



# PHD DEFENCE

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# **Large-Scale, Passenger Oriented, Cyclic TimeTabling & Station Platforming and Routing**

- 1 OPTIMISATION FOR DUMMIES
- 2 TIMETABLING
- 3 PLATFORMING
- 4 RESEARCH RESULTS
- 5 PRACTICAL RESULTS

# Sudoku

IS A FEASIBILITY PROBLEM

5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
	9	8					6	
8				6				3
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			4	1	9			5
				8			7	9

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CONSTRAINTS

# Scrabble

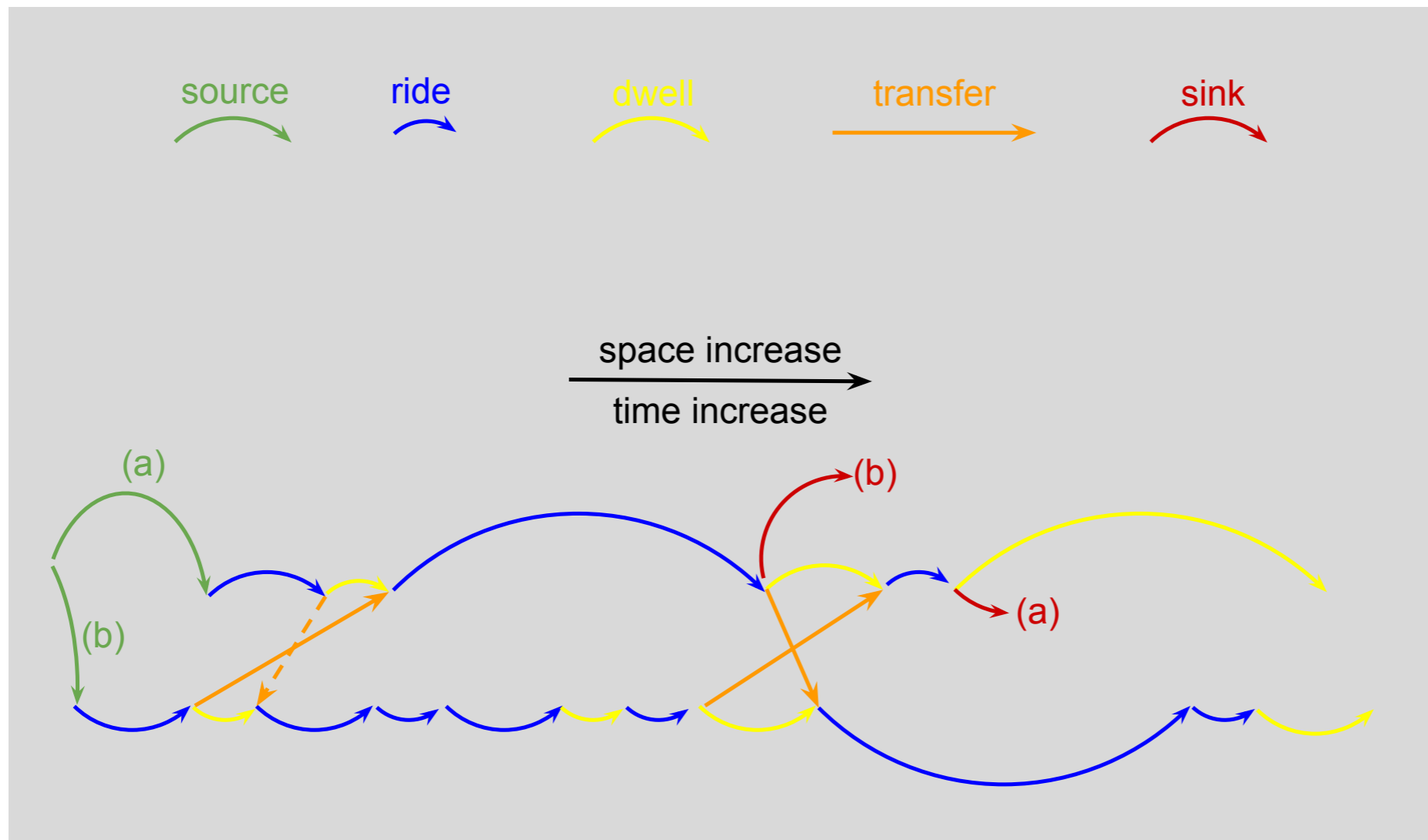
## IS AN OPTIMISATION PROBLEM



## CONSTRAINTS + OBJECTIVE (FUNCTION)

# Timetabling

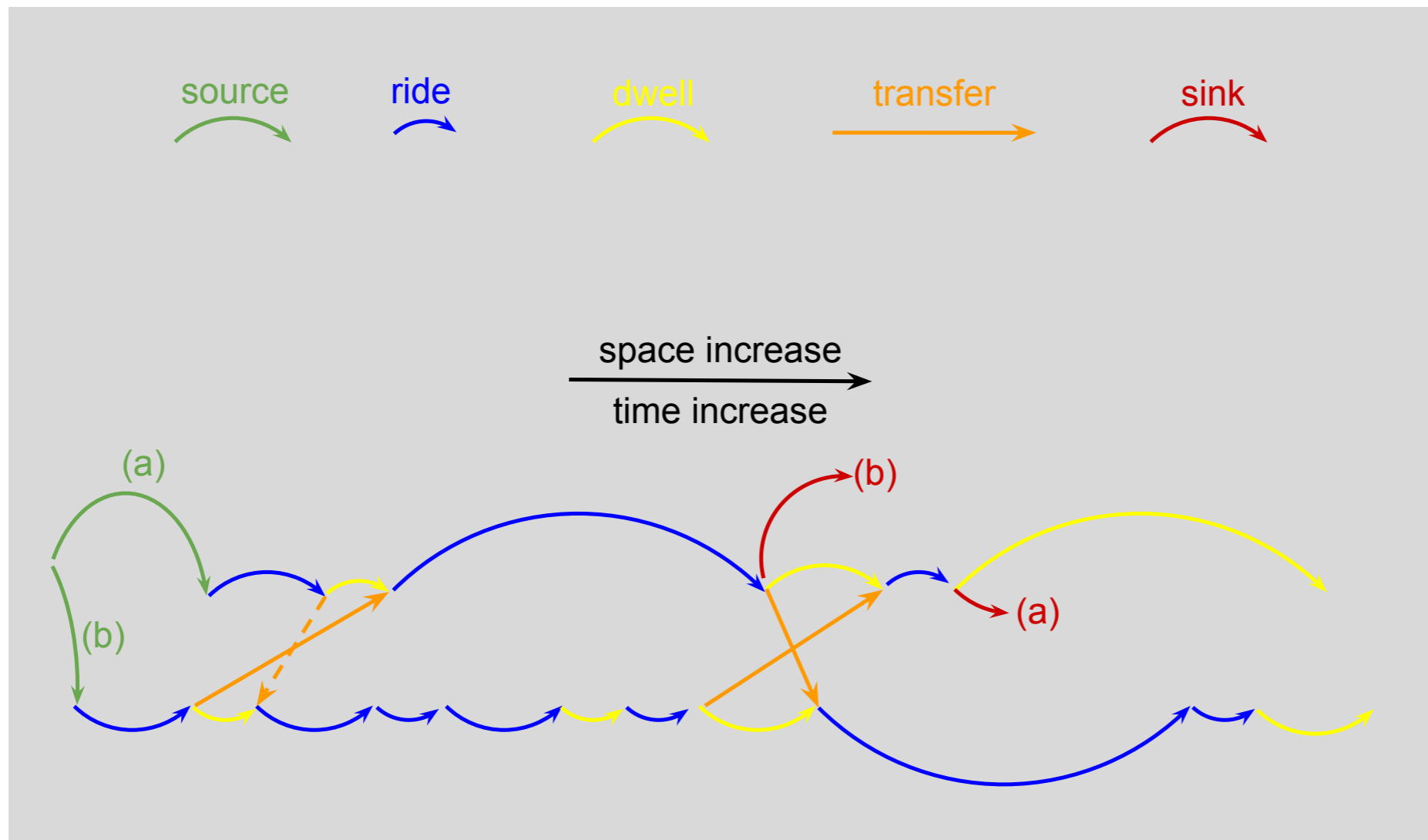
## TRAIN NETWORK MODEL



EACH ARROW NEEDS: A NUMBER OF PASSENGERS & A DURATION

