

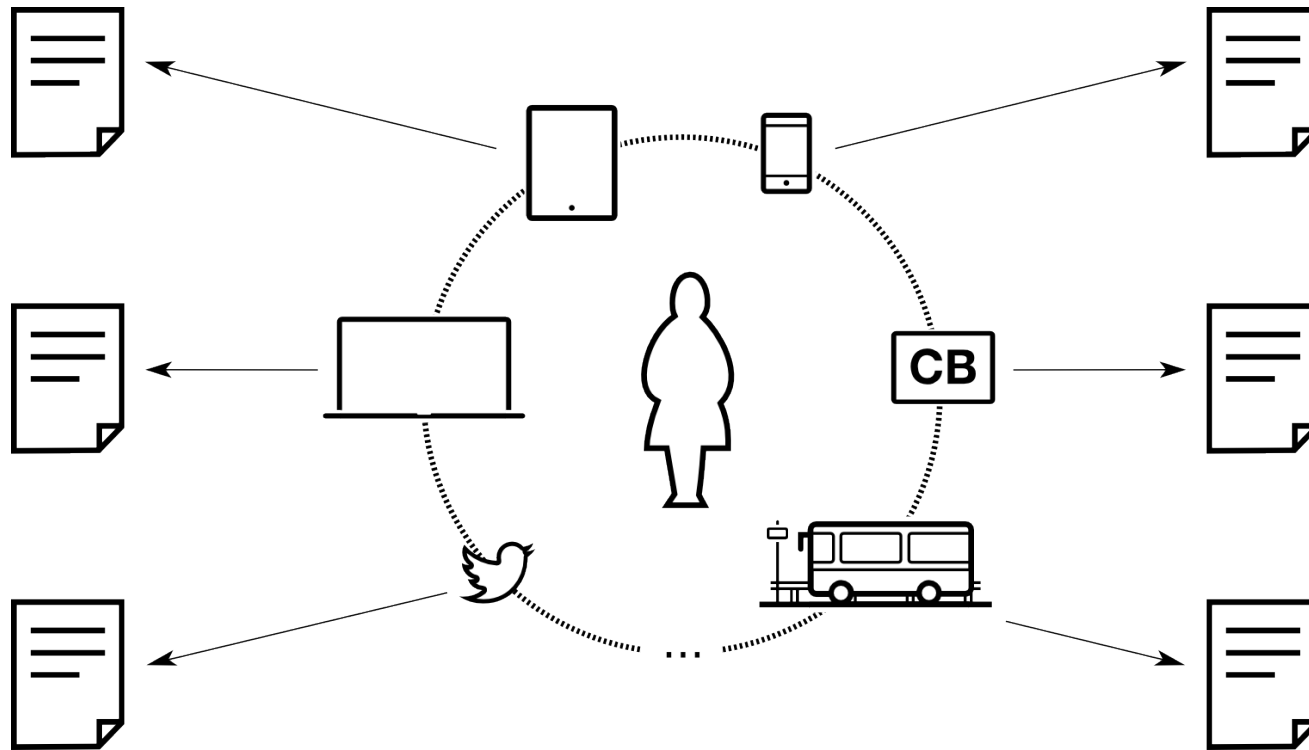
# La seconde révolution quantitative de la géographie se fait-elle sans les géographes ?

Thomas Louail



Actively : « *Volunteered geographic information* » (Goodchild, 2007)

