

# Do Self-driving Cars Swallow Public Transport?

## A Game-theoretical Perspective on Transportation Systems

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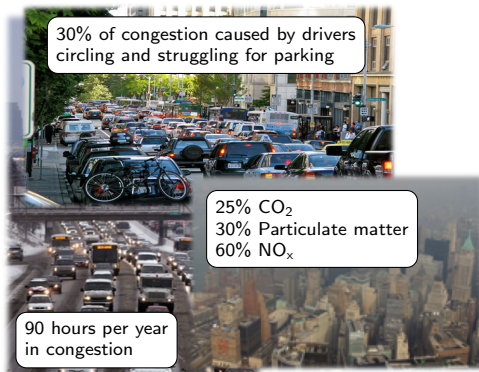
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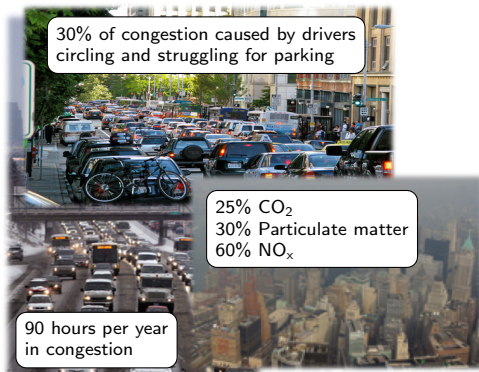
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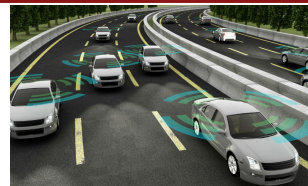
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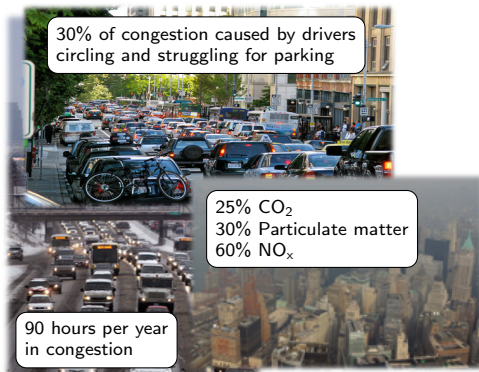
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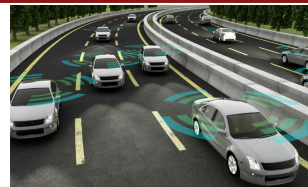
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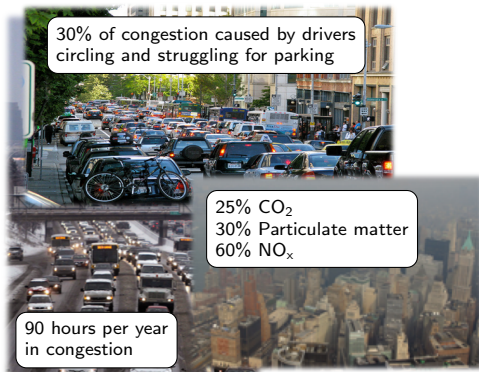
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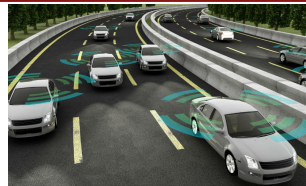
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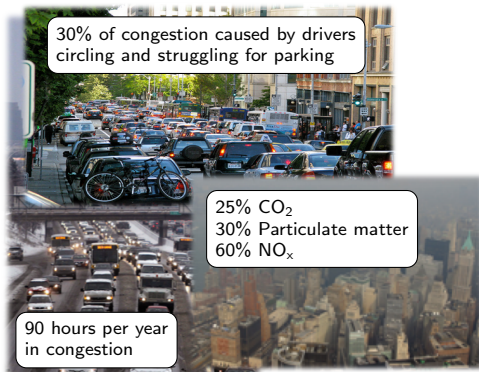
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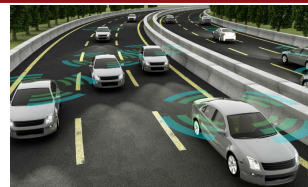
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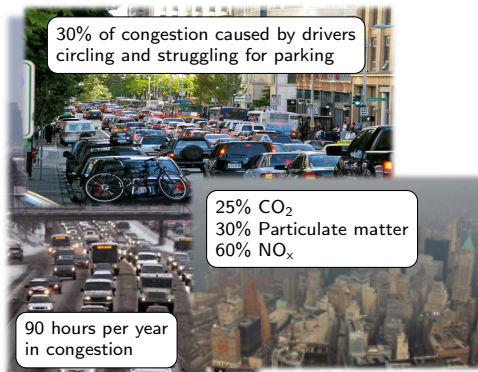


