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# Familiar strangers: A network of encounters

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# Why is transport planning interested ?

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# DUE, SO & SUE in transport models

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Wardrop (1952):

1. The journey times on all the routes actually used are equal, and less than those which would be experienced by a single vehicle on any unused route.
2. The average journey time is a minimum.

Daganzo and Sheffi's (1977) define SUE for the aggregate case:

“In a SUE network, no user believes he can improve his travel time by unilaterally changing routes.”

# But how about the social context ?

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## e.g. how much is destination choice as a joint choice ?

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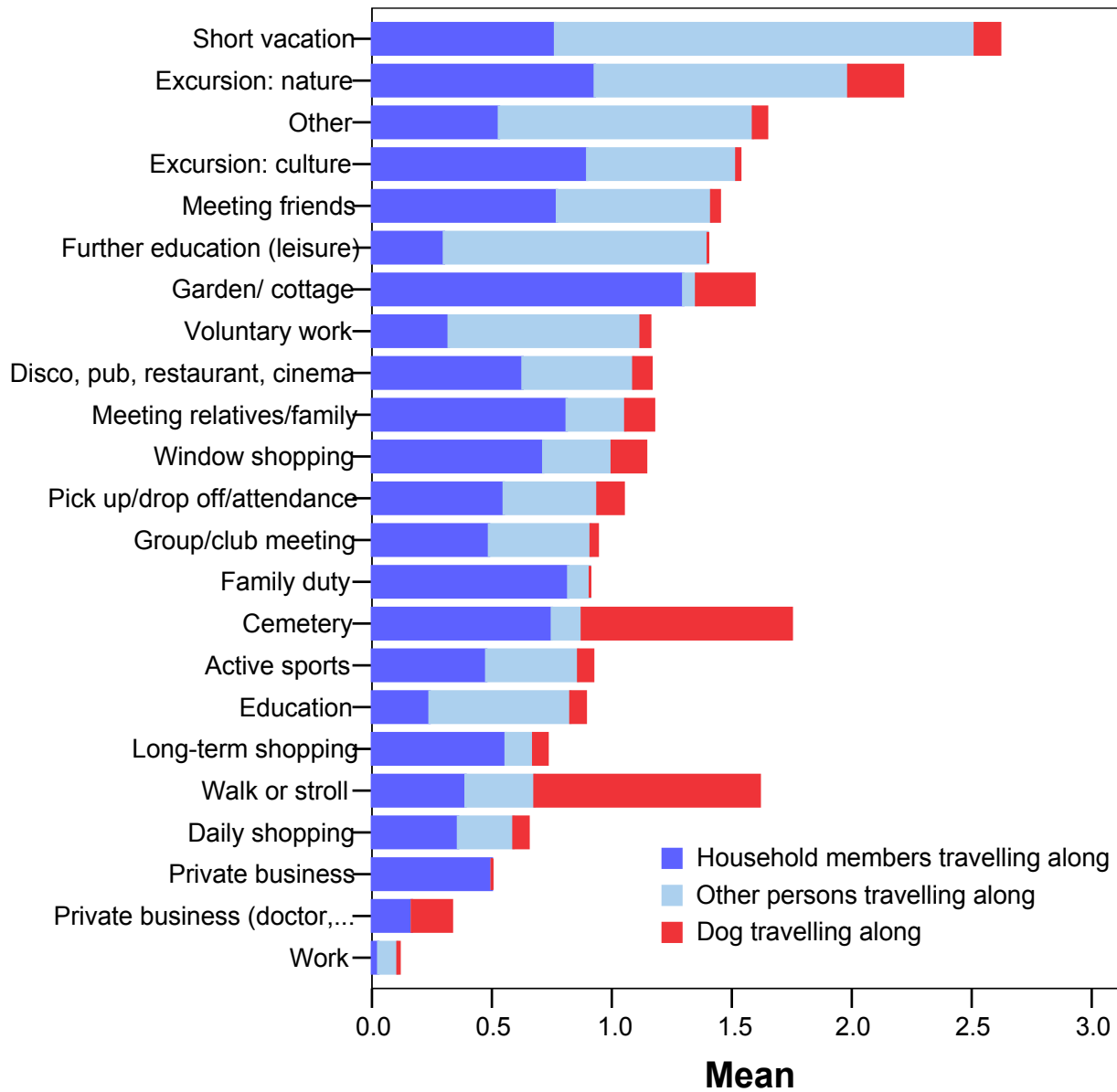
Destination choice:

- Awareness set of the agent
- Personal time and budget constraints
- Individual utility maximisation

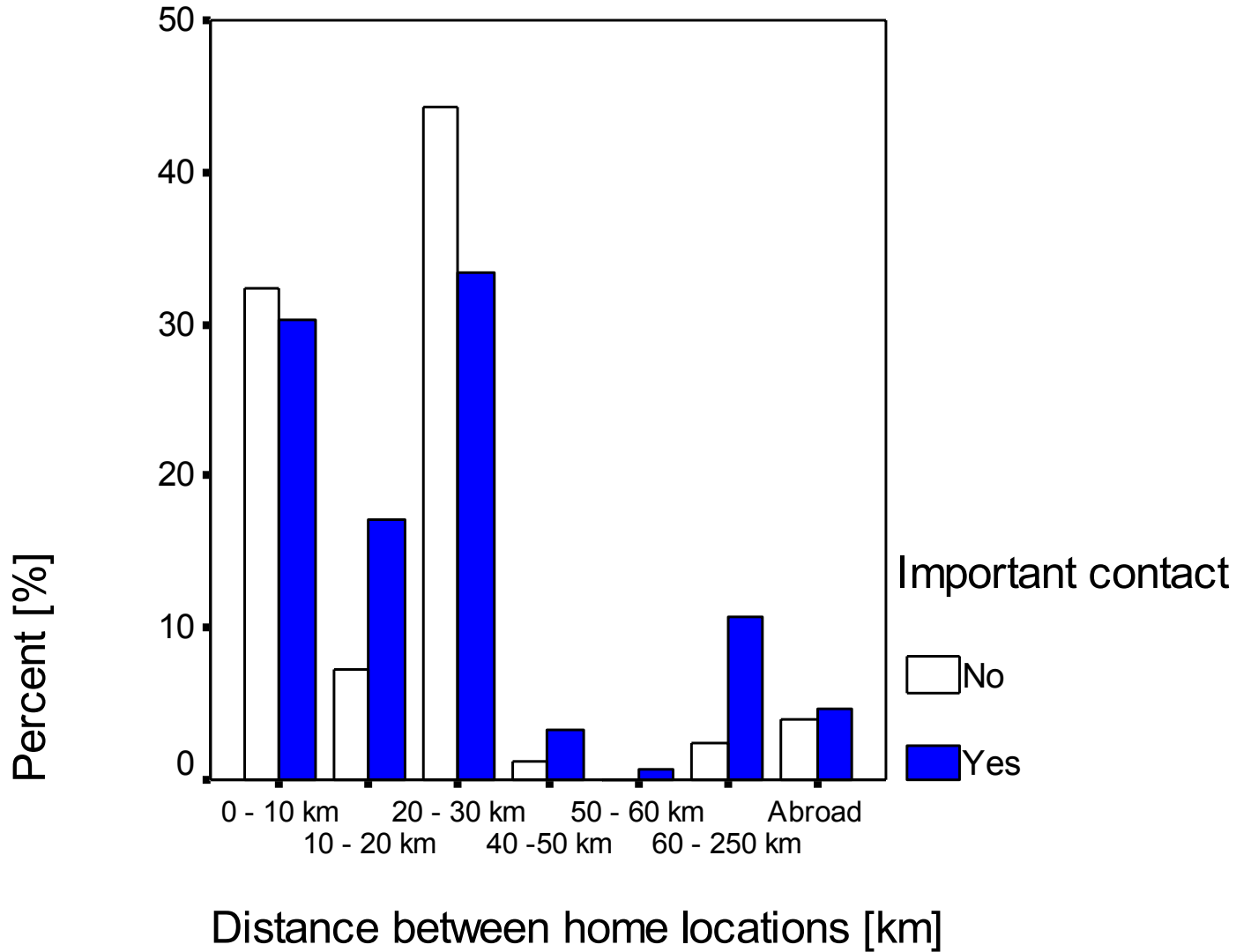
Or ?

