

Mobile positioning datasets in mobility studies

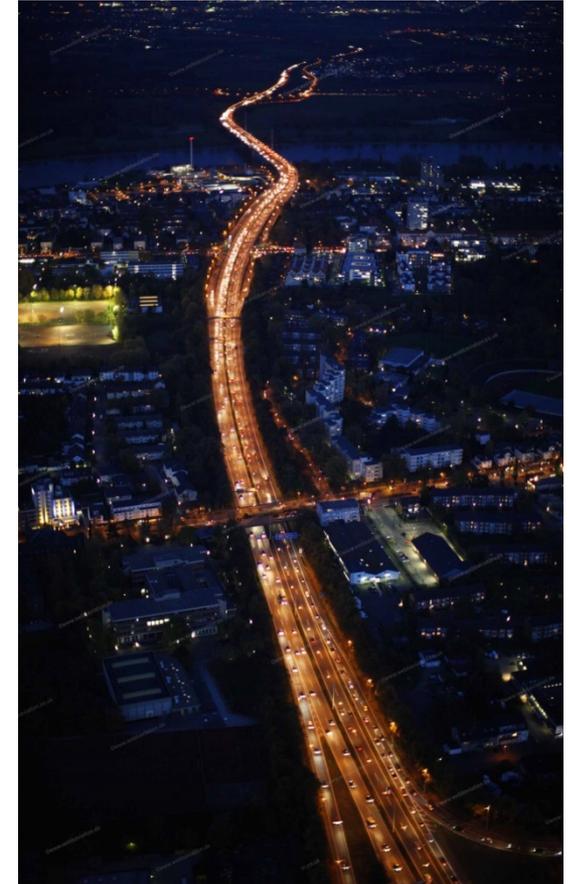
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New mobilities paradigm (Sheller & Urry 2006)

- Growing spatial mobility
- Mobile person have more choices
- Tourism as lifestyle
- Info- and communication technology (ICT), virtual

