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## Mathematics of Transportation



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# Mobilizing Accessibility

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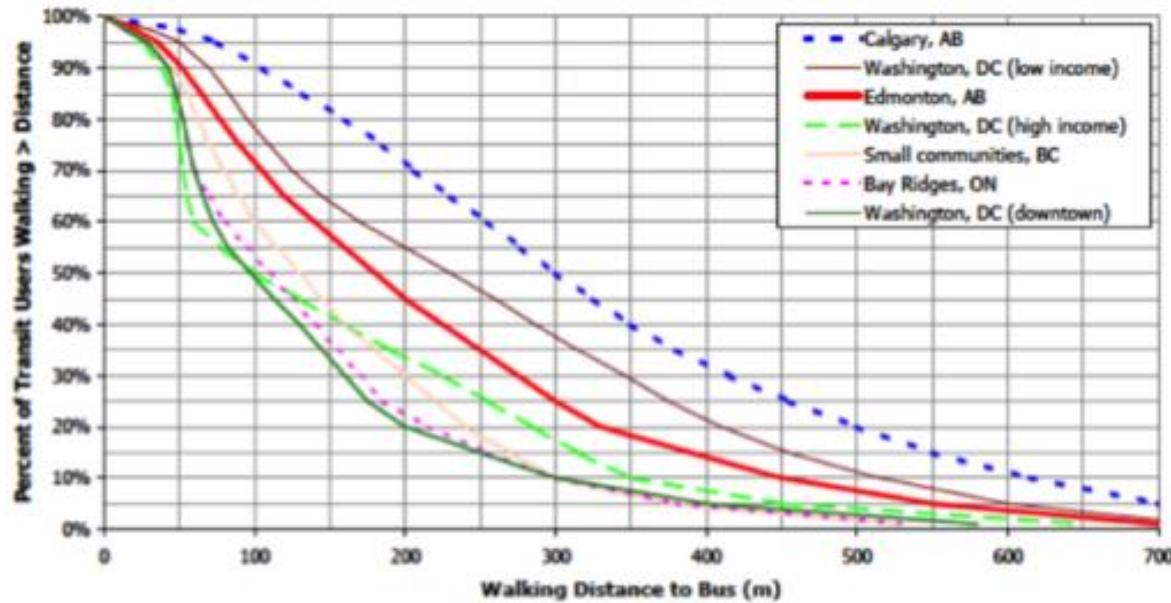
# Outline

- **Background and Motivation**
  - mobilizing accessing
  - challenges in mobility
  - opportunities in mobility
- On-demand multimodal public transit

# Mobilizing Accessibility

- Transform accessibility
  - jobs
  - health care
  - groceries
  - education
- Increasing inequalities in mobility
  - decline in public transportation

# The First/Last Mile Problem



Source: [TCQSM Chapter 3](#), Appendix A, p. 3-93. Discussion and version in US units is on p. 3-9.

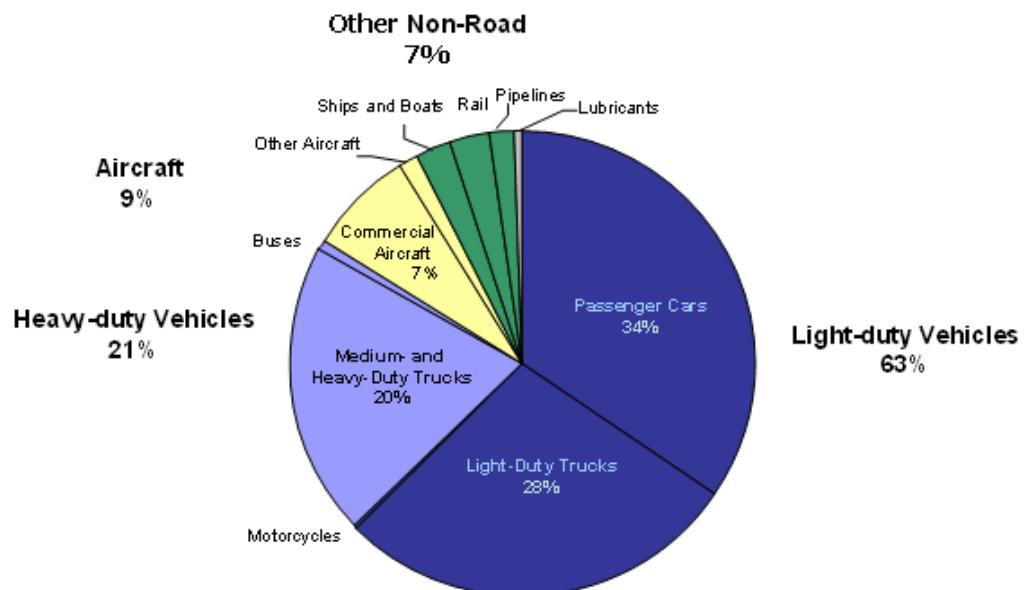
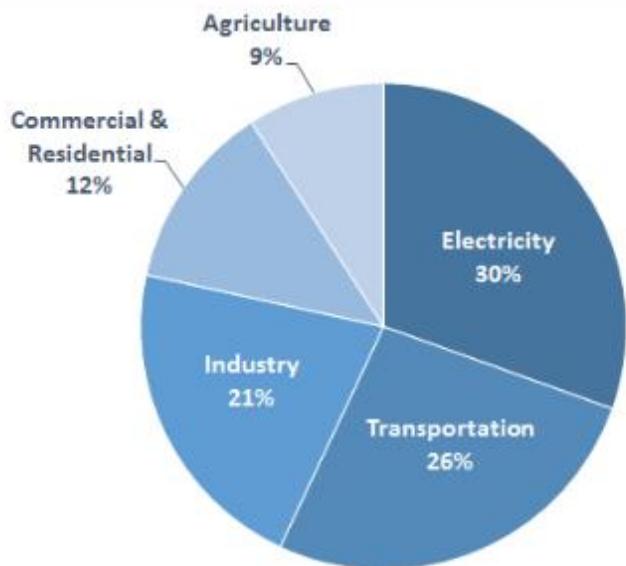
# Congestion

- The cost of congestion
  - in 2013, 124 billions in the United States
  - predicted to be 184 billions in 2030
  - affects both large and medium-sized cities



# Greenhouse Gas Emission

Total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
by Economic Sector in 2014



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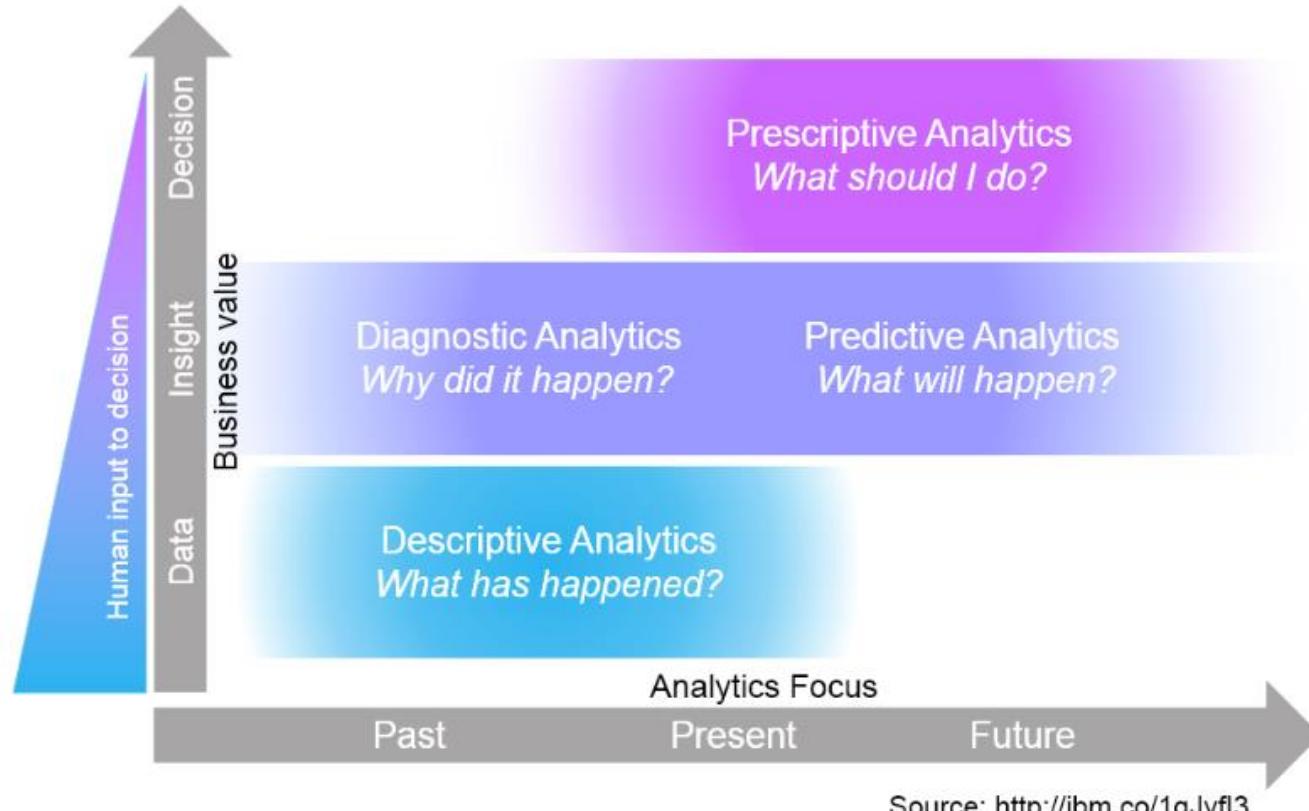
# Connectivity



# Autonomous Vehicles



# Analytics



Socially-aware mobility services  
powered by ISE technologies?