# Timetabling

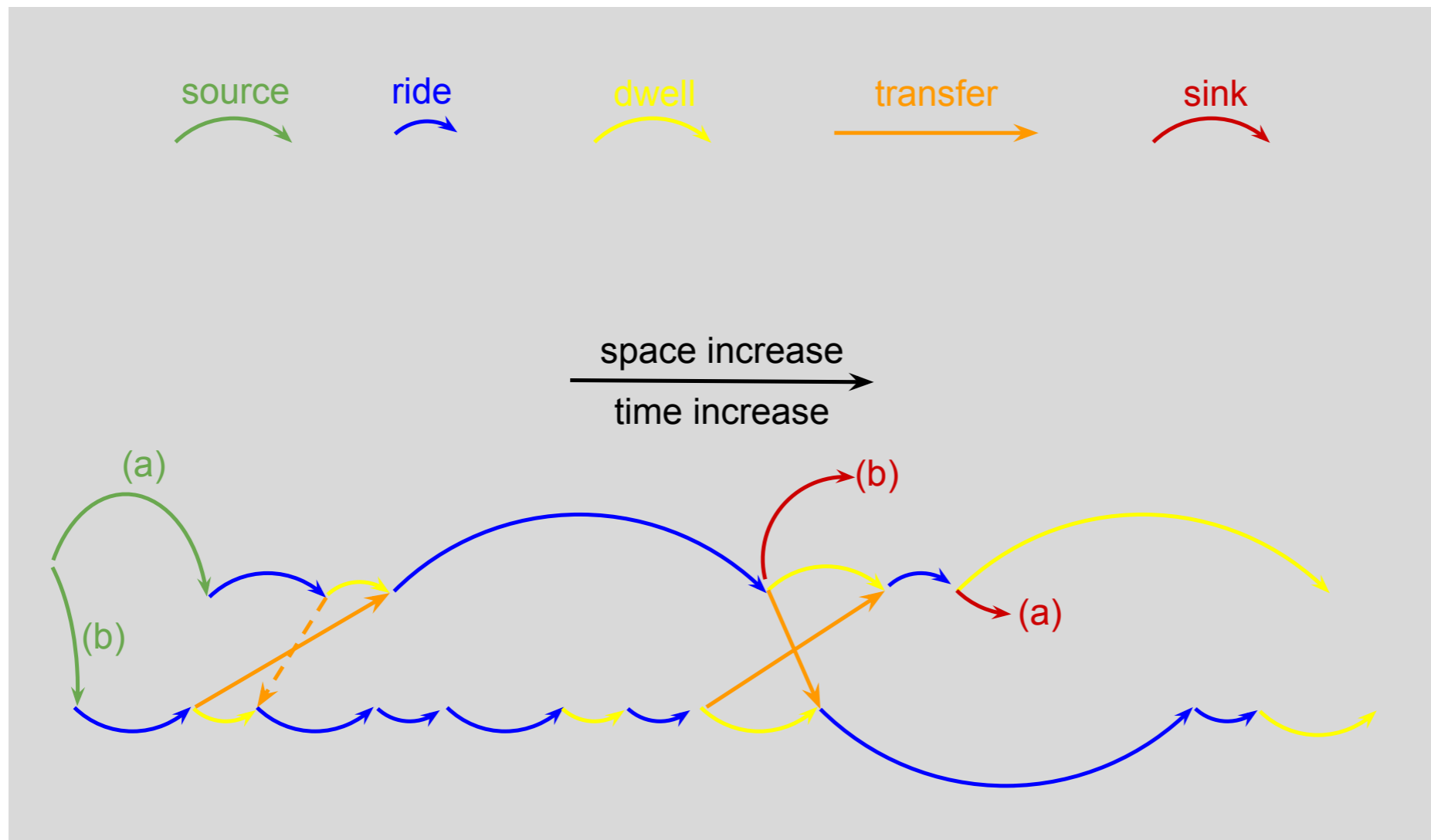
## TRAIN NETWORK MODEL



ARROW WIDTH: NUMBER OF PASSENGERS; BY ROUTING

# Timetabling

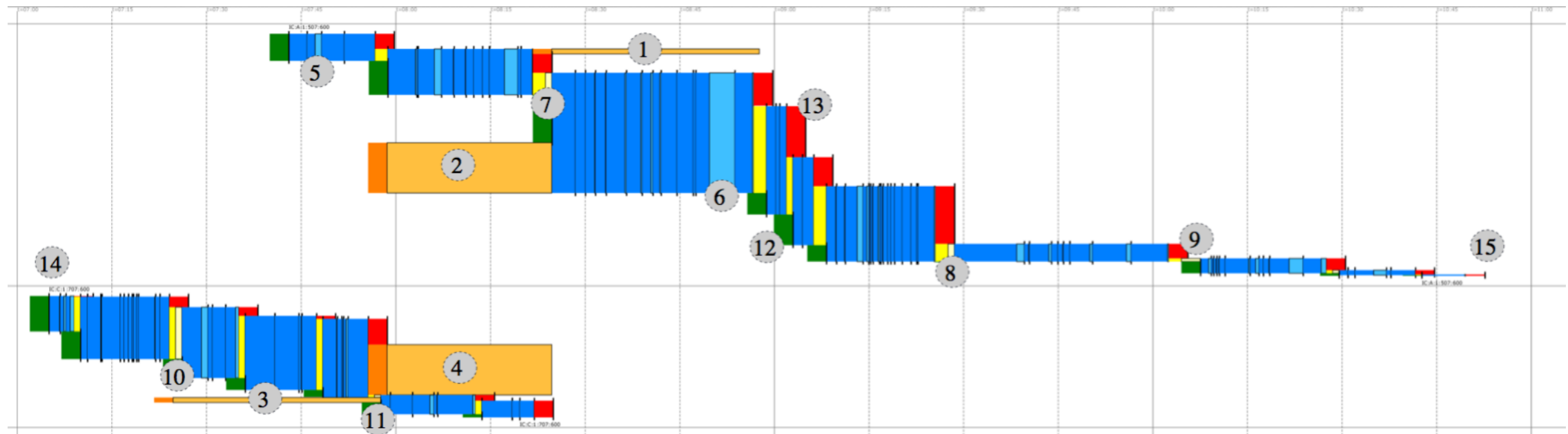
## TRAIN NETWORK MODEL



ARROW LENGTH: DURATION: BY TIMETABLING

# Timetabling

## TRAIN NETWORK MODEL: OLD TIMETABLE



EACH ARROW HAD: A NUMBER OF PASSENGERS & AN OLD DURATION

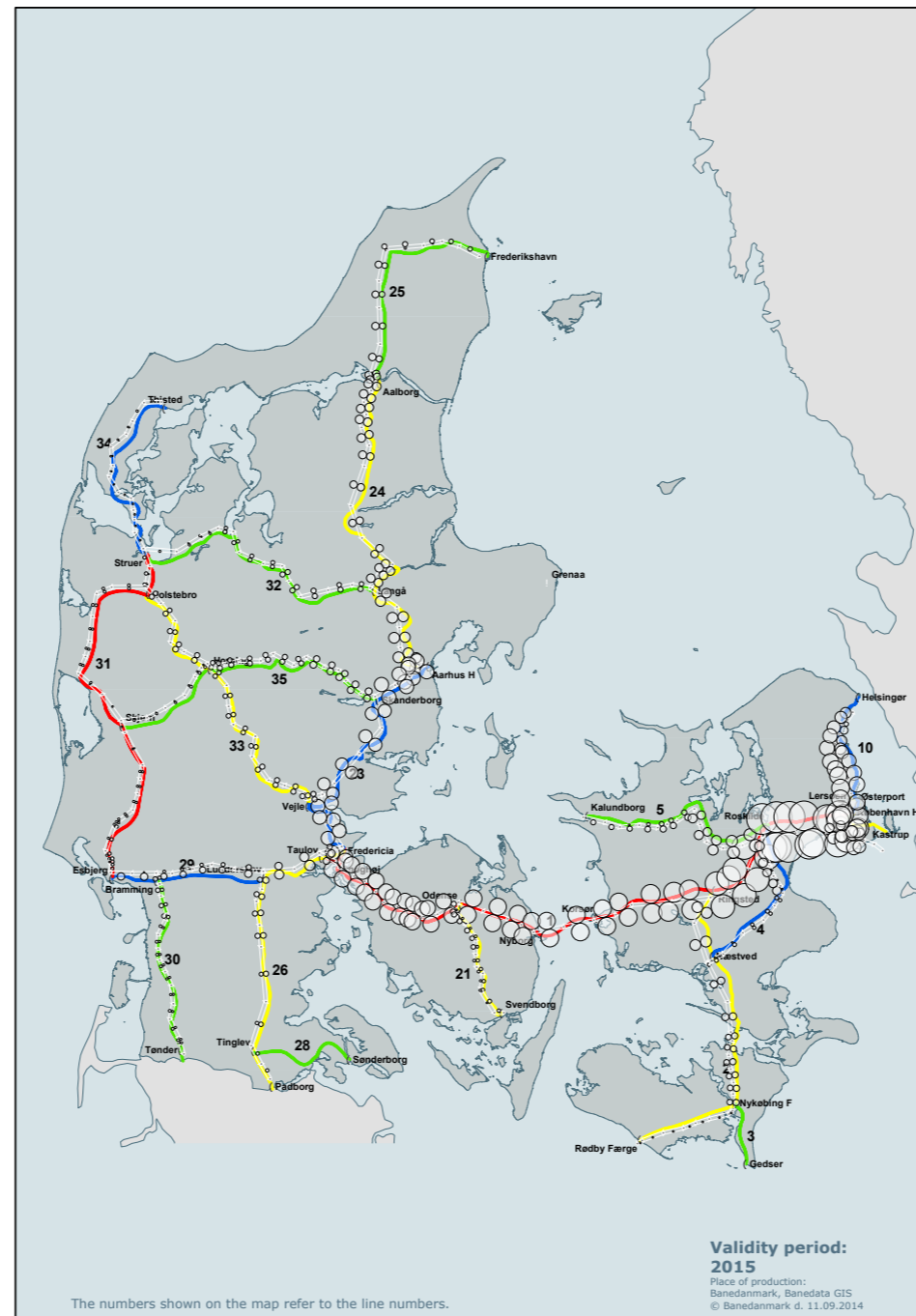


# Timetabling: Reflowing Phase: Belgium



BY MIMICKING HOW PASSENGERS CHOOSE ROUTES

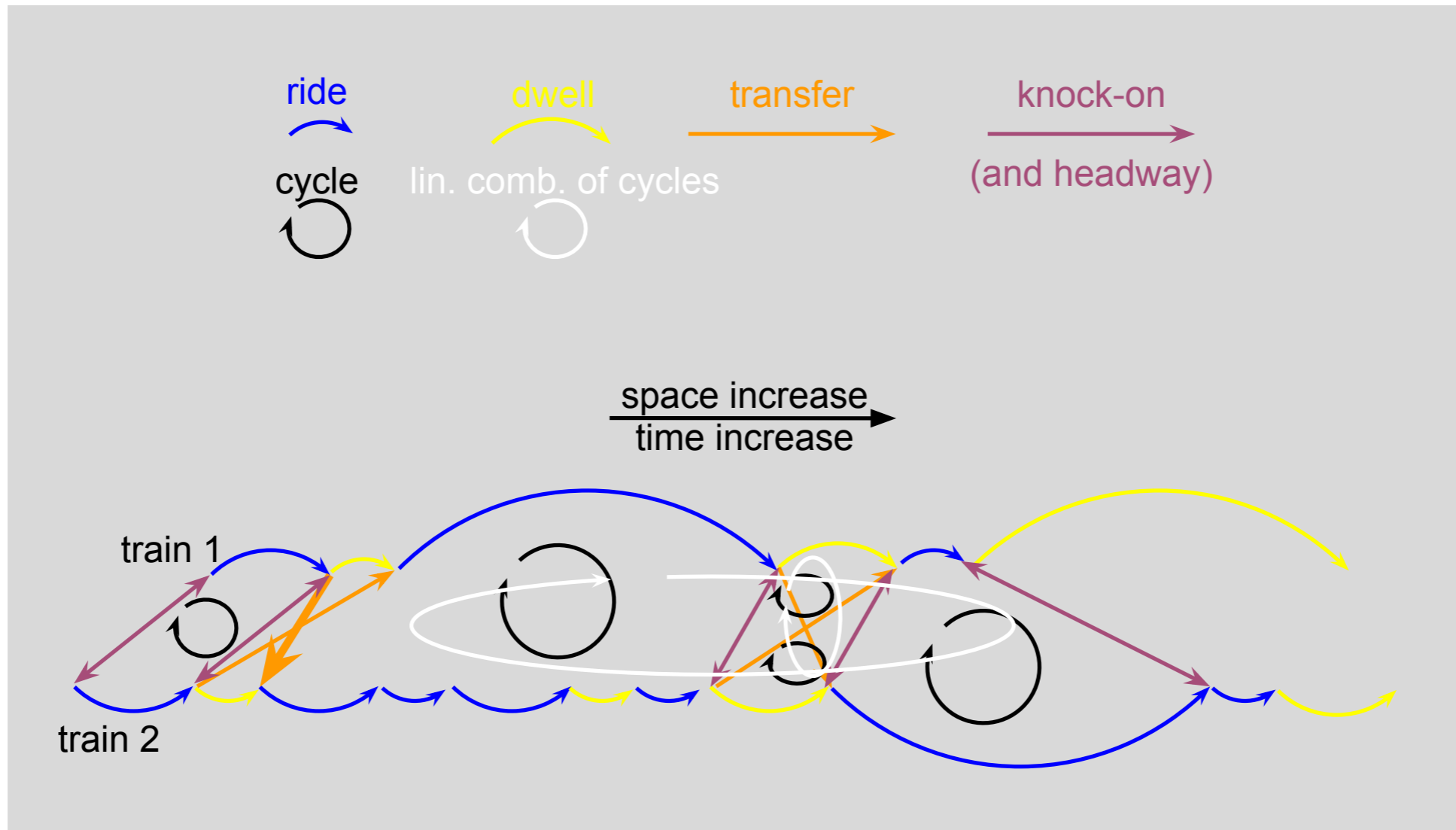
# Timetabling: Reflowing Phase: Denmark



BY MIMICKING HOW PASSENGERS CHOOSE ROUTES

# Timetabling: Retiming Phase: Constraints

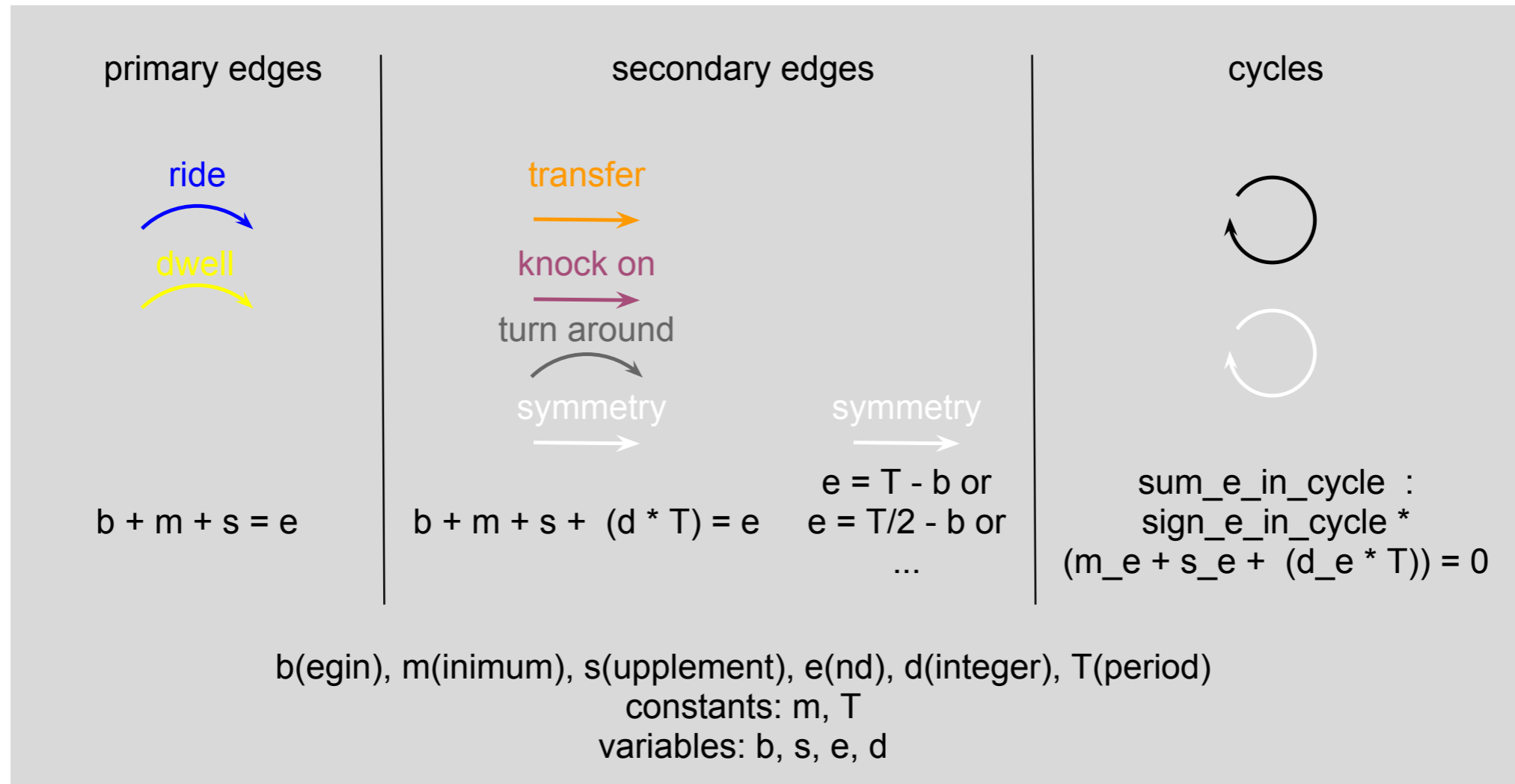
## VISUALLY IDENTIFYING CONSTRAINTS



FOR EACH ARROW  
 AT END OF ARROW TO BEGIN OF NEXT ARROW  
