

# **CONNECTIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY APPROACHES TO NETWORK ROBUSTNESS: THE ALLOCATION OF MOBILITY HUBS**

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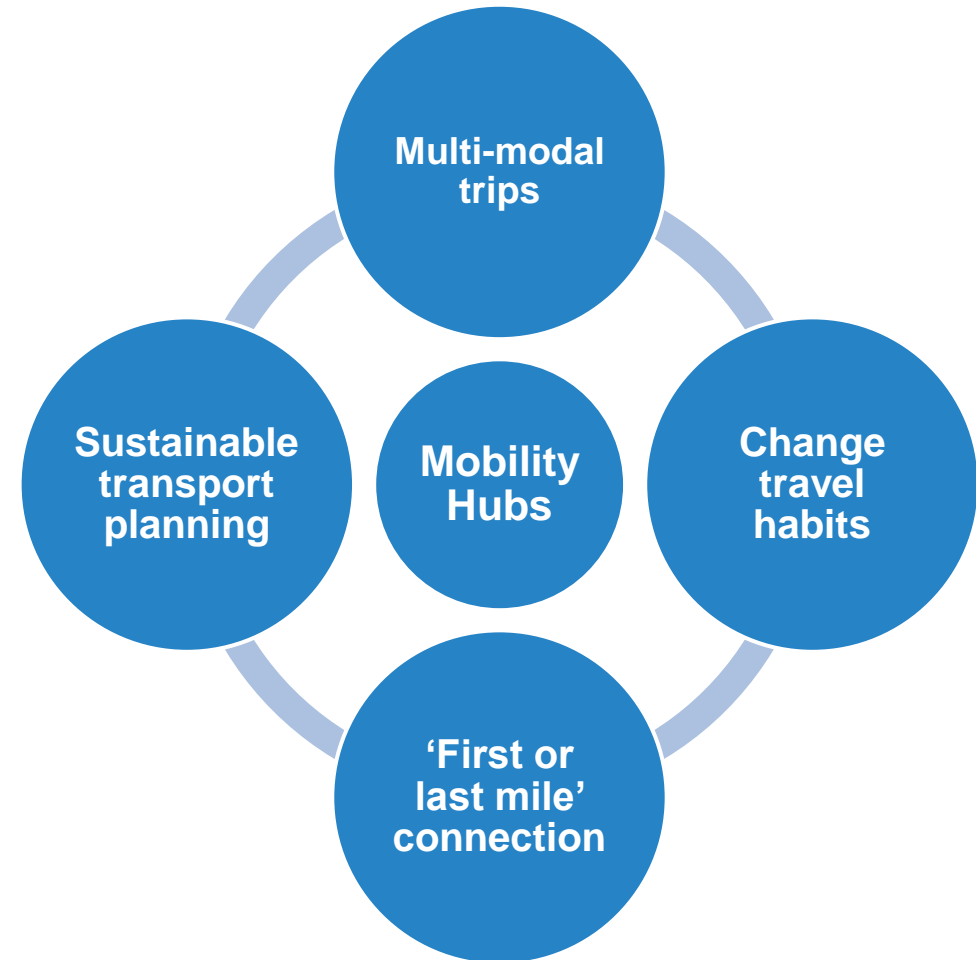
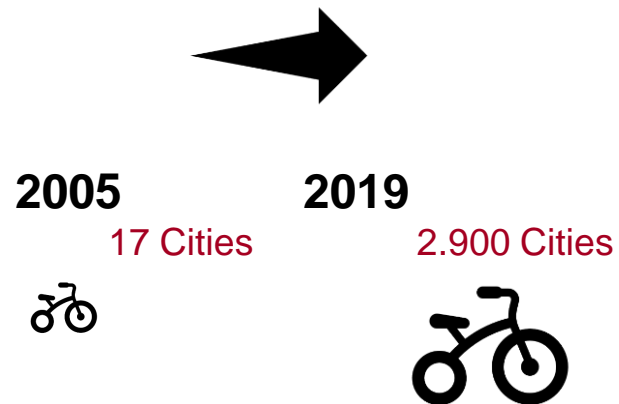


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# MOBILITY HUBS (MH)

## Definition

Dedicated and permanent platforms where **public and shared transport** can be integrated by switching between modes



# BIKE-SHARING AND PT INTEGRATION

Among the various "sharing" transport services, the most widespread and studied is **bike-sharing**, which is also the one for which the most data are available

Bike sharing can be seen as a stand-alone service to improve the first-last mile problem or in a synergy with the Public Transport Network (PTN) by providing the advantages for **interchanging between public transport stops**