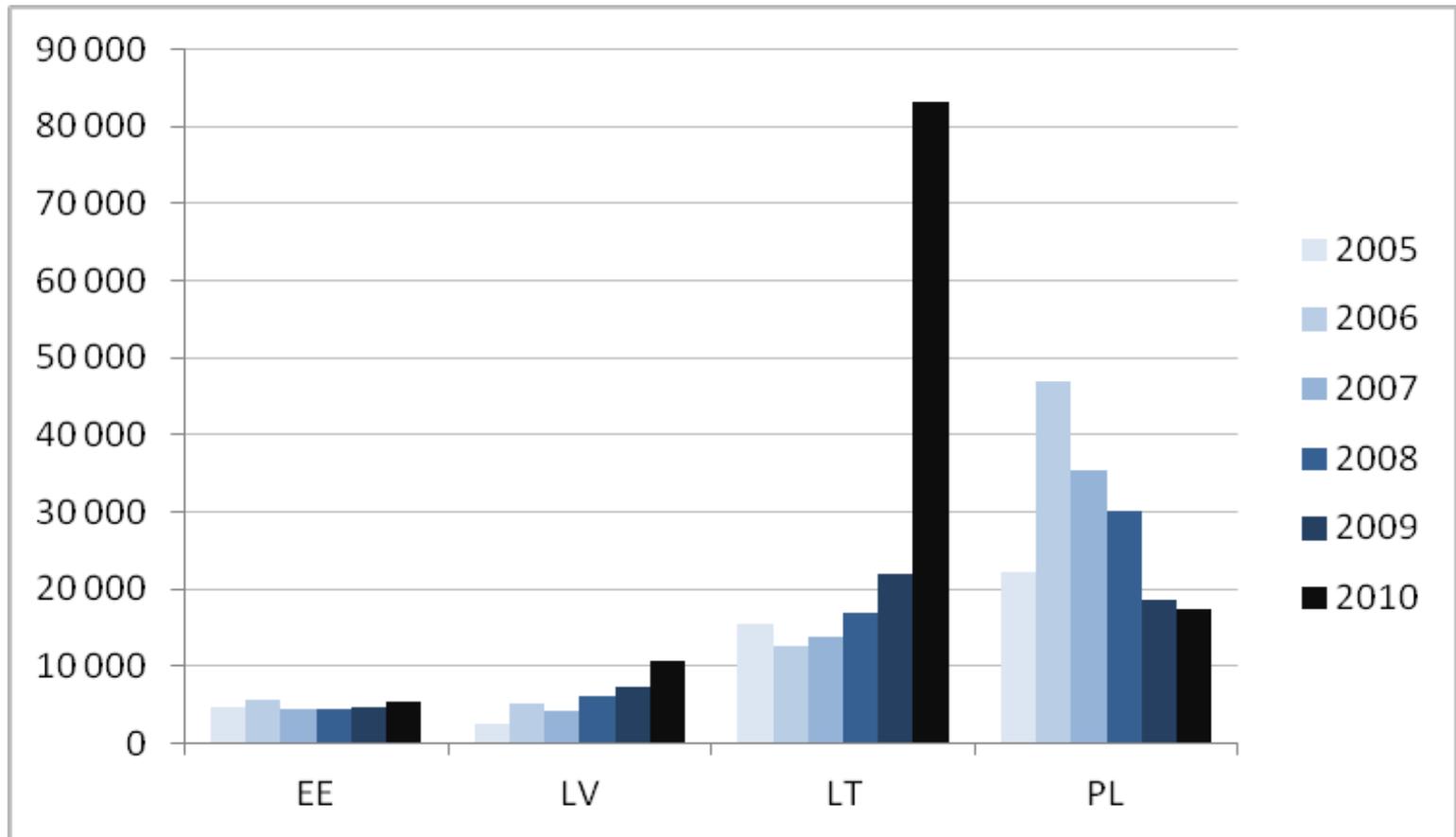


Migration in opened Europe: (Menz & Caviedes 2010)

- Unstable environment and future
- Lower education
- Working abroad with no long plans
- Not decided future, no registration...



Migration from Baltic States 2005 - 2010



(Eurostat Statistics database 2012; Central Statistical Office of Poland 2012)

Objective:

- To introduce mobile positioning based methodology
- Some examples from commuting studies: Estonia/Finland

Partners:

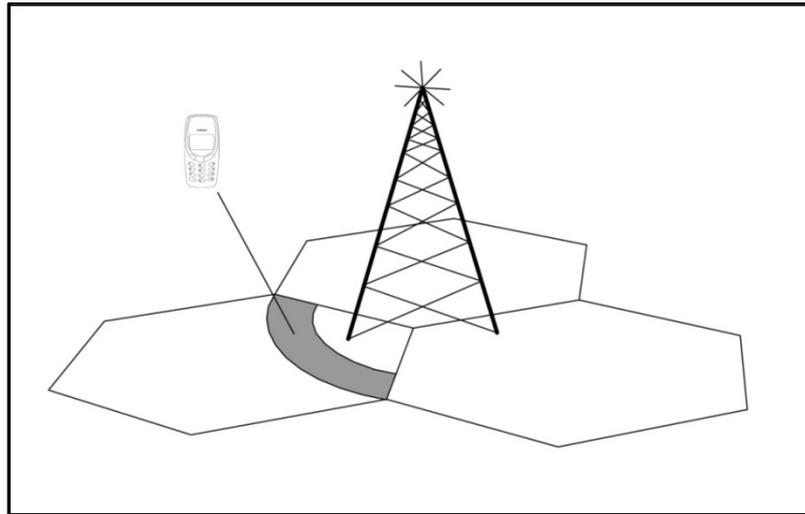


- EMT
- Eesti Pank, Eurostat, Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Positium LBS
- Universities: Gent, Utrecht, Umea, Utah, Kentucky, Peking, MIT, ETH
- Euriegio: Central Baltic Interreg IVA Helsinki-Tallinn Transplan Scenarios

Mobile positioning



Mobile positioning: locating mobile phone by radio waves



Active positioning: locating phone(s) with special query

"Find phone 5035914 for 12:35; 12:45"

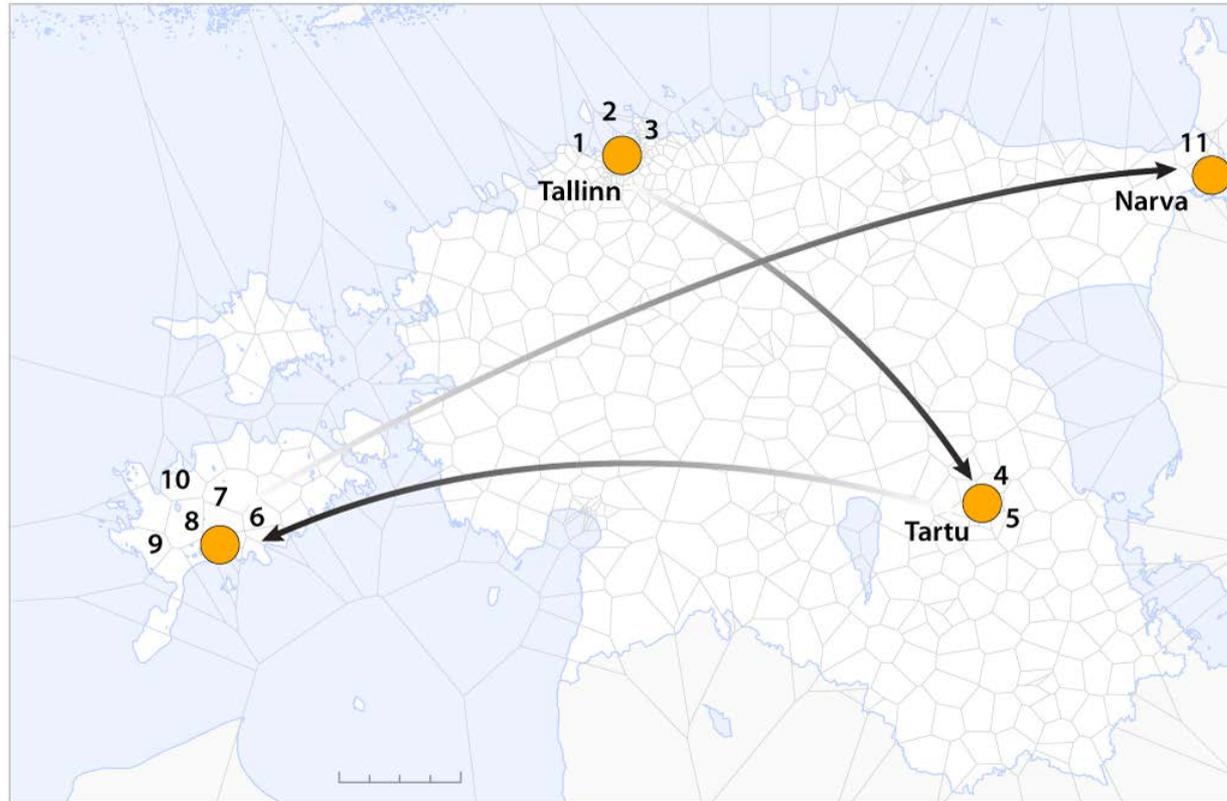
Passive positioning – using location data data from memory files of mobil operator