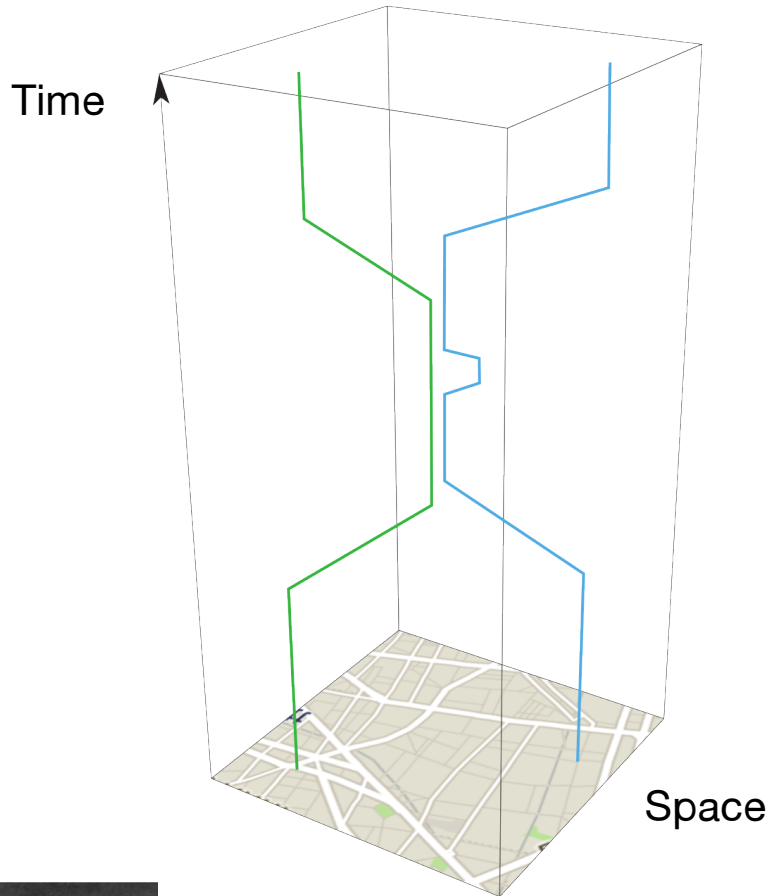
**Passively** : Metadata produced by our mobile devices



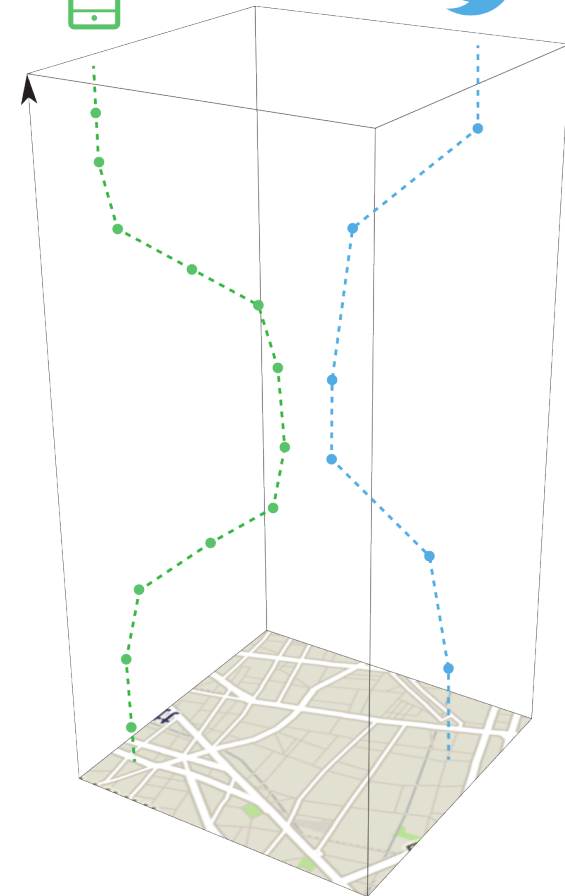
> Increasingly used by researchers to study human mobility since the mid-2000's

# FOLLOWING THE TRAJECTORIES OF ANONYMOUS INDIVIDUALS THROUGH SPACE AND TIME

Reference



Reconstruction



T. Hägerstrand

*What about people  
in regional science?* (1970)

> Our geographical footprints  
are a (distorting) mirror for our  
trajectories through space and time



# A PHYSICISTS LITTERATURE ON HUMAN MOBILITY TYPICAL QUESTIONS

- > Typology of systematic motifs/patterns in daily mobility
- > Models of individuals mobility
- > Itinerary choices (how people choose their paths: simplest, most frequent, random, etc.)
  
