

Walking & Public Transport

Potentials and Possibilities



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Walking – what is it?



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Walking ...



Pedestrians...

- Unconscious mobility
- Low weight
- Now swinging radius
- Can turn spontaneously
- No braking distance
- Can stop from one step to the next
- React quick and intuitive
- Need little space
- Can perform activities on the way

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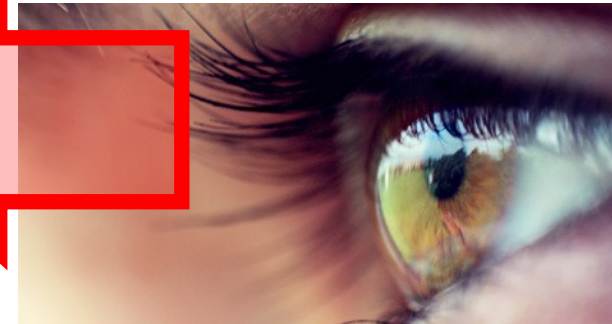
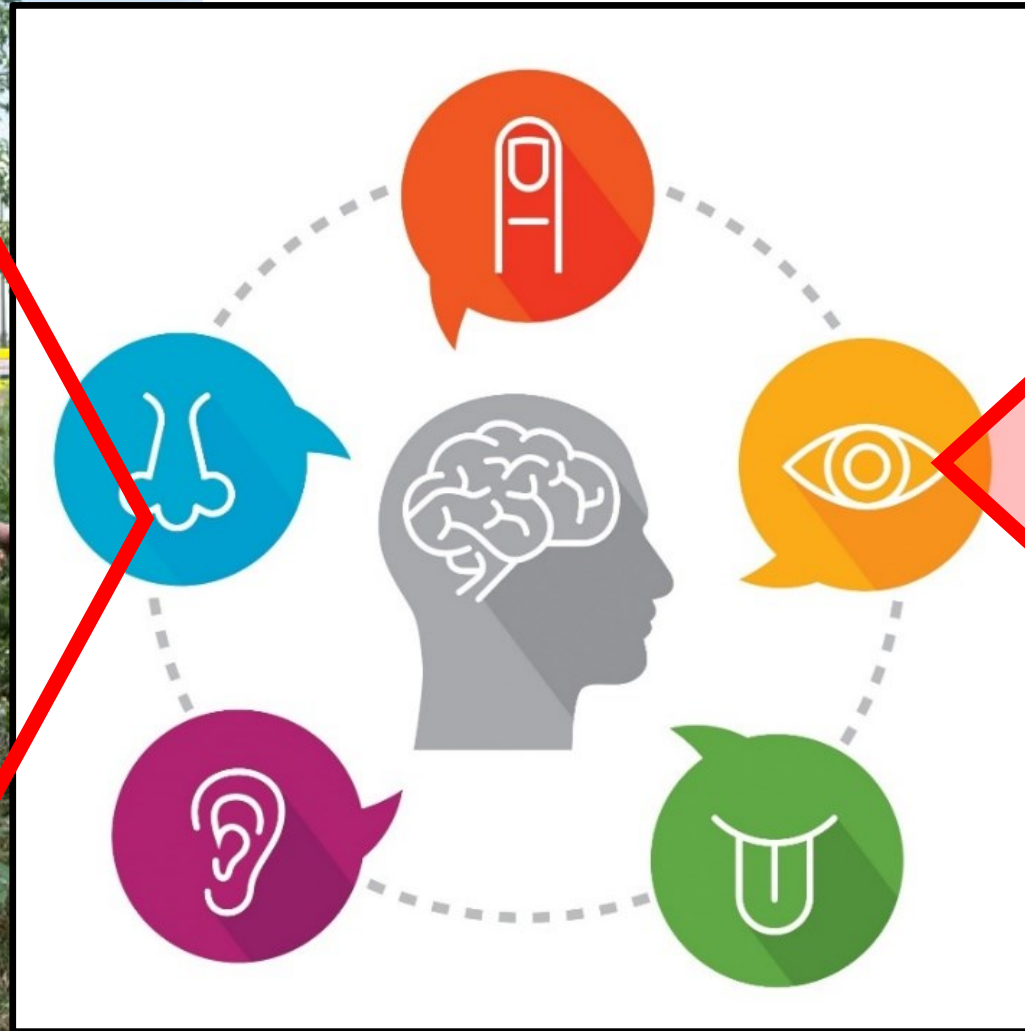
Walking is an
outdoor mobility



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80% visual!

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A photograph of a city street scene. In the foreground, a large white oval with a red border is centered, containing the number '1' and the text 'Pedestrians react on walking environments!'. The background shows a sidewalk with several pedestrians walking. To the left, there are parked cars and trees. To the right, there is a building with a large illuminated sign. The scene is captured in a slightly blurred, candid style.

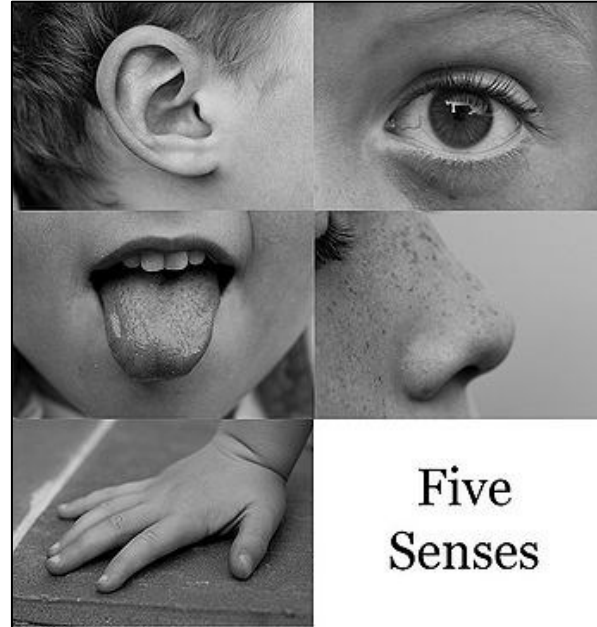
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Pedestrians react on walking environments!



**How influence urban
environments
the walking experience?**

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**Impact of the
environment on the
walking experience**

1. Emotions



2. Perception of time



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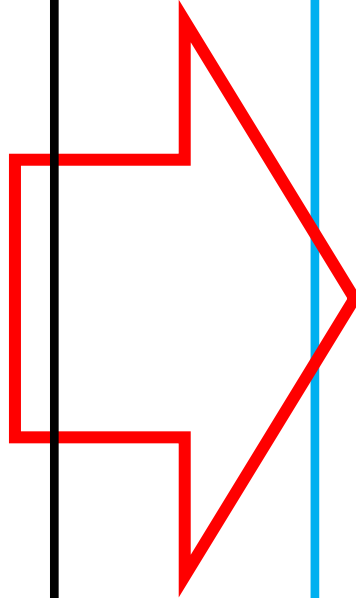
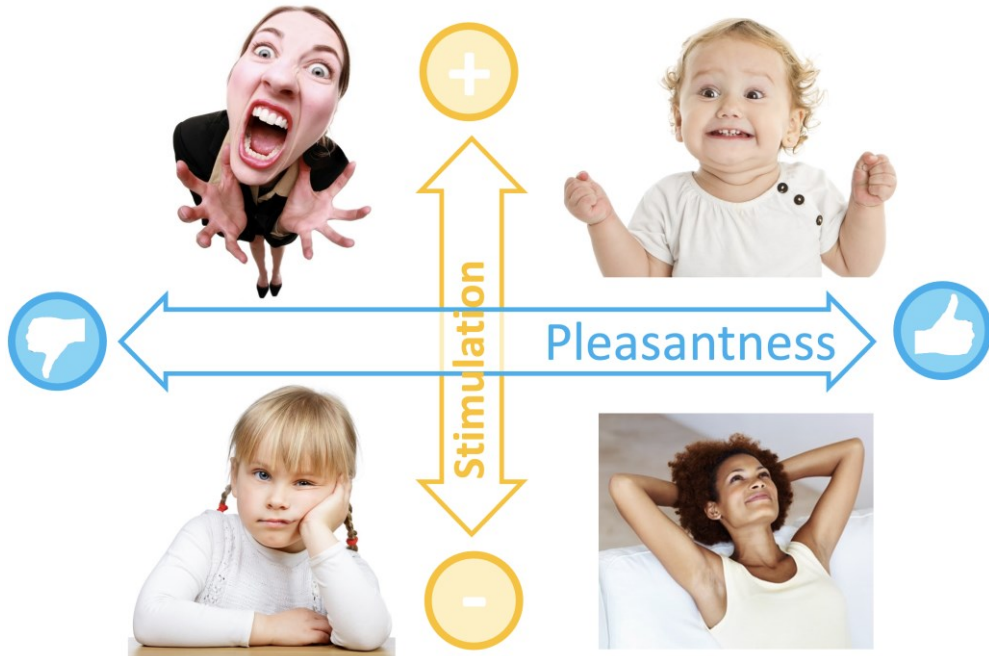
Emotions

Psychologists explain...



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How can we measure pleasantness?