- CDR – Call Detail Record
- ABDR – Anonymous Bulk Location Data
- Erlang – power in netw. antennae



DIRECTIVE 2006/24/EC on the retention of data generated in connection with the provision of publicly available electronic communications services

Phones moving in Estonian network cells (CDR):



Anonymous data, privacy of individuals strictly protected (2002/58/EC; IKS RT I 2007, 24, 127)

International *roaming* databases



Mobile positioning data:

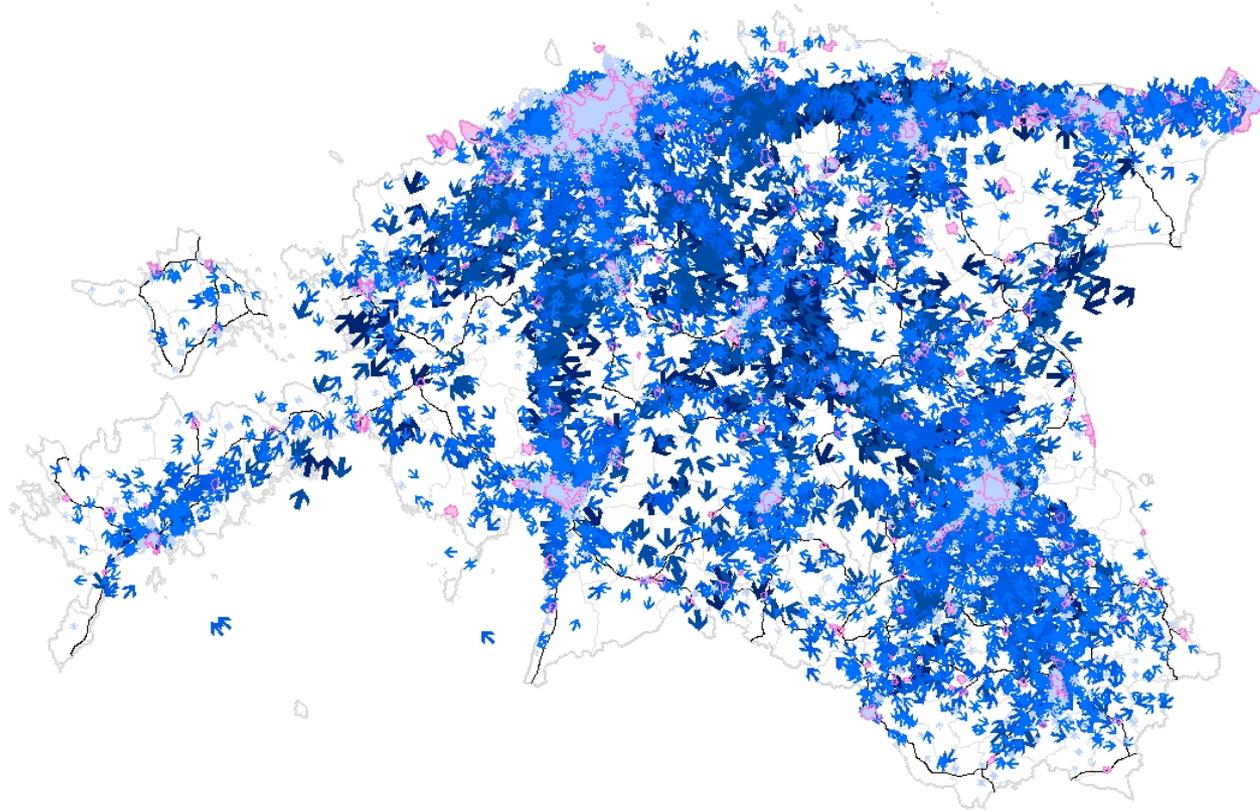
- Coordinates: x,y,z
- Time: *ss:mm:hh:dd:yy*
- Socio-demo features
- Questionnaires

