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Regional development and urban economic perspectives

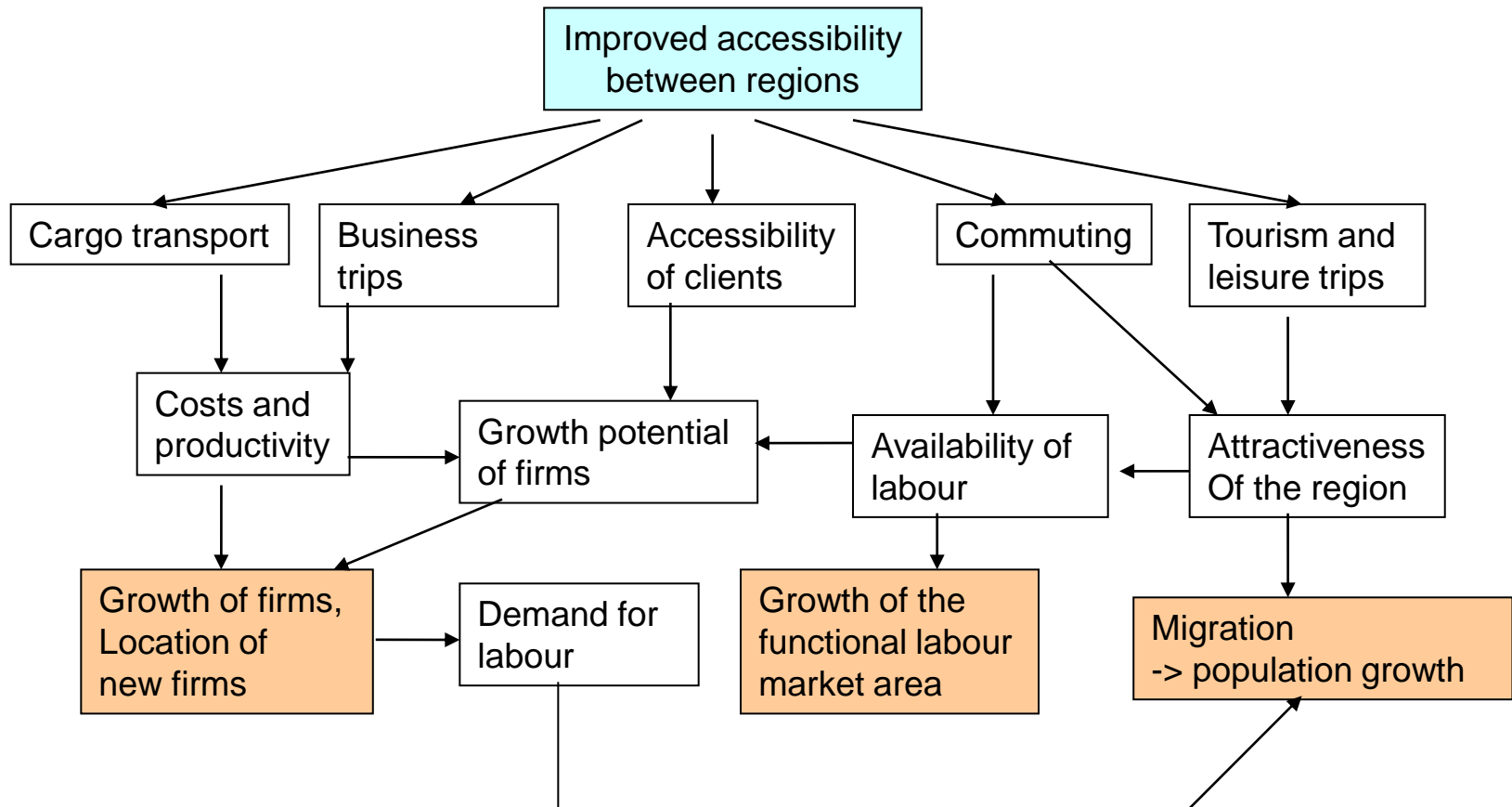
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Regional economic effects of improved accessibility

