

# CICTP 2016

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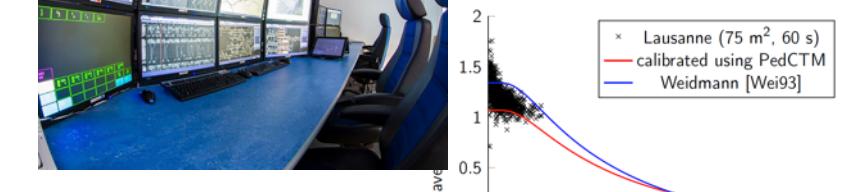
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- Demand
- Supply

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- Technologies
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- Business model

## 3) Research @ EPFL



# Supply and demand



# Supply

Before



Now



# Demand

## Before



## Now



# Supply and demand

## Multimodality

2 Station/Stop	Time	Platf./ Edge	Travel with	Occupancy	Comments
1350 Orbe, Chemin des Coverts 51			walk		11 min.
Orbe, hôpital					
Orbe, hôpital	dep 08:18				Bus 685 91100 Direction: Orbe, gare
Orbe, gare	arr 08:21	BUS 685			
Orbe, gare			walk		1 min., Y
Orbe					
Orbe	dep 08:26		R		Regio 26929 Direction: Chavornay
Chavornay	arr 08:35	PI			[2]
Chavornay	dep 08:38	3		1.  2.	Urban train 1 12123 Direction: Lausanne
Renens VD	arr 08:57	4	S 1		
Renens VD			walk		3 min., Y
Renens VD, gare					
Renens VD, gare	dep 09:02				Underground 1 Direction: Ecublens VD, EPFL
Ecublens VD, EPFL	arr 09:08	M 1			
Duration: 1:01; runs 31. May until 1. Jul 2016 Mo - Fr					
<a href="#">Ecocalculator</a> <a href="#">Map</a> <a href="#">Calendar</a> <a href="#">Text view</a> <a href="#">Read out</a> <a href="#">Fully accessible connection</a> <a href="#">Price list</a>					
<a href="#">Show intermediate stops</a> <a href="#" style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px 10px;">Fare/Buy</a>					

## Last mile

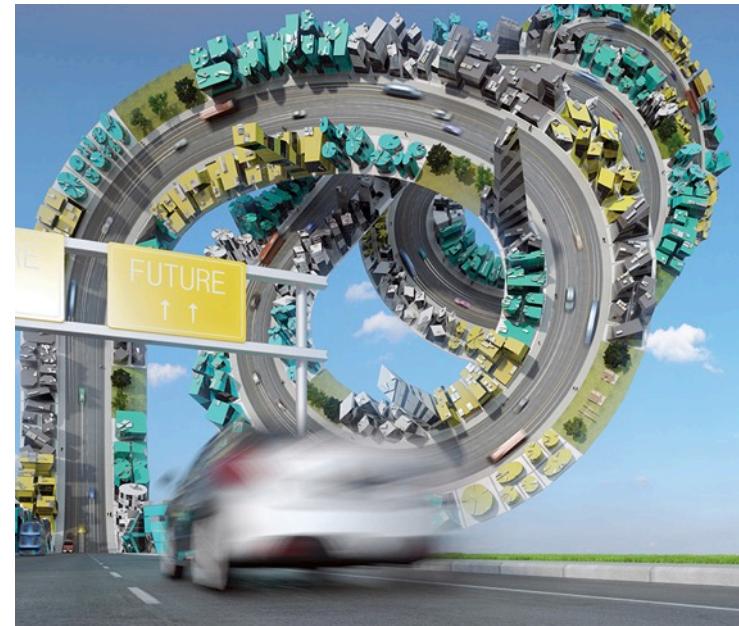


# Supply and demand

Demand



Supply



User-centric

Flexible

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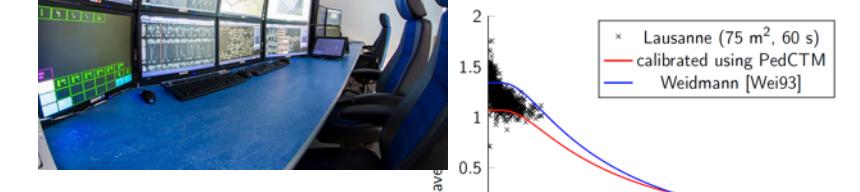
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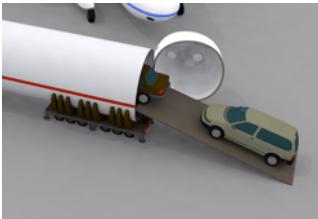
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# Challenges: technology



Load freight...