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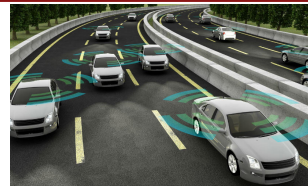
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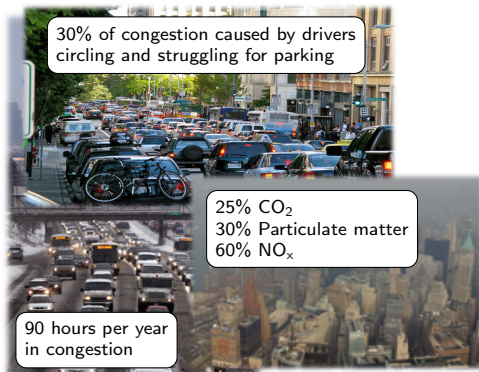
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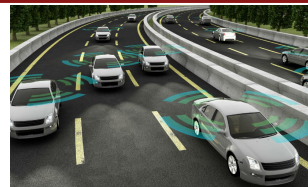
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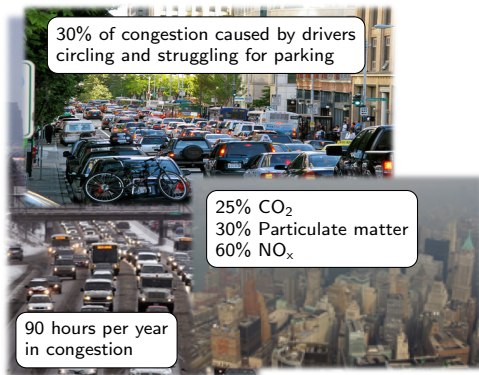
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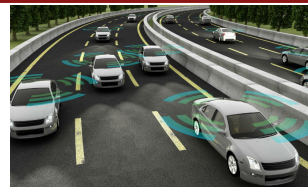
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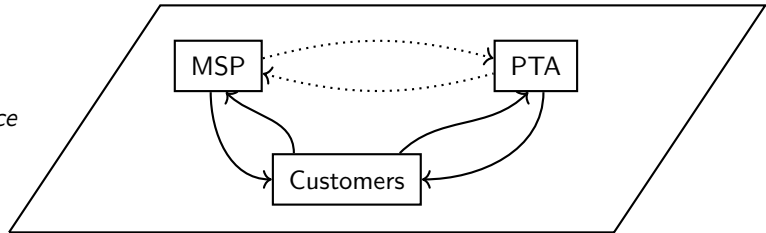
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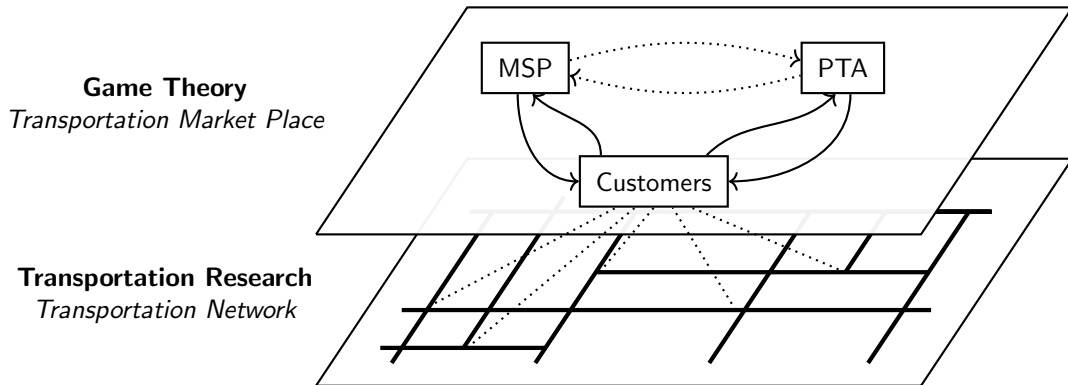
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	Customers	Request mobility services	Individual benefit

