

Smart Cities

Session III: Networks, Flows, and Big Data
Lecture 6: *Public Online Network Data*

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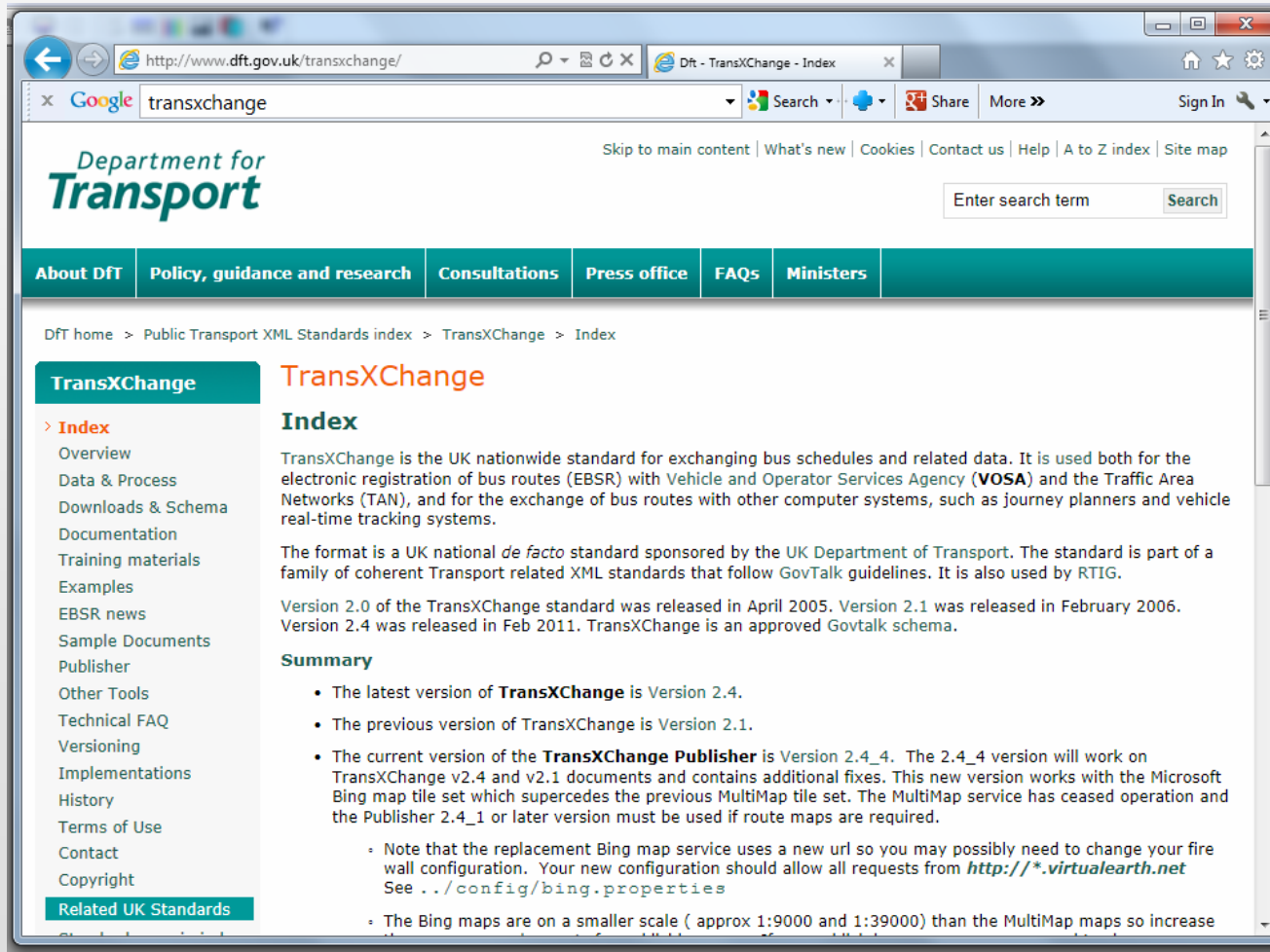
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Outline of the Lecture

1. More Collections of Flow Data from the Public Domain and its Visualisation: National Patterns
2. The Bikes Projects: Online Data
3. The Barclays Cycle Hire London Project
4. The Website: Real Time Visualisation of Origins and Destinations Activity
5. Initial Analyses

Next time we will talk more generally about data in smart cities

More Collections of Flow Data from the Public Domain & its Visualisation: from National Timetables



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the TransXChange website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.dft.gov.uk/transxchange/>. The page header includes the Department for Transport logo and a search bar. A navigation menu contains links for About DfT, Policy, guidance and research, Consultations, Press office, FAQs, and Ministers. The main content area is titled "TransXChange Index" and provides an overview of the standard, its history, and a summary of the latest version (2.4).

TransXChange

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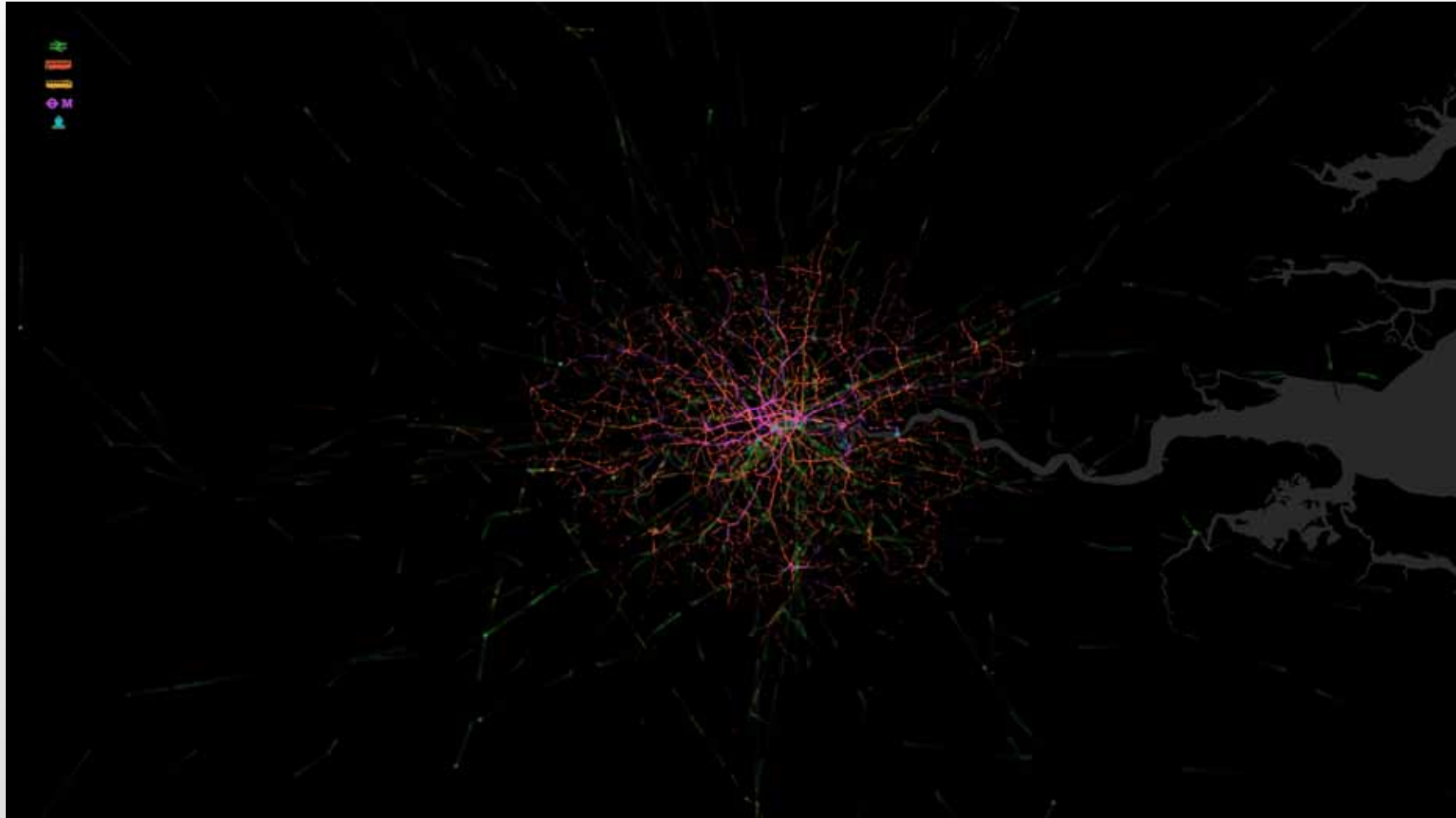
TransXChange is the UK nationwide standard for exchanging bus schedules and related data. It is used both for the electronic registration of bus routes (EBSR) with Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) and the Traffic Area Networks (TAN), and for the exchange of bus routes with other computer systems, such as journey planners and vehicle real-time tracking systems.

