

# Toward Hyperconnected City Logistics On-Demand Synchromodal Urban Delivery Service Project in Bordeaux, France

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# BORDEAUX METROPOLE, FRANCE



## Bordeaux Métropole : 28 municipalities



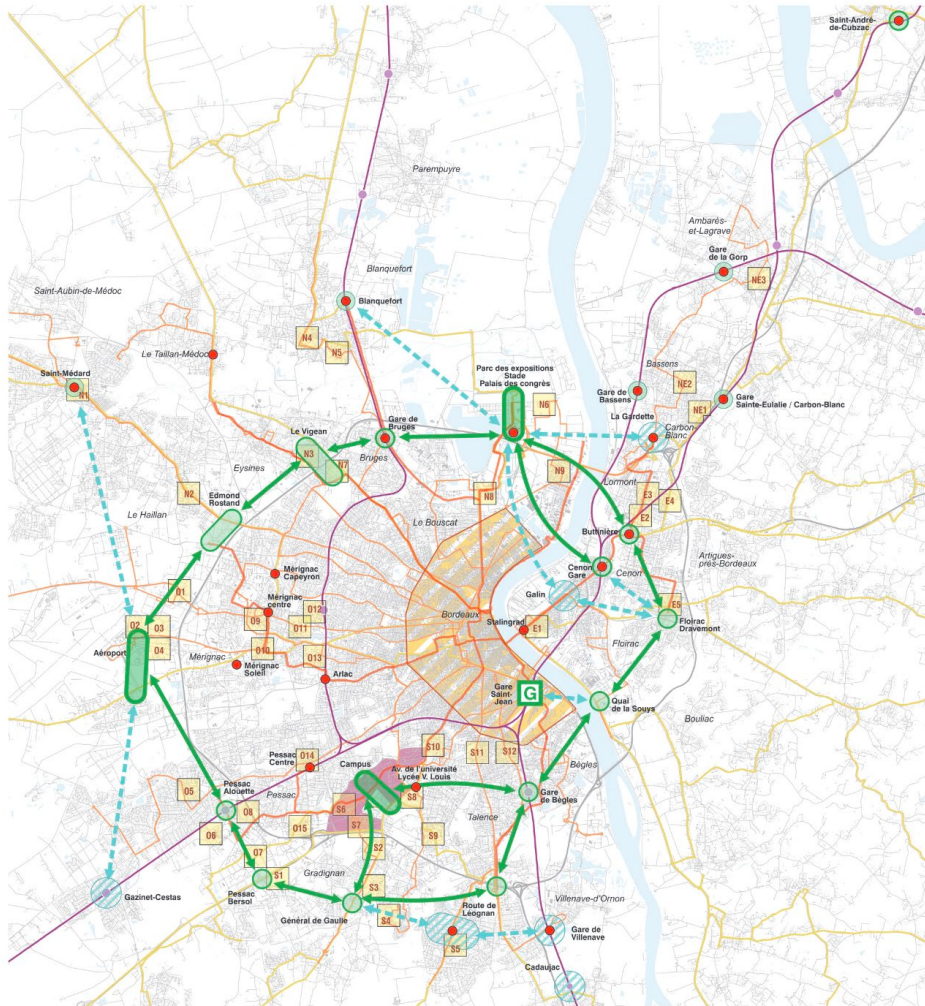
**Population: 830 000**  
(Bordeaux: 256 000)  
+15% in 10 years

France's 4th largest metropolis

Area : 578 km<sup>2</sup>

# MOBILITY CHALLENGES

A network centred on **people mobility**



Source : a'urba, Bordeaux Métropole, 2024

A **negative perception** of urban logistics

Freight transport is the responsibility of **private operators**, local authorities are not a “public operator”.

**Local authorities** play a regulatory, planning and facilitating role : traffic and parking, road planning, economic development.

Reducing **congestion**

Improving **air quality**

Making **public spaces** safer

Eliminating **negative externalities** (noise)

Ensuring **deliveries** access



11am – city center

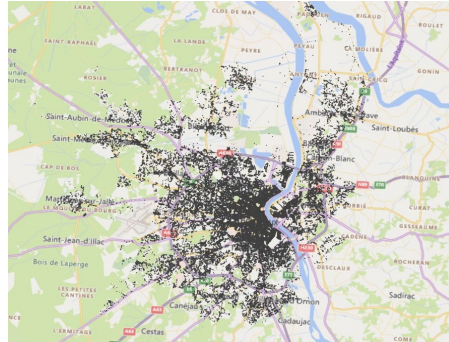


A "wall of trucks" on the Bordeaux ring road

# AN EXPERIMENTAL TERRITORY



**Micro-hubs,  
2003**



**Urban freight survey,  
2012-13**



**Tram freight pilot,  
2015**



**Delivery by night,  
since 2016**



**Delivery by drone pilot,  
2018**



**Cargo bikes,  
since 2020**

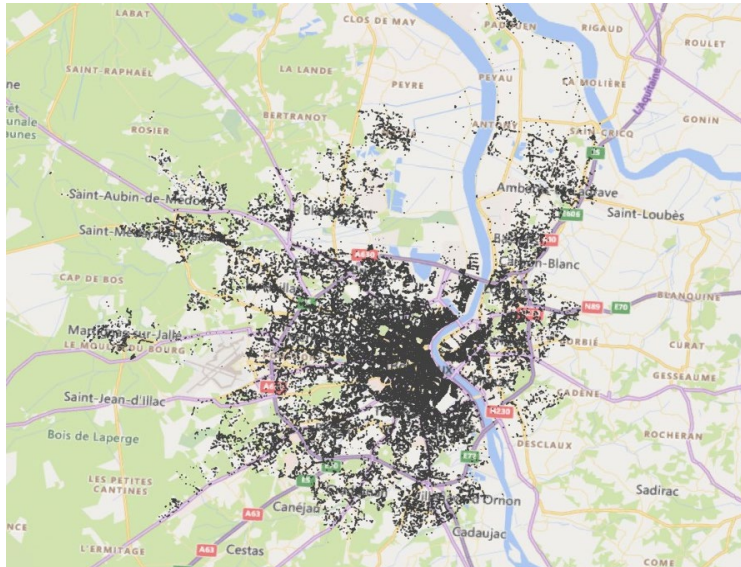


**Waterway delivery pilot,  
2021-22**



**Low emission zone survey,  
2023**

# A TERRITORY OF DATA



Source : Urban Freight Survey, Bordeaux, 2013

**94,000 operations** (picking & deliveries) everyday  
**70,000 B to B** (economy generating logistics flows)  
**24,000 B to C** (home delivery, lockers, click & collect...)