- On-Demand Multimodal Transit Systems
  - modernizing public transit
- Large-scale ride-sharing services
  - on-demand ride-shared vehicles
- Community-based car sharing
  - car-sharing for urban commuting

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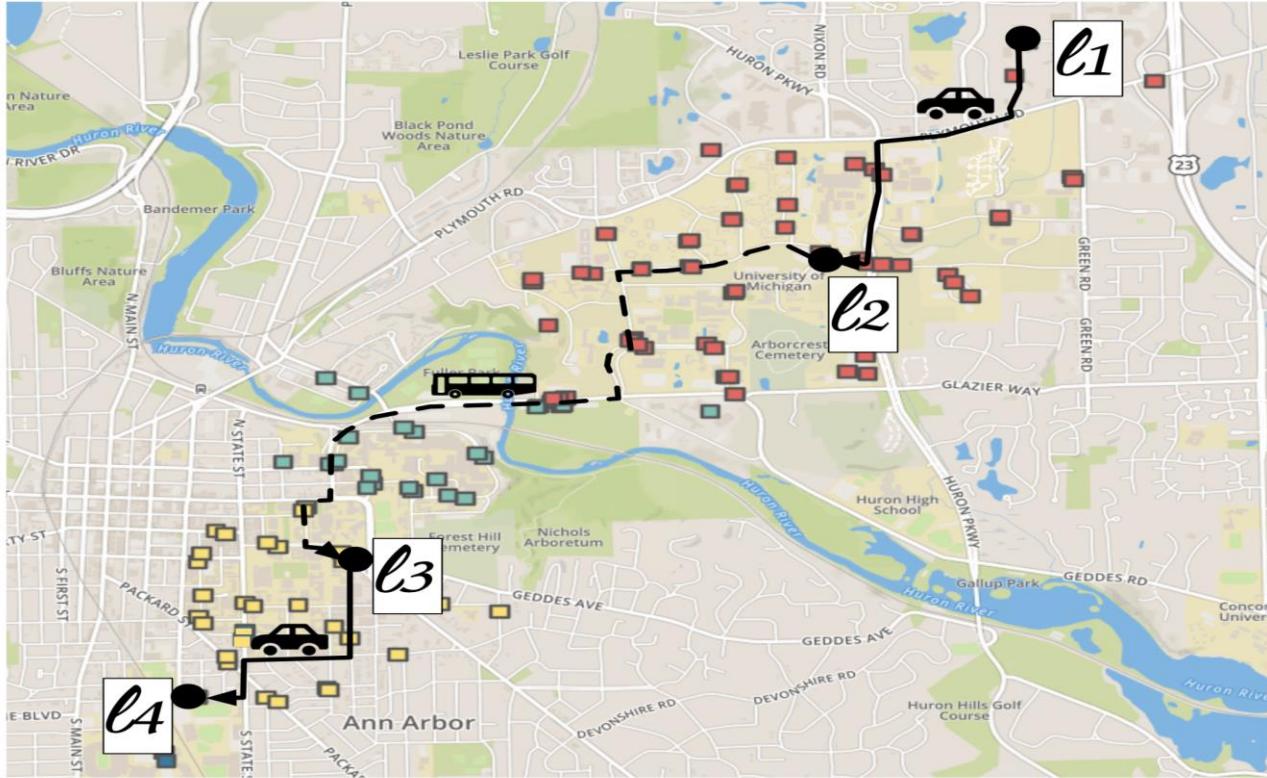
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# Transforming Public Transit

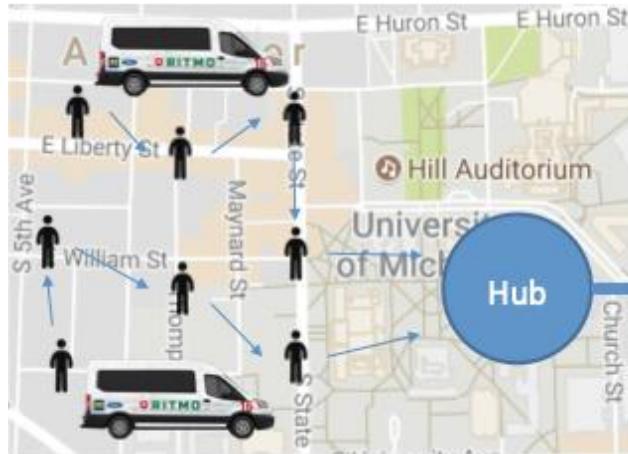


- On Demand
  - to address the first/last mile problem
- Multi-modal
  - to address congestion
  - fleets of buses, shuttles, cars, bicycles, segways, ...
- Electrified
  - to address greenhouse gas emission

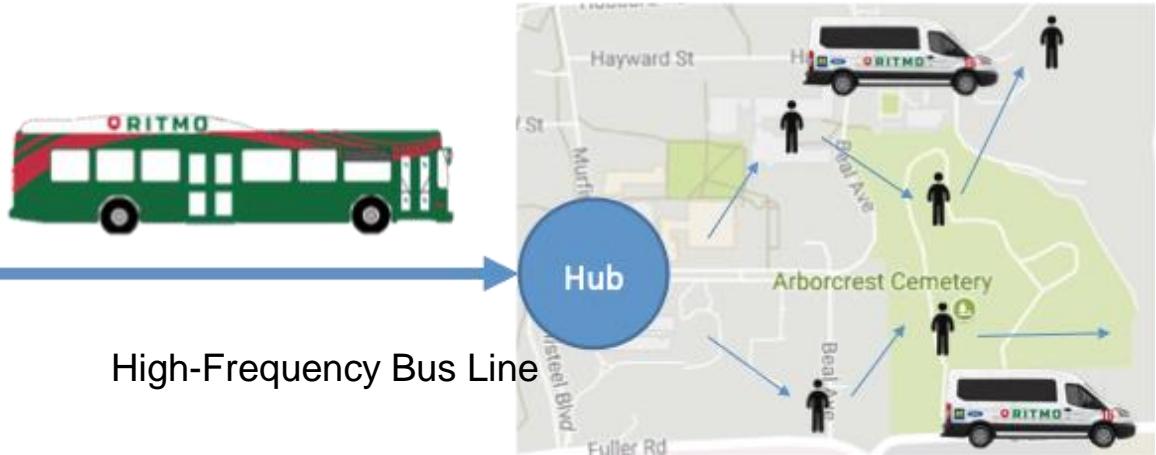
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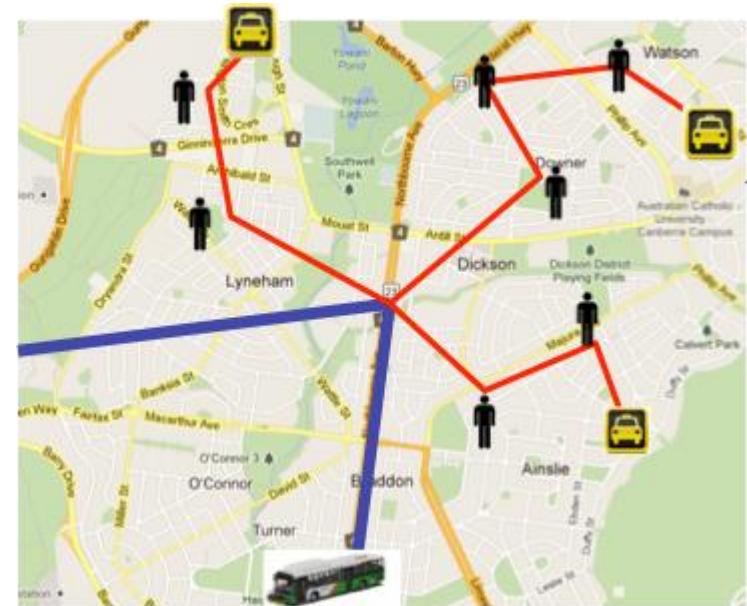
On-demand shuttles to hub



High-Frequency Bus Line

On-demand shuttles from hub

- Booking
  - one ticket booked online / passes
- Pricing
  - same price as the transit system
- Transfers
  - completely synchronized
- Buses and light rail
  - only on high-density corridors



Annual US Personal Transit Use



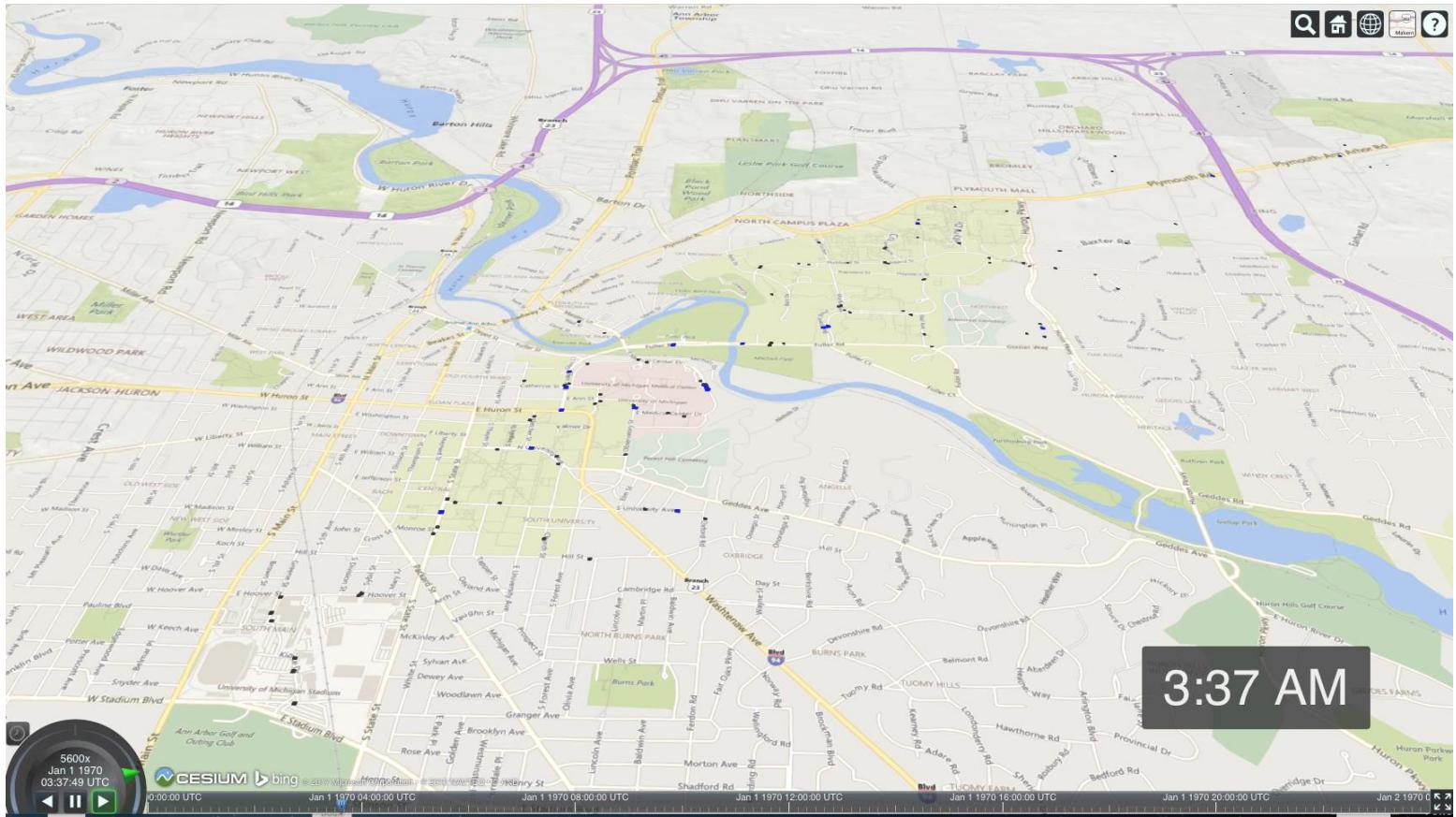
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# Ann Arbor