The format is a UK national *de facto* standard sponsored by the UK Department of Transport. The standard is part of a family of coherent Transport related XML standards that follow GovTalk guidelines. It is also used by RTIG.

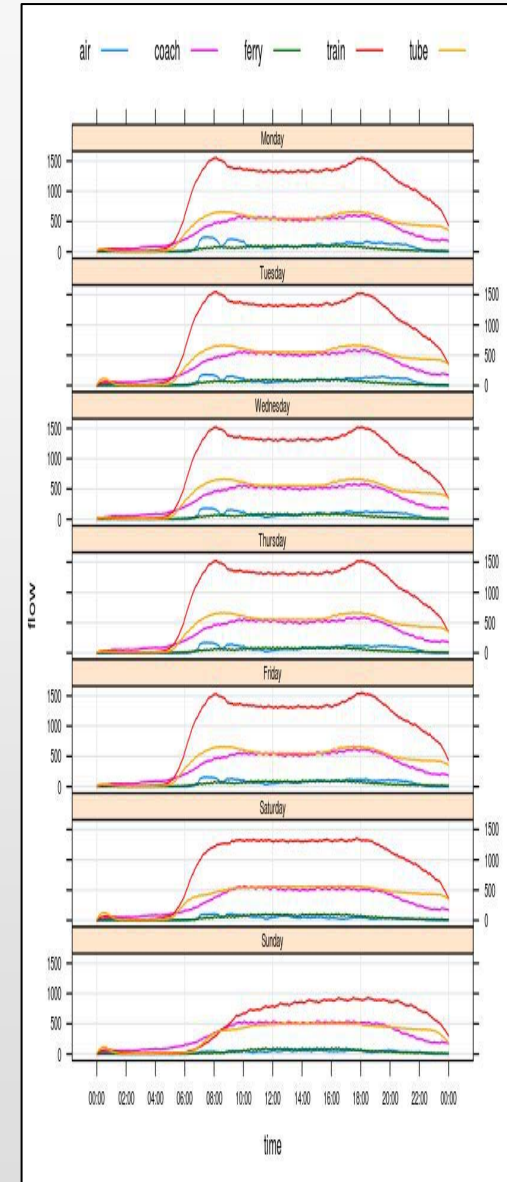
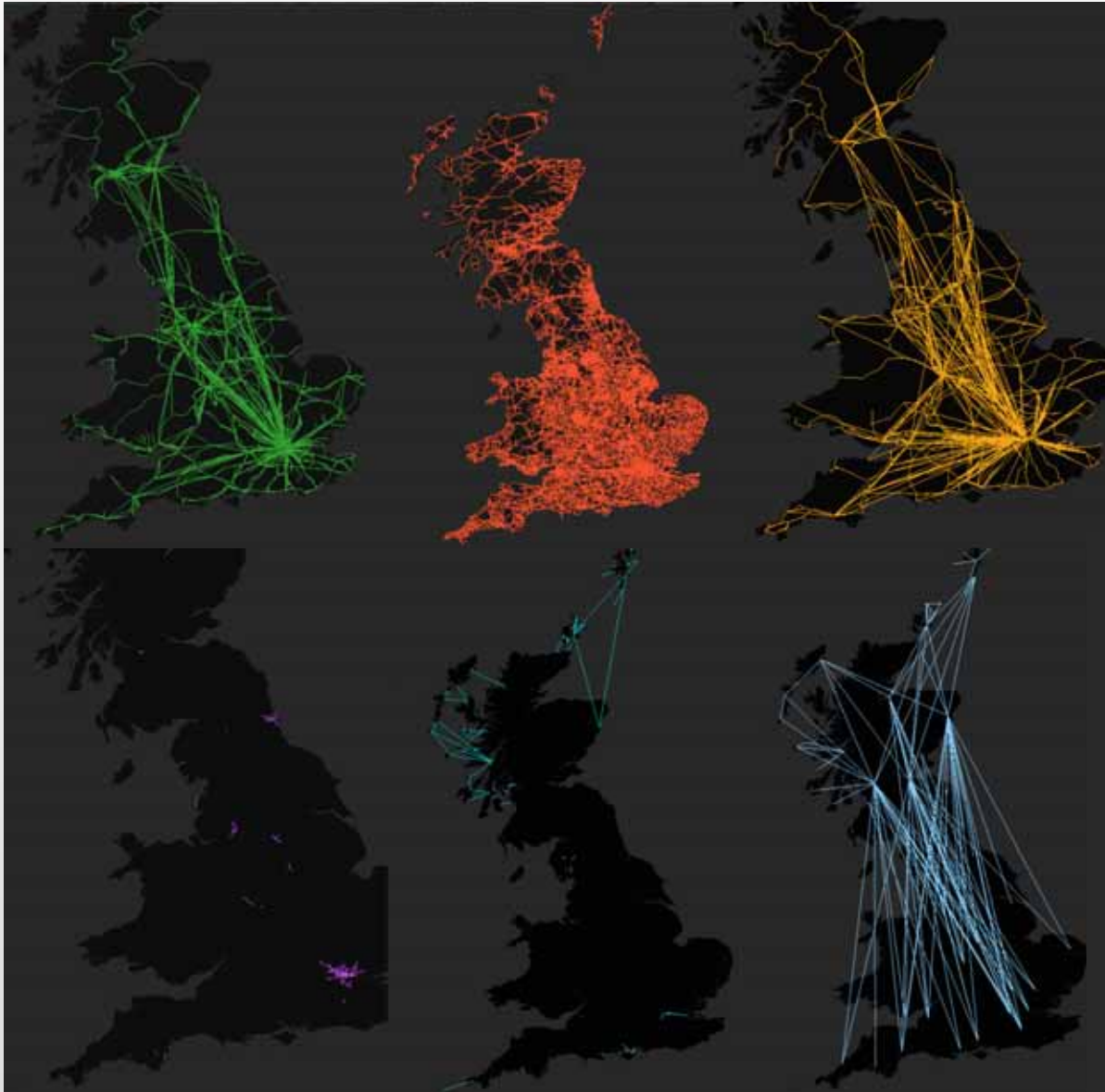
Version 2.0 of the TransXChange standard was released in April 2005. Version 2.1 was released in February 2006. Version 2.4 was released in Feb 2011. TransXChange is an approved Govtalk schema.

Summary

- The latest version of **TransXChange** is Version 2.4.
- The previous version of TransXChange is Version 2.1.
- The current version of the **TransXChange Publisher** is Version 2.4_4. The 2.4_4 version will work on TransXChange v2.4 and v2.1 documents and contains additional fixes. This new version works with the Microsoft Bing map tile set which supercedes the previous MultiMap tile set. The MultiMap service has ceased operation and the Publisher 2.4_1 or later version must be used if route maps are required.
 - Note that the replacement Bing map service uses a new url so you may possibly need to change your fire wall configuration. Your new configuration should allow all requests from http://*.virtualearth.net See `../config/bing.properties`
 - The Bing maps are on a smaller scale (approx 1:9000 and 1:39000) than the MultiMap maps so increase



From Joan Serras work posted in Vimeo: <http://vimeo.com/21351764> and you can get all this from our Simulacra blog www.simulacra.info, I think



Best to show these animations from simulacra as this let me point you to related things

