

# SAFARI

**a multidisciplinary analysis of paratransit mobility in Sub-Saharan countries from GPS data**

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Paratransit Mobility



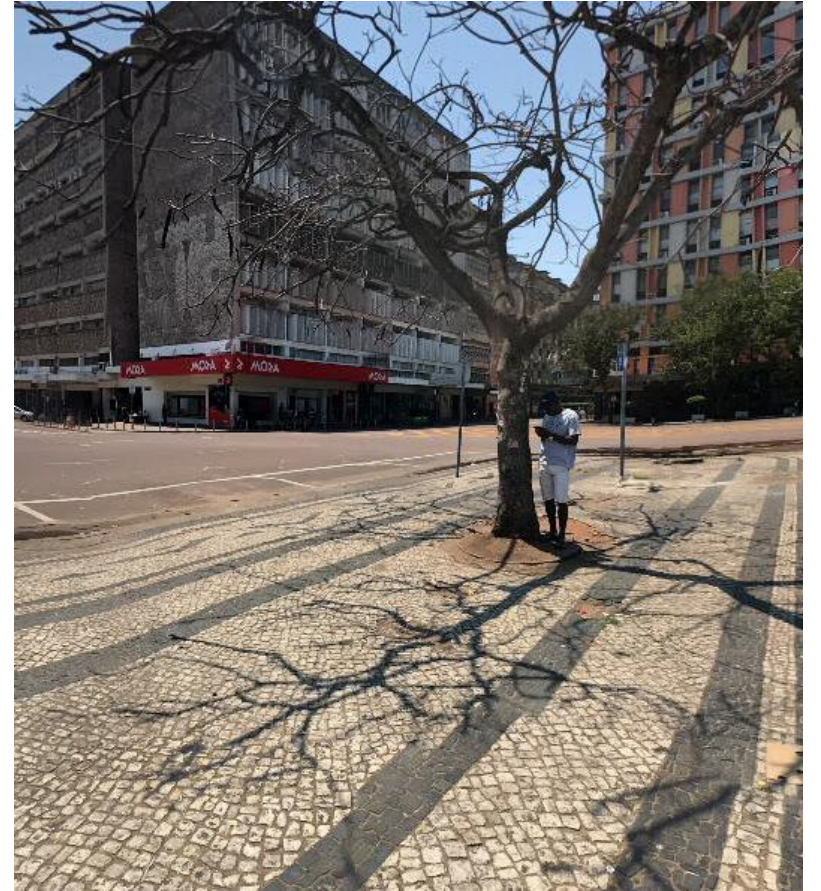
# Problem - safety



# Problem - infrastructure



A Road



A Bus Stop

# Problem - traffic



# Problem – personal space and harrasment





# The Project Aim



**«paratransit» mobility**

## **PROBLEM**

**banned the whole system from  
the urban area**

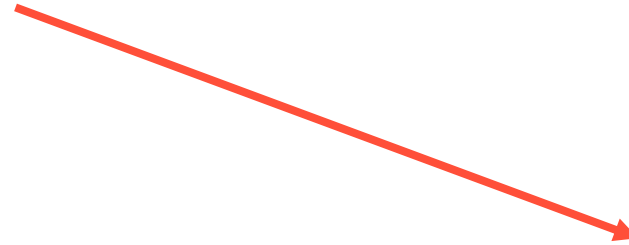
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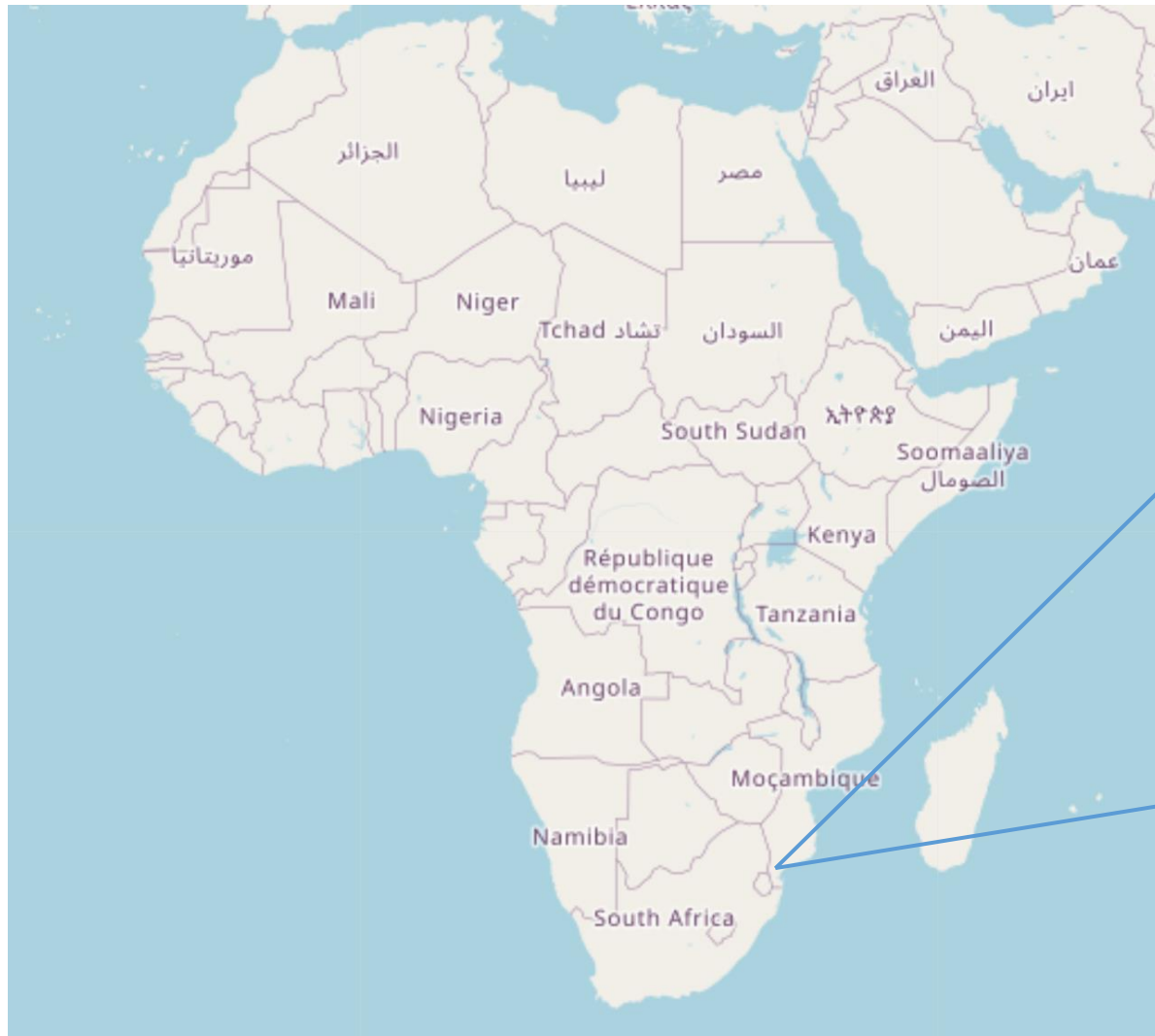
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# Maputo (Mozambique) as a Case Study



# Data Mapping



## Undestranding «paratransit» mobility

- **Demand**

How do people move around the city? Where do they wait the most?