- Joint awareness set of participants
- Joint set of constraints
- Negotiation of the emerging choice
- Or joint utility maximisation

# Number of accompanying travellers



# Required travel for leisure meetings of ego-alter





# Travel and social networks

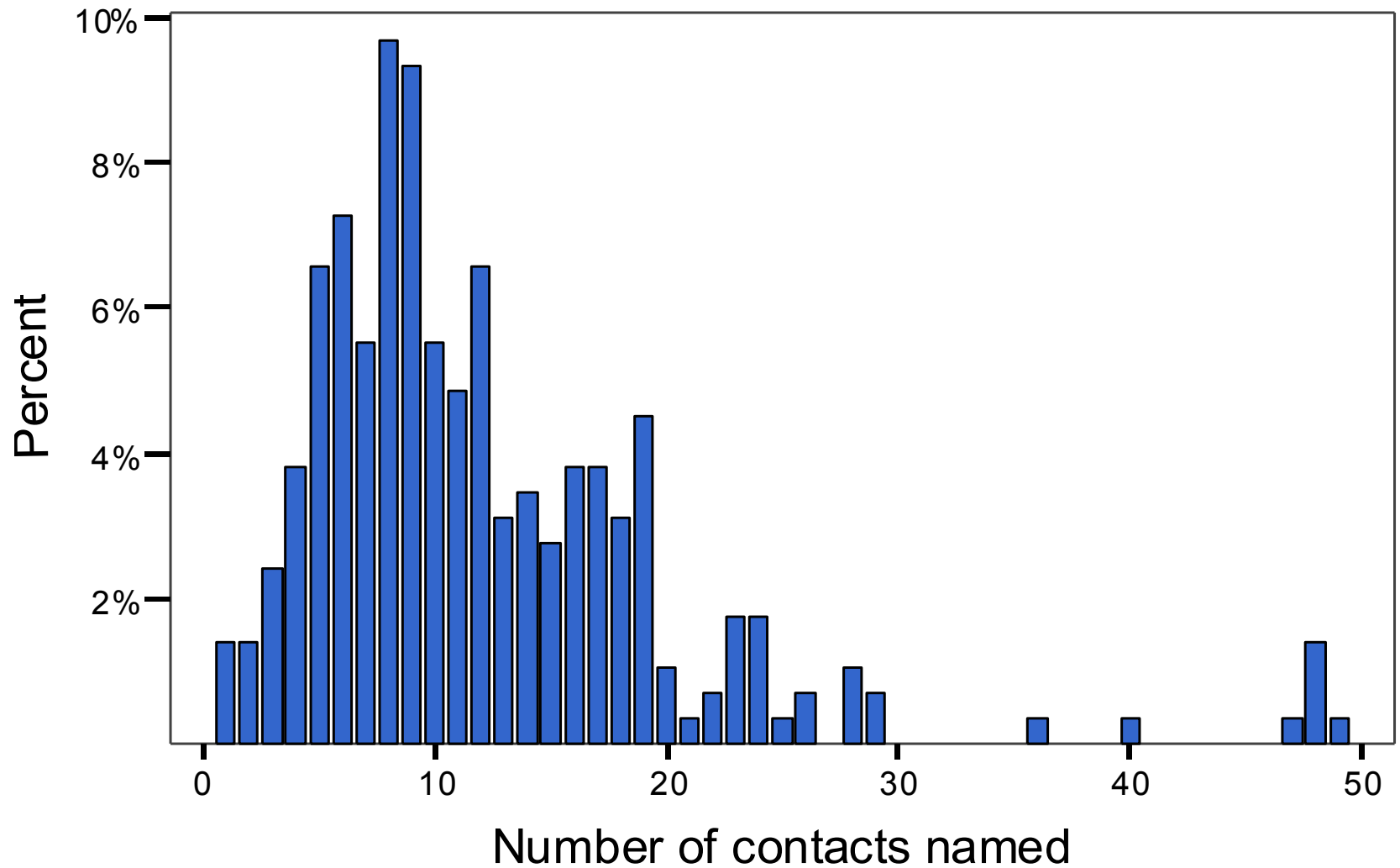
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# Benchmarking the current state

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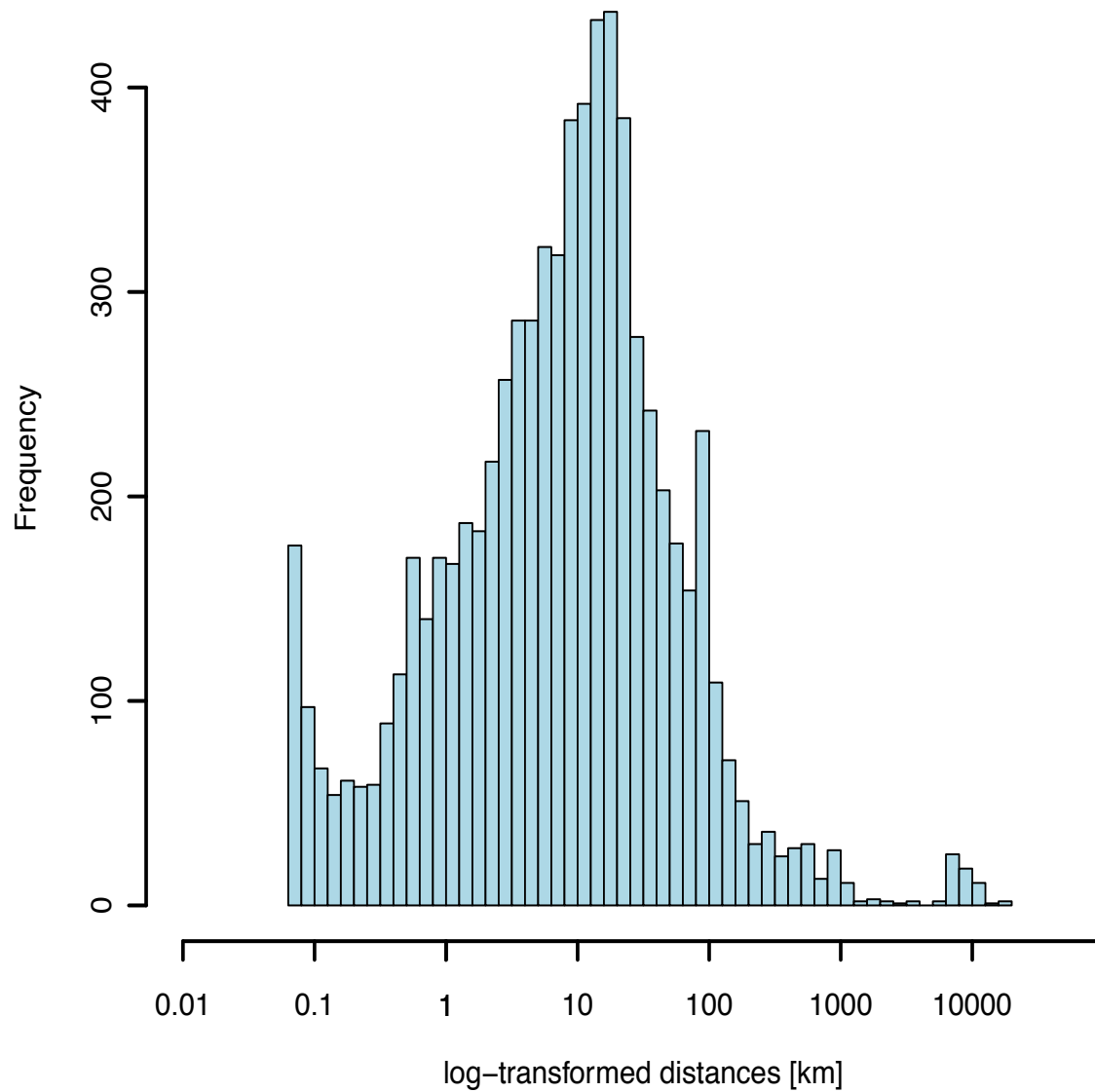
- Numbers of contacts
- Distance distributions
- Clustering
- Geographies
- Frequency and mode of contact

