

# Origin-Destination Matrix Estimation Based on Microsimulation and Optimization

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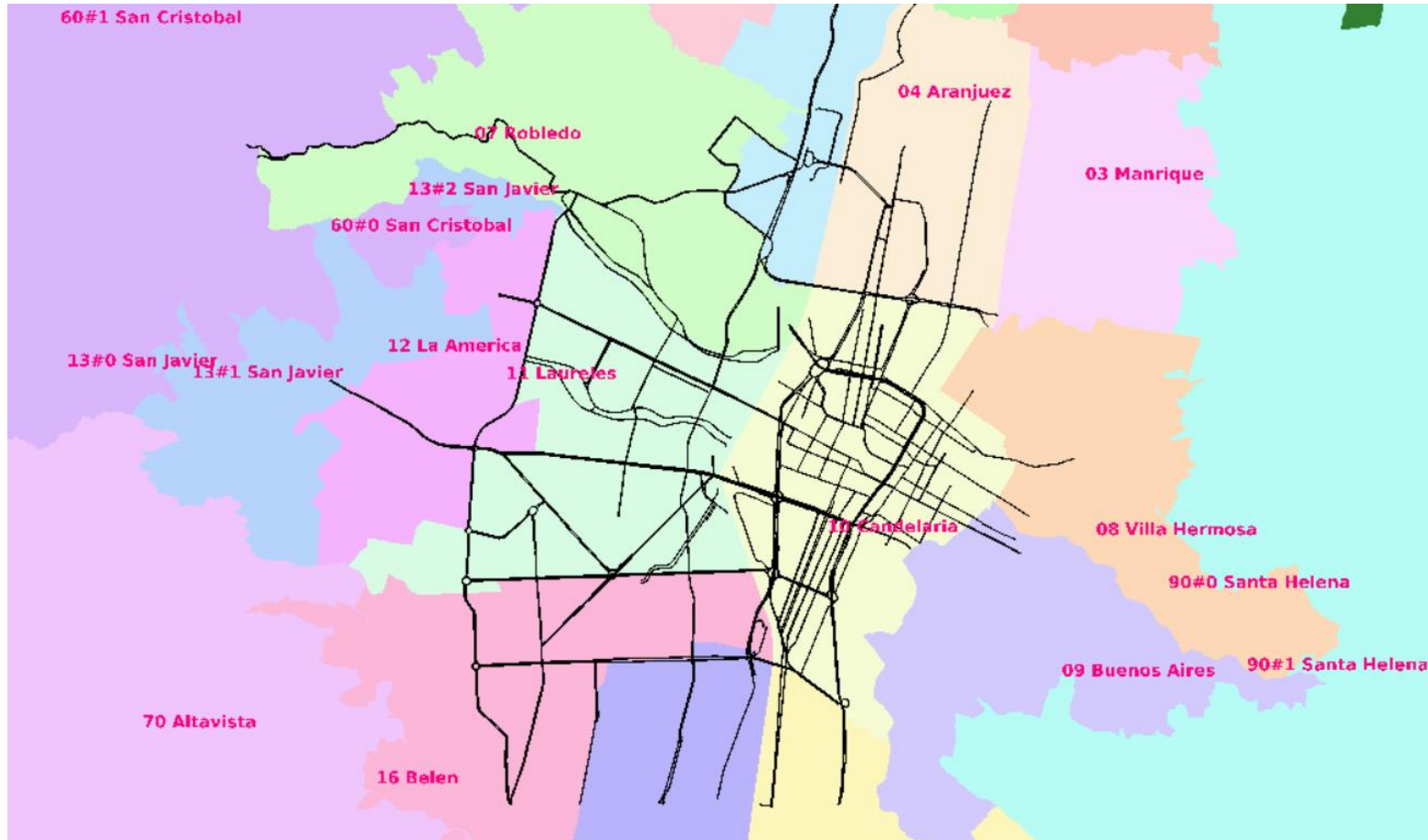


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# Calibration of traffic scenarios