# The UM Transit System



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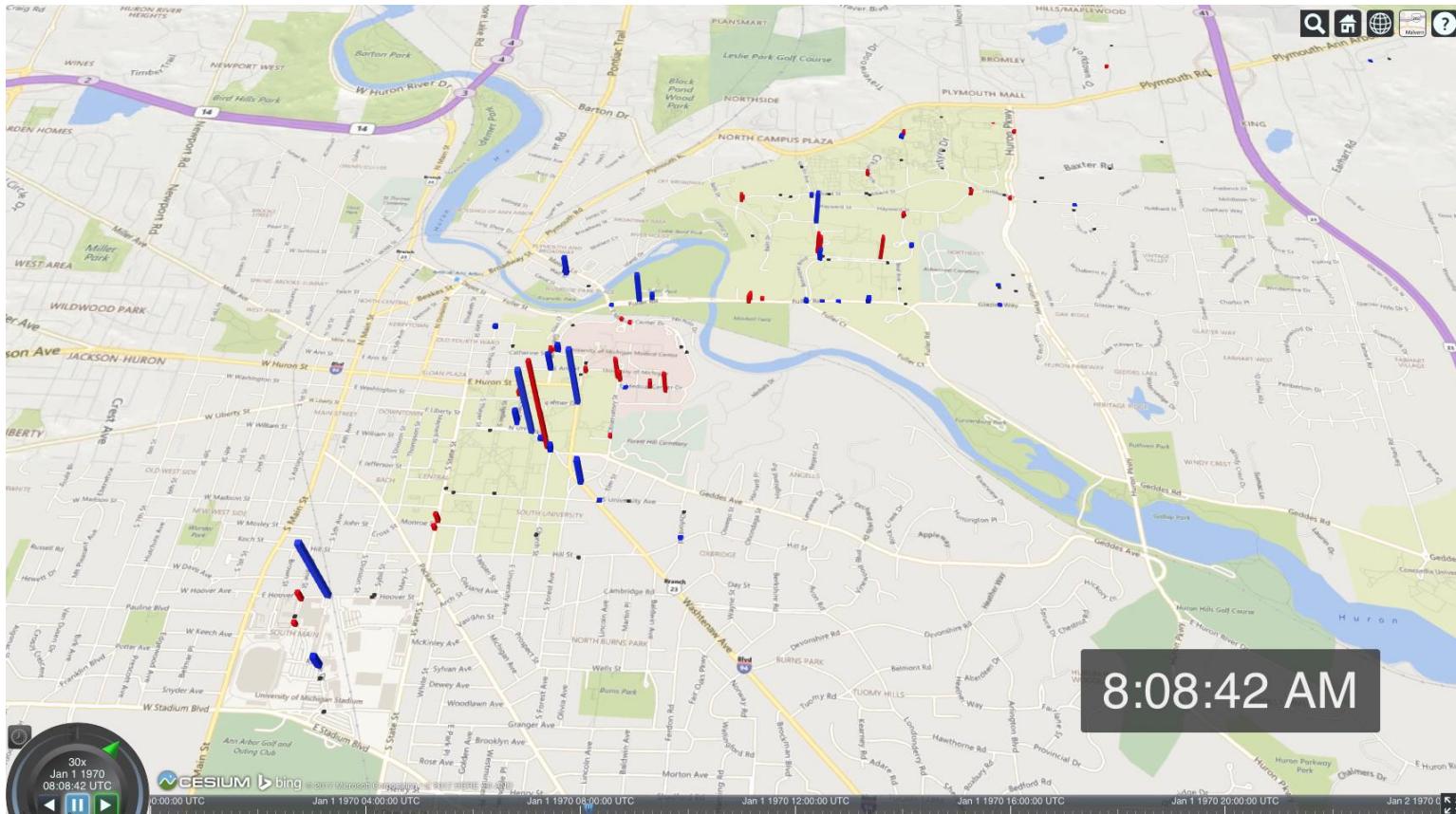
# Before/After Comparisons