# Number of contacts reported



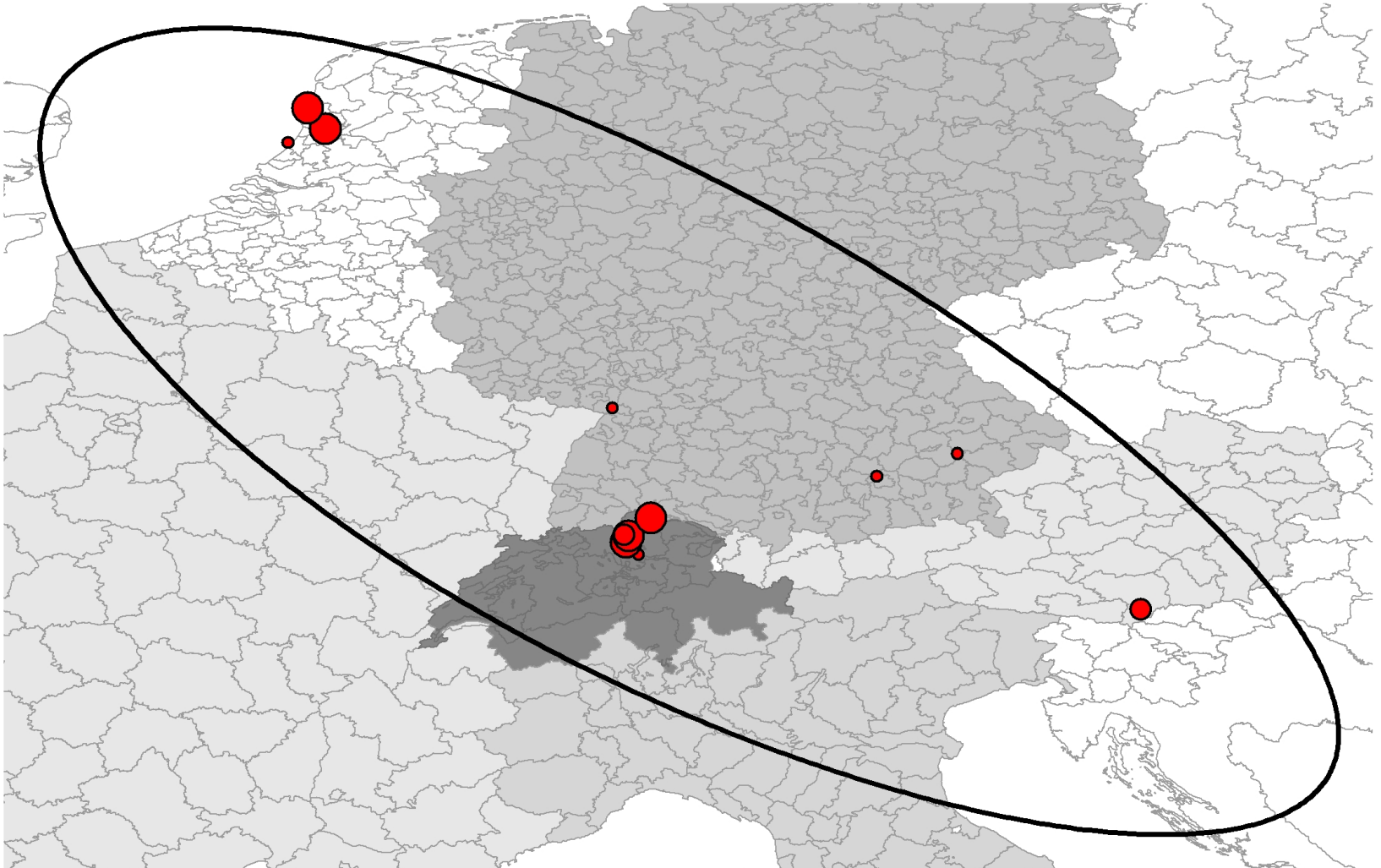
# Great circle distances between “leisure” contacts: Snowball

Daten: Schneeballbefragung IVT, Siehe Kowald et al. 2012

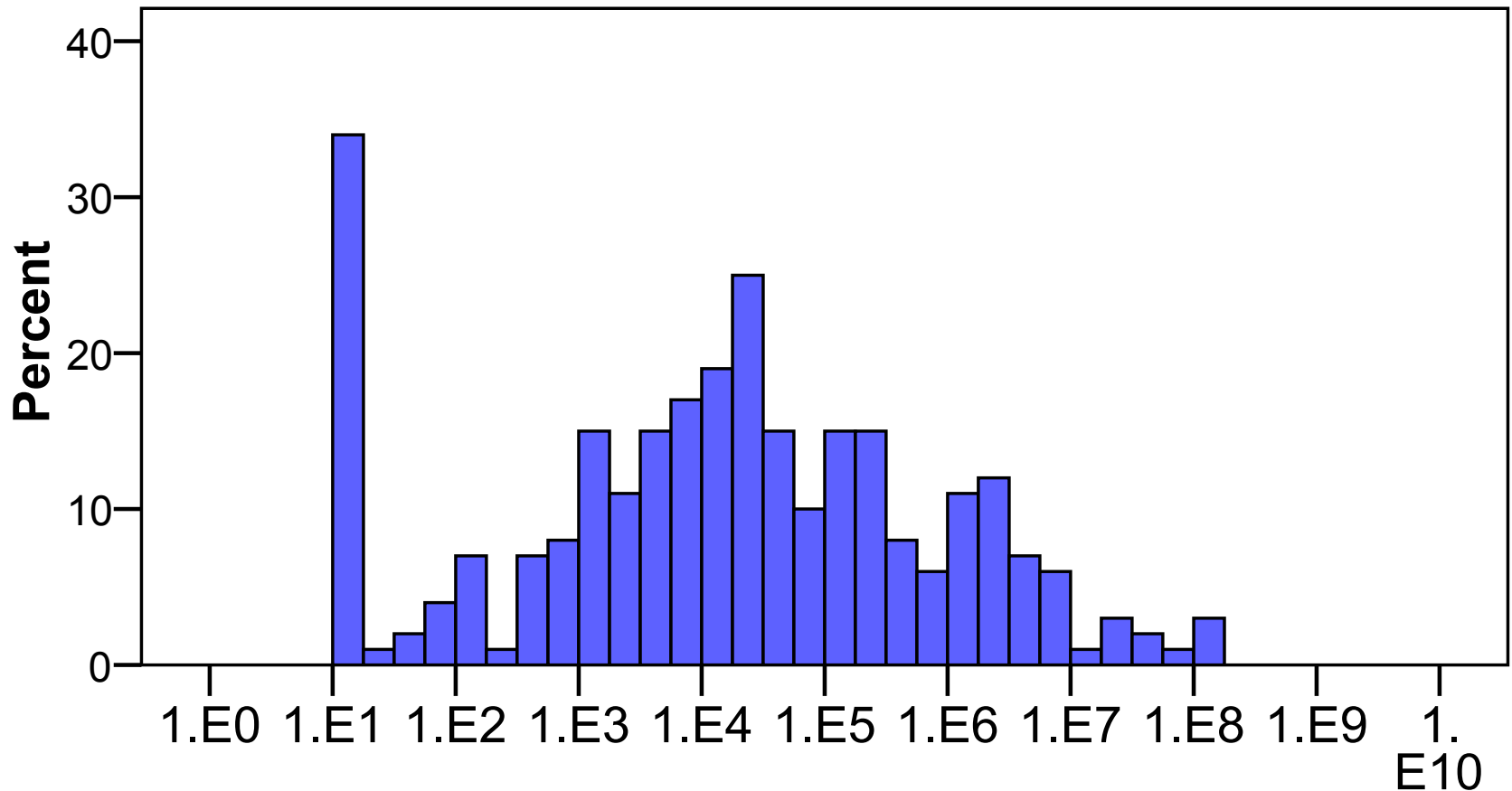


# Example of a social network geography

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# Size of network geometries