# Assignment and estimation

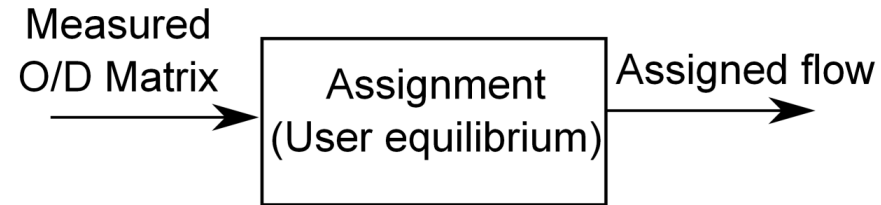


Fig. 1. Assignment and estimation process

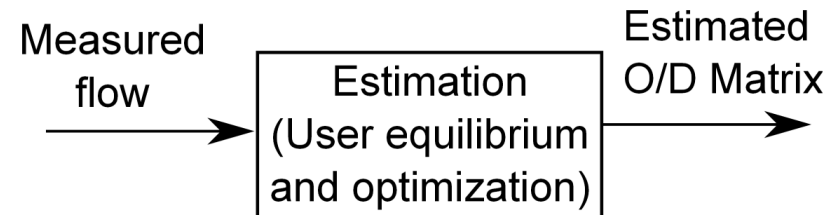


Fig. 2. Assignment and estimation process

# Outline

1. User equilibrium
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3. Results and discussion
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# 1. User equilibrium

*Every driver chooses a route for which the cost (usually the travel time) is minimal*

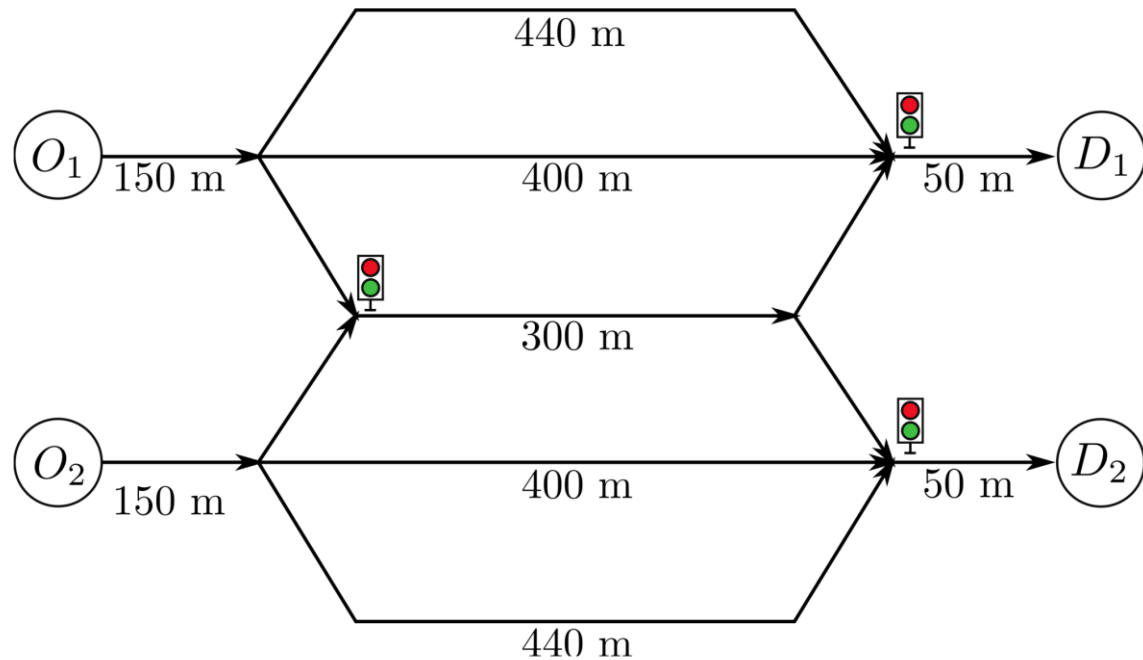


Fig. 3. Simple traffic network

$$M_{(O_i, D_j)} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{(O_1, D_1)} & V_{(O_1, D_2)} \\ V_{(O_2, D_1)} & V_{(O_2, D_2)} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

$$M_{(O_i / D_j)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1500 & 0 \\ 0 & 1500 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