<http://simulacra.blogs.casa.ucl.ac.uk/>

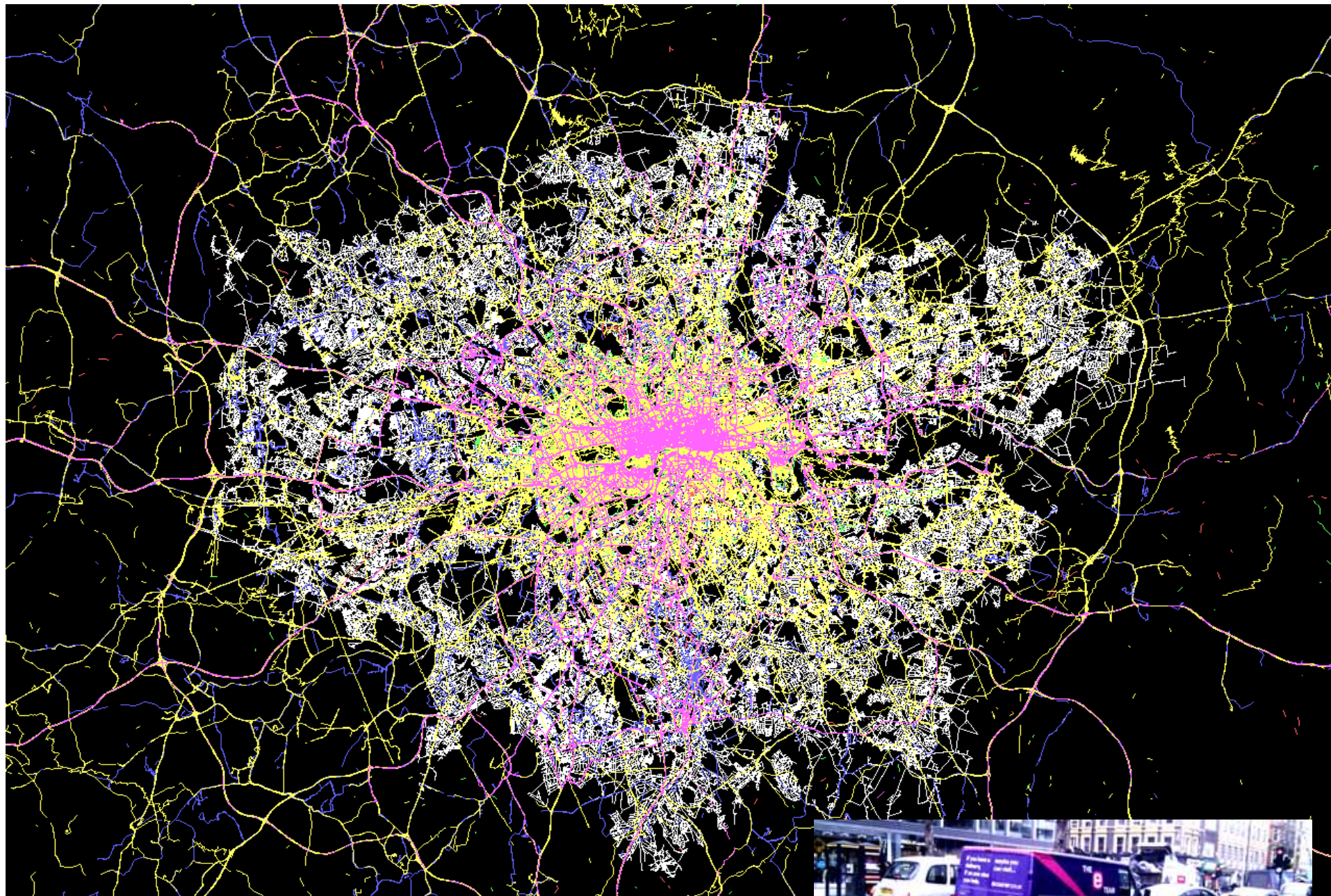
And also worth noting that we are also working with electronic data and courier data all coded – from the courier data we have done some hypothetical simulations of disease spread



Some preliminary work at: Crowd and environmental management during mass gatherings
Anders Johansson et al., (2012) **The Lancet Infectious Diseases**, Vol. 12No. 2 pp 150-156



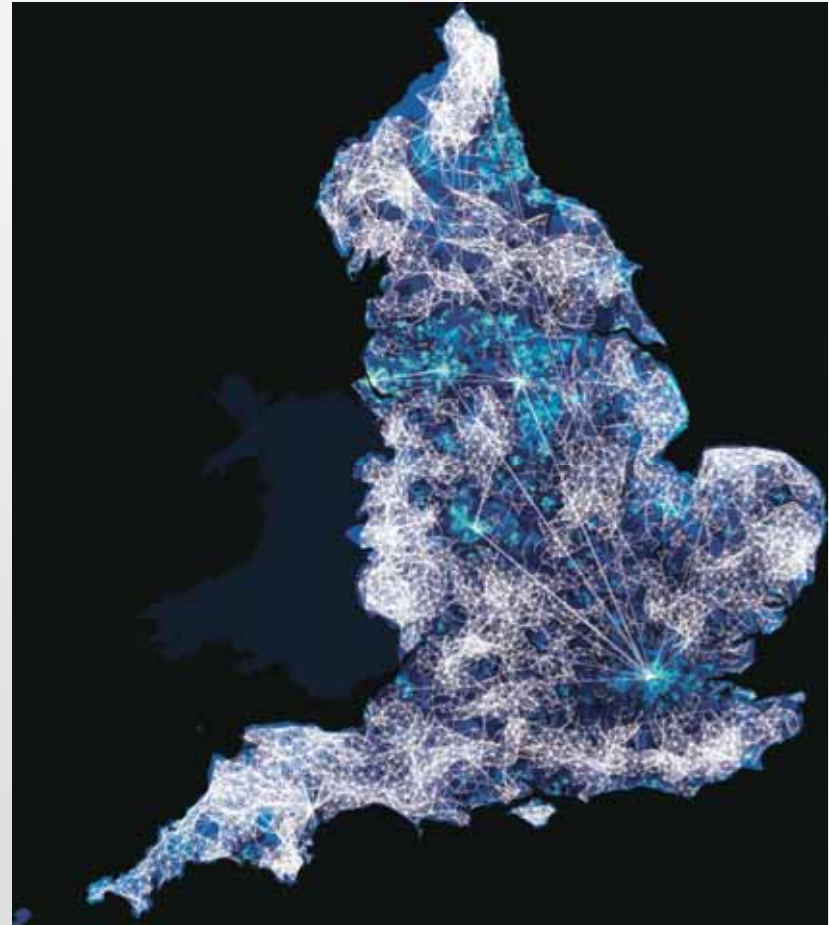
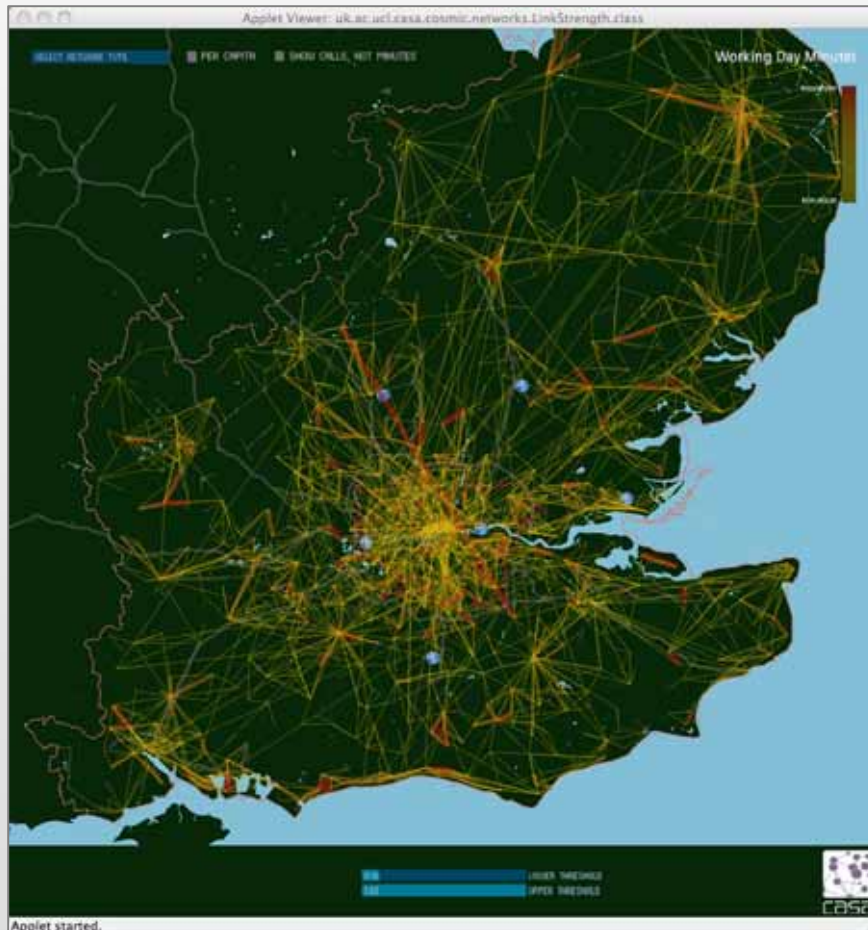
Greater London Authority (GLA) area : Road network