 IN CYCLES: (SMALL) BLACK AND (DEPENDENT) WHITE

# Timetabling: Retiming Phase: Constraints

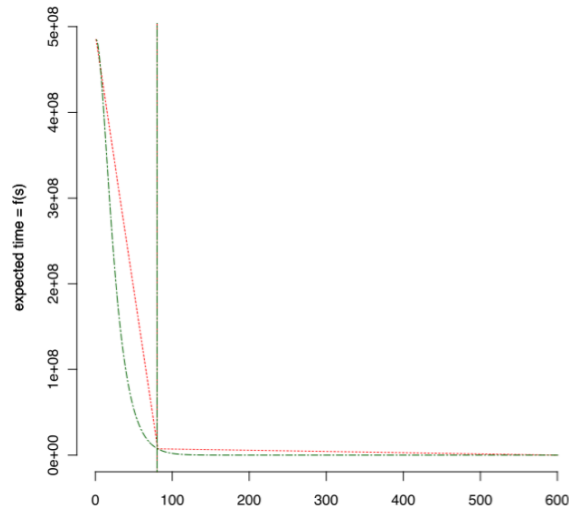
## MATHEMATICALLY FORMULATING CONSTRAINTS



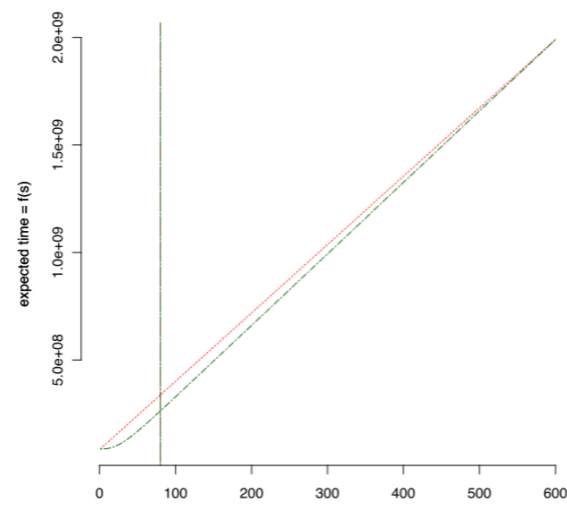
BEGIN + DURATION = END  
 EACH END = NEW BEGIN  
 BY KIRCHHOFF VOLTAGE LAWS IN BASIC (BLACK) AND EXTRA (WHITE) CYCLES

# Timetabling: Retiming Phase: Objective

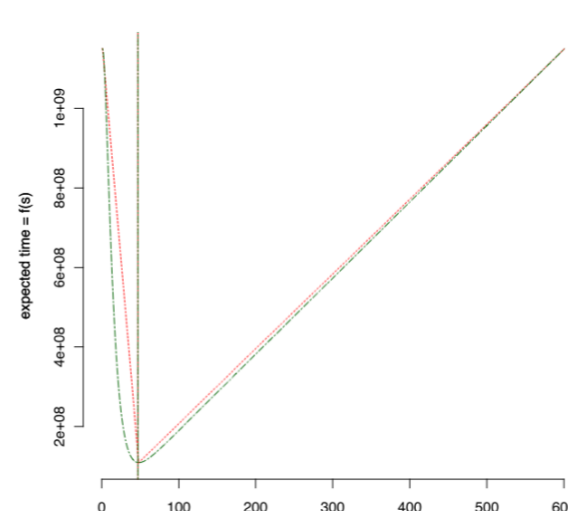
DURATION = MIN + SUPPLEMENT. SUPPLEMENTS: HOW DETERMINED?



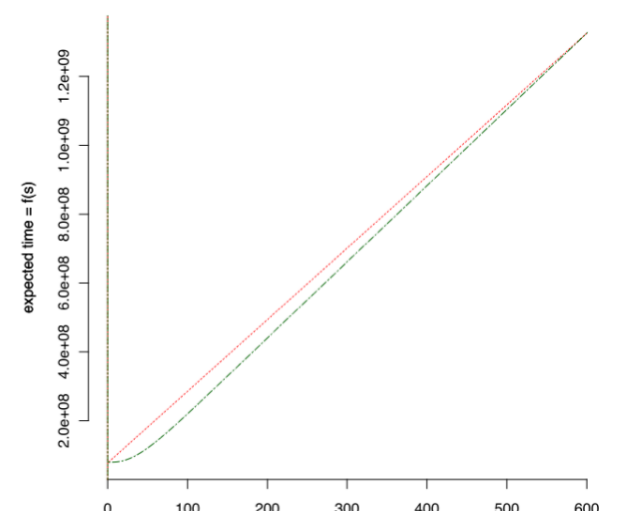
DEPARTING



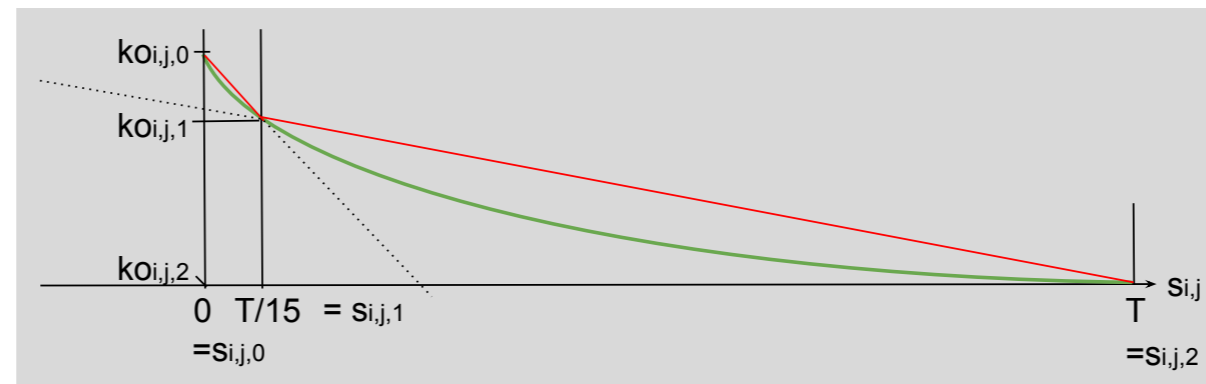
THROUGH



TRANSFER



ARRIVING

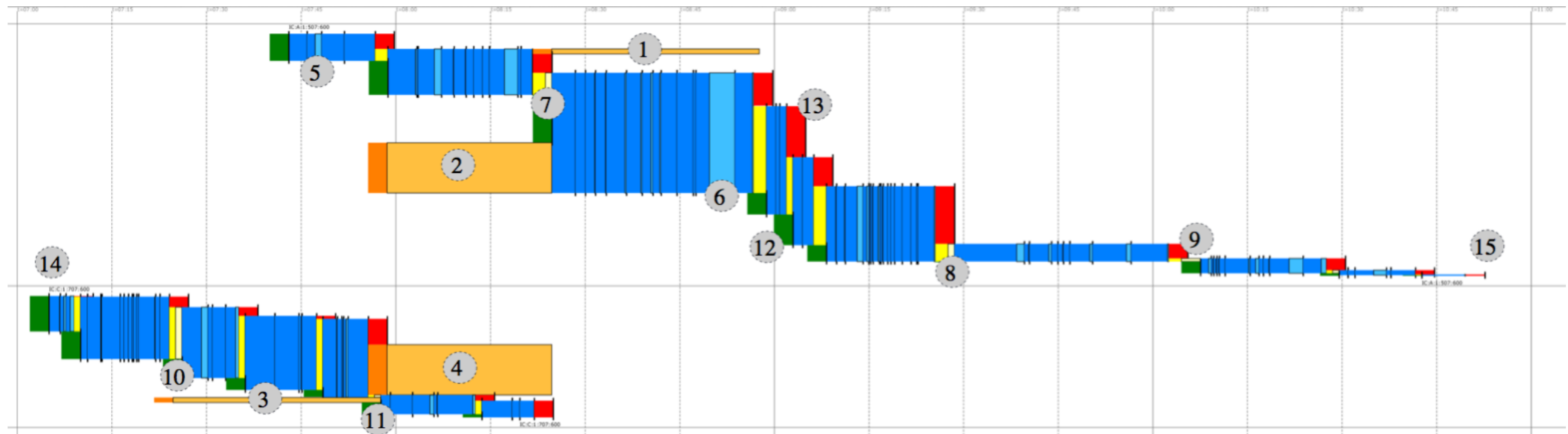


KNOCK-ON DELAY

BY LOCAL COST FUNCTIONS: REPRESENTING LOCAL PLANNED TIME  
 TOTAL OBJECTIVE = SUM OF LOCAL OBJECTIVE => SUPPLEMENTS COMPETE

