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Sustainable Future Cities: Through Science, By Design, In Place

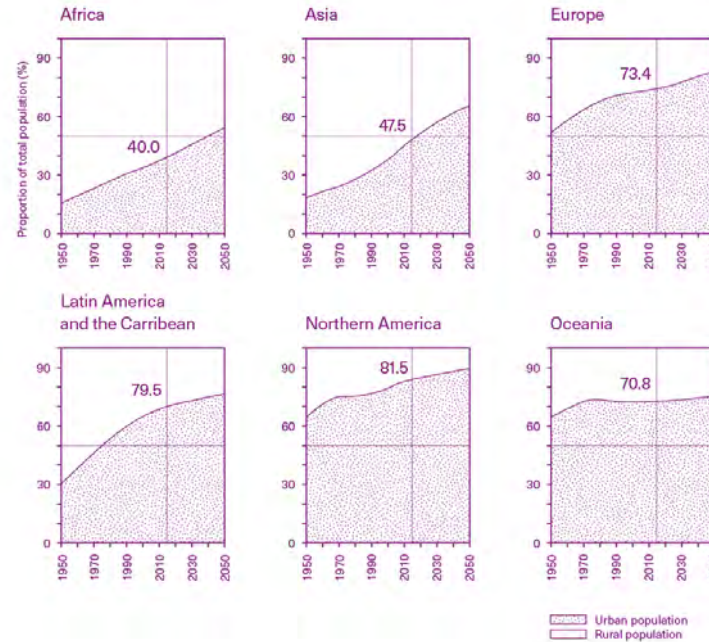
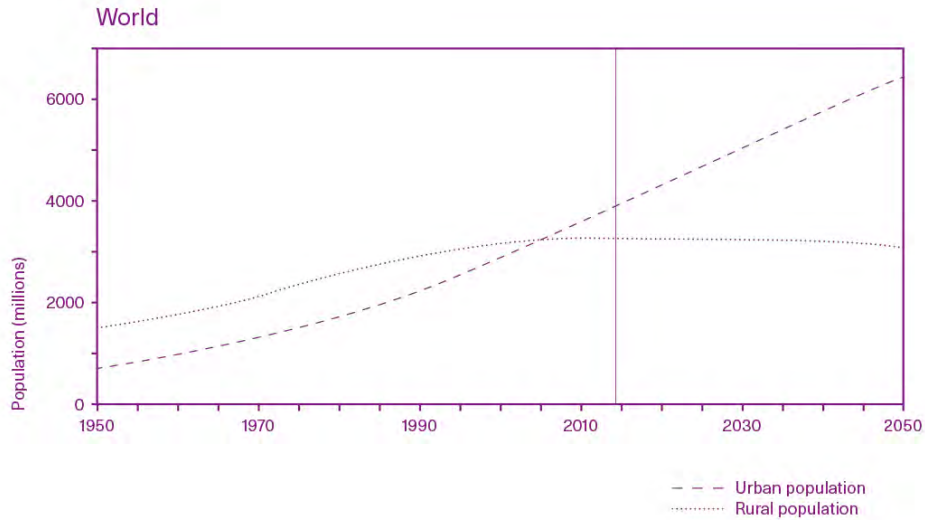
Rationale

Urbanisation

Global phenomenon with unique local features

Presenting new threats and possible futures

Requiring new forms of description, analysis and action at global and local scales



Urban and rural population of the world, 1950–2050.
Urban and rural population as proportion of total population, by major region, 1950–2050 (UN DESA 2014)

Data-Driven



Virtual and Digital

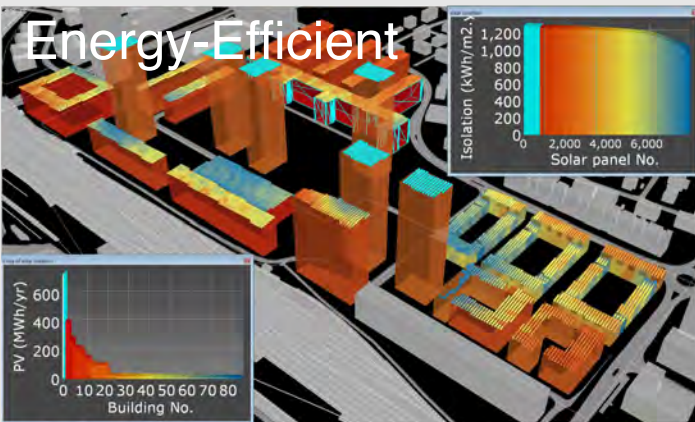


What Future City?

Developing a roadmap to inform future city-making and urban policies through 'Transformative Research':

- Innovative research approaches, tools and methods
- Design exploration
- Scenario testing
- Technology platforms

Energy-Efficient



Green



Resilient



People-Centric



Inter-Disciplinary Scenarios

High-Density Mixed-Use Cities

The Grand Projet
Ecosystem Services
Multi-Scale Energy Systems
Dense and Green

Responsive Cities

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Cyber Civil Infrastructure
Engaging Mobility
Cognition, Perception and Behaviour

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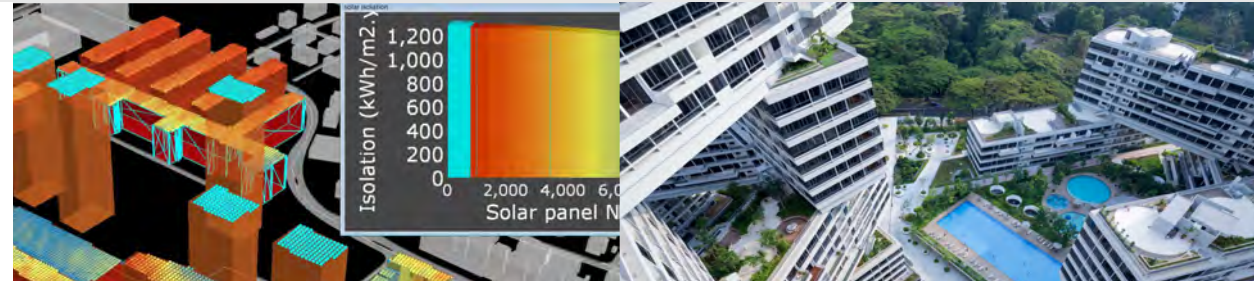
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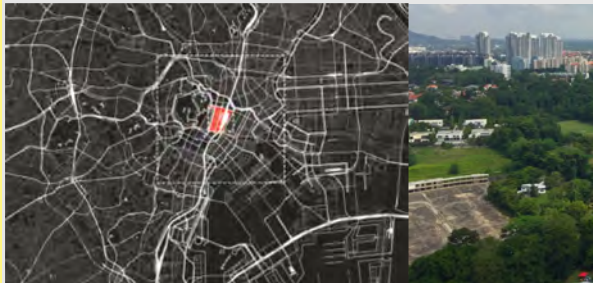
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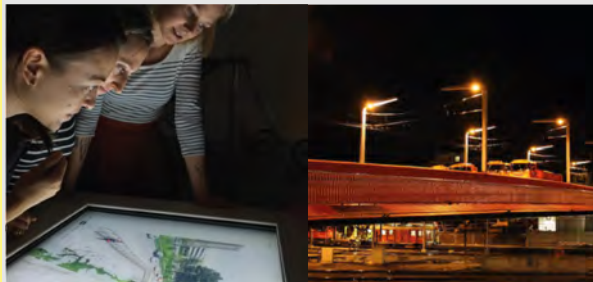
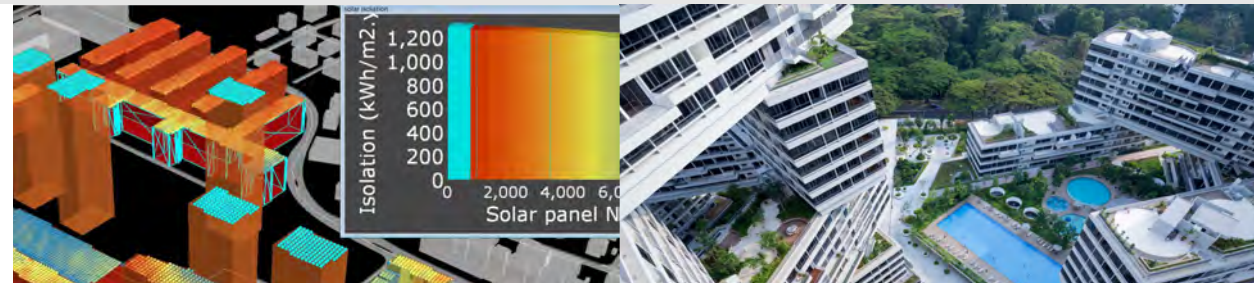
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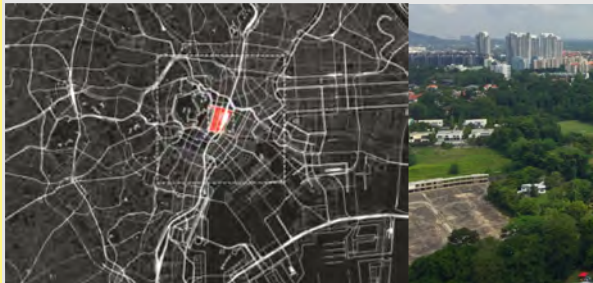
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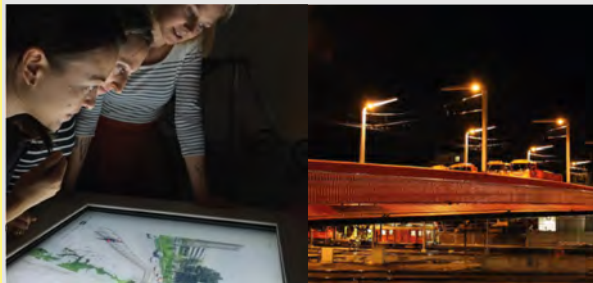
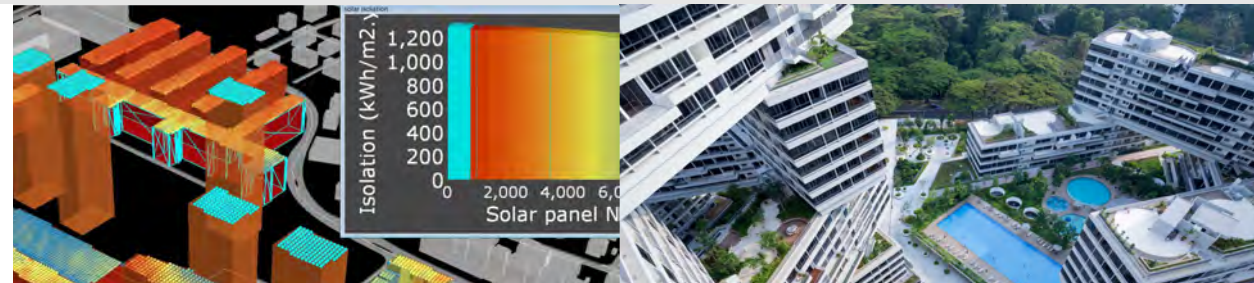
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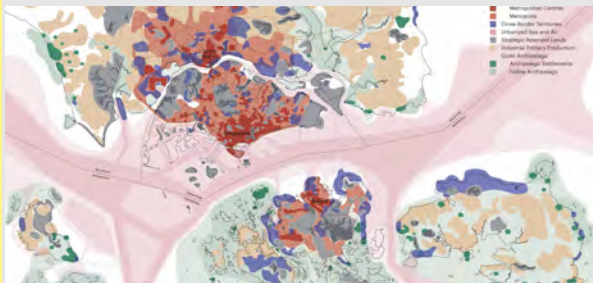
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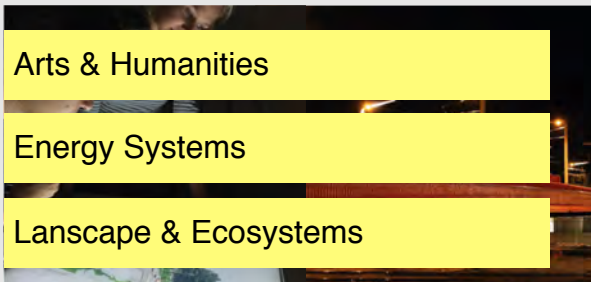
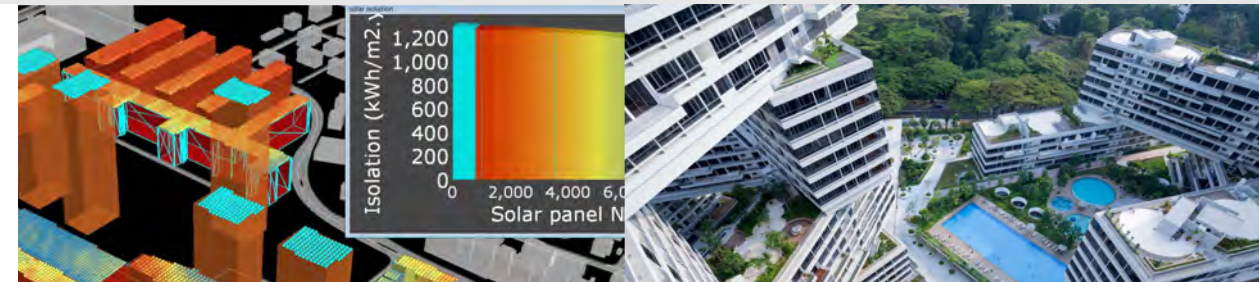
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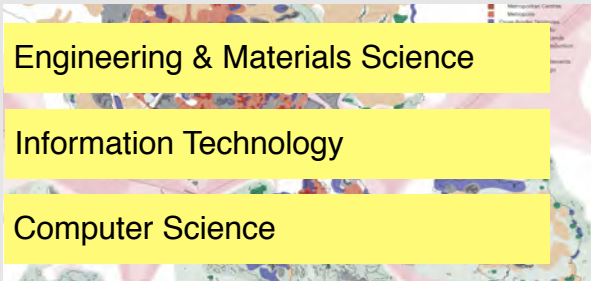
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Disciplines

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Network

- Architecture, Planning & Design
- Mobility & Transport Planning
- Psychology & Social Sciences

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- Government: URA, HDB, LTA
- Universities: NUS, NTU, SUTD
- Universities: UI, Chulalongkorn, ITB

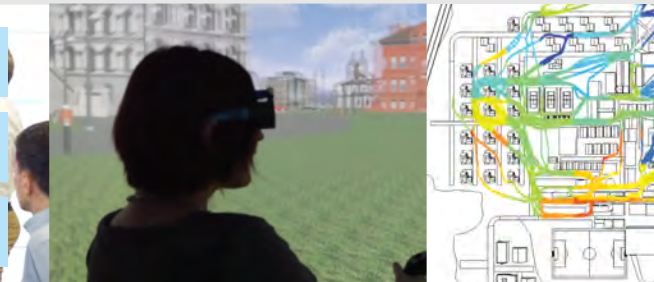


- Arts & Humanities
- Energy Systems
- Landscape & Ecosystems

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- Universities: MIT, Harvard, LSE
- Industry: Schindler, Siemens, Shell
- Industry: Sika, Holcim, Veolia



- Engineering & Materials Science
- Information Technology
- Computer Science

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- Development Banks: ADB, WB
- NGOs: Rockefeller, Mercy Corps
- NGOs: KPC, Habitat for Humanity



What transport policy and design decisions can foster more liveable and sustainable cities in the future?





Engaging Active Mobility

How can we assess and evaluate cycling infrastructure designs based on behavioural reactions of cyclists?



Engaging Big Data

How can newly available large streams of big data be leveraged to improve transportation simulation models?



Planning for AV

How can we understand and evaluate impacts of AVs on Urban form and transport supply in Singapore?



Measuring Pedestrian Comfort

How can we enhance pedestrian comfort and mitigate negative impacts of crowding through better design?

Aims, Approach and Links
Findings and Output
Self Evaluation
Future Work

We are making steady progress on our four ongoing projects.

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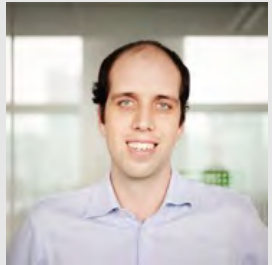
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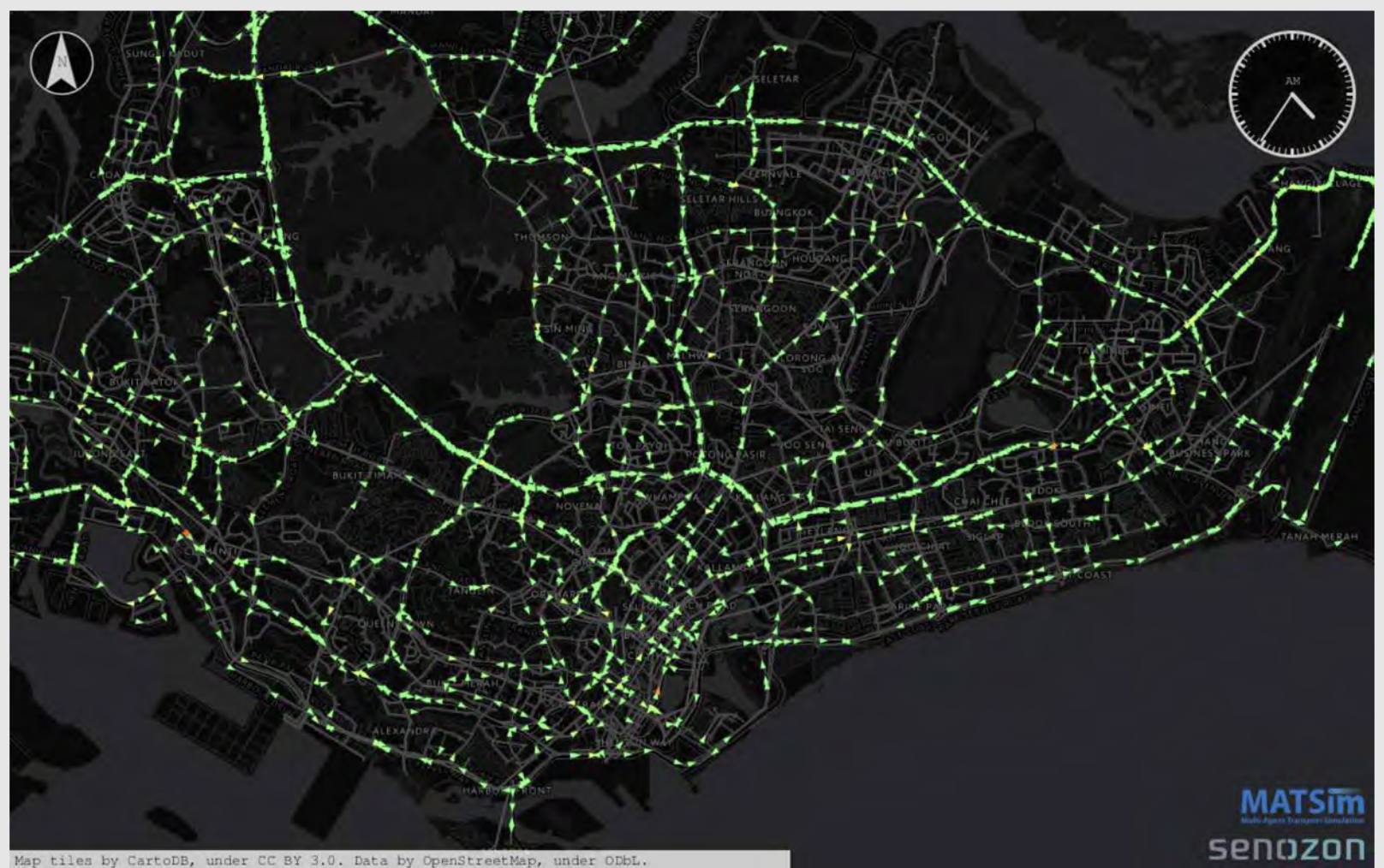
What is MATSim?