# 1. User equilibrium

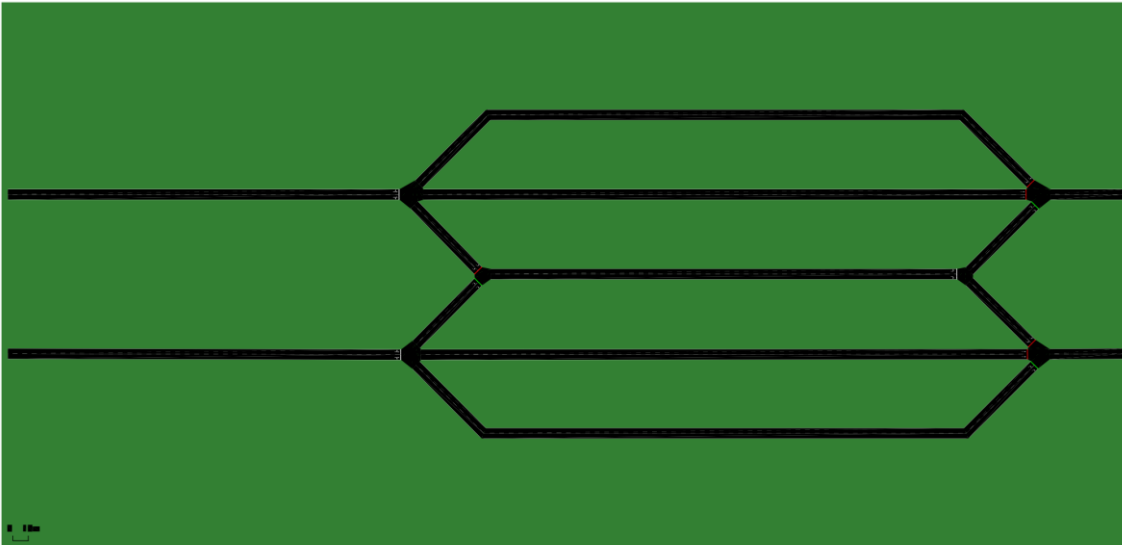


Fig. 4. Urban traffic network in SUMO

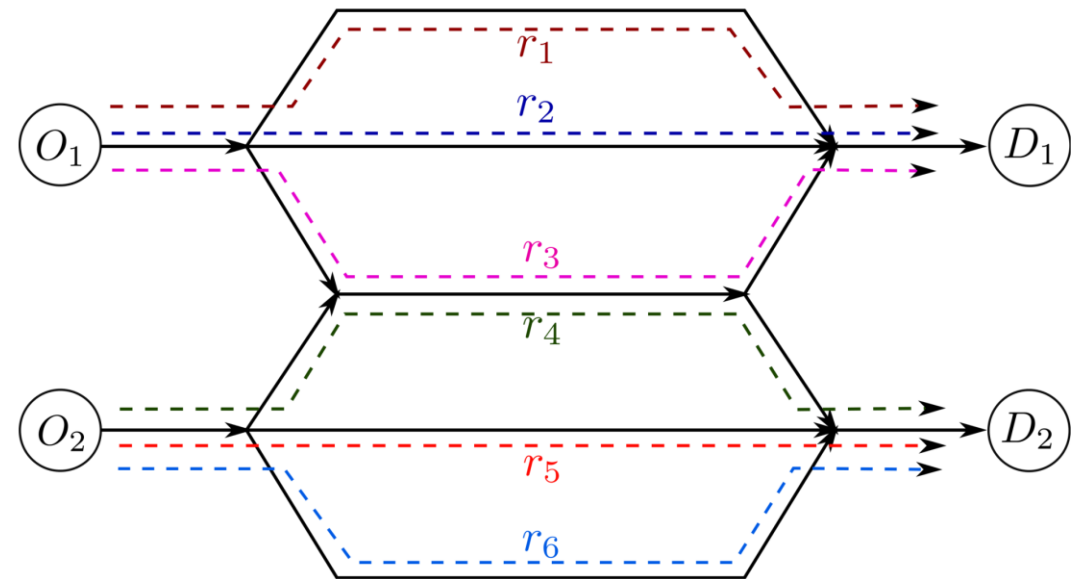


Fig. 5. Possible routes in the case of study

