

# A Hybrid Lagrangian Model for Vehicular Traffic Flow

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where,

- ♦  $\rho$  denotes the fraction of space occupied by cars (a dimensionless local density),
- ♦  $v$  is the macroscopic velocity of cars
- ♦  $w$  is a Lagrangian marker and for instance  $w = v + p(\rho)$ .

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$$\partial_x X = \rho, \quad \partial_t X = -\rho v, \quad T = t.$$

$X = \int^x \rho(y, t) dy$  describes the total length occupied by cars up to the point  $x$ , if they were packed “nose to tail”.

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Under the assumption of the CFL condition, the Lagrangian Godunov discretization of the macroscopic model (3) is

$$\begin{cases} \tau_j^{n+1} = \tau_j^n + \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta X} (v_{j+1}^n - v_j^n), \\ w_j^{n+1} = w_j^n, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

with initial data

$$\begin{cases} \tau_j(0) = \tau_j^0 \\ v_j(0) = v_j^0 = w_j^0 + P(\tau_j^0) \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

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where

$x_j(t)$  and  $v_j(t)$  are respectively the location and the velocity of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  vehicle at time  $t$ .

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$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\tau_j}{dt} = \frac{(v_{j+1} - v_j)}{\Delta X}, \\ \frac{dw_j}{dt} = 0. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

with initial conditions

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The explicit Euler time discretization of system (7) is then

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Let  $\epsilon$  be the scaling parameter.

For some given Lagrangian coordinates  $(X, T)$ , we consider the rescaled coordinates

$$(X', T') = (\epsilon X, \epsilon T). \quad (10)$$

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Consequently, the length of a vehicle will be

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However, in the new coordinates  $(X', T')$ , the variable  $\tau$  (resp.  $\rho$ ) and the Riemann invariant  $(v, w)$  remain unchanged, i.e.

$$\tau' = \tau \text{ (resp. } \rho' = \rho), v' = v, w' = w. \quad (12)$$

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Thus the system (3) becomes

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$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\tau_j}{dt'} = \frac{1}{\Delta X'} (v_{j+1} - v_j), \\ \frac{dw_j}{dt'} = 0. \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

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In the rescaled coordinates, a standard explicit Euler time discretization of the microscopic model (9)  $\iff$  to the Godunov discretization (4) of the macroscopic model.

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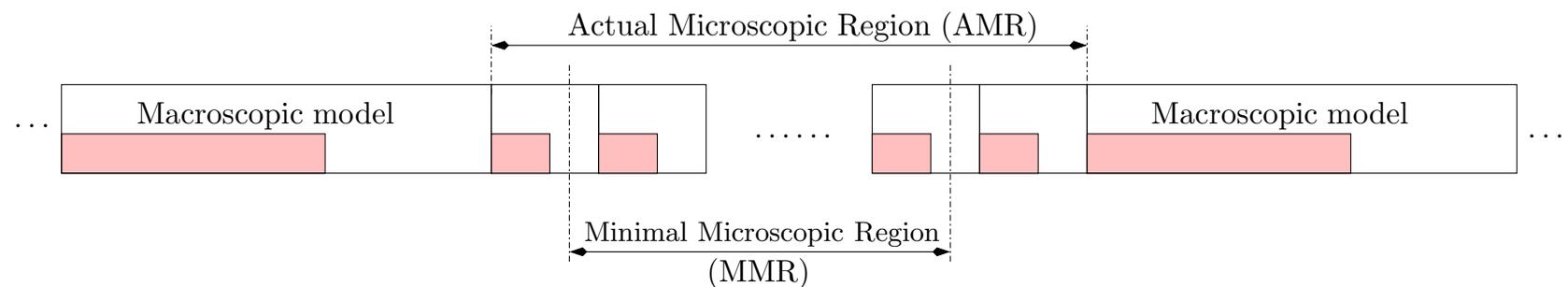


Figure 1: Hybrid Lagrangian model.

Thanks to the equivalence established above, no compatibility problem between the two models.

