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Data Integration for Smart Curb Management

Case Study of Belltown Seattle



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The Curb

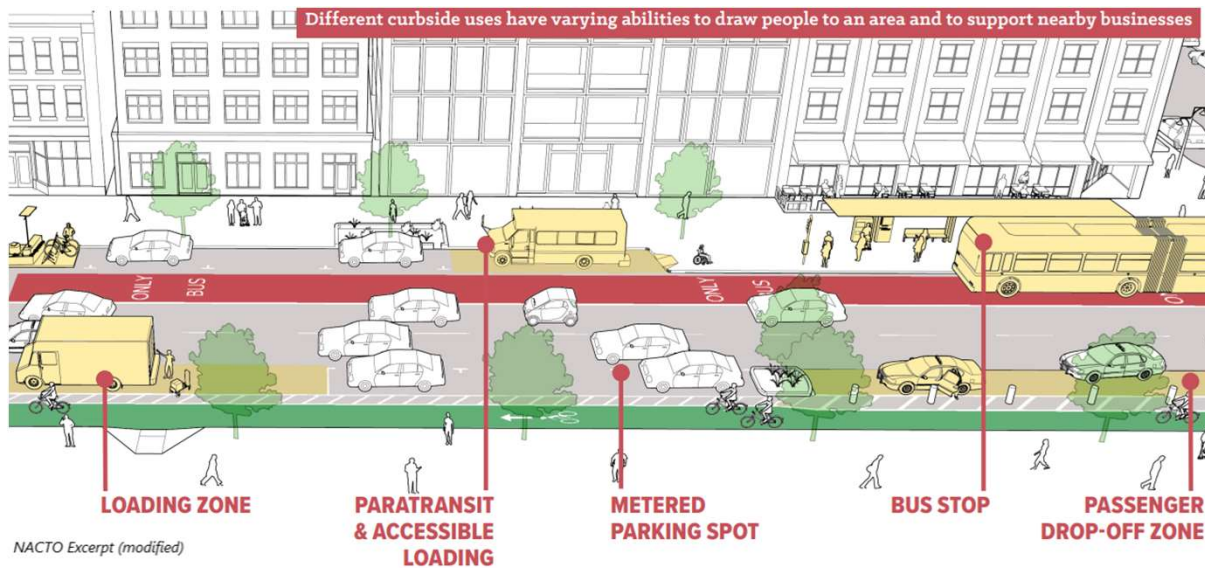
1. Access
2. Storage
3. Mobility

The curb is a scarce good

- The curb is a limited public resource
- New curb demands >> Limited curb supply