- Thought GPS data shared by mobile phone users

- **Offer**

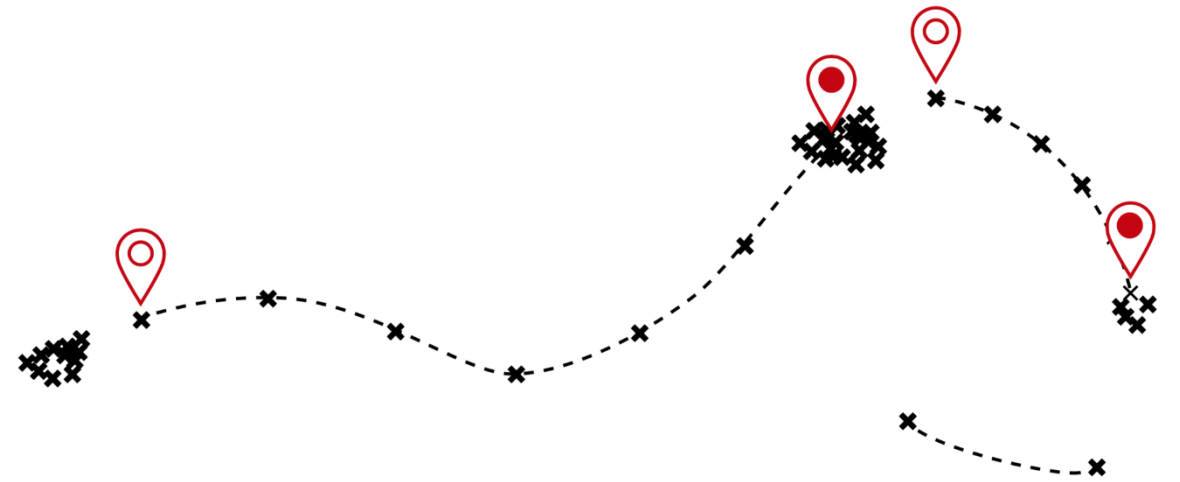
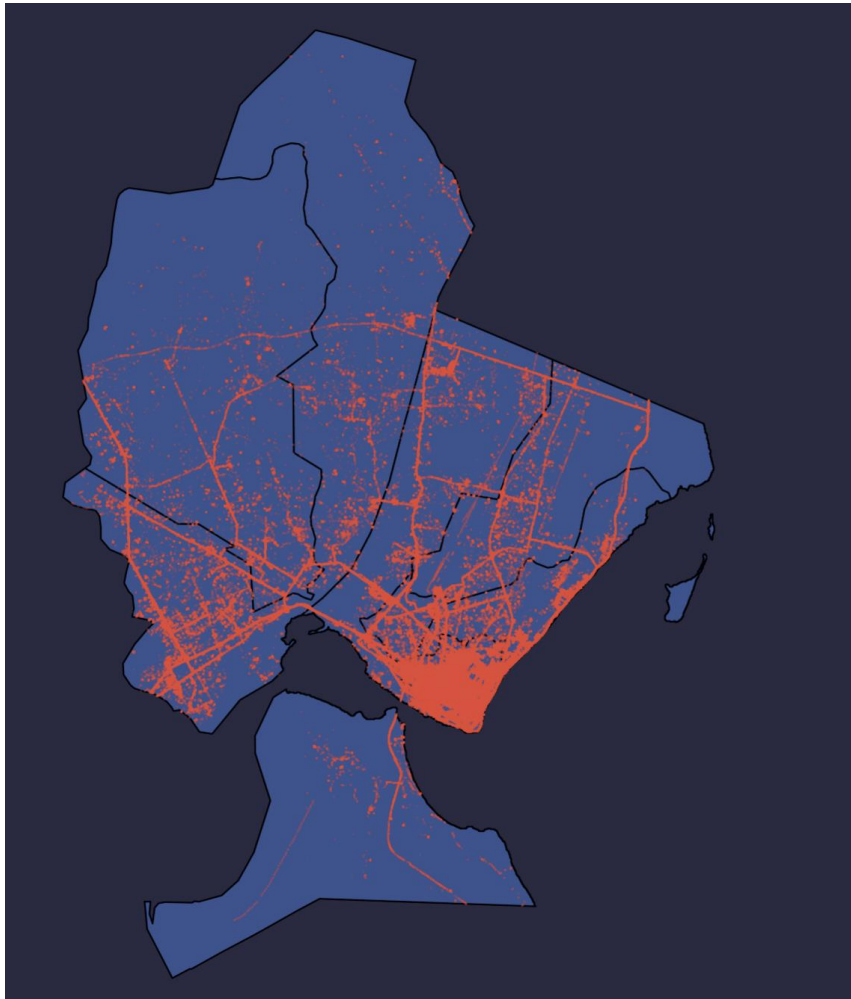
Which are the active route? Where is the lack of offer located?

- Through a Maphaton

- **Infrastructure**

Which is the condition of the infrastructure? Which road are concrete, soil, sand?