$$R_{(O_1, D_1)} = \{r_1, r_2, r_3\} \quad (3)$$

$$R_{(O_2, D_2)} = \{r_4, r_5, r_6\}. \quad (4)$$

# 1. User equilibrium

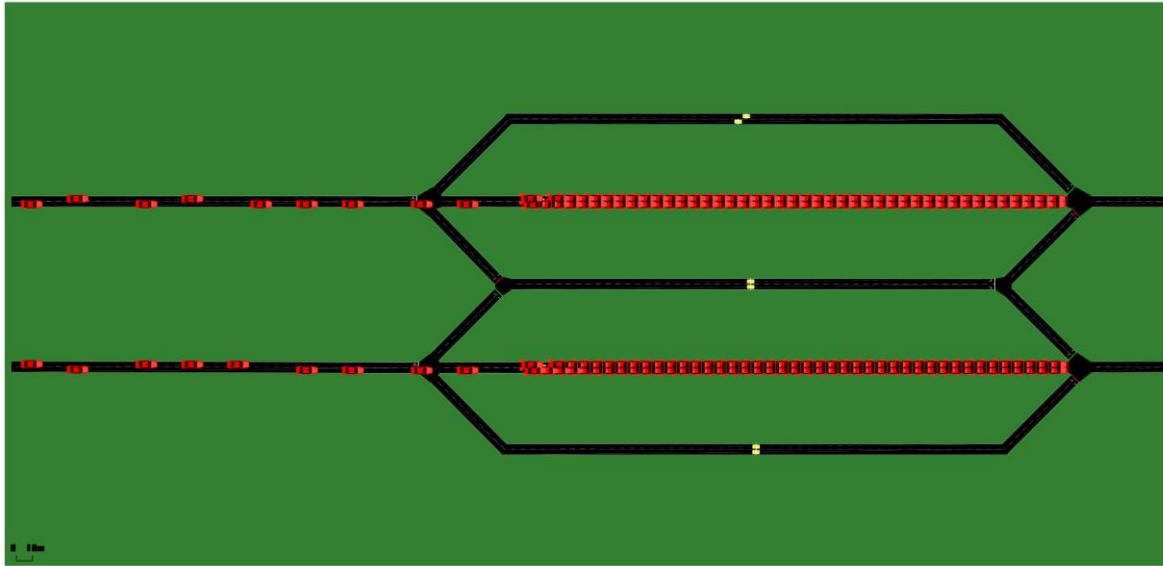


