



# Case in traffic engineering and safety

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LASTRAN is held at the Department of Transport and Industrial Engineering at UFRGS.

Its purpose is to develop research and applied projects in transport planning and operation and to develop skills and best practice among transport professionals and decision-makers.

LASTRAN has strong colaboration with researchers from Institutes of Mathematics, Architecture, Economics, and Computer Science.

Research projects frequently involve collaboration with other Brazilian and International Universities and organizations.

Most recent research projects involved University of Leeds, PUC Chile, Universidad del Norte Colombia, Universidade de São Paulo, Universidade de Brasília, Universidade Federal do Ceará.





#### Main research areas:

- Traffic modelling and simulation interrupted and uninterrupted conditions.
- Traffic management and control.
- Traffic safety: road safety audit, analysis of traffic conflicts, road design.
- Choice modelling: study and prediction of people's preferences and decisions in a variety of contexts, e.g. demand for services and products.
- Economic appraisal and evaluation.





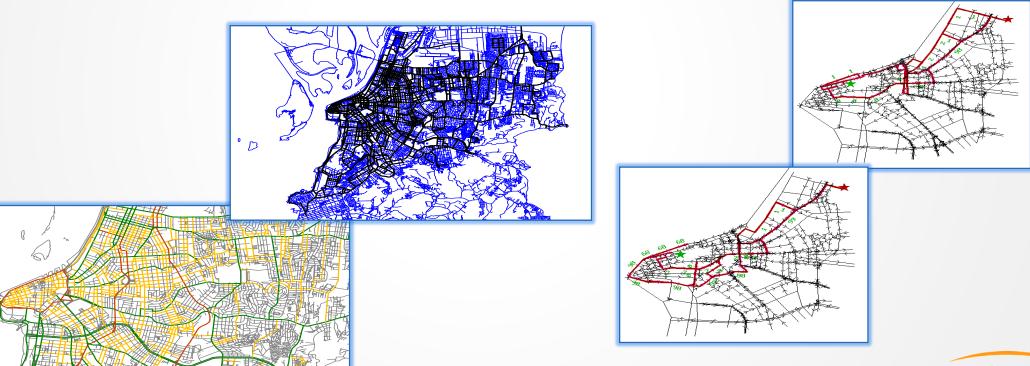
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Traffic management - Implementation of traffic assignment model SATURN in Porto Alegre (1995- 2000)

(Agrement with City of Porto Alegre)







#### Micosimulation in urban environments

Aplication of the model DRACULA (ITS Leeds)
Case studies and staff training

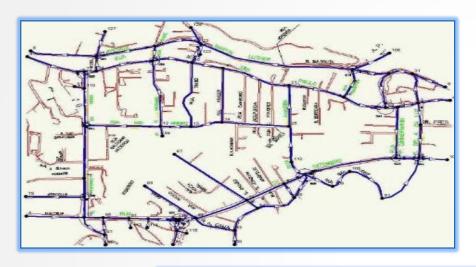
Agreement with the City of Porto Alegre 2001 – 2003





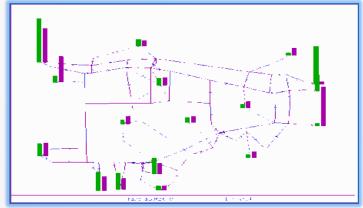


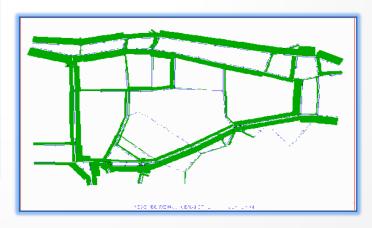




ProjetoPSPPG/CNPq (2001-2003)

Joint use of the models SATURN (traffic assignment) e TRANSYT (traffic control model) in the City of Blumenau.



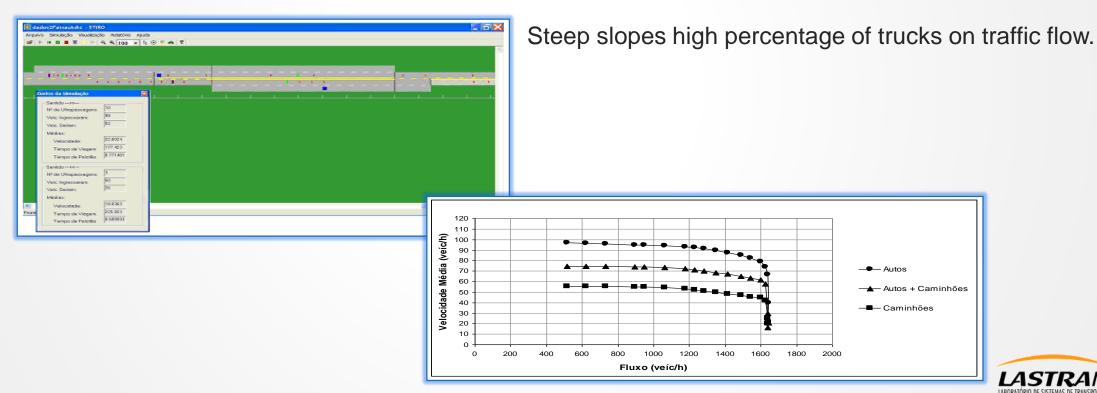






## Traffic simulation in single lane highways

Development of simulation model - concern with proper traffic representation.

