

Hamilton-Jacobi formulation of first order scalar conservation laws

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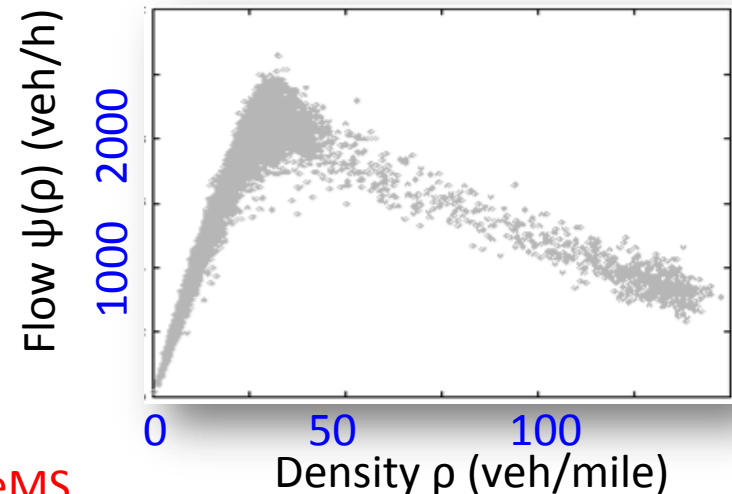
The LWR PDE

- First derived by Lighthill-Whitham (1955), and extended by Richards (1956)
- First order scalar hyperbolic conservation law

$$\frac{\partial \rho(t, x)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \psi(\rho(t, x))}{\partial x} = 0$$

- Based on the conservation of vehicles, and on the existence of a relationship between flow and density: $q = \psi(\rho)$.

$\psi(\cdot)$ is assumed to be concave



Source: PeMS

Integral formulation

Equivalently, we can define $M(t,x)$ such that:

$$M(t_2, x_2) - M(t_1, x_1) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} -\rho(t_1, x) dx + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \psi(\rho(t, x_2)) dt$$

The function $M(t,x)$ is called *Moskowitz function*. Its spatial derivative is the opposite of the density function; its temporal derivative is the flow function.

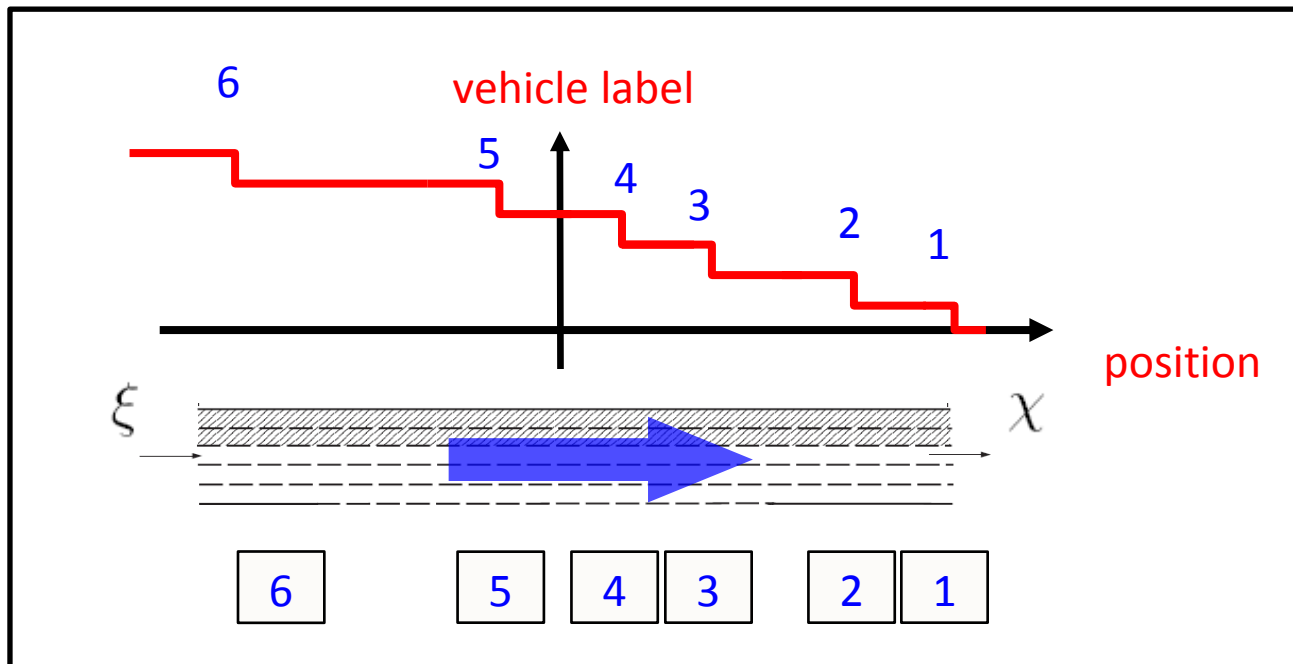
$M(t,x)$ satisfies the following Hamilton-Jacobi PDE:

$$\frac{\partial M(t, x)}{\partial t} - \psi \left(-\frac{\partial M(t, x)}{\partial x} \right) = 0$$

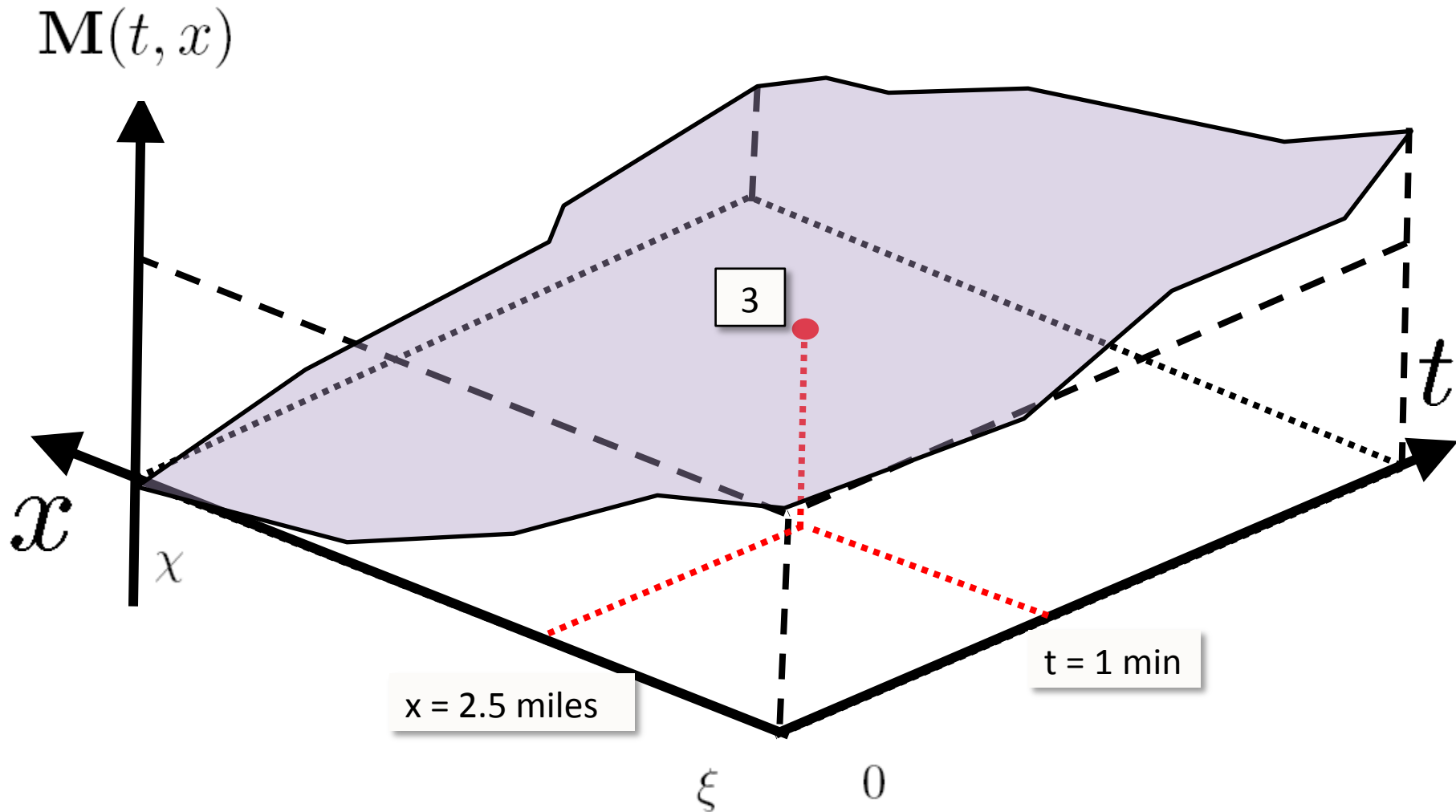
Physical interpretation of the Moskowitz function

$M(t,x)$ can be interpreted as a vehicle label at location x and time t (assuming that no vehicles pass each other).

$M(t,x)$ is also known as the *cumulative vehicle number* in the traffic flow community.



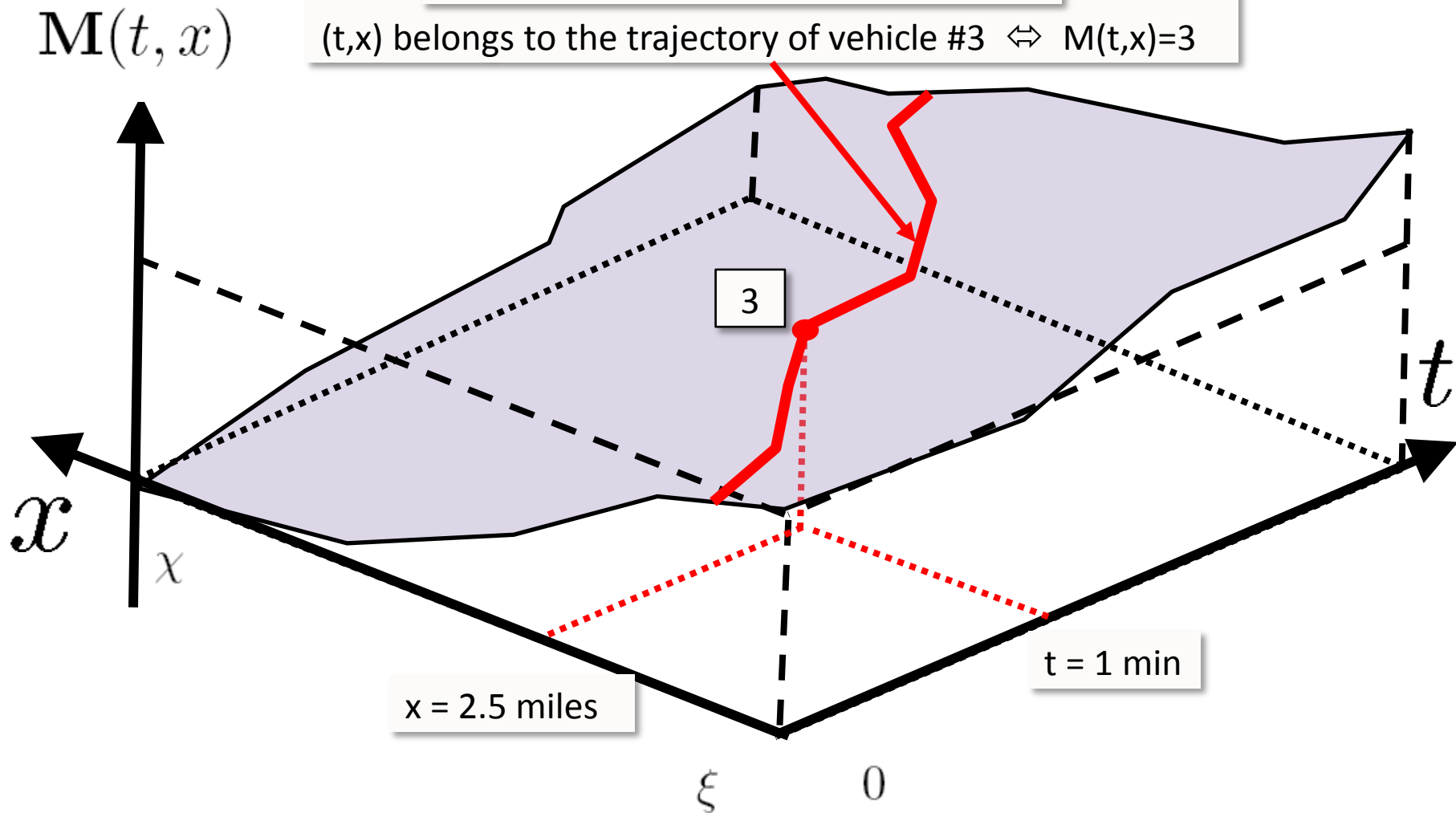
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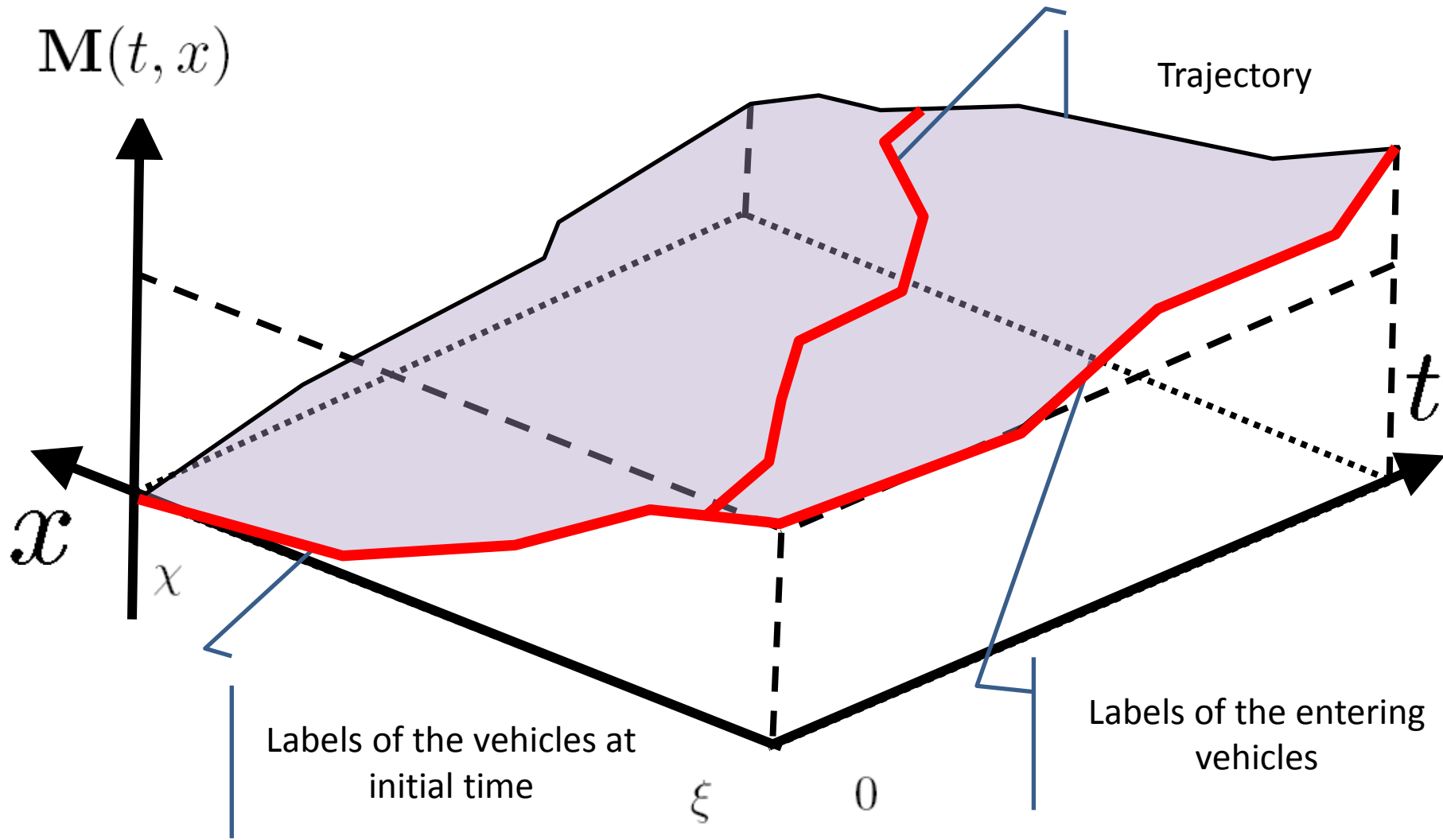
Level sets of M