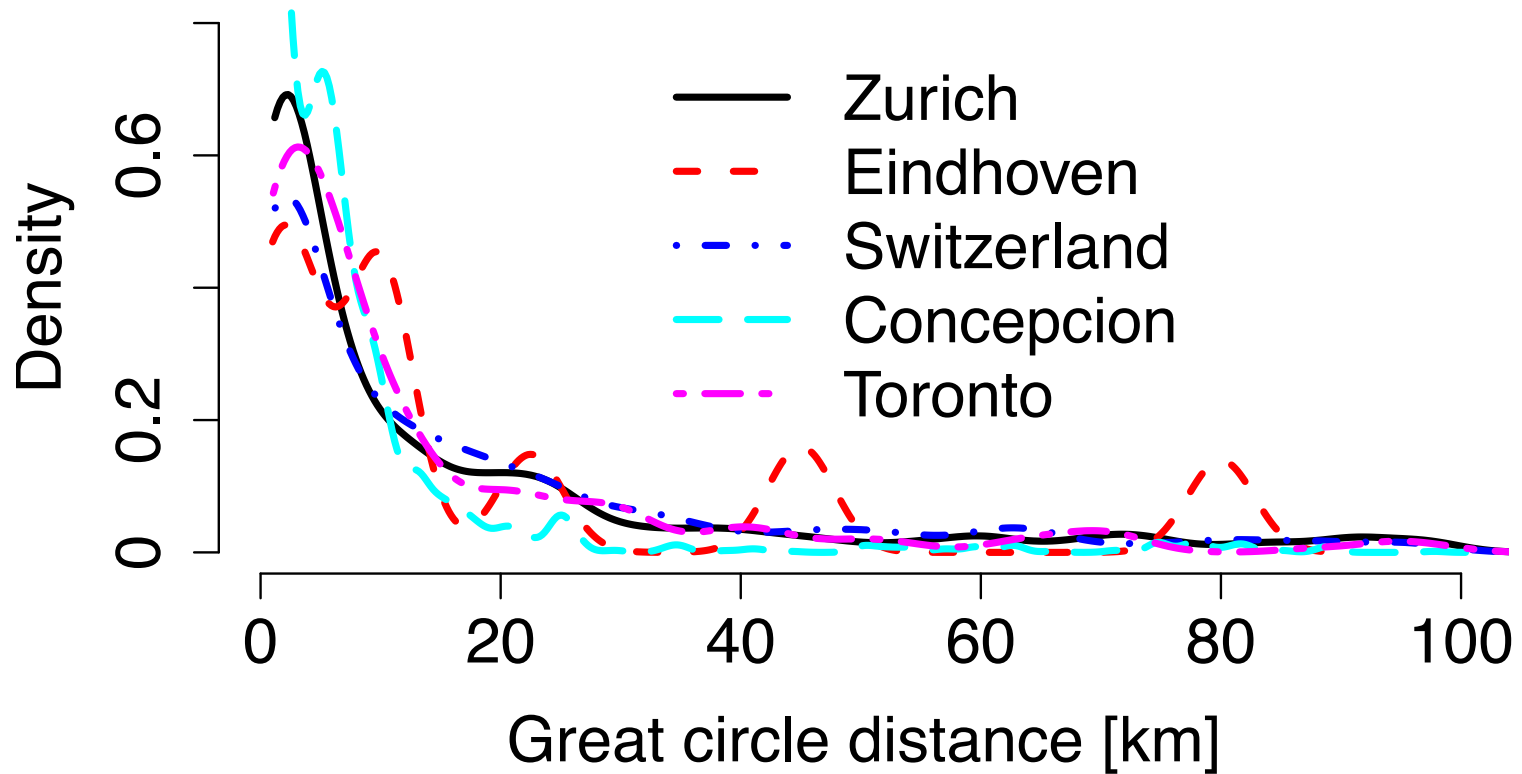
**95%-confidence ellipse of the social network geography**

# Comparisons

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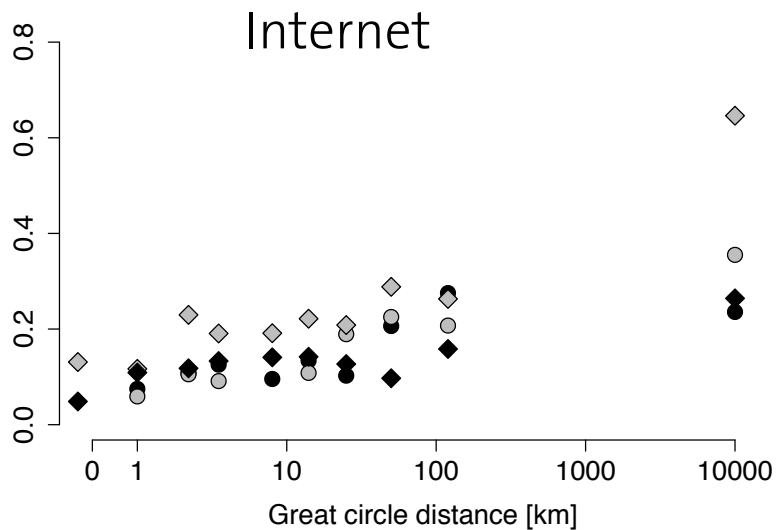
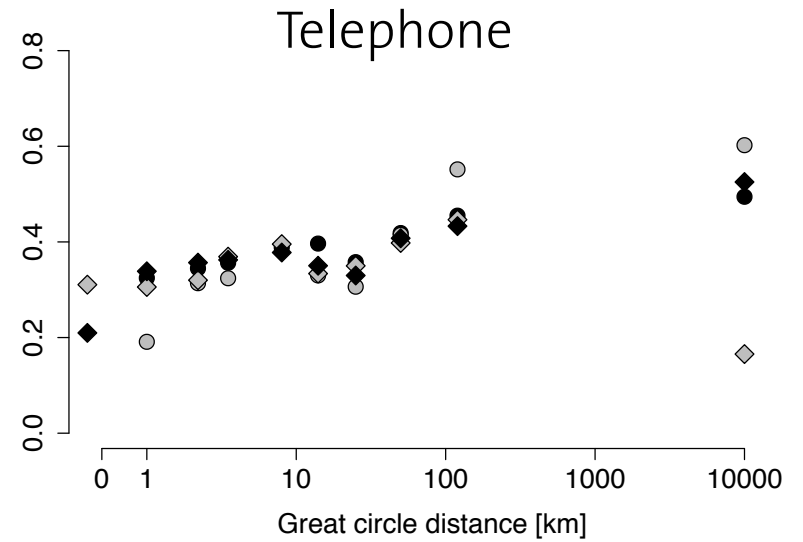
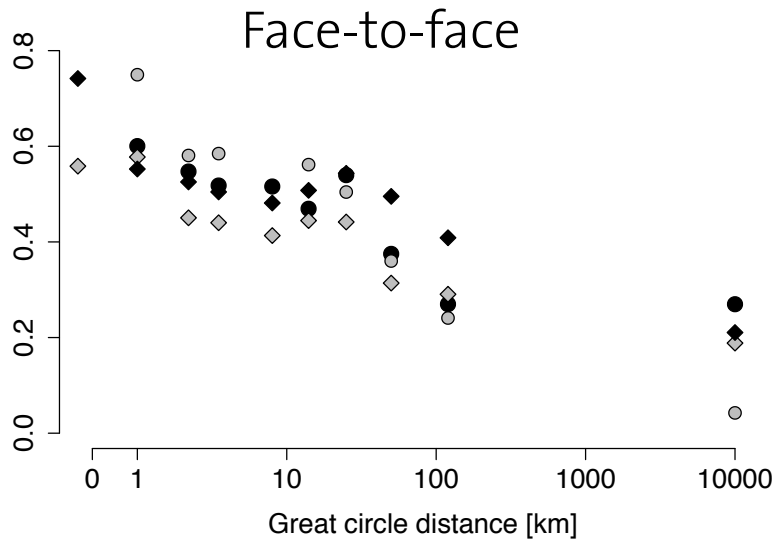
# Contact “density” – shares by distance class