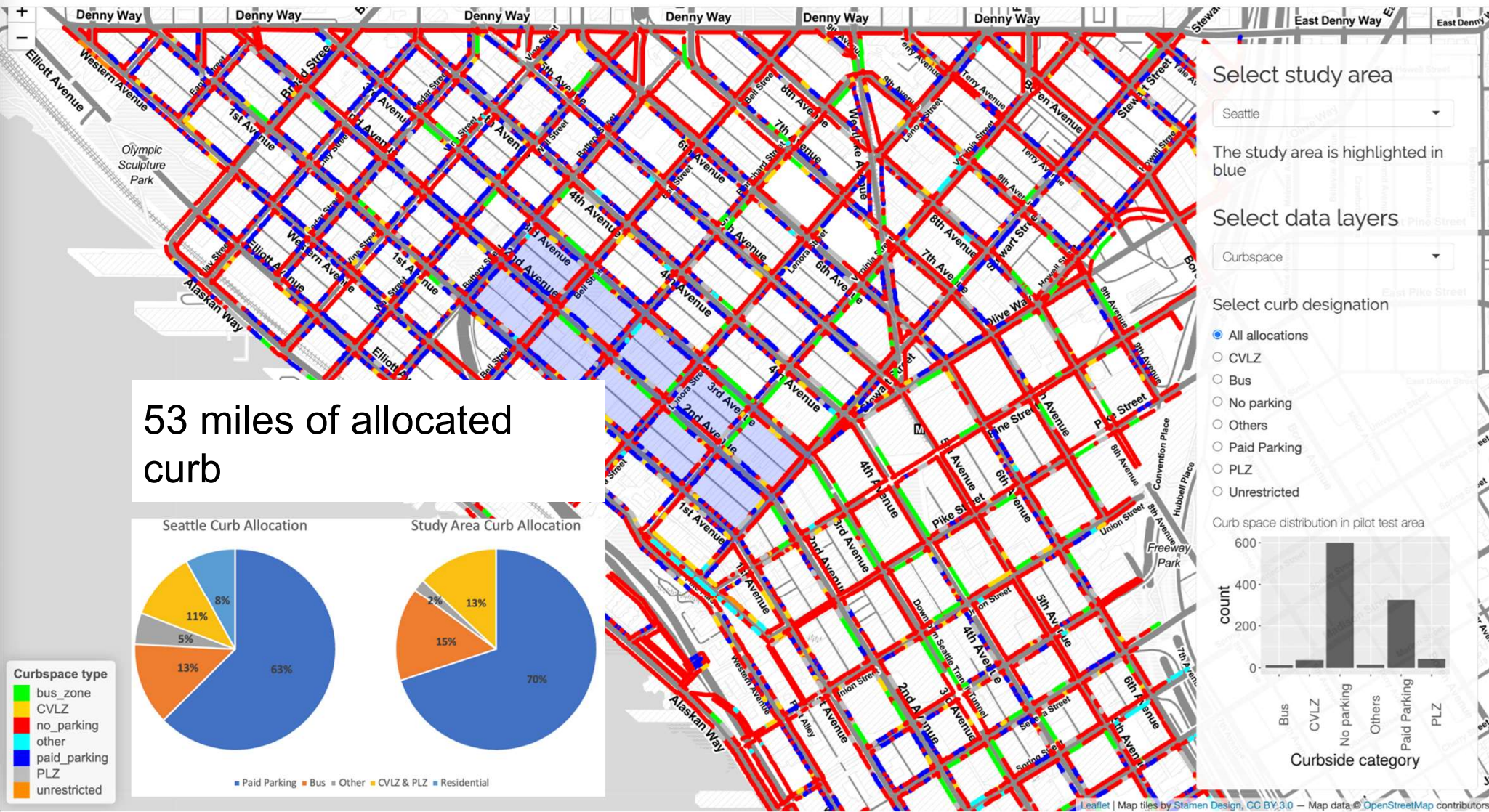


Curb management



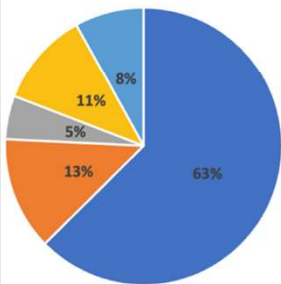
By deploying appropriate **curb management policies**, cities can:

- Influence travel demand
- Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT),
- Reduce emissions
- Reduce interactions between different road users

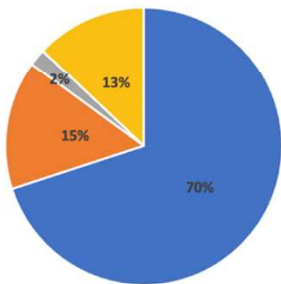


53 miles of allocated curb

Seattle Curb Allocation



Study Area Curb Allocation



- Curbspace type
- bus_zone
 - CVLZ
 - no_parking
 - other
 - paid_parking
 - PLZ
 - unrestricted

■ Paid Parking ■ Bus ■ Other ■ CVLZ & PLZ ■ Residential

Select study area

Seattle

The study area is highlighted in blue

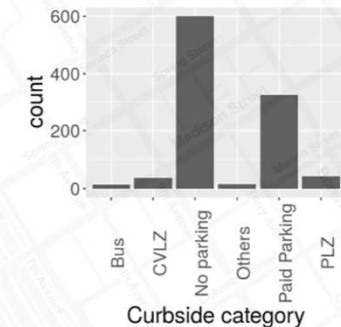
Select data layers

Curbspace

Select curb designation

- All allocations
- CVLZ
- Bus
- No parking
- Others
- Paid Parking
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- Unrestricted