... or passengers at  
the train station...



... and take-off!



▶▶ Clip-Air

- Innovative aircraft with **detachable load units to adjust capacity to demand**
  - Capsules: clipped on the flying wing, or carried on trains or trucks
- **Partners@EPFL:** TRANSP-OR lab, ICOM Lab, mechanical engineering labs and LIV Lab

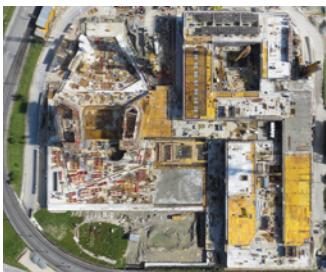
# Challenges: technology



Switch inspection



Catenary inspection



Construction sites

- Advanced “Detection & Tracking” and collision-avoidance algorithms for unmanned aircrafts.
- New methodologies to inspect infrastructure

→ Partners: CVLAB Lab, DISAL Lab, REACT Lab



►► Drones

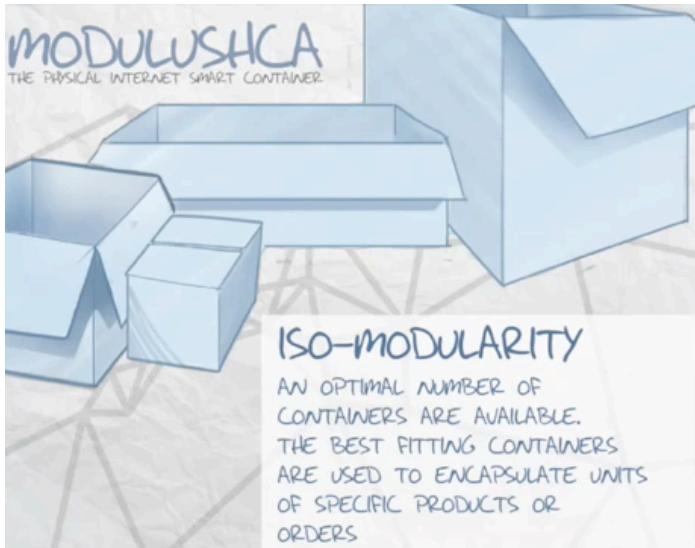
# Challenges: integration



Enable freight operations using ...



... flexible modular logistics units



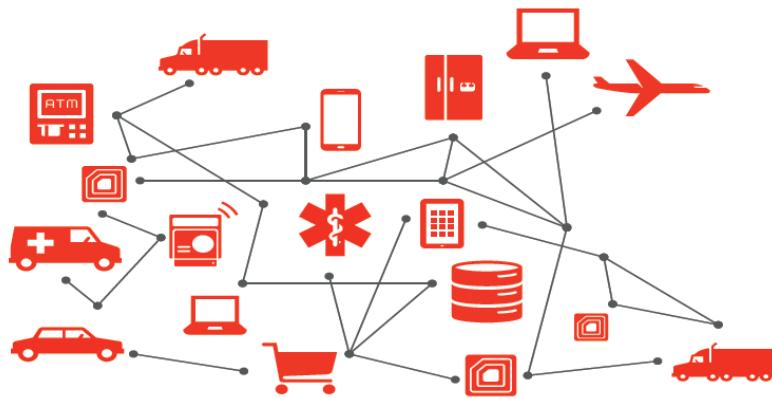
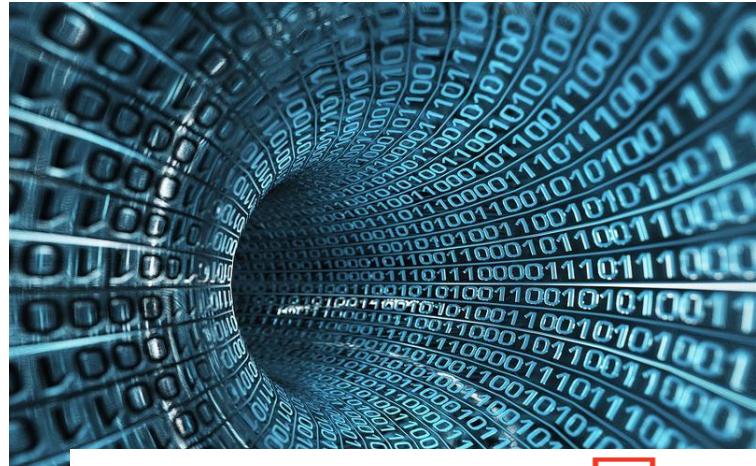
►► Physical Internet : modular logistics