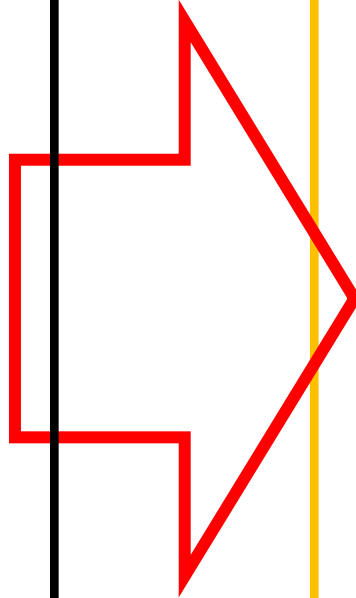
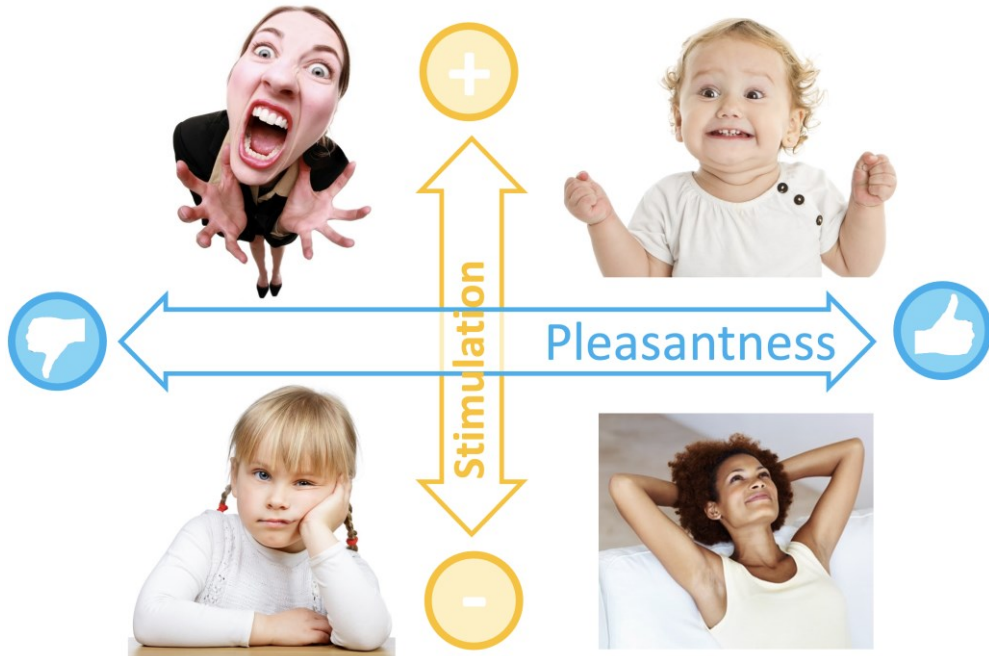
Pleasantness:

Interviews



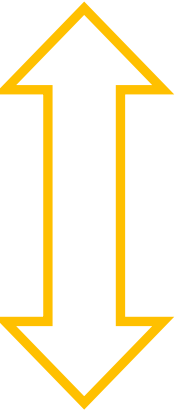
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How can we measure stimulation?



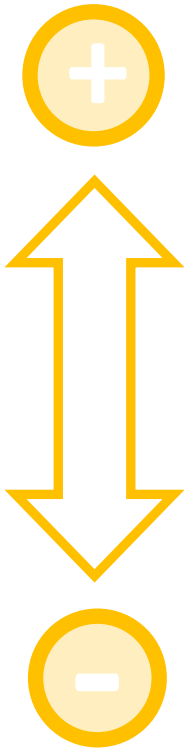
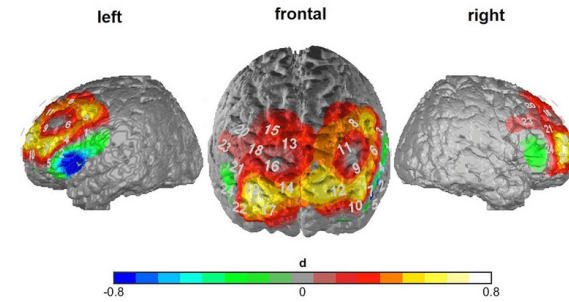
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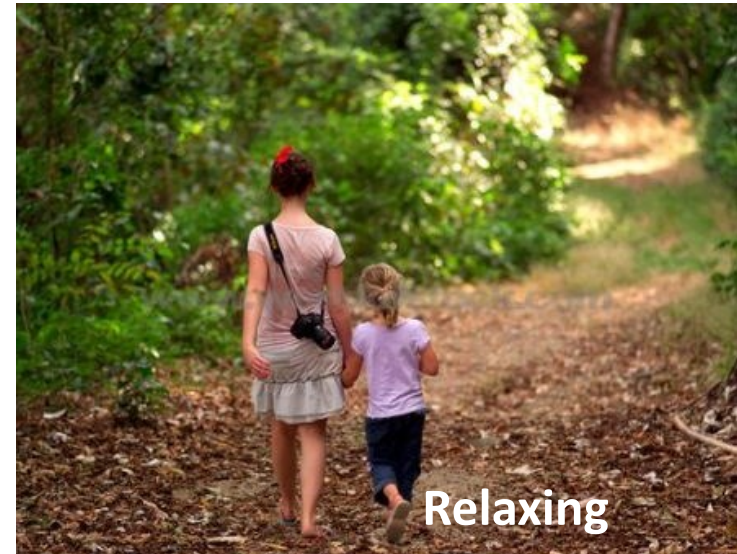
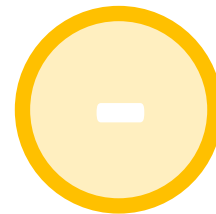
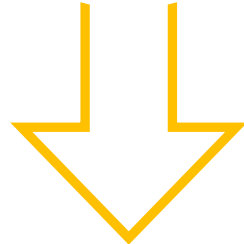
Observations



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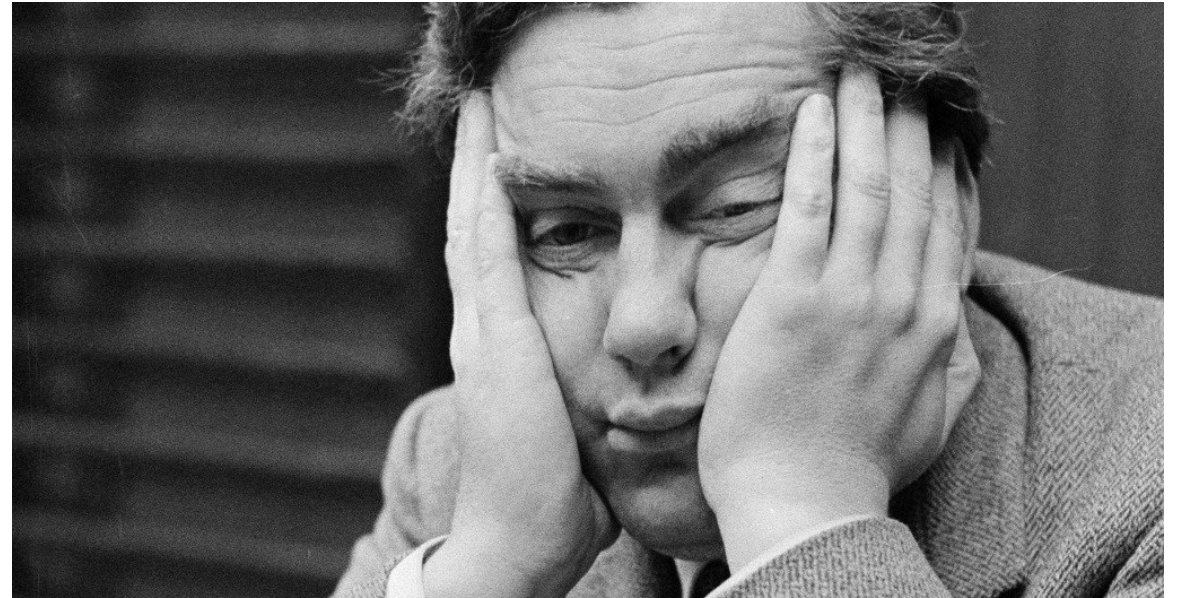
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Pedestrians experience of time



We do not experience time as constant

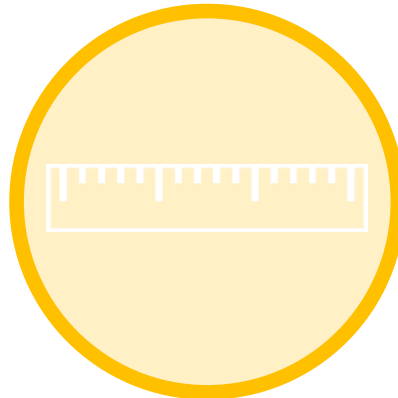
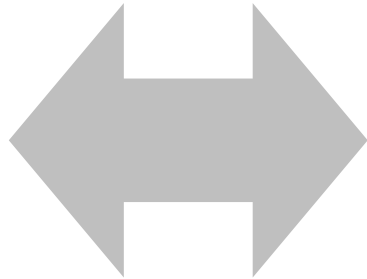
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**Time perception:
Effect for walking**