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**Game Theory**  
*Transportation Market Place*

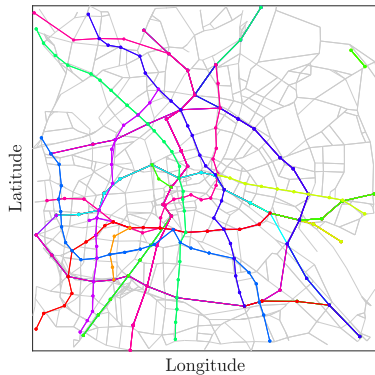


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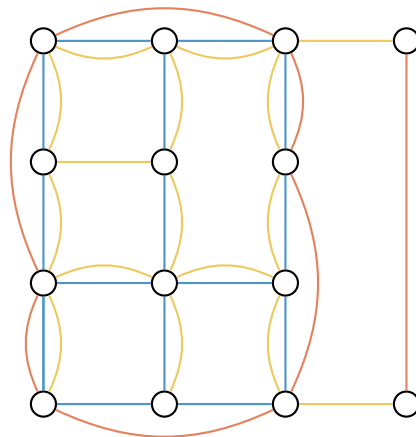
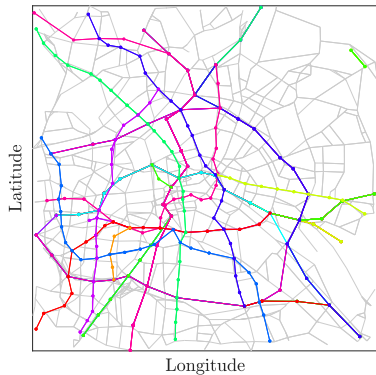




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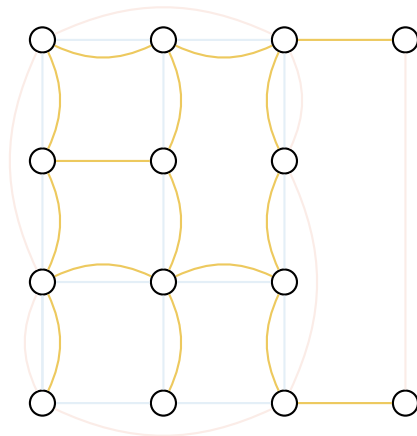


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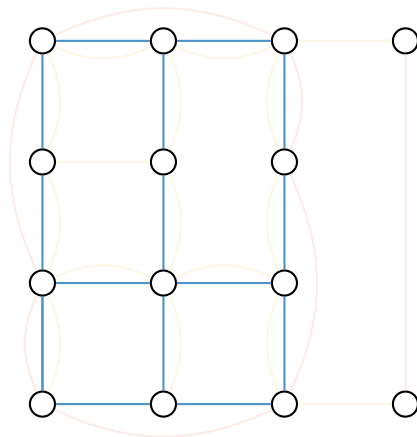


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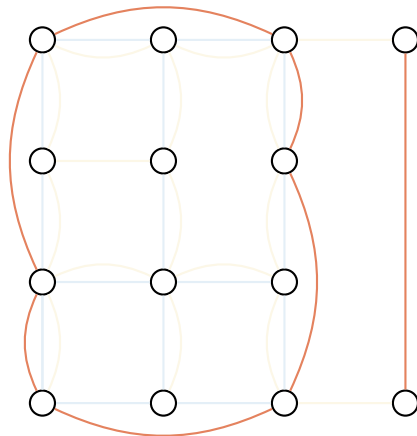