Greater London Authority (GLA) area :
Ecourier GPS trajectories: bicycles, motorbikes, vans



Telecoms – Jon Reades' work with a large UK telecoms provider and with Sensable City Lab at MIT; an article in PLoS One 2012



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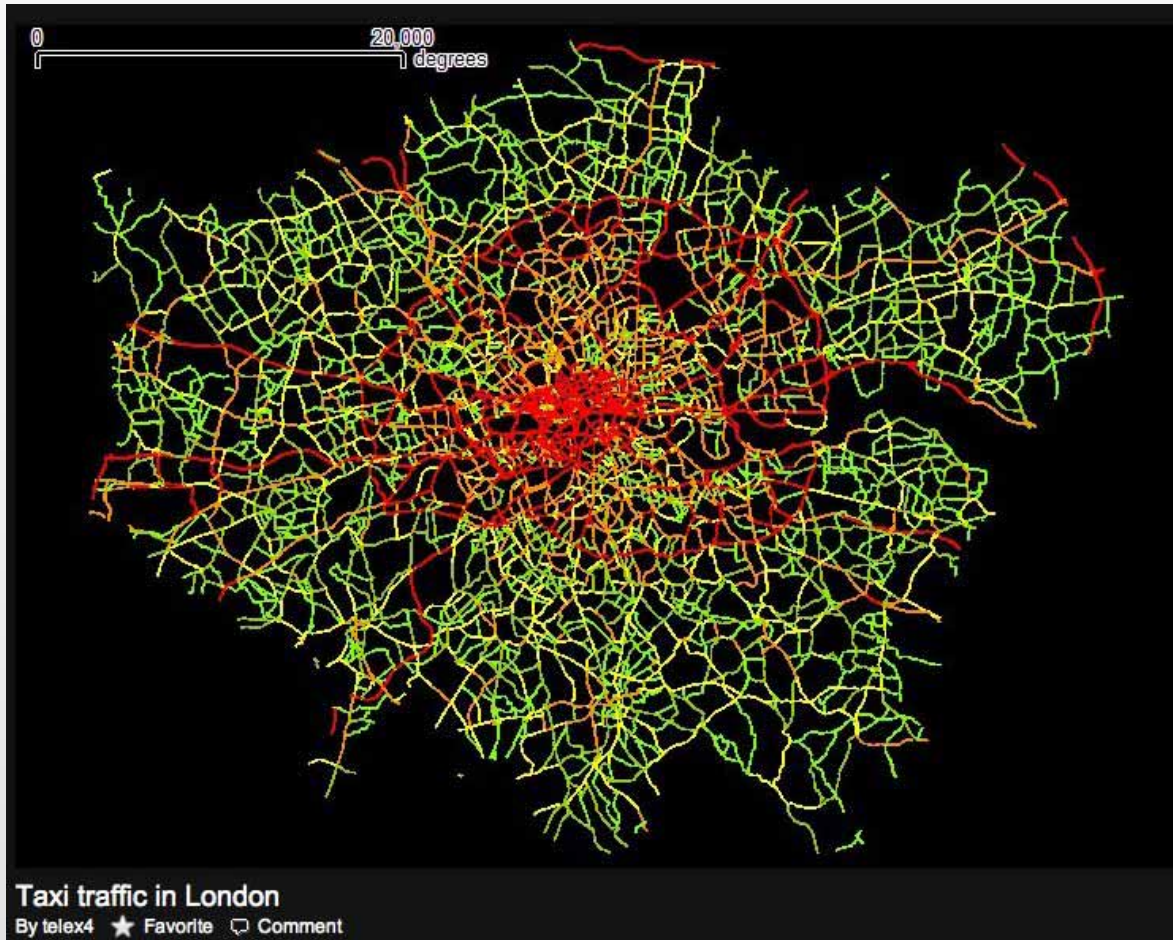
Abstract

Introduction

Results and Discussion

Abstract

Do regional boundaries defined by governments respect the more natural ways that people



And Ed Manley from Tao Cheng's group in UCL has a nice blog where he has lots of visualisations of his online limo service data for London – at <http://urbanmovements.posterous.com/>

The Bikes Projects: Online Data

“The number of cyclists in London is growing, especially during peak periods, and on significant cycle commuter routes often exceed 10% of total vehicle flow” (from TfL Traffic Modelling Guidelines, 2010)

World-wide case study from Ollie O’Brien:

70 cities, 2 years of data

Docking station status

Journey records

Looking at cultural behaviour

Each docking station shown by a circle

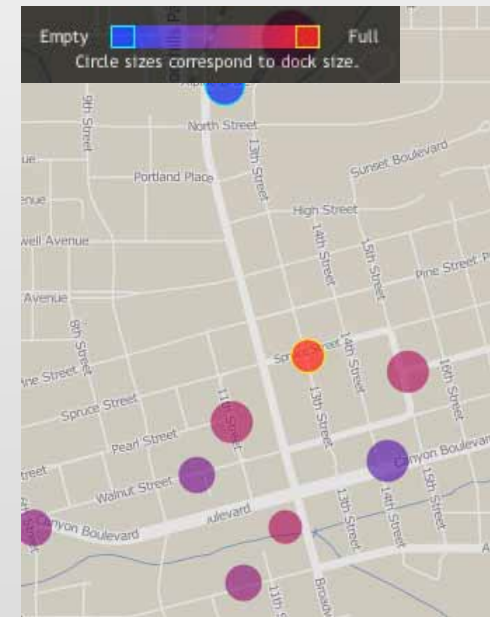
Blue = empty, Purple = ~50% full, Red = full

Normally two graphs

Weekday (normally Wednesday 6th June)

Weekend (normally Saturday 9th June)

Live versions at <http://bikes.oobrien.com/>



The Barclays Cycle Hire London Project

BCH commenced operations in July 2010 with **5,000 bicycles** and *315 docking stations* distributed across the City of London and parts of eight London boroughs.[10] The coverage zone spans approximately 17 square miles (44 km²), roughly matching the Zone 1 Travelcard area.



Currently there are some **8,000 'Boris Bikes'** and *570 docking stations* in the BCH scheme, which has been used for over *19 million journeys* to date