- Iso-modular logistics units of size adequate for real **modal and co-modal** flows of fast-moving **consumer goods**.

- **Design robust** collaborative scheduling and routing schemes for interconnected logistics.

→ Partners: PTV, Procter&Gamble, ARMINES, CIRRELT, TU Berlin, Italian Posta and EPFL (TRANSP-OR Lab)

# Challenges: optimization



- “Big data”
- Choice modeling
- Customized services

►► Learn preferences and tastes...  
... for user-centric optimization

# Défis : optimisation



Partners: **ABB** **stpg**

Collaboration HE-ARC



## ■ Objectives:

- Develop a **decision-aid tool** for the **dimensioning** and the **design** of a bus system operated with a fleet of “catenary-free” electric buses.
- Optimize the **operational costs** and the **electricity consumption** of the system.
- Conduct a **pilot study** on the bus line 5 between Geneva Airport and Geneva’s Hospital.



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# Challenges: optimization



- Timetabling design
- **Minimize the costs**
- **Maximize user satisfaction**
- Trade-off between the two



$$\max \sum_{\ell \in L} \sum_{v \in V^\ell} \sum_{s \in S^\ell} \omega_{vs}^\ell \cdot e_s - \sum_{\ell \in L} \sum_{v \in V^\ell} (\alpha_v^\ell \cdot f \cdot k^\ell + \mu_v^\ell \cdot o \cdot k^\ell)$$

►► Calculate the best timetable...  
...account for supply and demand

# Challenges: business model

Who pays?

Who receives the  
money?



Reconcile  
cooperation and  
competition

How to use the  
revenues?

►► Generate, deliver and capture  
value

# Challenges: business model

- Mobility pricing
- Tool for demand management
- Heterogeneity of needs
- Different willingness to pay



## ►► Mobility Pricing

Singapore



London



Stockholm



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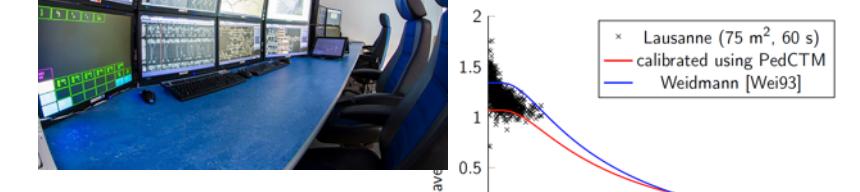
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**TRACE**

**Mobility behavior  
& transportation  
needs**



**Conception of  
transportation  
systems**



**Vehicles &  
infrastructures**



A demand-  
orientated axis



To understand mobility  
needs and individuals'  
mobility behaviors.

✓ Demand modeling & prediction

✓ Pedestrian flow modeling

✓ Mobility behaviors



A system-  
orientated axis



To optimize transport  
systems and to coordinate  
policies for transportation,  
land use, housing, etc



- ✓ Modeling of transport systems
- ✓ Intelligent Transport Systems
- ✓ Operation Research for optimization



A technological-  
orientated axis



To improve  
safety, efficiency,  
sustainability of vehicles  
and infrastructures.