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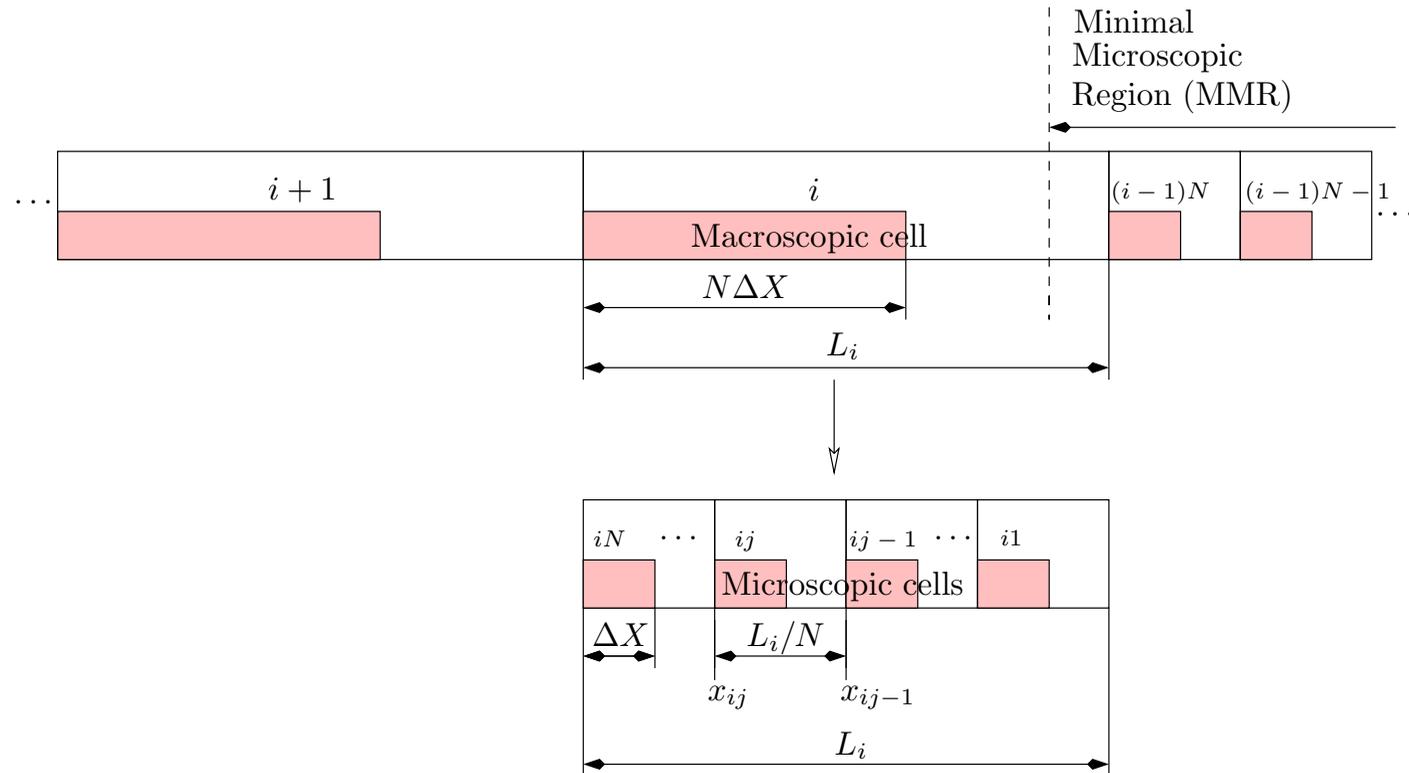


Figure 2: From the macroscopic to the microscopic model: before (above) and after (below) the synchronization.

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$$\tau_i = \frac{L_i}{N\Delta X} = \tau_{mac}. \quad (15)$$

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- When this cell  $i$  becomes microscopic, the distance between two successive cars  $(i, j)$  (the follower) and  $(i, j - 1)$  (the leader) is

$$(x_{i,j-1} - x_{i,j}) = \frac{L_i}{N}. \quad (16)$$

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- Therefore the microscopic specific volume in each of these smaller cells is

$$\tau_{i,j} = \tau_{mic} = \frac{L_i/N}{\Delta X} = \tau_{mac}. \quad (17)$$

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- Consequently, the velocity also does not change:

$$v_{i,j} = w_{i,j} - P(\tau_{i,j}) = w_i - P(\tau_i) = v_i, \quad (19)$$

for all microscopic car  $j$  in this cell  $i$ .