- > Predictability / Uniqueness of individual trajectories
  
- > Social networks and mobility
  - To what extent you and your relatives move the same way?
  - Spatial properties of social communities
  
- > Blondel, Decuyper, Krings (2015) A survey of results on mobile phone datasets analysis
- > Barthelemy (2016) The structure and dynamics of cities, Cambridge University Press
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# MEASURING VARIOUS PHENOMENA ASSOCIATED WITH URBAN MOBILITY

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## Structure of Urban Movements: Polycentric Activity and Entangled Hierarchical Flows

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### Abstract

The spatial arrangement of urban hubs and centers and how individuals interact with these centers is a many applications ranging from urban planning to epidemiology. We utilize here in an unprecedented scale, real-time 'Oyster' card database of individual person movements in the London subway to reveal organization of the city. We show that patterns of intraurban movement are strongly heterogeneous but not in terms of distance travelled, and that there is a polycentric structure composed of large flows limited number of activity centers. For smaller flows, the pattern of connections becomes richer and not strictly hierarchical since it mixes different levels consisting of different orders of magnitude. This can shed light on the impact of new urban projects on the evolution of the polycentric configuration of structure of its centers and it provides an initial approach to modeling flows in an urban system.

## To what extent are your trajectories similar to those of the members of your social network? >

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## A Tale of Many Cities: Universal Patterns in Human Urban Mobility

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### Abstract

The advent of geographic online social networks such as Foursquare, where users voluntarily signal their current location, opens the door to powerful studies on human movement. In particular the fine granularity of the location data, with GPS accuracy down to 10 meters, and the worldwide scale of Foursquare adoption are unprecedented. In this paper we study urban mobility patterns of people in several metropolitan cities around the globe by analyzing a large set of Foursquare users. Surprisingly, while there are variations in human movement in different cities, our analysis shows that those are predominantly due to different distributions of places across different urban environments. Moreover, a universal law for human mobility is identified, which isolates as a key component the rank-distance, factoring in the number of places between origin and destination, rather than pure physical distance, as considered in some previous works. Building on our findings, we also show how a rank-based movement model accurately captures real human movements in different cities.

## < Unveiling London's mobility structure with tap-in/tap-out metro cards data

### ✓ Coupling human mobility and social ties

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### Abstract

Studies using massive, passively collected data from communication technologies have revealed many ubiquitous aspects of social networks, helping us understand and model social media, information diffusion and organizational dynamics. More recently, these data have come tagged with geographical information, enabling studies of human mobility patterns and the science of cities. We combine these two pursuits and uncover reproducible mobility patterns among social contacts. First, we introduce measures of mobility similarity and predictability and measure them for populations of users in three large urban areas. We find individuals' visitations patterns are far more similar to and predictable by social contacts than strangers and that these measures are positively correlated with tie strength. Unsupervised clustering of hourly variations in mobility similarity identifies three categories of social ties and suggests geography is an important feature

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INTERFACE



## < Common statistical regularities in the way people move in cities, whatever the city? An analysis with a common source of data (Foursquare) in 50 cities worldwide

# Understanding metropolitan patterns of daily encounters

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Understanding of the mechanisms driving our daily face-to-face encounters is still limited; the field lacks large-scale datasets describing both individual behaviors and their collective interactions. However, here, with the help of travel smart card data, we uncover such encounter mechanisms and structures by constructing a time-resolved in-vehicle social encounter network on public buses in a city (about 5 million residents). Using a population scale dataset, we find physical encounters display reproducible temporal patterns, indicating that repeated encounters are regular and identical. On an individual scale, we find that collective regularities dominate distinct encounters' bounded nature. An individual's encounter capability is rooted in his/her daily behavioral regularity, explaining the emergence of "familiar strangers" in daily life. Strikingly, we find individuals with repeated encounters are not

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## Unravelling daily human mobility motifs

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Human mobility is differentiated by time scales. While the mechanism for long time scales has been studied, the underlying mechanism on the daily scale is still unrevealed. Here, we uncover the mechanism responsible for the daily mobility patterns by analysing the temporal and spatial trajectories of thousands of persons as individual networks. Using the concept of motifs from network theory, we find only 17 unique networks are present in daily mobility and they follow simple rules. These networks, called here motifs, are sufficient to capture up to 90 per cent of the population in surveys and mobile phone datasets for different countries. Each individual exhibits a characteristic motif, which seems to be stable over several months. Consequently, daily human mobility can be reproduced by an analytically tractable framework for Markov chains by modelling periods of high-frequency trips followed by periods of lower activity as the key ingredient.