2%



37%



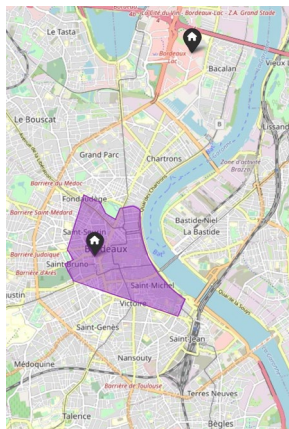
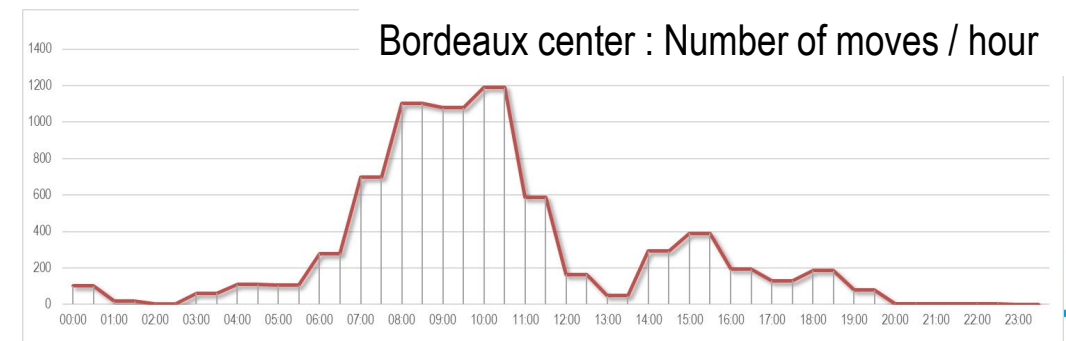
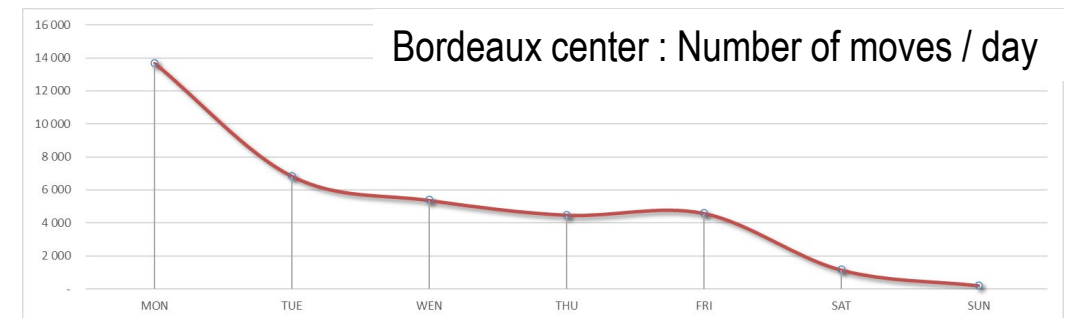
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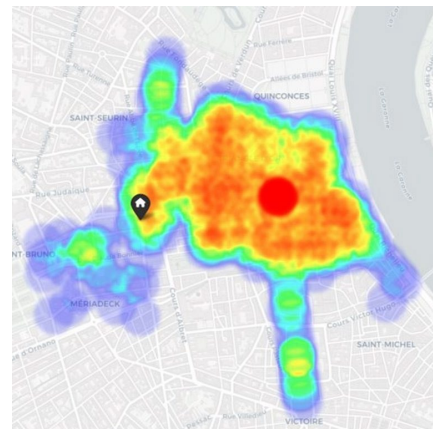
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Complex zone (source : V. Salphati, 2023)



Parcel density (source : V. Salphati, 2023)

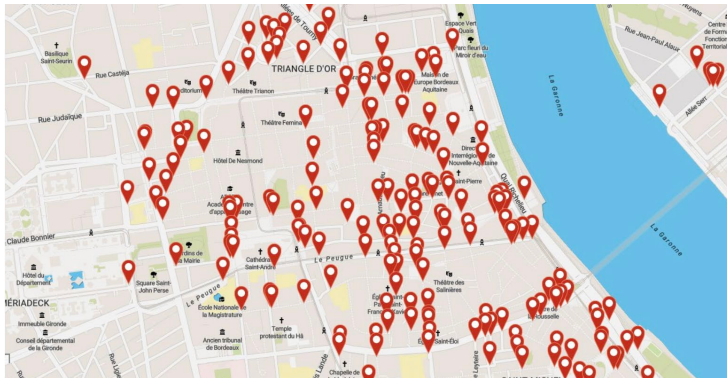
# A LOW EMISSION TERRITORY



(Source : T. Baladon, 2023)

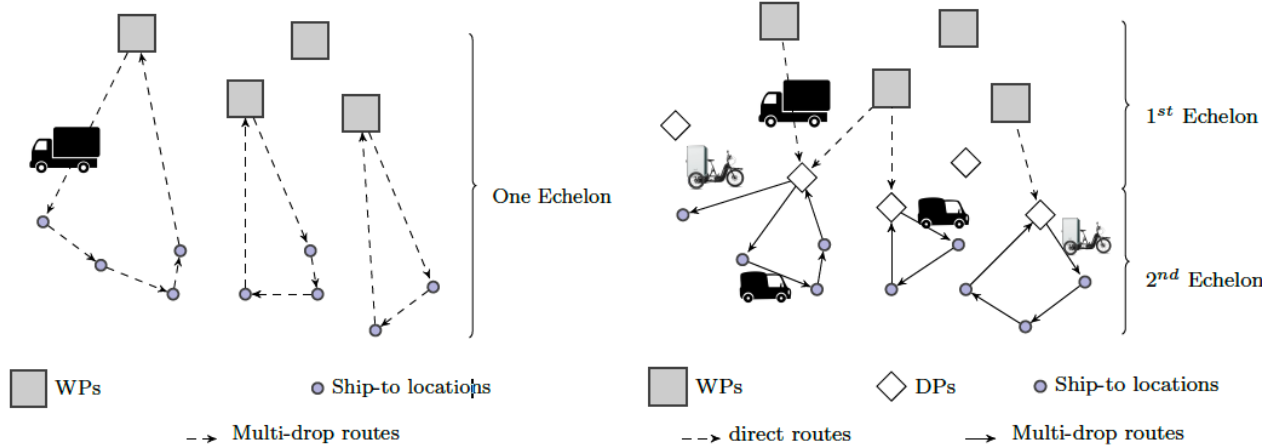
Access is prohibited with retractable bollards to ensure **pedestrian safety**

Deliveries are authorized between **7am and 11am**, and limited to vehicles under 7.5 tons



(Source : opendata.Bordeaux-metropole.fr "Borne d'accès")

Cargo-bikes : **24/7**



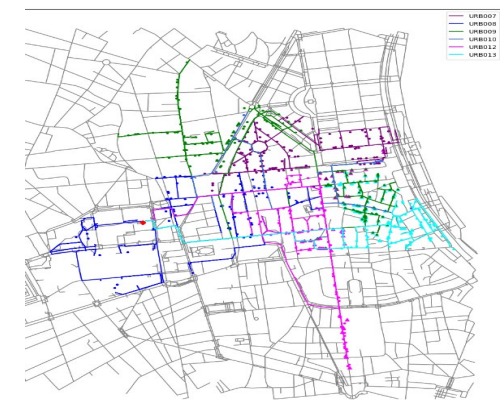
(a) One-echelon distribution network

(b) Two-echelon distribution network

(Source : I. Ben Mohamed et al., 2023)



(Source : J. Leveque et al., 2023)



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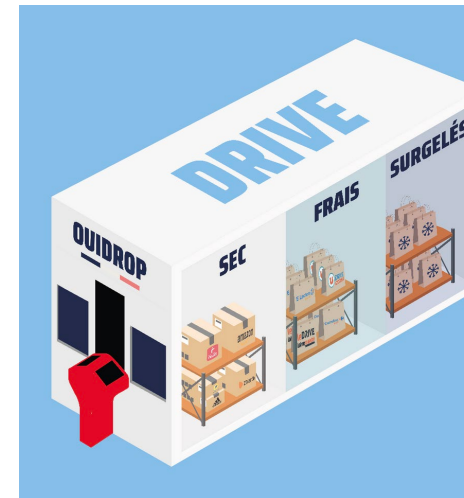
# AN URBAN LOGISTICS TERRITORY

In May 2023, Bordeaux Métropole approved a **new roadmap** for the next 3 years.