We focus only on station-based Bike-Sharing (BS) and PTN integration

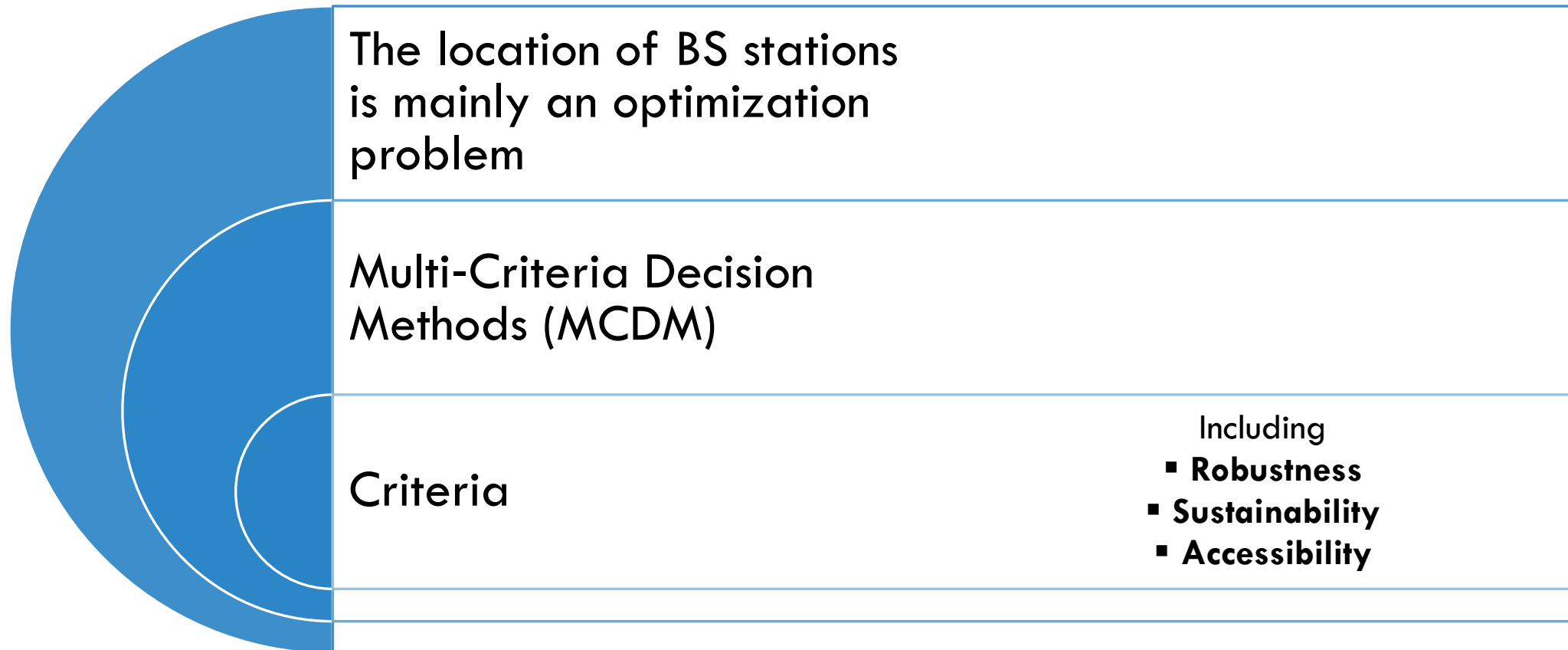
# RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Can network robustness metrics and accessibility metrics help with the MH allocation choice?

Network robustness is the ability of networks to resist failures or attacks. MH may contribute to robustness by providing redundancy to PTN (Rose, 2009)

Accessibility refers to the relative ease of reaching a particular area (Hansen, 1959)

# HOW TO ALLOCATE MOBILITY HUBS?



# MCDM

Using “easily” accessible Data

The most suitable PT stop for mobility hubs: Multidimensional analysis					
<b>Potential Location / Criteria / Sub-criteria</b>	<u>Connectivity</u>  <i>Stop centrality measures</i>  <i>PTN efficiency loss after stop removal</i>	<u>Accessibility</u>  <i>Area accessibility loss after stop removal</i>	<u>Sustainability</u>  <i>No. of sustainable modes in the stop</i>	<u>Other</u>  <i>Demand points/zones</i>  <i>Points of interest</i>  <i>Population density</i>  ...	<b>Score</b>
<b>Stop 1</b>					
<b>Stop 2</b>					
...					
<b>Stop N</b>					

# NODE CENTRALITY MEASURES AND NETWORK ROBUSTNESS

## Node Centrality

Betweenness

Degree

## Connectivity - Efficiency

$$E = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{d_{ij}}$$

Unweighted

$$E_p = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{w_{ij}}{d_{ij}}$$

Weighted by  
the flow of  
“passengers”

Aggregated single-mode networks (**SMNs**): metro, tram, and bus network (**PTN**)

PTN including travel time (**PTNt**)

PTNt weighted by passenger flows (**WPTNt**)

Aggregated PTN stops and sharing-bike stations including travel time by bike (**PTNBt**)

PTNB weighted by passenger flows (**WPTNBt**)

Applied to:

# AREA ACCESSIBILITY MEASURES

## Doubly constrained spatial interaction model (SIM)

The flow between the origin ( $O_i$ ) and destination ( $D_j$ ) is a function of the **potential** at each origin, the **attractiveness** of each destination, and the **cost** ( $d_{ij}$ ) of overcoming the separation between them:

$$T_{ij} = A_i B_j O_i D_j \exp(\beta d_{ij})$$
$$A_i = \left( \sum_j B_j D_j \exp(\beta d_{ij}) \right)^{-1}$$
$$B_j = \left( \sum_i A_i O_i \exp(\beta d_{ij}) \right)^{-1}$$

The parameter  $\beta$  may be calibrated (estimated) and used to calculate the indicator of Accessibility for each area