Level sets of M = vehicle trajectories:

(t,x) belongs to the trajectory of vehicle #3 $\Leftrightarrow M(t,x)=3$



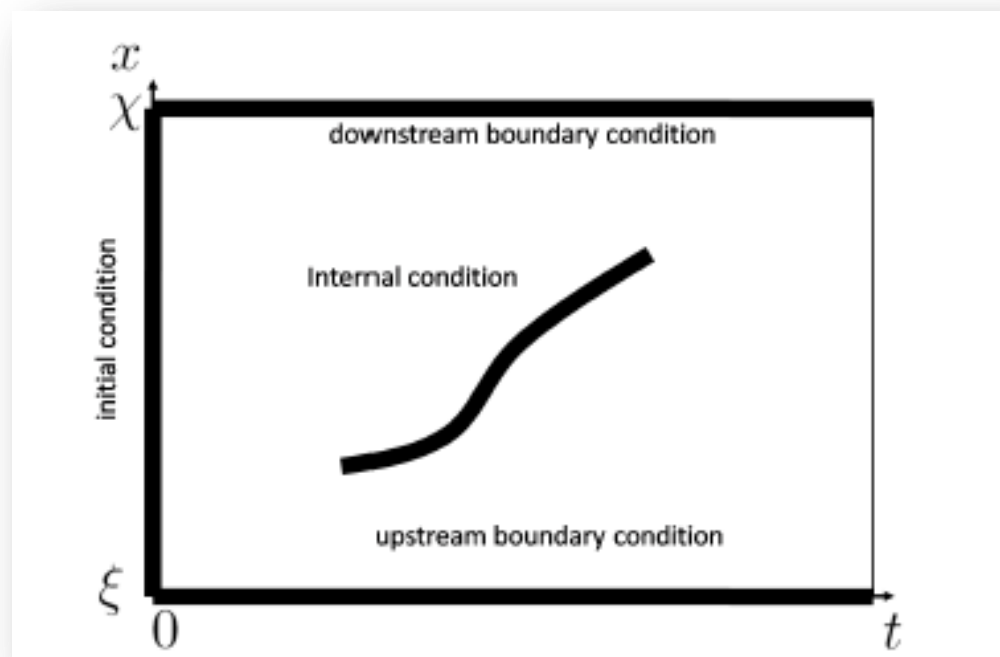
Value conditions: extension of initial/boundary conditions



Value conditions

The Moskowitz formulation is particularly suited to Lagrangian problems: when no passing is allowed, vehicles keep their labels, which enables the definition of internal conditions (trajectory constraints that apply to the solution)

Defining internal conditions for the LWR PDE is possible, but not as easy.



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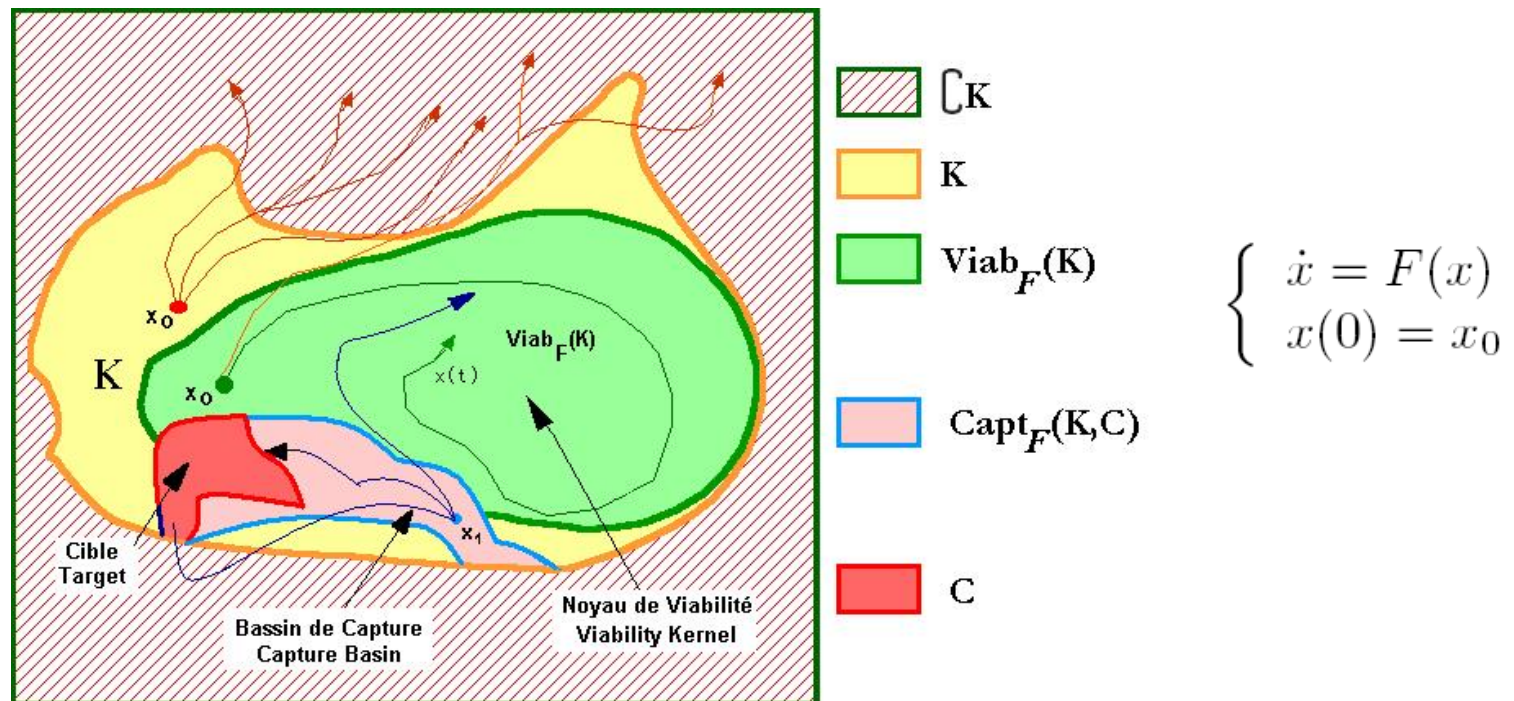
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Solution methods for HJ PDEs

Different solution methods exist for solving HJ PDEs, including finite difference schemes (Lax-Friedrichs...), dynamic programming, level-set methods and semi-analytic schemes.

We focus here on the control framework of Viability theory



Capture basin formulation

Convex transform of ψ :

$$\varphi^*(u) := \sup_{p \in \text{Dom}(\psi)} [p \cdot u + \psi(p)]$$

Characteristic system:

$$F := \begin{cases} \tau'(t) = -1 \\ x'(t) = u(t) \\ y'(t) = -\varphi^*(u(t)) \end{cases} \quad \text{where } u(t) \in \text{Dom}(\varphi^*)$$

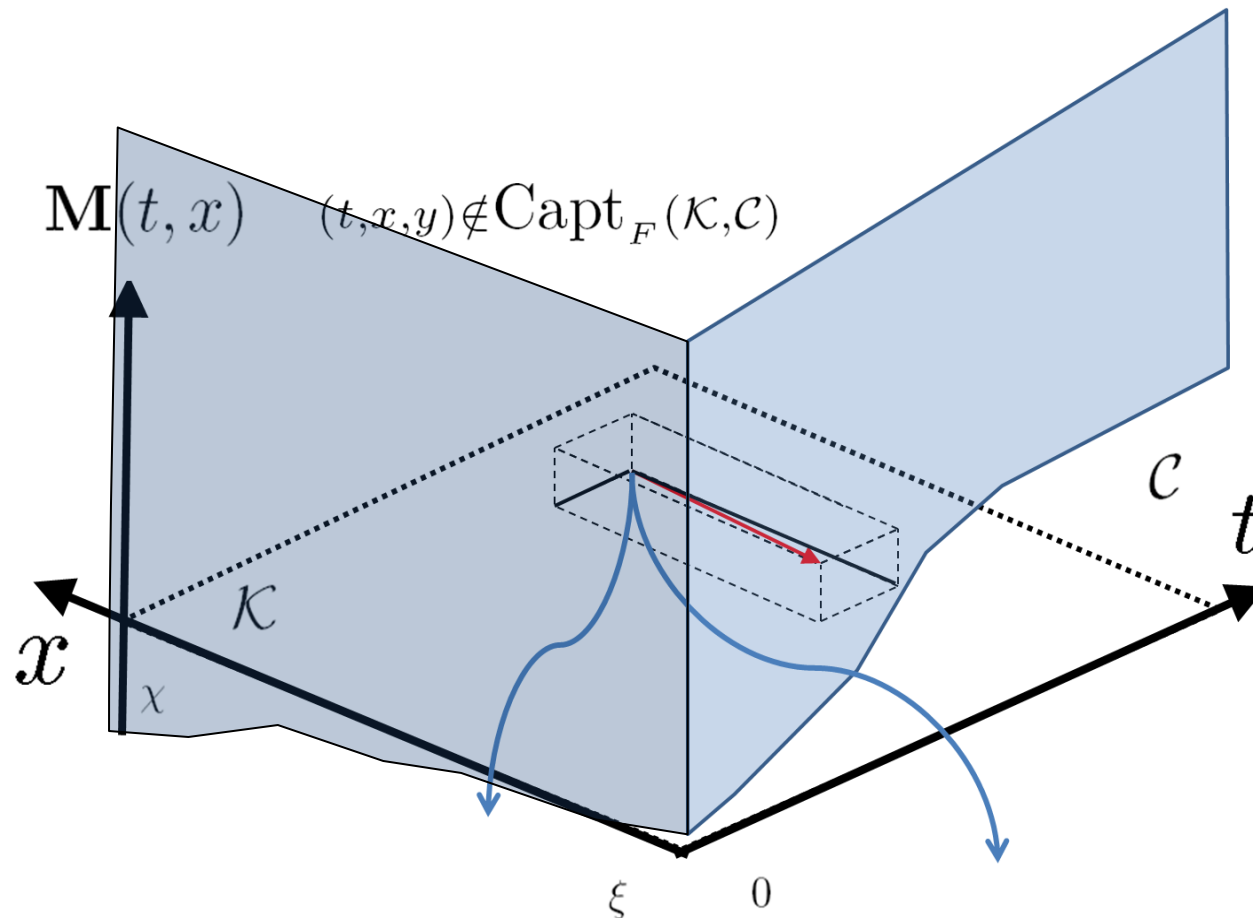
Environment and target sets:

\mathbf{c} represents a value condition (lower-semicontinuous)

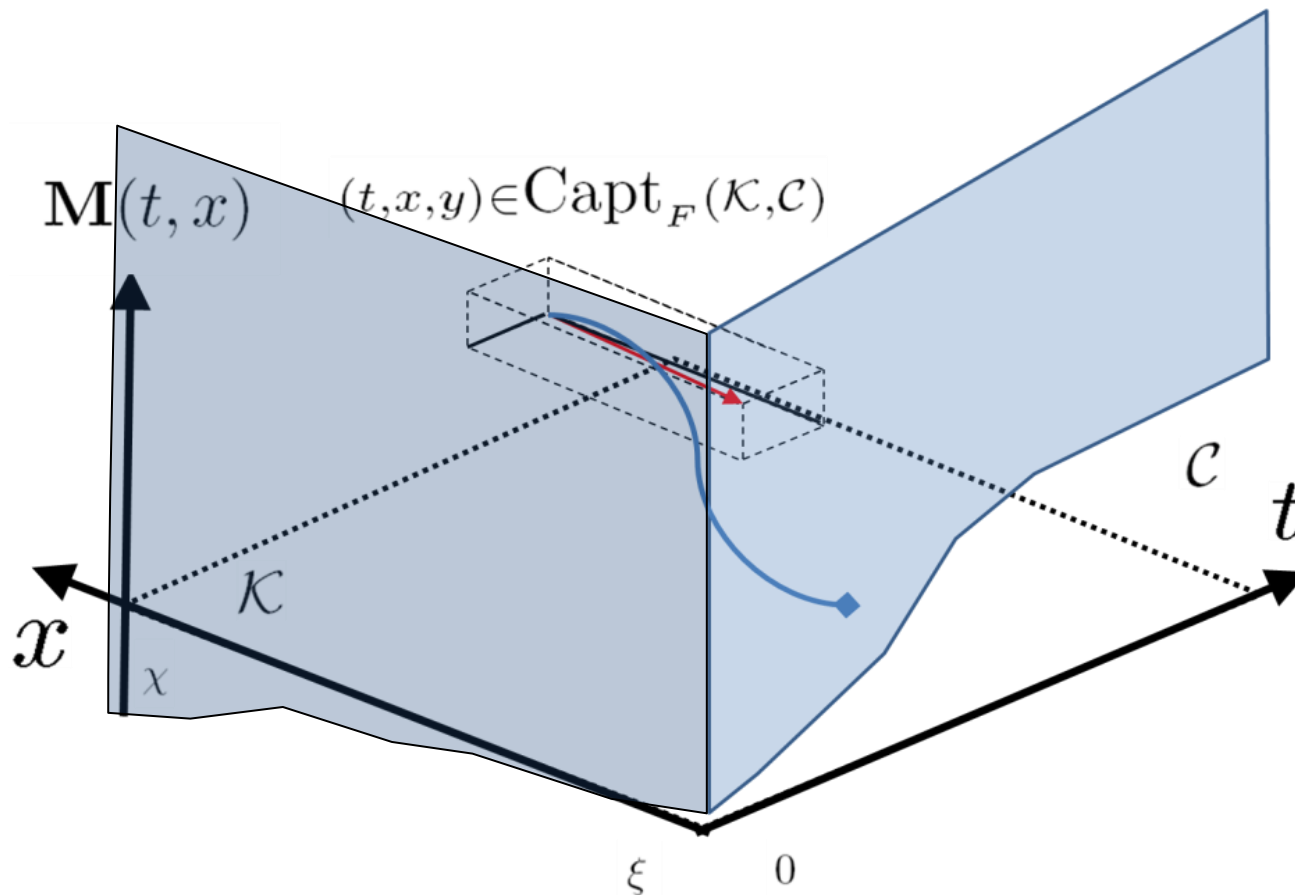
$$\mathcal{K} := \mathbb{R}_+ \times [\xi, \chi] \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathcal{C} := \text{Epi}(\mathbf{c})$$