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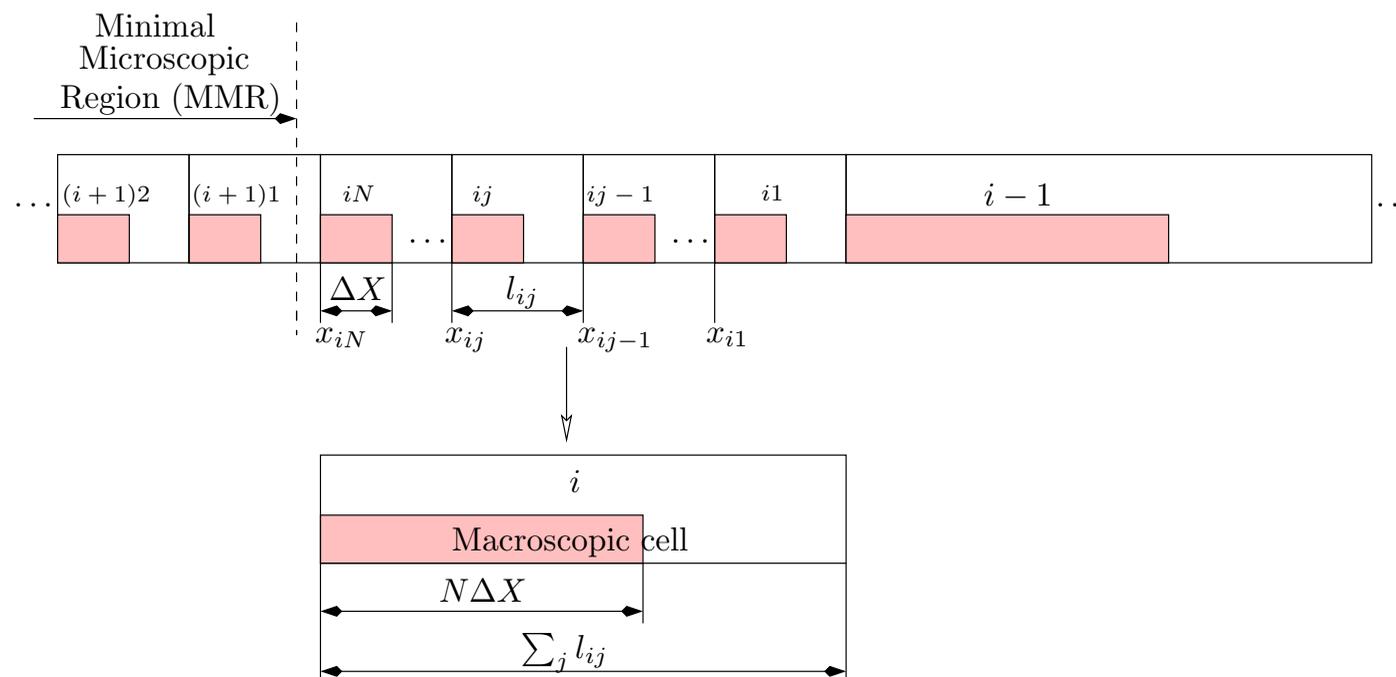


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- The Lagrangian variable  $w_{i,j}$  is conserved i.e.

$$w_{i,j} = w_i. \quad (21)$$

Thus, averaging in Lagrangian coordinates, we have

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N w_{i,j} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N w_i = w_i. \quad (22)$$

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## Theorem 1

Assume that the sequences  $(v_h^0, \tau_h^0)$ , respectively the initial data for  $v$  and  $\tau$  (and therefore for  $w$ ), are in  $BV(\mathbb{R})$ , and the CFL condition is satisfied both in the macro and micro parts. Then, in the hybrid model

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**Lemma 1** *Let  $U = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\bar{U} \in \mathbb{R}$  such that*

$$m = \min_i(u_i) \leq \bar{U} \leq \max_i(u_i) = M.$$

*Then,*

$$\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, |\alpha - \bar{U}| + |\bar{U} - \beta| \leq |\alpha - u_1| + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |u_i - u_{i+1}| + |u_n - \beta|$$

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- (ii) During the synchronization process, at each time  $t_n$ , the total variations in  $x$  of  $v_h$  and  $\tau_h$  do not increase and their total variations in time are controlled thanks to Lemma 1.