## Do our mobility exhibit a limited number of motifs ?

> Yes, and there are only 17 of them

< Testing Milgram message passing exp. on mobile phone data: does the "log(P) degrees of separation" holds ?

What's the best message search/ message diffusion strategy ?

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## The anatomy of urban social networks and its implications in the searchability problem

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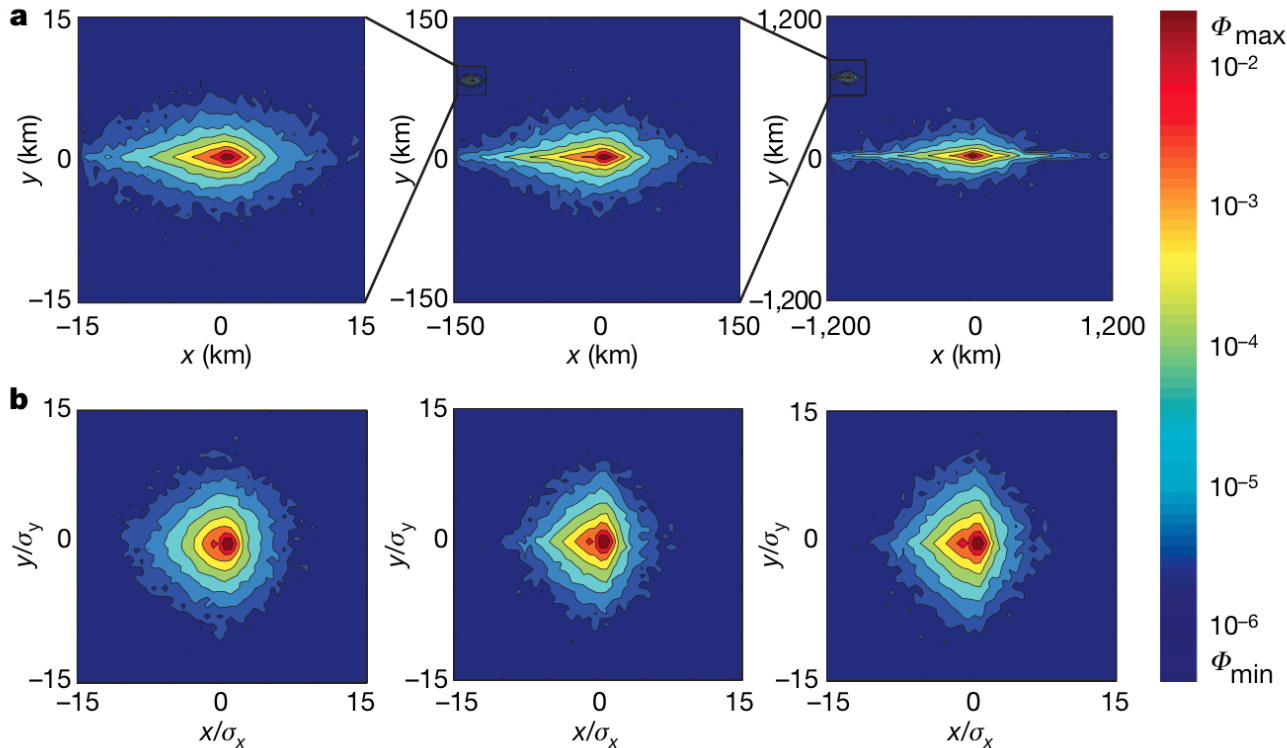
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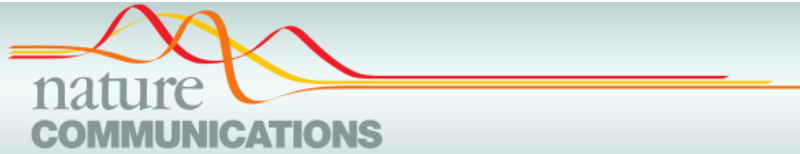
## Understanding individual human mobility patterns