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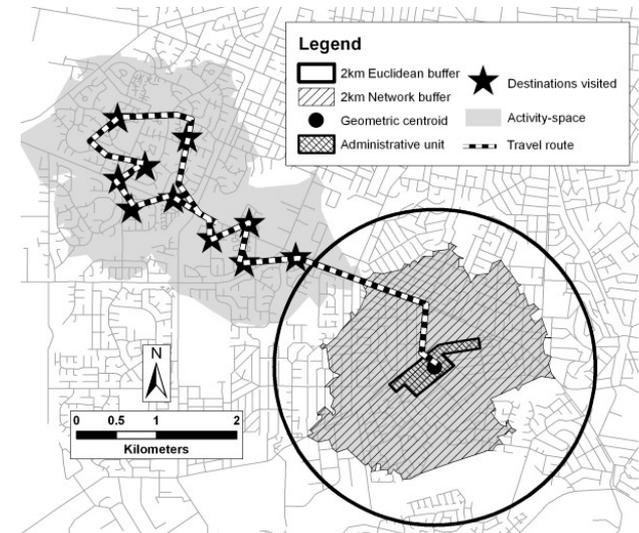
Passive positioning in Estonia 1 h 8 April 2011

„BIG DATA“



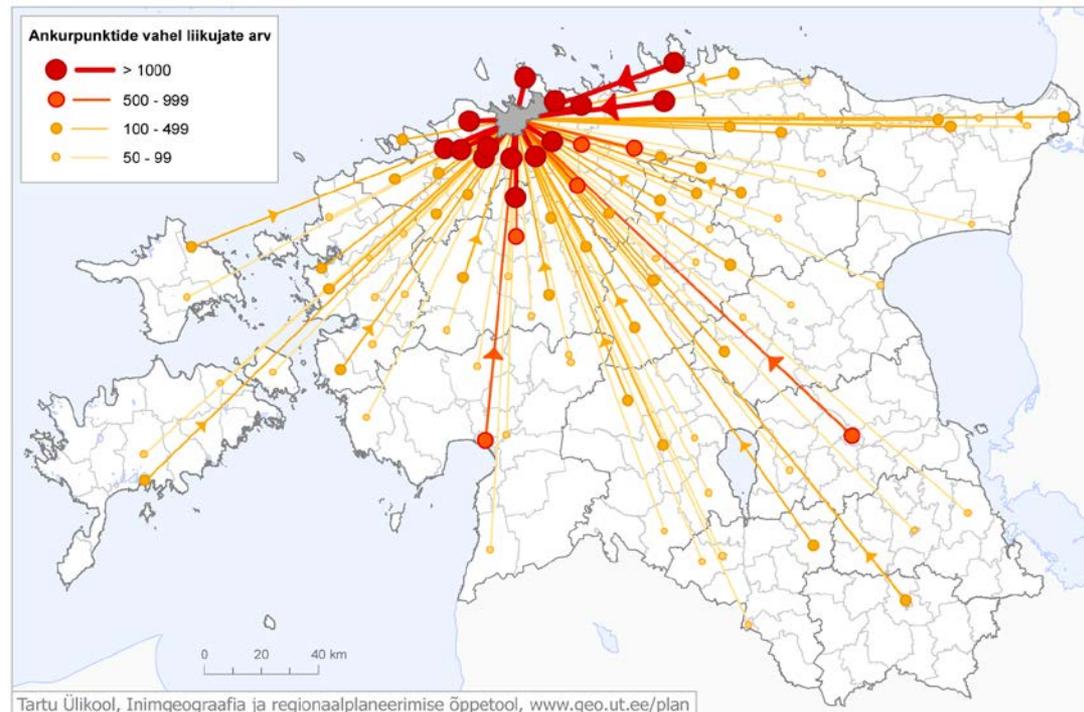
Profiling algorithms:

- Anchor points:
 - Most probable home location
 - Work place
 - School
 - Second home...
- Activity space:
 - Regularly visited area...
- Border crossing:
 - Entering /leaving points



Segmenting: find commuters with

- Work anchor: Tallinn city
- Home anchor: out of Tallinn city
- Visiting Tallinn 3 x per week or 15< x month