$$ACC_i = \sum_j D_j f(\beta, d_{ij})$$

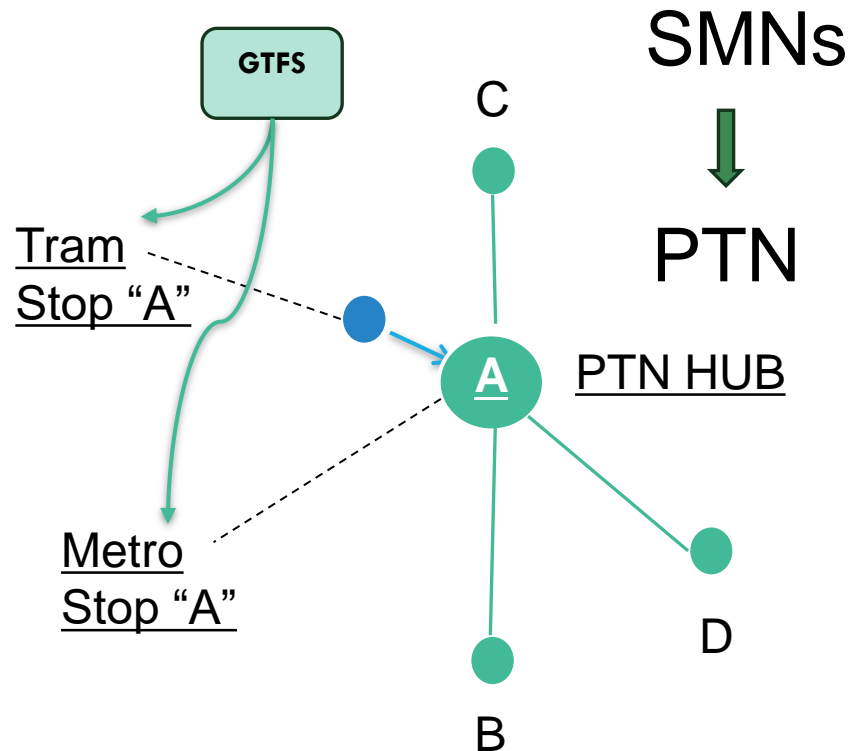
From 2. PTN including travel time



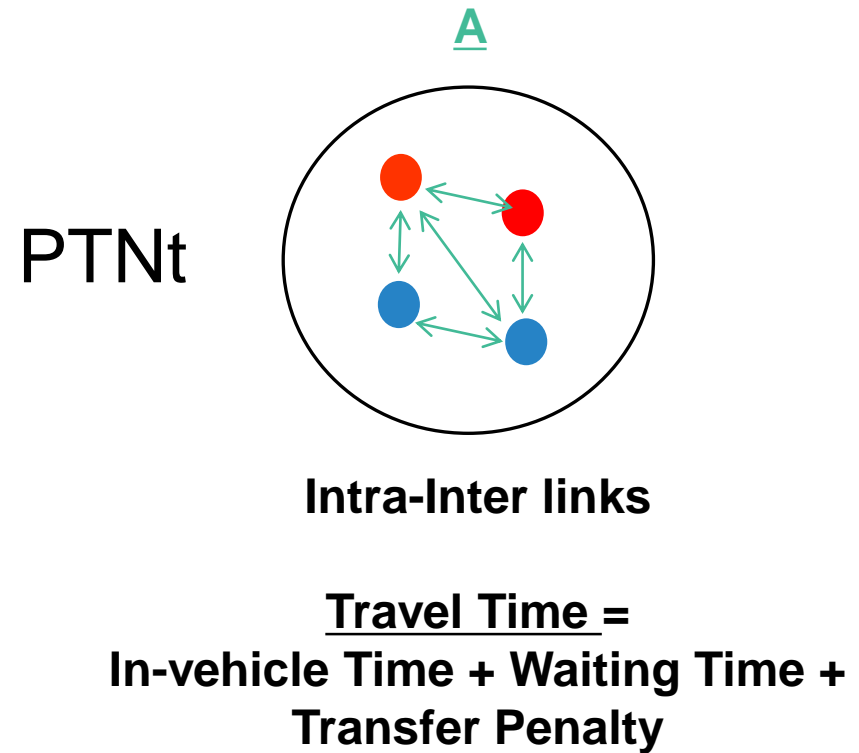


# FROM SMNS TO PTN

1 SMNs\_Stop Aggregation  
(by stop name)



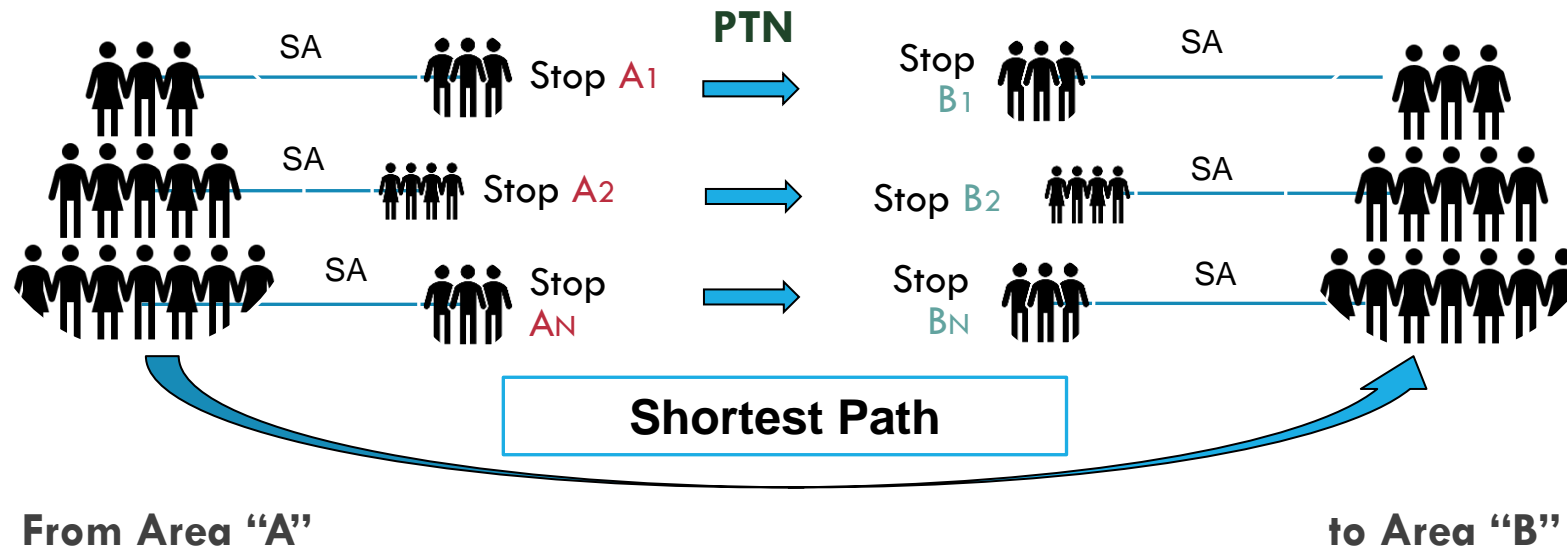
2 Adding Travel Time  
Graph Expansion



# ADDING PASSENGERS FLOWS

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- Demand per O/D areas  $\rightarrow$  demand per i/j stop
- Static assignment (SA; deterministic)