MATSim

Multi-Agent Transport Simulation

- Tool for Transport Planning
- Make inform decisions
- Predicts and evaluates future mobility scenarios
- Co-evolutionary algorithm (AI)

[policy | infrastructure | land-
use | new mobility systems]



Up. Mobile Phone
Data MATSim
(Anda, et al., 2017)

What is needed?

What is needed to run a simulation?

Network
codification



Transport mode
availability



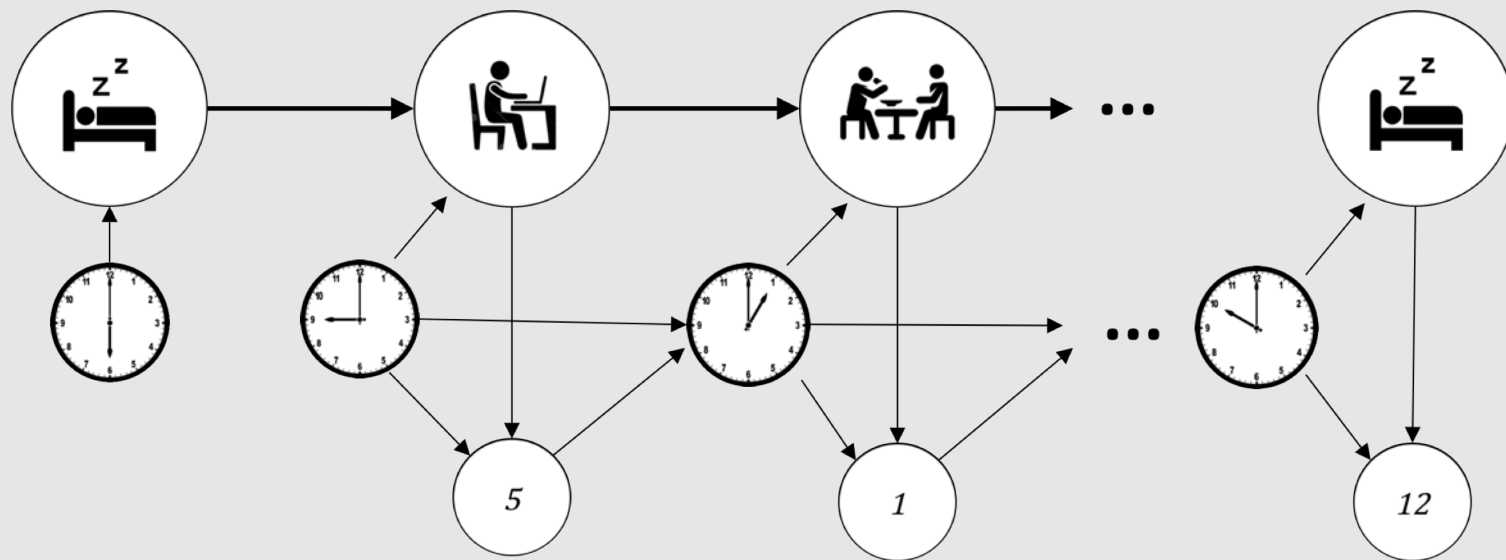
Facilities
information



Description of
the demand



Generating the population of agents



Description of the demand

[activities | trips | schedules | socio-demographics | transport mode]

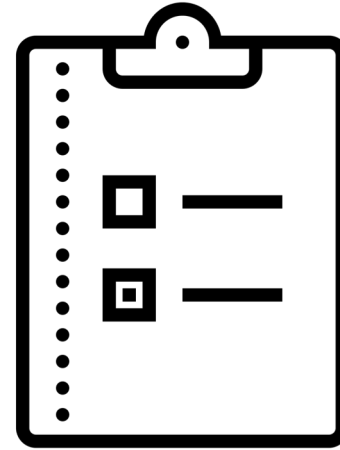
How to get this information?

Data input: **Household Travel Survey**

- Rich data: destinations, activities, mode of transport, household structure, sociodemographic info, etc.

But,

- Covers only 1% of the population
- Expensive
- 4-5 years update
- Based on what people report



Data inputs

What if ...

there were **mobility data** that **covers 50% of the population**. It is **collected everyday**.

Not reported but **measured data**. Continuously sensing **position and trajectories**.

You **don't need** to invest in **additional infrastructure**.

What is it?

- Mobile phone antennas are scattered around Shanghai. Your mobile phone gets connected to the closest one, and leaves a timestamp.



Mobile phone *telco* data

How does it look like?

Name	Mobile	Connections
Dr. SHI Cheng	+86 1601..	CT45_20180112_07:51:23:2345, CT45_20180112_07:54:54:4351, CT47_20180112_08:33:25:2432...
Temo Anda	+65 8732..	CT23_20180112_06:30:44:6322, CT23_20180112_06:32:41:1211, CT23_20180112_07:55:33:5254...
Lu Han	+86 2021...	CT89_20180112_06:45:43:4425, CT90_20180112_06:45:59:9888, CT89_20180112_07:23:55:6329...

What if we anonymize it?

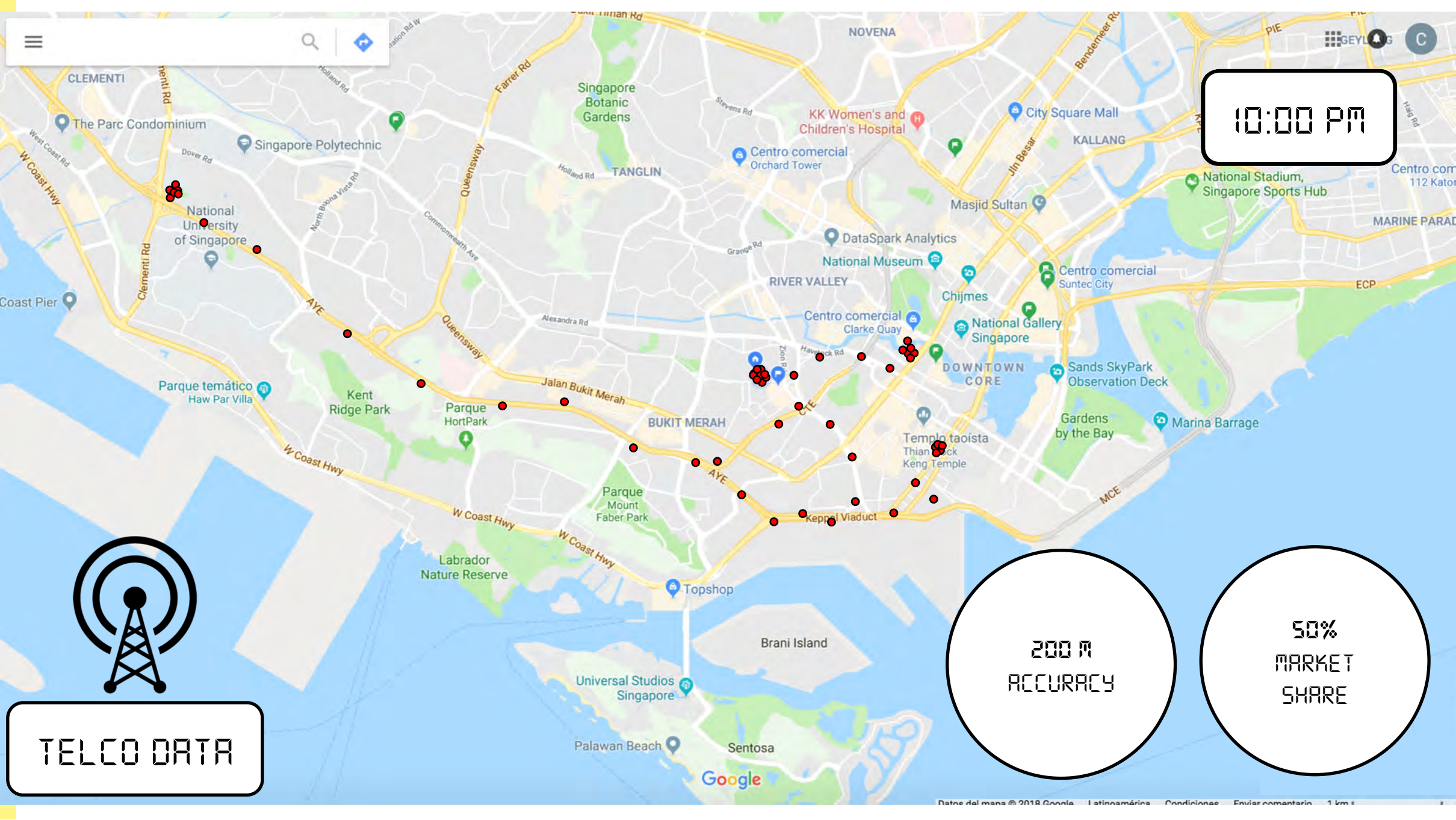
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Is it safe?

Mobile phone data:
Let's take a closer look



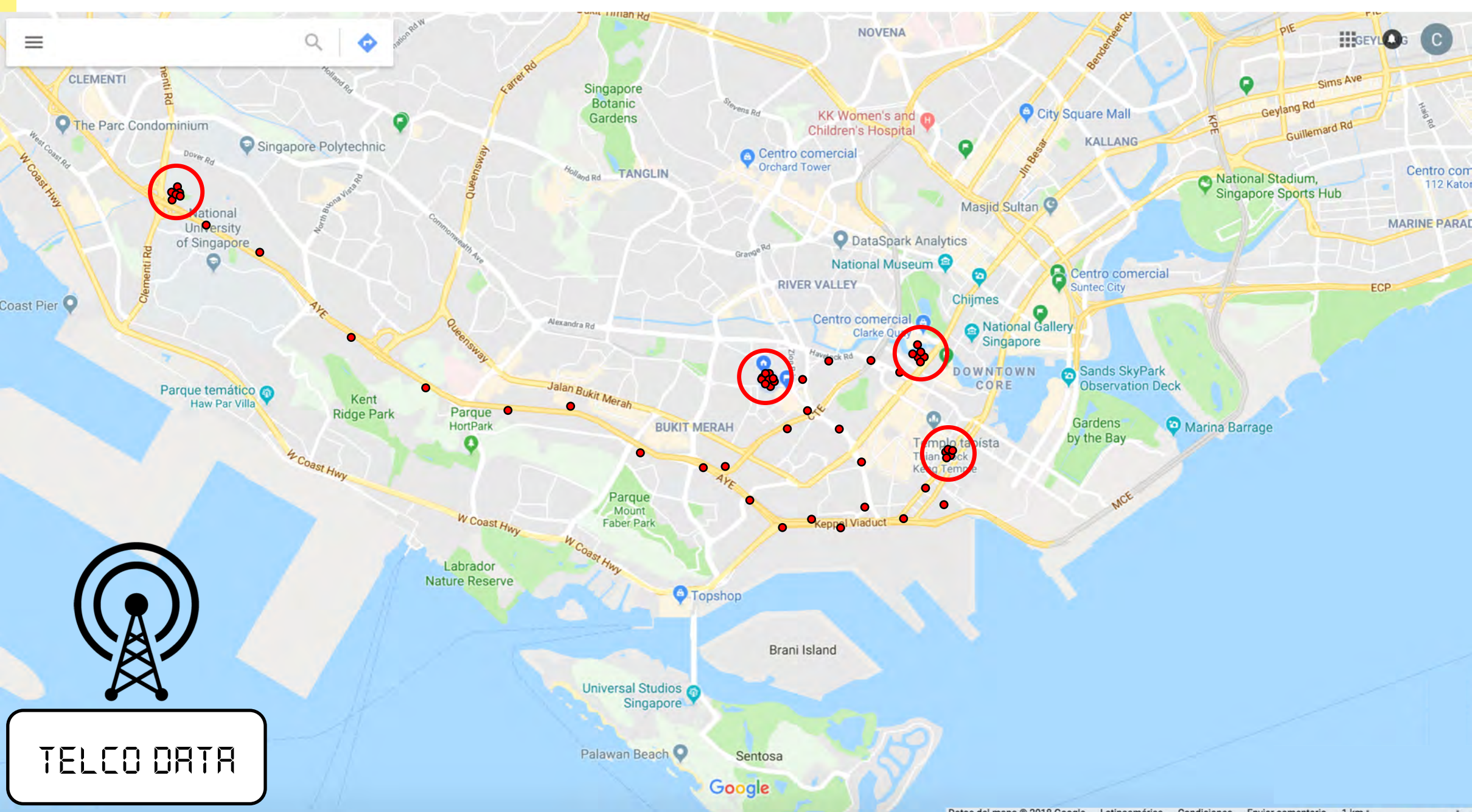
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TELCO DATA

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ACCURACY

50%
MARKET
SHARE



TELCO DATA



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TELCO DATA

Mobile phone telco data

And Privacy

“... in a dataset where the **location of an individual** is specified **hourly**, and with a **spatial resolution** equal to that given by the **carrier’s antennas**, **four spatio-temporal points** are enough to **uniquely identify 95%** of the **individuals**.”

de Montjoye, Y.-A., C. A. Hidalgo, M. Verleysen, and V. D. Blondel. **Unique in the Crowd:** The Privacy Bounds of Human Mobility. *Scientific reports*, Vol. 3, 2013, p. 1376.
<https://doi.org/10.1038/srep01376>.



What to do then?

Mobile phone telco data is very **valuable** for transport planning...



... Can we extract useful information without compromising users' privacy?

(Easy-sharing) (Less Cost)



The Doppelgänger idea



Keanu Reeves
(Matrix)

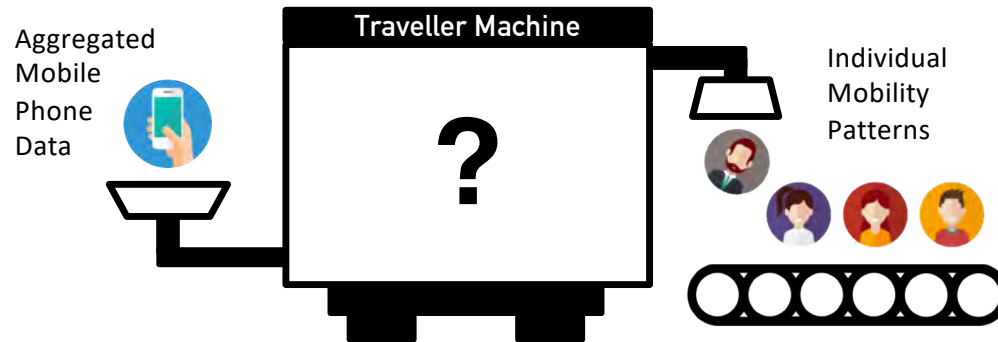


Adam Driver
(Star Wars)

The Doppelgänger idea

We are interested in a detailed description of agents for MATSim...

Generating a doppelgänger population



Task

Without consulting individual data generate realistic individual mobility patterns

Generative model of Urban Mobility

An intuitive example

Real population weight

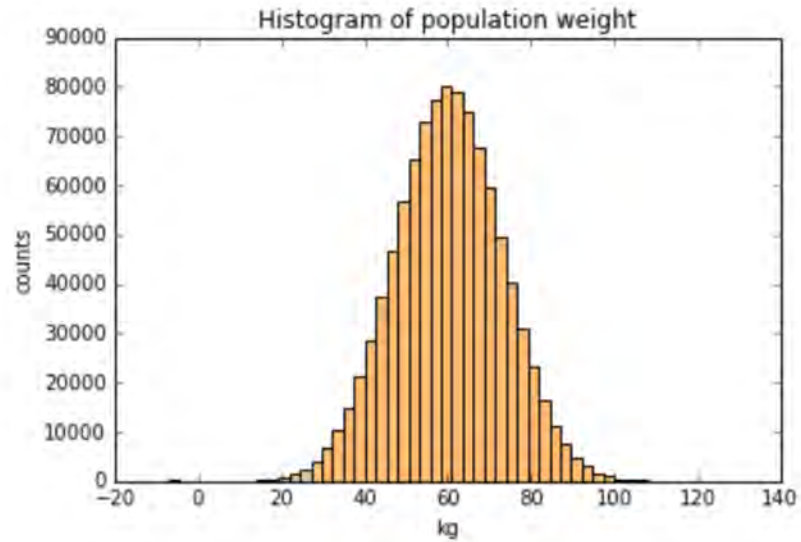
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Intuitive example:

Weight of citizens of
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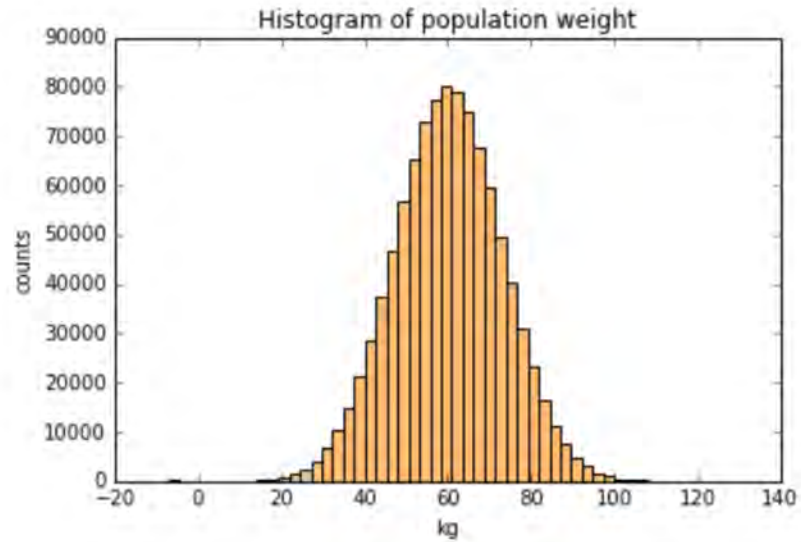
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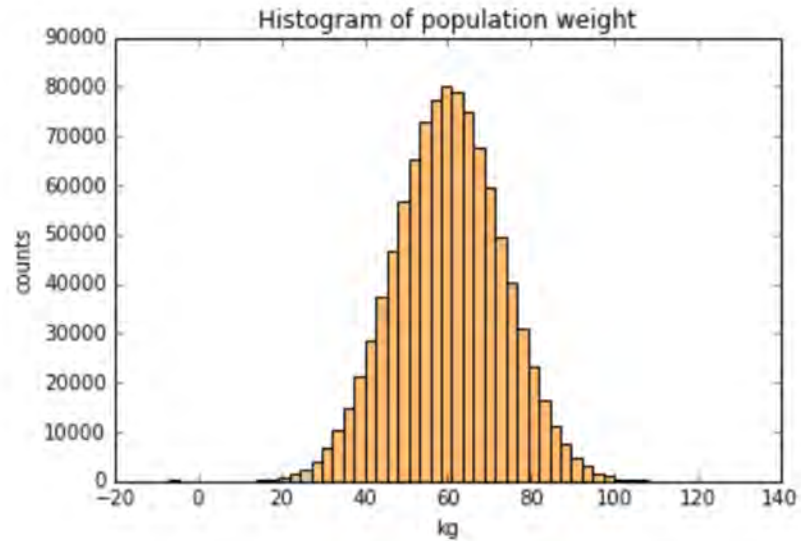
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In [2]: np.random.normal()
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Out[2]: 63.29561731708119
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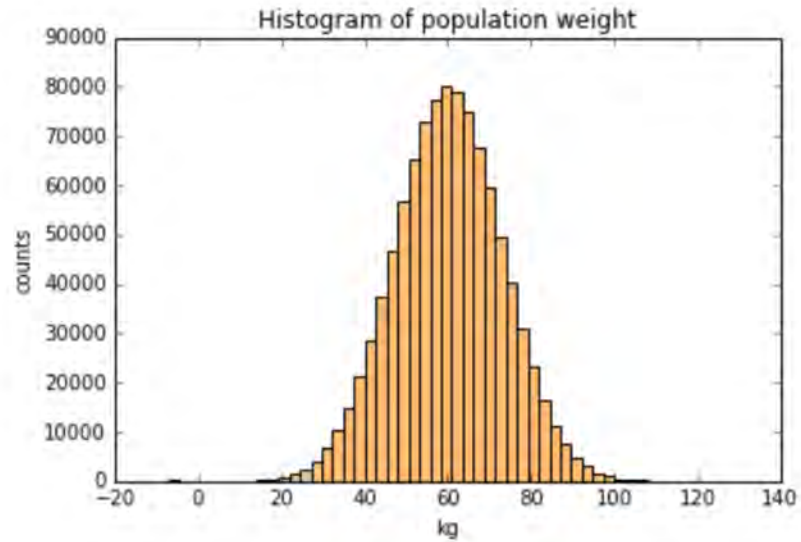
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In [3]: np.random.normal()
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Out[3]: 67.25242342967776
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Real population weight

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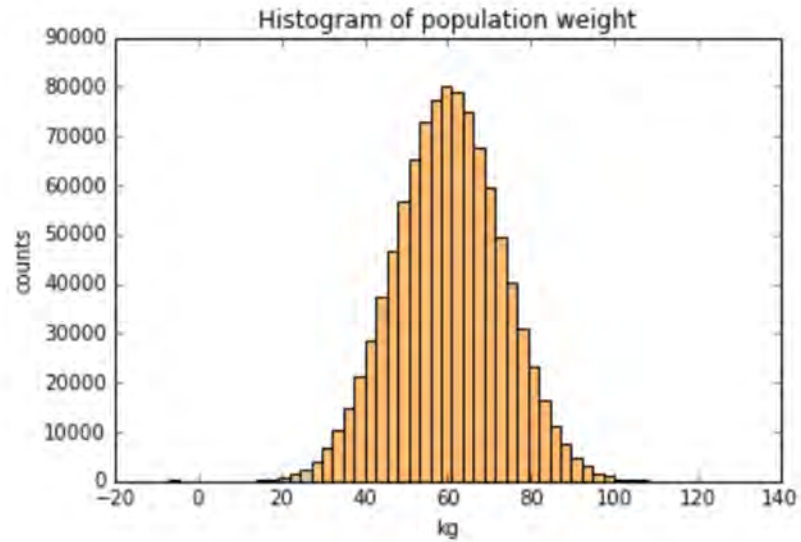
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In [4]: np.random.normal()
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Out[4]: 52.30204118306012
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Intuitive example:

Weight of citizens of
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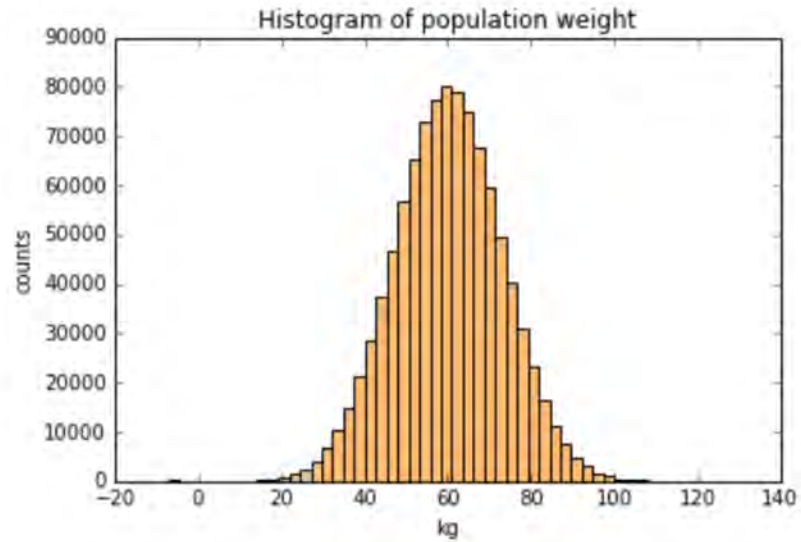
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In [5]: np.random.normal()
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Out[5]: 46.52883437707794
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Intuitive example:

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Doppelgängers weight

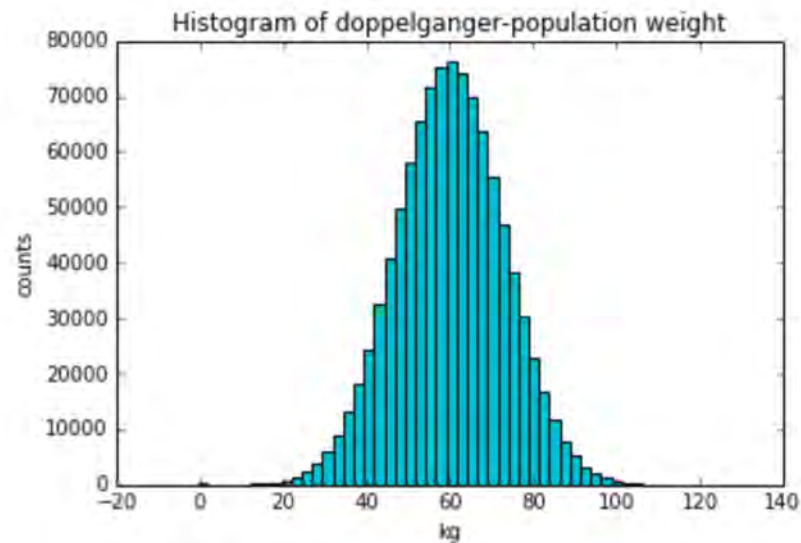
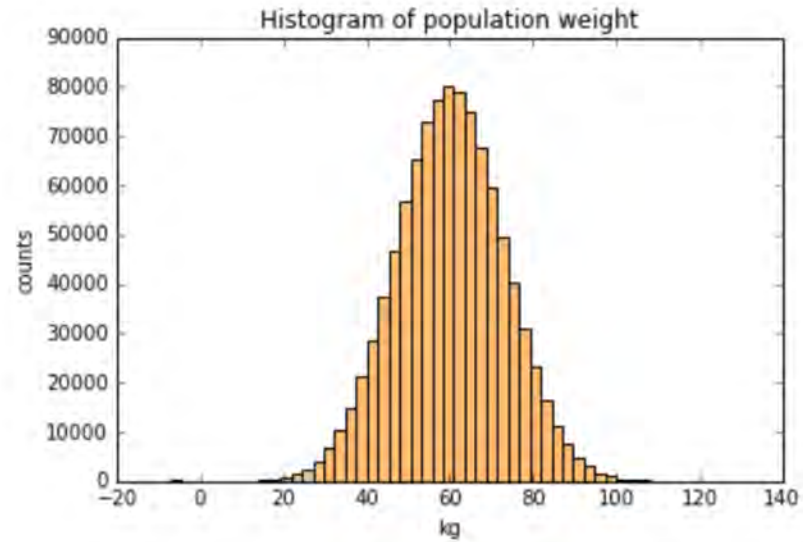
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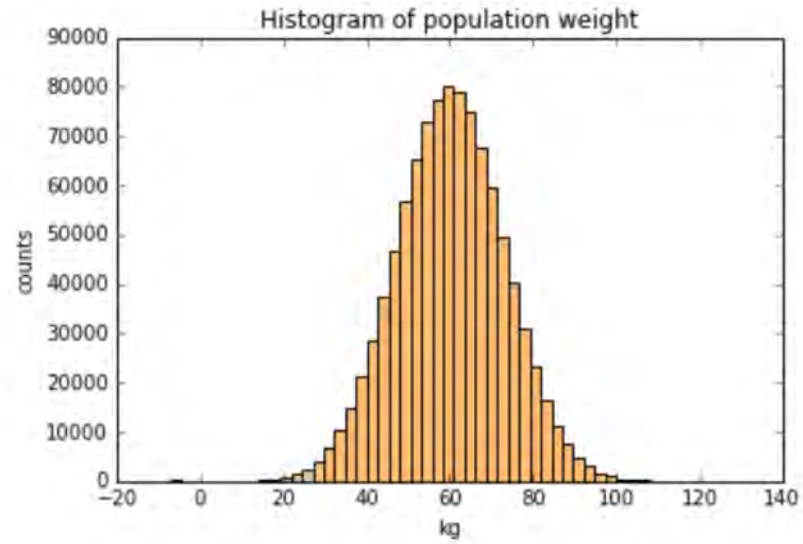
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Generative model of urban mobility

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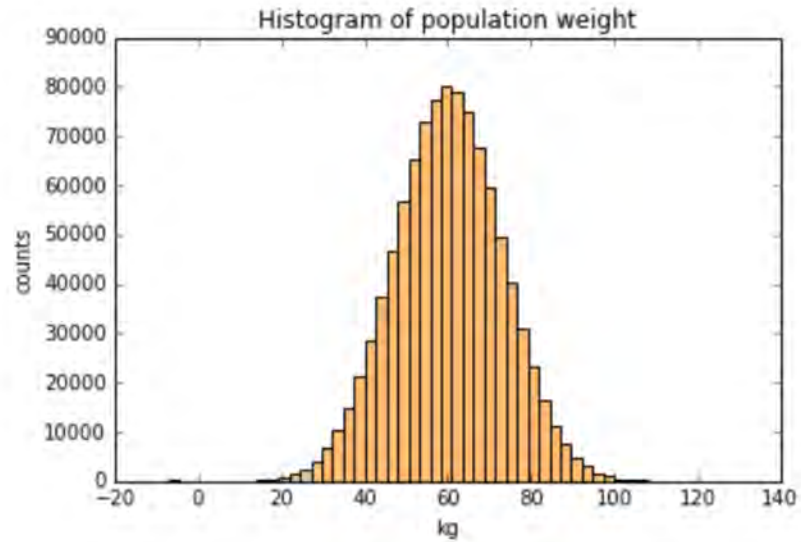
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Generative model of urban mobility