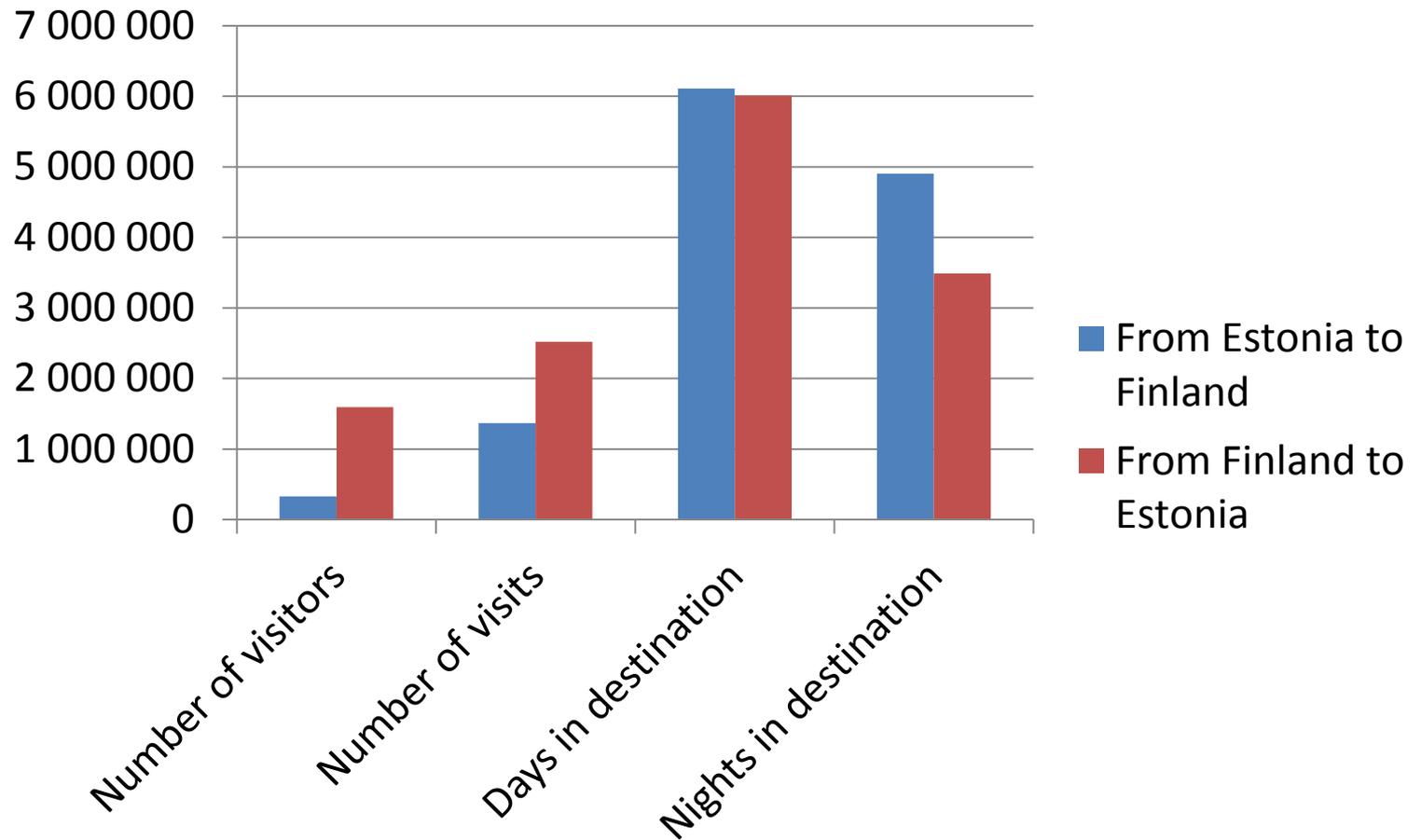


Mapping cross-border commuting between Estonia and Finland

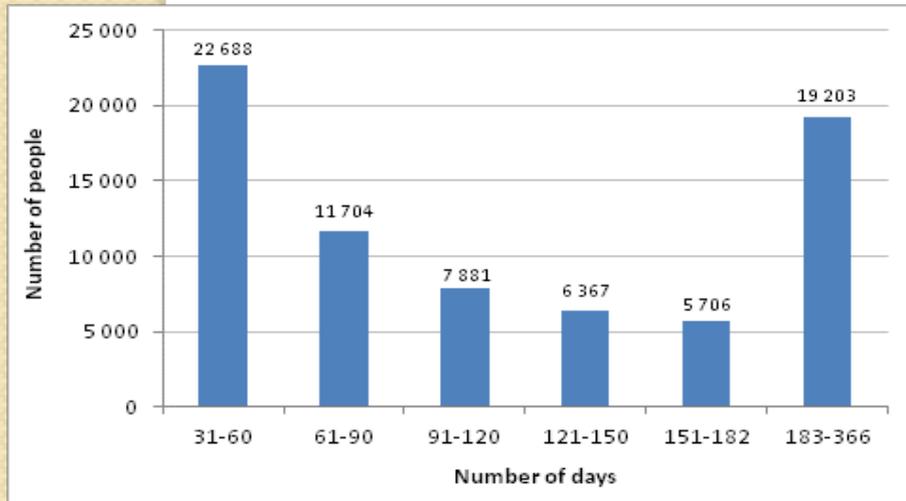
Segmenting individuals/trips:

- Number of visits
- Length of visits
- Geography of visits
- Timing of visits
- ...