Fig. 6. Assignment using the shortest path

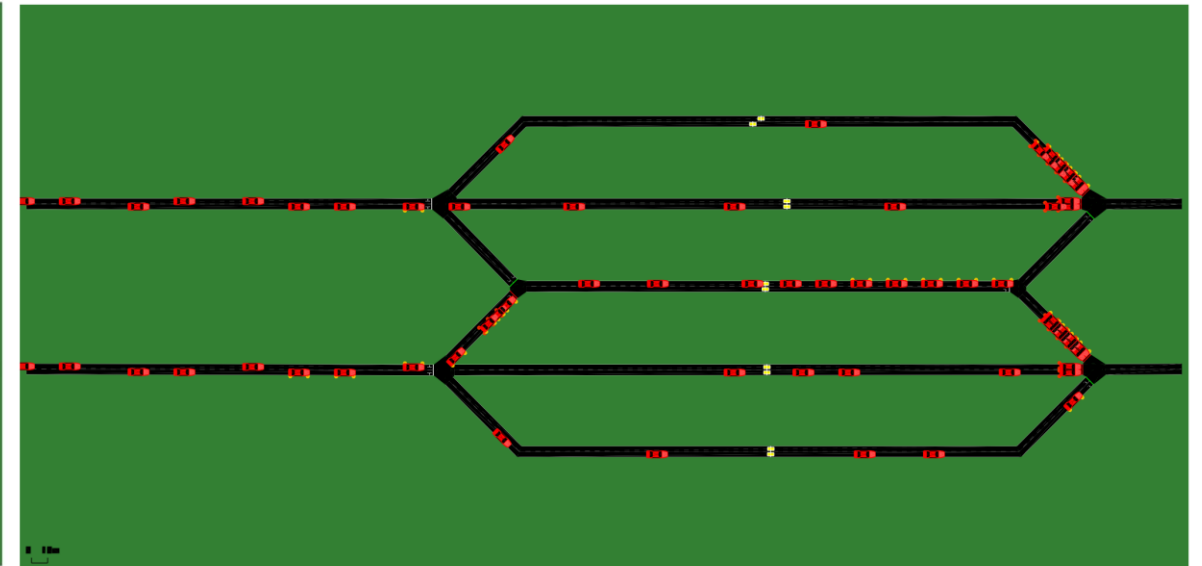
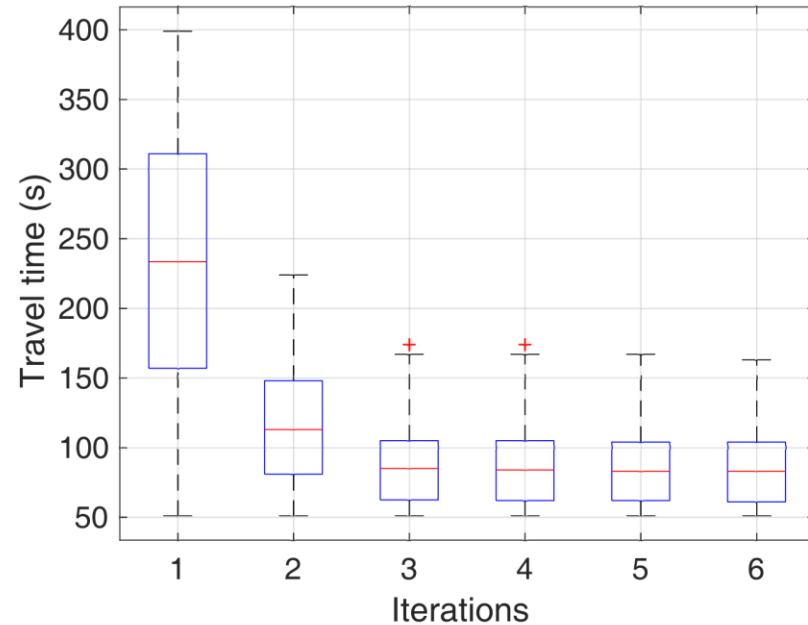
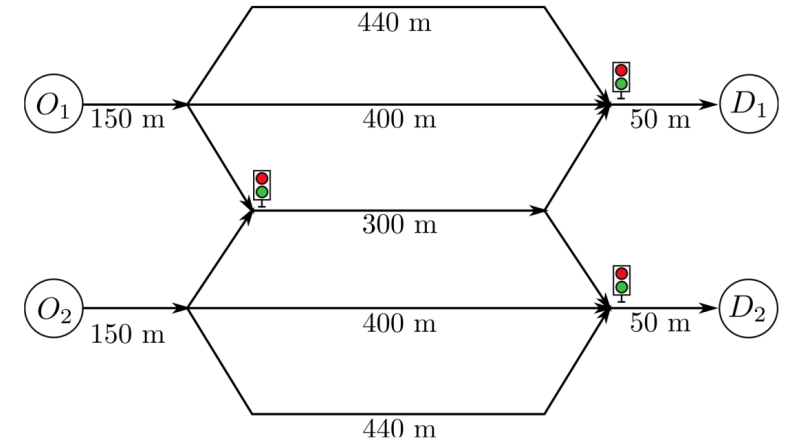
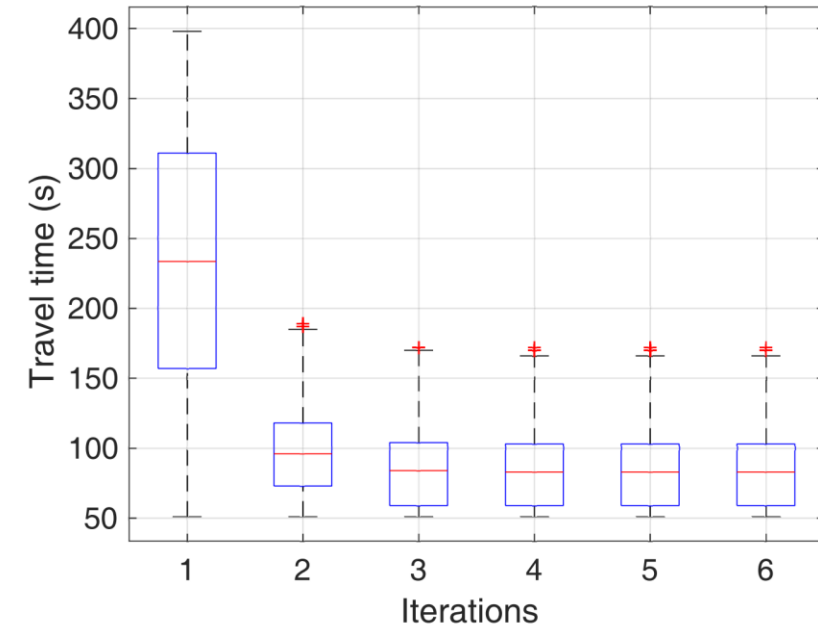