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In [11]: GenerateAgentLocations(1)
```

Out[11]:

	User	Start Time	Subzone	Duration	End Time
0	u_1	00:00:00	KEAT HONG	8	08:00:00
1	u_1	08:30:00	CENTRAL SUBZONE	14	22:30:00
2	u_1	23:30:00	KEAT HONG	12	36:00:00

Real population weight

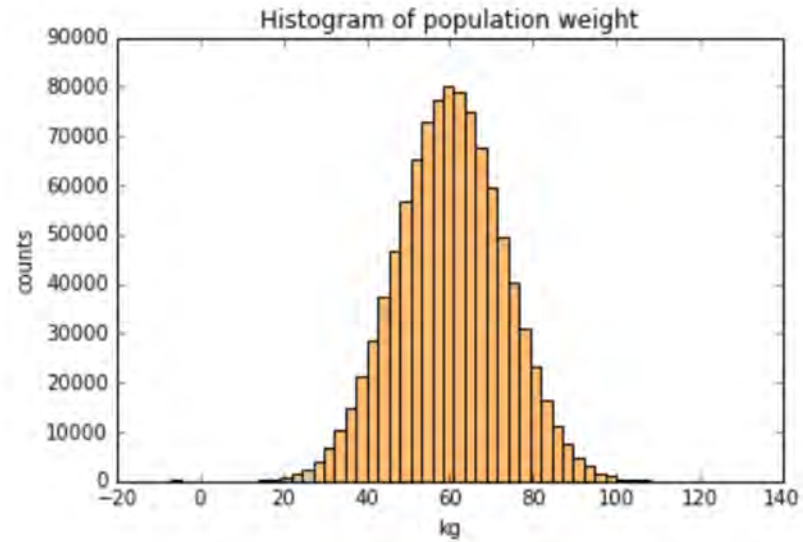
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Generative model of urban mobility

In [12]: `GenerateAgentLocations(1)`

Out[12]:

	User	Start Time	Subzone	Duration	End Time
0	u_1	00:00:00	YUNNAN	7	07:00:00
1	u_1	07:30:00	TUAS NORTH	2	09:30:00
2	u_1	10:30:00	TAI SENG	1	12:00:00
3	u_1	13:00:00	YUNNAN	16	29:30:00

Real population weight

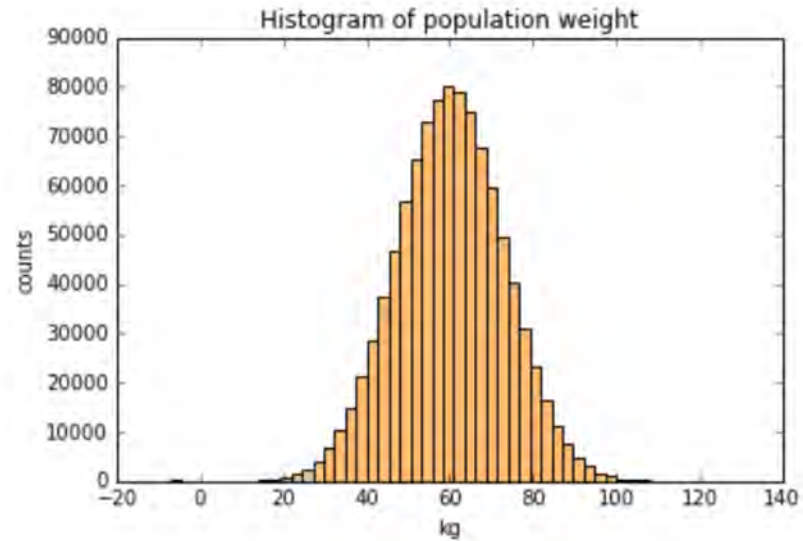
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Generative model of urban mobility

In [13]: `GenerateAgentLocations(1)`

Out[13]:

	User	Start Time	Subzone	Duration	End Time
0	u_1	00:00:00	FLORA DRIVE	4	04:00:00
1	u_1	05:00:00	CHANGI AIRPORT	1	06:00:00
2	u_1	07:00:00	MARINA EAST	3	10:30:00
3	u_1	11:30:00	KALLANG BAHRU	6	18:00:00
4	u_1	19:00:00	FLORA DRIVE	11	30:30:00

Real population weight

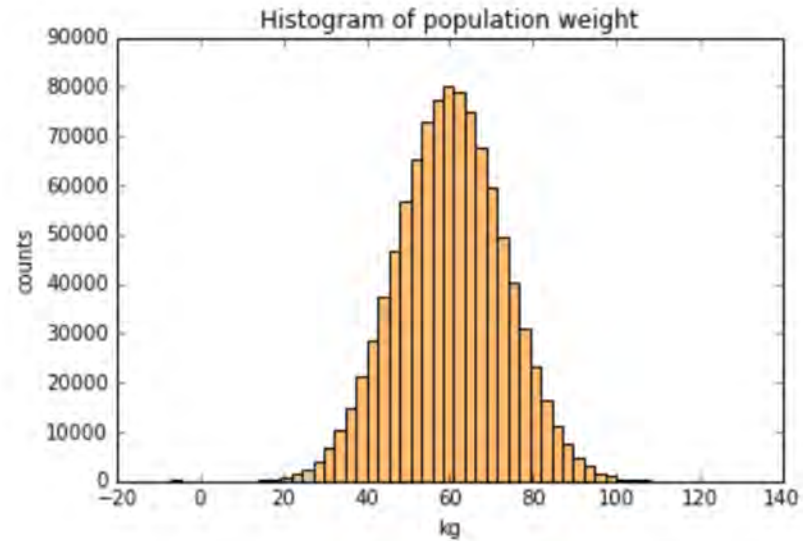
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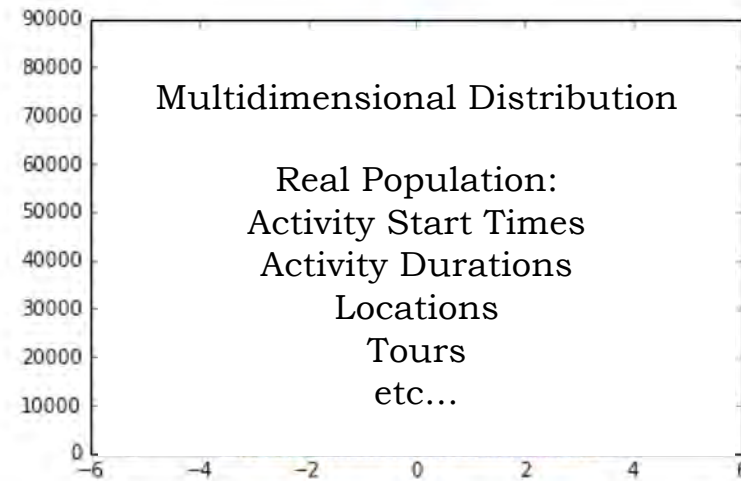
Generative model of urban mobility

In [14]: `GenerateAgentLocations(1)`

Out[14]:

	User	Start Time	Subzone	Duration	End Time
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1	u_1	07:30:00	SINGAPORE GENERAL HOSPITAL	11	18:30:00
2	u_1	19:00:00	GEYLANG EAST	3	22:30:00
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Generative model of urban mobility



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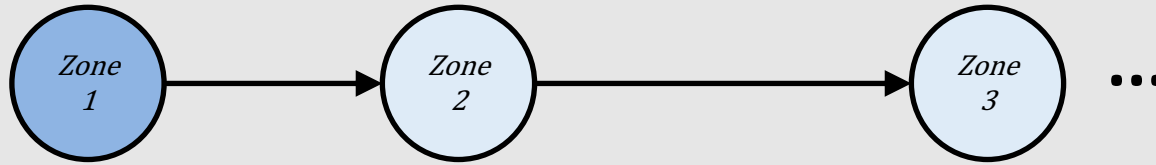
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	User	Start Time	Subzone	Duration	End Time
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3	u_1	22:45:00	GEYLANG EAST	13	36:15:00

Generative model of individual
mobility patterns

[Dynamic Bayesian Networks]

Generative Model for
Sequential Data
**Dynamic Bayesian
Networks**

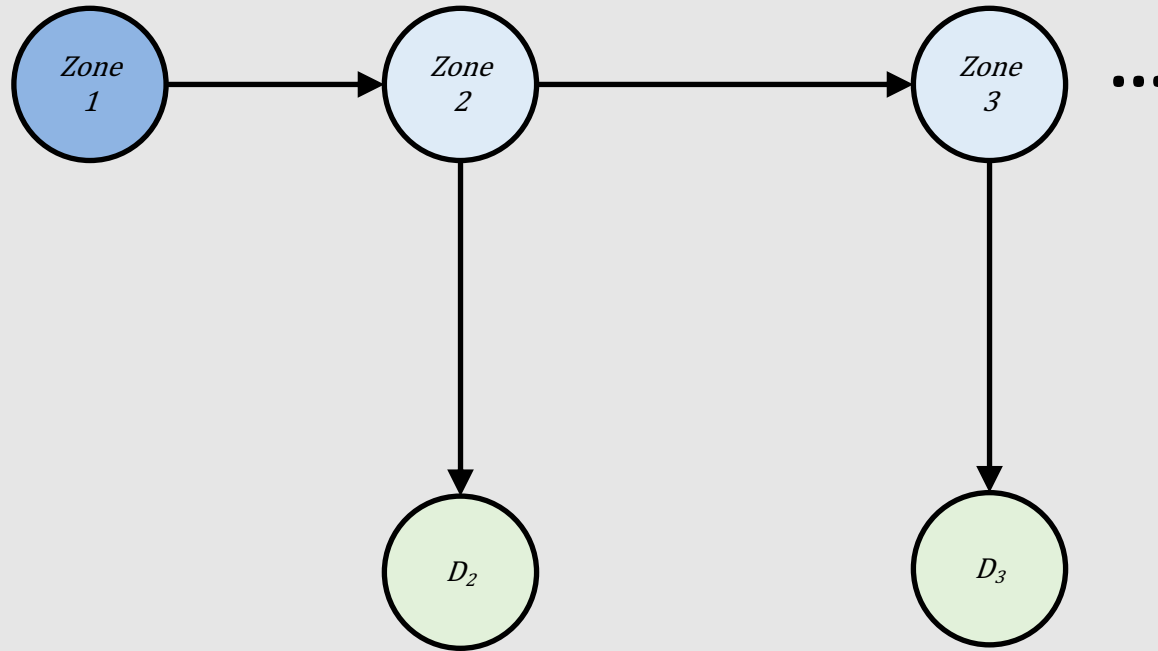


Markov Chain

$$P(\mathbf{Z}_{1:N}) = P(Z_1) \prod_{k=2}^N P(Z_k | Z_{k-1})$$