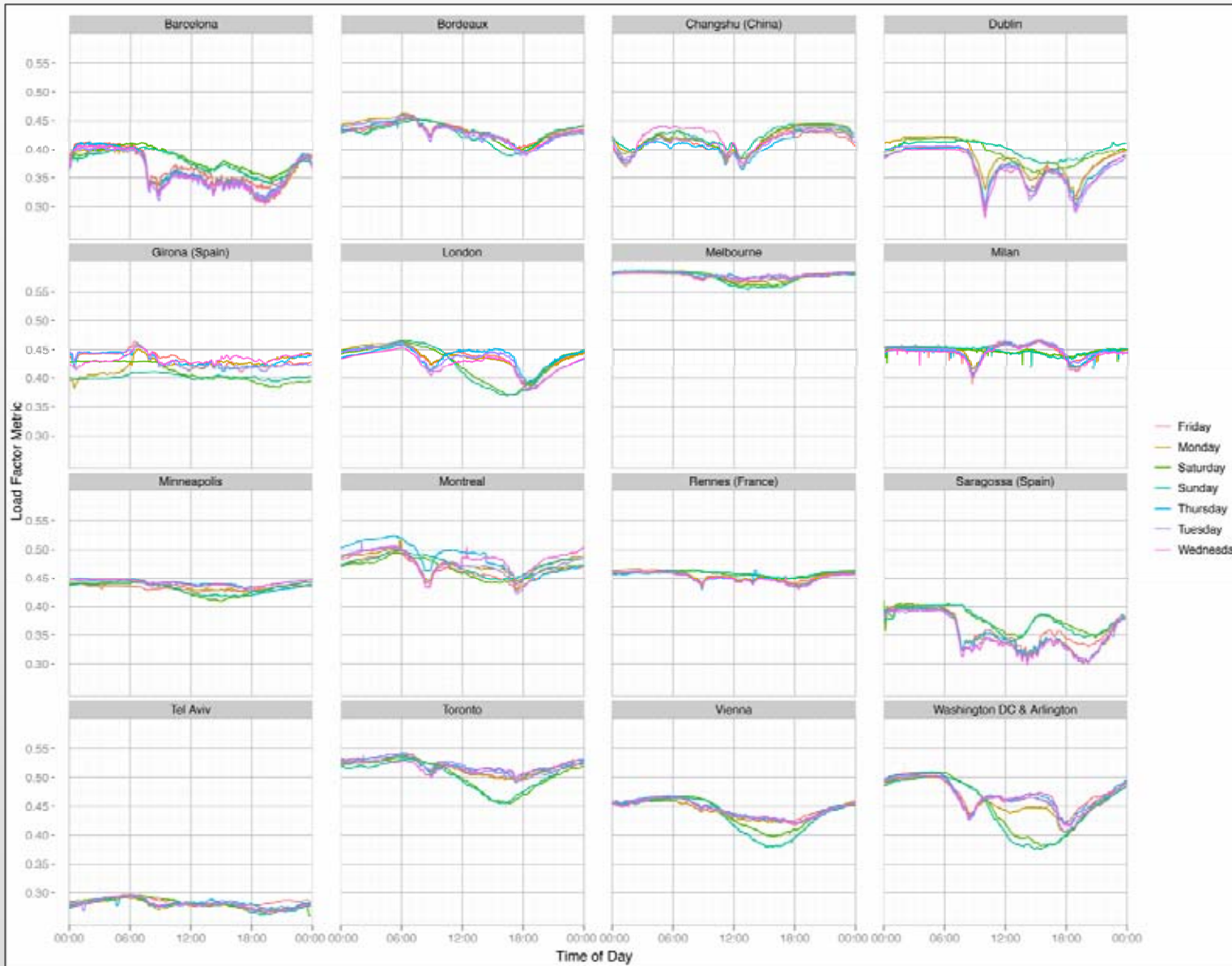
- **Docks** – The things which hold onto the bikes and release them
- **Stations** – groups of docks
- **Spaces** – docks which are empty

City	Official Name	Installed	System	# of Bikes
London	Barclays Cycle Hire	July 2010	Bixi	4,300
Barcelona	Bicing	March 2007	Bikemi	4,200
Milan	Bikemi	December 2008	Bicing	1,100
Saragossa	Bizi	May 2008	Bicing	800
Girona	Girocleta	September 2009	TNT	100
Washington DC and Arlington	Capital Bikeshare	September 2010	Bixi	650
Montreal	Bixi	May 2009	Bixi	4,200
Minneapolis	Nice Ride	June 2010	Bixi	600
Denver	B-cycle	April 2010	B-cycle	350
Melbourne	Bike Share	June 2010	Bixi	400

Cycle Hire

Rank	City	Country	Bikes
1	Wuhan	China	70000
2	Hangzhou	China	60600
	Beijing	China	50000
3	Paris	France	18000
	New York	United States	10000
4	Taizhou	China	10000
5	London	Great Britain	7200
6	Yantai	China	6000
7	Shanghai	China	5700
	Chicago	United States	5000
8	Guangzhou	China	5000
9	Barcelona	Spain	4700
10	Kaohsiung	China	4500
11	Montreal	Canada	4220
12	Foshan	China	4000
13	Lyon	France	3400
14	Zhangjiagang	China	3200
15	Munich	Germany	3000
16	Wuham/Qinshan	China	3000
17	Toulouse	France	2500
18	Brussels	Belgium	2180
19	Seville	Spain	1950
20	Changshu	China	1700





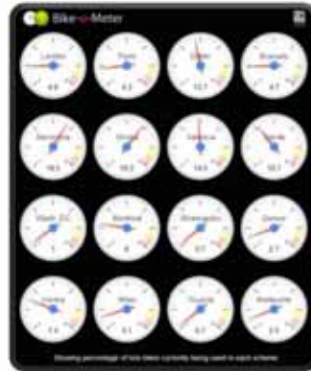
Let's Visualise Them!

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```

- Obtain the data from the operators' websites
 - Some provide XML/JSON/KML
 - Lots of Regex parsing
 - Velib-based systems require two stages
- Store it for analysis
- Stick it on a map
 - OpenLayers has some nice vector styling for points
 - OpenStreetMap-based background
 - Charts of historical trends via the Google Chart API

Bike-o-Meter casa.ucl.ac.uk/bom

- Tweet-o-Meter for bikes
 - Steven Gray (@frogo)
 - Using Google Gauges
- See the real life Tweet-o-Meters at the new British Library "Growing Knowledge" exhibition
 - Should be easy to hack to show the Bike-o-Meters instead 😊



Bike/Dock Ratio

- No of bikes per 100 docks
 - Based on max availability at around 5am ("no" usage)
 - Averaged over a few weeks



City	Ratio/100
Melbourne	60
London	56
Montreal	56
Denver	54
Milan	52
Dublin	51
Minneapolis	50
Toyama	50
Barcelona	49
Washington DC	49
Girona	48
Paris	47
Vienna	47
Brussels	46
Seville	42
Valencia	39
Average	50

London Boris Bikes Map - Windows Internet Explorer

http://oobrien.com/vis/bikes/

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Favorites London Boris Bikes Map

London Boris Bikes Map

City: London Colours: Blue to Red Empty Full

Circle sizes correspond to dock size.

Map showing London districts: Harrow, White City, Westway, Marylebone, Mayfair, Knightsbridge, Westminster, South Bank, Borough, Walworth, Vauxhall, Elephant & Castle, Shoreditch, Hoxton, Haggerston, Regent's Park, Marylebone, Mayfair, Knightsbridge, Westminster, South Bank, Borough, Walworth, Vauxhall, Elephant & Castle, Shoreditch, Hoxton, Haggerston.

Newgate Street, St. Paul's

Bikes: 5
Spaces: 29

Bikes in Dock (last 24h)

01:52 (1/2) - Welcome to the Dock Status Map - messages appear here as docks become full or empty
01:52 (2/2) - Currently 21 docking stations are empty and 28 are full

Distribution Imbalance (last 24h)

Bikes in Docks (last 24h)

49 bikes in use - 95 is highest so far today
4170 bikes currently available in docks

1.2% in use Low 0.6% higher than 24h ago 26% Quite even

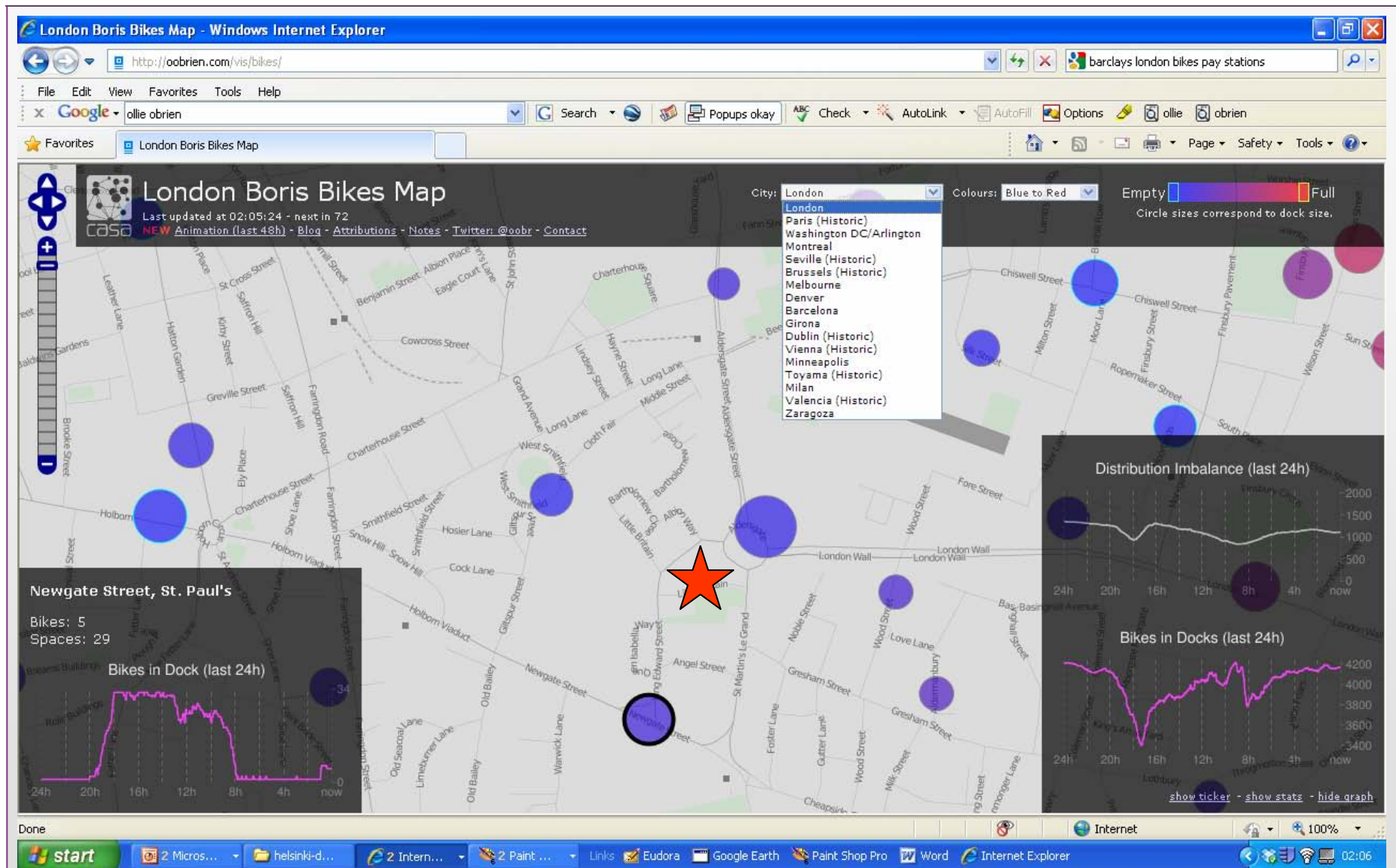
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Internet 100% 02:02