Selected actions are grouped around the following areas:

- Integrating logistics **flows** in the city,
- Limiting **emissions** generated by logistics,
- Welcoming logistics **activities** in the city,
- Defining **governance** and spaces for exchange,
- Supporting **start-ups**.

OUIDROP : Designer of a **robotic click & collect** solution to provide a fully automated 3D storage space.



(Source : ouidrop.fr)

# CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Designing more efficient and **sustainable urban logistics**

Encapsulating goods in smart easy-to-handle and **modular PI-containers**

Enabling the emergence of **Urban Logistics Webs**



Van/trailer – Cubicycle  
Source : DHL Group, 2016



Truck – Cargo Bike  
City-Hub Rytle, 2018



Tramway - Cargo Bike  
LastMileTram, 2019



Barge – Cargo Bike,  
VNF, France, 2020



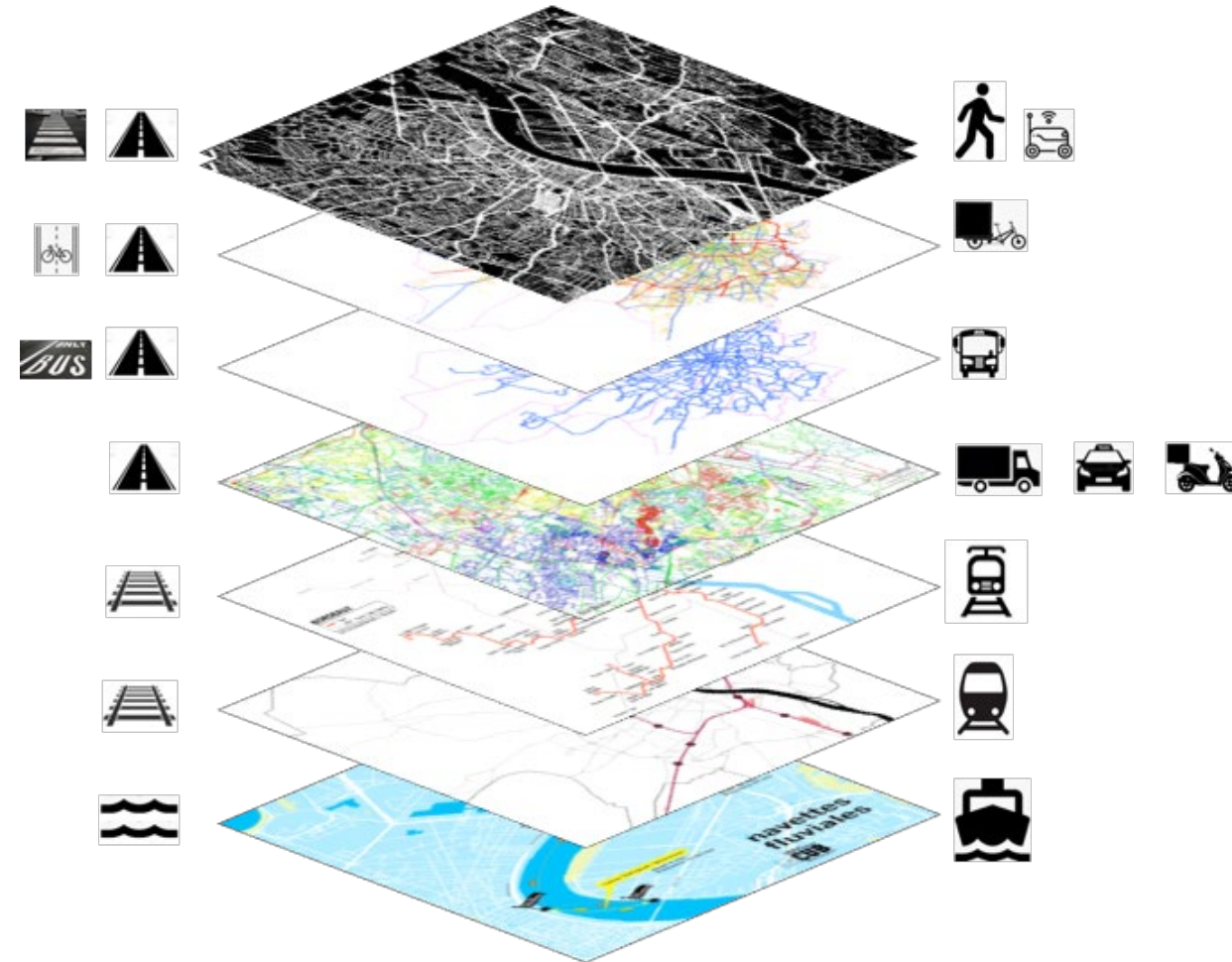
The Hub Company,  
2022

# MULTILAYER URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE

Hyperconnected City Logistics calls for  
**novel approaches**

Planning and responding for **capacity**  
and **resources** aligned with the  
emerging urban needs and challenges

Relying on the potential of exploitation  
of a **network of networks**



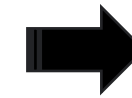
Source : O. Labarthe, G. Ahmadi, W. Klibi, J.-C. Deschamps, B. Montreuil, A sustainable on-demand urban delivery service enabled by synchromodality and synergy in passenger and freight mobility, *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies*, Vol. 161, 104544, 2024.

# MULTIMODAL URBAN MOBILITY

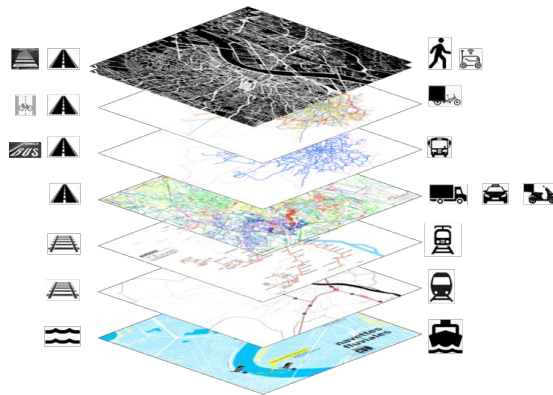


Underutilized spare capacity in  
**public transportation**

Multitude of mobility options  
in urban areas  
+  
Spare capacity in public  
transportation



How to transship goods  
based on the joint use of  
public transport modes and  
on-demand freight modes ?



**Different** transportation **modes**

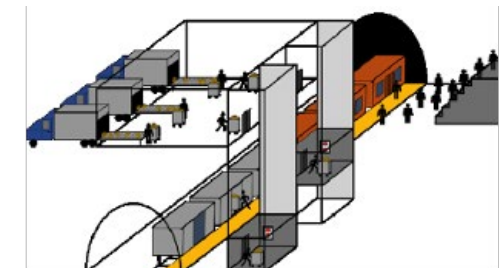
**Synergies** between Freight and People mobility



TRAM-FRET Pilot,  
Bordeaux, France, 2015.

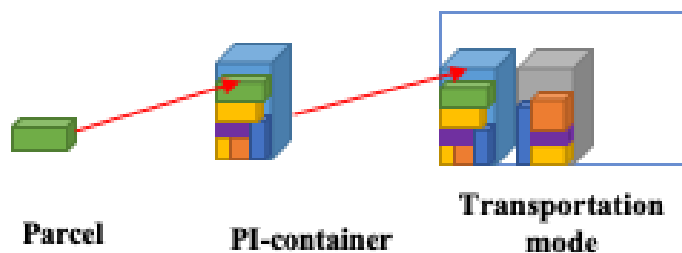


Combined Passenger-Cargo,  
Miyazaki, Japan, since 2014.