Generative Model for Sequential Data **Dynamic Bayesian Networks**

Hidden Markov Model



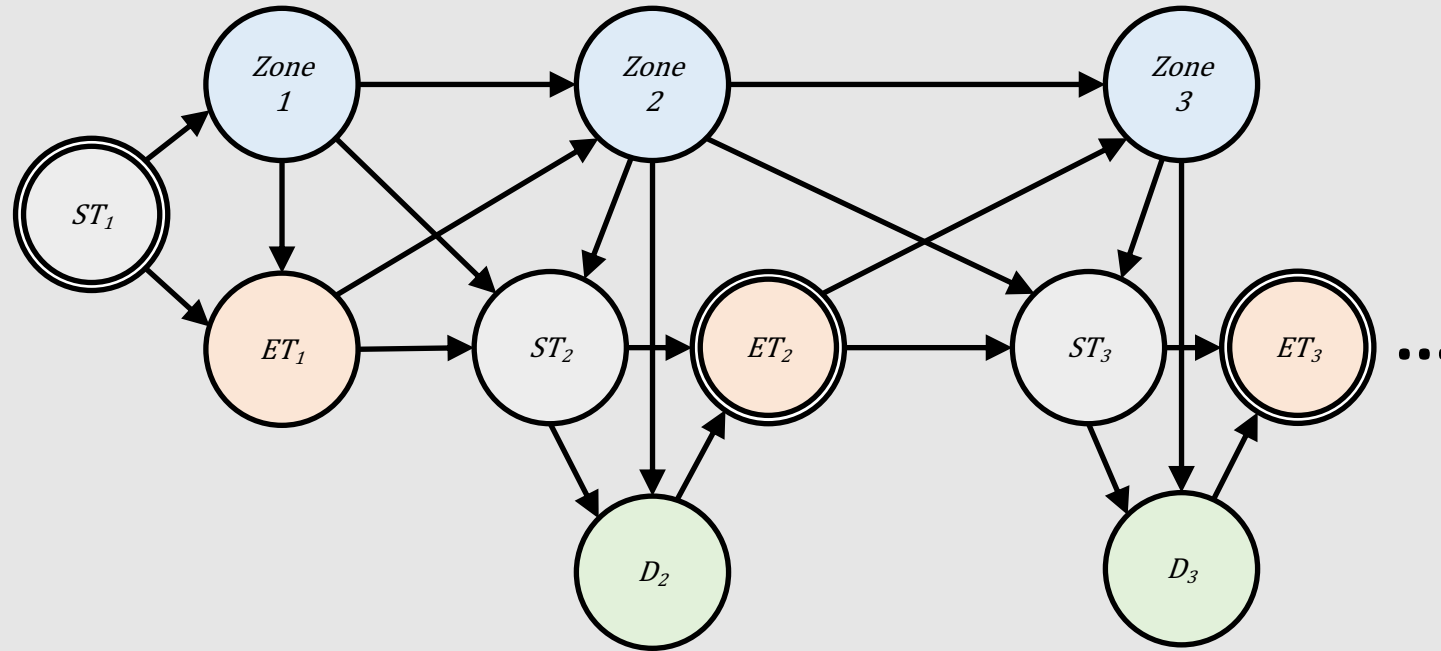
$$P(\mathbf{Z}_{1:N}, \mathbf{D}_{2:N}) = P(Z_1) \prod_{k=2}^N P(Z_k | Z_{k-1}) P(D_k | Z_k)$$

Generative Model for Sequential Data

Dynamic Bayesian Networks

Our architecture 1.0

1st order Markov constraint



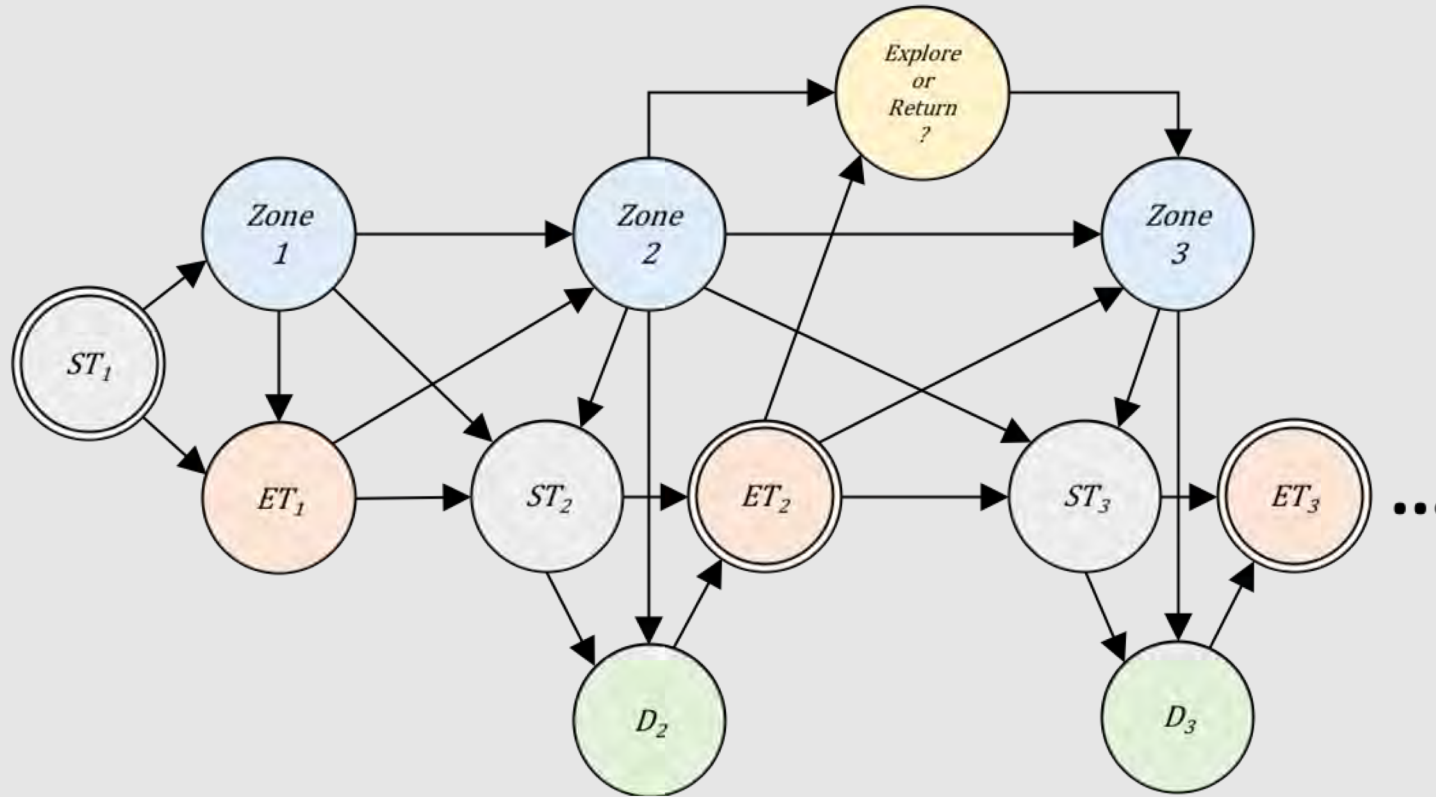
$$P(\mathbf{Z}_{1:N}, \mathbf{ET}_{1:N}, \mathbf{ST}_{2:N}, \mathbf{D}_{2:N}) =$$

$$P(ST_1)P(Z_1|ST_1)P(ET_1|ST_1, Z_1) \prod_{k=2}^N P(Z_k|ET_{k-1}, Z_{k-1})P(D_k|Z_k, ST_k)P(ST_k|Z_{k-1}, ET_{k-1})$$

Generative Model for Sequential Data

Dynamic Bayesian Networks

Our architecture 2.0

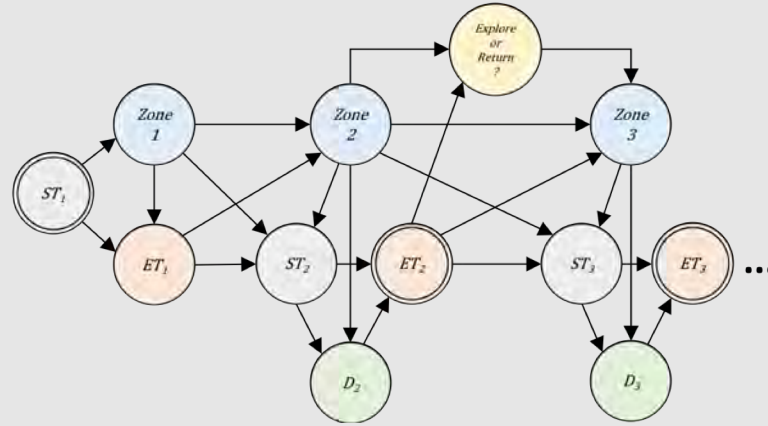


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Random Variables

315	Subzones (Discrete)	Aljunied Raffles Place Tiong Bahru MRT Changi Airport Bedok Cecil Woodlands ...
24	Start Times (Discrete)	00:00 01:00 ... 23:00
24	End Time (Discrete)	00:00 01:00 ... 23:00
17	Durations (Discrete)	0 hr 1 hr ... 16 hr
2	Explore or Return (Discrete)	Explore Return



Time-space model of Urban Mobility Variables

Model parameters

Symbol	Description	# parameters
$\mathbf{z1}_i$	probability of starting at zone i	315
$et\mathbf{1}_k$	probability of first end time k	24
$\mathbf{z}_{i,j,k}$	probability of transition to zone i from zone j at time k subject to <i>explore/return</i> filter	315x315x24
$st_{p,j,k}$	probability of start time p given zone j at time k	24x315x24
$d_{q,i,p}$	probability of duration q at zone i and time p	17x315x24
$r_{q,i,p}$	probability of return r from zone j and time k	2x315x24
Total # of parameters		2,706,819

Time-space model of Urban Mobility **Learning**

Maximum Likelihood
Estimation

1. Obtain **Likelihood Function**

$$\text{Likelihood}(\Theta) = P(\mathbf{Data} | \text{Model}(\Theta))$$

2. **Minimize negative log-likelihood** subject to parameters of random variables sum to one

3. For **categorical** and fully **observable** random variables a **closed-form solution** is obtained.

4. Learning is the counts of **occurrences** in the data (i.e. frequencies).