Fig. 7. User equilibrium representation

# 1. User equilibrium



(a) Travel time for different iterations for  $V_{(O_1, D_1)}$



(b) Travel time for different iterations for  $V_{(O_2, D_2)}$

Fig. 8. Dynamic User Equilibrium for a simple urban traffic network



## 2. O/D matrix estimation

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = f(\mathbf{u}) \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = [V_{(O_1, D_1)}, V_{(O_1, D_2)}, V_{(O_2, D_1)}, V_{(O_2, D_2)}]^T$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} J(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}) = \|\mathbf{q} - \hat{\mathbf{q}}\|_2$$

subject to:

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = f(\mathbf{u}),$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{\min} \leq \mathbf{u} \leq \mathbf{u}_{\max}, \quad (6)$$

$$\text{measured flow } \mathbf{q} = [q_{r_1}, q_{r_2}, q_{r_3} + q_{r_4}, q_{r_5}, q_{r_6}]^T$$

$$\text{estimated flow } \hat{\mathbf{q}} = [\hat{q}_{r_1}, \hat{q}_{r_2}, \hat{q}_{r_3} + \hat{q}_{r_4}, \hat{q}_{r_5}, \hat{q}_{r_6}]^T$$

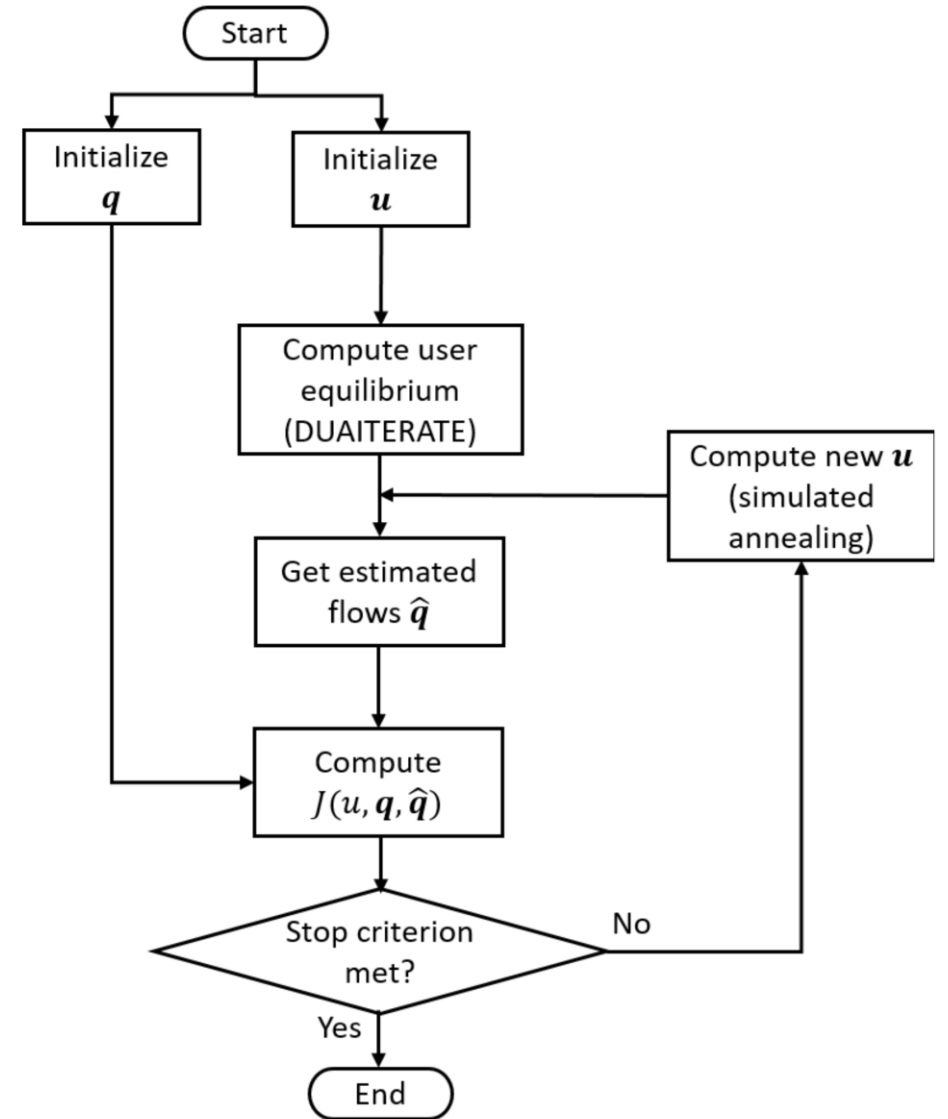


Fig. 9. Flow chart of the O/D estimation process

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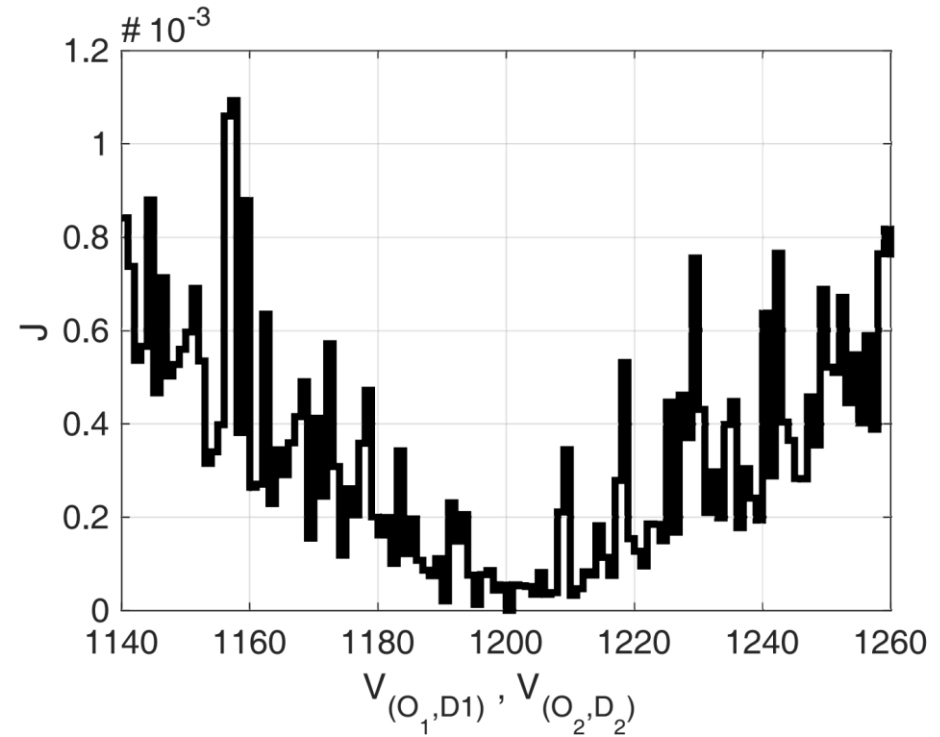
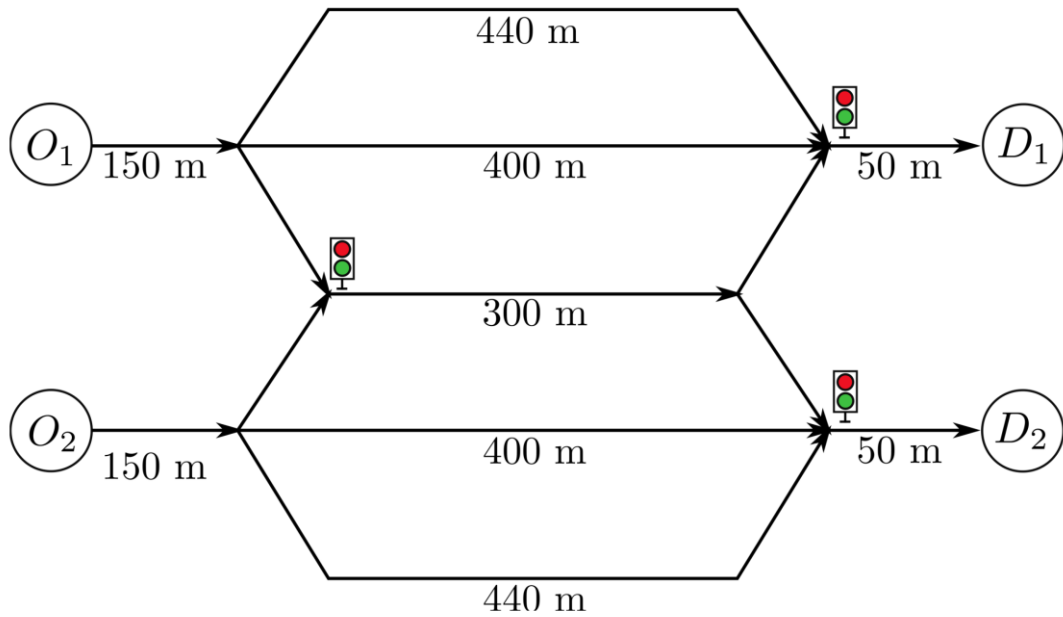


Fig. 10. Cost function obtained by varying  $V_{(O_1, D_1)}$  and  $V_{(O_2, D_2)}$ , and keeping the other values of the O/D matrix as  $V_{(O_1, D_2)} = V_{(O_2, D_1)} = 1000$

# 3. Results and discussion

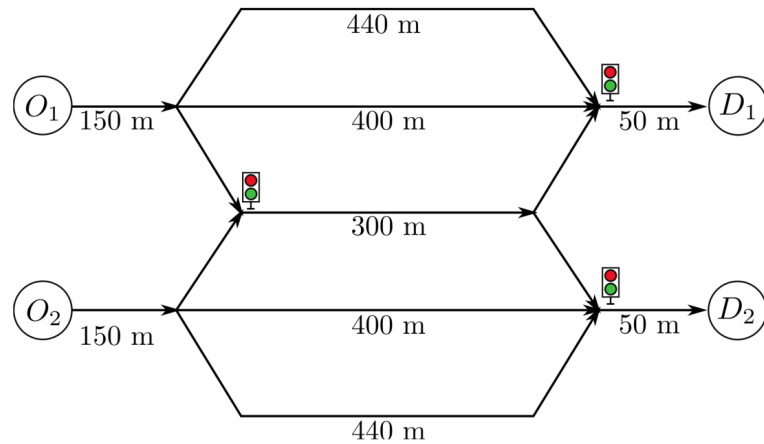


TABLE I  
REAL AND MEASURED TRIPS AND FLOWS FOR THE TEST CASE SCENARIO.