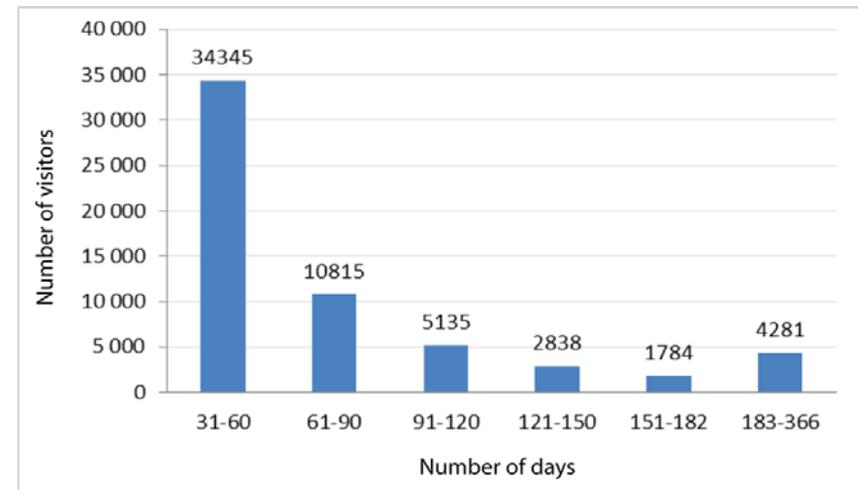
Mobility of roaming phones between Estonia and Finland (annual mean for 2009-2011)



Days spent in destination (+30 d)

