# Traffic simulation for all: a real world traffic scenario from the city of Bologna

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#### **Traffic simulation and Open Data**

- Modelling real world scenarios is time consuming
- Quality depends strongly on input data
- Representation needed of
  - the road network
  - the demand
  - real traffic lights
  - Infrastructure
- Data is difficult to obtain (especially traffic light signal plans are rarely available to the public)





# **Bologna Scenarios**



- Therefore, the real world scenarios from the city of Bologna are made public available within the SUMO package in the next release 0.21
- Scenarios can be used for further research with little effort
- Sceanrios were mainly developed within the iTETRIS project





#### 1. Andrea Costa



- VISSIM Network
- Peak hour traffic demand (8am-9am)
- Simulate big events such as football matches or concerts





#### 2. Pasubio







#### 3. Andrea Costa and Pasubio joined scenario



- Andrea Costa and Pasubio scenario are overlapping
- Create one scenario based on both



# Development of the Scenario: Street Network



- SUMO only allows importing VISSIM networks stored in German language
- Validation with images from Google Earth and Google Maps
- Manual changes especially for connections between lanes over intersections





### Development of the Scenario: Public Transport





# Development of the Scenario: Traffic lights

- Definitions of traffic lights were given as telemetry files in dwg format
- signal time plans given in Excel format
- contain "variable phases" used by the UTOPIA system to adapt the traffic lights to the current demand on the controlled roads
- Adaption is currently not used









## Development of the Scenario: Traffic Demand

- Measured values from:
  - 636 detectors within Bologna
  - Unfortunately only traffic flow not speed
  - no distinction between different vehicle classes is given
  - Measured every 5 minutes
  - Data of 3 days

Visualization of counts given for 11.11.2008; green: correct values, red: detection site indicated error, blue: values are missing





# Development of the Scenario: Traffic Demand

- measures from the days 11.11.2008-13.11.2008, Tuesday to Thursday
- About 90 detectors reported an error
- Compare to other sites the quality is very good

**VISSIM** scenarios:

- Describe traffic infrastructure and demand
- Includes public transport
- → Data was imported into the SUMO scenarios, but manual correction were necessary



Example traffic flow of three days; blue: 11.11., red 12.11., green: 13.11.





#### one hour

#### whole simulation









- SUMO has problems to simulate larger scenarios within one hour
- Known problem: traffic simulations need a warm-up period to fill the network, before a realistic network state is reached





# User guidelines

- Bologna scenarios are a good way to start research with less effort
- Limitations:
  - Traffic demand is only for one hour
  - Network size is relatively small
  - Size to small to simulate realistic rerouting behaviour
- Examples:
  - C2X Application for Emergency Vehicles
  - Rerouting Vehicles over bus lanes in case of an event









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#### **Further Work**

- Hope: The quality of the scenario will improve because of the contribution of other researchers
- Prepare larger scenarios



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#### **Questions? Comments?**