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[Gonzalez et al.,  
Nature, 2008]

- a.** Probability density function  $P(x, y)$  of finding a mobile phone user in a location  $(x, y)$  in the user's intrinsic reference frame. The three plots, from left to right, were generated for 10,000 users with increasing radius of gyration ( $rg$ ):  $rg < 3$  (left),  $20 \leq rg \leq 30$  (middle) and  $rg \leq 100$  km (right)
- b.** Same function but rescaled by the standard deviation



[Gallotti et al.,  
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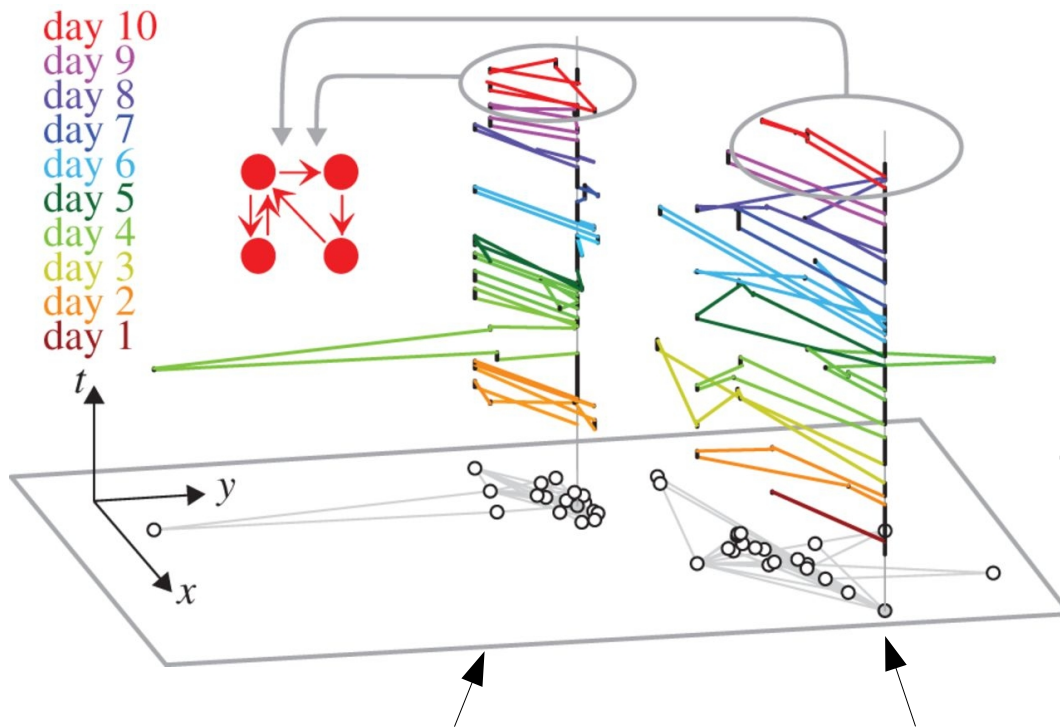
# A stochastic model of randomly accelerated walkers for human mobility

Riccardo Gallotti<sup>1</sup>, Armando Bazzani<sup>2,3</sup>, Sandro Rambaldi<sup>2,3</sup> & Marc Barthelemy<sup>1,4</sup>

- > Numerous models have been proposed in the last 10 years
- > Able to reproduce an increased number of statistical properties of individual human mobility



Figure from [Schneider et al., *Interface*, 2013]