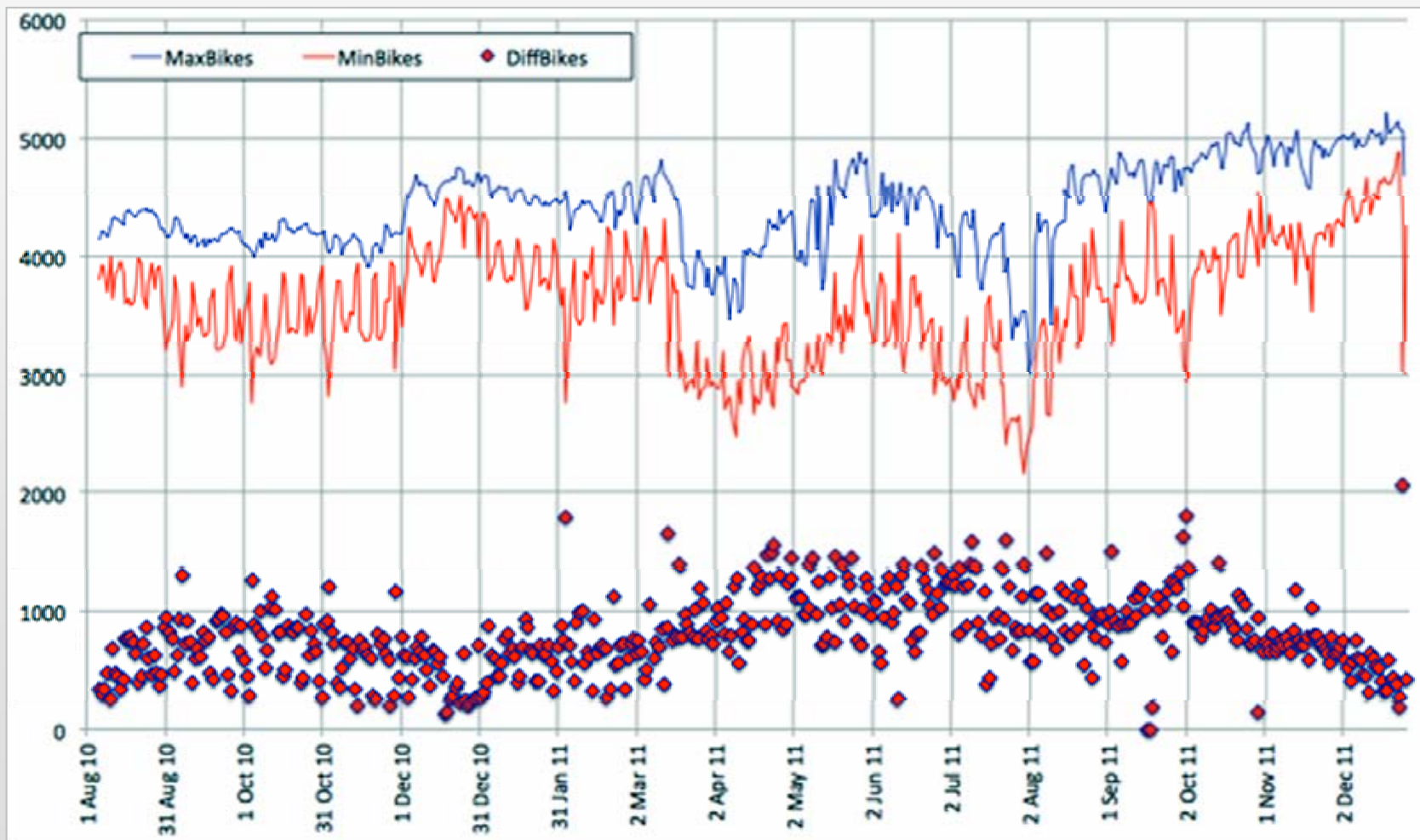


As yet no records of demand from people logging on, so no management capabilities, but could happen probably from an App based software but maybe from the server

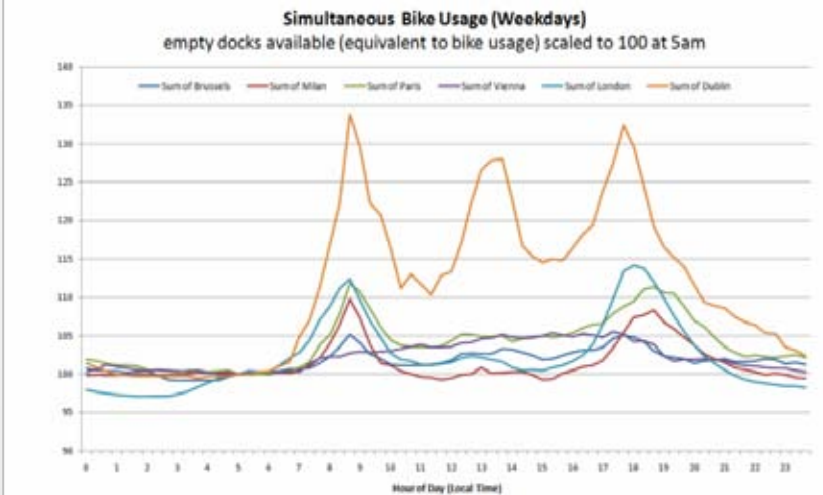


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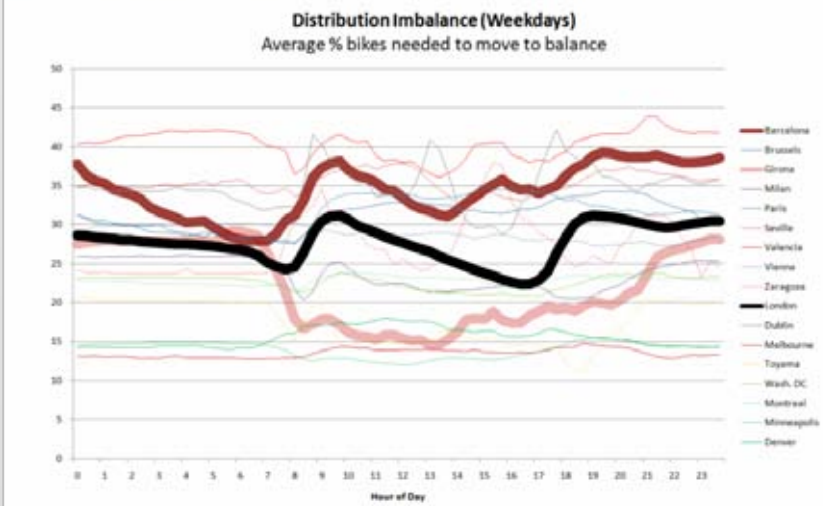