Effects via several different mechanisms

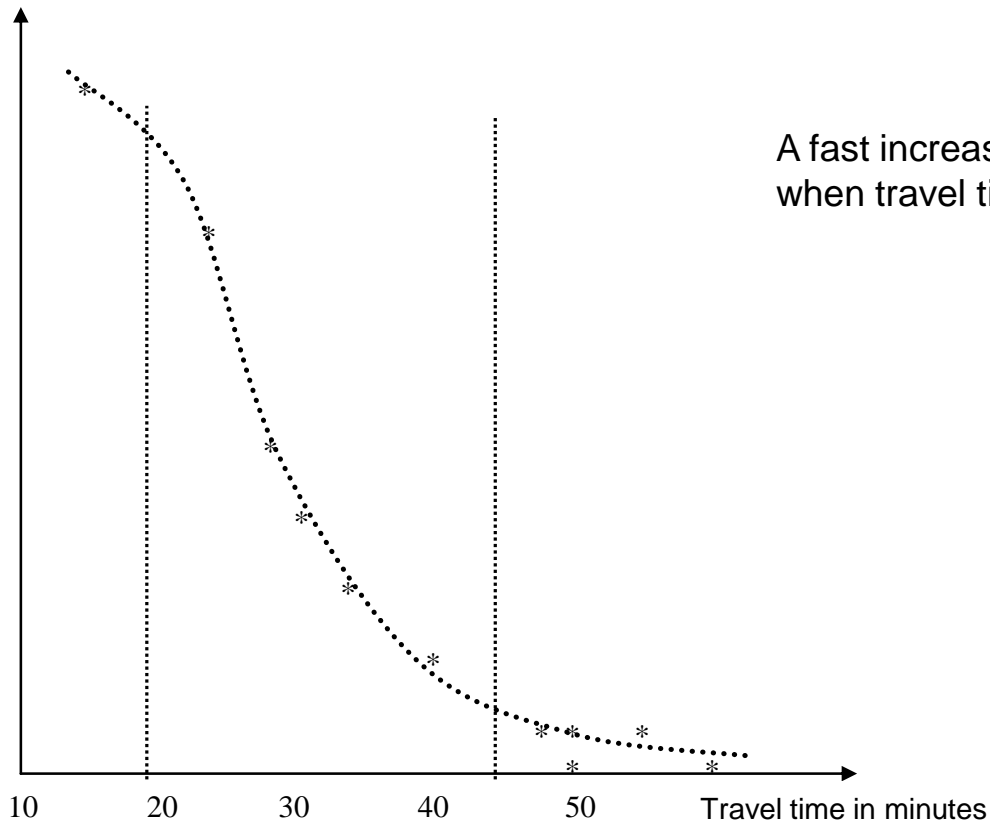
- Costs and productivity of firms
- Population and labour: attractiveness and costs
- Growth of the functional urban region – deeper integration of neighbour cities



Shortening of commuting time has a remarkable effect on the volume of commuting

(Andersson, Johansson, Klaesson)

Commuting intensity

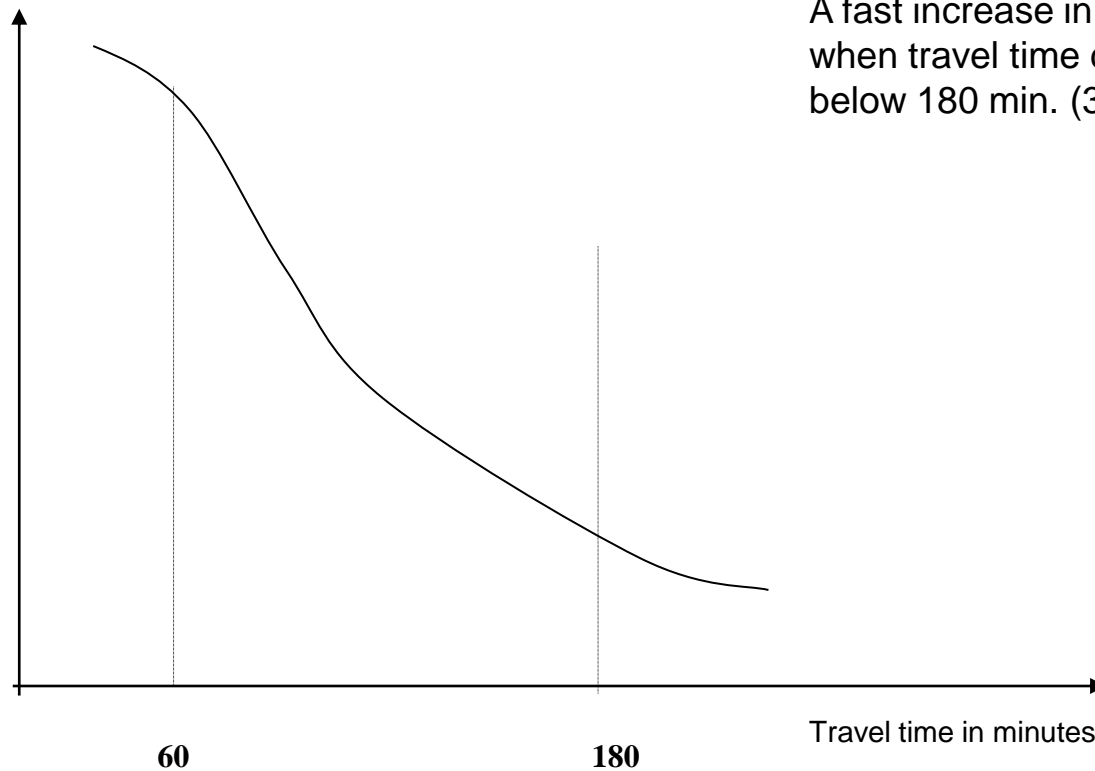


A fast increase in commuting intensity when travel time decreases below 45 min

...and on business trips

(Andersson, Johansson, Klaesson)

Business trip intensity



A fast increase in business trip intensity when travel time decreases below 180 min. (3 hours)

Transport investments do not lead automatically to significant changes in regional economics

(Bannister et al.)

- Preconditions for positive changes
 - The structure of the regional economies (firms, industries, public sector) is able to benefit from improved accessibility
 - Land use adapts to improved possibilities
 - Planning systems and political decision making make the positive effects possible