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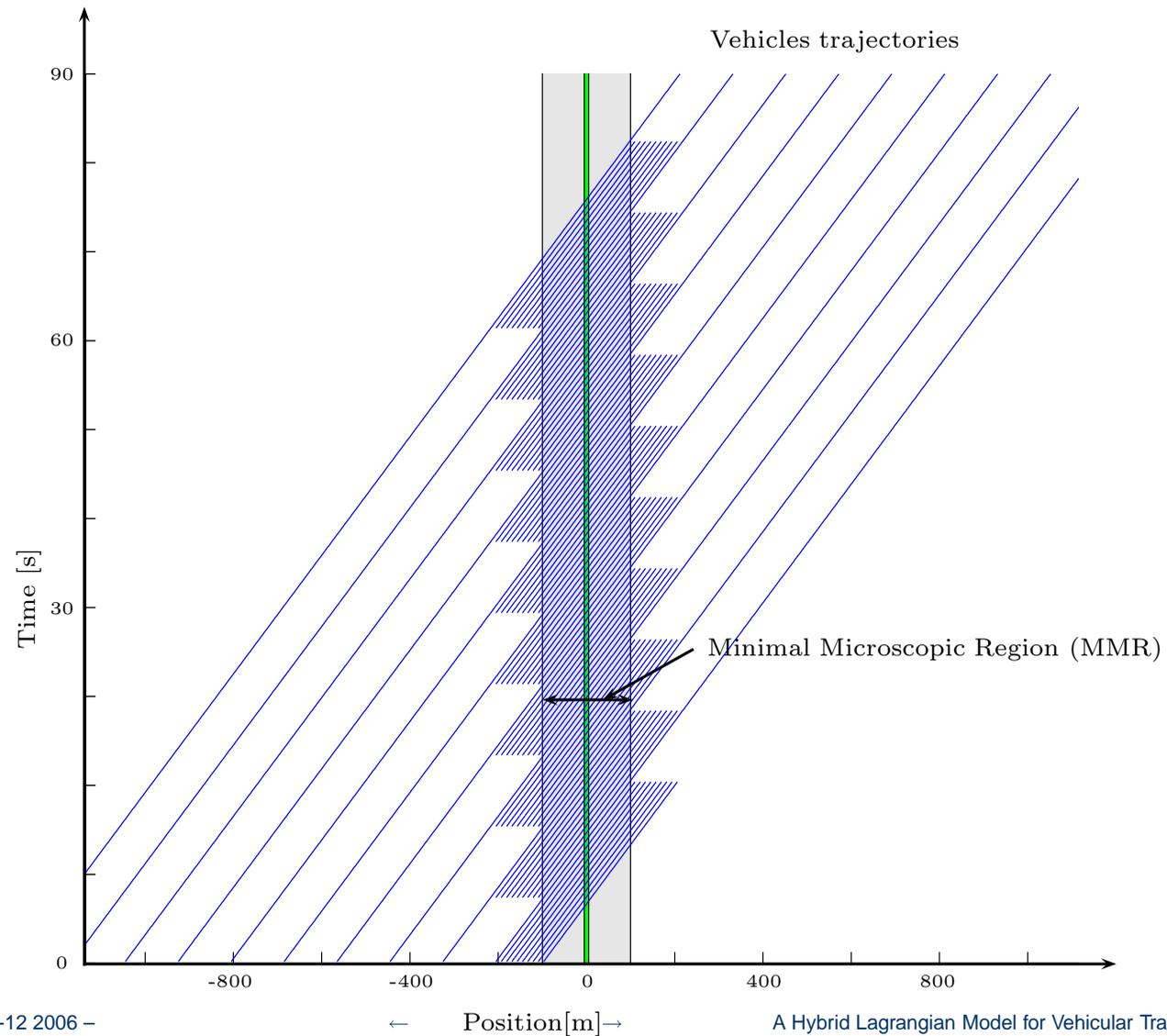
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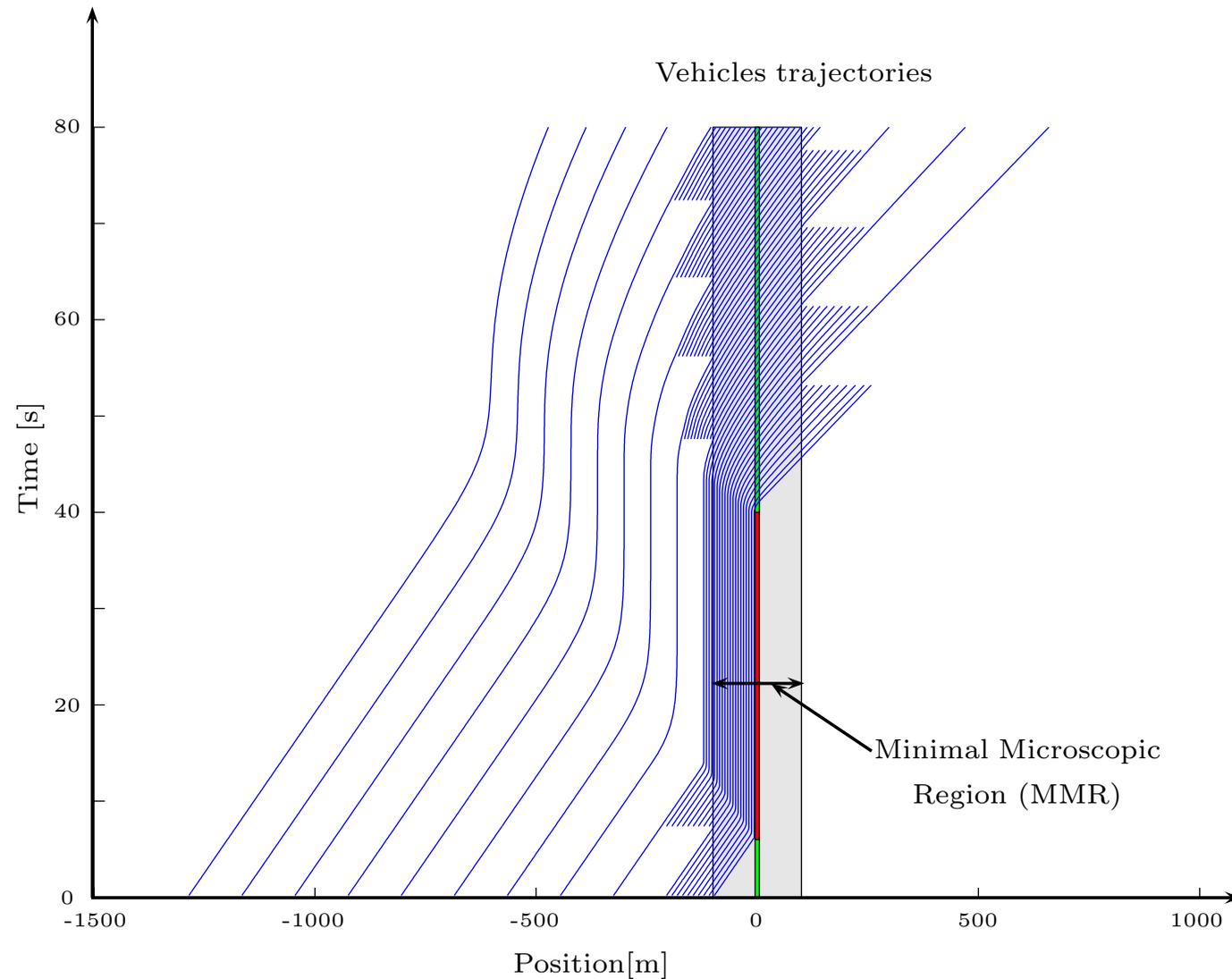