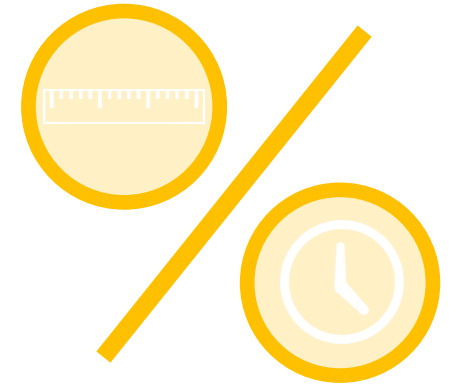
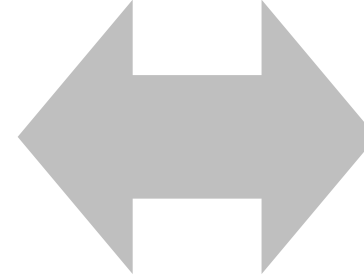
Time
passes fast



Perceived
walking speed
high



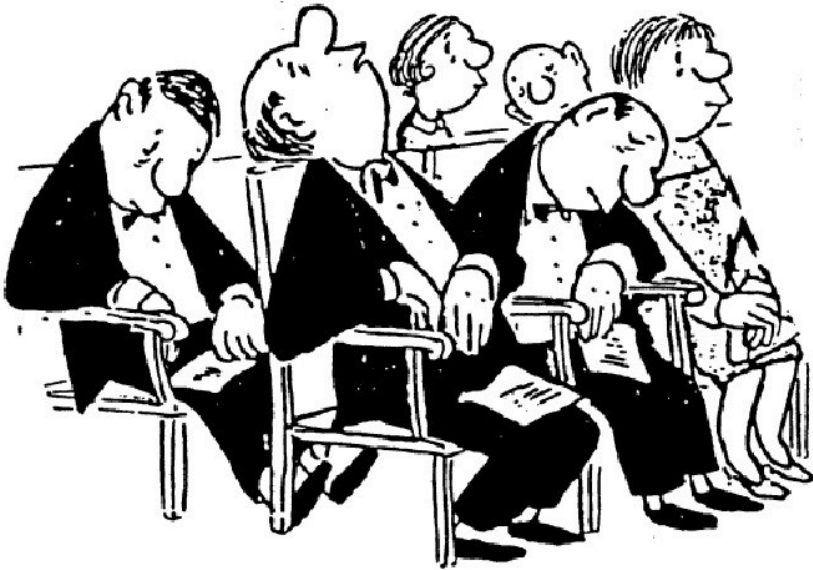
Distance
short



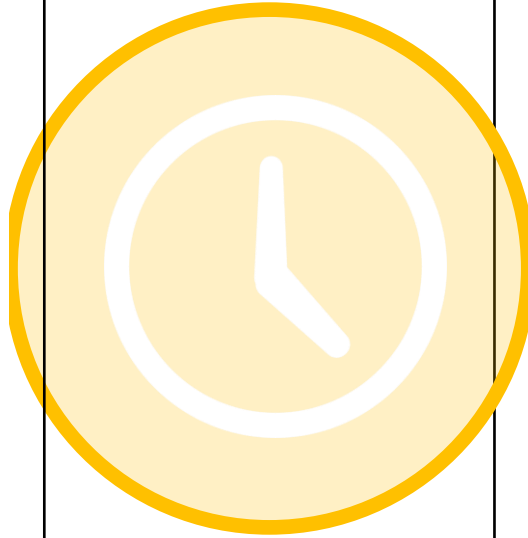
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Subjective perception of time – psychologists explain...

Low stimulation



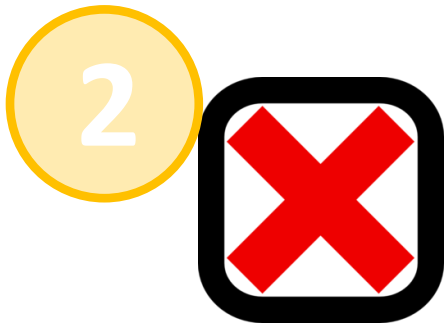
Long ...



High stimulation

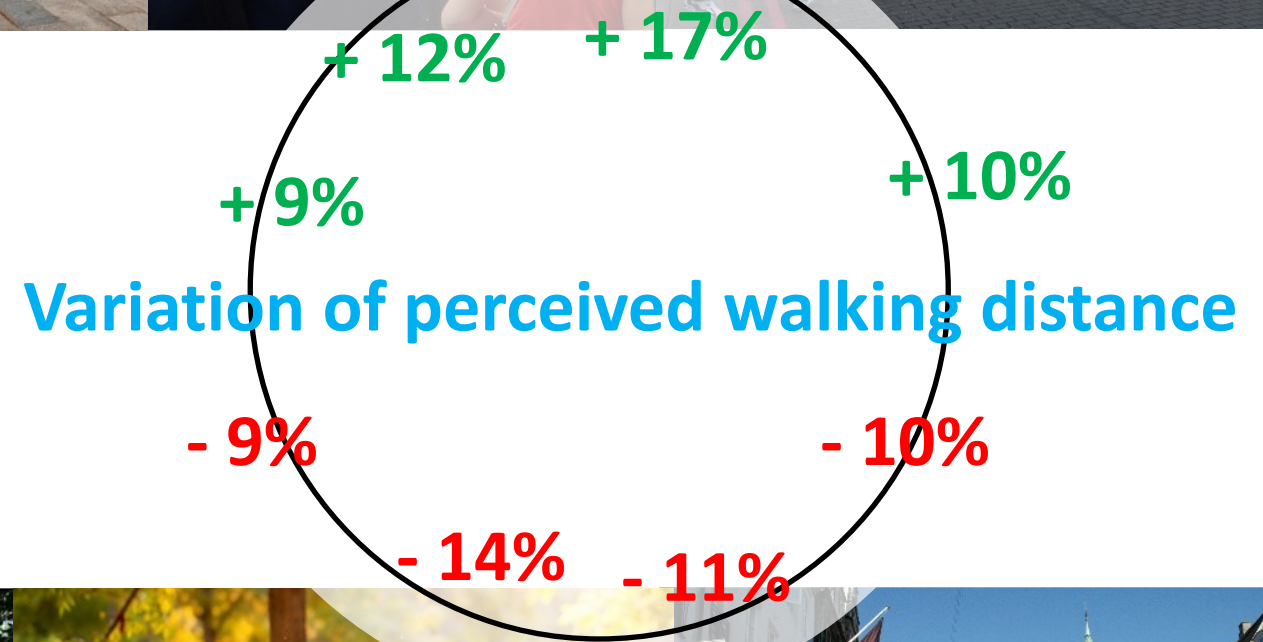


Short!!



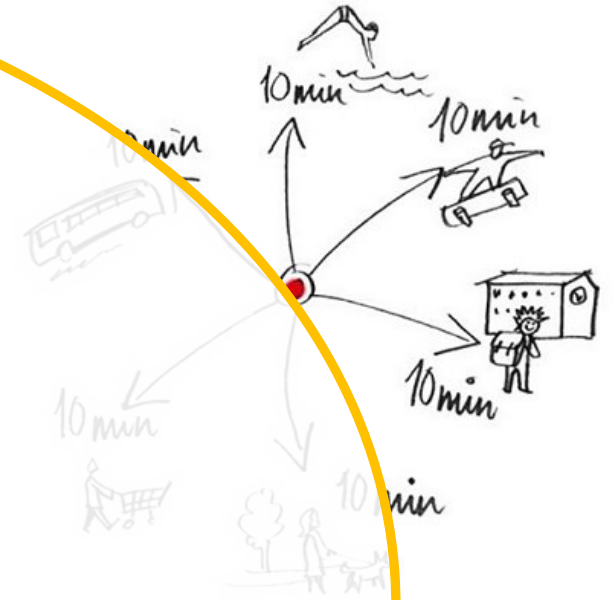
Variation distance
perception **30%**

No «soft factor»!





What we reach on foot



Perception of

1. Travel time
2. Distance
3. Speed

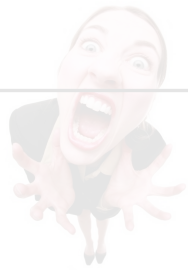
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What we reach on foot

The urban environment influences...

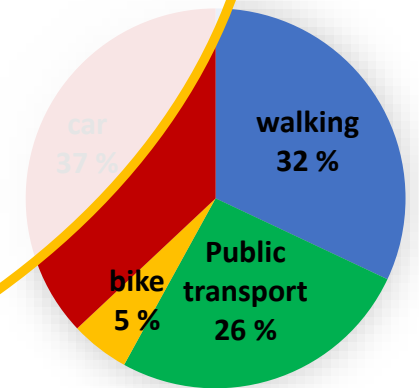
1. if we choose to walk
2. how far we walk

Emotions



Choice to walk

Modal split



How we choose to travel

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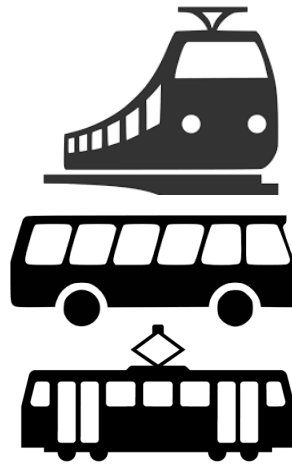