Resolution

Temporal:

1 Hour

Spatial:

Subzones

**Origin
Destination**
matrices

**Initial count of
users** in each
subzone

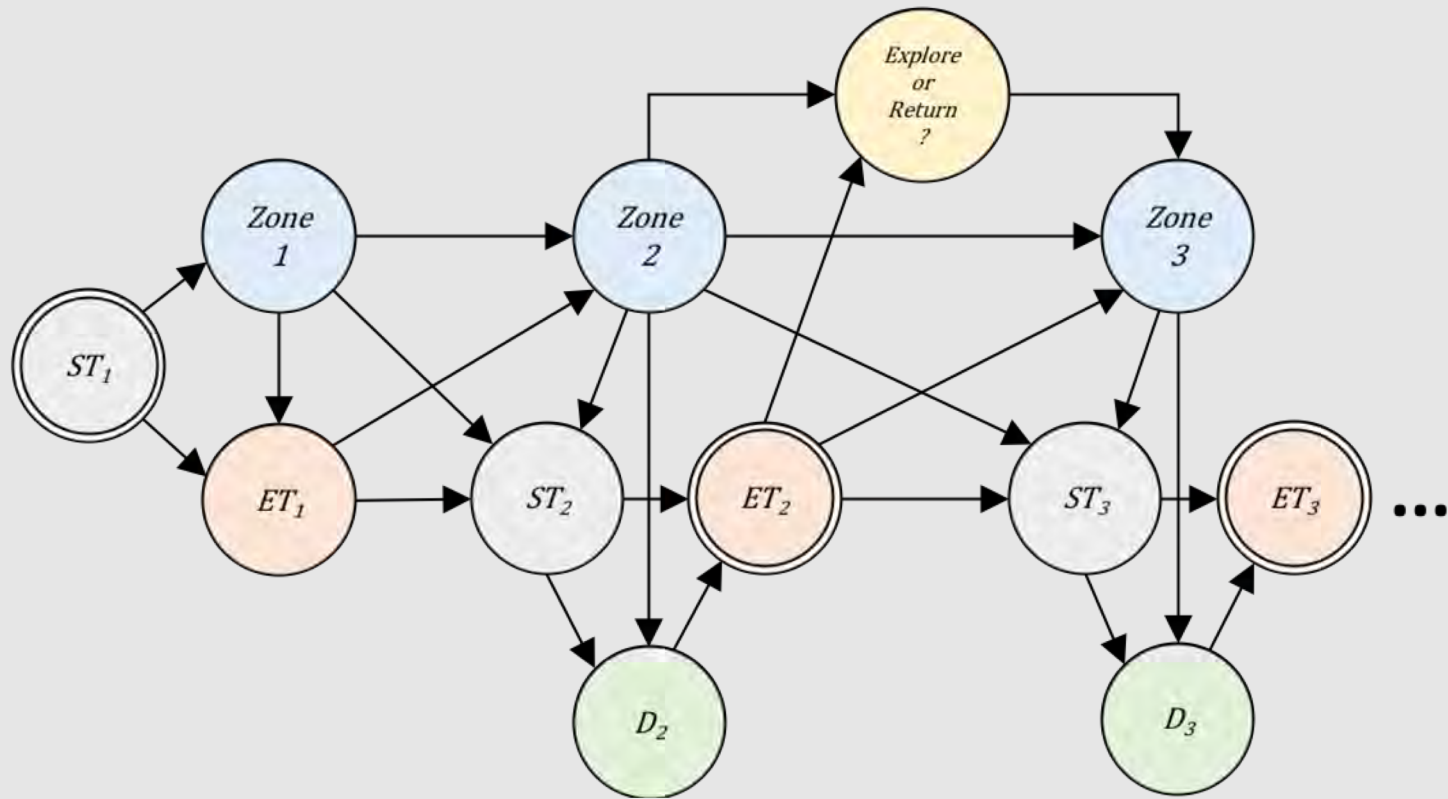
Activity
Duration
histograms

**Time of first
departure**
histogram

**Explore or
Return**
histograms

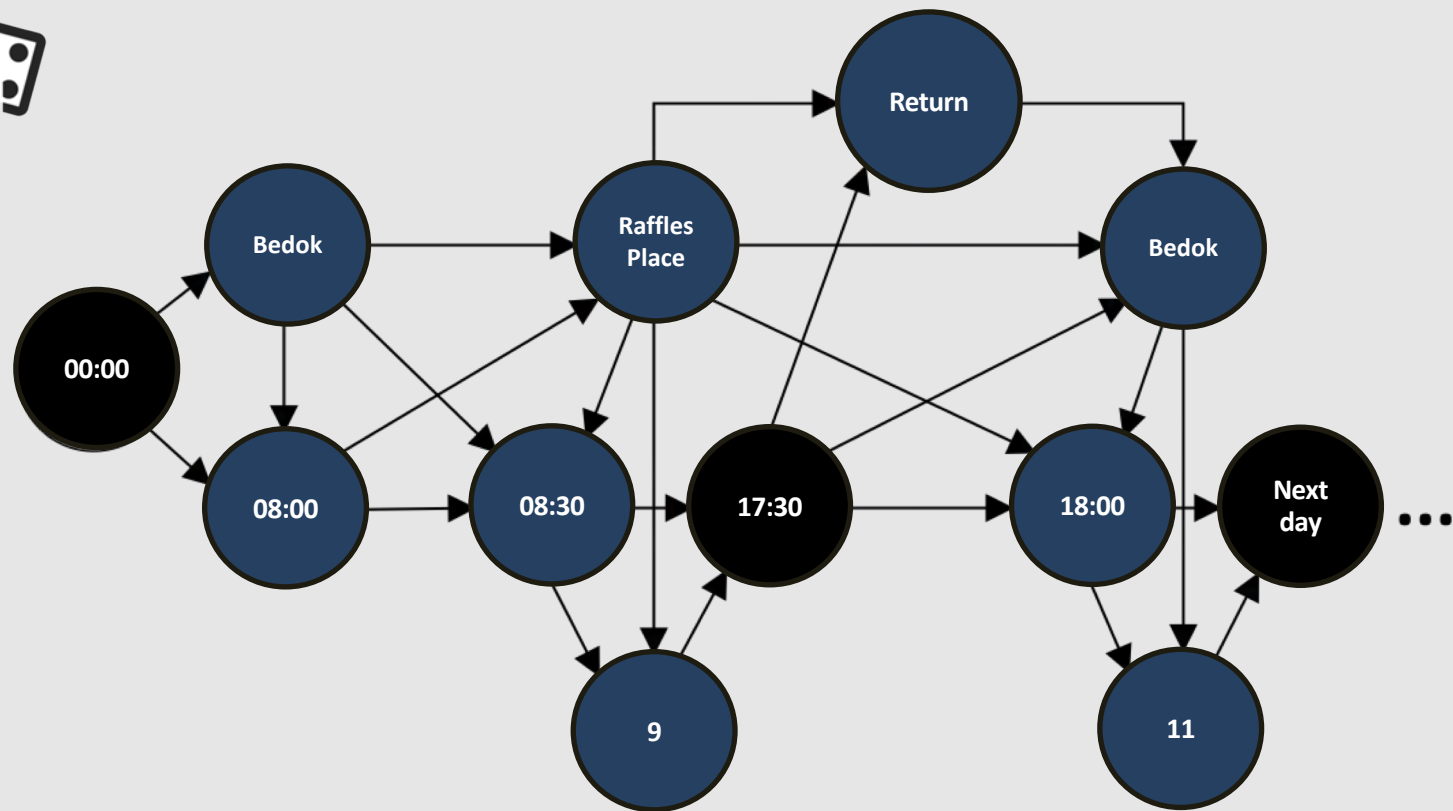
Time-space model of Urban Mobility **Learning**

5 Histograms or
distributions **needed from
the mobile phone
operator**



Time-space model of Urban Mobility Sampling

Prior (Forward) Sampling



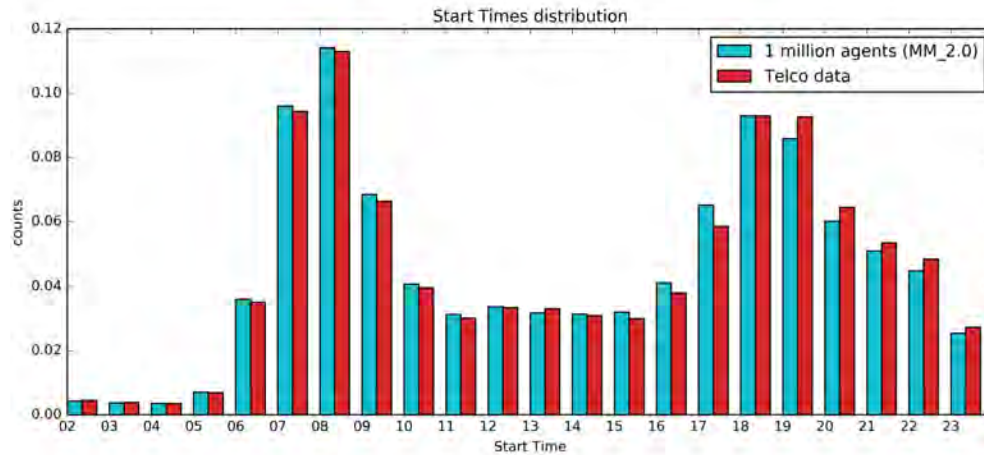
Time-space model of Urban Mobility

Sampling

Prior (Forward) Sampling

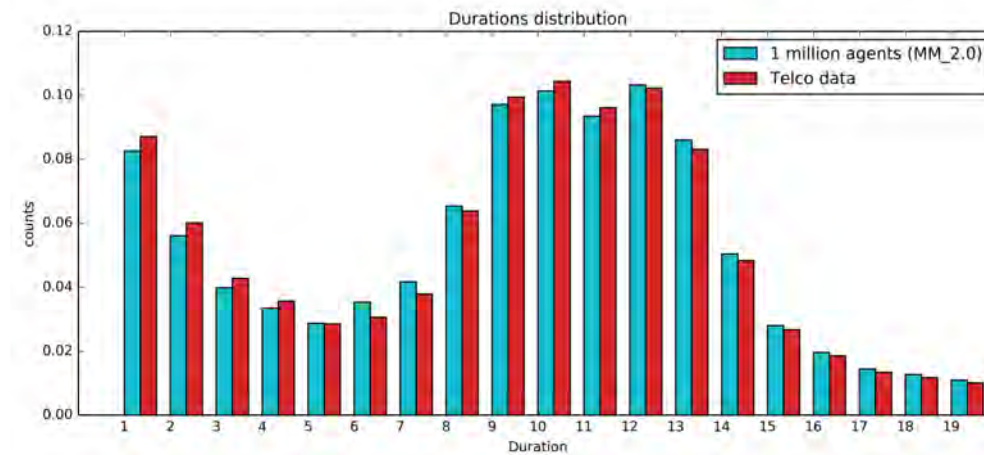
[Generating 1 million agents]

Start time of activities



4.18%
error

Duration of activities



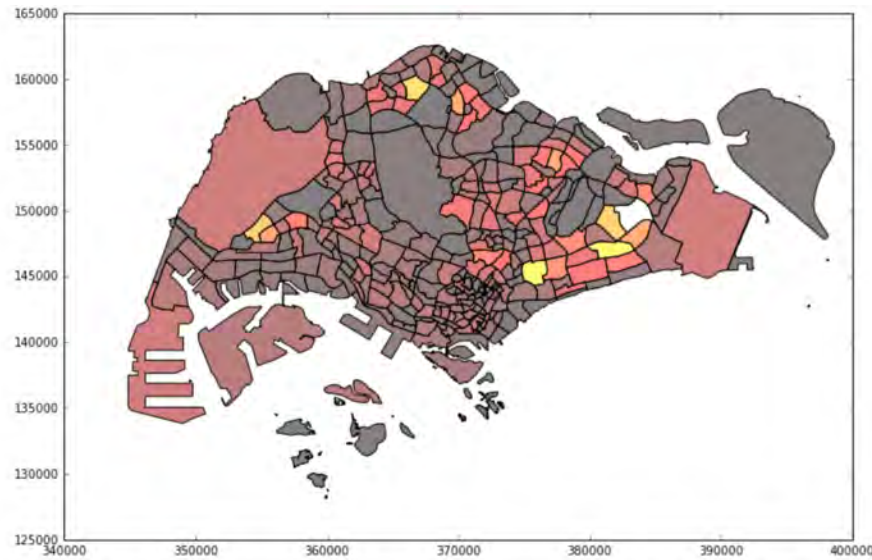
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Results

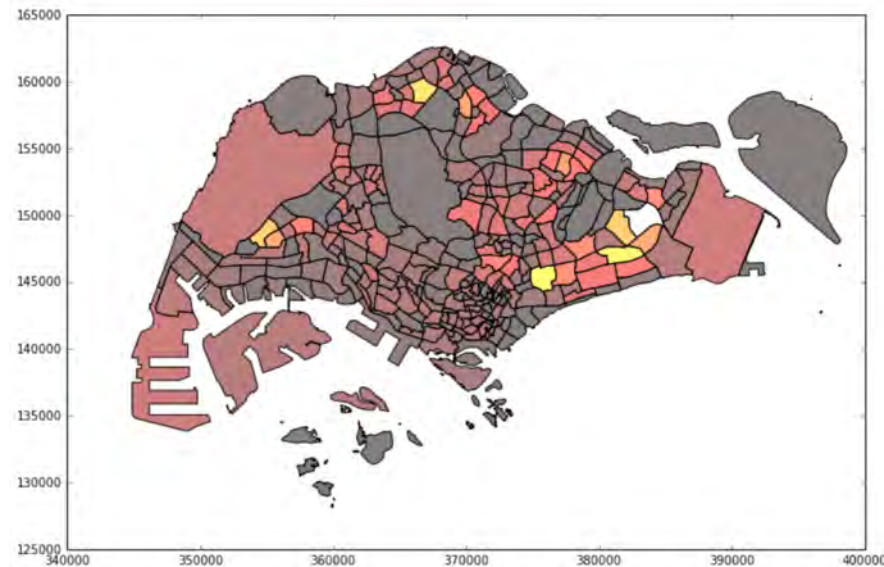
Temporal distributions



7 am density of
telco users



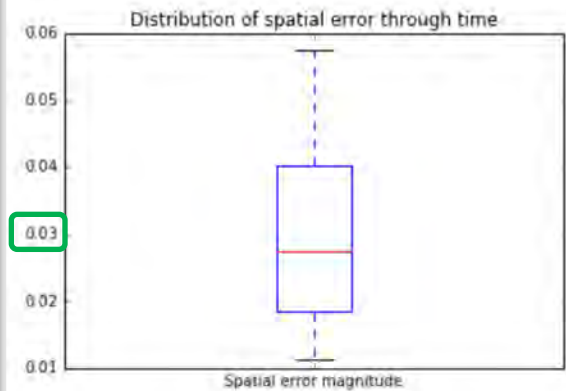
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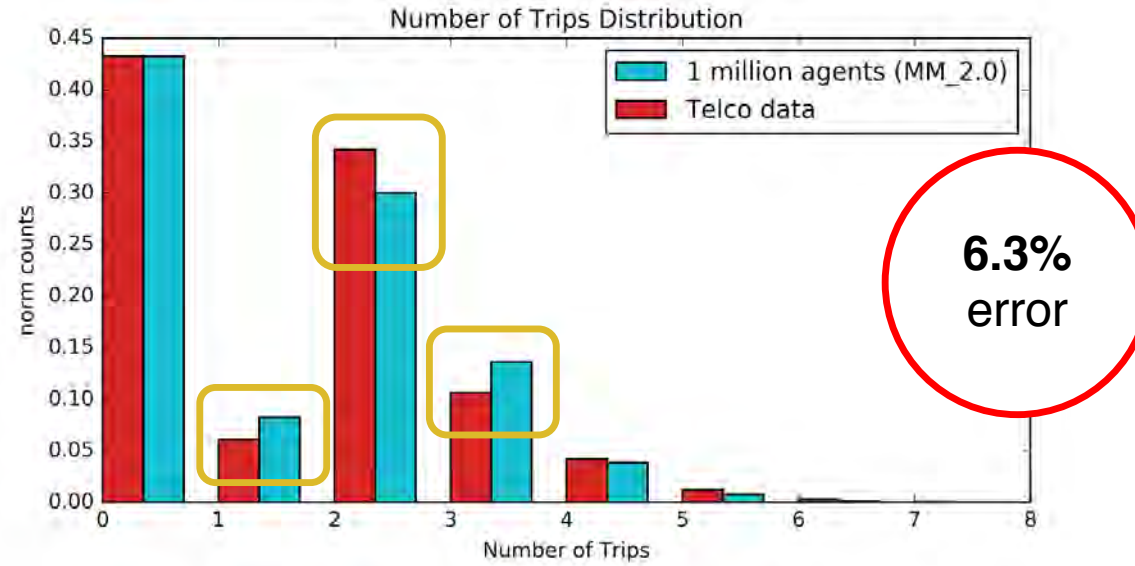
2.92%
error

Results

Spatial distributions



Number of trips
per person

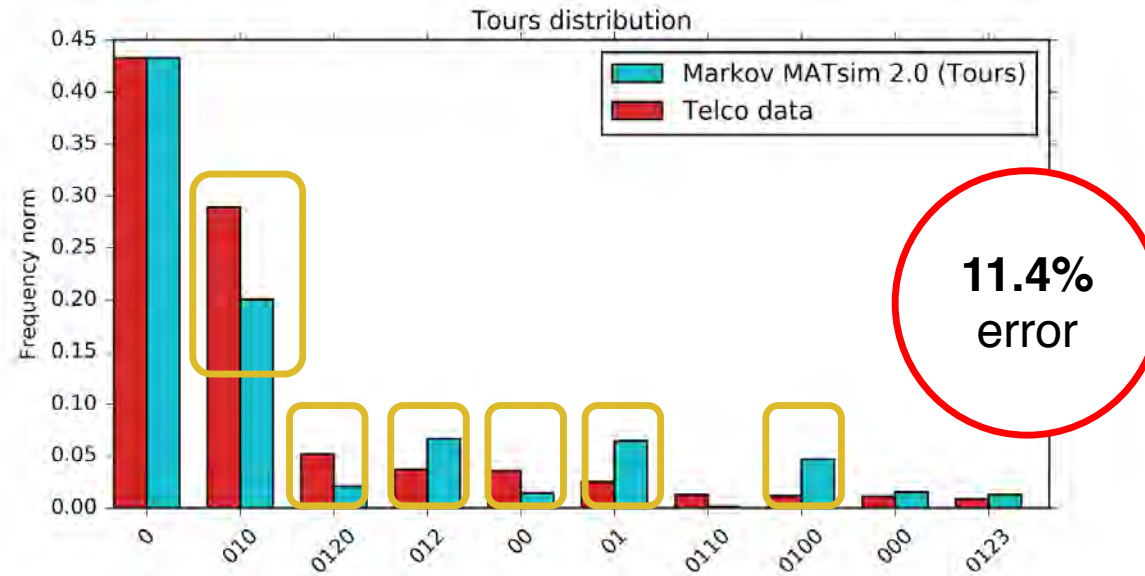


Results

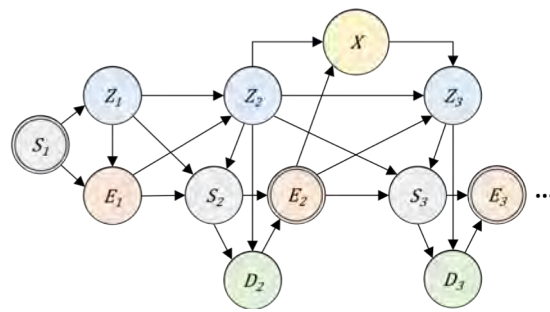
User-specific
distributions



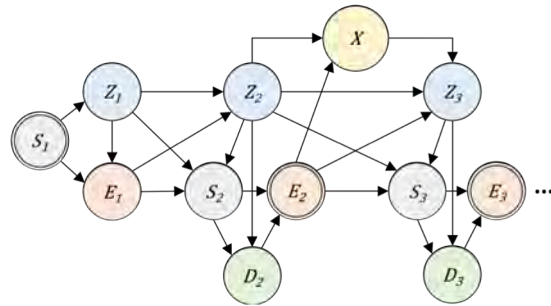
Top 10 daily tour
configurations



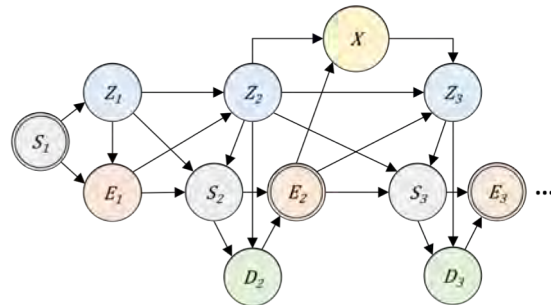
Problem explanation



Type of traveller X_1



Type of traveller X_2



Type of traveller X_n

Archetypes of Urban Travellers [in Singapore]

In transport studies, travellers are segmented into groups:

However,

No context / socio-demographics in mobile phone telco data (CDR)

Workers



Students



Non workers



In transport studies, travellers are segmented into groups:

However,

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By **only looking** at the **digital trace** left by mobile phones, how can we **group** the different types of **travellers**?

X_1



X_2



X_n



The idea

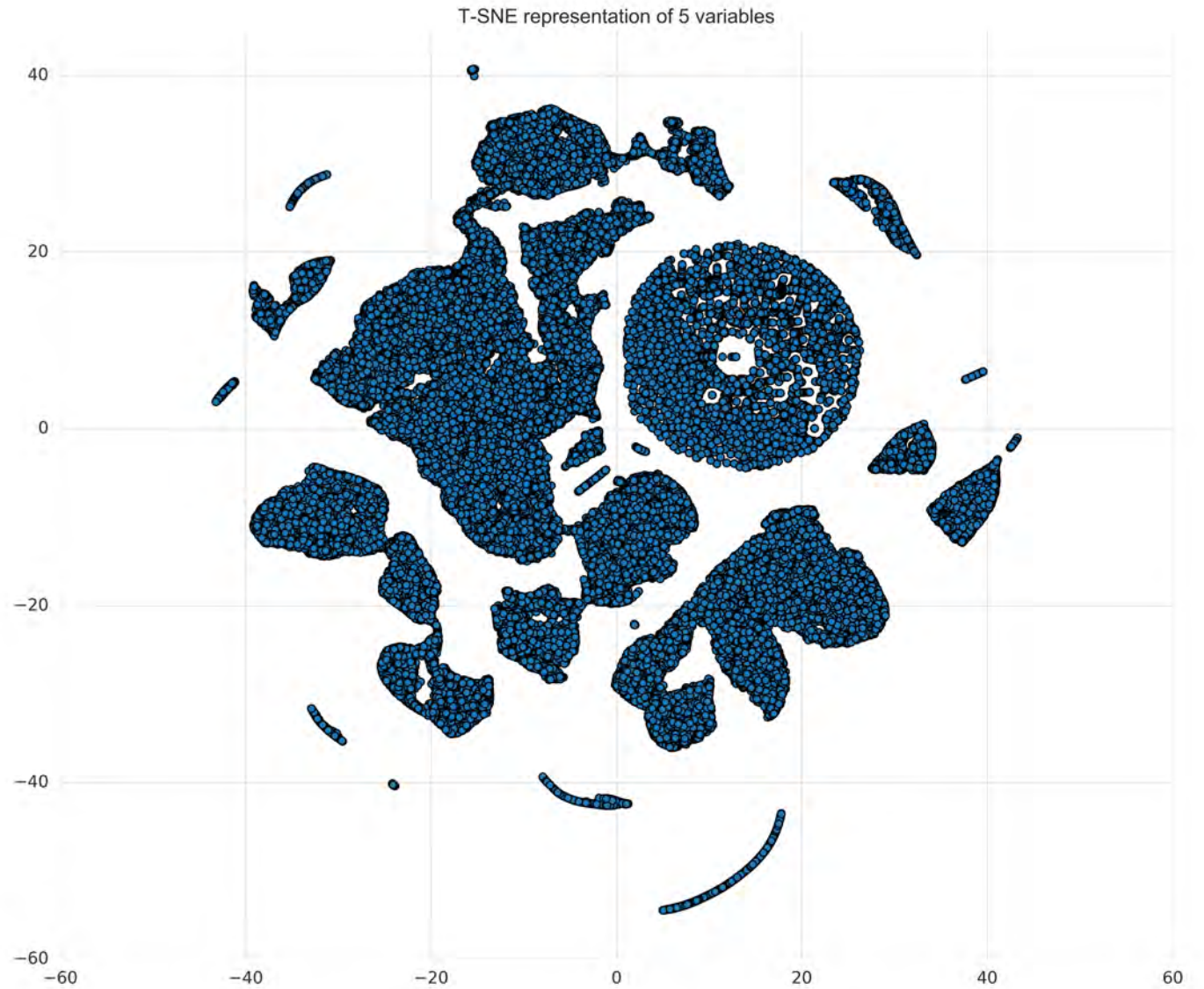
1. **Design** a set of **features** that describe the **travel behavior** observed in mobile phone stay locations data