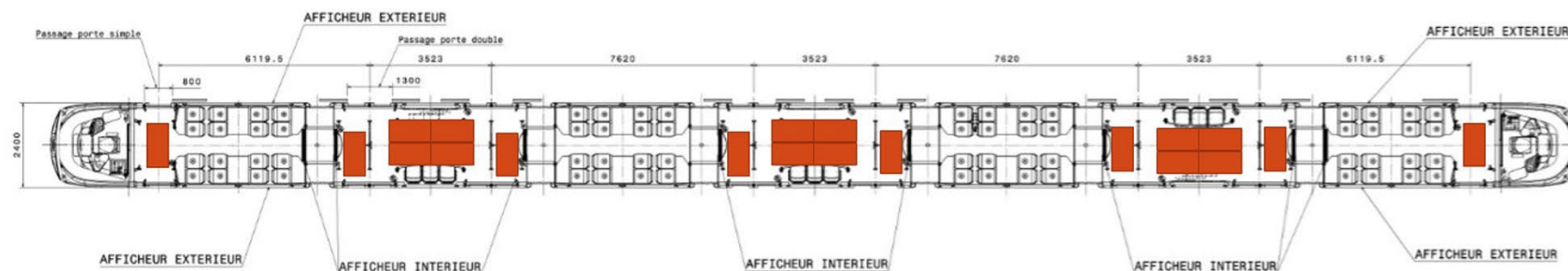
Subway Delivery  
(Montreuil *et al.*, 2018)

# URBAN PARCEL DELIVERY CONSIDERING TRAMWAY

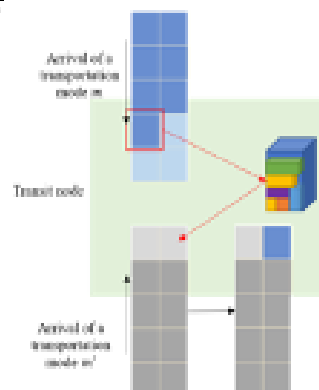


Parcel container,

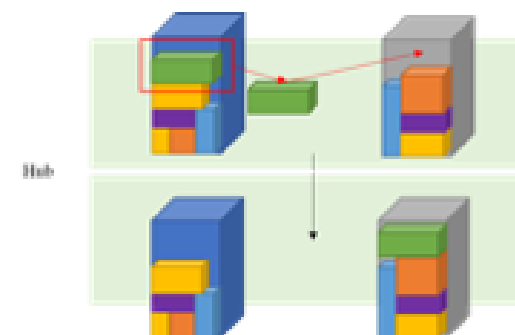
Source : project-mo.de, 2020.



- **Transshipment** : Moving a container from a mode  $m$  to a mode  $m'$



- **Reload** : Moving a parcel from a container  $Q$  to another container  $Q'$

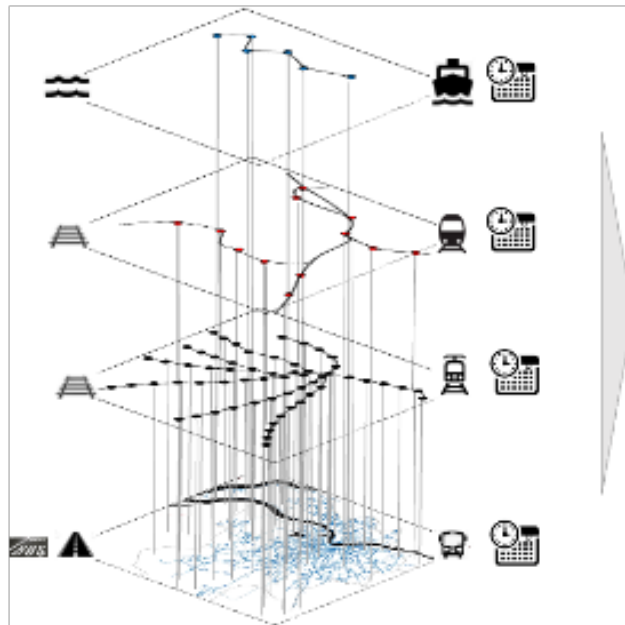


# HCL INTEGRATING PEOPLE MOBILITY NETWORKS

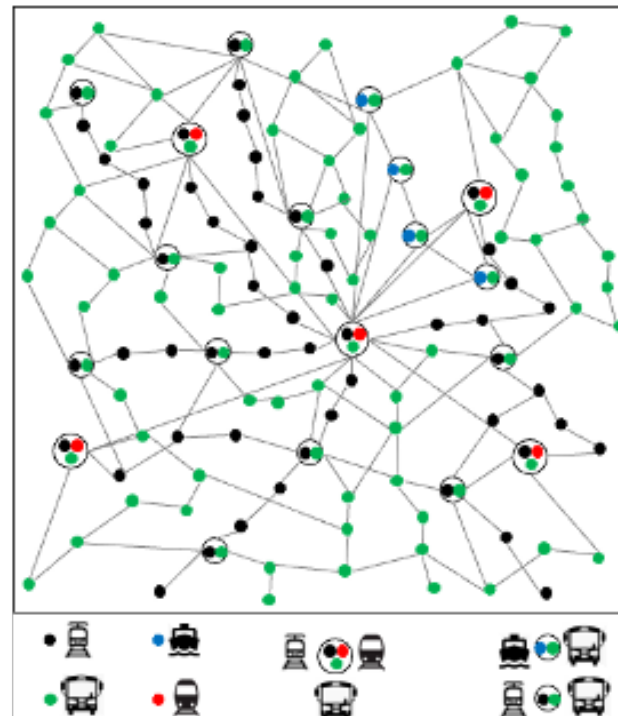
Investigates the feasibility of **goods transshipment** with a joint usage of **public mobility** and **freight urban vehicles**

Assess the **potential benefit** of a **joint mobility system** for goods delivery in urban areas

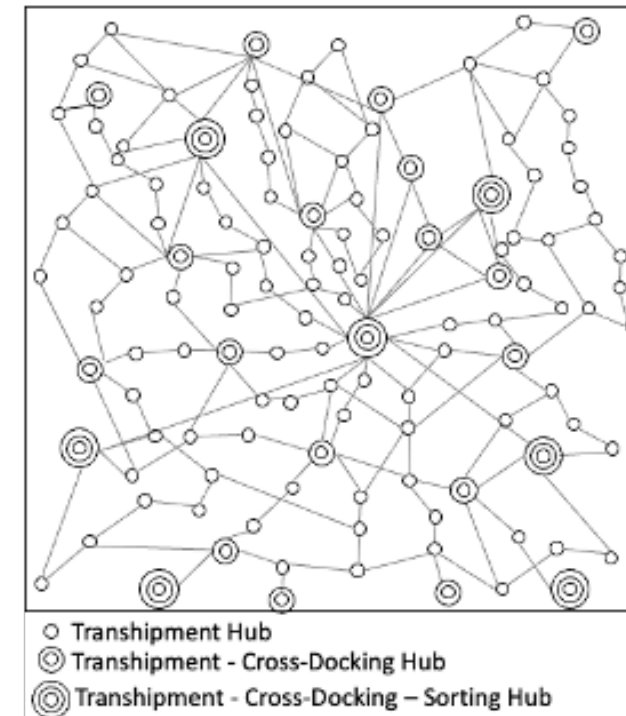
*Multi-layer representation of the scheduled public transportation network*