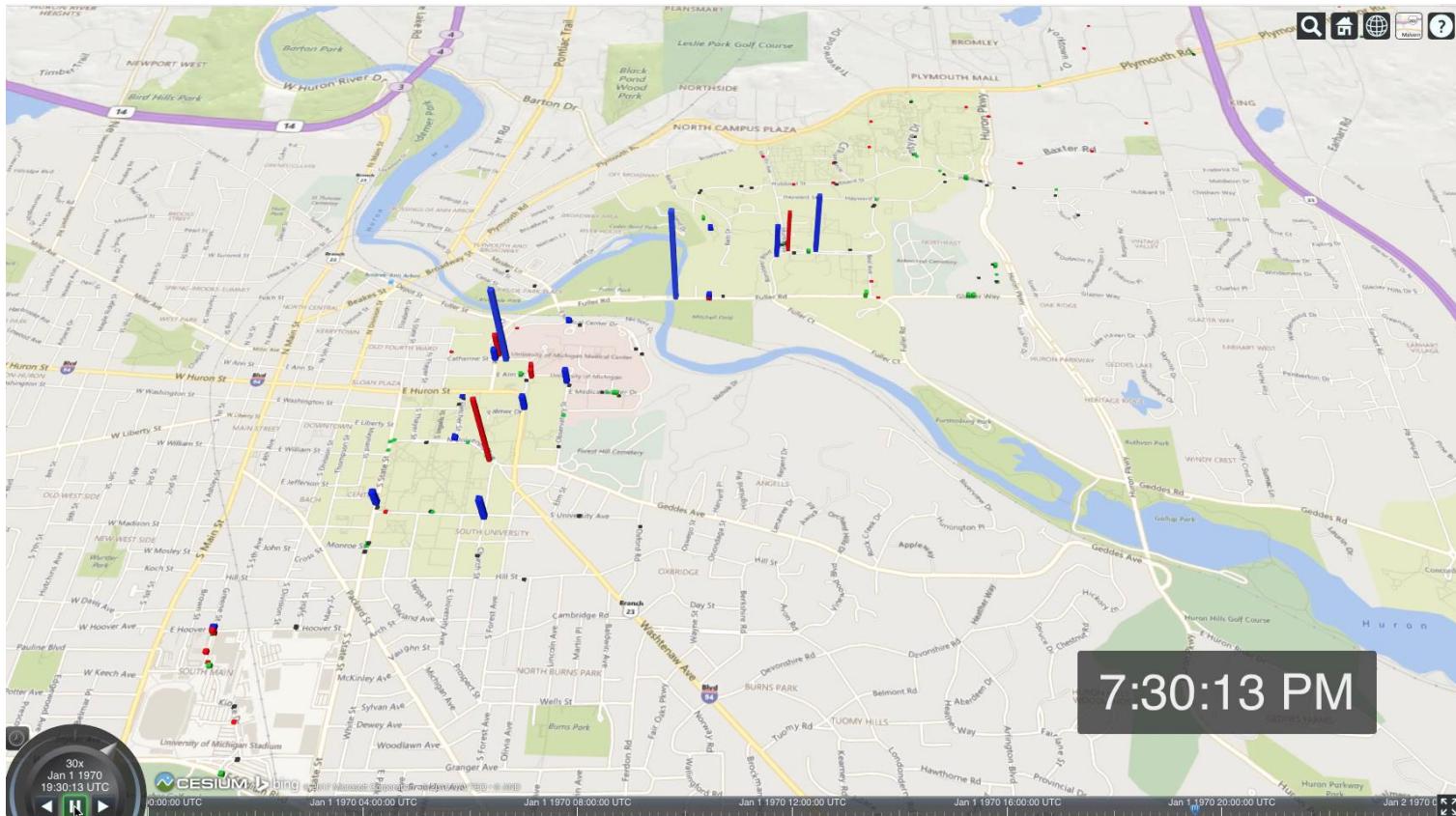
*Before*

*After*

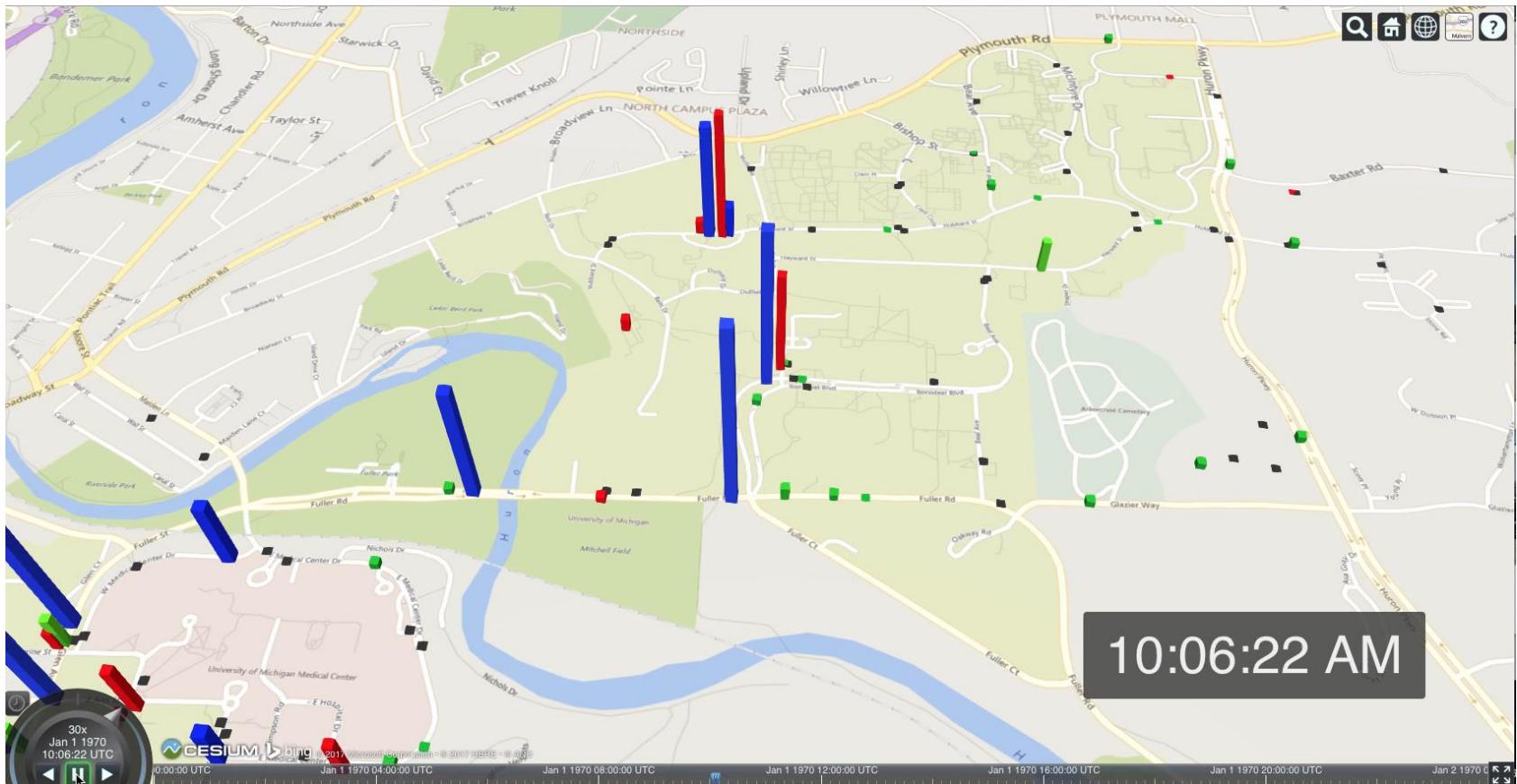
# Existing Bus System



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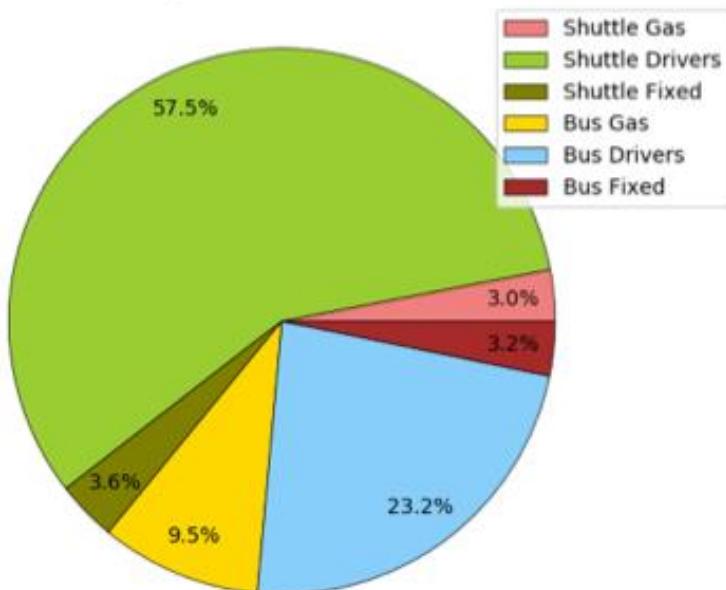


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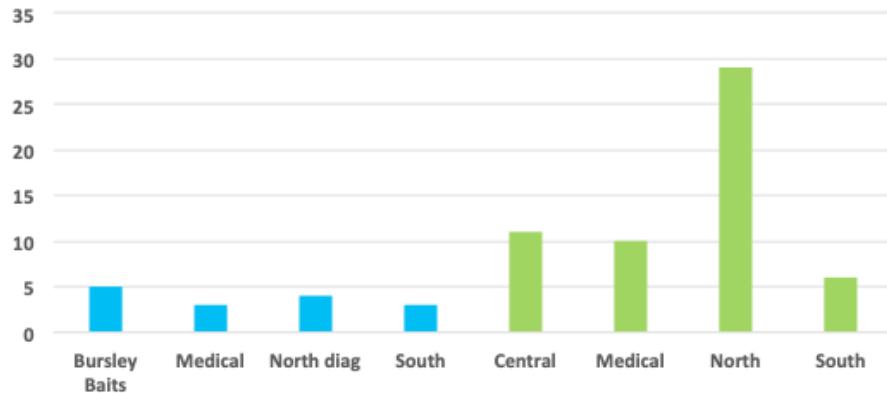


 **RITMO** TRANSIT

Budget total: \$13,800,000

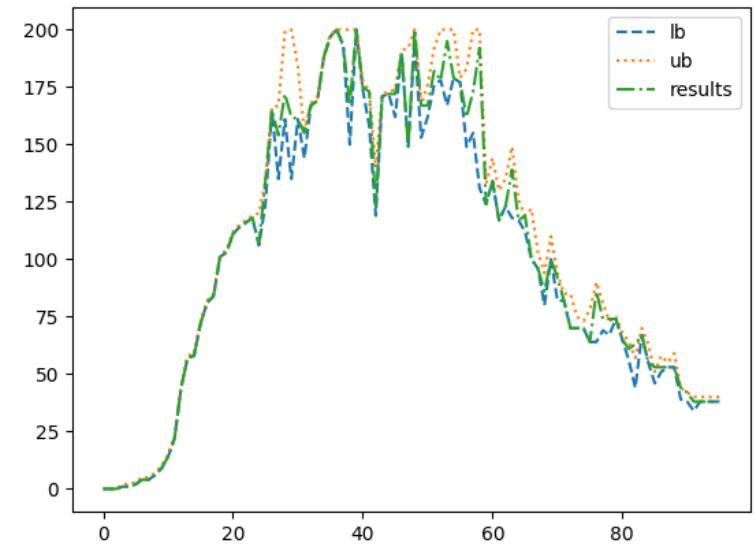
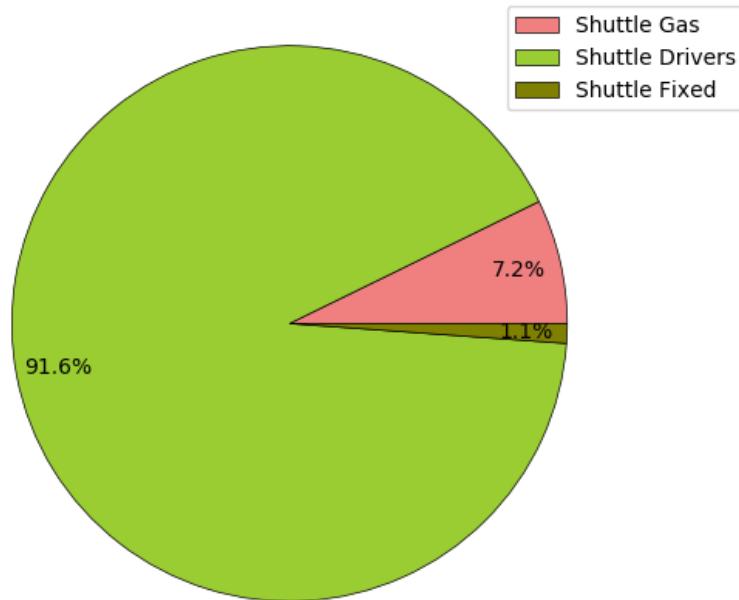