2. Use an appropriate **clustering** algorithm to find the emerging clusters of travellers
3. For **each** of the **clusters** found create a **generative model**, hopefully, the validation histograms will have a better match.



Feature Engineering

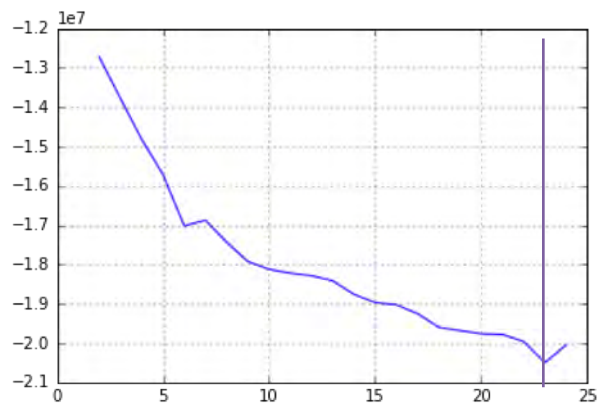
1	Mean of stay durations	The average of all user's stay durations. It gives a notion of the number of trips done by the user	[min]
2	Standard deviation of stay durations	Standard deviation of user's stay durations. Differentiate users with homogenous and non-homogenous activity durations	[min]
3	Bias morning / night	Mean of durations before 12pm – Mean of durations after 12pm Tells if user is a mornig or late traveler	[min]
4	First departure	Time of the day when user makes his/her first trip	[min]
5	Last arrival	Time of the day when user makes his/her last arrival	[min]

T-SNE representation (dimensionality reduction)

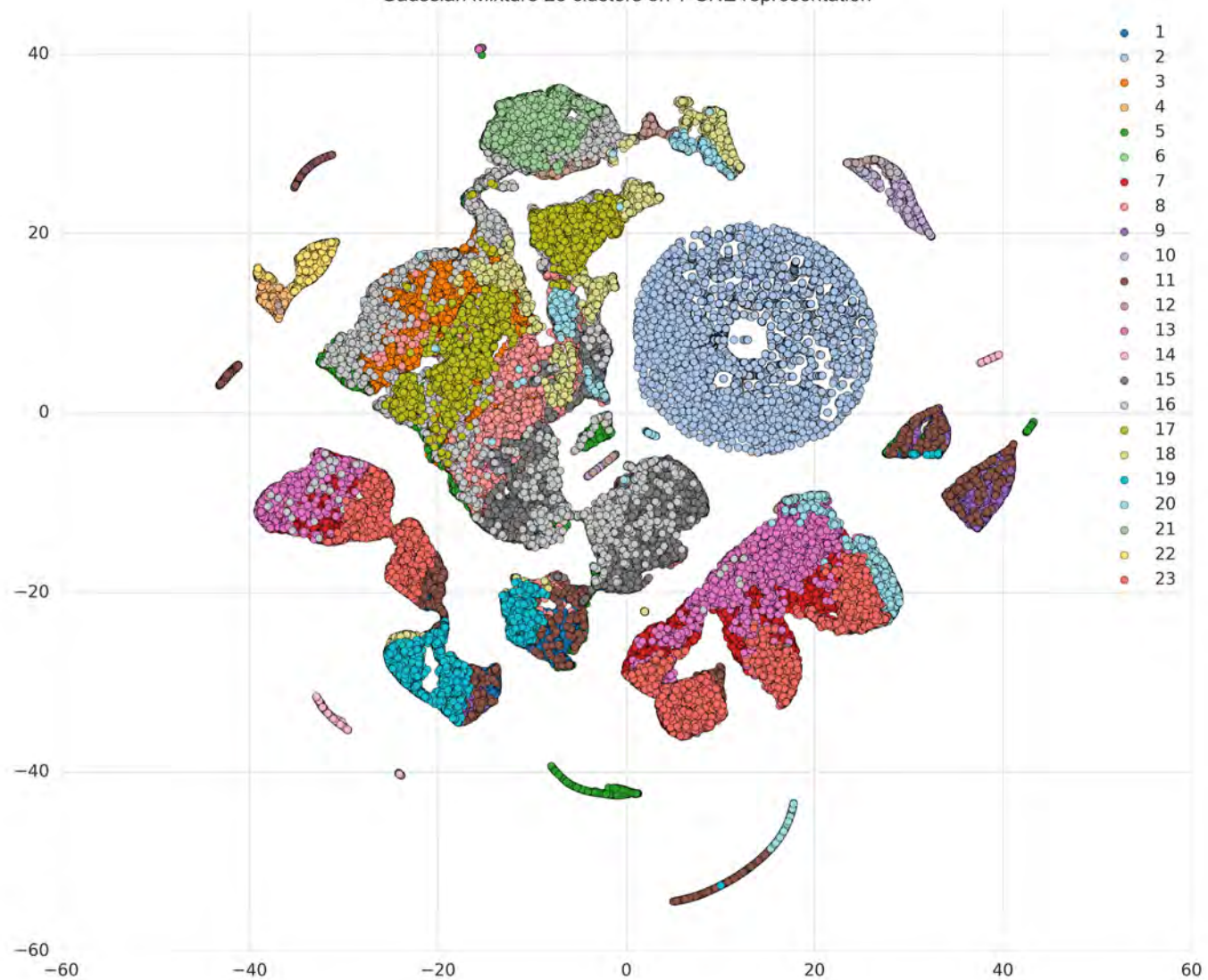


Clustering: Gaussian Mixture

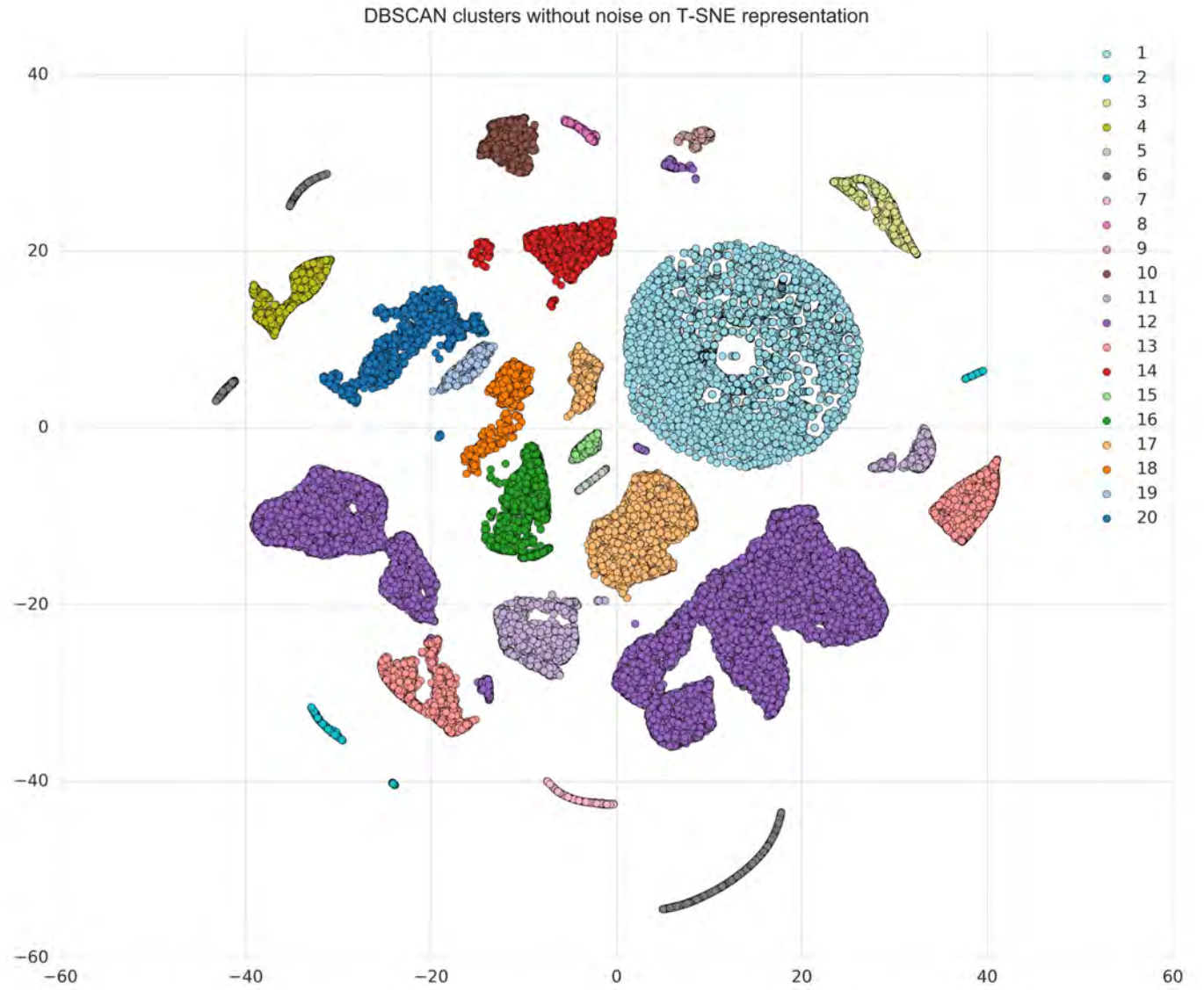
Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC)



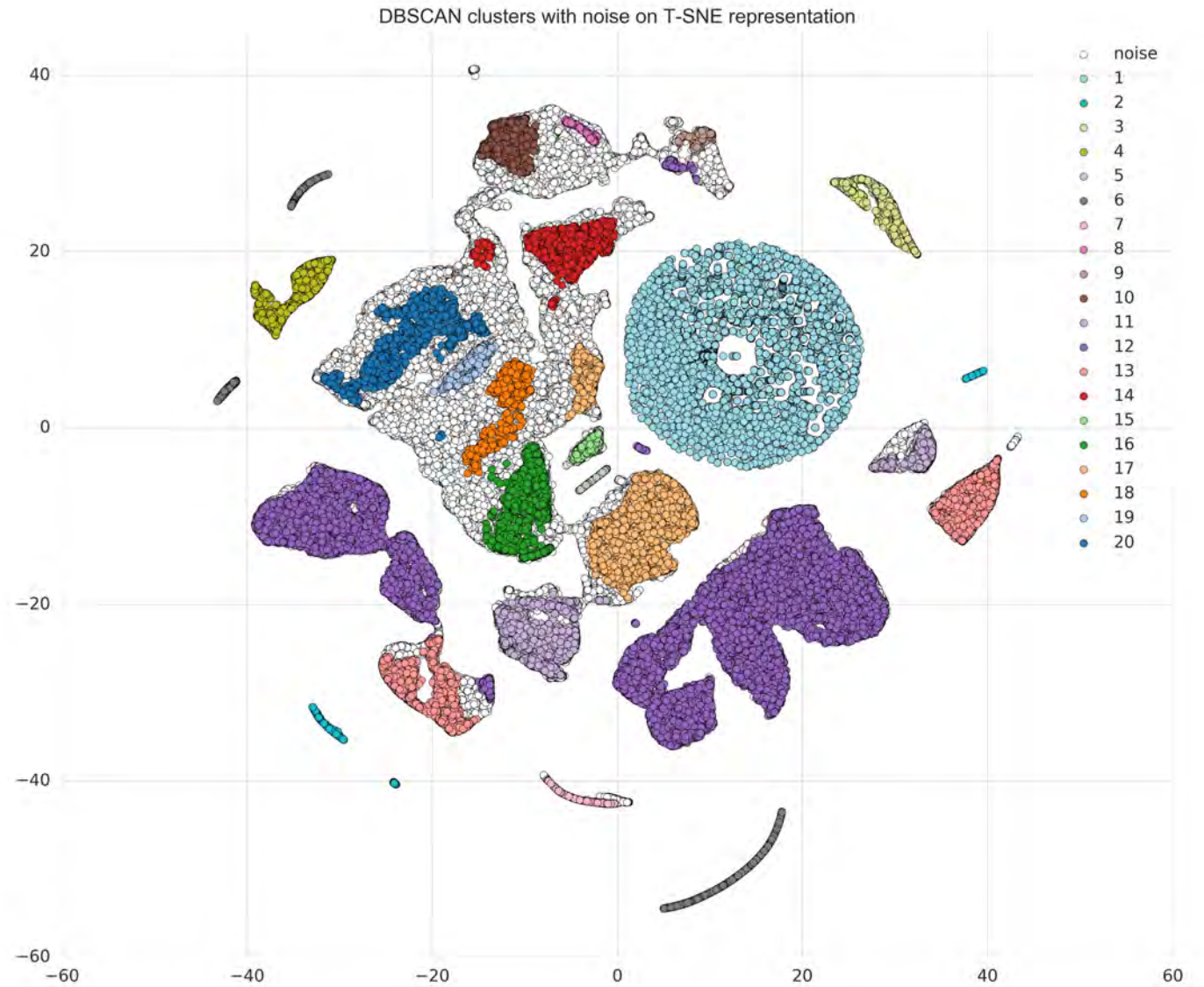
Gaussian Mixture 23 clusters on T-SNE representation



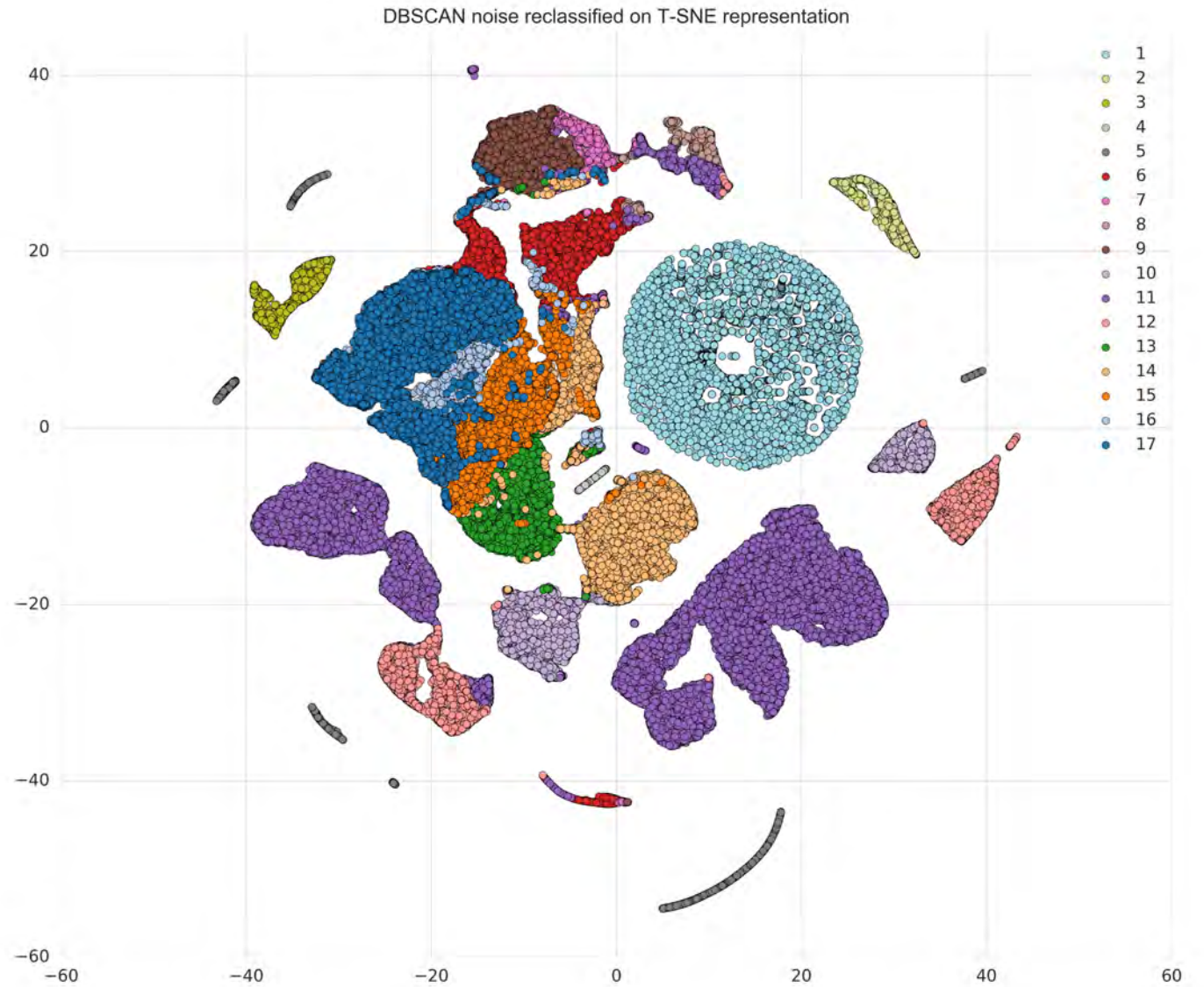
DBSCAN without noise



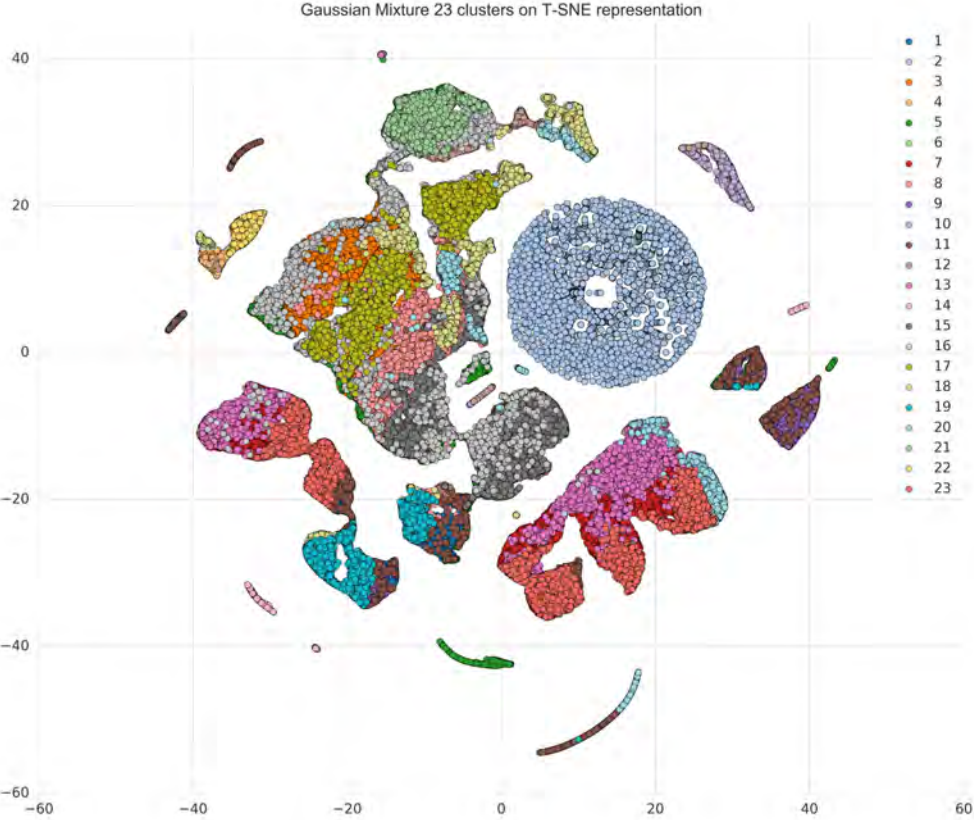
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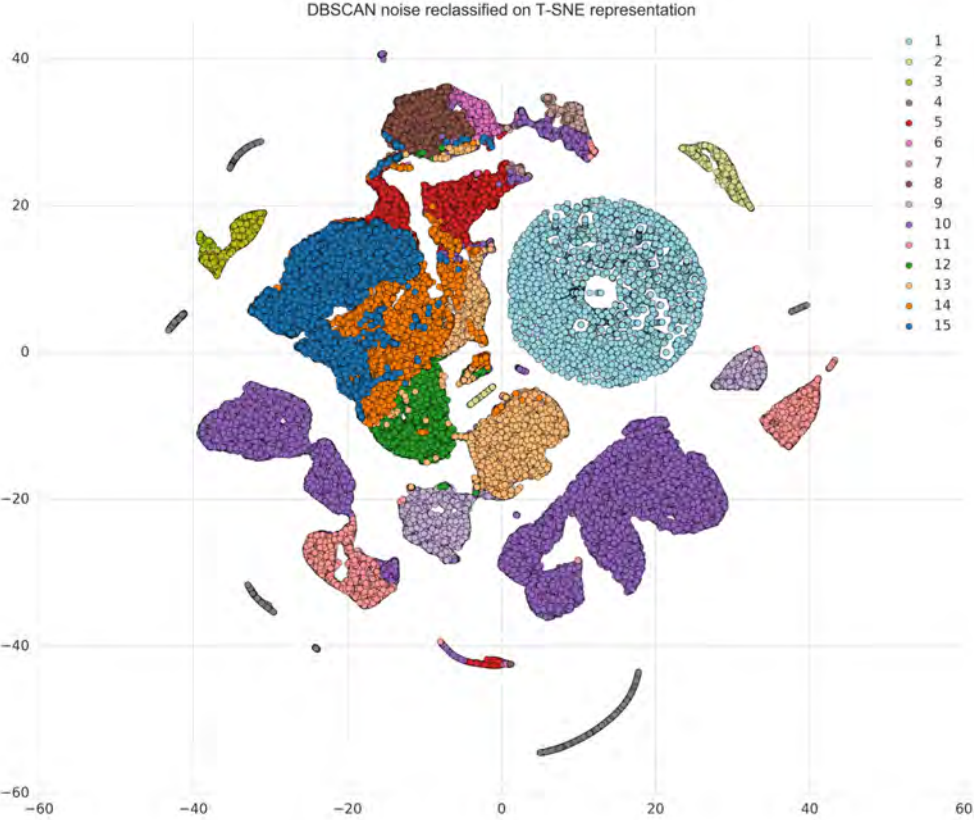
DBSCAN reclassification of noise (K-nearest neighbors)



Gaussian Mixture vs DBSCAN

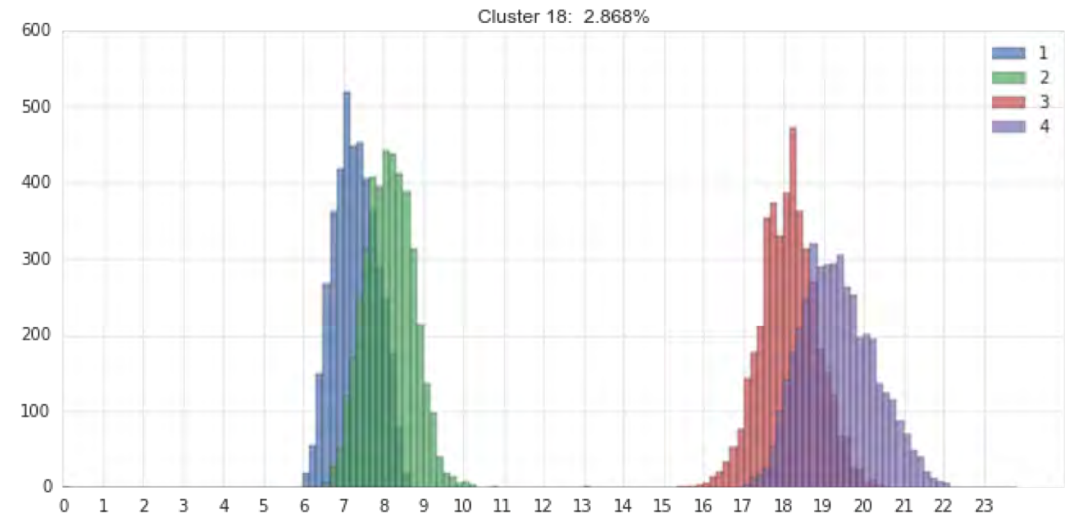
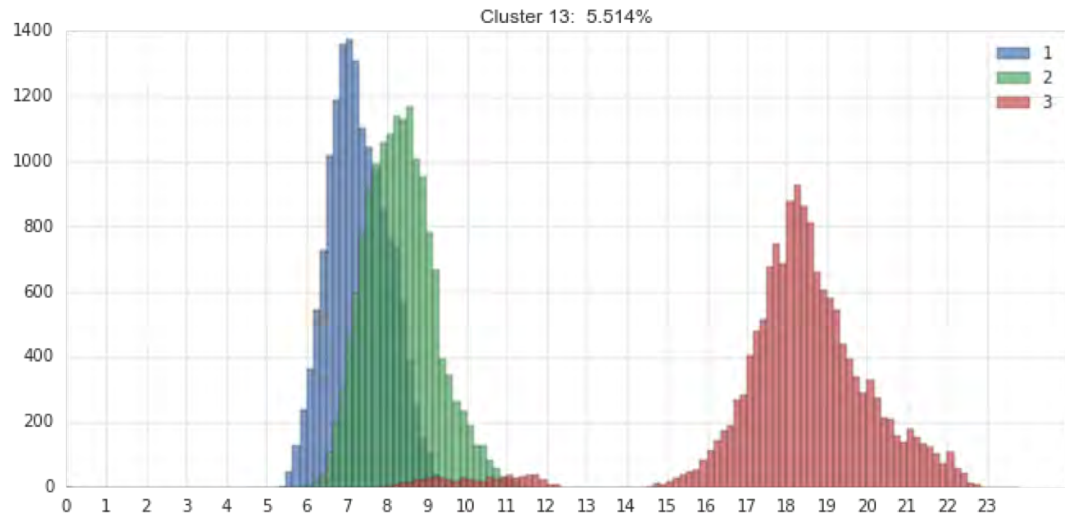
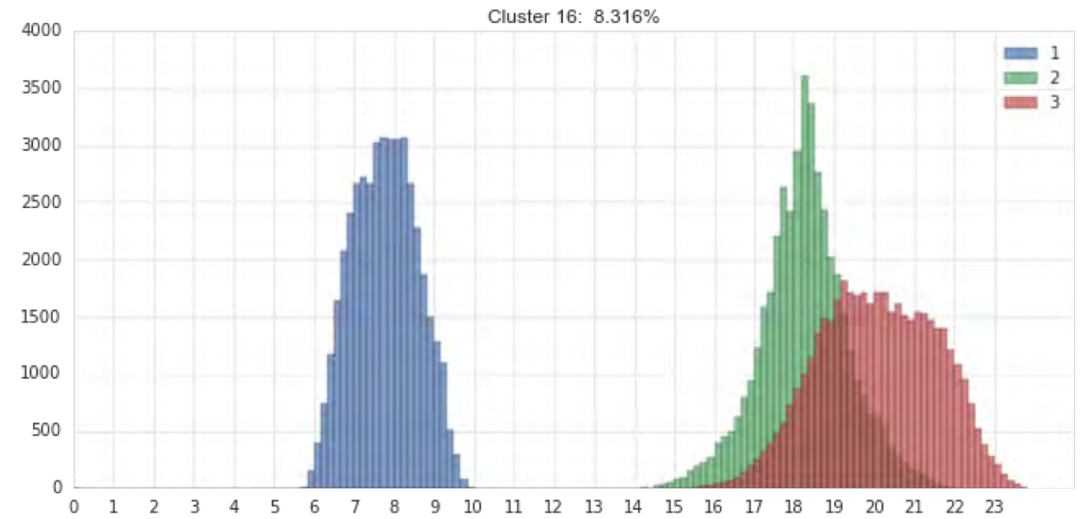
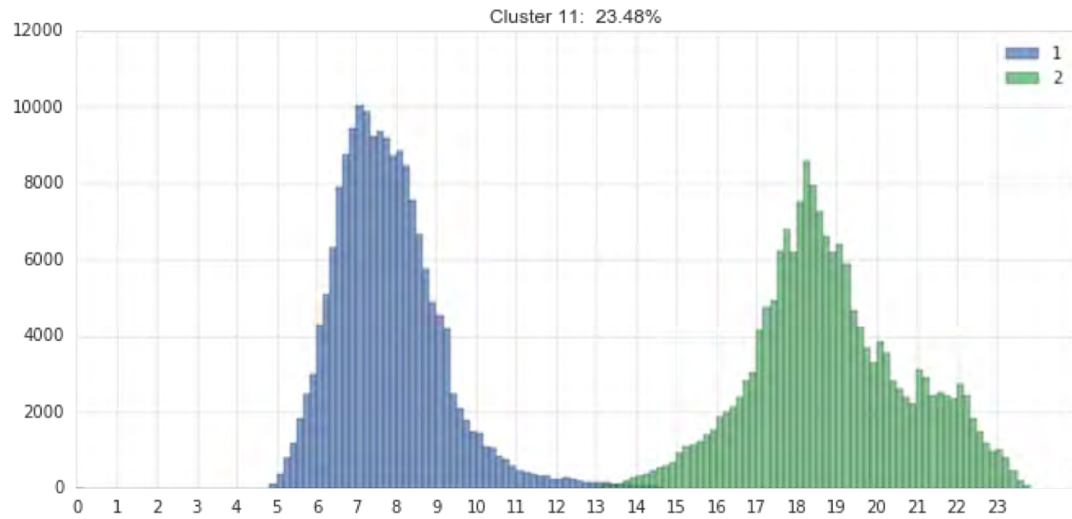


Gaussian Mixture ❌

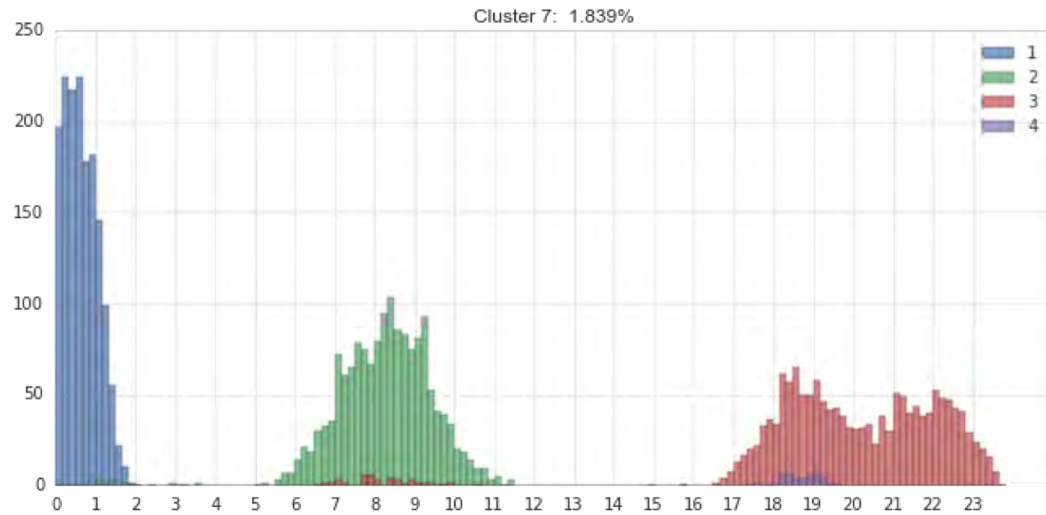
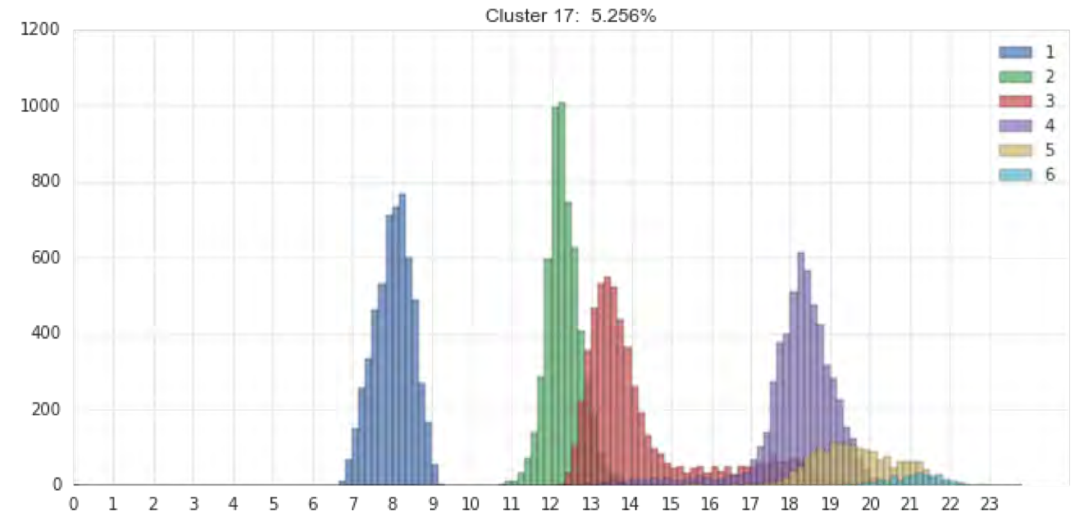
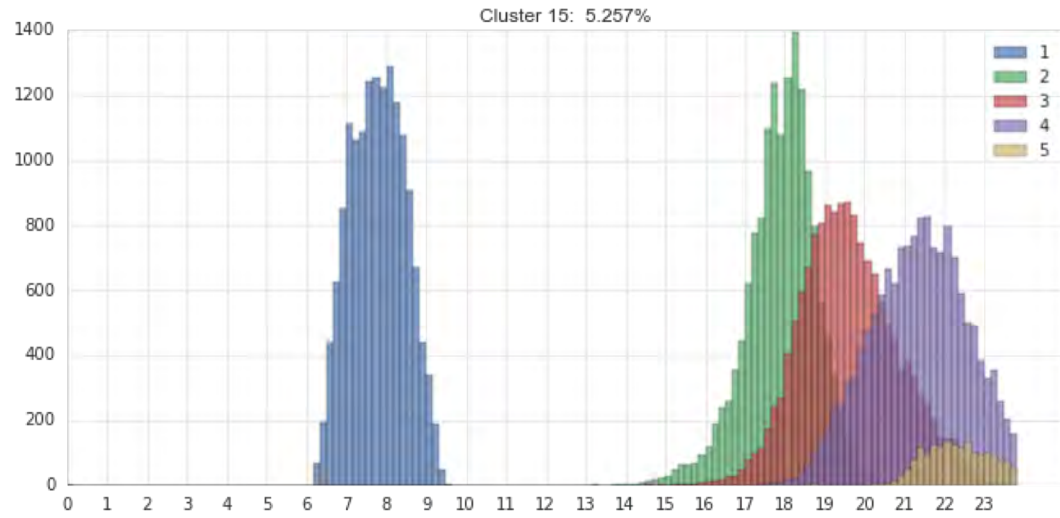


DBSCAN ✅

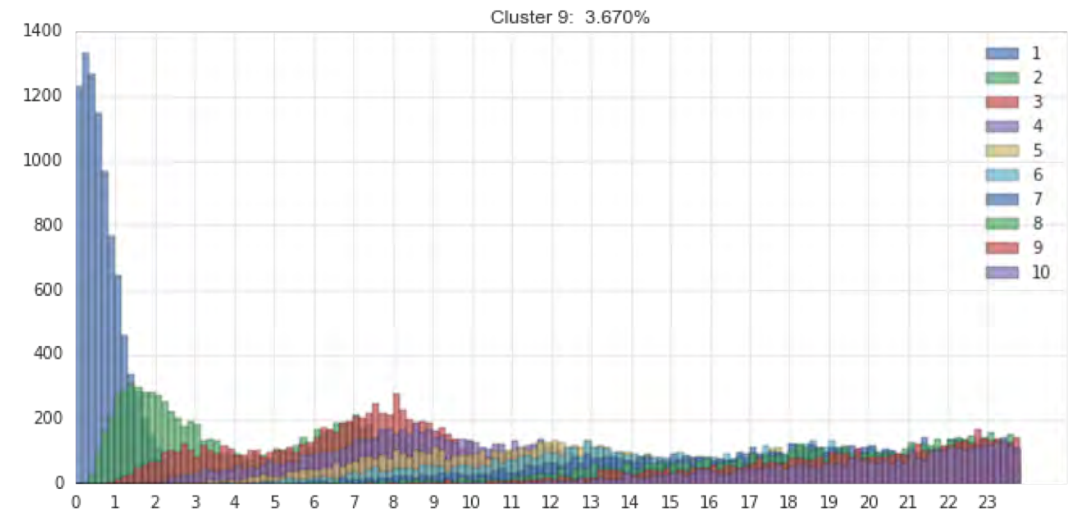
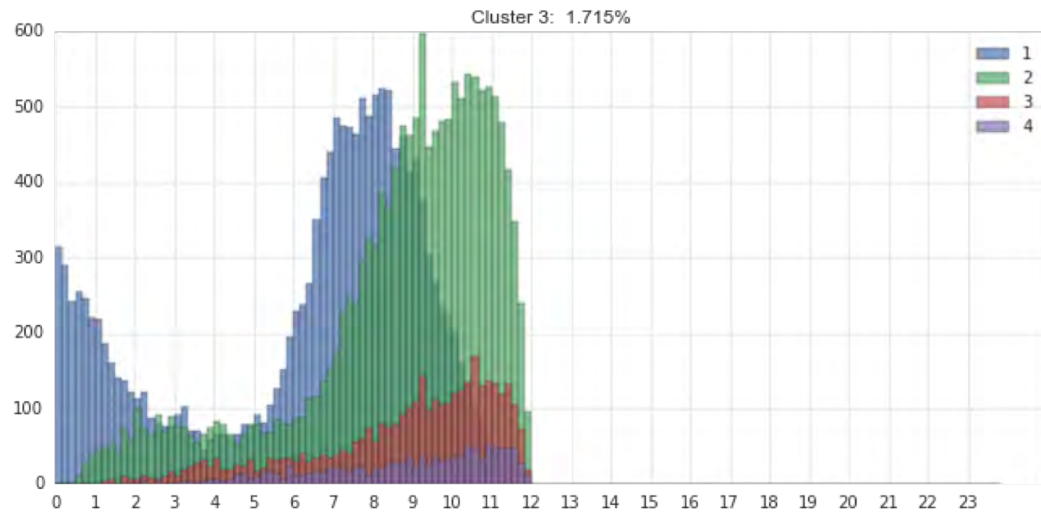
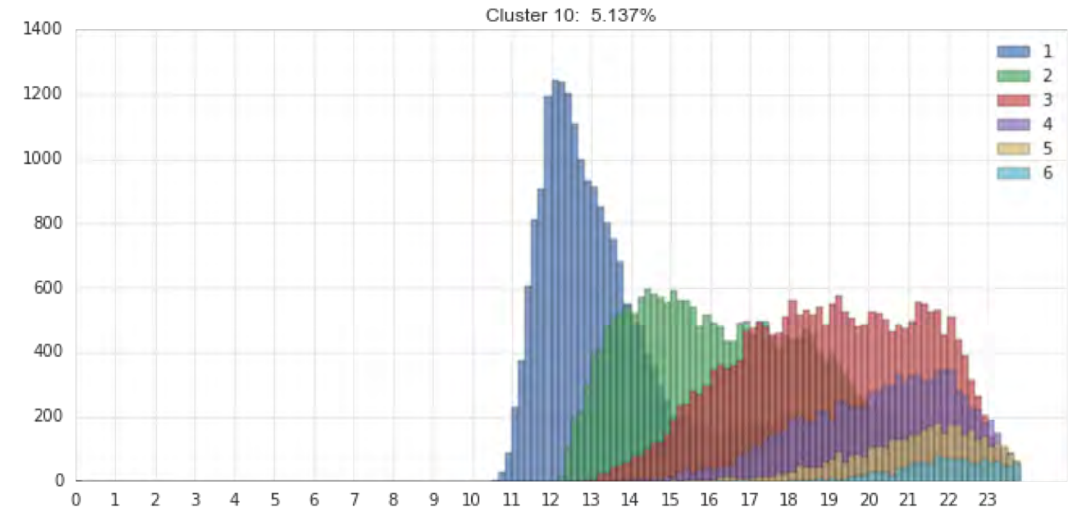
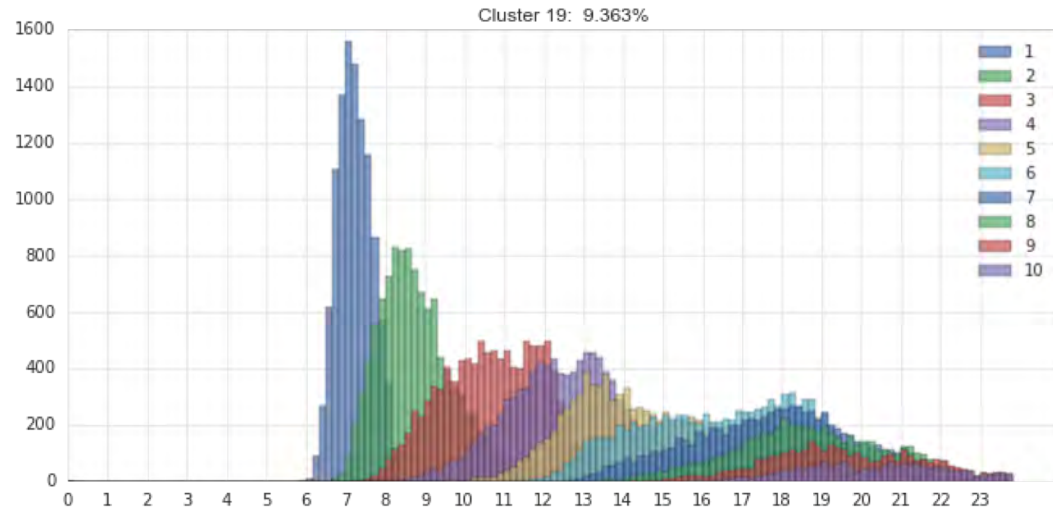
Commuter with extra stop(s)



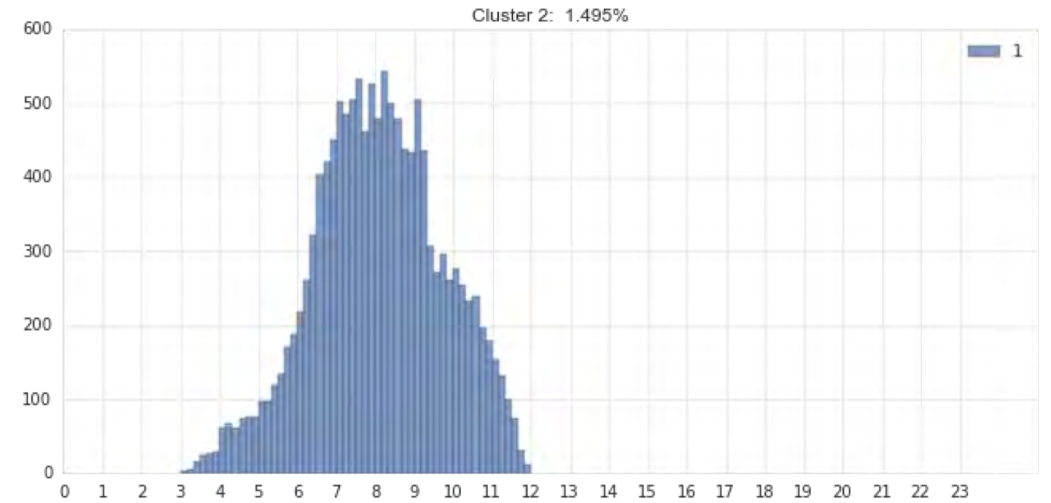
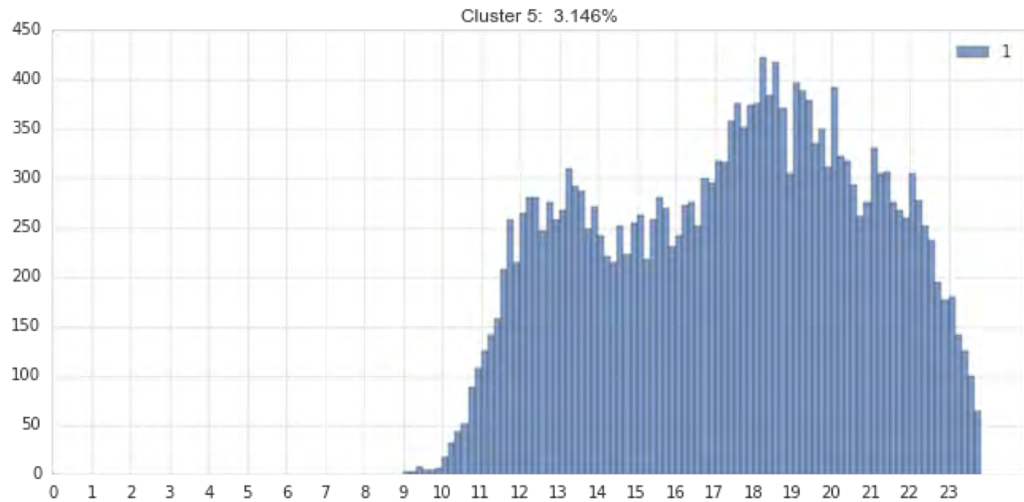
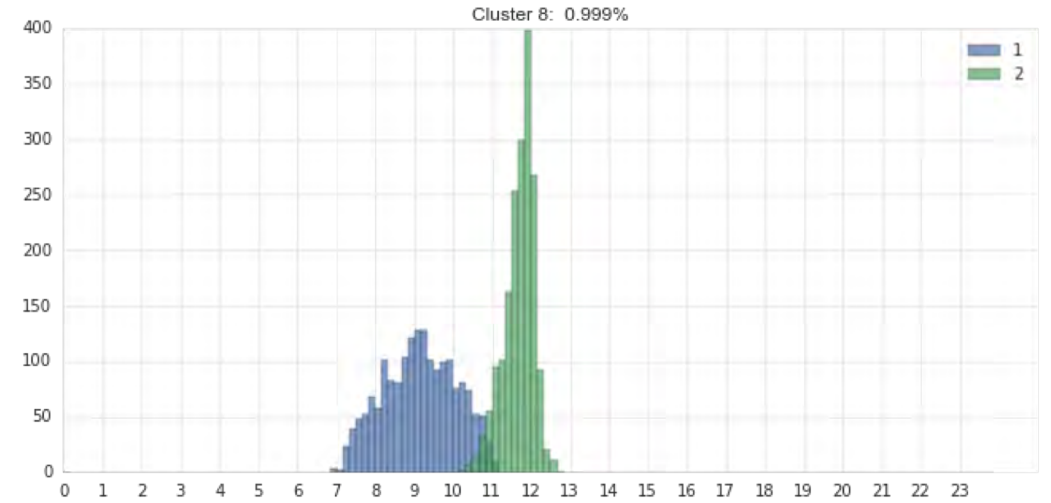