# Timetabling

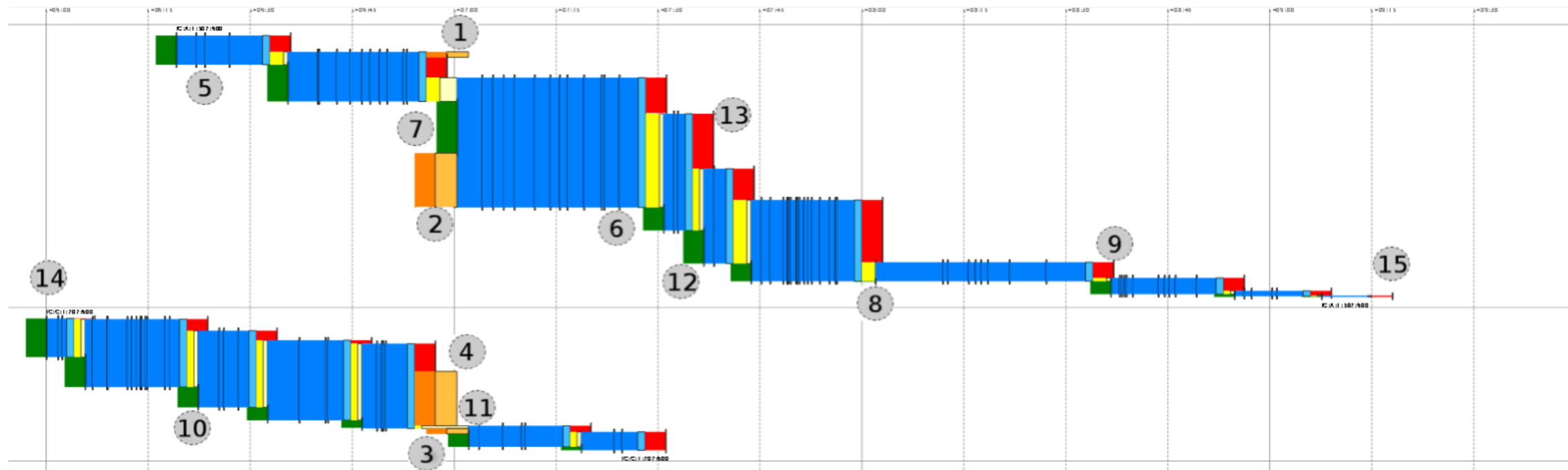
## TRAIN NETWORK MODEL: OLD TIMETABLE



EACH ARROW HAD: A NUMBER OF PASSENGERS & AN OLD DURATION

# Timetabling: Retiming Phase

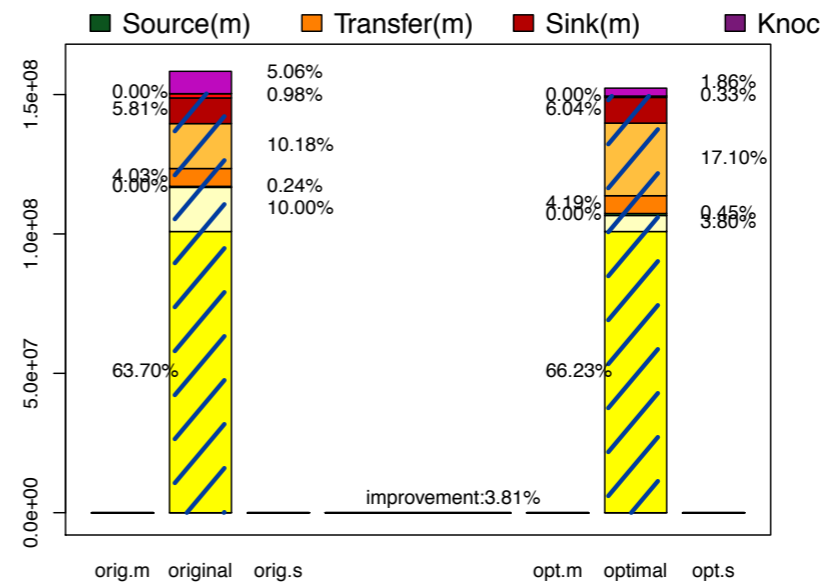
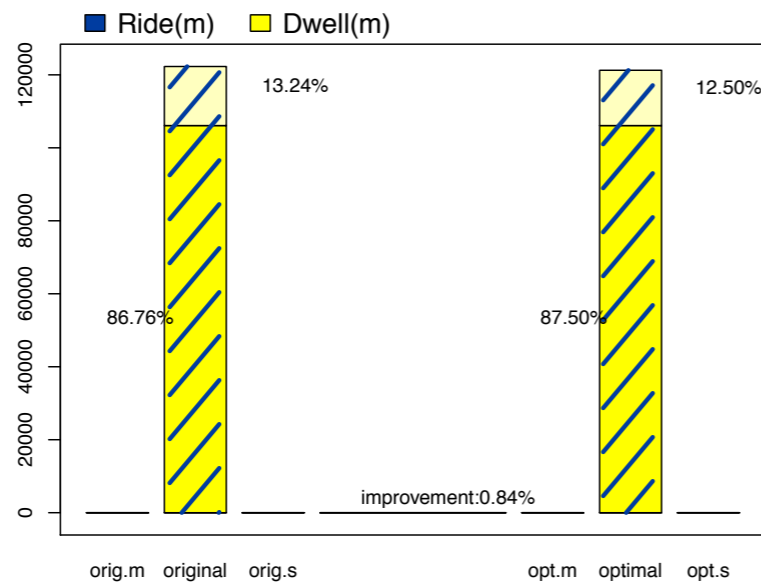
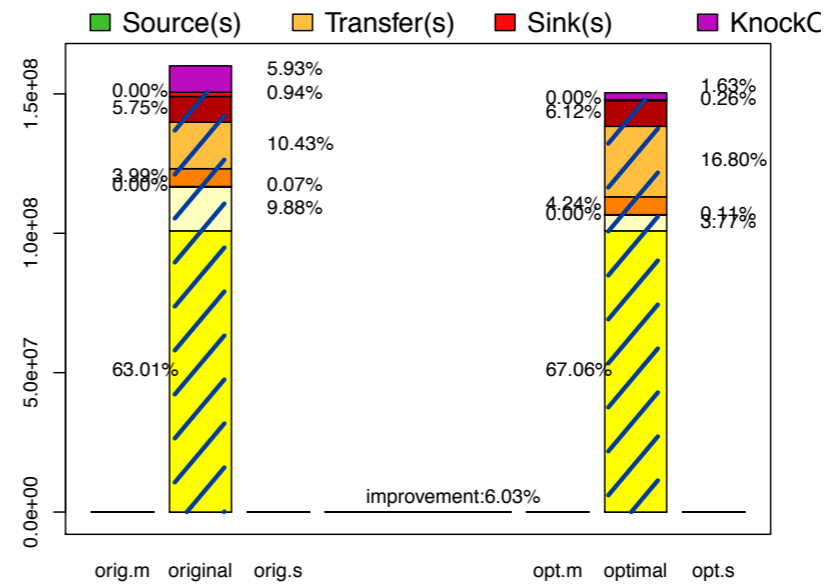
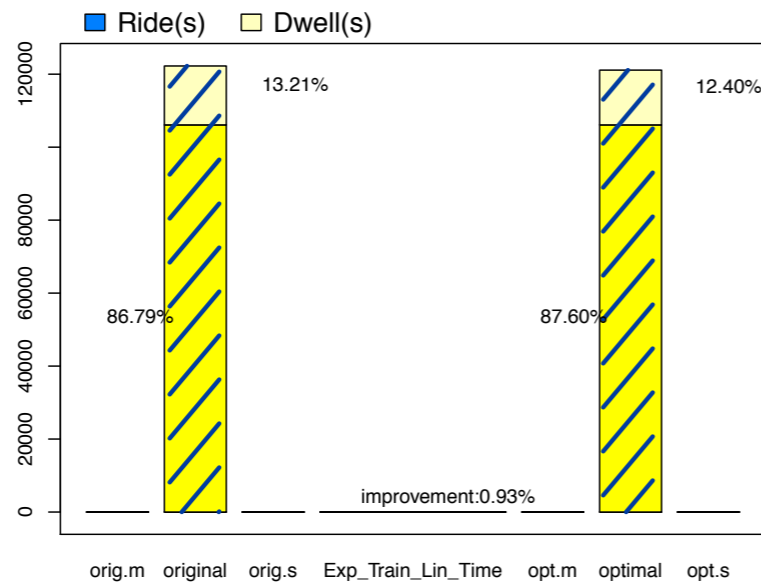
## TRAIN NETWORK MODEL: NEW TIMETABLE