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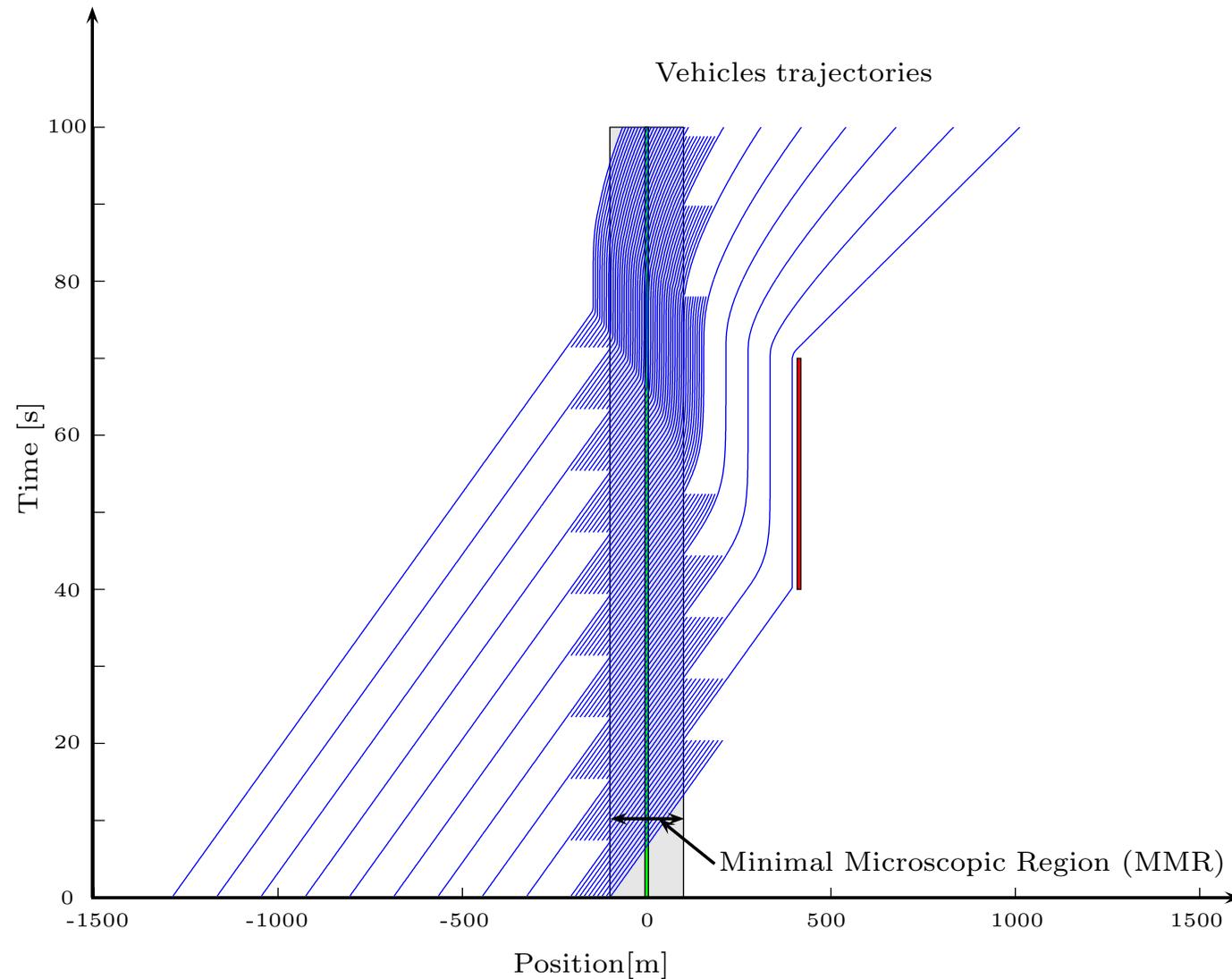
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## Hybrid Model Properties

- Simple Macro-Micro and Micro-Macro synchronization;
- Mass is easily conserved through the interfaces;
- Nice wave propagation;
- Total variation controlled.

## Further works

- Intersection modeling, Implementation on a road network, ...

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