**Walking for Public transport
– only the “*first and last mile*”?**



3 Public transport: one journey - four trips

Home



Work



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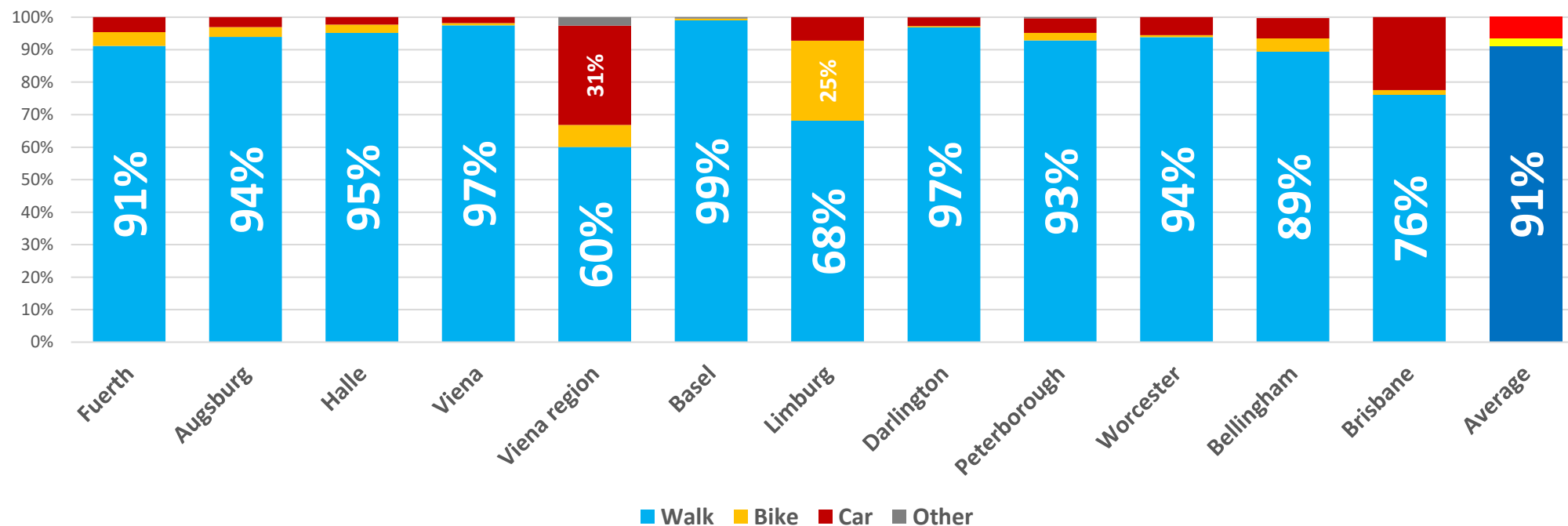
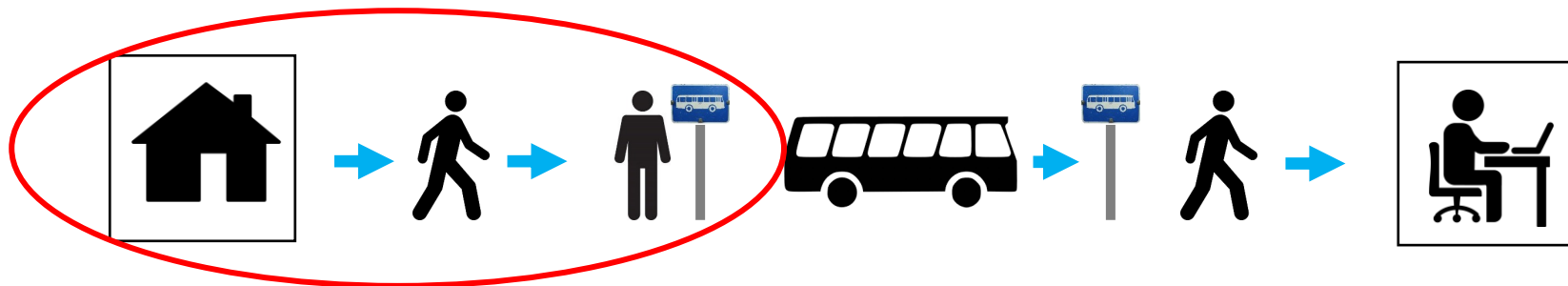
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Trip legs

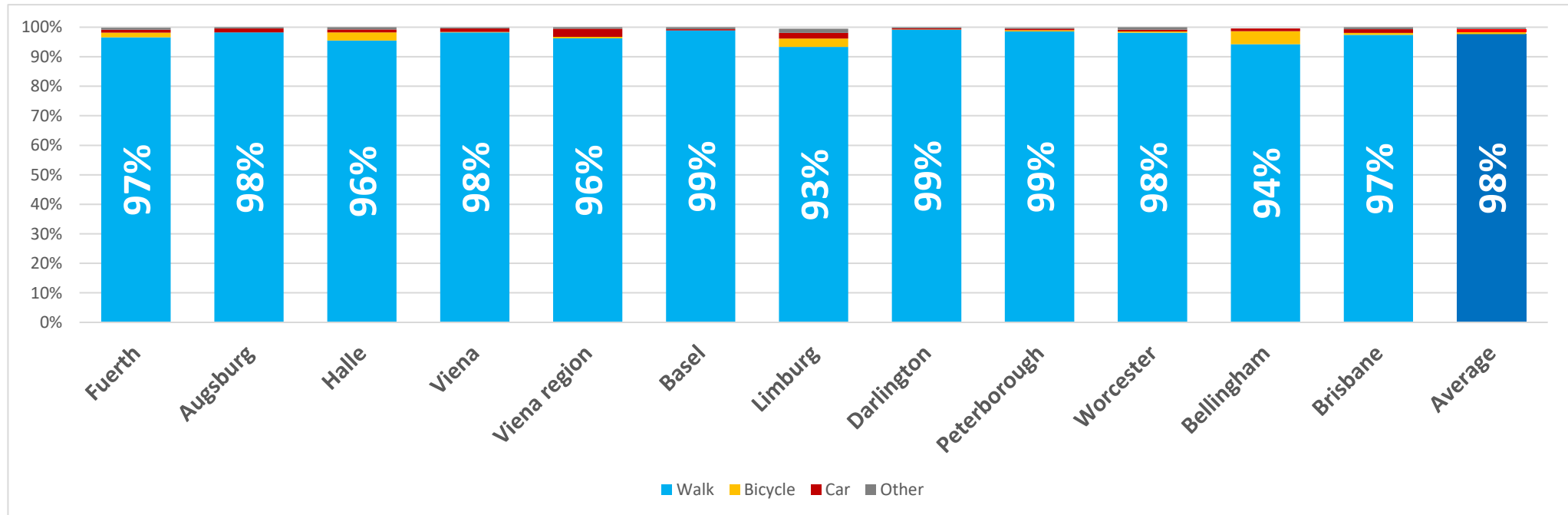
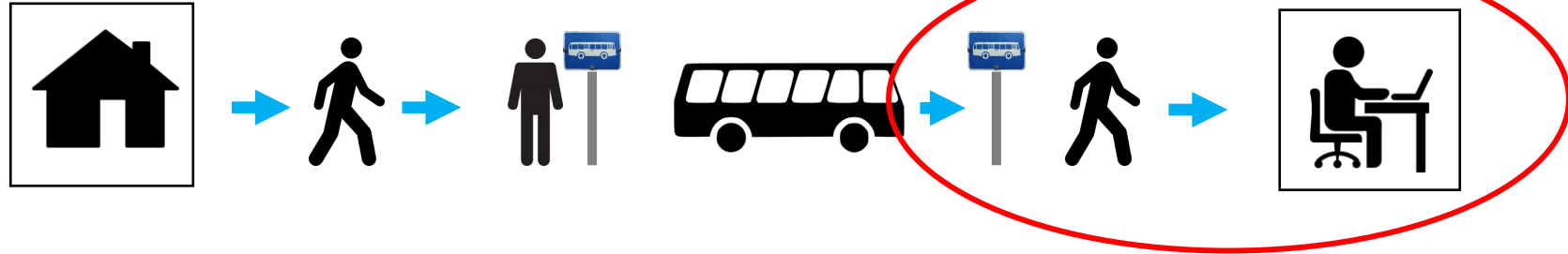
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Getting to PT close to homes



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Getting to PT at the journey destination



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How much walking is integrated in Public Transport trips?