Bus and Shuttles

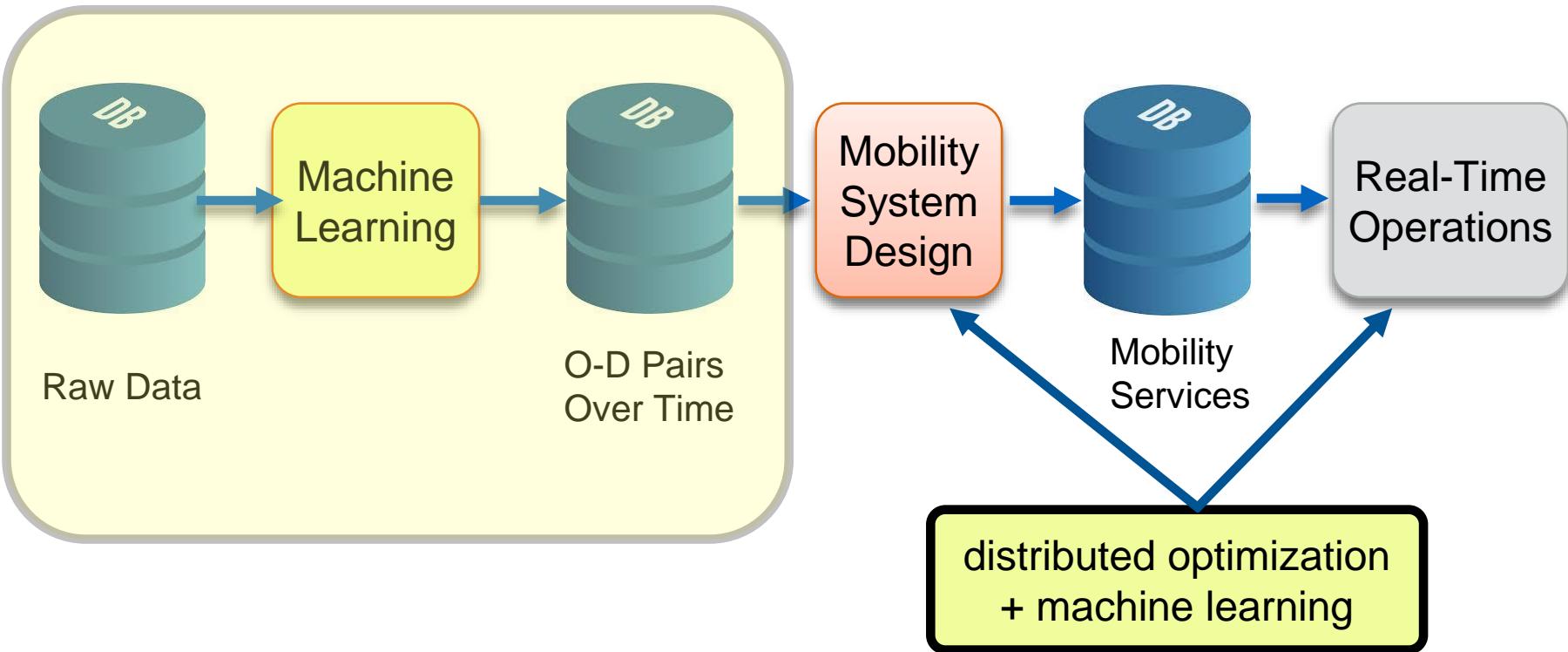


# Shuttles Only Services

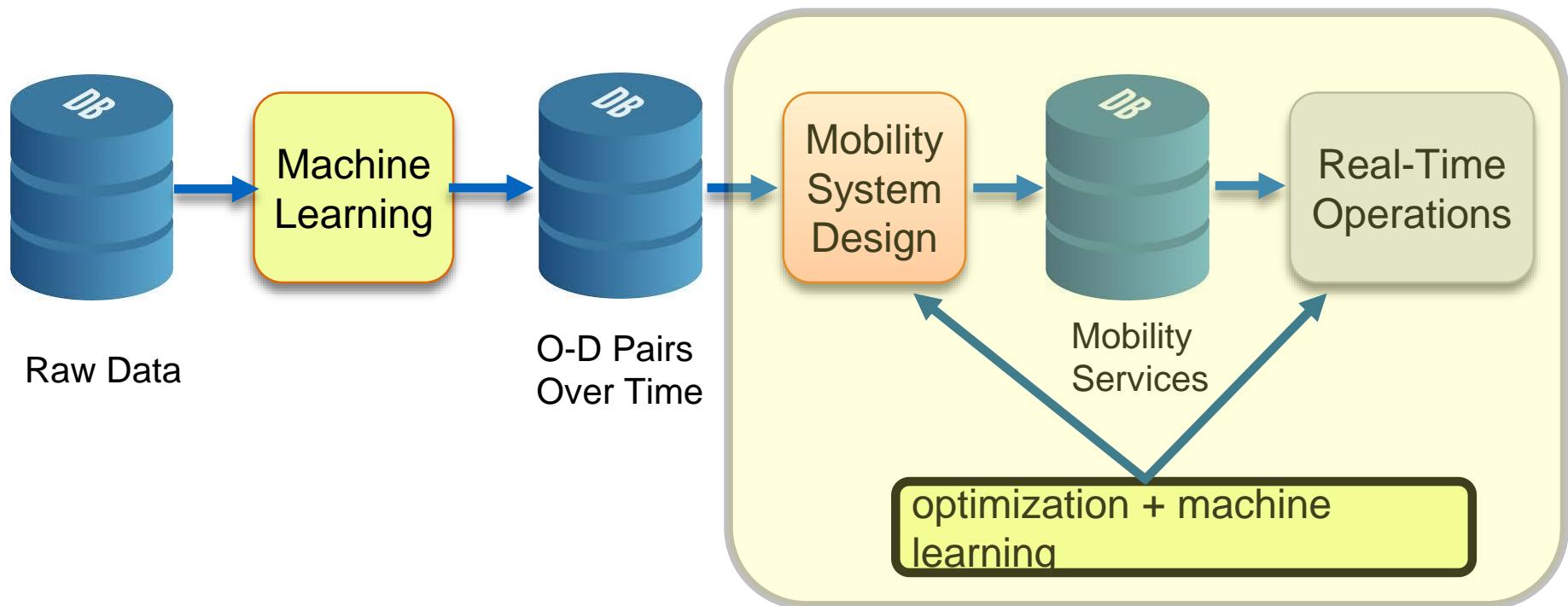
Budget total: \$123,400,000



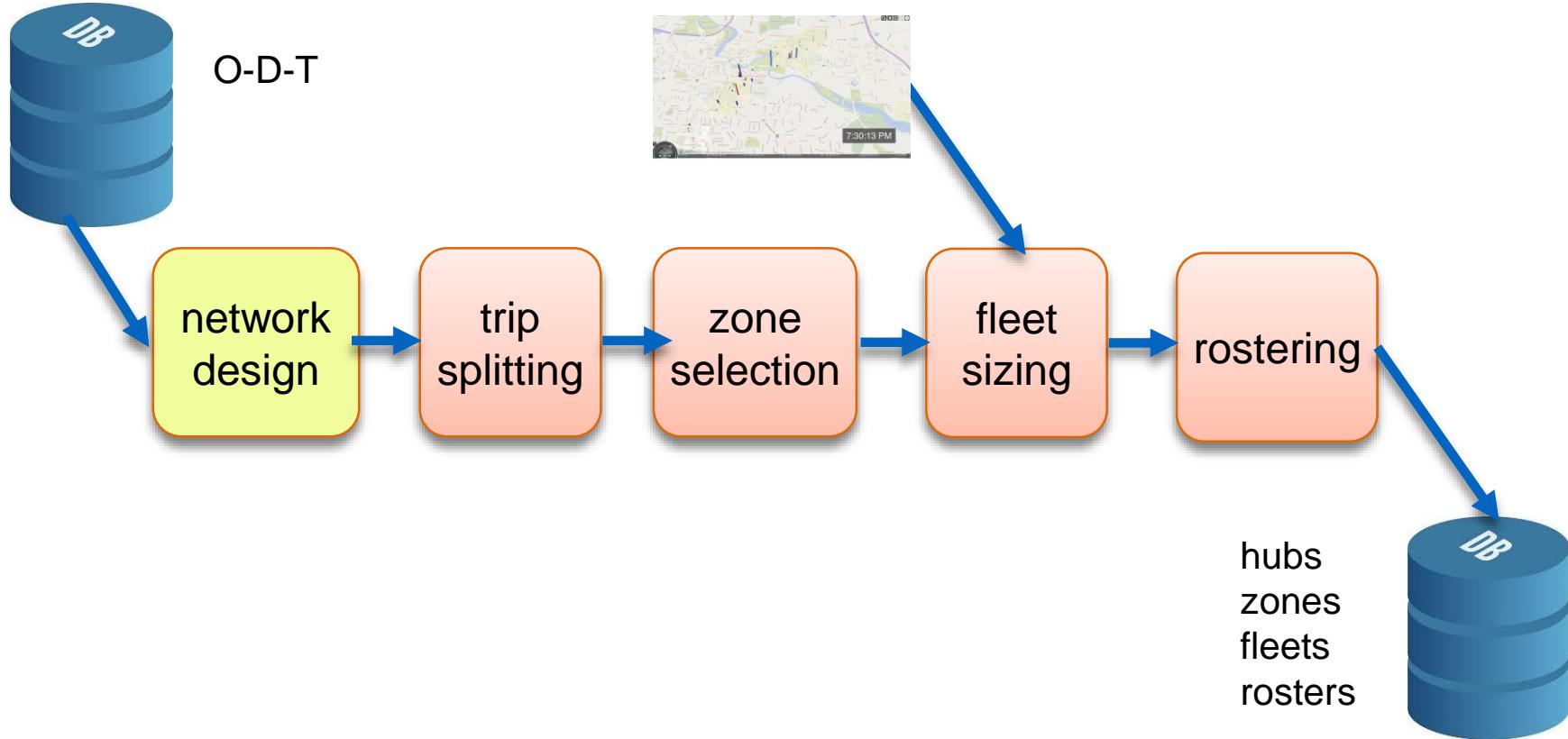
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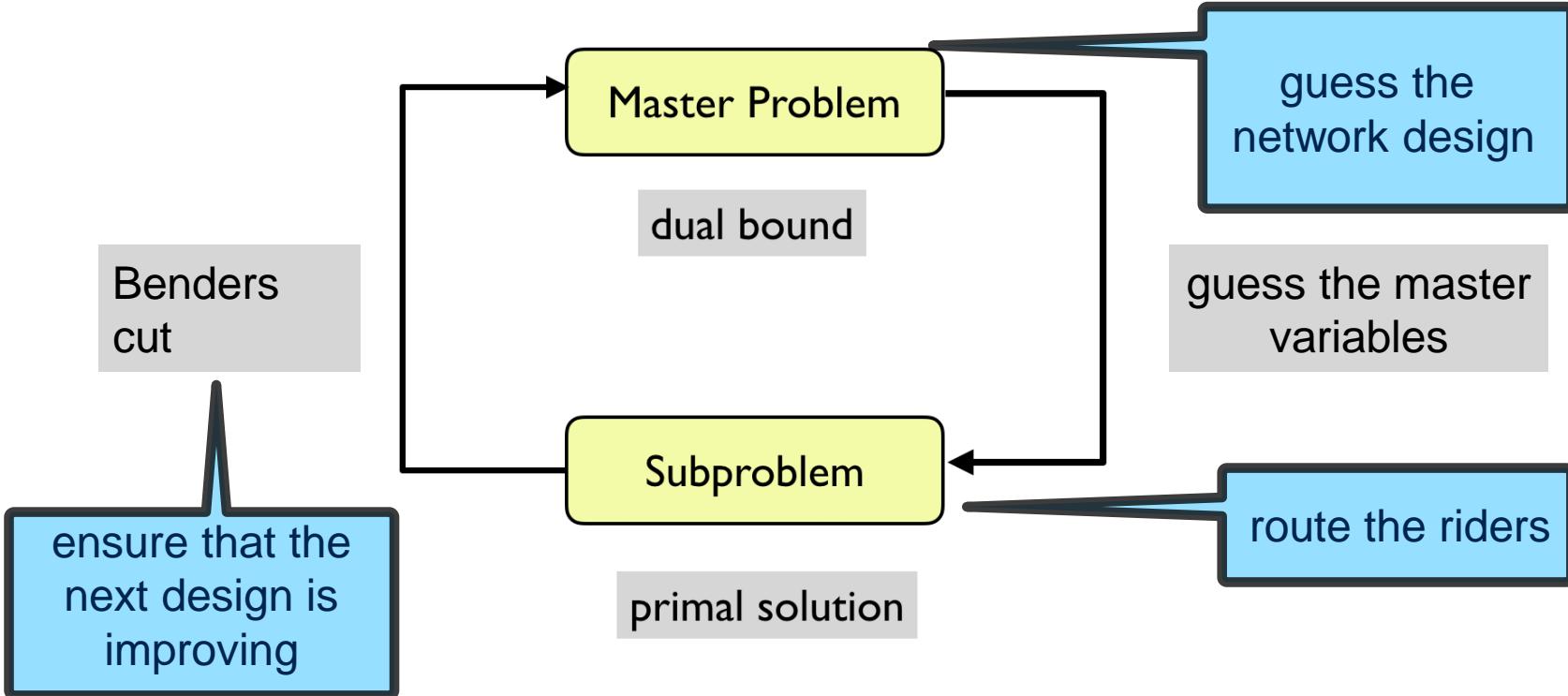