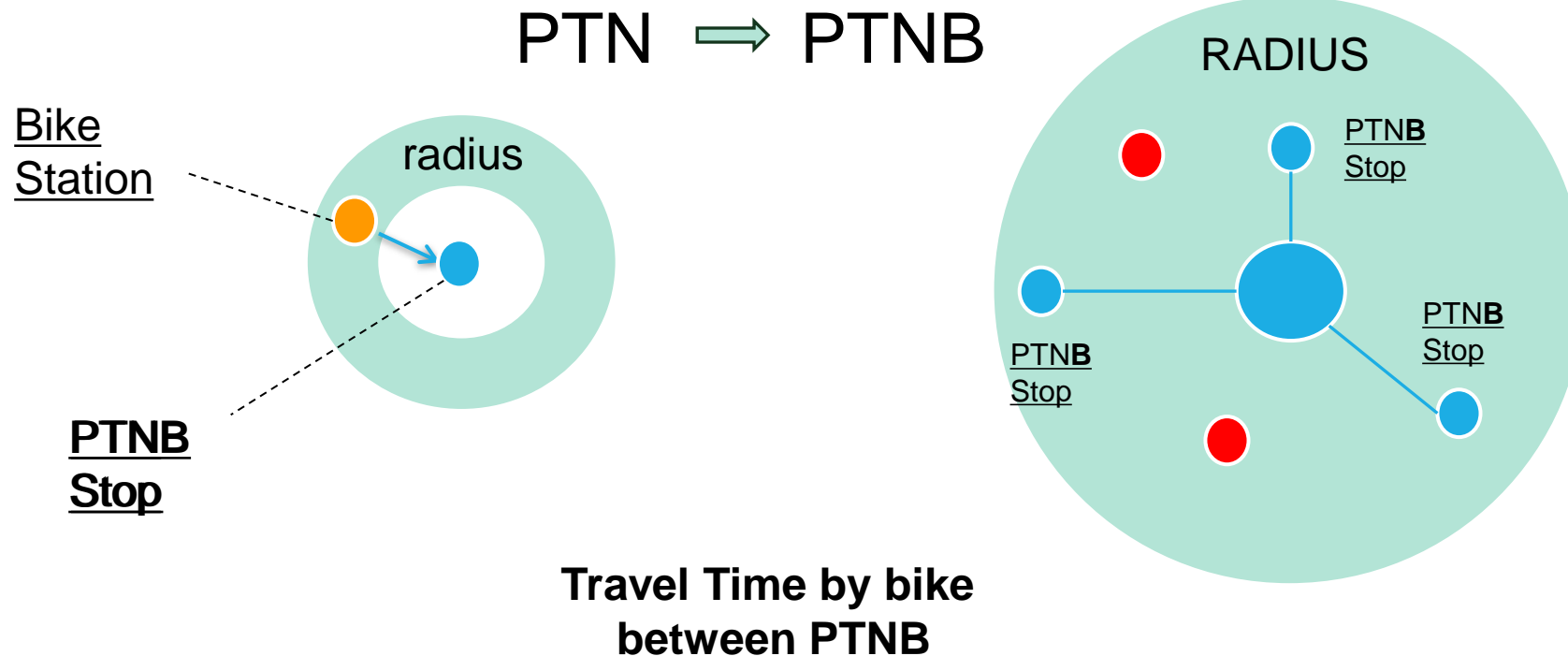


# ADDING THE BIKE-SHARING MODE

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Bike Station – PTN Aggregation

Bike Network as a new transport mode to use after a disruption affecting the PTN



# DISRUPTION: STOP REMOVAL

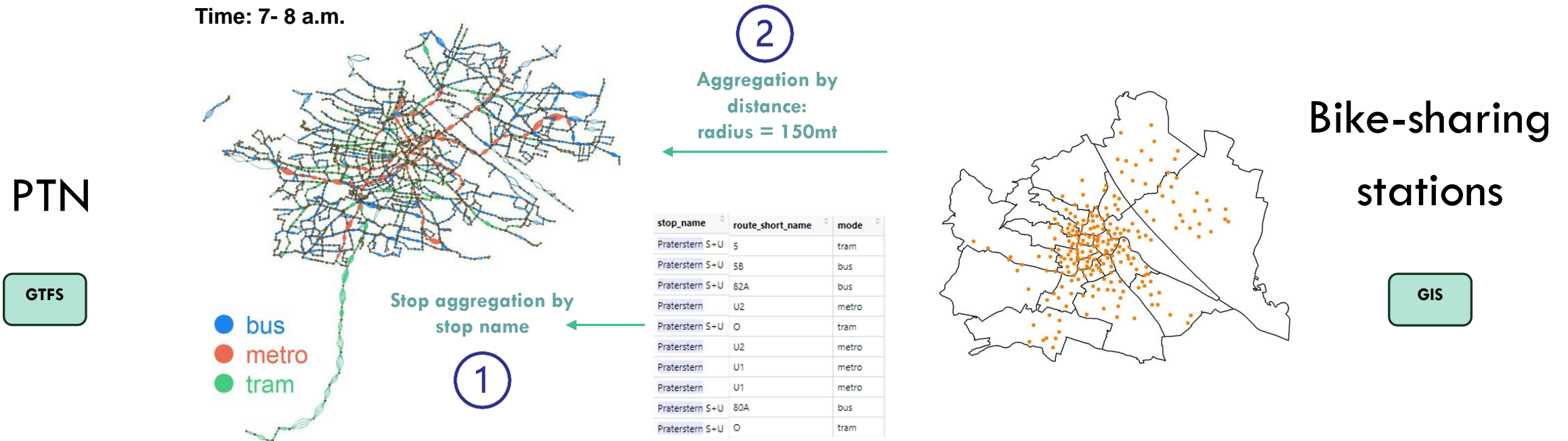
We simulate disruptive events removing nodes (Stops) and calculate the **efficiency loss** following three different strategies:

- Betweenness rank
- Degree Rank
- Random

After each stop removal, the flow of passengers at other stops is redistributed!

# CASE STUDY: VIENNA

Vienna benefits from the services of a unique PT provider, namely Wiener Linien GmbH (WL). Vienna's PTN consists of **5 metro**, **29 tram**, and **127 bus routes**. WienMobil Rad is the public bicycle rental service fully operational from fall 2022 with **233** fixed bike-stations 3,000 bicycles



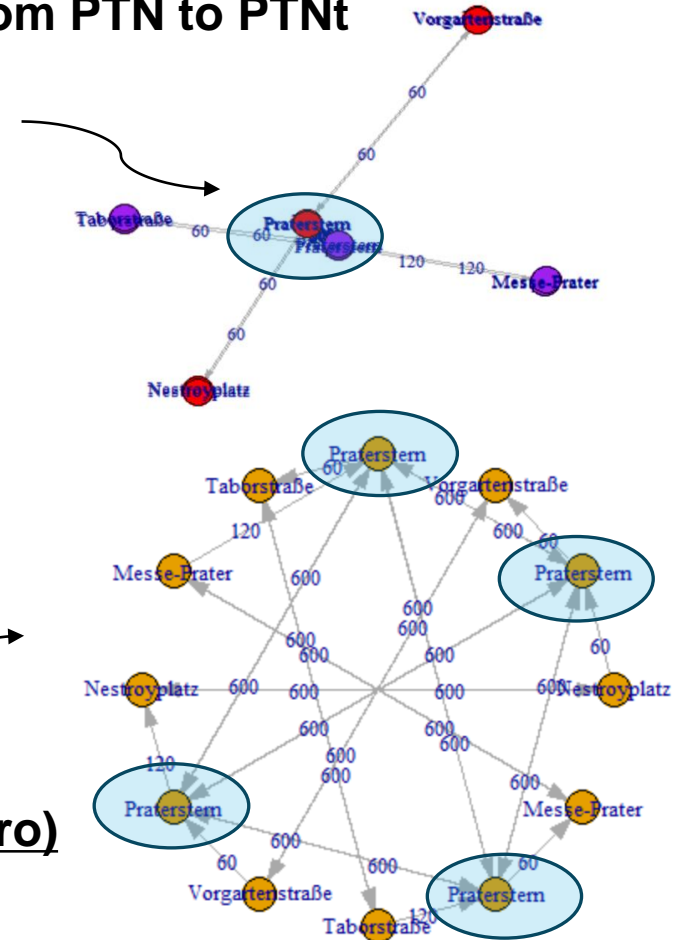
# ADDING THE SHARE-BIKE SERVICE

From SMs to PTN  
(Aggregation by stop name)