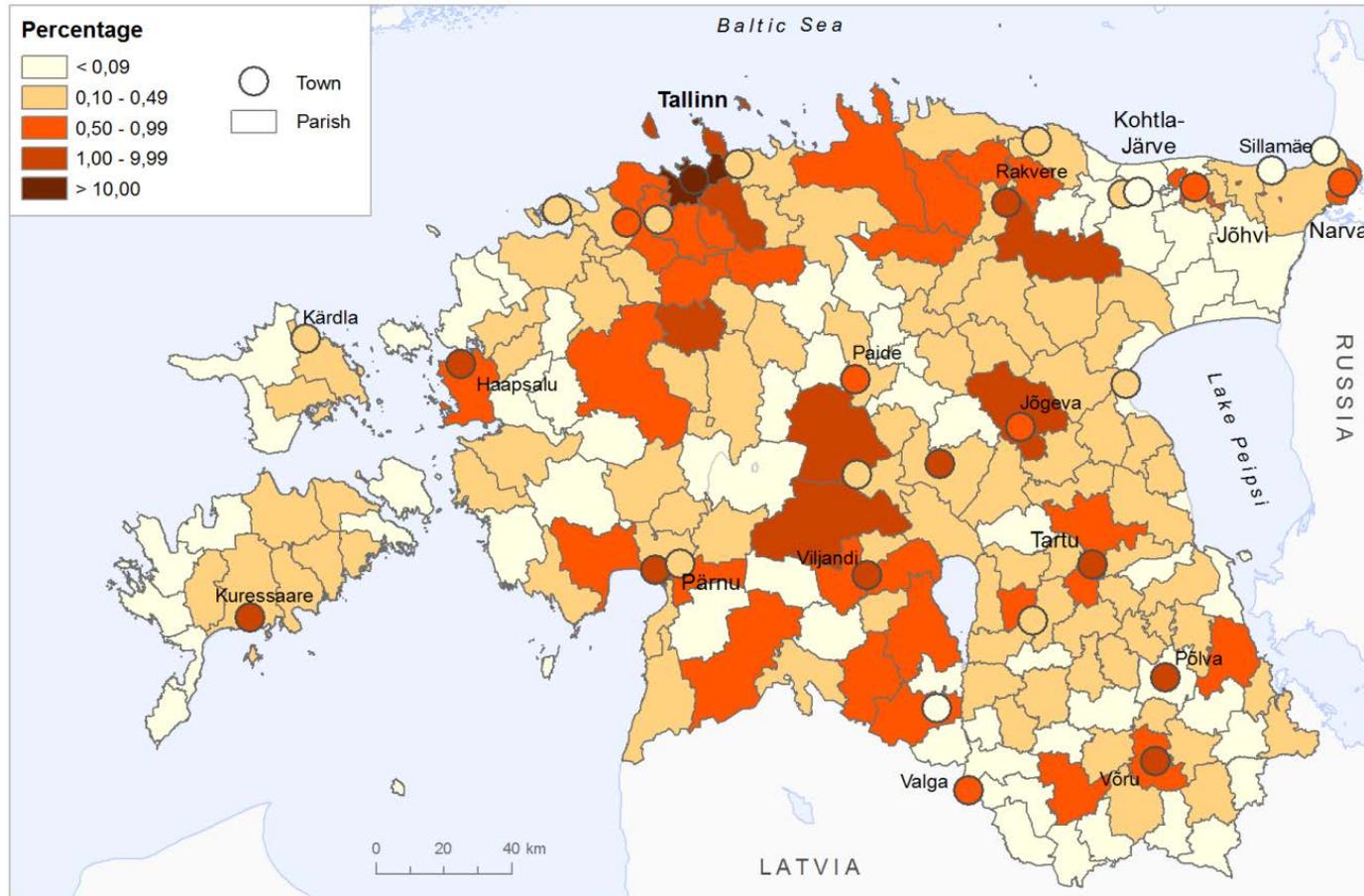


Estonians in Finland

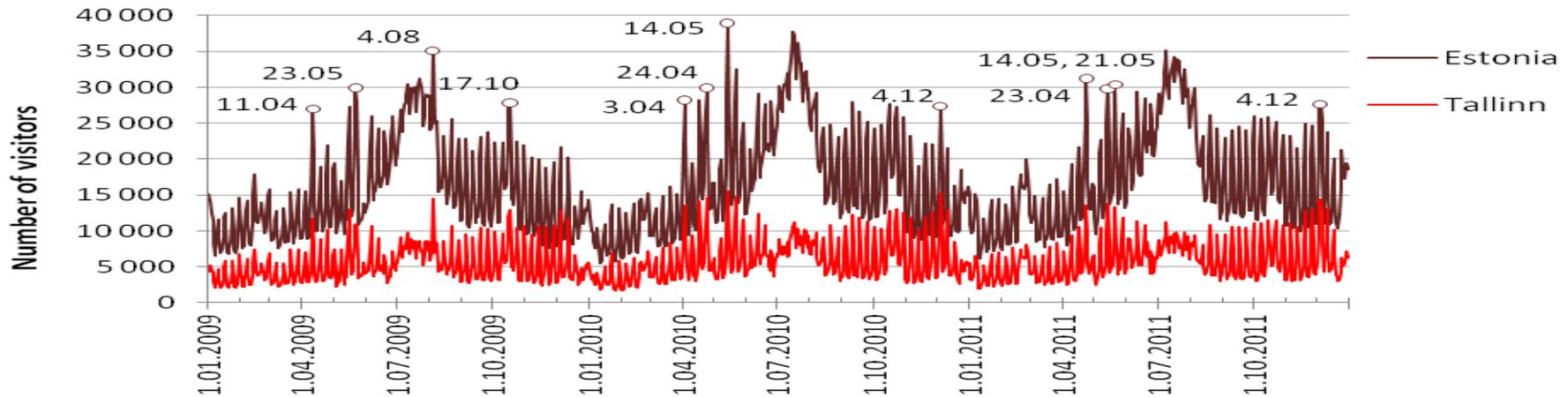


Finns in Estonia

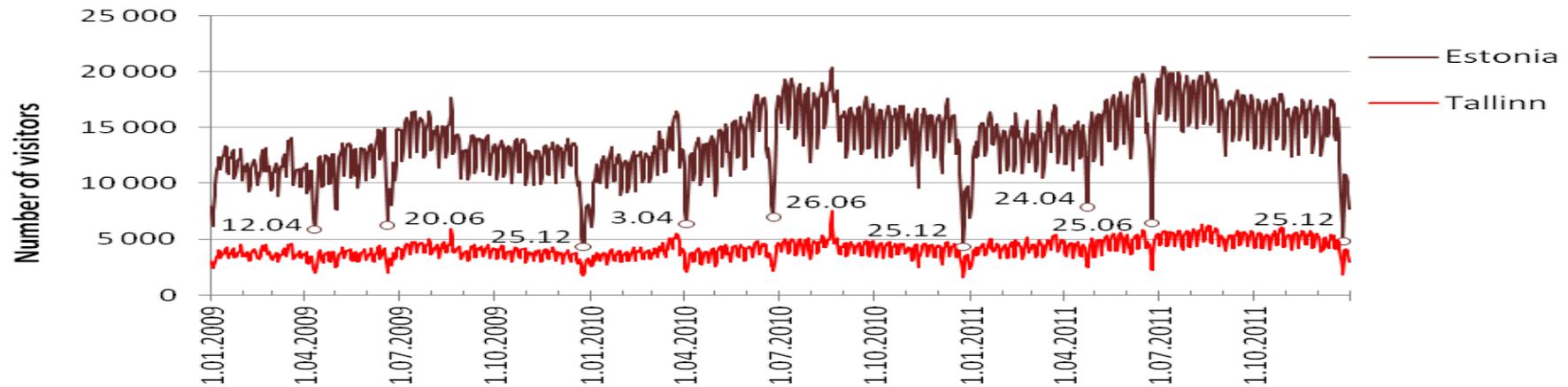
Home anchors of Estonians staying 60+ days in Finland