*Urban area interaction network for passengers*



*Hyperconnected transshipment based on people mobility networks*

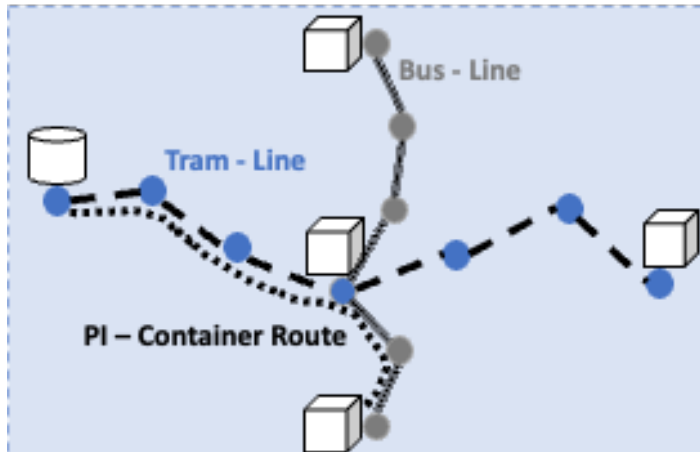


# HYPERCONNECTED URBAN SYNCHROMODALITY

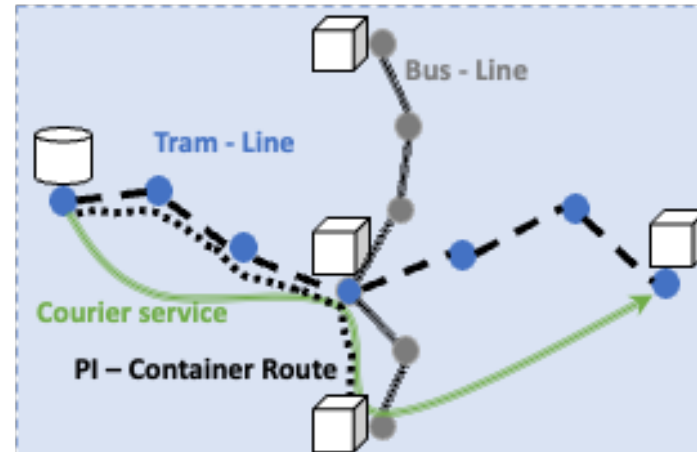
|                                 |      | Freight Mobility (excluding Air)                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |      | Multimodality<br>(Traffic-centered)                                                           | Intermodality<br>(Loading units-centered)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Urban Sychromodality<br>(Time-centered)                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Network-based Hyperconnectivity | Low  | # of planned freight modes = 2<br><br>Waterway-Rail<br>OR<br>Waterway-Road<br>OR<br>Rail-Road | # of planned freight modes = 2<br><br>Combined Transport<br><i>Road usage as short as possible</i><br>(Waterway-Road) OR (Rail-Road)<br><br>Co-modality<br><i>Optimal &amp; sustainable utilisation of resources</i><br>(Waterway-Rail) OR (Waterway-Road)<br>OR (Rail-Road) | # of transportation modes =2<br><br>Planned dedicated freight mode<br>(Waterway or Rail or Road)<br><br>On-demand freight mode<br>(Waterway or Rail or Road)<br><br>Scheduled Public transport mode<br>(Waterway or Rail or Road)  |
|                                 | High | # of planned freight modes > 2<br><br>Waterway & Rail & Road                                  | # of planned freight modes > 2<br><br>Combined Transport<br><i>Road usage as short as possible</i><br>Waterway & Rail & Road<br><br>Co-modality<br><i>Optimal &amp; sustainable utilisation of resources</i><br>Waterway & Rail & Road                                       | # of transportation modes > 2<br><br>Planned dedicated freight mode<br>(Waterway or Rail or Road)<br><br>On-demand freight mode<br>(Waterway or Rail or Road)<br><br>Scheduled Public transport mode<br>(Waterway or Rail or Road) |

# MULTIMODAL ON-DEMAND TRANSSHIPMENT

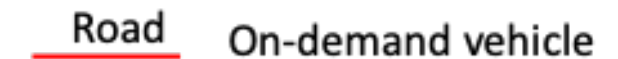
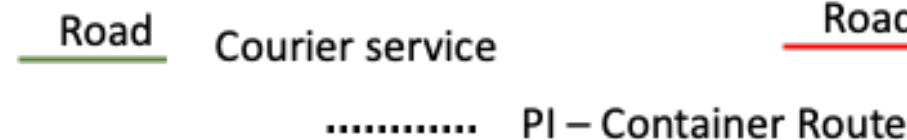
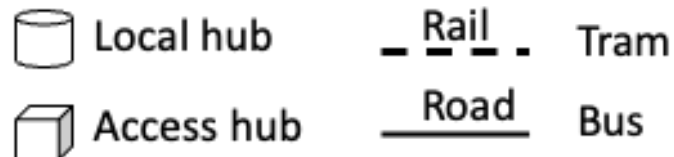
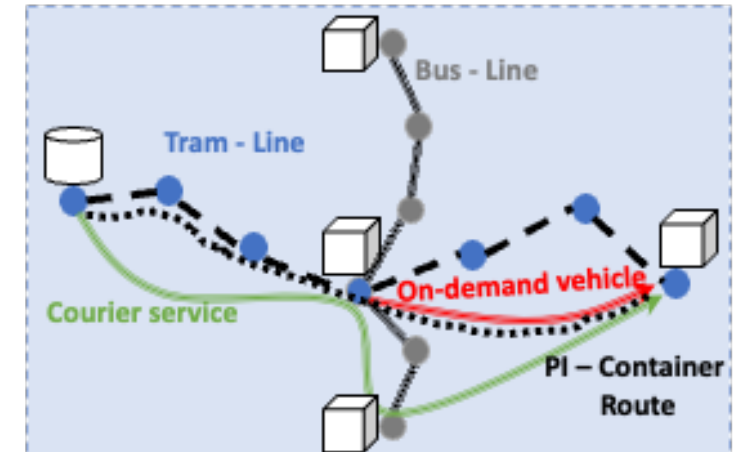
Public scheduled transport



Multimodal scheduled delivery



Multimodal & on-demand delivery

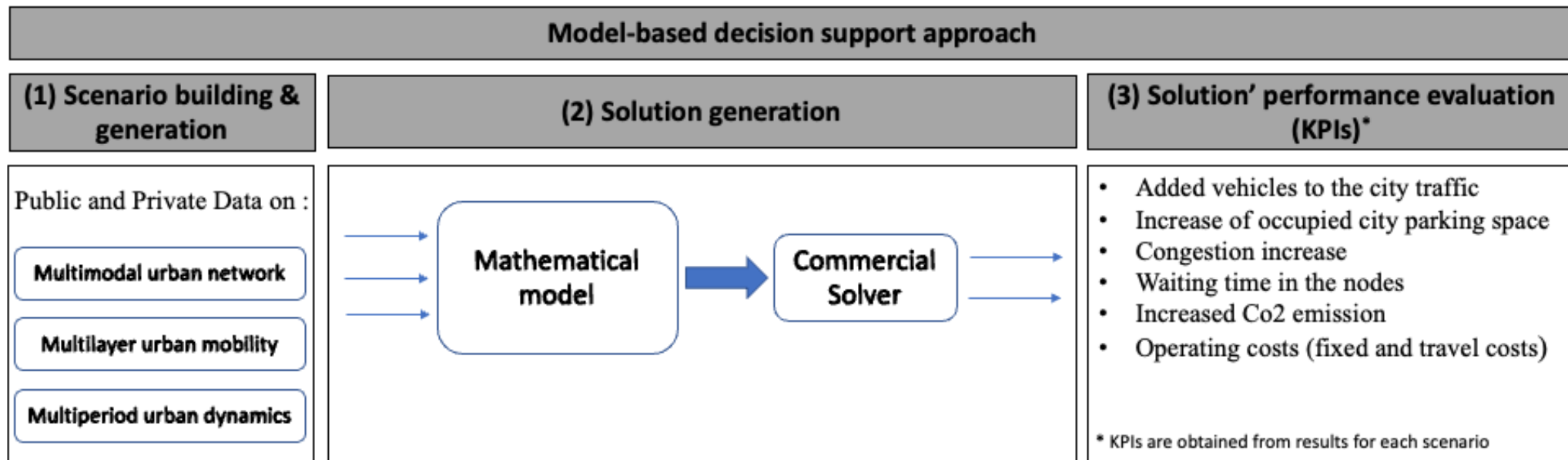


Multiple **transportation options** for each PI-Container.