# Network Planning Pipeline

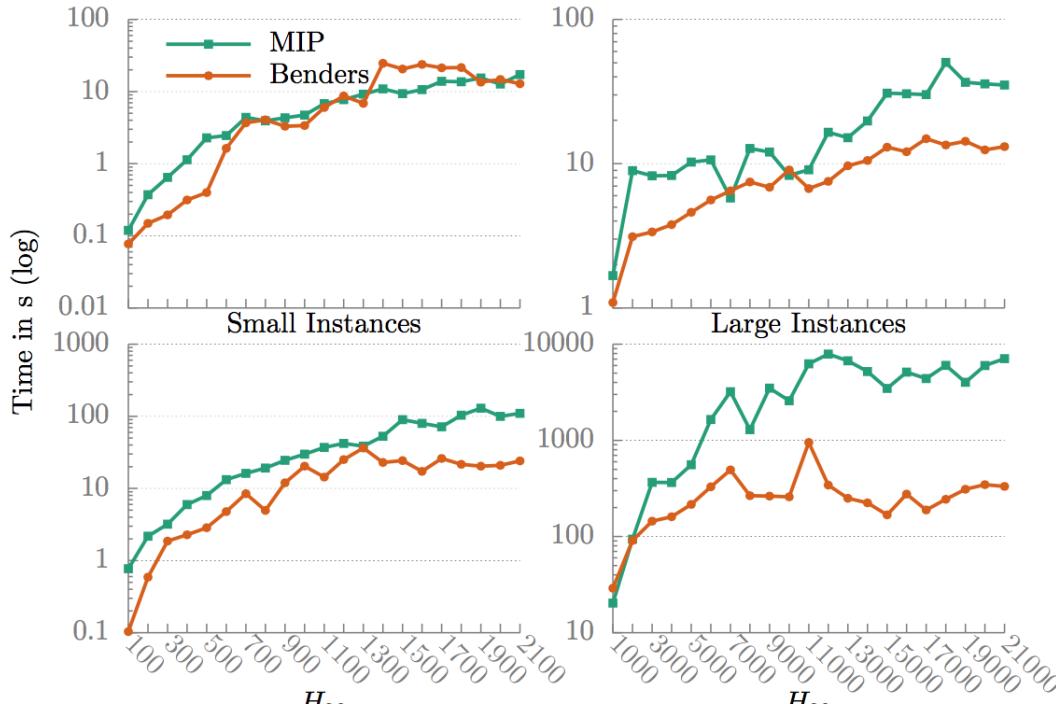


- Key question
  - where to open high-frequency corridors for buses and rails
- Large-scale optimization problem
  - input: all O-D pairs
  - output: where to open the rail and bus lines and with which frequencies
- Objective function
  - combination of convenience and cost
    - also accessibility

# Benders Decomposition



# MIP Versus Benders



Comparing the MIP Model and the Final Benders Decomposition.

# Conclusions

- On-Demand Scalable Mobility
  - inventing innovative mobility services
- Fundamental societal impact
  - mobility is central to almost all human activities
  - strong need for change in accessibility for various population segments
- Many science and engineering challenges
  - optimization, machine learning, simulation, statistics, ...
- Interaction with social sciences
  - Mobility systems affect every individual
  - fairness and privacy

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**Mathematical  
Optimization  
in Transportation**

# Fundamental Math of Transportation

- Transportation is an Indirect Good...
  - It has little value in and of itself, but...
  - It adds **value** to **goods** and **people**
    - By taking them from  $P_{x,y}(t) \rightarrow P_{x',y'}(t+\Delta t)$  ( $P$ : Place,  $t$ : time)
    - Where  $V_i(P_{x',y'}(t+\Delta t)) > V_i(P_{x,y}(t)) + \$^k (x, y, t, x', y', t+\Delta t)$   
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# Let's focus on Transportation of **People**

- Transportation is the Summation of Individual Human Decisions... The human is in the Loop!
- We are each always rational:
  - We choose:  $P_{x',y'}(t+\Delta t) = \text{Max}_{\text{over all } x,y} \{V_i(P_{x,y}(t+\Delta t))\}$
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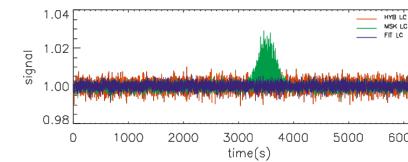
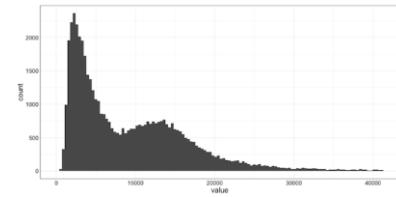
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- Where we choose to go  $P_{x',y'}(t+\Delta t)$  is all about Maximizing Happiness
- But, it's going to cost us something to get there
  - $V_i(P_{x',y'}(t + \Delta t)) > V_i(P_{x,y}(t)) + \$^k (\underline{x}, \underline{y}, t, x', y', t+\Delta t)$



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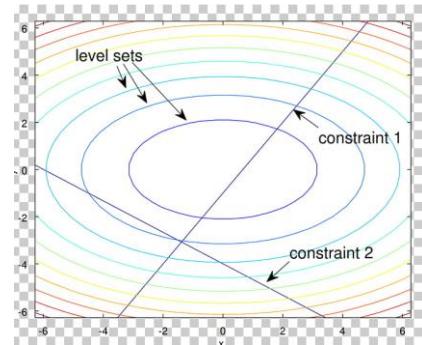
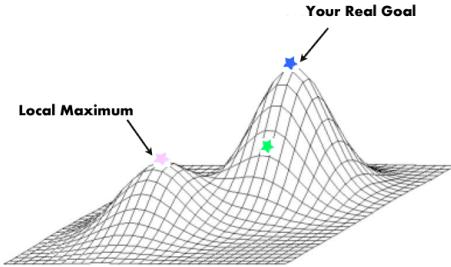
- Seems so simple, but... How do we begin to represent Mathematically **Happiness**;  $V_i(P_{x,y}(t))$
- We know..
  - Everyone is different
    - So we are dealing with distributions not scalars
  - It has many dimensions,
    - Some dominant, some tie breakers
  - It is non-stationary
    - “time” is important
- But, in the end we each pick what is best: Mathematics of Optimization



# Mathematics of Optimization

*maximize<sub>X</sub> f(x) (objective function)  
(x is n-variable vector)*

Subject to:  $g_i(x) < 0, i = 1, \dots, m$  (inequality)  
 $h_j(x) = 0, j = 1, \dots, P$  (equality)



# Back to Transportation of **People**

- Maximizing Happiness



$$V_i(P_{x',y'}(t + \Delta t)) > V_i(P_{x,y}(t)) + \$^k (\underline{x}, \underline{y}, t, x', y', t + \Delta t)$$

The decision to go someplace is all about its **happiness/attractiveness** relative to staying put, **discounted by the unhappiness/cost** imparted by Transportation ( $\$^k (\underline{x}, \underline{y}, t, x', y', t + \Delta t)$  )

Transportation is all about

minimizing  $\$^k (\underline{x}, \underline{y}, t, x', y', t + \Delta t)$



# Attributes Important to Transportation of **People**

**Transportation is governed by:  $\$^k (\underline{x}, y, t, x', y', t+\Delta t)$**

## Time

ride, wait, time-of-day, frequency, ...

## Monetary costs

cash, credit, terms, ...

## Comfort

safety, noise, stand/seated, A/C, ...

## Convenience

accessibility, ...