From PTN to PTNt

From  
GTFS

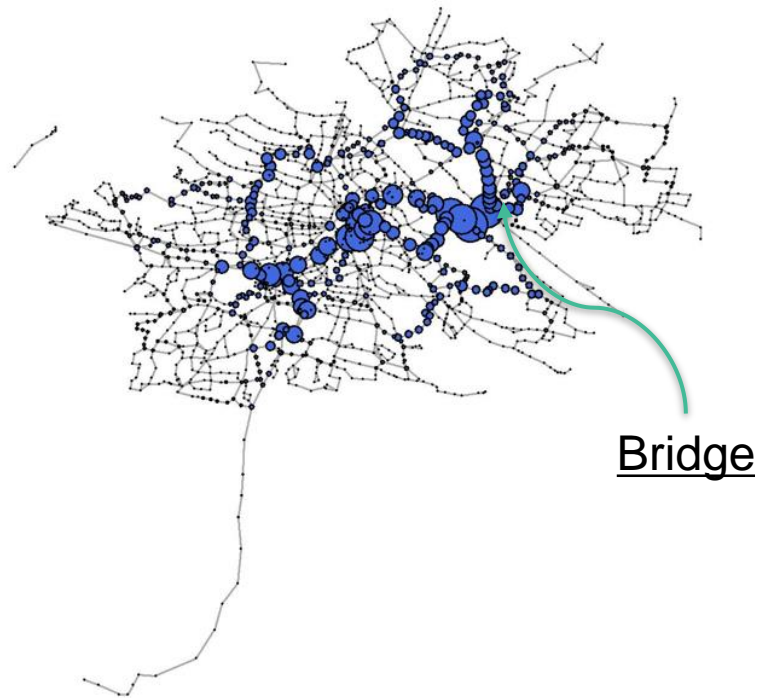


Expansion

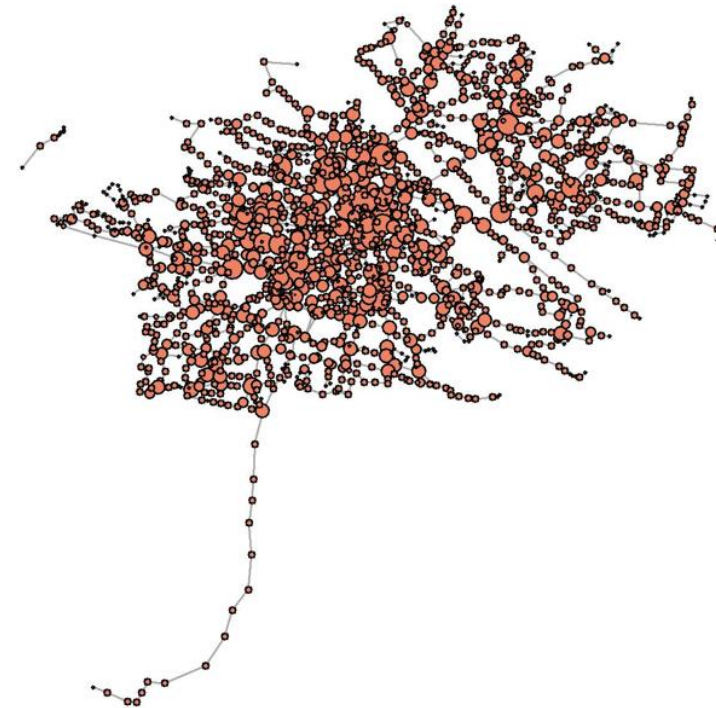
Example: Praterstern (Metro)  
Penalty = 600 sec

# NODE CENTRALITY

**Betweenness**  
(Aggregated Stops)

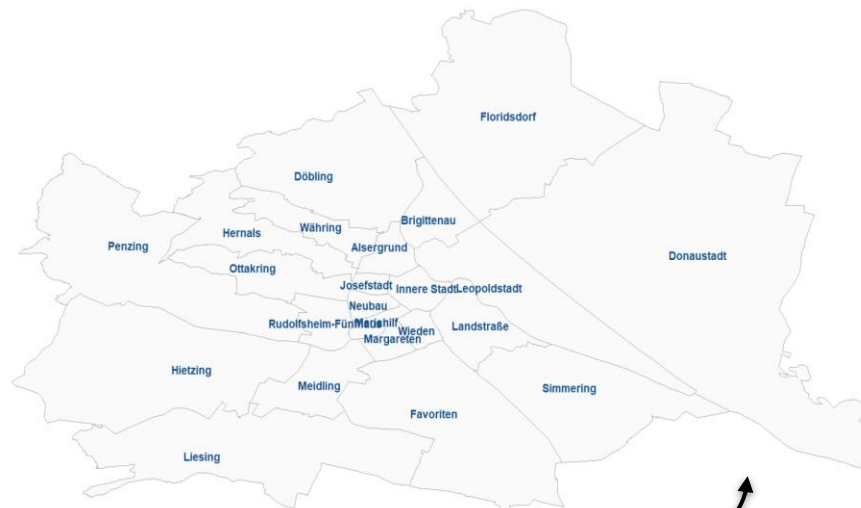


**Degree**  
(Aggregated Stops)



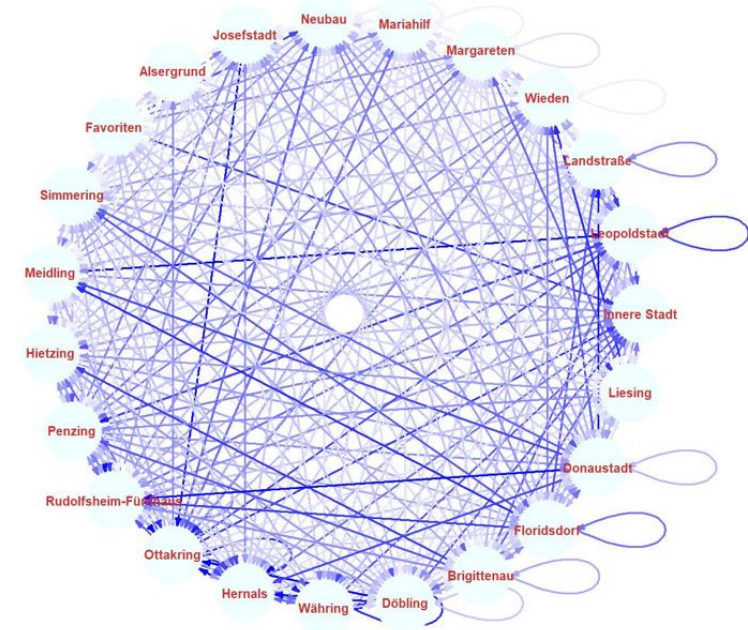
# ORIGIN-DESTINATION FLOWS

The composition of flows is very heterogeneous with some peaks (blue lines) such as between **Favoriten**, a highly populated urban area with many residential buildings, and the central district **Innere Stadt**