# Demand: Cuebiq Data

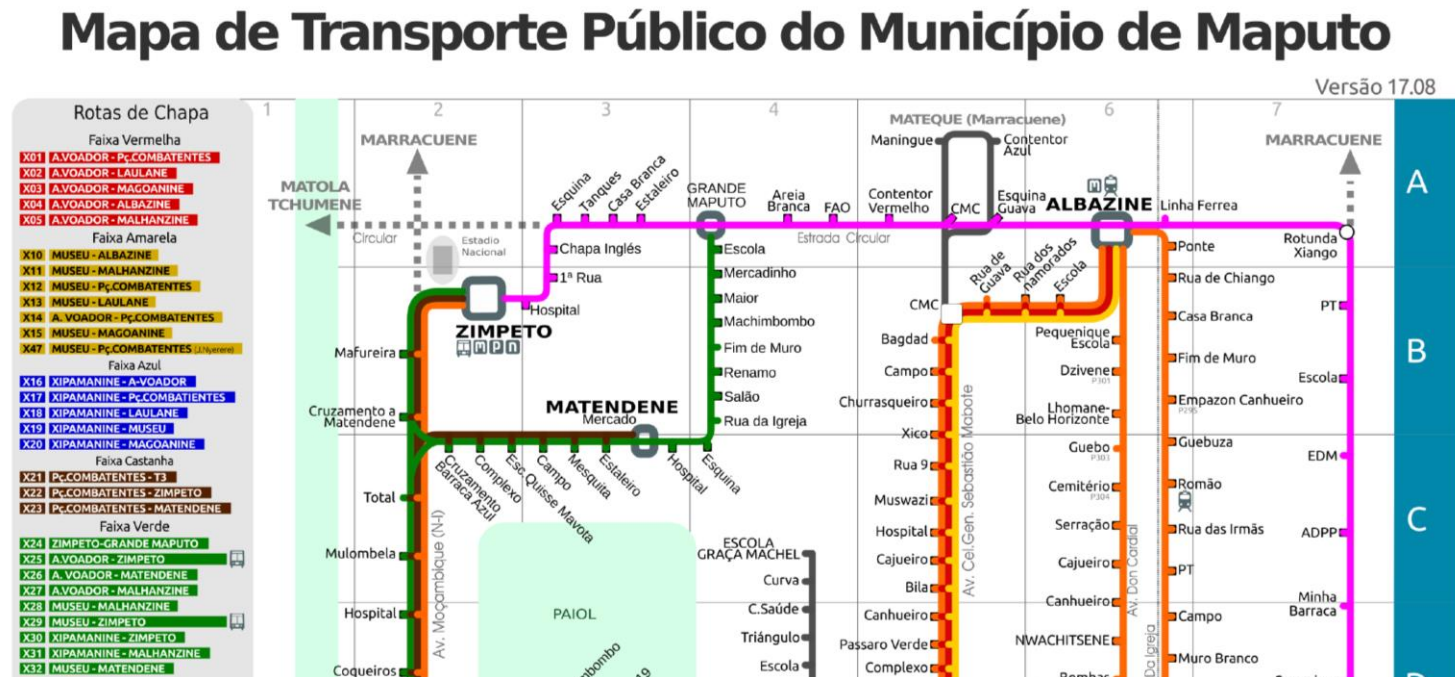


Collection window: January 31st 2019 - ongoing  
Collection area: **Greater Maputo (Mozambique)**  
Monitored unique users: 20k  
Average daily number of data points per user: ~150

# Offer: Maphaton

Maphaton is a collective project aimed at mapping the actual system offer.

- Stops
- Timetable
- Lines
- Interchages
- ...



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**Apoios e parcerias do Mapa dos Chapas Project**

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# Infrastructure: Satellite and OSM Data

To understand the quality of the infrastructure, we explored two data sources:

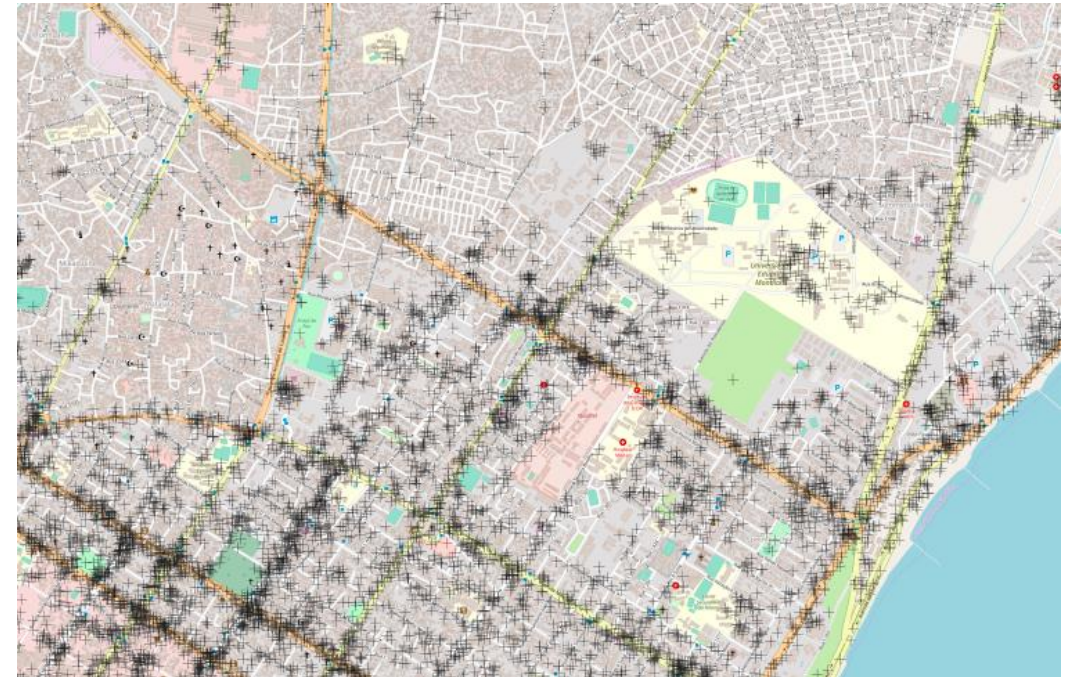
- **Open Street Map Data**  
to understand which infrastructure are present in the area.
- **Google place API Data**  
to identify important venues, such as hospitals, markets, shopping malls.



# Data Analysis

The analysis conducted using these data are:

- **OD Matrices**
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- **Isocrone Analysis**
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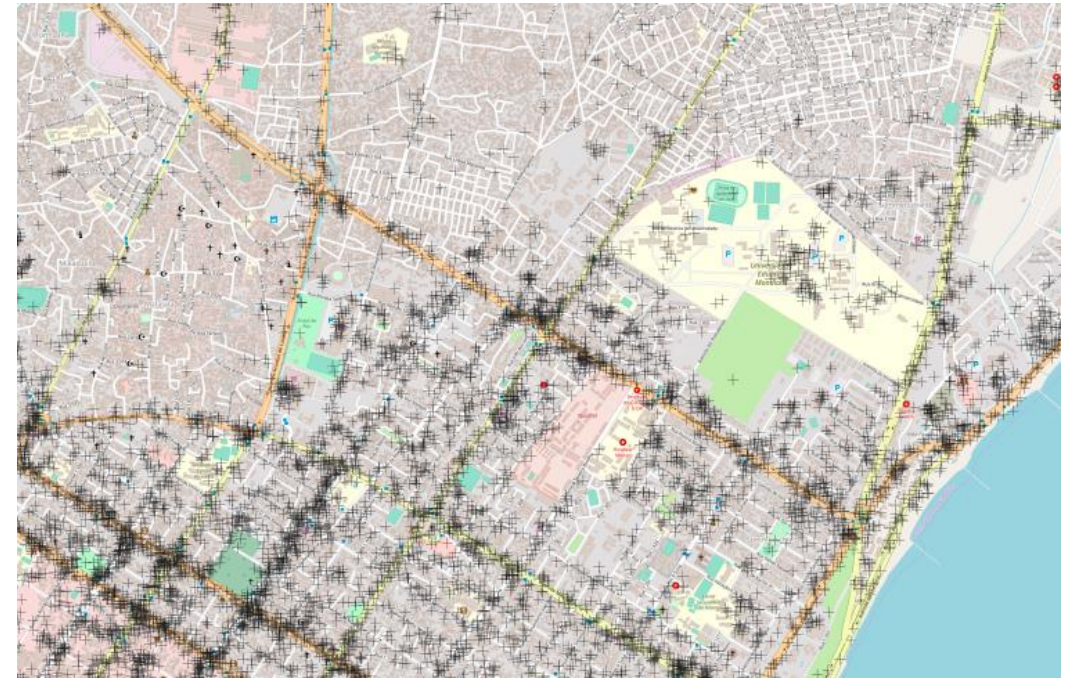
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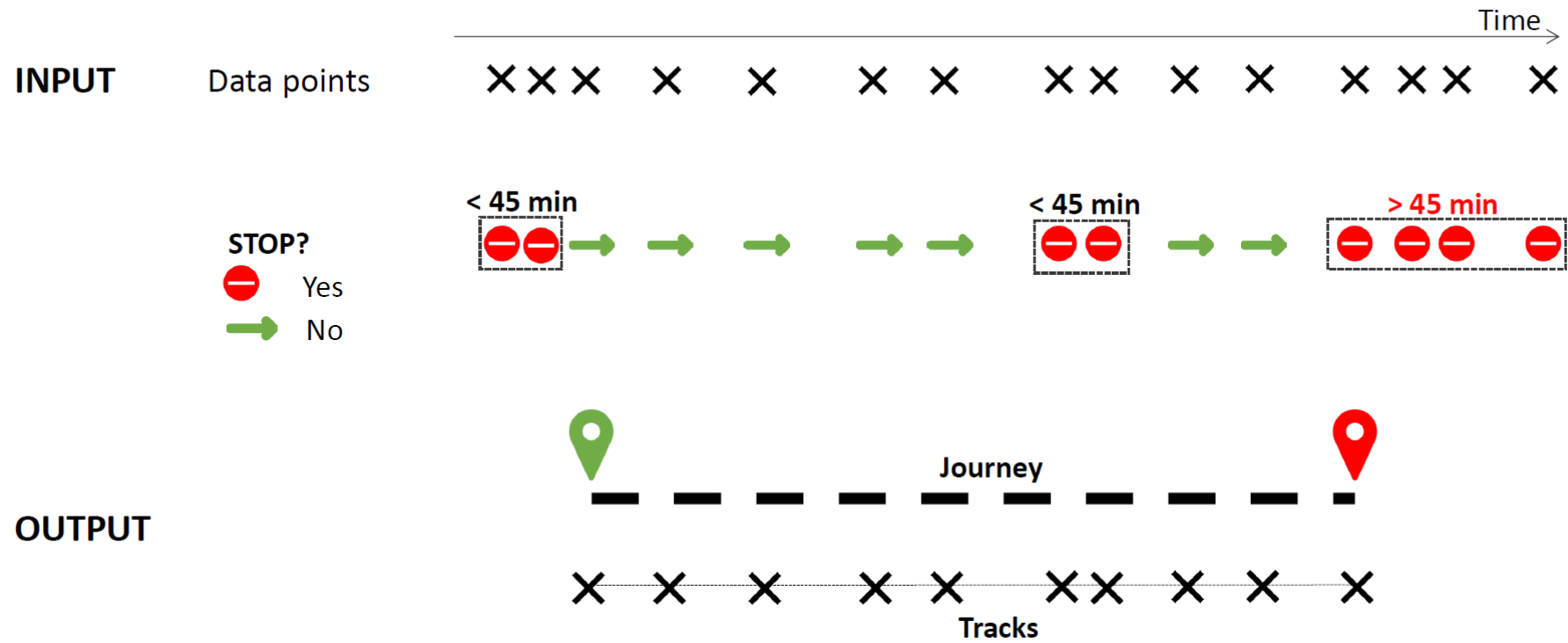
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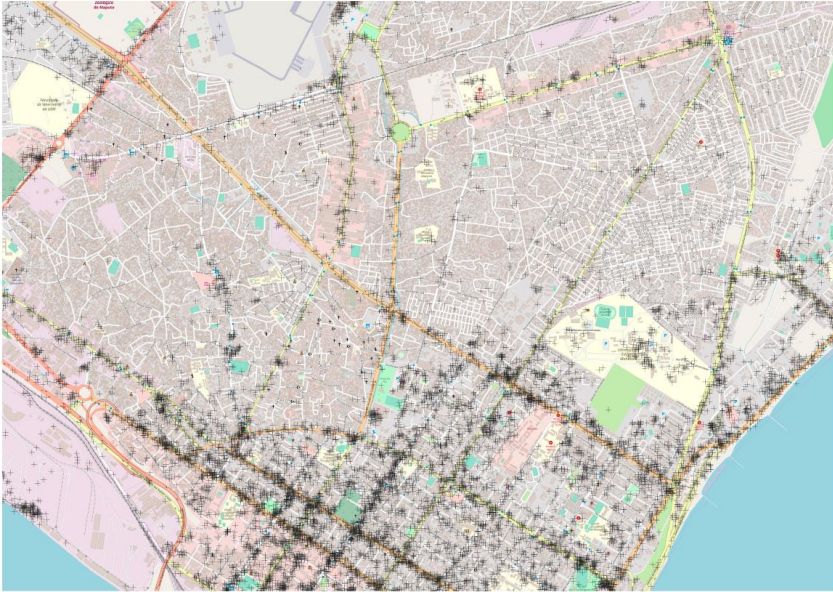


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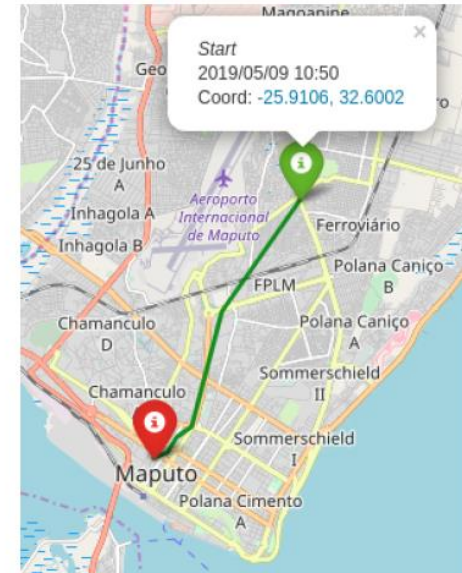
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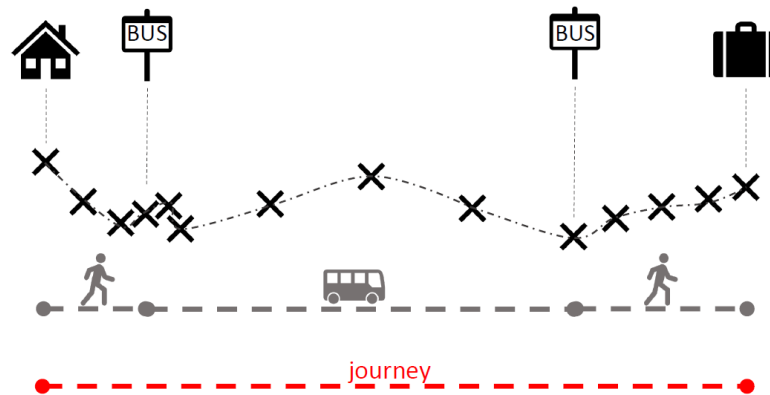
# Data Preprocessing: from points to journeys