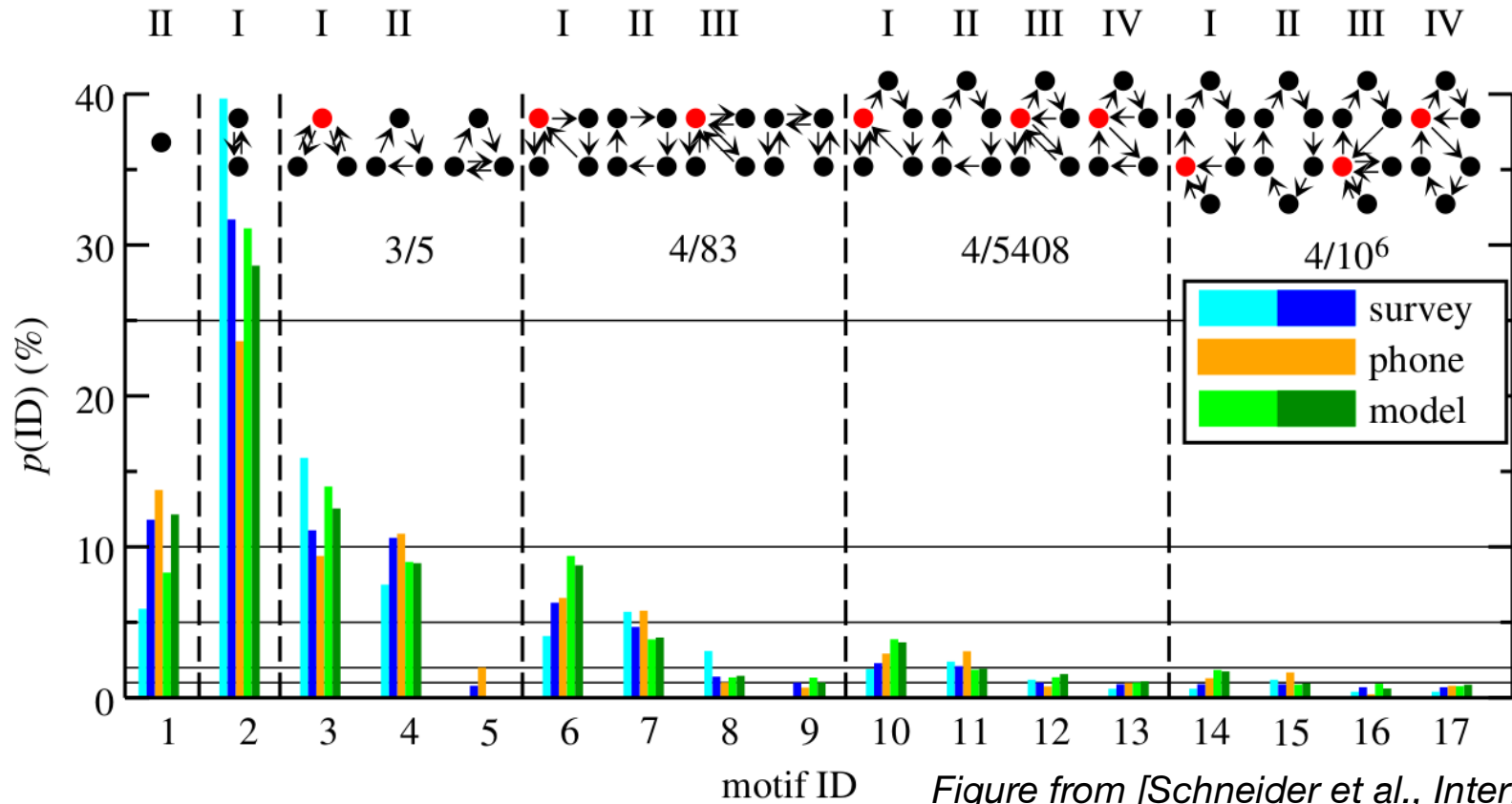
Decomposition of the mobility profile over 10 days into daily mobility patterns for 2 mobile phone users.

Home location is highlighted and connected over the entire observation period with a grey line.