Curbspace distribution in pilot test area

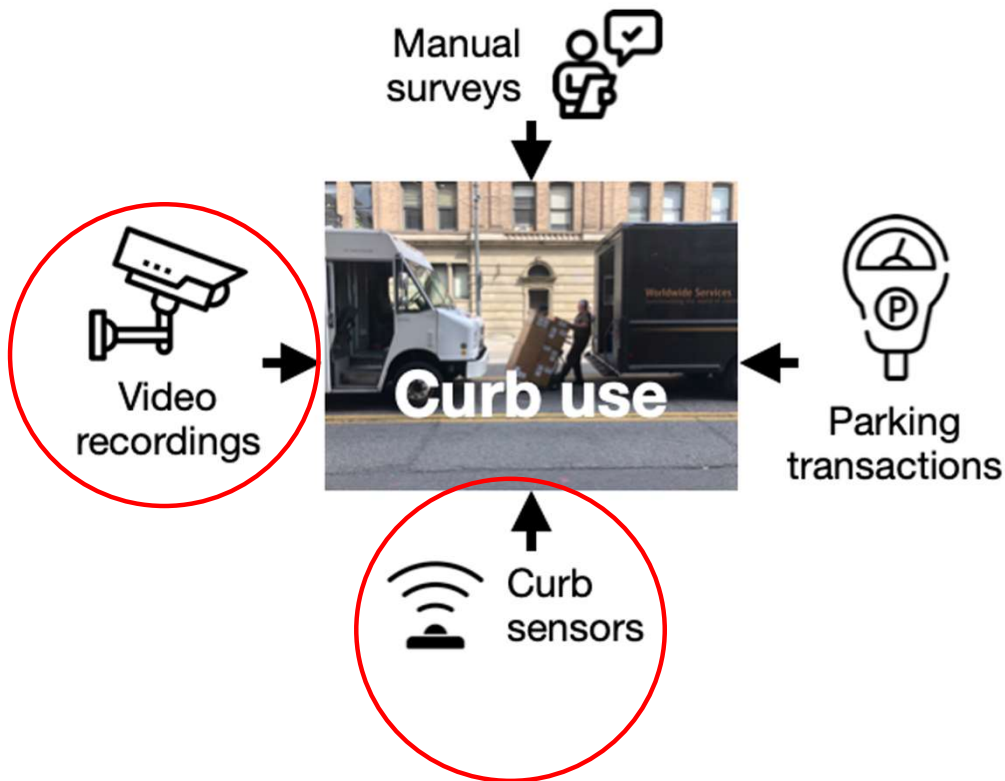


Curb use behaviors



	Passenger vehicle	Commercial vehicle
% time spent parked	95%	80%
Mean dwell time	2-3 hours	15 minutes
Mean cruising for parking time	7 min. per trip	2.2 min. per trip

Research objectives



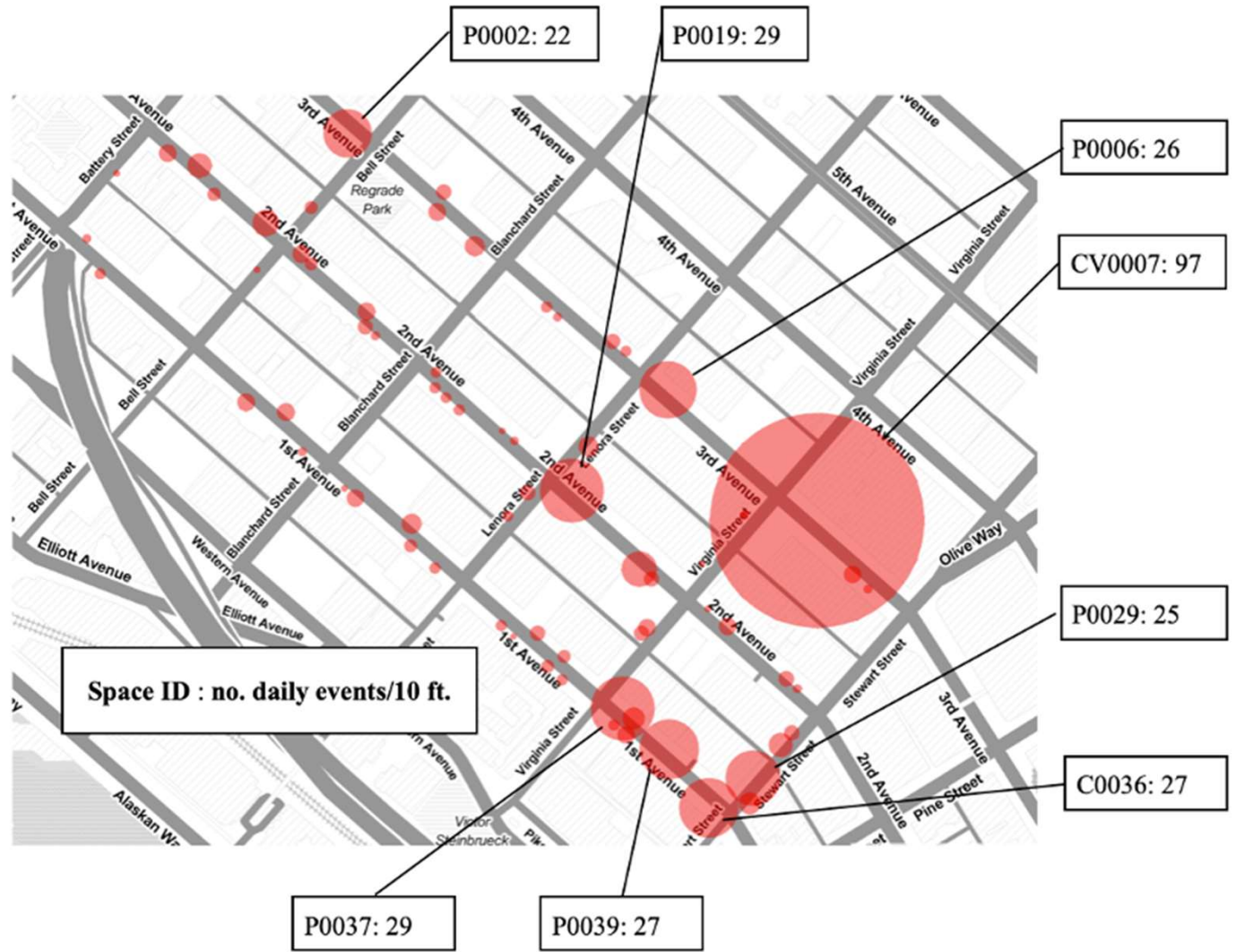