**Initial Dataset**  
5m GPS location  
20k unique users

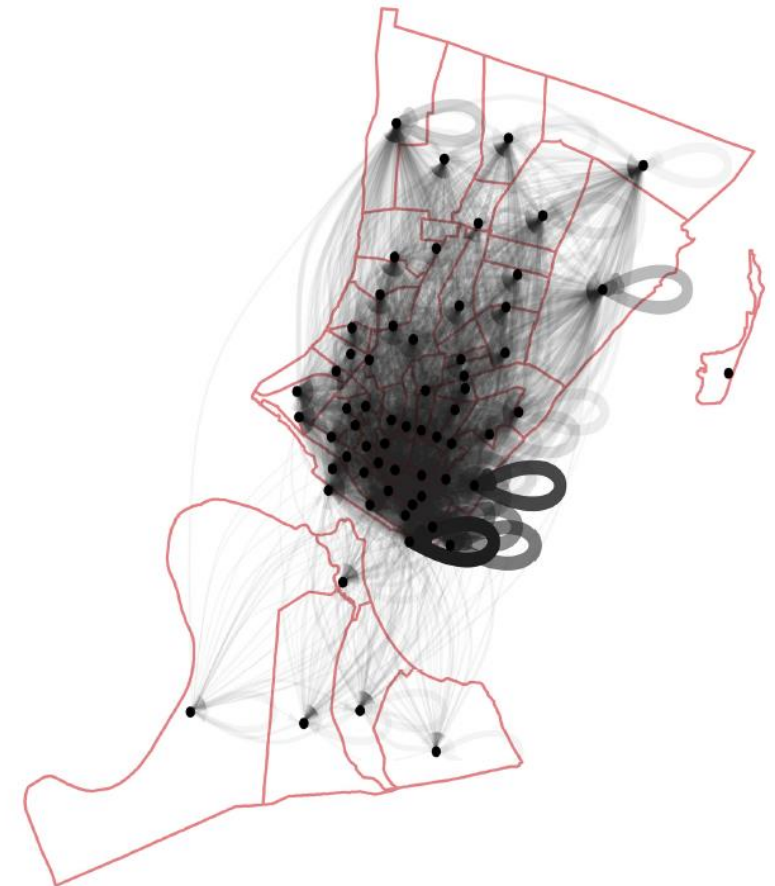
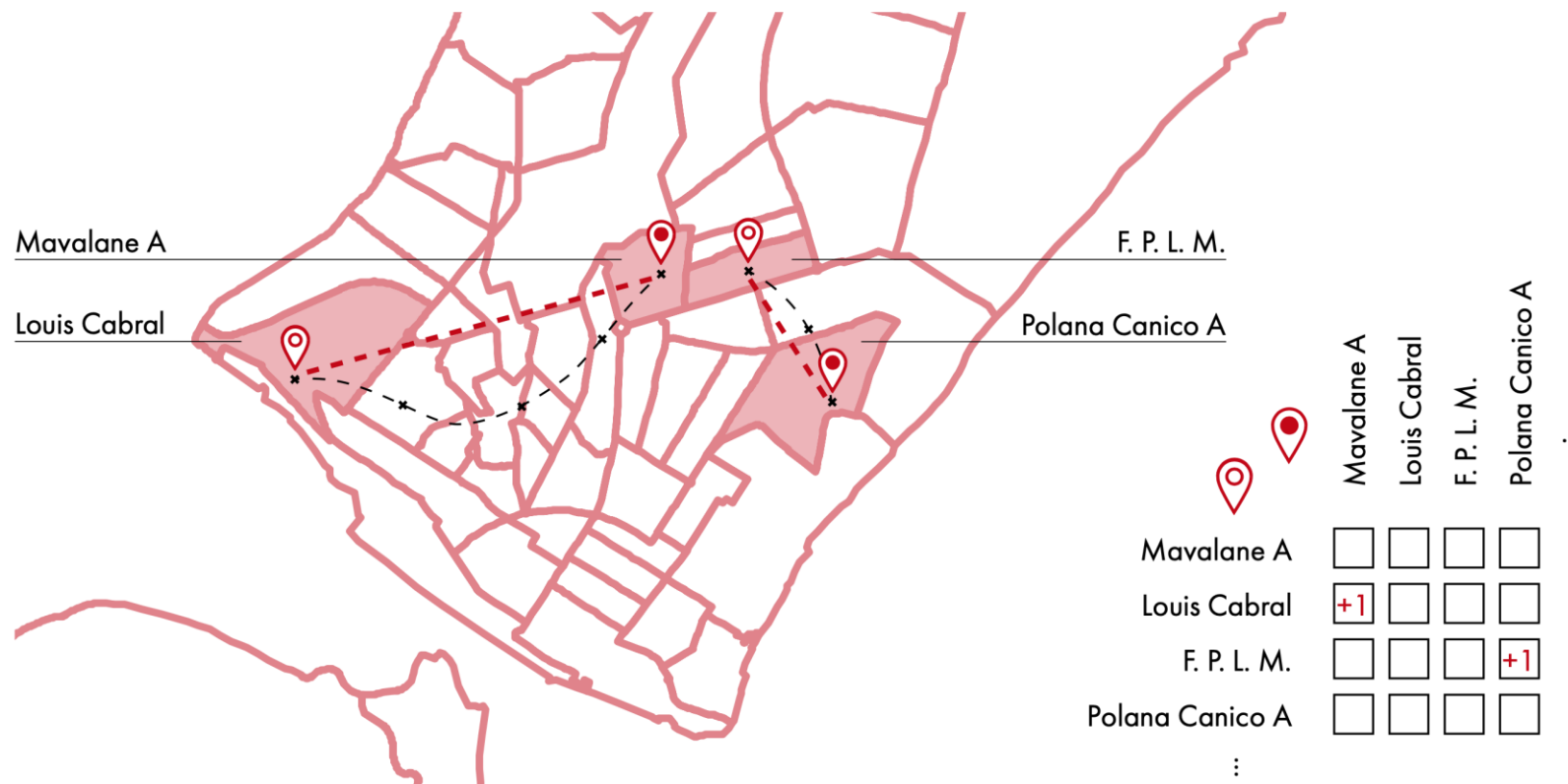


**Set of Journeys**  
7k unique users



# Origin Destination Matrix

The aim of the origin destination matrices is to understand the mobility between different area at different time of the day . The area can be build based on the census sampling area, to allow rescale the analysis easily.



