



Crowding and Queuing in Entrance Scenarios

Influence of Corridor Width in Front of Bottlenecks

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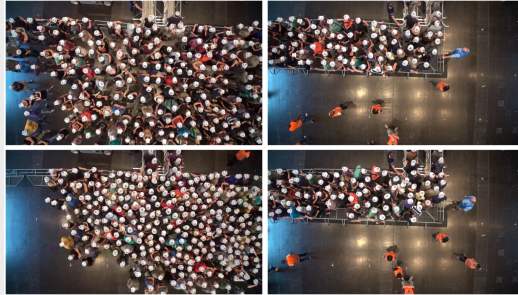
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Introduction

Previous Study

- Different spatial barrier structures in front of bottleneck
- **Question:**
critical corridor width limiting
queuing and stimulating pushing?



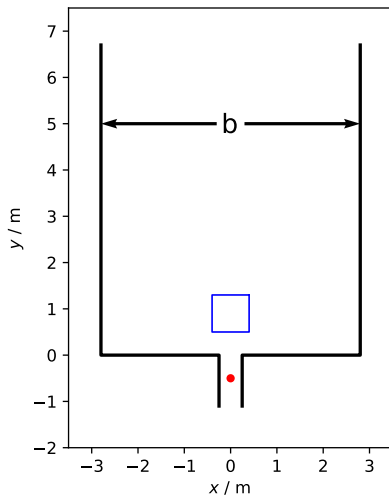
Source: A. Sieben, J. Schumann, A. Seyfried, Collective phenomena in crowds - Where pedestrian dynamics need social psychology, PLoS ONE 12(6): e0177328 (2017).

New Study

Investigation: influence of the corridor width on

- density and waiting time
- queuing or pushing

Bottleneck Experiments



- Experiments at the University in Wuppertal
- **b**: Corridor width, 1.2 m to 5.6 m
- **N**: number of participants, students
- **h**: motivation, high and low

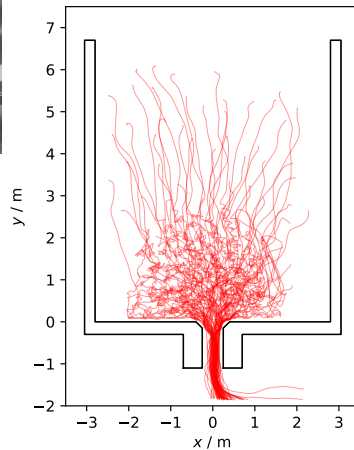
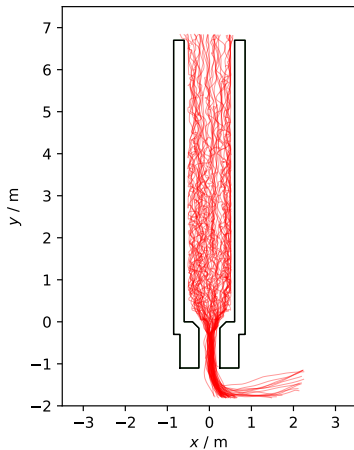
b	1.2 m	2.3 m	3.4 m	4.5 m	5.6 m
N	11, 24, 25, 63	20, 42	22, 67	42, 42	57, 75
h	hi, lo	hi, lo	hi, lo	hi, lo	hi, lo

Bottleneck Experiments

$b = 1.2 \text{ m}$
 $N = 63$
 $h = \text{high}$

$b = 5.6 \text{ m}$
 $N = 75$
 $h = \text{high}$

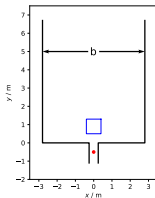
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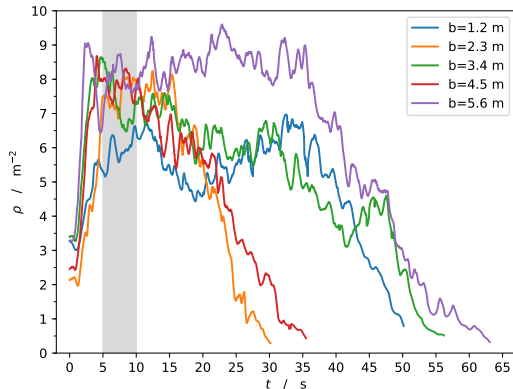
Results: Voronoi Density

Density Time-Series

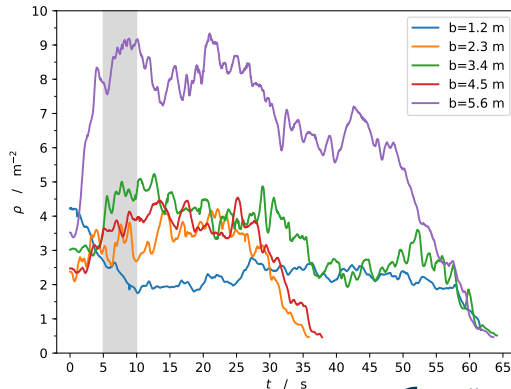
Mean density within the measurement area