Weekday Use – 1. Europe ex-Spain

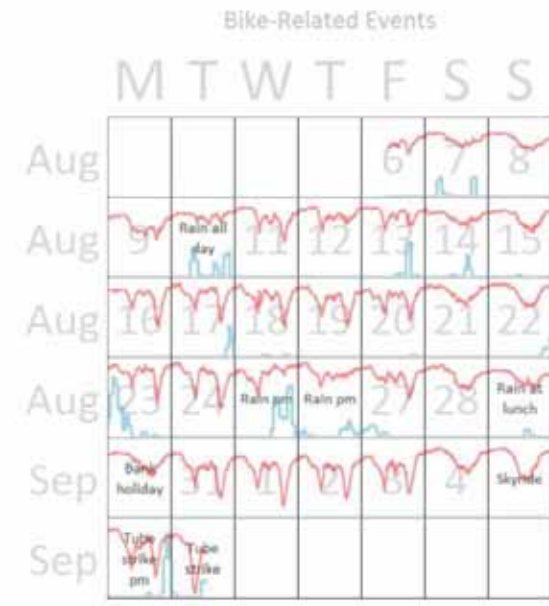


Redistribution Effectiveness

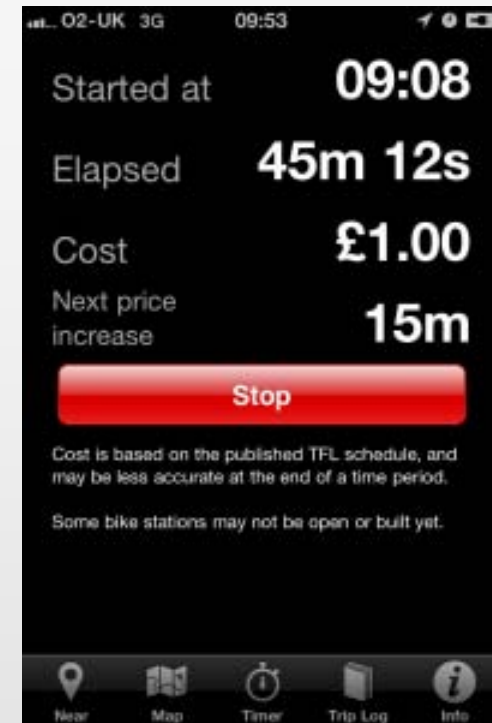
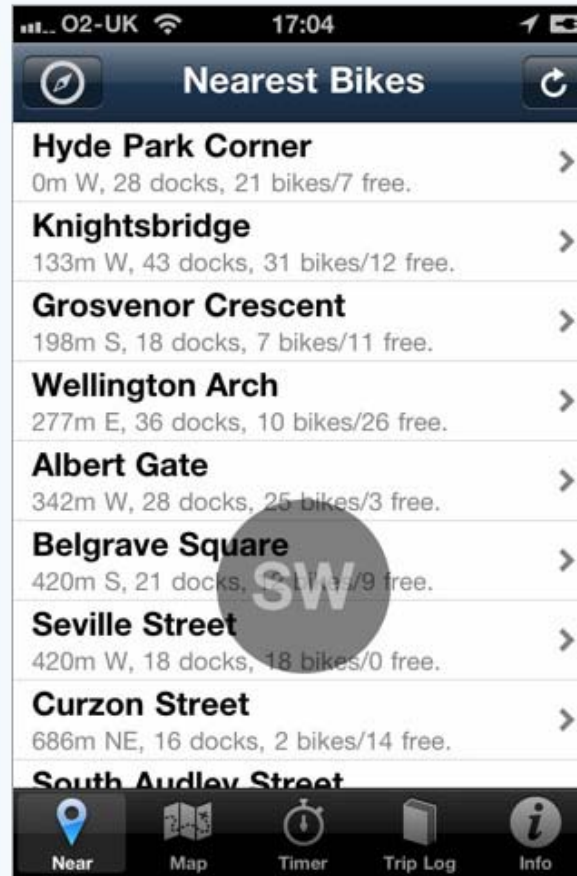
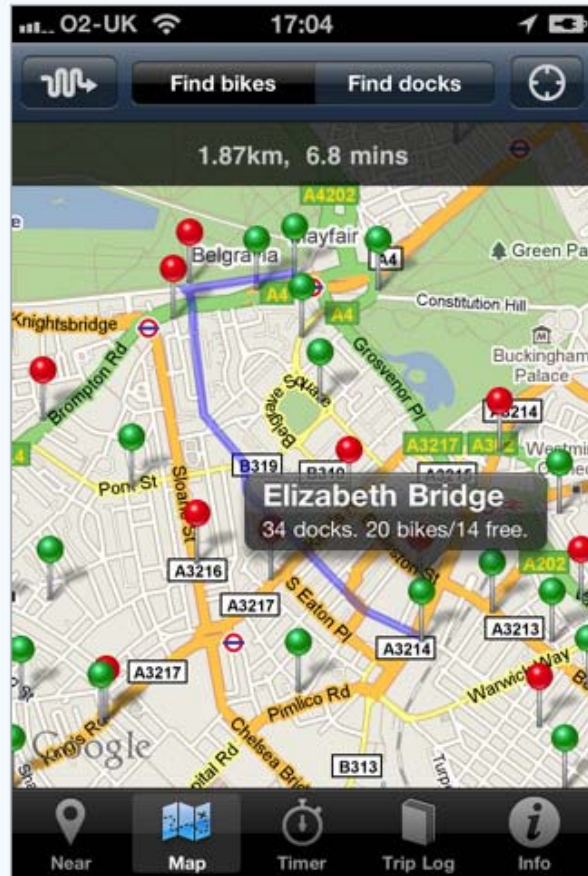


More Analysis

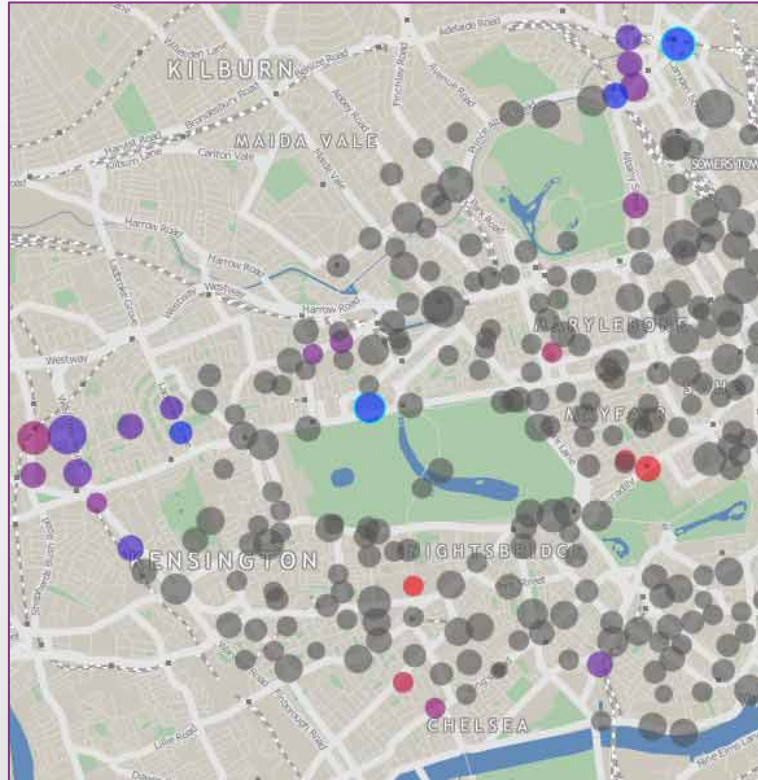
- **London**
- Graph shows number of bikes available to hire
- Effect of rain
 - Using the CASA weather station
- Effect of the tube strikes