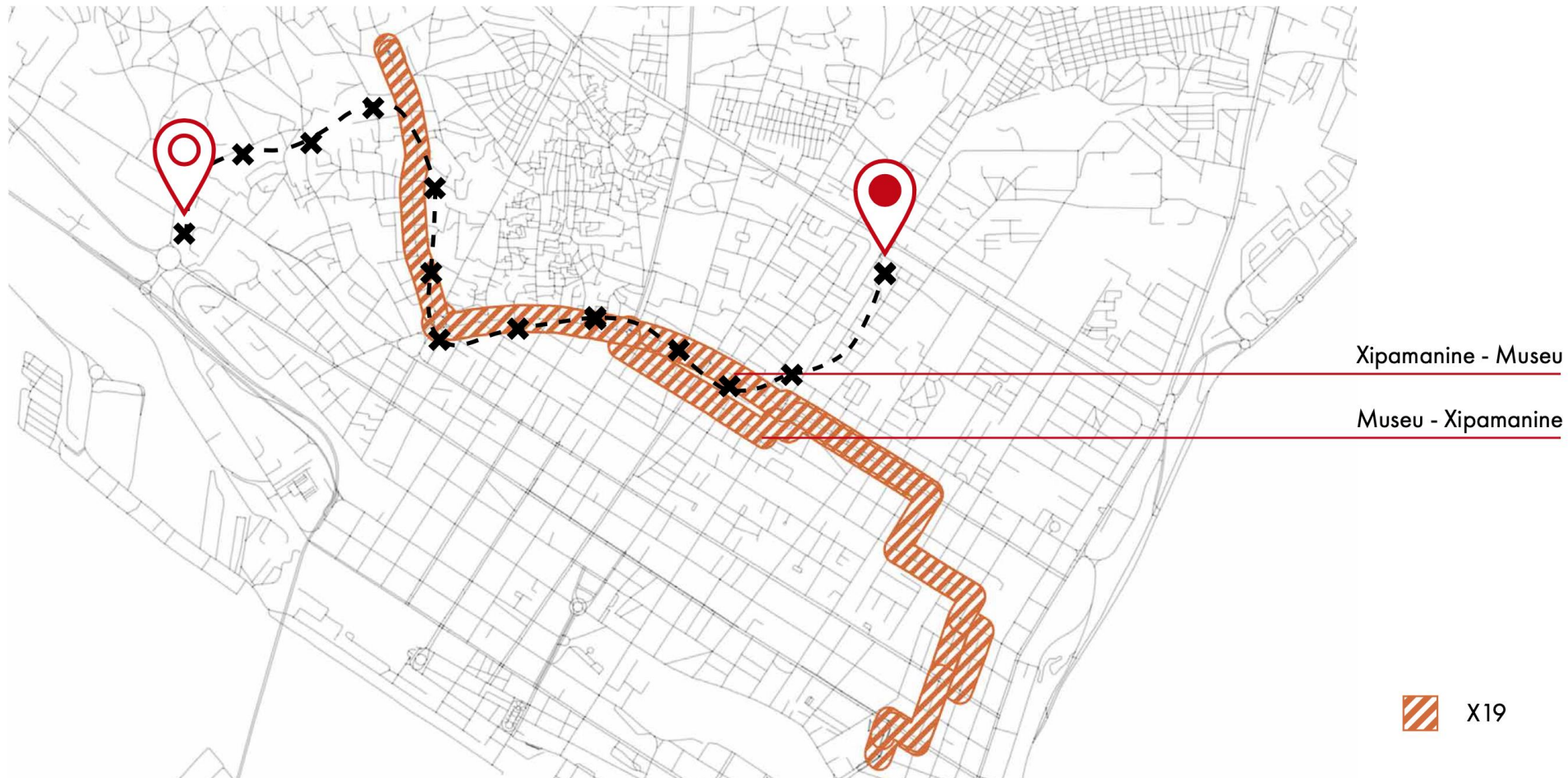
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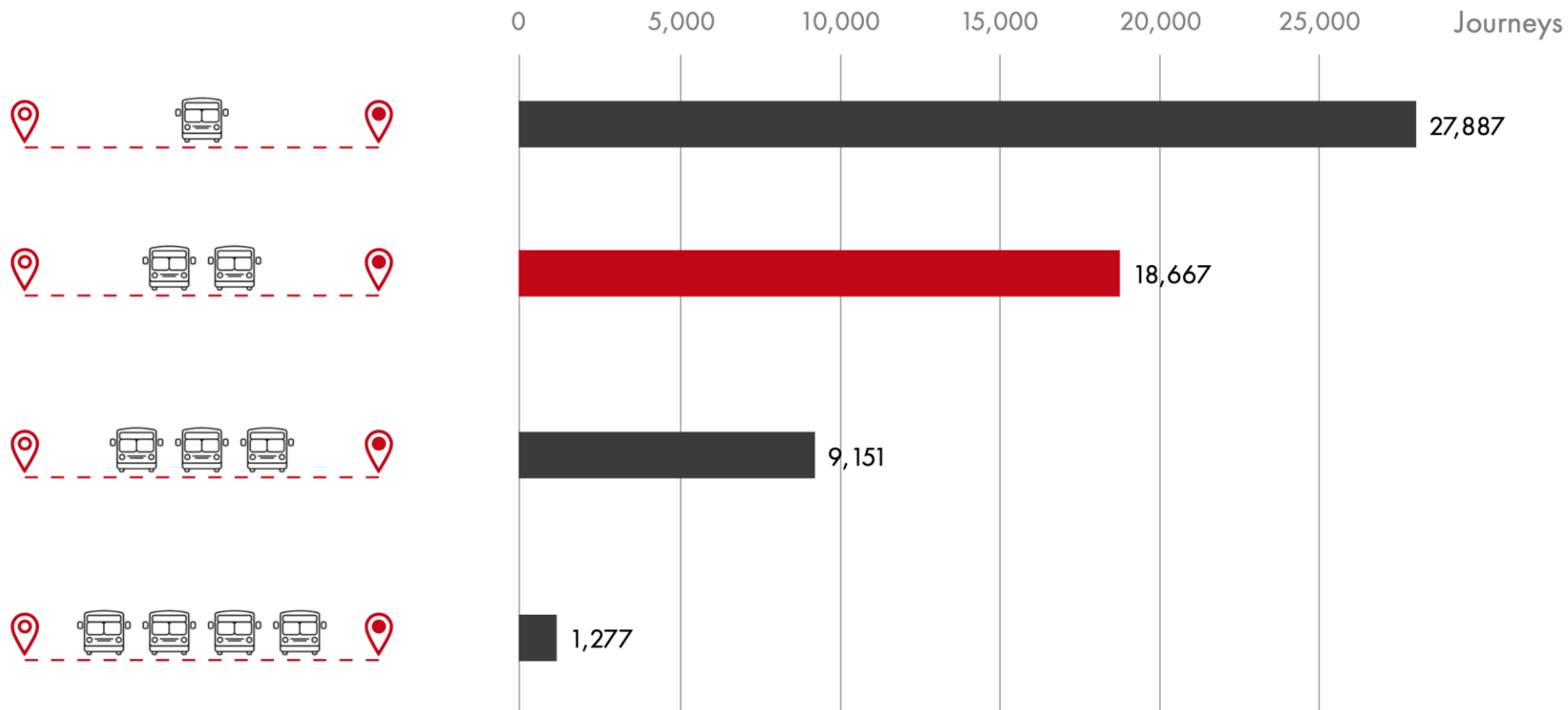
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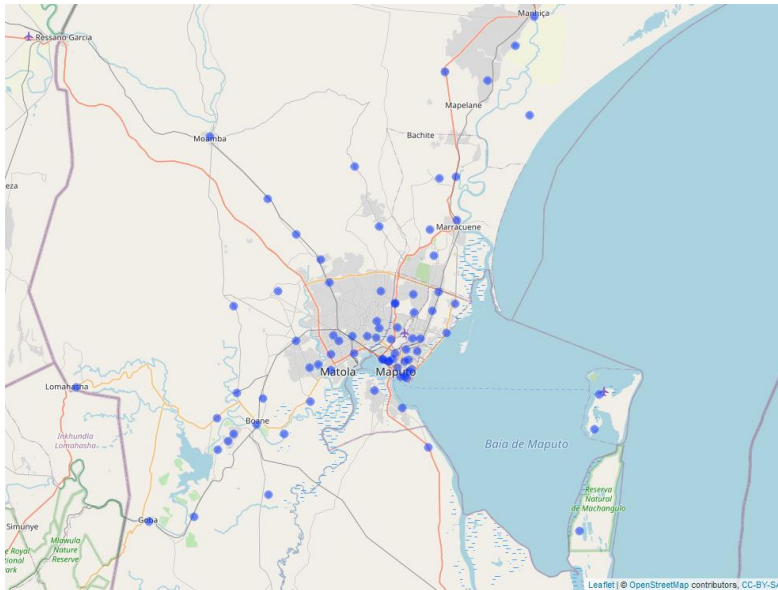
The User-Line analysis could help us understanding the «breaking points» of a journey, i.e. how many changes a user should do to arrive to its final destination.