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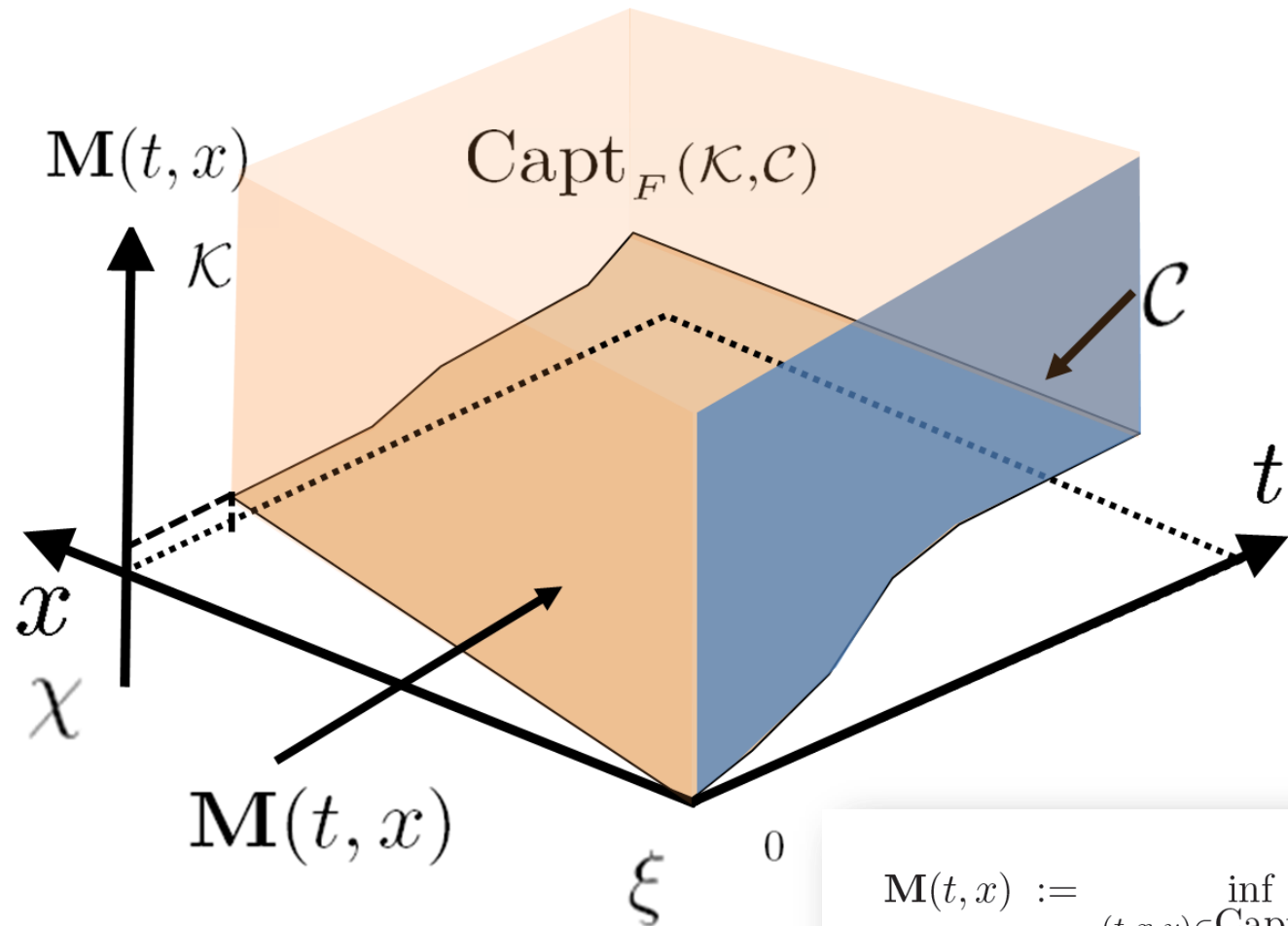


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Solution (also known as Viability episolution): lower envelope of the Capture Basin



$$M(t, x) := \inf_{(t, x, y) \in \text{Capt}_F(\kappa, c)} y$$

Properties: Lax-Hopf formula

There exists an implicit expression of the solution (Lax-Hopf formula)

This formula can be obtained by using

$$\mathbf{M}(t, x) := \inf_{(t, x, y) \in \text{Capt}_F(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{C})} y$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{c}}(t, x) = \inf_{(u(\cdot), T, y) \in R} \left(\mathbf{c}(t - T, x + \int_0^T u(\tau) d\tau) + \int_0^T \varphi^*(u(\tau)) \right)$$

using some properties of the dynamical system: the optimal trajectories of the dynamical system are straight lines (using Jensen's inequality):

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{c}}(t, x) = \inf_{(u, T) \in \text{Dom}(\varphi^*) \times \mathbb{R}_+} (\mathbf{c}(t - T, x + Tu) + T\varphi^*(u))$$

Lax-Hopf formula

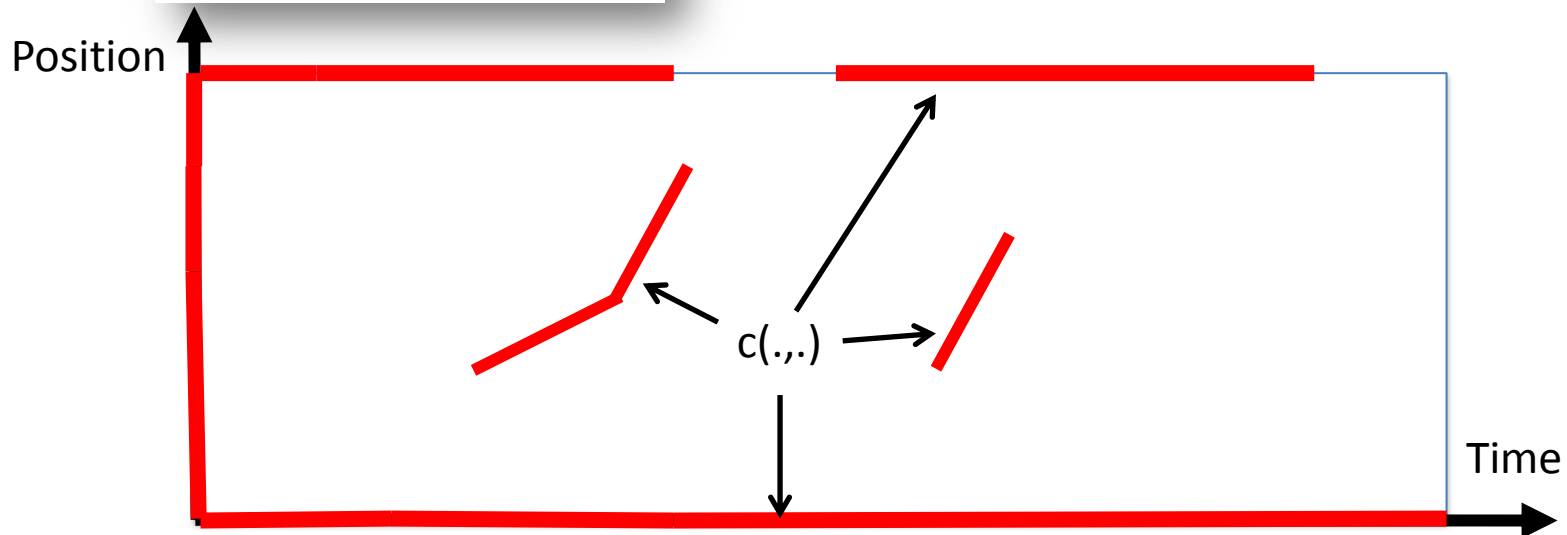
For a boundary data function $c(\cdot, \cdot)$, the solution $M_c(\cdot, \cdot)$ is given by:

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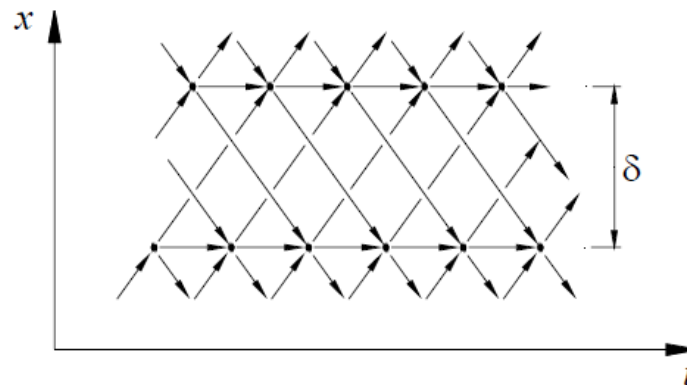
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Variational theory

The Variational Theory is a possible computational method obtained by solving the Lax Hopf formula on a discretized grid, using dynamic programming:

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The Viability Algorithm has a similar structure, but furthermore allows the computation of solutions that have lower state constraints.