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# Shares of contact by mode

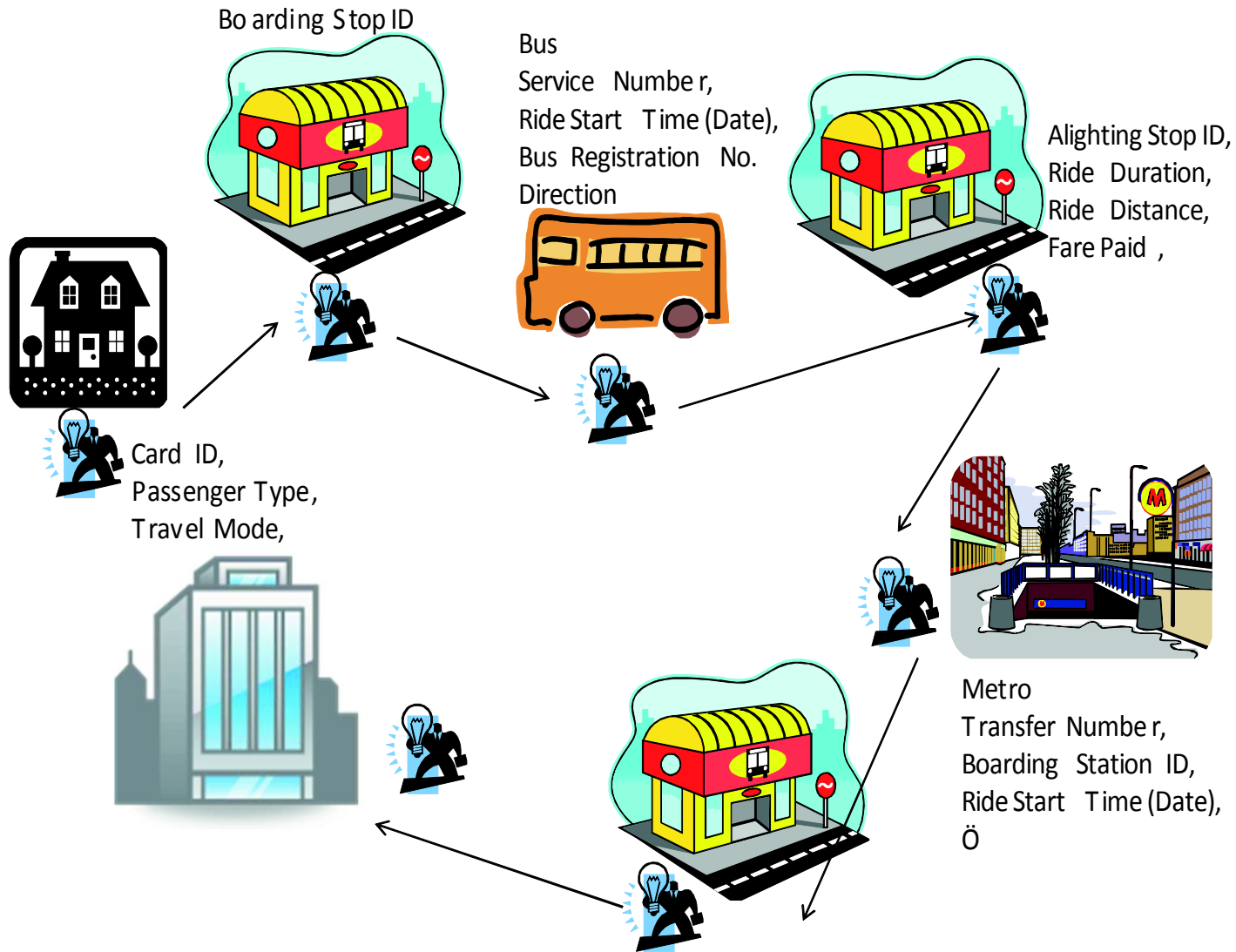


- Zurich
- Eindhoven
- ◇ Switzerland
- ◆ Concepcion

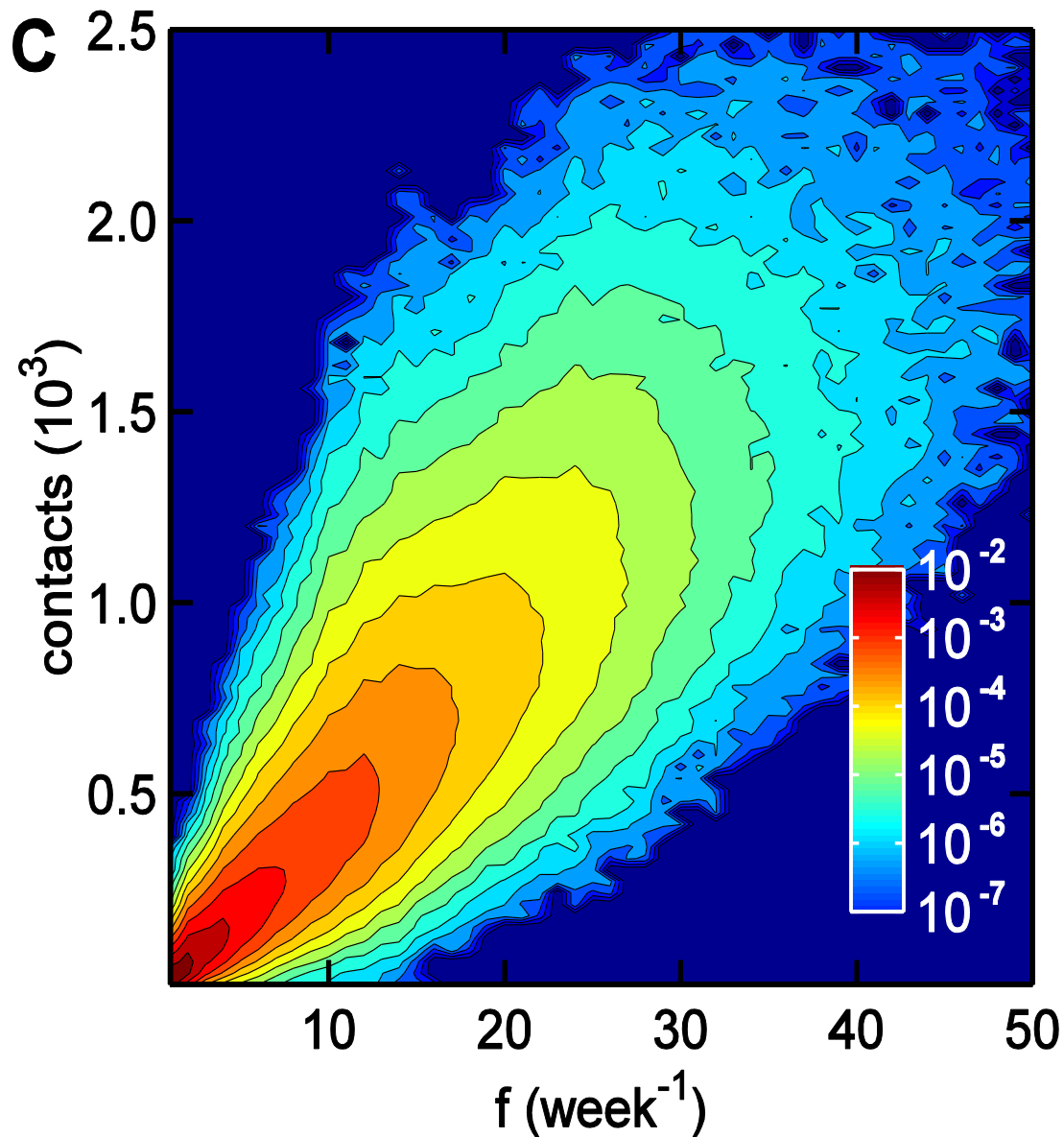
# A low level network as a building block

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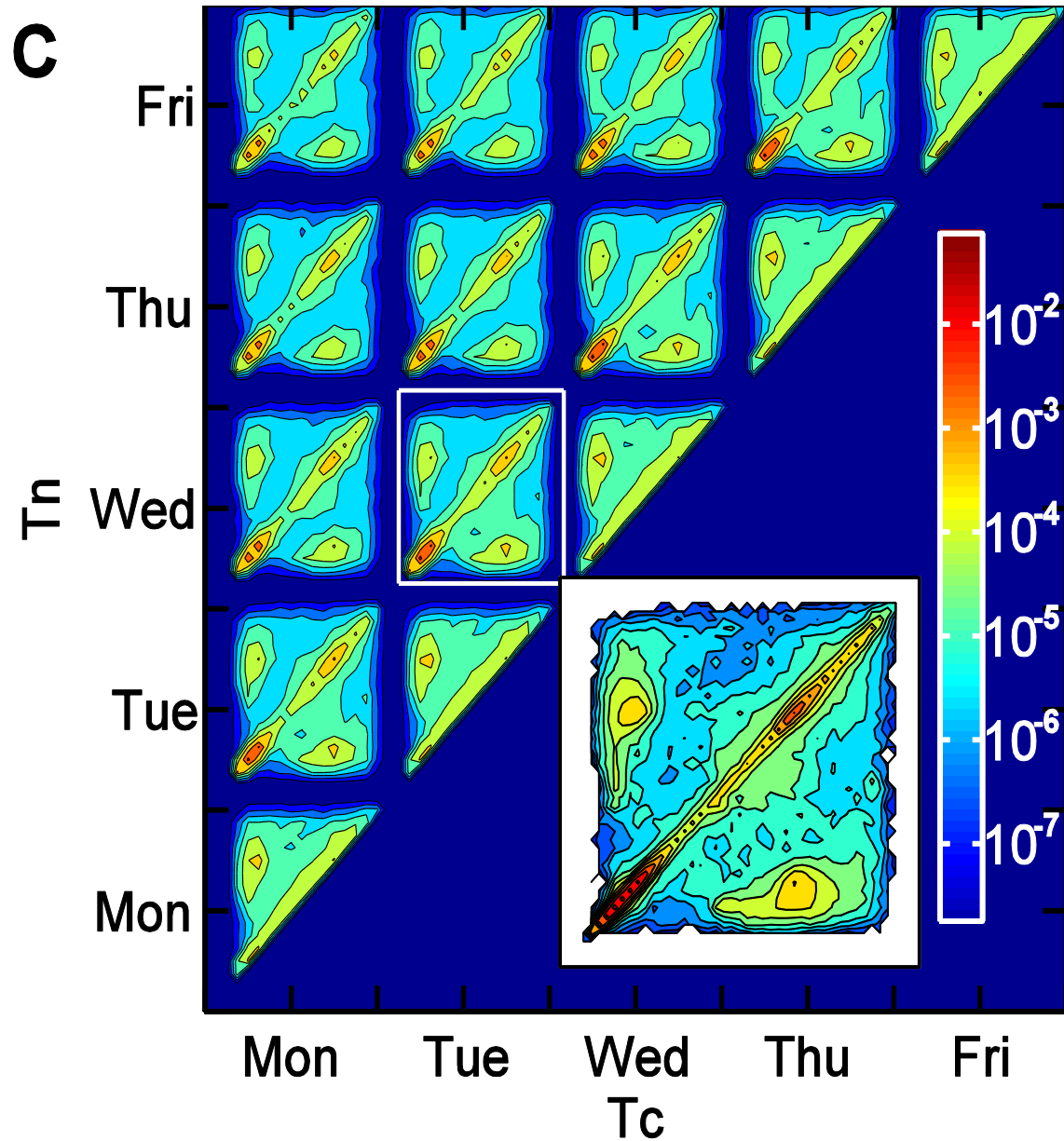
# Smart card records as a source