Commuting destination  
Data from statistik.at

OD



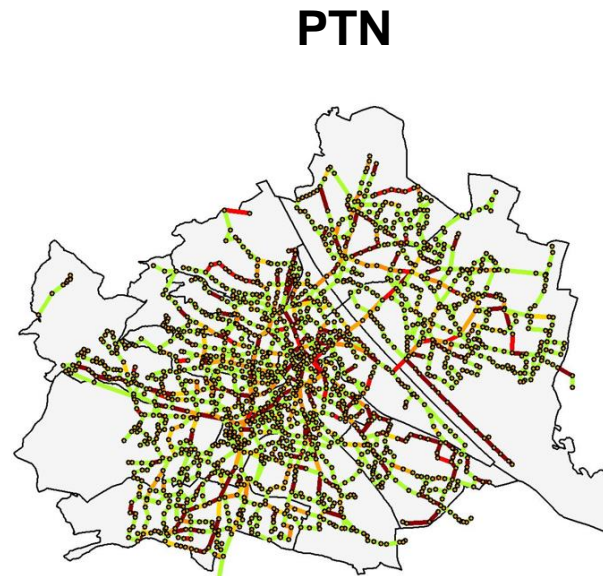


# FLAWS ASSIGNMENT

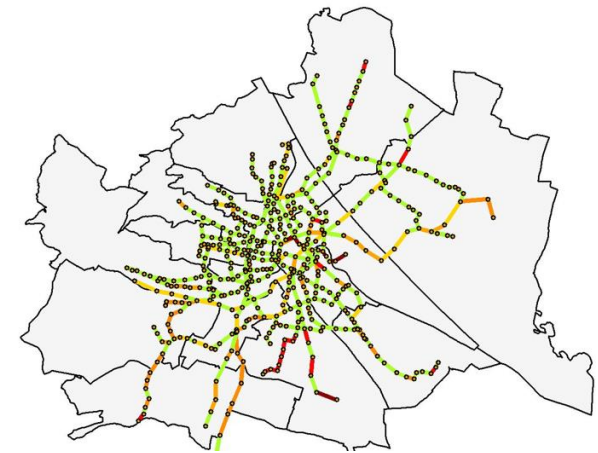
**Non-adaptive assignment:** Metro (M), metro+tram (M+T), metro+tram+bus (PTN) considering the waiting time ( $1/\text{frequency}$ ) and the 10-min penalty for line changes (also in route choice)