The entire mobility profiles are rather diverse, but **individual daily profiles share common features.**

Prefers commuting to one place and visits the other locations during a single tour

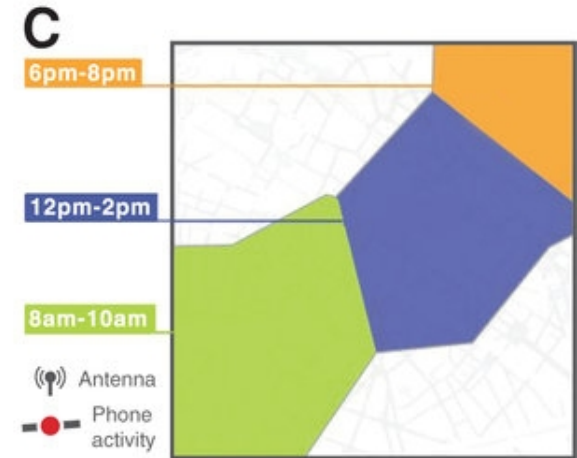
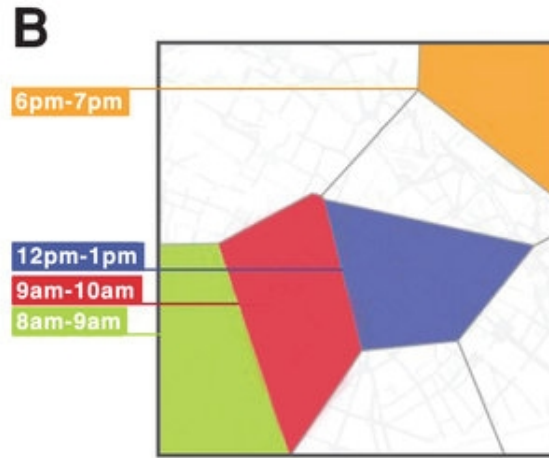
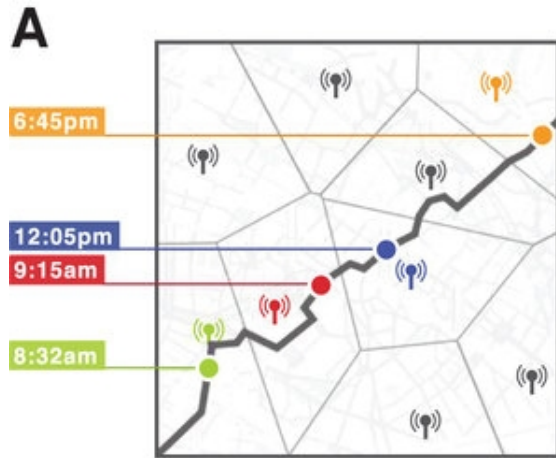
Prefers visiting the daily locations during one single tour



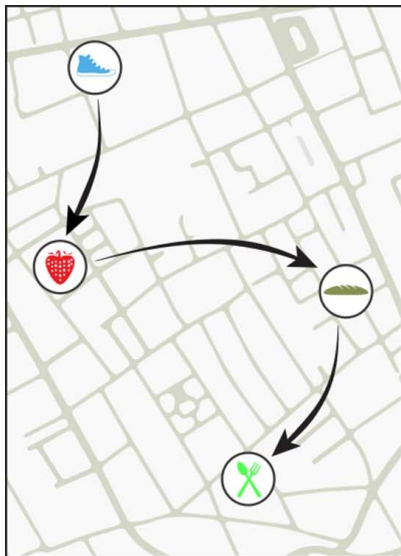
## 17 different motifs describe 90% of the identified daily mobility networks








Most motifs classified by only four rules:

- (I) motifs of size  $N$  consist of a tour with only 1 stop, and another tour with  $N - 2$  stops
- (II) motifs of size  $N$  consist of only a single tour with  $N$  stops
- (III) motifs of size  $N$  consist of two tours : one with 1 stop and another tour with  $N - 3$  stops
- (IV) motifs of size  $N$  consist of a tour with 2 stops and another tour with  $N - 3$  stops