EACH ARROW HAS: A NUMBER OF PASSENGERS & A NEW DURATION  
NOTE COMPRESSION, BUT NOT TOTALLY => EFFICIENT YET ROBUST

# Timetabling

## RESULTS FOR PASSENGERS: BELGIUM

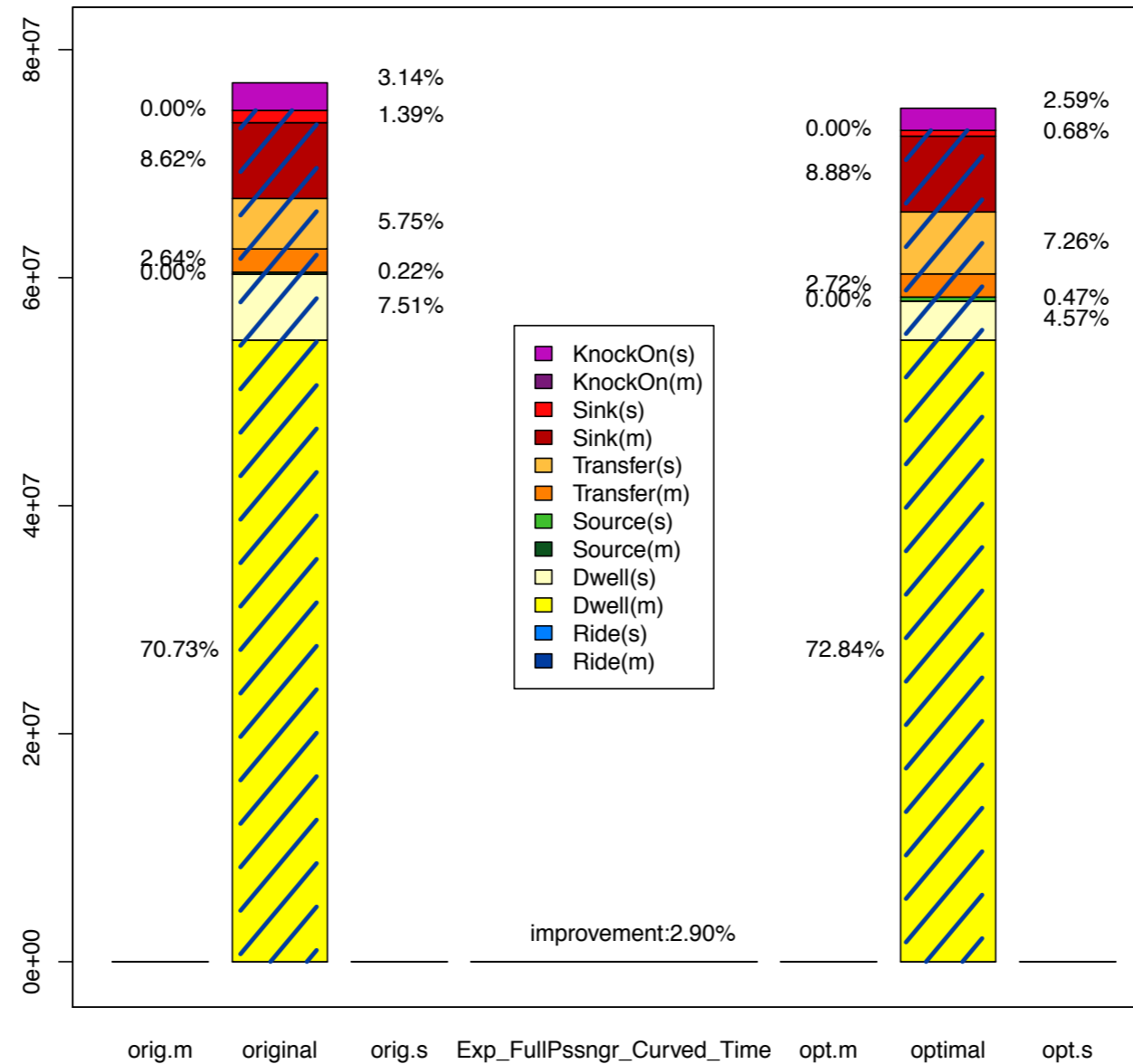


SMALL PLANNED TRAIN SUPPLEMENT REDUCTION  
3.8% LESS PASSENGER TIME IN PRACTICE



# Timetabling

## RESULTS FOR PASSENGERS: DENMARK



SMALL PLANNED TRAIN SUPPLEMENT INCREASE  
2.9% LESS PASSENGER TIME IN PRACTICE

# Timetabling

## RESULTS FOR TRAINS: PUNCTUALITY



(a) Orig. tt, 0':00" late probability, red/green 50%

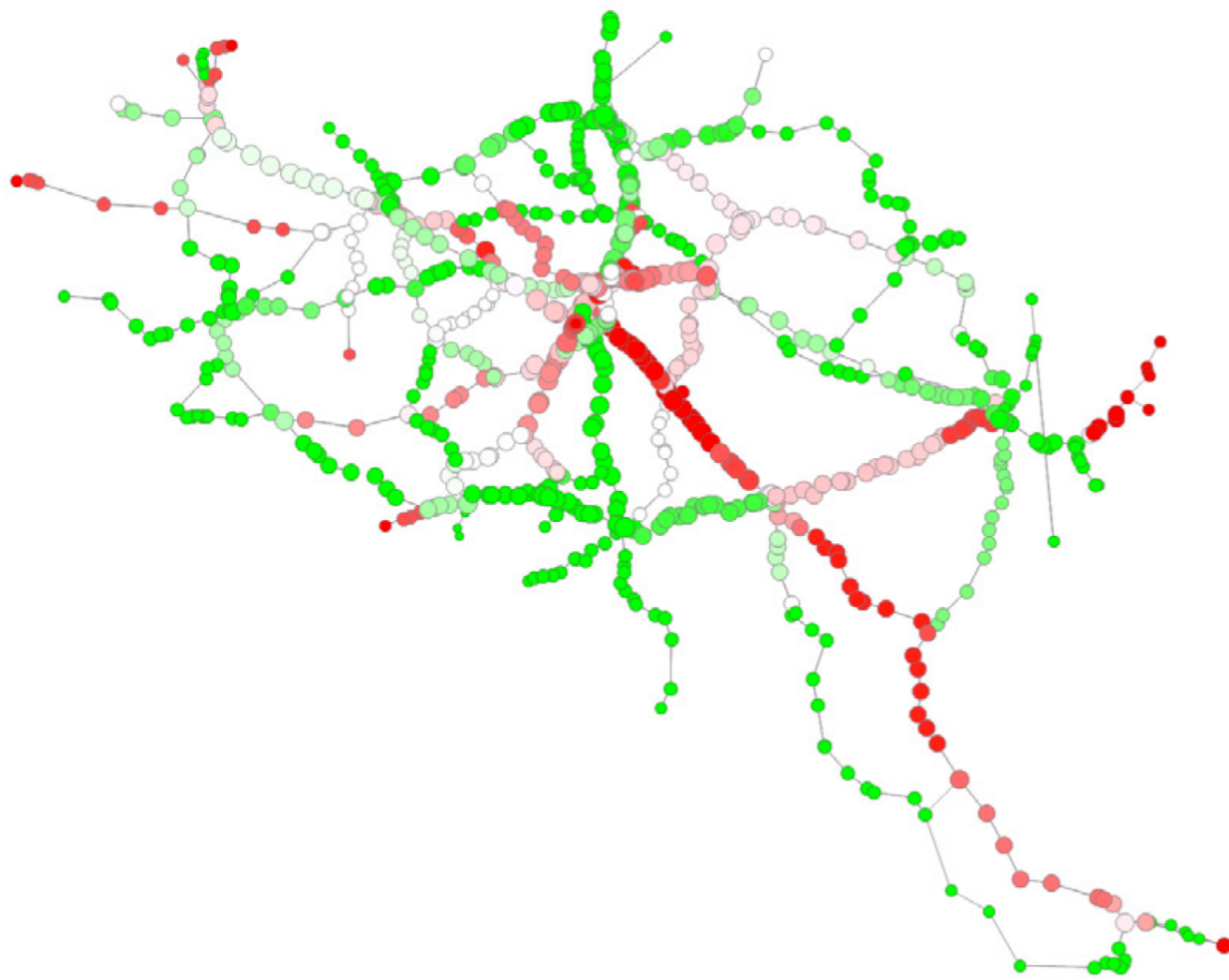