- ✓ Sensing & Intelligent vehicles
- ✓ Smart Grids concept solutions
- ✓ Energy efficiency / Energy recovery systems



# CONCLUSION



**User-centric**

New technologies – “big data”

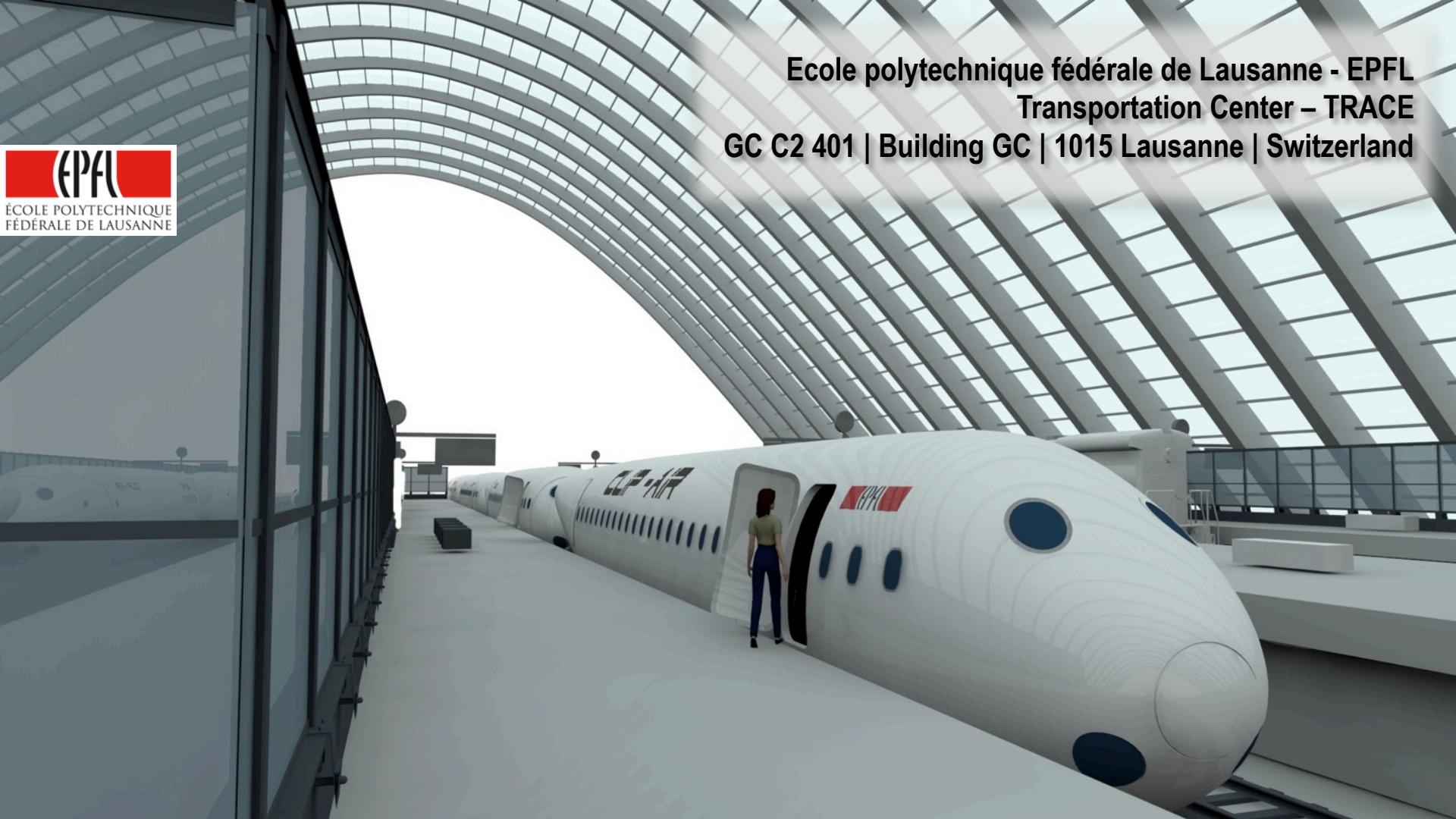


**Flexible**

Standardization – optimization



**Research is more and more important**



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