Inf-morphism

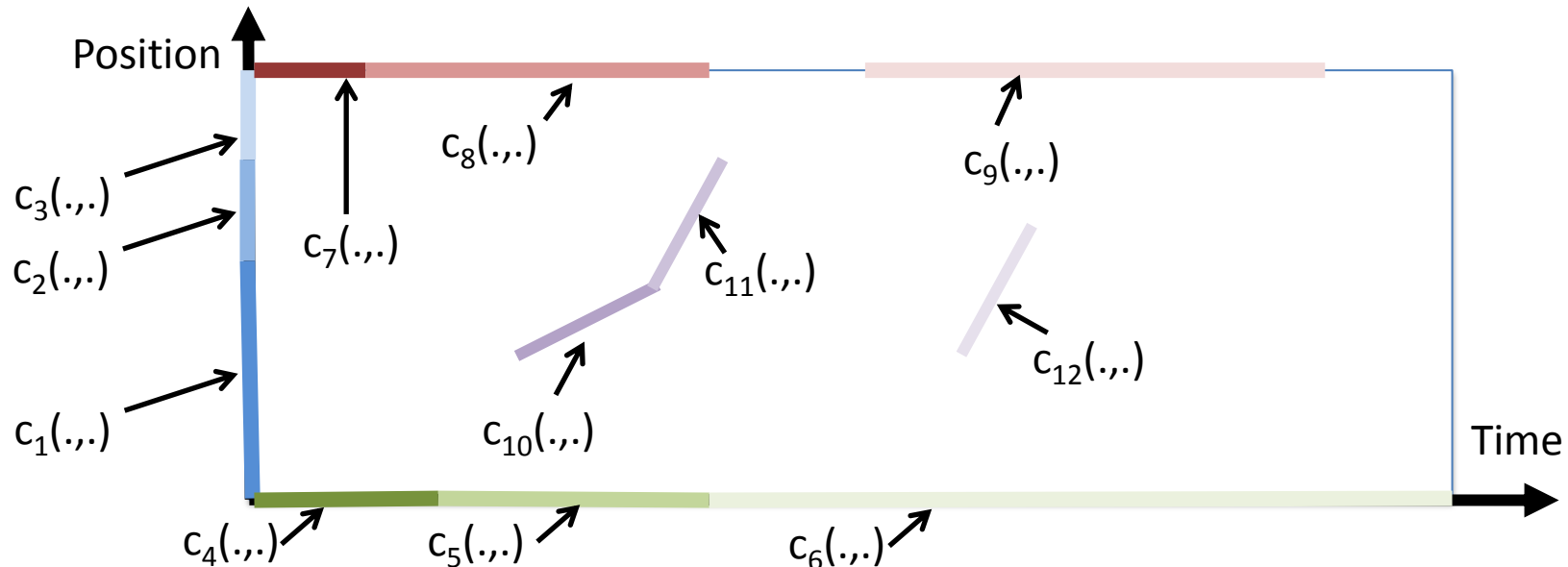
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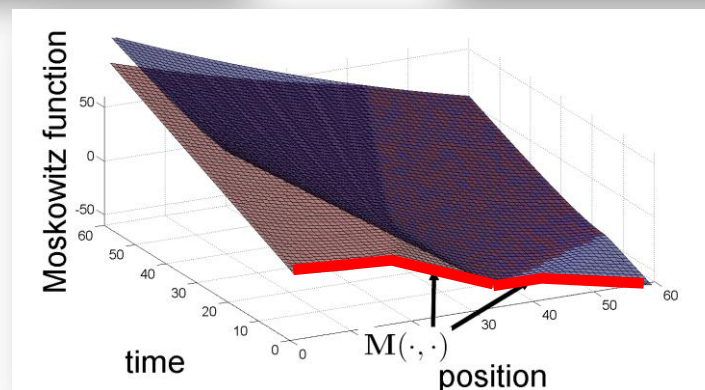
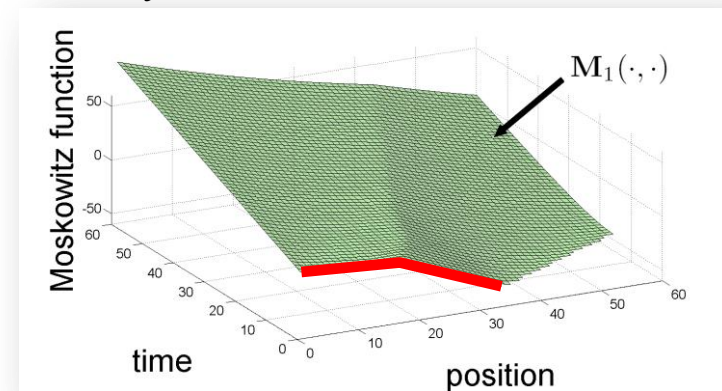
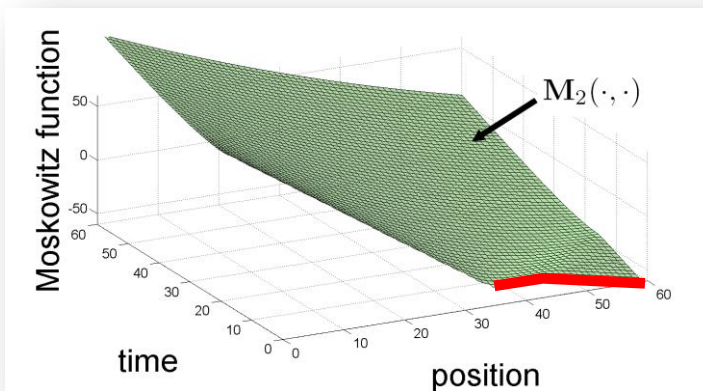
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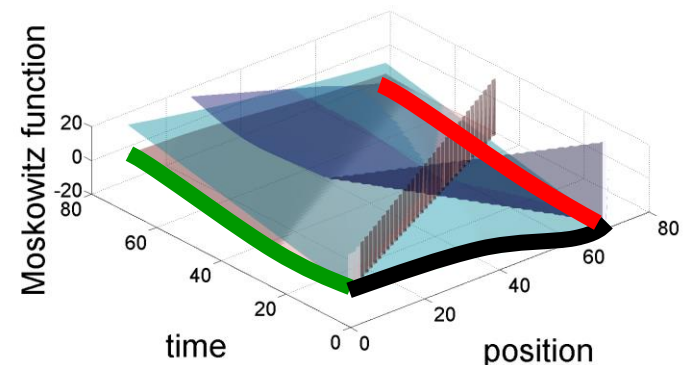
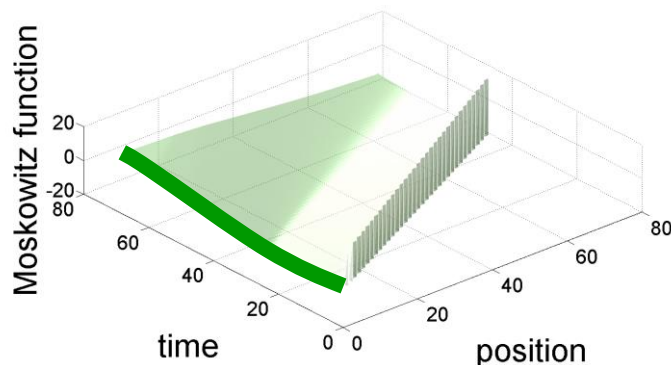
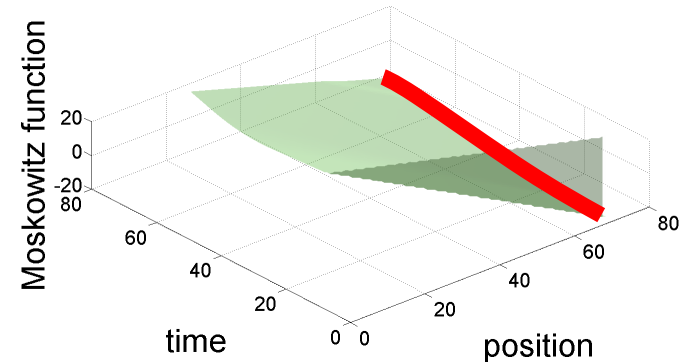
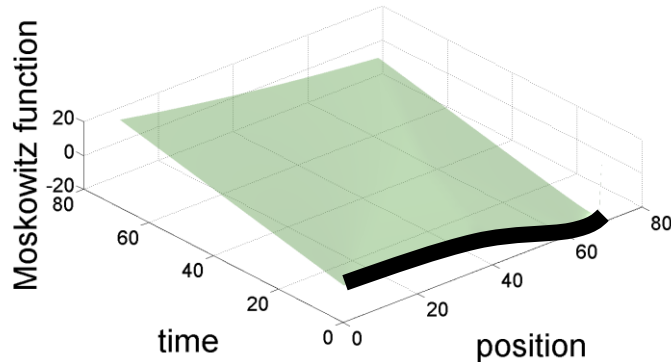
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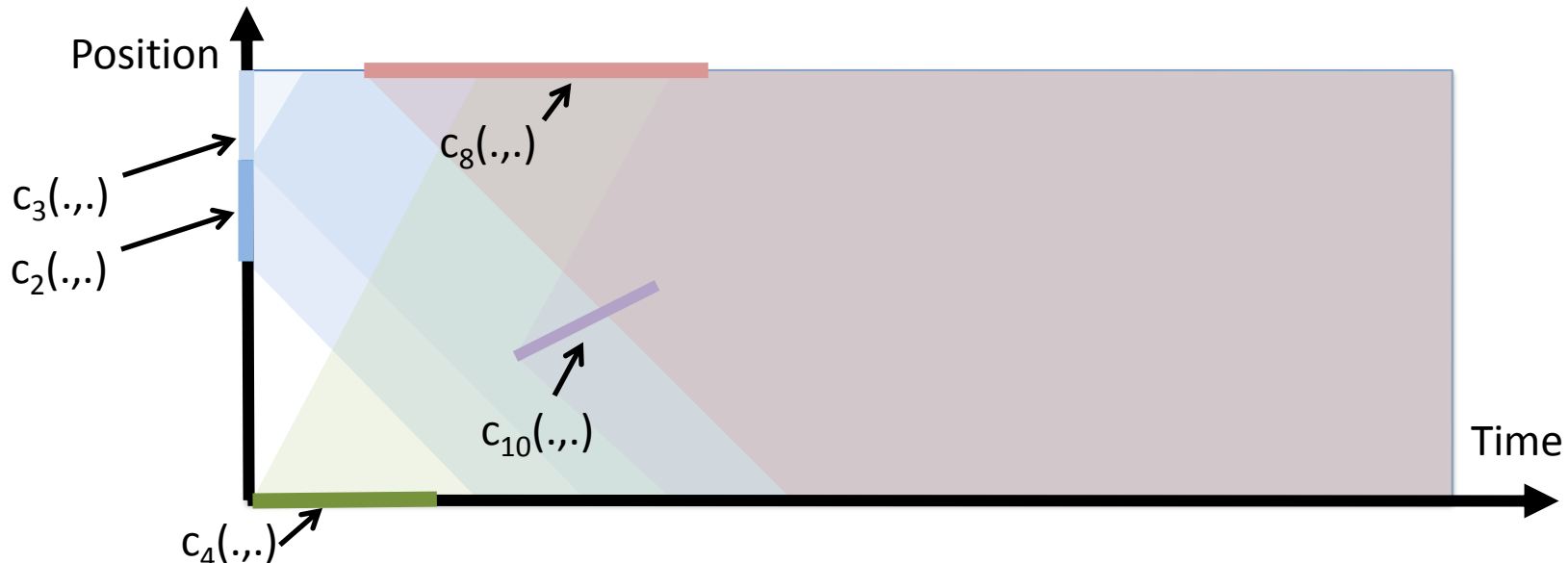
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If $c_j(.,.)$ is convex, so is $M_{c_j}(.,.)$

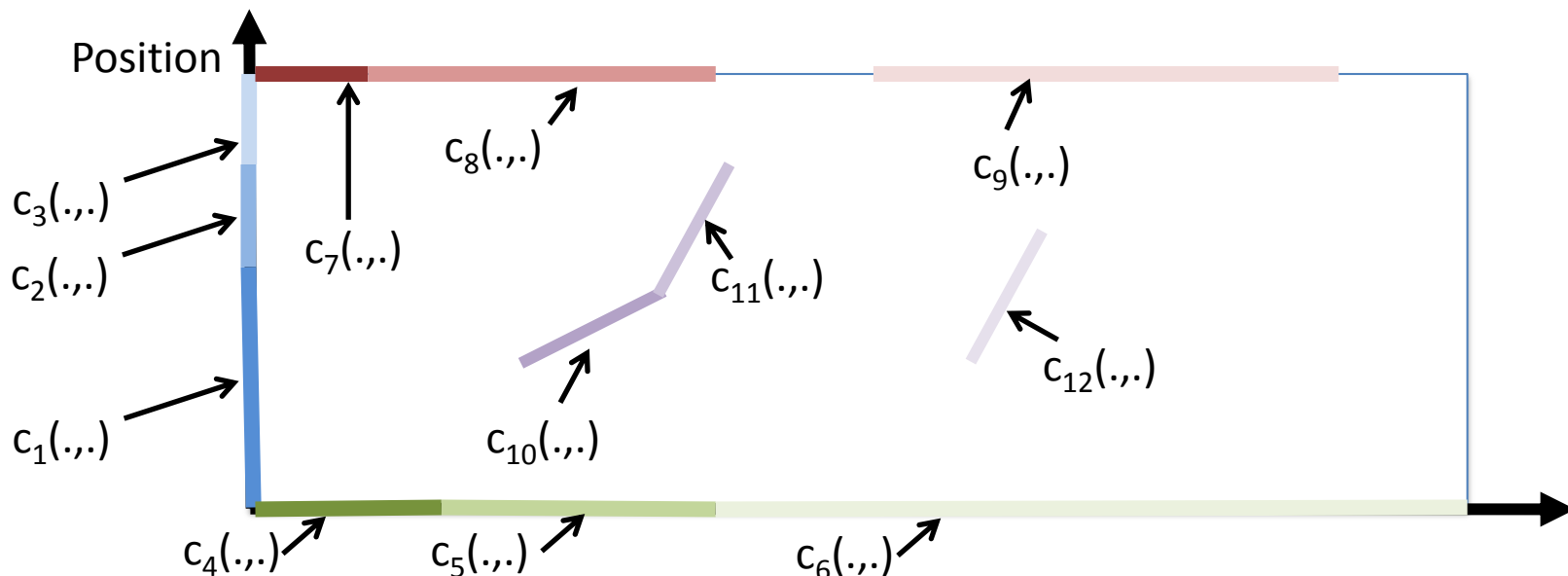
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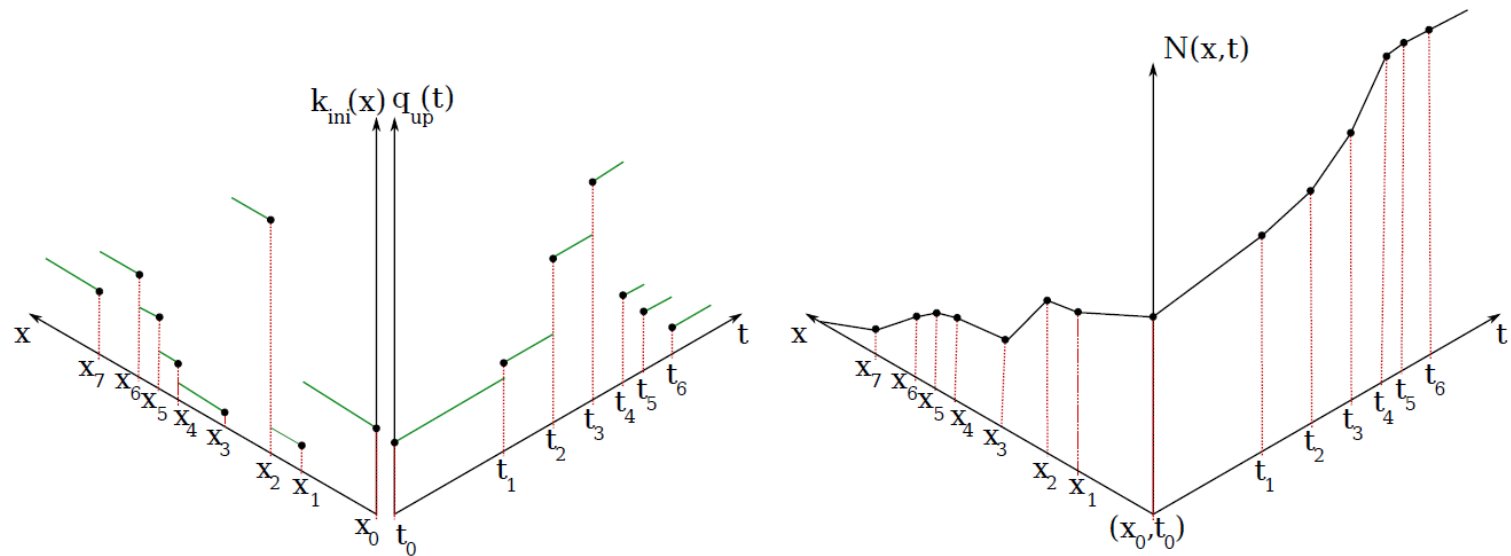
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If $c_j(\dots)$ is linear, then $M_{c_j}(\dots)$ can be explicitly computed (solution to a 1D convex optimization problem).