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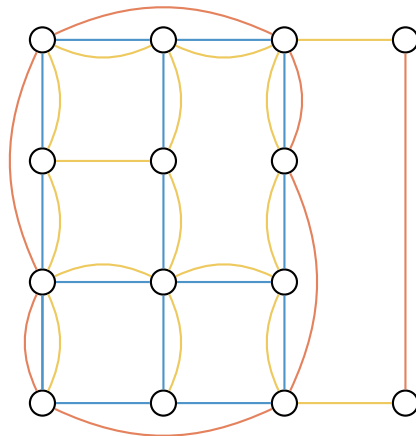


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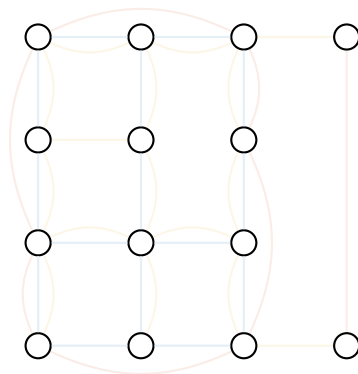
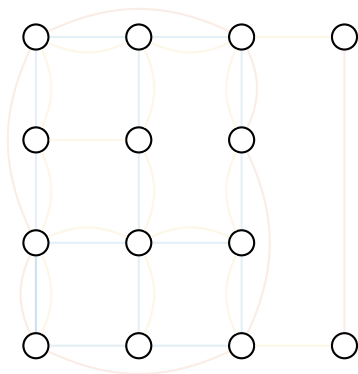
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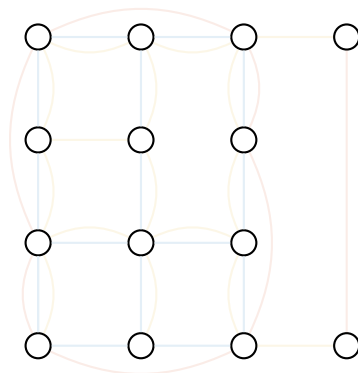
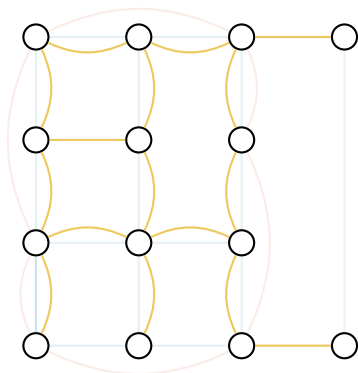
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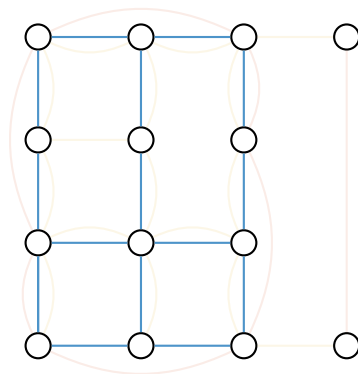
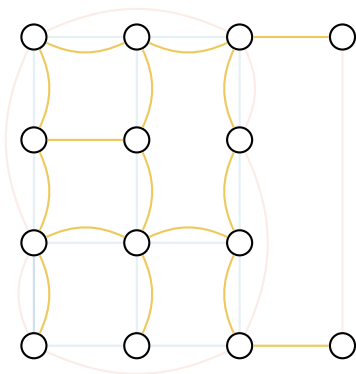