Variable	Real value	Measured value	Error (%)
$V_{(O_1,D_1)}$	1 200	1 158,9	3,42
$V_{(O_1,D_2)}$	1 000	1 045,7	4,57
$V_{(O_2,D_1)}$	1 000	998,5	-0,15
$V_{(O_2,D_2)}$	1 200	1 256,5	4,7
$q_{r_1}$	612	612	0
$q_{r_2}$	580	580	0
$q_{r_3} + q_{r_4}$	2 000	2 000	0
$q_{r_5}$	609	609	0
$q_{r_6}$	591	591	0

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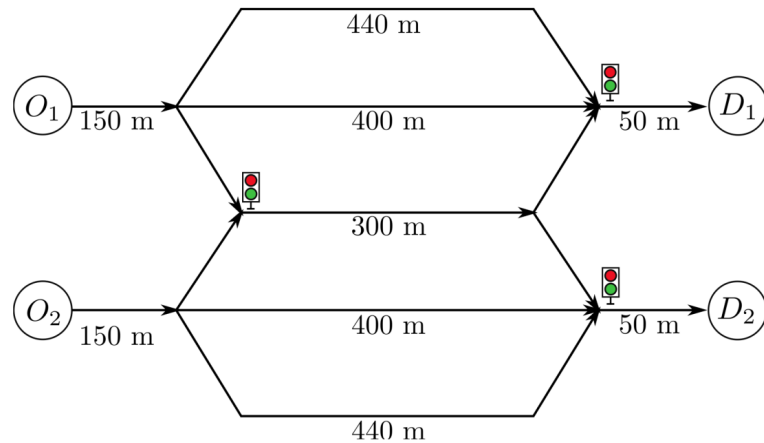


TABLE II  
INITIAL FLOWS OBTAINED WITH THE MEASURED O/D MATRIX

Variable	Real value	Initial conditions	Error (%)
$V_{(O_1,D_1)}$	1 200	1 158,9	3,42
$V_{(O_1,D_2)}$	1 000	1 045,7	4,57
$V_{(O_2,D_1)}$	1 000	998,5	-0,15
$V_{(O_2,D_2)}$	1 200	1 256,5	4,7
$qr_1$	612	567	-7,4
$qr_2$	580	582	0,3
$qr_3 + qr_4$	2 000	2 041	2,1
$qr_5$	609	609	0
$qr_6$	591	648	9,6

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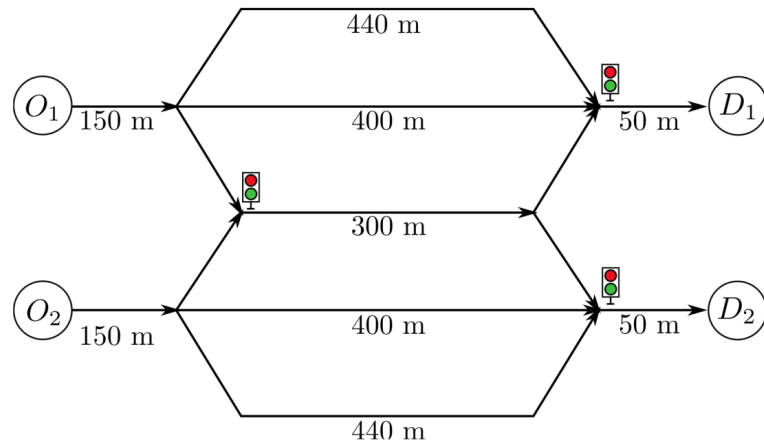


TABLE III  
SOLUTION OBTAINED WITH THE ESTIMATION METHOD

Variable	Real value	Estimated value	Error (%)
$V_{(O_1, D_1)}$	1 200	1 198,3	0,1
$V_{(O_1, D_2)}$	1 000	1 042,0	4,2
$V_{(O_2, D_1)}$	1 000	958,6	4,2
$V_{(O_2, D_2)}$	1 200	1 208,9	0,7
$q_{r_1}$	612	608	0,6
$q_{r_2}$	580	583	0,5
$q_{r_3} + q_{r_4}$	2 000	2 000	0
$q_{r_5}$	609	609	0
$q_{r_6}$	591	600	1,5

# 4. Conclusions

- In this presentation, a method for estimating an O/D matrix based on microscopic simulation was described. This method consists in an optimization problem where the decision variables correspond to the trips comprising the O/D matrix, which is assumed to have a measurement error.
- This optimization iteratively runs a dynamic user equilibrium using the DUAITERATE tool found in the SUMO simulator, which implements the Gawron's Dynamic Traffic Assignment Model.
- The objective function tries to minimize the error between the flows obtained with the measured O/D matrix, and those obtained with the corrected O/D matrix.
- Simulation results showed the validity of the proposed method. Due to the dependence between the O/D matrix and the resulting traffic flows, it was difficult to consider measurement errors in the latter. Future improvements will evaluate these errors directly in the SUMO simulator.

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