Semi-analytic formulation

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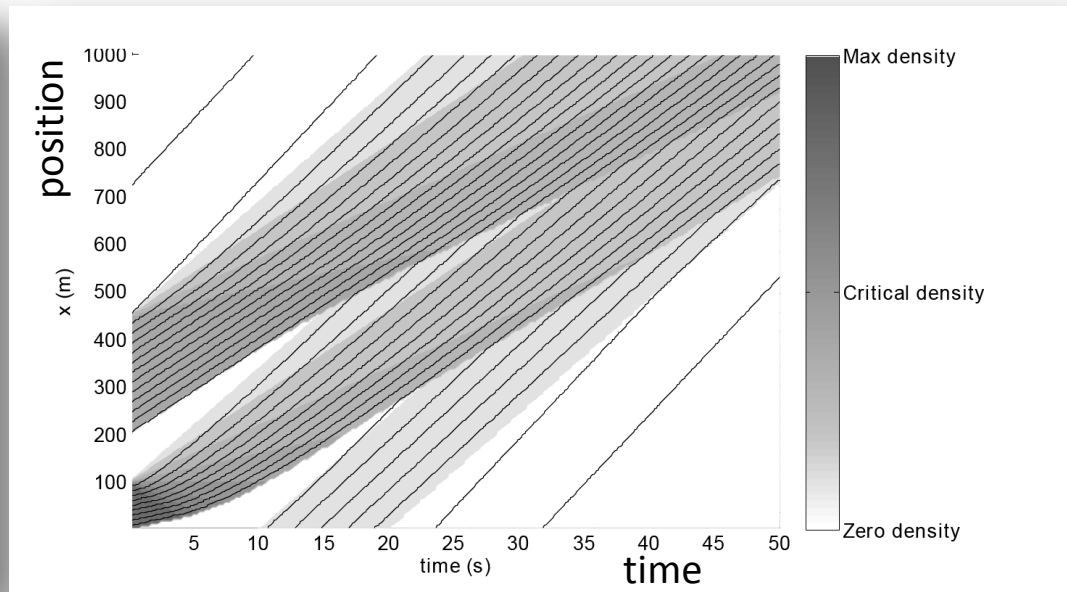
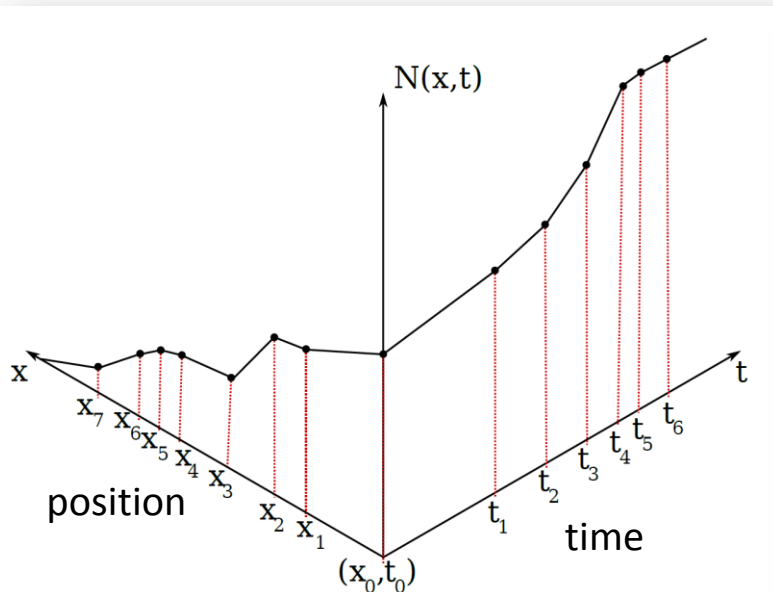


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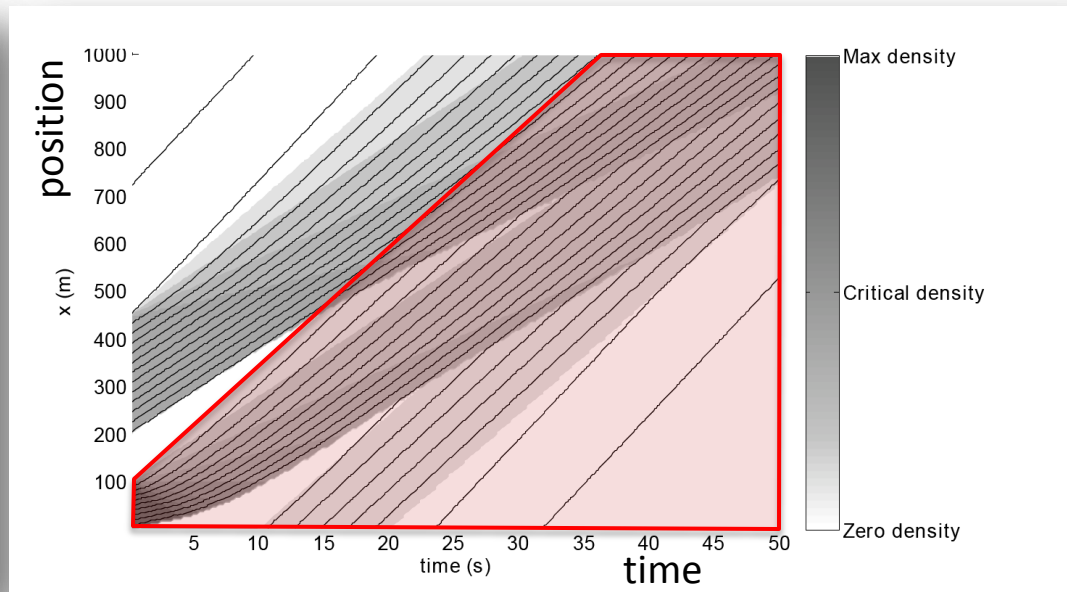
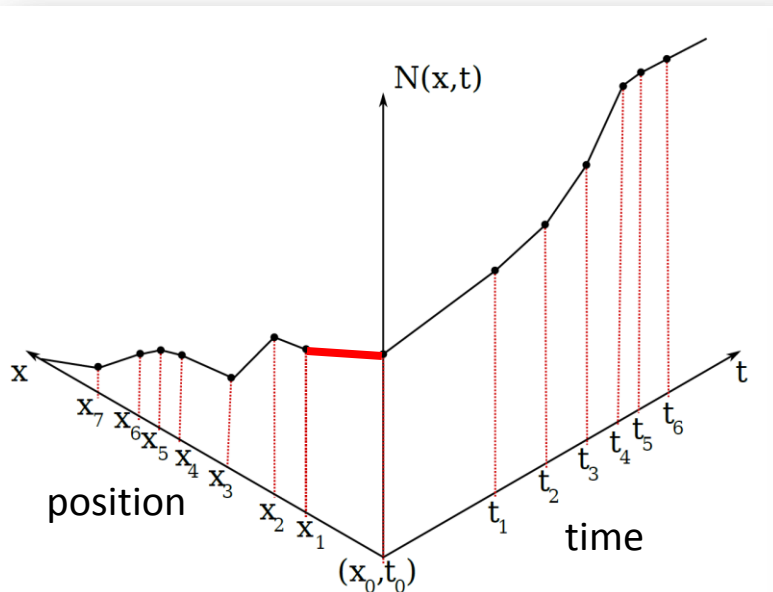


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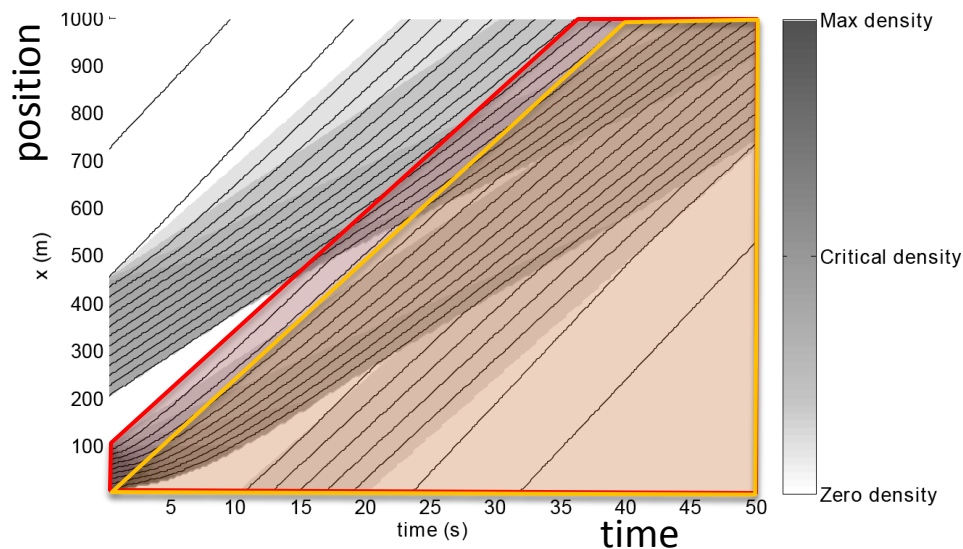
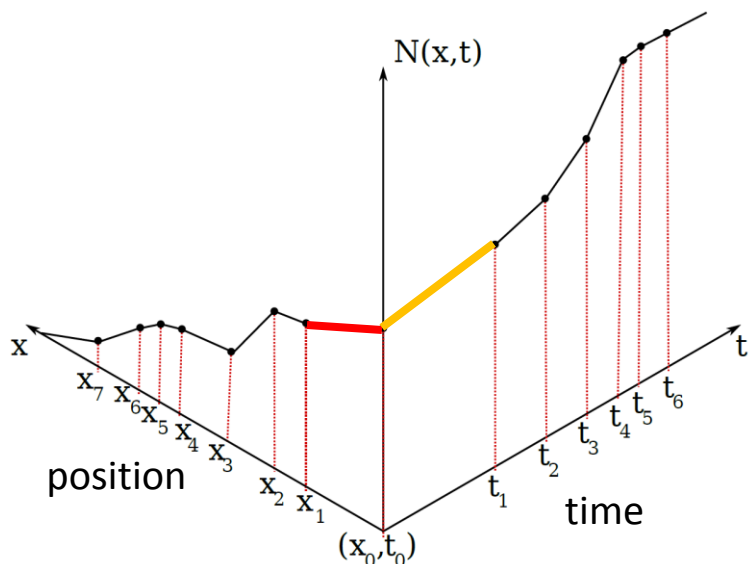


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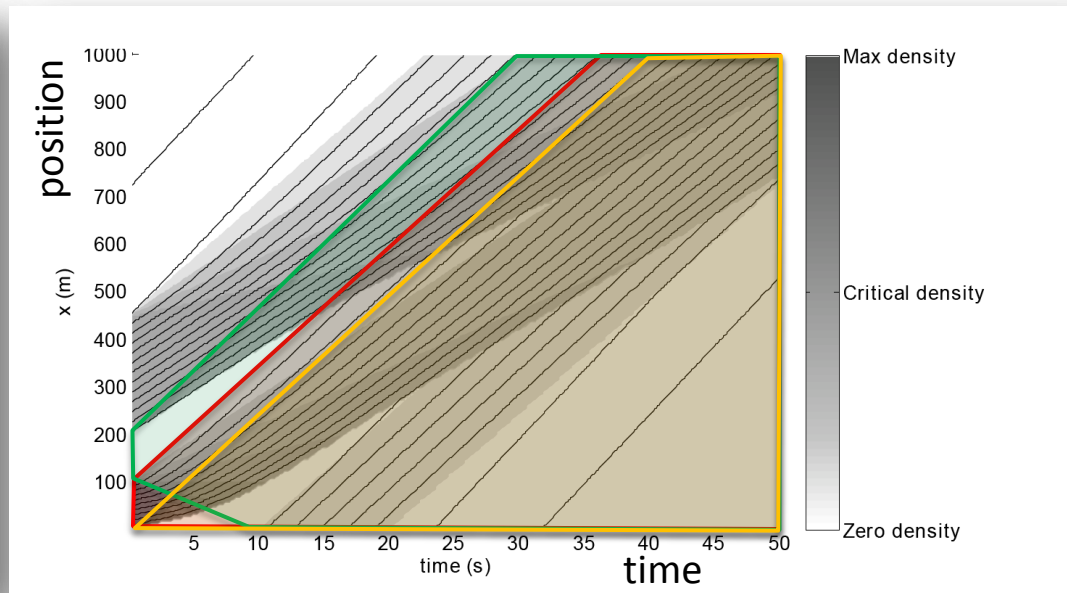
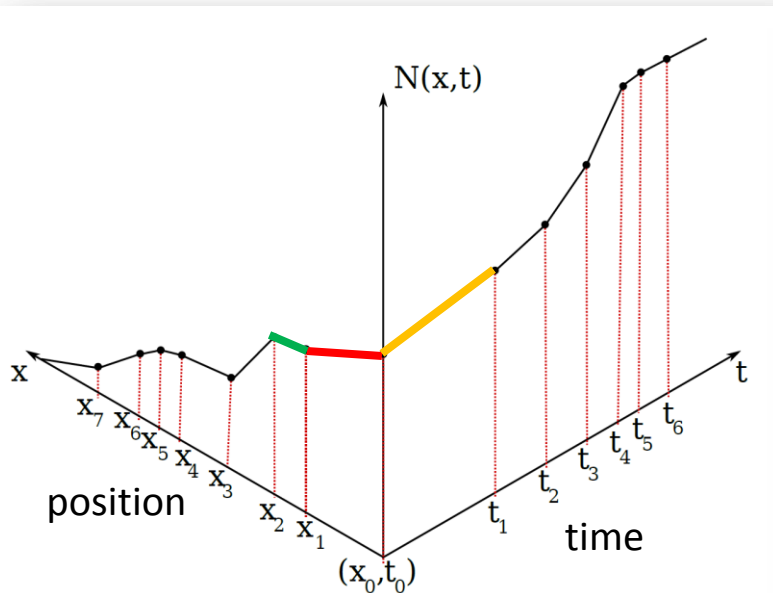


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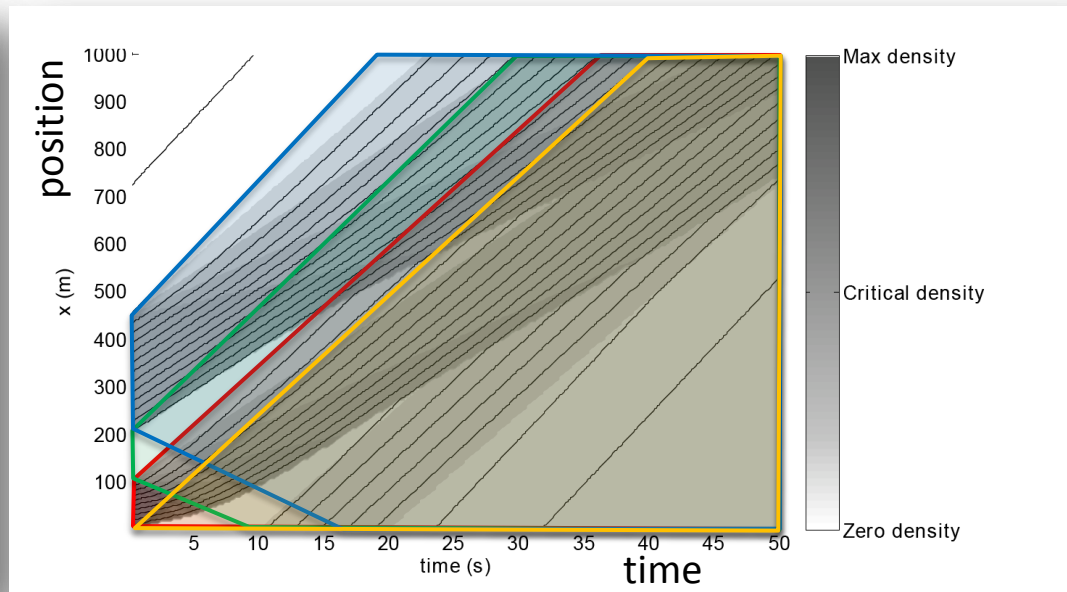
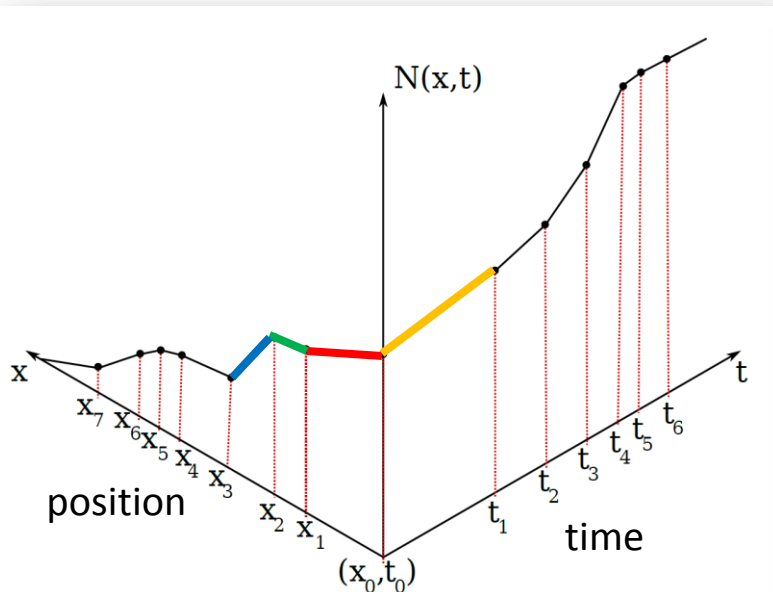


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Solutions to affine value conditions

The question becomes: can we quickly compute the solution associated with an affine (linear) initial or boundary condition?