Principal component analysis:

2 types of short, everyday, urban public transport trips:

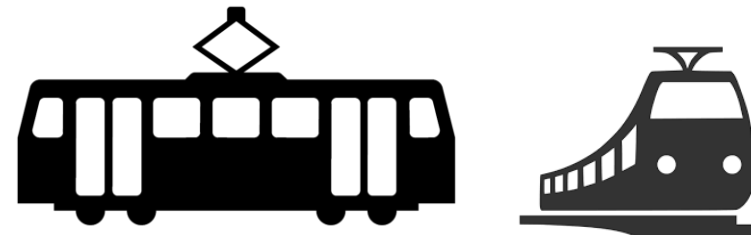
Trip type 1

- Slower PT mode (21 km/h)
- short walking access trips
- 72% of all the trips in the data



Trip type 2

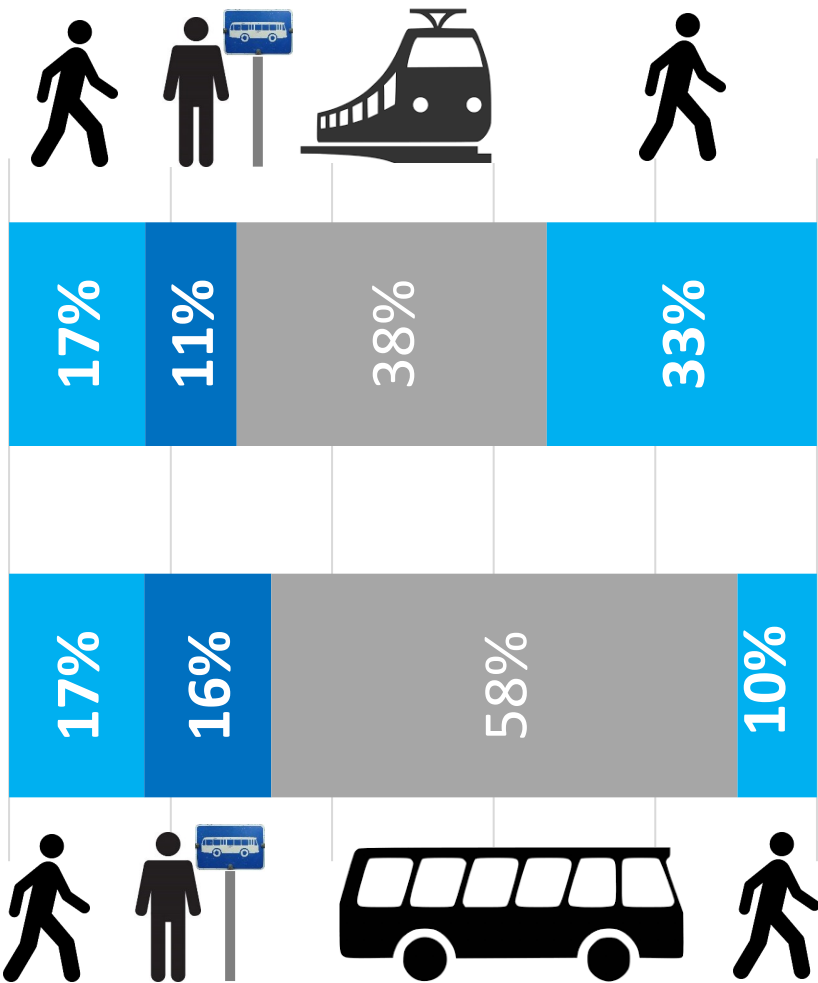
- Slightly faster PT mode (25 km/h)
- Longer walking access trips at activity end of trip
- 17% of all trips in the data



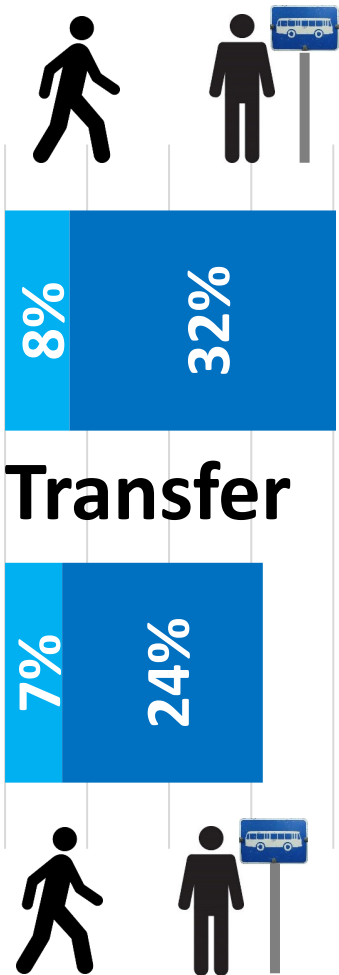
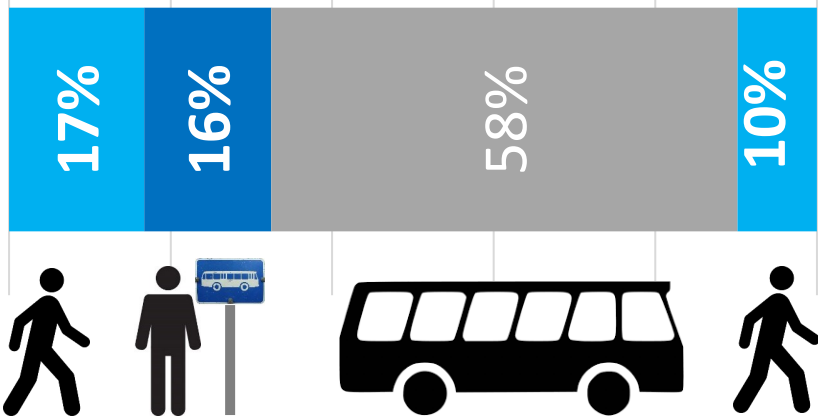
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Travel time from door-to-door

Trip type 2



Trip type 1



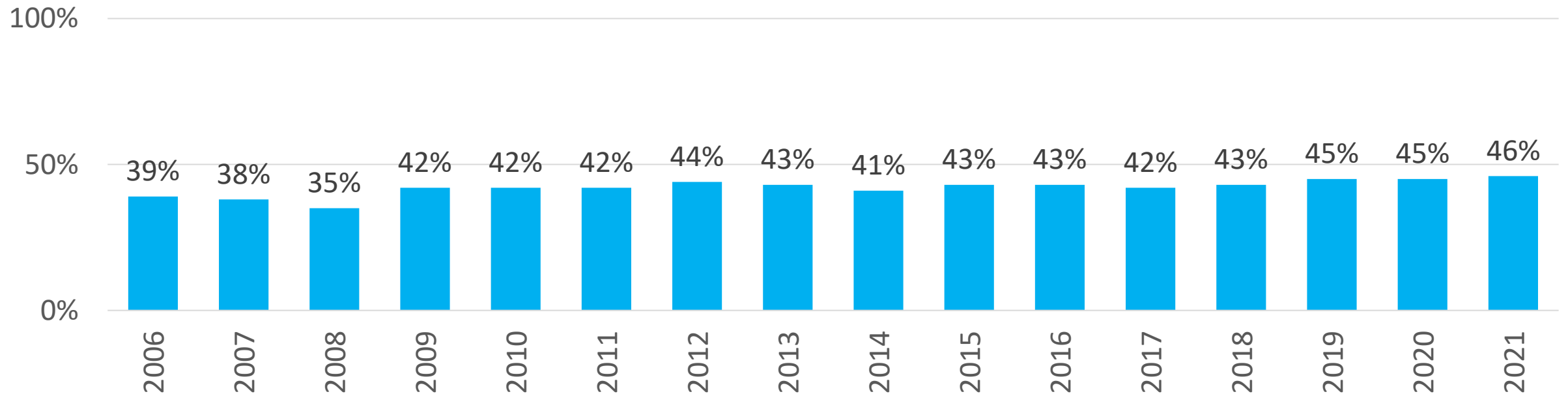
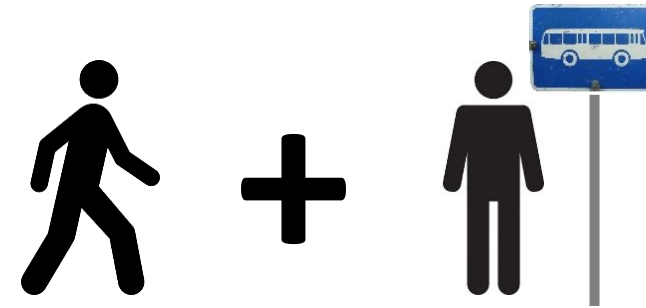
Time as Pedestrian

62%
+Transfer 71%

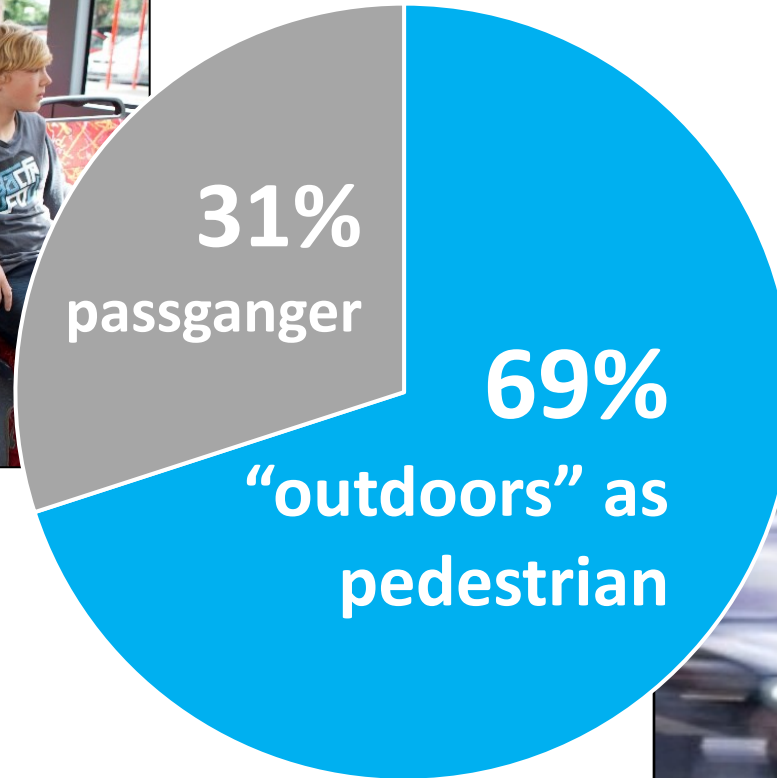
42%
+Transfer 59%

Travel time spent walking, waiting & transferring along public transport trips

Average Denmark 2006 to 2021 (Christiansen and Skougaard, 2015)



3 What do you remember from a journey?



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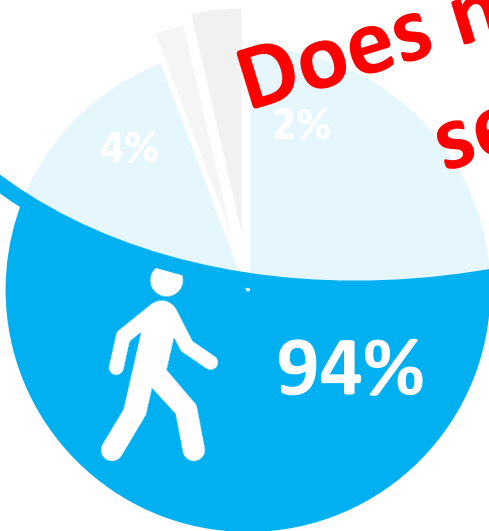
Conclusion 1

**“First and last mile”
???**

**Does not make
sense!**

**PT infrastructure
investments**

**Memory of a public
transport journey**



50%
In
vehicle

50%
“outside”



30%



70%

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Good conditions for walking...

potential for public transport...?!