## Societal

energy, pollution, global warming, inclusiveness



As perceived by individuals

# Major Tech Advances in Transportation of **People**

## Baseline is Walking

### Animals

*Homo erectus??*



### Hull

*“Archamedes”*



### Wheel

*Mesopotamia??*



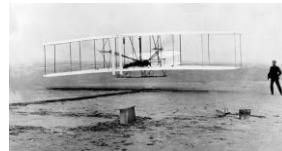
### Rail

*George Stephenson (Steam)*



### Airfoil

*Wright Bros. / Bernoulli*



### Rubber tire

*Benz (Jan 31, 1886), Ford...*



### Automated Driving

*DARPA Challenges (mid 2000)*



PersonTrips USA:  $\sim 1.1 \times 10^9$  /day,  
85% drive ourselves, 10% Walk, 4% Transit, 1% other

# Why Automated Driving

Transportation is governed by:  $\$^k (\underline{x}, y, t, x', y', t+\Delta t)$

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~ 90% crashes involve human error

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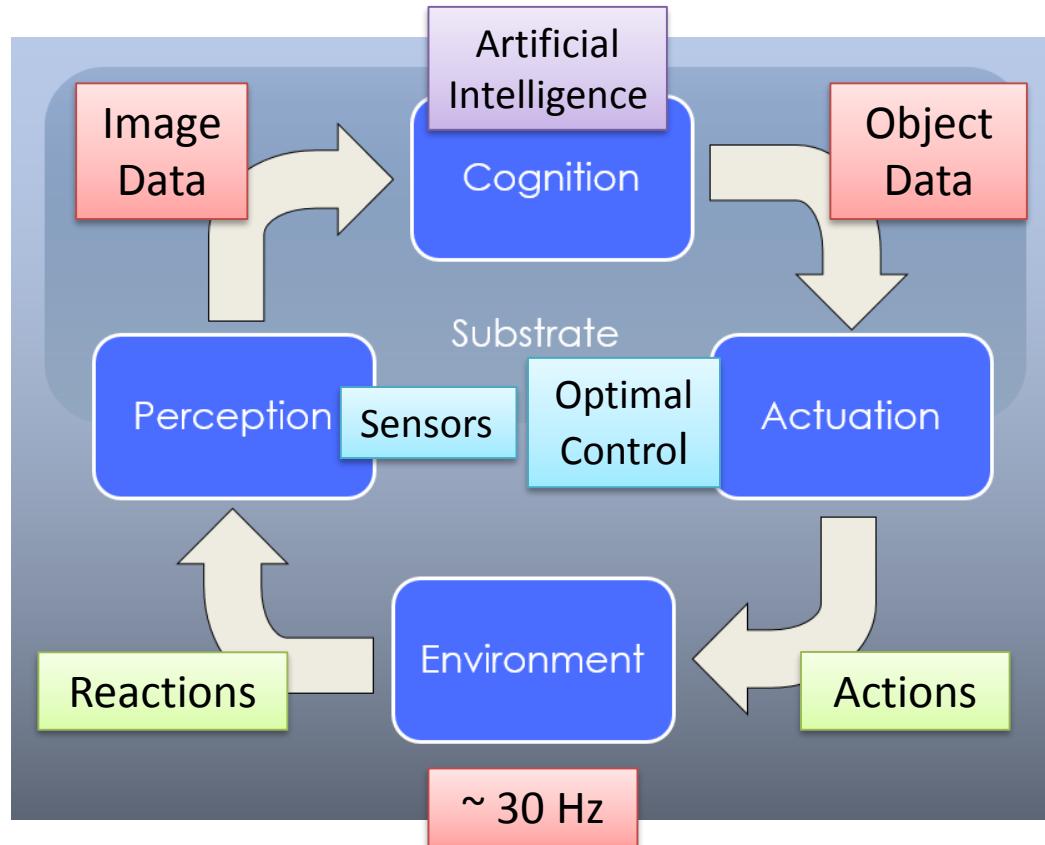


# Major Elements of Automated Driving

Key is



... Place all of the intelligence in the vehicle



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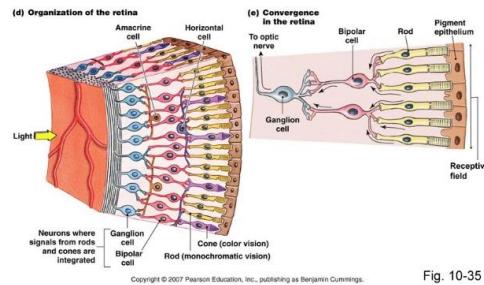
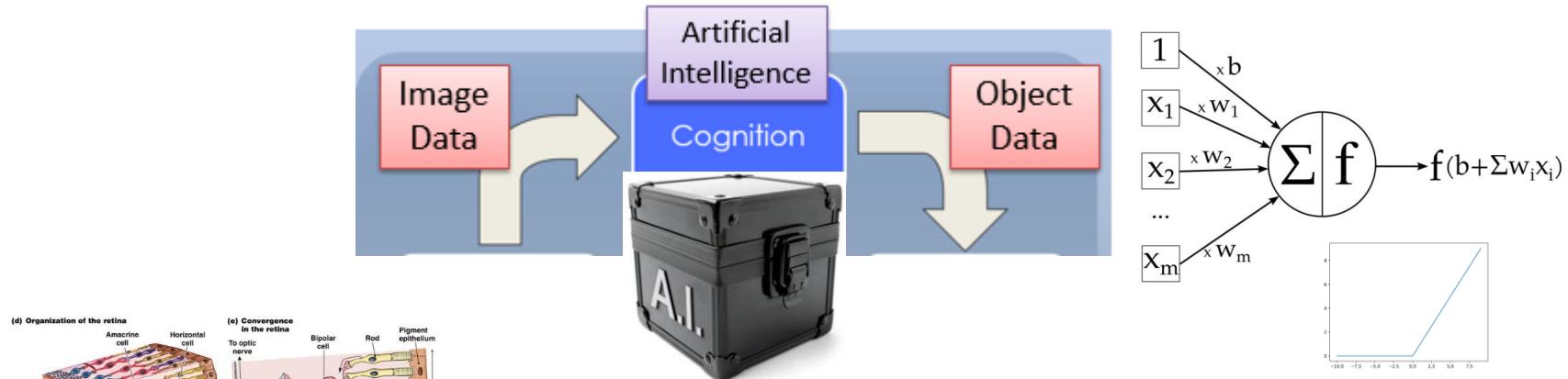


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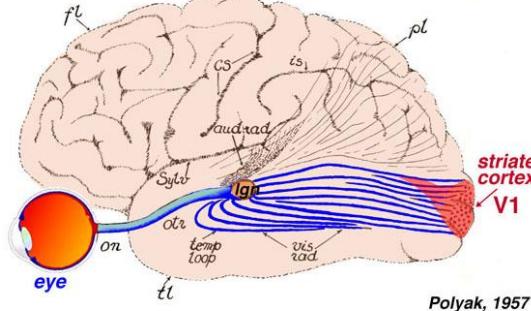


Figure 8. Visual input to the brain goes from eye to LGN and then to primary visual cortex, or area V1, which is located in the posterior of the occipital lobe.  
Adapted from Polyak (1957).

## Deep Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

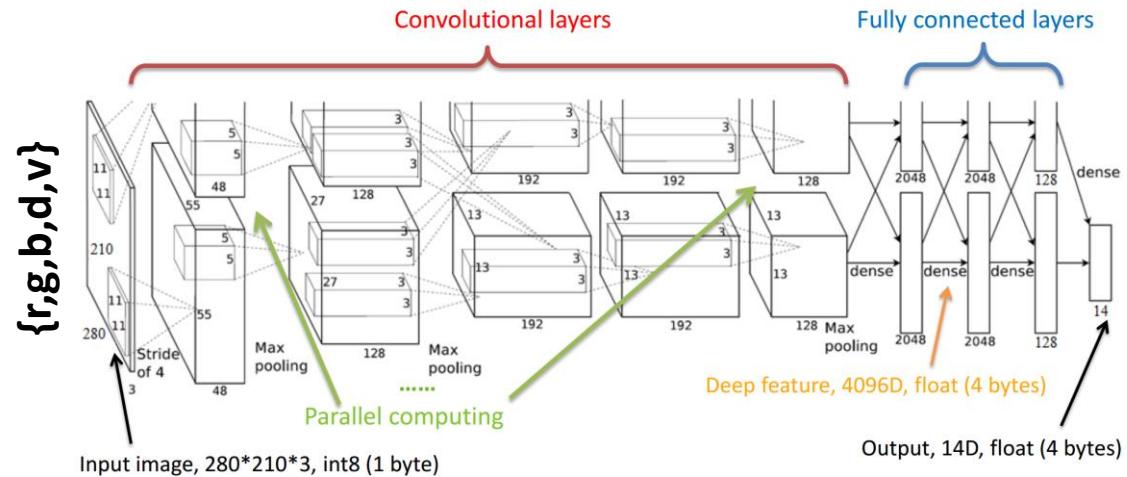


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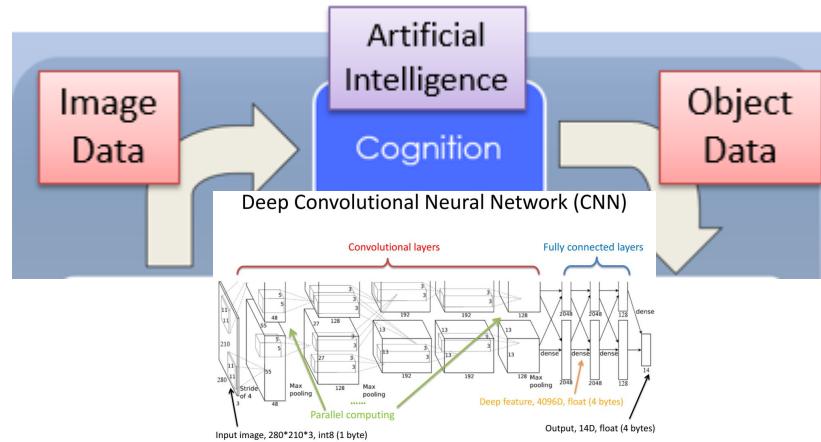
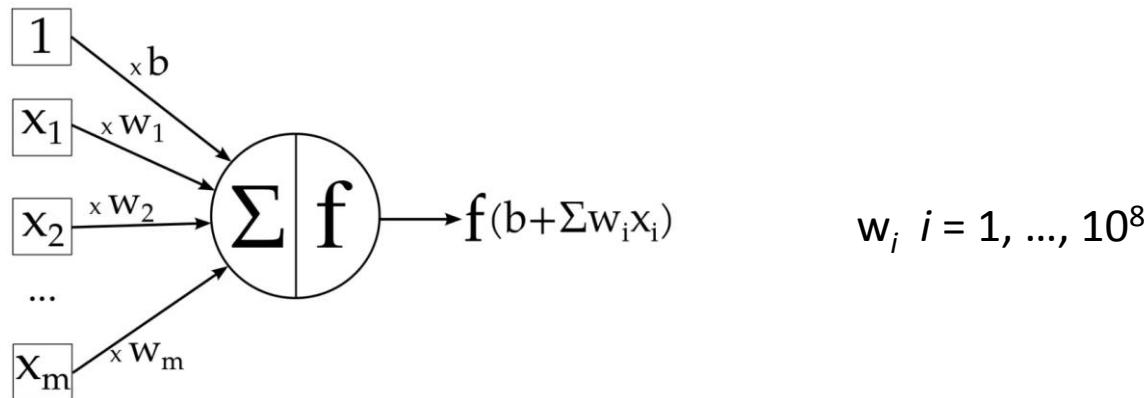