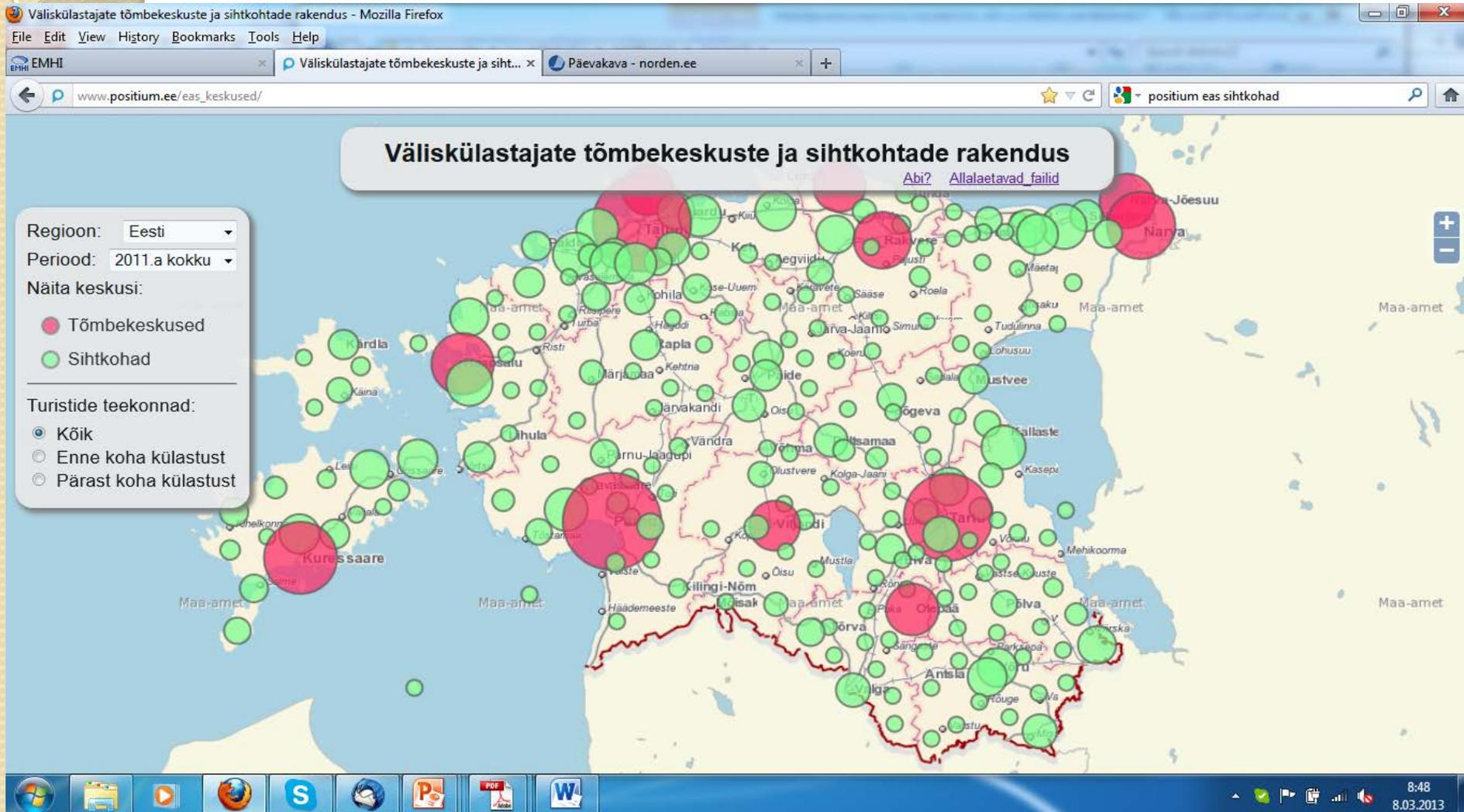
Number of Finns in Estonia



Number of Estonians in Finland



Monitoring & decision support systems:





Conclusions

Conclusions I:

- Growing cross-border and long-distance commuting
- Need for additional data sources
- Mobile positioning is attractive method:
 - Data collection speed
 - Low cost
 - Can measure „complicated populations“
- Sampling - phone use, switching phones
- Potential for monitoring systems

Eurostat feasibility study

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*on the use of mobile positioning data for
tourism statistics*

- Coordinated by Positium LBS, Est
 - Statistics Finland
 - Statistics Estonia
 - University of Tartu
 - IFSTTAR
 - ...

Conclusions II: Growing cross-border commuting

- Daily activity space covers both metropolitan regions



- What is good definition for this connection?
- Functional region? Twin city?

Thank you!

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