high motivation

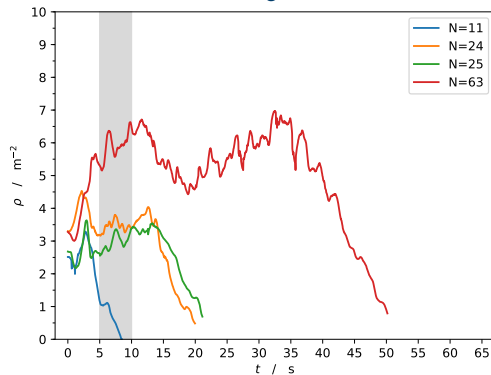


low motivation

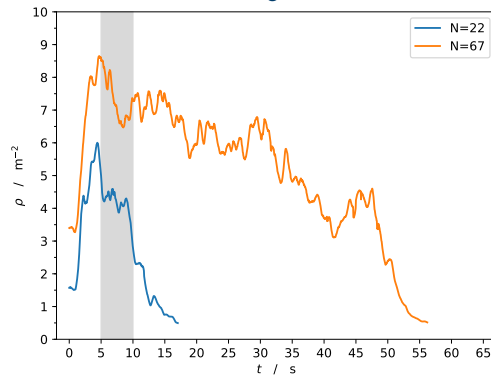


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$b = 1.2$ m, high motivation

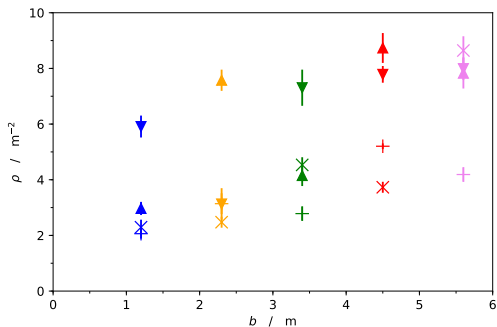


$b = 3.4$ m, high motivation



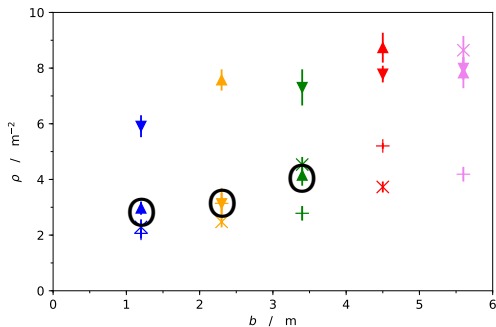
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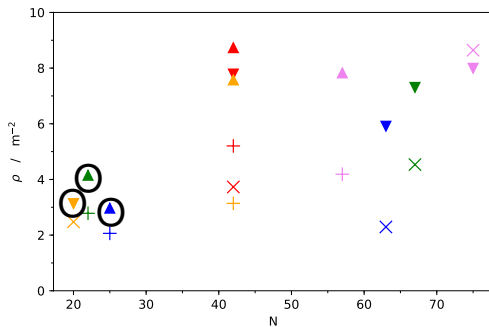
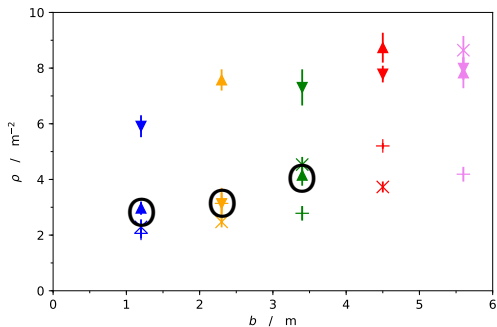
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Future Studies

- Investigate more intermediate steps of corridor width
- Use the number of participants as controlled parameter
- More repetitions for each corridor width

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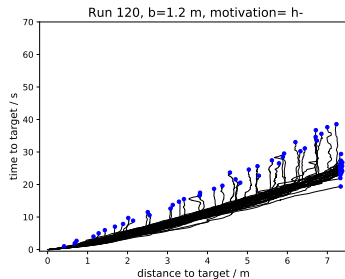
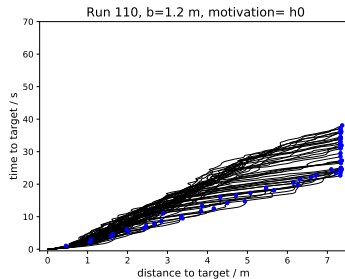
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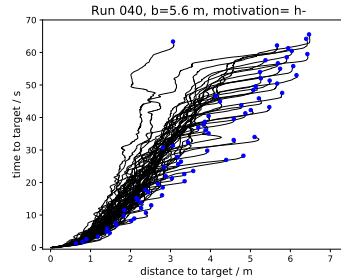
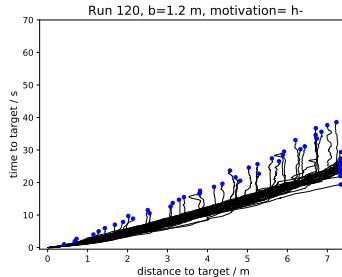
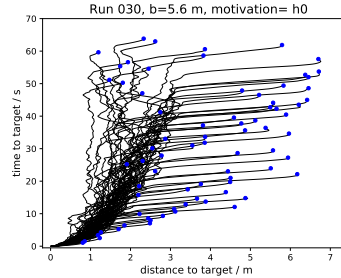
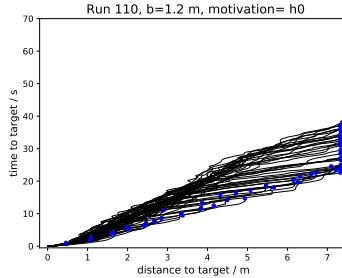


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Waiting Time and Distance to Target



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Voronoi Density