To be able to use the inf morphism property in general, we need each affine initial or boundary condition to be defined on a subset of \mathbb{R}^2

Non physical/mathematical problem

Solutions to affine value conditions

Affine initial condition:

$$\mathcal{M}_{0,i}(0, x) = \begin{cases} a_i x + b_i & \text{if } x \in [\bar{\alpha}_i, \bar{\alpha}_{i+1}] \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Affine upstream boundary condition

$$\gamma_j(t, \xi) = \begin{cases} c_j t + d_j & \text{if } t \in [\bar{\gamma}_j, \bar{\gamma}_{j+1}] \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Affine downstream boundary condition

$$\beta_k(t, x) = \begin{cases} e_k t + f_k & \text{if } t \in [\bar{\beta}_k, \bar{\beta}_{k+1}] \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Example of solution: affine initial condition

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Lax-Hopf formula:

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{M}_{0,i}}(t, x) = \inf_{u \in \text{Dom}(\varphi^*) \cap \left[\frac{\bar{\alpha}_i - x}{t}, \frac{\bar{\alpha}_{i+1} - x}{t} \right]} (a_i(x + tu) + b_i + t\varphi^*(u)), \quad \forall (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \times X$$

Objective function: convex (in u):

$$\forall u \in \text{Dom}(\varphi^*), \quad \zeta_{a_i, b_i, t, x}(u) := a_i(x + tu) + b_i + t\varphi^*(u)$$

constraints also convex (intersection of intervals) : **1-D convex optimization**.

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Explicit solution to the convex program requires the use of subgradients, since ϕ^* is not necessarily differentiable.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall u \in \text{Dom}(\varphi^*), \\ \partial_{-\zeta_{a_i, b_i, t, x}}(u) &= \{w \mid \exists v \in \partial_{-}\varphi^*(u), w = a_i t + vt\} \\ &:= t \cdot (\{a_i\} + \partial_{-}\varphi^*(u)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, posing $u_0(a_i)$ as any element of $-\partial_{+}\psi(-a_i)$, we have the following explicit solution:

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{M}_0, i}(t, x) = \begin{cases} (i) & t\psi(-a_i) + a_i x + b_i \\ & \text{if } u_0(a_i) \in [\frac{\bar{\alpha}_i - x}{t}, \frac{\bar{\alpha}_{i+1} - x}{t}] \\ (ii) & a_i \bar{\alpha}_i + b_i + t\varphi^*(\frac{\bar{\alpha}_i - x}{t}) \\ & \text{if } u_0(a_i) \leq \frac{\bar{\alpha}_i - x}{t} \\ (iii) & a_i \bar{\alpha}_{i+1} + b_i + t\varphi^*(\frac{\bar{\alpha}_{i+1} - x}{t}) \\ & \text{if } u_0(a_i) \geq \frac{\bar{\alpha}_{i+1} - x}{t} \end{cases}$$

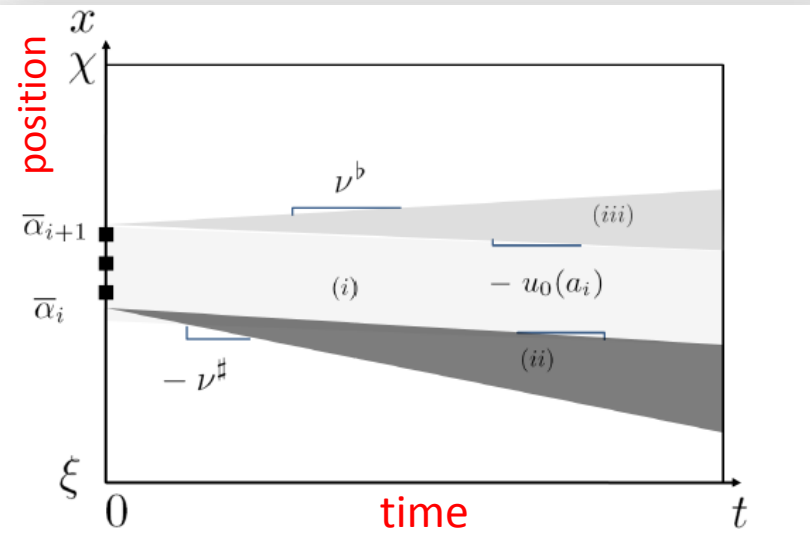
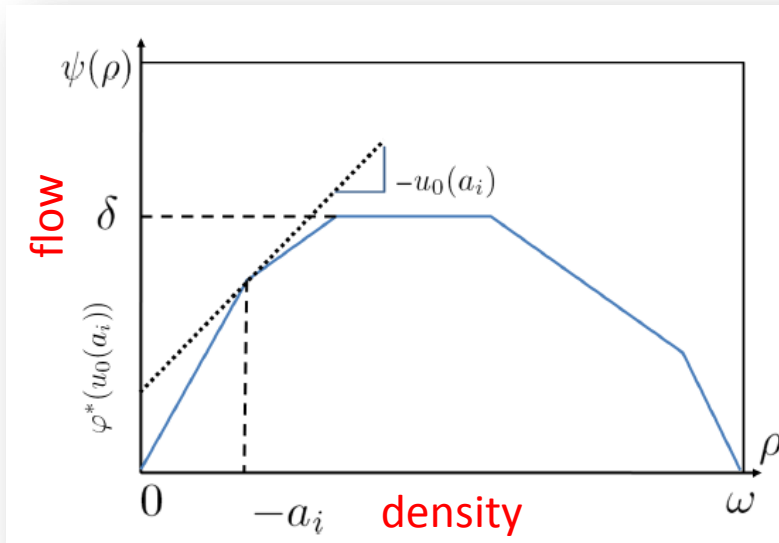
Semi-analytic computational methods

Solution structure:

$$u_0(a_i) \in -\partial_+ \psi(-a_i)$$

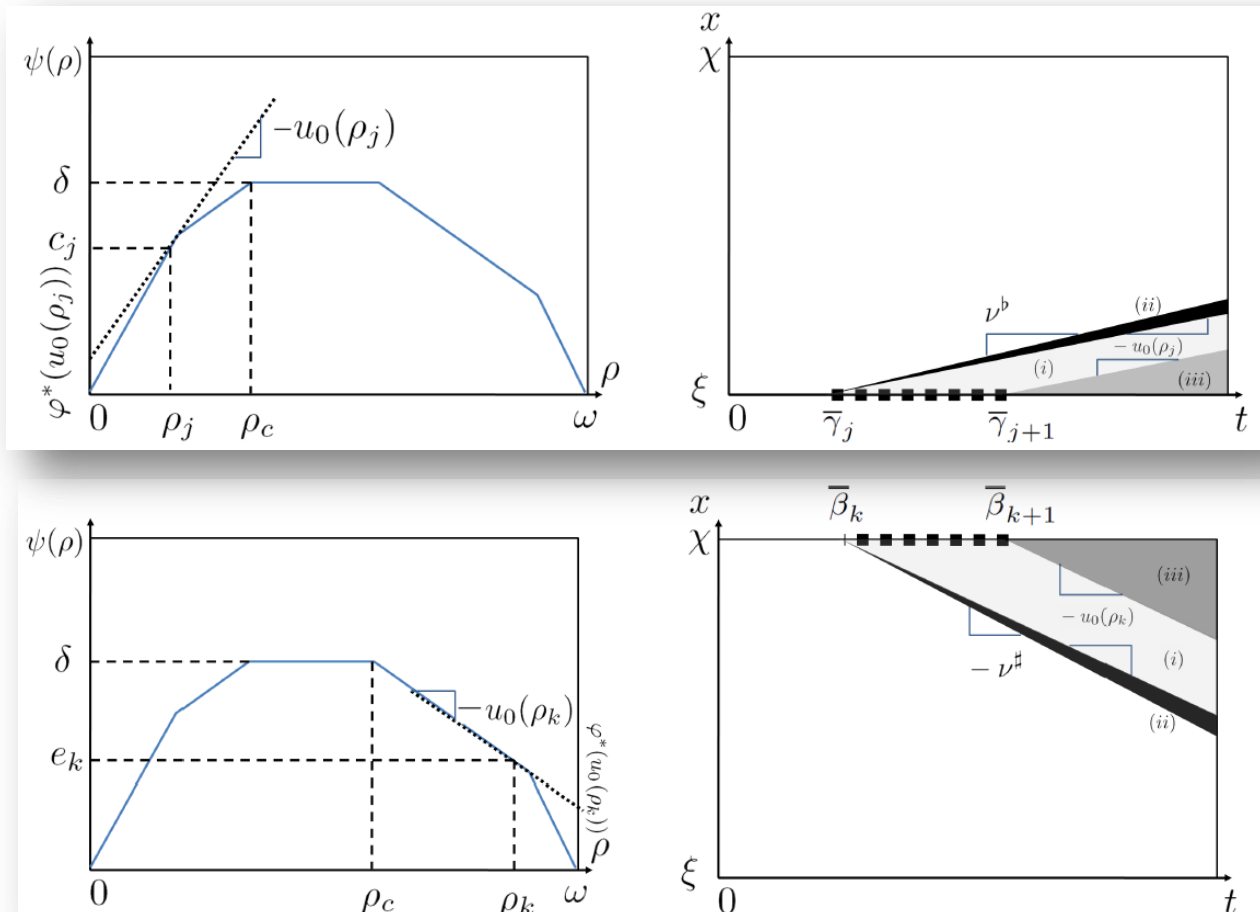
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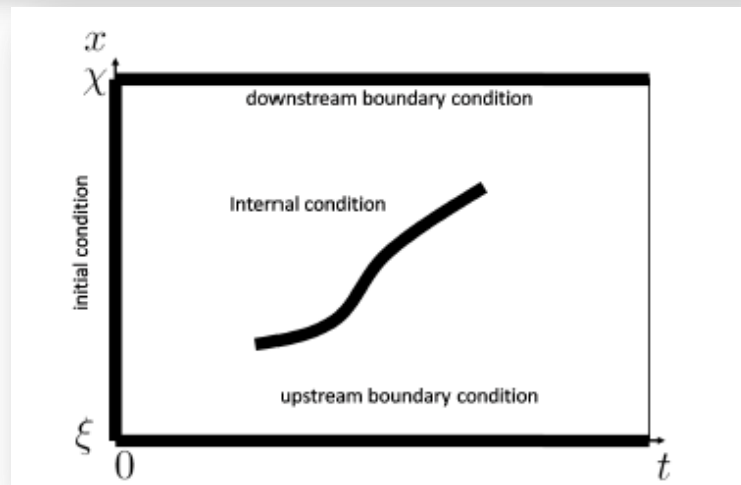
The cases of upstream and downstream boundary conditions are similar, and can also be solved using 1D convex optimization



Fixed or moving bottlenecks

Affine internal condition definition:

$$\mu_l(t, x) = \begin{cases} g_l(t - \bar{\delta}_l) + h_l & \text{if } x = x_l + v_l(t - \bar{\delta}_l) \\ & \text{and } t \in [\bar{\delta}_l, \bar{\delta}_{l+1}] \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Explicit solutions

Solution can be explicitly computed (similarly as before)

Internal conditions apply in the weak sense (as upstream and downstream boundary conditions)