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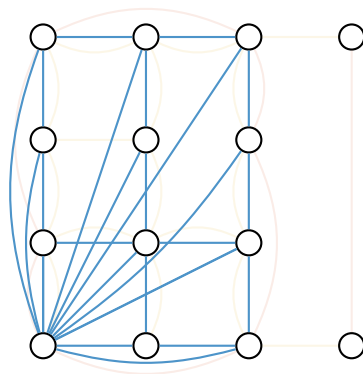
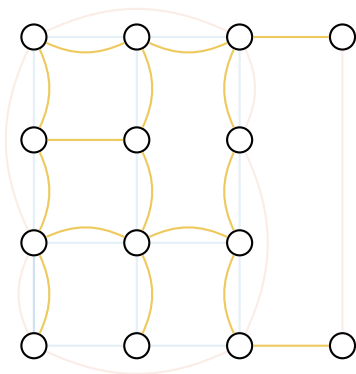
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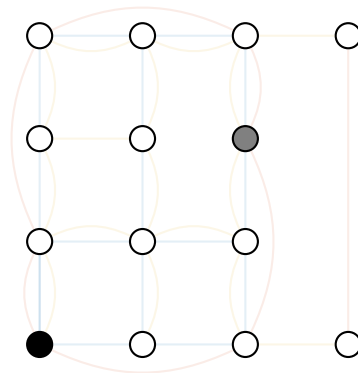
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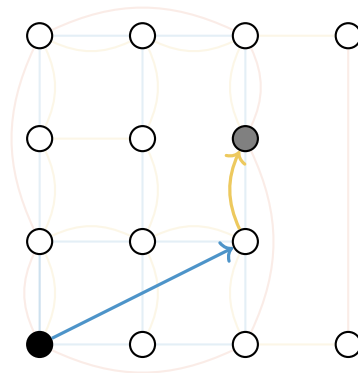
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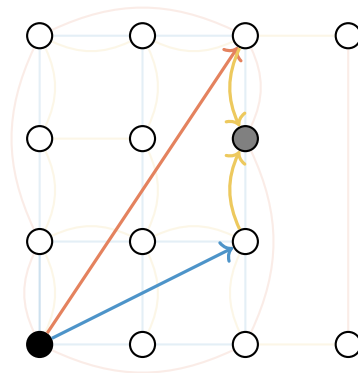
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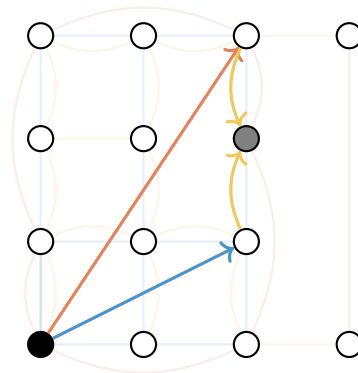
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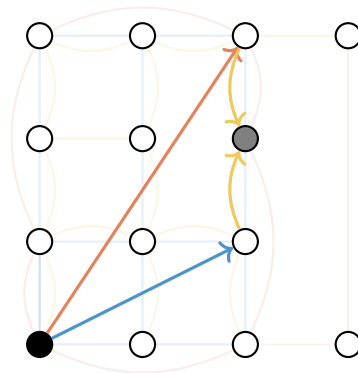
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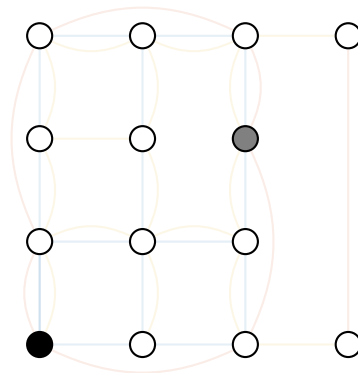
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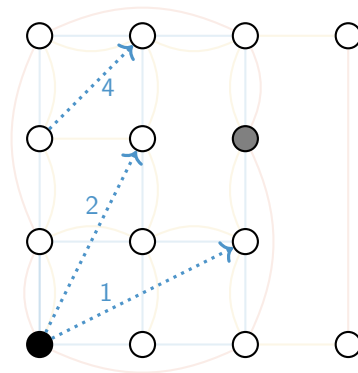




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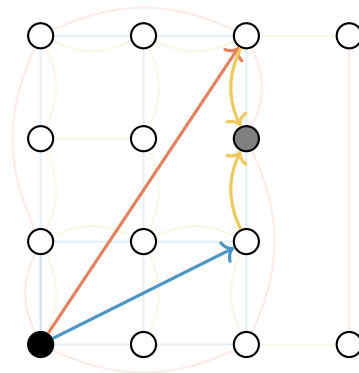
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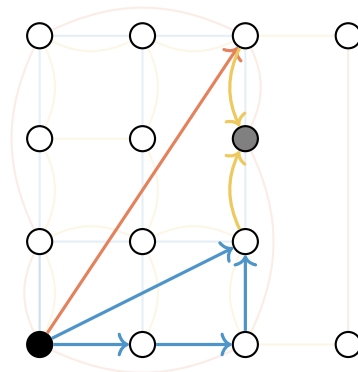