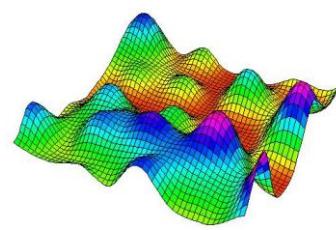
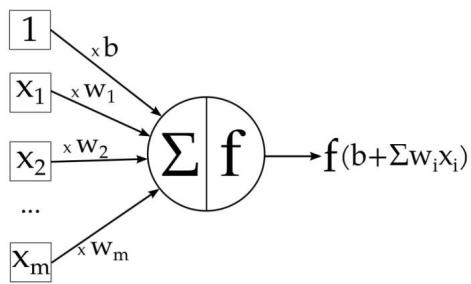
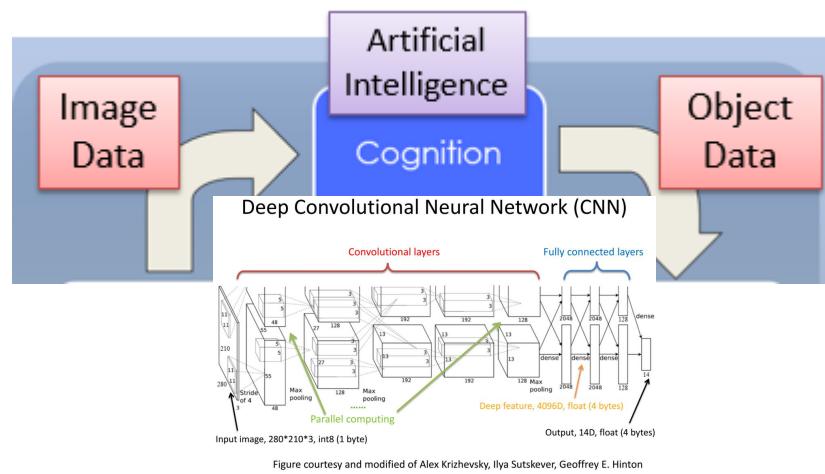
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$>10^5$  bytes  $\rightarrow$   $10^4$  bytes  $\rightarrow$   $\sim 10^2$  bytes



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Training: “computing/finding” correct values of  $w_i$   $i = 1, \dots, 10^8$



$$\text{Min}_{w_i, i = 1, \dots, 10^8} \sum \text{Computed Object data} - \text{Correct Object data}$$

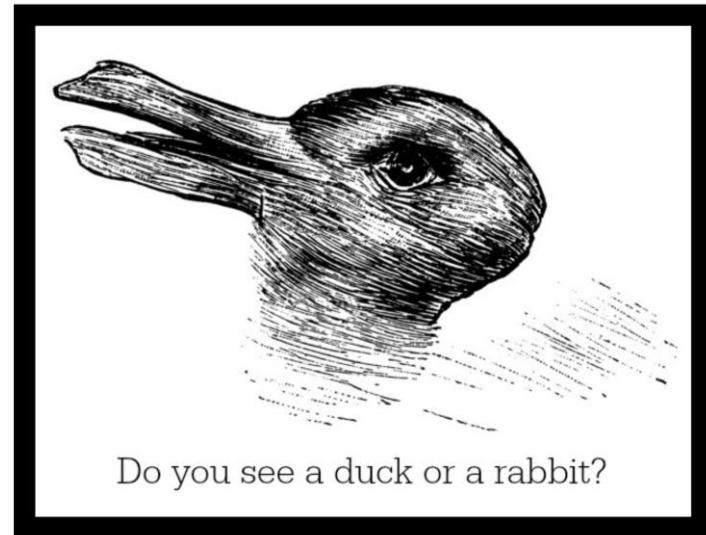
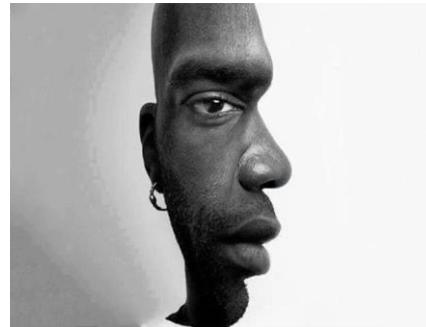
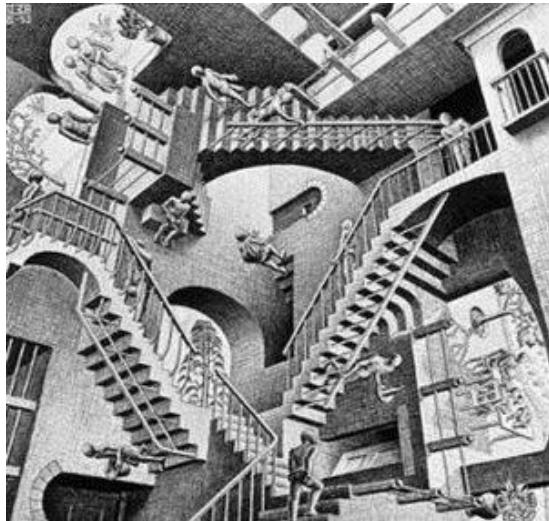
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When does



give the wrong answer?

We know we get fooled...



Do you see a duck or a rabbit?

Escher

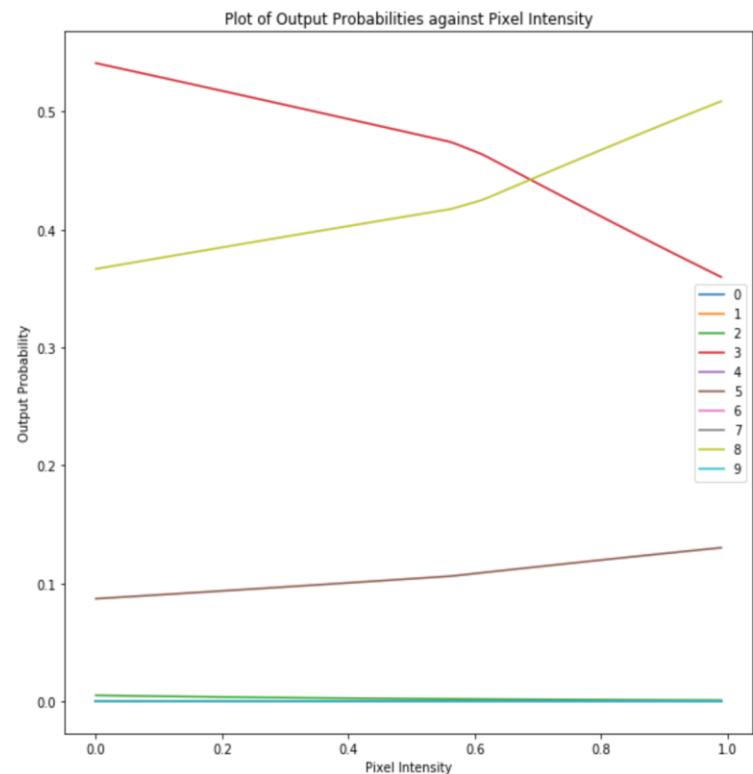
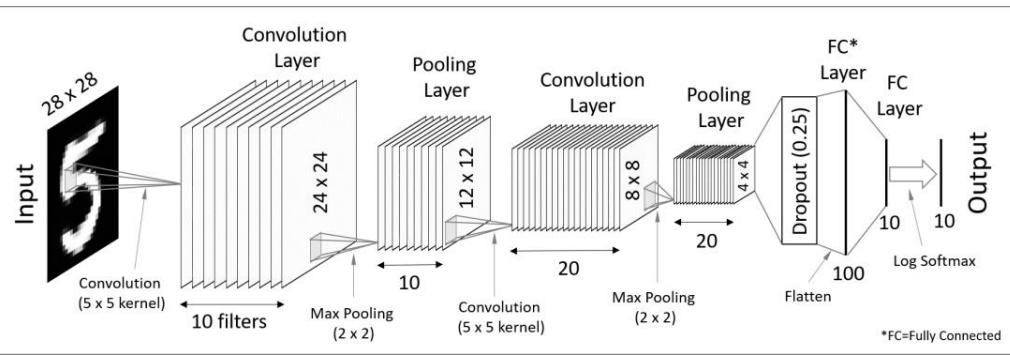
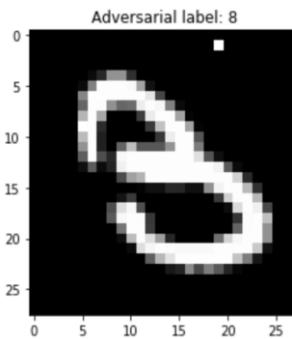
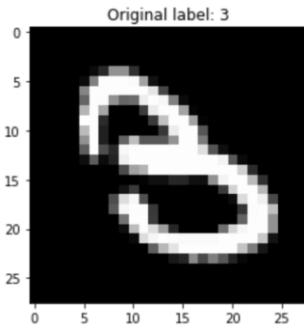
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## Digit Recognition Problem



# Much more Math to be done

*Thank you*

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