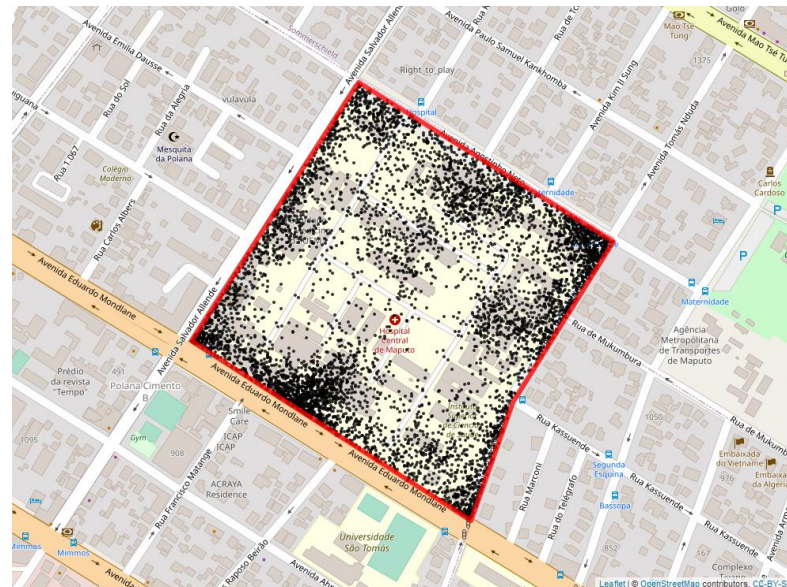


# Isocrone Analysis

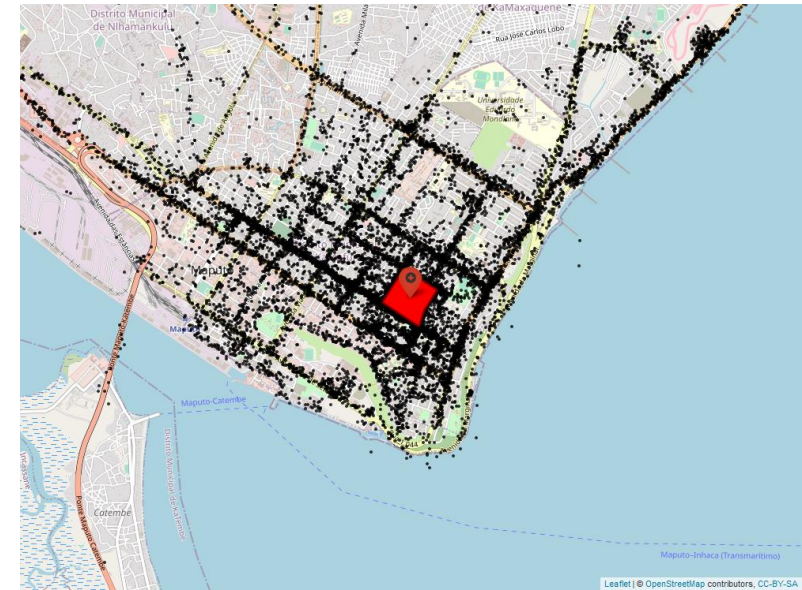
Isocrone Analysis focuses on understanding which is the travelling time between the urban area and important venues such as hospitals.



