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Summary

Carrier collaboration is essential to increase transportation efficiency and reduce emissions. Current cooperation approaches, however, are limited in their assumptions. This dissertation proposes a method that takes carriers’ privacy and autonomy concerns into account, and still enables large-scale cooperation. Besides showing that the potential benefits are huge (collaboration gains of up to 77% are found), this dissertation tackles the key problems of collaborative vehicle routing (related to information sharing, potential fraud, and individual preferences) and provides valuable insights for transportation platform providers.

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