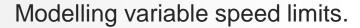






**Active Traffic Management** 

Study of active traffic management systems, and evaluation of conditions for implementation in Brazilian highways.

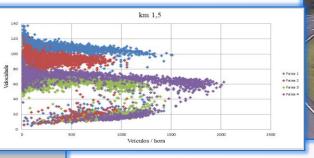


Conception and implementation test of temporary use of hardsholder during peak period.

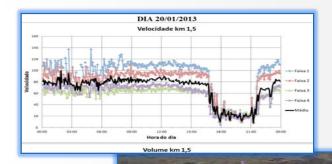
Analysis of implementation of reversible express

lanes.

Research suported by RDT ANTT/CONCEPA

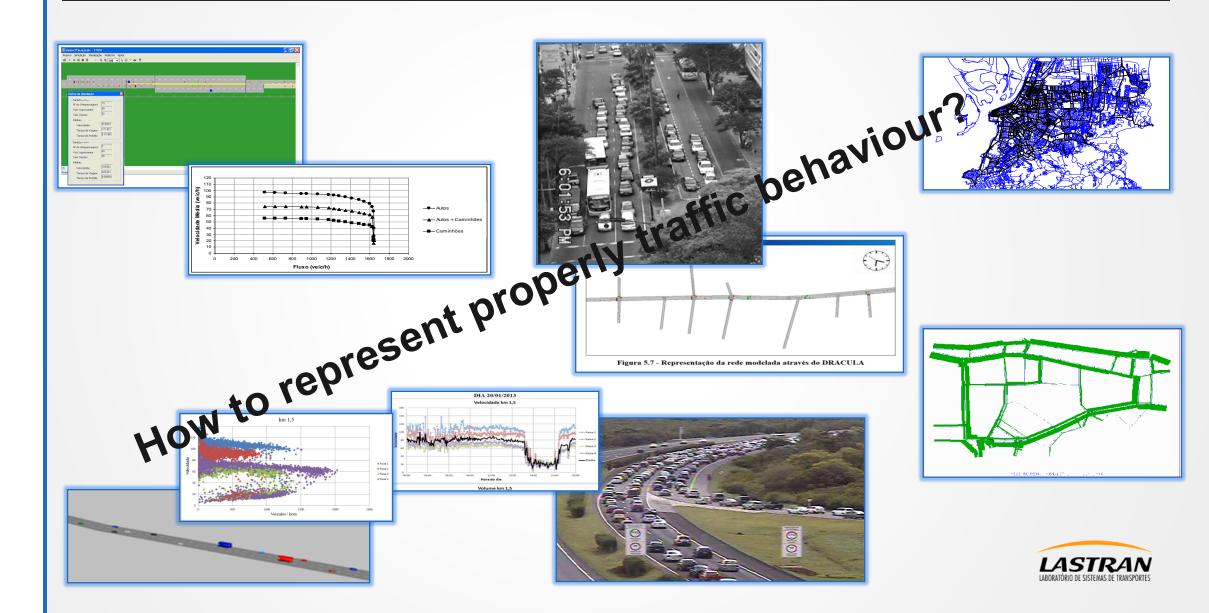














## Workshop focus

... Volvo has turned its attention to Brazil and has recognized the great potential of the country but at the same time, the complexity of its mobility scenario...

... One solution that has been walking side by side with traffic safety and has been highly prioritized by Volvo's research strategy is autonomous driving, a broad line of research which addresses from information technology and embedded systems to human behavior and traffic environment.



Issues to consider about Brazilian mobility when we think about automous driving:

- Roads
- Vehicles
- Drivers behaviour



- Road network present heterogeneous conditions.
- High percentage of roads in poor conditions.

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CNT Road Research (2015) - evaluated more than 100,000 kms of paved roads throughout the country:

- 86,5% of analysed segments are single lane highways;
- 57,3% present some kind of disability (pavement, signalization or geometry problems)
- 22% where considered in bad or very bad conditions;
- 42% where considered in good or excellent conditions.