(b) Opt. tt, 0':00" late probability, red/green 50%

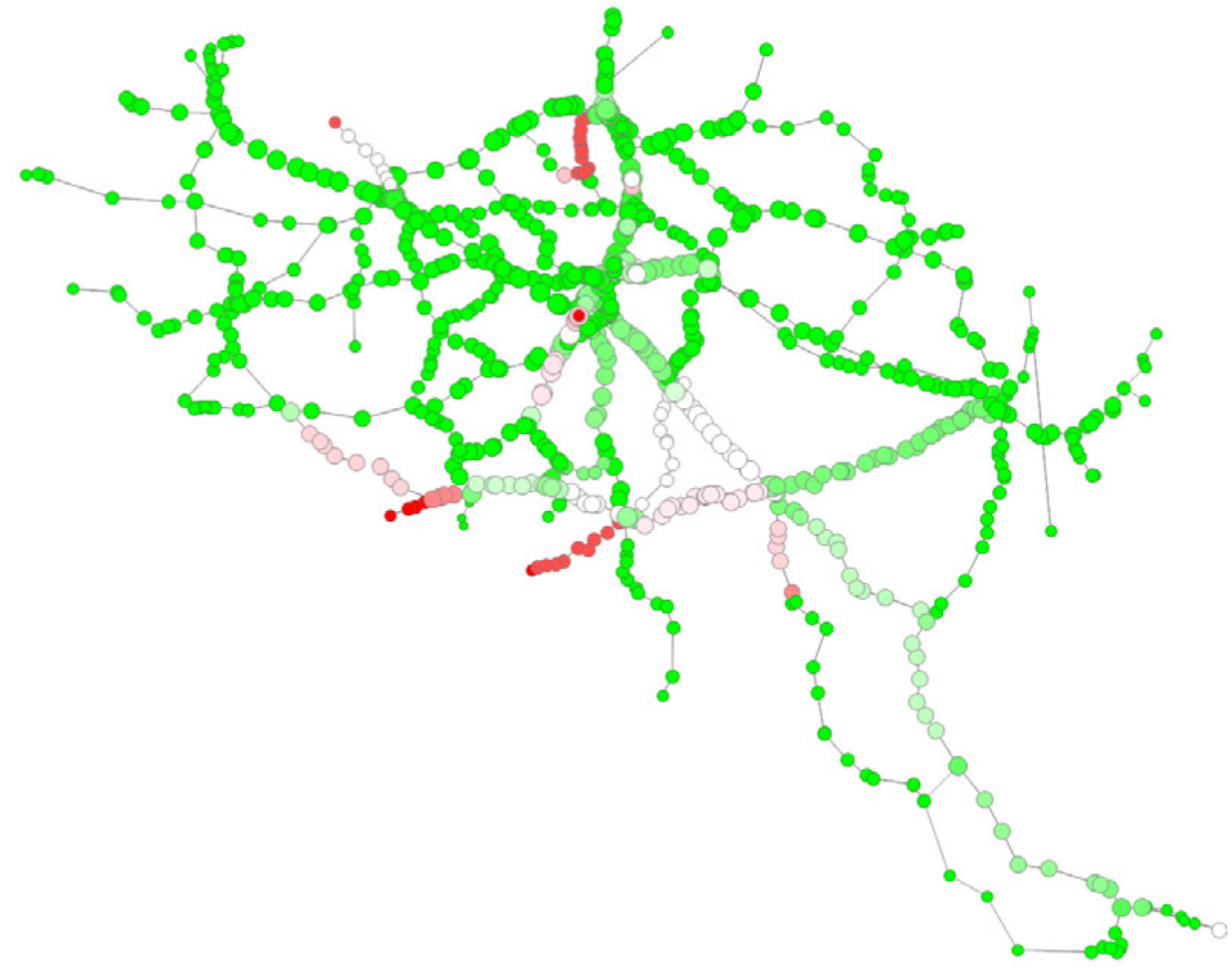
ALSO BETTER TRAIN PUNCTUALITY

# Timetabling

## RESULTS FOR TRAINS: PUNCTUALITY



(c) Orig. tt, 0':00" late probability, red/green 80%

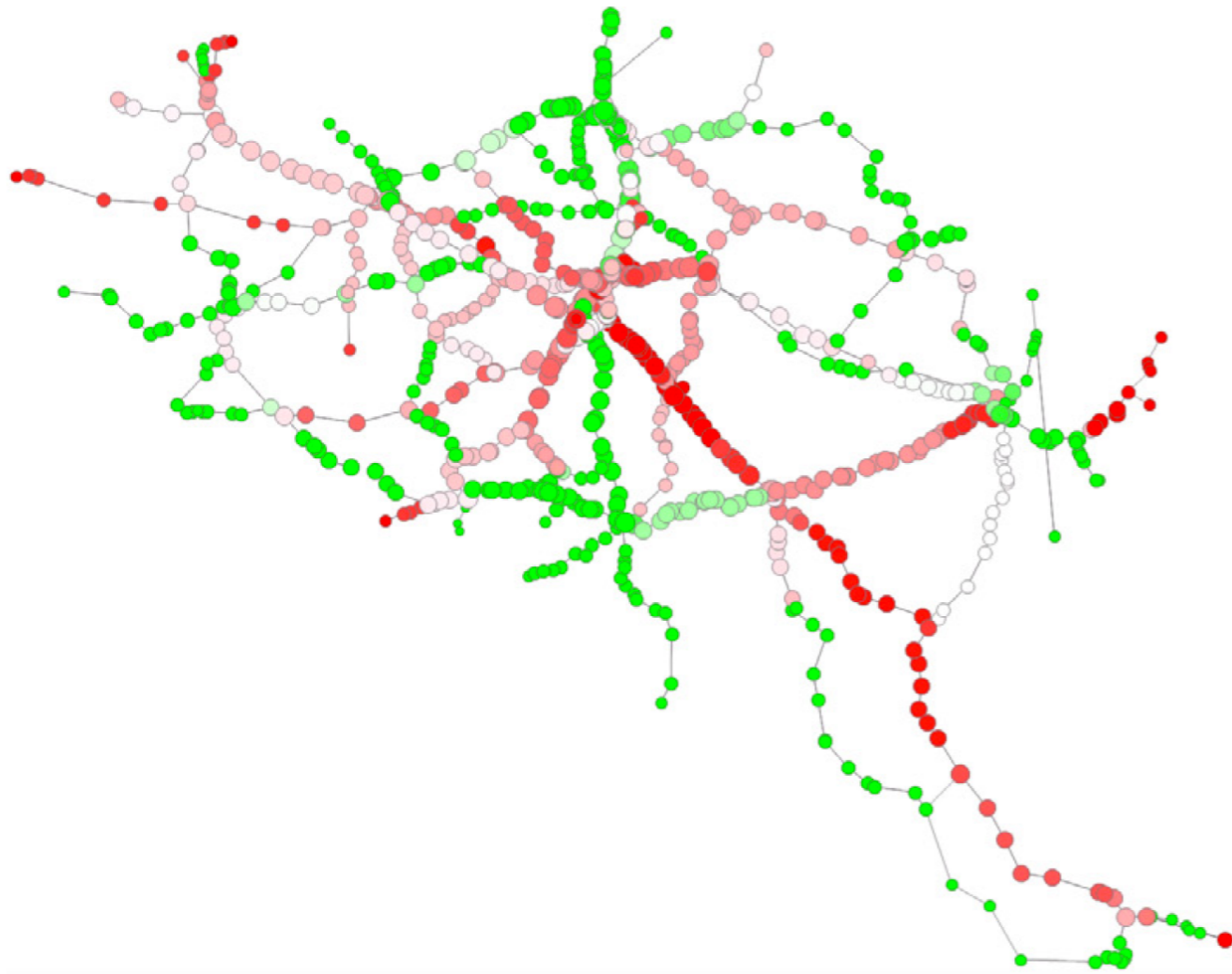


(d) Opt. tt, 0':00" late probability, red/green 80%

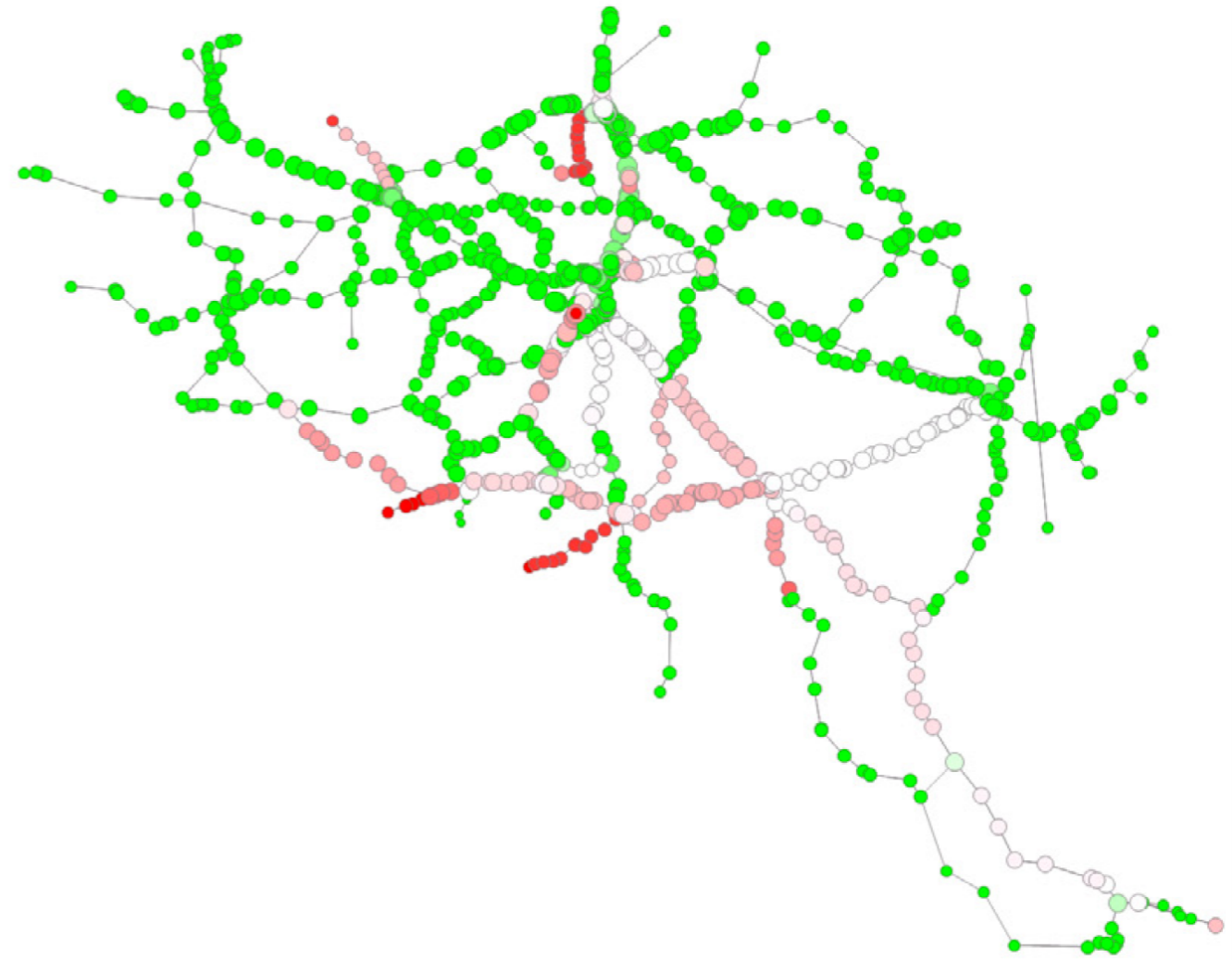
ALSO BETTER TRAIN PUNCTUALITY

# Timetabling

## RESULTS FOR TRAINS: PUNCTUALITY



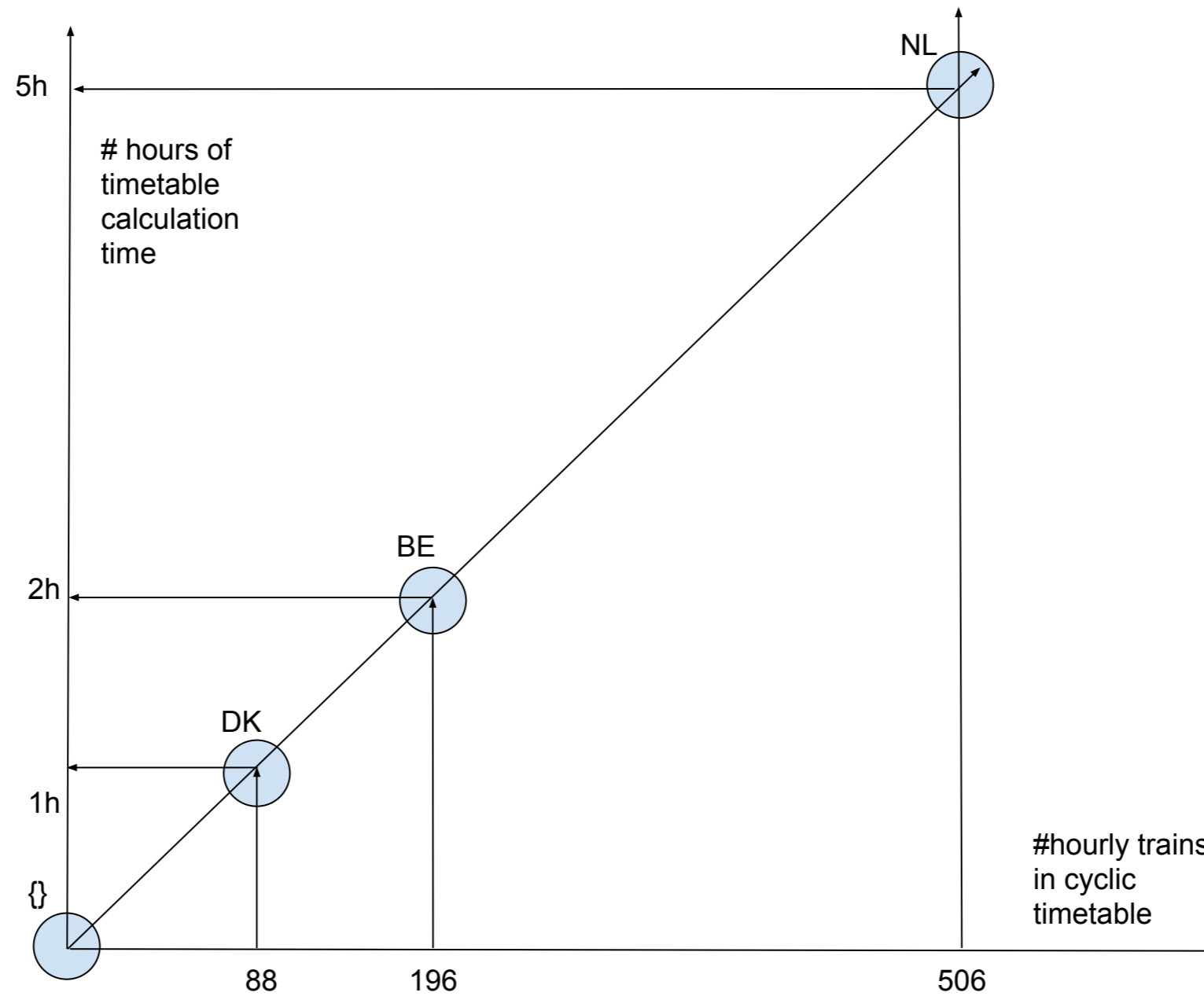
(e) Orig. tt, 0':00'' late probability, red/green 90%