More possibilities to satisfy **due dates**.

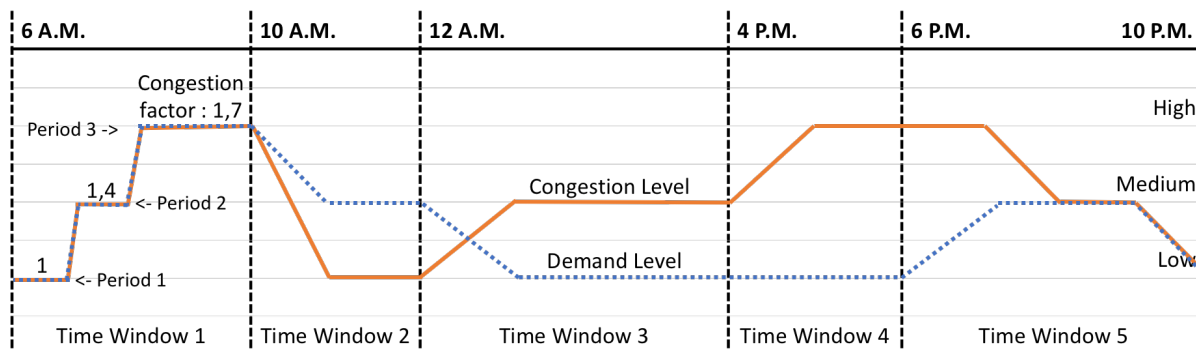
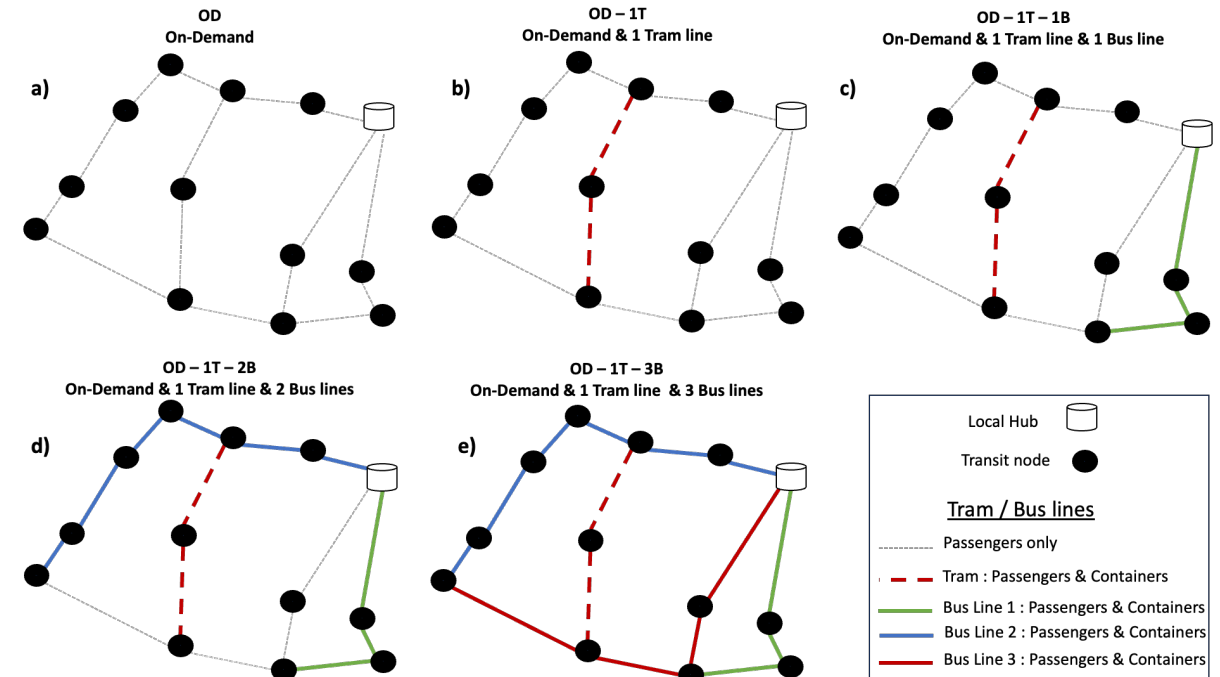
# THREE-PHASE DECISION SUPPORT APPROACH

Minimize the impact of **containers' journey** in the **time** and **space** of urban transport network.



The objective considered in this **planning problem** is to commit to a **high service level** (all requests delivered before the due date) with the **minimum urban footprint**.

# CASE STUDY OF THE CITY OF BORDEAUX



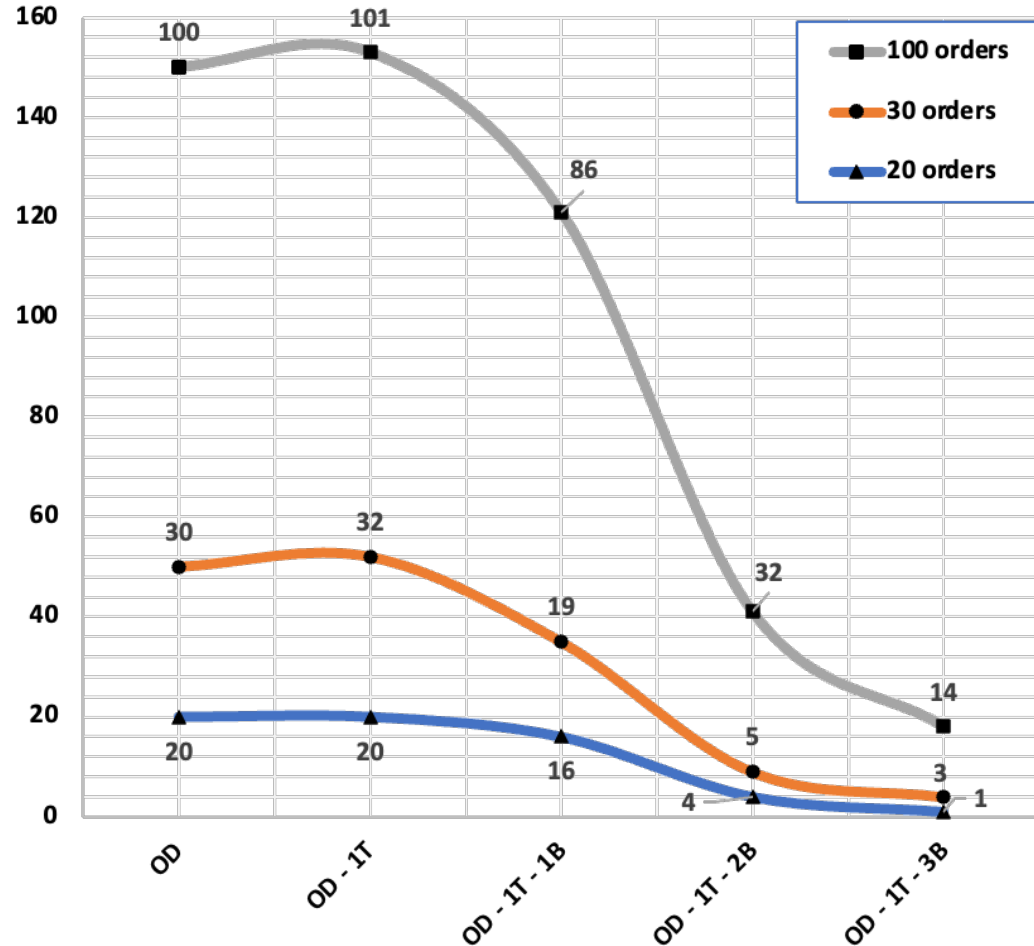
Travel-time based on **transport mode** and **congestion factor**.