#### **Minas Gerais**



BR-050 Uberaba



BR262 Bela Vista de Minas



BR-251Unaí



BR-365 Buritizeiro



BR-381Central de Minas



São Paulo



SP 255 Guatapará



Piraposinho SP 425





#### Analysis of pavement conditions:

- 48.6% (48,897 km) of surveyed segments have some kind of problem
- 39.8% (40,139 km) have eroded pavement
- 79.5% (15,745 km) of roads under concession have good or excellent rating



#### Analysis of roads geometry

- 77.2% (77,787 km) of surveyed extension have some type of problem
- 86.5% (87,128 km) of surveyed extension are single lanes
- 39.6% (39,923 km) of surveyed extension does not have hard shoulder
- 42.1% (14,711 km) of surveyed extension where there are dangerous curves, there are no signs or warnings or defendeses.

#### Road signs

- 51.4% (51,840 km) have problems
- 17.4% (16,115 km) of surveyed extension have damaged or unreadable signs
- 23.1% (23,271 km) of surveyed extension, do not have speed limit signs
- 16.6% (16,724 km) of the extension have no indication signs
- 37.4% (37,609 km) of the surveyed extension have paint worn or nonexistent central strips
- 45.7% (46,014 km) of the extension have no sidebands or the paint is worn out



## Vehicle profile

In the last decade, Brazilian fleet registered an increase of 136.5% -

102.6% increase in number of cars;

269.8% increase in motorcycles.

High percentage of trucks on roads

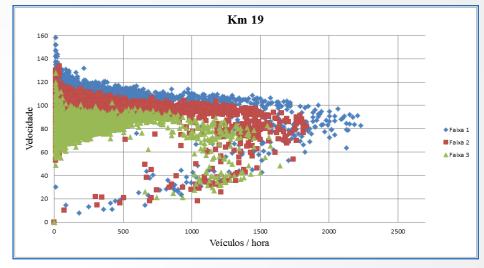
High number of motorcycles, particularly on urban areas.

Heterogeneous fleet - significant % old and poorly mainteined vehicles .

No vehicle inspection policy (except for Rio de Janeiro)



## Drivers behaviour



#### Driving behaviour in highways:

- agressive driving behaviour coexisting with slow vehicles;
- variable speed limits for different vehicles categories –
  incentive to change lanes;
- distances from leading vehicles is smaller and
- frequency of lane changing is significantly higher than observed in other countries.





## Drivers behaviour

#### Driving behaviour in urban areas

- agressive driving behaviour associated with slow vehicles
- motorcycle driving pattern driving betweeen car lanes, dangerous manouvers

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#### Accidents

Accidents in Federal Roads:

Accident involving motorcycles account for 18% of total accidents 30% of deaths, 40% serious injuries

Frontal collisions and pedestrian accidents have low incidence (6.5% of all accidents), but account for almost half of the deaths on federal highways.

The inattention of drivers, drinking alcohol and violation of traffic rules are the most frequent causes of accidents with fatalities.

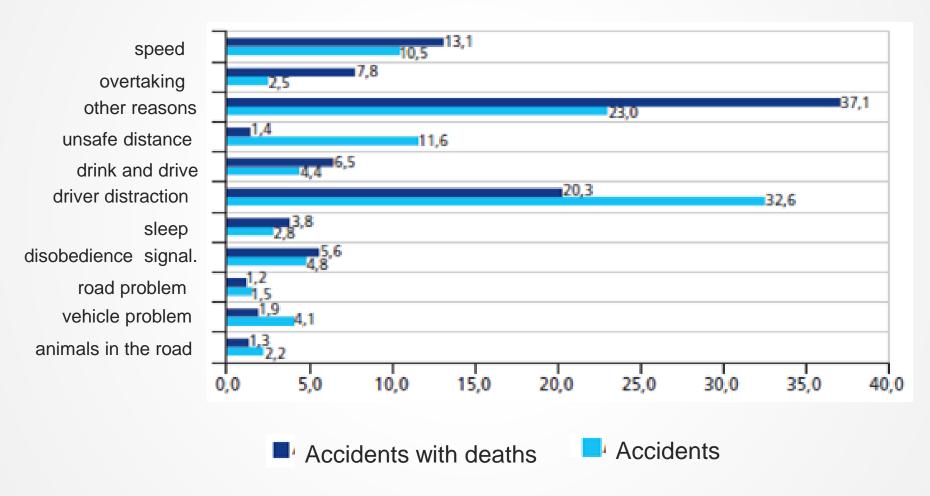
#### Source IPEA

http://www.ipea.gov.br/portal/images/stories/PDFs/relatoriopesquisa/150922\_relatorio\_acidentes\_transito.pdf



## Accidents

Cause of accidentes on federal roads 2014 (%)



**SOURCE PRF**