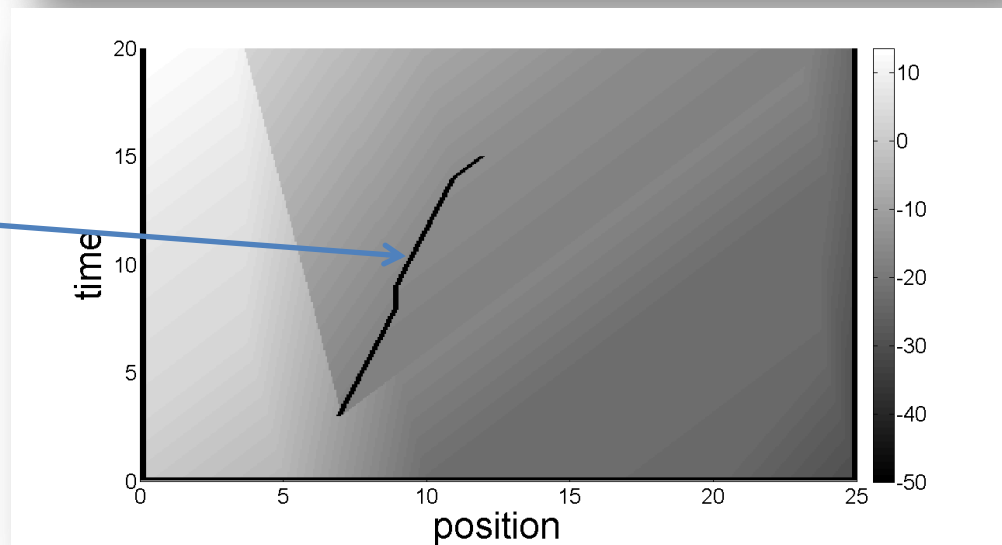
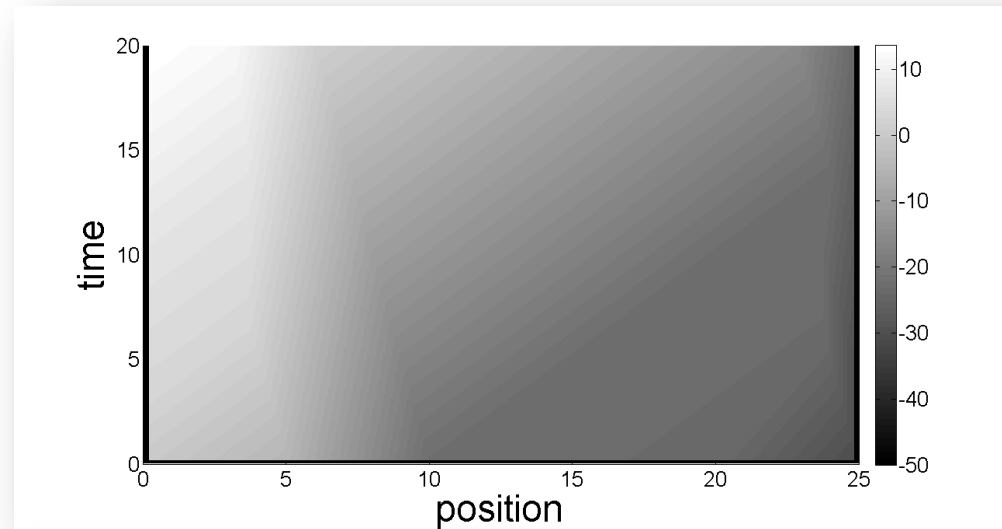
$$M_{\mu_l}(t, x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (i) \quad \psi(\rho_1(v_l, g_l))(t - \bar{\delta}_l) + (x_l - x)\rho_1(v_l, g_l) + h_l \\ \quad \text{if } x_l + v_l(t - \bar{\delta}_l) \leq x \\ \quad \text{and } T_1(t, x, v_l, g_l) \in [t - \bar{\delta}_{l+1}, t - \bar{\delta}_l] \\ (ii) \quad \psi(\rho_2(v_l, g_l))(t - \bar{\delta}_l) + (x_l - x)\rho_2(v_l, g_l) + h_l \\ \quad \text{if } x_l + v_l(t - \bar{\delta}_l) \geq x \\ \quad \text{and } T_2(t, x, v_l, g_l) \in [t - \bar{\delta}_{l+1}, t - \bar{\delta}_l] \\ (iii) \quad h_l + (t - \bar{\delta}_l)\varphi^* \left(\frac{x_l - x}{t - \bar{\delta}_l} \right) \\ \quad \text{if } x_l + v_l(t - \bar{\delta}_l) \leq x \text{ and } T_1(t, x, v_l, g_l) \geq t - \bar{\delta}_l \\ \quad \text{or if } x_l + v_l(t - \bar{\delta}_l) \geq x \text{ and } T_2(t, x, v_l, g_l) \geq t - \bar{\delta}_l \\ (iv) \quad g_l(\bar{\delta}_{l+1} - \bar{\delta}_l) + h_l + (t - \bar{\delta}_{l+1})\varphi^* \left(\frac{x_l + v_l(\bar{\delta}_{l+1} - \bar{\delta}_l) - x}{t - \bar{\delta}_{l+1}} \right) \\ \quad \text{if } x_l + v_l(t - \bar{\delta}_l) \leq x \text{ and } T_1(t, x, v_l, g_l) \leq t - \bar{\delta}_{l+1} \\ \quad \text{or if } x_l + v_l(t - \bar{\delta}_l) \geq x \text{ and } T_2(t, x, v_l, g_l) \leq t - \bar{\delta}_{l+1} \end{array} \right.$$

$$T_p(t, x, v_l, g_l) := \begin{cases} \frac{x_l + v_l(t - \bar{\delta}_l) - x}{u_p(v_l, g_l) + v_l} & \text{if } u_p(v_l, g_l) \neq -v_l \\ +\infty & \text{if } u_p(v_l, g_l) = -v_l \end{cases}$$

Applications of internal conditions

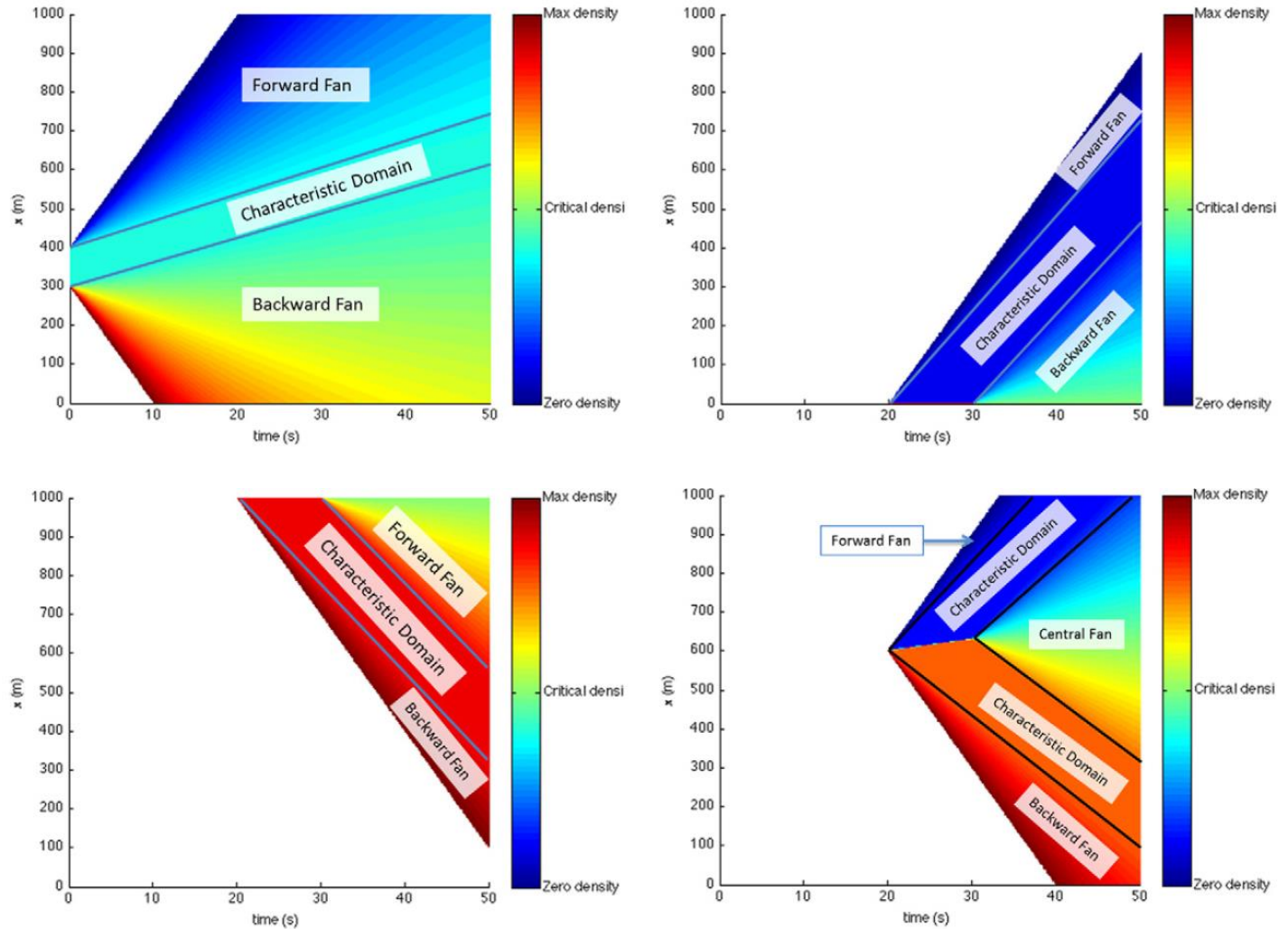
- Modeling the effects of a slow vehicle on traffic.
- Estimation problems with Lagrangian data.
- Inverse modeling problems with Lagrangian data
- Traffic light or accident (fixed bottleneck) modeling

trajectory



Solution structure

Solution structure:



General solution method for affine value condition functions

Solution method:

LAX-HOPF ALGORITHM FOR THE MOSKOWITZ FUNCTION

INITIALIZATION

Definition of $M(M, N) \leftarrow +\infty \quad \forall (M, N) \in \mathcal{G}$ [Output matrix containing the Moskowitz function]

MAIN LOOP

For $M := 0$ to n_t do [time iteration]

For $N := 0$ to n_x do [space iteration]

Definition of $x_N := N\Delta x + \xi$ and $t_M := M\Delta t$ [space and time grid definition]

For $i \in I$ do [iteration on the set of initial conditions]

Compute $M_{M_{0_i}}(t_M, x_N)$

If $M_{M_{0_i}}(t_M, x_N) \leq M(M, N)$ then $M(M, N) = M_{M_{0_i}}(t_M, x_N)$

For $j \in J$ do [iteration on the set of left boundary conditions]

Compute $M_{\gamma_j}(t_M, x_N)$

If $M_{\gamma_j}(t_M, x_N) \leq M(M, N)$ then $M(M, N) = M_{\gamma_j}(t_M, x_N)$

For $k \in K$ do [iteration on the set of right boundary conditions]

Compute $M_{\beta_k}(t_M, x_N)$

If $M_{\beta_k}(t_M, x_N) \leq M(M, N)$ then $M(M, N) = M_{\beta_k}(t_M, x_N)$

For $l \in L$ do [iteration on the set of internal conditions]

Compute $M_{\mu_l}(t_M, x_N)$

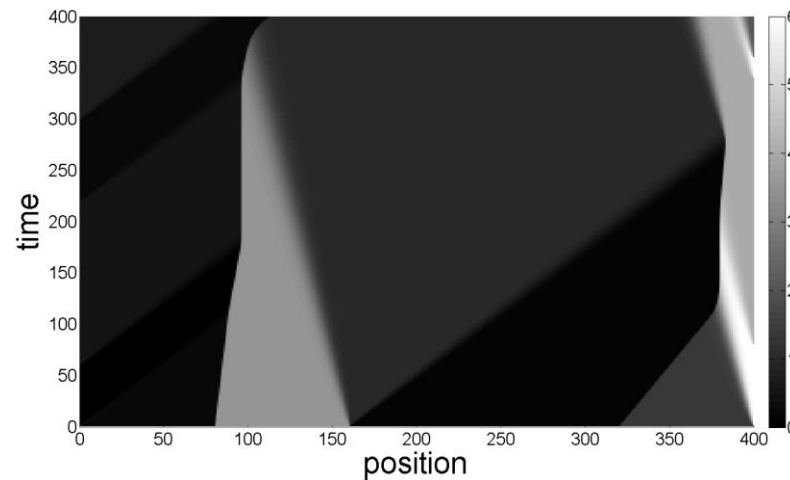
If $M_{\mu_l}(t_M, x_N) \leq M(M, N)$ then $M(M, N) = M_{\mu_l}(t_M, x_N)$

RETURN $M(M, N)$

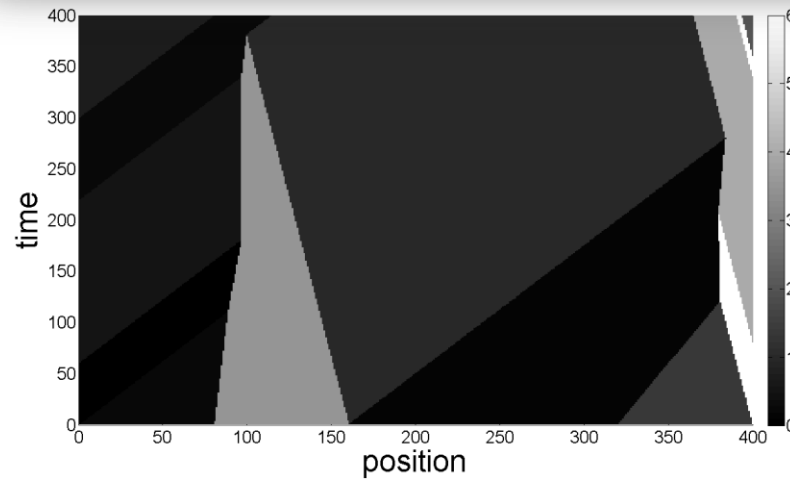
Extension for solutions to the LWR PDE

The solutions to the LWR PDE (density) can also be computed semi analytically:

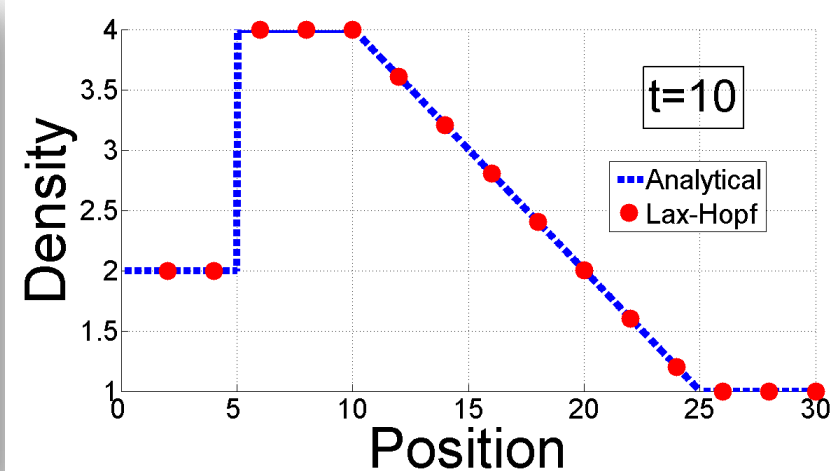
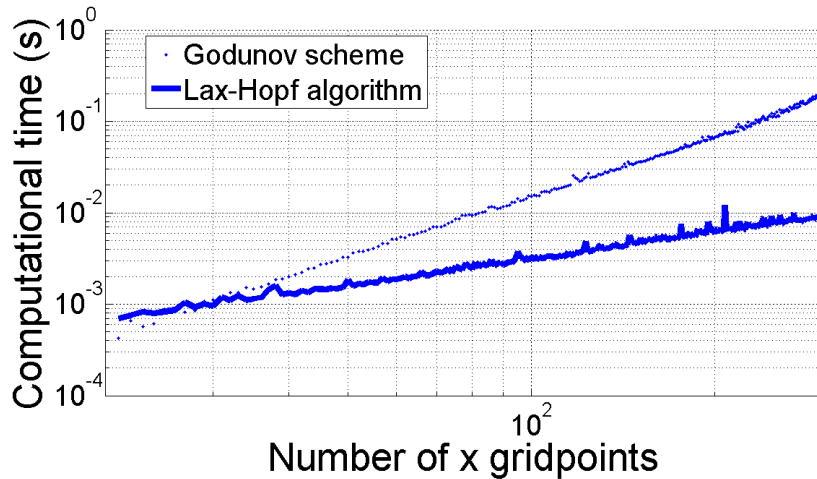
Godunov