**Capacity** of each transportation mode **vary during the day**.

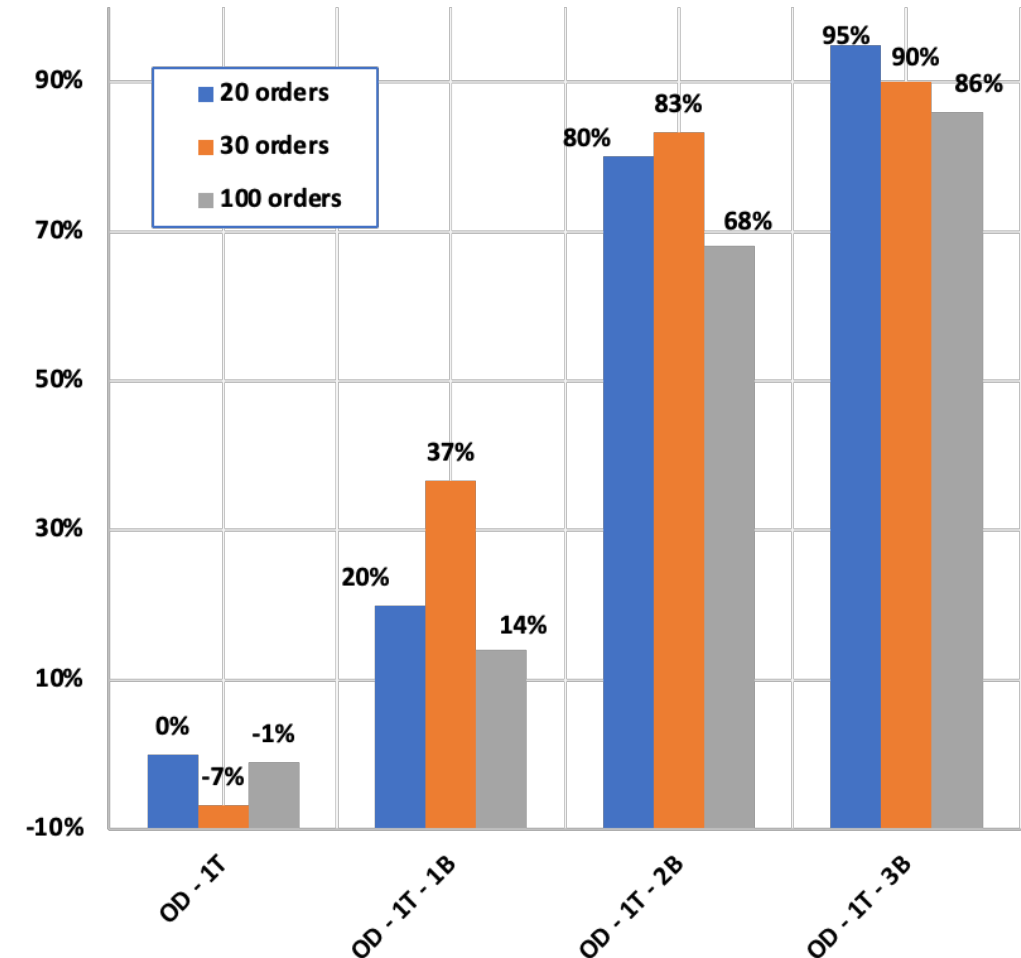
**Capacity** decrease with the increase of **congestion level**.

# IMPACTS OF NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

Number of moves with On-Demand (Heuristic)



On-Demand moves reduction (Heuristic)