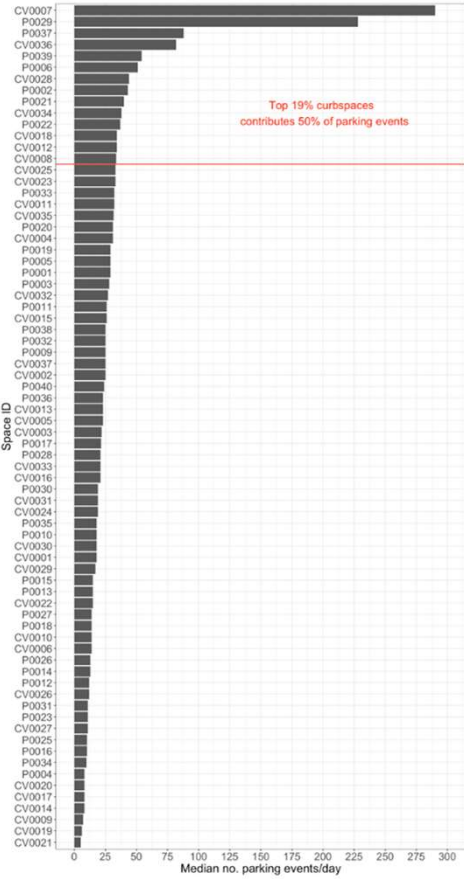
- Cities are in need of **data and methods to monitor curb use**, understand curb use behaviors, and formulate data-driven curb management strategies
- The current study **integrates and validates multiple sources of curb use data** to provide insights for curb management strategies