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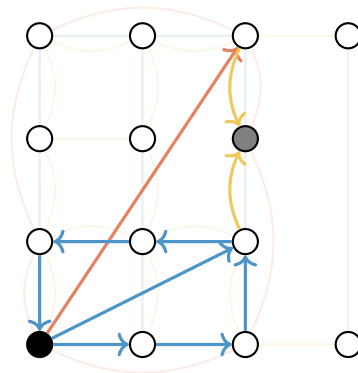
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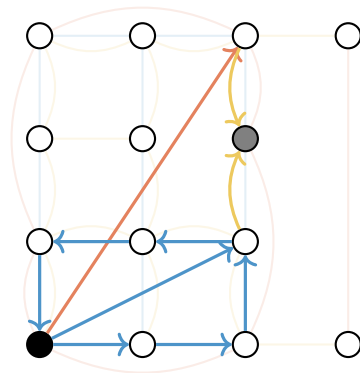
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*The reaction curve  $\phi_i^*$  is an equilibrium for the demand  $d_i$  if*

$$J_i(\phi_i^*, \text{pr}_1, \dots, \text{pr}_{N_o}) \leq J_i(\phi_i, \text{pr}_1, \dots, \text{pr}_{N_o}) \quad \forall \phi_i \in \Phi(d_i) \cap A_{c,i}$$

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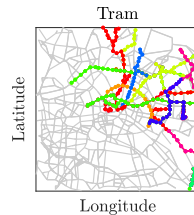
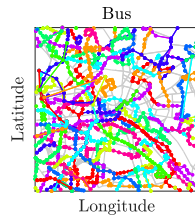
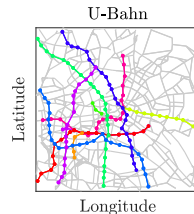
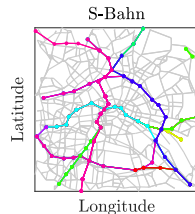
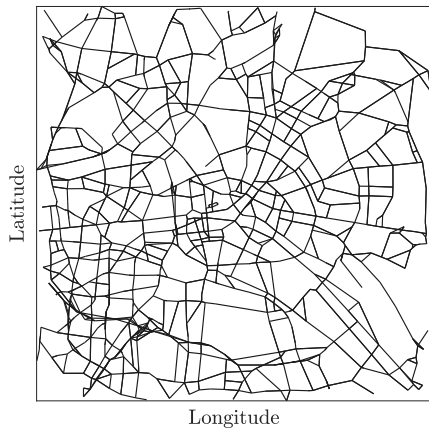
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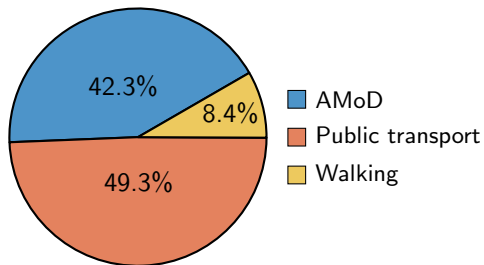
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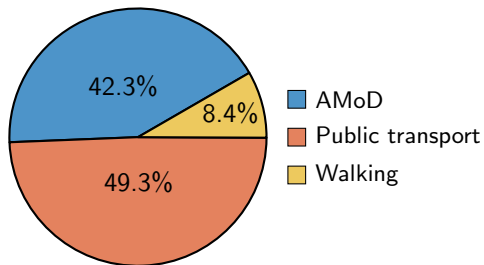


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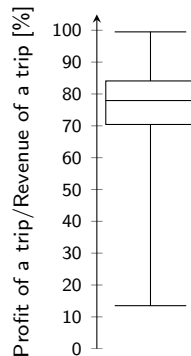


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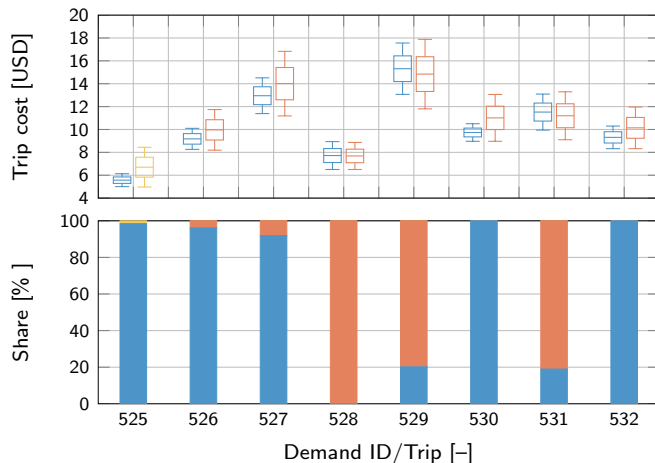