iPhone Screenshots

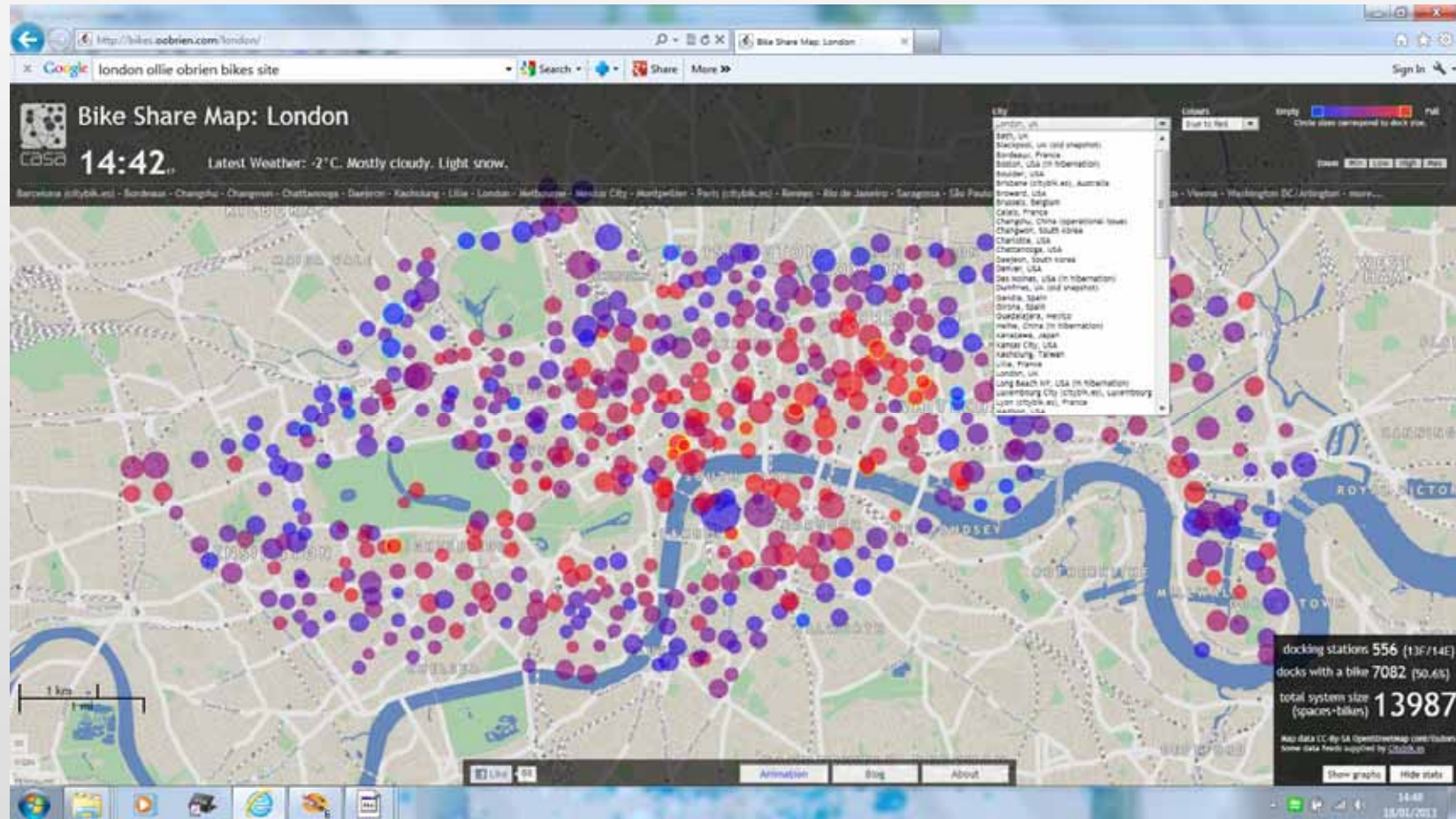


<http://oobrien.com/vis/bikes/>

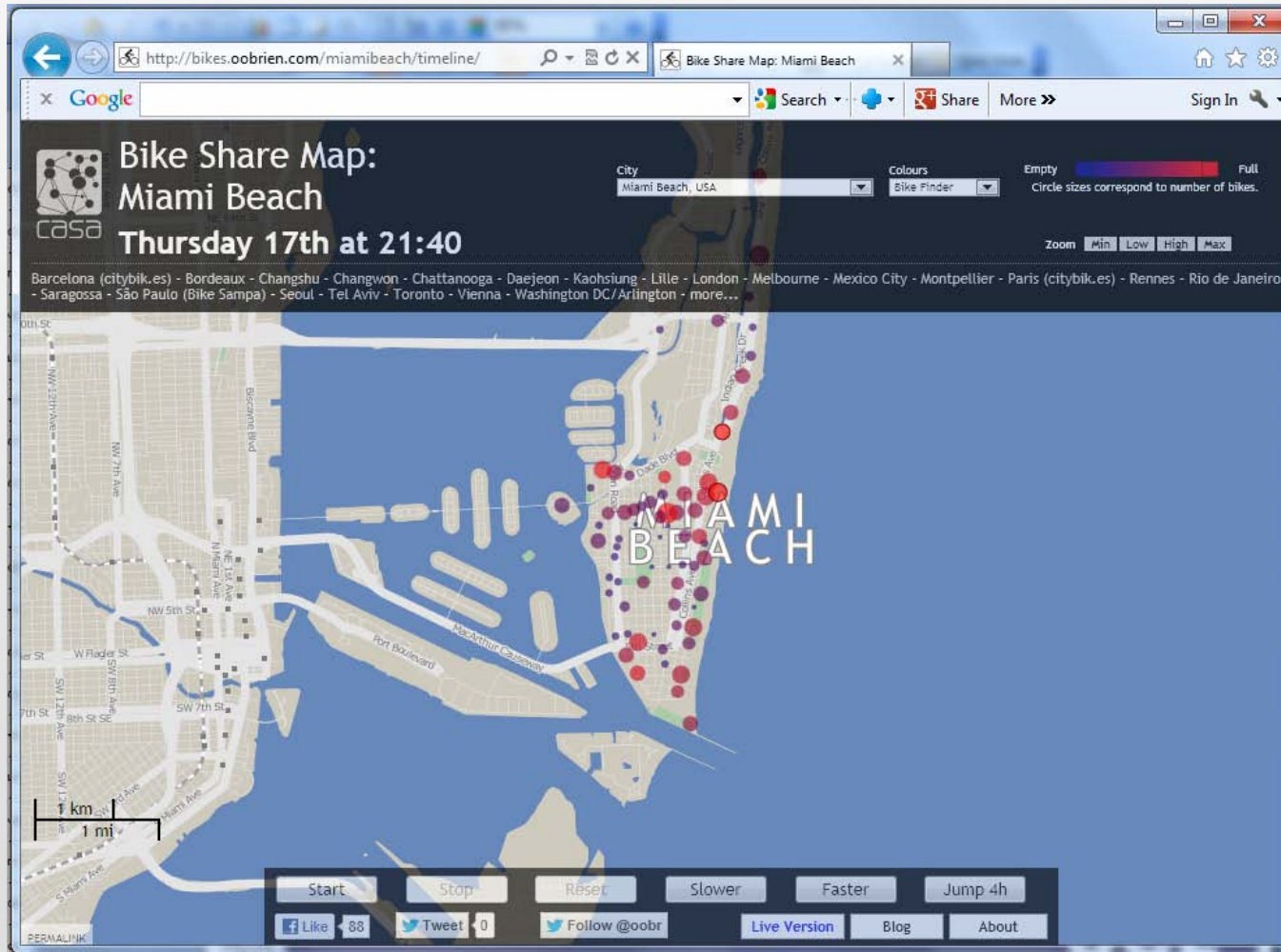


The Website: Real Time Visualisation of Origins and Destinations Activity

<http://bikes.oobrien.com/london/>



You can play back the last couple of days from the animator for many of the cities where the data is captured online



Initial Analyses

Flows – Origins and Destinations



London Cycle Hire Journeys and Pollution

Thicker lines are more journeys
Redder lines are more polluted (PM10 2008 mean)



There are quite a few visualisations on Vimeo which have been developed by James Cheshire and Martin Austwick where they have used shortest routes methods to figure out bike paths



<http://vimeo.com/19982736> And one from Jo Wood at City University <http://vimeo.com/33712288>

That is it and next week we don't have any lectures – we resume on the 28th at same time same place.

We finished early today because of Anne Forsyth's Talk over in COORS 5536 where she will also talk about measuring walking and biking. This provides in my view a nice continuation of what we have been doing in this lecture

I will post these PPTs as PDFs later today on www.spatialcomplexity.info

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