... and how to do it...?



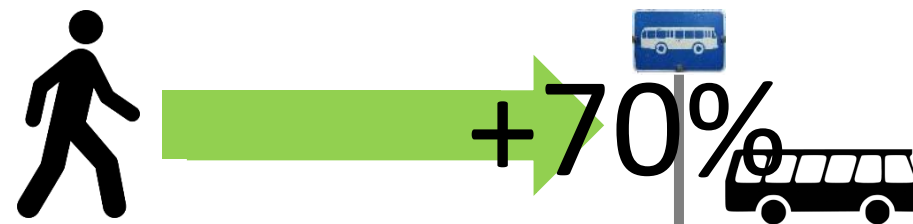
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Acceptable walking distances
vary...



Car dominated

Peperna 1982



Pedestrian-oriented

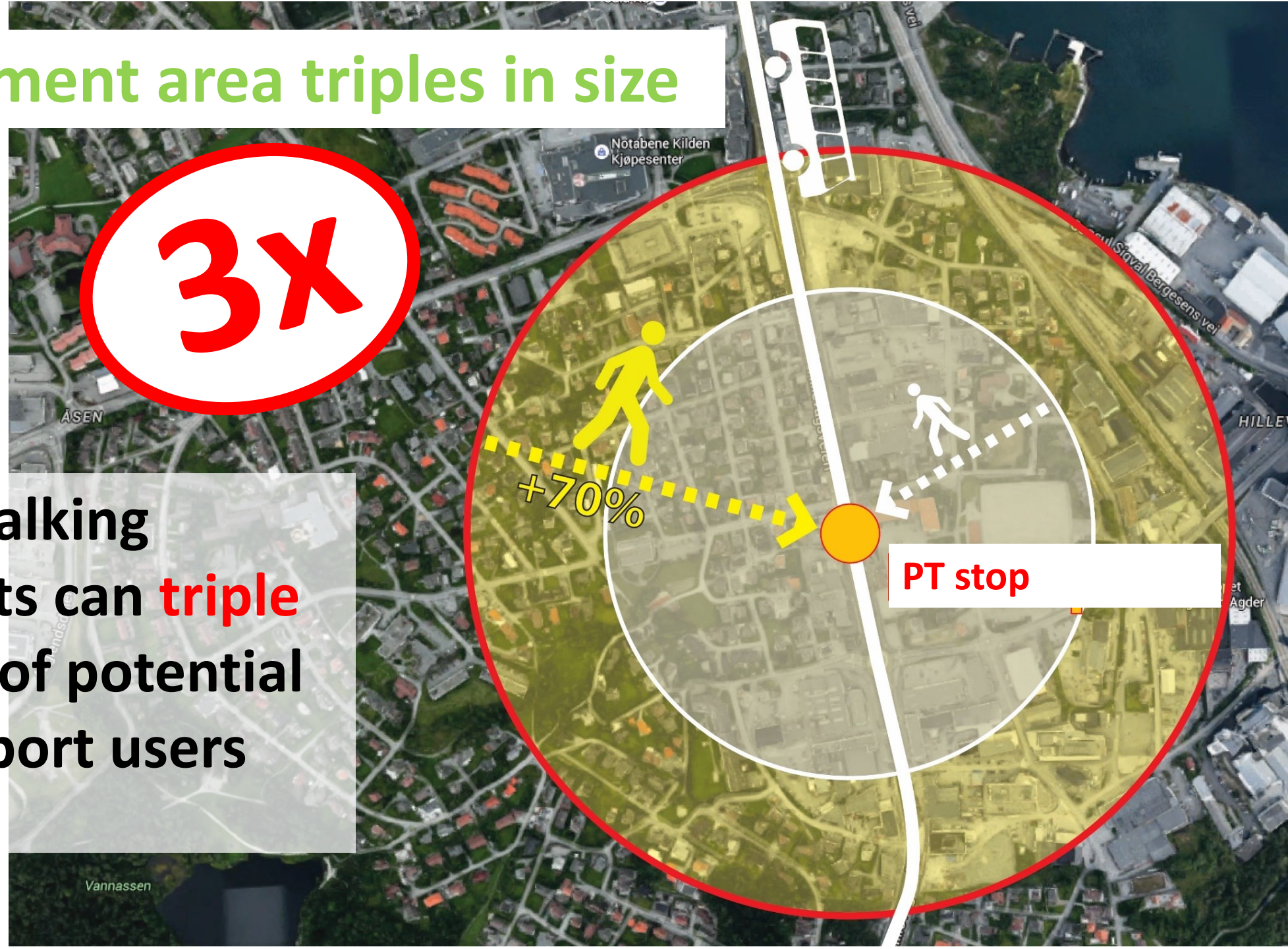
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Catchment area triples in size

Potential

3x

Attractive walking environments can **triple** the amount of potential public transport users (theoretically)



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How to achieve this effect?

... through urban planning?

Catchment area

3x

+70%

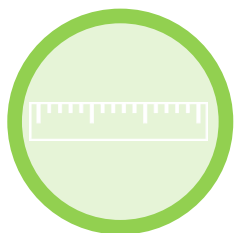
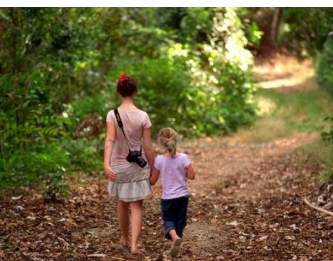
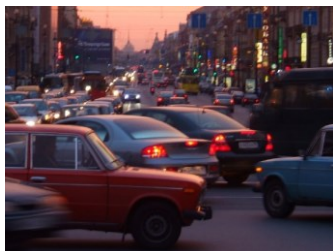
PT stop



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Urban environments for **good emotions** and **short perceived distances**

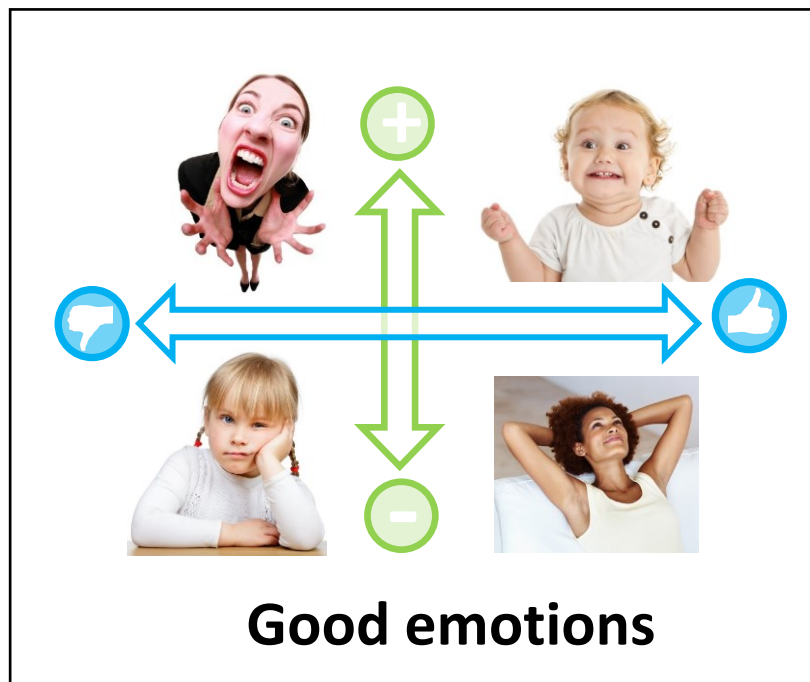


distance



**Subjective
perception**

time



Hillnhütter 2016

30%

**longer
walking
distance**

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Access to shops & services along the walk

15 to 25 %
longer walking distance

Hillnhütter 2016



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Waiting at street crossings

Waiting time:

10 – 15 %

... of a 300m walk to the stop*

* 1x crossing at traffic light at
trafficked street (>1500 cars per hour)



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Good footpath networks & obstacle free paths