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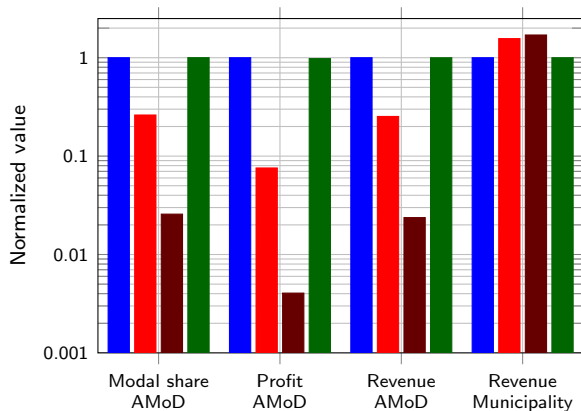
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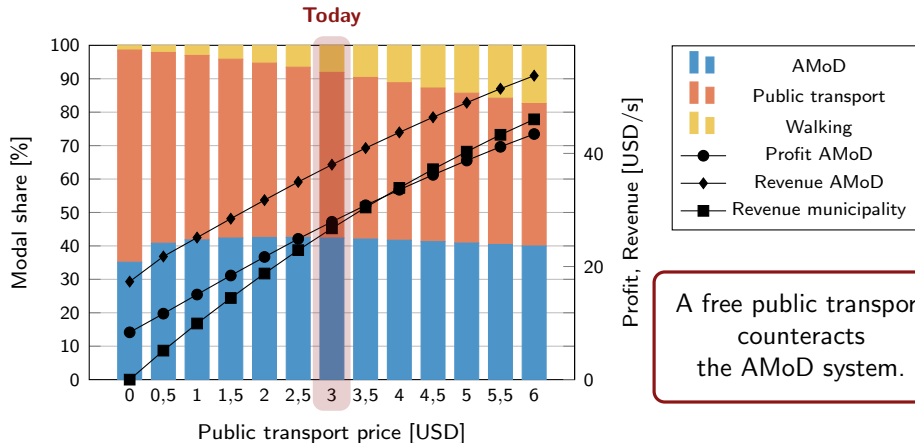


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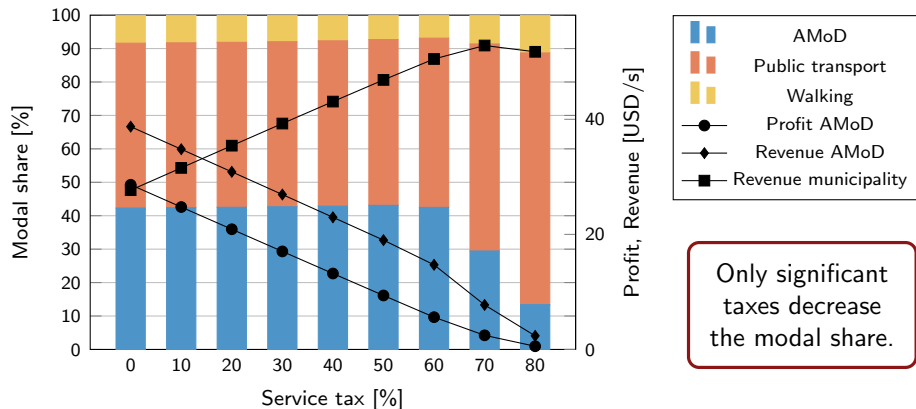
Data from:

Cost-based analysis of autonomous mobility services [Bösch et al., 2017]