Lax-Hopf



Semi-analytic computational methods



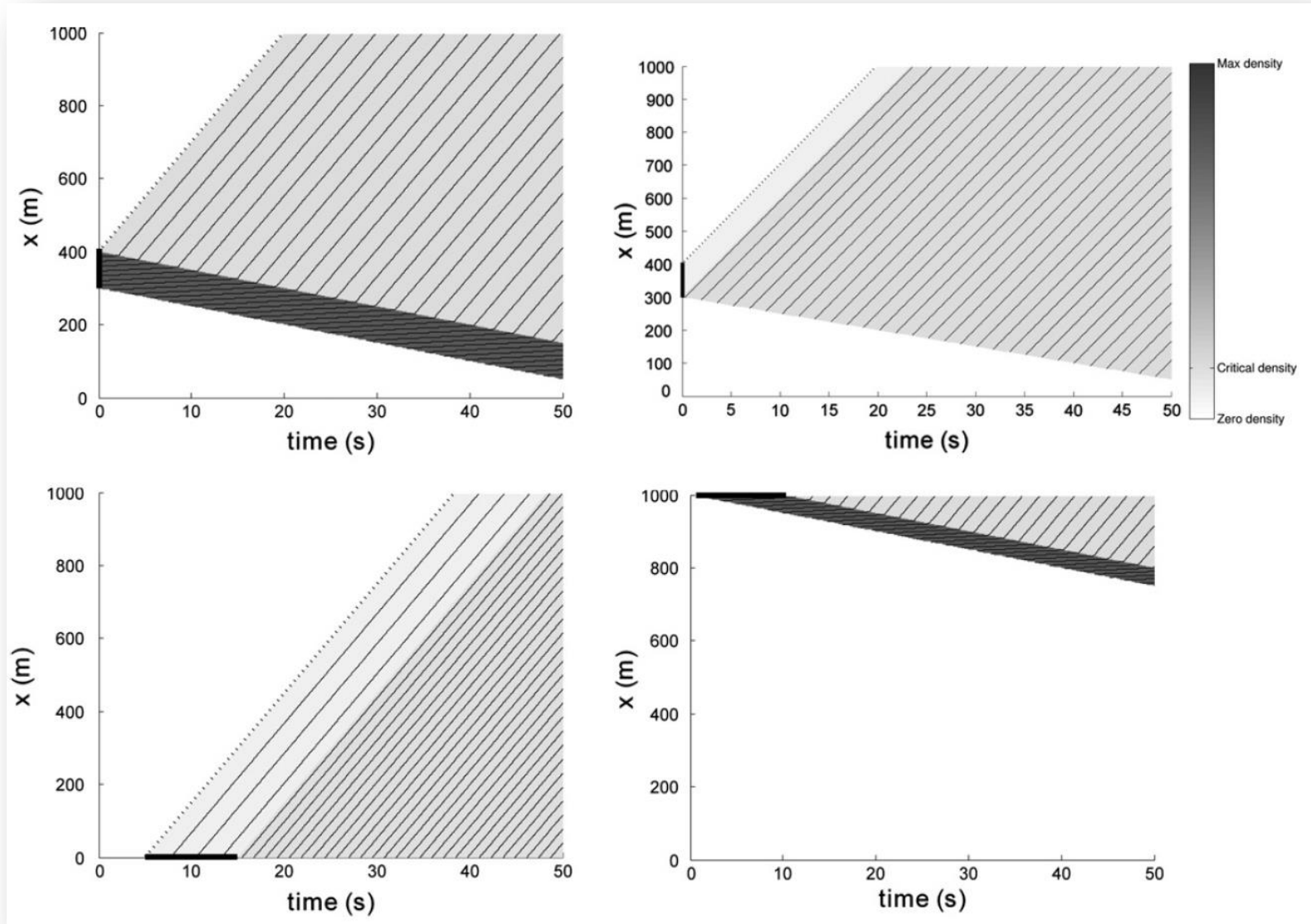
- Pros

- Very fast (speed depends upon the problem, and number of points used)
- Exact derivation of both the density and Moskowitz function (for the same cost), for any concave fundamental diagram, on any grid
- Can integrate probe data

- Cons

- Slower than the CTM if the density has to be computed everywhere

Faster algorithm for triangular fundamental diagram



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- If the fundamental diagram is triangular, the boundary condition components satisfy an additional inequality constraints
- Reduces the worst case number of operations from $n_i + n_u + n_d$ to $n_i + 2$
- With this additional property, the worst case computational time at a fixed point (t, x) is independent of t

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Semi-analytic computational methods

- Many existing computational methods:
- For LWR:
 - Godunov scheme (or equivalently CTM)
 - Wave-front tracking
 - Other finite difference schemes (ENO, WENO)
- For HJ:
 - Lax Friedrichs schemes (or other numerical schemes)
 - Variational method (dynamic programming)
 - **Semi-analytic method** (for homogeneous problems), which can be used for both HJ and LWR

Comparison with Variational Theory

	Lax-Hopf algorithm	Dynamic programming (variational method)
Computational principle	Minimization of closed form partial solutions (grid-free)	Minimization of a cost function over a computational grid
Computational cost	Proportional to the total number of initial and boundary condition blocks (depends upon the complexity of the problem)	Function of the grid (depends upon the complexity of the grid)
Exactness	Exact solution for the Moskowitz and density functions for piecewise affine initial boundary and internal boundary conditions and arbitrary concave fundamental diagrams	Exact for piecewise affine initial and boundary conditions and piecewise affine fundamental diagrams. Not exact for arbitrary concave fundamental diagrams, and no exact computation of the density function
Integration of internal boundary conditions (moving bottlenecks, traffic lights...)	Straightforward (explicit formulas also exist for internal boundary conditions)	Possible, but requires the definition of shortcuts in the domain of the internal boundary condition
Integration of space/time varying fundamental diagrams	Possible, but requires a completely new derivation of explicit formulas for space/time varying diagrams	Straightforward (requires the introduction of a space or time dependent cost)

Pros/cons of common computational methods for LWR

	Lax-Hopf algorithm	Variational method	Godunov scheme	Wave-front tracking
Computational principle	Minimization of closed form partial solutions	Minimization of a cost function over a computational grid	First order finite differences scheme	Event-based scheme
Main advantages	Exact for general concave fundamental diagrams. Very fast for computing the solution at one particular point (or on a small domain). Recomputing the solution after adding a fixed or moving bottleneck is very fast	Exact for some classes of fundamental diagrams. Ability to use space or time dependent fundamental diagrams. Ability to use fixed or moving bottlenecks	Easiness of implementation, natural extension to networks. Ability to use space or time dependent fundamental diagrams	Exact for some classes of fundamental diagrams. Ability to use non-concave or non-continuous fundamental diagrams. Performs well for computing the solution on a full space-time domain. Extends naturally to networks

Pros/cons of common computational methods for LWR

	Lax–Hopf algorithm	Variational method	Godunov scheme	Wave-front tracking
Main disadvantages	Inability to use space or time dependent fundamental diagrams. Results are not exact for networks (unless event-based algorithms are used)	Slower than the Lax–Hopf algorithm (requires in the best case the same number of operations as the Lax–Hopf algorithm). No exact derivation of the density function	Not exact. Limited by the CFL condition. Adding moving bottlenecks is difficult	Difficulty to predict the computational time in advance. Can be very slow if the fundamental diagram contains a large number of pieces

GSOM models

- GSOM (generic second order models) are a class of traffic flow models:

- Complete structure:

$$- \frac{\partial k(t,x)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial k(t,x)v(t,x)}{\partial x} = 0 \text{ (conservation of vehicles)}$$

$$- \frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{\partial I(t,x)}{\partial t} + v(t,x) \frac{\partial I(t,x)}{\partial x} = f(I) \text{ (evolution of the attributes)}$$

$$- v(t,x) = \psi(k(t,x), I(t,x)) \text{ (variable fundamental diagram)}$$

- If the attributes do not evolve along trajectories, then $f(.)=0$

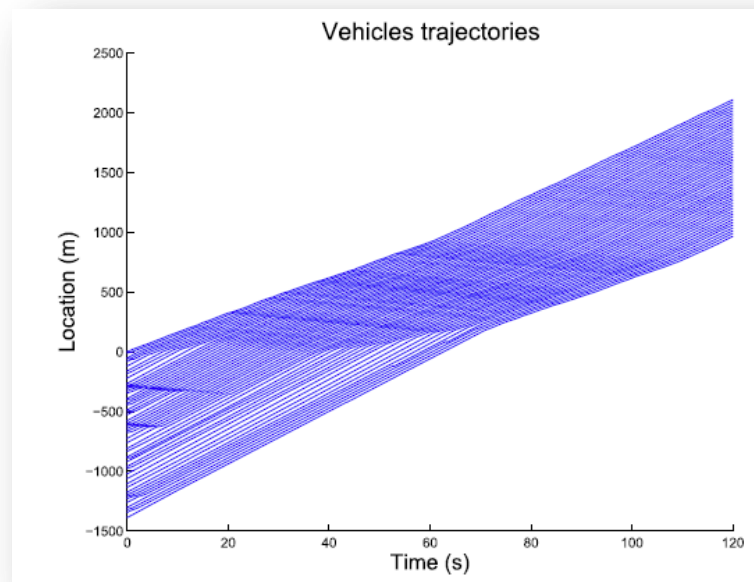
GSOM models

- Examples of GSOM models:
 - ARZ
 - LWR
 - LWR multi class/ multi lane/ multi commodity
 - LWR bounded acceleration
 - Stochastic LWR
 - 1 phase Colombo
- Can be written as a time dependent HJ PDE

$$\frac{\partial X(t, N)}{\partial t} - \xi \left(-\frac{\partial X(t, N)}{\partial N}, N, t \right) = 0$$

GSOM models

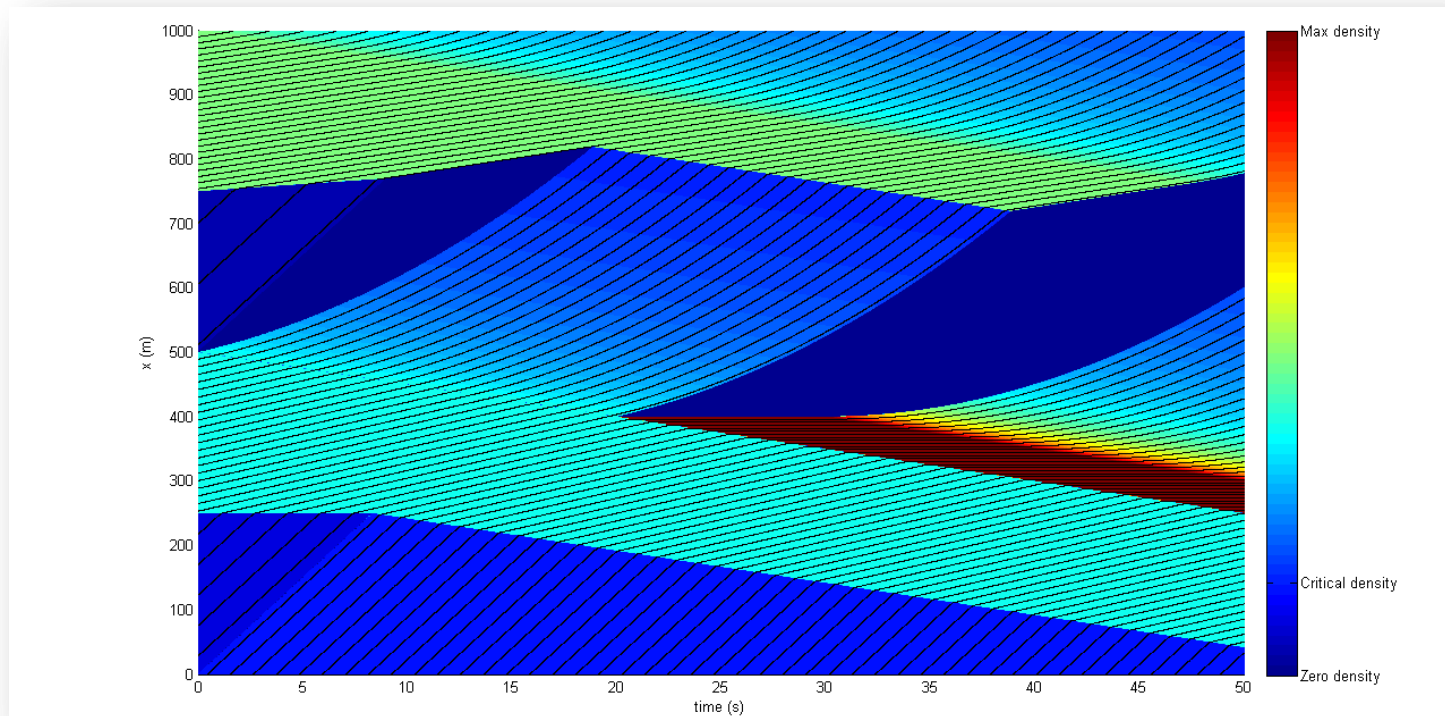
- Scheme is exact if the attribute does not evolve over time (case of multi-flow or multi-class models for instance), otherwise method is approximate (due to the integration of I)
- Example: solution to 1 phase Colombo model



[Costeseque, Lebacque 2013-2014]

GSOM models

- Example: solution to LWR-bounded acceleration model



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Fast and exact algorithm for computing solutions to HJ PDEs or to the LWR PDE

Very useful in some situations: computing boundary conditions (network problem), computing the solution at a finite time (when not interested in the intermediate times)

Extensions to most types of second order models (GSOM). Exact solutions, modulo errors in the integration of attributes...