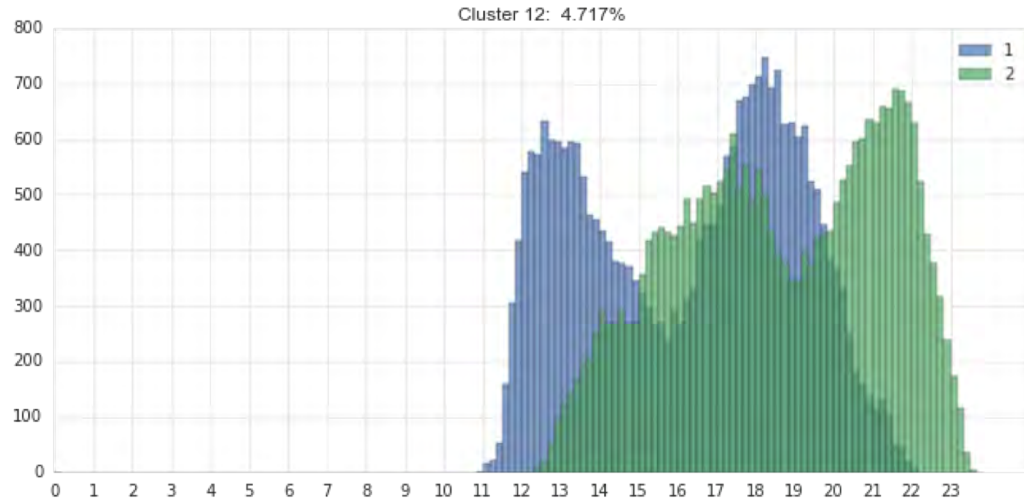
Commuter with additional trips



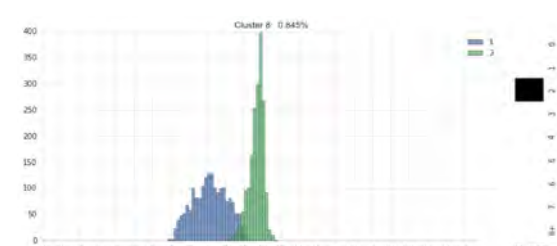
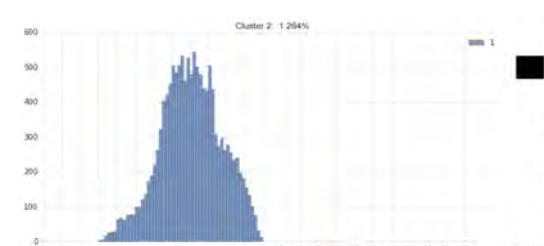
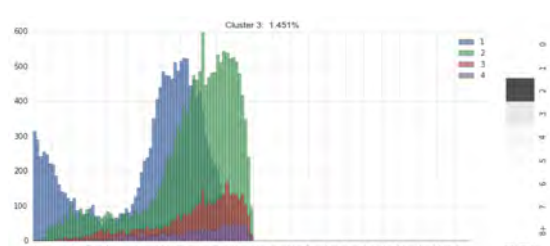
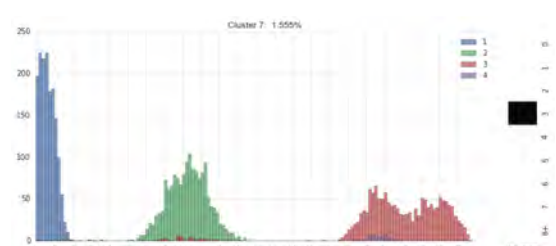
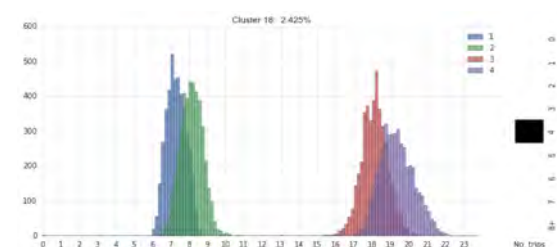
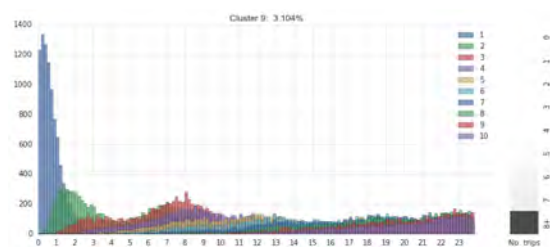
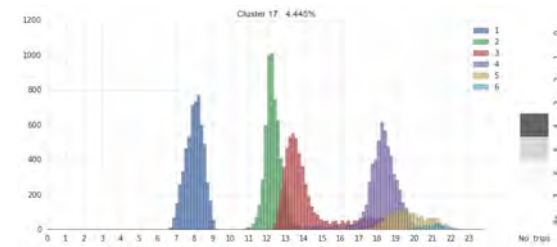
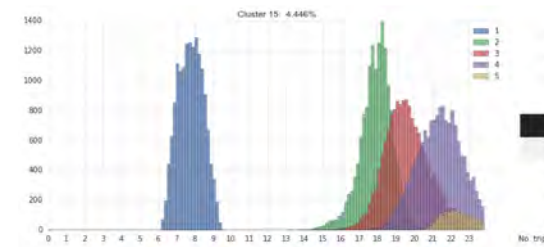
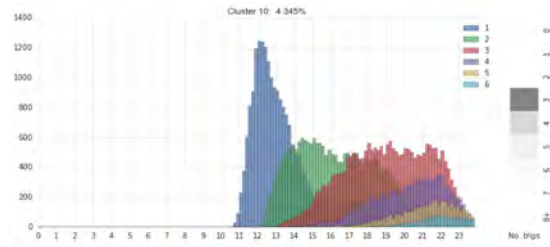
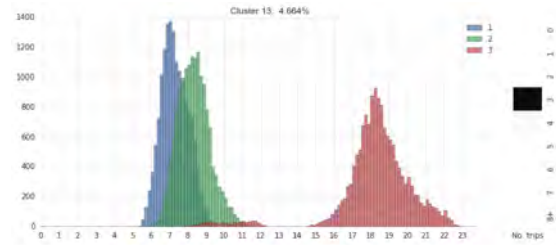
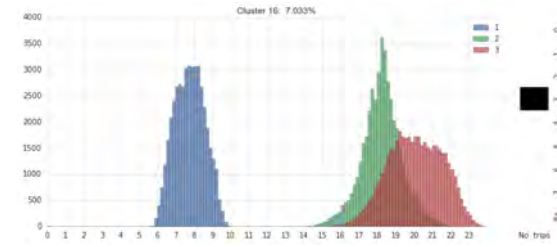
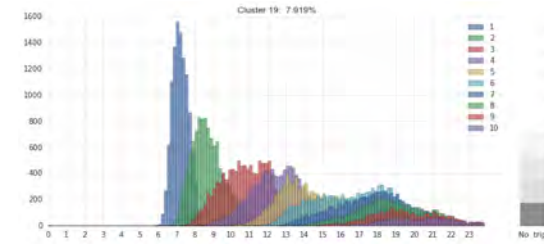
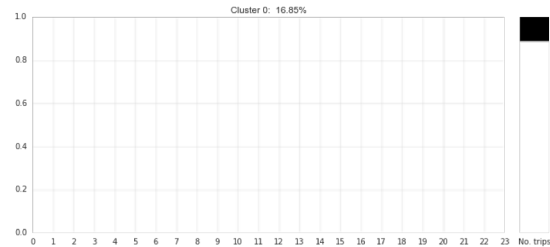
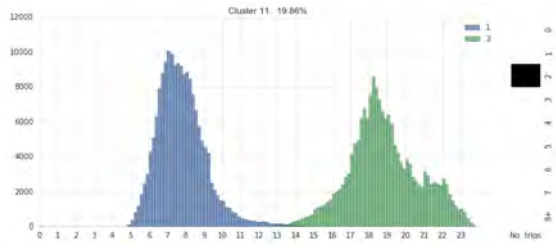
Non commuter with several trips



Non commuter with one activity/trip

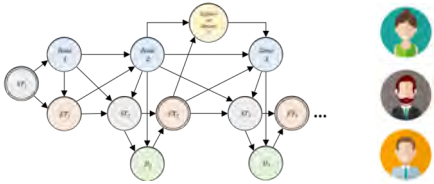


16 traveller archetypes in Singapore

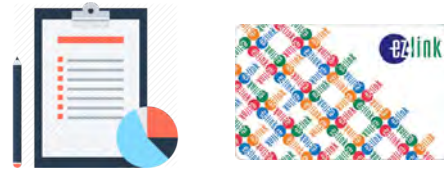


Future work

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Results of generative model of individual mobility patterns for each of the **clusters of travelers** found



Data Fusion. Link socio-demographics and mode of transport to individual mobility patterns. Public transport smart card + travel survey + mobile phone data



Generate population for alternative scenario
Extrapolate parameters of the model to be able to generate an alternative population. Test in MATSim.

Takeaways

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Background

Availability of **Big Data** for **urban mobility**

Big Data enables **new AI models** and applications

Big Data raises **privacy concerns**

Aim

Develop **new** Big Data-driven and privacy-by-design **models** for **urban mobility** and **transport planning**

Research question

How to use **aggregates** of Big Data to **generate** a **population** for agent based simulations?

Methodology

1. Find clusters of travel behaviour in Big Data
2. For each cluster, train a generative model (dynamic Bayesian network) which only requires aggregated data.
3. Sample from the model to generate population.
4. Use population in agent-based simulations to answer planning questions.

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