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## Case Study – Data

**Road Network:** OpenStreetMap.

**Public Transit Network:** GTFS (topology and travel time).

**Origin-destination pairs:** MatSim scenario Berlin (scaled with a factor 10).

**Considered area:** We have:

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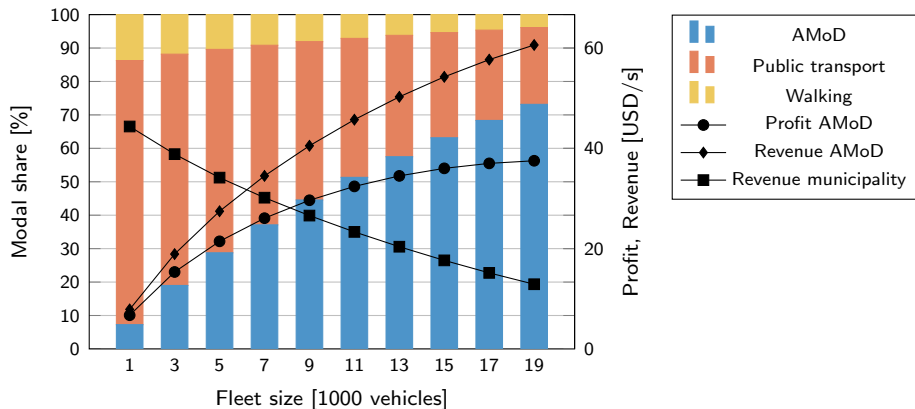
## Case Study – Parameters

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Public transit price	3.12 USD
Value of time minimum	10 USD/h
Value of time maximum	17 USD/h
Operation cost	0.34 USD/km
Walking velocity	1.4 m/s
Average wait S-Bahn/U-Bahn	2.5 min
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City	Number of registered cars	Number of taxi licenses	Percentage
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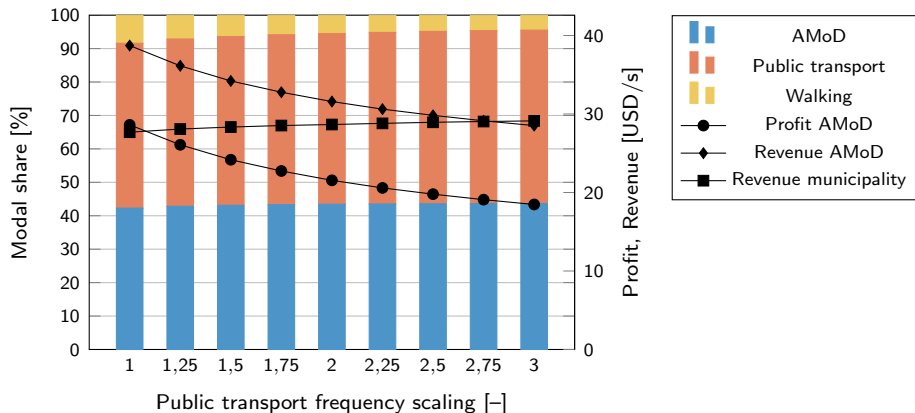
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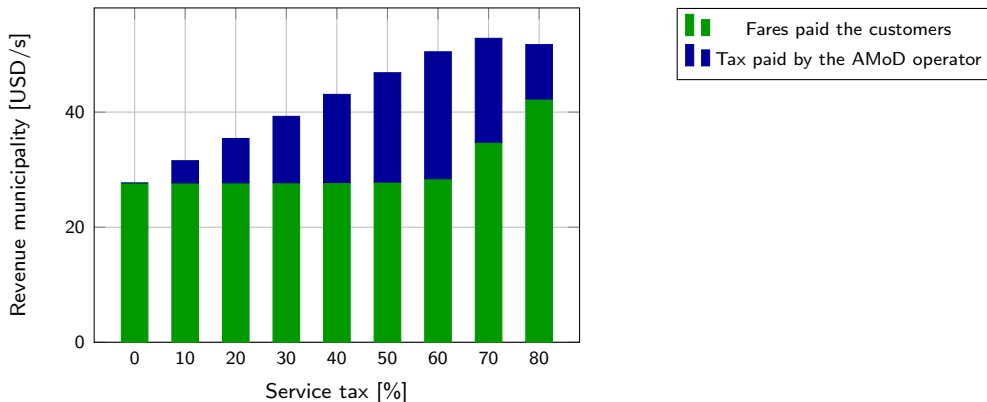
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