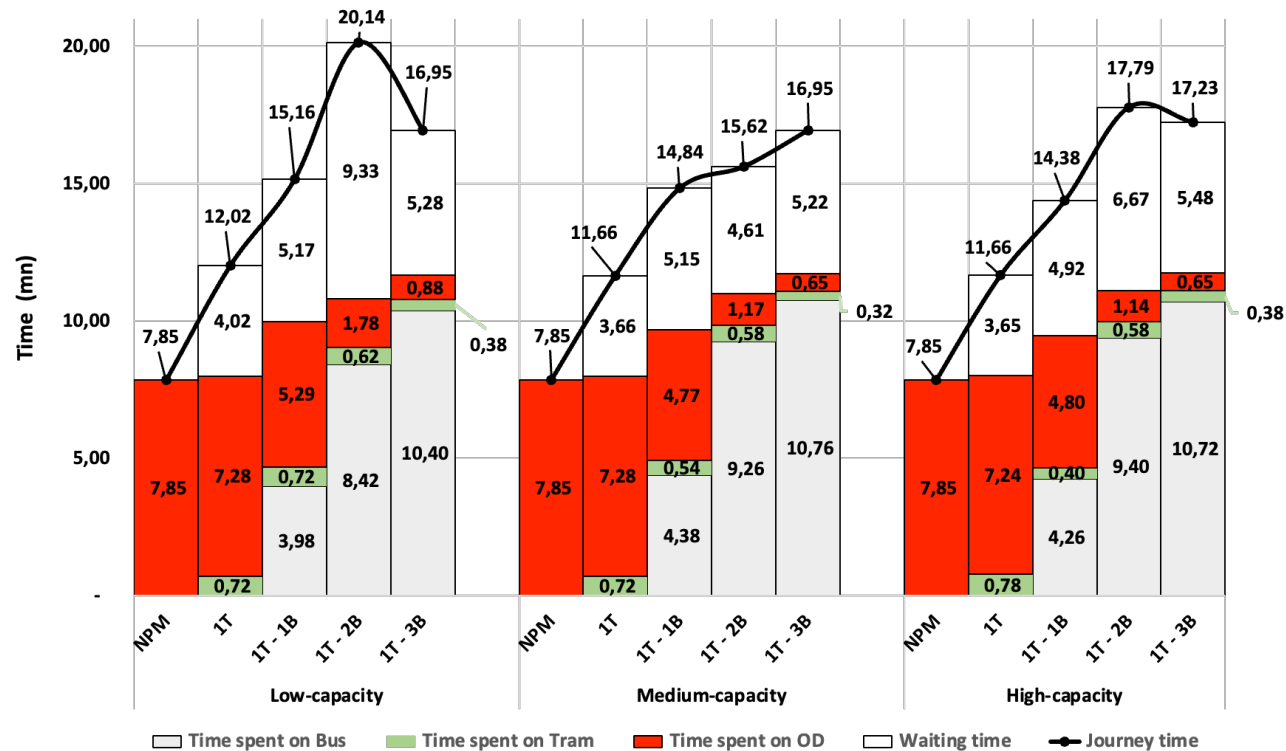


# IMPACT OF TRANSPORT CAPACITY

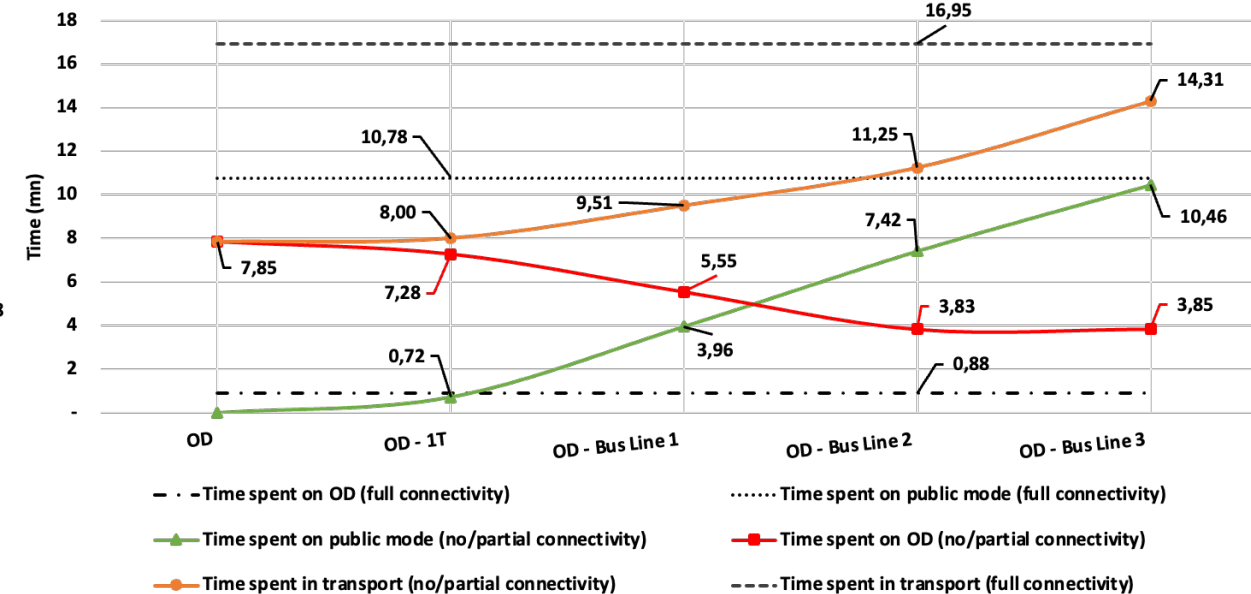
## Transportation mode capacity (Container)

| Public transportation mode | Low-capacity level | Medium-capacity level | High-capacity level |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Tram                       | 8                  | 20                    | 25                  |
| Bus                        | 8                  | 15                    | 25                  |
| On-demand vehicles         |                    |                       |                     |
| Cargo bike                 | 1                  | 1                     | 1                   |
| Van                        | 1                  | 1                     | 1                   |

Mean time / container



Impact on time spend in transport mode



# CONCLUSIONS AND PERSPECTIVES

New approach for urban freight **transshipment** based on joint use of **on-demand mode** and **public transport**

The role of synchromodality **reducing parcels footprint** and congestion levels

Extending the model to consider several local hubs, **more vehicle types/services** in an on-demand mode

## MOBILE



Micro-depots UPS,  
Hamburg, Germany,  
2012.



Mobile depot TNT  
Express, Brussels,  
Belgium, 2013.



CubiVan, City-Hub,  
Source : DHL Group,  
Germany, 2017.



City-Hub Rytle,  
Source : Krone Group,  
Germany, 2018.



EZ-PRO Renault  
& DPDgroup  
scenarios, 2018.

## STATIONARY



Micro-platform  
project,  
Bordeaux,  
France, 2003.



Micro-platform  
project, Barcelona,  
Spain, 2014.



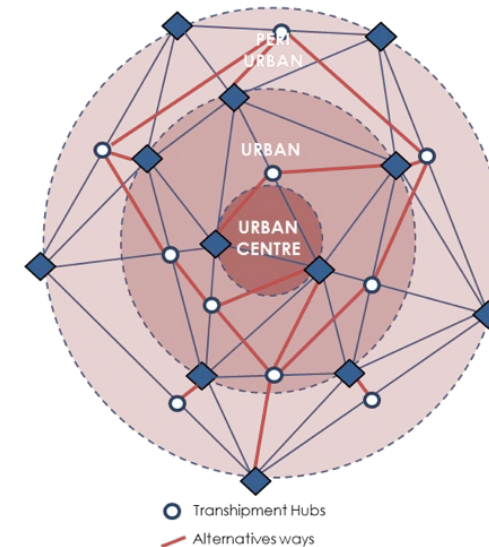
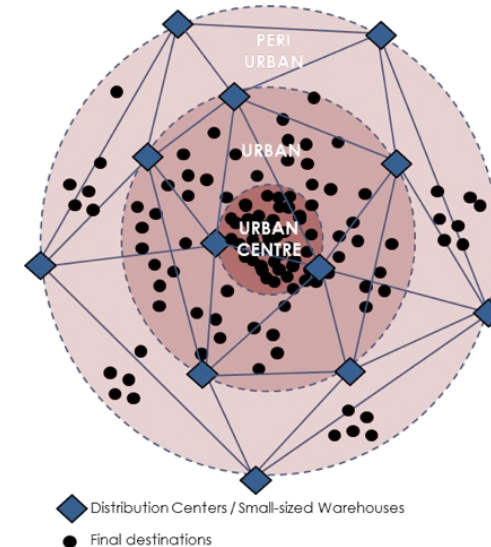
KoMoDo project,  
open micro hub,  
Berlin, Germany,  
2018.



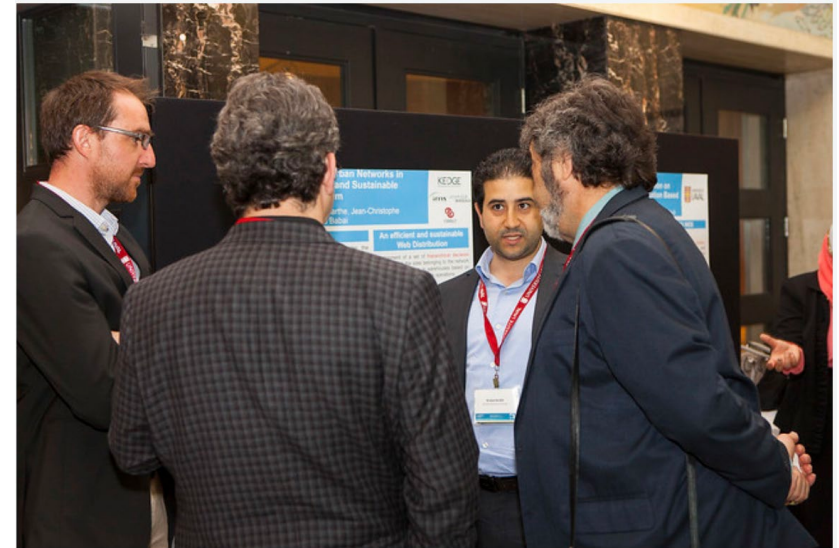
Micro depot in public  
spaces, source : DPD,  
Germany, 2019.



Micro-hub,  
Paketin GmbH  
2020.



## Towards a hyperconnected city Logistics : already addressed ten years ago



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