Venues in Maputo



Central Hospital

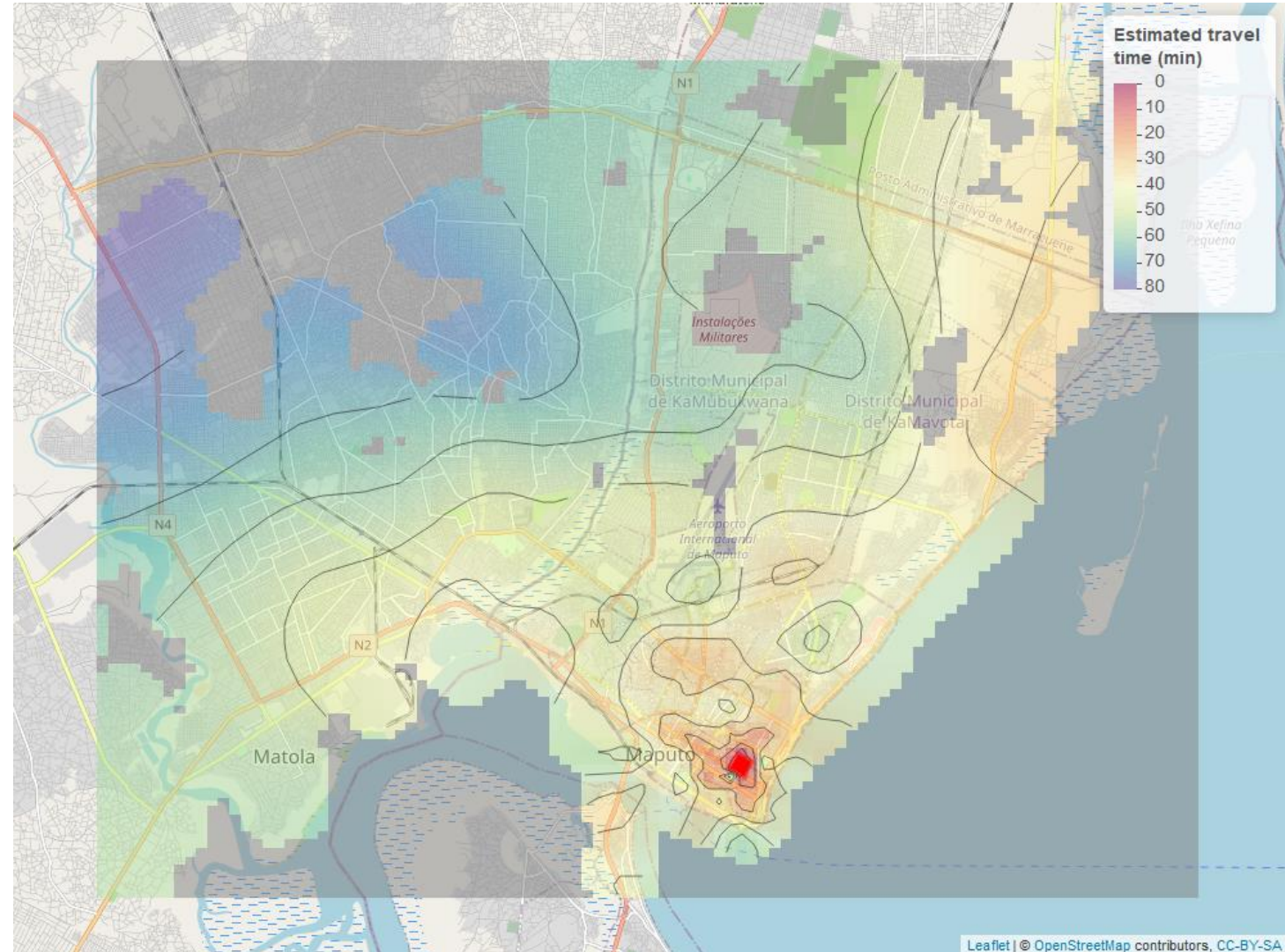


Paths crossing the hospital buffer

# Isocrone Analysis

Isochrone map to reach the central hospital.

The map shows the travelling time to the hospital, by coloring areas in the same color if the travelling time from the area to the hospital is within the same time range.



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- **Transport Mode detection**  
Understanding which mode the trajectory is travelling on (bus, chapas, car, bike).
- **Stop Analysis** – *In collaboration with Agostino Torti*  
Analysis of the stops, understanding the waiting time at the main stops.
- **Infrastructure Analysis**  
Using Satellite images and Open Street Map infrastructure classification to label the streets which are not labelled yet.

# Conclusion



## Undestranding «paratransit» mobility

We studied with non-official real time data:

- **Demand** OD Matrices, User-Line
  - **Offer** User-Line, Stops Analysis, Isochrone
  - **Infrastructure** Satellite Analysis, Stops Analysis
- The analysis were shared with the local transport administration to support the integreation of the chapas system in the public transport network.

# Scalability

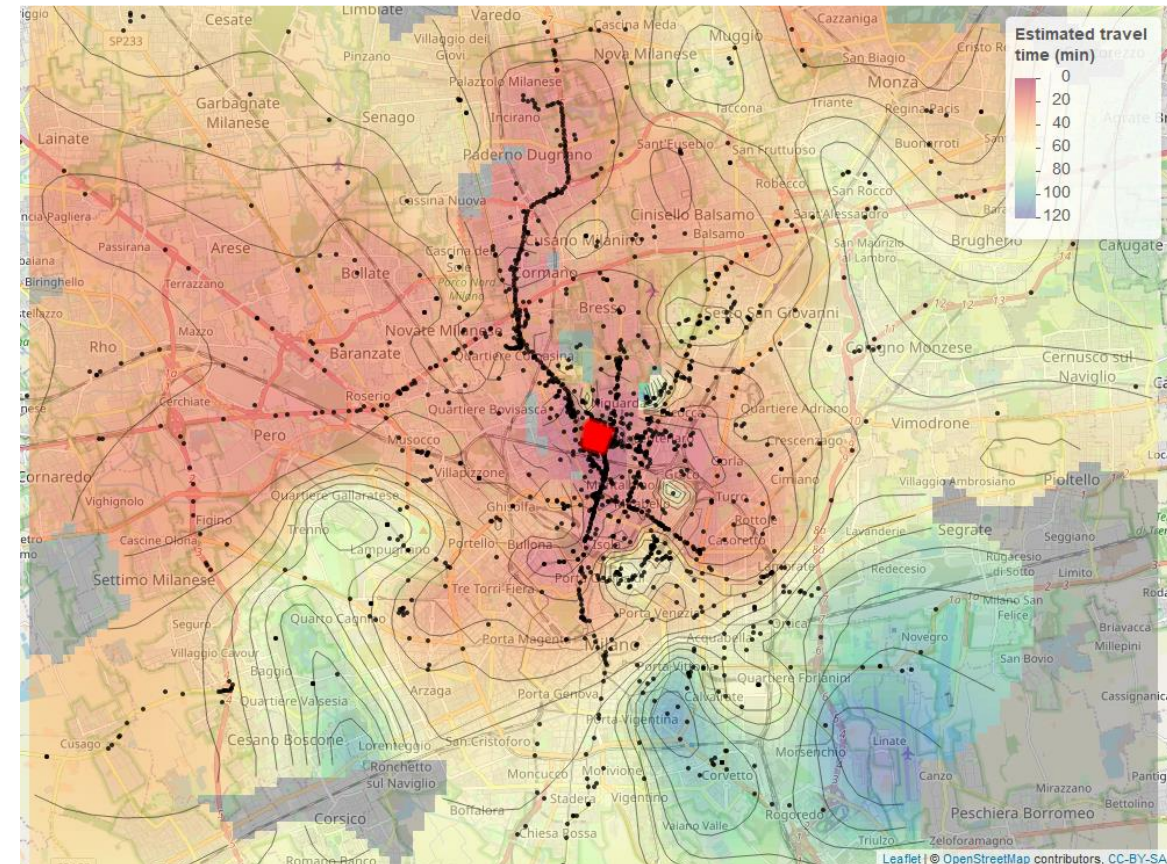
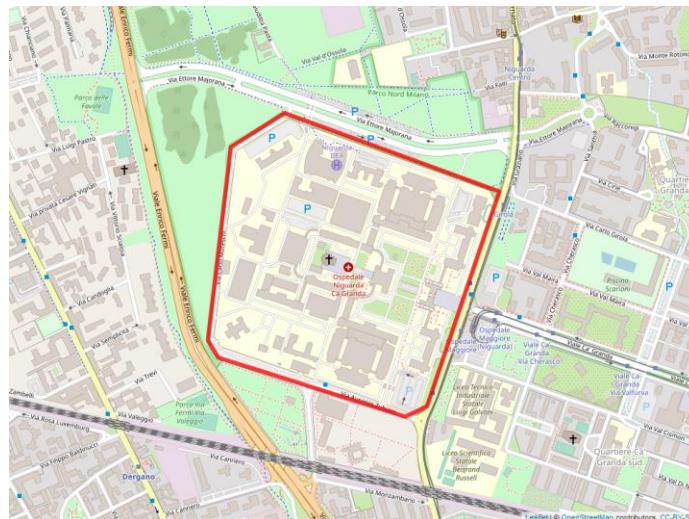
The methodology proposed here can be scaled to any other context with data availability.

Example: Isochrone analysis in Milan

Data Source: Cuebiq, Open Street Map

Focus: Niguarda Hospital

Result: Map of the time to reach the the hospital.



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Thank you!

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