(f) Opt. tt, 0':00'' late probability, red/green 90%

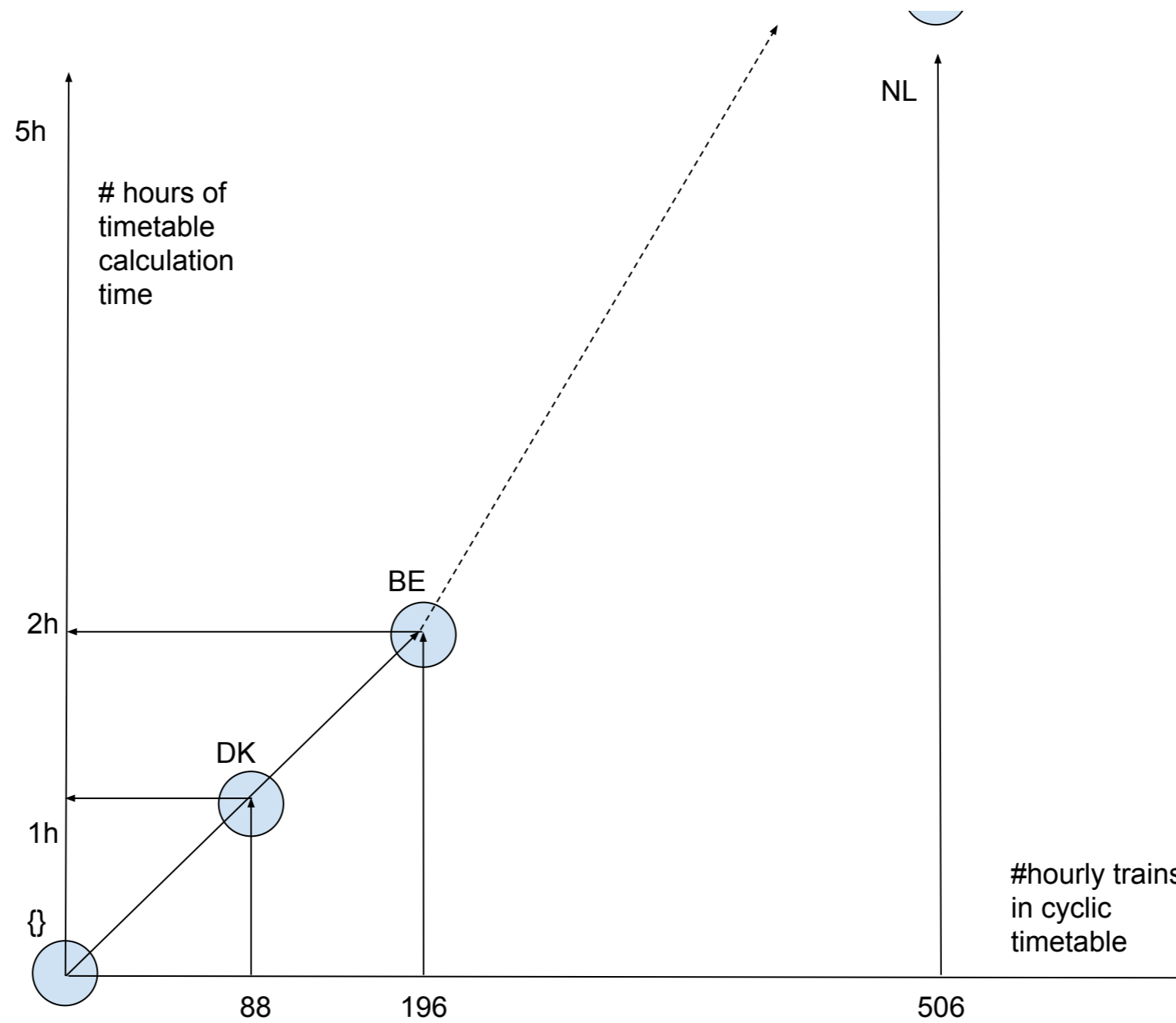
ALSO BETTER TRAIN PUNCTUALITY

# Timetabling SCALABILITY?



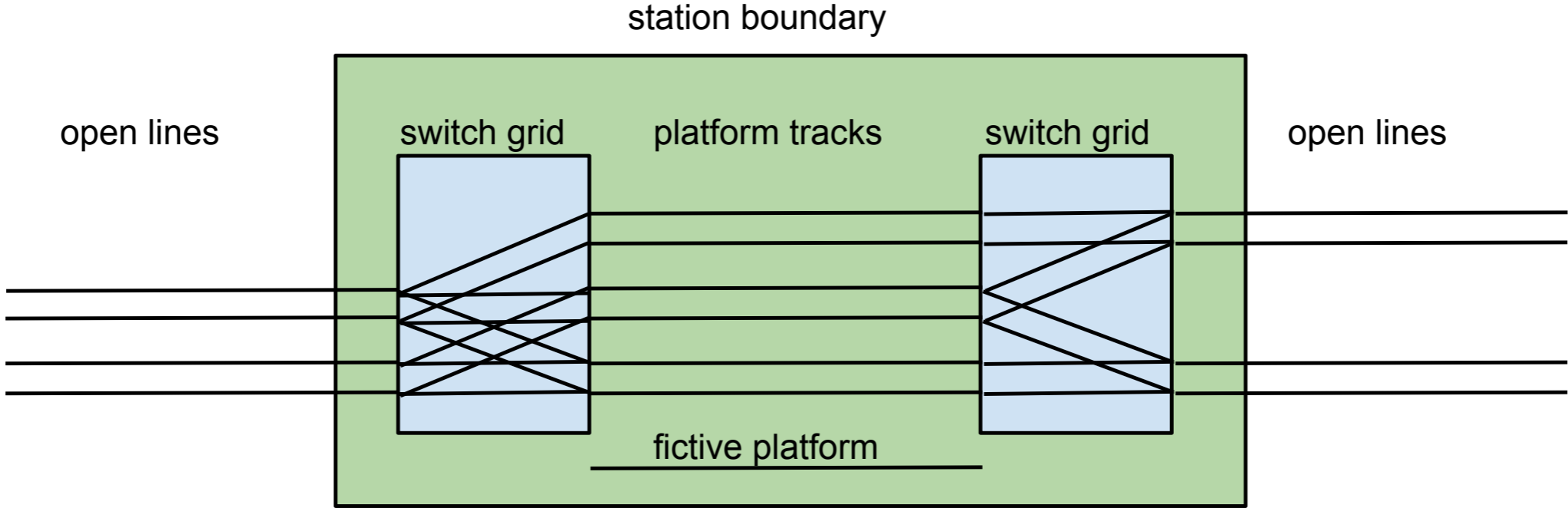
# Timetabling

NL > 11H => SUPER-LINEAR

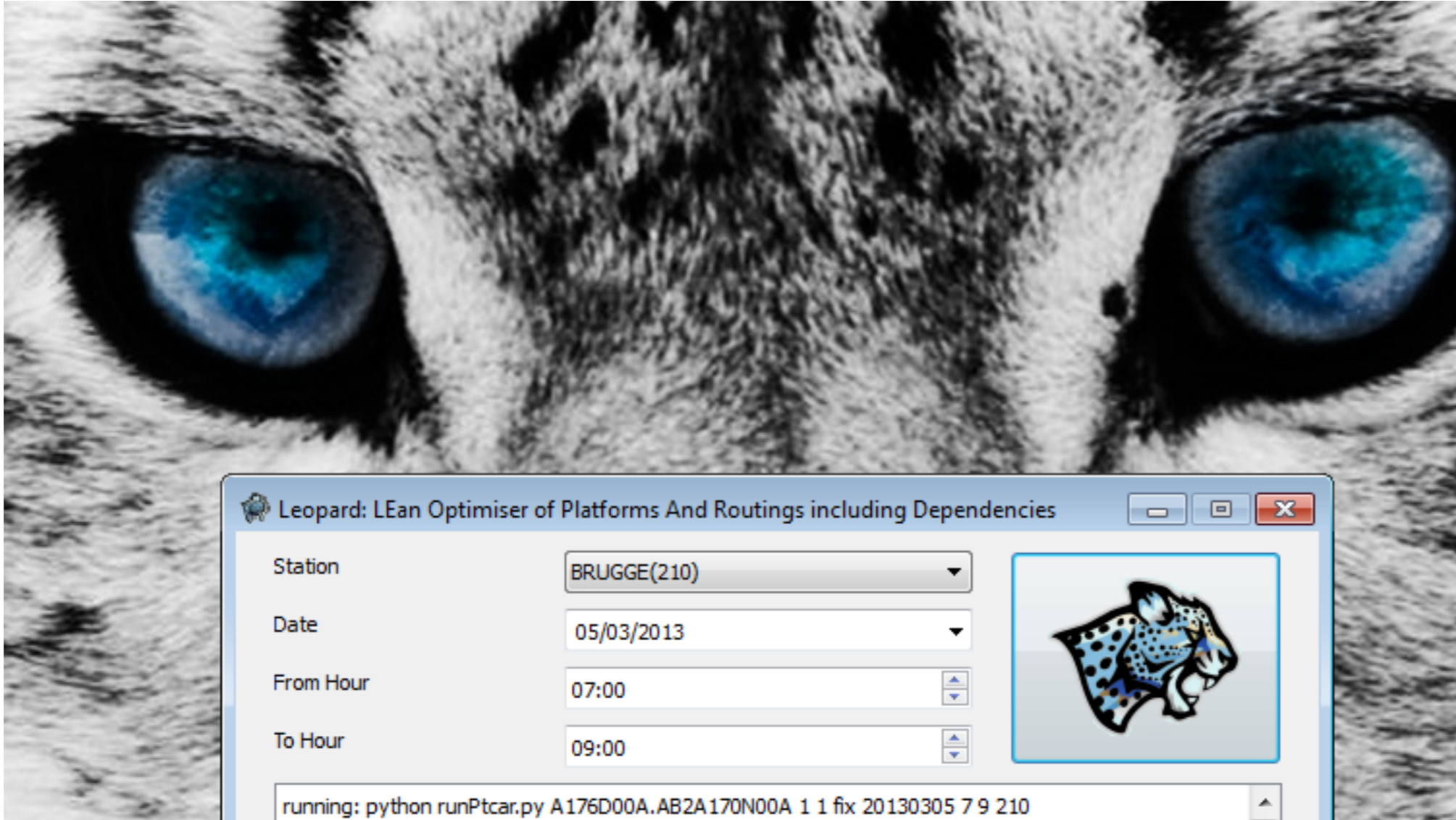


# Platforming

## STATION PLATFORM & ROUTES MODEL



# Platforming: TOOL: LEOPARD



Leopard: LEan Optimiser of Platforms And Routings including Dependencies

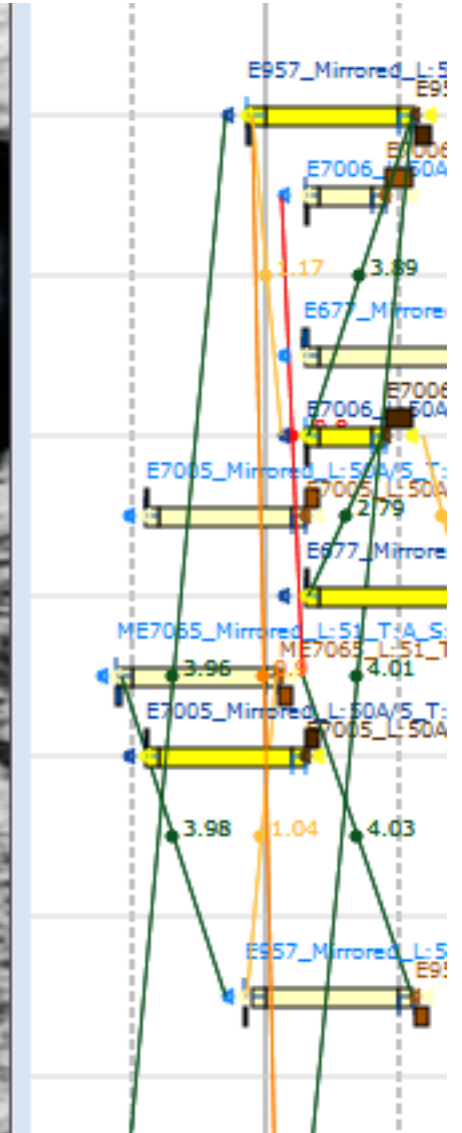
Station: BRUGGE(210)