M



PTN



M + T

High

Low

# ANALYSIS



*Remove N based on  
different strategies*

*flows re-distribution*

- Recalculate travel time  $d_{ij}$

$$ACC_i = \sum_j D_j f(\beta, d_{ij})$$



Compute the loss of area accessibility

- Recalculate Passenger-based efficiency  $E_p$

$$E_p = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{w_{ij}}{d_{ij}}$$



$w_{ij}$  passenger flows

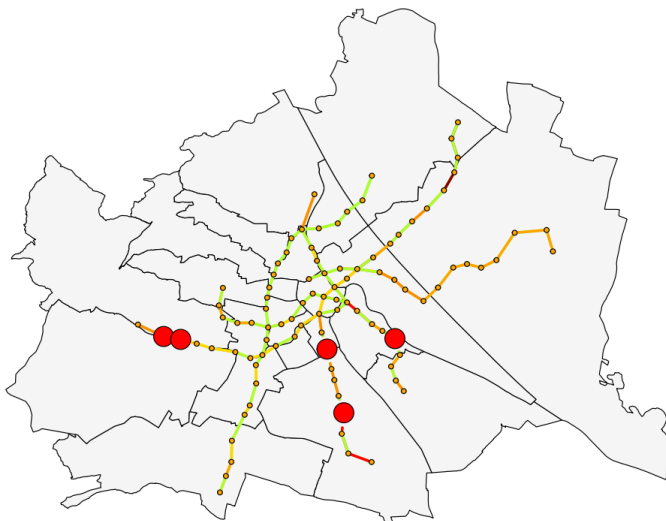
Compute the loss of network efficiency

# PRELIMINARY SIMULATIONS: METRO



Remove 5 nodes with  
**highest betweenness**  
with  
flows re-distribution

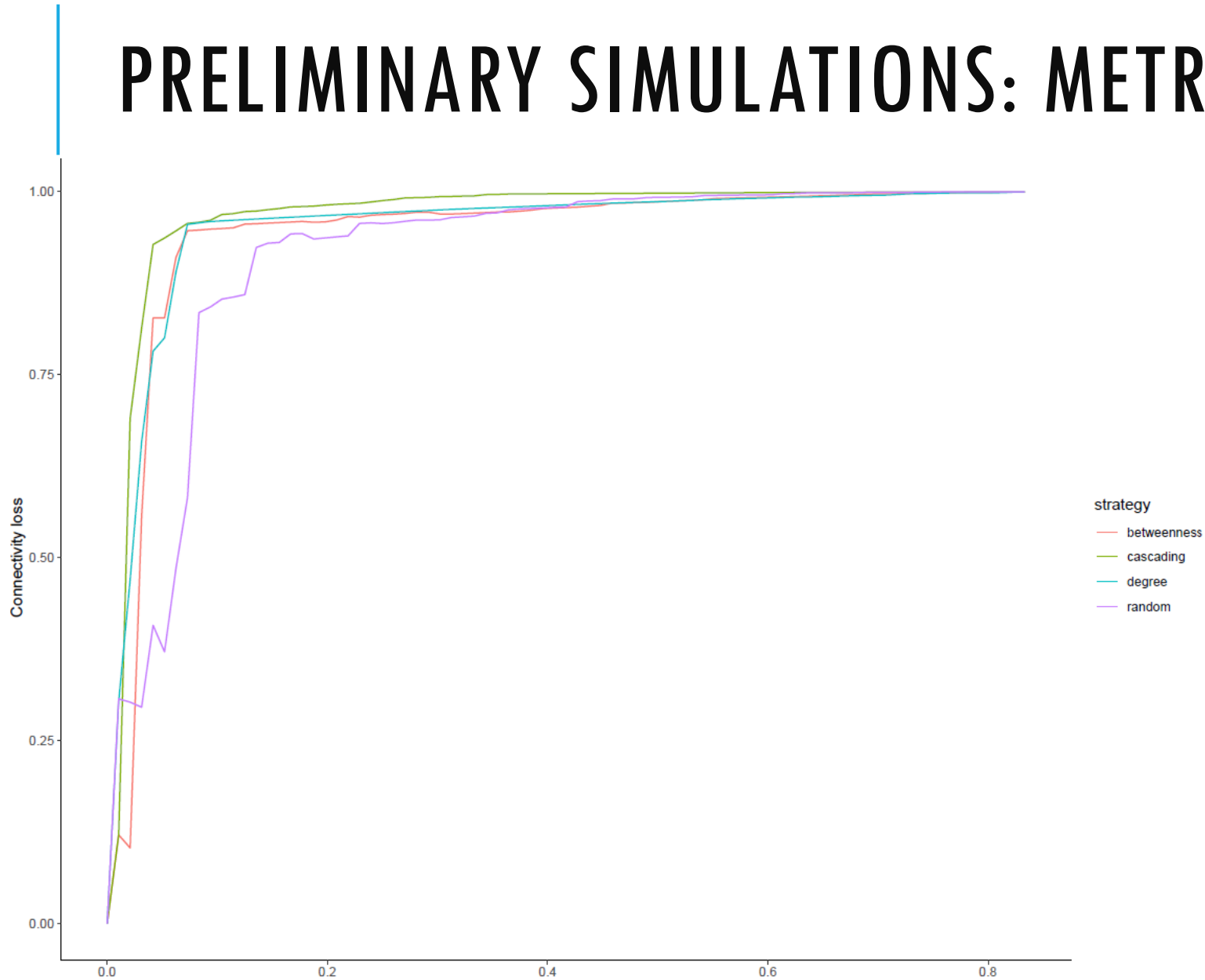
Loss Network Efficiency =  $-0.83\%$



Remove 5 nodes  
**randomly**  
with  
flows re-distribution

Loss Network Efficiency =  $-0.63\%$

# PRELIMINARY SIMULATIONS: METRO

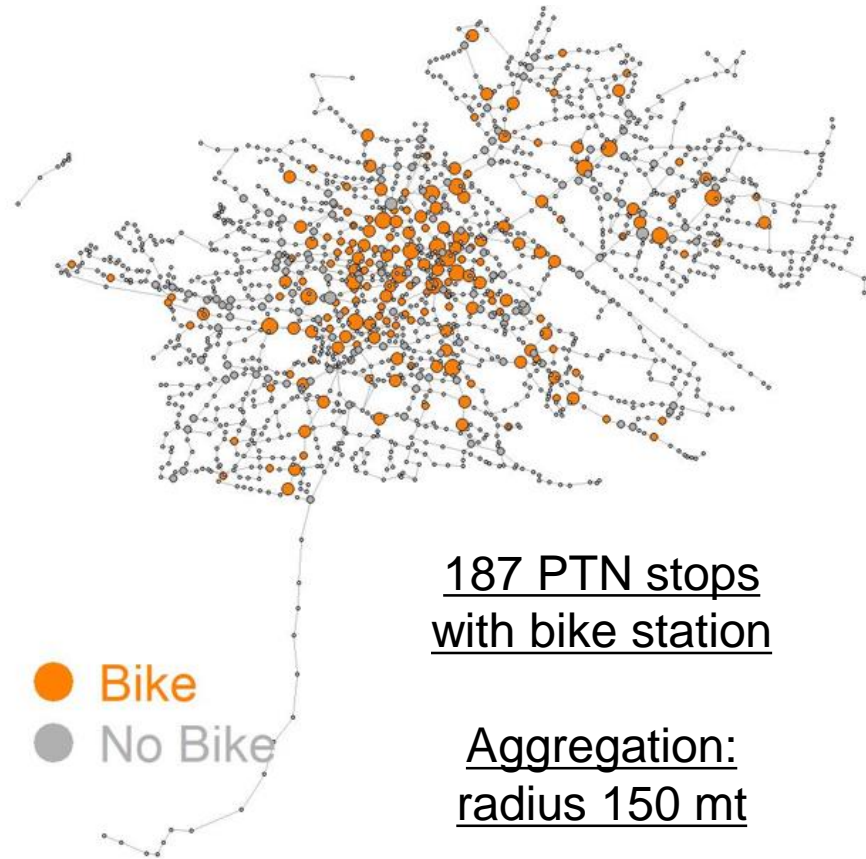


Very sensitive to strategic disruptive event

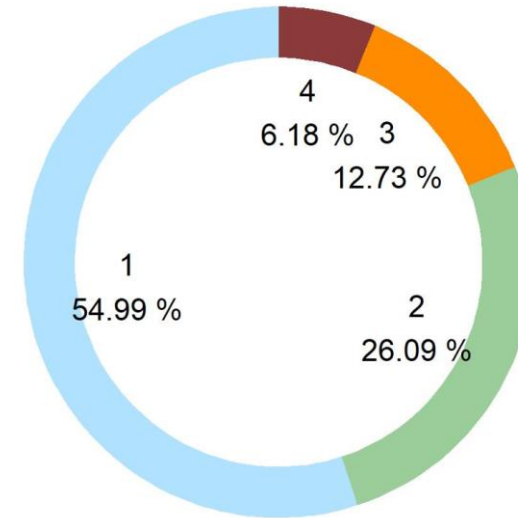
We will see how the plot changes when **multi-modality** is considered!

# ADDING THE SHARE-BIKE SERVICE

From PTN to PTNB



Percentage of PTN by  
number of modes



## NEXT STEPS

- Full demand per O/D areas → PTN demand per per O/D areas
- Computing areas accessibility
- Linking PTNB stations and computing travel time between any of them
- Setting parameters and improving node assignment
- Complete robustness and accessibility analysis after disruptions
- Select criteria for MCDM and provide a rank of the most suitable PT stops for mobility hubs

# LIMITATIONS

- We do not include capacity and congestion
- We do not include the probability of a disruptive events
- Computational time is an issue



**Thank you**

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