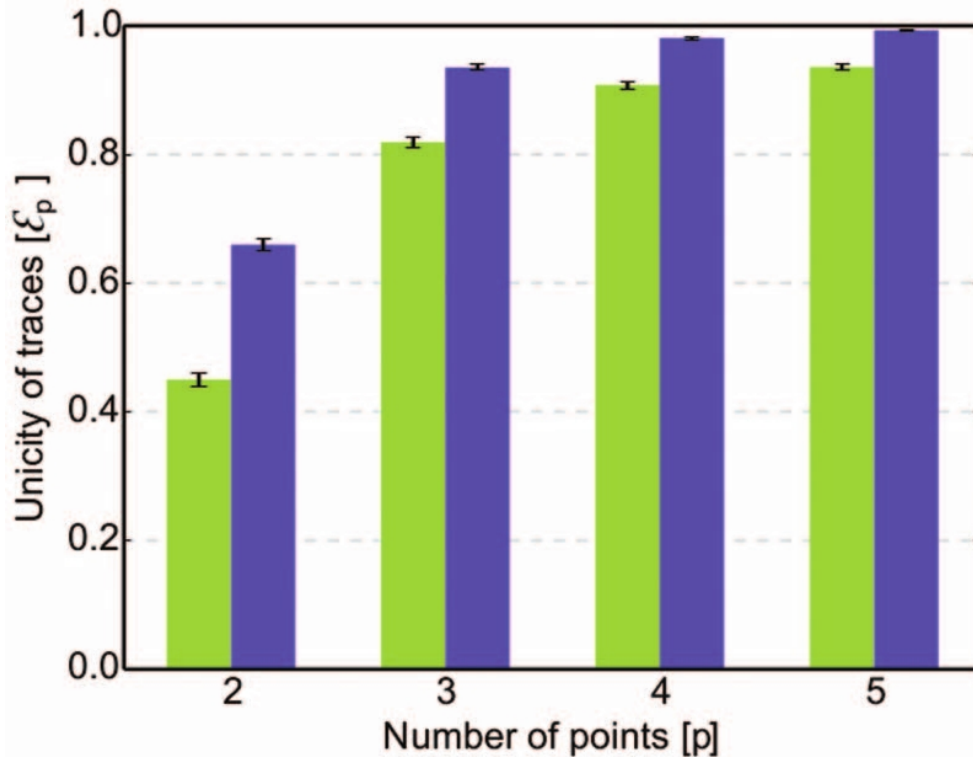
From mobile phone records  
**[DeMontjoye et al., *Sci. rep.*, 2013]**



| shop  | user_id  | time  | price   | price_bin    |
|---|----------|-------|---------|--------------|
|    | 7abc1a23 | 09/23 | \$97.30 | \$49 – \$146 |
|    | 7abc1a23 | 09/23 | \$15.13 | \$5 – \$16   |
|   | 3092fc10 | 09/23 | \$43.78 | \$16 – \$49  |
|  | 7abc1a23 | 09/23 | \$4.33  | \$2 – \$5    |
|  | 4c7af72a | 09/23 | \$12.29 | \$5 – \$16   |
|  | 89c0829c | 09/24 | \$3.66  | \$2 – \$5    |
|  | 7abc1a23 | 09/24 | \$35.81 | \$16 – \$49  |

From credit cards data  
**[DeMontjoye et al., *Science*, 2015]**

**At given spatial and temporal resolutions, how many points (x,y,t) randomly chosen in your logs are necessary to make you unique?**



Uniqueness as a function of the number of points considered

Green bars represent uniqueness when only spatiotemporal info are known. **Four spatiotemporal points taken at random ( $p = 4$ ) are enough to uniquely characterize 90% of individuals.**

Blue bars represent unicity when using spatial-temporal-price triples. Adding the approximate price of a transaction significantly increases the likelihood of re-identification.

- > Individual mobility is highly predictable  
[Gonzalez et al., *Nature*, 2008 ; Song et al., *Science*, 2010 ;  
DeMontjoye et al., *Science*, 2015]
  
- > The statistics of the small set of venues to which we frequently return  
[Bagrow et al., *PlosOne* , 2012]
  
- > Classifying the motifs/subnetworks which capture our daily mobility patterns  
[Schneider et al., *Interface*, 2013]
  
- > Mobility structure linked to the size and shape of cities  
[Roth et al., *PlosOne*, 2011], [Louail et al., *Sci.rep*, 2014]  
[Louail et al., *Nat.Comm.*, 2015]
  
- > Spatial cohesiveness of social communities depends on the geographical scale  
[Toole et al., *Interface*, 2015]
  
- > Counter-intuitive phenomena, e.g. the hidden networks of co-presence in cities  
[Sun et al., *PNAS*, 2013]