Date: 05/03/2013

From Hour: 07:00

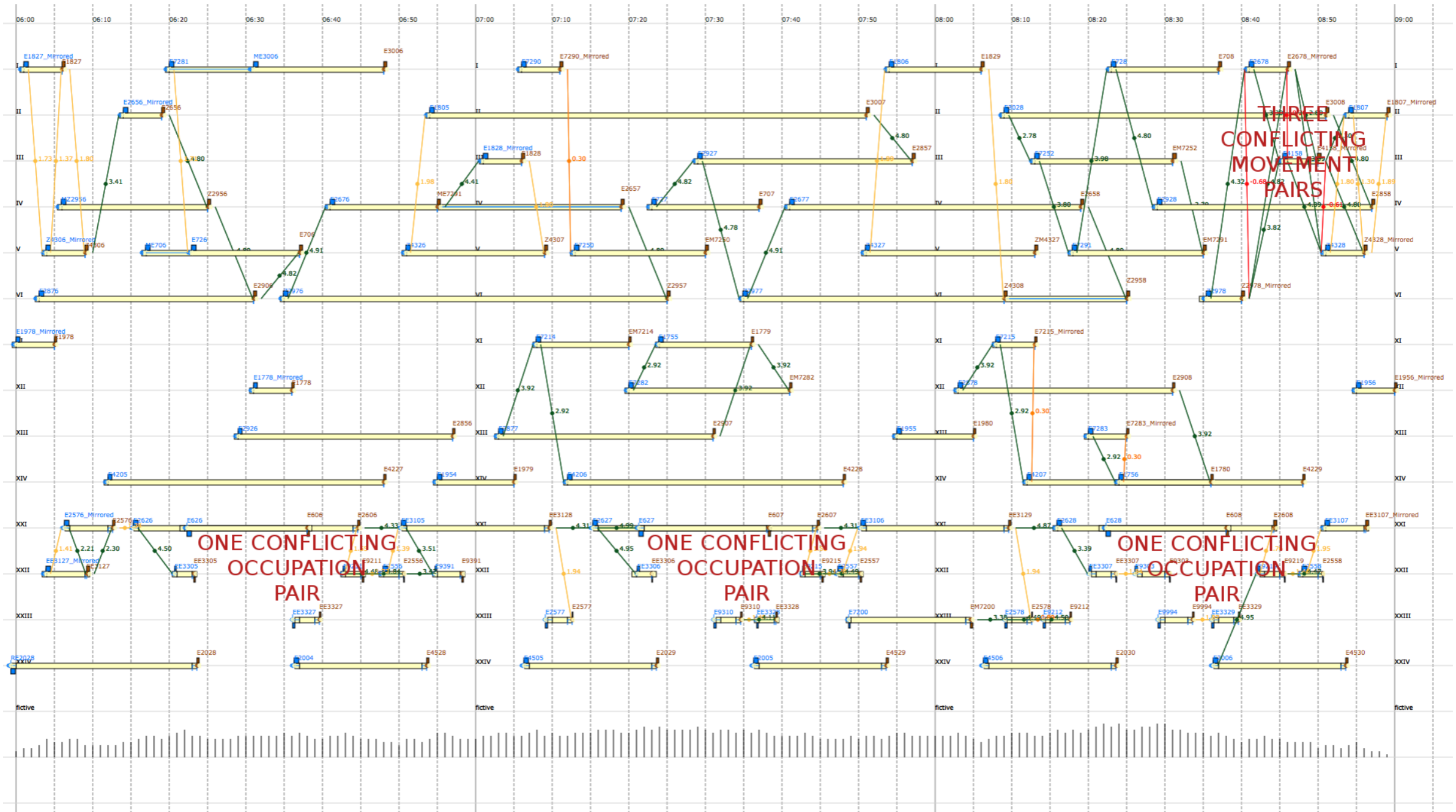
To Hour: 09:00

running: python runPtcar.py A176D00A.AB2A170N00A 1 1 fix 20130305 7 9 210



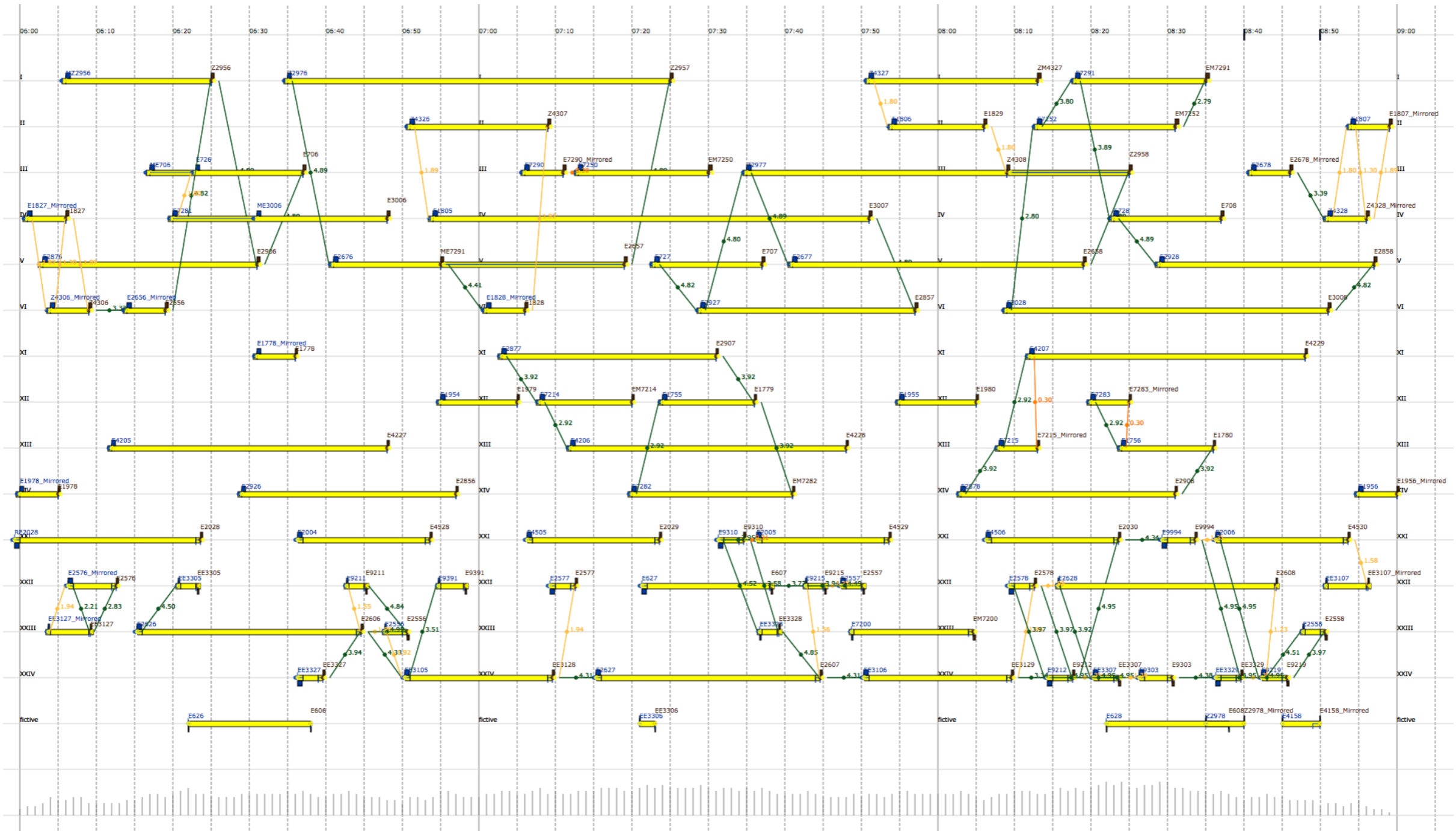


# Platforming:Antwerp Central: Manual Assignment



DETECTED SOME PLATFORM CONFLICTS AND SOME ROUTING CONFLICTS

# Platforming: Antwerp Central: Auto Assignment



RESOLVED PLATFORM CONFLICTS AND ROUTING CONFLICTS, BUT 3 UNPLATFORMED TRAINS

# Platforming: Batch Processing

#platform	#UnplatformedOrig	Orig	#redLines	#darkOra	#lightOra	#greenLin	RobustnessSc	#platformed	#UnplatformedOrig	Opt	#redLin	#darkOra	#lightOra	#greenLin	RobustnessSc	Both
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39	0	Orig Plan 9	2	16	14	15	-96	32	7	Opt Plan 9	0	8	6	10	-38	Both Plan 9
9	0	Orig Plan 10	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	Opt Plan 10	0	0	0	0	0	Both Plan 10
12	0	Orig Plan 12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	Opt Plan 12	0	0	0	0	0	Both Plan 12
7	0	Orig Plan 13	0	1	0	0	-4	7	0	Opt Plan 13	0	1	0	0	-4	Both Plan 13
27	0	Orig Plan 16	0	0	0	3	0	27	0	Opt Plan 16	0	0	0	3	0	Both Plan 16
9	0	Orig Plan 19	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	Opt Plan 19	0	0	0	0	0	Both Plan 19
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15	0	Orig Plan 35	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	Opt Plan 35	0	0	0	0	0	Both Plan 35
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CONFLICT & ROBUSTNESS OVERVIEW FOR ALL STATIONS

## Research Results: Timetabling

- formulated expected passenger time in practice as (objective) function of decision supplements
- removes need for artificial upper bounds on supplements
- avoids infeasibility due to these upper bounds
- formulated cycle set that reduces computation time

## Research Results: Platforming

- formulated fixed arrival & departure time  
TPP as Infrabel sees it
- added filter to avoid unnecessary  
constraint generation
- visual feedback of checks and  
optimisations

# Practical Results: TimeTabling & Platforming

- expected passenger time in practice as objective function works up to large-scale
- automatically generated Belgian & Danish timetable, reducing passenger time by 3.8%, 2.9%, in 2h, 1h
- reduced missed chance of transfer from  $>10\%$  to  $<3\%$
- automatically checked & corrected platform plans
- takes 10 min calculation time for all Belgian station
- integrated tools for both at Infrabel

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# Destiny?



embrace  
optimisation



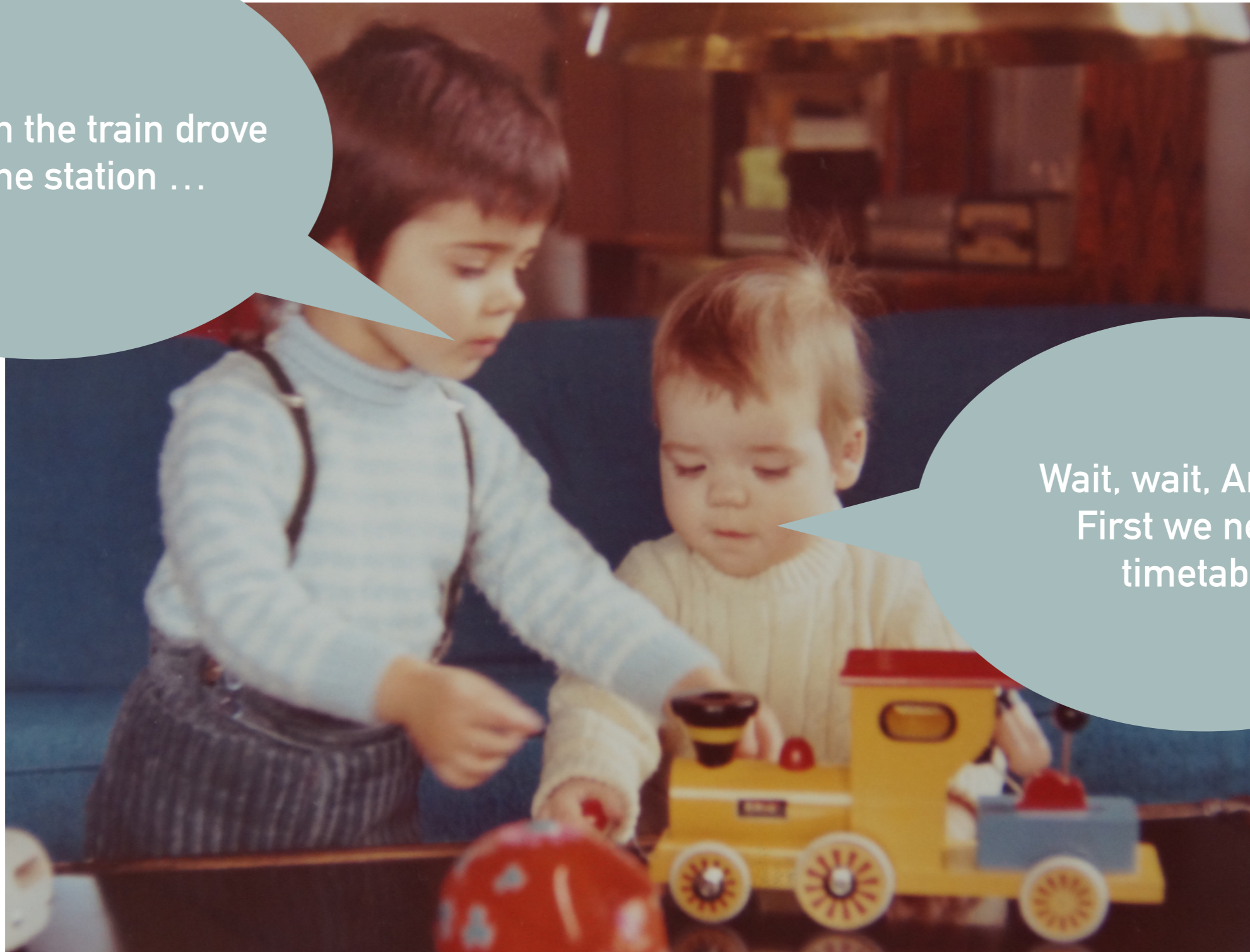
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# Destiny?

... and then the train drove out of the station ...



Wait, wait, Annabel!  
First we need a  
timetable!

Destiny?



Stay hungry!  
Stay foolish!