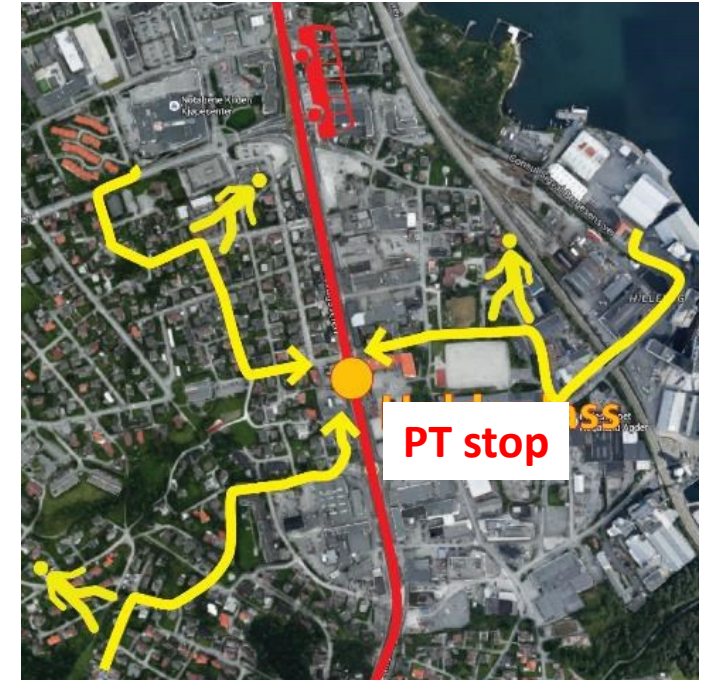
No obstacles in streets



Up to

+20%

Dense footpath network



+10 to

+25%

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Longer walking distances
to public transport:



+70%



Conclusion 4
Urban planning
Urban design
Transport planning
Verry doable!!

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Good emotion

2

Accessible s

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Crossing traf

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No obstacles and g

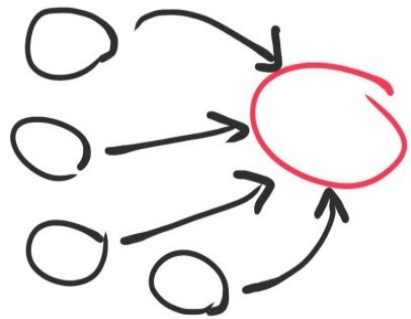
Catchment area

3x



$\Sigma > 70\%$

Conclusion



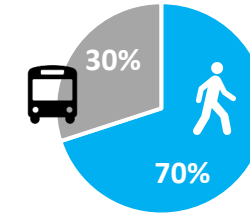
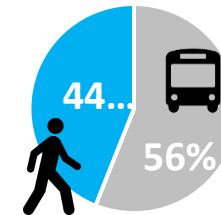
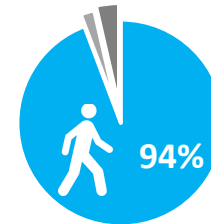
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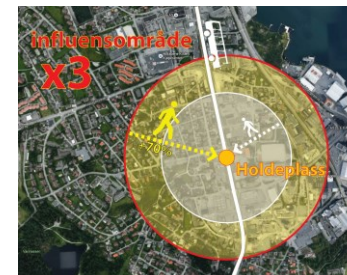
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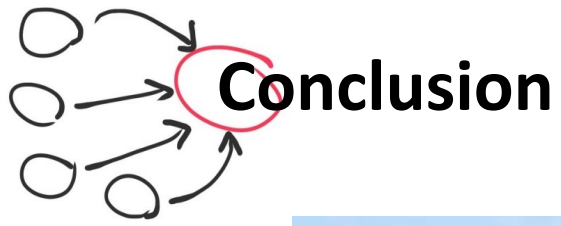
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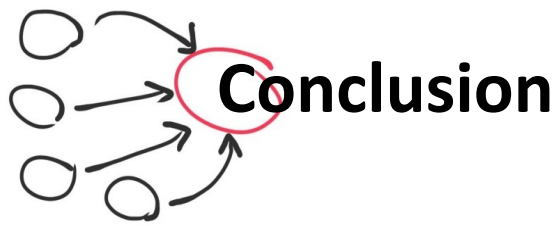


Urban design principle 1

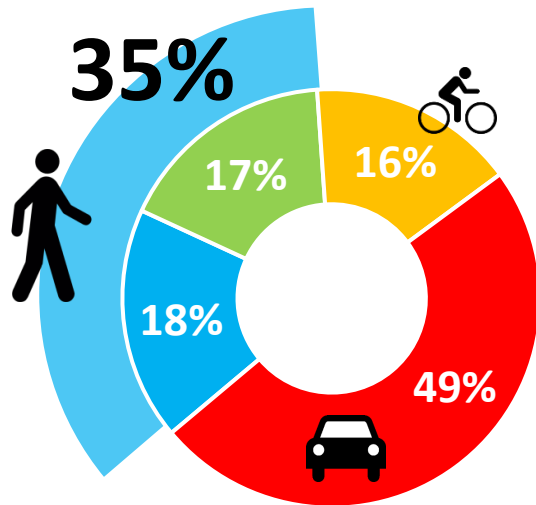


Variation!

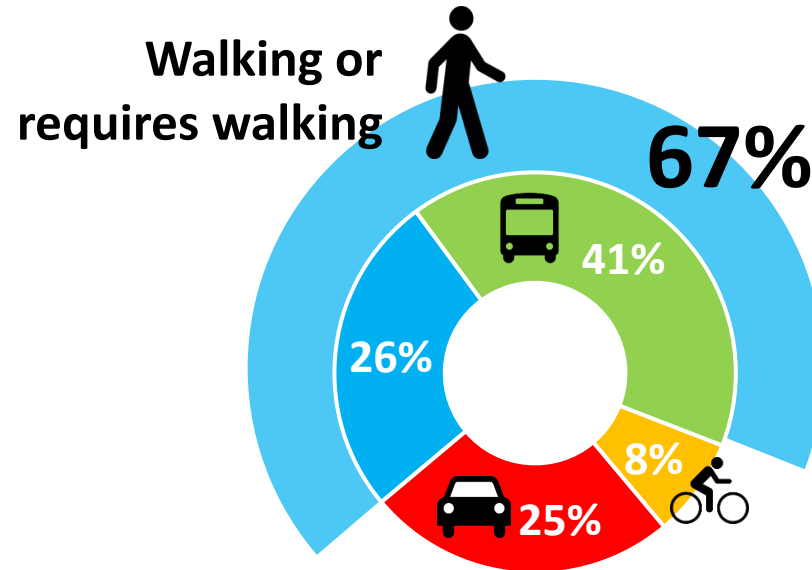




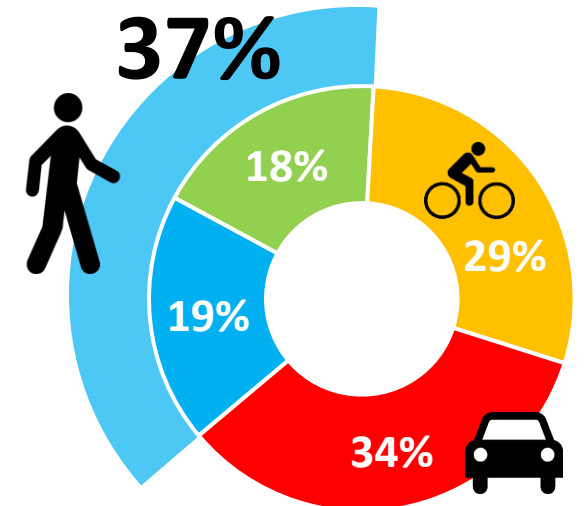
Much walking in cities...



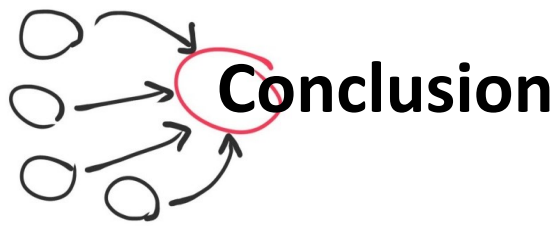
Rotterdam (NL)
(2008)



Zürich (CH)
(2015)



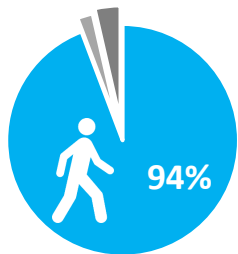
Copenhagen (DK)
(2015)



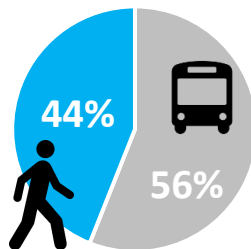
Walking for public transport...

Public transport for more walking!