Study area



- Belltown neighbourhood, Seattle
- Vendor: Fybr
- 273 magnetic field sensors
- CVLZs + PLZs

Results (3)



Network of curb proximity sensors



Sensor event data

Parking events data

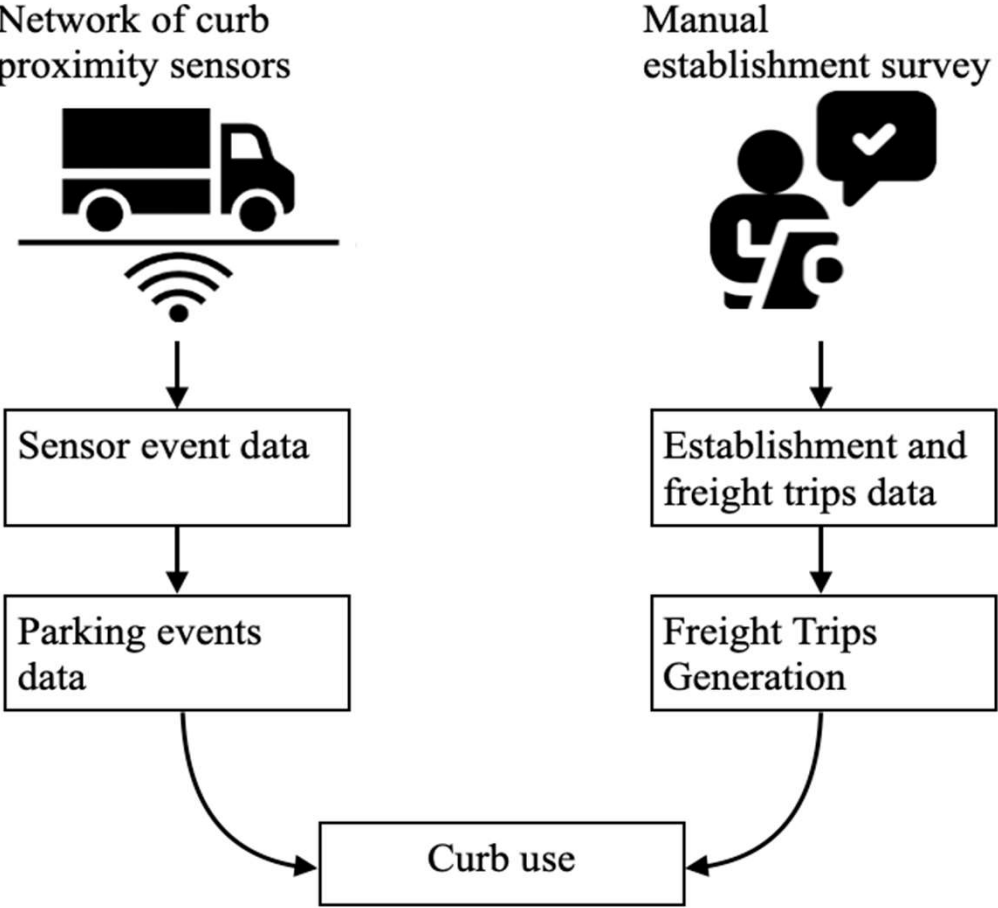
Manual establishment survey



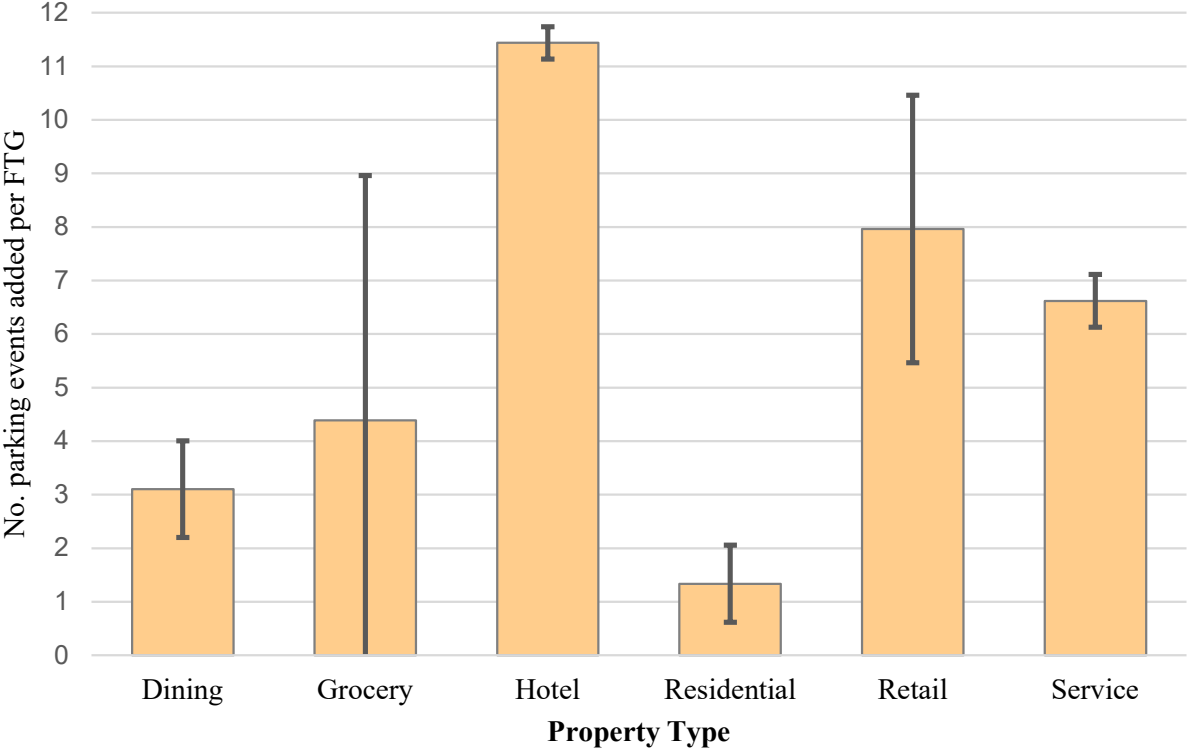
Establishment and freight trips data

Freight Trips Generation

Curb use



Number of additional curb events per FTG



Sensor event \neq parking event \neq FTG

- Curb segment sensor data requires algorithms to estimate parking events and validation with ground-truth data
- Freight trip generation rates from establishments do not equal curb events



Thank you!



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