# Number of contacts versus usage frequency

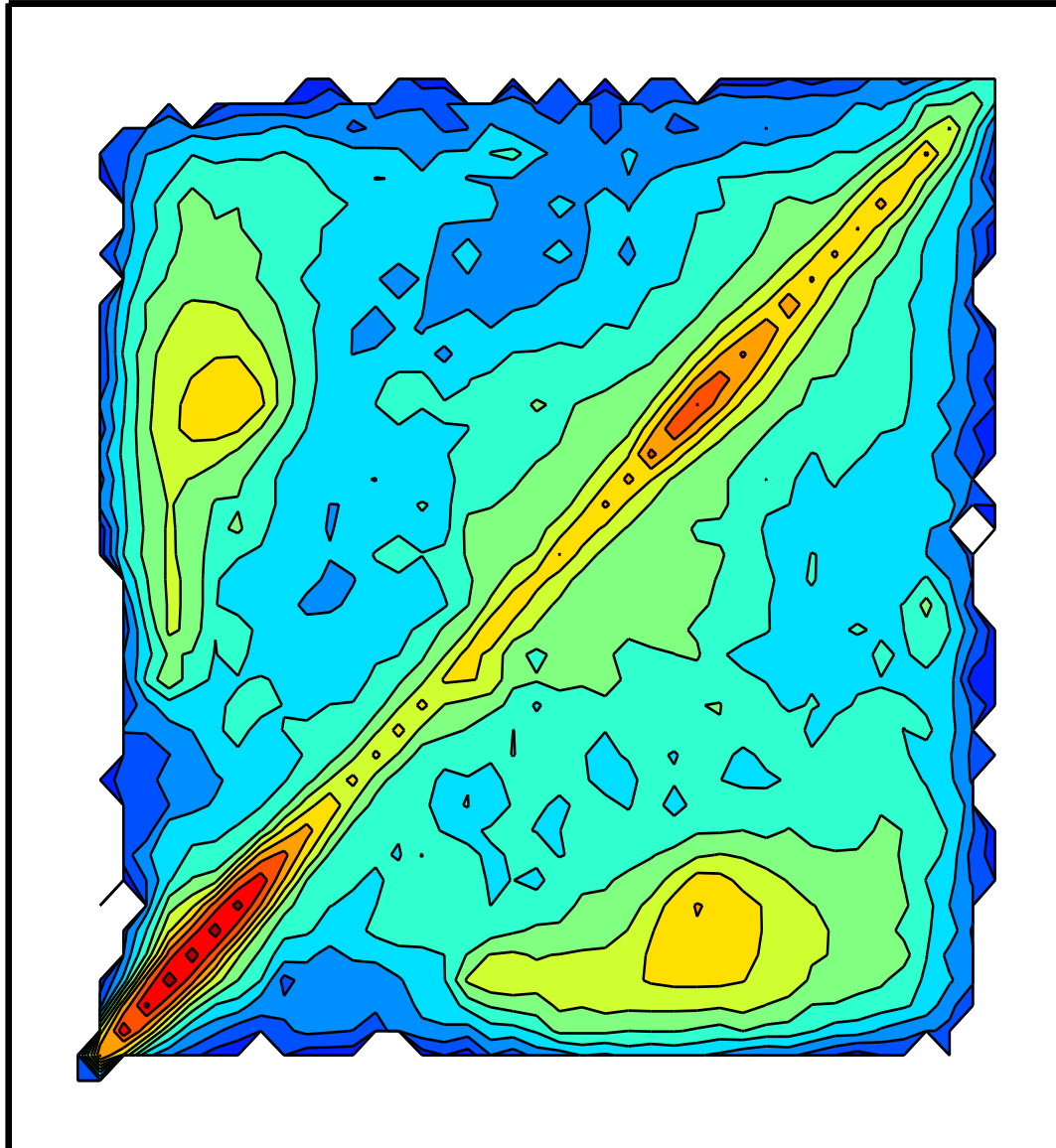


# Encounter density over the days



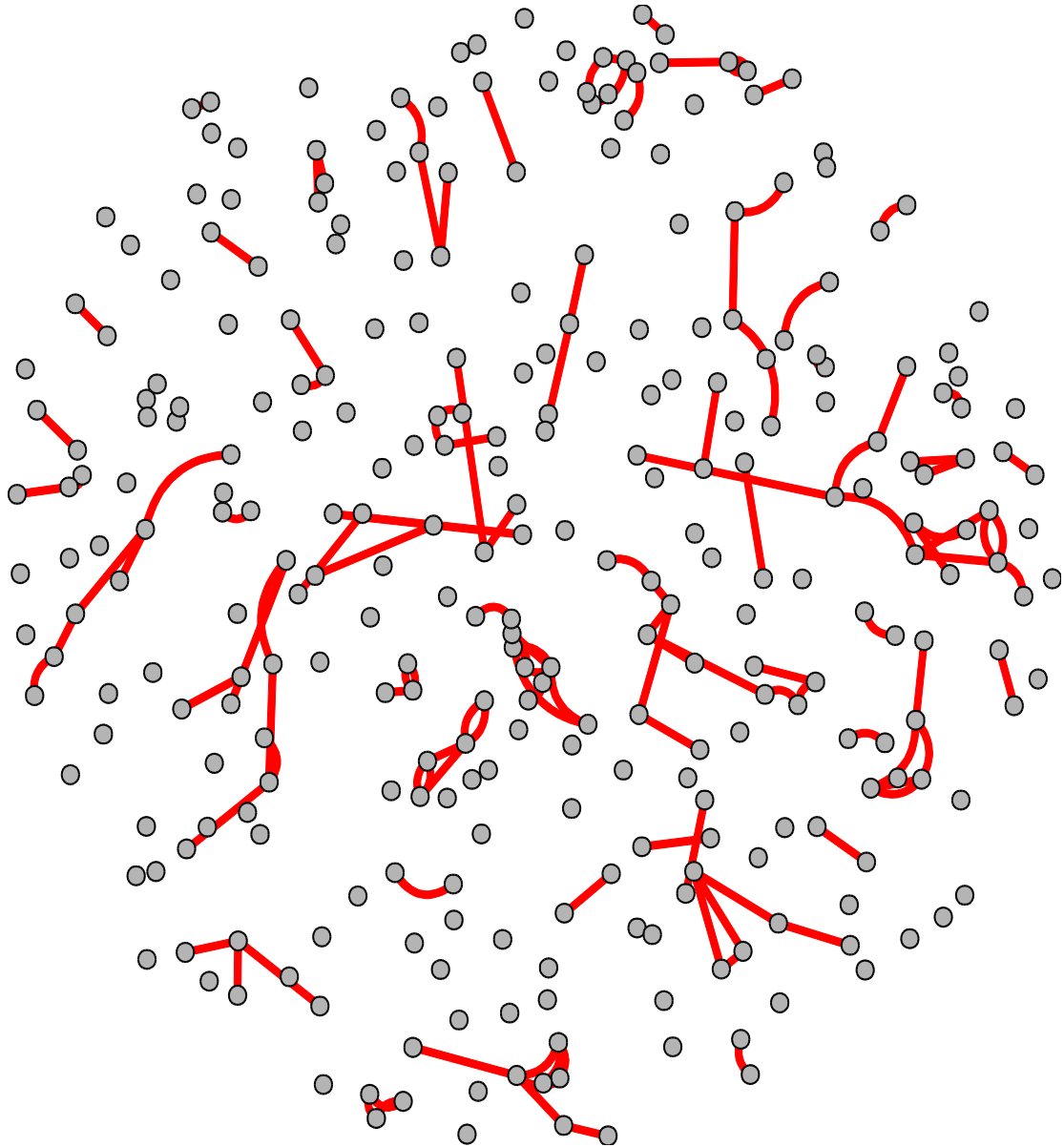
# Encounter density of the days: Cut-out

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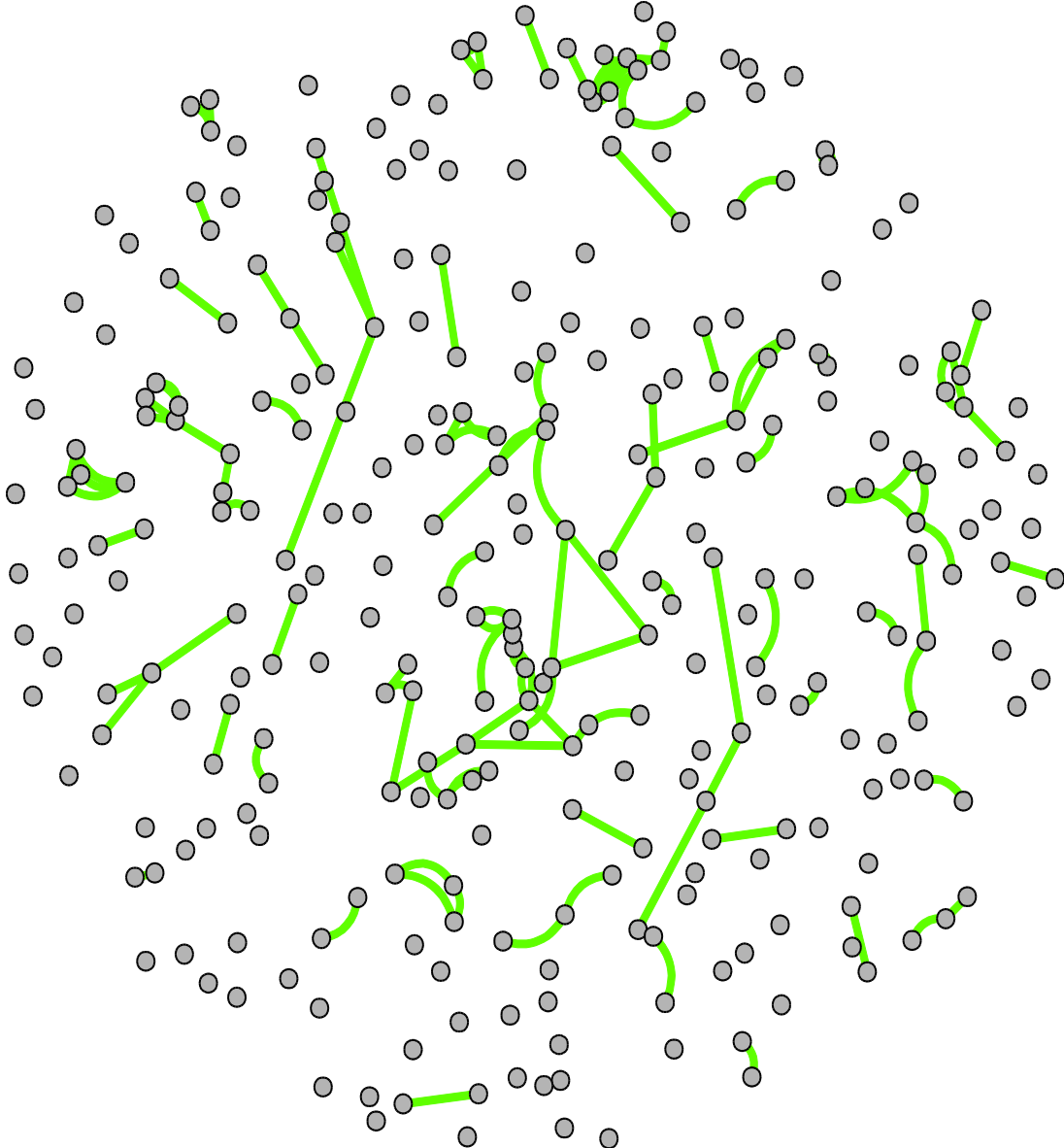
# Monday

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# Tuesday

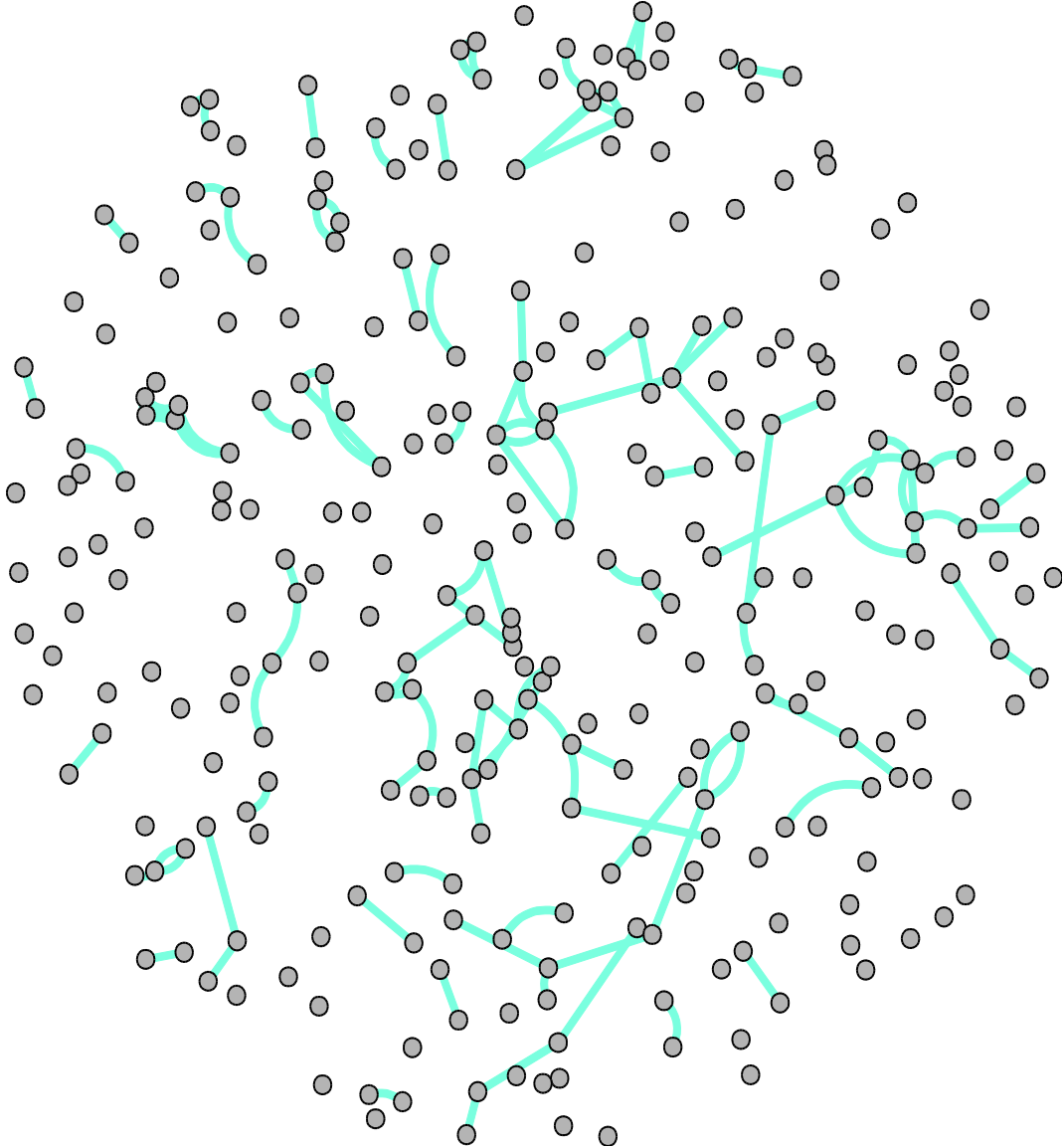
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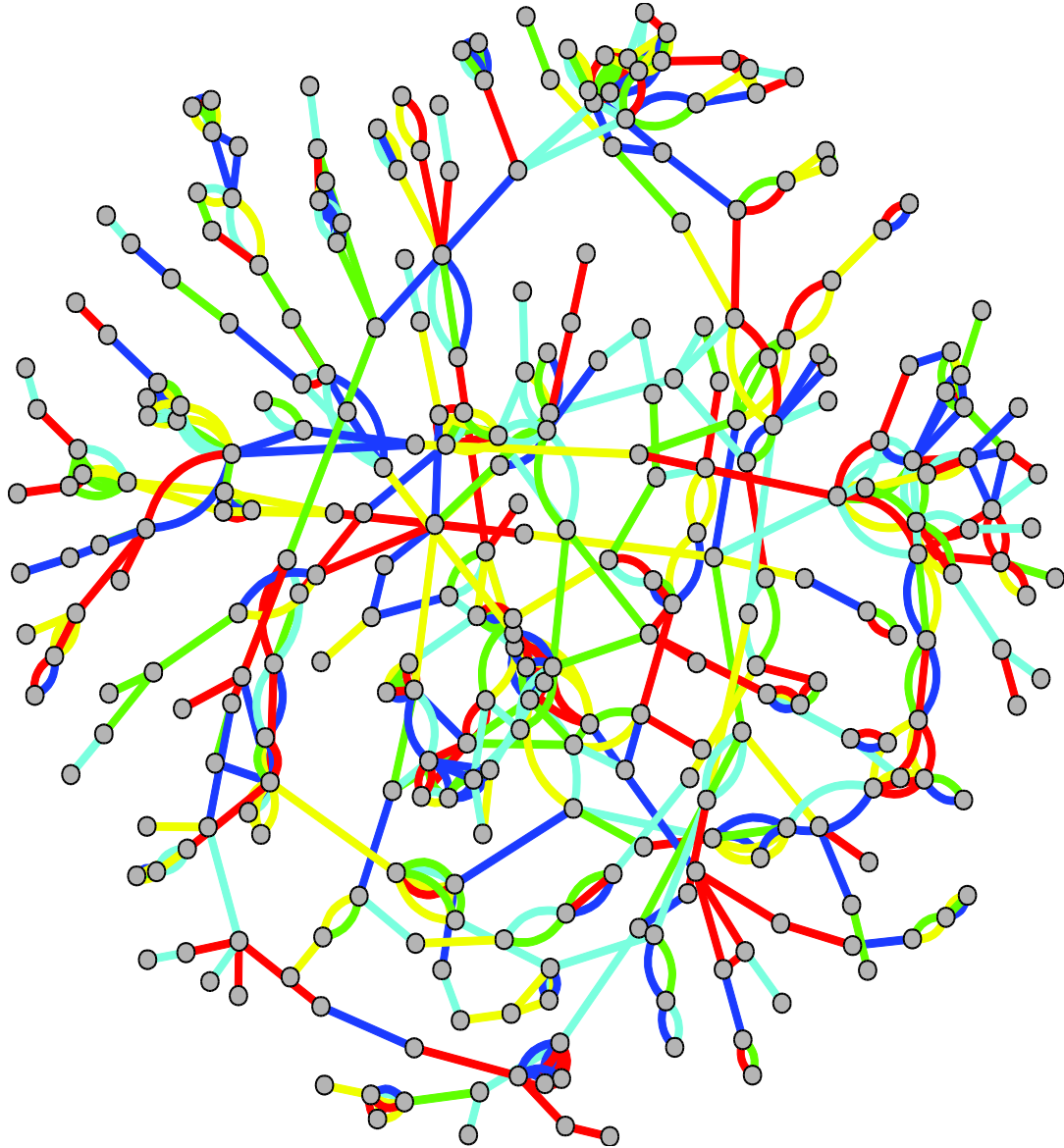
# ... Friday

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# ... the weekly summary

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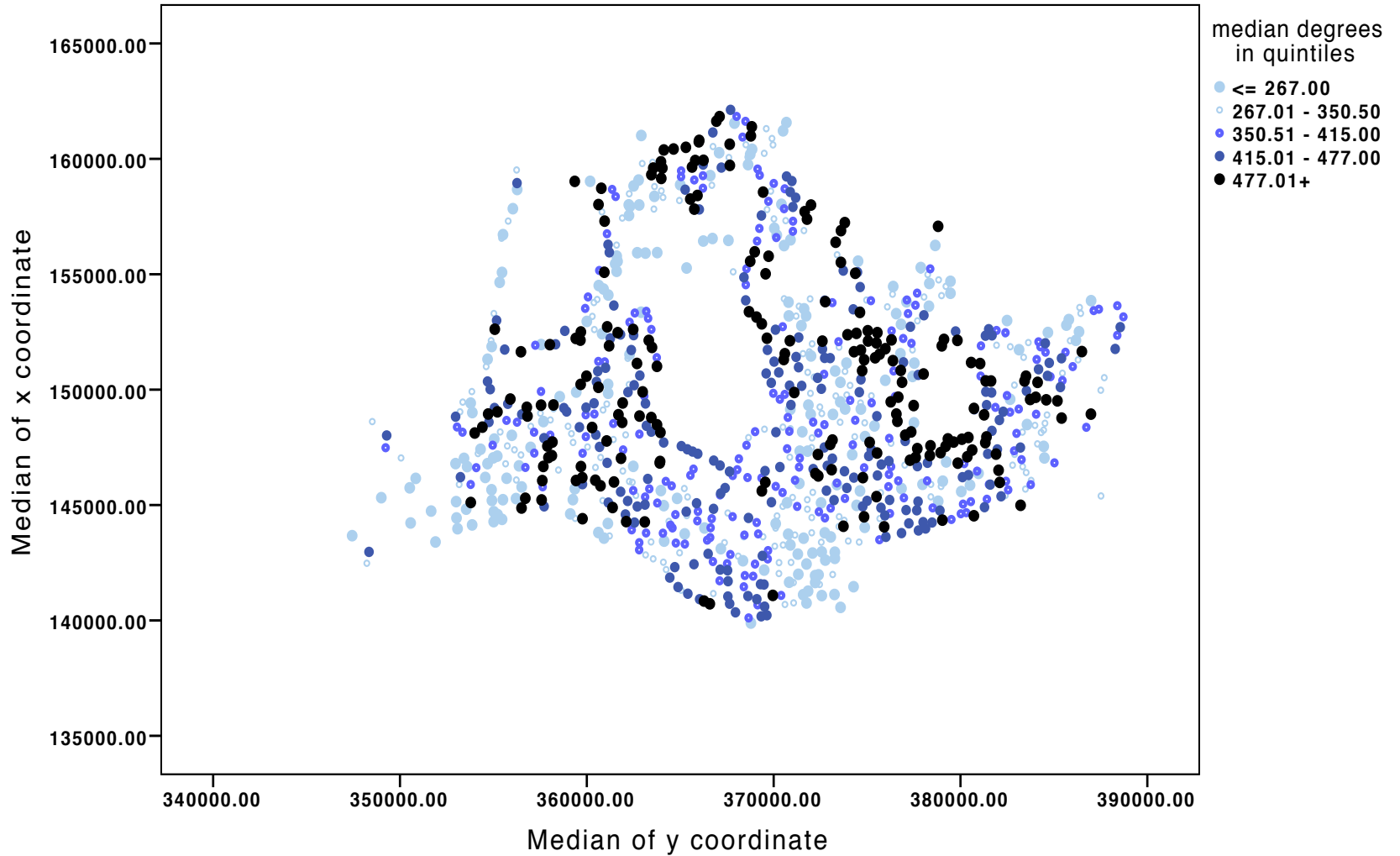


# A small world network in Singapore's busses

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- One component by Wednesday
- Diameter: 6
- Characteristic path length: 2.95
  - (random: 2.63)
- Average clustering coefficient: 0.19
  - (random:  $4.5 \times 10^{-4}$ )
- Small-world
  - Watts DJ & Strogatz SH (1998) Collective dynamics of 'small-world' networks. Nature 393:440-442.

# A small world network in Singapore's busses, but uneven



# Integration

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# Schedule detail possibilities (in current **stable MATSim**)

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Number and type of activities  
Sequence of activities

(Feil)  
(Ordonez)

- **Start and duration of activity**
- Composition of the group undertaking the activity (Kowald, Tan, **Fourie**)
- Expenditure division
- **Location of the activity** (Horni)
  - Movement between sequential locations
    - **Location of access and egress from the mean of transport**
      - Parking search and type (Waraich)
    - **Vehicle/means of transport** (Ciari)
    - **Route/service** (Chakirov)
    - Group travelling together (Dubernet, **Fourie**)
  - Expenditure division

# Integration and future work

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- Generation of artificial social networks (Arentze et al., 2012) (degree, clustering, distances)
- Repeat of Switzerland Snowball
- Measurement of network size (leisure, work, civic engagement)
- Measurement of network dynamics (Timmerman's ERC project)
- Integration of network choice/decision making model (Dubernet)

# Travel and social networks: Contributors to our work

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## Social networks and their geographies:

- Timo Ohnmacht
- Andreas Frei
- Matthias Kowald
- Lijun Sun
- Andreas Diekmann, ETH Zürich
- Jonas Larsen, Roskilde/John Urry, Lancaster

## Integration into agent-based models

- Thibaut Dubernet
- Pieter Fourie

## Social network generation

- Theo Arentze, TU Eindhoven



# Questions ?

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MATSim implementation Singapore 2013

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