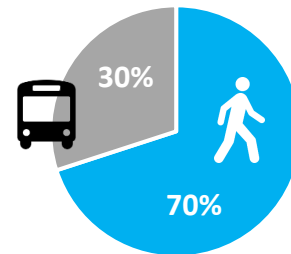
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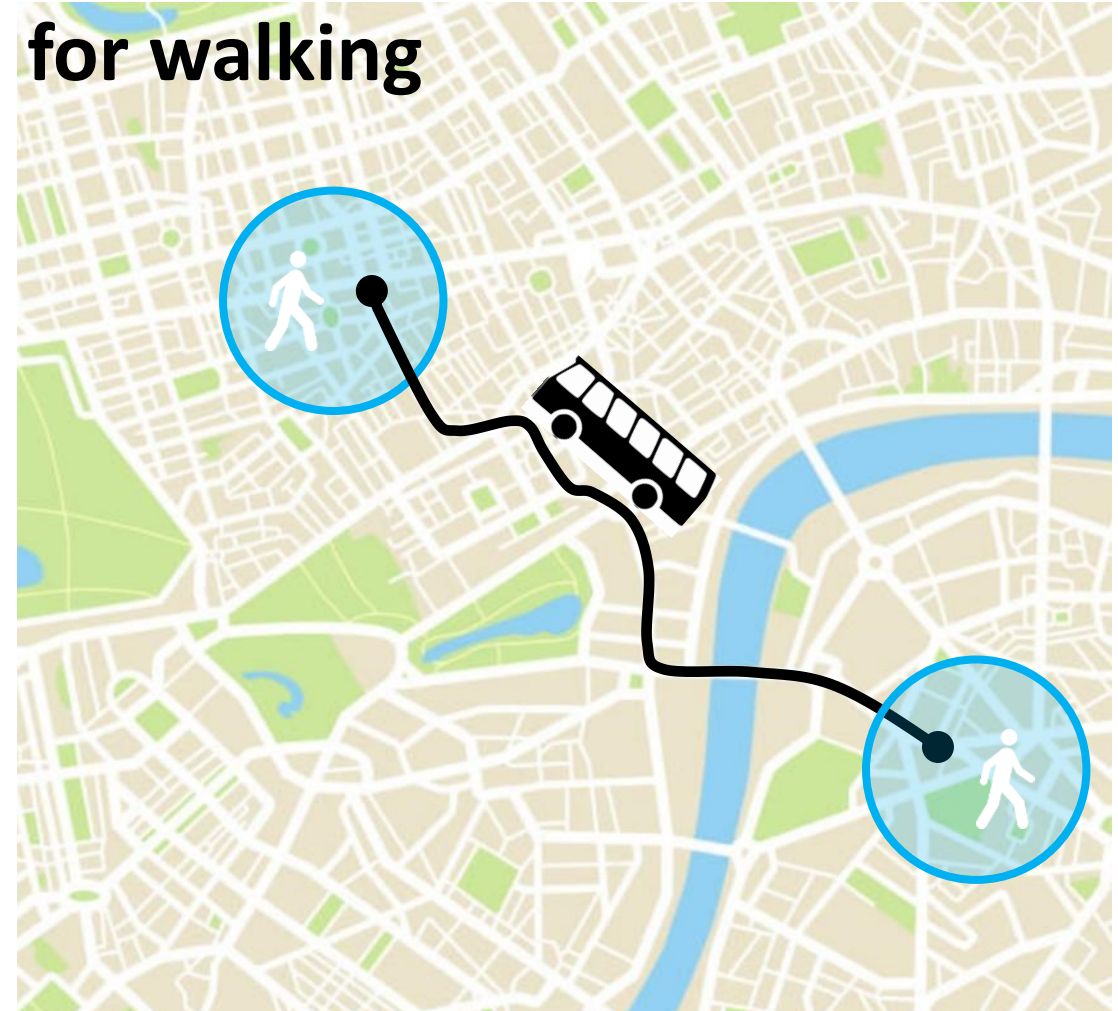
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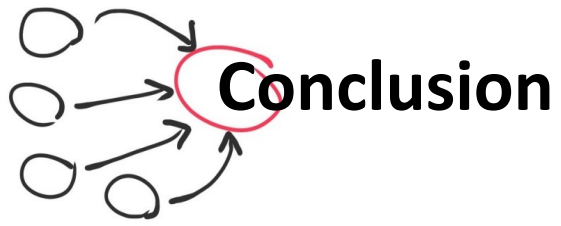


Memory

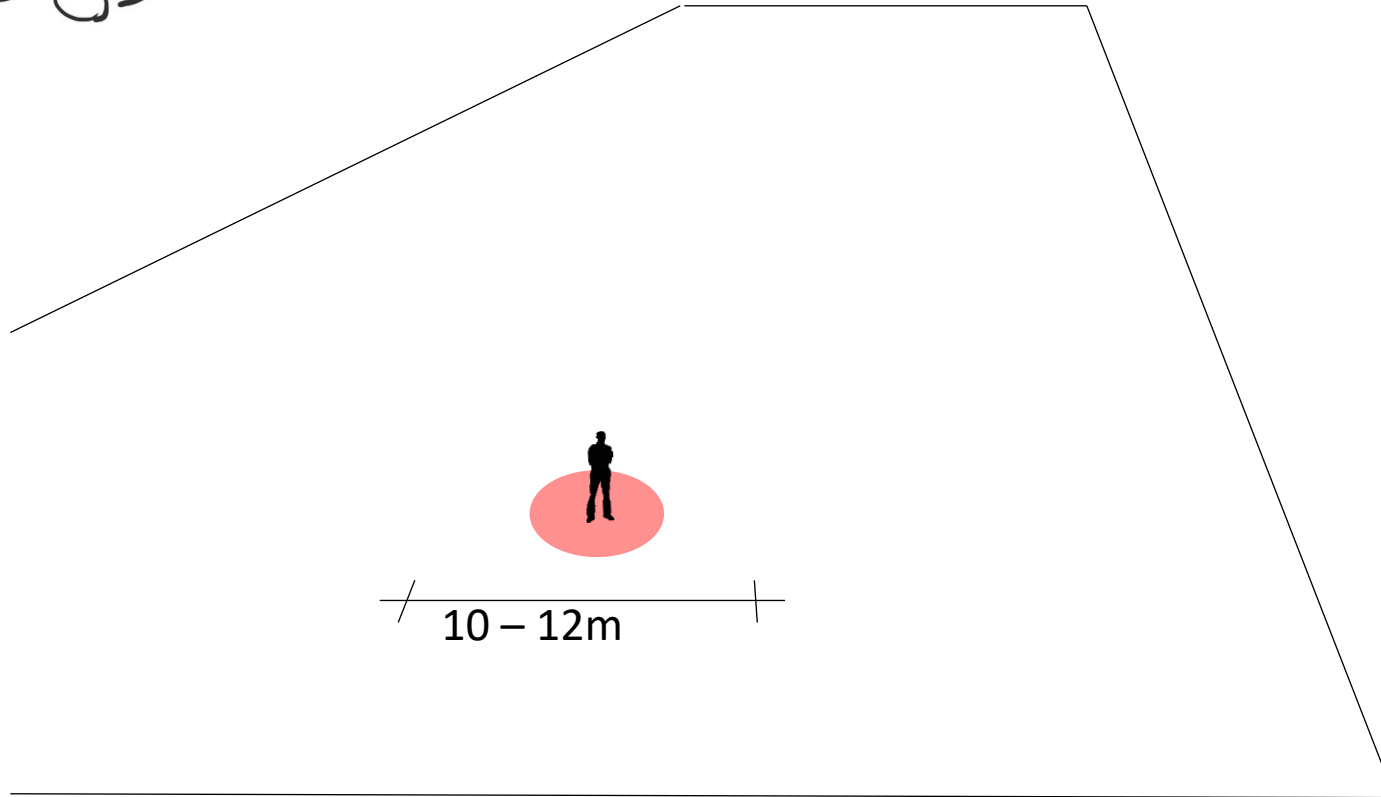


Linking urban quarters for walking



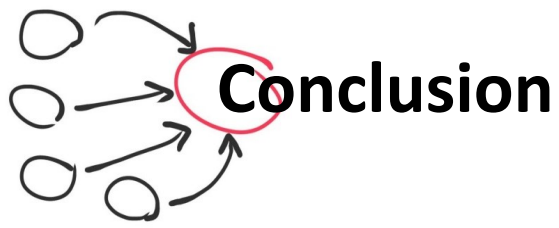


Urban design principle 2



Environments in human scale





Walking

Outdoor mobility



**Public
transport**

Outdoor mobility



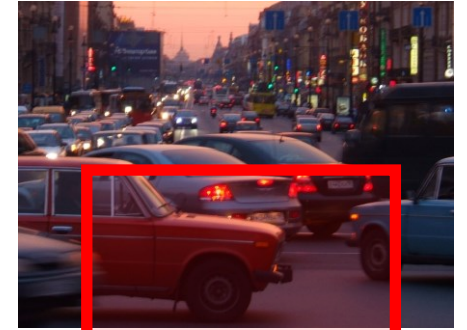
Cycling

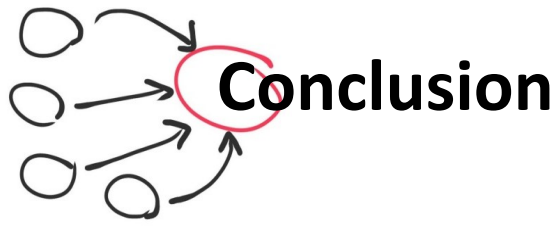
Outdoor mobility



Car

**Urban environment critical factor
to reduce car driving!**



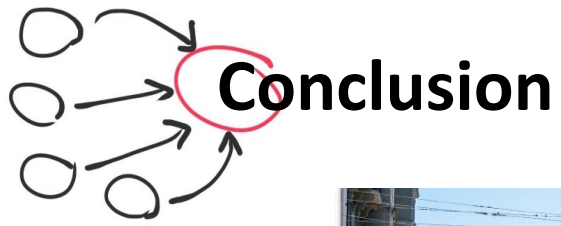


Integrating walking & public transport:

Synergy effect

$$1 + 1 = 3$$

1. Higher return from public transport investments
2. More opportunities for walking
3. More effective to reduce car driving



Further reading:

