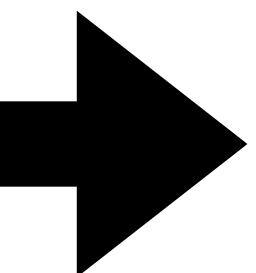


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Building sustainable cities is 99%  
a **political**, not a technical question

If there is the will (and pressure),  
cities can change radically

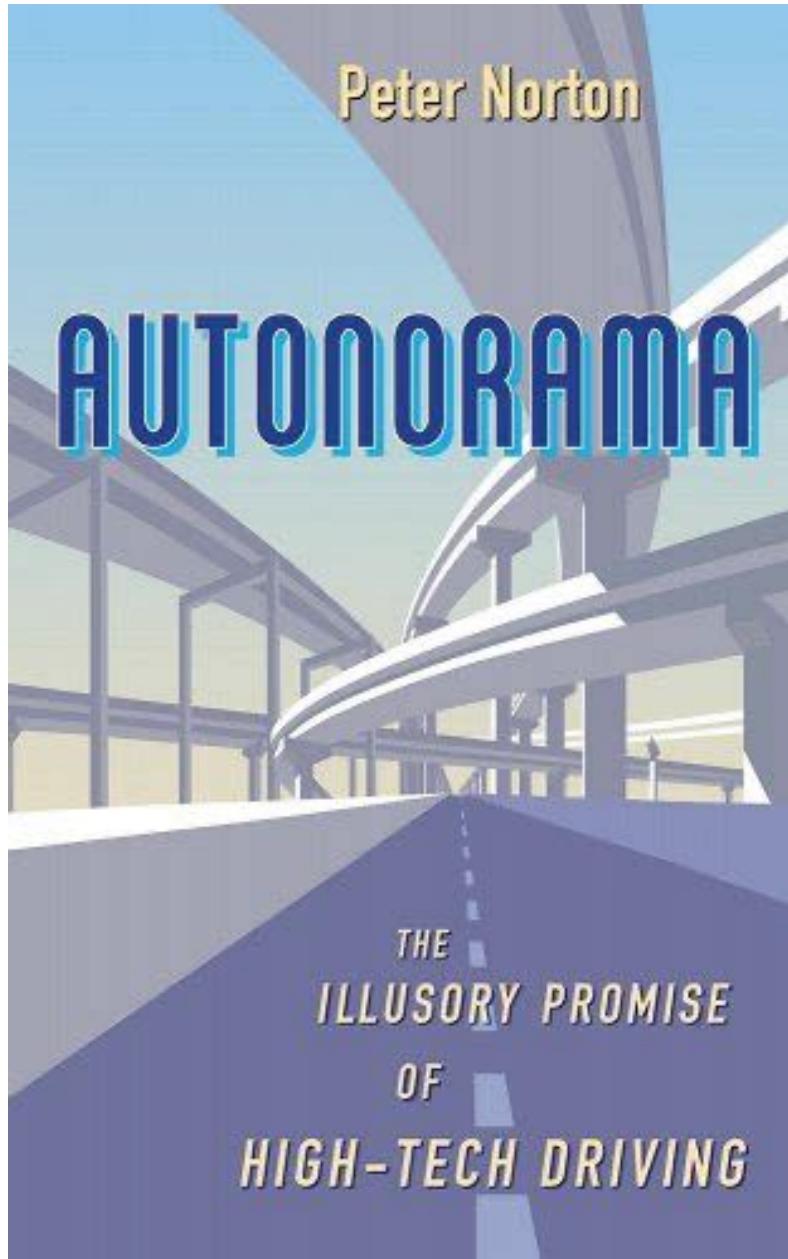
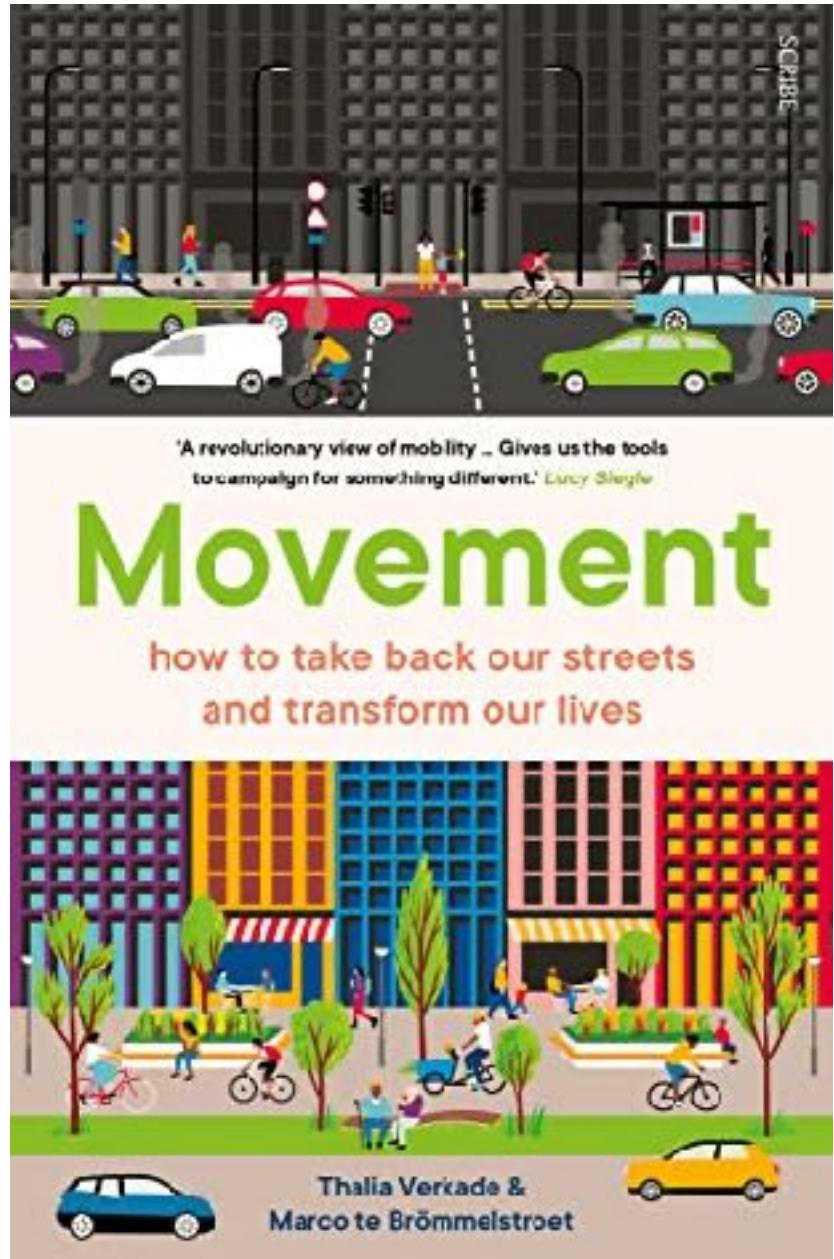


# Take-home messages

We can use IT to help design better, sustainable cities, but:

- 1) Inadequately applying engineering thinking can lead to **unintended consequences**
- 2) Induced demand: Widening or building new **roads causes more traffic**
- 3) We can't use tech like e-cars to "solve" mobility, but must rebuild the whole system, and **reverse skewed political priorities** that come from power inequalities

# Further materials



Geospatial Data Science (Spring 2022)



<https://github.com/mszell/geospatialdatascience>

[Henderson \(2020\): EVs are not the answer](#)

[Gössling \(2016\): Urban transport justice](#)



[Youtube: Julia Steinberger: The importance of climate activism](#)



[thewaroncars.org](#)

[Not Just Bikes](#)

# Exercises

How to grow a bike network?  
How to change the world?

